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Beth Krehbiel, sr., Pratt, Taylor Parsons, fr., Westminster, Colo., Brent Scarpo, Brendan Netherton, soph., Colorado Springs, Colo. and Matthew Jean, soph., Santa Barbara, Cali., discuss Scarpo's documentary Sunday night at McPherson College's convocation. Scarpo presented a self-directed and produced documentary entitled "Journey to a Hate Free Millennium," then opened a time to discuss what the students had seen.

## Hate hits home for students

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
News Editor

Racism. Columbine. Fred Phelps. Sept. 11, 2001 World Trade Center attacks. The Holocaust.

What do all these things have in common?

Hate.  
Brent Scarpo, director, producer and writer of movies such as "The Shawshank Redemption," "Air Force One" and "That Thing You Do," shared his passion for the subject of hate Sunday night during convocation at McPherson College.

Scarpo, who directed and produced the documentary, "Journey to a Hate Free Millennium," has visited numerous high school and college campuses

across the United States, Puerto Rico and 12 foreign countries, hoping to bring the realities of hate closer to home.

"We've become so desensitized by this stuff, that it doesn't seem real," Scarpo said.

Scarpo's film documents the pain of several families who have experienced hate crimes in the United States as well as actions taken against those crimes.

Those stories include that of Matthew Shepard, who was murdered for being a homosexual and James Byrd Jr., who was chained to the back of a truck and dragged to his death because he was African-American.

Scarpo also included the story of Rachel Scott and the Colum-

bine shootings, Fred Phelps' demonstrations, as well as the Holocaust.

Scarpo said, however, that hate does not begin with such drastic actions. It occurs long before that.

"I believe hate begins with a single thought," Scarpo said. "One single thought began that chain reaction."

As a way to introduce the subject of hate, Scarpo confronted the audience with the question, "am I part of the problem or am I part of the solution?"

Scarpo said identifying hate is the first step in finding the solution to a hate-free society. However, he also explained, "you need to see what hate looks like before you can identify it."

Scarpo believes the answer to

all the world's problems can be found in two places: a class full of kindergartners and a senior citizen home.

In finding solutions for hate, Scarpo said speaking up when a person experiences a form of hate will diminish the hate.

He also said a person's actions either contribute to hate or take away from it and that we need to think before we act in a way that will hurt someone.

Scarpo added, "agree to disagree, but walk away with respect for each other."  
Another factor that plays a role in the amount of hate in society is the advancement of technology.

Scarpo said through technology, it is easier for one person to blame their actions on another.

"We don't have to feel the pain of our actions," Scarpo said. "We do not have to deal with the consequences."

As a way to include audience participation, Scarpo snagged four college students from the audience: Taylor Parsons, fr., Westminster, Colo., Matthew Jean, soph., Santa Barbara, Cali., Brendan Netherton, soph., Colorado Springs, Colo. and Beth Krehbiel, sr., Pratt.

The students were asked what they thought of the documentary.

Netherton thought the documentary was "honest," while Parsons said, "I thought it was sad because it actually happens."

They were also asked for ways to prevent and solve the

world's hate.

Jean provided one solution. "We should all learn about each other," Jean said.

Scarpo challenged Jean to do just that in the following week. He also challenged the rest of McPherson's students to do the same.

After being prompted by Scarpo, the four students provided four ways to prevent hate at McPherson College and across the world as students interact with others throughout life.

Forgiveness, communication, education and going beyond color.

These four issues are a start to a hate-free society because Scarpo said, "the only thing that hate causes in the world is suffering."

## Play adds comical twist to funerals

LARA LICHTY  
Spectator Staff

"Dearly Departed," a comedy by David Bottrell and Jesse Jones, will be showing in Mingenback Theatre this weekend tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30. The play will be performed again on March 10 and 11.

"Dearly Departed" opens with the death of a man played by Rick Tyler, professor of theatre. The plot intensifies and an American farce begins as the man's dysfunctional family begins planning his funeral.

Those involved in the show think it will be a big hit.

"It's an extremely funny show," said director Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of theatre. "It's probably the funniest show McPherson theatre department has done in a few years."

Cast member Colleen Gustafson, sr., McPherson, agrees the show is comical. "The script is really funny,"

Gustafson said. "We were basically rolling on the ground with laughter during the first read through. That has been one of our biggest struggles; portraying the comedy without pushing it too far."

James Keith, sr., McPherson, said people should not feel shameful finding humor in this play.

"Death can be funny and there is no shame in laughing at a funeral," Keith said.

A unique feature of "Dearly Departed" is that there are not key roles. Bowman said instead the cast works as one unit.

"[The cast] works as a great ensemble," Bowman said. Gustafson agreed.

"Even the smallest role adds a lot to the show," Gustafson said.

The ensemble includes the following people: R.Tyler as Daddy Bud; Akeisha Kaufman, jr., Moundridge, as Raynelle; Jessica Foulke, soph., Lawrence, as Marguerite; Kyle Gurs, fr., Leavenworth, as Royce; Gus-

tafson as Lucille; Alex Tyler, soph., McPherson, playing Ray-Bud; Jessica Arnold, fr., La Cygne, as Suzanne; Cody Doll, fr., Healy, playing Junior; Wendi Cloud, sr., McPherson, playing Delightful and Nadine; Amanda Keith, sr., McPherson, as Junita and Veda; James Keith, playing the roles of Reverend Hooker, Norval and Clyde; Joel Grosbach, soph., Enders, Neb., as Cecil Depew, the funeral director; and Dan Hudacheck, jr., Stillwater, Minn., stage manager.

R. Tyler said "Dearly Departed" has been extra enjoyable for him because it is a student-oriented show.

The set was designed by Grosbach, Brandt Busse, sr., McPherson, designed the lights and Jennifer Terhune, fr., Salem, Ore. is running sound. Mary Hughes, McPherson, took care of props and the theatre staff has been busy building the set.

Ever since Bowman's graduation from McPherson College,

he has been sending Tyler scripts to read. "Dearly Departed" was one of the plays Bowman recommended for this year.

Later, when Bowman came to interview, he used "Dearly Departed" as one portion of his interview.

Tyler said the theatre students involved helped influence his decision to perform this show. "When the students read through it, there was such a positive reaction that I decided to add the show to the 2005-2006 season," Tyler said.

Bowman warns audience members that he would rate the show PG-13 for language and adult themes.

A First Nighters dinner will precede this weekend's performances in the style of a funeral dinner potluck.

Due to limited seating in Mingenback, a full house is expected for this weekend. Anyone interested in watching the show next weekend must make reservations by calling the box office at ext. 1211.



photo by Lara Lichty  
Alex Tyler, soph., McPherson and Colleen Gustafson, sr., McPherson rehearse a scene from the play "Dearly Departed." The play is a comedy about a funeral and opens tonight at 7:30 in Mingenback Theatre.

# Quest for the ultimate porcelain throne

When initially contemplating writing an article about bathrooms for the *Spectator*, my first thought was...ew. I wanted to back out almost instantly. However, after considering it, I figured I could be providing a very valuable service to the campus community. I mean, to put it bluntly, everybody pees, and to be honest, I do put a lot of thought into what bathroom I'm going to use when I have to go. I hope I'm not the only one.

There are several very important factors to consider when choosing a suitable bathroom for your... particular...needs. First and foremost is cleanliness, automatically discounting the dorm bathrooms on the weekends. Ew. I think you know what I mean. Secondly, and nearly as important, is privacy. For most people, it is critical to have some alone time while doing... business. Also important are: numbers of bathrooms per building (more in one building makes them cleaner and more private automatically), proper amounts of supplies (*Please* wash your hands with soap, people.) and proper locks, among other things, help make the best bathroom decision.

In taking some informal surveys and testing some personally, I have compiled a 'best' and 'worst' list of the bathrooms on campus. Everyone seems to have an opinion on this topic. Seriously, I'm sure you could ask any student on campus and they would tell you—no one whom I spoke with was the least bit shy in revealing their favorite spot. Keep in mind that with my...restrictions, I simply cannot

Guest Reviewer



JESSICA FOULKE

visit every bathroom on campus (Although some people thought I should go undercover, I personally like my freedom and therefore do not want to get into too much trouble, even for the noble cause it may be). Gentlemen, my apologies if these do not apply completely to you, but I have a feeling that there are some similarities.

To begin, the Worst Bathrooms of McPherson College (in bad to worse order):

(5) The bathroom in Hess. There is nothing outwardly disgusting about this bathroom. It is simply brown. I mean, isn't that redundant? More offensive, however, is the fact that this bathroom is shared by every single person needing to go while in the fine arts building. Ew!

