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Faculty votes 28-7 to end ag program

Board of trustees to vote this weekend on whether to terminate a struggling agriculture program

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

A recent proposal to terminate the agriculture program at McPherson College will be voted upon this weekend by the board of trustees.

The faculty voted 28-7 on Tuesday night in support of the following motion: "that McPherson College terminate the Agricultural Science and Agricultural Management majors effective with the 2008 graduating class." One faculty member abstained.

As early as 1985, McPherson College recognized a drop in enrollment in the agriculture program. In 2002, an Agriculture Advocacy group was created in hopes of revitalizing the program.

In 2004, the viability of the agriculture program, in terms of enrollment and finances, was questioned, so the president issued a program review. After the review, the committee suggested to continue the program, but the suggestion was revoked by the president.

"We have talked about viability

as if it's only a financial viability, but there's also an educational viability component," said Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty. "I realize that it's an arguable point, but I would maintain that when you have very few students in a program, students do not have a collective body to learn with and we know that much of student learning takes place within the context of learning with their colleagues."

After the review, Al Dutrow, associate professor of agriculture, worked to increase enrollment over the next two school years. If unsuccessful, Dutrow agreed that he would accept his 2006-07 terminal letter of employment.

Despite efforts by Dutrow and the college, enrollment goals were not met.

"We have tried everything that seemed reasonable to do," Eells said. "We brought many people into the picture. The inputs were there, the efforts were there, the numbers didn't materialize."

Though the majority of the fac-

ulty supported the proposal, some did not and believed there were more options available.

"One possibility would be if the faculty generally recognized food as an important thing we ought to educate all college students about," said Jonathan Frye, division of science and technology chair.

"If you made an across the boards requirement that everybody take a class like that, financially the program would suddenly be in great shape," he said.

Frye also discussed the negative effects that he believes could come from termination of the program.

"One thing is that I think students benefit from having a diversity of experiences and opportunities while they're in college," Frye said. "Doing away with this program reduces the diversity of offerings that are available."

Frye said of the \$21 million dollars given to the college from alumni, \$12 million is to the natural science department and of that, \$7.5 million is to the agriculture program.

"If the program is gone, a significant part of the alumni's connection to the college is severed," Frye said.

Another debatable issue has been whether terminating the program is in the best interest of the college's mission.

In his 33 years of teaching at McPherson, Dutrow said he has seen the agriculture program in the following aspects and believes these aspects fit with the mission.

"I've seen it as a service to Brethren students that want to come to a Brethren College and major in agriculture," Dutrow said.

"Secondly, I've seen it as a service to students who want to come here and be involved in sports. Their alternative as far as agriculture to a large extent is to go to a big school, where they would not be able to do that. Thirdly, it's been a service to students that want to come to a small, church-related college, be it Brethren or not and major in agriculture."

But Dutrow said there comes a time when a decision has to be

made and the outcome may be unknown.

"I could have done more, the college could have done more, but at some point, you still have to decide, does it make sense?" Dutrow said. "I'm not saying we should have done more or we should continue to try to do more. Would it have made any difference? I don't know."

Currently, there are three juniors and three freshmen in McPherson's agriculture program.

The college is working with the juniors to ensure they graduate with an agriculture degree.

They are also providing aid to the freshmen in their decision-making.

"We have a commitment to work with the students who are in the program and I think that is important," Eells said.

McPherson College is one of a handful of small, private colleges with an agriculture program.

It is the last remaining small, private college in Kansas with the program.

Participation key for 2006 Who's Who

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

The Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges recipients for the 2006-2007 class took participation to a new level, being involved in everything from choir, theatre, Kansas National Education Association and Creative Arts Society to softball, track and basketball at McPherson College.

Participation is just one of the suggested criteria in which faculty and selected administrators must take into consideration when choosing Who's Who nominees.

Academic achievements as well as scholarship, participation and service in co-curricular activities are taken into account when making the difficult decision of who is named to the year's Who's Who class.

Seniors Callie Crist, McPherson, Katie Hill, Alma, Rhonda Hoffert, Golden, Colo., Daniel Hudachek, Stillwater, Minn., Lara Lichty, Quinter, Christina McPherson, Nampa, Idaho, Patricia Goering, Moundridge, and Abby Suiter, St. John, are the newest winners of this award.

Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, oversees the Who's Who selection process at McPherson College. He explained that the process is fairly simple.

"All those seniors who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher are asked to fill out a form listing all their activities for four years," Smith said.

That list of students with their GPAs and activities are submitted to all the full-time faculty who have been at the college for over a year, as



photo by Travis Walker

The 2006-2007 Who's Who recipients are a distinguished group. Back row (L-R) Christina McPherson, Daniel Hucachek and Callie Crist. Front row (L-R) Katie Hill, Patricia Goering, Rhonda Hoffert and Abby Suiter. Not pictured is Lara Lichty. The Who's Who is also responsible for choosing the Teacher of the Year, which will be announced at the Honors Convocation at the end of the year.

well as selective administrators. "Those students whose names are found on at least half of the ballots become Who's Who," Smith said.

He added that the college tries to make the selection in the fairest way possible.

The number of students chosen for Who's Who varies depending on the size of the college.

McPherson's Who's Who class size is usually anywhere from six to nine students, which Smith says is representative for the size of the graduating class.

Smith said there's no doubt that the Who's Who recipi-

ents are topnotch students.

Callie Crist said, "It's an honor to be given the award. It shows how hard you've worked and how involved you've been on the college campus."

Crist said the honor didn't come as too much of a surprise. "I thought that I might get it just because I've lived on campus for four years and I've been involved with a lot of different things," Crist said. "I think that all the people who got it are well-deserving."

Katie Hill agreed that this year's group is a good one. "It's nice to know that the

college uses the Who's Who organization to recognize students," Hill said.

Hill said tips for keeping a good grade point average are to avoid procrastination and keep up on assigned reading. "If you don't do the reading, you get behind and end up trying to do a lot in a small amount of time," Hill said.

Hill has found the extra-curricular activities she's been involved in rewarding in her four years at McPherson.

She played softball for the Lady Bulldogs for three years and is the president of

the Student Activities Board this year.

"Being president of SAB means you're involved in so many things," Hill said. "Because of that leadership role, faculty and administration on campus look to me to be a leader and be involved with the little things on campus."

Dan Hudachek, Stillwater, Minn., didn't exactly envision himself winning this kind of an award four years ago.

"Freshman year was the worst for me," Hudachek said. "I struggled in some of my classes."

Hudachek found it hard to get back into the flow of things after taking a year off to work after high school.

"I saw what would happen if I didn't go to school," Hudachek said. "I saw the guys that I worked with who had been at the same job for 30 years."

Hudachek is now double majoring in theatre and auto restoration and, along with his classmates, is only a few months away from a college degree.

The Who's Who recipients will be honored at the Honors Convocation at the end of the year.

OPINIONSPAGE

STAFF EDITORIAL

Think

Every day, we as the students of McPherson College sit through classes, go to practices and perhaps even attend a meeting or two before doing homework and retiring for bed. It's oftentimes hectic and certainly not always easy, but is there more to Mac than this general routine and schedule of higher education?

As the Spectator editorial staff, it is our feeling that there is more to college life than the student cattle drive described above. At the very least, there should be, there can be, and it is our hopeful vision that such a change will occur.

Unfortunately, the newspaper crew simply writing down this foresight on a small-time campus publication is not going to change the frequent zombielike moods we all go through far too often.

You, however, as active participants of life in all areas of the spectrum of interest and experience are capable of catalyzing the seeming revolution of positive and upbeat participation our society desperately needs.

We are sure this article sounds like a drag, a lecture, a sermon from editorialists disacquainted with reality; this is certainly not our intent though.

We merely wish for people to think. Think about your surroundings. Think about your classes. Think about dormitory decorations if nothing else. But, please, think about something.

Perhaps this editorial or another aspect, such as the cartoon, on this page seems to go to the extreme. After all, is it really necessary to depict students as drones listening to our Borg masterminds?

In our psyches, it is beneficial. We by no means advocate the student body to be a true depiction of a thoughtless colony. We are not to that point. We are not even close.

However, it is not unrealistic to think that we could improve in the proactive running of our lives. It is not unfeasible to feel that the risk of harm and being figuratively chased off a cliff are not negative futuristic possibilities we should consider.

Don't be numbers. Be people. Let us embrace you all as people as we hope you do the same. Think. Feel. Live. Students deserve no less.

Input and involvement important

Students more than just part-time guests

Featured Editorialist



JESSICA FOULKE

The other day, I actually started reading my student handbook. I know you're totally shocked, but you shouldn't be. How many of you have flipped to the front section of your planners?

Maybe a better question is how many of you have even cracked open those free planners this year? But remember, they're not actually free - you're paying for them with some of those wonderful fees. Exactly my point.

The majority of us pay for at least part of our own educations. Personally, I'll be paying for it far into the future, but regardless, when I opened my agenda and started reading, for the first time in three years, I learned a lot.

Did you know that, "the use or possession of weapons

(firearms, bows, dangerous knives, etc.), ammunition, firecrackers, fireworks, flammable materials (for example, gasoline or kerosene) or explosives is prohibited on the College grounds or in the buildings?" Do Airsoft guns count? Because I got shot with one recently and it hurt pretty badly.

Or how about that "McPherson College allows students to enroll in courses at other ACCK colleges at no additional tuition charge." So I could take classes at, well, any other ACCK school for free?

While reading my handbook, I also learned that the dean of students keeps a student development file. A little creepy, eh? But you can request the information that's in that file, so don't freak out too much.

I learned a lot reading the

student handbook. I mostly learned that I don't really know a lot about the inner workings of McPherson College. I mean, I guess I just "go to school here." That's about it. Despite the fact that I'm simply too busy to even think most of the time, I'm not exactly thrilled with the fact that I'm not sure how a lot of things work around here.

As students, it's crucial that we are not only aware of what is happening to us at McPherson College, but that we have input upon what happens at the school. It's obvious that without us there would be no McPherson College. We help to "foot the bill."

