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NEWS BRIEFS

Trustees vote to terminate ag program

After the initial faculty vote supporting the termination of the agriculture program at McPherson College, the Board of Trustees passed the final resolution earlier this month. The program's official end will be at the end of the 2006-07 school year. However, current juniors in the program will be able to complete the necessary courses for a degree in agriculture.

Flu shot clinic available on campus Nov. 30

Flu shots will be available to faculty, staff and students on Nov. 30 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Kelli's office in the student union. The cost is \$20, which can be taken from student accounts.

Enron exposed

Fortune editor at large Bethany McLean was the first to raise questions about Enron's dealings

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

McPherson College held the annual Harter Lecture in business yesterday in Mingenback Theatre.

This year's speaker was Bethany McLean, editor at large of Fortune Magazine and co-author of "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron."

Steve Gustafson, professor of music, has been in charge of the committees who brainstorm lecture ideas over the past several years.

Gustafson said McLean's background in business and journalism complements the mission of McPherson College.

"She would be someone who would model the mission of the small college, where we try to help students discover the connections among disciplines," Gustafson said.

Gustafson added that

McLean was a good example for McPherson students.

"One of the goals of McPherson College is to give persons the life skills that they need to be successful and the adaptability," Gustafson said. "I think someone like Bethany McLean has modeled that."

McLean spoke with students during a business session and a journalism session followed. She then addressed students, faculty, staff and community members about the Enron scandal during a luncheon.

"I like talking to college students," McLean said. "They ask questions that make you think differently."

McLean, who has worked at Fortune for 11 1/2 years, was told by a trustworthy source to look into Enron because the "numbers did not make sense."

With her math major and the experience she gained during her three years working at Goldman Sachs, McLean said "it was clear



BETHANY McLEAN

something was wrong."

Enron's stocks were up to \$80 a share, but its cash flow was negative.

After publishing a piece for Fortune entitled "Is Enron Overpriced?" McLean raised questions that others had not yet asked.

Enron employees believed McLean had overstepped her boundaries.

"When Jeff Skilling of Enron told me I was unethical for raising the questions that I did, it was such a terrifying thing to be told because

he said, 'if you had done your homework you'd know how stupid the questions you were asking are,'" McLean said.

Because of McLean's article, publishers began contacting her, asking if she planned on writing a book about her findings.

Though McLean did not feel she had the experience to write a book, her editor insisted she do so and suggested co-author Peter Elkind, who lived in Houston, Texas.

Even with McLean's observations of Enron and its finances, McLean was amazed at what she found as she continued to investigate.

"I've been surprised about the problems there," McLean said. "(I) certainly didn't expect the magnitude of what was going on there."

Penguin published McLean and Elkind's book in 2003 after spending much time and effort on it for over two years.

In 2005, a documentary by

Alex Gibney was released. The film was based off McLean and Elkind's book.

McLean said she may write another book if the opportunity rises.

"You have to be really passionate about a topic before you commit that chunk of your life to it," McLean said.

McLean has covered other investigative stories. Recently, she completed a piece about student loan companies and how she believes the companies will have more of a challenge under a Democratic congress, than under a Republican congress.

McLean was raised in a small mining town in Hibbing, Minn. She attended Williams College in Massachusetts where she majored in math and English.

Despite her majors, McLean said journalism was "just something she latched onto" after realizing graduate school in mathematics or business was not what she wanted to do.

This isn't what I ordered!

Students get first taste of directing one act plays

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

If students in Jd. Bowman's directing class were unsure if they wanted to be directors, it's safe to say they've reached a decision by now.

"This Isn't What I Ordered: A Night of One Acts," will be presented tonight and Saturday, giving students their first shot at directing.

Bowman, associate professor of theatre, said the experience allows students to gain more of an appreciation and understanding for what directors do.

"It's fun for me to hear students come back to class and say, 'This is hard,'" Bowman said.

However, the class has risen to the challenge. Bowman has been surprised at how much natural ability some of the students have towards direction.

"A lot of people don't realize the challenge in directing," Bowman said. "They think you just stand there and tell people what to do."

Rick Tyler, professor of theatre, has heard mixed feelings among the first-time directors.

"I've heard some of the students say they're glad to be doing this because now they know they don't ever want to direct again," Rick said. "Others who thought they wouldn't like it, have had a fun experience. It re-

ally helps the theatre education majors who will eventually teach at high schools or private schools and actually put on shows."

Bowman said the fact that the one acts are part of the main stage season this year makes them more high profile.

"It's great because it gives students more exposure," Bowman said.

Rick likes the one acts because it "gives students an opportunity to direct without doing a full-length production."

One of the common problems the student directors have run into is finding a time when everyone is available to rehearse. Brandt Busse, sr., McPherson, has especially found this to be true.

Busse's cast is one of the largest, consisting of eight actors.

"It is challenging trying to

get everybody's schedules together, as well as accounting for everyone as far as what they can be doing as actors," Busse said.

Despite the challenges, Busse said directing is something he would consider again.

"I've enjoyed it so far," Busse said. "There are some things about it that are difficult, but that's the whole learning process."

Amy Hoffman, resident director of Dotzour Hall, has found her experience of acting in Busse's play enjoyable.

"Brandt does a really good job of trying to have us work out problems on our own," Hoffman said. "I know he's really working hard to not tell us what to do and let us sort things out ourselves."

Alex Tyler, jr., McPherson, has found the play he selected for the directing project difficult.

