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## MacFEST 2005

**ADRIELLE HARVEY**  
News Editor

Homecoming at McPherson College is filled with many activities for the college and community.

Activities began on Monday, although preparations for Homecoming were being made long before then.

Throughout the week, students and faculty competed in a variety of activities including a food relay, trivia contest, float competition, cheer night, bonfire and challenge course.

This morning was the beginning of the weekend festivities. Students may have found additional people in their classes this morning. Not to worry, these were not strangers to McPherson College. In fact, they were alumni who graduated from Mac fifty years ago or more. As part of what is known as Gold Key Day, the alumni experienced present-day college classes firsthand by getting photo IDs taken and attending classes for an hour.

"That (Gold Key) kind of kicks off Homecoming. It's a fun experience for them (the alumni)," said Marcia Smith, director of alumni development and events coordination.

The Golf Classic was also open to everyone who wanted to participate this morning.

Also as a reminder, the class schedule for today has been switched around to accommodate for honors convocation at 1:30 p.m. and the alumni panel discussions at 3 p.m. Classes which meet at 1:30 p.m. will meet at 11:30 a.m. and classes which meet at 12:30 p.m. will end at 1 p.m. All remaining afternoon classes are cancelled.

This weekend is also the final weekend that the theatre department's play, "God's Favorite" will be shown. The play begins at 7:30 p.m. tonight and tomorrow in Brown Auditorium.

To round out today's events, five people will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame tonight at 7:30 in the large gym in the Sport Center. A reception will be take place afterwards.

Tomorrow is host to many more activities beginning with the Bulldog 5K run/walk for those who want to participate. Students run free. Registration and warm-up will begin at 7:15 a.m. and the run/walk will start at 8 a.m. All proceeds made from this event will go to the track and cross country teams.

Saturday is also a Bulldog Visit Day for the Admissions Office. High school students who attend will have the opportunity to find out about the college experience, meet with financial aid and admissions counselors, as well as go through part of the admissions process.

At 9 a.m. on Saturday, the Alumni Association Opening Assembly will take place. Students are invited to learn more about alumni activities on campus. "They're going to introduce the new alumni board for this year," Smith said.

A new event coming to Mac this year is the arts and crafts show in Harnly Gardens. There will be ten exhibitors this year, which according to Smith is a good number for a first-year event.

"We've never done it (the arts and crafts show) before. We're trying to find a way to get the community on campus," Smith said.

McPherson's local radio station will be live from 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and visit the broadcast site.

There will also be an auto exhibit featuring 20-25 cars on the east campus lawn. The College Automotive Restoration Students (C.A.R.S.) club is also hosting a car wash, which will be south of Templeton Hall.

Three levels of washes will be done ranging from \$10-\$25.

To go along with the carnival atmosphere this year, food vendors will be set up selling kettle corn, sno cones, caramel apples and Quizno's subs, while the business club will be selling bratwursts, hamburgers, chips and drinks. College clubs will also have booths set up near the gazebo for part of the day.

Four inflatable toys have been ordered including the Moonwalk and an inflatable obstacle course for people of all ages to "play" on.

Smith encourages anyone to stop by the Alumni Association tent for a chance to register to win McPherson College merchandise and to pick up free items. They will also be giving campus tours for two hours in the morning.

At 11 a.m., McPherson College's weight room will undergo a name dedication. The weight room is going to be renamed for Chalmer Woodard, who was the head football coach of the 1952 undefeated conference champion team. Woodard was also the athletic director at Mac for a short term.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. a tailgate party will take place in the stadium parking lot. An all-you-can eat pasta bar will be open for lunch in the Hoffman Student Union Cafeteria. During this time, there will also be a Teacher Education Awards luncheon.

At 1:30 p.m. the kickoff between McPherson College and Friends University will occur. Admission is free.

During halftime, the 2005 Homecoming King and Queen will be announced as well as winners from spirit week competitions.

Immediately following the football game, the ultimate Frisbee team will host a game for current students and alumni.

"They (the frisbee players) have done it every year, and it gets bigger and bigger every year," Smith said.

At 5:30 p.m., there will be a campaign launch for alumni.

To finish out Saturday, the men's and women's soccer teams will compete against Tabor College. The women will play at 6 p.m. and the men at 8 p.m.

Today and tomorrow, reunions for the classes of 1975, 1980, 1985, 1995, and 2000 will be meeting in designated areas.

The bookstore will have extended hours and Miller Library will be open in the morning from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday.

Sunday will finish out the Homecoming activities. A brunch buffet will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Cafeteria and finally the McPherson College Choir concert will take place at the Church of the Brethren at 2 p.m.

Homecoming is a busy time for McPherson College and it draws a large number of people said Smith.

"Every hotel in McPherson is full. We've been sending people to Hutchinson," Smith said.

**Ben the Bulldog cheers for Dotzour Hall last night at the bonfire/cheer competition. Cheer night was just one of many Homecoming events sponsored by student services.**

photo by Amanda Keith

## Young alums commended

**KIMBERLY MORRIS**  
Spectator Staff

Gail Erisman Valeta, '80 and Floy Evan Detwiler, '75 will return to McPherson College today to receive young alumni awards at the Homecoming honors convocation. Convocation begins at 1:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

"[The award] is just to recognize significant achievement and accomplishment," said Marcia Smith, director of alumni development and events coordinator.

Valeta graduated in Dec. of 1980 with a Bachelors in music education. After graduating, she went to Bethany Theological Seminary and earned a Masters in peace studies.

She then went to Denver University where she received a Masters in conflict resolution. Not only has she worked in the United States but also in Nigeria and Ireland.



Floy Evan Detwiler  
Class of 1975

While at McPherson, Valeta was involved in the theater and music departments. She also was a resident assistant in Dotzour Hall and a Big Sister to a high school student living on campus.

She has also had much involvement with various churches in her communities.

Valeta is currently living with her husband David and her son and daughter in Denver, Colo. She is presently the associate coordinator of



Gail Erisman Valeta  
Class of 1980

the justice and peace studies program at the Iliff School of Theology and the executive director/urban minister of Mennonite Urban Ministries.

Detwiler received a Bachelors degree in biology in 1975. After graduating, she went to the University of Kansas Medical School and graduated in 1978. She completed her residency at the University of Iowa Family Practice in 1981.

Detwiler is currently living in Wenatchee, Wash. with her

husband. Since 1999, she has had a family practice in Leavenworth, Wash.

Each year the alumni board selects members for the awards committee and they choose from the associates. Then they vote on who should receive the award. Each year they pick three candidates and the college board of trustees gives the final say.

To be considered as a nominee, alumni must meet at least two criteria. They must be facing significant challenges in pursuit of professional goals, serving others, serving the church and showing their participation and support as alumni.

The young alumni awards were first given out in 1994. Three current faculty and staff members have received the award: president Ron Hovis, Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre and Karlene Tyler, associate dean of academic records.

## Enrollment goal set higher for next year

**ADRIELLE HARVEY**  
News Editor

Though enrollment increased 17 percent from last year, McPherson College still did not meet their goal of 430 full-time students this year. The college missed the mark by four people but will increase their goal for next year.

"We want to have a full-time count of 490 next year," Carol Williams, director of admissions and financial aid, said.

Williams said that in order to reach their goal, the college would need to meet their expectations of 215 new students and retain at least 275 students.

"We need to have a very good retention year as well as a big class coming in," Lamonte Rothrock, dean of students, said.

According to Rothrock and Williams, there were a number of reasons why the college did not meet this year's goal including personnel changes and retention problems.

Rothrock believes that the col-

lege did not retain students as well because they did not have the "right fit" of students.

However, Rothrock said hopes for next year's goals are pointing in the right direction.

According to Rothrock, there are fewer students with bad grades in multiple classes, more students attending class and disciplinary action is way down in the residence halls.

Rothrock believes these statistics demonstrate the "right fit."

"All those things are pretty good indicators that lead us to believe we can stretch our goals for retention," Rothrock said.

Rothrock and Williams mentioned several key factors that attract students to McPherson including the facilities, community, the relationship with the faculty and most importantly the career-oriented liberal arts program.

"From my point of view, we are *are* career-oriented liberal arts. It's really something we actively pursue and engage in," Williams said.



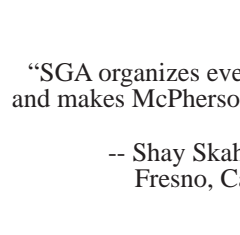
## On the fly

### What do you think Student Government Association does?



"SGA organizes activities and speaks for the students."

-- Richard Anderson, Jr. Wichita



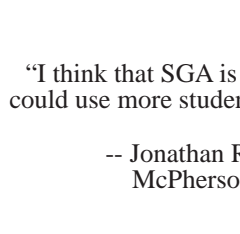
"SGA organizes events, does everything and makes McPherson a better town."

-- Shay Skahill, Jr. Fresno, Calif.



"SGA organizes activities."

-- Jessi King, Jr. Limon, Colo.



"I think that SGA is a good club, but it could use more student representation."

