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The annual C.A.R.S. Club car show drew a big crowd last Saturday.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Library open until midnight during finals, closed Friday**

The library will be open until midnight from Sunday, May 13, to Wednesday, May 16.

Miller Library will be closed on Friday, May 11, for All School's Day.

**Receptions for Green, Klinger, Smith**

The campus community is invited to a retirement reception for Gaylon Green in Mingenback Theatre on Wednesday, May 16, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

A reception for Jonathan Klinger will be in the Templeton Hall lobby area Thursday, May 10, from 3-4 p.m.

A retirement reception for Jeanne Smith will be in Mingenback Theatre on Tuesday, May 15, from 3-4:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.

**Frick joins staff**

Steve Frick will be joining the McPherson College admissions and financial aid department to serve as director of financial aid.

He will be on campus full time no later than July 1.

Frick has been director of financial aid at three other colleges for a total of over years.

In addition to experience in the financial aid office at these institutions, he has been employed by the college board for about five years in various roles supporting their financial aid products and services.

**Garage sale Friday**

The theatre department is having a garage sale on stage in Brown Auditorium on Friday, after the parade.

A special preview for the campus community is available today any time after 3 p.m.

The theatre department welcomes anyone interested in looking to stop by.

## Tornadoes wreak havoc

Family and friends of students experience damage from recent storms

JORDAN SHAY  
News Editor

Although many people associate Kansas with tornadoes, even natives have a hard time comprehending the damage caused by recent twisters around the state.

"You always hear of tornadoes tearing people's houses apart, but it's never someone you know," said Adam Horinek, soph., Colby.

Horinek saw the destruction a tornado made in western Kansas earlier this month, when a twister hit his uncle's house and farm 15 miles north of Colby.

"The tornado took all the power lines around the farm down," Horinek said. "It also took the roof off of their house and scattered everything inside."

Horinek said it then rained all night inside the roofless house.

"The roof has yet to be found," Horinek said.

Jessica Monaghan, fr., Haviland, said that some of her family members and neighbors lost everything in the recent devastating tornado in Greensburg.

"It was horrifying," Monaghan said. "The pictures don't even show all the damage. It's nothing like what you see in person."

Monaghan traveled to Greensburg last week to help clean up the tornado



courtesy photo

The side of a building rests on a combine north of Colby. At the same farm, two buildings were stripped completely, leaving only the foundation and structure of the buildings. Windows of tractors were broken as a tornado swept through the area.

damage.

Monaghan said despite the massive amount of damage, the people in Greensburg are "doing OK."

"Most are happy to be alive, even though they have

lost everything," Monaghan said.

Monaghan felt helpless when she heard the news about the tornado.

"I was in Winfield playing softball and I couldn't do

anything," Monaghan said. Adam Suppes, jr., lives near St. John.

"I have friends whose barns and sheds were completely destroyed around Macksville and Claffin,"

Suppes said.

Suppes said part of a tree fell on his family's house, putting a hole through the

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## SGA elects officers, representatives

KIMBERLY MORRIS  
Spectator Staff

After some delays, students finally got to vote on student government officers and representatives for next year's Student Government Association.

Eric Sader, soph., Augusta, was elected as next year's president.

"It was something I've always wanted to do," Sader said. "Essentially, in coordination with other events going on in my life, the opportunity arose and I felt I wanted, and needed, to jump on it. I was, and still am, confident in my ability to do a good job, especially since



Eric Sader

I've had a few years of student government experience under my belt."

Other officers elected were Jessica Foulke, jr.,



Jessica Foulke

Lawrence, as vice president, Sheri Smith, sr., Houston, as secretary, and Justin Bacon, jr., Canton, as treasurer.

"I would like to see a se-



Sheri Smith

rious plan created for the basement of the Student Union, possibly a coffee bar or something equally fun and entertaining for stu-



Justin Bacon

dents," Foulke said. "This isn't to say that it will be

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## Benefits of Dead Week questioned

TRACEY ROBERTS  
Spectator Staff

There's something about springtime. College students know that finals week is just around the corner and instructors are spending every last minute trying to cover every last chapter, while the students play catch-up.

Some colleges offer relief from the pressure by insti-

tuting Dead Week, which is the week before finals. There are different policies at different schools, but the main idea is to allow the students time to study for finals, attend activities and not feel pressured by assignments in that week. Classes may or may not be held, depending on the policy.

The University Relations Department at Wichita

State University confirmed that they do not have Dead Week, but they do allow one day with no classes before finals.

Kansas State University has the policy in place, but some college departments treat the week as business-as-usual.

Iowa State University and Purdue University in Indiana, strictly enforce policies

related to Dead Week. For example, Iowa State guidelines read: "Major course assignments should be assigned...and due no later than the Friday before Dead Week...final examinations in any course may not be given during Dead Week," with exceptions of labs and courses that only meet once a week. "Take-home final exams and small quizzes are

generally acceptable." McPherson College currently does not have a policy on Dead Week.

Opinions differ on the need.

"I went to KSU and WSU," said Sarah Davidson, jr., McPherson. "I love dead week. It is a great thing for a college to offer. Being able to turn in all your assignments and then have a week

to prepare for finals and de-stress a little is a wonderful concept."

Brett Whitenack, sr., Shawnee Mission, is a non-traditional student who carries a full load with school, family and work.

"You know, I am here to get an education," Whitenack said. "It is the professor's prerogative. If they assign it, I'll do it."



# Advice to college: emphasize academics

## OPINIONS PAGE

In a conversation with a professor recently, I was asked, "If you could change anything about McPherson College, what would it be?" At first I hesitated, not knowing whether my opinion would cause upset. But even so, I feel that it is important enough to be heard.

I have now invested in McPherson College, four years of my life, many hours of studying and will be leaving with a small, but only in comparison, souvenir of approximately \$35,000 in loans.

Was it worth it? Well, yes, of course! But could it have been better? Absolutely!

It seems today that students go to college for a variety of different reasons. But



RHONDA HOFFERT

whatever they may be, we are all attending an institution where higher education should be the main priority.

To be frank, I don't think that education is emphasized enough at McPherson College. In plain sight it looks as if we

do. After all, first listed in the school's mission statement is "scholarship."

Is it just assumed that the majority of the students' main priority is their education? Too often, I feel that more than necessary emphasis is placed on participation instead.

Don't get me wrong, though. I do think the aspect of participation is an integral part of anyone's experience in college and I am not arguing that point.

I simply believe that more attention should be placed on our education.

As a liberal arts college, students who attend are required to take a sampling of courses from each department. And while we all have taken these general education courses, can we all say that we have been challenged by each one? I think everyone knows the answer.

I embrace the fact that I have taken a variety of courses here at McPherson; however, I would love to say that I was challenged by every single one. I must admit, I am guilty of taking those courses where, going in it's an "easy A."

These classes have a reputation and it seems as though students gravitate towards them. And while taking these courses, it's nice knowing that you have no worries about your grade, you've got it in the bag.

But was that class worth my

money? I am disappointed that I had to spend a little more than a thousand dollars for a course that I remember nothing of, except that I received an A and it was easier than anything I took in high school. But why is this?

McPherson College has some of the most amazing professors. To me, they are the most treasured aspect of this institution and are some of the most intelligent people I have met.

But are the professors here, and around the country, feeling pressured to give good grades as a recruitment tool? Does this also tie into the fact that education might not always be number one on the list of priorities? Do students have too much "say" in what goes? Are students too, pressuring the professors?

Recall the Spectator Staff Editorial in February of this year entitled, "Reading also

homework, and way too much," which complains about professors assigning reading along with other homework. My response to that is, well, deal with it!

We are attending an institution for higher education and professors are assigning material at a level greater than high school, naturally, and because they care about the education we receive.

It turns out that there is a nationwide trend in increasing average GPAs. Call me a pessimist if you would like, but I can be sure to say that students aren't miraculously getting smarter and I believe it's safe to say that professors aren't losing their intelligence. So how do we explain this trend?

For McPherson, could it be that the balance and emphasis between scholarship and participation is skewed in the wrong direction?

## Male student representation potential concern for school

The April 30 issue of the McPherson Sentinel included a letter in the "Speak Out" section that was disappointing to say the least.

The letter was from Teresa Loffer, president of the McPherson County National Organization for Women and it told a story that does not cast a positive light on the men of our student body.

Ms. Loffer was asked by the college to come here during our "Week of the Woman" and set up a booth. Her goal was to "stress how women's pay is still only \$.77 per every dollar a man makes, regardless of age, education and comparable work—even in female dominated fields of work."



DAVE CADDIN

She also tried to bring more attention to Title IX, the act that promotes equality in educational and athletic programs.

Apparently this did not sit well with a few of the male students on this campus.

According to Ms. Loffer, she received less than cordial comments from a few students. She was met with sneers and comments such as "women already have equal rights," "boo feminists," "feminists suck" and a variety of other inappropriate comments.

One of the passages in her letter goes as follows, "I don't know if it was ignorance, orneriness or flat out sexism that

I encountered. I certainly hope it was either of the first two, but if not, we have a crisis on our hands. These are some future leaders of our communities."

Let me say that I disagree with her on one thing; the only thing that people who make comments like this are going to be future leaders of is the local lonely hearts club.