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Meet the directors

- Akeisha Kaufman, sr., Moundridge
- Brandt Busse, sr., McPherson
- Dan Hudachek, sr., Stillwater, Minn.
- Alex Tyler, jr., McPherson
- Mark Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa
- Cody Doll, soph., Healy
- Jennifer Terhune, soph., Salem, Ore.
- Jessica Arnold, soph., La Cygne



photo by Travis Walker

Brian Schippert, sr., Great Bend, and Jessica Foulke, jr., Lawrence, rehearse a scene from a one act earlier this week. Students were able to attend the one acts last night, but the official opening is tonight at 7 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. The one acts will also run tomorrow night, but both nights were sold out as of Thursday.

OPINIONSPAGE

Gossip and rumors no strangers to Mac

Once upon a time there was a girl named LaFonda.

LaFonda was good friends with a guy named Malcom.

It was a Friday night and Malcom invited LaFonda over to his dorm room to watch a movie. She went over, watched the movie and left around midnight.

On the way back to her room, one person sees her walking out of Malcom's room.

The next morning, while LaFonda is happily enjoying her frosted corn flakes, her friend Shaniqua sits next to her, stares at her and says, "So, are you and Malcom dating?"

LaFonda gives her a



MEGAN MCKNIGHT

dumbfounded look and gets ready to answer no, but then remembers that she is going to school at McPherson College.

Things like this seem to occur every day on campus around here.

All it takes is one person to hear, see or even just think something about two people and automatically there is an argument, romance or drama going on between them.

This kind of gossip is something I'm not used to. Back home, I could hang out with whoever I wanted, when I wanted and do whatever I wanted without at least five different

"This kind of gossip is not something I'm used to."

people asking me if we were dating or if something was going on.

I can't go one day without hearing new rumors about someone on this campus.

My roommate and I have seemed to be the victims of gossip many times over the past month. I recently walked into a room and was bombarded by questions about what was going on between me and a guy and also my roommate and a certain guy.

Every night before bed, my roommate and I talk about what people ask us about and it seems like the next morning even more gossip has been spread around.

I realize McPherson is small, but get a hobby or something, people!

I didn't realize that who dated who was so important to everyone.

I've even had certain individuals get mad at me for who I've been hanging out with, which I think is completely unnecessary and none of their business.

I don't understand getting angry about or prying into others' personal lives.

If you're one of my friends, you're going to know what's going on between me and him, but if I don't even know you, why should you be asking about it?

And yes, I realize once you read this article, you too, will either know who it's about or ask me who it's about.

It would be amazing if I could

go an entire day without being asked about my personal life or even about my roommate's.

I realize that gossip isn't always a negative thing and I will admit I've been known to speak a few words, but when I have people that I haven't spoken more than ten words to in my entire life ask me if I like someone, I get a little creeped out. I'm a very open person, but not that open.

McPherson College seems to have the smallest walls I've ever encountered, along with the sharpest eyes and ears. Maybe that's what makes this campus so interesting or maybe it's what makes people so frustrated at the end of the day.

All I know is, LaFonda and Malcom lived happily ever after. The End.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Alcohol awareness concerns raised

This past week was Alcohol Awareness week at McPherson College.

The B.A.R.F. and P.U.K.E. programs headed the way throughout this time period.

Casino Night trumpeted the issue, as well as the still-standing wall of alcohol stories.

As the editorial staff of your campus paper, we feel obligated to reflect upon this issue and try to discern whether or not this program was beneficial and effective.

Some of us feel more could have been done.

Did this program do enough? Posters and a general awareness were present, but did anything truly get accomplished?

Were all aspects of the program done in good taste? Was the wall going seemingly unmonitored a good idea?

Did the week promote a tolerance of illegal underage drinking in providing information about the subject matter?

Even we are undecided. Only time will tell.

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Spanish requirement unfair to some students

So if you've flipped directly to the opinions page to check out the "Shout it Outs" and have happened upon my bi-monthly rant, flip back to the news section of The Spectator. If you do, you'll see that the faculty has passed a language requirement for future catalogues.

More specifically, a Spanish requirement for future catalogues. Now, don't panic. For people who think they'll have to try and fit another class into their schedules, please note the emphasis on future catalogues.

If you didn't happen to take three years of French in high school, then just know that now I can order meals at a French cafe pretty well in French. Okay, so it's not that important really, but French is an official language in 41 countries. So basically I



JESSICA FOULKE

can visit 41 non-English speaking countries and find the bathroom.

According to current estimates, about 270 million people speak French.

Chinese, on the other hand, is a different story. Yeah, I know, Chinese, big

whoop. But one-fifth of the world speaks some form of Chinese. In case you're not up on your world population, that's roughly 1.3 billion. Not a misprint. 1.3 billion.

"Jessica," you squeal, "China is huuuuuge!" Well, you're right. China is huge. And a lot of people speak Chinese. Obviously. Maybe I should learn Chinese, after all, this language is spoken by a gargantuan amount of people on the planet.

Spanish fits in right between the two. 420 million speak Spanish. That's a lot of people. And a lot of people

in the United States speak Spanish. So should I learn Spanish? Probably. Should I be forced to learn Spanish at McPherson College? I don't think so.

Please don't get me wrong. I think that it's not only important, but absolutely necessary that we require a foreign language at McPherson College. As responsible human beings living on a planet of diversity, shouldn't we take it upon ourselves to learn about the cultures of others and learn their languages? I think that we should, even if some of us have problems with the English language.