-- Jonathan Rothrock, Sr. McPherson



Editor-in-Chief



AMANDA KEITH

of responsibilities, lots of friends and family to keep up with and more that keeps coming my way every day. College has been a whirlwind; it's finally my last year!

This summer as I sat at my typical 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. summer job, I couldn't wait to get started at school. I'm the type of person who functions best under pressure. I like having things to do, people who depend on me and yah, I like going to class.

The first week was a piece of cake. I was on top of things; I felt like I could take on so much. Now I've gotten myself into a total mess, complete with a schedule that's too big to fit in the small space that our school planners allow. That's when you know you've got a problem.

This week has been the worst. With Homecoming comes a ton of extra things you have to do to make it a good week for everyone. More activities, more planning, more meetings, more fun to be had. Oh yah, and school too.

I'd say it's about time I stopped for a second and asked myself what I'm really supposed to be doing while I am at college.

According to the college mission, I'm supposed to be a whole person, or at least developing into one. But since I got here, it seems that my "person" has been divided up into sections so that I can be in five different places at once. I'm learning a lot, that's for sure. But how much of what I do now can I really say I'll be doing after I graduate?

The mission statement also gives equal emphasis to scholarship, participation and service. Are these really equal in my life?

Let's start with scholarship. I love my classes, that's already been established. Yes, I do my homework but often only with the least amount of effort it takes. I read (ok, skim) the chapters, I do my writing assignments, I take tests and quizzes. But your senior year is so much different when it comes to scholarship. You're expected to start making your mark in your field, to start coming up with some of your own ideas. A senior project is a big deal. That's the kind of "scholarship" that I really looked forward to as an underclassman. With barely enough time to do normal homework, I don't have time to think deep thoughts.

Next, participation. Ok, I got that one covered. I do my fair share of activities, though certainly not as

many as some students on campus. On the other hand, I'm lucky if I get a free Tuesday night to see a movie downtown. My participation in student activities has been severely lacking, not by choice but by pure fatigue.

And service, ah service. Can I get a definition of service? Is that what we do in freshman and sophomore seminar and then it's over? I think I've seen some e-mails about service projects that have been organized, although when it comes around to fall or spring break, all I want to do is crash at home. Wait, does service mean working a campus job? Or two or five?

Service, service. . . I'm drawing a blank. I think I'd like service to be about building relationships, meeting new people while doing some good, honest work. Or how about serving the people I'm most familiar with by spending some good quality time with them? Nope, not much of that is happening either.

Obviously scholarship, participation and service can't be equals. I've tried to make them equal and what happens is that I do a lot, but none of it well.

Here's what I want from this, my final year of college: I want to figure out what I want to do with life, narrow my interests down from about 15 to maybe two at the most; I want to have the time to be passionate about what I'm doing and to do a good, thorough job; I want to enjoy myself and spend time getting to know some of the new faces on campus. And on top of that, above that really, I want to spend time with the people I love-my family, my husband, my friends. It's easy to put those relationships to the side when you've got homework, meetings and other projects waiting in line for your attention.

So far, I've done a miserable job. My priorities are screwed up beyond recognition, and it's all because I can't say no.

That's why I'm starting over. It's never too late to do that.

Juniors and seniors, if you're finding yourself in over your head, don't be afraid to say no to some of the things that aren't high up on your priority list. Keep in mind that the important thing about college is that you are learning and deciding what you want from your future. Take some time to look at grad schools or check out the job market in your field. Slow down and do something for yourself, for goodness sake.

Freshman and sophomores, if you feel inundated with clubs to join, campus jobs to take and activities to organize, you probably are. Don't be afraid to say no. It's easy to know what you really want to do when you're a freshman and then forget about it after you've said yes to a billion different things. My best advice to you: Don't forget.

Hopefully you've all taken some time to breathe while reading this editorial. Keep breathing. Enjoy.

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Sports teams are doing great so far this season!

Elsie!

The new and interesting pizza combinations in the cafeteria.

The inconsistencies in the locking and unlocking of buildings and rooms on campus.

The thievery and mutilation of innocent lawn ornaments.

Staff Editorial

## Let your voice be heard

It is sad to see that SGA is struggling to find people to fill positions yet again. SGA is still looking for a Junior class representative and an off-campus representative. The funny part is that SGA members seem to be pleased with how many people are actually on the board this year. But why do we have to be satisfied with a not-quite-full board?

The struggle for participation in SGA is not new. It seems like spots have been open for many years before this one. With 400 students on campus, it is important to have a diverse student government board. There is a reason for having spots open for representatives from all dorms, all classes and off-campus. What can the problem possibly be?

Maybe students are too involved already. Maybe students don't care about SGA. Or maybe students just plain don't know what SGA does and can do.

The SGA board coordinates budgets and allots money to clubs on campus so that we can do the things we like. They make it possible for us to get back some of the money we spend to come to Mac in the first place.

SGA is an essential part of campus life for students. It provides an organized way for students to make the changes they would like to see. Almost every student has ideas about how to improve the school or cater it more to their needs. The easiest way to get started is to go to SGA.

Members of SGA aren't just practicing; they are members of a real government that is meant to benefit us, the students of McPherson College. They are there to listen to you, work with you and communicate your concerns with the administration.

Be involved with SGA. You don't have to run for office and get a position on the board to be involved. All you have to do is be aware of what they are doing. Talk to them about the things you like and don't like about the college. Give them ideas.

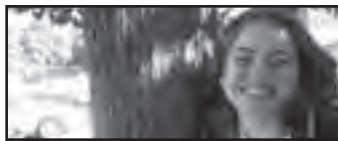
SGA is there for us, let's be there for them too.

# Don't forget to breathe

## An evaluation of priorities

### "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"

Guest Reviewer



JESSICA ARNOLD

At first, I was a little worried about reviewing the newest in the Harry Potter series. I mean, come on, I'm in college now! Surely the reading material is a little more advanced...people will think I'm immature, I thought to myself. However, I was very surprised at the number of students whom I discovered secretly have a Harry Potter passion. If you are one of these people, please read on. I will try to do justice for J.K. Rowling fans. If you aren't one, be warned that you may get a bit confused; naturally there will be some references to the previous books.

I am one of the original Potter fans-I read the first book when it came out and have been following them faithfully ever since. I don't claim to be an expert or a professional literary critic, but let me tell you right now: I do know a thing or two about Harry Potter. I can say unblushingly that they have been an obsession of mine. That said, let's get on to business.

As many of you know, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" came out this summer.

It is the sixth book in the series and the next-to-last Harry Potter book, as the series will consist of seven books.

The latest book is possibly my favorite one so far. It seems as though the more books Rowling writes, the more skilled she becomes. Her plots become more and more mature and so do her themes. As the books go on, deaths become more frequent and more important characters get killed. The plots get increasingly complicated and it becomes more difficult to differentiate between good and evil. Plus, the conclusion is nearly always a surprise. I can't remember one of her books that I read when I didn't gasp in shock at one of the last chapters. Even adult readers can't guess her endings.

Her most recent work is no exception. The characters themselves grow as Rowling grows as an author. They are more deep and human, and their emotions are disclosed more freely and descriptively. Although I would definitely say the book leaned toward more mature audiences than her previous works, there were some details in there that children would be highly amused and interested in. For instance, there was a great deal more romance and "snogging" (the British word for kissing-those crazy Brits!) than usual. She balances Harry,



graphic courtesy of http://www.amazon.com

Ron and Hermione being normal teenagers and having typical teen problems, with putting them in situations that force them to grow up. Her characters shock and disappoint us. They make us smile, make us proud and sometimes even make us cry. The war between good and evil in the wizarding world is something that, although clearly fictional, we can grasp and feel ourselves. When the Order of the Phoenix triumphs, we rejoice. When Harry suffers a tragic loss towards the end of the book, we suffer with him. Such is the talent of Rowling.

In my opinion, Harry's magic isn't in his fictional world of witchcraft and wizardry. The magic resides in the skill and imagination of J.K. Rowling.

# Don't worry about it -- sleep when you're dead

## The rant of the exhausted

Conversations with Myself



JESSICA FOULKE

Yesterday, I did some math. Some very depressing math.

Jessica's time (in hours) spent on an average school week:

- Class: 22
- Meetings: 4
- Spectator: 6
- Work: 14
- Rehearsal: 5
- Homework: 20
- S.G.A.: 2
- Eating: 10
- Total: 83

Now, for all of you who are not math majors (I just did it on a calculator), this means that of the 120 hours in a school week - Monday through Friday - I have about 37 free hours. But how astute my dear peers are. You are completely correct. I have not included

sleep in this list! Why, you may ask? Quite simple: I haven't been doing a lot of sleeping lately.

As I write this, it is 1:27 a.m. on Sunday. Well, Monday. Ah yes, the familiar 2 a.m. push to meet a deadline. We have all been there, no doubt. Since I'm too tired to even reread what I'm currently typing, I wouldn't be surprised if the edited version of this looks nothing like the original. I'm sure you are all familiar with that too. Mistakes will be frequent here. After this, I still need to read for history, flap my arms around for conducting and write a paper for seminar (actually two - two papers for seminar - ugh). I didn't mention that I still need to somehow wash my laundry and put it away too. I'm already behind, and we're only 1.5 hours into the week. Oy vey.