With that said, I have to say that I feel a little ashamed after reading this article. It's not that I said any of these dumb things that makes me feel bad, but it's the fact that there are still members of my sex that think like this. Even worse is the fact that people who think like this are representing our college and leaving impressions like the one they left with Ms. Loffer.

I painstakingly tried to get into contact with her, but the

powers that he did not allow me to speak with her. I really wanted to talk to her to make sure that the attitudes and comments of a few did not jeopardize the integrity of our campus and student body. I was able to get in touch with Marla Patrick, the Kansas state coordinator of NOW and luckily our campus has not been looped into these statements.

In an e-mail to me Patrick said, "To answer your question, no, it has not changed my or Teresa's view of the college. We have a lot of respect for the school and faculty of McPherson College. We are extremely disappointed in these particular young men who made the comments. It is sad that these particular young men, although of a differing viewpoint, felt it necessary to be rude

and disrespectful. It is always sad when people cannot respect other's views, no matter how much they disagree with them. We also know that the young men who did this do not represent ALL of the young men on campus who are pursuing a higher education at McPherson College."

If you take away anything from this article I hope that it is this; when someone, or some organization, comes on this campus, every student represents more than him or herself. Each of us represents the college in the eyes of those who come here and with that responsibility, it is our duty to make sure we do it in a manner that does not tarnish the integrity of the college and its students.

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### On the Fly

What one thing are you looking forward to most this summer?

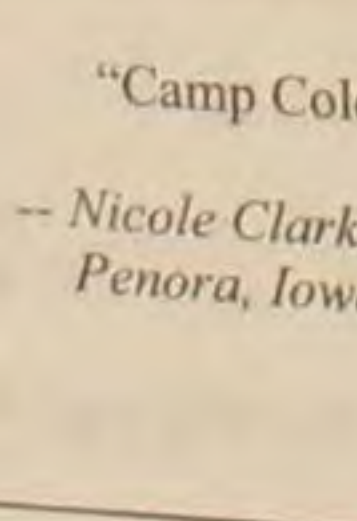
"Being out of school."

-- Sheri Smith, sr.  
Houston, Texas



"Seeing my mother."

-- Dave Barrett  
Dallas, Texas



"Camp Colorado."

-- Nicole Clark, soph.  
Penora, Iowa



"Just having fun and relaxing."

-- Liz Wagoner  
McPherson



"Working."

-- Jessica Monaghan  
Trousedale



### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## NOW reception clearly inappropriate

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the inappropriate reception that Teresa Loffer, president of McPherson County NOW, received by some male students when she was on campus on April 24 as part of the "Week of the Woman" activities. There are several aspects that are disturbing.

For one, regardless of how male students feel about women and/or women's issues, they need to be respectful to the guests of the college. The campus is not a free-for-all playground where students should feel "entitled" to shout out whatever tasteless comments come to mind.

The second upsetting aspect is the low opinion of women that the male students displayed seems to be deep-seated. The notion that women should be granted political, social and economic equality must feel pretty threatening to them. Perhaps none of these particular male students has ever given the topic serious intellectual thought, even though they are in the perfect place (college) to explore social problems such as inequality, sexism, racism, poverty, discrimination, etc.

If not, here are a few questions to help them start thinking about women in a personal way, not the visceral crotch-groping response, figurative or otherwise, that was displayed on April 24: (1) Do these young male students really want their mothers, or sisters, or girlfriends, or later

on, their own daughters, to experience job discrimination or sexual exploitation or harassment?

(2) Do they really enjoy seeing their mothers work long hours for little pay in order to afford their children's college tuition, only then to overhear their sons make unappreciative comments about women?

(3) Do they really want their mothers, girlfriends, sisters or daughters objectified by displaying bumper plates, as is the case with one of the college's male students, with the image of a heavy-breasted nude woman bent over on all fours with the U.S. flag projected on her body and the words "American Style"?

(4) Do they really think that disrespecting women makes them more of a man to other men and desirable to women?

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Instead of blowing \$2.99 on an impersonal Hallmark card, why not spend some significant time—perhaps for the first time—exploring the appropriate, informed, and respectful ways in which you could start to really show your appreciation to the women in your own lives, and by extension then all women, including Teresa Loffer and McPherson College's community of women?

Ocie Kilgus  
Member, National Organization of Women

### STAFF EDITORIAL

## Awards Convocation merits more attention than in past

The end of the year is upon McPherson College and the closing annual events are starting to take place, such as Awards Convocation.

McPherson College students are required to attend all the convocations that are held during their years at the school and Awards Convocation is the last one of each year. This is the place where students are awarded for outstanding behavior and service done at McPherson College throughout the year.

Many students complain about the required convocations, hate sitting through an hour of lecture time and usually gain nothing after it's over.

However, Awards Convo is something that students are actually involved with and it gives them an opportunity for their peers to see the hard work they have put into their college career.

Not everyone may have known who did the most service work during the year or who broke the most athletic records during their time here or who has put hard work

and effort into their senior project.

There aren't a lot of opportunities for students to be acknowledged in front of the entire campus or for the organizations on campus to be recognized. Awards Convocation gives the students this chance and is something that should gain more respect and attention.

Although it takes up that one free hour that most students have on a Friday or Monday afternoon between classes, it only happens once a year.

It brings all of the McPherson College students, faculty and staff together one last time before seniors graduate or staff members retire.

It provides the students with an opportunity to look back at their past year at McPherson College and remember the good times they've had.

Awards Convocation should have more attention and focus placed on it because it allows students to see how much they've grown and how the campus has taken shape over the past year.



# Campus Dead Week for Mac comes into question as finals roll around

## Some deserve it

I can imagine how unpopular my random spewing of opinions must make me on this campus, especially the opinions that are printed. Rather than continue to push the envelope, I thought this time I'd take the safe route; students should have a Dead Week, even if it's only a modified one.

As I write this article, I'm stressing about a lengthy paper I have to write about a work of literature. Granted, this paper is a direct precursor to the final, but it's going to take a lot more time than just committing the ideas in my head to paper. An essay, like any other art, has to be carefully crafted, and crafting takes time I don't have.

I understand giving small homework assignments or preparatory stages of final projects during the last week, but assigning a ten page paper two weeks before finals and having it due the week before finals is ludicrous, especially if the paper is not used as a comprehensive review for a final exam, or as the final exam itself.

I understand small quizzes that are designed to help students prepare for the test - we can all use a reminder of what's fair game for the dreaded final - but that information could just as easily be supplied in the form of a handout of possible topics for review, which I would prefer, because a handout can't possibly lower my grade.

College students are busy people. We're expected to be involved in - as participants or as spectators - sporting events, theatrical productions and choir concerts, to attend college-affiliated activities like dorm cookouts and the All School's Day events in the name of "community," to complete compulsory community service projects, to eat and sleep on occasion, watch senior presentations, deal with the never-ending drama that inevitably accompanies the high-stress close of the academic year, to hold down full-time jobs to pay for school and to get good grades on top of it all.

All of this takes time, which

is precious the week before finals. Students have enough on their plates without instructors dishing out a helping of extra homework big enough to make students sick to their stomachs.

I'm told by some that students wouldn't study even if they did have a Dead Week. Those people can take

a hike. Sure, a walk in the park or a game of Ultimate is much more enticing than the still-shrink-wrapped Chemistry textbook. But I'd like the option of a Dead Week, because I would study. It's not my fault education isn't highly valued by all. Why penalize those of us who want the most of what we're paying for?

I know that spring term is shorter than fall term and teachers are to cram in the same amount of content. However, the week before finals should be reserved almost exclusively for connecting concepts across topics in a field and between classes. After all, isn't that what a liberal arts education is all about? Also, some students have three final exams in one day. They don't have the option of cramming for an hour immediately before the final.

People who ordinarily wouldn't give me the time of day have recently been greeting me with warm smiles and addressing me by name. It could be in light of the Virginia Tech shootings, but someone must think I'm stressed enough to snap. Yes, I've got papers and presentations due very soon. Yes, I've had an incredible amount of music to memorize for the Musical Revue. Yes, I've got to pack and rest up for an 1,800-mile drive home.

Even now, I'm not stressed enough to actually do harm to anyone. But, the point is that stress levels are high enough to make people worry about my behavior, which should be the last thing on the mind of a college student right before finals.

We're all sleep-deprived and over-worked. We could use a break and the week before finals is when one is most needed.



JENNIFER TERHUNE



## THE BULL YARD



## POWER POLL RESULTS:

### SHOULD THE CAMPUS IMPLEMENT SOME FORM OF DEAD WEEK?

YES: 65%  
NO: 17%  
OTHER/UNSURE: 17%

46 INDIVIDUALS POLLED

## Would not be used

Dead Week. It is an interesting idea, but is it really beneficial for most?

When I first heard of Dead Week, I thought it was a great idea. We could have an entire week of no classes or homework, just study time, and then, I laughed. How many people would actually spend that time studying? And would I for that matter?

A large majority of students work part time, and having the opportunity to gain more hours for a bigger paycheck and not having to worry about getting things done for classes is an opportunity I think most would take. We've all got bills to pay, after all. It'd be a good way to end your year of work if you go home for the summer.

What about the non-traditional students that are parents and working full time while going to school? How much time would they actually spend studying?

My mother is an example of such a student. And I know, without a doubt in my mind, she would be working and during the evening, spending time with my younger siblings and taking care of the house. Granted, some studying would be accomplished, but it wouldn't be much.

