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McPherson College staff member Debbie Rauch got surprised last week with an Ultimate Dream Makeover.  
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# The McPherson College SPECTATOR

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Student Government Petitions due Sunday

2007-08 Student Government petitions need to be filled out and returned to Brent Bailey or Sheila Bevan by April 15.

Elections are April 17. If you still need a petition, e-mail studentgovernment@cs.mcpherson.edu

### Summer Housing

Anyone interested in living on-campus during the summer can pick up an application from Karen Caylor in the Dean's Suite in Mohler Hall.

Rent is \$165 for a double and \$250 for a single.

First month's rent is due prior to moving in, and volunteer opportunities are available to offset rent.

### April is National Poetry Month

Susan Taylor and the Miller Library welcomes everyone to browse through the new selection of contemporary poetry books.

Taylor also encourages people to check the books out.

Also, check out the McPherson College Poetry Month project: <http://www.mcpherson.edu/~claryb/npm>

### 2008 Trip to Ecuador

Professors Gary Entz and Ocie Kilgus are hosting a January 2008 travel trip to Ecuador.

The trip will be a month-long experience in Latin American history or Spanish-language immersion classes. The ability to speak Spanish is not a requirement for enrollment in the Latin American History course.

For more information, contact either Gary Entz or Ocie Kilgus.



### Correction

The March 16 issue stated the change from HDS to Chartwells at semester cost the college \$70,000, of which students did not have to pay.

This additional cost actually happened two-and-a-half years ago when the college changed from Sodexo to HDS. We regret the error.

# Proposed residence hall could be completed by fall 2008

Progress continues to be made on feasibility study and campus planning

JON "NED" NADEAU  
Spectator Staff

Planning for the building of the new residence hall is progressing quickly.

The process is far enough along that, with board approval and secured funding, it could be completed for the fall of 2008.

"We are working on two parallel tracks - one track is the feasibility study, the other is campus planning," said President Ron Hovis.

According to Hovis, this work encompasses the two phases of construction, and not just the dormitory itself.

Phase I includes the resi-

dence hall, campus entrance upgrades and parking, and various improvements to existing facilities.

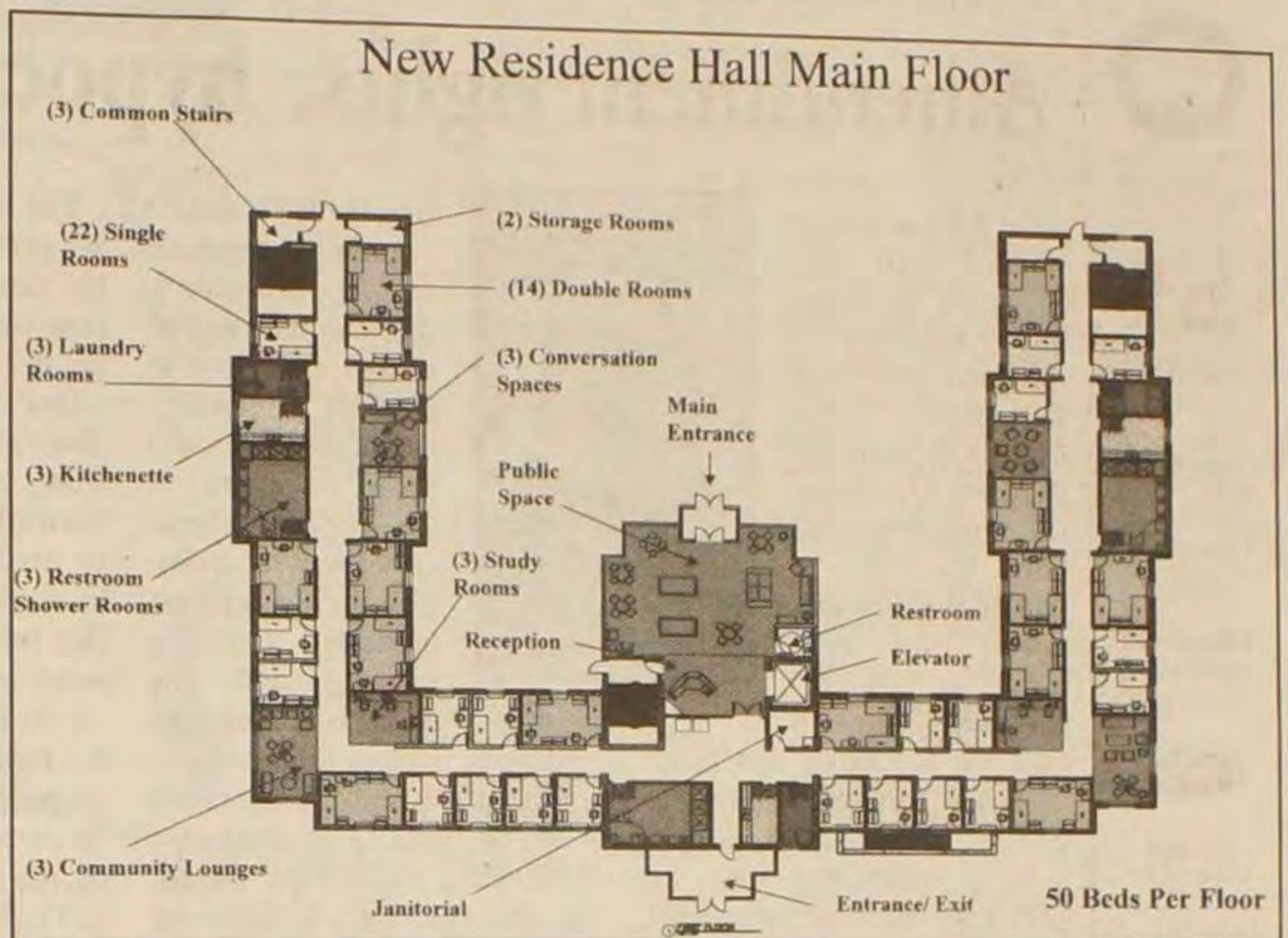
Phase II is renovation and expansion of the student union, demolition of Beeghly Hall for improved access and other facility upgrades.

Student input has been made a priority in the planning process.

"Configuration of the dorm in many cases is driven by student input," said Michael Schneider, vice president of advancement.

Schneider believes student

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Student input has been an important factor in the design of the proposed residence hall.



photo by Lindsey Thiessen

McPherson College alumnus Brad Elliot shares his entrepreneurial experiences with business and accounting students last week.

## Never say never

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

Although Brad Elliot never intended to be a banker and never wanted to live in Kansas, he not only owns a bank, but lives in Wichita.

Elliot, a 1989 graduate of McPherson College, founded Equity Bank in Wichita nearly four years ago.

