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photo by Darren Hendricks

Ku-Sup Chin, assistant professor of behavioral science, clears debris off the site of a burnt down home. Habitat for Humanity teamed up with volunteers from McPherson College to prepare the lot for a new home to be built within the next year. More than 15 volunteers from the campus and community showed up to help.

Mac volunteers aid in clean-up

KIM MORRIS
Spectator Staff

A house once burnt to a crisp is now a clean lot and will soon host a new house for a family.

A group of 11 students, four faculty and staff members, and a handful of community members gathered at 809 North Grimes to pick up the remnants of a house on Oct. 22, which was ravaged by fire. The project was sponsored by Habitat for Humanity.

“It was good,” said Monique Buhl, fr., Temple, Texas. “Everybody was really nice.”

Students took this opportunity because they thought it would be fun and to help them

attain part of their 100 service hours required to graduate.

“I’ve always wanted to help people,” Buhl said.

The Friday before, a bulldozer tore down the house and removed the big chunks of debris.

On Saturday the volunteers picked up the rest of the small debris.

Volunteers started working at 8 a.m. and finished around noon.

During the next year, Habitat for Humanity plans to build a new house on the lot for a family.

“McPherson College has a long history with Habitat for Humanity,” said Tracy Stoddart, director of service.

Recently though, the college and Habitat for Humanity have become farther apart. Stoddart said this project was meant to “reestablish the relationship with Habitat for Humanity.”

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that builds houses with the help of volunteers for people who do not have adequate shelter.

Families will purchase their own houses, but at a cheaper rate, which is possible by requiring no interest on the mortgage. They help build the houses themselves under trained supervision and different groups and business provide financial support.

Families in need of better

shelter can apply at the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. They are chosen by need, ability to repay and their willingness to work in partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

Since the program’s start in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has built over 175,000 houses for nearly 900,000 people around the world. A house is built by Habitat for Humanity every 26 minutes.

The houses are small enough to keep them inexpensive, but big enough to fit the needs of the family. Materials used are local and quality materials. The designs of the houses fit the climate of the local area.

For more information go to <http://habitat.org>.

SGA rethinks budget plan

HEATHER EMERY
Spectator Staff

Due to a debt of nearly \$14,000, the Student Government Association (SGA), has created a far more detailed budget than has ever been necessary before.

“The budget for SGA has been completed and approved by the (SGA) board,” said SGA treasurer Travis Walker, soph., Coffeyville. “We’ve been working on it for the past two months.”

Last year SGA took on all the debts and bills of other student-organized clubs on campus, including those that were also inactive, which is the main reason for the debt.

The three main organizations contributing to the debt are cheerleading, the *Spectator* and the *Barker*, the now inactive yearbook of McPherson College.

Chess Club and Cultural Dance club, which are also both inactive, asked SGA to take on their debt due to lack of members and interest. Both clubs had debts of under \$200.

While taking on all the debt was an honorable goal, it was not feasible with the funds available.

“Last year’s SGA board overspent the budget by \$13,895.06,” Walker said.

This year’s budget includes a plan to rid SGA of their accumulated debt.

“The plans to get out of debt are to propose a debt recovery plan,” said SGA president Rhonda Hoffert, jr., Golden, Colo. “The (SGA) board has approved a plan to set aside \$2,500 a semester to pay off the debt.”

Under this plan, it will take about three years to clear the debt. While other plans proposed might have cleared the debt faster, this plan seems to be the most painless for students. One of the plans which would have cleared the debt in a year-and-a-half or less would have raised the student activity fee by about \$80 a person.

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, said as much as students would not like to see an increase in fees, there must be some type of increase to cover the cost of activities that are provided to students, such as \$2 Movie Nights and Cosmic Bowling.

“My hope is that next year we probably will look at some type of increase in student activity fees to cover the increase of things that students value and think are important,” Rothrock said.

Because SGA often helps other student-led organizations with their funds, it will closely examine and consider requests for money before granting them this year.

Hoffert said that in the future, clubs will be required to submit a budget to the treasurer of SGA every year so funds can be more easily regulated.

SGA members hope that all clubs and organizations on campus will remain extremely aware of their own expenditures and budgets.

“We also hope that we will be able to keep all accounts accurately recorded on Quickbooks,” Hoffert said.

Quickbooks is a budget and management program used by accountants and business owners to avoid such situations.

Because of the debt, SGA members are not able to support clubs and organizations as much as they would like.

“The money (for the SGA budget) comes from the general fee that all students have to pay,” Walker said. “The general fee is about \$130, and SGA gets approximately \$65 of that per student. So, about 95% of our money comes from the general fee. We hope to be out of debt as soon as possible so that we can support all of the groups on campus as much as they need.”

Walker is determined to eliminate the debt as soon as possible. He provided various plans and ideas to help with future financial obligations because he found the limitations caused by lack of funds frustrating.

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-TRAVIS WALKER

In Memoriam: Carl Lawless

JAMES KEITH
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College campus recently lost a great student and friend. Carl J. Lawless passed away peacefully at his home Thursday, Oct. 20.

Carl was a junior in the automotive restoration program, with a business management emphasis, where he quickly made friends with both the students and faculty.

Carl had dealt with heart problems all of his life including numerous open-heart surgeries, but had he not told you, you would not have known.

He had to have had bad days, but he never imposed them on those around him, and that was just his way.

Carl was one of the few that recognized how much life had to offer in all aspects, and he could make many of us humble before uttering our next complaint.

One day in Ken Yohn’s Technology and Society class, we were asked where each of us was from and what we thought of McPherson. As each of us answered, it was sure to be followed by something akin to “it’s too cold here, there’s nothing to

do here, it’s too small, etc.”

Then there was Carl, “I’m from here, and actually I like it here a lot.”

As the class briefly felt guilty for preceding his pride with our various complaints, I turned around to look at Carl and I saw the smile that only he would have in that moment. He wasn’t bothered by our opinions; he was just comfortable in his own skin and liked where he was. We should be so lucky.

Carl’s service was well done, and McPherson College showed that it felt the loss of our friend with faculty, administration and

students filling the pews of the First United Methodist Church.

Carl’s grandmother requested that the C.A.R.S. club wear their jackets, and at the cemetery she came around to almost every student and professor to shake their hand in thanks and share stories of her beloved grandson.

At the end, she also requested that the students leave with a series of “burnouts” because “Carl would’ve liked that.”

Carl, thank you for sharing your life, your kindness and your smile with us. The honor will always be ours.



Carl Lawless 1985 - 2005

“Jane and Bobby did what?”

roommates share about the loss of personal lives

Guest Columnists



ANN MASTERSON AND HEATHER EMERY

Now, as we all know, there will be a loss of privacy when you move into dorms. There is the whole community setting, 20 girls to each bathroom and about 40 people to the three public computers in the main lobby. This is just on the 2nd floor of Dotzour! As roommates, we both know that there is a loss of privacy, that is expected with a roommate. After all, you share your living quarters. But seriously, how did everyone else find out all about our private lives?

We've been here at Mac for about two months now and because it's such a small campus, news travels fast. We're talking like wildfire on the pastures of Oklahoma after a two-month dry spell. In case you didn't know, that's really fast.

What's worse, the news gets distorted as it travels. Badly. And everyone hears the worst version possible. For example:

“Oh! Oh! Jane has a crush on Bobby and they were kissing in Hess before choir!!!”

Ten minutes later:
“Jane and Bobby were making out during choir!”

One hour later:
“Jane and Bobby were doing WHAT?!”

Perhaps it doesn't always get that bad, but you get the point. You tell your closest friends, your roommates and before you know it, the entire school knows about your possible crush on Johnny “All-American Football Star.” In fact, they've already picked out where you two are going for your date later tonight. Ladies and gentleman of Mac College, if little Suzie Homemaker wanted this kind of attention on her possible future relationship with Johnny, she would send out a mass email requesting help in organizing the first date.

We know, we know. It's a small town and an even smaller campus, of course we are all starved for gossip-- there's nothing else interesting going on! We crave to know all the gossip and the latest news about everyone and it's natural since we all live together. But would you

really want your mother to find out about how many different boys you think are just absolutely gorgeous? Or even more terrifying...the news getting back to the boyfriend back home?!! Gasp!

Privacy and a private life has become a non-existent concept. Even beyond the intrigues of peoples' love interests and scandals is the physical privacy issue. There is no more going to your room and being able to lock yourself in, there is now the worry of a roommate walking in while you need the solitude and the simple pleasures of a quiet room. In our case, as roommates, we honestly do enjoy one another's presence. Most of the time. But there are times when we just really need to be alone, to have a good cry, to sleep, even to get your homework done!

Let's even go as far as to say that you do have that quality alone time, enjoying those fleeting peaceful, relaxing moments. You're jamming out to your favorite band and suddenly...there's a knock at the door. You don't think it could be the roommate, she doesn't get off work until midnight...but it's possible she got off early and forgot her key. So you get up and answer the door. Standing before you is “so and so” from down the hall, in desperate need of advice. Okay, no big deal. You sit down and chat, work out the issues and make her feel better and she goes back home. Usually. Sometimes they're so grateful, they just want to stay and bask in your soothing presence. Understandable and not usually a bad thing...but on such an occasion, when all you wanted was alone time, your roommate was gone...it becomes slightly annoying when they stick around. But who cares? They'll do it for you someday.

