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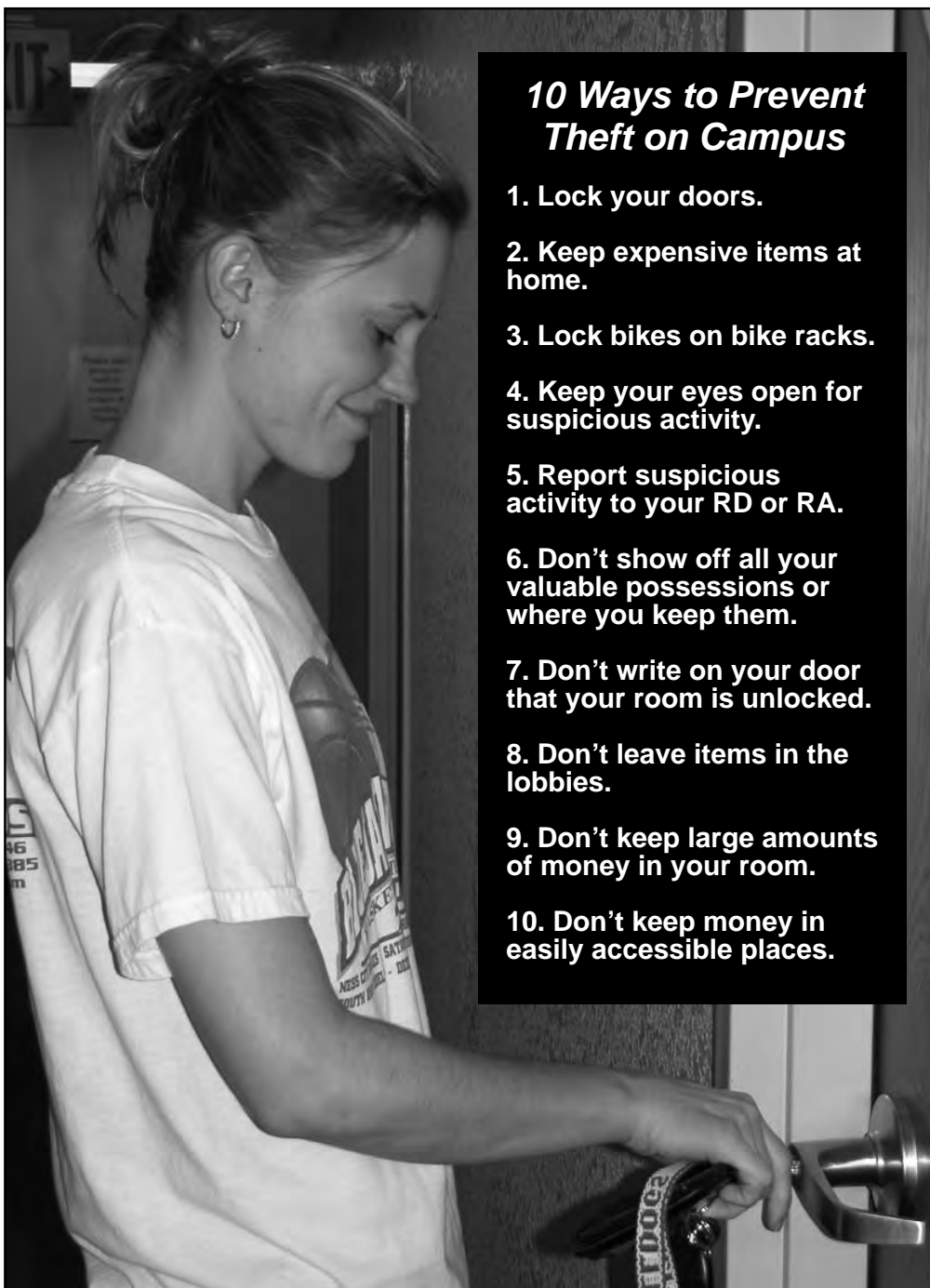


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10 Ways to Prevent Theft on Campus

1. Lock your doors.
2. Keep expensive items at home.
3. Lock bikes on bike racks.
4. Keep your eyes open for suspicious activity.
5. Report suspicious activity to your RD or RA.
6. Don't show off all your valuable possessions or where you keep them.
7. Don't write on your door that your room is unlocked.
8. Don't leave items in the lobbies.
9. Don't keep large amounts of money in your room.
10. Don't keep money in easily accessible places.

photo by Katie Miller

Theft increases as holidays near

MEGAN MCKNIGHT
Spectator Staff

Students may want to think twice before leaving their doors unlocked to take a shower or run a quick errand.

Leaving rooms unlocked to shower or to visit friends a couple of doors down is common. However, seven students have been victims of theft since the beginning of the semester.

Beth Krehbiel, sr., Pratt, had her bike stolen on Halloween. It was sitting in front of Dotzour Hall, unlocked. Krehbiel said she never locked it.

Police were contacted and a report was issued. Krehbiel said if her bike is recovered, she will not press charges unless her bike is damaged.

Krehbiel was unaware of any other property that had been stolen.

A more invasive theft occurred two-and-a half months ago when roommates April Bryley, sr., Clarendon, Tex., and Crystal Thomas, sr., Wichita Falls, Tex., left their room unlocked to go take showers.

When they returned their dresser drawers were open, clothes were thrown across the room and money was stolen

from their purses. Around \$200 was taken from each of them.

Bryley said they were only gone from the room for about ten minutes.

When compared to other campuses in the area, McPherson's theft rate is very low.

According to LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, theft has not been a big issue over the past three years and that this is the first time money has been stolen.

Rothrock said last year's incidents included a stolen Playstation, bike and a MP3 player, however the MP3 player was found.

Rothrock said due to holiday breaks and the busyness of the season, theft is more likely to occur around this time of year.

Leaving your door unlocked to go shower in the morning may not seem like a big deal, but this is an easy time for someone to sneak in and out without being noticed.

Like Krehbiel's situation, two other bikes were stolen as well, but have since been returned.

It's suspected that it's off-campus people taking the items, not students, faculty or staff. Most likely, the students will not see their property again.

There have been several changes around the campus to make it safer for the students and harder for people to steal.

The mirrors at the top of the stairs, phones in every area, bike racks so students can lock their bikes, better lighting and even the peepholes on everyone's door are some of the renovations that have taken place over the past few years.

Rothrock also sent out an e-mail advising students to keep their belongings locked up.

However, even with multiple safety additions and awareness of the issue, there are still ways for things to get stolen.

“People need to keep their eyes open more,” Rothrock said.

Rothrock cannot emphasize enough that the biggest prevention of theft is that students lock their dorm rooms and not bring expensive items to college.

“In every situation but one, if they would have locked it up, it wouldn't have happened,” Rothrock said.

Students whose property has been stolen on campus should contact their resident assistant or resident director so they can file a report or help find stolen items.

Poll shows students prefer e-mail communication

HEATHER EMERY
Spectator Staff

McPherson College faculty and staff are trying their best to communicate with students about important issues on campus, but are finding it difficult.

In a recent survey conducted by the *Spectator*, 76 of 105 students polled said they preferred to receive information through e-mail, rather than any other means.

So why is there a communication problem?

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, voices the campus concern.

“The biggest issue at this time is that we've chosen to use e-mail as the primary way of communicating with our students and the students aren't looking at the e-mail,” Rothrock said.

Alisha Gridley, soph., Clifton, is one student who favors communication through e-mail.

“I definitely prefer to get information through e-mail,”

Gridley said. All of the students that were interviewed said they checked their e-mail regularly, but the only time they do not read many of the e-mails is when faculty and staff send out multiple e-mails in one day.