(4) The basement of the SU. "What?!" you all exclaim, "That's one of the best bathrooms on campus!" Ah, but there lies the problem. Everyone on campus seems to think it's the cleanest, quietest, most private bathroom on campus! That means everyone's going to the bathroom there!

(3) The basement of Beeghly. If you've never experienced the 'wonder' of this bathroom, you should. There's no stall! It's just a small chain that (if you remember to hook on the door) separates you from extreme embarrassment.

Plus, the wall is covered in musical instruments (but don't take the paper down, it adds to the history of the building although it makes my head hurt).

(2) The visitors' bathroom of Metzler. This is not from personal experience but I hear that it echoes. That's not the best trait of any bathroom. It's just wrong on so many levels.

(1) The dorm bathrooms. They are particularly bad on the weekends but they are certainly *never* private, and each has its own vices. In Bittinger (and probably Morrison since they're *identical*), it seems like if you flush the toilet, it will be pulled from the wall itself! In Dotzour, sharing with 15 other people means that you are essentially never alone. Plus, on the weekends, I don't even want to walk in there, much less use the facilities.

And now (drum roll please), the Best Bathrooms of McPherson College (in good to best order):

(5) The library bathrooms. Even though you have to go up or down to get to them, their unique location ensures privacy. Did I mention how important privacy is? They're retro too and you've got to love those aquamarine tiles. I would suggest the basement bathroom, personally.

(4) The upstairs Mohler restroom. Even though it's frequented often, it seems to be the best place for a quick release. Its location is near all those business and English classrooms and near the coke machines, very important indeed.

(3) I don't have a three. I've thought about it, tested, and



Illustration by Seth Schorning

looked up and down. There isn't a third best bathroom on the McPherson College campus. I can't believe it. There's always a three...except for today. Sorry, folks.

(2) The bathrooms in Brown Auditorium. There are several, and I bet that the majority of you didn't know they existed. That's the whole point. They're clean, quiet and ultra-private. All around they are very, very nice bathrooms and are outfitted in that same retro style for a step back in time when doing what you need to do.

(1) The basement of Melhorn! Actually, the bathrooms of Melhorn in general are excel-

lent. The lighting seems perfect, they're *always* clean and there's hardly anyone ever in there (science majors, do you use the restroom?). I mean, when you go in, half the seats are up (Again, this is a female restroom.) because nobody uses them! It's fabulous, sterile and quiet. It's perfect for any bathroom need (not that there are *that* many).

Well, I guess now I'll just sit back and wait for my Pulitzer Prize for journalism now.

Oh, you can't get one of those for a ridiculous article like this?

Fine, I'll just go to the bathroom then.

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## Keep on truckin'

### On the Fly

#### If you were a piece of furniture, what would it be and why?

"Probably a La-Z-Boy. It's manly."

-- Jeff Balman  
Jetmore



"I'd have to be a table. It's sturdy and it holds things. I'm a strong person and people can depend on me."

-- Kimberly Smith, fr.  
Milford

"A nice, big, comfy, leather chair because it resembles everything I am: comfortable but supportive."

-- Anthony Riess, fr.  
Ixonia, Wis.



"I'd probably be a loveseat because I think it's just the perfect size."

-- Christa Blose, sr.  
Stillwater, Okla.

"A recliner because it's comfortable."

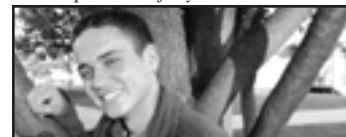
-- Brian Weisser, soph.  
Salina



Once again, it is that time of deadline night for me to fill space, although small may it be, and leak a few of my thoughts out for the world. The subject matter, after careful consideration over the past 30 seconds, has been deemed: keeping optimistic through the troughs of one's life.

The past couple of weeks, I have not exactly had the greatest of times. My mother has not died, I haven't been kidnapped nor have my major belongings been stolen. However, like everyone else also experiences from time to time, a few events occurred which simply did not make me

Contemplations of my Mind



ERIC SADER

the happiest of persons.

Because of these occasions, a few different moments caused me to really wonder if my optimistic outlook on life was still viable. The answer to my ponderings of course was an astounding "yes!" Why? Well, there is simply no other alternative. If our world cannot change, ignoring the fact that this is blatantly historically false as well, all we

work for is absolutely pointless. Put mildly, this is not tolerable for me and nor should it be for anyone else out there either.

I am not writing this spiel for myself. I am quite content altogether and it takes far more than a few petty roadblocks of injustice to slow me down. However, the intent of this article is to reach out to those who aren't feeling as courageous in their struggles towards progress.

Know that regardless of what others may tell you, you should not forget your aspirations and goals in life. Continue onward persevering, perhaps redirecting some goals along

"LIFE IS GOOD."

the way, and eventually you will come out all right. I can't promise you perfection, but I do promise what you need to meaningfully survive will surface.

Well, that's about it. Yes, far shorter than you imagined a rant of mine could possibly ever be, eh? There's not too much to it though. Life is good. It's mixed with its bad elements but that's where it's our job to do some cleanup.

Staff Editorial

## Few fall asleep at convocation

To be honest, we as a staff, were dreading Sunday's convocation. Preconceptions had already been formed as to how uneventful and monotonous it would be.

However, these biases soon left our minds as we were caught up in the reality of hate. Brent Scarpo caught and held our attention with his documentary, "Journey to a Hate Free Millennium."

He honed in on heart-wrenching stories, such as the shootings at Columbine and the racism against James Byrd Jr. These stories are known to us all and make us aware that hatred is taking place all around us.

Afterward, Scarpo opened up a discussion in which some issues that needed to be discussed were discussed. Hopefully, from the forum that took place, students will see the need to step out of their boxes and meet new people; people that are unlike themselves.

Overall, the reaction was positive; it was more interesting than many convocations, partly due to student interaction.

The realization that hate is so prominent not only in the world, but right here on campus, knocked on hearts and stirred students' minds. We were challenged to make a difference in the world through our words and actions. Scarpo emphasized apologies and forgiveness.

In conclusion, convocation was not only a thought-provoking experience but also an educational one.

### Gazing into the crystal ball of reality...



### Spring 2006 Photo Phenomenon ...is dead



Unfortunately, due to a lack of student response, the Photo Phenomenon has retired for the time being. However, if any of you get the burning desire to impress the student body with your skills at a later time, give me or the *Spectator* a holler and we'll be more than happy to accommodate.

# Racism, an old concept still causing turmoil

## Two debate the prevalence of racism: where's it at today?

The United States is known as a melting pot. Many people forget that the majority of people who live here have an ancestry other than American.

Unless you are 100 percent Native American, you may have many different ethnic, cultural, and racial backgrounds in your family. My daughter for example has Irish, German, Portuguese, Mexican, African American, Dutch, English and several different Native American tribes as ancestral, racial and ethnic backgrounds. To me, she is what being an American is all about.

She has slightly tan skin, brown eyes and brown hair, very nondescript of any certain race. Yet, she is still called a "spic" and "Pocahontas." Her father, who was mostly Native American, was often mistaken for Hispanic and people would come up to him speaking Spanish; he would have no idea what they were saying.

Too many people forget what the founding fathers stood and fought for: freedom, freedom from discrimination. It comes in many ways and for many reasons: race, religion, ethnicity, etc. Even after all the battles won, it is still a problem in American society today.

In our schools, there is an ever-present conflict between different races: name calling, beatings, harassment, and even death. Gangs in the schools are often racially separate, causing even more conflicts.

It is the trend in America to adopt a child from another country. No one looks at these parents differently or says things behind their backs. However, if my child would have been born darker or with curlier hair, I guarantee that I would have gotten disapproving looks at the grocery store and comments would have been made to my face and behind my back about interracial relationships, about sticking with my own race.

Why do I know this? It is be-

Guest Columnist



HEATHER WILLIAMS

cause one of my best friends has a child who is fair-skinned, blue-eyed and blond and another who is dark-skinned, brown-eyed and dark-haired. They both have the same father (who is Hispanic and Native American) but each child took after a different parent. My friend has had people ask her why she went from a white man to a Hispanic man when she never did. People just assume this from looking at the two children.