Perhaps a circumstance like ours invites such situations. As Ann is partially a psychology major, one of her pleasures in life is fixing people, helping them through all their problems. Unfortunately, while Heather is similarly inclined to help people with such things, she has very little free time on the weekends, when the floodgate seems to have opened into Ann's good-natured free counseling arena. When she does have that rare free moment on the weekends, all she really wants is to have a little quiet time. Ann is generally good at

knowing when to leave, but when people keep coming after she does so, the constant knocking becomes maddening.

One of the advantages of not being the same major as your roommate is that you frequently do not have classes together, allowing you a fleeting hour or two where your room is your own. Imagine it is an hour when your roommate is grabbing a shower in a common off-hour, leaving you with a quiet room. You decide that a nap would be wonderful, and lie down to take advantage of your time. But alas! Communal living has other plans for you. In Heather's case, these plans take the form of a strange boy knocking at your door who needs a ride home. She wouldn't have gotten up at all if she hadn't feared her roommate, Ann, had forgotten her key. Unfortunately, it's not your roommate. You have no clue as to who this person is, but as they do not go away when you repeatedly tell them that you have class in 15 minutes, you give the strange individual a ride to the place of residence, while constantly hoping and praying that they do not stab you while you are watching the road. Perhaps not the wisest move, but when all you want is quiet and he won't go away, understandable, no? Ann didn't think so either, but hey! It's college, strange things happen a lot. Perhaps what we're trying to get

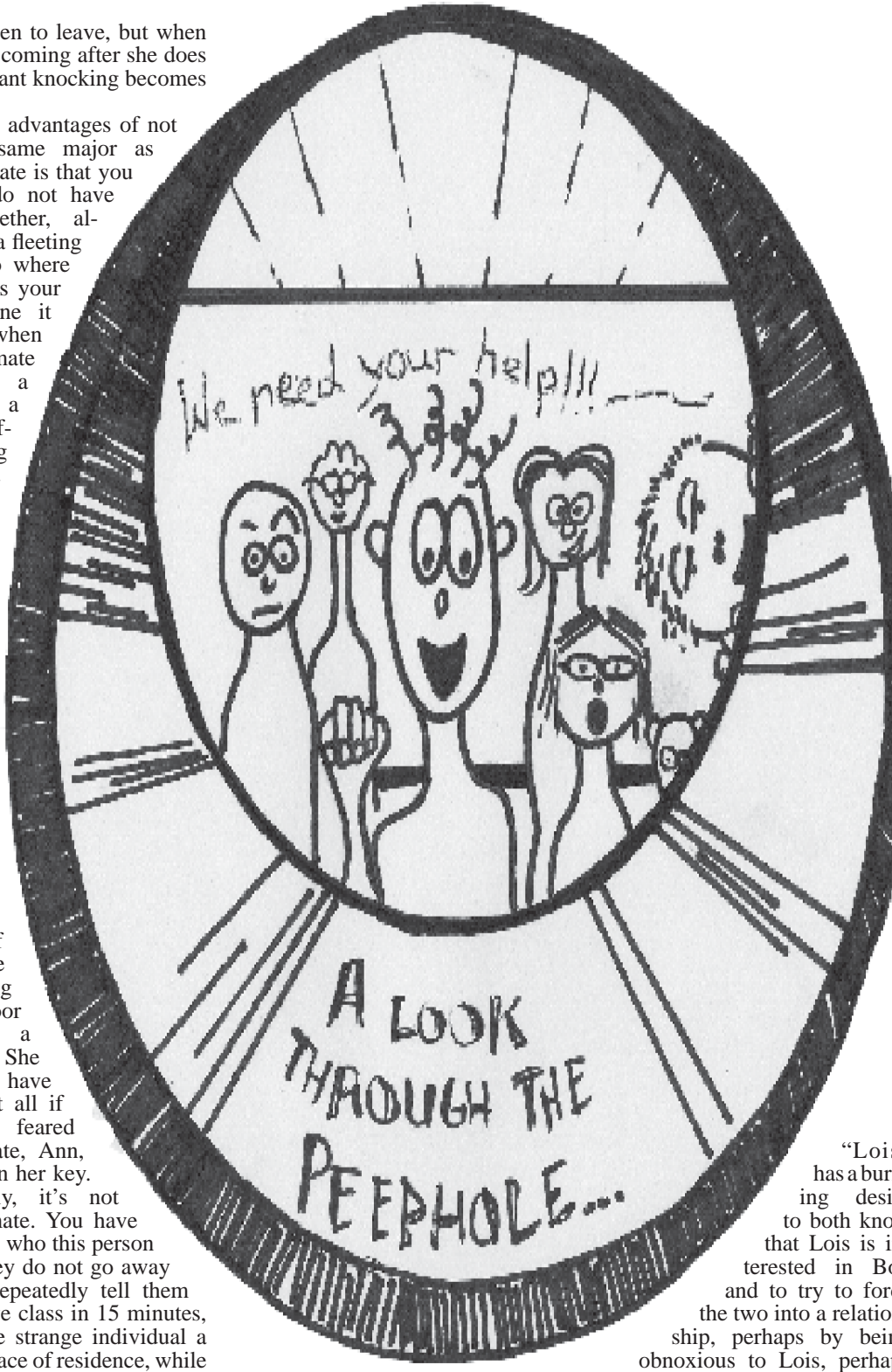


Illustration by Alisha Grady

“Lois” has a burning desire to both know that Lois is interested in Bob and to try to force the two into a relationship, perhaps by being obnoxious to Lois, perhaps by trying to force Bob into noticing that he's desirable to her, it quickly becomes overkill. As does staying in someone's room when it's obvious that they have things that need to be done, even if that's sleep. Just try to tone it down, guys. That's all we ask.

- OPRAH CHANGED MY LIFE!
- WHO DESTROYED THE ART IN FRIENDSHIP? NOT COOL.
- WHERE IS MY PERSONAL COUNSELOR? I'M IN NEED OF SOME COUNSELING AND MEDICATION.
- SKINNY-DIPPING AT KANOPOLIS IS FUN.
- MYMC? WHAT HAPPENED TO “MCPHERSON COLLEGE?” SPELL IT OUT, WE'RE IN COLLEGE FOR GOD'S SAKE.
- DON'T TALK BEHIND MY BACK! ESPECIALLY WHEN I CAN HEAR YOU!
- WHY ISN'T THE SPORT CENTER DEDICATED TO ANYONE?
- I DIDN'T KNOW STAPLES WERE SO EXPENSIVE.
- I MISS BECKY BRATCHER.
- DON'T BE HATIN'.
- WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO'S HAPPY ON CAMPUS? TAKE YOUR PROZAC, PLEASE!

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.



Staff Editorial

Communication is the key to resolving SGA debt

One of the major advantages of McPherson College being a small campus is and has been the opportunities provided to be involved. Sometimes it seems like we have a club to meet every interest, and if we don't there is the possibility to create one.

Part of the SGA constitution has simply been to support student clubs financially. Does that mean that SGA is responsible for almost \$14,000 worth of previous club debts, some of which stems from now non-existent clubs?

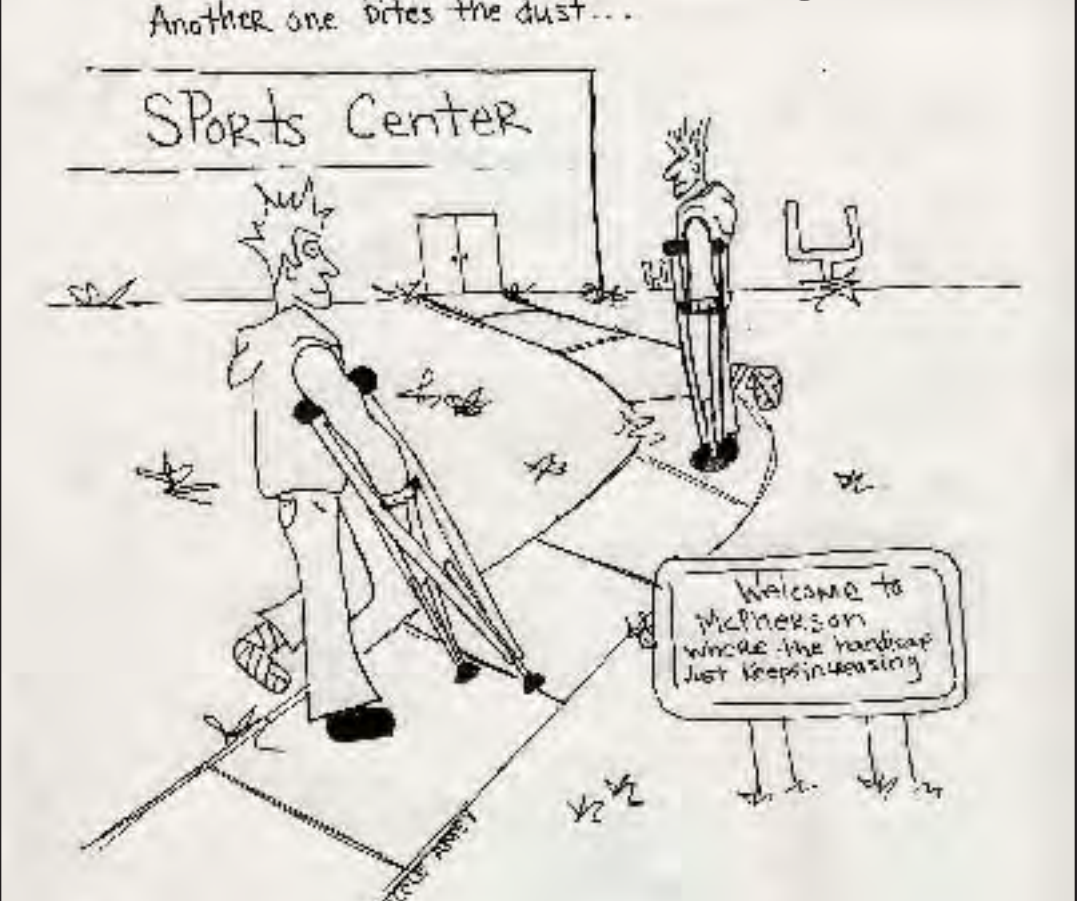
This year's Student Government has proven itself to be worthy by stepping up to this incredible challenge and devising a plan to get out of debt.

