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# The McPherson College SPECTATOR

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Give blood to save a life Oct. 16

The McPherson College annual fall blood drive is taking place in the small gym of the sports center on Monday, Oct. 16.

This year's goal is to collect 45 or more units of blood. Your gift of blood could save someone's life.

To sign up, see Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries, at his office in Hoffman Student Union.

### Record holder Hirt to teach racewalking

McPherson College alumnus Augie Hirt '73, will be teaching two "Racewalking for Fitness" clinics during Homecoming weekend.

Hirt is the American record holder in racewalking and has won both national and international championships.

Hirt has taught more than 70,600 people racewalking techniques.

For more information, contact Sally Nelson.

### Prairie Festival Oct. 6-8

Hundreds of people will gather for food, arts and discussion with speakers Oct. 6-8 at the annual Prairie Festival, which is being held at the Land Institute, south of Salina.

The speakers include conservationists, writers and environmentally progressive leaders, and come from as far away as Sweden.

There will be many activities such as a barn dance, a bonfire and a supper with food grown in Kansas.

The festival marks the Land Institute's 30th Anniversary. For more details, see [www.landinstitute.org](http://www.landinstitute.org).

### Bring a student, get cash

Bring a current high school student to Bulldog Visit Day on Saturday, Oct. 14, and earn a \$25 gift certificate to the bookstore.

The day includes a campus tour, faculty and alumni panels, a tour of the auto restoration facility and more. The student will also be entered in a drawing for a new iPod nano.

Students and their families are encouraged to enjoy the many Homecoming activities throughout the entire weekend.

Sign up your student at [www.mcpherson.edu/admissions/visit.asp](http://www.mcpherson.edu/admissions/visit.asp), or call 800-365-7402.

## Enrollment, retention on the rise

McPherson College adjusts to change due to increasing enrollment and retention goals

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

McPherson College's full-time enrollment this fall is 468, its highest since the 1970s.

The number is 42 students higher than last year. Additionally, this is McPherson's fourth consecutive year to increase enrollment.

Each year, the college sets enrollment goals for a three-year plan and later makes adjustments at the start of each new school year.

"We revised the budget to be 470, so this (enrollment goal) is in line with the revised budget," said President Ron Hovis. "When we did the three-year plan earlier, originally it had been 490."

Of the 468 students this year, 115 are first-time freshmen, 58 are transfers, four are re-admits and the rest returning students. McPherson retained 75 percent of last year's sophomores and juniors and 67 percent of last year's freshmen.

McPherson is increasing its enrollment goal for next year to 530 students. This number would include 225 new students.

Hovis explained how the college plans to reach those goals.

"One of the things that we want to do is continue to sharpen the focus in our recruiting materials," he said. "For example, Sue MacGregor's been working with



photo by Benjamin Denton

Students and faculty wait in the busy cafeteria line last week. Increasing enrollment and retention have made everything from the cafeteria to the dorms more crowded. McPherson plans to increase enrollment to 530 students next year.

the admissions folks to work with all the programs on campus to come up with what are the features of the program, what are the benefits and what are the outcomes that a student can expect. If we can do that, then the chances are, students will have a better idea of why they are coming to McPherson College and therefore, there's a much

better chance that they will be satisfied that their expectations are met, they'll return and eventually graduate."

The college is also adding-admissions counselors. The goal is to try and reach students earlier in the recruitment process.

With enrollment growth, the campus has seen changes in class size, dorm capacity

and cafeteria lines. Students, faculty and staff alike have had to adjust. And with the expected increase over the next few years, other changes will have to be made.

"From an academic standpoint, we've had three programs that have done significant reviews," Hovis said. "They've been growing and they are still grow-

ing, so we're expecting more growth from those three."

Those three programs include automotive restoration, business and art. However, changes are being made to other programs, as well as co-curricular activities, Hovis said.

The college is committed to its and is moving forward daily to meet those goals.

## Tutors ready to assist students in need

JON "NED" NADEAU  
Staff Reporter

Have you ever stared blankly at a book, paper or problem thinking, "I just don't get it"?

Most college students experience this at least once in a while, if not hourly.

Fortunately there is help and it is easy to procure. This help comes in two forms: subject tutoring and The Write Place.

Subject tutoring is one-on-one assistance from someone who is knowledgeable in a specific subject.

Kevin Hadduck, director

of center for academic development, sets up these tutoring services.

When a student requests a tutor for a specific subject, Hadduck contacts the professors who teach that subject and they in turn recommend students who would be suitable tutors.

Once an appropriate match is made, the content, length and frequency of the sessions are left up to the student and tutor.

The only obligations are to attend regular classes and scheduled tutoring sessions.

"The need (for tutoring) is greater than the demand," Hadduck said.

Some of this lack of demand stems from the stigma that goes with seeing a tutor. But not everyone who uses a tutor has a dismal GPA.

Some students use tutoring to gain a better understanding of the subject matter even if they are doing well in the class.

Others may need help with a particular subject even though they are doing fine overall.

Some of the most common tutoring requests are for statistics, history, biology and chemistry.

"Tutors are available for (almost) every subject," Hadduck said.

The exception he used was freshman seminar.

The Write Place is a writing lab for students and faculty. Landon Snell, sr., McFarland, Calif., or Amanda Morgan, sr., Ogallala, Neb., can help with writer's block or revision and editing of pa-

pers. "The goal is to give students the tools to become self-reliant," Snell said.

To achieve this, the center can identify repeated mistakes and the students can then correct these mistakes on their own.

Snell said that a second visit to check revisions is important.

McPherson faculty also make regular use of the center and some teachers require students to visit the lab.

Hadduck emphasized that the center is not an editing service; it is a teaching service to help students, not write papers for them.

There are currently eight students with subject tutors and approximately the same number using The Write Center, but it is still early in the year. In past semesters, as many as 90 students have sought tutoring.

To arrange a tutor or ask questions about tutoring, contact Hadduck.

The Write Place is located on the first floor of Miller Library and is open from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays or by appointment.

Appointments can also be arranged through Hadduck or Snell.



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Matt Hoffman, jr., McPherson, and Landon Snell, sr., McFarland, Calif., go over a paper together at The Write Place. Snell often helps students revise papers to improve their content and fluency.

OPINIONSPAGE

Campus life on weekends a cause for concern

By the time this Spectator issue is put on those wire racks, I'm convinced there will only be half the campus remaining to pick it up.



JESSICA FOULKE

But still! Maybe I'm being hasty. Perhaps you're all in your rooms studying and watching loads of television and doing your laundry like I am.

Is anyone interested in going to see an IMAX at the Cosmosphere? Heck, going to the Cosmosphere? We could go shopping at Target, get some Starbucks chai and then go see a movie at the IMAX.

in retrospect. But I'm trying to be creative here. I'm trying to keep you guys in McPherson so I'm not so lonely.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Despite the lack of a full-time director of admissions and financial aid, we would like to show our support of the admissions and financial aid staff as they continue to take steps toward next year's goals.

Making student dorms into homes



CODY DOLL

Do you ever stop and think about what you have in your room, how many truckloads it takes to carry everything here and how you are going to set up your room so you have the most space possible?

What makes your room unique? Couches, coffee tables, La-Z-Boy chairs or gaming chairs? Maybe it is not the furniture in your room necessarily.



Alex Tyler, Jr., lounges in his Dotzour pad.

pricing for the summer. Usually you can find a few friends that have the same thing in mind so you can even go in and split the cost of a storage unit.

On the Fly

In two words or less, please describe weekend campus life.

"Utterly boring." -- Robert Sotphrachith, soph. Lexington, Neb.



"Need activities." -- Tyler Miller, soph. Scott City



"What weekend?" -- Christina McPherson, sr. Nampa, Idaho



"Random." -- Darin Donaho, jr. Englewood, Colo.



"Intoxicating." -- Cameron Snell, fr. McFarland, Calif.



Embrace diversity, not conformity

We've all heard the McPherson College mission statement, "to develop whole persons through scholarship, participation, and service."



JENNIFER TERHUNE

practices and political, religious and philosophical opinions. Uniqueness is the aspect that differentiates and defines us as individuals.

other because of our differences? We must realize if every important aspect of a whole person were delineated in the mission statement, would be a mile long.

Amics serves up Mediterranean cuisine

Reviewer scopes out establishment and returns with positive feedback

Last Friday, I went out for a quick lunch. I walked in and immediately was reminded of a coffee house that played light music and had lots of good drinks to choose from.