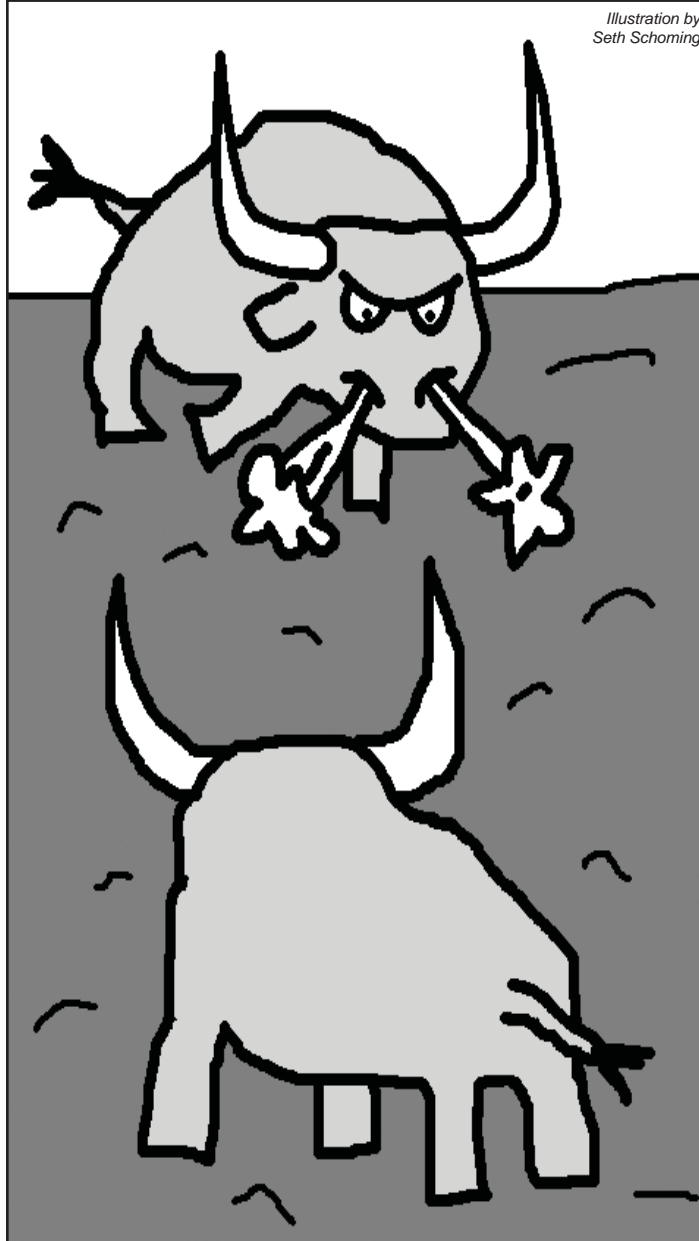
I work with a girl who has one white child and two who are African American and white. She gets the same negative feedback from people she comes across. She hears the comments and sees the looks she and her children receive from strangers.

That is what burns me the most. As adults, we are capable of dealing with issues such as racism but these children are not. I know they are not the only targets of racism, but they are the ones who do not understand, expect, or know how to deal with it.

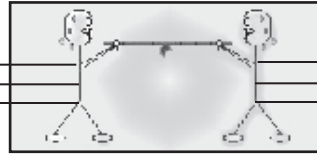
It drives me crazy that as a white person I can be given a job from an employer because they can see no racial background but that my friend who is apparently bi-racial and more qualified than I am will be denied the same job.

There are so many stereotypes that go along with backgrounds that it can be dizzying and unfair to society. If we are truly a civilized nation, then racism and discrimination should not be going on. I would bet that almost everyone has been racially discriminated against or knows people who have had someone say something to them because of their race. I know it is cliché but we should really treat others the way we want to be treated. Then there would be no color lines, no discrimination and no stereotypes holding us back.

Illustration by Seth Schomig



### THE BULL YARD



#### POWER POLL RESULTS: IS RACISM A SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEM IN TODAY'S SOCIETY?

YES: 71%

NO: 13%

UNSURE/OTHER: 16%

100 Students Polled

When you grow up in a small town in the middle of Kansas, racism isn't as noticeable as it would be in a big city like New York. Maybe I'm just naive, but I don't feel racism is a big deal in today's society. I grew up with a single, white mother and believe me, she got enough dirty looks at supermarkets and Wal-Mart to last a lifetime. Looking through the eyes of a biracial child is a special experience. I've been criticized because I "don't act black" or because I'm "a mutt," and sure, I've met my share of racist people but I don't feel it's a big problem anymore.

Shows such as "Mad TV," "Wild 'N Out" and "South Park" all poke fun at current events and issues in the world. Race is and always will be a hot topic to pursue but it has evolved a lot since it became an issue.

While I feel racism isn't a problem, I believe stereotyping in general is. It's rare that I hear someone degrade others based solely on their skin color but there's a lot of stereotyping going on instead. Because I'm black, I should like fried chicken and Kool-Aid (which I do by the way) or I should come from a loving, two-parent household that has a stable income because I'm white (which I didn't). Asians should be intelligent and Mexicans should love tacos and burritos. These are all stereotypes that emerged a long time ago and still shadow these races.

These comments are not said out of disrespect for merely the color of one's skin. They're made because they're what's known as the "social norm." Stereotypes don't just come out of thin air. Somewhere, some-

Guest Columnist



MEGAN MCKNIGHT

one was providing them. Society has come a long way from the days of slavery and ignorance. In no way am I agreeing with racism or saying that it isn't still happening. I just feel that it has been weighed down by stereotyping, causing it to fade away. Even the racist terms used to degrade others have evolved. African Americans have taken the "N word" and turned it into something positive for them. The word is (most of the time) no longer used to make the race feel inferior.

The United States had a lot of eye-opening events over the past ten years that forced us to reevaluate some of our actions. Regardless of how you feel about the war on racism, when it gets down to it, you will defend what is yours. If someone makes a racist comment to you, you won't take it lying down. I realize a lot of people have not been put in a situation like that and don't know how they would react but believe me, a lot of people have and they're the reason why racism has decreased.

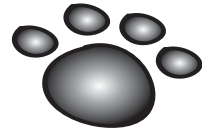
Yes, racism still exists. No, it is not a large problem anymore. I feel that what society is faced with now is putting up with all the stereotyping that emerged from racism. Stereotyping can be good and bad but I feel it will always be an issue and no one can escape being that Asian who should be great at math or African American that is assumed to listen to rap and use slang.

### Good Dog

The McPherson College Religious Heritage Lecture Series is featuring the executive director of Amnesty International this Sunday.

Baseball Spring Training has begun.

Mardi Gras at the cafeteria was entertaining.