Perhaps the debt could have been avoided, or an easier solution could have been met if it wasn't solely the current SGA's responsibility to fix the financial problems from years past. Or even more simply, if SGA board members would have been notified of the situation before this year, maybe the accumulation could have been a much smaller figure.

Part of the problem seems to come from this lack of communication between clubs and the administration with SGA. If SGA is going to be treated like a personal banking system, perhaps clubs should treat it with the same dignity and go through the same kind of processes to get money rather than coming to SGA with expected amounts of money to receive.

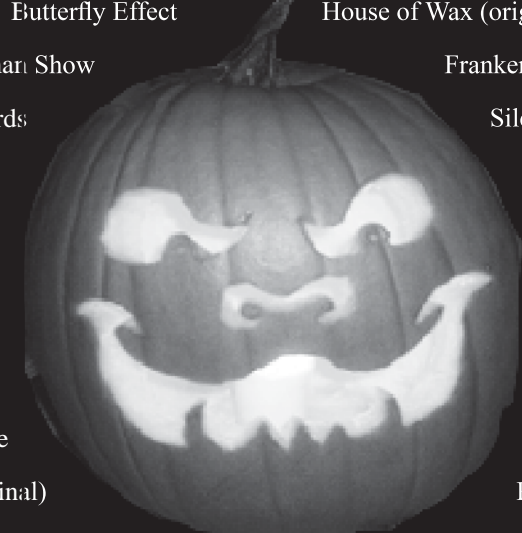
The complexity of the issue makes communication a key part of this problem. An understanding should be met between the administration, SGA and the clubs on campus about the current debt so that a joint effort can be made to resolve the situation.

a McPherson College Moment...



In honor of Halloween, the *Spectator* has compiled a list of movies designed to scare you, creep you out, eat at you and generally make you wet your pants. If you're feeling creepy on All Hallows Eve, check one of these out!

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| Butterfly Effect | House of Wax (original) |
| The Truman Show | Frankenstein (original) |
| The Birds | Silence of the Lambs |
| One Hour Photo | The Others |
| The Shining | Identity |
| Alien | Saw |
| Vertigo | Sixth Sense |
| In Cold Blood | Children of the Corn |
| White Noise | Frankenstein (original) |
| Dracula (original) | Psycho (original) |



SGA PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO HOMECOMING CONCERNS

Letter to The Editor

Rhonda Hoffert

reported more positive comments than negative ones to me from other students on the changes. In fact, we documented the changes in procedure in the *Spectator* weeks before the Homecoming nominations went out! Many others and I know that sending an email out is the worst way to get the attention of the student body. So if you do not read the paper, you might miss out on such important information. And if you don't read it, do you have the right to complain?

Mrs. Haldi also stated that an "informal poll" showed that students disagreed with the process. Okay, I can take that kind of criticism, but how can SGA improve things that the students don't like if students never tell us? Furthermore, "informal polls" have a way of seeking out opinions that support the bias of the pollster. As far as I

knew, mostly everyone liked the changes and welcomed them. However, I do have to mention, I did hear some slightly rude comments to my back! This is my advice to students: if you don't like something, tell us to our faces! If you don't, we will continue to make changes based solely on what we perceive to be good ideas. We are an extension of you, the student body. In fact, you elected us and you pay us. So, if there's something you want done and/or changed, you should tell us. We are here to represent you. Learn the lesson now, and next time you witness something you don't agree with, let us know!

I would like to agree with Eric Sader in that this system needs to be improved. This reminds me of the quote, "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again." In planning next year's Homecoming court nominations, we will be fine-tuning the process. And I promise that students, faculty and staff will all be informed. Obviously we didn't make the last change to campus procedure obvious enough, so now we know to try harder.

On the fly

What was your best Halloween costume ever?

"When I got stilts and dressed up as LeBron James. 'King James.'"

-- Mark Shelton, fr. Lockhart, Texas



"I was the Green Power Ranger. It was tight. I had the little green dagger and stuff."

-- Jose Rodriguez, fr. Dallas, Texas

"I dressed up as a piece of watermelon."

-- Kim Smith, fr. Milford



"A green dinosaur with huge yellow spikes on the back. My mom made it out of felt and she stuffed the spikes with cotton balls."

-- Myles Regier, jr. Henderson, Neb.

"I was a milkmaid and of course Aaron was my cow."

-- Shannon Misner, McPherson



Good Dog Bad Dog

Sports fans! They've done a great job keeping the teams motivated!

The heat is on in the dorms!

Basketball season is beginning.

Loud construction at the Church of the Brethren early in the morning.

Cereal choices in the cafeteria.

Fall season is ending.

A stereotypical poor college student where is the (monetary) love?

Conversations with Myself



JESSICA FOULKE

I have some saddening news for you. The \$340,000,000 (that's a lot of zeros) that was being given away in the Power ball last week, well, I didn't win one dollar. My mom told me during fall break that I should play the lottery. This isn't something that I do often, but I figured that it was worth a shot, for that much money anyway. When I got back to McPherson, I headed over to the local Shell station and after picking my own numbers carefully based upon some pathetic mathematical reasoning and my own lucky numbers, I faithfully paid my \$1 and grabbed what I was positive would be "the one."

Unfortunately, it was not "the one." I was not even close to "the one." I was one of the millions of losers. Welcome to my life.

However, had I won the prize, here's what I would've done (among other things):

a) Bought a hybrid. A nice one. Gas sucks - it sucks the clean air away, but most importantly it sucks my wallet dry.

b) Sent every one of my high school teachers on a cruise (oh what the heck, junior high and elementary school, too). Except

for Mr. Tracy - he was a jerk. Geeze, I'm feeling generous all of a sudden, so college professors too.

c) Sent my families to Maui, or some other place equally exotic for at least two weeks. I need a tan.

d) Put some money away to buy an amazing house, but not in Kansas.

e) Gave a bunch to charity. Actually, start my own charitable foundation. "The Jessica Foundation for Whatever the Heck She Wants." It has a nice ring to it.

f) Start my professional boxing career. I've never done it before, but it could be...fun. With \$340 million, I could have a lot of fun.

g) Buy Dotzour Hall so that I can have a dog in the dorms, and use the top floor to house homeless people!

h) Buy a faux fur coat. Animals aren't for coats (or purses or shoes).

i) Start college funds for all of my little brothers and sisters, and pay off my student loans (and yours - I like all of you well enough).

Ah yes, the infamous student loans. Most of us unlucky chaps are selling our souls to the devil (student loan companies/the government) in order to "get an education." I know that if it weren't for loans, the majority of us - including me - wouldn't even be here.

That coupled with scholar-

ships was my ticket to red Jello with whipped cream, freezing cold dorm hallways and some really good classes with awesome professors. I can't help but get frustrated when I know that I'm the stereotypical "poor college student."

The most important thing about college is the money. That's the bottom line. If I ever get a phone call from the administration, I can be sure it's not about the part I played in "God's Favorite," or the great job I'm doing on the *Spectator*. Every time I get a phone call in my room, I can be 87 percent sure that I've forgotten to sign my FAFSA or some loan agreement. And half the time, when I head into the bowels of the business office to sign another form, I know that I don't understand what I'm signing. They shove it in front of my face and I grab the nearest pen and put my name on the proverbial X. I sometimes worry that I'm going to get out of college and realize that I owe \$340,000,000 because I don't even understand the process.

That, however, is probably my fault. I place no blame on the financial aid or business office because I don't read things. I am just tired of getting notices in my mailbox saying that I need to sign my "Financial Aid Award Notice (FAN)" - how often can the thing change?!

I want to be able to focus on the school part of school and

not have to deal with the bureaucratic nonsense. I have enough to worry about. Of course, that's probably just my wishful thinking anyway.

I guess I just really see this as a symptom of a bigger problem. The impression that I get is that this college, and probably others, treat themselves as a moneymaking venue. As long as I (or my parents) are signing the check, then everything's great.

But this college is not a business, it is a learning institution. When can we stop worrying about salaries, about SGA debts, about our personal debts? When can we get down to what I think should be the focus, the college part of college?

Money sucks. I think that's the bottom line here. Cliché, I know, but true. I would encourage a shift back to the caveman days, when bartering was the method and money didn't exist. Of course, that will never happen - I'm too addicted to using my credit card to "Ebay it" and to head to Hutchinson for a new pair of flip-flops. Not to mention those visits to Smal-Fart Poopercenter (yes, I still go).

I don't think I'll buy a lottery ticket again. Unless it goes over \$200,000,000. Or maybe \$150,000,000. Ok, maybe \$100,000,000. Otherwise, I'll just go buy a caffeine-free Dr. Pepper. Mmm, instant gratification.