My biggest complaint about Dead Week is that it just further delays my arrival home. I would want to immediately pack up everything in my car and go home. I would have to fight with myself, and my mother, to come back and take finals. And if I were home, I wouldn't be studying. I would be hanging out with my boyfriend and old friends from high school.

But if I stayed, this week would leave me with no homework to keep me busy and would send me into a debate of whether to study, or sleep and hang out with people and watch movies.

Being that I no longer have a

job, I would finally be able to catch up with people. I would procrastinate, sleep in and read books completely non-related to any of my classes.

Finally, I'd pack, so that immediately following my last final I would get in my car and drive home.

And I'm sure most of us could find a party or two that would be going every night of the Dead Week. And though the party or alcohol may not start out on campus, I'm sure some would filter in.

Also, I'm not a crammer. Never have been, never will be. I'm of the philosophy that if I don't know it by the time the day of the test comes, I won't know it for the exam.

Cramming also tends to make me second-guess my instincts. Granted given a week to study, if I actually sat down and studied, I would get a lot accomplished. So, in theory it's not really a cramming week if you study and review properly.

What would the professors and staff do during that time?

Would the school still provide meals for us during the week? After all, the cafeteria is closed over most breaks. Would Dead Week count as a holiday?

Adding on another week would just be frustrating and seem completely pointless to me.

I would be begging and pleading with professors to allow me to take my finals during that week so I could go home. I'm sure one or two would allow me to do that, but with my luck, the one or two professors that wouldn't, would be the professors whose finals were on Thursday.

So, as hopeful as many professors are that the majority of the student body would be responsible and study, I just don't see too much of that happening, especially since there would be no homework that was due.



HEATHER EMERY

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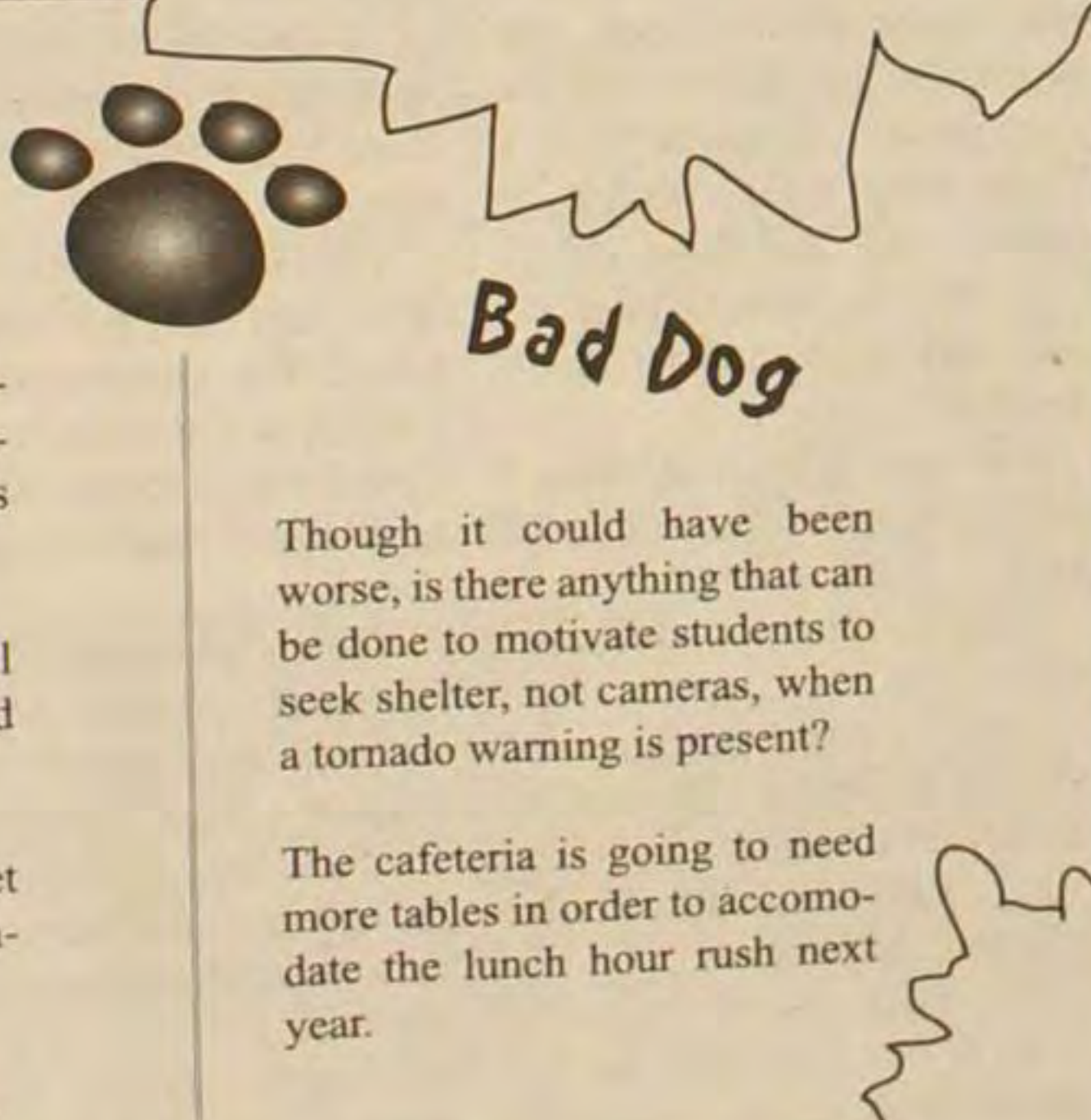
## Good Dog

The Campus Blowout team competitions will have more involvement with stand spectators this year.

A higher load of students will bring additional challenges and change for the college.

The campus continues to get closer to filling next year's employment vacancies.

Spirits are up as the days go on.



## Bad Dog

Though it could have been worse, is there anything that can be done to motivate students to seek shelter, not cameras, when a tornado warning is present?

The cafeteria is going to need more tables in order to accommodate the lunch hour rush next year.

## A McPherson College moment ...



Illustration by Shaun Griffin

## Got something to say? Shout it out!

- PEOPLE SHOULDN'T ACT LIKE THE SHIZ, WHEN THEY'RE REALLY NOT. BE CONFIDENT, BUT NOT ARROGANT.
- RAINMAKER 500!
- ANNOYING PEOPLE SHOULD LEAVE AND NOT COME BACK.
- IF YOU ARE ONLY WORRIED ABOUT YOURSELF AND NOT YOUR TEAM, GET OFF THE FIELD! WE DON'T WANT YOUR KIND! IF YOU WANT TO PLAY A TEAM SPORT FOR YOURSELF, PARTICIPATE IN TRACK AND DON'T MAKE US MAKE UP FOR YOUR ERRORS.
- THANK YOU, AMY, FOR MY VERY AWESOME ICE CREAM CONE WITH SPRINKLES!
- SO IF GAY AND LESBIAN COUPLES CAN LIVE IN THE DORMS TOGETHER, WHY CAN'T HETEROSEXUAL COUPLES?
- I HAVE NOT BEEN IN SHOUT IT OUT. PLEASE PUT ME IN!
- I HAVE TO HAVE SOMEONE HOLD MY HAND WHEN I GO SOMEWHERE. I'M A GIRL. ISN'T THAT WHAT WE GIRLS DO?
- HOW ABOUT PAYING YOUR SPEC. WRITERS?
- HOW ABOUT TURNING YOUR ARTICLES IN ON TIME? (WASN'T MY COMMENT.)
- KANSAS SUCKS, BUT I'M REALLY GOING TO MISS IT.
- DO IT ALL FOR THE MONKEY HEAD.
- SEVEN TIMES VOMITING. SHE SET A RECORD.
- WHY CAN'T WE PLAY OREGON TRAIL IN SCHOOL ANYMORE?
- THE WEATHER FINALLY GETS NICE WHEN WE'RE ABOUT TO LEAVE.
- DO YOU EVER FEEL AS IF PEOPLE, INCLUDING EMPLOYEES AT THIS COLLEGE, CONVENIENTLY FORGET TO RESPOND TO E-MAILS?
- WHY DOESN'T MCPHERSON COLLEGE HAVE A WHEELCHAIR JOUSTING TEAM?
- IF I HAD A KITE, I'D GO FLY IT.

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.



CAMPUSLIFEPAGE

## New law an annoyance for students under 21

JILLIAN OBERSTAKE  
Spectator Staff

Bad license pictures and annoying long lines aren't the only things irritating Kansas drivers at the Department of Motor Vehicles these days.

A new change in policy now requires all licenses to be renewed on drivers' twenty-first birthdays, no matter what the original renewal date was.

For teens that renewed their licenses when they were twenty, not even a year will pass before the license holder will have to renew again.

The Under 21 License law, effective July 1, 2006, for individuals who received their licenses on or before the date, states that licenses will expire on the recipients twenty-first birthdays. This may not seem like much of a hassle, but for an 18-year-old whose license expires on their twentieth birthday, a new "extended renewal" period that comes with a \$3 charge that is required to make their license last until they turn twenty one.

While causing confusion with many license holders, the new law ultimately provides security in one faction of the law alone: helping to prevent underage drinking and confusion in many bars, by requiring the license holder to have

a license no longer bearing the words "Not 21 Until" with the holder's birth date.