Hey, if you're perfectly happy about things at McPherson College, then fine, keep on doing what you're doing. But if something at the school bugs you, a policy or anything, why don't you stand up and do something about it, instead of just complaining to your

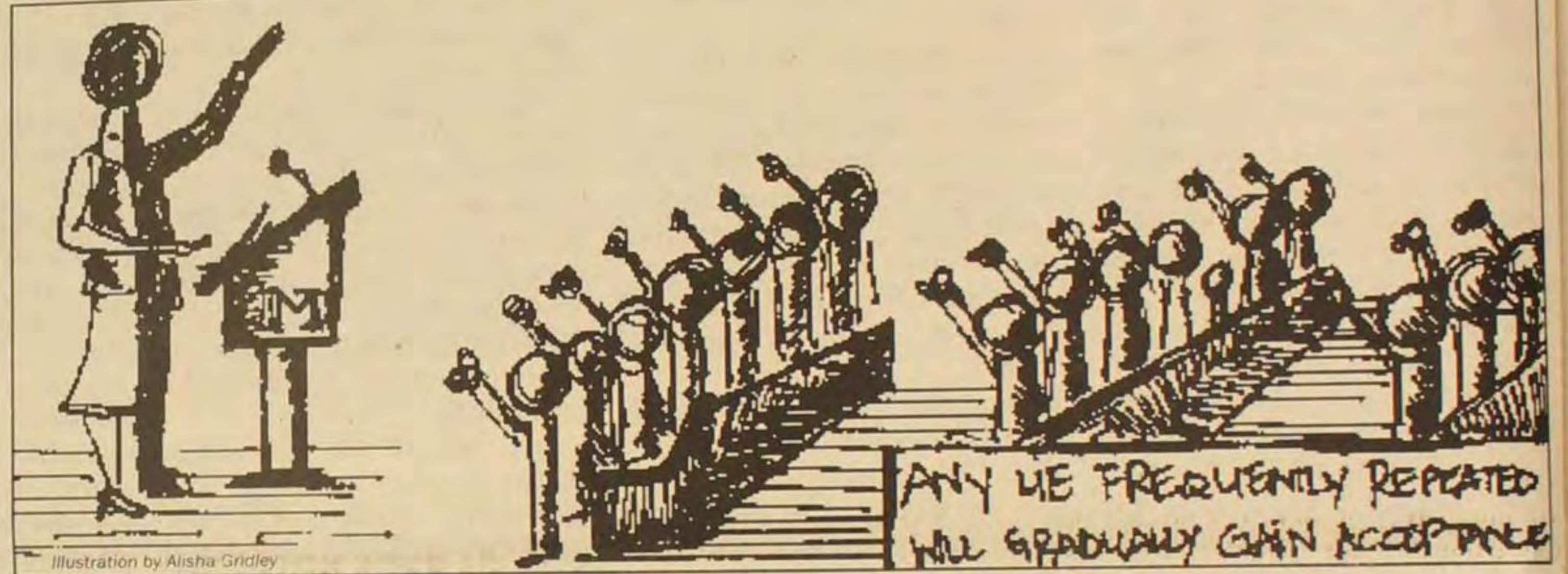
"Prove them wrong."

friends? That's the only way that things are going to get any better.

At times, I get the impression that the administration of this school doesn't really think that we are capable of contributing to the college in a meaningful manner that doesn't include sports trophies or A's on papers. Prove them wrong. Prove that you're capable of inciting protest and change. Don't be the slackers of our generation's reputation.

I guess I'm not just talking about life at school. It's also important that you keep up with changes that happen to you at school. Every decision that's made in every committee affects your academic career. Keep that in mind, ok?

Oh, and in case you've lost your agendas, you can read the entire contents online. Gotta love the 21st century!



Connoisseur searches for the perfect pizza

If you know me, then you probably know that I work at Pizza Hut. Six to seven days a week, I serve countless people hot, cheesy pizza and sugary drinks. A lot of people ask me if I ever get sick of pizza. Well, here's the kicker. I definitely don't!



MEGAN MCKNIGHT

As far back as I can remember, I have always loved eating pizza. Seeing as how I work with pizza and I have eaten many different kinds, it is hard for me to pick out my favorite brand or restaurant. Don't get me wrong, Pizza Hut has great pizza, but nothing beats The Scheme in my hometown Salina, which is only a 30-minute drive from McPherson.

The door to the restaurant

has a wood frame with a large panel of glass and the words The Scheme printed on it with a little bell attached to the doorknob so that you're heard as you come in.

Straight ahead is a long bar that connects down to the back of the room, which has the counter with the cash register. There are a few booths along the walls and round tables set up throughout the room. The floors are hardwood and shiny, to match the table tops, and there is always loud music playing through the speakers.

The decorations are amazing. If you are from Kansas, you can definitely appreciate all of the art. Many photographs have signifi-

cance to local Kansas history and some are just fun to look at.

The pizza is homemade and takes longer to make than the pizza you order at Pizza Hut. Behind the register, they have two large whiteboards that have handwritten menu items in big letters with descriptions underneath. Although it is a little expensive, around \$25-30 for a large specialty pizza, it is amazing food. The toppings are huge and actually taste fresh when you bite into them.

Also, at each table, there are little bottles of honey used for the crust, and yes, use the honey! The crust tastes just as amazing the next day after sitting in your fridge as it does the night you ordered it.

The waitresses are friendly and the management is wonderful. Dining in is definitely the way to go.

The Scheme isn't just your ordinary pizza parlor. It's a restaurant and bar located in downtown Salina across from the Cozy Inn. It is only open Thursday through Saturday. Its lunch hours are 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and it reopens for dinner at 4 p.m. until close, which is just until it dies out. They are only open such minimal hours because they have such a large fan base. You have to call in the afternoon to make dinner reservations at 8 p.m. and hope that you can find an open slot. The owners of the Scheme are from Delphos and even close down the restaurant for moose season.

Pizza has a whole new meaning after you take a bite into the homemade recipe. The Scheme is a little pricey, but is definitely worth every penny. If you ever take a trip down to Salina, I highly suggest stopping by for a great lunch or dinner.

On the Fly

What prevents a greater student voice at McPherson College?

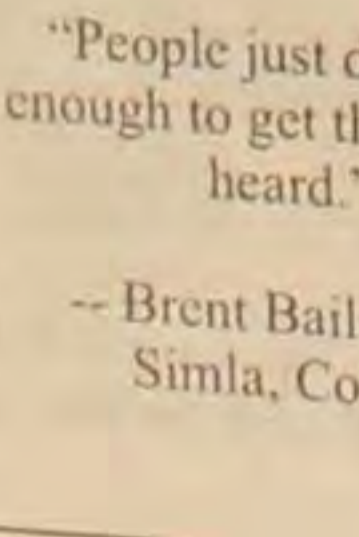
"Too afraid to speak up, not enough confidence to say anything."

-- Daniel Erb, jr. Timken



"Lack of communication."

-- Amy Parnell, soph. Liberal



"People just don't care enough to get their voice heard."

-- Brent Bailey, soph. Simla, Colo.



"Scared of being expelled or something."

-- James Maxwell, sr. Garland, Texas



"I haven't been here long enough to know."

-- Daniel Eells, fr. McPherson



Why be productive when you can have fun doing nothing?

Everyone eats. I hope. For those of you that don't, seek medical attention immediately.

Anyways, all of us eat at least five meals a week in the cafeteria and sometimes rather hastily. And then sometimes, we go to the cafeteria and end up discovering that dog food is sometimes better, so we don't eat and end up making a late night run for some type of food.

Most of the time, me and my closest group of friends end up spending at least an hour just sitting at the table after we've ate all that we



HEATHER EMERY

can stand. You've probably noticed us. We're the rowdy bunch, usually at least seven of us just sitting around the table talking about anything. And I mean anything.

From the topics of cars for the boys to how much worked sucked to the latest jokes we've heard and always the inevitable—making fun of everyone at the table and a few others we can think of that aren't attending school this year.

Lunch and dinner are probably my favorite times of the day, next to sleeping

and feeling completely at ease with the world when all of my homework is finished. It's not because the food is so wonderful that I just can't leave, but because it gives all of us a chance to sit down and talk and see how everyone else is doing. What better time to tell stories and come up with inside jokes?

I love it when we're all sitting in the crowded cafeteria and one of us starts quoting another line of one of Mel Brooks' many movies and someone hears the word chastity belt or the phrase, "No, Sir! I did not see you playing with your dolls again!" or anything else that possibly has some sexual connotation and you get one of three reactions:

"I love all of the reactions."

an extremely appalled look, laughter or they continue with the quote.

I love all of the reactions. Honestly, people make some of the craziest faces. It's awesome. And yes, I know we could all be a little more productive by eating quickly and going back to our dorms and doing our homework but I wouldn't trade out "wasted productivity" for anything. Crummy food, great friends and an hour or more of stress-relieving laughter is priceless.

Alcohol: How does the campus stand?

Alcohol isn't exactly a rare occurrence on most college campuses. In fact, I would say that most people associate college with drinking and partying. Personally, I think that this association is somewhat sad and exceedingly pathetic.



JESSICA ARNOLD

with a profile picture of you dancing on a table, throw up in the corner of your mouth, with a beer in your hand. Talk about impressive.

There are much more serious consequences to drinking than just looking stupid. As much as I enjoy stories of people getting drunk and shooting each other with a BB gun, it makes

a point: people can easily get hurt when they're intoxicated.

Look at all the cases of a college student being taken to a hospital for alcohol poisoning. Or when some idiot decides to drink and drive and there's an accident. According to a study in 2002, 1,400 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes. Not to mention 500,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally injured every year under the influence of alcohol and more than 70,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 have been victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or rape.

Is drinking a problem on college campuses? Yes! People get seriously hurt, even killed.

I grew up with a girl who, last year, decided to drink and drive with her boyfriend. They hit a 6-year-old boy and killed him. Her boyfriend ended up committing suicide and now she's facing charges. Ask her if it was worth it for a few cheap thrills.

Also, many people who get drunk don't remember what occurred while they were intoxicated. I can't imagine waking up the next morning and wondering what I've done. It's so incredibly sad to me when someone comes up to me, fear in their eyes, because they don't know who they slept with or what happened. Many girls have gotten pregnant that way.

"I can't imagine waking up the next morning and wondering what I've done."

Please, think about the consequences before you go out and drink. When it's all said and done, is it really worth it?