World hunger: our responsibility or not? a discussion of world food issues

Sports Editor



BRYAN GROSBACK

Is world hunger our problem? Yes it is. According to the Bread for the World Institute, there are 852 million people across the world who are hungry. Everyday, more than 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes. That comes to around one child every five seconds. Think about it. If one child every five seconds is going to die because they don't have anything to eat, how is that not our problem? We live in a country of overweight and obese people and yet we can afford to give a little help to others who are starving to death. It doesn't take much. Every year UNICEF does a program called Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. At McPherson High School, the theatre department takes part in "Trick-or-Treat so Kids can Eat." They don't ask for much; a dollar or two or a few canned goods. A can of corn costs somewhere around 35 cents. I'm pretty sure most of us can afford some canned corn.

This isn't meant to sound like a sermon. There are thousands of people who give their time, energy or money to fighting hunger and we should be applauding them. There are people who are over in those third-world countries who are risking their lives to make sure people get food. I have the greatest respect for people who make feeding people their life.

It takes a special kind of person. Those persons know how to live by just getting by and not wasting anything. I lived with a family this summer who were missionaries in Nigeria and it was amazing to hear their story. They live very comfortably now, but they don't waste a thing.

Think about all that we waste. Granted, we can't do much about what we waste, but there is no reason why we can't give a little. Think about how blessed we are that we CAN waste food. We take and take, but we never give. All it takes is a little time and effort and we can help someone. Why can't we give a little? That's all it would take, just a little. If students on campus gave a dollar to world hunger, that would be over 400 dollars. That's just students. If you wanted to give more then that's great. And I don't want to hear about how you can't afford one dollar. If we can go to college, then we can get our hands on one dollar to give to someone else. A dollar can go a long way. That dollar can buy flour that can be used to make bread to feed many people.

There are people out there who need food. I'm not saying that we should grab a bagel, hop on a plane and fly to a third-world country. I think we should take responsibility for what happens to our fellow man.

The worst part about this whole world hunger issue is that there IS enough food in the world. There are just people who won't give or there are people who are getting the food and won't give it to others who

need it.

There are even hunger issues in our own backyard. If you want the most fulfilling feeling in the world, go work at a soup kitchen for just one day. Help collect canned goods and take them to a food bank and see the look on the faces of the workers who see people who are hungry everyday. There are people in Louisiana who still haven't recovered from the hurricane. Why wouldn't we try to help people in our own country? There are a lot of people around the world that I'm sure would greatly take a little help from us as well.

Guest Columnist



CONNIE MILLER

Who is responsible for feeding the hungry of the world? Who is responsible for making sure that an estimated eight hundred million, including approximately thirty million people living in the United States are fed?

I believe one way to make a more educated decision about world hunger and any sort of side one can take is having a



Illustration by Alisha Gridley

frame of reference that is based on facts. In the book (The following book is a textbook for the World Food Issues class offered here at MAC! Join the ranks, grade A agricultural enlightenment!) "World Hunger: 12 Myths" by Frances Moore Lappé, Joseph Collins and Peter Rosset, the authors try to give readers a more unbiased view of world hunger as an issue. So here's their list of four of 12 common myths that most people hold about world hunger that need to be "busted" before you slap down an opinion. For the other eight, hit the books.

1. There's Simply Not Enough Food: Actually, there is more than enough food to feed every man, woman and child on the face of the earth today. Surprised? It gets worse. Even the countries that you see in those sad pleas for help on TV export food out of their nations while millions go hungry within their own borders! "Famines" happen in the midst of abundance. Who's fault is that?

2. Nature is to Blame: Ever thought that those Old Testament, wrath-of-God acts like locusts and drought were to blame for hunger? Think again. Even in the face of natural disasters, there is enough to eat if it were shared and not hoarded to sell to the desperate or sold outside of the area hit by "Mother Nature." Lappé relates that during the potato famine of the 1840s, other nations were hit by the blight that struck the potato crop, but Ireland's population was decimated while her English landlords exported food out of the country leading

to horrifying starvation. This continues to happen as governments reap the benefit of their nation's food supply as the poor suffer. Is this your fault?

3. Too Many Mouths to Feed: Where do all these hungry people keep coming from? Can we ever feed them all? There are about 6.8--give or take a few freshmen who skipped the census--billion people on earth. Are there enough McDonald's for them all? There is food aplenty. The problem addressed here is that many poor and hungry people want to have enough children to work to support their families and live to see adulthood. Hunger tag teams with disease to wipe out millions of children every year. Am I responsible for these deaths?

4. Food vs. Our Environment: Yeah, all that stuff about breaking the earth isn't a myth. Deforestation, pesticides, erosion, the list goes on and on. Ask almost any farmer and they'll tell you about what farmland can take before it gives up on you. Here's the worst part: Wal-Mart doesn't sell any planets. I checked. No matter what that guy in the blue vest tells you, "new planets" are not next to grocery bags or CDs. But does that mean that you can stop hungry people from being hungry?

Anyway. These are just a few things to think about when world hunger comes up in a cocktail party kinda situation. I hope you come away with a better idea of what questions to ask about the problem of world hunger before you assign blame to anybody, including yourself.



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Books and Babies

Several students balance all their classes and extra-curricular activities with raising children

PATRICIA RITCHA
Spectator Staff

College life is stressful. Balancing school, sports, a job and a social life is hard work, not to mention finding time to actually attend classes. Just imagine if you had more responsibility. What if you were also responsible for another human life?

Gad Jacobs, jr., Miami, Fla., Lindsey Thiessen, jr., Galva, Devin Jarrett, jr., McPherson, and Laurie Neiman, sr., McPherson, share their stories of bravely balancing school and a family.

Jacobs found out just before Christmas break last year that he was going to be a father. Sarai was born on Aug. 19.

Jacobs said he was more anxious and nervous than scared when he found out that Sarai was on her way.

"It was more of a blessing," Jacobs said. "The situation could have been better, but I was just thinking about being a good dad."

Being a dad has changed how he goes about life.

"School has gotten harder and I don't have as much free time because I play football and work full time," Ja-

cobs said. "It seems to have gotten a lot more hectic and there is more pressure."

Sarai has a babysitter when Jacobs is in class, but he said that she is rarely ever with the babysitter for more than a few hours.

"If it happens to you, look at it like a blessing. Although it is tough work, it is the greatest thing that will ever happen to you," Jacobs said. "Her being here is everything."

Thiessen found out her junior year of high school that she was pregnant, and she was still able to be class president and the football trainer. Her daughter, Michaela Marie Jowers, was born on Oct. 11, 2002.

"I was completely terrified and confused about everything," Thiessen said.

Thiessen and her daughter live in Galva with Thiessen's parents.

"The only 'social problems' I have had have been because I am not able to live on campus," Thiessen said. "It is hard to meet people when you don't live here."

Thiessen recently celebrated Michaela's third birthday with a Spongebob Squarepants theme.

"Michaela loves to go to the football and basketball games because she



photo by Lara Lichy

Top: Gad Jacobs gazes at his new baby daughter, Sarai.

Left: Wendi Cloud's daughter, Brianna, enjoys sitting in on a choir rehearsal.

"SCHOOL HAS GOTTEN HARDER AND I DON'T HAVE AS MUCH FREE TIME BECAUSE I PLAY FOOTBALL AND WORK FULL TIME."

-GAD JACOBS

gets to wear her cheerleading uniform and see the bulldog," Thiessen said.

Although it was challenging for Thiessen, she has a support system.

"It is not the end of the world," Thiessen said. "I was extremely lucky to have a family as supportive as mine was. The people who truly love you will stand by you."

Jarrett and his wife Ashley were married on Valentine's Day a year and a half ago. They have a 15-month-old son, Payton, and are expecting another boy, Logan Robert, on Nov. 20.

"Payton is full of energy and wakes up about twice a night," Jarrett said. "He gets up at about 6:30 or 7 every morning, and his favorite show is 'The Wiggles,' which he watches like four times a day."

Ashley is able to stay home and take care of their son while Jarrett is in school. He took a year off of school when they found out she was pregnant. He said that he has a few more stresses, and it is tough to get his schoolwork done.

"I have a different perspective which makes me want to go to class because I know how much money I am spending on it, and I hate to have to drop a class," Jarrett said.

Jarrett offers advice to other students.

"Make sure you know what you want to do and what the consequences are, and if anyone wants to practice parenting for a night, they can take ours," Jarrett joked.

Neiman is a non-traditional student with three children. Mason is 13 and Neiman describes him as a typical teenager. She said she is completely stressed because Mason back talks to her and defies authority.

Makenzie is ten. He takes most of Neiman's attention because he has ADHD and subsequently has behavior problems. Neiman said that Makenzie has to be on a strict schedule in the mornings, and if it is interrupted he will have a bad day.

Marisa is seven and is a queen diva,

according to Neiman. She's a girly girl and is into make-up, dress-up and Barbie.

"She's my shadow," Neiman said.

Neiman had every intention of attending college after she graduated high school, but she said she was afraid of failing and used her husband and her kids as an excuse not to go. After she divorced her first husband, she was amazed at her own strength and was excited to go back to school.

Neiman said she has no social life and very rarely has any time for herself. She not only has to keep up with school but is in charge of finances, food and her children.

"I feel like I'm always behind and letting the professors down because either the kids are sick or something else has come up," Neiman said. "The stress is almost unbearable but there is an end in sight."

Having children has changed her educational experience.

"I think I value my education more than traditional students because my purpose is to better my life so I can better the lives of my children so they will have someone to look up to," Neiman said. "An education is something no one can ever take from you."