I guess I just worry about the Spanish emphasis. What if Jessica II comes to McPherson College, bright-eyed from high school where she was told that she could have her choice of a foreign language for her high school requirement, but she didn't pick the right foreign language for McPherson College.

She chose the language that

270 million people speak instead of 420 million. Is Jessica II just out of luck?

Can Jessica II explain that she would easily test out of a French proficiency test to avoid a foreign language requirement in college, but can't possibly test out of Spanish? Probably not.

I don't think that McPherson College should impose a language requirement upon its students until it has reached the point where it can offer its students more than one foreign language.

After that point, I think that it's absolutely necessary for them to compel students to take a foreign language. After all, a student might think that Chinese is easier to learn than Spanish.

Meanwhile, I guess I'll just go to the Hearth Room and order my "cafe au lait" in French. That's coffee with milk, in case you were wondering. Who knows if they'll understand me or just stare at me like I'm crazy. I couldn't argue most days.

On the Fly

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word 'gossip?'

"Women."

-- Brady VanLoon, Jr. Rockford, Mich.



"False information."

-- Zach Dowling, Jr. Lakewood, Wash.

"Girls."

-- Scott Bradley, Jr. Chickasha, Okla.



"It's wrong."

-- Jayla Bonham, Jr. McPherson

"Definitely think girls. Girls do it more than guys do."

-- Shaun Griffin, Jr. Inman



Get involved for the right reasons, not for credit

We all know about "categories" of people. They range from workaholics to slackers, over-achievers to under-achievers. However, I feel that I have stumbled upon a new category, resume-builders.

Resume-builders are those that participate in activities for the sole intent of making themselves look better. They might have a slight interest in the activity that they are in, but they are chiefly looking to the next thing. They often ask questions such as, "How does this affect me?" or "Will this

Move equality from the back of one's mind into practice

Being that I've just watched "Mona Lisa Smile" and was reading the next assigned chapter for my Women in America class, I'm going on a rant, so to speak.

Our country prides itself on equality among all races, genders and ethnic backgrounds. All people are created equally, yet not everyone has the same opportunities as others.

An upper-class family is more likely to be able to support its children who wish to go on to college than a family of lower class.

Yeah, I know. What I'm talking about is nothing really new or even slightly radical, but as "equally-created" people, why do we feel more superior to others?

I don't just mean between the



Staff Writer

improve my image?" On the surface, they won't admit to this, but it's a driving force for resume-builders.

The main danger of resume-builders is the lack of focus on others. If a resume-builder is in a leadership position, then this can have drastic effects. If the leaders are only thinking of improving their images, then they have lost the focus of taking care of others in the group. Can you imagine the danger of this? Just think if a leader of a campus organization operated in this manner. Not



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classes within America, but also between the countries of the world. Why is it that we can merely glance at a person and think, "Oh, I am so much more important and better than they are?"

I have to admit I'm guilty of that 1,000 times over, even when I try my hardest not to judge.

Why is it that with a difference in dialect, money, race or gender, we suddenly feel more superior to others? After all, aren't we all made the same way with all of the same organs, save for reproductive organs?

Overall, we just need to think long and hard about ourselves, realizing we are no better than anyone else. Our thoughts are of equal weight and value. Don't let society fool you otherwise.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Former ag. student displeased with loss of program

Hello. This is a past graduate of McPherson College's agriculture program and I am very, very sorry to hear that the college is going to be canceling the program.

As for the quality of education that I received from a small class, I considered it to be the highest.

I think that when small colleges get away from the basics of agriculture you lose a connection that should not be lost. I think that a basic agriculture class should be part of most majors of a liberal arts degree. People still need to realize that agriculture is the backbone of our economy and produces the food we need to live on.

My opinion is that McPherson College is stepping further and further away from its background of excellence.

Additionally, how much money past agriculture students have donated to the college should be contemplated in losing this degree area.

Sincerely, BJ Jones

Thanksgiving: a holiday for celebration?

Students spar off to dispute the validity of an American tradition

Thanksgiving is a time when families get together and enjoy one another's company and one cannot forget the wonderful food that goes along with it.

But let us step out of this Hallmark picture for a minute.

For those with no families at all, Thanksgiving is a reminder that they are alone.

For those that have no money, they are reminded by the lack of food.

For those that cannot cook, it is a time to order out yet again.

More movies portray the holidays than any other time of year.

You know why? Because no one honestly likes to spend time with their family. Heaven forbid you carry on a conversation with the people in your gene pool.

As excited as everyone is to go home, once they have been there for a few hours, they remember why they were happy to leave their house and the watchful eye of their parents. Most do not go home to see their parents or siblings. They go home to see significant others and friends.

I know for some of my friends that live too far away to go home, Thanksgiving is just a reminder of how far away they really are. It is the overwhelming feeling of loneliness and the hope someone will pity them and take them home to taste real food again.

I am betting that 95 percent of people that actually like Thanksgiving are ones that have a lot of food and a nice functioning family or they are greedy and love the fact that they get more than one Thanksgiving dinner.

As a wiseman named Carlos Mencia said, the real name of Thanksgiving is "Don't Trust Whitey Day." We are celebrating the death and conquering of nations under the disguise of being thankful.

You know what the Pilgrims



ALICIA FOX

"For those with no families at all, Thanksgiving is just a reminder that they are alone."