Elliot, who serves on the college's board of trustees, was invited to McPherson College last week on behalf of the Business Club. The club's goal was for Elliot to share about his entrepreneurial knowledge with students.

"(The purpose) was to have him share his business experience and give students lessons on entrepreneurship," said Rod Gieselman, assistant pro-

“Don't worry about capital. If you have the right deal, the capital will come.”

— Brad Elliot

fessor of business. Elliot said his success started with his experiences in basketball, football and as a resident assistant in college.

But mostly, Elliot's first job as a bank teller and file cleaner at Home State Bank & Trust provided him with enough knowledge about the banking industry to help him know that he wanted to be a loan officer.

"To stay in McPherson, Kansas for six bucks an hour, after I had just taken the summer off to travel in Europe, just really didn't

seem appealing to me," Elliot said, "but it got me what I wanted. I knew I could work here for a couple years and then move on."

At 28, Elliot became the president of Sunflower Bank. After a couple years, Elliot moved to Arizona to work as director of operations at American Traffic Systems. However, the company was not making money and was eventually sold.

After working in Arizona, Elliot took a job at Koch Industries. His time at Koch taught him that it is much safer to become an entrepreneur than to work for others.

From this, Elliot decided he wanted to get into manufacturing and that the best place to do so was in

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## 'Mr. Hypnosis' promises a night of excitement

SAB welcomes Mike Reeves to campus

KIMBERLY MORRIS  
Spectator Staff

If one wanders into the Sport Center gymnasium Monday night and finds an otherwise normal-looking student behaving a little strangely, don't worry, it's all part of the show.

Mike Reeves, or "Mr. Hypnosis," will hypnotize several volunteers in a live show for the public on April 16 at 8 p.m.

"It's going to be fun," said Katie Hill, Student Activities Board president.

During the hour-and-a-half long show, Reeves will take approximately 12 willing volunteers and hypnotize them, Hill said.

Reeves will hypnotize the volunteers so they will believe that they are famous people, an alien, somebody who has lost something or anything the audience can think of.

"We will even have exotic people from other planets who speak only their own language," Reeves said.

Hill said the audience will have a great time at the expense of the volunteers.

"The volunteers will need to be people who are outgoing and not afraid to be laughed at, because there will be lots of laughter," Hill said.

Half the people that volunteer will either remember everything immediately or remember it shortly after the show.

Reeves started hypnotizing people at the age of 12.



courtesy photo

Mike Reeves will hypnotize volunteers Monday in the Sport Center.

"We wanted to do something big on campus and something that hadn't been done before."

— Katie Hill

Throughout his 20 years of hypnotizing people, he has hypnotized more than 100,000 volunteers.

Reeves' grandmother learned the power of hypnosis at the University of Oklahoma for a variety show. She in turn taught her two sons, one of which is Reeves' father, who then taught Reeves about hypnosis. Reeves has a degree in psychology from the University of Tulsa.

SAB got the idea from one of the many videos they receive from entertainment companies.

"We wanted to do some-

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OPINIONSPAGE

Diversity on campus reasonably present

It's been noted lately that "Mac needs more blacks."



JENNIFER TERHUNE

Mac needs more representation of every ethnic group that constitutes a significant portion of the U.S. population.

For example, I know firsthand that McPherson College has some phenomenal black staff members.

I had the distinct pleasure of working with Shay Maclin for a role in the last theatrical production and the only words that come to my mind to describe her are positive.

that he has always known what to call me and everyone else I ever see him greet.

Amendment rights, hypocrisy as important as offensiveness

On the morning of April 4, 2007, Don Imus, on his nationally syndicated radio show, referred to the women's NCAA basketball team of Rutgers University as "nappy-headed hos."



DAVE CADDIN

Proctor & Gamble. Imus appeared on Al Sharpton's, the man leading the charge for Imus to be fired, nationally-syndicated radio show on April 9.

The first thing is the people who seem to lead the charge for his firing. The second thing is how many people seem to forget the First Amendment.

and New York City as "Hymietown." Jackson also admitted in a 1969 Life magazine article that when he worked in a restaurant he would spit in the food of white people because it gave him "psychological gratification."

Let me repeat that I feel the comments made by Imus are abhorrent, deplorable, racist and sexist. He ruined a glorious moment in the life of these women.

Eliminate weekend boredom via new student group of fun and fellowship

McPherson College caters to two geographical types of students - the big city dwellers (there are fewer of you guys) and the small towners (there are more of us).



ASHLEY MITCHELL

A group that meets on either Friday or Saturday night, depending on the schedule of previously planned campus events, was recently started on campus to help fight the war against boredom.

"The purpose of this night is to provide an alternative to being bored alone in your room or bored at a party."

very informal and there is no set schedule of events. It is just simply a time to come and hang out with people and play games.

On the Fly

What song best represents you?

- "Highway to Hell." -- Brian Schippert, sr. Great Bend
"Afternoon Delight." -- Lucas Oswald, sr. McPherson
"Be Ye Glad." -- Myles Regier, sr. Henderson, Neb.
"Baby Got Back." -- Clint Schneider, fr. Hillsboro
"Glory." -- Danna Gordon, fr. Newton

Week of the Woman justifiably for women

Men can have own week, too, if desired

Week of the Woman is approaching and the campus has been buzzing about the different activities that will take place.



MEGAN MCKNIGHT

events, men? How would it look if there were a man in a self-defense class for women?

"Week of the Woman is for empowering females and giving them open forums to discuss issues that only women go through."

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# Possible athletic rift on campus explored

## Examination is needed

When I decided to write this article about preferential treatment for student-athletes I must admit I felt a bit hesitant. As a former student-athlete I feel that if I said there was special treatment I would hurt a group of people to which I used to belong.

The other reason that made me pause was the fact that I did not want to create unnecessary tension between student-athletes and those students who do not play a sport.

As I asked students what they thought on the subject I found

that there is a perception on campus that seems to bother quite a few people. There is an underlying tension felt towards the administration and student-athletes that needs to be dealt with for the sake of the campus community.

One area of concern among many regular students is the fact that the school spends a ton of time and money recruiting student athletes, many of whom leave after one semester.

One student told me that if the school took the time to recruit good students who happened to be athletes the retention rate would be higher and then maybe the administration could spend some time and money recruiting students for choir, art or auto restoration.

Another complaint that came up often is that many believe the professors have to go out of the way to get student athletes to learn. Athletes are forced to go to study hall and if they do not have the required GPA, they seem to get more chances than a student with the required GPA.

An anonymous student told me that the administration goes out of its way to keep student athletes here who do not have the self discipline to keep their grades up.

The main concern with a lot of students has to do with the perception of a conflict of interest by LaMonte Rothrock being the dean of students as well as athletic director.

Many students believe that he only has time for athletes. They believe that if he shows up to every athletic event then he should show up to other non-athletic

events. Many students also believe Rothrock gives chances and opportunities to student-athletes that other students would not get.

