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An eating contest took place Wednesday at Hoffman Student Union as part of the Homecoming festivities.

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Young Alumni Award Winners announced, honored

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Every year at Homecoming, several alumni are honored with the Young Alumni Award at Honors Convocation.

This year's recipients are Roy Winter, Vic Ullom and Dennis Kingery.

"I think that all of our young alumni recipients are worthy, but this year's are outstanding from the standpoint of service to their fellow humans that they've shown in both their profession and church services," said Sally Nelson, director of alumni development.

The Young Alumni Awards are given to three alumni, who have been out of school for less than 25 years.

In order for alumni to be eligible, they must meet the following criteria: significant challenges in pursuit of professional goals, service to others, service to the church and alumni participation and support.

Winter graduated with a degree in psychology in 1986. After college, Winter was constantly helping people with disasters and children in need.

He currently serves as the executive director of Brethren Service Center and Emergency Response for Church of the Brethren in Maryland.

Ullom graduated in 1990 with an international studies, Spanish and teacher education major. This was an inter-disciplinary degree that he created with the help of the college.

"I deeply appreciated the administration's approach to working with me to get the degree I wanted," Ullom said.

Ullom is currently responsible for the overall supervision of the Rule of Law department of the Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe Skopje Mission.

He worked on judicial reform and human rights and anti-human trafficking. Ullom advises the Head of the mission about international standard and associated legal issues.

He also manages human rights trial monitoring and casework.

While attending McPherson College, he spent half of his junior and half of his senior years in Barcelona through BCA.

"I was changed most by my ex-

perience in BCA," Ullom said.

"It was an incredible experience. Learning a foreign language is like becoming a second person. Your old self is still there, although slightly changed, while there's an entirely new personality inside you. Along with that, comes confidence in yourself as well as the feeling of the smallness of the world—that this planet is there for you to explore and to build bridges in."

Ullom resides in Macedonia. Kingery is the most recent graduate. He graduated in 1996 with an accounting and business finance degree.

Right after graduation, he spent two years with the Brethren Volunteer Service in Nigeria. While there, he taught high school.

Currently, Kingery is the direc-

tor of Credit Union Operations for Brethren Benefit Trust.

All three recipients participated in various activities during their time at McPherson.

The activities the alumni participated in included: football, track, International Student Association, Business Club and Student Government Association.

"Having the ability to participate in a number of different co-curricular activities was meaningful," Kingery said.

After convocation, each will be leading Alumni Panel Discussions. Winter will be leading the philosophy and religion seminar.

Kingery will lead business IT and computer sciences and Ullom will lead English communication and history.

NEWS BRIEFS

Metzler leads Homecoming competitions

After five events, Metzler Hall leads the race for points in the homecoming competitions. Dotzour is in second, Morrison third and Bittinger is in last. An eating contest, yard art contest, trivia night and cheer competition have been included in the scoring for current standings.

The winning hall receives money to spend on programming or whatever the individual dorms choose.

Photo exhibit displayed in Friendship Hall

An exhibit in Friendship Hall that will be displayed during Homecoming includes a variety of historical and contemporary photos of people and buildings at McPherson College.

The photos are part of a collection of college photos and memorabilia that will be displayed at various times throughout the year.

Stop by and take a look sometime during the Homecoming festivities.

Annual fall blood drive Oct. 16

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

So far, 60 students and faculty are signed up to give blood.

Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries, said those who donate blood get the psychological satisfaction of helping save a life in exchange for the prick of a needle.



photo by Travis Walker

Alex Tyler, Jr., McPherson, portrays Teddy Brewster, who believes he is actually Teddy Roosevelt, on opening night. Tyler said the most challenging thing about playing the role was finding information on what Teddy Roosevelt was really like. Tyler, a theatre major, has enjoyed being in the play and said, "The best part has been working with the new people involved in the play." Tyler, who like the rest of the cast helped construct the set, took a moment on Thursday to survey their work. "The hard work was worth it," he said.

I bet you didn't know 'Arsenic and Old Lace'...

- was originally intended as a horror story, but later successfully turned into a comedy.
- was written by playwright Joseph Kesserling, who taught vocal music at Bethel College in Newton from 1922-24.
- was the only successful play out of the 12 that Kesserling produced in his lifetime.
- has become best known through the film version, which starred Cary Grant.
- was first performed on Broadway in New York in 1941 and later



photo by Travis Walker

Mark Tobias, Jr., Conrad, Iowa, Sara-Lambert Cook, fr., Sterling, and Mary Hughes, jr., McPherson, rehearse a scene last Thursday. This was the first college play for four of the 12 actors in the cast.

turned into a movie in 1944.

the Brewster sisters

might have been inspired by Kesserling's great aunts, who were

German Mennonite women from the Newton community.

A little bit of 'Arsenic'

Sisters Abby and Martha Brewster are two of sweetest elderly women you could ever meet. That is, until you look at the body count.

JON "NED" NADEAU
Spectator Staff

The American theatre classic "Arsenic and Old Lace" is showing this weekend in Brown Auditorium. The Joseph Kesserling play has entertained audiences since its opening in 1944 with a twisted plotline, absurd characters and clever script.

Ashley Wegener, jr., Norton, said, "I was entertained throughout the whole thing, which usually doesn't happen to me."

Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of theatre, said he is pleased that several actors are taking on unfamiliar types of roles.

"The actors are challenging themselves," Bowman said.

He added that comedy in general is an "acting challenge" and especially so in a play with subtle humor like this one. The story is about the struggles of

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- Ashley Wegener

a writer who gets married after building a reputation of marriage bashing. While announcing his news to his beloved aunts, he discovers a dark secret about them; they poison lonely old men with their homemade elderberry wine mixed with arsenic and bury them in their cellar. He later discovers his cousins' equally dark habits.

Bowman described the work that has gone into the play behind the scenes. "It was a challenge to build the set," Bowman said.

On Wednesday night before the show's opening last weekend, some of the crew members pulled an all-nighter to be sure the set would be complete.

A couple of the cast members also stayed up to rehearse.

Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre, explained that the set is called a "box set."

"It creates the illusion of a fourth wall," Tyler said.

One of the more time consuming elements was the stenciling of the wallpaper.

He was pleased that the set was completed a full day before the show.

Joel Grosbach, jr., Enders, Neb., helped build the set and was impressed with the final product.

"It's all sticks and paint to create an illusion," Grosbach said.

Bowman said that another challenging part of the show was the amount of work needed to fit the vintage costumes.

All the time and preparation put in by the cast paid off, as last weekend's audience members were quite amused.

Mariah Coberly, soph., Clay Center, said the play was very funny.

"Dr. Einstein and Teddy were great," Coberly said.

The production runs for its second weekend at 7:30 tonight and tomorrow night in Brown Auditorium.

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Call to responsibility

Welcome to college, folks! I know, many of you are probably wondering what in the world we are doing welcoming students who have all been here for at least seven weeks of classes.

Unfortunately, though, events and stories from our comrades have informed us that not all of our student friends out there are fully aware they have entered their adult lives.

Don't get us wrong. College is great. Have fun and enjoy it! In fact, not enough people take the time to hang out with friends, expand their comfort zones and in whole, embrace themselves in the college "embrace the world" mentality. It's a time where non-conformity should be accepted more than ever.

However, this freedom does not merit irresponsibility. Too often it seems students are not taking accountability for their actions. This campus is for students. Professors, staff, academic and club advisors and the rest of the crew are great assets and tools. Nonetheless, chiefly it must be stressed to not use them as a crutch or you'll never function successfully without it. Take charge of your lives.

True, maybe most of you out there generally do a good job at looking out for your self-interests.

Notice something wrong with that last sentence? Yeah, so do we. There's far more to life than self-interests. Being responsible greatly exceeds looking out for oneself. It means being a good person at large.

Don't ditch your friends. Don't make excuses for your failures. Perhaps most importantly, strangers are people, too.

Respect your neighbors. Respect friendly acquaintances. Get to know someone better! But by no means imaginable, screw them over.

Yes, the "Golden Rule" has been preached in far more and in far better ways than this editorial. Though, all of us, the Spectator staff, the student body and the universal community,

Call the exterminator, before it's too late

Insect menace plagues student bystander

"On occasion, I will wake up in the middle of the night expecting them to be waiting outside my door.

Back home, my family has eight cats and a guinea pig so coming to live in the dorms is a huge difference in daily life for me.

I'm used to waking up to my cats down at the end of my bed or being tripped in the kitchen because their food dishes are empty.

However, McPherson has decided to substitute cats for something even better. They've given me more than a lifetime supply of rapidly reproducing and abnormally large black bugs that at times have been known to soar through the air and attack people.

Every morning, I wake up, hit snooze on my alarm about fifty times and stumble out of bed.

In the midst of all my morning excitement, I am greeted by several little, though



MEGAN MCKNIGHT

"I've heard several rumors that you can drown them, but apparently they can hold their breath for an extended amount of time because that never works for me."

often that I have pondered naming them but discovered that there are just too many. I would get their names mixed up, causing them to get angry with me and they might hoard in my room to bother me even more.

Although the bug population at McPherson College has drastically decreased, I am still looking around corners and picking up clothes rapidly in search of them.

On occasion, I will wake up in the middle of the night expecting them to be waiting outside my door. Well, not really, but it sucks when you go to brush your teeth and the sink is full of the critters.

I've heard several rumors that you can drown them,

but apparently they can hold their breath for an extended amount of time because that never works for me.

Another friend told me you have to actually step on them and scrape them across the floor with your shoe to be able to pronounce them officially dead.

Whether they are gone for good or are going to come back and haunt me in the summer, I cannot stand having bugs crawling around my room.

I generally am a tidy person and finding bugs in my laundry basket makes me want to have a small pre-midlife crisis.

So thank you, Kansas, for finally bringing some cold weather to kill these little black creepy crawlers.



Doodle attempted by Eric Sader

North Korea alarms world with nuclear arms

Cause for escalation debated around the world

As I am sure you are all aware, North Korea had a successful underground detonation test of a nuclear weapon on Monday morning. The last thing that the world needed, a maniacal tyrant with a weapon of mass destruction, has now seemed to come to fruition.