Of course, this is helpful for people in line and waiting for the bar, but to individuals who have to get their licenses renewed, it's a different story.

Four out of five people surveyed thought the new law was confusing, pointless, and ultimately a ploy to get more money. Three of those people will have to get their licenses "extended" before their 21<sup>st</sup> birthdays.

If the state charges \$3 per year for a renewable license date and three of every five people has a license needing renewed, Kansas should be rolling in the dough.

The Drivers' License Bureau agrees with this, stating that the only reason they can see for the change in law is the safety issues for underage drinking and a little extra padding in the state's pockets.

Representatives from the DMV wished to have their names withheld, and stated that not many people will have to go through with extending their licenses if they got their instruction permits, restricted licenses and driver's licenses at the right times, specifically 14, 15, and 16. However they have seen an upswing in young people renewing their licenses



photo by Travis Walker

McPherson College students showcase their drivers licenses. In the future, a new Kansas law requires students to renew their licenses at age 21, whether their last renewal was months or years ago.

for the extended year purpose. Compared with other states, Kansas' law is a little tight. Missouri has a renewal date of 21 years of age as well, but does not have the charge to extend licenses if they are scheduled to be renewed before the applicant's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Colorado's law does not al-

low drivers over the age of 21 to renew any time before their birthday. Drivers 22 and older can renew at any time.

However the leniency of Kansas' youth laws far surpasses states that will not allow licenses to be issued until youths are 18.

For McPherson College stu-

dents, renewing licenses can be somewhat of a hassle if drivers are out of state. For Kansas McPherson kids, however, the dates just keep pushing back. Continue to check licenses and remember an expired license can lead to fines and unwanted hassles with DMV; something no one wants.

## Theatre department closes curtain for 06-07 year

ASHLEY ANDREWS  
Spectator Staff

And the winner is... McPherson College Theatre is closing the curtains on Saturday night with their annual awards banquet in Mingenback.

Awards to be given out are nominated by Alpha Psi Omega members. All persons who have been involved in any theatre production get to vote for winners, which will be announced at the banquet.

"I was already surprised by how this year's nominations turned out... so I'm guessing students can expect a lot of surprises with the awards too," said Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of theatre.

Nominee categories include Best Production: Crew Member, Best Achievement in Design, Refining the Craft: Technical, Refining the Craft: Acting, Outstanding Rookie Theatre Student, Ensemble Production of the Year, Team Player Award, Best Achieve-

ment in Direction, Outstanding Morale, Theatre Production of the Year, Best Achievement in Performance: Female, and Best Achievement in Performance: Male.

A potluck dinner will be served and First Nighters, season ticket holders to the shows, will contribute.

The year's shows included "Frozen," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "This Isn't What I Ordered," "Urinetown, the musical!," "Speak Truth to Power" and "Communicating Doors".

Though this year brings a year with the fewest number of nominees, it is not a year to forget. Shows included Frozen, Arsenic and Old Lace, This Isn't What I Ordered, Urinetown, the musical!, Speak Truth to Power, and Communicating Doors.

Theatre students have worked hard and it is finally time for a big payoff.

The department hopes next year will bring lots of laughter, suspense and new faces to the stage.

# All School's Day

## Something for everyone at All School's Day celebration

TIFFANY NICHEPOR  
Spectator Staff

If students happen to stick around McPherson the second Friday of May, they can expect to find most of the county's residents along street sides watching the parade.

Later, they may attend the cook off, the maypole dance, concerts, plays, fireworks display and other fun physical competitions.

Many students probably don't know much about the history and importance of All School's Day to the McPherson County residents.

All School's Day was originally an opportunity for all of the county schools to gather together and celebrate the graduation of their eighth-grade students as well as the end of the school year.

"The McPherson school district still celebrates the graduation ceremony for those students graduating from the eighth-grade, which is different from any other community that I have lived in", said Dan Hoffman,

associate professor of physical education.

All School's Day hasn't always been the same.

Every year, residents of McPherson feel as if it grows to be a much stronger celebration and creates new memories for attendees that are sure to be cherished for years to come.

"In my 25 years of attending All School's Day, my all-time favorite memory was when the military jets buzzed Main Street," Hoffman said. "Even though I knew they were coming, it didn't stop me from ducking due to them flying so low and producing so much sound!"

But the fly over hasn't taken place for more than 10 years.

Others treasure different memories.

"My favorite memory of the All School's Day parade is the corn dogs," said Jessica DeCavelle, sr., Paola. "They're delicious."

Not only is All School's Day a day to celebrate the promotion of the county's eighth-grade classes, but

also a day for the county's faculty and staff of schools to enjoy.

The end of the school year indicates a stressful time for many students as well as teachers, so All School's Day is a chance for them to relax and spend time with close friends and family before the many final exams are taken.

"This is one day the entire student body looks forward to, a day of no classes and spending time with friends," said Josh Hubin, jr., Hanston.

Although McPherson College may not participate in all of the community's activities as a whole, they have found ways to involve each and every one of the students.

This is where the Campus Blowout comes into play.

Campus Blowout is the college's very own way to relieve the students from the hustle and bustle of finals week that is quickly approaching.

Campus Blowout is also a great way to spend time with classmates and professors

and continue to build relationships before the school year is over.

This year's Campus Blowout will feature eight activities including a blow-out challenge course.

Personal Counselor Kelly Johnson said All School's Day is definitely worth participating in.

"The faculty and staff always sign up to volunteer before they even ask and they look forward to having fun with the students just as much as the students do," Johnson said.

If students find themselves looking for something to do tomorrow, be sure to head down town for some of the All School's Day activities.

It doesn't matter what activities students are interested in there is sure to be something for everyone.

All School's Day is a fun-filled time to be had by everyone.

This is one community celebration students won't want to miss!

For an activity schedule be sure to check the local newspaper.

## En otras palabras...

### In other words

A DAY IN ARGENTINA  
Written by Seth Schoming

After spending three months on a film crew in Argentina, I decided learning can be done anywhere. Probably, the further you step outside your comfort zone, the more you will learn.

Before I left for Argentina, I didn't know anyone with whom I would be living or what my role would be in the production. I was about to travel 6,000 miles away

from everything and everyone I knew.

Flight problems started before I left the United States, but after several days traveling and waiting for my lost luggage, I finally met up with the rest of the crew. All in one house were people from Italy, France, Peru, Canada, Switzerland, Spain, Argentina, and the United States. On average, I heard five languages per day.

Everyone had acting parts in the movie. Everyone also

directed scenes and operated the cameras.

One day we shot a scene on a ranch 60 kilometers from our house. I rode one of the horses to the ranch with Facundo, an Argentinian gaucho. With my limited Spanish skills, I embarked on my first horseback ride in the most beautiful landscape I have ever seen. The sun went down around 9, and we were lost with 20 kilometers to go. Barely able to see the horse I was riding and feeling rocks sliding under his hooves on the rocky mountain pass, I had no choice but to trust him completely. When we ar-

rived to the ranch 3 hours later, I was a new man. I ate the best steak of my life as I realized that it is okay to step out of my comfort zone once in awhile.

UN DIA EN LA ARGENTINA  
Escrito por Seth Schoming

Después de pasar tres meses filmando una película en la Argentina, decidí que podría aprender en cualquier lugar. Probablemente, el más lejos que usted pase fuera de su zona de confort, lo más que usted aprenderá.

Antes de salir para la Argentina, no conocía a las personas con quienes vivaría

o qué haría para la producción. Iba a viajar 6,000 millas, lejos de todo.

Los problemas del vuelo comenzaron antes de salir de los Estados Unidos, pero después de varios días viajando y esperando la llegada de mi equipaje perdido, finalmente me encontré con el resto del equipo. En una casa había gente de Italia, Francia, Perú, Canadá, Suiza, España, la Argentina y los Estados Unidos. En un día típico, oía cinco idiomas.

Todos actuamos en la película y todos nosotros dirigimos y filmamos escenas también.

Un día hicimos una escena

en un rancho que estaba 60 kilómetros de nuestra casa. Monté un caballo al rancho con Facundo, un gaucho argentino. Mi español era muy malo, y fue la primera vez que monté a caballo. El problema de la Argentina es muy complicado. El sol atardeció a las 9 y nos faltaban 20 kilómetros para llegar. En la oscuridad no podía ver a mi caballo ni el camino estrecho en la montaña. Tuve que confiar en mi caballo. Cuando llegamos al rancho 3 horas más tarde, era un hombre nuevo. Yo comí el mejor bife de vaca de mi vida y me di cuenta de que es conveniente salir de su zona de confort.