Yes, I'm busy. I hop, skip and plod (mostly plod) from one activity to another, dragging my 50 lb. backpack behind me. There are some serious disadvantages to being so involved. My little sister started kindergarten this

year, and today (well, yesterday) was the first time I actually got to ask her how it was -- only because she called me at 8:30 a.m. Dark circles frequently grace my cheekbones. For me, the weekends are not relaxing; they're catch up days for all of my other neglected duties. My Facebook friends keep telling me I'm taking too many classes, and I don't remember the last time I got to watch "Antiques Roadshow" or read the newspaper. Wow -- please disregard that last, loser-revealing sentence. I use the extra half-hour in the mornings to sleep instead of eating breakfast. My roommate keeps telling me that she's afraid I'm going to have a nervous breakdown or that I'm going to leave and never return. Believe me,

"BUT ENOUGH OF THE PITY PARTY. I'M THE ONLY ONE INVITED ANYWAY."

I've been tempted. But gas is too expensive. I need a car that runs on stress or paper clips or textbooks (soon enough, even those will be cheaper than gas - but I digress).

I miss being in my room. I really miss reading the magazines that I pull out of my mailbox and throw into forgotten piles. I miss Tuesday night movies. I miss vegging. My hamster, Tonks, is so mad that I haven't played with her in two weeks that she bites my finger when I try to pick her up.

But enough of the pity party. I'm the only one invited anyway. A bazillion of you are as involved as I am, if not more. Plus, I knew what I was getting myself into. I ran for office, I auditioned for the play. And when it

all comes down to it, I really do like all the tripe I put up with. It keeps me from being...homesick? Bored? I guess I feel like I'm actually contributing to the campus, something that I felt in high school, but up until now I didn't feel it here. I don't know if I am making a difference, but I certainly hope that all my hours in practice rooms, in the S.U. basement, in this god forsaken yellow box that we call the Spectator office are actually worth it. Because if they aren't, then I certainly need a cup of coffee and a readjustment of my priorities.



# The Stockholm Restaurant and Tea Room

Guest Reviewer



BRIAN YORK

Indiscernibly shuffled into the quaint, Scandinavian storefronts of Lindsborg, distinguishable primarily by the bright red phone booth in front of it, there is the Stockholm Restaurant and Tearoom - an affiliate of Irene's Teas. The cozy little teashop features not only an overwhelmingly complex and unique assortment of teas - enough to make a tea fan out of even the most avid coffee drinker - but the shop also has some of the most delicious and exotic cuisine to be found this side of Wichita.

The menu features dishes such as beef brisket, grilled chicken, pork tenderloin and delicious Swedish meatballs. Prices range from \$10 to \$25 for the evening menu, including unlimited private-label tea, breads, choice of soup or salad and dessert such as the extremely delectable rice pudding with lingonberry sauce. While the price may be more than Dubber's or the S.U., one definitely cannot overlook the difference in quality, not only of the food (which is hands-down some of the best I've eaten anywhere in the world), but more importantly of the entire experience.

"Our mission is to help build relationships," says Irene Nielsen, the founder and proprietor. "It is the ambiance that fosters individuals to build relationships with one another that is the reason we are."

Time is an important factor when dining at the Stockholm Restaurant, and by this I mean you should have a lot of it. When four of my friends and I visited the restaurant two weeks ago, we stayed for about two hours. To many this may seem like a long, exacerbating ordeal, however the calmness of the Tearoom does indeed capture the therapeutic quality which Irene seeks to invoke. The small restaurant has dining room for generally about 25-30 people and the service is absolutely impeccable: never slacking and never overbearing.

Upon our visit, we ordered one of each of the two appetizers: brie cheese wrapped in philo (similar to the bread/dough of a crepe) and an artichoke, spinach and cheese dip served with Scandinavian breads. Being simple people, all but one of us ordered the Swedish Sampler which includes Swedish meatballs with lingonberry sauce, salmon, herring, potatoes and mashed sweet potatoes. The one who did not order the Swedish Sampler opted instead for the pork tenderloin. Fifteen minutes and one pot of tea later, our first appetizer came out - the spinach and artichokes - followed by the second appetizer five minutes later. Both appetizers were very generous portions which made sharing easy.

The spinach and artichokes came with flat, rigid crackers as well as small slices of bread. It was garnished with a brilliant purple orchid on top and served at the perfect temperature - neither microwave hot, nor neglectfully cold. It was not too salty, as is too often the case with such appetizers. Rather, it had the distinct flavor

of dedication to a quality product (a factor which, sadly, is also lacking in many restaurants). The brie cheese appetizer was my favorite of the two. It features a dozen small rolled-up philo breads stuffed with brie cheese. The dish is served gently heated, enough to bring the cheese almost to a completely melted point, but really just enough to bring out the flavor of the cheese when it does finish melting in your mouth. The lingonberry sauce which it is served with really brings home the intended affect by adding a slight tartness while highlighting the soft dryness of the brie with the sauce's sweet aftertaste.

The appetizers were eaten steadily. Despite the group's hunger, we were too busy talking and actually enjoying each other's company to focus on eating. It was a really delightful change of pace to go out to eat somewhere that boasts a focus on relationships rather than a focus on food. This fact, again, lends itself not only to the ambiance and décor of the establishment, but to the wonderful employees staffing it. The entrées arrived about forty minutes after they were ordered (which strangely enough did not seem like a long time at all). The Swedish Samplers were enjoyed by all -- from the pickled herring to the cinnamon apple garnish. Possibly the most delicious entrée, however, was the pork tenderloin. It was a savory, tender cut of tenderloin served falling-off-the-bone and just as tender and juicy as any piece of pork I've paid five times as much for in major cities. The verdict from all in our party was an absolute vote of eager approval. Desserts came



photo by Brian York

Have your tea and drink it too at the Stockholm Restaurant and Tearoom, located in Lindsborg, 15 minutes North of McPherson.

and disappeared. With our stomachs feeling very happily full, though not uncomfortably heavy, we left roughly two hours and five pots of tea later.

Be it a Homecoming date or a small group outing to get away from campus life for a couple of hours, the Stockholm Restaurant and Tearoom is absolutely the place to get away from the buzz of college life. You can enjoy a delicious meal and an incredibly relaxing environment for a very reasonable price.

While Irene has had a few big names

dine in her establishment (such as world-class Grand Master chess players Mikhail Korenman and Pascal Charbonneau), she insists that "all of our guests are special...everybody that comes in the door is a celebrity to somebody." It is this philosophy in action which makes the Stockholm Restaurant an absolute marvel of an establishment.

For more information on the Stockholm Restaurant, visit <http://www.irenes-teas.com/stockholm.htm>.

## Changes to the Homecoming court: Welcome or unnecessary?

Guest Columnist



ERIC SADER

As everyone knows, college students are the most socially accepting, intelligent, unbiased and all around perfect group of individuals in the nation. Unfortunately, this is not true. Although I feel that the changes, made to the current Homecoming procedures of McPherson College both could have and should have been done in a more efficient and politically equal manner, I do feel that this revised system still outweighs that of the previously flawed traditional structure. This is due to: 1) The preceding process was undeniably defective and meaningless, 2) Faculty and staff are best able to assess students based on criteria of scholarship, participation and service, and 3) Students are still an essential element in the course of action leading to the crowning of Homecoming royalty.

The most damaging flaw of the past system was the actuality that the title meant absolutely nothing. There were no duties of office or even guidelines on which students were to select the King and Queen. Therefore, each individual simply voted by his own personal criteria. Generally, this was determined by popularity. Clearly, this was not a fair process because groups of individuals simply competed until the student with the largest circle of "friends" succeeded.

One can understand the value that comes along with allowing staff members, who most accurately witness scholarship,

participation and service of students, to nominate the Homecoming Court. In general, faculty and staff are best able to come together and impartially discuss these newly introduced attributes of a King and Queen. They have insight that students sometimes lack.

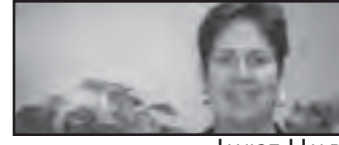
Finally, one needs to understand that the new system does not in truth undermine the student body. Homecoming ultimately needs to be a student election, and with the students still deciding who in the end receives the crown, we retain the power. This is important because students actually live among each other and get to know one another as individuals in a community, not just peers of a class or organization. Students act differently out of class than they do in class. We are able to recognize these wolves in sheep's clothing and call them out. As long as students still possess this influence in the form of votes, there is no need to panic.

This reformed system of the Homecoming election clearly overshadows the elections of the past. Students still have a voice yet equality is elevated through the use of staff influence. However, I personally feel that the system could be improved upon even more. I also cannot stress enough that one of the largest benefits of the current arrangement is the promotion of guidelines, something that lets everyone know what this competition is actually about in terms of upholding forward our school's mission statement. Overall, I feel that SGA has taken a step in the right direction by enacting a new Homecoming policy designed to promote fairness and justice for our student body.