MEGAN MCKNIGHT

dried tomatoes, black olives, lettuce and feta cheese. The majority of these things I had never eaten before.

Seating wasn't scarce and didn't feel like I needed to wipe the seat before I sat down.

# Illegal immigration arouses difference of opinion

Let me start by making one thing clear. I am not pro illegal immigration. Allowing millions of undocumented people in the United States is dangerous. With that said, I think the issue needs to be looked at very carefully and without the all-too-common stereotypes.

Contrary to a pitifully closed-minded belief, we are not being infiltrated by a bunch of lazy Mexicans who are taking jobs from hard-working Americans. Am I the only one who sees the irony in that statement?

I'm sure some illegal immigrants are lazy, but so are a vast number of bona-fide American citizens.

Also, they are not taking our jobs. Not only do they take the jobs that no one else wants, but our work force would flounder without their help.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, by 2008 there will be a need for 161 million workers in the United States and there will only be 154 million Americans to fill those positions. Even the estimated 10.3 million illegal immigrants (2005 Pew Hispanic Center survey) won't quite make up the difference.

Not only would our work force flounder without the presence of illegal immigrants, but our economy as a whole would bust.

Although many Mexicans working in the United States send money to their families, they are still pumping a lot of that cash back into our economy. They still need to live and play here and even advertising companies are realizing this growing trend and are trying to focus more of their campaigns toward the Latino culture.

Therefore, sending them all back where they came from is not an option, but the opposite end of the spectrum wouldn't be any better. Offering all illegal immigrants temporary work visas or citizenship would also break the U.S. economy. Big business would go up in smoke if they had to start paying their workers minimum wage.

The favorite solution in congress right now is increasing border security and enforcing deportation laws. Although this would help, it still does not target the root of the problem and most of the efforts in this area are under-funded and not well thought out.

For example, the bright idea of spending \$2-7 billion on a 700-mile fence along the U.S./Mexico border. For one, it wouldn't work. If these people are desperate enough, they are going to find a way in. Not to mention that the border is approximately 2,000 miles long.

So what do we do?

I spent two months this summer in Guadalajara, Mexico talking to Mexican professors about the subject of illegal immigration was eye opening, especially in light of the presidential election that was taking place while I was there.

It made me realize that illegal immigration is not just a U.S. problem and cannot be solved by the United States alone. We need to look first to the root of the problem, as to why Mexicans are risking their lives, separating themselves from their families to come to the United States to be treated like workhorses.

Most Mexicans who risk it all to work in America for a few years do

"We are not being infiltrated by a bunch of lazy Mexicans ..."

so because they have no other way to support their families. The economic situation in Mexico is awful and until Mexico is able to fix their social services system, the flow of immigrants across the border is not going to stop.

I asked my professor what he thought the United States should do about illegal immigration.

"Nothing," he said "Or if anything at all, help Mexico help herself."

Increasing border security and therefore increasing tension between the two countries by the presence of military personnel is not going to help anything.

I don't have all the answers and I'm not trying to pretend that I do, but we need to be careful how we handle this problem. And to remember one thing above all else: these are not dollar signs we are working with nor hardened criminals for the most part. These are people, people who are no better or worse than any of the rest of us.



PATRICIA RITCHA



## THE BULL YARD



Illustration by Alisha Gridley

## POWER POLL RESULTS:

DO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CARRY A PRIMARILY POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE IMPACT FOR U.S. SOCIETY?

POSITIVE: 22%  
NEGATIVE: 47%  
UNSURE/OTHER: 31%

98 STUDENTS POLLED

One issue that needs immediate attention is the illegal immigration and border security problem. With an estimated 12-20 million illegal immigrants in the United States today, as well as a porous border, the United States is faced with a problem that affects population, the economy and the security of the nation.

The United States is hemorrhaging money to take care of illegal aliens and the tax-paying citizen is left to foot the bill.

Immigrants and their minor children now account for almost one in four persons living in poverty. The proportion of immigrant-headed households using at least one major welfare program is 24.5 percent compared to 16.3 percent for native households. In 2001, illegal immigrants using welfare cost the U.S. taxpayer \$210 billion.

Illegal immigrants account for 31 percent of uninsured people in the United States. Hardworking Americans with insurance have to pay higher premiums.

Immigration accounts for virtually all of the national increase in public school enrollment over the last two decades. In 2002, there were 9.7 million school-age children from immigrant families in the United States. This causes overcrowded schools and forces money to be spent on things such as English as a Second Language teachers.

What is sad about this situation is that many illegal immigrant children drop out or do not graduate. The percentage of immigrants without a high school diploma is 30 percent, which is more than 3 1/2 times the rate for natives. Since 1990, immigration has increased the number of high school dropouts in the labor force by 21 percent.

The biggest problem that illegal immigration causes is the weakening of national security. With about 3 million illegal immigrants coming across the border each year, there is no identification of those who cross illegally and no way to know what their intent is. Once they are in, it is almost impossible to find them.

I feel that a two-pronged attack is the best way to deal with the problem. The first thing that needs to be implemented is the Secure Border Initiative. The SBI is a comprehensive multi-year plan to secure America's borders and reduce illegal migration. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff has announced

an overall vision for the SBI which includes: more agents, expanded detention and removal capabilities, comprehensive and systematic upgrading of the technology used in controlling the border, increased investment in infrastructure improvements at the border and greatly increased interior enforcement of our immigration laws.

The second policy to fix the problem would be for the senate to pass Tom Tancredo's, R-Colo., four-point plan for immigration control. The plan is outlined as: securing our nation's borders, establishing a genuine Guest Worker Program, improving interior enforcement of immigration laws already on the books and removing incentives for illegal immigration.

The key part of this plan is the genuine guest worker program. Many of the GWP in debate today are just amnesty in disguise. A true GWP would allow any foreign national to legally enter the United States, to work for up to one year in a job that cannot be filled by a citizen, require employers to advertise all jobs on the Internet for two weeks before hiring, and require illegals already here to return home first before they come back and apply for the job.

Some argue that the United States could not survive without illegal aliens. While there would be some negative impact felt by stopping illegal immigration and enforcing interior laws, there are some positives that tend to get overlooked: hospital emergency rooms across the southwest would have about 20 percent fewer patients and there would be 183,000 fewer people in Colorado without health insurance. OBGYN wards in Denver would have 24 percent fewer deliveries. Maternity billings to Medi-Cal would drop by 66 percent. Youth gang membership would drop by 50 percent in many states. In Phoenix, child-molestation cases would drop by 34 percent and auto theft by 40 percent.

Something needs to be done.

### Staff Sports:

#### Good Dog

We're online! Find us at [www.mcpherson.edu/spectator](http://www.mcpherson.edu/spectator)

Our men's soccer team scored 17 points in a game!

Have you all checked out the dried fruit in the caf.?

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is sure to be a good time. Free admission for students!



#### Bad Dog

Our local DMV is not accommodating to busy schedules.

It seems as if everyone on campus is far busier than usual with hectic happenings.

Where'd the new animal crackers go?

### A McPherson College moment ...



## Got something to say? Shout it out!

- MAC COLLEGE COULD MAKE A BUTTLOAD IF IT PRODUCED AN "ALCOHOLICS GONE WILD" VIDEO. THE COMMENT MAY BE HUMOROUS, BUT THEIR PITIFUL LIVES ARE NOT.
- SINCE WHEN DOES THE CAFETERIA USE 8 OUNCE CUPS? IS THIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL? WHAT A JOKE.
- YAY FOR THE COLLEGE WEBSITE!
- WHY ARE THERE SO MANY A-HOLES IN THIS WORLD?
- THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE GIRLS ON FIRST-FLOOR DOTZOUR WOULD QUIT LEAVING HUGE CHUNKS OF HAIR ON THE WALLS OF THE SHOWER AND IN THE DRAINS. DO YOU DO THAT AT HOME? BESIDES, ANYONE WHO IS LOSING THAT MUCH HAIR SHOULD GO TO THE DOCTOR.
- I WILL NOT APOLOGIZE FOR THINGS THAT YOU'VE DONE WRONG.
- HOW CAN SOME PAPER CUPS COST \$2,000?
- I'M IN LOVE WITH A STRIPPER.
- WHAT IS WITH NO MAIL ON SATURDAY?
- HOW COME THE \$15,000 ICE CREAM MACHINE PUTS OUT HALF-MELTED ICE CREAM?
- FORGET THOSE THINGS THAT AREN'T WORTH REMEMBERING.
- WHAT IS YOUR DESTINY?
- HOW ABOUT STOP HARASSING GIRLS JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE BOOBS? LEAVE THEM ALONE!
- NUCLEAR FAMILY WITH ATOMS.
- YOU ROCK MY SOCKS OFF!
- BOYS ARE DUMB. THROW ROCKS AT THEM!
- WHY IS IT THAT THE DERANGED GIRLS ARE ALWAYS THE ONES THAT FALL FOR ME?
- POP-TARTS, OBVIOUSLY.