One would think that in the age of terrorism that we live in today, an act like this would bring the country together. Wrong! Before you can say Pyongyang, the Democrats came out with their usual blame Bush rhetoric. Hillary Clinton and Harry Reid said it was President Bush's fault that we had a failed diplomatic policy and would not talk with the North Koreans one-on-one.

Republicans fired back that it was the fault of the Clinton administration, John McCain and Newt Gingrich were quick to remind the public



DAVE CADDIN

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that it was the failed Clinton policy of 1994 to blame.

In 1994, President Clinton gave money and nuclear technology to North Korea, and in exchange, all North Korea had to do was promise not to develop uranium. Both parties fail to realize that the one to blame

for North Korea obtaining nuclear weapons capacity, is Kim Jong-Il, the president and dictator of that regime.

After a day or so of finger pointing, people finally realized that we need to come up with a solution to this problem. Several have been laid out, but the consensus comes down to a choice of three.

One of the solutions is initiating bilateral talks with North Korea and to try to solve the problem diplomatically. Another solution is to continue with the six-party talks that have been off and on for a while and apply sanctions and embargos through the United Nations. The other solution is to arm South Korea, Taiwan and Japan with missile defense systems and give Japan a nuke.

Each solution has its good and bad parts to it. The solution might be one or a combination of all that is implemented. As

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of right now, the Bush Administration has chosen to go to the United Nations and ask for the Security Council to enact strict sanctions, which could include a blockade on North Korea.

Whatever is chosen, we must not look back and point fingers or try to blame someone for the actions of a lunatic.

Kim Jong-Il is a man who has starved and imprisoned the people of his nation and has taken it upon himself to use money sent to feed his people for military purposes. He is at fault. He is the one to blame.

The United States must stand united and face down the enemies of freedom.

More languages, please!

Recently, there has been some talk about integrating a foreign language requirement into the Bachelor of Arts degree at McPherson. Whether or not this plan goes into effect, I would like to quibble with the current state of affairs almost entirely separate from this possibility. This time around, I choose to attack the foreign language options, or lack thereof, offered at the college.

The only foreign language that is offered at McPherson College is Spanish. Spanish I-IV, Spanish language, literature and senior seminar in Spanish are a few of the courses listed in the course catalog. If they intended to remain in the United States, students would probably get more use out of a Spanish course than if they took French, German, Japanese or a host of other language courses.

Due to the increasing numbers of Spanish-speaking



JENNIFER TERHUNE

immigrants that enter this country on a regular basis, I will not even attempt to downplay the importance of having a certain amount of understanding when it comes to the Spanish language.

However, the importance of the Spanish language in our country does not necessarily make Spanish courses any more important to our students than any other language courses.

One highlight of the McPherson College experience is the opportunity to study abroad or participate

in internships in their selected field of study. Those countries include numerous Spanish-speaking countries, as well as those whose national languages include French, German, Chinese, Japanese and English, to name a few. Also, the main automotive internship offered through the college is to Mercedes-Benz, based in Stuttgart, Germany.

With these possibilities open to students, why would the language options offered by the college not prepare us for such travel? Sure, mostly everyone in Europe speaks English as well as their native tongue, but a part of any international experience is immersion in the culture... and that ideally includes language.

It's undeniable that we are a small school with a very low student-to-faculty ratio. Hiring an instructor, or paying current faculty, in order to offer another language selection would be expensive

and I happen to think that we already pay enough.

Conversely, if such a requirement were implemented for a degree, such a decision would force every student seeking a B.A. to go through a set of Spanish classes, effectively making an important choice for that major of the students.

Of course, I would hold that if such a change were instituted, it would cause an increase in the options made available to the students and when the time comes, I will be the first person to insist on more options.

Don't get me wrong, I have no aversion to the Spanish language or Spanish speakers. I just happen to speak French a lot better, which is why I took two years of French in high school.

I would much rather have the opportunity to expand upon the skills I already have than let those skills

On the Fly

What is your favorite made-up word?

"Yuldunno."

-- Seth Schomig, sr. Davenport, Neb.



"Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious"

-- Keely Walters, jr. McPherson

"Fantabulous."

-- Ashley Mitchell, soph. Great Bend



"Dinglehopper."

-- Nicholas McKellip, jr. Nampa, Idaho

"Ridonculous."

-- Sheila Bevan, sr. Macksville and Jessica Lea Miller, soph. Saint John



What constitutes God?

Students share their thoughts and visions of how they see God in the world

God has a plan for all of us. I have heard variations of this statement for as long as I can remember, as most others have, I'm sure.

The comment is short, simple and provides a sense of comfort for many people.

Actually, what is really being said is: I don't know how to make sense of the situation at hand and I hope that there is a more intelligent person or thing than I, running the program.

What if, however, there is no God or some type of higher being that watches over us?

The concept of there not being a divine power is foreign to many people because religion has been pumped into most of us since childhood.

Not only has religion been enforced through the family unit, our own nation and its government have influenced and been influenced by religion. Our currency, the Pledge of Allegiance and even the swearing in of the president all have religious connotations.

Do I believe in God? To tell you the truth, I can't say. Whether or not there is an actual God, the idea of one plays a vital

role in our society.

Religion, for many, provides hope, inspiration and even serves as a tool against deviance.

Most, if not everyone, have heard of "The Golden Rule," which basically tells people to treat others as they would like to be treated.

In Christianity, people will suffer for all of eternity if they walk the path of sin and do not follow the word of God.

In addition, people need some type of reason for what they cannot explain or an event that is psychologically overwhelming.

There is comfort in the thought of reuniting with loved ones after they pass on or that an all-powerful being will provide a better day for someone.

Though God may not exist, the values in which He is represented do and the impact of this concept will continue to affect our society for many years to come.



WILLIAM RILEY



THE BULL YARD



Illustration by Alisha Gridley

POWER POLL RESULTS:

TO WHAT EXTENT DOES GOD INTERVENE IN OUR WORLD?

- NONE: 8%
- SOME: 21%
- LOTS: 59%
- UNSURE/OTHER: 12%

76 STUDENTS POLLED

God. My, that never seems to be a topic to lose its potency.

God is all-knowing. God is forgiving. God is a jealous god.

Nearly every religion and denomination believes those things to be true, along with many other things. But here is my question: If all of these people believe in the same God, how in the world are they able to say theirs is the "only way?"

I was raised as a Methodist. Throughout elementary, middle and high school, I could be found every Sunday morning at Poteau First United Methodist Church.

I believed in God and still do, but certain aspects of my faith have changed.

At one point and time, I felt I had to know the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer and the books of the Bible in order, but now, all of that seems practically pointless to me.

Much of what I learned as a child was done to please my Papa and great-grandmother. In Sunday School, we played games to see who knew the most. The winner could raid the Treasure Chest.

Looking back on all of it now, it almost makes me sick. Learning those things were just a game to me so that I could say I knew more about the Bible than you.

I want to cry. What type of model is that, for anyone?

There are national competitions for children, awarding prizes in memorization skills, performance in skits and various others. Honestly, how many of those really put any thought or emotion into what they do?

Have certain religions become too much like a game?

I feel that religion, like the Bible, should be a guide that brings people to God in their own way and when they are ready. After all, the people who moved me more than anything were those who were spiritual, not devotedly religious.



HEATHER EMERY



ALYSON HOLMAN

be near us, but because of His holiness, He cannot abide in sin.

There had to be a blood sacrifice, a death, in order for us to be forgiven. He was willing to provide Himself as this sacrifice. There was only one way, that Jesus die on the cross.

If there was another way, certainly He would have pointed it out so that we might take it or He would have not gone through with such agony. But there was no other option. Yet, He was willing to do it for me. For you. For us little specks of dust in the vast universe.

He asks only that we accept His sacrifice as the way to salvation. That idea is even more ungraspable than any other, that the God of the cosmos would love me so much that He would die for me.

This is how I am assured He is near. He has numbered the hairs on my head and He will be with me until the day I die and beyond.

I have a relationship with the Almighty God. It fills me with awe and humility to even write it. And yet, because of this, I know that He exists and I also know that He is very much involved in the world.

He is not the "absent watchmaker" who set the world in motion and then left it to its own devices. Such a thing would be like a woman setting her newborn baby down in the living room of a mansion, going out the door and driving away.

God is not like that. He loves His creation. Though He is an unfathomable, absolutely holy and pure God, He loves us and would never leave us.

But some may ask, "If He loves us, why would He allow terrible things to happen?"

I do not know. Perhaps one of the only explanations is that we are not in the Garden of Eden anymore. We should be and want to be and that is why we are bewildered when calamity strikes.

But because of Adam and Eve's sin, creation is not what it ought to be. We live in a world that is depraved, where Satan is given rein.

However, God did not leave us to Satan's mercy. God desires to

the blame on Him for the cause of things far too much.

Riddle me this: why is it that one can blame God for the death of a child, but do not believe that He could cause a hurricane?

In all honesty, I believe in the Christian God and do believe He is involved in the world. I do not think that He is to blame for most of the world's problems or successes. God did not invent the light bulb; Thomas Edison did. God did not cause the American Revolutionary War, nor did He choose the winner in the American Civil War.

If people would just take responsibility for their actions instead of blaming their parents or God, then the world would be a better place.

God. Most think of Him as an all-powerful, all-knowing personage that controls the world's happenings. Others see Him as not involved at all, or non-existing.

I am not as hopeful as the first, but not yet to the point of the last.

God created the world and He has caused plagues, but I do not believe he is at fault for all the happenings of this world.

People need to stop blaming God for "letting their friend get beaten" in a bad relationship or for "a loved one dying." The person that is doing the beating is to blame for the beating, not God.

The point of being in the world in the majority's eyes is for us to return to our maker. If God intervened every time something went wrong, wouldn't that defeat the point of us being here, to achieve going to heaven. And, from a Christian point of view, would that not be Satan's plan?