Illustration by Alisha Gridley

Guest Columnist



JANICE HALDI

Call me a traditionalist. I love the whole aspect of college Homecoming, especially here at McPherson College. The Homecoming week activities leading to the big football game on Saturday, alums returning to campus, special events like the bonfire and Honors Convo, the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen - all these are parts that add to a wonderful whole. School spirit runs high. We adults play a supporting role in all of this...until this year.

Faculty and staff were asked to select the Homecoming court this year. I didn't vote. I think this is a student function; it is a student Homecoming court, representing students. It's all about the students.

I believe that traditions are an important part of college life. I am not opposed to change if it is constructive, but I feel that time-honored traditions like the selection of the homecoming court should be left to student selection, not the faculty and staff.

Who knows a student better than his or her peers? They have attended class, lived in the residence halls, eaten in the cafeteria, played on the same team together for four years. I have worked closely with these students for four years, but I do not know them all.

What we have done this year is to substitute one popularity contest for another. The problem is the faculty and staff do not know these students as well as their peers.

An impromptu discussion among co-workers this week revealed other staff members also questioned why they were asked to vote when they knew only a few of the students.

How many staff and faculty members actually voted? I received two ballots and for a time considered photocopying them to stuff the ballot box. I didn't.

Who were the people making the final selection? We were asked to use the criteria of scholarship, participation and service when we voted. What were the criteria this group used to choose the finalists? At least in a straight voting situation, the balloting selection can be justified by whomever receives the most votes.

This election was shrouded in secrecy. Seniors were not notified the Homecoming court was being selected by the faculty and staff. The students were not even aware this process was taking place until the court was announced on Sunday. An informal poll of students revealed they vehemently disagreed with the entire process.

I think it is fine to make changes, but the persons affected should be consulted. At the very least, they should be notified of the changed process.

This year the students have been asked to vote on a Homecoming court they did not select. I selected my Homecoming king and queen many years ago. It's not my place to do it again.

*-Janice Haldi serves as the director of the degree completion program at McPherson College*

• I WONDER IF STUDENTS WILL EVER REALIZE HOW MUCH POWER THEY HAVE AT THE COLLEGE AND THEN DO SOMETHING WITH IT RATHER THAN JUST COMPLAINING.

• CHEESEPUFFS!

• THANKS TO WHOEVER SAVED MY KEYS FROM THE DISHWASHER.

• EVERYONE WHO IS SICK SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM ME SO THAT I DON'T HAVE A REPEAT OF LAST YEAR.

• I'M IMPRESSED THAT SGA ACTUALLY HAD THE GUTS TO CHANGE THE HOMECOMING COURT NOMINATIONS TO MAKE IT LESS OF A POPULARITY CONTEST. NOW MAC FEELS MORE LIKE A COLLEGE AND LESS LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL.

• THE LINE FOR THE HAMBURGERS IS RIDICULOUS!

• WHY CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG? LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED, EVERYBODY!

• THE DORM COMPETITIONS ARE RIGGED!

### Shoutout!

Hey you? then... From your voicemail, dial # then 3116

Got something to say? off-campus: call college, dial 1000, #, then 3116

ANYTHING?

Shout It Out callers have 30 seconds to speak about any topic they wish. Slanderous statements cannot be printed.

### a McPherson College Moment...







photo by Amanda Keith

Mark Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa, and Dan Farley, soph., Wellington represent Metzler in the pie eating portion of the food relays on Monday. Students have been participating in activites all week.

# Spirit!



Top: Dotzour's "pluck u" slogan wins the float competition.

Top right: Jeremy Hoffman, jr., McPherson eats an entire package of raw hotdogs as fast as he can during the food relay on Monday.

Far right: The Krehbiel siblings, Beth, sr. & Jeff, soph., from Pratt display their costumes on twin day.

Right: The "Bitt babes" perform at the bonfire. Bittinger won second place in the competition.

photos by Amanda Keith



photo by Amanda Keith

The college choir practices for the traditional homecoming concert. The concert will be this Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

## The Throwback

Researched by Rhonda Hoffert

### Homecoming History

Printed in the 1958-59 Spectator

McPherson College had its beginning in the year of 1887, but no Homecoming was held that year due to the fact that there was no one to come home.

Actually, the first Homecoming was held in 1888. Now you may think that there still wouldn't have been any ex-students to come home then, but you underestimate the strictness of the Board of Trustees who had expelled half the 1887 student body for such practices as buggy racing, wearing flashy grey goats, neglecting to get the president's permission to walk with girls and spooning without being engaged.

The high point of this Homecoming celebration occurred when the horse pulling the queen's buggy ran away, wrecking the visitor's stands and scattering the other team like chaff in one of the biggest upsets of the year.

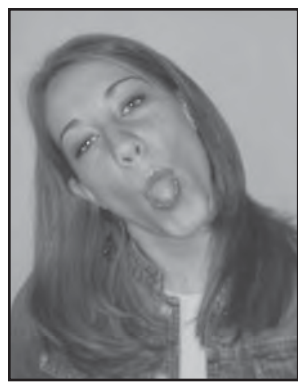
Then there was the memorable Homecoming of 1908 when we played Normal Teacher's College. It was a rough game since the representatives of the Teachers' College were typically brawny and brainless, but fortunately during the third quarter, Haley's Comet appeared, and these future teachers, having been concentrating on educational theory rather than the basic subject matter, were thrown into superstitious panic and fled from the field.

But the main excitement of the roaring twenties occurred in 1928 when McPherson fans first saw the forward pass used. This happened on a wide end sweep when the left end made a pass at the queen. Guy Hayes considered this very forward indeed, and therefore intercepted the pass with a crushing tackle, which was rather unusual since he was sitting on the bench at the time.



# Homecoming candidate profiles

Faculty & staff nominated ten seniors, now who will the students choose for king and queen?



**JAYMIE BICKFORD**  
WILEY, COLO.

**Major:** business administration, accounting & finance

**Activities involved in:** cheerleading, PST, Business Club

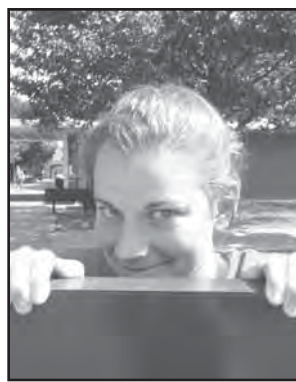
**Favorite professor:** Jenny Richardson. "She is a truly caring person who understands her students and challenges them to do their best."

**Favorite college memory:** getting engaged to Jonathan right before a final, any time with the cheerleaders

**Best college experience:** interterm trip to Italy

**Best class offered here:** Intro to Philosophy with Herb Smith

**Plan for next year:** to start her married life & find a job



**CHRISTA BLOSE**  
STILLWATER, OKLA.

**Major:** physical education

**Activities involved in on campus:** basketball, softball, FCS, KNEA

**Favorite pastime:** pulling pranks

**Favorite movie:** "A League of their Own"

**Best class offered at MAC:** Leadership in Camping and Recreation

**Best looking actor:** Matthew McConaughey

**What she does for fun:** watch movies & hang out with the girls

**Advice for underclassmen:** "Live it up! You'll be out of here before you know it!"

**Plan for next year:** student teach



**AMANDA KEITH**  
MCPHERSON

**Major:** English, theatre

**Activities involved in:** choir (accompanist), theatre, APO, Spectator

**Favorite professor:** Rick Tyler. "I admire how dedicated he is to the theatre, and he really cares about who I am now and who I am going to be."

**Advice for underclassmen:** "Getting involved is important here, but don't let it sidetrack you from the things you really want to focus on. Find out what you are passionate about and make it your priority."

**What she does for fun:** hang out with friends as well as her husband, James

**Plan for next year:** graduate school



**BETH KREHBIEL**  
PRATT

**Major:** history, philosophy/religion

**Activities involved in:** SAB, Ultimate, track, History Club, Aware, PST

**Favorite face on campus:** Jaymie Bickford. "'cause she's real and amazing"

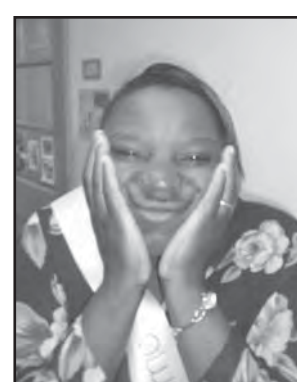
**Favorite pastime:** playing frofl her freshman year

**Best college experience:** going to Thailand & Cambodia during interterm

**Favorite movie:** "Steel Magnolias"

**Best looking actor:** Brad Pitt in "Legends of the Fall"

**Plan for next year:** grad school or BVS



**IVY MANHAMO**  
MCPHERSON

**Major:** sociology, psychology

**Favorite professor:** "I love all of them, but Dr. Jeanne Smith helped me publish my paper."

**Where she sees herself in 15 years:** working for an international organization that serves underprivileged children

**Best college experience:** getting a term paper published in a magazine

**Advice for underclassmen:** "Use all the tools you have wisely. Never allow anything of anyone to stop you from achieving your goals."