Gridley says her reading of the e-mails is dependent on other factors.

“Sometimes you don't even have to read them because of the subject lines,” Gridley said. Rothrock said they are trying

to adapt a way to send out emails to students that are only directly concerned with the subject of the email.

“I think that not only students, but also faculty and staff, including myself, are guilty of sending out e-mails at times that should be more focused with a certain group and not go out to everybody,” Rothrock said.

“We've got to become better at that. When we do send out something that's important, we need to make sure that it gets to

that group and not to those who don't need it.”

All students are provided with a school e-mail address known as a Bulldog account for e-mail services, but not all students check their Bulldog mail. Some prefer to have it routed to a different e-mail address they would rather use.

Another proposition for communication is through cell phones and text messaging.

Of the 105 students surveyed, 86 percent own cell phones.

However, only 62 percent said they would be willing to give their cell number to the college for communication purposes and only 44 percent said they would be willing to receive text messages from the college.

Though the poll showed that the next best form of communication after e-mail would be through cell phones, the percent that agreed was extremely low. Therefore, most students still prefer to be informed through e-mail.

Band performs; Central to join Mac for choir concert

KIM MORRIS
Spectator Staff

The end of the year brings several concerts on campus including band and choir.

Last Monday, Dec. 5 the band performed at the Church of the Brethren and on Sunday, Dec. 11, the choir will perform their annual Christmas vespers at 4 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

The band includes several community members including: Crystal Clobes, Rachel Moon, Doris Coppock, Matt Tobias, Amy Tomlison, and Tracy Stoddart.

Band member, Eric Sader, fr., Augusta, liked the environment of the concert.

“I enjoyed the church because I think it had great atmosphere for the size of our band,” Sader said.

The McPherson College band performed “Flurry For Winds and Percussion,” Variation Overture,” “Second Suite in F,” “Ave Verum Corpus,” “Chant and Jubilo,” “A Carol Festival” and “Riders for the Flag.”

A brass quintet featuring Joel

Grosbach, soph., Enders, Neb., Seth Schoming, jr., Davenport, Neb., Travis Walker, soph., Coffeyville, Kan., Derrick Ward, jr., Palos Heights, Ill. and Scott Tomlison, associate professor of music, entertained students, faculty and administration staff during Christmas dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Dr. Steven Gustafson, professor of music, is excited for the upcoming choir concert.

“It is a great opportunity to showcase a terrific college choir and to share the beauty of Christmas with our college community, the community of McPherson and the family and friends of our students,” Gustafson said.

The concert incorporates traditional and nontraditional pieces in order to expose the students to different types of music.

“I try really hard to blend traditional Christmas music with music they (students) haven't heard before,” Gustafson said.

Some of the traditional music the choir will be performing is “Fum, Fum, Fum,” “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly,” “Lo! How

a Rose E'er Blooming,” and “The First Noel.” There will also be songs by Eric Whitacre, Paul Basler, David Cherwien, Gordon Langford, Bob Chilcott and Daniel Pinkham.

A candlelight procession will start the performance. During the performance, the audience will be asked to join the choir for two songs known as the audience carols.

The choir will also be performing some songs with the help of the Central Christian College Choir and the McPherson Community Brass Choir.

Central will be helping with the songs “The Twelve Days of Christmas” and the “Christmas Cantata.”

Combining the McPherson College Choir and the Central Christian College Choir was a tradition that started in the early 1980s.

The tradition stopped four years ago after changes in choir leadership at both colleges.

This year, the colleges are trying to start the tradition once again.

The choir is also busy work-



photo by Lara Lichty

The brass quintet plays Christmas carols in the student union on Wednesday, Dec. 7 as students are served a special Christmas dinner. Those playing include (clockwise): Scott Tomlison, Travis Walker, Derrick Ward and Joel Grosbach. The quintet's music added to the holiday festivities.

ing on various other projects.

Recently the choir was chartered and therefore elected officers.

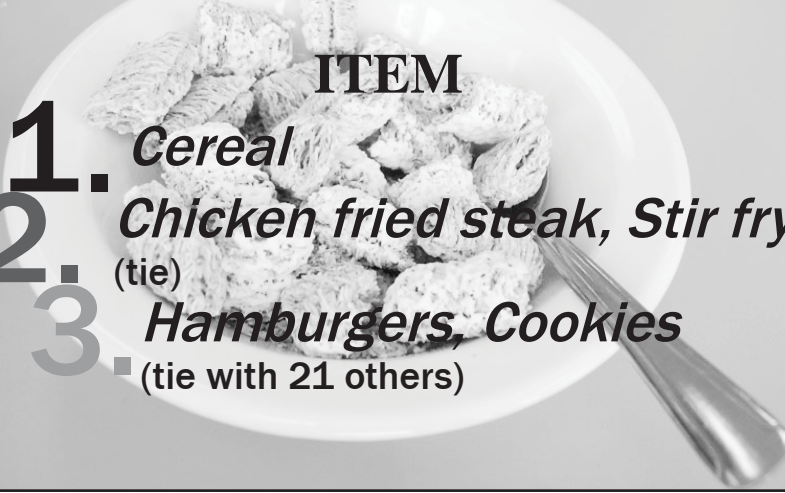
This year's officers include: president, Dawn Williams,

soph., Spring, Texas, and section leaders Heather Emery, fr., Fort Smith, Ariz., Jessica Foulke, soph., Lawrence, Bryan Grosbach, sr., Gladstone, Mo. and Joel Grosbach.

In early April, the choir will go on tour in central and western Nebraska, Colorado and western Kansas, to sing at other Brethren churches in these areas.

Mac's Best of 2005

BEST CAFETERIA FOOD



ITEM

1. *Cereal*
2. *Chicken fried steak, Stir fry*
3. *Hamburgers, Cookies*
(tie with 21 others)

BEST BOOK

1. *"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"*
2. *Bible*
3. *"The Brethren"*



BEST MUSICAL ARTIST

1. *Fall Out Boy*
2. *Eminem*
3. *Usher*



BEST SPECTATOR ARTICLE

1. *Pornography feature*
2. *Good Dog/Bad Dog*
3. *New faculty profiles*



BEST SONG

1. *"Laffy Taffy"*
2. *"When September Ends"*
3. *"My Humps"*

BEST SAB ACTIVITY

1. *Bingo*
2. *Movie night*
(with SGA)
3. *Bowling*
(with SGA)

BEST HOMECOMING MOMENT

1. *Football game*
2. *Court*
3. *Alumni ultimate*



BEST DAY OF THE WEEK

1. *Friday*
2. *Saturday*
3. *Thursday*

BEST (FILL IN THE BLANK)

1. *Gas price: \$1.93*
2. *Political event: Nick and Jessica's break-up*
3. *Wedgie: Beth Krehbiel/Jeremy Hoffman*
(*"all that remains is the elastic band"*)

BEST MOVIE

1. *"Saw II"*
2. *"Walk the Line"*
3. *"40 Year Old Virgin"*



BEST CLASS

1. *Seminar*
2. *Choir, Psychology*
(tie)
3. *Genetics, Spanish*
(tie)

Well, when compiling a survey of what McPherson College students thought was the "Best of 2005," I had no idea how diverse the opinions would be. For example, when determining the "Best Cafeteria Food Item," there was a 23-way tie for third place! Its no wonder the cafeteria can't ever please anyone! Some people like the pizza, others tortilla soup. Maybe I should reconsider the fill-in-the-blank survey! Maybe people should stop complaining so much!