I do think that God has caused certain things throughout history. I am not saying that He created the world and left us alone to fend for ourselves. But I think people put



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Staff Spurts

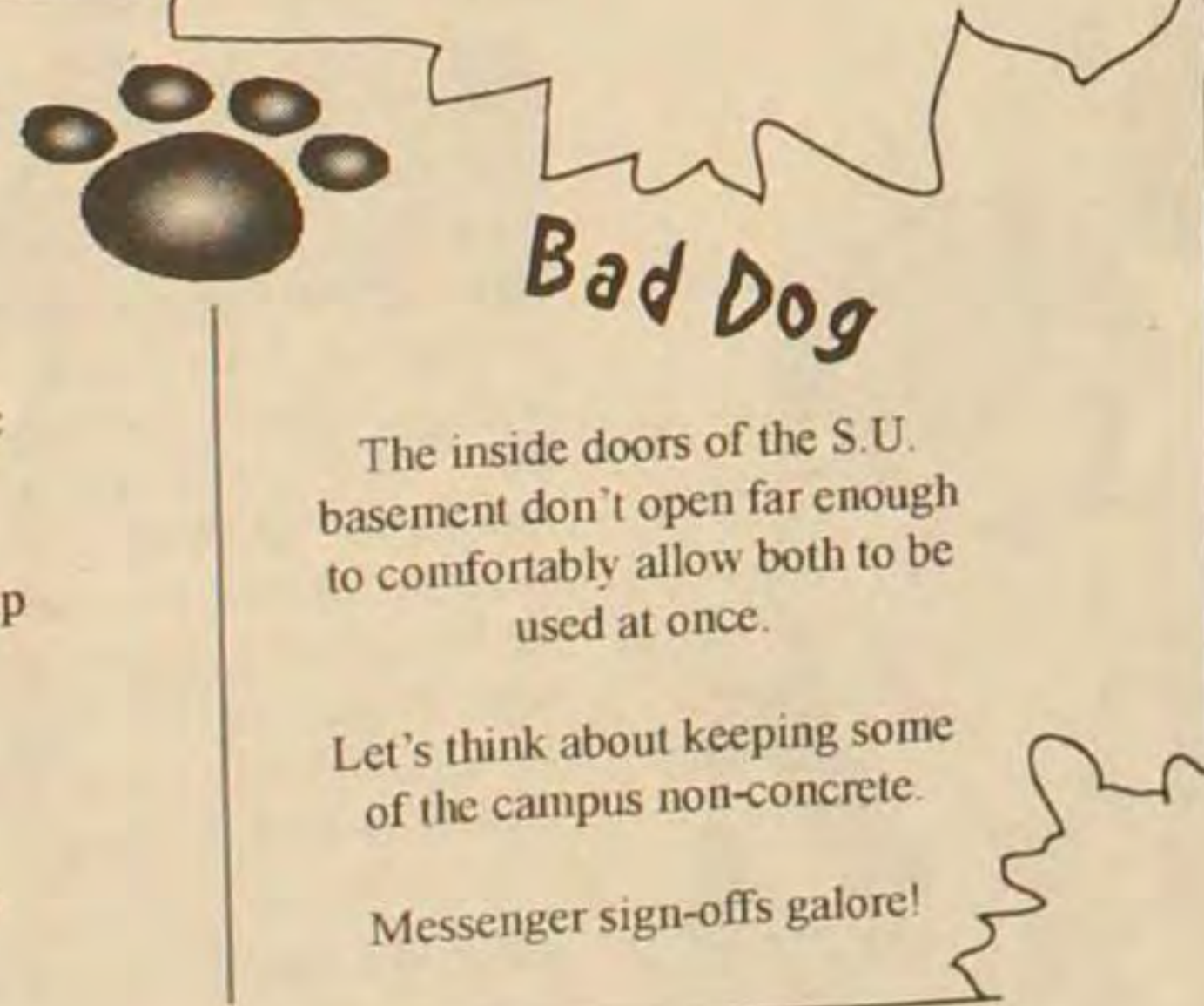
Good Dog

The outside doors of the S.U. basement no longer create sonic booms when they close.

The restrooms seem to be kept up a bit cleaner.

Volleyball crowd turnouts.

More Homecoming festivities take place this weekend.



Bad Dog

The inside doors of the S.U. basement don't open far enough to comfortably allow both to be used at once.

Let's think about keeping some of the campus non-concrete.

Messenger sign-offs galore!

A McPherson College moment ...



Got something to say? Shout it out!

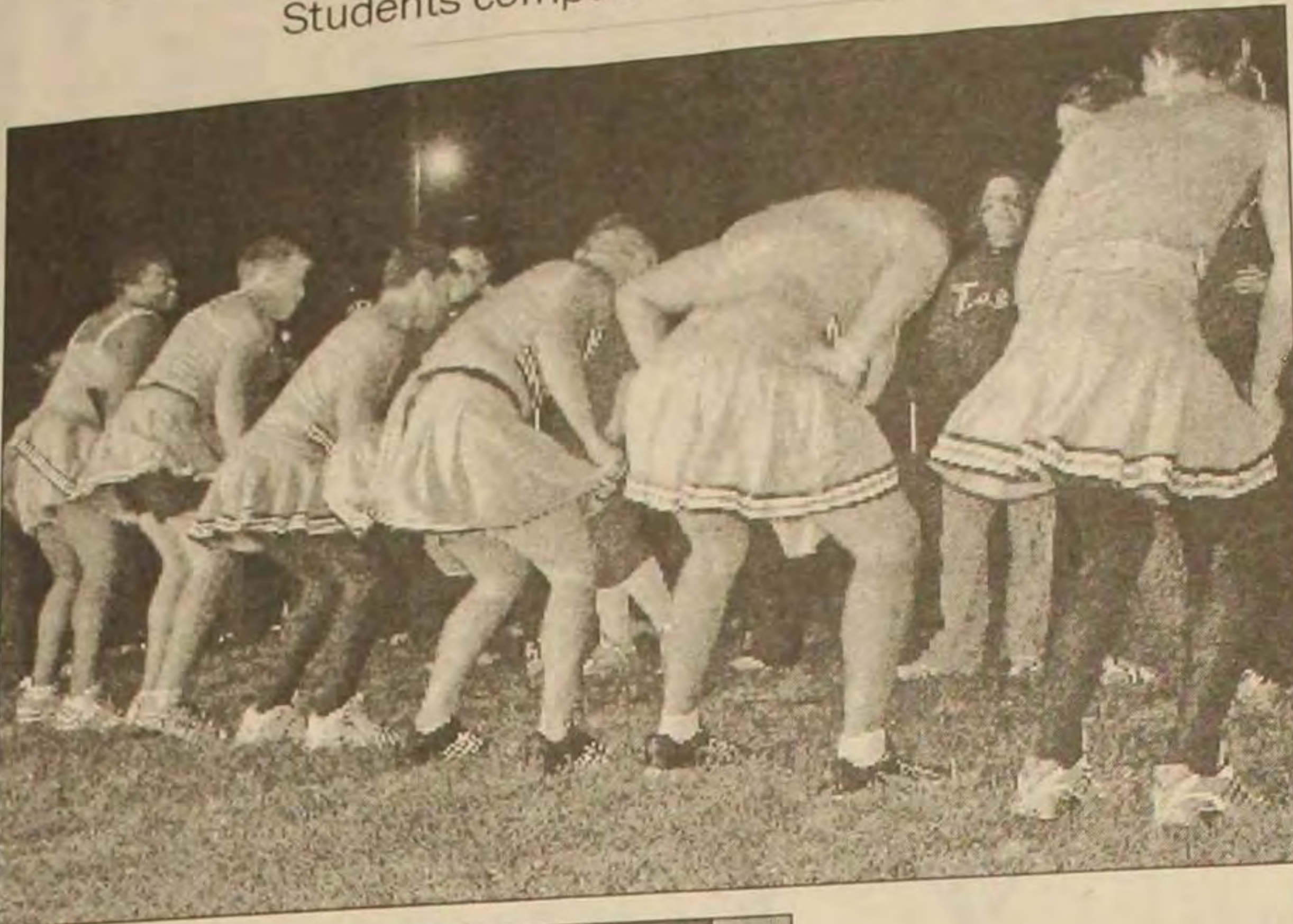
- WHY DO THE BURGERS TASTE LIKE SPONGES?
- WHEN I FINALLY CATCH A SQUIRREL, IT'S GOING IN SOMEONE'S FRIDGE, SO STAY ON MY GOOD SIDE.
- USING PAPER AND STYROFOAM CUPS IN THE CAF. IS MORALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE. SHAME ON MAC!
- QUIT FEELING VICTIMIZED!
- WHAT IS THE CAF. PUTTING IN THEIR FOOD TO GIVE ME DIARRHEA AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK?
- I SWEAR THAT CLASS IS GOING TO DRIVE ME TO DRINK.
- QUINTER GIRLS + BROTHERN GUYS = DISASTER!
- IF YOU WANT ONE OF THE HUNDREDS OF 24 OUNCE CUPS, LOOK IN THE CARS, DORM. ROOMS, ETC. OF THE STUDENTS WHO TOOK THEM FROM THE CAFETERIA. WHAT A JOKE!
- SPANDEX IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.
- DON'T PUT NUTS IN ALL THE DESSERTS.
- I LOVE CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP!
- PIANO!
- STUDENTS DRUNK ON A WEEKEND? SURPRISE! THIS IS A COLLEGE! ALBEIT HARDLY LARGE ENOUGH TO BE CALLED A COLLEGE AND IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, IT'S STILL A COLLEGE! SO RELAX, HAVE A DRINK.
- CAFETERIA FOOD REALLY SUCKS AT DINNER. COULD WE FIX THAT PLEASE?
- THIS ISN'T HIGH SCHOOL. CLIQUES SHOULD DIE AND PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW HOW TO REACH OUT OF THEIR CIRCLES BY NOW.
- HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE SAD, SAD TALE OF THUMPER? IT'S WORTH THE TIME.
- IF YOU SHAVE IN THE SINK, CLEAN IT UP!

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.

Spirit week activities

Students compete in Homecoming activities to win money for their dorm

CAMPUSLIFEPAGE



Clockwise from top left: Dotzour boys do a cheer at the bonfire in the battle between the dorms. Each dorm had their individual cheers to perform for the student body.

Robert Moreno, soph., Oklahoma City, Okla., drinks a gallon of Gatorade in the food relays. He represented Metzler, which ended in second place finish.

Dotzour's barbecue float takes third in the float competition, Metzler took first place overall.

Nicholas McKellip, jr., Nampa, Idaho., Lucas Oswald, sr., McPherson, Shawn Griffin, fr., Inman, and Matt Ayers, sr., Knoxville, Iowa, dress up as girls for Gender Bender Day.