My opinion on the subject is that the only differential treatment student-athletes receive is in the form of finances. Almost all student athletes receive scholarship money for playing a sport. The money is awarded to them whether they play or not.

The other benefit I see student-athletes having is new facilities and equipment.

But is this really preferential treatment?

The scholarship money that is given to athletes can be justified by the extra time they dedicate to practice and the facilities have mainly been built on donations.

As a matter of fact, many donations have stipulations on what they can be spent on.

As far as special academic treatment by professors is concerned, I have seen nothing that can back up many of the claims.

The same can be said for the perception of the conflict of interest concerning Rothrock. I asked for specific examples, but what I got was a lot of speculation.

This does not mean that there is not a problem. If there is a perception that exists, then the divide between student athletes, regular students and the administration needs to become a reality.

Something needs to be done to bring these underlying tensions to the surface in a controlled and respectful manner or it will continue to fester. If these beliefs fester and spread, then it will destroy the campus community.

I would hate to see the cohesiveness and respect that the student body and the administration share diminished by a perception that could easily be dispelled in an open forum.

If you have a concern about special treatment or feel that you are being mistreated then bring it up to Rothrock or another administrator instead of letting it fester.

The only way to have a mutual respect for each other is to be open with each other.



DAVE CADDIN  
"Something needs to be done to bring these underlying tensions to the surface."



### THE BULL YARD



### POWER POLL RESULTS:

ARE THERE ANY SIGNIFICANT INEQUALITIES IN THE TREATMENT OF ATHLETES VERSUS NON-ATHLETES AT MCPHERSON COLLEGE?

YES: 48%

NO: 31%

UNSURE/OTHER: 21%

52 INDIVIDUALS POLLED

## Has not happened to me

To truly answer the question, if athletes and non-athletes get equal treatment, we have to understand what the word equal means. Equal means the same as or as great as, and for anyone to give two people the same treatment is impossible because no two people are the same.

Therefore, different people are going to get different treatment or in this case unequal treatment depending on who is giving the treatment.

Even with this being true, I believe that athletes and non-athletes are treated the same. In every class that I have taken at McPherson College with the teachers that I have had, I can honestly say my tests were graded on the same scale as anyone else's.

Even the teachers that liked sports and liked me as a person never gave me any different treatment when it came to school issues.

I believe that some students think that being an athlete automatically gives us special rights or treatment from teachers, people, children, etc. If that was true then I feel left out and think that I deserve some restitution or back pay because someone forgot about me.

To be honest I think that non-athletes may oversee a teacher's or person's respect for an athlete, because of what they do, as special treatment.

Believe me, just because a teacher respects you does not mean he or she likes you or will give you a better grade because you're an athlete.

I have taken many classes and what I have found in most cases is that teachers could care less if I had a game or practice the night before, as they still expect my assignment or test to be complete on the date it is due just like any other student's, athlete or not.



BRENDAN NETHERTON  
"As far as how the faculty and staff at McPherson College are about treating athletes compared to non-athletes, we have to realize that the only thing that is different is the conversation."

Take for instance Dan Hoffman, who is also my advisor. He could care less if students are athletes or not. He is a teacher that has been someone I talk to on a daily basis about everything under the sun and not once has he given me a grade that I did not earn or has treated me different from anyone else.

The only person that has ever given me special treatment in my life is my little brother and that is just because he looks up to me.

I have had many teachers let other athletes and me know that just because we are athletes does not mean the rules are modified or changed.

I have been in classrooms with teachers that are not even interested in sports or what happened during a game and they gave me the same treatment as other students that did not play sports.

As far as how the faculty and staff at McPherson College are about treating athletes compared to non-athletes, we have to realize that the only thing that is different is the conversation.

Instead of them asking how my Saturday was and how my classes are going, they ask how the game was and how classes are going.

Now that I think about it, I am going to ask faculty and staff to give me special treatment because I am an athlete and see what they say.

I would love to get an A in every class and not have to work as hard for it; that would be a blessing. I also would like to pay less for school and get a personal chef because being an athlete is so much different in McPherson College's eyes.

Well, hopefully this will prove that athletes and non-athletes are equal as far as getting the same treatment at McPherson College.

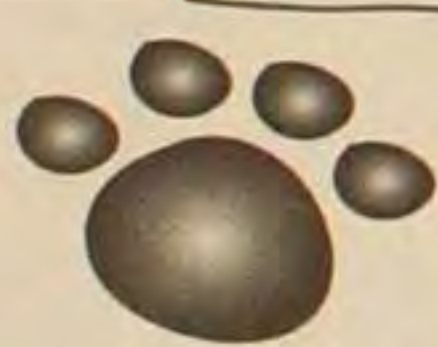
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### Good Dog

Though by no means perfect, the Spectator wishes to give our thanks to the campus for maintaining a relatively peaceful and tranquil living environment this year.

School is not yet over, but Tom Hurst seems to have done a good job acquainting himself with the student community.

Congratulations to the track team for a good home meet.



### Bad Dog

The Morrison pop machine increased its prices. Who pays \$1.25 for water? It will never sell.

What happened to intramurals? Sunday is the last day. Can we try to continue, as soccer was fun, and add a bit more variety and frequency for this next year?

### A McPherson College moment ...

Illustration by Shaun Griffin



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

- WEEK OF THE WOMAN DEMEANS WOMEN BY PORTRAYING THEM AS VICTIMS.
- THIS CAMPUS USED TO BE GORGEOUS. IT'S STILL BETTER THAN MOST, BUT CAN WE PRIM IT A BIT?
- CAN WE HAVE A WIRELESS BACKUP OR SOMETHING THAT KEEPS OUR ONLINE PROGRAMS RUNNING WHEN THE CABLE GLITCHES?
- SOFTBALL NEEDS A TARP SO WE CAN PLAY.
- I CAN'T AFFORD ROOM RESERVATIONS. WHERE AM I GOING TO LIVE?
- IF YOU SUCK AT SERVING, DON'T BE A SERVICE INDUSTRY, A.K.A. WALMART!
- I'VE DECIDED CREATING ART IS AS FUTILE AS FINDING PI. THERE IS NO PERFECT ART PIECE AND SO IT IS FRUSTRATING TO THE EXTREME.
- I USED THE MEN'S BATHROOM LAST NIGHT IN METZLER ... I'M A GIRL! HEHE.
- DO THE LUNCH LADIES HAVE TO CALL ME FAT EVERY DAY?
- WHAT'S INSIDE A BASKETBALL PLAYER'S SHOE? ATHLETE'S FOOT!
- QUIT USING YOUR STUDENTS TO MAKE SHOUT IT OUT COMMENTS ABOUT ME.
- WHY ARE SPORTS GENDER SEGREGATED? DO YOU HEAR A 5'11" BASKETBALL PLAYER COMPLAINING OF A DISADVANTAGE WHEN A 6'4" STUDENT TRIES OUT?
- WHY DO THEY HAVE TO MOW AT 7:30 IN THE MORNING?
- WHAT'S UP WITH RICH PEOPLE COMING TO THE CAF. AND COMPLAINING ABOUT THE FOOD QUALITY? IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, GO EAT SOMEWHERE ELSE!
- I'M ONE HALF DEER, ONE HALF BUCK ... I'M A DUCK!
- IF YOU DON'T LIVE IN THE DORMS, KEEP YOUR BOYFRIENDS OUT OF THE BATHROOM!
- I AM GLAD THE SILVERWARE IS CLEAN! (SARCASM)
- THERE WERE A BUNCH OF PEOPLE WRITTEN UP THIS WEEKEND! USE THEIR \$ TO FIX THE WEIGHT ROOM EQUIPMENT ... NOT VACATION \$.