First of all, I will say that my moral stance is that it's okay to drink, if you're of age, but it's wrong to get drunk. With that said, I will use the rest of this article to explain why.

I've heard a lot of people say that they drink because it's a social thing. If it is, then can't you have fun and meet new people without getting drunk and making a fool of yourself? What kind of a first impression is that, anyway? "Hi, my name is Jessica, nice to meet you. Now I'm going to throw up on your shoes!"

"There are much more serious consequences to drinking than just looking stupid."

Being drunk doesn't make you look intelligent. You're not exactly at your best to meet new friends. People laugh at you. What is the appeal in that? I don't understand. So many people remember what they did, get embarrassed and completely regret it. Then they go out and do it again next weekend. It's ridiculous.

It certainly doesn't help your academics, either. I can't tell you how many people have skipped classes, failed tests and missed other important events that they committed to just because they were hung-over or sick. It's not a good excuse. Ever. Aren't those things more important? If drinking is more important to you than your grades, then can I suggest going to a cheaper school so you don't waste your money?

I also can't believe when people put pictures of themselves up on the Internet while they're in a drunken stupor. That is just absolutely absurd. Do you ever stop to think who has access to that? Your parents. Your boss. Your siblings. Your teachers. Do you want people you care about and/or respect to see you like that? Yeah, it'll be great when you apply for a job and your boss finds your Myspace account



THE BULL YARD



Illustration by Alisha Gridley

POWER POLL RESULTS:

IS ON-CAMPUS DRINKING OR ALCOHOL-INDUCED BEHAVIOR A PROBLEM AT MAC?

YES: 16%

NO: 62%

UNSURE/OTHER: 22%

122 STUDENTS POLLED

McPherson College is supposed to be a dry campus. It's common knowledge. As a school founded on Christian principles, Mac has a rule against alcohol possession or consumption on campus grounds.

It's also common knowledge that McPherson College is far from a dry campus. The question is: is this dichotomy a problem? My answer is yes, but it is the dichotomy itself and not the reality, that creates problems.

As long as students are responsible about the use of alcohol, I don't see a problem with allowing its consumption on campus. Yes, I am well aware that there is no foolproof method for guaranteeing that students will be responsible about its use. In fact, the consumption of alcohol itself is often irresponsible by nature. However, we all know the reality: It happens.

Would it not be better to accept its existence as a college behavior and institute precautions to ensure the safety of McPherson College students?

To my knowledge, alcohol consumption by minors is not regulated when it occurs in the home with parental supervision, so why should it be regulated for persons of legal age in the privacy of a dorm room?

I know, it causes problems more easily than ... well, most other things I can think of. Parties on campus mean damage to property, both personal and institutional and can be the source of discontentment between roommates. It has enormous potential to increase underage drinking, given that privacy of a dorm room. And let's face it, funny as they may be to observers who are also drinking, drunk people do things that are just plain stupid. But if it's just stupid and not harmful, why is it my business what they do?

An incident occurred last year in which a group of students who were of legal age to drink had consumed alcohol off campus. One student was injured badly enough on the return drive that his intoxicated friends did the smart and responsible thing; they called an ambulance. For the record, the driver had not had a single drink that night, proven by a breathalyzer test administered by the police, but the school fined the friends for violating quiet hours because the



JENNIFER TERHUNE

ambulance siren disturbed other students after quiet hours went into effect.

I won't get into how I feel about that particular event, because if I did, I wouldn't stop. However, it does show a serious problem. When students are forced to drink off campus, they are also forced to find their way

back to campus. No matter how many or how smart the precautions taken, a designated driver in this instance, things can go wrong. But that just proves my point. Is it not better, knowing that limitless precautions are not enough, to eliminate the extra factor of having to commute to a location where it's legal to drink?

Whether or not it's a problem, it's a reality, and it has been a reality for quite some time. Students still attend morning classes, sporting events still take place and Mac is still functioning, though half the time, with a massive hangover.

If someone believes that a Bulldog drinking is the figurative end of the world or that it will bring him eternal damnation, that's their opinion and I won't argue. But if that someone wanted to argue that the current system is working as intended, I'd not only argue, I'd prove otherwise. It wouldn't take much. A visit to any number of rooms in my dorm is definitive proof. My only contention is that we should ad-

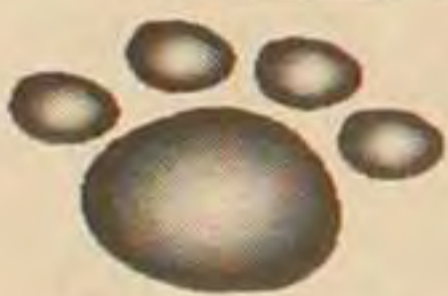
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dress the problem rather than ignore the fact that it exists.

No one, least of all me, wants a drunken party next door when trying to study for their 8:30 test the next morning but I would honestly prefer that, to any harm coming to a fellow student. I might be paying an exorbitant amount of money each year for an education, but I still wouldn't value that above the safety of anyone, whether or not I think they're stupid enough to drink.

Contributed by staff

Good Dog



Bad Dog

Dave Gitchell is working on fixing the Internet!

The Ginkgo tree wins first place in the rapid leaf drop contest.

The cafeteria is now providing rice milk.

The granola cereal we had for a brief period also was a plus.

Be weary of the sprinklers late at night. They can be quite cold.

The donuts and skids around campus are not appreciated.

The water outage Thursday caused some restroom difficulties.

A McPherson College moment ...

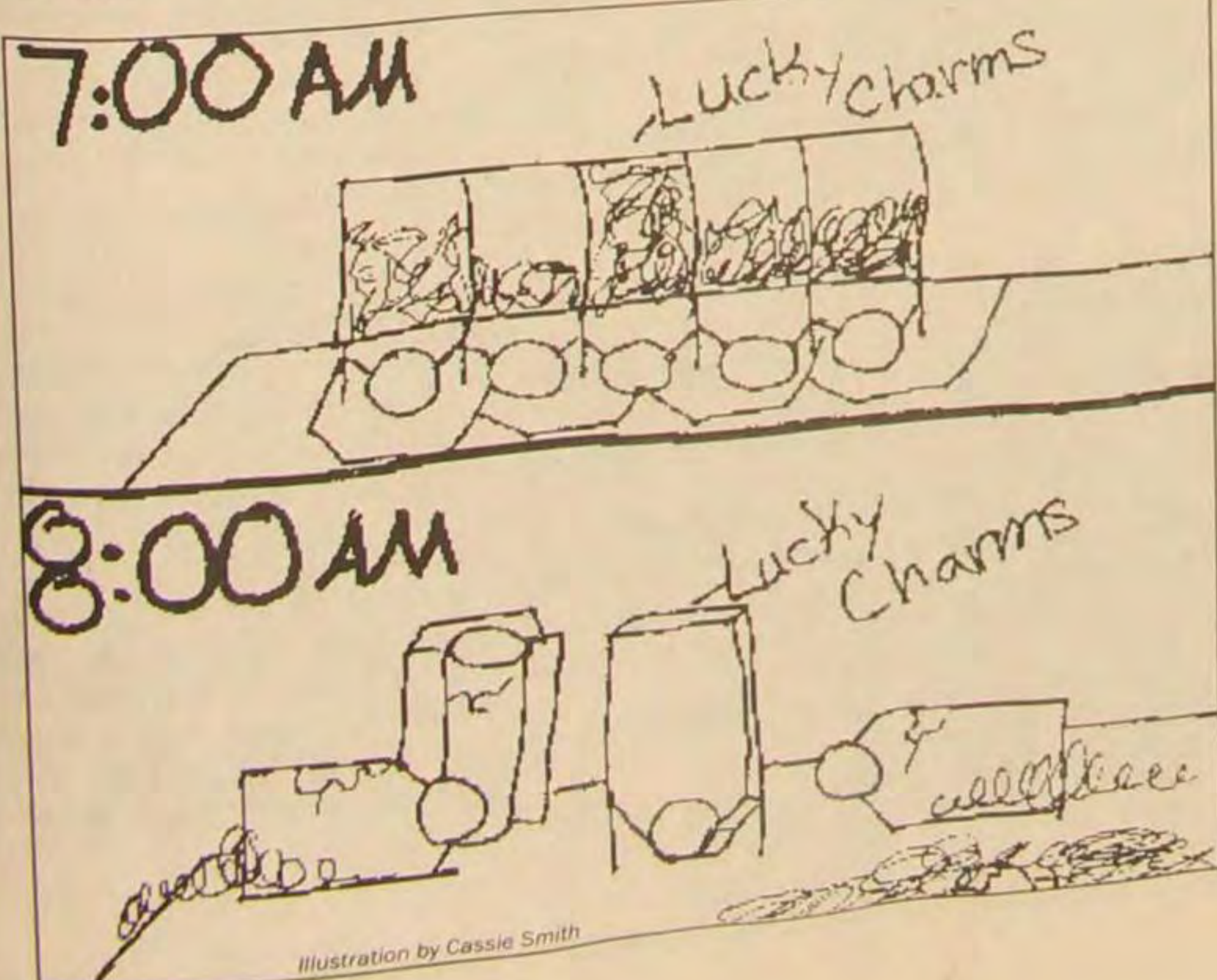


Illustration by Cassie Smith

Got something to say? Shout it out!