Juan Hernandez, soph., Great Bend, and Rodrigo Adame, jr., Great Bend, represent Metzler while eating several jalapenos in the food relays. Metzler finished in second place.

Mariah Coberly, soph., Clay Center, and Ashley Andrews, fr., Oklahoma City, Okla., eat pies in the food relays. Coberly and Andrews represented Bittinger, which finished last in the competition.

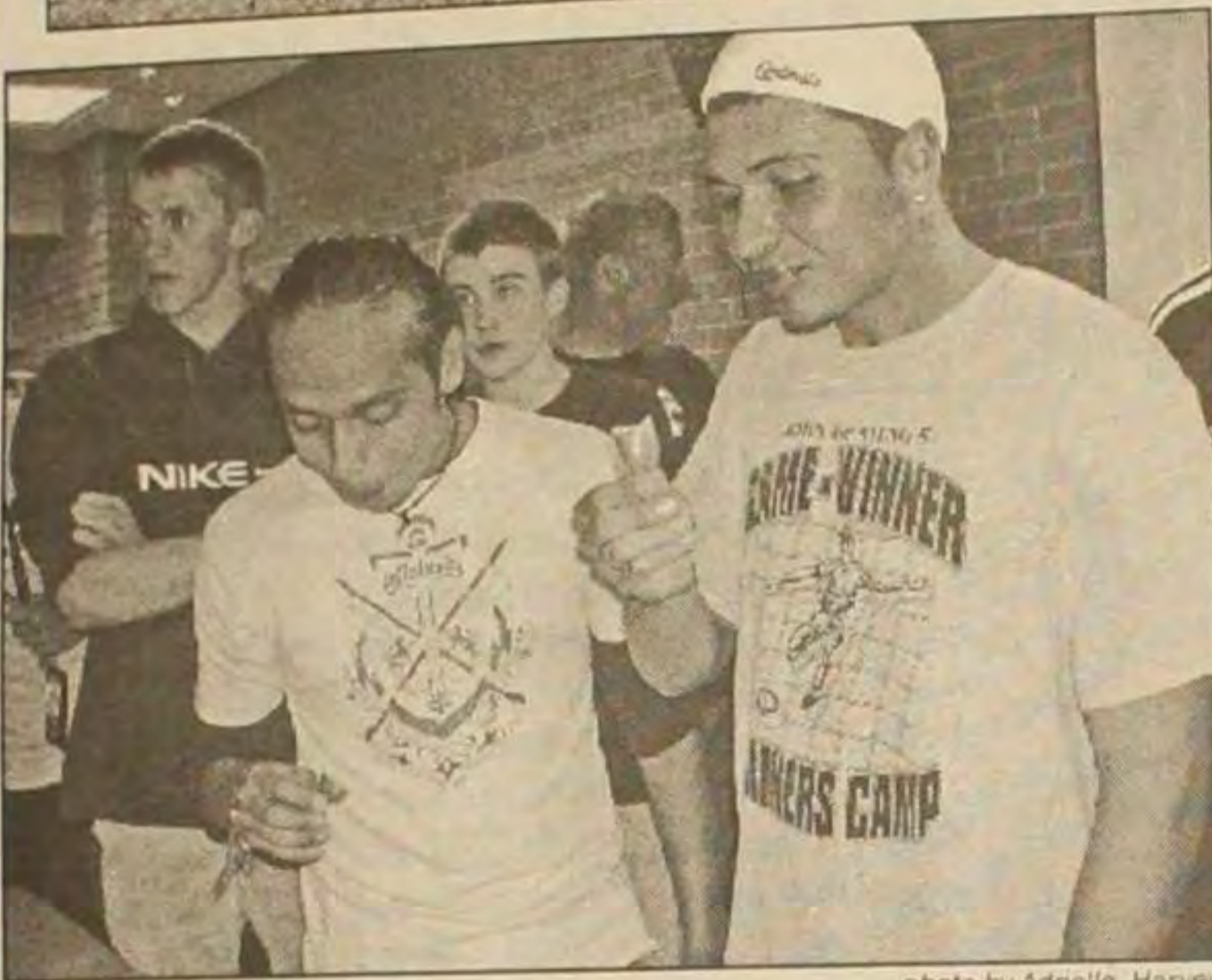


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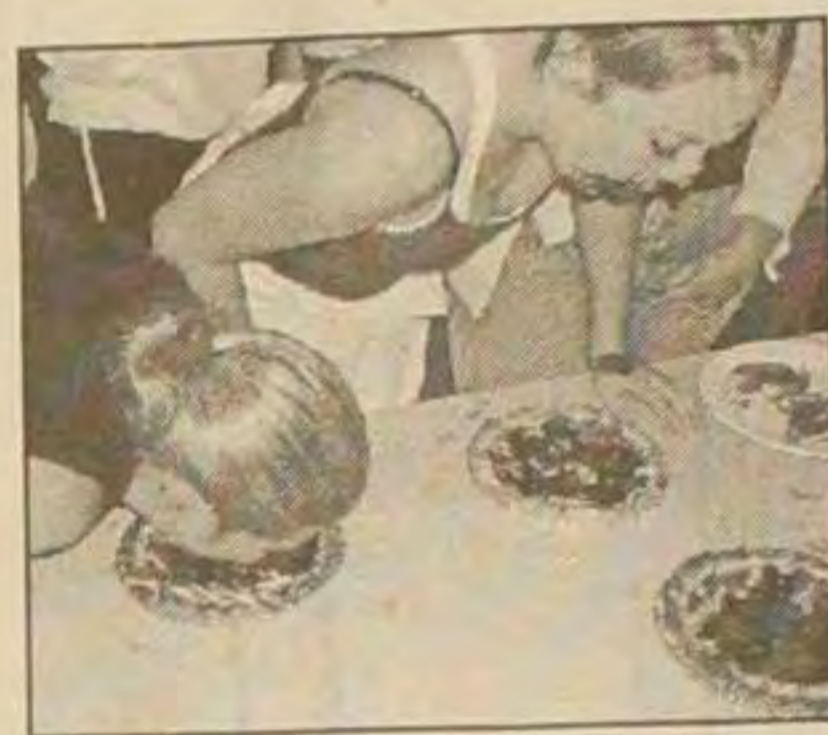


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En otras palabras...

In other words

TRABAJO VOLUNTARIO

Como parte fundamental de las clases de Español I y III, este semestre las clases están participando en oportunidades de trabajo voluntario. Con la ayuda de Chris Wiens, tenían que buscar oportunidades de tal trabajo en la comunidad hispana. La idea de este proyecto era darles a los estudiantes la oportunidad para avanzar y mejorar su español en una experiencia práctica, igual que haciendo honor a la declaración de misión de servicio de la universidad. Varios estudiantes ofrecen su tiempo en el área de educación, en la cárcel, en un refugio para mujeres o en la política. Lo siguiente es una colección de las experiencias de unos de los 23 estudiantes de español que participan actualmente en el proyecto.

VOLUNTEER WORK

As a fundamental component of the Spanish I and III classes, this semester the classes are participating in volunteer work opportunities. With the help of Chris Wiens, they had to look for opportunities for such work

in the Hispanic community. The idea of this project was to give to the students the opportunity to advance and to improve their Spanish in a practical experience, while at the same time honoring the college's mission statement of service. Various students are offering their time in the area of education, in the prison, in a women's shelter, or in politics. The following is a collection of the experiences of a few of the 23 Spanish-language students who are currently underway in the project.

Israel Ortiz

Para mi clase de español, a mi me tocó trabajar con solo un estudiante de "middle school". El primer día que yo trabajé con mi estudiante fue el 25 de septiembre. Al llegar a la escuela, me enteré que iba a trabajar con dos estudiantes, no solamente con uno. Mi experiencia con estos estudiantes ha sido muy buena. Les gusta que yo pueda ayudarles en tomar apuntes, especialmente cuando tienen exámenes. Al principio, mis dos estudiantes no se



sentían cómodos conmigo, pero después de unos días ellos se estaban acostumbrados a mi presencia y a mi ayuda. Los dos estudiantes son totalmente diferentes del uno y el otro. Uno es muy callado y el otro es muy inquieto. En resumen mi experiencia trabajando con los niños ha sido muy buena.

For my Spanish class, I got to work with a middle school student. The first day that I worked with my student was Monday, September 23. Once I arrived at the school, I found out that I was going to be working with two students, not just

one. My experience with these students has been really good. They like having someone who can help with their notes and tests. At first both students were not comfortable with me. After some time had passed, they got used to me going and helping them. Both students are different from each other. One is quiet while the other is hyper. All in all, I enjoy working with them.

José Reyes

En las últimas tres semanas, he tenido la oportunidad de ayudarle a una niña que está en la escuela de

educación intermedia, o sea "middle school". Ha sido muy difícil poderle ayudar con su trabajo de escuela, no por el lenguaje porque ella nomás habla español, sino porque es muy callada. Creo que todavía no me tiene confianza para hablarme y menos para pedirme ayuda. He tratado de hablarle y ayudarle pero parece que su timidez es más grande que su necesidad de aprender.

For the last three weeks, I've had the opportunity to tutor a young girl who is in the eighth grade. It has been very difficult to help her with her school work, not because of the language because she only speaks Spanish, but because she is very quiet. I think that she just doesn't trust me yet to help her or to just talk to me. I have tried very hard to help her and just to talk to her as a friend, but sometimes it seems that her shyness is greater than her necessity to learn.

William Riley

Yo participo en el programa M-2, un programa en el cual un voluntario se empareja con un preso. Por muchas razones, muchos presos no reciben correo ni visitas familiares. Este

programa trata de facilitar unas visitas para el preso. El jueves pasado fui a Hutchinson Correctional Facility y estaba muy nervioso. El preso es de México y habla un poco de inglés. Sin embargo, cuando empezamos a hablar, yo estaba menos nervioso. Hablamos en inglés y español y los dos nos reímos muchas veces porque no sabemos ciertas palabras o frases. Mi compañero es muy simpático y yo lo pasé bien. Yo les recomendaría a todos que participaran en este programa.