Halloween Hoop-la: the evolution of a holiday

ERIC SADER
Spectator Staff

Goblins, witches and ghosts, oh my! Halloween is quickly approaching as the end of October inches its way into our lives. The hyper-commercialism of this children's holiday makes it inevitable for us to escape its grasp. Whether it comes to us through dorm room decorations or the hordes of miniaturized Disney characters soon to be looting our streets, this bizarre phenomenon has become a cultural cornerstone of our society.

By taking a gander at Halloween's history and its evolution into what we know today and by looking at the religious implications of the celebration, McPherson College scholars can trump the competition regarding their Halloween know-how.

As the majority of us know, Halloween was not always about candy and costumes. The History Channel explains that its origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. It was thought that the day before the New Year, distinguished as Nov. 1 in the area, the boundaries between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred, making it possible for prophesizing and other activities to occur. Druids built huge sacred bonfires around which the Celts danced, generally wearing animal-skin garb and sacrificing crops and animals in order to commemorate the event.

After the Romans conquered them, Samhain was combined with the Roman traditions of Feralia, a day to honor the dead and a celebration to Pomona, goddess of fruit and trees. As Christianity spread, All Saints' Day, a.k.a. All-Hallows, was introduced in the 800s on Nov. 1. Samhain thereby became Halloween. Both All Saints' Day and the soon-after introduced All Souls' Day are popularly thought to have been the Pope's attempt at Christianizing Samhain. Halloween, in its primitive state, was born.

Halloween continued to evolve into what we know today. Soul cake distribution, giving food to the poor in exchange for prayers for one's deceased relatives, was a common occurrence during All Souls' Day in England. Encouraged by the church to end sacrifices for roaming spirits, children began to take up the practice of wandering the neighborhoods for cakes, eventually becoming what we know as "Trick-or-Treating."



First floor Dotzour girls show off the jack-o-lanterns they made last night. Dotzour will be hosting trick-or-treating this year. *photo by Jeff Samson*

"I GIVE OUT HEALTHY FOOD, SUCH AS GRANOLA BARS."

-GREGORY HILL

Nicole Clark, fr., Panora, Iowa, shares a unique hometown trick-or-treat tradition.

"At my hometown, the kids actually all go trick-or-treating on the night before Halloween. It's called Beggars' Night," Clark said.

Gregory Hill, McPherson gives a trick-or-treat tip.

"I give out healthy food, such as granola bars. The kids like them, they are a lot better than candy, and I enjoy the leftovers," Hill said.

Because it was still thought that ghosts were prevalent during Halloween, masks were worn by individuals leaving their households who wanted to blend in with the other-worldly beings. As immigration to the United States occurred, the multi-cultural European backgrounds and American Indian traditions mixed to form a distinct American version of Halloween.

During the late 1800s, an American movement to reform Halloween into a community, family and neighborhood-based function occurred.



Illustration by Seth Schorning

By the 1930s, Halloween became a largely secular and community-centered holiday and continues to be so today.

Keely Walters, soph., McPherson, reflects on her family's Halloween traditions.

"Every year my mom makes her famous chili, then we watch the movie 'Hocus Pocus' and my dad and I fight over who gets to hand out candy to the next Trick-or-Treaters," Walters said.

William Riley, fr., Wetmore, also has fond memories of the holiday.

"In Wetmore, there was a Spookfest Carnival each year that was thrown by our National Honor Society for the kids in the high school gymnasium," Riley said.

Although for most of us Halloween is a fun, non-religious activity, it is important to note that there are those in society who celebrate it similarly to individuals in the past. Some celebrate the dead. Others refuse to celebrate due to religious reasons.

Assistant professor of business Rod Gieselmann was surprised by this.

"I lived in Oklahoma for a couple years and was surprised by the number of people there who do not celebrate Halloween for religious reasons," Gieselmann said.

Hopefully a little bit of the history and evolution surrounding modern-day Halloween has been revealed. As they say in the Celtic language of Gaelic, "Toilichte Samhain!" Happy Halloween!



Fall Events

Haunted Theatre
Mingenback
Oct. 28 & 29
9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
\$2 per student

Costume Contest
Hoffman Student Union
Oct. 31
12-12:30 p.m.

Movie on the Lawn
"Amityville Horror"
Oct. 31
9:30 p.m.
*prizes for costume contest awarded

Trick-or-treating for the community
Dotzour
Oct. 31
6-8 p.m.

Corn Maze
Gaedartt Farm
For more information:
<http://www.pumpkin-patchesandmore.org/KS/pumpkins.php>

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW RESIDENT DIRECTOR, CHEERLEADING COACH & SGA

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TOLAN LIGHTY
Spectator Staff



What is the best thing about being a resident director?
The best thing would be the students. I really like the girls; it's fun.

What traits do you look for in the ideal cheerleader?
Dedication, self-motivation and determination are the most important traits. Tumbling and dance experience doesn't hurt either.

If you had fifty dollars and had to spend it all at Toys 'r' Us, what would you buy?
Probably one of those really big Super Soakers, the ones with the backpacks.

Hot or cold cereal?
Cold.

What is your favorite sport to cheer for?
Basketball, because the pace stays fast the entire game, and we are closer to the fans.

Apple Jacks or Fruit Loops?
Apple Jacks.

What's your goal for SGA?
I am not so focused on budget but would rather empower students to support SGA. I think there are a lot of misconceptions.

Is there an official name for a cheerleader who can do seven back flips in a row?
Amazing.

Tom Cruise or Keanu Reeves?
Tom Cruise, he is just more legendary.

Who was your idol growing up?
Michael Jackson and Madonna when I was really little, then Brittany Spears during my middle school years.

Would you rather be a famous athlete or famous actress?
Famous Actress.

Are you single?
Yes.

"Friends" or "Seinfeld?"
"Friends."

What was your most embarrassing moment during your collegiate and/or high school days?
Getting tossed and then falling, then suddenly realizing that I had a giant wedgie, and my underpants were up to my waist!

Please describe your perfect date.
Just a date is all I need. Oh, and with a guy who actually likes me.

90s or 80s music?
80s, I love the 80s!

The Throwback

Researched by Rhonda Hoffert

Rules and Regulations

Taken from the 1888-89 Catalog

Students are required to go to their rooms at the ringing of the study bell and observe order so as not to disturb others in study.

Students must extinguish their lights promptly at 10 o'clock p.m. unless excused by the professor in charge of the hall.

Students desiring to leave the grounds or to visit other students during study hours must obtain permission from the professor in charge of their hall.

Students will be permitted to meet in the chapel for social intercourse, twenty minutes immediately after supper of each day - Sunday excepted- also for twenty minutes after the close of society meetings such as social meetings to be under the supervision of one or more of the faculty.

All members of the Brethren or German Baptist Church are required to comply with the principles of non-conformity to the world and to conform to the general order of the church in apparel and wearing of the hair. Those who are not members of the German Baptist church are expected to make no display on the use of jewelry and to observe the laws of plainness and simplicity in their apparel.

Prohibitions

- Card playing and similar games
- Use of tobacco and chewing gum
- Noisy, disorderly and unseemly conduct
- Fire arms or weapons of any kind
- Use of profane or obscene language
- Visiting immoral places
- Musical instruments except such as are used in the musical department

Men's soccer advances to semifinals

BRYAN GROSBACH
Sports Editor

The stadium was electric Wednesday night as the men's soccer team, number three seed, beat Friends University, number six seed, 2-0 in quarterfinal action of the KCAC post-season tournament.

The team will play Ottawa University in the semifinals tonight at 7 p.m. at Bethel College.

The fans were up on their feet most of the night as the Bulldogs were able to dominate Friends from the opening kickoff. The Bulldogs took the early lead when John White, jr., received the cross from Jose Reyes, fr., and found the back of the net with 31 minutes left in the first half. The rest of the half, the team kept the pressure on Friends and went into halftime with a 1-0 lead.

The second half started the same way the first half ended. The team cashed in its second goal as Steven Tucker, fr., took the shot that trickled through the legs of the Friends goalkeeper. The game was going the way of the Bulldogs. Things



Tyler Lawrence

began to get physical as Friends collected five yellow cards and one red card to the Bulldogs one yellow card.

Goalkeeper Michael Davis, soph., got his seventh shutout of the season, and probably his most important one of the season, as the team defense only gave up seven



Robert Magana-Garcia

shots for the game.

The next test will be in the semifinals against the number two seed, Ottawa University. The team beat Ottawa on their own field earlier in the season with a score of 1-0.

Robert Magana-Garcia, sr., was excited to get the win Wednesday night.



Nate McDaniel

"It feels great," Magana-Garcia said. "We put in a lot of hard work this year and we deserve this."

Players are positive going in to tonight's game.

"It's exciting," Nate McDaniel, jr., said. "If we play how we know how to play we will win. We just need to play as a team."

Magana-Garcia and McDaniel, along with Tyler Lawrence, jr., were named to the all-KCAC first team.

The team finished with a 5-1-3 record, third in conference.

Eleven players on the team scored goals this season. Leading the way for the team was Ramsey Asad, fr., who had nine goals and three assists on the season.

Asad finished third in conference in goals scored and total points.

Other top conference performers from the season were Tucker who finished ninth in total points, Trey Hutchins, soph., who finished eighth in assists and Davis who was tied for the conference lead in shutouts.

The team wouldn't have had as much success if it were not for their fans this season.

"It makes a big difference if there's lots and lots of people cheering," McDaniel said.

The team expects another big turn-out tonight.