- REMEMBER BACK IN THE DAY WHEN YOUR CRAP CAME OUT SOLID? THANK YOU CAFETERIA FOOD!
- WHY DOES THE BATHROOM IN "STALL"MENT ONLY GET CHANGED ONCE A YEAR?
- SWM SEEKING ... WELL, PRETTY MUCH ANYTHING AT THIS POINT.
- WHY DOESN'T BITT, HAVE A PINGPONG TABLE?
- CAN WE PLEASE GET SOME BAKED LAYS IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE CHIPS?
- DON'T PISS ON THE SEAT! THERE'S A SEPARATE TOILET/URINAL FOR THAT.
- I LIKE TO DO THE PARTY BOY DANCE NAKED IN MY TEAMMATES' ROOMS.
- "SAW III" MAKES ME WANT TO GO TO CHURCH MORE.
- WOMEN ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN SHOTGUNS.
- TURN THE HEAT DOWN IN DOTZOUR! I'M MELTING!
- IF YOU'RE GOING TO CAPTION PHOTOS, MAKE SURE THEY ARE RIGHT!
- I'LL MAKE HIM AN OFFER HE CAN'T REFUSE.
- SOFTBALL GIRLS ARE THE BIGGEST CLIQUE ON CAMPUS!
- WHY IS IT WE ONLY GET TWO PIECES OF BACON? I'M NOT FAT! I JUST WANT SOME BACON.
- DUDE! MAC VOLLEYBALL RULES!
- GO WASH YOUR FOOT!
- VEGETARIAN HOT POCKETS ARE THE BEST WAY TO GET DIARRHEA WITHOUT EATING MEAT.
- I CAN'T SEE MYSELF ANYWHERE ELSE.
- ANYONE CAN TAKE THEIR CLOTHES OFF! UNORIGINAL, METZ!
- HAS OUR FOOTBALL TEAM OR OUR SOCCER TEAM SCORED MORE POINTS?

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.

Dry campus, or are we?

Majority of students say it's no big deal

FEATURESPAGE

MANDY MORGAN
Spectator staff

Alcohol is an omnipresent problem on any campus. It is college, after all, and it is generally assumed that students go to parties and inevitably drink. But how much of a problem is drinking at McPherson College?

According to a recent survey, 73 percent of students drink. The survey also indicated that 51 percent have zero to one drinks on campus on a weekly basis, while 49 percent have more than one.

According to a survey conducted by e-mail, the majority of students drink, regardless of their age. Many, however, do not believe alcohol is a problem.

"College students will drink anywhere they go to school...this school has alcohol just like all other colleges," said Whitney Coleman, jr., Douglass, KS. "(Although) if they (would) let us live off campus, there would be less drinking and driving and less mess in the dorms to clean up after the weekends."

Liza Escobar, fr., Robstown, Texas, agrees.

"There are way more colleges that have more people and more alcohol," Escobar said. "I don't think it's a big deal here."

Other students, however, have different views. "I think alcohol is a se-

rious problem on campus," said Heather Emery, soph., Poteau, Okla. "Too many students sneak around getting drunk and are usually binge drinking... few people know how to moderate their consumption. That's why so many Americans and college students develop alcohol

"I think alcohol is a serious problem on campus... few people know how to moderate their consumption."

-Heather Emery

problems."

One student believes the alcohol is not the issue, rather the person's acts.

"I don't think alcohol is much of a problem—it's how people act drunk," said Jered Hannawald, sr., Denton, Md. "They are destructive, messy and disrespectful."

Constance Renee Hall,

Alcohol consumption by McPherson College students

Do you drink alcohol?

Yes-73%
No-27%

How many alcoholic beverages do you consume on campus on a weekly basis?

0-1 = 51%
1-2 = 22%
3-4 = 8%
5-6 = 2%
6+ = 16%

Do you think being a dry campus affects the level of alcohol consumption?

Yes-43%
No-58%

* 162 students surveyed

sr., Geraldine, Ala., thinks the problems stem from something else—the rules.

"I do feel that the fact the campus is dry affects the level of alcohol consumption," Hall said. "It's the mere fact that students can't do it—and it makes them want to do it even more."

Ryan Flores, jr., Bermuda Dunes, Calif., has a similar opinion about being on a dry campus.

"It's like taking something away from a kid," Flores said. "After you take it away, you make them want it even more."

Katie Sorensen, soph., Gunnison, Colo., be-

lieves the dry campus issue could work both in favor and against the college.

"This is a hard question," Sorensen said. "I sometimes think it is worse because if people can't drink on campus they go crazy on weekends at parties. But I

-Kelli Johnson

also think that if you were allowed to drink on campus...students would drink more nights of the week."

As for the punishments for drinking on campus, many of the students seem unaware that they can be fined up to \$200 for having alcohol on campus—perhaps for good reason as the custodial staff are often stuck with cleaning up the messes that alcohol creates.

Kelli Johnson, personal counselor at McPherson College, believes alcohol is a problem on every campus.

"...traditional college age students are away

"I don't think alcohol is much of a problem—it's how people act drunk. They are destructive, messy and disrespectful."

-Jered Hannawald

from home and constant supervision," Johnson said. "They have greater access to alcohol, it is socially 'acceptable' to get drunk and is even encouraged...we know that the brains of individuals aged 18 to 26 are still developing. Because of this, the consumption of alcohol can inhibit the growth that needs to take place and can more quickly lead to the possibility of addiction."

Johnson also said she worries that McPherson being a dry campus forces students to do their drinking in places accessed by driving.

"I'm not saying we should allow drinking on campus, but I think we need to continue to educate students about responsible behavior when it comes to alcohol," Johnson said.

Is alcohol a problem on campus?

Do students realize the possible consequences of their actions? Are they mature enough to drink in a responsible manner?

Johnson shared that statistically, 80 percent of students drink responsibly, but that leaves 20 percent who don't.

En otras palabras...

In other words

TRABAJO VOLUNTARIO

Brandon Babcock

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.

En McPherson Middle School ayudo a una chica con sus clases, especialmente su clase de matemáticas. Para ella es un poco difícil entender completamente lo que la maestra enseña. Le ayudo con las instrucciones de la maestra. Empecé a ayudarle el jueves pasado. Ella estaba muy tímida y callada. Hablaba con ella en español pero me dijo que prefería que hablara en inglés. Creo que pensaba que los otros estudiantes se burlaban de ella. La última vez que trabajé con ella, me tomó simpatía e hizo muchos progresos. Es muy importante que ella no esté tímida conmigo. Hace buen trabajo y aprende mucho cuando habla conmigo. Esta experiencia me enseña mucho sobre ESL (el inglés como segundo idioma) y me encanta mucho.

At McPherson Middle School I help a young girl with her classes, especially her math class. It's a little difficult for her to completely understand what the teacher is saying. I help her with the teacher's instructions. I began to work with her last Thursday. She was very shy and quiet. I was speaking with her in Spanish, but she told me that she preferred that I spoke in English. I think that she thought that the other students

were making fun of her. The last time that I worked with her, she warmed up to me and made a lot of progress. It's important that she is not shy with me. She does great work and learns a lot when she talks with me. This experience is teaching me a lot about ESL, and I enjoy it a lot.

"EL BAILE"
Anónima

Ella baila sola, pero no por los pobres desaparecidos como sale la tristísima canción mercedesosiana. Su baile nocturno da vida a canciones llenas de pasiones atrapadas. Su baile es como un instrumento, tocado perfectamente por dedos ágiles, dando placer a las cuerdas que esperan y buscan un toque cariñoso.



Baila delante de las iluminadas ventanas que dan vista a plena oscuridad.

I m a g i n a que se puede ver su reflejo,

su cuerpo, sus curvas suavécitas,

moviendo al ritmo de su vida, pero sabe seguramente que no hay nada ni nadie que la vea salvo la noche indiferente.

Baila sola.

"THE DANCE"
Anonymous

She dances alone, but not for the missing like those in the sad Mercedes Sosa song.

Her nocturnal dance gives life to songs full of trapped passions. Her dance is like an instrument perfectly played by agile fingers, giving pleasure to the strings that wait and search for an affectionate touch.

She dances under the illuminated windows that give way to complete darkness. She imagines that you can see her reflection, her body, her gentle curves, moving to the rhythm of her life, but she knows that there is nothing nor anybody who see hers,

except the indifferent night. She dances alone.

"LAS ALAS INÚTILES"
Anónima

Estoy atrapada. No puedo volar. Tengo alas, pero No puedo usarlas. Quiero escapar. Necesito huir. Odio mi jaula. Amo mi jaula.

Es asombroso cuánto enfado se puede poner detrás de las palabras "te amo". Mi esposo y yo lo decimos cada vez que nos salimos, aunque estemos tan enojados que no podemos sentir la verdad de eso. A veces me siento como si él todavía fuera niño. Un niño que tiene tanto miedo de perderme que me abraza más fuerte y más fuerte como una mariposa entre sus manos regordetes, hasta que no pueda mover mis alas.

USELESS WINGS
Anonymous

I'm trapped. I cannot move. I have wings, but I cannot use them.

I want to escape. I want to flee. I hate my cage. I love my age.

It's amazing how much hatred can be put behind the words "I love you." My husband and I say it every time we part, even if we are so angry that we cannot feel the truth in it. At times, I feel like he is still a little boy. A boy who is so afraid of losing me that he holds me tighter and tighter, like a butterfly between his chubby hands, until I can't move my wings.

FFA members travel to national convention

MAC students show off agriculture skills for National FFA Convention in Indiana

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

Several McPherson College students traveled to Indiana for the 79th National FFA Convention last week.

Joel Grosbach, jr., Enders, Neb., Rebecca Grosbach, fr., Enders, Neb., and Amanda Pangburn, fr., Albertville, Ala., attended the convention in Indianapolis Oct. 25-28.

Joel was one of 3,055 students to receive his American FFA degree, which is the highest of four degrees.

"To receive the American degree," Joel said, "you have to have completed two years of college, be enrolled in some type of agriculture education and you have to have an active supervised agriculture experience program. This is a real-life job experience, which falls into two categories and this starts in high school."

Rebecca placed 13th of 26 with her team in the marketing plan competition.

"Basically we take a product and make a whole marketing plan for it," Rebecca said. "It's eight pages and then we present it to the judges (as if) the judges were the business trying to sell that product and we were the marketing analysts that they hired to come up with this plan."

Pangburn also went to the convention for competition purposes.

She will compete in the Parliamentary Procedure and Diversified Livestock Proficiency areas.

"Parliamentary Procedure is a competition displaying the proper way to conduct a business meeting, while observing the rights of the minority and the rule of the majority," Pangburn said. "Diversified Livestock Proficiency is based off of the best management practices used in different livestock areas. I use the best management practices for the chicken and beef industries



McPherson student Rebecca Grosbach and her two teammates traveled to Indiana for the 79th National FFA Convention. Grosbach and her team placed 13th place out of 26 teams in the marketing plan division.

to market my animals and products to the best of my ability."

To compete at nationals, members must win at the state level.

Rebecca said she competed against 25 other teams from various states.