# Seniors weigh in: Seniors gear up for graduation

## After graduation plans

AMANDA MORGAN  
Campus Life Editor

**Spencer Adams:** unknown  
**Nicholas J. Antonio:** boat restoration in Minnesota  
**Dorcee A. Ayres:** unknown  
**Jeff Balman:** oil field work in Pratt  
**Chrystal Banz:** Boeing Creative Team for Spirit Aero-systems  
**Kevin Barden:** restoring cars  
**Edward Barr:** Vintage Restorations in Mount Airy, Md.  
**Jesse Beard:** campus ground crews, getting married  
**Timothy Bender:** working in a shop in Texas  
**Sheila Bevan:** working as a nanny  
**Kathryn Bohnenblust:** unknown  
**Brandt R. Busse:** undecided  
**Alan Childress:** running back coach for Mac, working at People's Bank and Trust  
**Callie Crist:** getting married and getting a research position at the KU Medical Center  
**Randy Elber:** unknown  
**Laura Enguist:** moving to Lafayette, La.  
**Abby Epp:** teaching at Inman Elementary in Inman  
**Jodi Erickson:** unknown  
**Hannah Fisher:** working toward med school  
**Ryan Flores:** head offensive line coach, working toward masters  
**Joshua Goldman:** unknown  
**Richard Goldman:** unknown  
**Richard Gottschalk:** Coach at McPherson College  
**Richard Gustafson:** unknown  
**Renee Hall:** work on masters/search for job  
**Nicole Harkins:** fifth grade teacher in Haysville  
**Jamie Harvey:** unknown  
**Jared Heinen:** looking for a job  
**Josh Henderson:** unknown  
**Matthew Herber:** attending med school or getting a job  
**Katie Hill:** grad school  
**Rhonda Hoffert:** moving to Naples, Fla.  
**Benjamin Hoke:** Packard Cars in Ohio  
**Jennifer Holcomb:** return-

ing to school/looking for new job  
**Alexander Holtry:** Coaching football, becoming IT assistant in Idaho  
**Daniel Hudachek:** getting a job  
**Gad Jacobs:** unknown  
Judith Jacobs: getting a job in PR/marketing  
**Michael Jardon:** job searching  
**Akeisha Kaufman:** grad school  
**Anthony Kelley:** Computer network administrator at McPherson Business Machines  
**Austin Klumpe:** grad school  
**Kimberly Koharchik:** getting married and working in local hospital  
**Ryan Michael Lander:** Collection technician for the Petersen Automotive Museum in L.A.  
**Sean Lawrence:** unknown  
**Pamela Lawson:** undecided  
**Lara Lichty:** getting married and finding a job  
**Jace Lobato:** working in welding, grad school  
**Jennifer Marquette:** moving to Colorado and job searching  
**Reuben May:** unknown  
**Chandra Mayhan:** unknown  
**Nathan McDaniel:** searching for job  
**Nicholas McKellip:** searching for job and moving to Idaho  
**Christina McPherson:** getting married, job searching  
**Janell Mendenhall:** unknown  
**Annastacia Miller:** unknown  
**Andra Moody:** unknown  
**Amanda Morgan:** agented writing, being scandalous  
**Seth Nawrocki:** Doug Seibert's Garage, Rochester, N.Y.  
**Christopher Nixon:** unknown  
**Mary O'Brien:** unknown  
**Lucas Oswald:** looking for a job  
**Mallory Hayden Owen:** returning to Florida/opening restoration shop

**Christopher Paulsen:** continue to teach at McPherson College  
**Adam Prince:** unknown  
**Myles Regier:** taking further classes and moving to Nebraska  
**Terrin Richey:** teaching kindergarten in Johnson City, starting grad school  
**Denise Rinke:** assistant woman's soccer coach, RA at Coffeyville Community College  
**Jeffrey Roberts:** unknown  
**Jamie Rodriguez:** moving to Kansas City  
**Alicia Schoen:** med school  
**Alma Schropp:** physical therapy school  
**Kristopher Smiley:** unknown  
**Tyler Soeken:** grad school  
**Robert Spence:** unknown  
**Kendra Stephenson:** getting married, job searching  
**Lacy Stoeklein:** unknown  
**Brian Storey:** moving to Idaho  
**Sarah Story:** Silversky International in Denver  
**Abby Suiter:** getting married, teaching at Lincoln Elementary in McPherson  
**Lindsey Thiessen:** finding a job, going to grad school  
**Crystal Thomas:** getting an internship in Wichita Falls, Texas  
**Mark Tobias:** finishing school in Australia  
**Matthew Treis:** job at private car collection in St. Louis, Mo.  
**Nicholas VanBuren:** going to Ohio and working at D&D Classic  
**Jacob Walden:** job searching  
**Eric Walters:** making money doing nothing  
**Derrick Ward:** unknown  
**Billy Weiland:** unknown  
**Joshua Wentling:** getting married, taking classes, job searching  
**Adrianna White:** unknown  
**Lori Whitehill:** unknown  
**Elizabeth Williams:** unknown  
**Amber Wright:** grad school  
**Timothy Young:** unknown

With graduation counting down at days, soon-to-be college graduates have to face what they've been working toward for four years—what they're going to be doing now that they aren't living in a dorm or eating cafeteria food.

Whether students are heading toward more school or beginning their careers, the outlook for this year's graduates is good providing they're willing to work for it.

"According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers' Winter 2007 Salary Survey, it projects more jobs and higher salaries for this year's graduates, about a 17.4 percent increase in hiring and 4.6 percent in salaries," said Chris Wiens, director of career services. "Service employers project the biggest increase in hiring - 19.8 percent more college grads in 2006-07, followed by manufacturing - 9.5 percent, government/non-profit

- 9 percent. By region, the South expects to hire 19.7 percent more new college grads, the West 19.9 percent, Northeast 17.1 percent and Midwest 18.4 percent."

Wiens said she has specific salary information in her office, but the most sought after jobs are currently in accounting services, consulting, entry-level management, sales, accounting - public, financial/treasury analysis, teaching, and software design and development.

Wiens said the search for a job should actually be treated like a full-time position and could take up to six months.

"A graduate needs a job search strategy that includes networking, searching online and traditional searches such as want ads," Wiens said. "You need to identify or narrow down the type of job that you want, making sure that you are being realistic, that you have the skills and values for the type of job you are seeking. You need to have geographic regions in mind and research the salaries and positions in those

regions."

Of course, not everyone is looking for a job immediately. Many graduates are planning to spend more time in school. Wiens advises, however, that students shouldn't put off getting a job or because they're not yet sure what they'd like to do with their lives.

Any further advice for future graduates?

"Have a plan, be realistic," Wiens said. "Everyone has to start somewhere. Remember that your first job is just that. You don't have to stay there until you retire, but be sure that your first job is something that you will enjoy and pays the bills. I can't stress enough to take advantage of opportunities that may be offered to you on the job such as seminars and conferences and be open to taking on new job responsibilities. You never know where it might take you."

Whatever seniors' plans are, their preparation at McPherson provides a sound foundation for success.

## Motoring on



This 1916 Cadillac was the feature car for the C.A.R.S. Club show Saturday, May 5. It is owned by Andy Flagg of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

## The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ADMISSIONS ASSISTANT VAL HAZELTON

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief



photo by Adrielle Harvey

Val Hazelton, the new admissions assistant, files applications. She processes all applications for incoming students.

What is your favorite song?

"Anything by Styx."

What political issue do you feel strongly about?

"It would probably have to be the war. I'm in full support of our troops and I don't like them having to be at war, but if you sit back and think what they're fighting for, then I'm in support of that."

Do you have any hidden talents?

"I'm just full of useless knowledge and I can also play the piano."

What is your favorite article of clothing?

"Pajamas."

What was the color of your first prom dress?

"Before it was hanging out of the car door? It was mauve."

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?

"I had a boyfriend. He was drunk at school and we were walking between classes and I knew he was sick from his drinking, but right in the hallway during passing period, he threw up."

What is your favorite movie?

"Westside Story."

What was your favorite toy as a child?

"Matchbox cars."

What is your role at McPherson College?

"I'm admissions assistant. I process all the new applications for the upcoming school year for incoming freshmen and transfer students."

What is your biggest pet peeve?

"Racism."

Matthew McConaughey or Johnny Depp?

"Can I have both of them at the same time?"

Where are you from originally?

"Hartford City, Indiana, but I call Wichita my home."

What is the best gift you have ever received?

"There was one Christmas, my parents for all my sisters and I and our spouses, they gave us these huge garbage bags and we opened them up and they were full of shredded paper. My dad said, 'your gift is in there, but be careful, you're going to have to search for it.' So we start pulling out the shred. All of a sudden here's like a \$50 bill. Also scattered throughout it, he had these little slips of paper that he had written financial advice on. It ended up being like a thousand dollars."

If you had to go to the tornado shelter, what three things would you have to take with you? (Family is taken care of.)

"I would have to take a bottle of aspirin, family pictures and all of my whale stuff."

What did you want to be when you grew up?

"A teacher."



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# Recruits excel academically

## GPA's and test scores higher for 2007-08 incoming student-athletes

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

Recent data shows that incoming athletes for the 2007-08 school year have higher academic credentials than in the past.

This is due to the emphasis that coaches have been placing on academic standards for their recruits.

"From the fall of 2005, we had a 20.7 ACT and a 3.1 GPA," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students and athletics director. "For this last fall of 2006, we had a 22 ACT and a 3.2 GPA. That's just for athletes. Currently, we're sitting at a 22 ACT with our incoming recruits."

Rothrock added that those incoming athletes are also boasting an average 3.4 GPA.

"This would be the first time that the athletes ac-

"We use a lot of money to recruit students."

- LaMonte Rothrock

tually had slightly higher academic qualifications than the non-athletes," Rothrock said.

Part of the statistics come from those who are Presidential Scholars. From the November Presidential Scholarship day, 12 of 21 students have deposited for next year and seven of those deposits are athletes.