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.

# Religions unleashed:

Students and faculty share about their religions and why they believe what they do

MANDY MORGAN  
Spectator Staff

At any college, religion seems to be a somewhat touchy subject and often something that students and faculty alike seem to feel strongly about. Those at McPherson College are no exception.

Students and faculty at McPherson are members of a number of different religions that range from Catholics to Satanists.

According to a recent survey of 201 McPherson College faculty, staff and students, 21 percent are Methodist, while 18 percent are Catholic. Baptist and Brethren follow with 11 percent each.

McPherson College, although a Church of the Brethren school, is not a school that pushes religion on students.

Tom Hurst, director of campus ministry, has offered insights to the religion. "Our denomination has taken very seriously the belief that you must practice what you believe," Hurst said. "(For example) we talk about living simply. Brethren probably choose to live at a lower material wealth level than what we could. We are also taught to practice honesty."

Hurst also said that the church has taken a very active role in both the National and World Council of Churches.

"We are one of the few voices for peace in this world," Hurst said. "We

believe in living peacefully with all people."

Another aspect of the Church of the Brethren religion is that it does not have a creed or a leader telling them what to do and believe.

"We have a conference," Hurst said. "This is our best understanding of God's Word."

Individuals, however, do not have to believe what those in the conference decide.

The Church of the Brethren religion is populated mainly by rural people.

"Even though we want to reach out... it's hard to reach a cultural understanding of life," Hurst said.

Wayne Conyers, associate professor of art, also shared about his religion. Conyers is a Lutheran and attends an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, but doesn't necessarily like the way Christians divide themselves.

"Before I'm ever a Lutheran, I'm a Christian," Conyers said. "It drives me crazy that we have all these labels. It aligns with my belief with the whole issue of grace—that we are saved by the grace of God and not by works... it's that simple and yet that complicated."

Conyers further explained his beliefs.

"I struggle with the fact that there are so many denominations," Conyers said. "If, when I die, I go before my Maker, I don't think He'll judge me on if I believed in a part of one service or if I drank grape juice instead of wine."

Conyers also said his religion directly relates to how he lives his life in and out of the classroom.

"I'm the only me that God created," Conyers said. "The last thing I think I should want to do is be some stereotypical art instructor that could easily be exchanged for someone else. My religious beliefs have given me the thought that I have to be me."

Conyers has found meaning in his religion, as well.

"I have come to the realization that it's really quite simple... life is so difficult. Gods knows it, so he gave us each other."

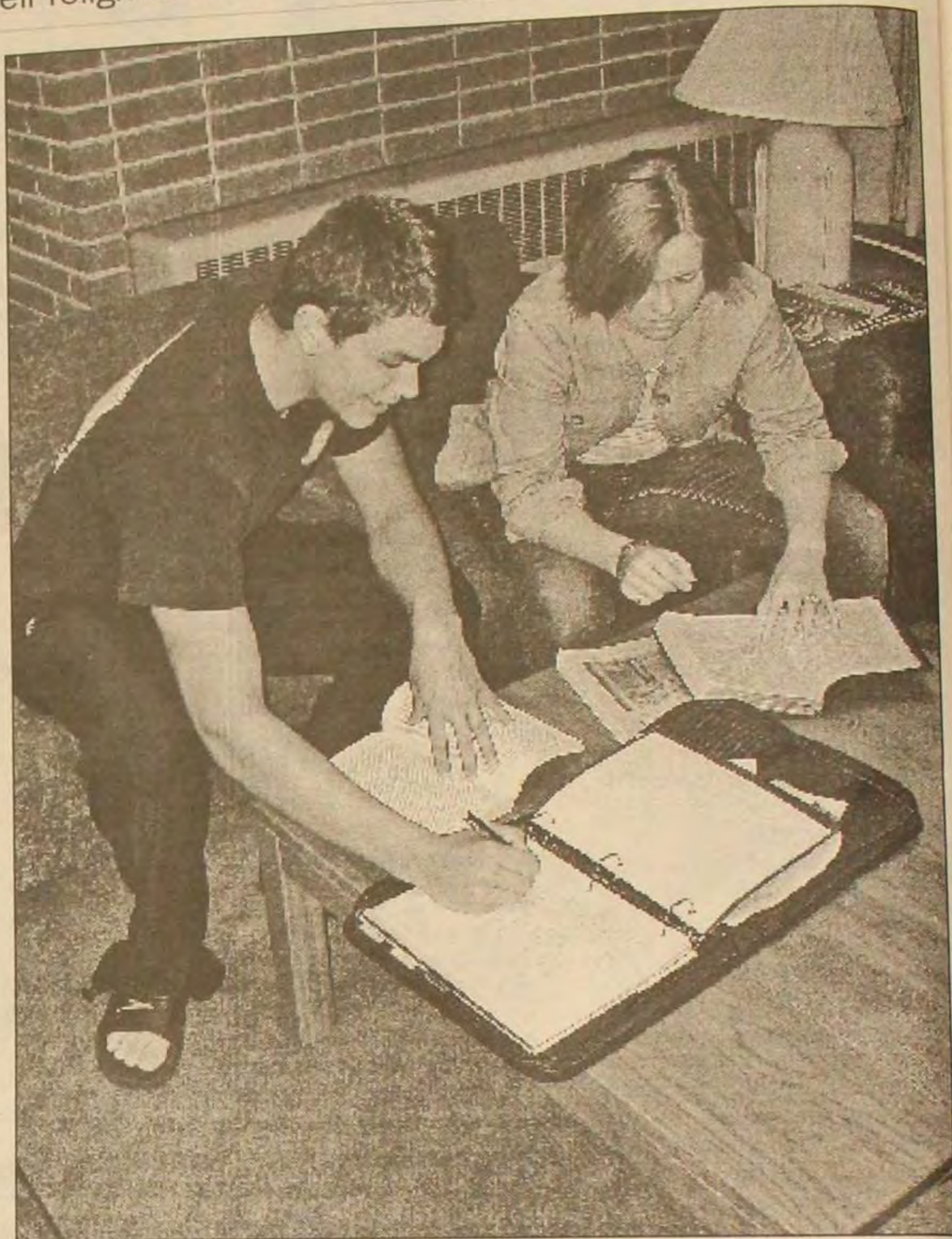


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Steven Maslanka, soph., Bristow, Va., and Sarah Cook, fr., Sterling, study for one of Herb Smith's religion classes. Both Maslanka and Cook come from different religious backgrounds.

## What is your religious preference or background?

Methodist	20.4%
Catholic	17.9%
Brethren	10.9%
Baptist	10.9%
Non-denominational/Christian	10.0%
Lutheran	7.0%
Mennonite	4.0%
Other	3.5%
Presbyterian	3.0%
Multiple	3.0%
Pentecostal	2.5%
Agnostic	2.5%
Atheist	1.5%
Nazarene	1.0%
Buddhist	1.0%
Satanist	0.5%
Covenant	0.5%

Nathan Witter, fr., Nashville, Tenn., has a very different view on religion.

"I do believe in a higher power," Witter said. "What that higher power is, I cannot say."

Witter said he believes some religions to be fanatical.

"I have seen what Christians and Muslims do to each other in the name of 'religion'—slaughtering each other because the other does not believe the way they do... history is full of examples," Witter said.

Witter is no stranger to religion.

"I grew up going to a Christian school and church," Witter said. "Too many times I've seen such bigoted fanatics who would refuse to talk to someone and/or talk about them behind their

backs." Witter does not, however, believe all religions to be without merit.

"I respect someone who actually practices what they preach and someone following exactly their holy book will have some good qualities," Witter said. "While I could never be a pacifist, I have seen Buddhist monks who would rather kill themselves than harm another."

Students and faculty alike at McPherson are no strangers to religion or religious controversy.

Hopefully, others can follow their footsteps so that religion is no longer a subject to be tip-toed around, but one to discuss in everyday conversation.