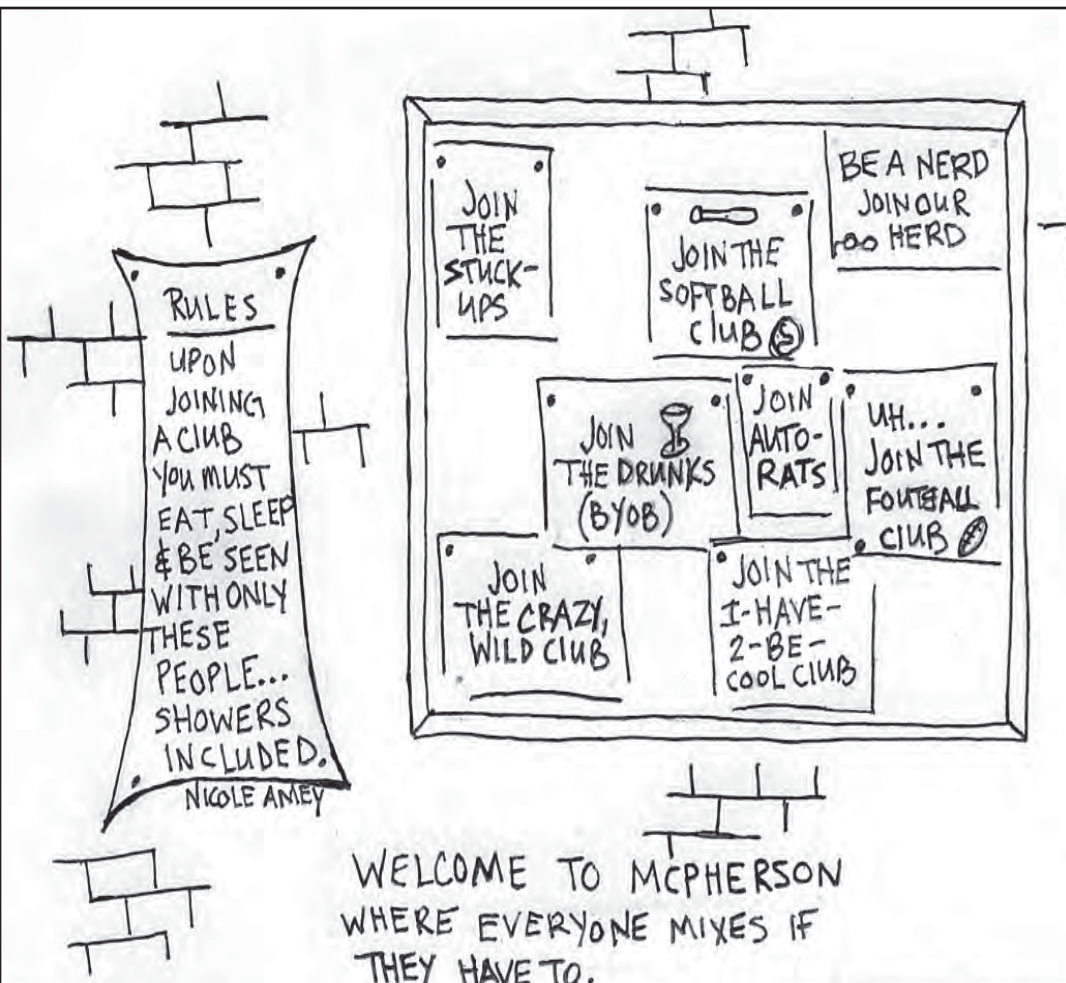
### Bad Dog

Aren't there supposed to be nets on the tennis courts?

Morrison recently experienced an interesting fire extinguisher situation.

On-campus mail has been rather inconsistently sorted recently.

### A McPherson College moment...



- LLAMAS NEED LOVE TOO.
- FART PROUDLY!
- YOU LOOKED BETTER ON MYSPACE.
- VALENTINE'S DAY STALKER LETTERS ARE NOT ROMANTIC.
- WE ARE NO LONGER THE KNIGHTS WHO SAY, "NEE!"
- LICKING SALT IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A GOOD MACADAMIA.
- STRAWBERRY-LEMONADE IN THE CAF. IS A GOOD CHOICE.
- I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU THROUGH YOUR WINDOW.
- SERVE OATMEAL AT BREAKFAST MORE OFTEN!
- DOES IT BOTHER ANYONE ELSE THAT GOD MIGHT BE [MESSING] WITH OUR HEADS?!
- I LOVE YOU MAN. No, REALLY, I LOVE YOU MAN.
- WHY DO WE GET MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OFF BUT WE DON'T GET PRESIDENTS' DAY OFF? AREN'T THEY BOTH FEDERAL HOLIDAYS?
- SOMETIMES THE DARK ISN'T DARK ENOUGH.
- MAKING BLACK MARKS ON THE SIDEWALK WAS COOL IN 5TH GRADE BUT NOT HERE.
- THIS WEATHER ROCKS!
- IF YOU DIDN'T LAUGH AT THAT, YOU'RE REALLY NOT GOING TO ENJOY THE NEXT FEW MINUTES.
- FROM UGLY TO BEAUTIFUL WITH THE FLIP OF A SWITCH.
- SCOTT MAKES AWESOME BURGERS AND THE APPLE JUICE BE APPLE JUICE AGAIN.
- ALWAYS LEAVE THE DOORS TO FROLICKING OPEN.

### Got something to say? Shout it out!

DROP A NOTE IN THE SHOUT IT OUT! BOX IN THE SU. TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.  
*Libelous comments will not be published.*

# Skin is in

## Tanning prepares students for swimsuit season; are the risks worth it?

JUDY JACOBS  
Spectator Staff

Spring is just around the corner and so is the season for shorts and tank tops. The bitter cold of winter is slowly edging off, leaving many people thinking about the reality of baring their pale skin that has been hidden away under thick jackets and sweatshirts.

Every time the radio is turned on, commercial after commercial can be heard from Tropical Tan to Caribbean Tan promising to banish the winter blues and get you ready for swimsuit season. Tempting isn't it, to get that golden glow back that now seems virtually nonexistent?

Tanning salons promise to do just that; give back that tan, youthful glow no matter the season. Tanning salons are popping up everywhere, making a golden glow in the dead of winter possible.

McPherson College has five tanning salons in close proximity, making tanning easily accessible to students. Bello Capelli Salon on Euclid Street, J M Salon, Guys and Gals and Kari Lynn's Formal & Bridal Boutique on Main Street and Movie Gallery on East Kansas Avenue all serve the tanning needs in the McPherson area.

The question many people have is whether or not using a tanning bed is safe. There are many different opinions on this issue; the most prevalent question being: can minimal tanning bed use cause cancer and premature aging?

Although experts do not completely agree on this issue it is generally accepted that people with pale skin pose a greater risk of developing problems from tanning whether it comes from a bed or from the sun, due to a higher risk of burning.

Natural sunlight contains both UVA and UVB light. UVB is considered the more harmful of the rays that can cause burning but increased exposure of either ray can cause long-term skin damage.

The American Tanning Institute says indoor tanning has advantages over outdoor tanning. They say the temperature control, protective eye wear and timers serve as an advantage along with the controlled amount of UV rays that are emitted from the beds. The Federal Government regulates these

### Warnings posted in tanning salons

- Failure to use the eye protection provided to the customer by the tanning facility may result in damage to the eyes.
- Overexposure to ultraviolet radiation causes burns.
- Repeated exposure to ultraviolet radiation may result in premature aging of the skin and skin cancer.
- Abnormal skin sensitivity or burning may be caused by reactions of ultraviolet radiation to certain foods, cosmetics or medications including birth control pills, antibiotics, diuretics, high blood pressure medicines or tranquilizers. Any person taking a prescription or over-the-counter drug should consult a physician before using a tanning device.



photo by Patricia Ritchie

Lindsey Latham, soph., McPherson, tans regularly at Movie Gallery on 806 E. Kansas. They have seven beds and charge \$5 for a single session, but have multiple session options as well. One positive feature of this salon for college students is that they are open until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

conditions.

Many people start going to tanning salons at the end of winter to get a "base tan" that will put a little color back into their pasty skin and then rely on the summer sun to do the rest of the work for them.

Jenni Richardson, assistant professor of business, said she started tanning recently and came to enjoy the relaxation benefits of tanning beds when used in moderation.

"So many people [tan] so I don't really worry about the risks," said Lindsey Latham, soph., McPherson. "I tan to maintain my complexion."

Many people fear that direct exposure to UV rays from tanning beds can greatly increase the chance of getting cancer. The American Academy of Dermatology says, "Frequent visits to tanning salons increase your exposure to ultraviolet radiation as

well as your risk for skin cancer."

"My friend was diagnosed with skin cancer last year. She used tanning beds, but not very often, so it is dangerous even if you don't go often," said Katherine Miller, fr., Topeka.

Others see indoor tanning as beneficial. Some doctors believe indoor tanning can benefit people suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder, which is a depression some people develop in colder climates during the winter due to lack of sunlight.

Some doctors believe people that are not susceptible to sunburns can benefit from moderate exposure to UV rays in a tanning booth.

Don't forget that tanning salons are not the only choice. There are some great self-tanners available at drugstores. Two all-time favorites of self-tanning enthusiasts are

Bain de Soleil and Neutrogena. They must be applied to exfoliated and well-moisturized skin or there is the risk of blotching.

Some tanning salons now offer self-tanning sprays that are an option for those who are hesitant to jump in a tanning booth. Heather Williams, jr., Hutchinson, who works as an airbrush tanner at Hair Designs, Etc. in Hutchinson, says that although it may fade, airbrush tanning is affordable and safe. She says it doesn't streak or turn orange, as some self-tanners do.

Research on tanning beds and their risks overwhelmingly suggest that overexposure can risk skin cancer and premature aging. Moderate use may be beneficial for those who do not have pale skin. Luckily those people have the choice of using self-tanners and professional airbrush tanning to get a tan glow year round.

## The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF THEATRE:

JD. BOWMAN

TOLAN LICHTY  
Spectator Staff

Where did you graduate from college?

MAC.

At what time in your life did you realize you wanted to become a theatre professor?

I always knew in many ways that I wanted to work with theatre.

Batman or the Joker?

The Joker, definitely.

Do you have any advice for future theatre professors?

Most importantly, start early because there is a lot of hard work involved and people don't often give the arts that much weight.

Who steals the show, Little Red Riding Hood or the Wolf?

The Wolf.

Could you provide a sneak peak for the upcoming 'Dearly Departed'?

It is about a bunch of hicks planning a funeral, so it is definitely a comedy.

Bon Jovi or Aerosmith?

Aerosmith.

How did the phrase 'break a leg' originate?