"Hopefully everyone who was here will show up (at Bethel). We will need it," Magana-Garcia said.

Harriers race to conference meet

JESSICA FOULKE
Opinions Editor

The McPherson College cross-country team hopes to continue their already successful season at the KCAC Championship race this Saturday at Southwestern College.

Six men and three women will be running. The young team, led by senior Bryan Grosbach, also includes Brent Bailey, fr., Brent Caswell, fr., Ben Cole, fr., Tolan Lichty, fr., Jacob Merrick, soph., Andrew Paull, soph., Megan Meyer, fr., Ashley Mitchell, fr. and LeAnne Schmidt, fr. Paull was injured early in the season and will not be competing.

"There has been consistent effort by the team throughout the season," Coach Dave Smith said, "and they are constantly improving."

Smith anticipates a tough battle for second, third or fourth place, but expects a good showing from the team. The team has high expectations for the meet.

"I am really looking forward to conference," Bailey said. "The highest Mac has placed in a while is fourth. We as a team are stronger than we have been and stand a chance on cracking into third."

Some have personal goals as well. Meyer would like to improve her time.

"I've been doing better at each meet and it would be great if I could get a personal record," Meyer said.

Lichty is hoping to maintain his strong season.

"Personally, I just want to run as well as I did last week at Winfield," Lichty said. "This week I will be



The men's cross-country team of (from left to right) Tolan Lichty, fr., Ben Cole, fr., Jacob Merrick, soph., Brent Bailey, fr., Brent Caswell, fr., and Bryan Grosbach, sr., take off for a run during practice.

photo by Liz Wagoner

running through a lot of pain and I will probably break down somewhere around the fourth mile, so I just want to make it through without too many cramps and tears."

Overall, this year's team has not been plagued with injuries that can decimate a team.

Other than a few healed injuries in Caswell, Grosbach and Schmidt, the team has been consistently healthy.

"We're running at 100 percent," Coach Smith said.

According to Smith, the entire team is running well and health for the last two weeks.

"We had seven out of nine season bests last week," Smith said. "We're coming out of three weeks of good work."

The team will be running on the

same course in Winfield that they did last week at the NAIA Mid-States Classic.

On that morning, Lichty ran the fastest for the men, finishing with a time of 28:27, followed closely by Merrick with a time of 28:48 and Bailey with a time of 29:45. Grosbach, Caswell and Cole followed up with times of 31:50, 32:59 and 33:45 respectively.

For the women, Schmidt was the top finish with a time of 21:12. Meyer and Mitchell finished together with times of 23:28 and 23:31 respectively.

McPherson College students are invited and welcome to attend the event on Saturday.

"It would be nice for people to come out and cheer us on," Meyer said.

Lichty encourages support for the team, as well as graduating senior Bryan Grosbach. "...not only is this [Grosbach's] last conference meet, but it would also mean a lot to Bryan and the rest of the team," Lichty said.

The event is being held one mile north of the Southwestern College campus in Winfield. It's free to attend, the women race at 10:45 a.m. and the men at 11:30 a.m.

In the near future, Mac will host the NAIA Region IV Championships on Nov. 5. Thirteen teams from Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri will compete at Rolling Acres starting at 10:30 a.m. According to Smith, everyone is welcome.

"If you cheer for Mac," Smith said, "its free."

WHAT TO WATCH FOR:

TODAY

Soccer - KCAC Semifinals vs Ottawa (@ Bethel) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Volleyball vs Bethany College 10:00 a.m.

Cross Country @ KCAC Championships 10:30 a.m. (Southwestern host)

Football @ Bethany College 1:30 p.m.

Soccer - KCAC Finals TBA

Basketball - Alumni Scrimmage 6/8 p.m.

MONDAY

NO SCHEDULED GAMES

TUESDAY

Volleyball vs Friends University 6/7 p.m.

Men's Basketball @ Central Christian College 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

NO SCHEDULED GAMES

THURSDAY

Volleyball @ Southwestern College 7 p.m.



photo by Katie Miller

Lamar Jacob (33) attempts to gain as many yards as possible in the game against Tabor College.

Bulldog gridders look to finish season on high note

BRYAN GROSBACH
Sports Editor

After two straight conference losses, the football team is looking to turn their season around.

The team is 3-3, fifth place, in conference and is looking to finish the season on a positive note.

The Bulldogs last three games are games that they can all win according to the coaching staff. They'll finish the season against Bethany, Saint Mary and finish at home versus Southwestern. The Bethany College game is at Bethany, tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

"I think as a whole we've played well (this season). Offensively we've played very well," said offensive coordinator Jason Chalashtari.

Some of the improvements the team has made through the season have been in the passing game. Coach Chalashtari also

talked about improvements in quarterback, Patrick Luz, jr., who is playing his first season under center for the team.

The team is looking to fire up the running game again after only rushing for 95 yards as a team versus Kansas Wesleyan.

"LJ (Lamar Jacobs, sr.) is a big play back," Coach Chalashtari said.

Getting running and slot backs Jacobs, Kris Smiley, sr., Matt Housman, sr., Chris Benisch, soph., and Matt Hoffman, soph., are a key to the success of the offense, according to Coach Chalashtari.

Defensive coordinator Bill Minard said that the defense has "definitely not played up to expectation."

Coach Minard is positive though about the improvements the defense has been making this season.

"We're making less mental mistakes and our intensity is up," Coach Minard said.

With a young secondary, led by cornerbacks Brendan Nethererton, soph., and Geoffrey Davis, soph., and safeties Josh Wentling, jr., and Kenny Kitchen, fr., the defense has been getting a lot of much needed experience this season.

The team is looking to come back from its last second loss to Kansas Wesleyan last Saturday.

The two teams were tied in the fourth quarter when Kansas Wesleyan drove down the field to set up a short field goal as time expired, ending the Bulldogs hopes of moving up to second place in conference with the 20-17 loss.

Luz passed for 258 yards, 2 touchdowns and one interception in the loss.

The team's last three opponents of the season are all under .500 in conference, giving the team a good chance to turn their season around.



photo by Katie Miller

Head Coach Dave Cunningham (right) watches on from the sideline with Student Assistant Alan Childress (left) during the football game against Tabor College Saturday Oct. 15 at Hillsboro.

Dogball opens season versus alumni

NEW COACH AND NEW SEASON FOR LADY BULLDOGS

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

Head Coach J.D. Gravina is looking to start some new traditions at the college. The women's basketball team has been diligently practicing ever since pre-season in September. However, their actual practice started Oct. 15.

The Lady Bulldogs are expected to have a good season. They were selected seventh by the coaches and picked eighth by the media overall in the pre-season conference poll.

"If we play hard and defend well, we will finish well in the conference," said Gravina.

With many returning players from last year, the Lady Bulldogs should have a well-rounded team with a lot of good and different styles of play among them.

"We have a lot of different leaders on our team," Gravina said. "We have different types of leaders too, some lead by example."

With only five seniors, they are a pretty young team, but many think that the Lady Bulldogs are going to do well overall.

"Coach Gravina is a good

coach," said Sheila Bevan, jr. "Defensively we are better overall, we are also working harder. Everyone is contributing in different ways and we all have our different strengths. If we keep improving in practice, we should have a good season."

This is Gravina's first year as head coach for the Lady Bulldogs. He was the head girls' coach at Putnam County High School in Unionville, Mo.

Gravina had previously served as assistant women's basketball coach at William Jewell College for two seasons.

During his time as an assistant coach at William Jewell, the Cardinals compiled a 52-19 win-loss record and twice qualified for the NAIA D-II national tournament, advancing to the Sweet 16 in 2003.

Players have already been impressed with their new coach.

"Coach Gravina and assistant coach, Shelly Prescott, are doing a good job at getting us prepared for the season while still keeping it fun," Bevan said.

In addition to others' expectations for the women's basketball team this season,

the team has high hopes for themselves to succeed at the top of their game.

"We've only been practicing for a couple of weeks and we have improved a ton," said Abby Suiter, jr. "We work so well and play together, I'm impressed with our great attitudes and enthusiasm we show everyday. Both of our coaches expect a lot out of us and push us hard everyday, but at the same time they know how to keep practice fun and upbeat."

This Saturday is the alumni scrimmage for both the women's and men's basketball teams. The women's basketball team is scheduled to play at 8 p.m.

However, before the scrimmage, the Lady Bulldogs are traveling to Pratt for another scrimmage against Pratt Community College, Hutchinson Community College, and Barton Community College.

"We are all ready and excited about playing games and we hope to have a great season this year," Suiter said. "We hope to have a lot of supporters at our games."

The team's first game will be against Avila University on Nov. 8.

MEN LOOK TO CONTINUE THEIR SUCCESS IN 2005-2006

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

With the season underway, the men's basketball team is practicing hard and ready to play. Head Coach Roger Trimmell has high expectations for the men's basketball team.

"We always compete for the KCAC championship," Trimmell said. "Our returning players provide leadership."

With their actual season starting Nov. 1 against Central Christian College, it is expected to be a hard and well-played game from both ends of the floor.

"We have a fine group of newcomers and we just need to blend in, get the chemistry and play the game," Trimmell said.

While they were picked to finish seventh by the coaches and sixth by the media in conference, expectations are high for this year's young, but talented team.

"With the loss of four seniors from last year, we are a new team and there are opportunities for younger players to step up," Trimmell said.

Every year, the team wants to improve from the year be-

fore. Players work hard to achieve team goals, as well as personal goals.