The teams ranged from all sizes of chapters, meaning Rebecca's chapter of nearly 90 kids could have competed against chapters with 40 kids or 500 kids in them.

"I think they have us split into four rooms and then they'll take the top three out of each room," Rebecca

"FFA is the largest youth organization in the world and the third largest convention in the United States."

-Amanda Pangburn

said. "Those 12 will go on to the second round. Then they'll split those 12 into two rooms with six in each room and then they'll compete and they'll take the top two out of each room. Those four will be the final four and will move on to finals."

Joel said FFA is valuable for a variety of reasons.

"FFA really exists to provide leadership training for agriculture students," Joel said. "While we may learn how to drive a tractor or grow a crop in school or on the farm, FFA allows us to take that knowledge and learn how to do public speaking and job interview skills, marketing skills, parliamentary procedure. Things that a farmer or agriculture person would need to know in order to pursue their career or even get involved in their small communities."

Pangburn provided some statistics about the convention.

"FFA is the largest youth organization in the world and the third largest convention in the United States," Pangburn said. "The FFA convention is only surpassed in numbers by the Democratic and Republican political conventions."

The convention hosted over 50,000 members ages 12-21, teachers, administrators and guests.

Preparations for the convention included: obtaining permits to turn bars into ad-

ditional seating or food buffets, reserving additional parking places downtown for cars and buses, opening the downtown mall's food court three hours earlier, changing two of four lanes of Georgia Street into a pedestrian zone, along with other changes.

From 2004-2005, the National FFA Organization, which was formerly known as Future Farmers of America, had 490,017 members.

This year there are 7,210 chapters that include all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW DOTZOUR RESIDENT DIRECTOR AMY HOFFMAN.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



Amy Hoffman came to McPherson College to take the resident director position for Dotzour and the SAB advisor position for the 2006-2007 school year.

Brad Pitt or Colin Farrell?

Brad Pitt

What is your favorite holiday? Why?

"Christmas because I get two Christmases. I get one with my entire family in Indiana and one with my entire family in Kansas."

What is your favorite color? Why?

"My favorite color is pink because pink makes me happy, but not like baby pink, like intense, full-body pink."

What is your favorite book?

"Anne of Green Gables"

If you were stuck on a deserted island with just food and water, what three things would you have to have?

"I would have to have a book... Anne of Green Gables. I'd probably have to have my best friend, even though it wouldn't be deserted then and sun-screen."

Where did you attend college?

Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind.

What is your favorite movie?

"Never Been Kissed"

Dairy Queen or Sonic?

Sonic

Purple spandex or bright red tube top?

Bright red tube top

When it comes to guys, boxers or briefs?

"Boxer briefs and not white ones, colored ones. I don't like weird boxers. I like decorative boxers, though, but not Sponge Bob boxers."

What's it like to have relatives working and going to school at the same place you are?

"I'm pretty used to that kind of thing. Coming back and having been here, it's what I expected. They've always been there when I've been in McPherson. It's not strange to me at all to go to the cafeteria and eat with my dad or eat with my brother or eat with my grandpa or eat with my cousin"

Who is your favorite band?

"Little Big Town or Dixie Chicks. Oh it's a tie!"

Where are you from?

McPherson

Why did you choose McPherson College?

"I think that I was finding that after college, there's not a lot of opportunity to go into the workplace and be independent and responsible. You start out at a really low level and you work your way up. I wasn't doing jobs that I enjoyed, so being able to be an RD allows me to be responsible, be a leader, be independent, and those weren't things that I was finding outside."

SPORTSPAGE

McPherson football victorious over Bethany

Bulldogs beat Bethany, anticipate St. Mary Saturday

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

After struggling for a few weeks, the Bulldogs were able to get a much needed win 14-3 against the Bethany Swedes.

Currently the Bulldogs are standing at 2-5 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference and 2-6 for an overall record.

Head coach David Cunningham said despite the team's record, it is improving.

"One win does not make a turn-around, but I am optimistic that we will continue our improvement and defeat the University of Saint Mary at

"I want to see us send our seniors out as winners this Saturday in our final home game and win three in a row to put a good finish on the season."

-Coach Cunningham

home this Saturday," Cunningham said.

Though losses can discourage any team, McPherson has not let these hold them back.

"The team has continued to work hard and stay positive

despite a frustrating season," Cunningham said.

One thing the team has not faced is excessive injuries or sickness.

"We have managed to stay healthy and that should help us finish the season strong."

As the season progresses, different leaders are expected to step up and take charge on the field.

But there is always an unexpected person or a few to step up to help out the team and get them pumped up.

"Our seniors have been excellent leaders this season and they are keeping the team together down the stretch," Cunningham said.

Even if a touchdown pass is made or if the quarterback is sacked, every bit counts and it all comes back to the team to get each other pumped up for the next play. Teamwork and team leadership is crucial to stay prepped for the game.

With two more games on the schedule for the Bulldogs, the team hopes to improve their record.

"I want to see us send our seniors out as winners this Saturday in our final home game," Cunningham said, "and win three in a row to put a good finish on the season."

The Bulldogs will be in ac-



photo by Jessica Monaghan

Senior linebacker Gad Jacobs advances with the ball, while trying to break through a Bethany opponent. Mac plays at home tomorrow.

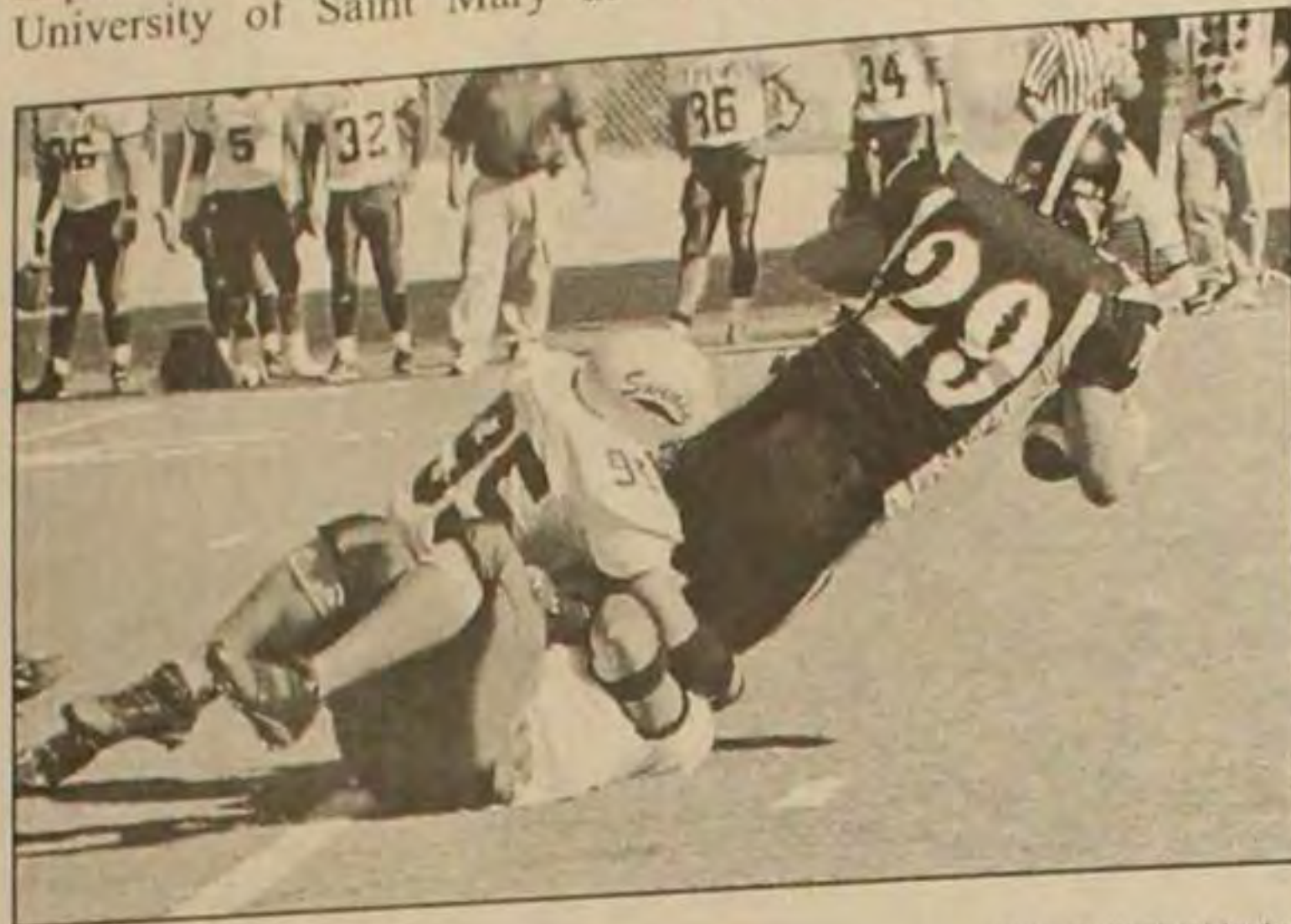


Photo by Michael Jordan

Freshman runningback Jeff Paulsen is tackled by a Bethany player during Saturday's game. McPherson beat Bethany 14-3, boosting their record to 2-5 in KCAC and 2-6 overall.

tion tomorrow at home.

They will travel to Southwestern College in Winfield on

Nov. 11 for their final game of the season.

Bulldog men's soccer team regional playoff bound

Team sets record for wins in a single season

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor

The men's soccer season has yet to come to an end. Already, the team has set a new record for wins at McPherson College. The record is the second in a row that the men's soccer team has set.

The team will travel to Salina to play in the first round of the regional tournament on Tuesday. McPherson will take on Kansas Wesleyan University and will have to beat them to advance in the tourney.

Junior defender Ryan McAleer said the team's ultimate goal is to advance past regionals.

"Coach told us yesterday that basically if we don't beat Kansas Wesleyan, Kansas Wesleyan will win the regional," McAleer said. "So we pretty much have our hearts set on beating Kansas Wesleyan, winning the region and then going to Daytona."

McAleer added, "If we

win, I will say we had a successful season. If we lose, then I would be a little disappointed. I mean we did break our all time wins record this year again, like we did last year as well. So that is a success, but I always kind of measure it on how far you go, so if we don't make it at least as far as we did last year, it won't be an unsuccessful season, but it will still be a little disappointing."