## En otras palabras...

In other words

We want to welcome our readers who are bilingual, as well as cheer on those who want to become bilingual, to our newspaper. This section of The Spectator is open to any student who wants to submit an article, an essay, or a creative piece in both Spanish and English. To get us started, Dr. Ocie Kilgus' Spanish III class has submitted a few film reviews. Contact Dr. Kilgus at [kilguso@mcpherson.edu](mailto:kilguso@mcpherson.edu) for more information.

"CENTRAL DO BRASIL"  
Una reseña por Israel Ortiz

La película *Central do Brasil*, en mi opinión, es una película muy buena. Yo le recomendaría a la gente que la viera. Se trata sobre una persona que cambia su forma de ser, gracias a un niño. Las personas que disfrutarían esta película serían personas que les gustan los niños. Lo único que se me dificultó de esta película fue que tenía que leer los subtítulos. Finalmente, yo

le diría al público que es una película que vale la pena ver.

"CENTRAL STATION"  
A review by Israel Ortiz

The movie *Central Station* is a good movie in my opinion. I would recommend it to people. This movie shows how a person changes the way he/she is, thanks to a child. The people who would enjoy the movie the most would be those who enjoy being around kids. Only one thing about the movie made it hard for me: the subtitles. Finally, I would say that this movie is one that I really enjoyed.

"THE GATEKEEPER"  
Una reseña por William Riley

A las personas que no les gustan películas extranjeras, tengo una recomendación: *The Gatekeeper*. Es una película en inglés que trata de un hombre, un agente de patrulla en la frontera de



los Estados Unidos. Descubre una operación ilegal de inmigrantes. Desafortunadamente, al descubrir la operación, se le obliga a vivir y a trabajar con los trabajadores. Tiene que presentarse su pasado mientras que trata de encontrar una oportunidad para irse. Me gusta la película porque me hace pensar. La película explica la vida difícil de los inmigrantes. Además, por los ojos de los mexicanos la película explica la necesidad de trabajar en este país. Sin embargo, tengo que avisarte: Es posible que esta película ofenda a algu-

nas personas.

"THE GATEKEEPER"  
A review by William Riley

For people who don't like foreign films, I have a recommendation: *The Gatekeeper*. It is a movie in English that deals with a man, a U.S. border patrol agent. He discovers an illegal operation of immigrants. Unfortunately, upon uncovering the operation, he is forced to live and work with the workers. He has to confront his past while trying to find an opportunity to leave. I like the movie because it

makes me think. The movie shows the difficult life of the immigrants. Furthermore, it explains the necessity of working in this country through the eyes of Mexicans. However, I have to warn you: It's possible that this movie may offend some people.

"SPANGLISH"  
Una reseña por Brandon Balcock

Te recomiendo la película "Spanglish." La película es sobre una madre y su hija. Ellas inmigraron de México a los EE.UU para encontrar una vida mejor. Se mudaron a la casa Clasky porque la madre, quien se llama Flor, aceptó el trabajo de trabajadora doméstica. Las dos vivieron con la familia Clasky por todo el verano. La película tiene un tema muy importante: la comunicación. Flor no podía hablar inglés cuando llegó a los EE.UU., y por eso, trató de aprenderlo. También por otro lado, había problemas con la comunicación entre algunas perso-

nas de la familia. Los problemas de la comunicación y la presencia del amor hacen la película una muy interesante. Esta película es una buena mezcla del humor y de la angustia.

"SPANGLISH"  
A review by Brandon Balcock

I recommend the movie "Spanglish." The movie is about a mother and her daughter who immigrated to the U.S. from Mexico in order to find a better life. They moved into the Clasky house because the mother, whose name is Flor, accepted the job of caretaker. The two of them lived with the Clasky family for the whole summer. The movie has an important theme: communication. Flor could not speak English when she arrived to the U.S., and so she tried to learn it. Also, on the other hand, there were communication problems among certain members of the Clasky family. The communication problems and the presence of love make this an interesting movie. This movie is a great blend of humor and heartbreak.

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# Majority to minority:

A look at racial and ethnic diversity at McPherson College

ANGELINA FIORENTI  
Campus Life Editor

A topic that comes up almost regularly among students of various ethnic backgrounds at McPherson, is either how difficult it is to interact with different races, or feeling awkward with being the minority after being the majority at home.

Diversity, as defined from Encarta Dictionary as, "social inclusiveness; ethnic variety, as well as socioeconomic and gender variety, in a group, society, or institution."

So just how diverse is McPherson College?

The majority of the student body at McPherson are White/Caucasian, with Blacks/African Americans coming in second and Hispanics third. A handful of other students include American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian and Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

After students were asked a variety of questions, a variety of positive responses came back. Many students said the schools they previously attended were predominantly white, but they have no problem with the interaction with students of other races at McPherson.

In fact, they even use the opportunity to learn about cultures that are different from their own.

Christina Feldkamp, fr., Centralia, said, "It's not real-

ly any different from interacting with students who share my ethnicity. I really like the fact that there are some ethnic backgrounds represented here. It's a nice change from what I'm used to."

Some students said they were worried about coming to a school that would be much different from their own.

Liza Escobar, fr., came to McPherson College from Robstown High School in Texas, where the school was predominately Hispanic. Escobar wondered how it was going to be.

"I knew it was going to be different coming from a majority Hispanic high school, but now that I'm here it isn't so bad," Escobar said. "I came to visit for a week last year and everyone was real nice."

Though there is a little ethnic variety, some wish there was a larger number of students of different ethnic backgrounds.

"I didn't feel awkward because I'm open to all kinds of races and seeing what they are like," said Kiel Stidham, fr., Bonham, Texas, "so I try to be around them to see how it is living and going to school with them."

Crystal Thomas, sr., seems to have had different experiences while attending McPherson College. Thomas grew up and went to high school in Wichita Falls, Texas, where the population