"I find it amusing that people like to pretend to be thankful for things just because it is Thanksgiving."

were really thankful for?

The American Indians helped them and put their guards down long enough for diseases and guns to kill them off so Pilgrims could steal their land.

As you sit eating your big fat turkey thinking about how happy the Pilgrims and American Indians were and enjoying each other's company, remember that only a short time later, thousands would be kicked off their land, starved and given tons of diseases, not to

mention how disrespectful we are to the names of the heroes that fought bravely to save their country from invaders.

Here is something to be thankful for; you were not one of the poor American Indians to be ripped apart in more than one way.

But it is time for me to get off that boat and hop on a new one. I find it amusing that people like to pretend to be thankful for things just because it is Thanksgiving.

The only reason this holiday has lasted this long is because of the food.

It is an opportunity for us to indulge in one of the seven deadly sins, gluttony. Most wake up, eat, sit in front of the TV watching football and then eat some more.

We are allowed to eat like fat pigs and overstuff ourselves over and over again on Thanksgiving and the following day.

If your pants get too tight, do not fret. Just unbutton your pants and eat some more. Are they still too tight? Try unzipping them. Is that not helping? Heck let's just take them off! That way you have more room and can just keep on eating.

Don't get me wrong, I think we should be thankful. It's crucial, but let us be thankful for more than just once a year instead of fooling and constricting ourselves into a one-time emotion.



THE BULL YARD

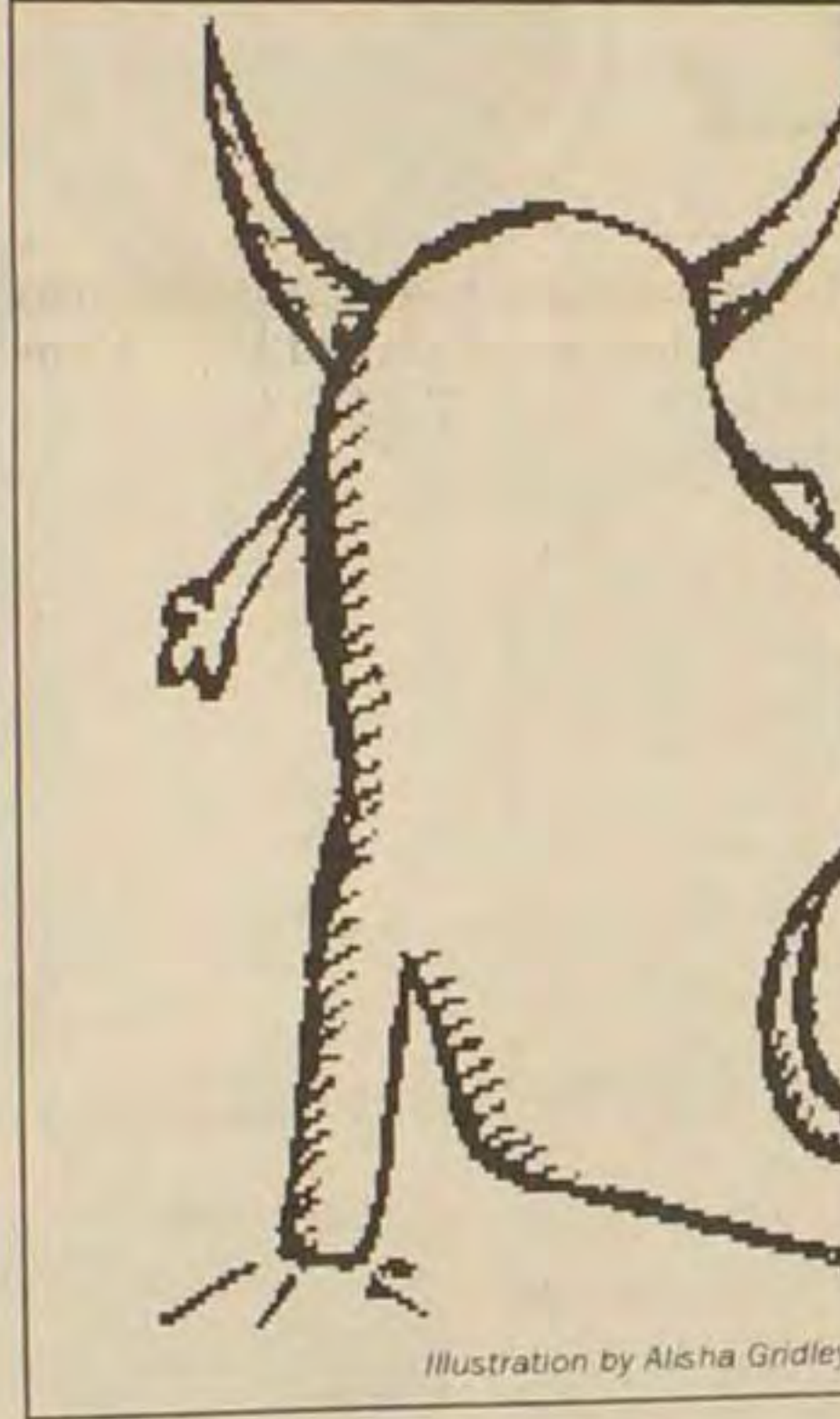


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Thanksgiving is usually a holiday that many people overlook. People are in such a rush to either get to or through Christmas.

The biggest shopping day of the entire year is right after Thanksgiving Day. There is also the Thanksgiving Day Parade and at the end of the parade is none other than Santa Claus.