**Best class offered here:** World Literature II with Ocie Kilgus.

**Plan for next year:** graduate school



**BRANDT BUSSE**  
MCPHERSON

**Major:** theatre, history

**Activities involved in:** theatre, music, APO

**Favorite face on campus:** Randy Bryant. "He is the Italian Stallion (a.k.a. Wanker)."

**Best class offered here:** Theatre Drama History & Literature

**Best looking actress:** Kiera Knightly

**Best college memory:** choir tour

**Favorite college pastime:** 3rd floor Dotzour

**What he does for fun:** Ultimate, frofl

**Plan for next year:** "another semester with Rick and Gary"



**BRYAN GROSBACH**  
GLADSTONE, MO.

**Major:** theatre education

**Activities involved in:** theatre, SGA, SAAC, Ultimate, Spectator, cross-country, track & field, choir, APO

**Favorite cafeteria food:** chicken fried steak

**Favorite college pastime:** playing Ultimate & late night Frisbee golf

**Favorite color:** green

**Favorite movie:** Bruce Almighty

**Where he sees himself in 15 years:** healthy, happy & still running

**Best looking actress:** Kirsten Dunst

**Plan for next year:** student teaching



**BRANDON PITTS**  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**Major:** math

**Activities involved in:** FCS, bible study

**Favorite professor:** Coach Stephenson. "She is like a mom to me while here at MAC."

**Favorite college memory:** getting baptized on the same day as his friend, Gad Jacobs.

**Best college experience:** "when I found Jesus my freshman year"

**Piece of advise for underclassmen:** "Seek the Lord while he may be found, and remember that he loves us all very much!"

**Plan for next year:** seminary school



**JON ROTHROCK**  
MCPHERSON

**Major:** business finance & management

**Activities involved in on campus:** soccer, Ultimate

**Favorite face on campus:** Rod Gieselman. "He's down to earth and really applies class to the real world."

**Favorite movie:** "Braveheart." "What is better than walking around the Scottish mountains in a kilt?"

**Best looking actress:** Kate Beckinsale. "She is gorgeous."

**What he does for fun:** Tiger Woods on PlayStation2, play soccer, watch movies, chill with friends & Jaymie

**Plan for next year:** to get a job & to get married



**ERIC VRTISKA**  
BEATRICE, NEB.

**Major:** biochemistry

**Activities involved in:** Tri-Beta, band, PST, intramural basketball

**Favorite professor:** Dr. Hubin. "He was always there to help and was very dedicated to his students."

**Favorite cafeteria food:** hot wings

**Favorite college memory:** going on Big 'N' Tasty runs after bowling nights

**Favorite movies:** "Shawshank Redemption" & "Smokey and the Bandit"

**What he does for fun:** golf, hunt, camp and hang out with his girlfriend, Kandra

**Plan for next year:** physical therapy school (hopefully)

# Elsie 'paw'ses to say goodbye

Laurie Neiman  
Spectator Staff

They say that a dog is man's best friend. This metaphor does little justice to the relationship that dean of students LaMonte Rothrock has with his dog, Elsie.

Some of you might be wondering, "Who is Elsie?" Elsie, a Golden Labrador, was born on Sept. 11, 1993 and joined the Rothrock family seven weeks later. She became a certified therapy dog two years later and has been working ever since.

Elsie came to McPherson College in the fall of 2001 and was a member of the staff for four years. A Labrador's life expectancy is normally 12-14 years. Elsie's health is starting to pay a toll on her.

"She was having a hard time even getting up on her throne in my office," Rothrock said.

After 10 years of hard work, it is time for Elsie to retire. A party was hosted in honor of her retirement Monday, Sept. 26 in the deans'suite. Bone-shaped cookies and lemonade were served. Elsie ate up the attention.

Elsie got her therapy dog certification from the C.A.R.S. Corporation located in Concordia. This intense training in obedience and skills makes it possible for Elsie to go anywhere Rothrock goes.

"Elsie even spoke at a conference in New Jersey," Rothrock said. "She didn't like the subway at all."

Elsie's career started in Hesston where Rothrock worked as a middle school counselor. Elsie was drawn to the children who were having problems either focusing on school work, or perhaps having problems at home, and many children that wouldn't normally open up to Rothrock would open up to her. Children would stop by just to see her, and sometimes Elsie would go with the students to class.

"I wish I would have videotaped some of her therapy sessions," Rothrock said. "It was amazing how children would open up their feelings within ten minutes to Elsie. The joke at the school was that they should fire me, split my salary amongst themselves and keep the dog, since she did more therapy than me."

When Rothrock first started at McPherson College, Elsie went with him everywhere. She walked through the dormitories, attended events and even went into the cafeteria.

"Students would just stop by to see Elsie, which made it nice to get to know them," Rothrock said. "There were even a few times when people stole her and I had to find out where she was."

Elsie is the first animal ever considered a staff member at McPherson College.

"It's pretty unusual," Rothrock said. "Only four years ago, there were only a handful of schools with a therapy dog. Now there is a two-year waiting period for anyone interested in adopt-

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-LAMONTE ROTHROCK

ing a dog at C.A.R.S."

Elsie touched many lives on campus and will be greatly missed.

"I will miss the fact that she will not be around," said Jaymie Bickford, sr., Wiley, Colo. "It's nice to see her when you go into LaMonte's office."

"I will miss her friendly greeting when I go to the Dean's office and her begging for peanuts," said Alison Mackey, assistant to the associate academic dean.

"I will miss her coming in and drooling all over my leg or barking when she has to go to the bathroom as well as the general happiness she brought to the office," said Matt Tobias, admissions counselor.

There is no doubt that Elsie's presence will be missed. Some may miss the way she brightened up their days, some may miss stealing her from Rothrock and others may simply miss seeing her face on campus directories. Whatever the case, may she enjoy her golden years.



photo by Amanda Keith

Elsie looks forward to her retirement filled with napping, eating and playing frisbee.





photo contributed by Communications

Senior Lamar Jacobs (33) rushes the ball during the Sept. 17 game against Bethel College. Jacobs received the handoff from junior Patrick Luz (10), who faked the reverse to senior Kris Smiley (8).

## Football prepares for Homecoming

AMANDA KEITH & MALLORY YUNGBERG

Editor-in-chief & Spectator Staff

A busy Homecoming week will culminate tomorrow afternoon with the football game against Friends University at 1:30 p.m.

The team has had a good start, with an overall record of 3-1 and 2-1 in conference. Players and coaches are optimistic about the year.

"Offense is playing better than last year. Defense isn't playing as well as last year, but they are getting key stops and are making big plays when needed," David Cunningham, head coach, said.

Bill Minard, defensive coordinator, has been working hard with his players to overcome the defensive challenges the team has been facing, such as working with the new players.

"The thing that is getting us now

is mental mistakes," Coach Minard said.

Some of the key defensive players are returners Jared Ratzlaff, Tim Benyshek, Ricky Gottschalk, Alex Holtry and Zach Hicks.

Injuries have also plagued the team but Coach Wylan Terrell said that "a lot of guys are stepping up" despite the setbacks.

At tomorrow's game, the team faces Friends University. Currently, Mac and Friends are tied for fourth in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. Friends' record is 2-1 in the KCAC and 3-1 overall, the same as Mac's.

"They (the Friends team) have a strong run game," Coach Minard said. "They're very balanced offensively."

Because the teams are so evenly matched both defensively and offensively, the Homecoming game is important as far as conference standings.

"This is a conference game to win, and it would move us up into second place," Coach Wylan Terrell said.

Homecoming can be a particularly stressful game because of the amount of people who attend. Not only do students and faculty show up to watch the Bulldogs play, alumni and family members of students usually make the game a priority on their Homecoming activity list.

The football coaches do their best to help ease some of the pressure and get the players minds off of playing in front of such a big crowd. This week, the team has been practicing like normal. The coaches give them fun drills and "let them be like kids," according to Coach Bill Minard.

"We like to do things to help them remember that football is fun," Coach Minard said.

Players like Freddie Nails, sr.,

don't let the pressure get to them.

"We always do well on Homecoming. We haven't lost on Homecoming since I have been here," Nails said.

The team has won their last three Homecoming games.

The players and coaches alike attribute the team's success to better morale.

"Everybody is more in tune with each other this year. We play more as a team, and we communicate with each other on and off the field more," Damien Sanders, soph., said.

Coach Minard agrees that the team's communication is better, noting that it helps pull the team together.

"Everybody is concerned about team goals. We have a tighter team than in the past. Sometimes the defense or offense doesn't play well, but we always have a total team effort," Coach Minard said.

The coaches think that the Homecoming game should be an exciting one because the teams are so evenly matched. After the players' hard work to get themselves prepared mentally and physically, a victory would make a nice ending to a busy week for the team.

"If they (the players) don't let Homecoming activities affect their performance, we will give the Homecoming crowd a good showing," Coach O.C. Williams said.