There are sayings like this in a number of different countries. It's bad luck to say 'good luck,' I guess. In France they say 'marde.'

Best Movie: "Moulin Rouge," "Phantom of the Opera" or "Grease?"

Oh, "Moulin Rouge."

Which student actors will be lighting up the stage?

Jessica Foulke has been really amazing, and also Amanda and James Keith should be fun to watch.



photo by Tolan Lichty

## The Throwback

Researched by Rhonda Hoffert

### Acid and Base

December 15, 1961

By MAGOO

#### 'White stuff' makes news; is it fall-out or popcorn?

I don't suppose you need to be told that it has been snowing lately. All that white stuff on the ground has really created a lot of news. But the biggest news story is the one that's being suppressed: that snow is fall-out!

A few days ago American scientists set off a "peace bomb" underground way out west. On a five acre plot of ground just above the atomic device was (notice the tense) a newly-planted corn-field. All of a sudden that bomb went off and...

#### Snow is Pop Corn?

Here's your SPECTATOR exclusive! All that snow is really POP CORN! Hoo, boy. What a way to start a column. But we must be flexible. We don't want to open every issue with an attack.

The only attack that warrants consideration this week is aimed at the Student Union. We of the childish bent once took great delight in skiing down the ramp when there was snow on it. Now some fink has spread salt on it, claiming practicality. Practicality? On this campus?



Courtesy Photos

Left: Alicia Schoen poses in front of the ancient mountain fortress of Mystras in the Peloponnese. Mystra is near the site of ancient Sparta.

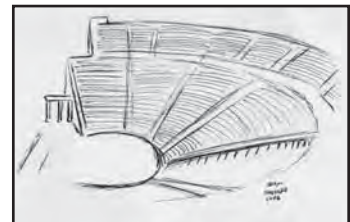


Illustration by Adam Sheppard



The BCA group paused for a quick snapshot under the Olympic arch at the restored stadium in Olympia. Olympia was the site of the original Olympic games from 776 BCE to 394 CE and was the home of the 2004 Olympics. The shot put competition took place in the restored stadium.

# BCA opens up world of possibilities

PATRICIA RITCHA  
Features Editor

Alicia Schoen, jr., McPherson, arrived in Athens, Greece at 4 a.m. alone. She crawled into a cab with a driver who did not speak English and drove around Athens for an hour and a half until she found where she'd be staying for the next four months.

Aside from the adventure upon her arrival, Schoen said she had a great time during her semester abroad last fall. Through the BCA program in Athens, Schoen was able to visit eight different countries, meet other Brethren College students from across the U.S. and get a few of her gen. ed. credits out of the way.

Schoen also studied Greek at the City University in downtown Athens. She said the language barrier wasn't too bad because most people spoke English but she had to learn a whole new alphabet.

The culture was very differ-

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-ALICIA SCHOEN



ent in Greece, Schoen said. It was much more laid back. The professors were 20 minutes late to class and the students were 30 minutes late. No one turned their work in on time. It was more of a culture shock coming home. She was late to class almost every day during interterm.

Schoen is a biology major and has always wanted to study abroad. "Some science majors think they can't fit a semester abroad into their schedules, but you can," Schoen said.

"I think [studying abroad] is one of the most amazing experiences you can have. Tuition

is the same; room and board is only a little higher. When else can you just take off like that?" Schoen said.

Schoen spent the semester with 18 other BCA students. One student was from California and the other 17 were from Pennsylvania. There were only two guys. Schoen said she enjoyed spending time with the other participants: "It was a great group."

"I didn't know a single soul. It was good for me. It forced me to get out there and socialize. It has made me a much more independent person," Schoen said.



Alicia Schoen and a group of friends visited Oia, Santorini during their semester in Greece. Santorini is a small, circular group of volcanic islands south east of the Greek mainland. Santorini was the site of one of the largest volcanic eruptions of the last several thousand years. It was also the location for the filming of the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants.



Alicia Schoen and her friends from the group of BCA students also visited Corfu, another Greek island. Schoen was also able to visit Mycenae, where the Homeric King Agamemnon lived.

# MAC student publishes first book

## The Lore of Eralyn: The Third Age Account of the First Redeemer hits book shelves

MANDY MORGAN  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College is now home to a published novelist and it's not a member of the faculty or staff-it's a student. Sophomore Alyson Holman from McPherson published *The Lore of Eralynd: The Third Age Account of the First Redeemer* with AuthorHouse.

The story is the account of King Mallin and Princess Indella, who are trying to salvage their ruined kingdom and feed their starving people.

When a handsome prince named Ethys arrives and offers help in return for Indella's hand, the people think they have found the solution to their problems-until Princess Indella discovers Ethys is actually an evil dark lord. As a result, Indella must turn to the mysterious and long vanished elves of Valnon for help.

Not only did Holman write the book, she did the artwork as well, including the cover. "There are four pictures that I drew...that's what I like about self-publishing. I got to do all of that myself," Holman said.

Holman chose the AuthorHouse publishing company by accident. "I was looking at

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-BRUCE CLARY

books on the internet and up in the corner it said, 'Do you want to get published? Click here!' It took me to their website, I checked them out, and everything was great, really easy and smooth. I liked them lot; it was really fun," Holman said.

Holman said she is happy with how the book is selling thus far. "I think it's doing fairly well. My best friend got Body & Soul to carry my novel and it's back-ordered there. Several people have ordered it off the AuthorHouse website. I'll find out at the quarterly report how well it has done in other places," Holman said.

Bruce Clary, associate professor of English, had the chance to read the sequel to her novel. "I think her abilities far surpass

her years, she's been remarkably productive for a young woman, it's really quite an accomplishment," Clary said.

*The Lore of Eralynd: The Third Age Account of the First Redeemer* is actually one of two completed novels Holman contemplated publishing.

"The first one is way too long. It's science fiction and just huge, so I decided to go with this smaller novel to be my first book to be published because it's easier," Holman said. Before she began writing novels, she spent time penning fan fiction or rewriting the ends of books and movies the way she preferred them.

Holman spent two years on her recently published novel, and is currently writing a sequel, as well as working on a manuscript about pirates. As an English major, Holman eventually wants to be a full-time novelist.

Students can order the novel online at <http://www.authorhouse.com> by clicking on the bookstore link and typing in Alyson Holman, or can purchase a copy from Body & Soul in downtown McPherson. Holman is also planning on having a book signing at the McPherson College Library in the near future.



photo by Josh Hubin

Alyson Holman, soph., McPherson, published her first book, *The Lore of Eralyn: The Third Age Account of the First Redeemer*, through AuthorHouse publishing company. The book is a medieval fantasy that describes elves and dark lords and a strong heroine, Princess Indella.



photo by Bryan Grosbach

Brooks Reale, soph., (left) and Nick Shue, fr., (right) get out of their blocks during their preliminary heat of the 60 meter dash last Saturday during at Bethany College. Only a few minutes before their race, Reale and shue were bundled up in their team warm-ups. Even with the cool temperatures, Reale and shue set season bests for the 60 meter dash.

# Out with the indoor, in with the outdoor

## Track & field team hopes for warmer days as practices move outside

BRYAN GROSBACK  
Sports Editor

The Bulldog track and field team will be sending three athletes to the NAIA National Indoor Championships. The three qualifiers are Dan Hudachek, jr., in the 35-pound weight throw, Chris Benisch, soph., in the long jump and Jordan King, fr., in the 60-meter hurdles. They will travel to Johnson City, Tenn. on March 9 through March 11.

Head Coach Dave Smith was pleased with the outcome of the indoor season.

"I thought it went really well (the season). We started out with decent times the first meet and we improved on them throughout the season. With the weather, we got some good work in for the runners, throwers and jumpers so I feel like we made a lot of progress," Coach Smith said.

The last indoor meet for the team was last Saturday at the Bethany Last Chance meet. The forecast for the weekend was supposed to be warm, but with temperatures not getting over 50 degrees and a strong northern wind, it was a very cool day for the athletes.

Only the weight throw, shot put and pole vault were done indoors. All other events during the meet were done outside where the conditions were not ideal.

The meet was led off by the throwers indoors. Hudachek was the first to compete as he took first place in the weight throw with a distance of 51 feet one and a half inch. Jessi King, jr., who is redshirting this season, threw the shot put a distance of 35 feet and one inch, a season best.

While the throwers were finishing up inside, the high jumpers took to the mats. With temperatures around 40 degrees, Lacy Johnston, fr., and Zane Walker, soph., attempted to high jump as best they could. Johnston jumped a height of four feet nine inches, a season best. Walker jumped a height of six feet even.