Drop a note in the Shout it out! box in the S.U. to make your voice heard. Libelous comments will not be published. Editing may occur.

# Makeover Madness

McPherson College employee Debbie Rauch receives Ultimate Dream Makeover

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

What do you get when you cross one woman, a community of service-oriented people and over \$2,000 in gifts? Three words... Ultimate Dream Makeover.

Debbie Rauch, an employee of Chartwell's at McPherson College, was working at 8:45 on Tuesday morning, when a member of the community who wishes to remain anonymous, surprised Rauch by telling her that he was kidnapping her for a makeover.

Each fall and spring, a candidate is selected from a number of applications that are sent in response to a notice in the McPherson Sentinel, asking for nominees for the Ultimate Dream Makeover.

Rauch's son Alex, who attends college in Hutchinson, sent in an application for his mom.

Alex said his mom is worthy of the makeover because of many tough circumstances she has endured over the past two years.

"She deserves this," Alex said. "Since my dad passed away, she's basically a workaholic. Out of everyone that I know, she deserves it a lot more."

Alex added that raising two teenage boys - he and his younger brother Matt - is a tough chore, but his mom does it well.

"She's a good mom," Alex said.

Rauch had a full day of ac-



photo by Adrielle Harvey

Debbie Rauch, an employee of Chartwell's at McPherson College, is pampered by stylists at Creative Hairlines. Rauch was nominated for the makeover by her son, Alex.

tivities planned for her.

She received gifts from over 28 businesses and individuals in McPherson.

Her day started at Guys 'n Gals where she received a new dress.

Then Brown's Shoe Fit Co. provided her with a new pair shoes.

From Brown's she went to Creative Hairlines where employees Rachel Burge, Kim Wilson, Dawnelle Richard, and Erin Alexander colored, cut and styled Rauch's hair, gave her a manicure, pedicure, massage and facial, and did her makeup.

Burge said working with people like Rauch "makes you wish you do more."

While at Creative Hairlines,

Rauch had a chance to observe her new look.

"I feel feminine, pretty, younger," Rauch said. "I feel giddy and I haven't felt giddy in years."

Rauch, who was the fifth candidate for the Ultimate Dream Makeover, was very thankful for each gift she received, but there was still more to come.

"I'm feeling a lot of gratitude," Rauch said, "and I just want to give everyone hugs."

Rauch finished her day at Miraculous Meals where many of the businesses in town presented her with gifts of flowers, balloons, jewelry, food, gas and much more.

Miraculous Meals provided Rauch and her sons with her favorite dinner - a Mexican



photo by Adrielle Harvey

Rauch smiles, pleased with the results of her makeover. Over 28 area businesses donated time and items to the the Ultimate Dream Makeover.

meal with homemade tortillas and tacos.

Rauch received attention from the McPherson Sentinel and KAKE 10 news in Wichita, which aired her makeover on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Another candidate will be selected in the fall. Although there has never been a male candidate, both male and female applicants are accepted.

## Business Club to tour Nashville

KIARA STEFFENS  
Spectator Staff

All the hard work the Business Club has done through bratwurst and concession stand sales, is about to pay off big time.

Business Club members will depart for Nashville,

Tennessee, on Wednesday and will experience five exciting days of learning and site seeing.

"I am excited to learn the day-to-day operations of the wide variety of businesses," said Carley Sharp, fr., Chanut.

In addition to touring

big-name companies, club members will enjoy various forms of entertainment. They will have the chance to explore the sites and sounds of Nashville.

While visiting Nashville, club members will have the opportunity to tour a variety of popular businesses. This

year, the agenda includes Nissan, Jack Daniels, Caterpillar Finance, and Purity Dairy.

"Each year we tour a variety of businesses: service, manufacturing and entertainment," said Rod Gieselman, assistant professor of business and Business

Club sponsor. "We also try to include both big and small businesses, as well as privately owned and public companies. This allows students to experience firsthand the wide variety of business models that exist."

Although this trip has proven to be fun in the past,

it's not to say that there isn't learning involved.

"At each business we will have a Q&A session with management of the company," Gieselman said. "These sessions give the students an inside look at the challenges and opportunities in business world. It's a great trip."

## The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT ANNA RUXLOW.

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

What is your role at McPherson College?

"I'm the associate director of development, which is fundraising."

What was your favorite toy as a child?

"Hard to believe... G.I. Joe. I still have him. I was very much a tomboy and I didn't want Barbie."

Olive Garden or Applebee's?

"Applebee's. Olive Garden serves too much food."

Where are you from originally?

"McPherson."

What one piece of advice would you offer to those around you?

"Keep smiling."

What is your favorite color? Why?

"Probably my favorite one is purple because there's so much of it around our house and it's just a royal color."

What is your marital status?

"I am married. It will be 21 years on May 2. I have three sons."

Do you have any hidden talents?

"I am an artist."

When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

"A professional football player."

Describe your dream date and who it would be with.

"It would have to be Russell Crowe and where would we go? Anywhere he wanted to go."

What do you hope to accomplish in your role at McPherson College?

"I hope to be able to raise lots of money for them and to lighten the workload on those around me."

What has been your most embarrassing moment in life?

"My most embarrassing moment in my entire life was when I got married. It was a very warm day at the beginning of May and I fainted in the middle of the ceremony. It took 45 minutes to wake me up. In the process of trying to catch me before I hit the floor, my husband ripped my dress."

If you could do one thing over in life, what would it be?

"I really wanted to be in medicine and I would have pursued that stronger. I love my life, but I would have pursued that harder."

What brought you to McPherson College?

"My campus tour with Trent, my oldest son that's coming here. As we were touring the campus, I was amazed at how beautiful it was, how many people I knew that worked here and I just said to him, this would be a great place to work. Lo-and-behold a job came up and I'm working here."