From the February scholarship day, 29 of 43 students have deposited for next year and 20 of those deposits are athletes.

To be a Presidential Scholar at McPherson, students must meet at least two of the following

criteria: 25 ACT, 3.5 GPA and/or top 10 percent of their graduating class. If students meet those requirements, then they must compete in a rigorous process to determine how much financial aid they will receive.

Rothrock said higher academic credentials for McPherson athletics are important in relation to retention of athletes and how resources are being used.

"We use a lot of money to recruit students," Rothrock said. "If you have retention rates in the 60th percentile, which is where we were when we first started with athletes, and to get that up to the 80th percentile, it means that we're using less resources to recruit new students because we have students returning on the teams."

Retention is not only

key to saving resources, but in having successful athletic programs.

"I strongly believe and I think most of the coaches believe is if they've got juniors and seniors on the court, on the field, we're more likely to win than if we have freshmen and sophomores every year," Rothrock said.

When recruiting students, coaches have certain characteristics they look for.

"If I send something to a recruit and they complete it and return it in a timely matter then I know that person is reliable," said Doug Quint, head soccer coach. "Does this person work hard and have a positive outlook on life in general? The last thing I want on my team is an individual who thinks talent is talking. I want to see their performance, not hear about it."

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Head volleyball coach Nathalea Stephenson looks for students with a strong work ethic and who will contribute positively to McPherson's program.

"People that can... help us obtain our goals as a team," Stephenson said. "Usually those people that are students with high academic credentials are ones that have a good work ethic, (but) there are

exceptions to the rule." Currently, the athletic department is mostly focusing on athletes with at least a 20 ACT and a 3.0 GPA.

Those who excel in the classroom and participate in activities are more likely to graduate.

With this in mind, along with making sure students are the right fit, attrition rates will stay down.

"A lot of times I think the students were coming to play for the coach, not coming for the college," Rothrock said. "Another thing that's changed is our retention of coaches. If we keep the same coaches around, if they're doing a good job, they get the picture of we're selling students on the college. We want to have graduates."

Graduating students, athletes or non, is what McPherson strives for.

# Softball wraps up

## Team finishes fourth in KCAC, 20-21 overall

BENJAMIN DENTON  
Spectator Staff

The softball team's season came to an end over the weekend after going into the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament.

"In the tournament, we played strong, but we just did not have enough to get through it," said Jessica Yates, soph., Silver Lake.

The team lost to Bethany in their fourth game of the tournament after the Lady Bulldog's beat Bethany in the first game.

"It was pretty discouraging," Yates said.

The Lady Bulldogs are okay with the way the season went, but they did not meet their expectations.

"I feel that we started strong to start the season and then something happened and we started splitting all of our games at the end," Yates said. "I feel that we should not have split most of them."

With each and every passing year, new challenges form.

As far as next season the team is optimistic.

"We have some really good freshmen coming in so we will see if they step there game up and better our team."

- Michelle Stone

"I think the team will do about the same," said Michelle Stone, soph., Abilene.

"We have some really good freshmen coming in so we will see if they step their game up and better our team. We lost a couple of key players, but we have most of the team coming back. It is a strong team coming back"

Yates said, "plus some new girls that I think will come in ready to work and make the team better and I think will be right up there in the top four again."

Stone said the team will work to better their weak areas.

"We have things we need to improve on, but every team has something they need to improve on," Stone said.

The team concluded its season with an overall record of 20-21, finishing fourth in the

KCAC conference at 9-7.

Whitney Coleman, jr., Douglass, broke the home-run record with 13 in the year.

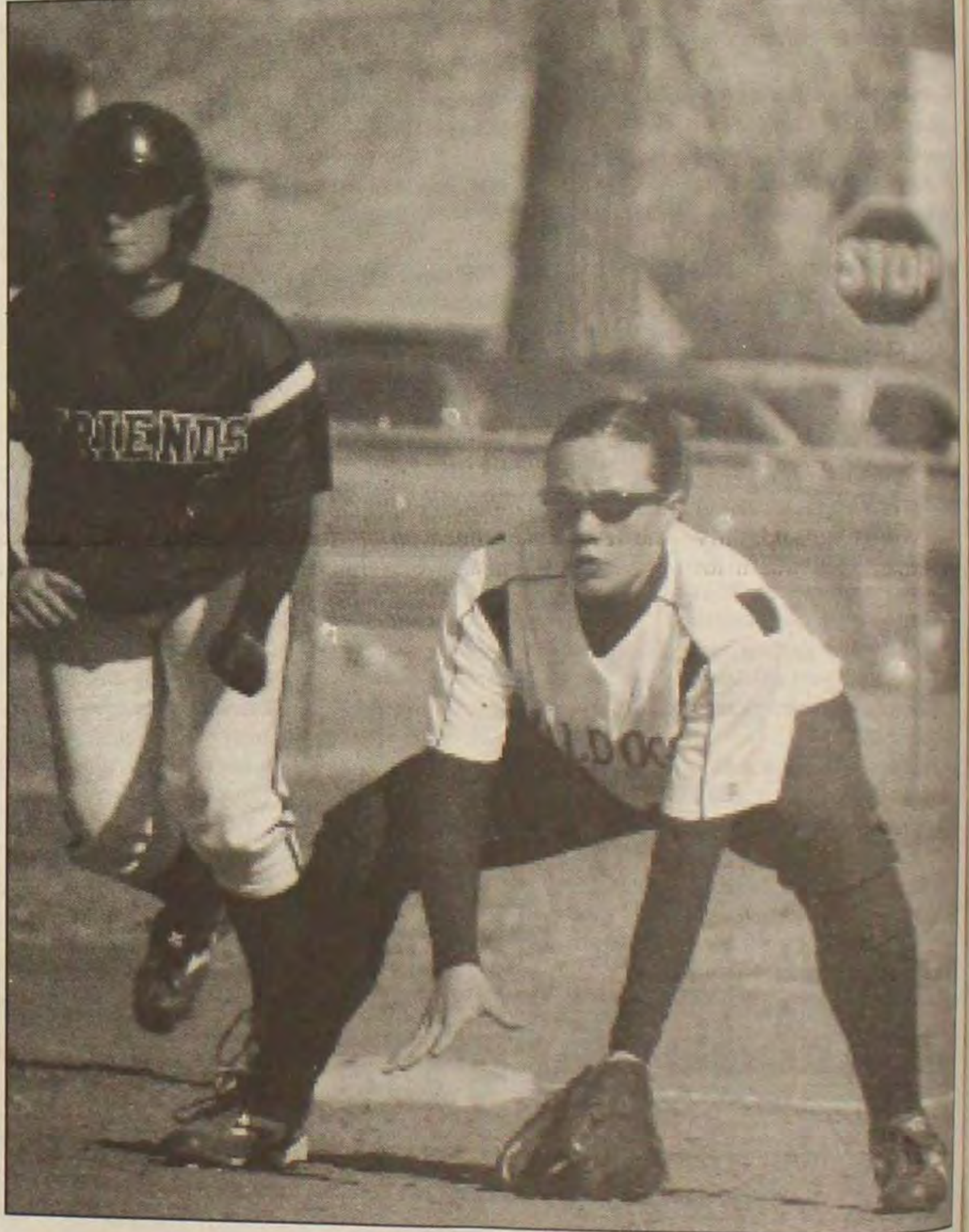
On the defensive side, Yates led the Bulldogs in pitching with a 3.15 earned run average and 13 wins on the year.

Shay Skahill, Upland, Calif., and Jessica DeCavelle, sr., Paola, are the only two seniors leaving the team this year.

Next year the Bulldogs hope to maintain the level of intensity of which they exerted at the beginning of this season.

In order to maintain that level of play, however, the players must have a short memory and place this season into the back of their minds.

Next spring season the Bulldogs are going to be returning with a great bunch of women, and an exceptionally large senior class. Six seniors, bearing any injury redshirt happenings, will be donning their respective uniforms at the conclusion of the 2009 season for the Bulldogs.



Erica Viehman, soph., Gunnison, Colo., squats down before fielding a routine groundball. The team would go on to lose 0-8 against Friends in the KCAC tournament.

# Season proves difficult

## Men's tennis finishes 0-7 in KCAC, 0-11 overall

ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ  
Spectator Staff

"Success is relative," said J.D. Gravina, head men's tennis coach, in reference to the team's rough season.

The men's tennis team, which was reinstated at McPherson this year, finished 0-11.

"I knew we were going to have a tough year, but hopefully things will be better for us in the future," Gravina said.

Normally, the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament is the last match of the season, but this was not the case.

Instead, the Bulldogs faced hometown rivals, Central Christian College in their final matches on Friday, May 4.

The matches were originally schedule for Wednesday, but were rescheduled for Friday due to inclement weather.

"Well it was kind of an interesting match because usually the KCAC are the last matches we play," Gravina said. "But we wanted to go in playing aggressive. I didn't worry about rivalry. Don't see too much of a rivalry in tennis as we do in other sports. We share the same facilities and see them at practices everyday."

The team's first season may not have been a statistical success, but the Bulldog squad is still considerably young.

Gravina said returning players will keep hopes alive at Mac.

I think there will be some

players, especially Nathan Clary," Gravina said. "I would still love to see them play. Nathan is one of the players that we signed and there were a few walk-ons I'm not sure if they will still play."