As the afternoon rolled around, the running events began. The sprinters were up first. Brooks Reale, soph., Jarred Smith, soph., and Nick Shue, fr., were the first Bulldogs to take to the track. Reale and Shue both qualified for the finals with preliminary times of 6.74 and 6.97 seconds. Smith ran a time of 7.38 seconds, a season best. Reale finished fifth and Shue finished eighth in finals with times of 6.71 and 7.04 seconds. Smith came back later in the meet to run the 200 meter dash in a time of 25.67 seconds,

another season best.

The distance and middle-distance team seemed ready to race with the weather conditions turning windy. Sean McCrae, fr., ran the 400 meter dash in a time of 53.34 seconds which was good enough to take first place. Brent Bailey, fr., took to the track in the 600 yard run. He finished in a time of 1:19.54.

Andrew Paull, soph., Ashley Mitchell, fr., and Megan Meyer, fr., all competed in the 800 meter run. Paull placed fourth with a time of 2:18.12. Mitchell and Meyer finished first and second in the women's race with times of 2:49.85 and 2:50.51.

With nobody signed up to run the mile or the 5,000 meters, Jacob Merrick, soph., and Tolan Lichty, fr., both ran the 3,000 meter run. Lichty finished second and Merrick third with times of 9:58.24 and 10:12.82.

The final race of the day was the Bulldogs' 4x400 meter relay. The team of Shue, Bailey, McCrae and Paull took first place with a time of 3:39.84.

By the end of the meet, there were eight season best performances by Bulldog athletes even with the cool temperatures.

The first outdoor meet for the track and field team will be on March 25 at Bethany College. The team is unsure how many athletes will run because of Spring Break, but many of the athletes are ready for the change from indoor to outdoor.

"More than anything, especially on the guys' side, I'm looking forward to being able to enter people basically in every relay, every running event, with the people we want to do it with. That gives us the flexibility to move some people around. It's going to be fun trying to decide how people are going to be entered from week to week. I'm also looking forward to how the 4x8(00 meter) relay and the 4x4(00 meter) relay is going to look. We've got plenty of people to fill in the slots," Coach Smith said.

Even with numbers lacking, Coach Smith was optimistic about the throwers and jumpers as well.

"We don't quite have the numbers but out of the people we do have, two of them qualified for nationals indoor, one qualified for outdoor last year and our high jumper is knocking on the doors. We've got a couple of gal jumpers and a couple of gal distance runners that I think will do well, and mid-distance and hurdlers, so I'm looking forward to how that works out," Coach Smith said.



photo by Bryan Grosbach

Ashley Mitchell, fr. (left) and Megan Meyer, fr., (right) run together during their 800 meter race last Saturday at Bethany College. Mitchell and Meyer finished first and second in the race.

# Women's basketball improves throughout season

MALLORY YUNGBERG  
Spectator Staff

The season ended for the Lady Bulldogs last Wednesday with a loss to Tabor College, 46-62. Even with the loss, the Lady Bulldogs would still say the season was successful.

"I was very satisfied with the way the year turned out. Of course, things could always be better, especially as far as wins and losses go," Head Coach J.D. Gravina said. "However, I was very proud of the way the team stuck together when things weren't going well, and it paid off for us down the

stretch."

Ashley Kline, sr., said she was pleased with the season.

"The way this team came together and stuck together throughout it all, you would have never thought we had a record of 7-20," Kline said. "This was by far the best year I've had at McPherson because of the memories and fun times I shared with these girls. Any other team would have collapsed when times got tough and they weren't winning, but these girls never gave up and continued to encourage."

As the season progressed, the team made many memories

and highlights that the players will remember and share with others along the way.

April Bryley, sr., remembers the game against Saint Mary.

"One of the highlights of the season would have to be when we beat Saint Mary for the play-in game and April Woody (soph.) was the most excited I had seen her in a while and in the same game when Ashley Kline got an offensive board and got the put back to put us back on top," Bryley said. "It was also good to win against Kansas Wesleyan on senior night. A personal highlight was when I broke the assist record,

which could not have been done if the team didn't shoot the ball the way they did."

During the Lady Bulldogs' game against Saint Mary, they lead by six at half time. They came away with the win, 66-64, as Kline hit the game-winning shot off of an offensive rebound with just seconds left in the game.

Leading scorers were Christa Blöse, sr., 16, Angelina Fiorenzi, fr., 14 and Sheila Bevan, jr., 11.

The last game was a tough one for the team. The Lady Bulldogs had to travel to Tabor to face the number oneseed.

Everything seemed to go in Tabor's favor. With Tabor leading at the half 31-16, the Lady Bulldogs didn't give up.

Fighting until the end, the Lady Bulldogs took the loss 62-46. Leading the team was Woody with 12 points, Blöse, 10 and Bryley, 9.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season with a 7-20 record overall and 4-14 in the KCAC. Fiorenzi was named to the All-KCAC freshman team.

"We improved on so much throughout the year: communication, passing, defense, shooting and we became more physical," said Gravina. "Two

highlights that stick out are the upset win over Kansas Wesleyan and Ashley Kline hitting the game-winner against Saint Mary in the first round of the conference tournament. The thing I enjoyed the most about the season was getting to be with such a great group of kids on a daily basis."

"Overall, for the season, we got along just fine on and off the court," said Bryley. "Not playing next year I will miss everybody, but I'm happy that I did get the chance to play with this group of girls. I wish all the returnees the best of luck next year on their season."

# Softball opens season

## Lady Bulldogs to play three games today

**BRYAN GROSCHACH**  
Sports Editor

The Lady Bulldogs open their 2006 campaign today as they host the McPherson College Softball Tournament. The Lady Bulldogs are expecting 11 other teams to join them in their two-day tournament. The team's first game was at 10 a.m. today versus Haskell Indian Nations University. The Lady Bulldogs' other games during the day will be versus Oklahoma Wesleyan University at 4 p.m. and Mid-America Nazarene University at 8 p.m. The Lady Bulldogs will also play two games tomorrow, versus Mid-America Christian University at 11 a.m. and Doane College at 3 p.m. All games this weekend will be played at Wall Park.

Last season the team finished the season with a record of 17-28, 5-14 in conference. The team is looking for an improved season.

Head Coach Mike McCormick said, "I think this year our team is going to be a better all-around team. We're stronger in the outfield than we were last year. Our infield play, I think, is better this year than last year. Our pitching is going to be one of our strong suits this year, with Jessica Yates (fr.), Mallory Yungeberg (soph.), Shalyn Skahill, (jr.) and Amy Ziegler (fr.) 'suring' up the pitching staff."

Returning players from last year's team are Ellie Miller, sr., Darci Davidson, sr., Mandy Yungeberg, soph., Mallory Yungeberg, soph., Christa Blose, sr., Abby Evans, soph., Katie Hill, jr., and Jessica DeCavelle, sr.

McCormick is glad to have these girls returning because they "bring experience playing college softball," McCormick said. "We'll probably be starting three or four freshman this year. There could be certain situations where some of the new comers this year could help us out a lot. Overall we're stronger than we were last year and we're going to surprise some people in our conference this year. They're under estimating us this year, I believe. We'll find out this weekend."

All of the players and McCormick have high goals for the season.

"Winning all the time" and "working together, having fun and winning conference" are some of the goals for Blose and Davidson. Both Blose and Davidson are ready to start the new season.

"Our first goal is to win our conference; to show well and to play hard. Another one of our goals is to be consistent and give it all that [the girls] have. I tell them that there are four elements that it takes to be a winning team. First, you have to take a chance. Second, you have to believe in God. Third, you never give up. Fourth, you have to do whatever it takes," McCormick said. "They're doing all the little things right that need to be done to be a winner and that's what they want to do. Win the conference first. The second is reach the regional tournament, which is here this year, so it would be a nice thing to do."



photos by Olivia Doyle

Right: Amy Ziegler, fr., takes batting practice the night before the team's season opener.

Above: The team huddles up after practice the night before their first game.



## Men's basketball finish season at .500

**ANGELINA FIORENZI**  
Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs' season has come to an end with a 7-11 KCAC record and a 15-15 overall record. They ended the season winning four out of the last seven games, defeating Ottawa University 81-79, Tabor College 98-57, Friends University 60-58 and University of Saint Mary 65-57.

The last two conference games however, did not go the Bulldogs' way, as they lost to both Bethel College, 55-78, and Bethany College, 65-68. The Bulldogs' hopes for qualifying for the KCAC tournament were not over as they finished eighth in the conference. The Bulldogs still had their chance to compete, but first had to face the Bethel Threshers in a play-in game on February 20.