I participate in the M-2 program, a program in which a volunteer is matched up with a prisoner. For many reasons, many prisoners do not receive mail or family visits. This program tries to facilitate visits for the prisoner. Last Thursday I went to Hutchinson Correctional Facility and I was very nervous. The prisoner is from Mexico and speaks a little English. However, I was less nervous when we began to talk. We talked in English and in Spanish, and the two of us laughed many times because we didn't know certain words or phrases. My companion is very nice and I had a great time. I recommend to all of you to participate in this program.

Homecoming candidates

Who will be crowned King and Queen for 2006?



Jamie Schropp

Salina

Major: Biochemistry

What do you like about your major?

"I like that it's challenging and I'm always learning something new."

What don't you like about your major?

"It's sometimes frustrating because I don't understand some things."

Why did you choose to come to Mac?

"It was originally for sports, but now, I love this school so much and I'm getting a great education, so it worked out."

How does it feel to be a homecoming candidate?

"It's exciting. I was surprised at first, but it's cool."

What advice do you have for other students with the same major?

"It's tough and it's a lot of hard work, but if it's what you want, then just don't give up on it."

What are your plans after you graduate?

"I will hopefully be going to physical therapy school. I'm working on applying right now."

What are your hobbies?

Playing sports, listening to music, hanging out with friends



Kendra Stephenson

Salina

Major: Accounting and finance

What political issues do you feel strongly about?

"Immigration. I just want to make it better for everyone, not just one side of the party."

Why did you choose to come to Mac?

"I wanted to play on the volleyball team and also the business department was a very good. I really like the professors."

What are your plans after you graduate?

"I want to go and get my masters, my MBA."

What advice do you have for other students with the same major?

"Do not slack off early. That's the worst thing you can do. Take it seriously starting as a freshman."

What advice do you have for future graduates?

"Make the most of the time that you have here because it flies by so fast."

What is your favorite memory of Mac?

"When we went to regionals last year for volleyball. That was amazing."

What do you like about your major?

"I really like working with numbers."



Abby Suiter

St. John

Major: Elementary education

What activities were you involved in while at Mac?

Resident assistant, basketball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Athletic Advisory Committee and intramurals

What is your favorite memory of Mac?

"Last December, Matt and I got engaged."

What are your hobbies?

Scrapbooking, playing basketball and hanging out with my friends.

What advice do you have for other students with the same major?

"Certain days I go to school and they won't remember the thing that you taught them yesterday, then the next day they will. Sometimes it's frustrating, but just stick it out because it's so much fun and it's really rewarding when they do learn something."

What are your plans after you graduate?

To find a job here in MAC or somewhere close and get married on June 2

What don't you like about your major?

"It takes a lot of planning outside of the time at school."



Brandon Babcock

Placerville, Calif.

Major: Physical education with a minor in Spanish.

What advice do you have for other students with the same major?

"Read your book and study. When you know the scientific part of it, it'll help you understand fully the hands-on work."

What are your hobbies?

Video games, hanging out with friends and family, hunting

What activities have you been involved in while here at Mac?

Football, Fellowship of Christian Students

What are your plans after you graduate?

"I plan on going back home to graduate school, Sacramento State University, and get my degree in kinesiology. Then I hope to coach someday."

Why did you choose to come to Mac?

"I knew I was supposed to be here. I don't know why. I prayed about it and I felt like God told me to come here."

How does it feel to be a Homecoming candidate?

"I was surprised. I'm not in every club (or) a Kansas native. It really is humbling. I'm appreciative."



Dan Hudachek

Stillwater, Minn.

Major: Theatre and historic auto restoration.

What do you like about your major?

"I like that it's not all classroom, sit and listen to a lecture all day. I really like the hands-on. That's why I chose restoration because I like working with my hands and just creating things. So then theatre tied right into that since I'm more the tech work for theatre."

What don't you like about your major?

"The biggest problem I have is the two class schedules. They don't really work too well. I had three classes that I could only take one semester and all three were the exact same time."

What advice do you have for other students with the same major?

"Make sure the librarians like you for the restoration degree since you have to do so much historical research. They can be a very valuable resource."

What are your hobbies?

Restoration

What are your plans after you graduate?

"I'm hoping to go to grad school. I'm trying to get into Purdue. I really like their program. Technical direction."



Austin Klumpe

Madison

Major: Business with an emphasis in finance and management.

How does it feel to be a homecoming candidate?

"I feel honored that the faculty would nominate me."

What do you like about your major?

"I like the professors that teach the classes. I like my major because you get to deal with different kinds of people. Even in college, just getting contacts and networking with people outside the college."

What advice do you have for other students with the same major?

"Not just getting the classes that you need, but getting extracurricular activities like the Business Club. It helps you understand certain situations and get a little real world experience. Definitely set up possible internships."

What are your hobbies?

"I collect Sports Illustrated magazines."

What are your plans after you graduate?

Graduate school and finding a job

Why did you choose to come to Mac?

"To continue playing basketball."

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR: **SHARHONDA MACLIN**

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



ShaRhonda "Shay" Maclin came to McPherson to take an admissions and financial aid counselor job for the 2006-2007 school year.

High heels or flip flops?

"High heels."

What was your main staple in college?

"Mac and Cheese and hamburger in the dorms. In the cafeteria, it was always a hamburger patty with cheese on it. I'm still known for that. I love cheese."

What is your favorite article of clothing?

"I love suits, I love dressing up. Shoes. I have to have shoes to match my outfits."

What condiment do you have to have?

"Mustard. It's a must."

Why did you choose McPherson College?

"It's familiar. In a transition from a job to a job, it's nice to go back to something that's home. Also, just loyalty and that I believe in what we do here Number one, because I'm a grad and second, I just really love higher education and small liberal arts schools."

Where did you attend college?

"McPherson College, graduated in 2000, and then got my masters from the University of Oklahoma in higher administration."

What is your marital status?

"I have a strong relationship with Jesus and I'm available."

What is your favorite genre of music?

"Gospel, Christian."

Do you have any nicknames?

"There's ShayMac. If you're family, it's Pookie and my brother calls me Ronnette. On the softball field, it's Porkchop. That was in high school."

Will Smith or Matthew McConaughey?

"Can we have a hybrid? They're both cute. I'd go for Will though, because he's a family man and is funny. He's actually in my goal book. I have a picture of him and Jada and their three children in my goal book and underneath, the caption says, 'A family man like Will Smith.'"

What is your favorite article of clothing?

"I love suits, I love dressing up, and shoes. I have to have shoes to match my outfits."

What is your favorite movie?

"It has to be a cross between 'Grease,' which I love, and 'Remember the Titans.'"

Who is your role model? Why?

"Oprah Winfrey, for someone who is unattainable right now. I would have to say my Granny. She is 88 years old, a true survivor. Her mom died when she was 6 months old. She lost her husband when her children were three and one and lost both of her grandchildren. She's always been the grounding force and has faith in God. For only having a sixth grade education, she's the wisest person I know."

Boxers or briefs?

"Why anything?" ;)

IT'S NOT THE NFL, BUT DON'T TELL THEM...



Senior Homecoming queen nominee Jamie Schropp fully extends to prevent a flag football touchdown as April Woody, Jr., waits to provide back-up if needed.

Bulldogs versus Falcons

McPherson battles conference #1 ranked Friends Saturday

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor

The Bulldog men's soccer team takes on Friends University at home tomorrow.

This game decides who wins the 2006 conference title.

McPherson will step onto the field with a 5-1 conference record and Friends University a 6-0 conference record.

Overall, the Friends Falcons will enter the game with an 11-2 record.

Head coach Doug Quint said this game will prove which team is truly the better one.

"It's going to come down to two evenly matched teams and it is going to be a matter of who doesn't break down and make mistakes," Quint said.

As of now, mistakes haven't been too much of a concern for either squad.

The Bulldogs are coming off a loss at Kansas Wesleyan, but will be looking to rebound and will be playing with pride this Homecoming weekend.

Before the contest against KWU, senior forward John White said, "In the past three years, it has been Ottawa in the KCAC (Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference), but this year everyone is talking a lot about Kansas Wesleyan."

Despite the loss to Kansas Wesleyan, McPherson has the overall better record and therefore is playing for the

title against Friends. Red-shirt freshman Amos White said there are some minor aspects to the game that need some work.

"Right now we are playing really solid," Amos said. "We just need to adjust a couple small things and we should be alright."

Saturday's contest will also be Senior Night for the Bulldogs, as the game may be the last that the majority of the seniors' parents will see.

Quint reemphasized that minimizing mistakes is a large key to success.

"Both teams are going to be in the game, it's just a matter of who is not going to make the big mistake," Quint said.

Even though the KCAC does not officially have a conference championship game, tomorrow's game will decide the title.

The Bulldogs will host Southwestern on Oct. 18, then will travel to Sterling on Oct. 21 to conclude their season.

Lady Bulldogs kicking through Bulldog women face off against Friends Saturday

ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs will face the Lady Falcons of Friends University tomorrow evening. Last season, McPherson went into double overtime with Friends, tying the game 1-1. Tomorrow, McPherson will go into the match with a record of 8-5 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

"Friends is a very, very, hard working and well disciplined team," said head coach Doug Quint. "We have to minimize our mistakes and match their intensity and we should be able to pull it out."

Lauren Carmody, freshman mid-fielder/defender is hopeful about the game.

"I think we have a really good chance of winning and if we win we will be pretty much in the playoffs," Carmody said.

In Wednesday's game, the team lost against Kansas Wesleyan. Quint believed this loss was due to unnecessary errors.

"Against KWU, I felt if we wouldn't have made 2 mis-



Senior forward Nicole Harkins dribbles the ball to the hole. The team would later go on to defeat Tabor 4-0 at Hillsboro.

takes we would have won," Quint said. "We can't afford to make mistakes against Friends University."

Carmody said improvements still need to be made.

"We need to work on first touches and talk more," Carmody said. "You can't ever talk too much."

Despite the loss against KWU, Quint was pleased with the team's effort.

"The girls still played really tough against KWU, consider-

ing they scored two of the only five goals allowed by KWU all season," Quint said. "I have high expectations for our girls if we can improve upon our few mistakes."