Looking back now that the season has ended, players and coaches can reflect on the good and the bad aspects of the season, in order to better the teams chances in '08.

"I don't think I would do anything different," Gravina said. "We had a good attitude about things coming into the season."

Gravina said the team grew and developed throughout the season.

"I definitely think we got better from 4-6 on a scale from 1-10, but we definitely improved," Gravina said.



Mike Davis, Jr., Piedmont, Okla., serves a ball during practice this past week. The tennis teams finished their season 0-7 in conference and 0-11 overall.

photo by Travis Walker

photo by Jessica Monaghan



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Newcomers provide spark to programs



Whitney Coleman

TOLAN LICHTY  
Sports Editor



Nathan Clary

TOLAN LICHTY  
Sports Editor

Whitney Coleman, jr., is a physical education major who was born in Wichita, but has lived in Douglass all of her life.

At Douglass High School, Coleman played on the softball team for all four years and became state renowned due to her outstanding play on the diamond.

As a freshman in high school, Coleman was named All-League first base. As a sophomore she earned All-League and All-State honors at third base, and as a junior she wound up taking All-League honors at shortstop. Her senior season she was named to the All-League team for the fourth consecutive time, this time at third base.

After high school, Coleman, attended Pratt Community College where she would later forego some unpleasant times.

"I hated my coach and he pretty much hated me," Coleman said. "My freshman year was a lot tougher than my sophomore year." "Nobody really got along with him and nobody really wanted to play for him so I didn't finish out my sophomore year because of that."

Coleman ended up at McPherson in 2006

She demolished the former school record for homeruns (six) this season as she finished the 2007 campaign with 13.

"One of my goals was to break the homerun record and I did that," Coleman said.

Statistically, Coleman has been a key contributor in almost every aspect of the game. She is among the top five players in 18 out of the possible 21 statistical categories.

Aside from her overshadowing power, Coleman is far quicker than she appears.

"This season I outran a bunt," Coleman said. "It was the first one ever. Everyone misjudges me for my size. They think I will be really slow, but I surprise people. That same game I also hit a grand slam, so after the game everyone was talking about the homerun, but I was talking about the bunt."

Coleman looks up to her mother, stepfather and her cousin as role models for various aspects of her life.

"I have an older cousin who always played sports and after high school she went to Hutchinson Community College to play softball. I always liked to follow her and go play ball," Coleman said.

Coleman plays by a simple yet commanding aphorism.

"Just no matter what, do not give up and come ready to play," Coleman said.

Nathan Clary, fr., McPherson, helped lead this year's men's tennis squad through the grind and glory of the teams re-introductory season after nearly a 20-year program hiatus.

Clary began playing tennis in junior high.

"I started playing in seventh grade," Clary said. "We played it in P.E. class and I enjoyed playing it, so I went out for the team that year and I've stuck with it."

As a Bullpup, Clary played on McPherson High School's junior varsity team until his promotion to varsity for his junior and senior seasons.

Last year, as a senior, Clary helped pave the way for the Bullpups as the team rallied at state and brought home the first place trophy at the Kansas State Tennis Championships.

"I wasn't on the team that went to state, but the teams that ended up playing in the finals were both from our team," Clary said. "Our number one doubles team played against our number two doubles team, so our team went on to win the state finals that year."

Despite Clary's extensive high school tennis resume, he looks forward to making the most of his time at Mac and is by no means satisfied with the team's performance in 2007.

"For being the first year back, I think we just kind of got our foot in the water," Clary said. "I know we could have done a whole lot better, maybe won some more, but it was our first year and we can only go up from here."

During the fall season, Clary was jointly responsible for two of the team's three match successes at Hesston.

Clary and Santiago Bravo, jr., Quito, Ecuador, won their doubles match adding to Clary's preceding singles victory earlier that day.

"The beginning part was finding a strong enough team so that we could compete," Clary said. "It was kind of hard. In the fall we only had three or four guys, on a good day, but now we did have six for the spring season."

As for the spring season, Clary has been involved in two of the seven Bulldog victories and has helped provide some much needed continuity to a very sporadic team.

Clary looks forward to establishing himself in 2008 by taking more of a leadership role on the court.

Clary, a business marketing major, was named to the fall semester honor roll and currently maintains a 3.7 GPA.

Men finish fifth at KCAC meet

Women finish ninth at conference track invitational

MALLORY YUNGBERG  
Spectator Staff

With the season coming to an end for track and field, many are excited about how this year turned out and some are looking forward to start fresh for next year. The men finished fifth at the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference track and field championships while the women finished ninth. Bethel College in Newton hosted the meet last Friday and Saturday.

The fifth place finish that the men came home with was one place higher than last season's sixth place finish. "As a whole, our team did really well this year and improved in our team ranking in the ACCK and competed well at the KCAC Championships," said Brent Bailey, soph., Simla, Colo. "There were several individuals who really shined in the indoor and

outdoor seasons, but injuries were a problem. "Track is the only sport that goes year round with cross country in the fall and indoor track in the winter followed by regular track in the spring. It can really take it out of you."

Lacy Johnston, soph., Arlington, Colo. started the competition off with a tie for second place in the women's high jump with her season best leap. The Lady Bulldogs' 1,600-meter relay finished in sixth place. Bailey finished sixth in the 800-meter run and Jacob Merrick, Clearwater, finished sixth in the 10,000-meter run.

Chris Bode, fr., Flager, Colo., threw a season best in the discus and finished sixth place.

McPherson's 1,600-meter relay and 400-meter relay finished fifth and sixth respectively. "This year was a great start for our sprinters," said Head Coach David Smith.

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- Brent Bailey

Bailey attributed this to having a full-time sprint coach.

"Having a full time sprint coach helped Coach Smith focus on his mid-distance runners and let the sprint coach help his sprinters," Bailey said.

Dan Hudachek, sr., Stillwater, Minn., finished his KCAC career with a fourth place finish in the hammer throw, identical to last year's meet.

Losing seniors can always be hard on a team and can sometimes be stressful for the coaches

and athletes, but the team will lose only one senior. "Next year looks great for cross country and track," Bailey said. "We are not losing a single athlete from our cross country team and our track team is only graduating one male athlete. I really believe we can make a run at a conference championship and even a nationally qualifying

team in cross country and our track team should be outstanding with the whole team back. It should be a very exciting year with lots of wins."

This week, some will have the opportunity to qualify for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national outdoor championships at the "last chance" meets at Bethany College on Thursday and Emporia State University on Saturday.

With the offseason comes another summer of running and recruiting for the dogs.

Tennis program in beginning stages

Women look to freshmen duo as leaders next year

ANTHONY FLASK  
Spectator Staff

The women's tennis team has posted the only team win for the entire program this year.

That win came early in the season, and against rival Kansas Wesleyan. Even though this tennis season has looked unsuccessful on paper, it has actually been a huge accomplishment.

Head coach J.D. Gravina said, "It takes a lot of courage for these ladies to sign at a program that is just getting started. These players knew it would be a two or three-year process, but were willing to take that challenge and help build something at McPherson College."

Even though this was the first year for the ladies, Gravina had high hopes for them.

"We worked hard in the off-season," Gravina said. "We had to start from the ground up because we had nothing to build off of. We relied heavily on the girls' talent from their prep careers."

This collegiate inexperience would be a hurdle the team would have to overcome, and they did just that when they beat Kansas Wesleyan 7-2.

Callie Crist, sr., McPherson, led the bulldogs that evening winning 6-0, 6-3 in a #1 singles match. Crist then teamed with Kelsey Buffo, fr., Valley Center, to take the #1 doubles medal, 8-2.

"We played really well," Buffo said. "We came together early and were able to win."

Ashley Andrews, fr., Oklahoma City, Okla., was also able to pull out some impressive wins. When Mac faced Tabor, Andrews paired with Allison Hajek, fr., Omaha, Neb., to win 8-4, the teams only win on the meet.

The most recent win was against in-town rival Central Christian where Andrews won #3 singles 6-0, 6-0.

"That was definitely a highlight on the year for me," Andrews said.

With coach Gravina's recent resignation, there has been mixed feelings

amongst his players.

"He was the one of the biggest reasons why I decided to come to Mac," Buffo said. "I am sad he is leaving, but happy that he is continuing to do what he loves."

Andrews also commented on his decision to leave.

"We all will miss him even though he was only here for a year," Andrews said. "He

was a great coach, but his love is basketball and we understand his decision. We wish him the best of luck."

Andrews and Buffo both plan on playing at Mac next year and will continue to work together in the off-season.

"We both worked together in Hutch to prepare for our season this year and we plan on competing together in

doubles next season," Buffo said.

Andrews said, "We definitely plan on being competitive next year and maybe even win conference."

Gravina said much of the team's success this season has come from Buffo and Andrews.

"The girls played competitive all year, with most of this year's success com-

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# Eleven faculty and staff positions expected to be filled quickly

JON "NED" NADEAU  
Spectator Staff

The college is looking to fill eleven staff and faculty positions before the start of next semester.

President Ron Hovis explained that this is a normal turnover rate.

"I would not be surprised to see all of these positions filled by June 30<sup>th</sup>," Hovis said.

Three faculty members are leaving at the end of this semester.