Don't get me wrong. I love Christmas, but it seems like there is no time to give Thanksgiving its due respect.

Why exactly do people celebrate the holiday, you ask?

People started Thanksgiving because of the tradition that the Pilgrims started after their first harvest. Their harvest was due to Squanto, an Indian who helped them plant and grow their food.

The Pilgrims were thankful for this help and invited the Indians to sit and share their bountiful harvest with them.

This account has been passed down through the generations to us and teaches us the lesson of giving thanks where it is due.

I know that there are some groups and families that do not celebrate Thanksgiving.

I, however, enjoy the time off during the holiday to be with family, eat good food and just to be away from school for a while. As we have all heard, Thanksgiving is the time to give thanks for what we have been blessed with having.

Family is a very important component of Thanksgiving. It seems to be the one holiday when the majority of your family gets together. The more family you have, the more food there usually is to go around and there is nothing wrong with that.

There are also family traditions to be upheld during this holiday.

Some traditions are with the food or even who cooks the food. A tradition could be a certain activity you do together as a family.



KELSEY LEIKER

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

Whatever it may be, these events are often passed down through generations.

For myself, Thanksgiving has and always will be about the time spent with family and friends.

Every Thanksgiving my family and I get together with aunts, uncles and cousins and we enjoy each other's company. We do this twice, once with my mother's family and then with my father's.

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the things you have, not a time to be selfish and think about what

you don't have. It is very easy to be selfish in our society.

Popularity rides on the fact that you have more material things than anyone else, so it is sometimes hard to understand when a person does not have access to the things we have - a warm room and bed to sleep in, food to eat and loving friends and family that support them through rough spots. There are so many people out there that do not have these kinds of luxuries.

Many organizations are now helping out during the holidays by providing services free of charge for people who are in need of the luxuries we take advantage of. People do this by serving a warm meal and also by collecting money, clothing or everyday necessities for people who are without them.

Everything leads back to that same question of why we celebrate Thanksgiving. We celebrate this holiday because it is part of our history as a country.

Thanksgiving is a time to be with your family and to develop traditions that can be passed down from one generation to the next generation.

It is also a holiday where we can be less selfish and be thankful for what we do have.

Being less selfish, we think of others who are in need of the everyday things we take for granted.

Enjoy your holiday break and be thankful of the so many things that Thanksgiving stands for.

Contributed by staff

Good Dog

Basketball season has started. The Lady Bulldogs have even begun with an amazing 3-0 record!

Break is almost here as Thanksgiving is upon us! Interterm is also within reach, sort of.

There was a good time to be had at casino night Wednesday.



Bad Dog

The cafeteria, although seemingly trying, still has many strides to go before student satisfaction can be achieved.

Finals are getting closer.

If it's going to be cold, it better start snowing. Sleds and more are calling.

A McPherson College moment ...