MCPHERSON- 2 @ KANSAS WESLEYAN - 4
GOAL (ASSIST)

8th Minute: Denise Rinke (Nicolette Rodriguez)
29th Minute: Monique Buhl

MCPHERSON- 1 @ KANSAS WESLEYAN - 3

FIRST HALF
12th Minute- KWU- Steve Gloria (Mike Padilla) 12th Minute- Mac- Armando Rodriguez (Rodrigo Adame)

SECOND HALF
47th Minute- KWU- Abe Moran (Mike Padilla) 87th Minute- KWU- S. Gloria (Unassisted)

Homecoming Athletic Schedule

Friday, Oct. 13	
Volleyball @ Tabor College	5 p.m.
Hall of Fame Induction in Sport Center	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14	
5K Road Race/Walk at Stadium	8 a.m.
Football v. Tabor College	1:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer v. Friends	
Senior Night	6 p.m.
Men's Soccer v. Friends	
Senior Night	8 p.m.

Induction to immortalize four Bulldog greats

Hall of Fame ceremony in Sport Center gym tonight

JESSICA FOULKE
Spectator Staff

Since its inception in 1999, the McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame has inducted 27 McPherson College Bulldogs.

This year, the college will add four more competitors to the wall. The McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony and reception will honor 2006 inductees Betty Jo (Baker) Johns, Steve Burkholder, Art Ray and Dwight McSpadden, posthumously, tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the large gym of the Sport Center.

Betty Jo (Baker) Johns, class of 1953, was a three-year Women's Athletic Association basketball player, participating in athletics at a time when opportunities for female athletes were very limited. After graduation, Johns began a long teaching and coaching career. In 1968, after teaching at Lamed and Dighton High Schools and Cloud County Community College, she began a 26-year teaching and coaching position at Garden City Community College. Johns was pivotal in starting every woman's sport offered at the college. An athlete as



Betty Jo (Baker) Johns
Class of 1953

well as coach, Johns pitched for five state championship slow-pitch softball teams and played in five national tournaments.

Steve Burkholder, class of 1976, a four-year letter winner in tennis and football at McPherson, was also an All-Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference performer four times. His many athletic accolades at McPherson College include being named to the All-KCAC football and tennis first teams twice and he was named to the All-District 10 team after the 1975 football season. He won the 1975 KCAC #1 doubles title, and was the #3 singles player



Steve Burkholder
Class of 1976

in 1976. He was selected as McPherson College's "Male Athlete of the Year" in the spring of 1976.

Burkholder, after graduating, taught and coached in Colby, Arkansas City and Lyons. Burkholder currently serves as assistant superintendent for Student Learning of the Grand Island, Neb., Public Schools. He is currently a member of the McPherson College Board of Trustees.

Art Ray directed the Bulldogs as head cross country and head track coach from 1966 to 1977. He coached five KCAC men's cross country championship teams



Art Ray
Coach from 1966-77

and four runner-up finishes as well as two KCAC women's track and field titles and seven men's runner-up finishes between 1969 and 1977. His athletes established school records in 21 events and were participants in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national championships on an annual basis.

A two-time NAIA District 10 Coach of the Year, Ray also received KCAC track and cross country "Coach of the Year" honors. He also coached the USA Select Track Team at the pre-Olympic Games meet in Berlin, Germany, in Decem-



Dwight McSpadden
Class of 1954

ber 1970. Currently, Ray is retired and living in Siletz, Ore.

Dwight McSpadden, class of 1954, was a four-year letter winner in football and baseball at McPherson College. He led the KCAC in football scoring for two years when he first broke the McPherson College single season scoring record as a junior, ranking third nationally with 105 points. McSpadden's senior year, he led the nation's four-year colleges in scoring with 109 points. His 234 career points still ranks second on the all-time McPherson College list. McSpadden earned All-

Conference Second Team defense and Honorable Mention offense honors as a junior and Second Team All-Conference offense honors as a senior. McSpadden returned to the College as head football and baseball coach for two years. McSpadden passed away in July 1990.

Selection criteria for the award includes the following: demonstrating significant athletic accomplishment as a student or through coaching at McPherson College, having brought honor to McPherson College through contributions to their profession, community and church and having completed athletic competition or coaching at McPherson College at least ten years prior to selection. Most inductees into the Hall of Fame are athletes, but others, such as Ray, made their mark on McPherson College as athletic coaches.

Carol Swenson, director of sports information, said the McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame serves two important purposes: letting students know that there is a positive athletic history of McPherson College and "it's good to recognize those individuals that have shed positive light while at school and after graduation."

Volleyball team heads to Hillsboro

Team travels to take on KCAC #1 Tabor tonight

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor

The McPherson College volleyball team faces Tabor College in Hillsboro tonight.

The Lady Bulldogs will step onto the court with a 13-5 record overall, while Tabor's record is 12-9 overall. Despite Tabor's overall record, the Bluejays are 10-1 in conference and McPherson has not beat Tabor since the fall of 1988.

Even after Wednesday's win over Bethany College, pushing McPherson's conference record to 10-2, the game started slow.

"The first game was a little rough," said senior libero Nikki Mackay. "We came out thinking that we already had it won, but then we came back, played solid and won the match with the next three."

Kendra Stephenson, senior setter, said the loss in the first game came from a variety of errors made by the team.

"That first game was really tough because we played down," Kendra said. "We played really bad and we made a lot of mental mistakes, some basic mistakes, but after that we played pret-

MAC-3 VS. SOUTHWEST-ERN-0

INDIVIDUAL STATS

K. Loesch: 8 Kills, 3 Digs C. Kramer: 1 Kill, Marquette: 11 Kills (1 solo and 2 assisted) C. Mayhan: 7 Kills, 4 Digs R. Hall: 8 Digs N. MacKay: 2 Aces, 23 Digs A. Wegener: 3 Kills J. Miller: 10 Kills, 9 Digs A. Jost: 2 Aces, 4 Digs K. Stephenson: 4 Kills, 39 Assists, 3 Ace.

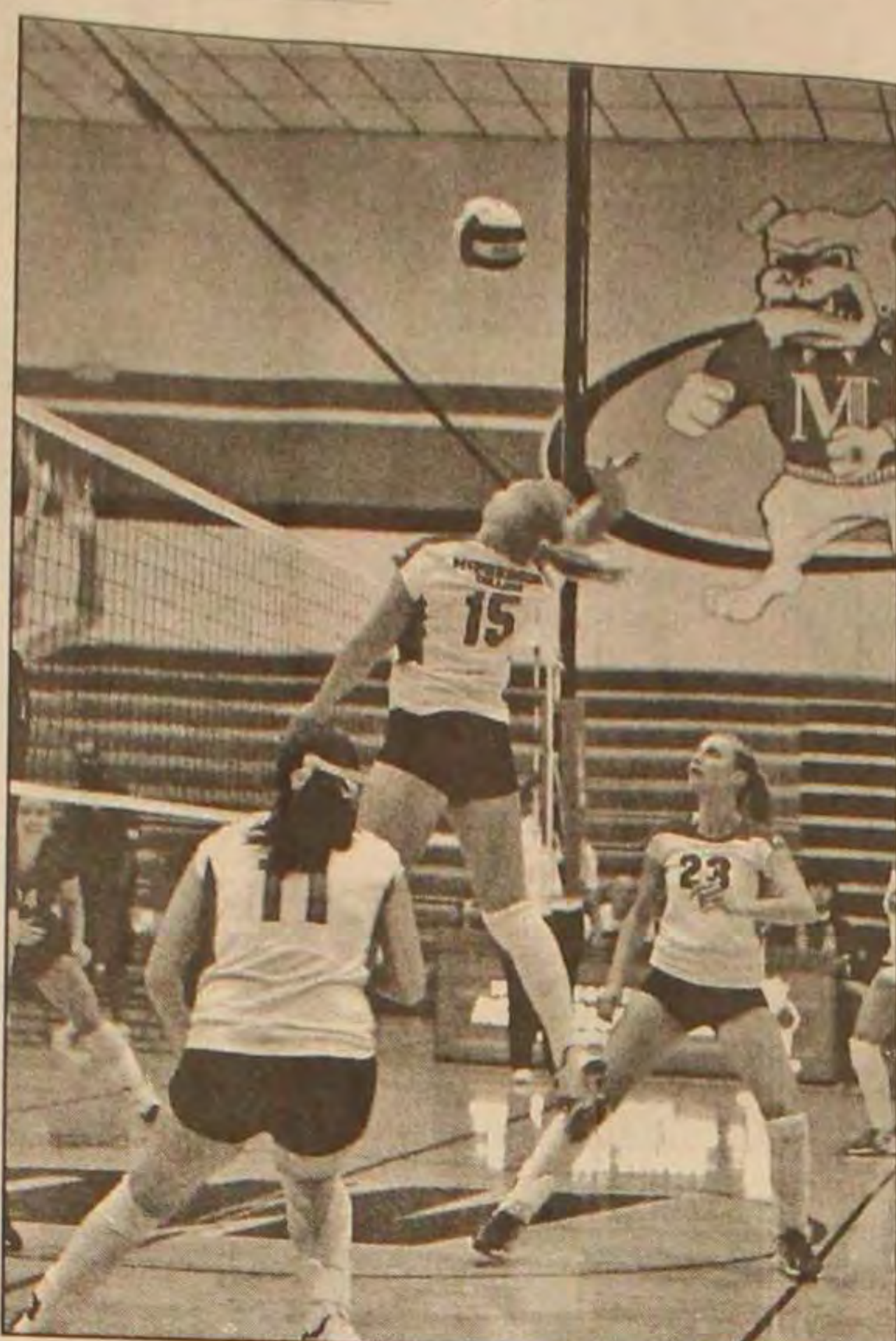
ty hard, played our game. And in the end we played really well and got a good win."

Head coach Nathalea Stephenson agreed.

"We started out slow in the first one," Nathalea said, "but the next game we came out and played really well. We got the ball moving really well and I thought our receivers did a really nice job. We started passing the ball really well and finished off really well."

Following tonight's game, the team will play at Kansas Wesleyan University on Tuesday before traveling to play four California teams.

"We leave in a week and one day and I am very excited," Kendra said. "We are going to face very good competition out there. California is way different from anything else we have en-



Pratt Community College transfer Jordan Shay, Jr., hits the ball against Bethany College Wednesday. McPherson, 13-5, plays 12-9 Tabor tonight in Hillsboro.