Last weekend the team came out slow against Southwestern Assemblies of God University. The team was down 21-7 at the end of the first quarter, but started their comeback in the second quarter to make the score 28-17 at halftime. The team came out strong in the second half, as they did at the end of the first, and put 16 unanswered points on the scoreboard to beat Southwestern Assemblies of God, 33-28.

## Volleyball climbs in conference standings

ANGELINA FIORENTI

Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs are having a tremendous season. The team is currently third in conference and has a record of 7-2, 10-9 overall. They are ranked ninth in the region after a hard five-game victory over Friends University Tuesday night, bringing scores of 24-30, 30-25, 30-32, 30-23 and 15-9.

Last night the team played a tough match versus Southwestern College. The team came away with the victory with scores of 30-13, 30-18 and 30-19.

The team is looking to stay in the top three in the conference standings. Back row player Kelsey Crist, jr., says they will continue to work hard and play to the top of the game and the standings. The team is also working more as a team and communicating better this year.

"I think that as a team we are coming together more, and on the court we are starting to communicate more," Miller said. Miller also said that this communication is the big key to continuing doing well.

"All the girls are stepping up and doing well," hitter Ashlee Douglas, soph., said. "With every game, the girls seem to be improving more and more."

With the second half of their conference schedule coming up, the team aims for even better play and hopes for a rise to the top of conference.

The next game for the volleyball team will be Oct. 10 in the Sport Center versus Tabor College. Game time is set for 7 p.m.



photo by Liz Waggoner

Junior Kendra Stephenson (left) sets the ball for junior Jennifer Marquette (right) as she prepares to spike the ball against Southwestern last night.

## Women's soccer keeps momentum going

LACY JOHNSTON

Spectator Staff

Even though the women's soccer team started their season a little shaky, but now they have found their groove. Ranked third in the KCAC, they have two wins and two losses out of four conference games.

Princess White, soph., has done an outstanding job as goalie, posting three shutouts so far this season. The other starting girls do their jobs creating threats, scoring or showing leadership.

The starters are Denise Rinke, Rylee Miller, Terrin Richey, Victoria Salas, Nicole Harkins, Lisa Sader, Vanessa Ramirez, Kim

## Men's soccer tops in conference

LACY JOHNSTON

Spectator Staff

In a close run with Ottawa, the men's soccer team is ranked first in KCAC. The team record is three wins, no losses and only one tie.

The team was tied with Ottawa going into their game on Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs came away with the 1-0 victory and the conference lead thanks to Michael Davis, soph., who posted his fourth shutout of the season.

Defense has been a key for the team as they have only given up two goals in their four conference games.

"We have a lot of potential and a lot of young players stepping up to play in a lot of positions and (playing) solid minutes. As a team defensively we are

really good, offensively we are right along," Robert Garcia, sr., said.

For Homecoming, the team plays Tabor tomorrow at 8 p.m. They expect a difficult match against Tabor.

"I think we are all playing well and we have many players standing out," Nathan McDaniel, fr., said. He believes the team is really pulling together and playing hard.

The men's team has high hopes for their placing in conference. Conference play ends in late October.

"All of our conference matches are tough and anyone can win it, but we are looking pretty good right now," Sean McCrae, fr., said.

The team is getting along great right now and expects to go far into the conference tournament.

## Harriers bring home four awards

AMANDA KEITH

Editor-in-chief

Four Bulldog cross country runners finished in the top 15 at the Tabor Invitational Sept. 24.

LeAnne Schmidt, fr., is the first Bulldog woman runner in the last four years to have made the top 15. Coach Dave Smith called her performance "an impressive accomplishment," noting that her time is also the second fastest time run since 1999.

Sophomore Jacob Merrick and freshmen Tolan Lichty and Brent Bailey also received top 15 honors at Tabor.

Coach Smith is surprised at the team's ability to compete at a high level.

"Everyone is running like they are at least one year more experienced than they actually are," Smith said.

As with other Mac sports teams, the cross country team has had to deal with injured runners. Bryan Grosbach strained his Achilles tendon, Brent Caswell is having problems with his knee, Schmidt has a foot injury and Andrew Paull has some health issues. Coach Smith isn't worried about the team falling behind because of it.

"We have a few nagging injuries that are on the mend, and as they heal, those runners are working into form," Smith said. "Healing and getting several weeks of full workouts are the key."

The team will go to Kansas Wesleyan tomorrow for their next meet.



# Athletic hall of fame inducts class of 2005

ERIC SADER  
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame has been inducting great Bulldog competitors from years past since its inauguration in 1999. This year's formal ceremony will take place this evening, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sport Center.

Initially, the Hall of Fame can trace its roots back to McPherson High School's practice of pinning the "pictures of state track winners along a wall," according to Carol Swenson, Director of Sports Information and Hall of Fame liaison between the Advancement Department and the Booster Club.

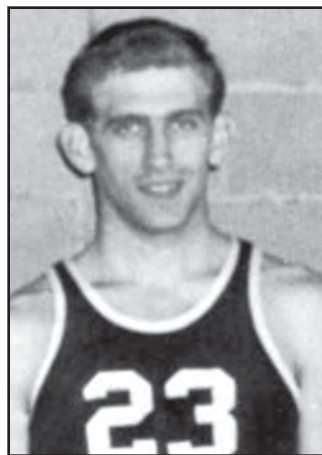
Since 1999, 27 inductees, excluding tonight's, have joined the ranks of this honorary wall, prominently located in the Sport Center.

Besides directly recognizing outstanding former student athletes and coaches, this wall also serves to inform and inspire others. Swenson explains that an exceptional "athletic history exists beyond the last few years," and that students should be aware of this diverse and interesting past of the college.

Swenson also said that the tradition "has been a great experience for [him] each year," and he also feels that the ceremony's practice of inductees sharing their athletic and life



Dr. Robert Bechtel



Dennis Brunner



Dale Carpenter



Lisa Peters



Don Widrig

experiences with those of the current students has been both greatly beneficial and inspirational.

The selection process starts with the initial nominations made to the campus. A varied committee consisting of nine members, seven of whom can vote, chooses up to five inductees for the year.

These individuals must have demonstrated significant athletic accomplishment through either participation or coaching, brought honor to the college through life contributions and completed their athletic careers at McPherson College at least ten years prior to selection.

This year's class of 2005 inductees are Dale Carpenter, Dr. Robert Bechtel, Dennis

Brunner, Lisa Peters and Don Widrig.

Dale Carpenter was a tri-athlete during his time at McPherson College. He lettered in track and field, basketball and football. His athletic accomplishments include: runner-up in long jump at the first NAIA National Championships in 1951, 1950 Kansas Conference 220-yard low hurdles champion, along with the 1952 championships in the 100-yard dash and 120-yard high hurdles. Carpenter also set various school records before graduating with a Bachelor of Sciences in industrial arts and beginning a career in public education consisting of both teaching and coaching.

Dr. Robert Bechtel was a tri-

athlete lettering in football, basketball and track and field all four years of his stay at McPherson. He held three conference titles at two-miles, one at one-mile and even set a conference record in the two-mile run. After leaving McPherson College, Bechtel earned his masters and PhD in mathematics. He has taught and co-authored numerous texts.

Dennis Brunner played basketball and football as a Bulldog, lettering in both. He was a unanimous All-Kansas Conference first team selection in basketball, along with being the top-scoring Bulldog his senior season. With an industrial arts major, Brunner served as a distinguished teacher and coach in his post-school years.

Lisa Peters exemplified herself in tennis and basketball. For three years, she was the #1 singles champion in the KCAC. She also broke into quarterfinals of the first national AIAW championship. As a basketball player, Peters was the Lady Bulldogs' MVP her senior year. During this time, she also wrote the only available history of women's athletics here at the college. Peters has been actively involved in numerous equestrian activities since her college career.

Don Widrig leaves his mark at McPherson as both an athlete and a coach. Breaking school records in track, Widrig was the 1958 KCAC javelin champion. Widrig lettered in basketball as well. He served as both a stu-

dent assistant coach and head track coach at McPherson College. He also coached tennis, golf, was an independent businessman and enthusiastically supported McPherson teams. Widrig passed away in 2004.

McPherson College possesses a rich historical background in athletics that many students are not aware of.

Most of the inductees are McPherson College graduates. There are some members of the Hall of Fame that did not attend McPherson College, but touched the lives of their athletes as coaches.

Students are welcome to stop by the Sport Center to see the plaques, memorabilia and displays regarding the Athletic Hall of Fame.

## Pride, spirit and tradition make special Homecoming memories

BRYAN GROSBACH  
Sports Editor

Homecoming is the tradition of former students from a school returning to celebrate that school's history. The culmination of the football game Saturday afternoon.

Football has become a staple in American history. It is on everyone's mind. Can our team beat the other team?

Everyone wants to win the Homecoming game. All of those people, old and young, make up possibly the biggest crowd for the football team the entire year.

Is the Homecoming football game really that important? Coach Dave Cunningham, head football coach, thinks of it as just another game.

"When it comes down to it, it (the Homecoming football game) is still a football game. There's just a longer halftime," Coach Cunningham said.