Head coach Doug Quint said the team is eager for the rematch against KWU.

"This is a big game that the guys have waited a while for," Quint said. They've wanted this rematch. We just have to play hard and play well. It's a matter of just stepping out on the field and doing what we have been doing all year long."

If the Bulldogs beat KWU, they will play at Belview University. Currently, the team is the fifth seed of six teams in the tournament.

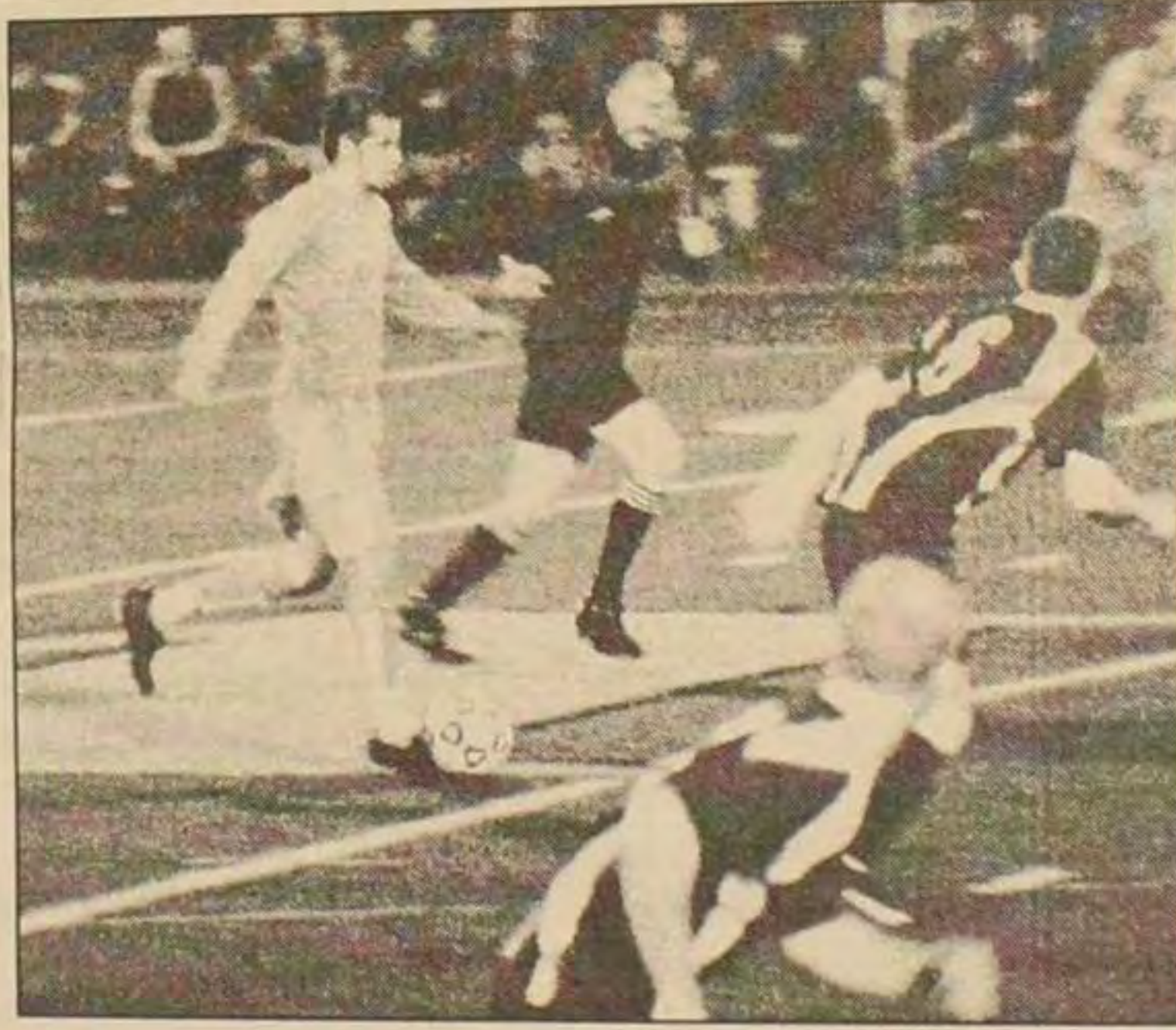


photo by Michael Jordan

Eduardo Rodriguez, fr., dribbles the ball through Tabor defense. The men's soccer team will play KWU Tuesday.

"Six teams qualify out of 16 teams in the region, so it is a privilege and a test of the how hard the guys have been playing and the job they've done to make this tournament," Quint said.

Last year, the team made it to the regional tournament and managed to win their first round game. The second round, the team was

outplayed by Park University.

"Last year if we wouldn't have given up an early goal against Park University, it would've been a really nice match," Quint said. "We were just a little intimidated at the start and we went down right off the bat. It is hard to play from behind."

Besides a knee injury to

"Nathan was a big injury, a big loss for us this year."

-Coach Quint

senior Defender/mid-fielder Nathan McDaniel, the team has been able to avoid additional injuries.

"Nathan was a big injury, a big loss for us this year," Quint said. "I feel worse for him as a person than I do for him as a player. To have that happen to you during your senior year, on senior night, with your parents there and to end your career like that."

Quint said that without McDaniel, others will have to step up to lead the team.

"Somebody in the backline is going to have to step up in a leadership role," Quint said. "I look for Ryan McAleer to take a lot of that responsibility upon himself. That is something that anybody would want and I think he will be able to step up to the task."

Volleyball team sweeps Sterling

Bulldogs prepare for KCAC Tournament

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor

Last night, the McPherson College volleyball team swept Sterling College in three games. It was also senior night for the Lady Bulldogs.

Seniors Kendra Stephenson, Salina, Chandra Mayhan, Kit Carson, Colo., Jen Marquette, Waterville, Renee Hall, Geraldine, Ala., and Mandy Morgan, Ogallala, Neb., were recognized.

There was a mixture of feelings for the players and their families; joy about the win and sadness that this will be their last regular season home game.

"I feel pretty good, but rather nostalgic," Morgan said.

"We won our three games and that was amazing, but it's senior night, so it's going to be sad and it was sad."

-Kendra Stephenson

Kendra was experiencing a variety of emotions.

"It's a good emotion, but a sad one," Kendra said. "We won our three games and that was amazing, but it's senior night, so it's going to be sad and it was sad. It was emotional, but I feel good because I'm happy, I'm happy!"

Hall reflected about her four years spent playing volleyball at McPherson.

"It's been a sad and emotional night, but it's been a

great four years and I've enjoyed all of it," Hall said.

Mayhan said, "It's awesome. I love it."

Head coach Nathalea Stephenson was excited about the team's win over Sterling. The win on senior night gives them an extra boost before going into conference tourney play next week.

"This is amazing," Nathalea said. "I am really happy for our seniors because they deserve it. We needed this win to get into the playoffs."

With last night's victory now sealed, the Lady Bulldogs of Mac will be able to enter the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament most likely as the third seed on Nov. 7.

Cross country places third in KCAC

ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ
Spectator Staff

The Bulldog cross country team is preparing for their regional meet at Southwestern tomorrow.

Last week, the men's team finished third, while the women didn't have enough runners to compete as a team.

Head coach David Smith gave the credit to the team.

"I did nothing differently, the guys ran better and we finished higher, but I didn't do anything differently," Smith said. "The guys did that."

However, the biggest news came when Smith was named Coach of the Year for the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

"It is about time that coach received the recognition of which he truly deserves, for putting together one of the top ranked programs that McPherson College has to offer," said Brent Bailey, soph., Simla, Colo.

Smith was stunned by the award.

"I wasn't thinking," Smith said. "It was a complete surprise."

Israel Ortiz, jr., Limon, Colo., said the team's success should be attributed to Smith.

"Coach did a great job in helping teach our team how to be a team," Ortiz said.

Ortiz was also named KCAC First Team All-Conference, while Bailey was chosen as honorable mention.

Shaun Griffin, fr., Inman, finished 22nd, just behind Jacob Merrick, jr., Clearwater.

Smith said the team is prepared for the meet tomorrow.

"We are on a fast course, we're in great shape," Smith said. "We want to run as fast as we can."