Photo by Michael Jordan

countered." The California tour kicks off Oct. 21 against the na-

tionally ranked University of Laverne. Then, the team will focus on conference play.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Marquette, White featured as third player spotlights



Jennifer Marquette



John White

After her First Team All-Conference performance of 2005, senior middle hitter Jennifer Marquette, has her sights set on something greater than regionals for 2006.

"I want to improve upon our record from last season," Marquette said. "I want to win conference and go to nationals. We (seniors) are four of the five of coach's first recruits and we kind of want to get a winning tradition started."

The Waterville and Blue Rapids-Valley Heights High School native, Marquette's athletic resume at McPherson is an impressive one. She has been First Team All-Conference the last two seasons. At 6 feet 2 inches, Marquette is one of the most intimidating players in the conference. If size alone doesn't strike fear into her opponents, then her unprecedented 114 blocks in 2005 does the trick.

During this season, Marquette hopes to build upon her level of play, but more importantly, Marquette would like to work on becoming more of a leader for the team, especially the younger players.

"I want to be more of a vocal leader on the court and in the locker room," Marquette said. "I want to play better and have a better season than I did last year."

One of Marquette's favorite memories is of last season when the team rolled through Bethel to advance to regionals.

"Beating Bethel last year was the game I remember most so far during my time here at McPherson and then being able to go to regionals," Marquette said.

Marquette's parents have always been her two biggest role models growing up.

"They've always set a good example by working hard and always being determined," Marquette said.

When it comes strictly to athletics, Marquette enjoys watching professional volleyball player Gabrielle Reece.

"My goal coming into the year was to break the scoring record and now I want to get it as high as I can."

- John White

Through 13 full games so far in the 2006 season, senior forward John White has 12 goals and eight assists.

At this rate, White has already shattered the McPherson College career goals record and is striving to make it impossible to break.

"My goal coming into the year was to break the scoring record and now I want to get it as high as I can," White said. "But I get the biggest feeling of achievement when we win and the team plays well."

During his high-school campaign at Southeast High School in Wichita, White primarily played midfield, but said he now prefers to play the forward position.

"Playing forward is a lot more intense, more action," White said.

During last year's season, White scored 17 goals and has scored 12 goals in the first half of this season.

White has already had his best season by far.

There have been numerous amounts of excitement during White's soccer career at McPherson.

"Freshman year, when we beat York college 2-1, I scored both goals and weren't supposed to beat them," White said. "They were supposed to kill us. It was a really good win."

When asked who their biggest role model is, many people reply by naming either a parent and/or a relative.

White responded differently.

"Probably Landon Donovan," White said. "Because, when he started playing soccer, he was really young and he made a big difference with every team that he played on."

Football team regroups for showdown against Tabor

Bulldogs to host Tabor Bluejays for Homecoming game

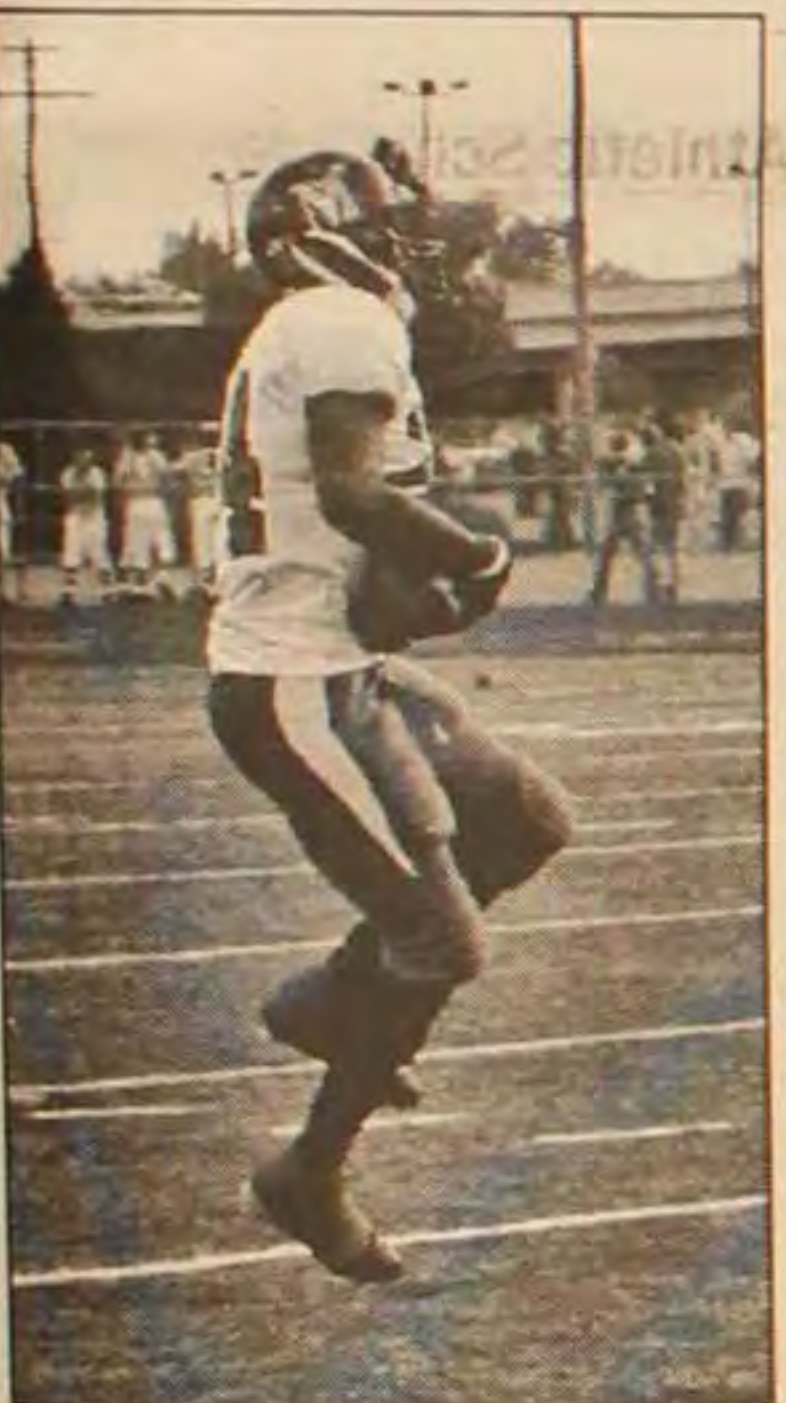


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Senior defensive back Chris Nixon makes a clutch play during the Friends game.

MALLORY YUNGBURG
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College football team will host Tabor

College for the 2006 Homecoming game tomorrow afternoon.

The Bulldogs enter the game with a 1-3 record in Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference play and 1-4 overall.

While wanting to win the Homecoming game is the norm, it has been several years since McPherson has beaten Tabor in football.

"We are excited about the Tabor game," said head coach David Cunningham. "It is Homecoming and we want to get a win to make it a great weekend for everyone."

The focus for the team this past week has been on tomorrow's game.

"Right now, we just want to have a great week of practice and win our Homecoming game," Cunningham said, "especially since we have not beaten Tabor since

"It is Homecoming and we want to get a win to make it a great weekend for everyone."

- Coach Cunningham

1999."

Last year, the Tabor Bluejays had a perfect season. They are the defending KCAC Champions.

But this year they are struggling, currently standing with a 2-3 record.

"We are more worried about getting our own problems corrected than as how Tabor will handle their problems," Cunningham said.

Last weekend, Friends beat the Bulldogs 57-0.

However, the team is not looking at the loss as a setback for them.

Instead, they are looking to improve every practice so

they can turn things around the second half of the season.

"Right now we just want to get on a roll and win a lot of games this last half of the season," Cunningham said. "We want to send our seniors out as winners."

After tomorrow's game, the Bulldogs will be in action yet again on Oct. 21 at Kansas Wesleyan University.

MCPHERSON vs. FRIENDS

First Downs- 7
Rushes-Yards 32-71
Passes (Comp.-Att.-Int) 3-15-1
Passing Yd.- 50
Total Plays/Offense- 47-121
Return Yd.- 146
Punt/avg.- 7-40.9
Fumbles/lost- 3-3
Penalties/Yds.- 4-60
Turnovers- 4
Sacks By/Yd. Lost- 0-0

Cross-country runners compete in Salina

Men's team takes second in conference, fourth overall

ANGELINA FIORENZI
Campus Life Editor

The men's and women's cross-country members will host the McPherson Homecoming Bulldog 5K Road Race/Walk tomorrow morning.

The teams are nearing conference and regional competition and hope to improve their standings compared to last year.

Last weekend, they competed at the Kansas Wesleyan Invitational.

The men finished fourth place in the invitational and second in conference.

Leading the way for the men was Israel Ortiz, Jr., Limon, Colo., who finished in seventh place with a time of 28:44.5. Following for Mac was Shaun Griffin, Jr., Inman, with

a time of 30:46.6. Griffin finished 25th overall.

Injuries have been a problem for runners this season.

"We need to recover from all of our injuries for conference," Ortiz said.

For the women, Mira Coulter, Jr., Wakita, Okla., finished in 31st place with a time of 23:19.1. Coulter was the first of the Lady Bulldogs to finish the race.

Ashley Mitchell, soph., Great Bend, was next with

a time of 24:32.2, then Lacy Johnston, soph., Arlington, Colo., with a time of 27:07.2, and finally Megan Meyer, soph., Beloit with 28:05.2.

Both the men and women have made improvements this season and hope to do so until the end.

The team only has one meet left, conference.

"The teams are looking better," said Zach Dowling, Jr., Lakewood, Wash. "We look really in shape."



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Brent Bailey, soph., competes best Saturday at the Kansas Wesleyan Invitational.

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Mac choir ready for opening concert

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

The McPherson College Choir opens its 2006-07 season with its annual Homecoming Concert on Sunday, Oct. 15.

The choir is conducted by Steven Gustafson, who encourages students and members of the community to come support the choir's performance at 2 p.m. at the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

Gustafson said the main reason to come to the concert is to support the students.

"They've worked really hard," Gustafson said. "They only get one hour of credit for choir and they rehearse a minimum of four times a week. It's a phenomenal group of students and I encourage everyone to come support them."