If you were a shape, what shape would you be and why?

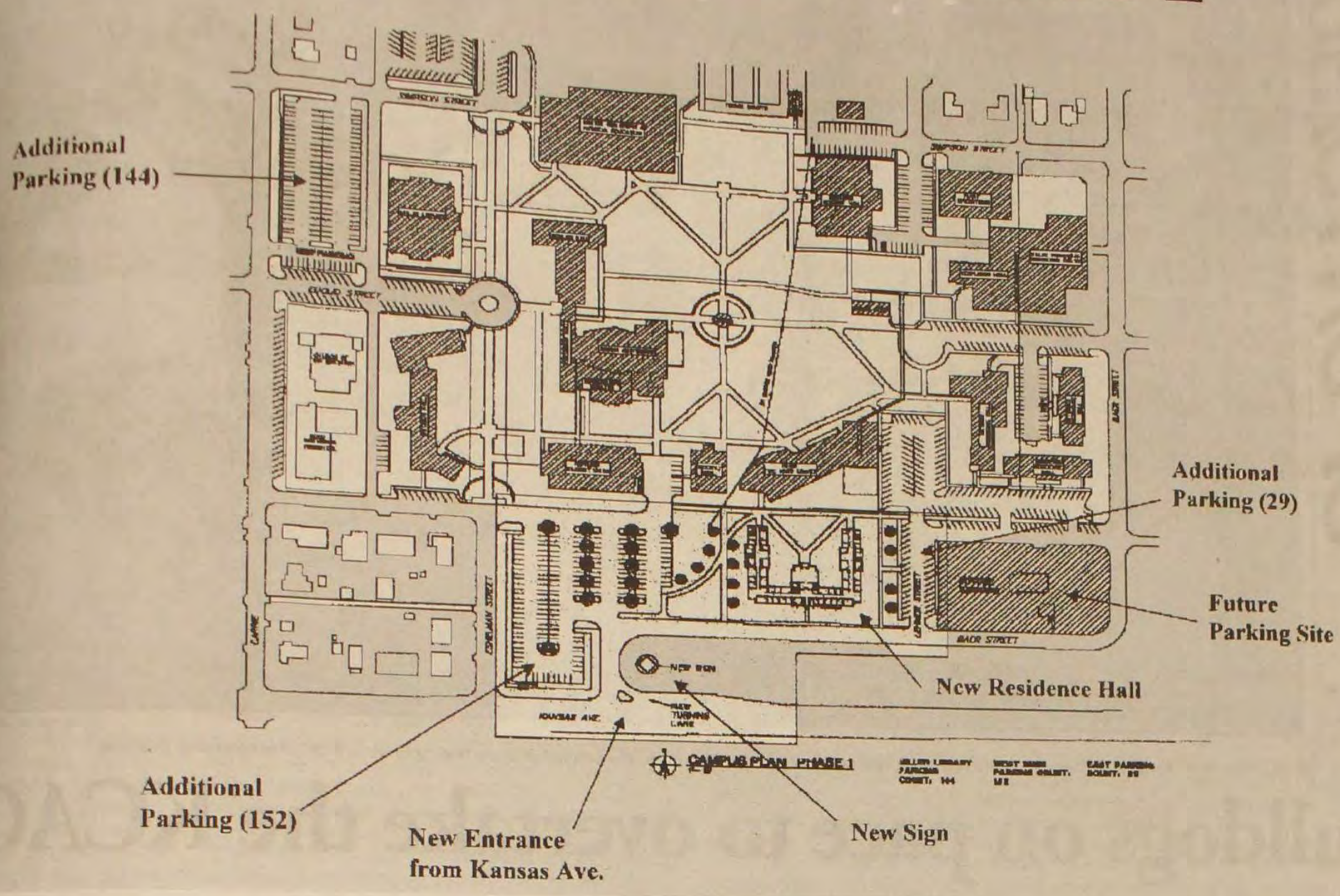
"I would be a pyramid because they're supposed to be powerful and there's no round edges."



photo by Adrielle Harvey

Anna Ruxlow, the new associate director of development at McPherson College, works at fundraising for the college.

# Campus Plan: Phase I



## Defining cheating

An inside look at infidelity in relationships

### SURVEY 2007

- Have you ever been cheated on by a significant other?  
Yes 56% No 44%
- Have you been cheated on more than once?  
Yes 20% No 80%
- Have you ever cheated on a significant other?  
Yes 23% No 77%
- Have you cheated multiple times either on the same person or different people?  
Yes 11% No 89%

Infographic by Christina McPherson

A total of 93 students were surveyed

AMANDA MORGAN  
Campus Life Editor

It's generally a taboo topic, but one that can rip apart a relationship before it's too late. It is spoken of in whispers, and when it happens, everyone gets hurt.

In a recent survey, students were asked to define cheating—and it appears that students at McPherson College have very different ideas of what constitutes being unfaithful. Some think that "anything that hurts your significant other" qualifies as cheating, while others think cheating begins at different levels like holding hands, kissing, sex, or "any physical or emotional attachment with another person."

Some students go as far as saying flirting or even being secretive is akin to being unfaithful.

"If you would be unhappy if your significant other did it, it's cheating," said Amy Ziegler, soph., Denver, Colo.

Kelli Johnson, personal counselor at McPherson College, shed some light on cheating.

"It is my opinion, in my experience, that cheating on somebody is a fairly normal developmental stage seen starting as early as junior high through college age relationships," Johnson said. "That isn't to say that everyone does it and not to say it can't be damaging."

Johnson said that no matter how hard parents try to fight it, cheating is "the thing to watch because the bodies of teenagers are biologically charged up to go find a mate and reproduce."

Johnson added that society sets children up for cheating and provides many opportunities for infidelity in relationships to occur.

"I think our society does a really good

job of teaching us about romantic love...we see it everywhere—the finding the person you're going to spend the rest of your life with and knowing it in two weeks," Johnson said. "We plant this seed in our kids' heads that that is what they're looking for—to live happily ever after."

Johnson also said she thinks schools are doing a pretty good job of teaching sex education, but where society ultimately fails when it comes to teaching children is how to be in a relationship.

Johnson thinks that, in some situations, infidelity in a relationship can be forgiven.

"We all make mistakes," Johnson said. "I think if it's happened one time and you have a good relationship, a good foundation and have grown with each other, I think that cheating can be overcome—but both people have to be willing to work on it."

Of course, if cheating has happened several times, a couple may need to reevaluate their relationship and make the decision as to whether or not it is worth it to continue.

Although some couples try to fix their troubles by tying the knot, marriage isn't necessarily a good idea.

"If cheating has happened several times before marriage, marriage is not going to solve it or stop it," Johnson said. "Everything gets magnified when you're married."