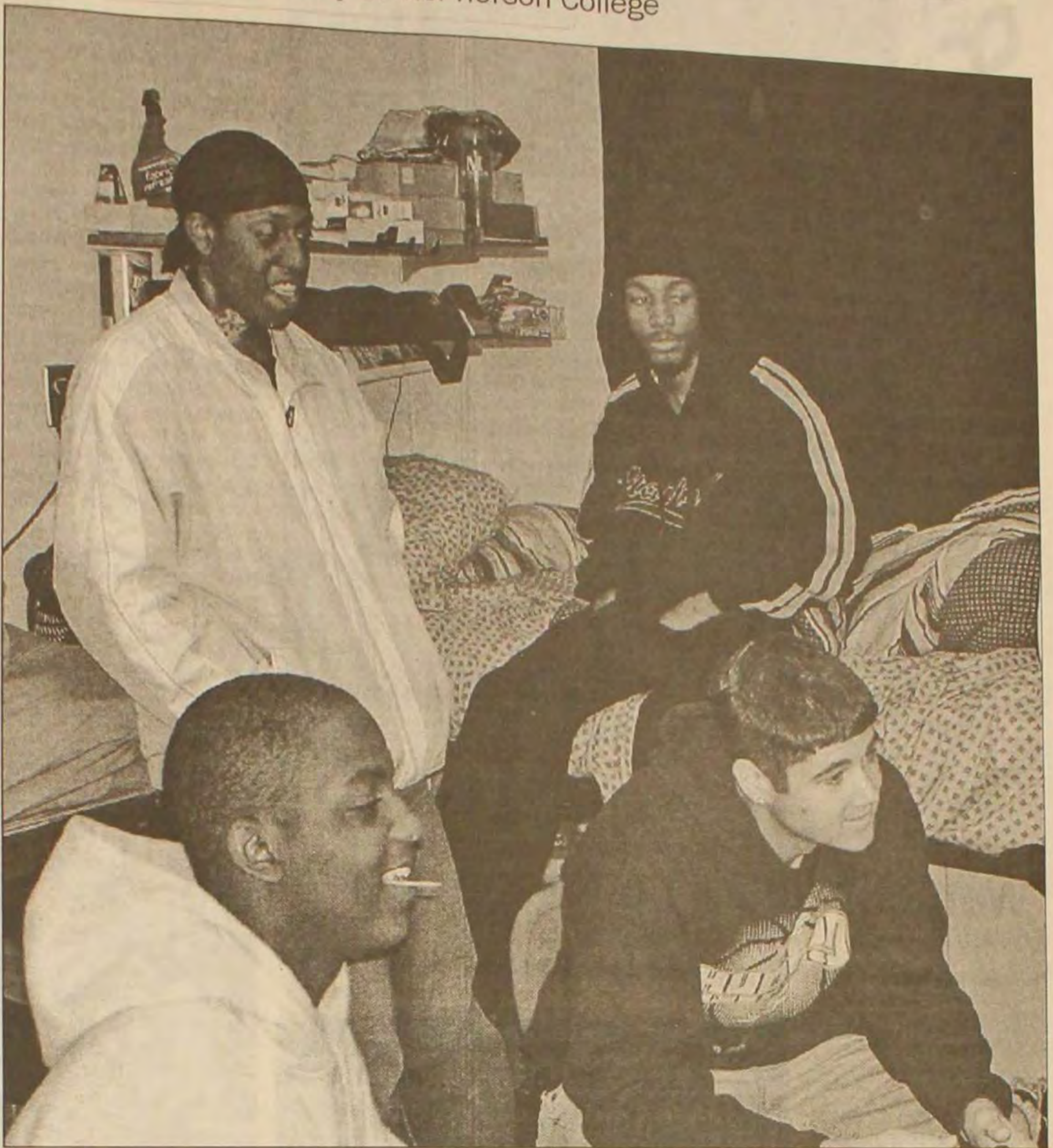


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Clockwise: Austin Bohanon, fr., Wichita, Jared Stevenson, fr., Broken Arrow, Okla., Shawn Young, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo., and Blake Stoner, fr., Hudson, Iowa, hang out in Metzler Residence Hall Thursday night. Though some students feel racial tension from other peers, others see it as an opportunity to learn about different races and cultures.

## What race/ethnicity are you?

White/Caucasian	83.6%
Hispanic	6.0%
Black/African American	5.0%
Mixed	2.5%
American Indian	2.0%
Asian	<1%
Pacific Islander/Hawaiian	<1%

was mostly Black/African American. Coming here, she knew she would be in the minority.

"I felt a little out of place and knew it would be a lot of fights and arguments," Thomas said.

Thomas said she feels tension from people of opposite races when she goes to Wal-Mart for everyday needs.

"When I speak to a person

of the opposite race, they either look at me crazy or they'll frown and turn their head or drop their head like they never saw or heard me," Thomas said.

Though Thomas' negative experiences are off campus, students like Juan Torres, who is Hispanic, feel tension on campus.

"I feel out of place," Torres, jr., Garden City. "People

look at me weird." Brenden Netherton, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo., feels the tension on campus as well, not from opposite races, but from his own.

Netherton, who is white, says that most of his white peers on campus are the ones who judge him, simply on his appearance and attitude.

"Its sometimes harder to mix with my own culture,

because most of those who do not understand me think I think I'm black, which has never been the case, but seems to always be the issue," Netherton said.

Whether majority or minority, every race feels criticism at one point or another. Living in a diverse world can teach us to accept the differences between ourselves and others.

## The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ATHLETIC TRAINER: SCOTT HOOKER.

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

Why did you choose McPherson College?

"When I came down for my interview, I really enjoyed the people around here. I had a chance to come down and do an interview with LaMonte and most of the coaches. I really felt that I was going to be a part of the McPherson family."

Where did you attend college?

"Kansas State for undergrad. Graduated there in December of 2003 and then I just finished up my graduate school at Illinois State."

What is your favorite sport?

"I'm a college football fan. I'm really just a fan that likes to see good games."

Spam or Tuna?  
"I think they're both disgusting."

"Gatorane" or "Powerade?"

"Gatorade."

Under the speed limit or over the speed limit?

"Over."

How many years have you been an athletic trainer?

"This is my first full-time position. I was a GA up at Illinois State for two years. Worked with cross country, track and field, swim and dive up there. Overall, including my student GA (graduate assistant) and staff, this is my eighth year. So I've pretty much been one since I was 18."

Rich or famous?

"Rich."

"King Kong" or "Gladiator?"

"Neither, I think they're both dumb."



photo by Adriele Harvey

Athletic trainer Scott Hooker examines sophomore volleyball player Tiffany Nichepor's knee during practice. Hooker came to McPherson to take the head trainer's position for the 2006-2007 school year.

What is your favorite fast food place?

"Do you consider Subway as fast food?"

What is your favorite genre of music?

"I would say country is my favorite, classic country."

Could you share with us what a typical day in the life of Scott Hooker is like?

"Our daily grind is obviously the treatment care of our student athletes here at McPherson College. A lot of people think what we do in our job is just tape ankles and wrap ice bags. Dealing with not just injuries with our athletes, but dealing with the athletes. There's a lot of paperwork that goes into our job and a lot of behind-the-scenes stuff that people don't really realize what we do."

# Volleyball team begins conference play

Team off to a hot start after big win against Bethel

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photo by Benjamin Denton  
Sr. Chandra Mayhan delivers a punishing blow to help push the team onwards for a win against Bethel.

TOLAN LICHTY  
Sport's Editor

After sweeping through the Falcons of Friends University last week and pulling off a win at home in another conference match against Bethel College, the Bulldog volleyball team has found themselves in second place in the conference standings. The only bump in the road came in Tuesday's home match versus Tabor College, who defeated the lady bulldogs in three games. However, McPherson's 6-1-conference record (9-3 overall) is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the team.

In the past, Tabor and Bethel have proved to be two of the team's toughest opponents. The ladies haven't forgotten that Tabor beat them in the conference finals in 2005. The monkey is still on our back, but hopefully the next time we meet Tabor we can remove it for good.

"We're always working at maintaining unity and positive team chemistry."

Olivia Doyle

The Bulldog team, however, is really clicking on all cylinders, and appears to be in line for a shot at the heavily coveted conference championship trophy. When asked about team goals besides winning conference, Olivia Doyle, soph., said, "We're always working at maintaining unity and positive team chemistry."

So far, meeting goals has not been a problem for the Bulldogs, as they've won eight of their last nine matches. I caught up with Head Coach Nathalea Stephenson and asked her what she felt about her team's level of play thus far. She said, "It is higher than where it was last year at this time, and we are always just trying to get

better and better every time we step on the court." When asked about how she felt the 2006 was going so far, Doyle responded, "I think it is going pretty well because everyone knows and understands what duties they are responsible for on the court."

As of now, few visible improvements can be made, but when we asked Coach Stephenson about areas of improvement, she stated, "We need to improve upon being more consistent with our intensity and improve on finishing especially around game point." With each and every game, the team is coming into its own, truly reflecting a winning mentality that can be easily felt even in the stands.

The seniors have really been stepping this season and have received accolades to prove it, such as KCAC Player (Chandra Mayhan) and Setter (Kendra Stephenson) of the Week. Doyle said she believes the seniors and

## Women square up for the Spires

Team starts conference play vs. Saint Mary's

ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ  
Spectator Staff

The women's soccer team will be hosting the University of St. Mary Spires tomorrow evening. McPherson has a 5-3 record, while the Spires are coming in with a 3-5 record. McPherson holds one more win than the Spires this year, but the Bulldog's fell 0-2 last year.

Although there are currently a few injuries, head coach Doug Quint still feels confident in the team's chances.

"As long as we play with the intensity for 90 minutes," Quint said. "The main thing is to get all of the players healthy."

Quint said each girl on the team is doing her part to hold the team together.

"There is a very positive atmosphere and they all have great positive chemistry," Quint said.

Learning each other's playing styles is a key every year. This year is no different.

"We've done a great job learning to play with each other," said Denise Rinke, senior midfielder.

Rinke has set goals for her final year.

"I want to play with everything I have because it is my last year and win conference, too," Rinke said.

Quint praised the team because of the improvements made so far this season.

"Our speed of play is getting quicker and the girls are making better decisions in tighter areas of play," Quint said.



photo by Benjamin Denton  
Senior Sara Kramme commands the team from the goalie box.

"I want to play with everything I have because it is my last year and win conference, too,"

Denise Rinke

Rinke said the team still has areas that need improvement.

"We need to work on defending corners, specifically defending the ball while it is in the air," Rinke said.

## McPherson's MudHuckers begin unofficial ultimate frisbee season

Tolan Lichty  
Sport's Editor  
Ultimate Frisbee, the ultimate test of endurance, strength, teamwork and strategy, is about to start again. From its historic roots in a little town in Connecticut, called Bridgeport, where they first used pie-tins as Frisbees, all the way to our humble fields of McPherson.

"It is open to all, and everyone has to start somewhere. Just always remember to have loads of merry fun and G.S.N."