This particular game did not look good for the Bulldogs, who were only shooting 28 percent while the Threshers shot 38 percent in the first half. The Threshers also shot better in three-point field goals, 60 percent, while the Bulldogs shot 29 percent the first half of play, leaving the Bulldogs trailing 28-21 at half time.

The second half was a complete turn around. The Bulldogs came out playing with

intensity. The men fought their way back into the game, tied the score and with the game winding down, Art Soto attempted a last second three-point shot. Unfortunately, his shot bounced back and forth and spun out, sending the game into overtime. This did not rattle the team, only fueling them to continue their season. The final score was McPherson 69, Bethel 62.

The second half of this game a drastic shooting change from the first half occurred. The men shot 45 percent from the field, 40 percent from the three-point line and 18-26 free throws, which is an important reason why they were stayed in the game.

Lee Gustafson, sr., Chris Nixon, sr. and Nate Hadacheck, jr. finished with 11 points each. A contributing factor to the win was the 35 points that were scored by players off of the bench.

The win sent the Bulldogs into the quarterfinals of the KCAC Tournament against the number one seeded team, the Southwestern Moundbuilders on February 23.

The Bulldog bench once again came through as they scored 17 points in the first half.

The second half, however, went the Moundbuilders' way. They shot 64 percent the second half while the Bulldogs only shot 43 percent. The final score was 59-79, Southwestern College over McPherson.

Gustafson finished with 15 points, Carter, 14 and Dickerson, 12.

With the season at its end, Gustafson led the team with 33 blocks and scored 11.5 points per game. Leading in rebounds and steals was Nixon with 198rebounds, 6.6 per game, and 48 steals.

Although the Bulldogs did not go as far as they wanted to, three of the seniors finished with KCAC honors. Gustafson was named to the all-KCAC first team, Cox was named to the honorable mention squad and Nixon was named to the all-defensive team.

Nixon thinks the team will continue to have success next year.

"I think the team next year will need a lot of help on the perimeter and at the point defensive wise. I feel like Mark Johnson and Zach Kimble really have improved through the course of this season and I really like the way they both play," Nixon said.

## Box Score



### Men's Basketball (15-15, 7-11)

#### First round play-in

#8 MAC 21 36 12= 69  
#9 Bethel 28 29 5= 62 OT  
**LEADERS:**  
*Points:* Gustafson 11, Nixon 11  
*Rebounds:* Nixon 11, Gustafson 7  
*Assists:* Nixon 3  
*Steals:* Nixon 3, Carter 3  
**SHOOTING:**  
*Total FG:* 20/54 37.0%  
*3-point FG:* 6/17 35.3%

#### Quarterfinals

#8 MAC 30 29= 59  
#1 Southwestern 29 50= 79  
**LEADERS:**  
*Points:* Gustafson 15, Carter 14, Dickerson 12  
*Rebounds:* Gustafson 5, Soto 5  
*Assists:* Gustafson 3  
*Steals:* Nixon 3  
**SHOOTING:**  
*Total FG:* 25/54 46.3%  
*3-point FG:* 7/17 41.2%

### Women's Basketball (7-20, 4-14)

#### First round play-in

#8 MAC 35 31= 66  
#9 Saint Mary 29 35= 64  
**LEADERS:**  
*Points:* Blose 16, Fiorenzi 14, Bevan 11  
*Rebounds:* Kline 8  
*Assists:* Harvey 4, Suiter 4  
*Steals:* Suiter 3  
**SHOOTING:**  
*Total FG:* 28/60 46.7%  
*3-point FG:* 4/14 28.6%

#### Quarterfinals

#8 MAC 16 30= 46  
#1 Tabor 31 31= 62  
**LEADERS:**  
*Points:* Woody 12, Blose 10, Bryley 9  
*Rebounds:* Bryley 7  
*Assists:* Bryley 2  
*Steals:* Bryley 3, Suiter 3  
**SHOOTING:**  
*Total FG:* 18/57 31.6%  
*3-point FG:* 4/14 28.6%

## What to Watch for

**Today**  
Softball-  
McPherson  
Tournament  
10 a.m. Haskell  
Indian Nations  
4 p.m. Oklahoma  
Wesleyan  
8 p.m. Mid-America  
Nazarene

**Saturday**  
Softball-  
McPherson  
tournament  
11 a.m. Mid-  
America Christian  
3 p.m. Doane  
College

**Sunday**  
Intramural  
Basketball

# Service underway

## Sophomores and freshmen share their service project plans

JEN MARQUETTE  
Spectator Staff

"To develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service," is the mission of McPherson College and a motto it works to fulfill.

For the past several years the sophomore seminars and often times the freshman seminars, have been participating in various service projects during the spring semester.

A variety of projects are organized and made available by Tracy Stoddart, service opportunities coordinator.

"I've really had a chance to explore different avenues of service across campus and with students," Stoddart said. "I've enjoyed seeking out new and different opportunities for students to serve."

As the service opportunities coordinator, Stoddart's responsibilities include: contacting organizations and agencies that are willing to work with McPherson College students and deciding how the students could best serve their organization. Stoddart also provides information about service opportunities to the students as she learns of them.

"I gathered information from 11 different organizations with over 35 opportunities for students to experience service learning this spring," Stoddart said.

Stoddart herself has spent several years dedicated to service projects.

"I spent three years as a full-time volunteer with Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS)," Stoddart said. "That collective time I spent in BVS as a volunteer has been the most fulfilling and rewarding experience of my life."

Roger Trimmell, assistant professor of physical education and men's basketball coach, will be joining his freshman seminar group in helping with the Kiwanis pancake feed.

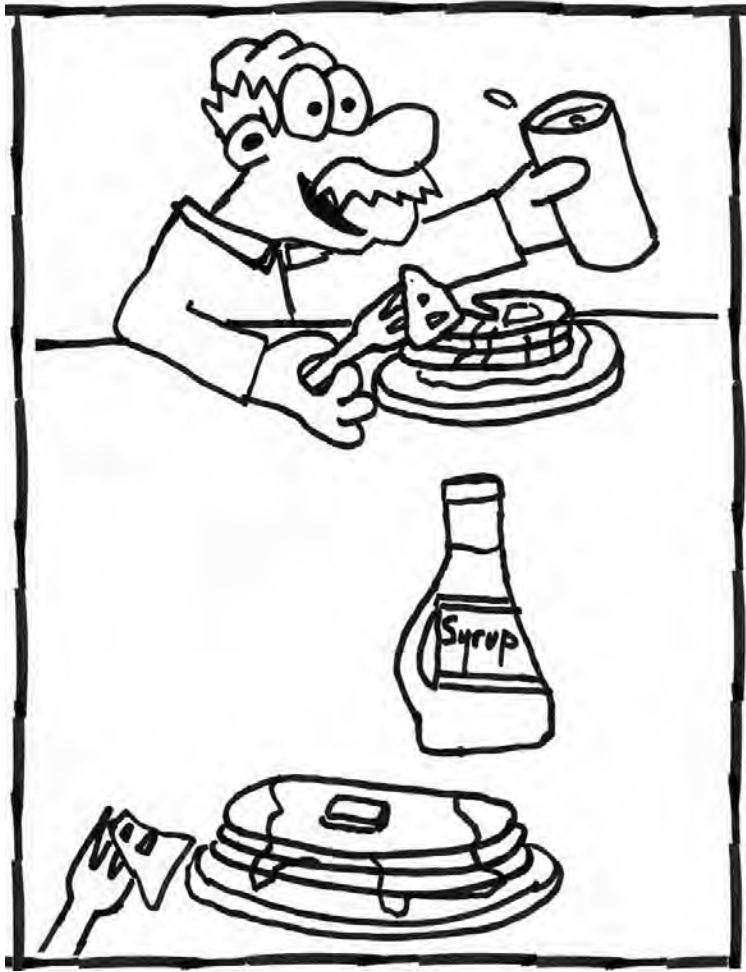


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"This will not only fulfill the students' requirement to participate in a volunteer project, but it also gets our students out into the community at an event that will host up to 3,000 people," Trimmell said.

The sophomore seminar service projects are more in depth than the freshman projects. Much of the planning and implementing of the projects is done by the students themselves.

Kim Stanley, professor of English and communications, and Susan Taylor, college librarian, teamed up to guide a group of sophomores with their service projects. Stanley and Taylor teach one section, composed of three smaller groups of students.

One group is teaching a fitness class to clients from Multi Community Diversified Services.

Another group will be coordinating exercise at the Cedars Health Care Center and the third group will be working with Head Start, doing gym activities with the children.