It's also important to note that surveys are often inaccurate. They aren't given properly, written properly, tabulated properly or all three (talk to Ken Yohn if you're curious about this). I'm probably guilty of all three sins on this one survey. I know that I probably didn't make enough effort to survey off-campus students for one, and I'm sorry for that.

But, despite its flaws, here it is. The "Best of 2005" at and beyond McPherson College - tabulated by survey, by conversation and with a little of my opinion thrown in (it's my prerogative - I'm the Opinions Editor)! From all the Spectator staff, good luck on finals and enjoy your two weeks off for Chrismahanukwanzakaa...you'll be back soon enough to begin experiencing the best of 2006!
-- Jessica Foulke

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CORRECTION
In the November 18, 2005 issue of the *Spectator*, it was stated on the Opinion Page that Etaf Shaban was the president of Business Club. Kendra Stephenson is Business Club President. The *Spectator* apologizes for the error.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On the night of November 3, six students were informed that they must pay a fine totaling \$700 if they want to enroll in winter-term classes on the following day. Their misconduct appeared clear-cut as they were told that they had violated quiet hours. The college, however, clarified that the disturbance of quiet hours was not due to any noise that the students had made, but rather, from the noise of the ambulance they had called for an injured student. Allow me to relay the events of this particular evening.

On September 17th, I was asked to be the designated driver for an off-campus social event. I often do so, even if I have no desire to go the party, as I am strongly opposed to drinking and driving. Unfortunately, on this particular night, I made the mistake of allowing students to ride in the bed of my pick-up truck. It was a terrible mistake that I justified by the fact that I only had a few hundred feet to drive and there were many students in need of a ride back to campus. During the slow and cautious ride, one student stood up and fell off the truck. I have sincerely learned my lesson and taken responsibility in paying the \$94 ticket for illegal riding from our town's law enforcement, who also gave me a breathalyzer test that showed a 0.0 percent. Additionally, I have helped to resolve the student's medical bills and drove him to all follow-up medical appointments.

However, I do not regret how I and the other four students reacted once the accident took place. We remained calm and immediately brought the student to our safe, brightly lit campus, so we could better examine his wounds. It was then that we saw a deep gash in his chin. As a result, we did what any responsible, concerned person would do--we called an ambulance.

Six weeks later, six students were fined for calling an ambulance. We petitioned against the fine, stating what we believed was our strong

case: quiet hours were not disrupted until the ambulance arrived. No students came out of their dorms or complained of noise until the sounds of the sirens were heard. The college retorted that the fine would stand on the basis that "off-campus drinking caused a disturbance on-campus."

By stubbornly refusing to see how situation is an exception to the rule, McPherson College is sending two critical messages to its students. #1: Do not help other students in need, especially if you think it is alcohol related. If, for example, your roommate is vomiting excessively or has passed out from drinking, do not call an ambulance because you will be accused of guilt by association. Or, if you are in your dorm room and are asked for help as one student was on that night, do not help. One student came out of his room to help and was slapped with a \$100 fine. In addition, is McPherson encouraging students not to be designated drivers? #2: If you are injured off-campus, do not go on-campus. Do not look towards our campus as a safe place to go when you are in need of help.

During my two and a half years at McPherson, I have been touched by the gracious, giving students that make our Christian affiliated campus unique from other larger colleges. However, I am dismayed that our school is stubbornly supporting campus policy that encourages its students to turn their backs on Christian values. As a hard-working, serious student, I fully support quiet hours, but there are exceptions to every rule. I learned my lesson about not allowing students to ride in the back of my pick-up truck and the law has seen to my punishment. Do not punish me and other students, however, for doing what we believed was the right thing to do, what any good friend would do--bringing an injured student back to our campus and calling for help.

-- Adam Prince

The recent concerns regarding SGA's budget and club assistance, as voiced by a member of the Business Club, make it apparent that SGA needs to better explain some things. SGA drastically cut club funding this year, and as the letter regarding the Business Club showed, there remains some confusion regarding the reasoning behind this decision.

I'll first explain what the debt consists of. Last year, SGA incurred about \$14,000 in debt. Half of this came from absolving the debts of several inactive clubs with significant deficits. The other half of the debt is SGA's responsibility and we understand fully how and why we got into the situation.

Last year, the SGA Board gave \$18,741 in club assistance, and incurred about \$7,000 in debt by taking away club debt, as explained above, which totals to about \$25,800 in club support. Last year we got about \$55,000 from student activity fees, which pays for such activities as movies, bowling, the Spectator and club support, among other things. In the 2002-2003 school year, SGA gave about \$5500 in club assistance and in 2003-2004 gave about \$10869 in assistance. To put it plain and simple, last year the clubs were awarded greatly and it isn't quite accurate to base comparison on last year's allocations alone.

Another reason SGA is cutting club funding is the use of new guidelines for allocations, a practice we didn't use in the last two years. For example, we will provide support for travel and food but not for entertainment or club clothing. Also, beginning this year, SGA will only provide support to chartered organizations, a guideline not in place last year. By putting these controls on the way we spend our money, there is a less likely chance that SGA will go into further debt than they already have, especially with inactive clubs.

Increasing the time to pay of the debt is out of question. It is in SGA's best interest to get the debt taken care of swiftly and we are trying to be creative in finding ways to do so that don't affect the students as much as others would.

If I had one point to make to all the clubs, it would be that we aren't forgetting about or ignoring you. We have budgeted \$4000 for club assistance. Admittedly it is quite a bit less than the previous three years and the board would like to be able to provide more support to all clubs; however, SGA's situation does not allow any further assistance. We wish just as much as you that things were different.

-- Rhonda Hoffert

Capital punishment: appropriate or cruel?

The death penalty is an incredibly controversial topic. This is clear from the plethora of campus e-mails we've received over the past week. Please read and enjoy the following articles that have arisen from the online debate. To continue the discussion, please head to <http://wwwi.mcpherson.edu/discussion/> or continue submitting to the *Spectator*.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE PROMOTES PEACE

Letter to the Editor

Shane Kirchner

baby gifts. She never had the opportunity to hug her first grandchild. When Christopher was born, I felt sorrier for my dad who was living in Minnesota. I know my mom was in heaven and could see Christopher every moment of everyday, but my dad was in Minnesota, where he could not.

My family was raised in the Church of the Brethren. We had long been hearing the call for non-violence and a push for peace. I recall from trainings at camp and other youth events that the mantra was always to push for peace.

The inevitable question presented to people who promote peace is, "Yeah, but what if they _____ (hurt, rape, kill) your _____ (brother, sister, mother)?" I now know the answer. I seek peace.

As painful as the experience is, peace is the answer.

There is nothing that can ever be done that will bring my mother back. I must move on from this situation as best I can. With the help of family and friends, I can do that. The death penalty is a form of seeking revenge, and revenge is a form of hate. I chose a path of peace. I must choose this path, or my life will be consumed with anger, hate, and rage. It will affect my entire being and I don't want that.

To my knowledge, none of you have dealt with this kind of situation first hand. I pray you never do. It is devastating. But how you respond is up to you. I hope you choose peace.

Shane Kirchner
Assistant Professor
of Education
McPherson College
P.S. The choir room in Hess Hall is named in Loving Memory of Carol Ann Christy Kirchner, my mom. On behalf of my family, we bid peace to all who enter that space.



Illustration by Rhonda Hoffert

Biblical approach to the death penalty debate

Guest Columnist

Adam Shepard

ated for the Israelites to govern themselves to be successful and righteous, the same laws were transferred and spread to apply to everyone in the world when the title of "God's Children" was expanded to cover all of humanity with the sacrifice of Christ.