Elijah Neher

Park, who played Ultimate in high school, shared his reasons for playing colle-

giate Ultimate. "I am unsure of what Ultimate means to me, but it is fun and a pretty good workout, I guess," Neher said. Neher said the level of competition at McPherson is greater than what he experienced in high school. "The Mudhuckers talent and dedication to the sport is far superior to that of my highschool team's," Neher said.

Neher's advice for future MudHuckers is simple. "Come out and have fun," Neher said. "It is open to all, and everyone has to start somewhere. Just always remember to have loads of merry fun and G.S.N." Just as in most sports, Ultimate is not all about having a good time. There is a lot of tenacity involved and things can become physical violent in a moment's notice.

"Hucking is the term used when you toss the disc a long ways."

Elijah Neher

There is no official season for Ultimate, but there are a few tournaments scattered throughout the school year. And just in case you're wondering about the name

Mudhuckers, Neher said "Hucking is the term used when you toss the disc a long ways." For more information about the McPherson College Mudhuckers' Ultimate Frisbee team, contact Morrison Resident Director Andrew Gustafson or participants Dan Hudachek and Alex Tyler.



photo by Benjamin Denton  
Junior WR Steve Dickenson tries to find a hole to break this play for a McPherson touchdown.

## Bulldogs venture south

Team travels to Texas after 26-7 win over Ottawa

TOLAN LICHTY  
Sport's Editor

The Bulldog football team is traveling to Waxahachie, TX today to take on Southwestern Assemblies of God tomorrow afternoon.

Last season, the Bulldogs finished with a 33-28 win against the Lions in a home game. This year, the SAGU Lions will be entering the contest with a 0-3 record.

Senior defensive lineman Michael Silva plans on using the same defensive approach McPherson used in last week's game against Ottawa University.

"We need to just do what

we did last week," Silva said.

Head coach David Cunningham is not taking the Lions' 0-3 record lightly.

"Well it's a non conference game, pretty athletic, 0-3, but they've lost some tough games, so it could be kind of a trap game if we don't watch it," Cunningham said.

After a pair of losses to start the season, McPherson came away with a 26-7 win as they forced the Ottawa Braves into submission last week.

Early contributions from the offense and defensively dominating throughout, the Bulldogs managed to put

up some points, while only surrendering a single touchdown.

Cunningham was encouraged by the Bulldog's first win, which brings their record to 1-2.

"We played pretty well and it just feels really good to get that first win in," Cunningham said.

Sophomore defensive lineman Richard Anderson said the win helped boost the team's morale.

"It was pretty upbeat, we were happy to get a win after tired of losing obviously, it felt good to get a win," Anderson said.

# Soccer team steamrolls Bethany 17-1

## Soccer men place Bulldogs in NAIA record books

TOLAN LICHY  
Sports Editor

McPherson's men's soccer team traveled to Bethany College on Wednesday afternoon where they crushed the Swedes 17-1.

Senior forward John White and freshman forward/midfielder Amando Rodriguez scored five goals each, placing White atop the McPherson all-time record list with 25 goals scored thus far in his collegiate career.

McPherson will take on the University of St. Mary Spires tomorrow at home. This game will be the second conference game of the season.

Last year's game against

the Spires ended in a 2-2 tie. Head coach Doug Quint hopes the level of play during the Bethany game will carry over into tomorrow's game.

"We need to continue to bring the same intensity," Quint said. "If we can do that, we should be fine."

Earlier this season the Bulldogs reeled in a 6-0 victory over Oklahoma Wesleyan 6-0 and earlier this week, they tied 1-1 with York College 1-1 in double overtime.

Though Quint was frustrated with certain aspects in the game against York, he was pleased with the outcome.

"The officiating was horrible, but including everything that happened to us, to come

"We need to continue to bring the same intensity."

Coach Quint

out with a tie is pretty nice," Quint said.

Senior defender/midfielder Nathan McDaniel scored the lone goal for the Bulldogs after a through-pass assist from junior defender Ryan McAleer.

Many of the players believe they are improving steadily. The team's main goal is to continue improving.

"We are getting better with each and every practice," said senior defender Chris Sweatman.

Junior defender Amos White, who transferred from Neosho County Community College, agreed and said, "We are playing really solid soccer right now."

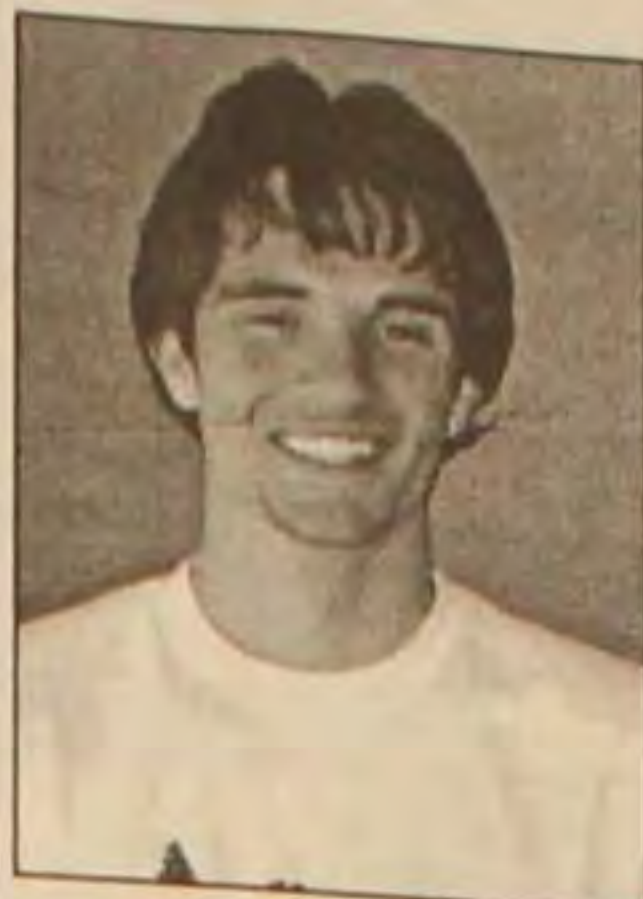
"The captains, Tyler Lawrence and Nathan McDaniel", are who Sweatman selected as to being the most influential leaders in the locker room. The only improvements Sweatman could tell that the team needed,

Sweatman said there are improvements the team has yet to make.

"We need to minimize on mistakes and capitalize on our opportunities," Sweatman said.

### PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

## Ortiz and Buhl highlight second Player Spotlight



Israel Ortiz



Monique Buhl

Israel Ortiz, a transfer from Pratt Community College, decided to select McPherson College to receive his pre-medicine degree and run for McPherson's cross country and track teams.

During Ortiz's last season at Pratt, he ran a 15:28 5K race at the University of Kansas Relays. The 5K is a 3.1 mile race, so Ortiz was averaging just a hair over five minutes per mile.

"I just want to get better, get into shape and be able to run the whole race without getting tired,"

Israel Ortiz

Ortiz's main goal is to become a stronger runner.

"I just want to get better, get into shape and be able to run the whole race without getting tired," Ortiz said.

Last season, as an All-American in both track and cross-country, stamina was apparently not too much of an issue for him, yet Ortiz is always pushing himself to improve.

Growing up, Ortiz looked to his father for support.

"My dad was my greatest role model," Ortiz said. "He has always been there for me. Whenever I need anything he is there."

For the team, Ortiz has a plan made out in his mind.

"I want the team to actually work and function as a team, each person pushing the guy in front of him, making the team stronger," Ortiz said.

Ortiz's message is for prospective students to come experience what McPherson is all about.

"Just run here," Ortiz said. "It is awesome. I like it here. The people are very nice and are willing to help you."

Sophomore forward Monique Buhl stepped onto the soccer field as a freshman at McPherson last season. In a single season, Buhl's resume is now wordier than many seniors in the KCAC.

Through 17 games as a freshman, Buhl scored 16 goals and was named Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Conference First Team, KCAC Freshman of the Year, and was also a Regional Second Team selection.

Buhl is setting her goals slightly higher this year.

"This year I want to be able to accomplish the same things as last year," Buhl said. Hopefully we win conference, maybe I will make First Team All-Conference and then maybe get selected Conference Player of the Year."

Last year against Oklahoma Wesleyan, Buhl scored three goals within the first 20 minutes of the game, despite being sick. The first of the three goals was scored nine seconds after tip-off.

As a child, Buhl's father was her role model.

"He was always determined and a hard worker no matter what he was doing," Buhl said. He was my coach since I was five years old. I always felt that I could go to him, whether it was for athletics or just personal things.