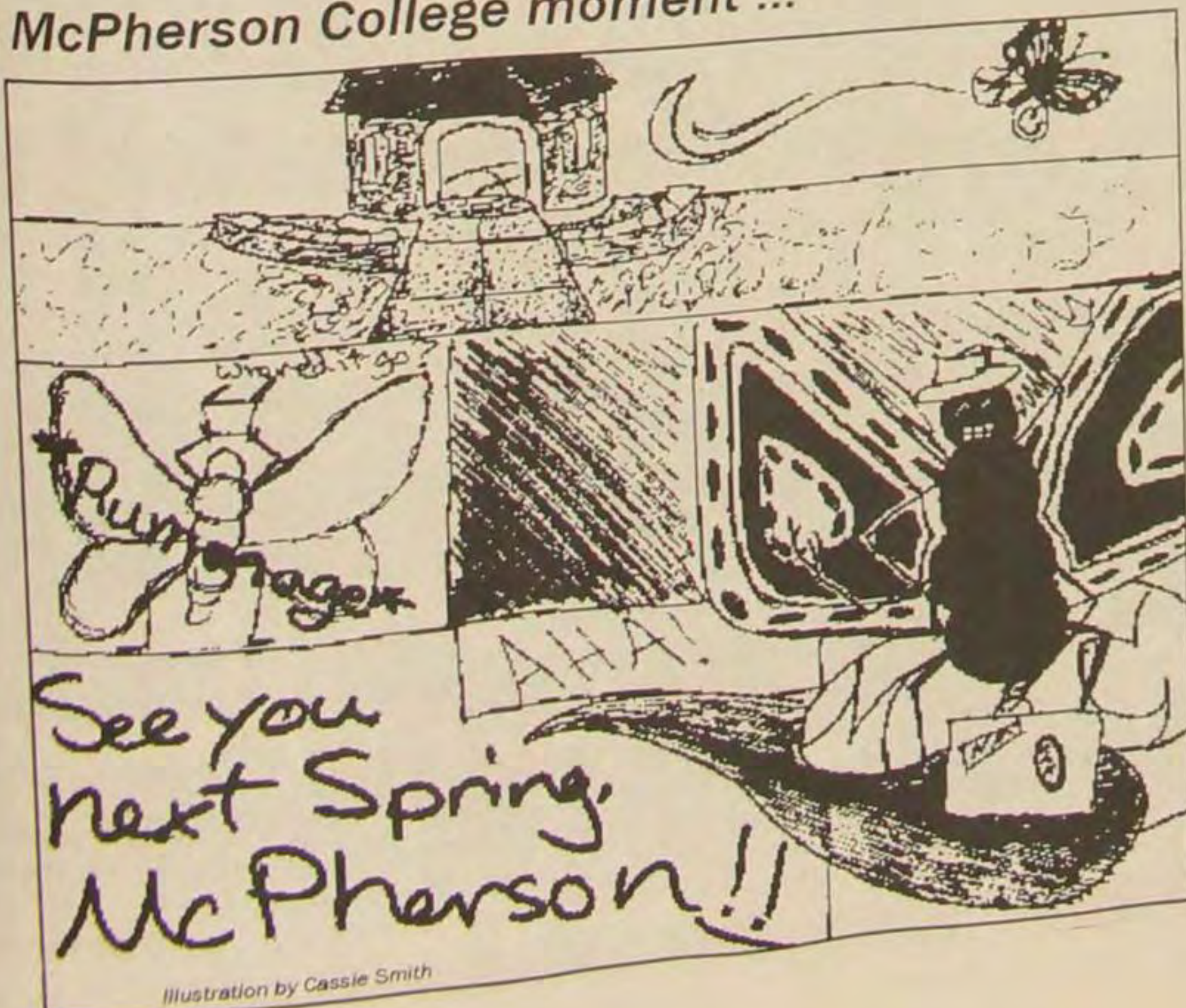


Illustration by Cassie Smith

Got something to say? Shout it out!

- FACULTY, SCHOLARSHIP IS ONLY A THIRD OF THE SCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT. WE NEED TO DO OTHER THINGS. YOUR CLASSES ARE NOT OUR LIVES. PLEASE, REALIZE THIS.
- BRING BACK THE DRIED CRANBERRIES THAT WERE IN THE SALAD BAR. I ENJOYED THEM. P.S. SUNFLOWER SEEDS, TOO.
- NAME TAGS SO WE KNOW WHO IS SERVING US! (x2)
- DEUTSCH KLASSE IST BESSER! (IN REGARDS TO THE SPANISH REQUIREMENT)
- ADMINISTRATION, SPORTS ARE NOT THE ONLY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS. THERE ARE NON-SPORTS WORTHY OF MERIT AND MORE THAT SHOULD BE CREATED.
- SENIORS SHOULD GET TO LIVE OFF CAMPUS NEXT YEAR BECAUSE OF ENROLLMENT INCREASING, ETC. (x4)
- DID ANY OF THE CAFETERIA WORKERS REALIZE THEY PUT PEACHES IN THE MEAT? I DIDN'T THINK SO.
- WHY SO MUCH WORK FOR A ONE CREDIT CLASS? SEMINAR FREAKIN' SUCKS!
- WHERE IS THE LIGHT SWITCH IN THE LIBRARY BASEMENT BATHROOM!
- WHOEVER OWNS THE BURNT TRUCK OUTSIDE OF BITT., MOVE IT.
- AN ANCIENT LUNATIC REIGNS IN THE TREES OF THE NIGHT.
- MOMMA GONNA' KNOCK YOU OUT!
- I'M GOING TO GO DO HOMEWORK UNTIL I DIE, PASS OUT OR SOMETHING.
- I GOTTA GO DO THAT THING I DO.
- KEEP UP THE COUNTRY COOKIN'!
- THE VOLLEYBALL GIRLS THANK THE SOFTBALL GIRLS FOR BEING GREAT ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS!
- THERE IS SUCH A THING AS ORDERED CHAOS!

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.

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John White, sr, Wichita, proposes to Victoria Salas, jr., Wichita, after Salas' soccer game. White and Salas plan to marry in May of 2008.