Those drawn to Christianity simply for the message of forgiveness are often dismayed to learn that moral law, and more strongly, the belief that we are "...not under law, but under grace..." as stated in

Romans 6:14, is not the only law governing Christians and, indeed, all people. If it were, one could commit any number of condemnable acts, and still be saved.

This does, in one aspect, lead to a whole other discussion on what kind of person is allowed into paradise. However, my intention is to delineate between physical death and spiritual death.

The contention of many Christians, including myself, is that God ultimately decides whom to allow into heaven, based on mercy, forgiveness and the concept of entire sanctification, while He grants authority to those in power on Earth to punish those who present a threat

to the well-being of society and its members.

This is not unfounded. In fact, within the New Testament, "Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above..." (John 19:11) in reference to the authorities in Rome. Similar New Testament verses concerning government authority can be found in Romans 13:1-5.

Aside from moral law, which stresses forgiveness and encourages the "Golden Rule" of loving your neighbor, civil law, which includes the Ten Commandments and any of the myriad of judicial laws setup in the Old Testament, still applies to Christians for the aforementioned

reasons of maintaining order and security.

Due to mistranslations within the King James text, many believe one such law states "Do not kill." However through much research based in the linguistics of the original text (Ancient Hebrew) the word used is actually *ratsach*, which means to kill without just cause, or simply, murder.

In fact there are three justifications for taking life given in the Old Testament laws, including capital punishment. In Genesis 9, God directs Noah after the flood in starting humanity anew, including verse six, which states, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image

of God made he man."

Not only did God mandate capital punishment, He set forth laws in its application to prevent the innocent from being executed, including the number of witnesses needed, what to do in cases of self defense and manslaughter (accidents and the like) and many other contingencies (Exodus chapters 21, 22, and 23, and Numbers 35: 15-34). It is also important to note that He says that the death of the condemned is unfortunate and not to be celebrated (Numbers 35: 30-31).

In the end, Christian views on the death penalty can and should be based on personal preference of the individual within the bounds of God's law.

Assessment of death penalty facts an analytical outlook

Guest Columnist

Brian York

much on executions as on life-long incarcerations (3). Considering such a heavy expense is incurred for executions, why don't states act civilly and save a buck?

On the topic of civility, I'll now discuss how when it comes to a country murdering its own citizens, America more readily aligns with Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Ghana and Singapore than we do with all of western Europe, Australia, all but two or three countries in South America, Russia and most of north-eastern Africa. In fact, America is one of the very few (less than a half dozen) countries in the entire western hemisphere that routinely employs execution (4).

At this point, I'd like to acknowledge that there are 12 states in the US who do not have a death penalty (5). In case it needs to be said, the United Nations does indeed have a "long-standing position against the death penalty (6)." Maybe we should take a hint, as a nation, to really think about what we're doing.

In the past three decades we know we have sentenced well-over 120 innocent people to die (7). In the past eleven years,

we have executed at least 16 completely innocent people (8). These numbers stand pretty boldly against the 1,000th execution that we've just endured. Together they make up an alarming one to 13.6 ratio. That is, for every 27 people we kill, we'll find two who are innocent beyond a reasonable doubt, and for every 62.5 people we've already killed, we've already killed one confirmed-innocent person. Again, it stands to reason that there are countless other cases of innocent people being executed, cases which we may very well never know about.

Sam D. Millsap Jr., former D.A. for a county in San Antonio, Texas recently said that America has "a system that permits people to be convicted based on evidence that could be wrong because it's mistaken or because it's corrupt (9)." Seventeen-year-old-Ruben Cantu had no previous convictions when Millsap brought a case against him for the murder of one man and the attempted murder of another. Cantu was proven not guilty. He was executed over a decade ago however, and his proof of innocence has come 12 years too late.

Thank you for your time; please check out my site and citations.

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Secular perspective on the death penalty

Guest Columnist

Sarah Moon

First, capital punishment is a part of government, so take the Bible and religion out of it. It is illogical to try and debate a governmental code to a religious code. Yes, capital punishment is based upon the code of Hammurabi, but have we ever thought that the reason this is still in use today is because the code of Hammurabi worked to govern more than one peoples, in a time of extreme social unrest?

Some of the countries who have abolished the death penalty have had thousands of years to secure a national identity. Three hundred years is a comparatively short time to collectively progress a country founded by overly religious people and convicts to a relatively new idea.

Second, death as a punishment is not a popular choice, evident by our overcrowded penitentiary system. The Quakers, who thought that time spent alone and taking penance for their wrong doings would better the person, created this system, thus the name penitentiary. All the inmates got was a small bench and a Bible, nothing more. This

is a huge difference in overall setup compared to today's prisons. We have taken into consideration the comfort of those convicted criminals and given them the comforts of multiple productive activities to choose. We also have employed work-release programs, and helped them finish their education.

To some extent, this is good because the criminal is bettering himself or herself. On the other hand, this seems wasteful to allow people who are in for life, or longer, to take part of these activities because they will not be able to use the skills gained through these programs.

Third, a jury of his or her peers tries the condemned. This means that more than one person thought that the criminal committed a crime. That jury is to acquit any charge where there is reasonable doubt of guilt. Technology is advancing quickly and evidence is much more commonly checked and

counter-checked by each of the legal representatives. The person found guilty is able to have a second trial if he or she can prove unfair trial or representation.

Fourth, the jury decides the punishment, meaning that the only way the death penalty is employed is that if everyone on the jury votes for capital punishment. They examine all accounts and take into consideration all of the people involved, including their own beliefs.

It would be nice if the Quakers' idea really worked for all cases. Unfortunately, personal choice or circumstance does not allow that change in everyone. A person can do something wrong, spend time alone with his or her actions and not come to terms with himself or herself or the higher power of choice. We know this can and does happen after a crime is committed, thus the employment of the death penalty. I am not saying an eye for an eye. I am saying if you knowingly and willingly take my eye from me, and show no remorse for that action, I do not want you near my neighbors to take their eyes as well.

SPORT CENTER

The Sport Center was built in 1983 and was originally 33,444 square feet. Doris Coppock, professor emerita of health, physical education and recreation was avid in naming the building. Her push was to name it with "sport" singular.

"Sport, when it is singular, is a much broader term. When it has an 's' on the end, it becomes less of a philosophical term and is limiting to sporting activities," Coppock said.

Additions were made in the summer of 2003 including coaches' offices, the weight room, training room and a large classroom. Renovations were also made at this time to the football/soccer stadium.



HARNLEY GARDENS

Harnley Garden was constructed in 2003. It was named after a former professor of natural sciences, Dr. Henry J. Harnley and the former science building, Harnley Hall, which was constructed in 1919. Dr. Henry J. Harnley began teaching in 1892 and served as president in 1913.

The garden was a gift from the Kenneth Morrison family in memory of Marjorie Anderson Morrison.

The bricks in the large wall of Harnley are those left from the original Harnley Hall and Frantz Hall, formal industrial arts building. Bricks in the garden can be purchased and engraved with names as memorials. Harnley Garden stands where Harnley Hall stood until it was torn down.



MELHORN SCIENCE HALL

Completed in 2001, Melhorn was named after two active alumni, Drs. J. Mark and Katherine Ramsey Melhorn. Mark is a hand specialist and Katherine works as a pediatrician. The couple resides in Wichita. Being national co-chairs of the myMC campaign and with Katherine serving on the board of trustees, they are very involved with the college.