According to the survey, it appears that there are more McPherson students that have been cheated on than those that have not—yet relatively few people actually admitted to cheating.

Perhaps people need to take a step back and truly reevaluate their relationships. Through this, couples have the opportunity to decide if they are behaving in a way that is mutually beneficial so future problems can be prevented.

Coming Monday, April 30 \* 8 p.m. Hoffman Student Union

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- David Jansen, Youth Care Worker  
10 years at Youthville



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Kristen Ozbun, fr., Rose Hill, slides safely into home in a recent home game at Wall Park. The softball girls are hoping to win a KCAC championship this year.

# Bulldogs on pace to overtake the KCAC

Softball team leading all conference teams at 5-1, 15-12 overall

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Spectator Staff

The softball team is currently 15-12 overall as it enters the second week of conference play, but more importantly the team is 5-1 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

On today's date last year, the Bulldogs were on the opposite end of the spectrum, 0-6 in conference and 7-18 overall.

It is early in conference play, but the Lady Bulldogs are at the top of the conference and plan on staying

there throughout the year.

"I feel it (the season) is going very good and we are only going to get stronger," said starting pitcher Jessica Yates, soph., Silver Lake.

The team hosted Ottawa University at Wall Park on Thursday night. The women lost the first game 1-9. The second game, however, the Bulldogs turned the table on the Braves and the women overcame them to win a nail-biting thriller, 14-13.

Whitney Coleman, jr., Douglass, hit a grand slam to put the team in lead in the fourth inning.

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- Taylor Parsons

Courtney Bersuch, jr., McPherson, stole the show with three homeruns in the series.

"I think we pulled together three-fourths of the time and then we have our one or two bad innings where we get off

the tracks and then the train comes through," Yates said.

Even though the season is only midway through, this year's players have their minds set on the postseason and taking home the KCAC championship.

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The ladies believe that the team is well in reach and capable of being the best and understand that they must work hard to get there.

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The Lady Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 166 to 155 with the majority of those coming within the first four innings of each game. The team batting average is currently at .324. The team is also fielding at a .907 clip right now.

"Offensively we've been pretty solid so far, but there are some meetings when we don't score enough and that needs to be improved," said Taylor Parsons, soph., Westminster, Colo. "Also we could improve our strikeout ratio."

The Lady Bulldogs continue the conference schedule by meeting up with Sterling College at Sterling on Saturday at 1 p.m.

The last time the two teams squared off was last spring when the Bulldogs were defeated 2-3 and 4-5 by the Warriors.



photo by Adrielle Harvey

Shawn McCrae, soph., Marietta, Ga., and Brent Bailey, soph., Limon, Colo., run a repeat workout at practice earlier this week. Both are members of the 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams.

## ACCK championship approaching Saturday

Hudachek sets new school record in hammer throw

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As the track season moves along, the team is beginning to see the "light of recovery" at the end of the tunnel. Injuries have been the Bulldogs' biggest concern this year as many members of the track team have fallen victim to the "injury bug".

"The season has gone pretty well for the most part so far," said head coach Dave Smith. "We have been fighting some injuries. That is the main frustration so far."

From sprains, to tears and contusions, the Bulldogs have endured a number of injuries, but are now finally starting to see the results of rehab.

Most notably, Andrew Paull, jr., Kanopolis, and Chase Ortiz, fr., Fort Worth, Texas, have worked their way back onto the track a few times this week. Paull competes in the 400-meter run and the 800-meter run. Ortiz contributes to the 4x400-meter relay.

Currently no individual

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- Dave Smith

Bulldog or Bulldog relay has qualified for nationals, but it is still early in the season.

"Nobody has qualified yet for nationals, but Zane (Walker) has jumped at a national level and if Hudachek continues to improve, he will qualify soon," Smith said. "Israel (Ortiz) can qualify at a number of running events. We just need to find the right one for him."

Earlier this week, the Bulldogs ran at Hutchinson Junior College.

There was a total of 12 teams ranging from NAIA/KCAC conference rival Sterling all the way to Hutchinson Junior College. The two most impressive performances came from

Dan Hudachek, sr., Stillwater, Minn., and Israel Ortiz, jr., Limon, Colo. Hudachek set a new school record in the hammer throw with a toss of 150-9. Ortiz set a new outdoor season best for the Bulldogs running 15 minutes 59.73 seconds.

The Bulldogs next meet is the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas Relays, which are scheduled for Saturday at 11 a.m. in North Newton, home of the Bethel Threshers.

"It should be our kind of meet," Smith said, but we are minus 14 people due to the choir tour. I expect us to be competitive in a lot of events and I think it will be a battle for second between us and a couple of other teams. Tabar at least on paper has the depth to take it again, but we'll see."

Brent Bailey, soph., Limon, Colo., believes that he may be able to aide the team this week at the relays.

"I hope to win two, maybe three events," Bailey said. "The 4x4, steeplechase, and possibly the 800."



Brett Mowry, soph., Olathe, Kan., returns a tennis ball during practice on Thursday. The team has six members this year. photo by Adrielle Harvey

## Men's tennis team off to shaky start with 0-3 record

Members to compete at Hutchison Community College today

BENJAMIN DENTON  
Spectator Staff

The men's tennis team is currently struggling with an overall record of 0-3. The season is young, however, and things could change. McPherson's most recent match ended in a 2-7 loss against Kansas Wesleyan University on April 3. The men will compete

today against Hutchinson Community College. The team will compete in three matches in two days. Brett Mowry, soph., Olathe, said despite the team's losses, the season has been tough, but enjoyable. "Hopefully we keep improving and just keep having fun," Mowry said, "and win a match here and there." Mowry said he plays hard,

but tends to get frustrated with himself. "It's one of those less contact sports," Mowry said, "but more frustrating. Like golf." Michael Davis, jr., Oklahoma City, is new to the sport of tennis and has struggled due to his inexperience. "I have played tennis for about a month-and-a-half now," Davis said. "My

season has definitely been up and down, but mostly downs." Davis hopes the whole team will improve throughout the rest of the season. "Well, we have two really good players," Davis said. "(The rest of) us just kind of struggle a little. I see us getting better towards the end of the season and hopefully we beat Central Christian."

## Students captivated by international hobby

McDaniel, White start Futsal league at McPherson

MALLORY YUNGBERG  
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Soccer players Nathan McDaniel, sr., Ponca City, Okla., and John White, sr., Wichita, recently took it upon themselves to start a new activity on campus - Futsal. Futsal is an indoor version of soccer that is very popular in Brasil. Futsal helps people concentrate on ball skills and footwork. "Watching the pros play is like watching a dance recital," White said.