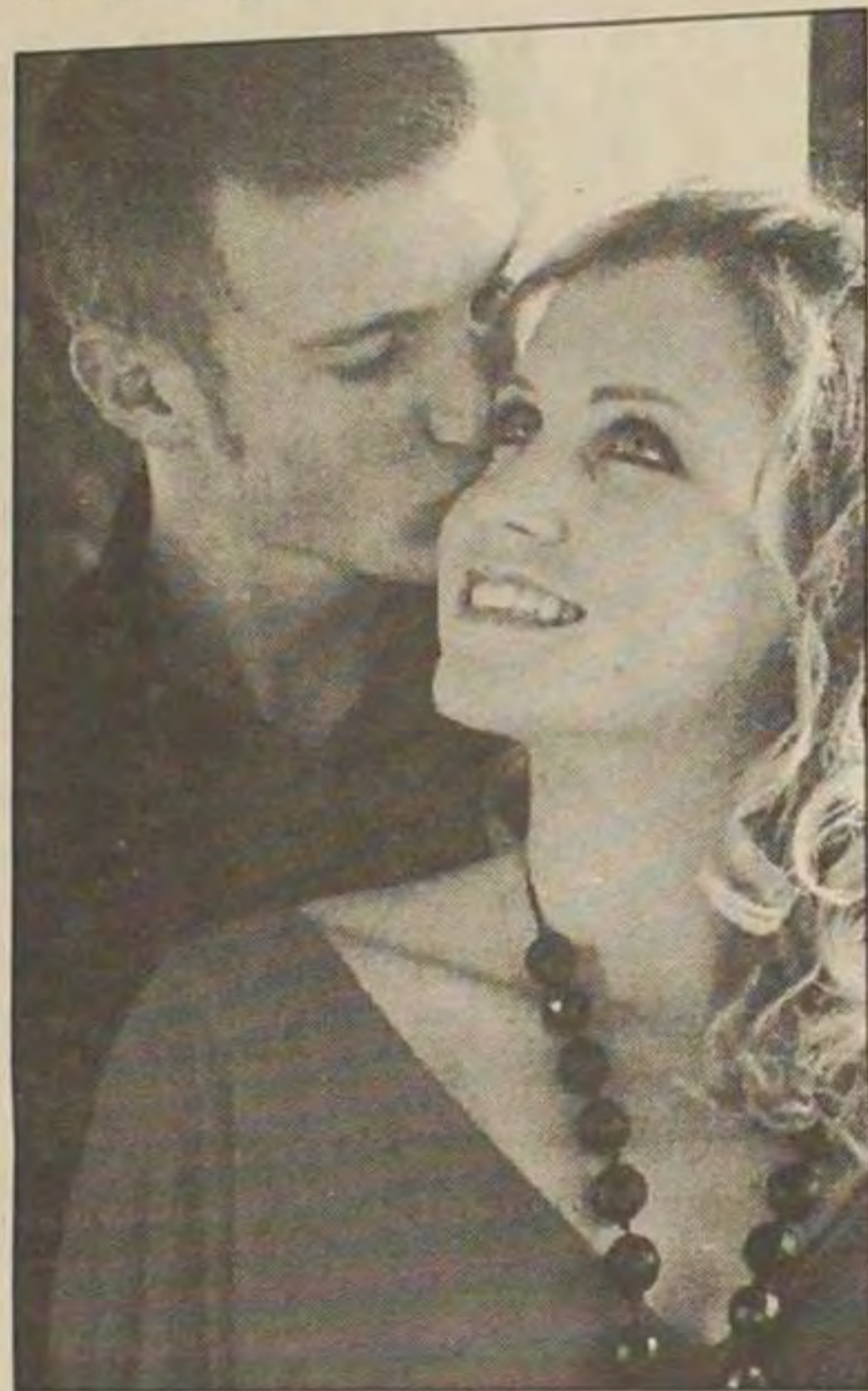


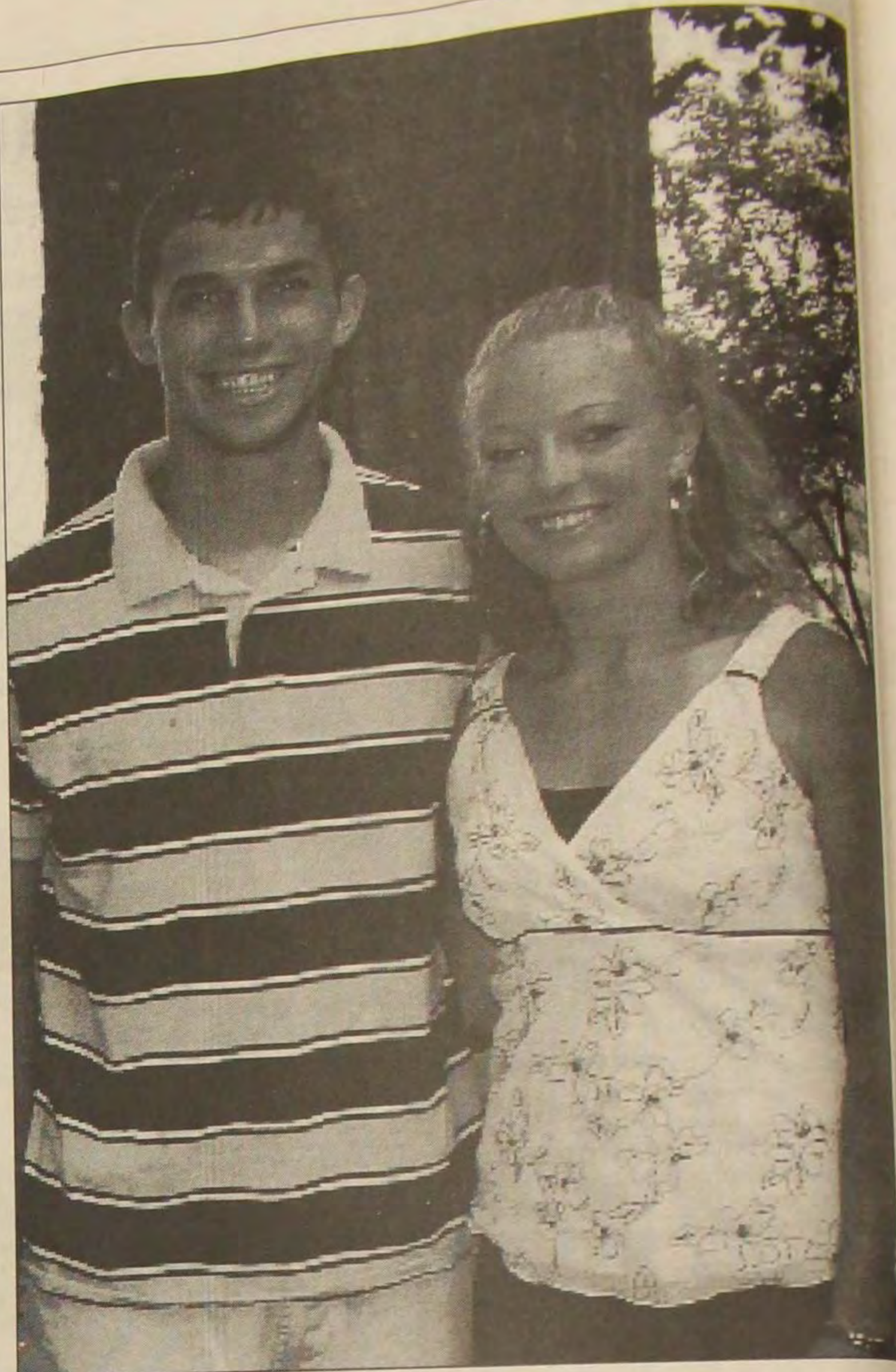
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McPherson student Jamie Sims and her fiancée Josh Brewer are planning a June 2007 wedding. Brewer proposed to Sims on her 19th birthday.