Homecoming can almost be classified as a religious experience for some. People from years gone by return to the campus they once inhabited.

The entire week leading up to Homecoming, current students are tested for their school pride and spirit. Who can dress up the strangest during the week? Who's going to paint their chest for the big game?

In the end, it comes down to

the biggest of the Homecoming traditions: showing your pride and spirit at the football game Saturday afternoon.

And why not? Why shouldn't people return to where they received their higher education and want to be proud of what they accomplished and what is being accomplished now?

The memories of seeing classmates or family members will stay with them forever. Of course, so will the memory of winning or losing the football game.

Coach Dave Smith, McPherson graduate and current head track and field and cross-country coach, has many fond memories of Homecoming.

"Seeing some of the people you don't see very often" is one of the things that make Homecoming special for Coach Smith. As a coach, Homecoming is exciting for Smith because "this generation of runners can meet the previous generations."

Not only does the football team get to show off its skills, but all athletics get to perform in front of a big crowd that weekend.

Even Coach Smith remembers being at the football games and seeing family members. It's the same for all athletes and students.

This generation has a weekend to get in touch with the

past. Everyone has a favorite Homecoming memory. One of Coach Cunningham's favorite memories was two years ago when the football team beat the defending conference champs, Kansas Wesleyan.

Coach Cunningham is also "looking forward to seeing more guys that I coached."

Not everything revolves around the football game. Other sports alumni return for the weekend. Three years ago, the college recognized former track and field and cross country coach, Art Ray. Coach Smith ran for Ray in the 1970s. Many of the members of Ray's track and cross-country teams returned that year.

McPherson College also inducts five members into its Athletic Hall of Fame. These are individuals who achieved greatness on the fields, courts or tracks and also achieved greatness in life.

Much like a birthday, Homecoming is a day in the life of a school that every student, current and past, celebrates. The final present is a victory at the football game on Saturday. Of course, a win isn't always guaranteed.

"When you win, you help continue that pride," Coach Cunningham said.

But how does an athlete prepare? With all of the fans and the excitement that Homecom-

ing brings, things can become very nerve-racking. Or does it? Alex Holtry, jr., linebacker on the football team, doesn't think so.

"We usually have an inspirational speech from Tyler (Brown)," Holtry said. Everyone has their own ways of preparing for a game, and not much changes for the football team.

"This game is the breaking point," Holtry said. "We have to win this game."

This year, however, Homecoming doesn't end until the clock hits zero after the soccer games that will take place tomorrow night.

How will the soccer team prepare for its biggest crowd of the year? Jonathan Rothrock, sr., says that the team does the same warm-ups for every game.

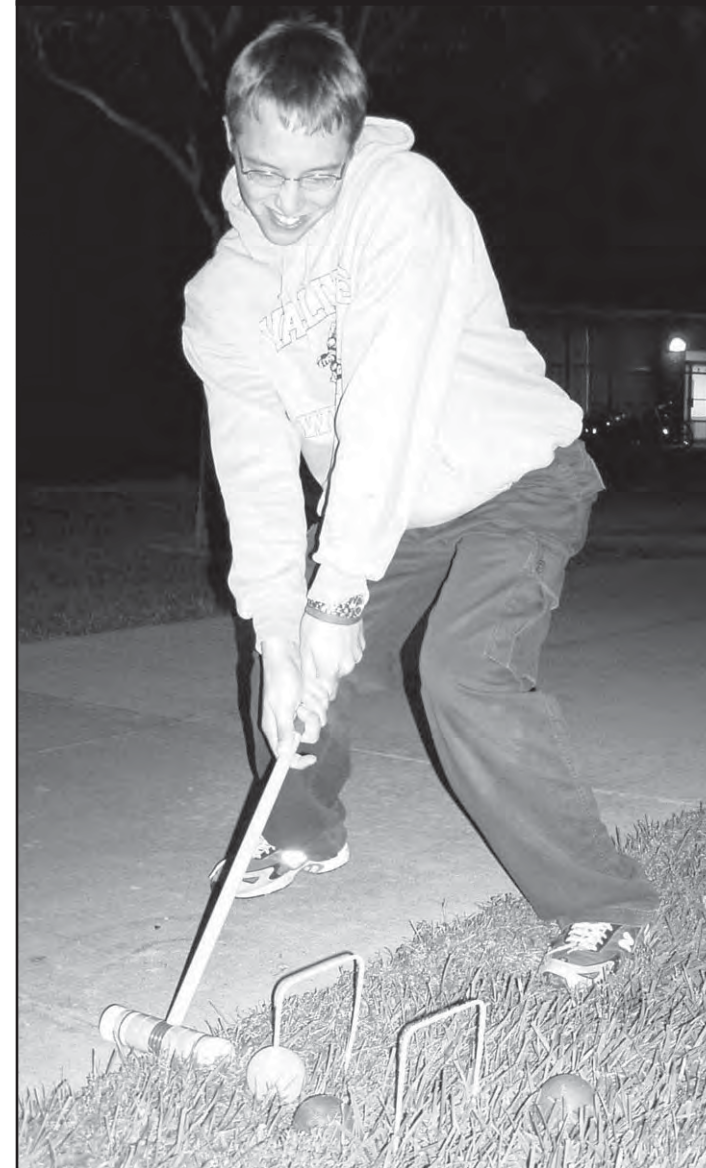
"Before the game we get in a circle and get pumped," Rothrock said.

The extra fans will be a helpful influence for the team to get pumped and stay pumped throughout the game.

Even with all of the extra attention, Homecoming doesn't put much more pressure on an athlete. The extra attention is seen more as a motivator than a scare tactic.

Homecoming brings pride, spirit and tradition back to campus.

### MIDNIGHT CROQUET



Junior Nick McKellip prepares to hit his croquet ball into another opponents ball during a game of midnight croquet

## The Box Score

### Football (3-1, 2-1)

MAC 0 21 12 0 = 33  
@ Ottawa 0 0 14 13 = 27

**LEADERS:**  
Passing: Luz 13-24-1-200 (4TD)  
Rushing: Jacobs 26-119, Smiley 8-79, Housman 5-28  
Receiving: McBroom 8-106 (3TD), Smiley 1-72 (1TD)

MAC 7 10 13 3 = 33  
Southwestern Assemblies of God Univ. 21 7 0 0 = 28

**LEADERS:**  
Passing: Luz 16-27-3-121 (1TD)  
Rushing: Jacobs 30-142 (2TD)  
Receiving: McBroom 7-80 (1TD), Heinen 3-17

### Volleyball (10-9, 7-2)

MAC 30 30 30  
Sterling 24 26 24  
**LEADERS:**  
Kills: Miller 12, Mayhan 9, Marquette 8, Morgan 8, Douglas 7  
Assists: Stephenson 37  
Aces: Miller 5, Mayhan 4, Stephenson 3, Morgan 2  
Digs: Crist 22, Mayhan 12  
Blocks: Marquette 1, Douglas 1

MAC 30 27 30 30  
Ottawa 21 30 27 17

**LEADERS:**  
Kills: Mayhan 12, Douglas 12, Morgan 11, Miller 10  
Assists: Stephenson 44  
Aces: Douglas 5, Crist 5  
Digs: Crist 24, Miller 18  
Blocks: Marquette 4

MAC 30 30 30  
@ Bethany 25 24 24

**LEADERS:**  
Kills: Mayhan 11, Marquette 9, Miller 8, Morgan 8  
Assists: Stephenson 31  
Aces: Douglas 5, Mayhan 3, Miller 3, Morgan 3  
Digs: Crist 16, Mayhan 11, Miller 11  
Blocks: Douglas 4, Marquette 2

MAC 24 30 30 30  
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@ Friends 30 25 32 23 9  
**LEADERS:**  
Kills: Miller 19, Morgan 18, Douglas 16, Mayhan 16, Marquette 15  
Assists: Stephenson 69  
Aces: Miller 3  
Digs: Miller 23, Crist 18, Mayhan 10  
Blocks: Marquette 2

MAC 30 30 30  
Southwestern 13 18 19

**LEADERS:**

Kills: Miller 12, Mayhan 7, Marquette 6, Morgan 5, Douglas 5  
Assists: Stephenson 31  
Aces: Miller 5, Morgan 5  
Digs: Crist 17, Mayhan 5, Miller 5  
Blocks: Marquette 2

### Men's Soccer (6-5-2, 3-0-1)

MAC 0 1 = 1  
@ Bethel 0 0 = 0  
GOALS: White (Hutchins)

MAC 0 2 = 2  
@ Saint Mary 1 1 = 2  
2OT  
GOALS: Tucker (Asad), White (Asad)

MAC 0 1 = 1  
Bethany 0 0 = 0  
GOALS: Tucker (McDaniel)  
SAVES: Davis 5

MAC 1 0 = 1  
@ Ottawa 0 0 = 0  
GOALS: Lawrence

### Women's Soccer (6-7, 2-2)

MAC 1 0 = 1  
@ Bethel 0 0 = 0  
GOALS: Buhl (Salas)  
SAVES: White 10

MAC 0 0 = 0  
@ Saint Mary 1 1 = 2

MAC 2 0 = 2  
Bethany 0 0 = 0  
GOALS: Engquist (Rinke), Engquist (Buhl)  
SAVES: White 4