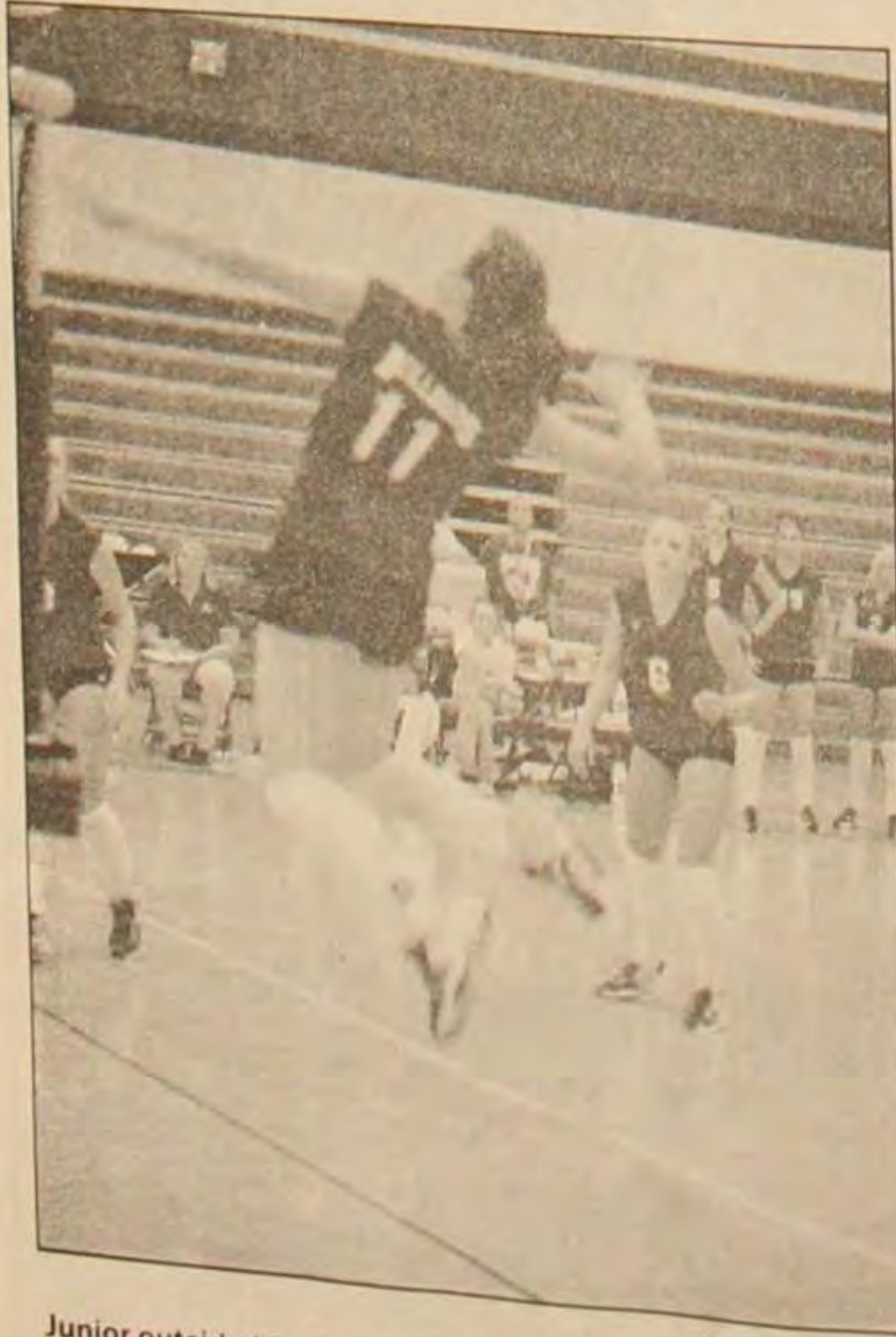


photo by Michael Jordan

Junior outside hitter Jessica Miller goes up for the spike during a home game. Last night, the volleyball team swept Sterling for a senior night win.

Lady Bulldog's basketball hits the hardwood

McPherson begins official season tonight



Krisin Ozbun, fr., drives down the lane during last weekend's annual alumni game. The team is positive and believes they will have a much improved season compared to last year.

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team starts its official season tonight at home. Head coach J.D. Gravina plans to utilize the team's strengths in tonight's game. "We're playing Johnson and Wales out of Colorado," Gravina said. "We don't know anything about them. They've got a new coach

"As usual, our main goal is to show improvement from last year."

-Coach Gravina

and we are really focused on what we can do well." Health isn't a concern thus far in the season, but the team only has 15 players to make up both varsity and ju-

nior varsity squads. "No injuries right now, but let's knock on wood," Gravina said. "A lot of girls are going to be playing, going to get some JV experience and then get into some varsity games. It's going to be a fun year." A positive of having fewer players on a ball club is that it usually translates into better team chemistry and more tightly knit organiza-

tions. Although, with a lack of depth, one or two injuries can really make a negative impact.

Expectations have typically been fairly conservative throughout the years of McPherson College basketball and this season is no exception.

"I am cautiously optimistic," Gravina said. "As usual, our main goal is going to show improvement from last year."

Senior forward Jamie Harvey is encouraged by the team's practices so far.

"Our team looks pretty good right now," Harvey said. "We look strong."

Six new faces join the ranks of the 2006-07 Bulldog squad including: Michaela Bird, fr., Quinter, Becky Bratcher, jr., Miami, Jamie Sims, soph., McPherson, Taylor Plowman, fr., Overland Park, Carly Sharp, fr., Chanute, and Kristen Ozbun, fr., Rose Hill.

Harvey said the team should be much improved from last season and therefore more competitive.

"I think we will play pretty well this year," Harvey said. "I think we will do a lot bet-

Men's basketball begins season Saturday

Bulldogs to face Central Christian College at home

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor

The McPherson college men's basketball season will open their season tomorrow against Central Christian College.

Last week, the Bulldogs beat the alumni team in the annual alumni game.

Head coach Roger Trimmell has a positive outlook on the season and nationals are at the back of his mind.

"We're always optimistic," Trimmell said. "We are entering the season to do as well as we can in conference and there is always a trip to the National Tournament dangling at the end of the line."

Andre Mackins, fr., red-shirt said, "McPherson college is going to run all over Central Christian. It isn't even going to be a contest. They might as well forfeit now."

Junior transfer Shawn Young also voiced his opinion.

"I can't wait for this game," Young said. "It's a highly anticipated match up. We've done a lot of hard work preparing in the off-season and we're ready."

Trimmell said the team



Cy Rolfs, jr., participates in pre-game warm-up before the alumni game last weekend. The men's team beat the alumni and the official start of it's season is tomorrow.

is basically injury free at this point, which is good in any sport, especially when it comes to the relentless pounding in basketball. A couple of players have some injuries that have nagged at them through the season so far, but those are difficult to prevent.

New faces this season include: Mike White, fr., Salina, Charles Moore II, fr., San Antonio, Young, Colorado Springs, Colo., Mackins, Omaha, Neb., Jared Stevenson, Broken Arrow, Okla., Blake Stoner, fr., Hudson, Iowa, Mitch Amett, jr., Newton/Medicine Lodge,

and Scott Bradley, jr., Chickasha, Okla.

After tomorrow's game against Central at 8 p.m., the basketball team will travel to Winfield to take on Southwestern.

On Nov. 10, the McPherson's Bulldog Classic will begin.

Soccer women conclude season 8-7-1 overall

Ladies finish 6th after a loss to Saint Mary in conference tourney

ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ
Spectator Staff

The women's soccer team ended its season with 4-4-1 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference and 8-7-1 overall.

The Lady Bulldogs went head-to-head with the Lady Spires of University of Saint Mary. During conference play, the Lady Spires beat the Lady Bulldogs 1-0. Unfortunately, McPherson was beat again by the Lady Spires in the opening game of the conference tournament, knocking them from tournament play.

More improvement was

made by the Lady Bulldogs this year compared to last year. They were determined to make that improvement by having more wins, less losses and fewer ties.

The season went pretty well for the Lady Bulldogs, but injuries played a key role.

"Games would have been different if there were fewer injuries," said senior mid-fielder Denise Rinke. "(This season) there was more fun and less drama."

Junior defender Victoria Salas said the turning point in the year was, "the Central game because we had never beaten them before

"Kansas Wesleyan because they are the best team in the conference."

-Victoria Salas

and it was a sign of a new year."

There were many worries for the Lady Bulldogs throughout the season, but one specifically worried Rinke.

"KCAC playoff game against St. Mary because we lost to them 1-0 the first time we played them on our field and we were now playing them on their

field," Rinke said. "There were a couple of key players out, Monique Buhl with a knee injury, and Laura Engquist with a foot injury. (We) wanted to win the last game and keep going (and) didn't want the season to be over."

Salas also experienced concerns during the season. Her main worry was about Kansas Wesleyan.

"Kansas Wesleyan because they are the best team in the conference," Salas said.

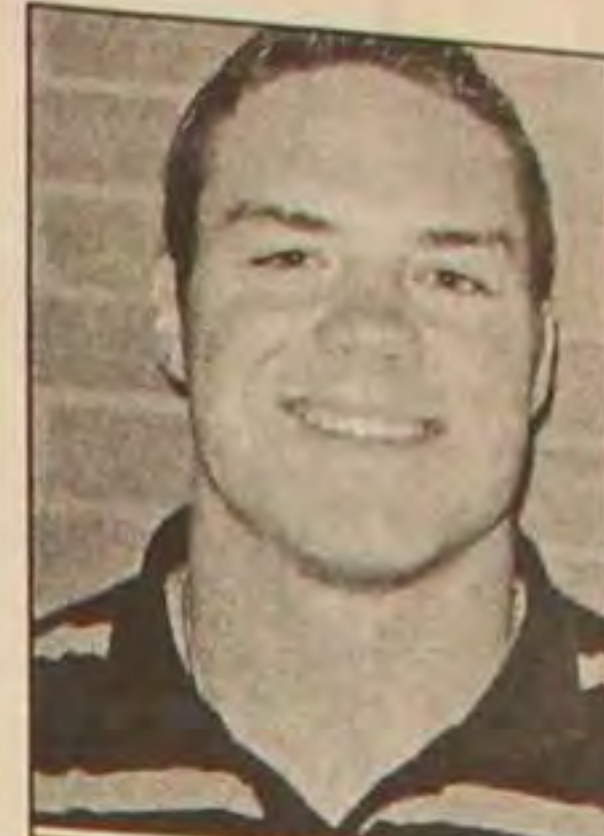
McPherson can breathe easier about the season as it ended after the loss to St. Mary.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Rinke and Holtry provide inspiration for many



Denise Rinke



Alex Holtry

This issue, senior mid-fielder Denise Rinke, has been selected to be one of the two player spotlights. Rinke, a psychology major, finished her senior year with five goals and three assists in her 18 games played.

Rinke was named as a Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference honorable mention selection in 2005 and this year she was awarded KCAC First Team honors.

"That was really nice after all four years," Rinke said.

During her high school years at Campus High School in Wichita, Rinke played all four years and contributed in many ways on and off the field.

After graduation, she chose to attend Allen Community College and eventually wound up at Mac.

Even though the team didn't quite have the season they thought they could have had, they managed to finish sixth place in the conference, which is a big jump from last year.

"We did a lot better than last year," Rinke said. "I wish we wouldn't have had so many injuries at the end of the season because we would have probably done a little better and gone on to the playoffs," Rinke said.

There are a lot of highlights and memories which defined Rinke's McPherson career and the two in which she remembers most vividly are no exception.

"Scoring at the Central game and I didn't know that the high school team was going to play right after us," Rinke said. "My old high school coach was there and he saw me play for the first time since high school. Also the game this year that went into overtime and Laura (Engquist) scored the goal to win it. I remember that game too."

But not everything was pretty during Rinke's career at Mac. Kansas Wesleyan has been tough for quite awhile and Rinke learned that first-hand.

"Probably Kansas Wesleyan has been the hardest during my time here," Rinke said. "They're always tough."

Rinke's brother has been her role model for quite some time.