Though Futsal is much like soccer, there are some differences. The ball is heavier, which in turn cuts down the bounce and helps smooth out the motions of the ball. A real game of Futsal is played 5-on-5, including goalies, on a rubber floor. The dimensions of the court are quite similar to that of a basketball court. "Nathan and I have to make do, so we use the whole big gym," White said. "We play 7-on-7 and use trash cans as goals with no goalies."

"Nathan and I have to make do, so we use the whole big gym." - John White

They play two 10-minute halves. If there is a tie at the end of the game, then they resort to penalty kicks. For this league, players can score a goal by hitting the trash can with the ball from any angle. "There is also a box taped around the trash can so that

no one is allowed inside of it," White said. "This prevents people from playing 'goalkeeper' and allows for more goals." Currently, the second season of Futsal is underway. There are eight teams involved that also competed in last season as well. The team that wins the tournament will receive t-shirts as their prize. Games are held in the McPherson College Sport Center two nights a week. There is a \$5 fee for individual players.

## Women's tennis team beats KWU 7-2

Young squad looks to Crist, Coberly for leadership

BENJAMIN DENTON  
Spectator Staff

McPherson women's tennis team will compete today against Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson. The Lady Bulldog's go into the match with an overall record of 1-1. Head coach J.D. Gravina is optimistic about the girls' success this season. "I feel like the girls are going to be pretty competitive," Gravina said. Gravina said the team is young and is looking to the leadership of Callie Crist, sr., McPherson, and Mariah Coberly, soph., Clay Center. "This is our first year and we are really lucky to have Crist on our team," Gravina said. "She was a high school state doubles champion. We've brought in a few pretty good freshmen, one sophomore, Mariah Coberly, and then Callie, our only senior. It will be pretty competitive, especially the top four spots." Kelsey Buffo, fr., Valley Center, is positive about the season thus far.

"It will be pretty competitive, especially the top four spots." - J.D. Gravina

"We are doing pretty well for the first season," Buffo said. "We have improved some and I think we will improve some more as the season goes along. I think we have a good chance and I hope we can win quite a few and be pretty competitive in conference." As for an individual goal Buffo said, "I want to be able to place in conference tournaments and have a higher rank, too. I want some good matches." From what Gravina has observed so far, he believes the ladies will do well. "Originally, I thought we would struggle to win any matches, but the women have already beaten Kansas Wesleyan," Gravina said. "Friends didn't have enough for their women's team, so we may finish around the middle of the pack in confer-



Allison Hajek, fr., Omaha, Neb., delivers a serve to her teammates in practice on Thursday. photo by Adrielle Harvey

## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Runners look to moms as role models on and off the track



Ashley Mitchell



Tim Stone

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Track and field and cross-country participant Ashley Mitchell, jr., Great Bend, was a member of Great Bend's swim team all four years of high school, but only ran track for a year. However, Mitchell has become totally involved in the track and cross country experience while attending McPherson. "I've been swimming longer and in high school our track coach never let us have much fun, so I did like swimming better, but now that I have come to Mac I like track a whole lot more," Mitchell said. "I like them about evenly now."

As a swimmer, Mitchell excelled, qualifying for state on relay teams all four years and qualifying in the 100-meter breast stroke her senior year. "That was really awesome for me because I had been trying all four years to qualify," Mitchell said. "I made it at the very last opportunity possible, the Western Athletic Conference Meet."

Although Mitchell is relatively new to the "running scene" she still prefers certain races to others. "My favorite running event would have to be the 800, but I've only been running track for a year, so I don't really know how much I would enjoy other races," Mitchell said.

Mitchell has a strong relationship with her mother and looks to her for encouragement.

"I really admire how she supports me," Mitchell said. "I hope I am like that when I have a kid. She busts her butt to get to as many things of mine and my sister's as she can."

Outside of her family, Mitchell finds solace in the works of her favorite author, Donald Miller.

"He writes these awesome books about life and Christianity," Mitchell said. "It is not your typical Christian version. He puts it into an incredible light. He is always talking about things that are going on right now in the world and that are relevant."

During her years at McPherson, no particular memory stuck out in Mitchell's mind, though she does recall having a great time with one of her closest friends.

"I've had a lot of fun goofing off with Megan (Meyer)," Mitchell said. "We've went through and done a lot of hard work, practicing together and getting to know each other more."

Mitchell's advice to future Bulldogs is to "do the very best that you possibly can, even if your best is not very good. Just keep trying and don't give up."

Tim Stone, fr., Abilene, finished his high school track career at the Kansas State Relays on a 4A state champion team.

Stone competed in high jump at state and finished seventh overall.

Stone aspires to achieve much success while at McPherson.

"I want to break the school record for the high jump which is 6-8," Stone said. "Right now I am jumping 6-6, so I am almost there. It would be neat to beat the record as a freshman."

Stone believes the team as a whole looks very strong this year, but he believes the best is yet to come.

"We are going to be decent this year, but next year we should be a lot better after we get in some more recruits," Stone said. "We'll just have to see how it goes this year."

Stone's mother has played a significant role in his life.

"I love her to death," Stone said. "She has been through a lot of stuff. She

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was in the army and had to overcome a lot of really tough and difficult times. She was always someone I could look up to for everything I need."

Stone's mother helped him grow and develop as a person, but when it came to an athlete, Michael Jordan stands out as the single most influential athlete in Stone's eyes.

"An athlete who I used as a role model growing up was Michael Jordan," Stone said. "He persevered through a lot when he was cut from the basketball team in high school and then later became one of the greatest."

Stone also understands the importance of staying on a teacher's good side in the classroom. "Do want you can, keep up a good work ethic and keep your grades up," Stone said. "The most important part of track comes in the classroom."

Stone is redshirting this season, but will return to the team in 2008.

On a lighter note, Stone shares how nutrition can play a vital role in the performance of an athlete.

"For my pre-game meal I like to eat two snack wraps and a cheeseburger," Stone said.



# And the greatest of these is love

### Spring tour takes choir to six churches across the Midwest

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Spectator Staff

Without the aid of microphones or sheet music, the McPherson College Choir will travel across Kansas, Iowa and Missouri, to six different churches for the 2007 choir tour.

"Being on tour is good for the students," said Steve Gustafson, professor of music. "It gives them concentrative time away." "The choir grows and bonding occurs in the group. They serve a common purpose - the love of singing."

The five-day tour began Wednesday and the singers will return home on Sunday.

The locations they will visit, respectively, are Coffeyville United Methodist Church in Coffeyville; Cabool Church of the Brethren in Cabool, Mo.; Ivester Church of the Brethren in Grundy Center, Iowa; Warrensburg Church of the Brethren in Warrensburg, Mo.; Ottawa Community Church of the Brethren in Ottawa; and McPherson Church of the Brethren in McPherson.

This year's theme for the tour is "And the Greatest of These is Love!" Song selections include "Walk in Jerusalem", "My Jesus", and "Set Me As a Seal".