MAC 0 1 = 1  
@ Ottawa 1 3 = 4  
GOALS: Buhl (Miller)

### Cross Country

*Tabor Invitational*  
Tolan Lichty 29:50 - 10th  
Jacob Merrick 30:14 - 13th  
Brent Bailey 30:37 - 15th  
Bryan Grosbach 33:30  
Brent Caswell 35:27  
Ben Cole 36:17  
Team score: 4th out of eight teams

LeAnne Schmidt 21:17 - 16th  
Ashley Mitchell 23:08 - 34th

*Oklahoma St. Jamboree*  
Tolan Lichty 30:02  
Jacob Merrick 30:36  
Brent Bailey 31:38  
Bryan Grosbach 32:24  
Brent Caswell 35:14  
Ben Cole n/a  
Team score: 25th out of 28 teams

Ashley Mitchell 24:15  
Megan Meyer 25:15

## What to Watch for

SATURDAY

**HOMECOMING**  
Cross Country @ Kansas Wesleyan Invite  
12:30 p.m.  
Football vs Friends University 1:30 p.m.  
Ultimate Frisbee alumni game @ Lakeside Park after the football game  
Soccer vs Tabor College 6/8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Intramural Flag Football Championships  
3:45/4:45 p.m.

MONDAY

Volleyball vs Tabor College 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

No SCHEDULED GAMES

WEDNESDAY

Soccer @ Friends University 6/8 p.m.  
Volleyball @ Bethel College 6/7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Volleyball vs Central Christian College 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Cross Country @ Southwestern College - Mid-States Classic 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Football @ Tabor College 1:30 p.m.  
Soccer vs Kansas Wesleyan University 6/8 p.m.



# SGA elects new members

## Two representatives still needed to complete SGA board

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Spectator Staff

Elections for SGA Representative were held recently here at the college and the results are in. Surprisingly, not many students ran for positions in the end.

"(The reason is) possibly the lack of communication with the student body and what SGA is and what we do," said Student Government Association president Rhonda Hoffert, jr., Golden, Colo.

However, recently elected freshman representative Eric Sader, Augusta, believes there was not a lack of interest in the elections. He said that there was such a "high amount of individuals petitioning the campus, it was difficult for students to fill them up, thereby knocking each other out of the running."

Ann Masterson, fr.,



Eric Sader  
Freshman Representative



Ashley Laudick  
Freshman Representative



Kim Middlemist  
Bittering Representative



Brent Bailey  
Metzler Representative

Hutchinson, agrees with Sader; she had difficulty running for a spot on SGA.

"(I) tried to run, but there were so many other people running that there were not enough people to sign my petition because each student is only allowed to sign one," Masterson said.

Multiple other students faced the same problem.

Despite this fact, SGA still has two positions left to

have a complete board for the 2005-2006 year. The two remaining positions are junior representative and off-campus representative.

"SGA is the voice of the student body. We are the liaison to the administration and we are an organization encompassing the power of the student body. Our goal is to make student life better," Hoffert said.

All students on campus and off can still become involved in SGA because all of the members want the interaction between the board and the students. Everyone is encouraged to become involved in SGA and there is still a multitude of activities that one can participate in. On Oct. 20, SGA will be sponsoring a blood drive, and volunteers are still

needed to help donate blood and help the workers.

One of the goals of SGA is that eventually all of the students will feel that they are able to come to the representatives with any concerns, questions or comments but it is only with active responses and actions that the board can make changes.

Despite the fact that the eight people who intended to run for freshman represen-

tative may have competed themselves out of running, when the election day finally came, there were only two faces to choose from: Sader and Ashley Laudick, Salma. Unfortunately for freshman, if they did not know the two people or did not care for them, there were no other options.

SGA representatives would still appreciate seeing more active participation and more input from all of the students, because they are the voice of the students to the administration.

There are still two positions available that need to be filled.

The newly elected representatives are: Sader and Laudick, freshman representatives; Kim Middlemist, fr., Holton, Bittering representative; Brent Bailey, fr., Simla, Colo., Metzler representative.



## Committee discusses, updates Mac's strategic plan

JEN MARQUETTE  
Spectator Staff

Each year the Strategic Plan Committee sets out to improve the McPherson College community with six specific goals in mind. The committee meets about once a month and takes on an individual task each meeting. President Ron Hovis is the Chair of the fourteen member committee. The last meeting was held on Sept. 30 and the group discussed their initiative update.

The six strategies of the committee are these: 1. Provide viable academic programs consistent with the college mis-

sion and market niche, 2. Build college enrollment, 3. Build college financial strength, 4. Enhance campus life, 5. Create a campus employment environment characterized by the productivity and adaptability in addition to personal and professional growth, 6. Build strong relationships with off-campus stakeholders.

Like the college, the Strategic Plan Committee's mission is to develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service with the market niche career-oriented liberal arts.

The mission statement is more thoroughly defined by the committee's vision and fourteen

specific aspects that compose an ideal McPherson college graduate.

The committee's vision statement is "To be regarded by our students and all our constituencies as the leading liberal arts church-related higher education institution in Kansas for: academic preparation for pursuit of career or graduate study, quality and variety of participation experiences, breadth of opportunities for service and spiritual exploration, personalized career oriented services, graduates that are highly desired as employees, professionals, entrepreneurs and ethical community members, and

lastly faculty, staff and student interaction."

"This is a time of action for the Strategic Plan Committee. We are moving forward and making sure we are on track," said committee facilitator Michael Schneider.

The last few years have been building blocks for the Strategic Plan Committee. However, they are becoming more successful with the passage of time.

"We are really moving forward with carrying out the plan. The indicators are showing success and we are making progress in the right direction," Schneider said.

Through these rising indications and other signs of success, the committee hopes to clearly articulate to students, faculty and staff their goals and plans for future success.

"We really hope to move toward the benchmarks set by other small private colleges in Kansas and to perform well enough to compare with their indicators," Schneider said.

While the indicators are showing promise and success is being made, McPherson College is on the right track to success with the help of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Members of the committee include professors Wayne Cony-

ers, Allan van Asselt, Shane Kirchner, Steven Gustafson, Al Dutrow and Dan Hoffman. Laura Eells represents the administrative faculty as well as Hovis. Staff members include LaMonte Rothrock, Gaylon Green, Carol Williams, Schneider, Lisa Easter and Chris Wiens. Travis Walker, soph., Coffeyville, is the committee's student member. Other than Hovis and Schneider, the members are to give feedback and process the information at the meetings. The Strategic Plan Committee will meet again on Oct. 28 to discuss indicator updates.

## News Briefs

### Hours for Homecoming weekend

Miller Library  
Oct. 8 -- 9 a.m. - Noon

### Bookstore

Oct. 7 -- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Oct. 8 -- 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tent Sale -- 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
The concession stand will sell bookstore items during games.

### Dorm competition standings

Standings after the cheer night and bonfire last night are as follows: 1. Dotzour - 7821, 2. Morrison - 6330, 3. Bittinger - 5155, 4. Metzler - 4248. The winning team will be determined tonight after the challenge course at the gazebo at 9:30 p.m.

### "Romeo and Juliet" auditions scheduled for Monday night

Auditions for Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" are scheduled for Monday, Oct. 10 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre. The script calls for a cast of 17 men and four women, plus many extras. Those interested in auditions do not need to have a prepared audition and if wanted, scripts are available from Rick Tyler in Hess 122 or by calling x. 1210. The play will be performed in Mingenback Theatre on Nov. 11, 12, 18 and 19.

### Monthly bowling night postponed

The monthly bowling night for October has been moved to Friday, Oct. 14 from 10:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

### Volunteers needed for clean-up

Habitat for Humanity will be bulldozing a house so that a new one may be built in its place. Volunteers are needed to help with the clean-up on Oct. 22. Contact Tracy Stoddart, ext. 1707, for more information.

### ACCK schools to host career fair at McPherson

McPherson College, along with the other Associated Colleges of Central Kansas (ACCK) schools and K-State Salina will be hosting the I-135 Opportunities Expo on our campus in Mingenback Theatre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 27.



Above: Joe (Joel Grosbach), Rebekah (Jessica Arnold), and Sarah (Akeisha Kaufman) wait for an unknown intruder on opening night last Friday. "God's Favorite" by Neil Simon is based on the Book of Job from the Bible. The theater department will present the show tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 in Brown Auditorium.

Right: Alex Tyler, soph., McPherson, and Dan Hudachek, jr., Stillwater, Minn., serve up the main entree for the First Nighters dinner. Over one hundred people attended dinner opening night. Amics, owned by Shane and Anne Kirchner, caters the meal each year. The menu consisted of beef medallions with a burgundy mushroom sauce, green beans and potatoes and a chocolate raspberry torte.



photos by Amanda Keith

## "God's Favorite":