Jean Ballew, assistant professor of education, and Jeanne Smith, associate professor of education, are both leaving the education department. Their positions will be filled by Shay Maclin, admissions and financial aid counselor. Her new

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- Ron Hovis

title will be assistant professor of curriculum and instruction. She is pleased to be moving to a faculty position.

"I am glad that I will still be able to recruit, just for a specific department versus the entire campus," Maclin said.

A retirement reception for Dr. Smith will be held in Mingenback Theatre on Tuesday, May 15 from 3-4:30 p.m.

After three years at McPherson College, band director Scott Tomlison is leaving for a new position in Pennsylvania.

"I am going to miss his com-

paring our songs to AC/DC," said Chad Krivin, fr., Allentown, Pa.

Interviews have occurred for an open position in the natural sciences department. An announcement may be made in the coming days.

Resident director positions, at both Metzler Hall and Morrison Hall, are open for next fall. The school has advertised nationally for these positions.

With J.D. Gravina leaving for a division II coaching position in Quincy, Ill., the search for a women's basketball coach and tennis coach for men and women is underway.

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, said that it is extremely unlikely that these openings will be filled by one person. Several responses were re-

ceived in the first few days for the basketball position. Nearly one hundred applications were received the last time the position was open.

The school is looking for a director of auto restoration development with the departure of Jonathan Klinger. Klinger is leaving in July for a position with Hagerty Insurance.

"He is irreplaceable in an immediate sense," said Charlie Biederka, jr., Montville, Conn. "His knowledge of the program, relationships with the benefactors and his dedication to the students will be nearly impossible to replace."

Gaylon Green, business manager, is also retiring. The school is looking for someone with both business operations experience as well as financial and

accounting skills. A retirement reception for Green will be held in Mingenback Theatre on Wednesday, May 16 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The school is still looking for an executive director of admissions. This position has been open for a year. The search was re-launched in March and four candidates have been identified.

The previously open position of director of financial aid has been accepted by Steve Frick. Frick is expected to start no later than July 1. He has been in the same position at other schools for the past ten years.

Pam Wilborn, assistant director for career services is also retiring.

A search is already underway for her replacement.

## Computer Club looks forward to Oregon trip

Members will attend open-source software development conference

JORDAN SHAY  
News Editor

The Computer Club is traveling to Oregon this July to attend an open-source software convention and enjoy the scenic West Coast.

"We chose this convention because the students wanted to go somewhere on a trip as a group," said Carolyn Harris, instructor of technology and Computer Club sponsor. "Most of them have not been to the West Coast, so we combined a professional experience with a little bit of sight-seeing."

The convention is a "commercially-sponsored professional development conference where people in our industry meet to talk about open-source software," Harris said.

Harris, who attends the convention every other year, is originally from Oregon and her family still lives there.

"Carolyn is from there and said the convention was a really good professional experience," said Justin Bacon, jr., Canton, president of the computer club.

The six members of the club will spend one week at the Portland Convention Center learning new things.

"I'm excited to go to my first open-source convention," said Nick McKellip,

sr., Nampa, Idaho.

Harris said, "We will spend five days networking, socializing, and talking to people in our industry."

The first two days will consist of tutorials where new programming languages will be taught, as well as "spending time listening and learning from high-end professionals from Google, and the people who wrote Perl (a programming language)," Harris said.

During the last three days of conference, premier professionals in the field of information technology will talk about their research and "where things are going in the open-source world," Harris said.

Open source software is software that, within a licensing agreement, people can modify to fit their own preferences.

"For most open source software, the use of the software is free, but if you want support, you have to pay a fee," Harris said.

Throughout the year, the group has participated in fundraising activities to help pay for the trip's cost.

"We did a Web site for the Math competition, the McPherson Arts Council, and we also made a highlight video for the soccer team," Bacon said.

In return, the respective organizations made donations to the computer club.

"After the convention is over, the club will spend a week camping," Harris said.

Harris's family will be providing camping space and equipment for the group.

"I'm excited to try to find a job and to get away from

"I'm excited to try to find a job and to get away from my parents again."

- Nate McDaniel

my parents again," said Nate McDaniel, sr., Ponca City, Okla.

Alex Holtry, sr., Nampa, Idaho, notes that the convention might play a big part in his search for a job.

"For the seniors, we're trying to get our name out there to companies," Holtry said. "We're looking for jobs and this is a great way to get out in the open and find out who needs our services and see where we can get a job."

Holtry plans on coaching high school football in Idaho next year and is applying for a job as the school's information technology assistant. However, Holtry wants to keep an open mind.

"I always want to keep my options open, because maybe there's something else out there I may be better at or may interest me more," Holtry said.

Although the computer club existed at one time, this year's club members had to "start from scratch," Bacon said. Bacon, along with some of the senior computer science majors, decided at the beginning of the year to start the club up again.

Harris said sponsoring the club has been a good experience.

"Students are excited and willing to get involved," Harris said. "The club's been able to provide them with experience they wouldn't get inside a classroom."



photo by Travis Walker

Juan Torres, jr., Garden City, joins the mariachi band on stage Wednesday. Students in the Spanish II class decorated the cafeteria for a Cinco de Mayo celebration. The Spanish II students, along with Chartwells, planned a Mexican meal. Students who participated in the celebration were Ashley Andrews, fr., Oklahoma City, Okla.; Heather Emery, soph., Poteau, Okla.; Diego Lazarin, fr., Garden City; Ashley Mitchell, jr., Great Bend; Michael Silva, sr., Vacaville, Calif.; Kelsey Smading, fr.; Independence; and Rodrigo Adame, jr.,

## HALO educates others about Hispanic culture

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

Juan Torres has a concern for fellow members of his ethnicity. He has a respect for his culture and wants others to share in that culture, whether they are Hispanic or not.

Torres, a junior from Garden City, recently approached Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of modern languages: Spanish, about starting the Hispanic American Leadership Organization on campus.

"The purpose of it is, we're going to try to make money so we can get scholarships for more Hispanic students," Torres said. "You do have to have some kind of a back-

"I want to be a part of (HALO) because I am Hispanic and it's an opportunity to get involved."

- Victoria Salas

ground, but that's just so you can be eligible for the scholarships. To be in HALO, you do not have to be Hispanic."

Torres said HALO is in its beginning stages, but the plan is to jump full swing into activities at the start of next school year.

"We're going to be doing a lot of community service," Torres said. "We just want to get our name out there, especially in McPherson. There's not

many Hispanics, so we just want to let them know that they're actually out there."

Torres has received much support from fellow students, faculty and staff.

"Ocie was really excited about it," Torres said. "She told me to talk to LaMonte, and as soon as I talked to LaMonte, LaMonte was like, 'Yes!'" Torres said.

Victoria Salas, jr., Wichita, wants to assist Torres in developing HALO.

"I think it's going to be one of the biggest things that happens on campus," Salas said. "I want to be a part of it because I am Hispanic and it's an opportunity to get involved."

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roof.

"Other than that, it was just a bunch of trees down and hail," Suppes said.

Tyler Miller, soph., Macksville, experienced the same storm that hit Greensburg.

"The storm hit several houses just a couple miles south of my hometown," Miller said. "The houses were demolished."

One of Macksville's deputies was caught in the same tornado.

"The deputy was thrown a hundred yards in his cop car," Miller said.

President Bush was in Greensburg Wednesday, talking with victims and surveying the damage.

Bush declared the community a federal disaster area.

A statement from Bush on www.whitehouse.gov said, "There's a certain spirit in the Midwest of our country, a pioneer spirit that still exists, and I'm confident this community will be rebuilt."

Bush continued, "The most important thing now, though, is for our citizens to ask for the good Lord to comfort those who hurt."

Monaghan hopes people will pray for the victims and help out however they can.

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done within my tenure, but definite plans should be created."

Students also got the chance to vote on who will represent them from their class or residence hall.

Amy Porter, jr., Quinter, was elected as senior representative, Tiffany Nichepor, soph., Ness City, as junior representative and Kiley Loesch, fr., Raymond, as sophomore representative.

"I like being in an organization that has so much say throughout the college," Loesch said.

Dotzour Hall residents

elected Liz Wagoner, soph., McPherson, to represent them. Morrison Hall elected Trenton Bell, jr., Oklahoma City, Okla., and Kim Smith, soph., Milford, was elected by Bittinger Hall residents.

"My plan for next year is to become someone here in the dorm that people can come to when they want to voice their concerns and come to with comments they have about any issue concerning the students here or the college itself," Smith said.

The off-campus students elected Brandon Stephenson, jr., Salina, as their representative.

The two members at large

elected were Nick Jones, jr., Gahanna, Ohio, and Sarah Davidson, jr., McPherson.

"I wanted to be on SGA to make a difference and stick behind the executive board who wants to make our campus better," Davidson said.

That leaves openings for a Metzler representative and two freshmen representatives for next year.

SGA would like to do some projects next year to fix up the campus, but they need student input to find out what needs to be taken care of.

"We hope to continue our standard duties, but also go above and beyond, hopefully implementing a hand-

ful of larger-scale SGA projects into the mix," Sader said. "However, we need to know what individuals want in order to best meet their needs."

The members of SGA have many ideas for what they would like to do next year, including improving student life in the residence halls and making some improvements in the basement of the Hoffman Student Union.

SGA wants to fulfill the "wants and the needs of the students," Loesch said.

Smith said, "If you have a concern or comment about how something is run, organized, or in general, we would love to hear it."