Families from each church will host the 58 students by welcoming them into their homes



The choir's first stop was in Coffeyville on Wednesday night, where they sang in the Coffeyville United Methodist Church. Many of the choir members are looking forward to taking a break from school.

and providing the singers with home-cooked meals.

Section leaders, appointed within the choir, will be in charge of planning outside entertainment for the students while on tour. Possible activities include touring a cavern in Missouri or simply watching a movie on the bus.

Gustafson said the greatest challenge will be "making sure we are psyched up each night.

Each concert needs to be better than the one before."

The choir recently performed a couple of "run-outs" at the Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson, and the Wichita Church of the Brethren, to help them prepare for the tour.

Gustafson also said it helps to warm up in each church prior to performing, in order to adapt to the different environments.

While some students are ap-

"Each concert needs to be better than the one before."

- Steve Gustafson

prehensive about staying in a stranger's home, others are anticipating an enjoyable experience.

"I don't dread that part," said Rhonda Hoffert, sr., Golden,

Colo. "I'm looking forward to a break from school."

Jessica Arnold, soph., La Cygne, said she is "looking forward to the home-cooked meals."

Tom Hurst, director of campus ministry, and Sally Nelson, director of alumni development and events coordinator, will join the tour group. Nelson has played an integral part in organizing the tour.

## Women can gain knowledge, skills during 'Week of the Woman'

JORDAN SHAY  
News Editor

You've probably seen the posters around campus promoting "Week of the Woman."

What started out as a one-day event has morphed into a week filled with activities for the women on campus and in the community.

The week of April 23-27 will feature many events such as a fashion show and dinner and various presentations giving tips on managing personal finances, eating healthy, basic car maintenance, self-defense and more.

Career Services and Student Services teamed up to plan the week.

"I would like as many women to come to the fashion show as possible," said Chris Wiens, director of Career Services. "The selection of clothes will be very educational as far as what is business attire and what is casual."

She added that reservations for this event are due by Monday. Tickets to the fashion show and dinner

"...we started out with one day and ended up with a whole week full of activities."

- Pam Wilborn

are available to the public for \$15. Like all the week's events, the show and dinner is free for all McPherson College students, faculty and staff.

If you're not interested in fashion, there are plenty of other activities going on throughout the week.

"As far as the rest of the week, we tried to focus on the different aspects of things that young women need to know," Wiens said.

Tuesday's events include a presentation by Consumer Credit Counseling on personal finances in the Student Union, as well as "Car Cents" with Jonathan Klingler, director of automo-

tive restoration promotions and resources development, in Templeton Hall.

"Klinger is giving a presentation on basic car maintenance," said Pam Wilborn, assistant director of Career Services. "He will be teaching simple things like how to check your tire pressure and how to check the oil."

Although Wednesday's events are centered around

health and nutrition, these areas are not the week's only focus.

"Most women's weeks usually focus on health, but we wanted to focus also on safety, financial stability and other things women need to know as they transition to being on their own," Wiens said.

Wiens said Thursday's activities include instruction on the use of weapons and self-defense.

"The safety class is going to be really cool," Wiens said. "(Officer Montagne

is going to cover women's safety as far as how to protect yourself when you're alone or on a date."

Also during the exhibit on personal safety, women will be able to practice how to use a can of fake mace.

Wiens and Wilborn have both played integral roles in planning "Week of the Woman."

"As Chris and I started planning the fashion show, we started brainstorming and decided to contact local agencies who could come distribute information to the women on campus," Wilborn said. "As you can see, we started out with one day and ended up with a whole week full of activities."

The keynote speaker is DJ Tracy Cassidy of B98FM out of Wichita, who Wilborn said is a "pretty popular personality in this area."

Wiens added that "women will gain a lot of insight from the speaker."

Due to space constraints, the community is only invited to participate in the dinner and fashion show.

All other events are open only to students, faculty and staff.

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### DORM

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involvement will help make the new residence hall and other improvements a success.

"I have been very pleased with the design of the dorm," said Travis Walker, jr., Coffeyville.

Walker is the student representative on the building committee and has been advocating student interests.

"(The new dorm) is being built to cater to students," Walker said. Examples of student impact include

concerns about window size, selection of floor and wall covering materials, lighting designs and Internet connection accessibility. Student input has also influenced the placement of common areas relative to the rooms to help traffic flow in the corridors.

"I think it is going to be a great building to live in," Walker said. "It is going to be different than anything we have and will be very student friendly."

The layout of the rooms and common areas has been carefully planned to create a pleasant living environment.

Plans for interim housing are being discussed.

"We are a residential campus and the expectation is that the overwhelming majority of our students will live on campus," Hovis said.

Hovis explained that no long-term changes to the residence requirements are planned.

But, depending on enrollment and construc-

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- Travis Walker

tion, we might have some short-term exceptions to the policy.

On the feasibility side, the school is in the process of approaching approximately twenty potential donors that have the resources to give significant gifts to fund new construction.

Budgeted numbers are \$11.8 million for Phase I and \$5 million for Phase II.

Although plans could change or be dropped completely, Schneider said, "we are cautiously optimistic."

For the time being, fundraising will continue and the building committee will continue refining construction plans.

The results of the feasibility study and campus-planning process will be presented to the board of trustees at the July meeting for further consideration.

If students wish to have their ideas considered, they can contact either Walker, their resident director or resident assistant.

### Correction

The March 16 issue stated that the proposed dorm will cost \$11.8 million. In fact, the estimate for the entire Phase I will cost \$11.8 million. We regret the error.

### ELLIOT

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Wichita.

"I took a job at Sunflower to position myself to purchase a manufacturing company," Elliot said. "When I got back into banking, I decided I could buy a bank and do the same thing."

In June 2003, Elliot got the contract for the National Bank of Andover.

"I just had to go raise the money to buy it," Elliot

said.

Elliot said raising money is the easy part if you are in the right situation.

"Don't worry about capital," Elliot said. "If you have the right deal, the capital will come."

Elliot said that Equity Bank has \$200 million in assets, which puts it between 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> on the list of size for Kansas banks.

"We're on our way to growing our bank," Elliot said. "We're now the largest mortgage company in Wichita. We do about \$15-

"We're on our way to growing our bank."

- Brad Elliot

20 million in mortgage loans a month."

Elliot said the demands for work at Equity Bank are tough, but the bank was recently voted one of the top 10 places to work in Wichita.

Elliot challenges others to become entrepreneurs by laying out their plans and taking that first job. And, never say never.

### REEVES

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thing big on campus and something that hadn't been done before," Hill said.

SAB has many more activities planned for the rest of the year. It will be giving away a tennis racket during the home tennis meet. A movie on the lawn is set for April 19.

SAB will also be hosting a bonfire on April 29 and a semiformal dance May 10.