Buhl will join her teammates tomorrow against University of St. Mary. Buhl believes their toughest competition is yet to come.

"Kansas Wesleyan is probably our toughest game this year," Buhl said. "Although we did a pretty good job last year (1-0 win), I believe they are returning some of their better players this year, but we have some pretty talented players too, so it should be a really good game," Buhl said.

## Intramural flag football kicks off

### Saturday is now not the only day for Mac football

TOLAN LICHY  
Sports Editor

Have you ever wanted to play football on a team? Tired of sitting by the TV playing Madden until your thumbs turn blue and numb?

Apparently, so is the rest of the student body. Saturday is no longer the only day to catch a McPherson college football game. That's right, every Sunday until interterm, students, faculty and staff are joining the action on flag-football teams.

"It's fun, it is competitive and it is kind of fun to be competitive," said Alan Grosbach. Grosbach is currently playing for the team

named "175 Grams of Pure Pleasure."

Grosbach fearfully chirped, "Tim Bruton from facilities management" is the best player in the league.

Jarred Stevenson a wide receiver from "Team Showtime" and Shaun Young, an all-around player from team "Tell Your Sister Thanks" explained that most players have no idea what their team names stand for.

Young, pumped about Sunday's game, cried, "You're going to need a whole army to stop me."

Flag football is co-ed, intramural sport and both male and female participants are seen on the field.



photo by Benjamin Denton

Flag football players don't just run plays, but they call them as well.

## Cross Country team headed to Oklahoma St.

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

The men's and women's cross-country members anticipate tomorrow's meet at the Oklahoma State Cowboy Jamboree. The Jamboree is the oldest, continuous college meet west of the Mississippi. It will include races for colleges, universities, high schools and junior highs.

"Last year there were 28 junior colleges and college teams, so it's the kind of thing where all over the Midwest, you get some of the top teams," said head coach David Smith. "Finishing in the middle there is doing pretty well."

Smith said even though the competition at the Jamboree is tough, it pushes each runner for the better.

"The nice thing about this meet is, we like the course, number one," Smith said, "and number two, no matter where you're running, you should have competition near you to run against. That gives everybody a chance to

compete to the best of their ability."

Smith said after tomorrow's meet, runners will have chances to compete at Kansas Wesleyan and at the 5K Homecoming meet. After homecoming, the runners will get a weekend off before competing at conference.

"The weekend after that's regionals to qualify for nationals," Smith said. "I think, with everybody healthy, I feel like we're definite second or third place team in the conference, hopefully second."

Smith is hoping to gain Southwestern's attention at conference, as Southwestern has been the conference champ for quite awhile.

Smith's goal for regionals is to place fourth or fifth with the men's team.

"They also qualify the top five individual runners who are not on a team that qualifies," Smith said.

Megan Meyer, soph., Beloit, said the team has suffered many injuries this year. For this weekend, she said



photo by Tolan Lichy

Freshman Mira Coulter is anxious to visit her home state.

she wants "everybody (to) be healthy and get through the race without any injuries."

## McPherson College adds dance club to list of new sports

### The dance team is currently comprised of a variety of student athletes

MALLORY YUNGBURG  
Spectator Staff

This year is the first year McPherson College has added a dance team to the program. Tia Leach, cheerleading coach, will also be the dance coach.

So far the team consists of five members: Tannah Janssen, jr., McPherson, Tiffany Nichapor, soph., Ness City, Patricia Ritcha, fr., Moundridge, Anna Wagoner, fr., McPherson, and Christina Feldkamp,

"We will be at all home basketball games."

Coach Tia Leach

fr., Centralia.

"Most of the girls have had technical training in a variety of dance styles, but some just want to learn and have fun," Leach said.

Adding a dance team to the cheerleading program has been a big step for McPherson College, since they added cheer-

leading as a sport last year. As being part of the athletic department, the cheerleading program had to follow the same eligibility and program guidelines of McPherson College Athletics, the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference and National Association Intercollegiate Athletics.

But, by adding more programs to the college, it brings in more recruits and also increase enrollment for McPherson Col-

lege. "I would like to get recruits for the team for next year," Leach said. "We have had several girls inquire about a dance team since I began working here and the closest thing we had to offer was cheerleading. I would also like to have an equal balance between cheer and dance. I'm not worried about the numbers, but interested in members with a positive attitude and strong work ethic. I

think the dance team will be pretty promising next fall."

The team has not yet started practicing, but will start in the next month. Then they will start performing during home basketball games.

"We will be at all home basketball games," Leach said. "They will dance during games to band songs and perform routines at halftime after the cheerleaders."

Leach said the dance

team will perform at the Sunflower Classic showcase in Concordia along with the cheerleaders and will be expected to help with community service.

"I think the team will be a great addition to the spirit program," Leach said. "It will make our program complete and more collegiate. The girls are really looking forward to the season and I am excited to start working with them in a few weeks."

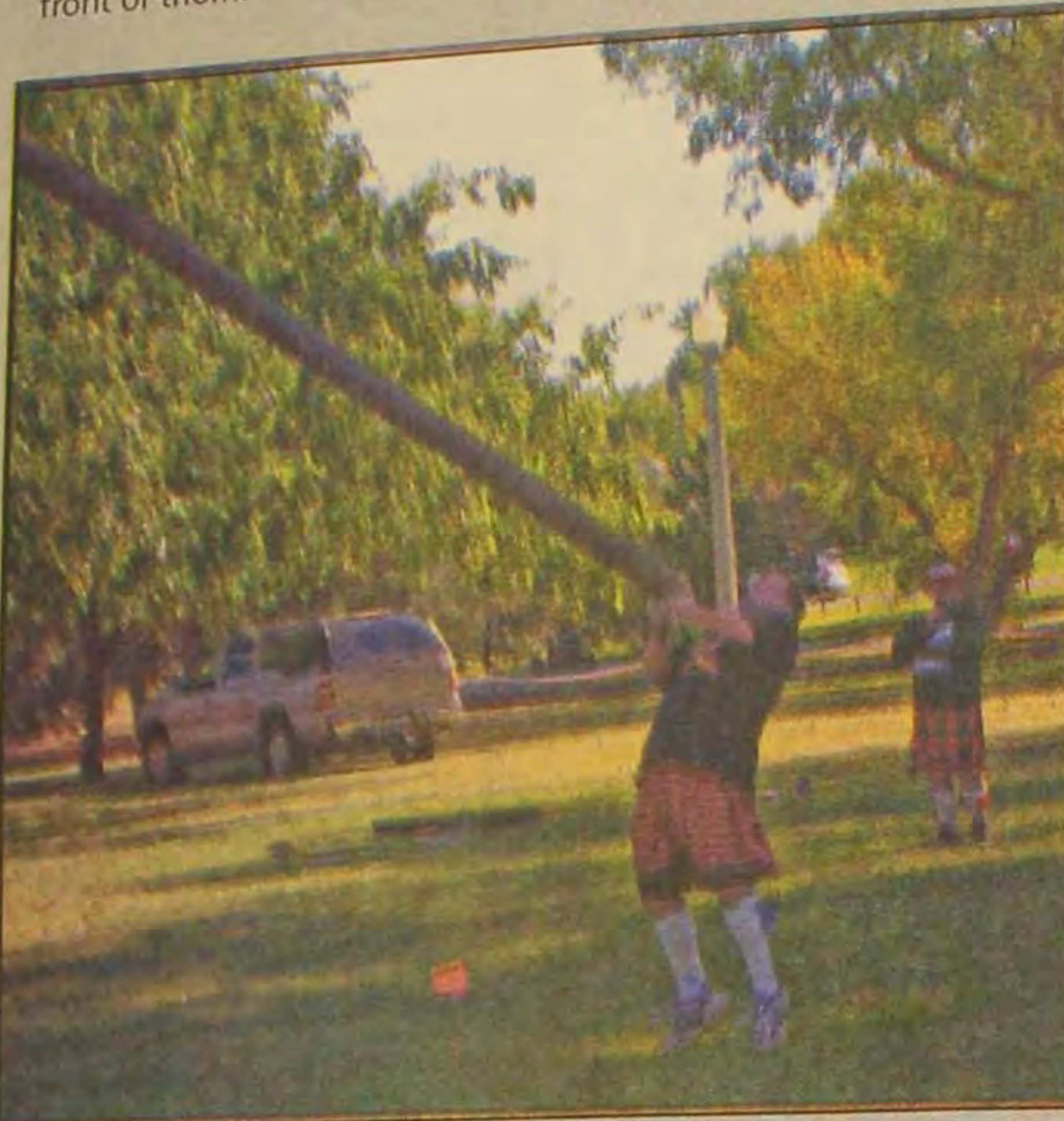
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# Scottish Festival 2006

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual McPherson Scottish Festival last weekend included events such as a pipe and drum competition, a Highland dance competition, sheep dog demonstration and various athletic competitions. Several other activities took place and musical groups played throughout the weekend. Below, an athlete participates in the caber toss, an event unique to the Scottish Highland games. This particular caber weighed 78 pounds and was 16'9" long. Participants cupped the bottom of the caber and then ran forward and tossed it, trying to get it to land on the opposite end in a 12 o'clock position in front of them.