Mandy Yungeberg, soph., Waterville, will work with Carol Temple at Good Beginnings Preschool.

"I chose this service project because it worked well with my major and I thought that it would be a good experience," Yungeberg said. "By getting into the classroom and interacting with the children, I will be better prepared for when I become a teacher."

Under the direction of Kevin Hadduck, director of center for academic development, Amy Hallowell, soph., Pratt and Jessica Miller, soph., Saint John, will be participating in a youth bowling event organized by the Big Brother Big Sister program.

"I thought it would be a fun way to interact with the children of the McPherson community," Hallowell said. "It's always rewarding to work with kids and know that they're having fun."

At the end of their projects each student will write a short report about their experience with the service project and present to their peers. Outstanding presentations will be selected to share with the freshman seminars.

While the focus has been mainly on those projects of the freshman and sophomore seminar groups, many students at McPherson College choose to make service projects a part of their life outside of what is required.

Because of the diversity of students' interests, Stoddart has devoted part of her responsibilities to finding projects that appeal to a variety of students.

"One of my personal challenges is to find opportunities for the variety of interests that stretch across the student body," Stoddart said.

A service opportunity will be available to any students during spring break. The group will travel to Mississippi to help with hurricane relief. Contact Stoddart for more information.

While some seminar groups will soon be undergoing their service endeavors, others are still in the planning process, but will nonetheless complete a service project not only to fulfill their sophomore seminar requirements, but to get one step closer to becoming the whole person McPherson College strives for.

NEWS



**This day in history:**

**On Mar. 3, 1939, a Harvard student swallowed a 4-inch goldfish as a dare.**

**The event made Boston papers, which began a campus trend.**

# Overcoming the distance

AMANDA KEITH  
Spectator Staff

Nick Grummert, jr., McPherson and Amy Parnell, fr., Liberal, have something in common; they are both in long-distance relationships.

Grummert and Parnell are not alone. Many students struggle with the daily challenges of keeping a long-distance relationship alive.

Parnell met her boyfriend Sam at a Bible study group. They have been dating for a year and two months, though he lives and works near Liberal. They talk every day on the phone and chat on the Internet. She feels over-the-phone communication is difficult because she cannot see his reactions and they often have misunderstandings.

Grummert's girlfriend, Lois, graduated from McPherson College last year as a theatre major. She is spending this semester at home in Mt. Ida, 140 miles away from Grummert.

The couple sees each other on average once a month, although there are exceptions when they can see each other more often. Sunday will be their six-month anniversary.

Grummert said the distance has been difficult to get used to.

"When she lived here we saw each other every day. It was a drastic change to go from that to only getting one and a half hours of phone time a day," Grummert said.

Grummert also said conversation is more difficult now that they are leading different lives and don't spend much time together.

Shalyn Skahill, fr., Fresno, Calif., has similar frustrations. She and her boyfriend Brad, who lives in her home state, California, have been dating for a year. Skahill only sees her boyfriend over the breaks.

She looks forward to each break so she can see him.

"Eighteen days until spring break," Skahill said. "I keep a countdown of when I get to see him next."

Skahill emphasized how frustrating it can be trying to communicate over the miles.

"It's hard; that's all I know," Skahill said. "I just try to keep myself busy so I don't have to think about it."

However, Skahill feels the distance will benefit them as a couple.

"It shows how far we can take it; I think it will help us out in the future," Skahill said.

Mike Schaarschmidt, sr., Northampton, Penn., deals with

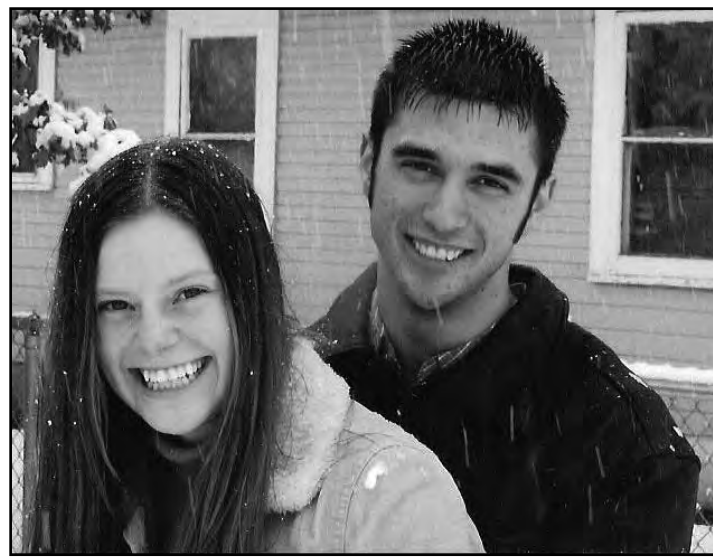
even more miles separating him from his girlfriend. Schaarschmidt proposed to his girlfriend Ania this Christmas in Poland, her home country. They met in the summer of 2004 while working at an amusement park. Ania was one of 300 international students the park hired that summer.

"I was a supervisor in a food stand and they happened to assign her to my stand and things went from there," Schaarschmidt said. "She had to follow my orders the whole summer while we were at work, but it was different once we punched out; that I can assure you."

Though they are so far apart, they find ways to see each other. Schaarschmidt spent the past two Christmas breaks with her and she will be spending spring break with him.

Schaarschmidt has been in a long-distance relationship before and from it he learned "to be more patient and understanding because being in one can be stressful and sometimes depressing."

Parnell said it is important to have a good basis before starting a long-distance relationship, though she's not sure there's any good advice for starting one.



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Amy Parnell, fr., Liberal, enjoys the snow with her boyfriend Sam, who lives in her hometown. Parnell says being in a long-distance relationship can be tough but does not discourage others from trying such a relationship.

"It's really hard to predict whether it will succeed, so just go for it," Parnell said.

Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, would agree. She said that a long-distance relationship "might not work, but it doesn't mean you don't love each other."

Johnson has had some experience of her own. After she and her husband Bob had been married for seven years, Bob took a year-long internship that was about six hours away.

On the weekends, they would

meet in the middle. Every four weeks, Johnson would take their two kids to see him.

Johnson found that though they had to make that decision for financial reasons, it was extremely hard on the relationship.

Communication plays a vital role in keeping a long-distance relationship healthy, but Schaarschmidt noted that trust is the biggest asset.

"Without trust, long-distance relationships will not work," Schaarschmidt said.

# Trustee meetings to take place today

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Spectator Staff

The first of three yearly board of trustee meetings will take place today and tomorrow.

President Ron Hovis said the board plans to review reports on college operation series of actions. They will also approve an updated three-year strategic

plan for 2006-2009.

A topic under discussion is the target budget for the 2006-2007 school year, along with the establishment of the level of endowment spending.

Informational reports on enrollment, athletics, student life and the "My MC" campaign will also be discussed.

The board will review the

following academic programs: math, computer science and business.

During this process they will review and ratify any changes that need to be made to the faculty handbook as suggested by faculty members.

They will also receive recommendations for tenure and the promotion of individual faculty

members.

The board will spend Friday in standing committee meetings, then the committees will meet on Saturday as a whole group to take action on each committee's recommendations.

An employee and trustee recognition dinner for faculty and staff reaching five-year increments of employment at

McPherson College will take place tonight.

Student Government Association president Rhonda Hoffert, jr., Golden, Colo., faculty chair, Kim Stanley, professor of English and communications and elected faculty observer, Shane Kirchner, assistant professor of education, will observe the meetings.

## On the Go With SAB

Bowling at Starlite Lanes:

Tonight  
10:30 p.m. -  
12:30 a.m.

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\$2 Tuesday  
Movie Night:

Playing this  
week:

Aquamarine  
9:05

Pink Panther  
9:10

Eight Below  
9:15

Firewall  
9:20

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Free Movie  
Passes at Lady  
Bulldog Softball  
Tournament:

Tomorrow  
3 p.m.

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Coffeeshouse in  
the SU:

Monday,  
Mar., 6  
9:30 p.m.

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Ice Skating/  
Movies in  
Wichita:

Sunday,  
Mar. 12  
1-7 p.m.

## Keeping Up With SGA



Newly Elected  
SGA  
Representatives  
are:

Brent Bailey  
Member at  
Large

Ryan McAleer  
Metzler Rep.

Nick Jones  
Off-campus  
Rep.

Myles Regier  
Junior Rep.

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SGA is  
modifying the  
constitution to  
make it more  
concise.

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SGA and the  
Creative Arts  
Society are  
currently  
planning to  
paint a mural in  
the SU basement  
next year.