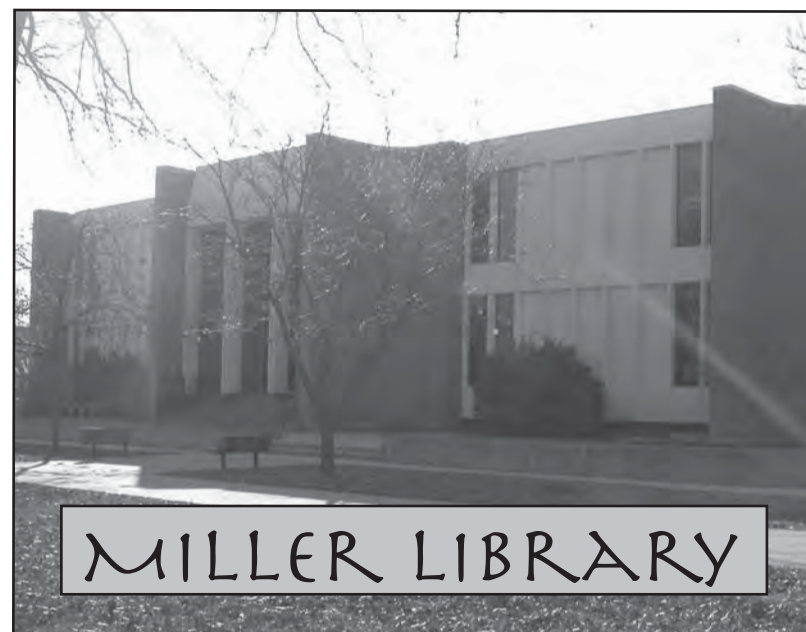
The bricks in the stairway hall are arranged in the Fibonacci sequence, a mathematical pattern.



TEMPLETON HALL

Built in 1976, Templeton was named after Leland and Viola Frantz Templeton, a couple that donated the land for the building. The building was built with the generous support of "Smokey" Billue.

The original building covered 27,531 feet, but several additions and renovations have been made. Seven thousand square feet were added in 1981; five thousand more in 2002 were added with the archive area and the building underwent renovations this year.



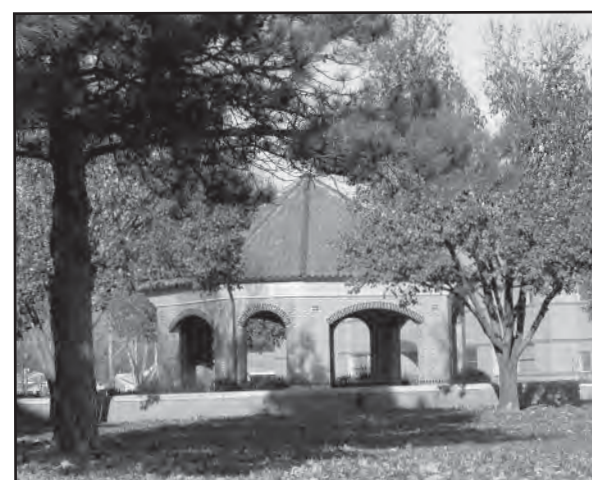
MILLER LIBRARY



Although M. Clare and Sadie Miller were not alumni of McPherson College, their continued contributions to the college named the library on campus. The couple worked in road construction and M. Clare served on the board of trustees.

Kansas Senator James B. Pearson spoke at the dedication ceremony of the library in 1970, making it quite the occasion for McPherson College.

Renovations for the library took place in the summer of 2002, including new carpet and the inclusion of the Career Center. The library also houses designer furniture, which also appears in the Modern Museum of Art.



HEASTON GAZEBO

Built in 1987 for the college's centennial celebration and made with material from former campus facilities, the structure was built to commemorate the past buildings.

The Heaston Gazebo was named after Dr. Will and Susannah Harnley Heaston. Will was once the college physician and Susannah was a sister of Dr. Harnley. When the couple passed away, their children gave their home to the college which now serves as the president's house.

A time capsule was placed in the center of the gazebo and will be opened in 2037. Faculty and students were invited to place items in it.

The structure was designed so that each window faces the location of old buildings Kline Hall, Sharp Hall, Arnold Hall and the gymnasium.



METZLER HALL

Metzler was built in 1963 and remodeled in 1987. It was named after Dr. Burton Metzler, professor emeritus of philosophy and religion for 44 years. Burton was a revered Bible teacher and his students thought he was "most like Jesus people could ask him to be."

The dorm was traditionally known as the "athletes' dorm" and according to a pamphlet from 1988, the Metzler men have the reputation of being "animals."



BITTINGER HALL

Bittinger Hall was named after President Desmond W. Bittinger and his wife Irene. Desmond was first a professor of sociology and education and later returned to the college as the 10th president. In his life he also served as a missionary, editor and author. Desmond was a leader in the Church of the Brethren, serving as Annual Conference Moderator in 1953.

The original Bittinger Hall was built in 1966 and was a men's dormitory. Students interested in living in Bittinger had to maintain a certain GPA. The original Bittinger Hall also hosted movie night before the theatre offered discounted tickets to students. This building was torn down in the spring of 1998 after being hit by a tornado. Currently, the new Bittinger Hall, built in the summer of 1998, houses female residents.



MOHLER HALL

Built in 1960, along with Brown and Friendship, Mohler was named after Dr. Robert E. Mohler, a 1907 graduate and professor emeritus of agriculture and biology for 39 years. He also served as the dean, basketball coach and assistant to the president at one time.

Merlin Frantz, professor emeritus of education and psychology remembers Mohler's involvement in the college.

"People would say Robert Mohler was the biology department for many years," Frantz said. "He was an avid speaker and very active in the church."

Mohler's blood is still circulating on campus, through his granddaughter's body, Susan Taylor, college librarian and professor of journalism.

MINGENBACK

The founder of Farmers' Alliance Insurance in McPherson gave a gift in honor of his mother, Julia J. Mingenback that soon evolved into the "black box" on campus.

The building of Mingenback took place in 1999, and the first show performed there was "Agness of God" by John Pielmeier.



MINGENBACK



BROWN AUDITORIUM

Brown Auditorium was named after Jessie Brown, professor of piano from 1915-1952. She was a single woman whose family were those active at the college. The basement once housed the music department and the first show put on in Brown was "The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash in September of 1960. The building has been the most notorious for pranks - one of the most infamous in 1984 when students removed nearly all the seats before the last convocation.

Who are all these buildings named after?

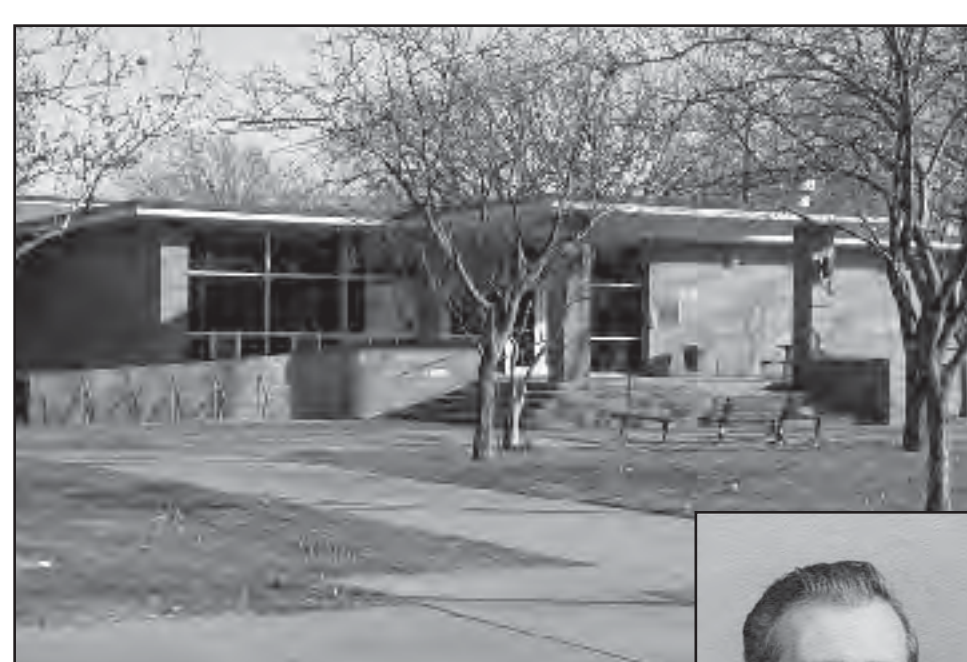
A featured Throwback: the history of McPherson College Buildings



DOTZOUR HALL

Dotzour Hall was built in 1953 and was named after Edna and Royer Dotzour, two farmers of western Kansas. The Dotzours were good friends of the college with no children of their own. They were quite fond of the women of Dotzour and when they visited the college, would often throw parties for the Dotzour women.