"He is the reason I started playing soccer," Rinke said. "He had to have ankle surgery though, so he couldn't play in college. I really looked up to him."

Rinke's advice for future soccer players includes staying physically active.

"Come into the season fit, otherwise you're going to run a lot," Rinke said.

Senior linebacker Alex Holtry was selected this week for the player spotlight. Holtry is from Valleyview High School in Nampa, Idaho, and is an education and computer science major.

In high school, Holtry's statistics included 100+ tackles and a handful of sacks to complement his game.

His level of play has carried over into his collegiate career.

"At homecoming against Tabor, I had some big hits in the backfield," Holtry said. "I was a linebacker, but they moved me from linebacker to d-end. That was probably my most stunning game this year."

There have been a lot of big plays and highlight reel tackles by Holtry during his four year stretch at McPherson.

"My first tackle, freshman year, I came in and they blitzed my gap," Holtry said. "I hit the running back in the backfield and that was the eye opener for the whole college football scene for me and it was really exciting. The most exciting thing that has ever happened."

Holtry's role model is one of his older brother's.

"I always looked up to my middle brother, Matt," Holtry said. "He always pushed me to do better than him. He was really good in high school and college too, but he always wanted me to be better than he was and sometimes I hated him for it, but it was good. Great inspiration."

Holtry said his brother would tell him to, "play every game like it is your last. If you aren't going to play hard, then why be out there?"

Holtry, a church-going student, may prove to be quite the inspirational student-athlete when he leaves McPherson behind. He has many words of wisdom for future Bulldogs who have the hunger for the gridiron.

"One thing I realized was that at bigger colleges, players play for themselves," Holtry said, "and at this college, players play as a team. My advice would be to play as a teammate and for the team, as a team and the success rate is so much greater."

Though Holtry is no fan of Terrell Owens, there are players he looks up to.

"Zach Thomas, then Brian Urlacher, but mostly Zach Thomas," Holtry said. "He has that personality that is always about the team. He is a good guy."

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Voters concerned about economy, war in Iraq, moral issues

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As the 2006 elections draw closer, the issues that most often permeate headlines are the war, education, immigration, the economy and abortion. Candidates for governor, Democratic incumbent Kathleen Sebelius and Republican Jim Barnett, have clashed most noticeably on the issue of immigration. Sebelius supports the Kansas law that grants in-state tuition rates for children of illegal immigrants who have attended Kansas schools, while Barnett says he would seek to repeal that law. Sebelius also backed a failed effort to award illegal immigrants driver's licenses, which is a proposal Barnett strongly opposes. Barnett has also supported measures to declare English the official language of Kansas. The close race for Attorney

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-Ken Yohn

General in Kansas has garnered much media attention. Republican incumbent Phil Kline and Democratic challenger Paul Morrison have clashed most publicly on the issue of abortion, specifically Kline's subpoena of medical records of pregnant women seeking abortions. Kline said he intended to use the information from the subpoenaed medical records to prosecute abusers of minor girls, but Morrison said the subpoenas are a violation of medical privacy rights and a "fishing expedition" on the part of the current attorney general. "The privacy of medical re-

records is a deeply held belief among Kansas voters and Kansans don't want the government prying into what they regard as their private affairs," said Ken Yohn, associate professor of history. Yohn identified the issues he is most concerned about as: the "bungled" war in Iraq, the use of confessions obtained by torture in American courts, cuts in government financial aid for higher education and the low expected turnout for the Nov. 7 election. Gary Entz, associate professor of history, cites the Iraq War, the economy and government corruption as the three big issues in the upcoming election. "I think Republican Party's fiscal irresponsibility will also play a role this year," Entz said. "After all, Republicans for years have touted themselves as the party of fiscal conservatism, but now that they've been in power of all branches

of government for six years they've spent American tax dollars like drunken sailors and created the largest budget deficit in history." Entz said the Iraq War is the strongest issue for him. "I feel that our elected officials lied and that it is our responsibility as citizens to let them know that 'we the people' are willing to hold them accountable for their misdeeds," Entz said. "It's what popular sovereignty is all about." Students and faculty are taking various stands on the issues at hand. For Ben Hoke, sr., Xenia, Ohio, moral issues such as stem-cell research, abortion and gay marriage are of the greatest concern for him. "Being a Christian, those are matters that are, I believe, morally wrong and should be taken a stand against," Hoke said. Jessica DeCavelle, sr., Paola, would agree with Hoke on many issues. "Abortion is wrong no mat-

ter what, any circumstance, any situation," DeCavelle said. "There's no reason. It's absolutely wrong. Gay marriage—wrong. Marriage is a sacred thing and it's to be shared between a man and a woman like it's always been, not same-sex. I'll support the person, but not the act in that situation." In addition to Sebelius and Barnett, voters will also see libertarian candidate Carl Kramer and reformist Richard Ranzau on the ballot for governor. Kline and Morrison are the only candidates running for attorney general. Kansas will also elect a new secretary of state, state insurance commissioner, state treasurer, all four U.S. representatives and 125 state representatives, five members of the state board of education, two Kansas Supreme Court Justices, nine Kansas Court of Appeals Judges and numerous district court judges and district magistrate judges.



Student ambassador Liz Wagoner, soph., McPherson, answers the phone last week in the admissions office. Some of the responsibilities of ambassadors include giving tours, helping with recruiting materials and various other office duties that help assist enrollment services. Student ambassadors provide insight to prospective students on what life at McPherson college is really about.

Student ambassadors needed for recruiting

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McPherson College is looking for student ambassadors to help with recruitment efforts. Ambassadors are current students who give tours of campus to prospective students and their families. They also share their personal McPherson College experience to help give an idea of what the college has to offer. Sara Brubaker, assistant director of admissions and financial aid, said, "The tours give prospective students a feel for what life is like here to see if it is a fit for the student." Having student ambassadors guide the tours provides a current perspective of campus life to help establish a better picture of the college as the prospective student may experience it. David Barrett, associate director of admissions and financial aid, said, "It's not just all about giving the facts while they are on tour, but to find out what some of their interests are." Barrett also said making connections on a personal level helps to make people comfortable so they can enjoy the tour and get the most out of it. Student ambassador is a selective, paid position that typically involves a commitment of five to ten hours per week. Ambassadors do not necessarily work the full five to ten hours, but they need to be available if tours are scheduled. Specific work times are somewhat flexible and they are determined by each ambassador's availability.

There are a few days per semester that ambassadors are expected to put in some time unless there is a specific conflict. Brubaker said enrollment services looks for a variety of qualities in an ambassador. "Someone who is energetic, positive about the college and ready to share their experiences," Brubaker said. The 45-60 minute tours are not specialized for each prospective student's area of interest, but rather a general walkthrough of the campus. There is a loose tour script to assure that specific highlights are covered. Ambassadors are also encouraged to include their own experiences to personalize the tour to help connect with prospective students. In addition to tours, ambassadors help with recruitment materials and other office duties to assist enrollment services to meet enrollment goals. "It's a great atmosphere working in the office," said third year ambassador Ryan McAleer, jr., Denver, Colo. He said the office staff and other ambassadors make it an enjoyable place to work. "The coolest thing is to see people that you gave a tour to on campus now," said former ambassador Jamie Schropp, sr., Asaria. She also enjoyed getting to meet people from other places. She said one of the most common questions she was asked by young men was "What is the guy-to-girl ratio?" If you are interested in being considered for a student ambassador position, contact Sara Brubaker or David Barrett at their offices on the first floor of Mohler Hall.

NEWS BRIEFS

- Pre-enrollment begins next week**
Next week marks the beginning of pre-enrollment for interterm and spring semester. Seniors may officially enroll on Monday, juniors on Tuesday, sophomores on Wednesday, and freshmen on Thursday. See your advisor to set up a time to enroll.
- Flu shot clinic Saturday**
A public flu shot clinic will be held at Eisenhower Elementary School in McPherson tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The cost of the shot is \$20 due at the time of service.
- Showtimes for Nov. 7**
Every Tuesday is Movie Night at Cinema 4 on Main Street for the late shows. You get in for \$2 with your Mac I.D. With every movie, you also get free popcorn. Playing this week:
The Santa Clause 3 8:55pm
Flushed Away 9:05pm
Flags of Our Fathers 9:35pm
Saw III 9:40pm
- Bye bye bears**
Polar bears could disappear from the Arctic by the end of the century. Global warming is melting the ice right beneath their paws. Driving less, taking shorter showers, cutting off lights and buying local products could help turn down the heat.

Entz, Foulke 'preserve a living memory' through Oral History Project

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History can be found all around in the memories of the people living it. Gary Entz, associate professor of history, decided to find out the history of the people living here in McPherson. Over the summer, Entz came up with the idea of interviewing various people living in McPherson, of all ages, about their history in McPherson. He wanted to "preserve a living memory" of the people of McPherson. With the help of his assistant Jessica Foulke, jr., Lawrence, Entz tries to make contact with people he thinks would have good stories to tell. Foulke has been doing most of the interviews, while Entz has been busy trying to find people willing to be interviewed. "I thought it would be a good way to get hands-on experience and I thought it was a neat idea," Foulke said. Before they can even get started interviewing anybody, the person must

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-Gary Entz

sign a release form granting permission for what they say to be made public. Entz and Foulke record their interviews and then transcribe them on paper. "It's fun to talk to people you don't normally get to talk to," Foulke said. They plan on giving the McPherson Museum the papers and recordings. There, they can be used for future researchers. The interviews will go with the various sections of the museum depending on what the person talked about. The example Entz gave was if someone was at the section of the museum talking about railroads and they had an interview with a person who worked on

the railroads, then they could have that recording being played there, along with the transcript. Entz plans on this being an ongoing thing, even after he leaves the college. "I anticipate this will be going on for years and years," Entz said. "I think this is a project that will never end." So far there hasn't been much interest, but there are people calling and suggesting names of people to talk to. They have only interviewed four of five people. To get more interest, Foulke would like to put up posters. "I think once we get some in the archives then an interest will build up," Entz said. All of their interviews so far have been people living at the Cedars, which is a retirement community in McPherson. "I would like to help expand it to older members of the community outside of Cedars," Foulke said. People that are interested should contact Foulke or Entz by phone or e-mail: entz@mcpherson.edu.