"We are looking good. We have improved from the first scrimmage even though it was horrible, we are improving. We are working hard in practice, and our last couple of scrimmages were decent," Chris Nixon, sr., said.

Ending last year's season tie for fourth place in the KCAC, the men's team hopes to improve its position in the conference this year.

"Our coaching has improved from last year," Nixon said. "We work hard on our defense. Also, our defense should be better than it was from last year. After our first game, we will just see how we will do after that."

The men's basketball team is scheduled to play in the alumni scrimmage at 6p.m. Saturday in the Sport Center.

The team played an exhibition game against the Alexander's Thursday night. The Alexander's is a team made up of former McPherson High School players and others who live in the McPherson area.

The game did not go as

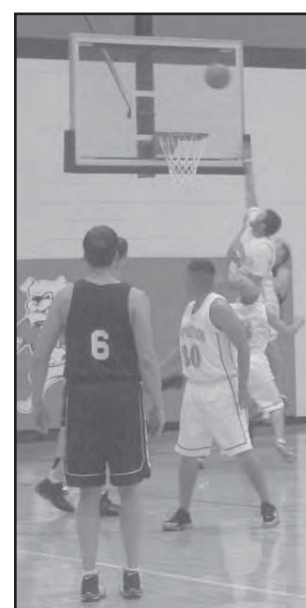


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Thor Rooks puts the ball off the backboard as Art Soto (30) and Austin Klumpe (3) look on.

planned for the team as they lost to Alexander's 110-84.

Lee Gustafson, sr., lead the team with ten points, eight rebounds and four assists. Other leaders were Tim Cox, sr., with 16 points and Cody Dicherson, soph., with 13 points.

Women's soccer misses post-season by 1 point

BRYAN GROSBACK
Sports Editor

The Lady Bulldog's season came to an end on Saturday against Sterling College as the team lost to Sterling in overtime, 3-2.

The team needed to win to finish with a good enough record to make the post-season playoffs. Because of the loss, the team finished the season with an overall record of 6-9-3 and 2-4-3 in conference. This was good enough for seventh place in conference, though only the top six teams make the post-season playoffs.

"I was pleased with the season as a whole," said head coach Doug Quint. "We competed with every opponent. It's disappointing not making the playoffs."

The Lady Bulldogs never seemed to have control of the game versus Sterling. The weather had turned cold during the day and rain showers had rolled through McPherson less than an hour before kick-off.

Monique Buhl, fr., started the scoring with a goal with 19 minutes left until halftime. Sterling quickly answered with their own goals with 16 minutes left until halftime.

The game was tied 1-1 as both teams headed to the locker room to warm up.

The second half was much the same as the first. Buhl put the team ahead, 2-1, with her second goal with 27 minutes left in the game. The team fell back into a defensive style of play for the rest of the game. Sterling was able to score the game-tying goals with nine minutes left in the game. The game finished

in a 2-2 tie and the teams prepared for overtime.

With five minutes left in the first overtime, Sterling was able to sneak a goal past the Lady Bulldog's defense to end the game in a 3-2 loss for the Lady Bulldogs. Even in the loss, Princess White, soph., was able to make 26 saves for the game.

Coach Quint was pleased with the improvements the team made through the season.

"We learned how to play our system and we became one of the hardest teams in the conference to score on," Coach Quint said.

Coach Quint made comments that injuries and depth played a part in hurting the team's chances of winning this season. The highlight of the year for Coach Quint was the team's tie versus defending conference champions, Friends University.

"We actually should have won the game," Coach Quint said.

Honors were given out for soccer this week. Monique Buhl, fr., received honors, making the first team all-KCAC and also being named Freshman of the Year for the KCAC. Buhl also finished second in the conference in goals scored and third in total points.

Other honors went to Denise Rinke, jr., Victoria Salas, soph., and Laura Engquist, jr., all receiving all-KCAC honorable mention. Princess White, soph., had never played goalkeeper until this season when Lindsey Latham, soph., was injured and sidelined before the season began. White finished the season with four shutouts in goal and third in the conference in total saves in her first season between the posts.

KCAC Final Standings: Soccer

WOMEN'S

Ottawa 9-0
KWU 8-1
Sterling 7-2
Friends 5-3-1
Saint Mary 4-5
Southwestern 3-5-1
MAC 2-4-3
Bethel 3-6
Tabor 1-7-1
Bethany 0-9

MEN'S

KWU 7-2
Ottawa 6-2-1
MAC 5-1-3
Sterling 6-3
Bethel 5-3-1
Friends 4-4-1
Bethany 4-5
Southwestern 2-6-1
Tabor 1-7-1
Saint Mary 0-7-2

Volleyball to finish season next week

ANGELINA FIORENZI
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs are looking to finish strong as they head into their last few games of the season. The team is in fourth place in conference. The team is currently on a two-match winning streak. Their next game is Saturday versus Bethany College at 10 a.m.

Last night the team went to Ottawa University and came away with the win 18-30, 30-

28, 30-17 and 33-31. Team leaders were Jessica Miller, soph., who had 15 kills and six digs, and Kendra Stephenson, jr., who had 40 set assists and 15 digs.

The team didn't get off to a very good start in the first game.

"We weren't in the ball game. We weren't very aggressive," Coach Nathalea Stephenson said.

Tuesday night the team traveled to Sterling College and

came away with the win 30-28, 30-19, 30-22. Some of the leaders were Chandra Mayhan, jr., who had 16 kills, two aces and seven digs, and Miller who had 12 kills and ten digs.

At points in the season, the team has been having problems with finishing the game quickly says Ashlee Douglas, soph., but they are improving.

"Our passes are getting more consistent, were starting to give our setter a good pass for a good set," Douglas said.

One good thing is that the team has stepped up their game since the beginning of the season, according to Douglas.

"We've all been working really hard on our positions that each of us play, whether it's setting, back row or hitting and blocking, everyone has gotten better. We all contribute, not just certain players," Douglas said.

The team is expecting to be in the top four in the conference for the playoffs.

SCHOOL SPIRIT AT ITS FINEST



photo by Katie Miller

Cheerleading finally made its way to McPherson College this year as a team sport and their presence is known. The cheer squad appeared at every home football game and traveled to some of the away games. The squad will soon be larger as fall sports end and basketball season begins in the next few weeks.

THE BOX SCORE

Football (4-3, 3-3)

MAC 0 7 0 10 =17
Kansas Wesleyan 10 0 0 10 =20

LEADERS:
Passing: Luz 18-30-1-258 (2TD)
Rushing: Jacobs 13-44, Luz 9-36
Receiving: McBroom 6-108 (1TD), Hale 3-78 (1TD)

Volleyball (13-12, 9-5)

MAC 30 30 30
Saint Mary 24 20 21
LEADERS:
Kills: Morgan 13, Marquette 11, Miller 9, Mayhan 7
Assists: Stephenson 33
Aces: Stephenson 2

Digs: Crist 11, Mayhan 10, Miller 9
Blocks: Marquette 1 (4 assists)

MAC 27 30 19 28
Kansas Wesleyan 30 28 30 30
LEADERS:
Kills: Marquette 11, Morgan 10, Miller 9, Mayhan 8
Assists: Stephenson 31
Aces: Miller 6
Digs: Crist 28, Miller 12, Mayhan 10
Blocks: Marquette 1, Stephenson 1

MAC 30 30 30
@ Sterling 28 19 22
LEADERS:
Kills: Mayhan 16, Miller 12, Marquette 10
Assists: Stephenson 37

Aces: Mayhan 2
Digs: Crist 17, Miller 10
Blocks: Morgan 2

MAC 18 30 30 33
@ Ottawa 30 28 17 31
LEADERS:
Kills: Miller 15, Mayhan 12, Marquette 10, Morgan 10
Assists: Stephenson 40
Aces: Mayhan 2
Digs: Crist 20, Stephenson 15, Mayhan 11
Blocks: Marquette 2, Douglas 2 (5 assists)

Men's Soccer (8-6-4, 5-1-3)

MAC 0 0 = 0
Kansas Wesleyan 1 0 = 1

Asad
SAVES: Davis 2

SAVES: Davis 12

MAC 2 3 = 5
Tabor 0 0 = 0
GOALS: first half: Dominguez (White), Asad (McDaniel)
second half: White (Hutchins), McCrae, Dominguez (Hutchins)
SAVES: Davis 3

MAC 1 2 = 3
@ Southwestern 3 0 = 3 (2OT)
GOALS: Asad (2), Tucker

MAC 0 2 = 2
Sterling 0 0 = 0
GOALS: Reyes (Rothrock),

KCAC Quarterfinals

MAC 1 1 = 2
Friends 0 0 = 0
GOALS: first half: White (Reyes)
second half: Tucker
SAVES: Davis 7

Women's Soccer (6-9-3, 2-4-3)

MAC 0 0 = 0
Kansas Wesleyan 1 0 = 1
SAVES: White 18

MAC 0 1 = 1
@ Southwestern 0 1 = 1
GOALS: Buhl (Engquist)

MAC 1 1 0 = 2
Sterling 1 1 1 = 3 OT
GOALS: first half: Buhl (Salas)
second half: Buhl
SAVES: White 26

Cross Country

Southwestern College - Mid-States Classic
Toland Lichty 28:27
Jacob Merrick 28:48
Brent Bailey 29:45
Bryan Grosbach 31:50
Brent Caswell 32:59
Ben Cole 33:45

LeAnne Schmidt 21:12
Megan Meyer 23:28
Ashley Mitchell 23:31

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The price of dishonesty:

EPC devises plan to track cheating incidents on Mac campus

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The Education Policies Committee at McPherson College recently conceived a new tracking system for academic dishonesty at their Sept. 30 meeting.