Gustafson holds the Dotzour Chair in Music and is in his 27th year on the McPherson College faculty.

McPherson is one of a few schools in the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas that does a concert so early in the year. Gustafson said this tradition has been in place for 25 or 26 years.

"It is challenging to prepare a concert in such a short amount of time, but the first couple of weeks didn't seem quite as rocky this year as they have in the past," Gustafson said. "The learning curve was faster and things came together really well."

The program for Sunday offers a wide variety of choral literature, including "Be Ye Glad," a work composed specifically for the McPherson College choir, by Michael Kelly Blanchard.

Gustafson tries to seek out students' opinions when choosing selections for concerts.

"I solicit student input and bounce



photo by Sarah Davidson

The McPherson College choir rehearses last week. Gustafson said one of its main strengths is the way each section adds to the total sound of the group. The choir, which consists of nearly 60 students, is performing this weekend in the annual Homecoming Concert.

ideas off of returning students to get some feedback," Gustafson said. "Sometimes I read through some music ahead of time with a small group of students to see if they like it or not."

Also performing in the concert is the exclusive vocal ensemble, The McPherson College Singers. The group will be singing three very different songs that have a flower theme in common.

They will conclude this segment of the program with the gospel/vocal jazz arrangement of "Jeremiah's Fire!" by Rollo Dilworth.

Gustafson said one of the choir's main strengths is its balance. "We have a really good balance of male and female sounds," Gustafson said. "There are about 60 students in the choir and we have a pretty good gender balance."

Gustafson also said that many talented singers have been added to the choir this year.

"We have quite a number of new people that are adding nicely to the strengths that we already have in the choir," Gustafson said.

Gustafson compared the concert to an

athletic event.

"This is our first game of the season, so to speak," Gustafson said. "It's a chance to get our feet wet and find out what we do well and what we can improve upon."

The choir will be accompanied by Leah Fitzjarrald, fr., Great Bend, and Stephanie Brunelli, associate professor of music.

The public will not be charged to attend the concert. A free will offering will be taken to help underwrite expenses of the choral program.

Mac Homecoming

Hirt teaches the basics, benefits of race walking

MANDY MORGAN
Spectator Staff

Augie Hirt, a McPherson College alumnus, class of 1973, will be back in McPherson today to hold two "Race Walking for Fitness" clinics.

David Smith, head coach of both the track and cross country teams at McPherson College, said the race walking clinics are a great opportunity.

"The thing I think people need to know was that Augie was an athlete that found what he was best at physically," Smith said, "but the key to his success was his mental approach, positive attitude and goal setting. For that reason, I think any student that has a chance should meet him and visit with him a little bit."

The clinics focus on teaching people how to race walk as a tool to help them stay in shape. Hirt's clinics focus on technique for aerobic benefit, not the pace. The clinics will first focus on basic technique and form and then, for those that desire, learning to race walk at a faster pace, which requires a more complicated technique.

"It's a great opportunity because he's probably spent more time teaching it than doing it," Smith said. "He's probably more well-known as a teacher as he is for the events."

Even so, Smith added that Hirt holds all the race walking records at McPherson College and he is an American record holder in race

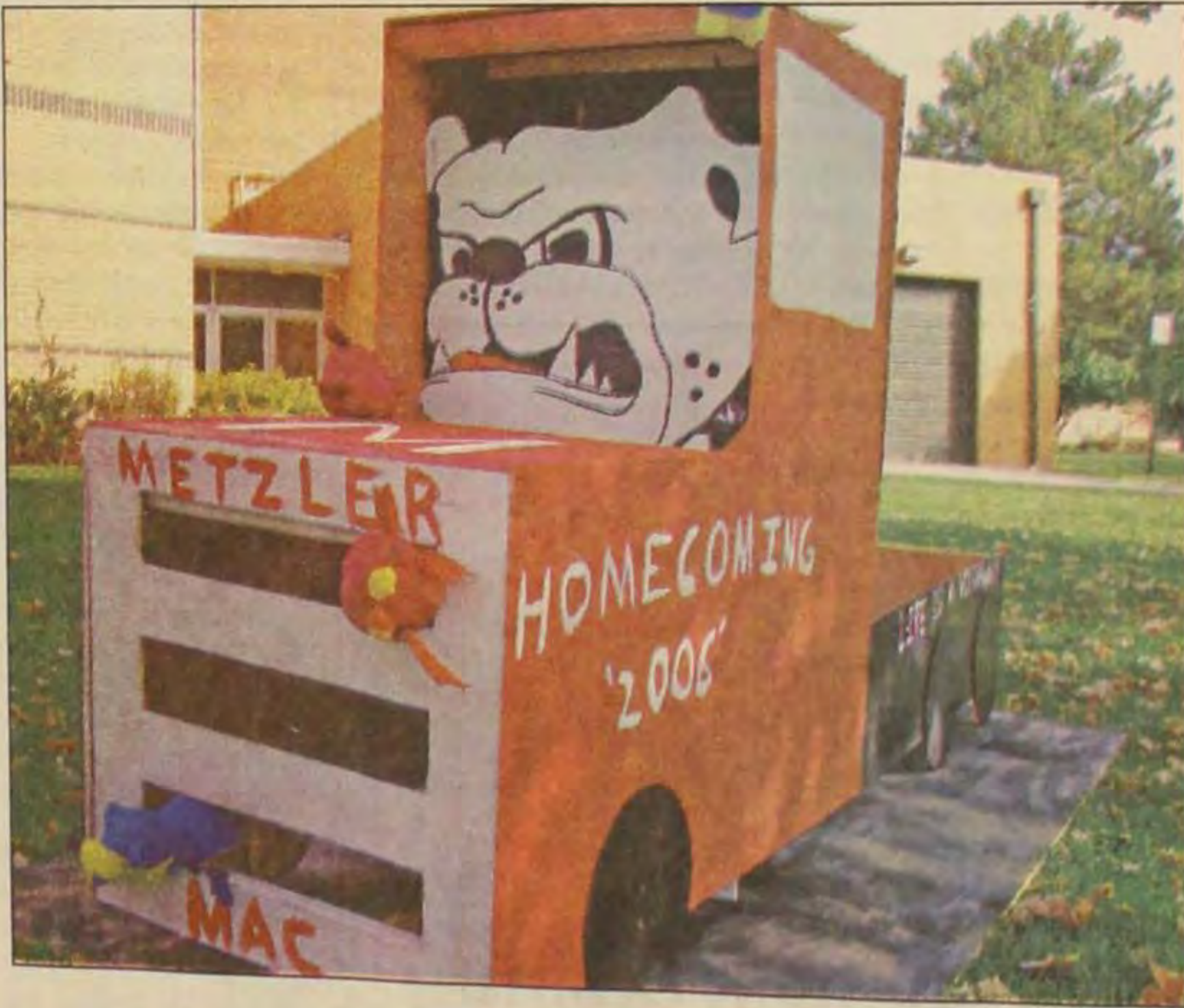


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The Metzler Hall yard art features blue jays stuck in the grill of a Mac Locomotive. Metzler won the competition, Morrison was runner-up, Dotzour finished third and Bitteringer was last.

walking.

Hirt placed second in the 1976 Olympic trials in the 50-kilometer and has three American records in race walking including the 75-kilometer and the 100-kilometer.

Hirt has taught more than 70,000 people the basics of race walking, meaning he has instructed more people than anyone else in the world.

Hirt has worked with Kenneth Cooper Aerobic Institute, Nike and Reebok to instruct interested potential race walkers across the country.

Hirt's clinics will be held at the McPherson College Stadium. The first will take place from 4-5:10 p.m. today and the second at 7:15 a.m. tomorrow. Both clinics are available to the public at no cost and do not require pre-registration.

Luncheon to honor award winners

KIMBERLY SMITH
Spectator Staff

Teachers and fellow teacher education alumni will meet to honor the 2006 recipients of the Dayton Rothrock Alumni Fellowship award tomorrow.

Recipients this year are Christy Carter, Wichita, Kan., and Sue Boldra, Hays, Kan.

In order to receive this award, an individual must exemplify the goals and model the mission of the teacher education program by effectively mixing the art and science of the teaching profession.

This award was designed by the Teacher Education Board and was initiated in 2004, in honor of Dr. Dayton Rothrock.

Rothrock was a graduate of McPherson College, who spent 32 years serving the McPherson College campus as a faculty member, department chair and trustee.

Those in attendance will include teacher education alumni, current faculty and staff of the college and others who come to honor the two recipients of the Rothrock award.

The luncheon will take place in Mingenback Theatre at noon tomorrow.

Bulldog Visit Day welcomes students

Plenty of activities make for a fun weekend for students, families

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

High school and transfer students will be on campus tomorrow to decide if McPherson College is the right place for them.

Due to last year's success, Bulldog Visit Day is being held on Homecoming weekend for the second year in a row.

The day includes a welcome, campus tour, a student services presentation by dean of students LaMonte Rothrock, a tour of the auto restoration facilities and lunch at Mingenback Mall on the lawn in front of Dotzour Hall.

The student services presentation will include helpful hints on what students need to look for during their college search.

Also adding to the activities of the day will be faculty and alumni panels.

"The faculty panel will try to help students prepare for college life in the classroom and the alumni panel will give students and their parents an idea of what life at McPherson College is all about," said Dave Barrett, associate director of admissions and financial aid.

Barrett is looking forward to Saturday's activities.

"I'm very excited about meeting with students and their families to help them make an educated college decision," Barrett said.

Barrett said the main reason prospective students should come to Bulldog Visit Day is to get a feel for the campus. "A telecounselor or ad-

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- Dave Barrett

missions representative can give you an idea of what the college looks like over the phone, but I think you need to see for yourself where you could potentially be attending school," Barrett said. "You want to get a feel for the campus and meet the people to see if this is the place where you want to spend your college career."

So is this year's visit day any different than in the past?

"In conjunction with our alumni office, we've really made a push for alumni to recommend students who might be undecided or might need assistance in their college decision," Barrett said.

"Our alumni can speak highly of the campus because of the experiences they've had here," Barrett said.

Saturday features plenty of entertainment and Barrett said it's a great opportunity for students and their families to get involved in the Homecoming festivities.

He encourages all students to go to the homecoming football game, the soccer games and the theater production.

Barrett said, "It's going to be a great day."