Dotzour originally housed 108 females, had a large parlor with a fireplace, large washing and ironing boards and a kitchenette. The new wing, now the mens' wing, was added in 1961.



HOFFMAN STUDENT UNION

In 1961, this building was built and named "Student Union." It was designed to resemble a ship. In 1986 it was remodeled and in 1998 it was renamed to honor president emeritus, Paul Hoffman. Hoffman was eyed as a man who befriended all. His face still shines on McPherson College, as he teaches Introduction to Christianity.

The basement of the Hoffman Student Union has had many purposes including housing the "Doghouse," a former student-run, late-night grill.



BEEGHLY HALL

Beeghly Hall was the third building to be constructed at McPherson College. It was built in 1906 and was originally named the Carnegie Library after Andrew Carnegie who was establishing libraries nationwide. When it opened, Carnegie library had 10,000 volumes.

The building was expanded in 1951 and was named the Beeghly Library after Milford Beeghly, a seed corn farmer and a McPherson College trustee. Milford was a champion hog caller and would often demonstrate his hog calling abilities at convocation. He also donated the original set of bells with the hope that they would be played on a regular basis.

In 1972, the building became Beeghly Music Hall. When Hess Hall was built in 1999, the music department moved and Beeghly became home to the alumni, advancement and communications offices.



HESS FINE ARTS CENTER

The donors for the Hess Fine Arts Center were two brothers, Dick and Jim and their wives, Beverly and Connie. The money was given in honor of their dad, George R. Hess. The family is in the oil business.

The building was finished in December of 1999 and was the first building on campus specifically designed for art.

The original classroom furniture was too small for students. Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre said it seemed like it was more for middle schoolers.

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MORRISON HALL

Morrison Hall, built in the summer of 1998, got its name from Milton and Rebecca Stauffer Morrison. The couple met as students of McPherson College. Rebecca's father was a long-time trustee and a meat packer while Milton came from a family in the oil business. Rebecca is still very active in her giving. She offers her time at the hospital auxiliary in Salina. A "Morrison House," similar to the well-known Ronald McDonald house was built in honor of the Morrises. Rebecca is also currently serving as a campaign endorser for the myMC campaign.



McPherson Mudhuckers host Ultimate weekend



ALAN GROSBACH
Spectator Staff

On December 3 and 4 the Flatland Freezer Ultimate Frisbee tournament was held at Grant Field.

This was the fifth annual tournament hosted by the Mudhuckers.

This year's tournament included teams from University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of Oklahoma, Wichita State, Kansas State, Sterling College, Grand Island High, Neb., Rockhurst High, Mo., Junction City High, Winona State, Minn., Central Missouri State and McPherson College.

Mudhuckers' captain, Alex Tyler, soph., spoke of the difficulties that arose while planning the tournament.

"A few teams backed out at the last minute. That caused some problems, but we were able to adapt to it because we are ultimate players," Tyler said. "A huge reason why it ran smoothly was thanks to the tournament director Ken Yohn."

The Flatland Freezer began Saturday morning with a team captains' meeting, and then the Mudhuckers took the field. Because of the canceled teams, brackets were rearranged, placing the Mudhuckers against Rockhurst High School Hawklets out of Kansas City.

In spite of windy conditions and some confrontations between players, the Mudhuckers had no problem beating the Hawklets 10-3.

In the second game of the day the Mudhuckers faced their KCAC rivals, Sterling College.

This game was the two teams' first meeting and the KCAC championship was on the line. It was a windy and sloppy game with the final score 11-6. During the game, Bryan Grosbach, sr. suffered a sprained ankle which sidelined him for most of the game. Grosbach tried to play with the injury, but was unable to continue.

This win guaranteed that the Mudhuckers would stay atop the KCAC for another year.

The Mudhuckers began their afternoon matches against two tough teams. The first game was against the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Winning this match was due to an outstanding performance by Tyler. Tyler scored the majority of the points, most of which were received from Andrew Gustafson, '05.

The next match would be against the toughest team in the tournament, Winona State.

This team moved the disc better than any other team in the tournament. The Mudhuckers were able to hang with Winona State for the first half, but Winona State came out

top 4-13.

The Mudhuckers ended the first day as the top seed in their pool and the number three seed overall, holding a record of 3-1. The Mudhuckers were cold, but came out of the day with only the injury to Grosbach and a lot of fatigue.

On Sunday, the temperatures dropped a couple of degrees and the wind died down.

According to this crazy bunch, this was the perfect weather for an ultimate Frisbee tournament.

The day began with a rematch against the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The Mudhuckers came away with another easy victory, 13-5.

The next game brought another tough opponent for the Mudhuckers. The Kansas State Huckstables have always played the Mudhuckers hard.

The teams share similar styles; they both run similar offenses and defenses. The game started close, but the depth and experience of the Huckstables came through in the end, giving the Mudhuckers another loss 7-13.

This loss gave the Mudhuckers 3rd place in the tournament, which is the team's best showing in the five years of the tournament.

This year's championship game was played by Winona State and Kansas State. Winona State played a difficult game and came out victorious to win the tournament championship 12-8.

Even though the Mudhuckers suffered a disappointing loss against rival Kansas State, much was learned at this tournament. The Mudhuckers only two losses came to the first and second place finishers.

The team this year is full of veterans, but there are some new people that made an impact on this year's team. Ryan McAleer, soph., Nick Box, fr., and Eric Sader, fr., are three of the new players that really helped the Mudhuckers along in this tournament. Dan Hudachek, jr., was pleased with the results of the tournament as well as the new players.

"Overall I think we played pretty well," Hudachek said. "I was really impressed with the play of some of our rookie players."

Tyler was also impressed with the results of the tournament.

"Placing third is the best that we have placed in a tournament, so I think it was a success. My goal was to place higher than we ever had, and we did so I was happy," Tyler said.