The system addresses an issue in the student handbook which states: "In extreme cases, or if a pattern of dishonesty is evident, a student can be suspended from college."

Laura Eells, EPC member, said the college was unable to enforce this rule because there was no way to track students who made a pattern of being dishonest.

"I asked EPC to either modify the statement or help develop a tracking system because without a tracking system, the way the handbook is written, it's unenforceable," Eells said.

Eells stressed that the EPC's action is not meant to make students feel they are suspected of cheating, but to help "honest students stay honest."

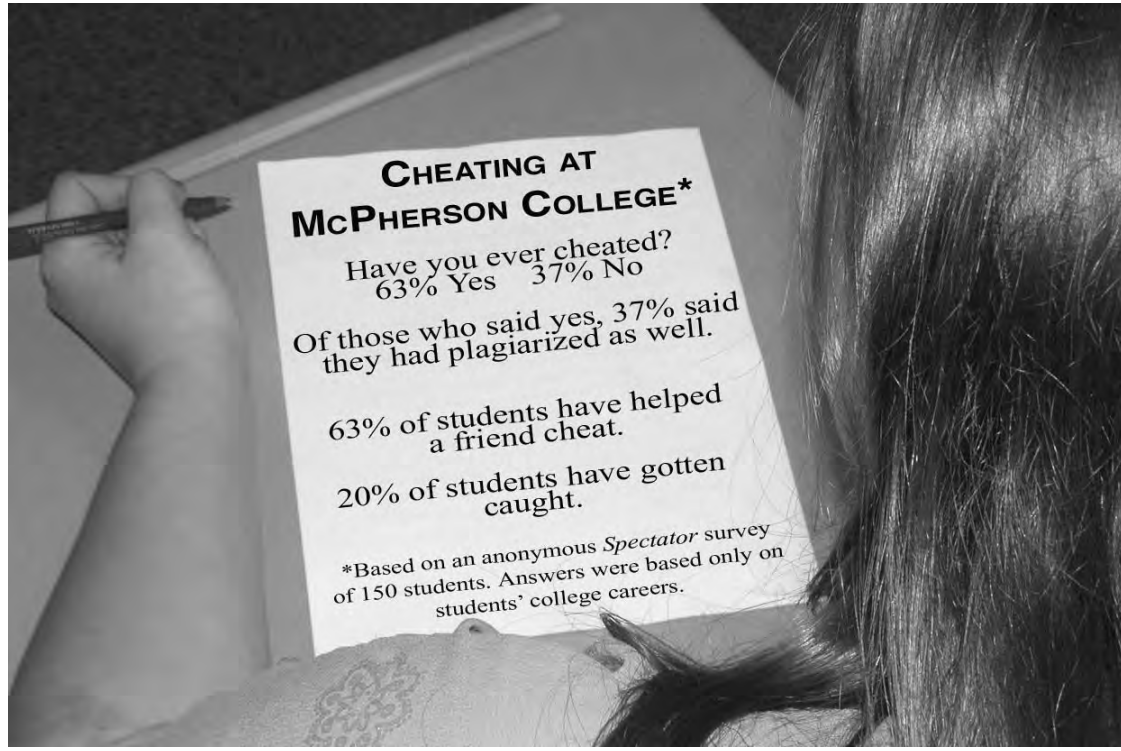
In fact, many faculty members do not consider academic dishonesty a big problem on campus.

"I believe that it is a small percentage of the students that choose to cheat, but those who do, need to understand that dishonesty has a heavy price," said Rod Gieselman, EPC member.

However, according to a recent *Spectator* survey of 150 Mac students, the occurrence of cheating is much higher than many may think. Sixty-three percent of students said they had cheated while they were in college.

Although percentages seem high for a small school, cheating is most likely as much of a problem on other campuses across the United States.

"What we are finding, both at our college and nationally, is that incidents of academic dishonesty are on the rise," Eells said.



According to several faculty members, plagiarism is the most common form of academic dishonesty, although the student poll revealed more students cheat on homework than papers.

A few faculty members reported having two students turn in the same paper for a class, while others attribute the problem to improper citations.

"(Plagiarism) can be unintentional, particularly on the part of a first-time freshman who is accustomed to pulling material directly from the Internet," said Steve Gustafson, EPC member.

Internet resources are becoming more accepted academically when they are cited correctly, but students may be tempted to plagiarize from random websites that offer easy information.

"While there are many benefits to the Internet, it's very, very easy to go online and find a paper that's almost what you want," Eells said.

Marilyn Kimbrell, EPC chair, has

her own solution to prevent academic dishonesty. As a professor, Kimbrell monitors her students' writing processes from start to finish.

"(Cheating) is not a big problem with me because I don't allow it to be a problem," Kimbrell said.

McPherson College is unique because the low student to faculty ratio prohibits students from becoming anonymous. Faculty is more familiar with students' work ethics and can easily keep track of student progress.

"I think the personalized structure of the college serves to prevent much of the cheating," said Luke Chennell, instructor of technology.

Despite small class sizes, some students still slip through the cracks.

For many students, it's not about whether cheating is right or wrong, it's about not getting caught.

"I have encountered a few students who operate from a situational ethic, for example, cheating

is all right if I do not get caught," Gustafson said.

Much of the problem is that the definition of academic dishonesty varies between faculty and students.

A few students who took the survey said they had not cheated, but they had plagiarized, indicating the definition of cheating is not clear.

Eells bases her definition on the book "Doing Honest Work in College" by Charles Lipson. Lipson summarizes academic honesty in three points: only claiming the work one actually does, accurately citing others' work when using it and exposing research materials honestly.

The EPC created an incident report form for faculty to use when a student is caught cheating. The form was distributed to faculty members and takes effect immediately.

Eells said the long-term goal of the EPC is to "begin a dialogue on campus on the topic and create a community definition."

My MC Campaign hits halfway mark

JEN MARQUETTE
Spectator Staff

With many alumni back in town on Saturday, Oct. 8 for Homecoming, McPherson College launched the "My MC" Campaign, a campaign the college has been developing for the past two years.

The launch publicly announced the campaign's purpose and current success.

The purpose is to raise funds to support student scholarships, enhance programs and increase enrollment.

As to date, \$4.1 million dollars has been dedicated to the campaign, halfway reaching its goal. By 2008 the campaign

hopes to raise \$7.9 million.

The money the campaign raises will be used to fund three major areas of McPherson College improvement.

The first is annual scholarships and general support; the campaign has a \$3.4 million goal for this area. The other goals are to have \$3.5 million for endowment and \$1 million for capital projects.

The initial \$4.1 million was composed of gifts and commitments from the college's board of trustees, the National Auto Restoration (NAR) program, faculty and staff and alumni.

"My MC is about connecting our students to our alumni

and friends," said Michael Schneider, vice president of advancement. "It's about people who are passionate about their experiences and want to offer the same opportunities that they had."

Because the college has received a fair amount of early support for the capital projects, the renovation of Templeton Hall and improvements made in the graphic design lab in Hess have already been completed. These improvements will help support growth in student enrollment and provide a better learning environment.

Another project the campaign is hoping to carry out in the

near future is to provide better library accessibility and additional parking. The additional parking will be located south of the student union right next to the current parking lot.

The campaign received a \$100K commitment from the Mingenback Foundation, the same local McPherson foundation which funded Mingenback Theater, for additional parking space.

Now that the campaign has been made public, Schneider and others will attend area meetings to discuss with alumni about supporting students and the programs at McPherson College.

"The last campaign was about 'building buildings.' This campaign is about 'filling buildings' with students," said President Ron Hovis. "This is a chance for persons to provide general support to the college or to designate specific programs or opportunities that they would like to support. All support will be used to increase enrollment and enhance the college experience for students."

Not only is the campaign meant to make improvements throughout McPherson College with financial help from alumni, it is meant to create a more personal atmosphere between the alumni and students.



Above: Marc Montreuil, soph., Olathe, donates blood during the Oct. 20 drive at McPherson College. Above right: Shalyn Skahill, fr., Fresno, Calif. holds Brent Bailey's, fr., Simla, Colo., hand while donating blood at Mac. The drive took place in the small gym of the sport center and had a total of 43 people who successfully donated blood. The drive also had 57 walk-ins and 21 first-time donors.



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Legend of Zorro 9:25

Doom 9:30

Bowling at Starlite Lanes:

Fri., Nov. 4 10:30p.m. - Midnight

BINGO Night in the Student Union:

Wed., Nov. 9 9:30 p.m.

Keeping Up With SGA



Two board of trustees members will attend the SGA meeting in the basement of the Student Union Sun., Oct. 30 at 9 p.m.

Students are welcome to come if they have any concerns or just to observe.

News Briefs

Enrollment Schedule

Seniors
Thur., Nov. 3rd

Juniors
Fri., Nov. 4th

Sophomores
Mon., Nov. 7th

Freshmen
Tues., Nov. 8th

Trustees to meet Nov. 4 & 5

Agenda Items:

- Make nominations for Citation of Merit and Young Alumni Awards
- Approve audit and review for 2004-05
- Review act on tuition and fee proposal for 2006-07

Reports:

- Strategic Plan
- Higher Learning Commission
- Academic program reviews
- Cost of instruction and other academic issues
- Admission and retention
- My MC campaign
- 2005-06 budget