A member of Masters of the Celtic Harp plays for the crowd at the Scottish Festival. Adding to the entertainment were several dance groups: Scottish Country Dancers, Irish Dance and Cloggers.



## Schedule of Events: Homecoming 2006

**Thurs., Oct. 12**

10 p.m.  
Pep Rally and Bonfire, Old College Courts area

**Fri., Oct. 13**

8 a.m.  
Golf Classic, Turkey Creek Golf Course

1:30 p.m.  
Honors Convocation, Brown Auditorium

3-4 p.m.  
Alumni Panel discussions

4-5 p.m.  
Racewalking for fitness, McPherson Stadium by Augie Hirt '73, American record holder in racewalking

7:30 p.m.  
Theatre production, 'Arsenic and Old Lace,' Brown Auditorium

7:30 p.m.  
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Reception, Large Gym, Sports Center

9 p.m.  
Art Ray Reunion following Hall of Fame Induction, Small Gym, Sports Center

**Sat., Oct. 14**

8 a.m.  
Bulldog 5K Run/Walk, McPherson Stadium

8:30 a.m.-noon  
Bulldog Visit Day for High School students, Melhorn Hall room 112

9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Auto Restoration Car Exhibit, east campus lawn

9:30 a.m.  
Alumni Association opening assembly, Brown Auditorium

10 a.m.-noon  
Campus Tours, each hour from hospitality tent located in mall area

10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Inflatable Toys for kids of all ages, Mingenback Mall

10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Alumni Association hospitality tent, Mingenback Mall

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.  
Tailgate party, Mingenback Mall

Noon  
Teacher Education Awards Luncheon, Mingenback Theatre

1:30 p.m.  
Football game vs. Tabor College, McPherson Stadium

Following football game  
Ultimate Frisbee, Lakeside Park

6 p.m.  
Women's soccer vs. Friends University, McPherson Stadium

**Sun., Oct. 15**

10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service, Church of the Brethren

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Brunch Buffet, Hoffmann Student Union

2 p.m.  
Choir Concert, Church of the Brethren

## Search continues for full-time director of admissions

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

McPherson College has been searching for a full-time director of admissions and financial aid since late last spring.

The search began in May after former director of admissions and financial aid Carol Williams, gave notice that she was transferring to another college.

Currently, Sue MacGregor has been serving as interim director until the search for the full-time director is complete. MacGregor has been serving since William's last day on June 30.

President Ron Hovis said this role is crucial to McPherson College because of the part played in recruiting students.

"(The role) is really two main things: recruit future graduates, notice that's not recruit future students, it's recruit future graduates and then secondly, to administer institutional aid, as well as the federal and state grants and loans," Hovis said.

The college took action as soon as Williams gave notice. It formed a search committee, hired a search consultant and began advertising in May.

The search committee then reviewed about 20 applications and invited three candidates on campus. The committee, however, did not believe any of the applicants were the right person for McPherson.

Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty, said along with prior experi-

ence, the college is looking for "someone with skills in marketing, ability to lead a team of persons and to work cooperatively with the rest of the college because all of us have a responsibility in recruitment and retention."

Additionally, President Hovis said the person needs "expertise in operational transaction processing and communication."

The college re-opened the search in the middle of September. The committee switched from the first search consultant it used to Terry Lahti Associates. Terry Lahti Associates was the firm that recommended MacGregor.

The committee believes they will receive another 20-30 applicants from this second search.

Though each administration, faculty and staff member thinks differently about when the spot will be filled, each feels confident and is looking at this as a time of transition and change.

ShaRhonda Maclin, one of three new admissions and financial aid counselors, took the counselor position knowing McPherson did not have a full-time director.

"When you have a change in leadership," Maclin said, "there's an opportunity for change, an opportunity to bring new ideas. It gives us as professionals a chance to step up and to really take control of the situation."

The admissions and financial aid staff continues to increase next year's recruitment goals to 225 new students. Staff members know

they still have a job to do and are encouraged by the leadership that MacGregor is providing.

"I am very impressed at the way the admissions and financial aid staff worked together this summer," Eells said. "They did a fantastic job of stepping into places and roles they may not have played in the past."

MacGregor, who has done interim work for five years, said she is committed to McPherson College until the position is filled.

"I think you have a wonderful institution here," MacGregor said. "I think the person that comes into this position is coming into a neat place. The staff is good, they're motivated, they're new, but they're eager to learn."

## Trees for Life founder to speak

JON "NED" NADEAU  
Spectator Staff

This year's Religious Heritage Lecture is being presented by the founder of Trees for Life, Mr. Balbir Mathur.

His lecture is titled "Slapped by an angel and other stories; my quest for the meaning of life." It will be given on Thursday, Oct. 5 in Mingenback Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

Herb Smith, professor of religious studies, said of Mathur, "In my mind, he is a genius of the heart and the mind."

This charisma has inspired more than three million people to participate in this self-propelled movement.

Smith invited Mathur to speak to one of his past classes.

Smith said, "He is enchanting the way he delivers a speech."

It was the only time Smith had seen tears in one of his students' eyes.

Mathur left a successful business career to start Trees for Life in 1983. The organization is a non-profit that helps people in developing countries realize the power of people helping people through various projects.



Courtesy Photo

Balbir Mathur will be speaking at McPherson on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Initially, Trees for Life started out planting fruit trees as a source of nutrition and environmental benefit.

It has now grown to include other efforts.

A soil regeneration project is underway. With a concoction of animal manure, water, yeast and sugar soils can be rejuvenated to enhance crop yields without the damaging effects of some chemical products.

A cooking stove project helps people obtain an efficient stove that burns 75 percent less wood than an open fire, and it keeps smoke out of dwellings. This saves time and effort collecting an already scarce supply of

wood. It also improves health and air quality by directing smoke straight to the outside.

The Children's Libraries and Learning Centers project helps communities establish and staff libraries and centers for learning English. Knowledge of English and literacy are useful tools when trying to find work.

The Trees for Life Journal is a forum on beneficial trees and plants that brings scientific and traditional agricultural knowledge to places where it is most needed.

Academics are encouraged to publish information that can improve the crops so it can be disseminated to farmers who would not otherwise have access to this information.

Trees for Life depends on volunteers to do much of its work. Full time volunteers, based at the international office in Wichita, are given room, board and a small stipend.

Volunteers work on project organization, publications, computer design and support and facilities maintenance.

More information can be found at [www.treesforlife.org](http://www.treesforlife.org).

## College, HDS create a good dining experience

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Students have had the opportunity to enjoy a new dining experience in the cafeteria due to recent changes by both the college and HDS Food Services.

These changes first started occurring about three years ago when the college noticed that their present standard was not being met.

"Since our expectations were not being met, something needed to be done," LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

A committee was then set up to help solve these issues, which included staff, faculty and students.

Their job was to work with the current food service company and help them to meet the agreed upon goals.

The committee interviewed many companies in search to find the perfect one that could meet our food service demands.

They finally chose HDS Food Service, which is the company that currently serves the college.

The cafeteria's purpose is to serve the students and that is exactly what we can expect

now. For example, there will be someone who scans their cards with a smile, cleans and dries trays with silverware, additional servers who are to serve the students and also a manager present to make sure that things are being accomplished.

The new Grab-N-Go system is part of the current changes and can be used with any item on the menu.

The cafeteria will also have a new face with the future move and addition of more beverage machines.

Special themed meals will be added throughout the year to help add variety to the regular atmosphere.

Because the college and Rothrock believe "a good food service company should be focused on quality, service, and dependability,"

HDS has agreed to continue providing the campus with exceptional food service.

Those who work in or with HDS food services would love to hear what the student body has to say about the present and future changes as well as general suggestions for the current food service company.