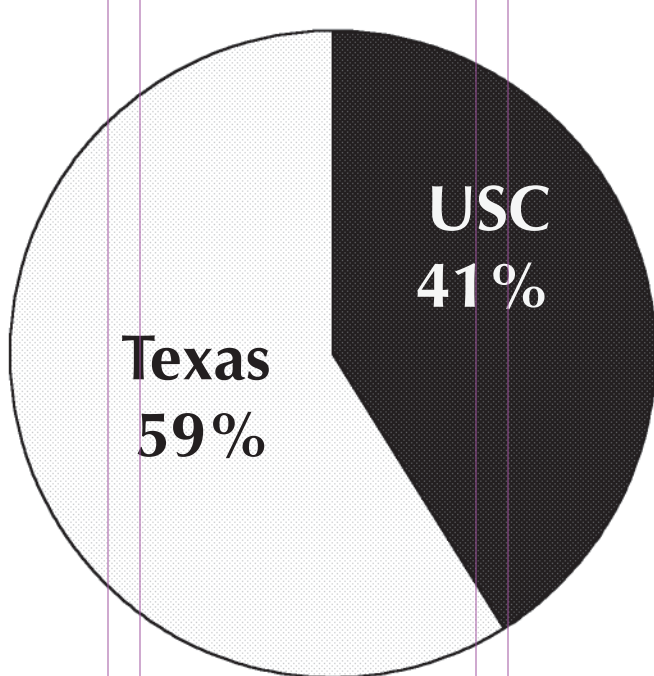
The Mudhuckers will take the winter off and begin the season again in the spring. With steady play from the veterans and a good play out of the rookies, the Mudhuckers should have high hopes for the spring season.

Team captain Alex Tyler, soph., looks to throw the frisbee up field while being defended during the Mudhuckers game versus Rockhurst High last Saturday during the Flatland Freezer. photo by Lara Lichty

Bulldog Nation

Who do you think will win the National Championship?

156 voters



Bulldog Athletic Moments of the Year "BAMYS"

Moment of the Year

Volleyball: beating number one seed, Bethel, in the conference tournament.

Men soccer: showing the conference that it was a fluke that Kansas Wesleyan defeated us here at our place to win the KCAC, by ending their season in the Regional Tournament.

Football: Brendan Netherton's, fr., interception return for a touchdown against Bethel with no time remaining.

Women soccer: Going to Friends University, who was one of the Pre-Season favorites this year and drawing with them 1-1. "We were definitely the better team that day and should have won. It was great to see the shock on the Friends faces of the players and coaches."

Cheer: first practice after the bonfire when the team, for the first time, came together as a team and put their differences aside.

Cross Country: For the men: finishing second as a team by only two points at Kansas Wesleyan. For the women: having all three women healthy and running at conference.

Top Performance of the Year

Cross Country: For the men: the team having a total team time of 29:46 per runner at conference. The team also lowered its score by 26 points from the year before. For the women: LeAnne Schmidt, fr., running a 21:12, which is the second best time for women in the last five years while running with a foot injury.

Women soccer: "Definitely the goal that Monique Buhl, fr., scored at Friends University. That was one of the best collegiate goals I've ever seen. It was definitely the best goal I've seen this year!" Coach Quint said.

Volleyball: Ashlee Douglas', soph., performance during the conference tournament game at Bethel.

Football: Dwight Hale's, fr., catch on fourth and nine against Bethel.

Men soccer: "John White's, jr., goal at Bethel College late in the second half to give us a 1-0 victory to open conference play."

Cheer: Bonfire stunts: the stunts were just learned and the team stuck them.

Strangest Athlete

Men soccer: "Everyone will definitely agree with this: Ramsey Asad (fr.)! We need to seek that kid some help!"

Women soccer: "Definitely all of them! They all have serious problems!"

Cross Country: Tolan Lichty, fr., and his obsession with water.

Cheer: Kathleen Realmuto, sr.: "Beginning of the season she was a dude....by the end of the season she was a chick."

Volleyball: Ashlee Douglas, soph.: "She makes you laugh." Has the ability to always collide with other players.

Football: Mark Shelton, fr.: he does back flips and he comes up with some strange stuff....he's just different.

Unsung Hero

Football: Louie Schnieder, sr.: Offensive linemen don't get the credit they deserve.

Volleyball: Renee Hall, jr.: played both junior varsity and varsity, did everything she was asked to do while her name wasn't always in the paper.

Cheer: Brian Schippert, jr.: he was the guinea pig. Anything we needed to try we stuck him in.

Cross Country: For the men: Bryan Grosbach, sr., Brent Caswell, fr., and Ben Cole, fr., numbers four, five and six. They allowed us to do what we did this year. For the women: Megan Meyer, fr., who improved every race through the season.

Men soccer: Michael Davis, soph.: "He consistently came up with some big saves for us this year! When we needed him the most, he stepped up! At Kansas Wesleyan he played the best game of his Bulldog career."

Women soccer: Princess White, soph.: "To have never played soccer before and to step in and do so well in the most important position on the field is amazing! That is the hardest position to play and she did a wonderful job for us this year after we lost Lindsey (Latham, soph.)!"

Who is your favorite college football team? (other than the McPherson College Bulldogs)

- Nebraska 21
- Texas 15
- Kansas St. 14
- USC 10
- Kansas 9
- Oklahoma 8
- Oklahoma St. 6
- Miami (Fla.) 5
- Ohio St.
- Colorado
- Colorado St.
- LSU 4
- Notre Dame 3
- Michigan
- Minnesota 2
- Texas A&M

- Texas Tech
- Alabama
- Oregon
- Washington 1
- Fresno St.
- BYU
- Iowa
- Missouri
- Arkansas
- Michigan St.
- Indiana
- Florida
- Duke
- Georgia
- Virginia Tech
- Florida St.
- Alabama St.
- Bridgewater College (Va.)
- Sterling
- Bethel
- Central Christian

SGA budget approved

Two-year debt recovery plan set in place

AMANDA KEITH
Spectator Staff

An end is finally in sight for the Student Government Association, which has spent the entire fall semester trying to work out the budget deficit. This week the budget and debt recovery plan were finalized and approved by members of the SGA board and the dean of students. Originally, SGA had proposed a three-year debt recovery plan, but changes were made to allow SGA to absolve the debt within two years beginning next year. The past debt totals

\$13,895.

The recovery plan allows SGA to pay off two-thirds of the debt in the 2006-07 academic year and the rest in 2007-08. SGA is projecting a surplus of about \$10,500 from this year's budget, which will go toward the first year of debt relief. Part of the increase in tuition and fees for next year is due to this debt recovery plan, though the increase still remains small compared to other area colleges. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, said McPherson College hosts many

more activities for students compared to other small colleges. For this reason, the college has often been challenged financially. "We're trying to do a lot of things for students, but we found that we weren't financed," Rothrock said. When members of SGA faced the debt at the beginning of this school year, they knew it would be tough to resolve. Rothrock explained that much of the debt was incurred by SGA from campus clubs. He is proud of SGA for taking it upon themselves to decide what is important

to students. "They've had a lot of very good discussions to decide what they value most," Rothrock said. The SGA board also had to make decisions about what could not be included in the budget this year, including club allocations. Revisions to this process have been made. Clubs now have to go through SGA to request money. Clubs have to be chartered to receive money from SGA and they have guidelines they must follow about what money can be used for. SGA will approve money for food and transportation,

but not for entertainment or clothing. These and other guidelines will be implemented as permanent bylaws to the SGA constitution. Now that SGA has finalized the budget, members are happy to move on. SGA president Rhonda Hoffert, jr., Golden, Colo. is a prime example. "I feel exhilarated and relieved because there were so many layers to the debt that it was hard to sort out," Hoffert said. "SGA will be concentrating more on student concerns next semester since the budget consumed us this semester."

SGA Budget

The 2005-06 SGA budget has been approved.

Spectator	13,000
Movies	8,000
SGA Salaries	8,200
Club Allotments	4,100
Bowling	4,000
Club Assistance	4,000
Homecoming	1,200
Training	845
Student Activities	500
Misc. Expenses	3,500
T-Shirts	340
Copying	100
SAB	14,000
Total	61,785
Income	72,250*

*Approximate

Death penalty raises heated campus debate

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News Editor

A group of students on campus known as AWARE recently brought forth an issue to the campus they are concerned with - the death penalty. Beth Krehbiel, sr., Pratt, a member of AWARE, met with other AWARE supporters last week to discuss what their initial topic of concern would be this year. "We decided that (the death penalty) would be the first issue we would tackle," Krehbiel said. The discussion came about because the 1,000th execution in the United States since 1977 occurred last week.

Kenneth Lee Boyd, known for fatally shooting his wife and father-in-law 17 years ago, received a lethal injection last Friday, Dec. 2. For this reason, members of AWARE, who are concerned with worldly issues such as consumer goods, environmental issues and women's rights, felt it necessary to inform students on campus about the wrongs of the death penalty. However, Agnes Teixido-Grana, sr., Barcelona, along with other AWARE members did not realize that this topic would raise such a debate, as many students on campus have responded by e-mail arguing the issue of the death penalty. "We're glad people took an

interest in it," Teixido said. "The thing (issue) has been going on for almost a week now and I think it's quite interesting." Teixido said the group's intention was not to "push our point of view on people," but to inform people in the most respectful way. On the other hand, fellow students on campus disagree. Lindsey Latham, soph., El Reno, Okla., believes other issues in the world take precedence over this one. "There are more important things going on in the world: poverty, the war in Iraq," Latham said. "I think they're trying to make people aware, but I think they went above and

beyond." Latham also disagrees with AWARE in the fact that she supports the death penalty. "Once you kill somebody, you're going to have the motivation to do it again," Latham said. Latham said the only area she agrees with AWARE's standpoint when it comes to people being mistakenly sentenced and executed. "The thing that makes it (the death penalty) different are cases where they find out later that they (the person executed) didn't do it," Latham said. Jeff Reitz, soph., Wellington, is another student who disagrees with AWARE and supports the death penalty.

Reitz joined other students in the mass e-mail response to the information AWARE put forward. "If the penalty for stealing would be that you lose your right hand, I don't think anybody would steal," Reitz said. Reitz applied this concept to murder and the death penalty as well. Reitz said by executing Boyd, Boyd's children will not grow up with a murderer as a role model and Boyd will not be able to take another life. Reitz also made a point about Texas' ruling on the death penalty. He agreed that if there are three or more people who witness a murder, then that person should be put to death.

Reitz questioned why murderers were given life sentences at all. "It doesn't seem like to me it's (a life sentence) going to benefit them (murderers) any. They're just going to die in prison anyway," Reitz said. Whether in agreement with AWARE or not, the group has raised a debate that is continually growing. In fact, because e-mail inboxes were being crowded with mass responses, an on-line discussion group was created. In the future, AWARE hopes to move these on-line debates towards organized person-to-person discussion about other worldly issues the group is concerned about.

College students prone to seasonal illnesses

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News Editor

The spread of sickness is a given when it comes to college campuses; McPherson is no different. Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, said about 62 students have reported being sick so far this year. Although exact numbers are not available for comparison from years past, Johnson said the number of sick students is probably about the same. The difference is that more students have realized she offers over-the-counter medications and health advice, so more students are coming to her for help. As the semester draws to a close, many students are finding that stress of finals, along with other causal factors, is a primary cause of sickness at this time of the year. Johnson said what she has seen so far has been mostly respiratory sickness including coughing, sinus infections and especially sore throats. Jamie Schropp, jr., Assaria, has been sick once this semester already. She said she had a fever, sore throat and cold, which lasted nearly two weeks. "I lost my voice pretty much entirely for four to five days," Schropp said. Schropp let the cold run its course, using over-the-counter medications to fight it off.

Are you stressed out?

Put a check in the space provided beside each situation that has happened to you over the past 12 months. At the end total up your score using the numbers in the right-hand column.

1. Death of a close family member _____	100	12. Serious Argument with close friend _____	40	26. Chronic car trouble _____	26
2. Death of a close friend _____	73	13. Change in financial status _____	39	27. Change in the number of family get-togethers _____	26
3. Divorce between parents _____	65	14. Change in scholastic major _____	39	28. Too many missed classes _____	25
4. Jail term _____	63	15. Trouble with parents _____	39	29. Change of college _____	24
5. Major personal injury or illness _____	63	16. New girl-or-boyfriend _____	37	30. Dropping of more than one class _____	23
6. Marriage _____	58	17. Increase in workload at school _____	37	31. Minor traffic violations _____	20
7. Firing from job _____	50	18. Outstanding personal success _____	36		TOTAL _____
8. Failure of an important course _____	47	19. First semester in college _____	36		
9. Change in health of a family member _____	45	20. Change in living conditions _____	31		
10. Pregnancy _____	45	21. Serious argument with an instructor _____	30		
11. Sex problems _____	44	22. Lower grades than expected _____	29		
		23. Change in sleeping habits _____	29		
		24. Change in social activities _____	29		
		25. Change in eating habits _____	28		

If your score is 300 or higher, you have a high stress level and may be at risk for developing a health problem. If your score is between 150 and 300, you have a moderate stress level and may have a slight risk of developing a health problem. If your score is below 150, you have a low stress level and a very low chance of developing a health problem.



She said that normally, once she's been sick, she is fine for a while. "I usually have something different than most people get," Schropp said. "I don't get sick very often, but when I do, I get sick longer." Johnson said the sickness on campus started picking up in late September. One contributing factor is that students return to college

from weekends and breaks with bugs they have picked up from family members. "When people get back from breaks, we seem to have a bigger number (of sickness)," Johnson said. However, Johnson said much can be prevented by the students themselves. "Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands," Johnson said.

She also said going to bed earlier and eating better will help students' bodies to fight off illness. "Don't wipe your nose, eyes, or your mouth with your hands because that's the fastest way to get it (sick)," Johnson said. Starting early in the year, the college provides ways to prevent sickness on campus. Although Johnson said McPherson has not seen a case

of meningitis, the college still offers meningitis shots at a reduced price at the beginning of each year. Studies show that college students are susceptible to meningitis because of close quarters in the dorms. "The people who are most highly susceptible to it (meningitis) are college freshmen," Johnson said. Meningitis is a serious illness in which a bacterial or viral infection causes swelling and inflammation of the brain and spinal cord. Although people who acquire meningitis normally recover, meningitis can be fatal. Johnson also contacted the McPherson Health Department and in early November, nurses from the department gave flu shots on campus. Johnson said giving flu shots on campus this year was very successful, and therefore she will arrange for it annually. "It's strongly recommended that college students get flu shots," Johnson said. Johnson explained that college students are more likely to get the flu, even more so than infants or the elderly. She said the difference is that infants and elderly people have a harder time fighting the flu, so it is more dangerous for them. Though Johnson has already seen an increase in the amount of sickness from the start of the school year, she said the worst normally does not come until February.

FINALS ADD TO STRESS, SICKNESS

Finals week is quickly approaching and so is the amount of stress college students have. Stress can be positive and negative; positive because it often motivates students to study harder and work towards their goals. However, stress can be detrimental to a student's emotional, physical and mental health. During finals, many students cram for tests and research papers, clock long hours and do not eat right. Each of these factors puts stress on a student's body. Stress wears the body down, which can lead to sickness, depression, headaches, an upset stomach and a number of more severe problems. Health officials said having a plan helps to reduce the amount of stress during finals week. They also offer a number of tips to help students out including: limiting all-nighters and getting six to eight hours of sleep a night, eating healthy and regularly and limiting caffeine. Officials also said taking breaks and allowing your brain to relax helps, as well as reducing distractions, not procrastinating and remembering to do the best you can.

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