"Will you marry me?"

Matt Hoffman, jr., McPherson, and Abby Suiter, sr., St. John, are busy finalizing their plans to get married next summer. Hoffman proposed to Suiter last December.

photo contributed



Love is in the air

Students plan for spring and summer weddings in the upcoming years

MANDY MORGAN
Spectator staff

Love is in the air and spring isn't even around the corner. Yes, we're talking about the campus "tabloid" couples—the ones everyone is talking about because they're on the verge of making things official.

Take October 14, for example. Everyone attending the men's and women's soccer games that night remembers what happened.

In fact, the people sitting in the stands had a good chance of hearing about the plan before it actually happened—that is, the engagement of Victoria Salas, jr., Wichita, and John White, sr., Wichita.

After the women's soccer game, LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students and athletic director, announced that Salas was receiving an award and asked her to come forward, but it wasn't just any award.

"I go over there and my coach hands me a plaque that says 'Victoria Salas, will you marry me?'" Salas said.

"I turned around to where the boys were warming up and saw John running over to me with flowers and a ring. I cried because I was so surprised. It was really creative and the ring was beautiful."

The couple plans to wed in May of 2008.

Salas and White, however, are not the only ones plan-

ning to tie the knot.

Lara Lichty, sr., McPherson, and Seth Schoming, sr., Davenport, Neb., are also getting married, as well as Abby Suiter, sr., St. John, and Matt Hoffman, jr., McPherson. Other couples include Christina McPherson, sr., Nampa, Idaho, to Jesse Beard, sr., Olathe; Nick Grumert, sr.,



Christina McPherson and Jesse Beard

McPherson, to McPherson College alumnus Lois Davidson; Jamie Sims, soph., McPherson, to Josh Brewer, Hutchinson Community College; and Amanda Thompson, sr., Manposa, Calif., to Patrick Luz, sr., Mariposa, Calif.

In many cases, the planning of weddings can be quite an ordeal. After a birthday pro-

posal, at which all of Sims' family was present, she was busy with planning.

"My mom has been helping with the planning," Sims said. "I spread it out so I don't get stressed. I have my bridesmaid dresses and my wedding dresses picked out and that was the hardest part. Josh and I are very excited for the big day."

Sims chose June 9, 2007 for her wedding and is planning to get married at the First United Methodist Church in McPherson.

Thompson and Luz plan to wait until after graduation to tie the knot so they can have their wedding in Mariposa, Calif., where the two grew up.

The proposal was exciting for the pair.

"Patrick proposed on the lake shore in Lake Tahoe near sunset," Thompson said. "I was very surprised and excited. I think I cried for fifteen minutes."

They are currently planning their wedding for June 2008.

McPherson has much of her planning done, but she said she has more to do.

"We have our date, July 28th, our church, wedding party, rooms booked in a hotel and minister taken care of (but) there are lots of little details to set up," McPherson said.

McPherson also said that Beard proposed after a nice dinner and a trip through the corn maze.

Tying The Knot

<p>6 Months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register for Gifts Research Photo Services Finalize on Bride/Best Man's Messages/Order Decide on Hair/Wedding Cake Design Order Wedding Gown Finalize Rehearsal Dinner Finalize Wedding Location 	<p>2-3 Weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize Hair/Rehearsal Dinner Finalize Wedding Rings Do Rehearsal for Officiant/Best Man Get Wedding License Finalize Details for Ceremony/Rehearsal Dinner Get a Maid of Honor Get a Best Man Get a Wedding Party
<p>3-4 Months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buy Groomsmen/Bridesmaid's Orders Finalize Local Vendors Make Hotel Reservations for Guests Book Transportation for Guests Finalize Wedding Party Finalize Rehearsal Dinner Finalize Rehearsal Dinner 	<p>Day Before</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehearsal and Dinner Officiant/Best Man/Best Man Get a Good Night's Sleep
<p>1-2 Months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send Invitations Buy Gifts for Attendants Attend Local Dress Fittings Submit Wedding Announcement to Newspaper Write Final vows or receive gifts Make final arrangements with vendors Finalize Wedding Location Reservations 	

"We were on our way home and stopped in the middle of nowhere to look at the stars," McPherson said. "(The) next thing I knew, he was down on one knee proposing. I was so excited that I forgot to give him an answer. Instead, I was having so much fun admiring the ring, he had to ask me, 'So was that a yes?'" It was perfect. He did great!"

The next two summers will be busy for McPherson couples as each take new steps in their lives together as husband and wife.

Hello from England!

Student sends letter about his studying abroad experience

Hi,

I'm having a blast up here. Last weekend, my friends and I went to Edinburgh, Scotland, for a weekend trip. It was a lot of fun. I got to ride my first train. That was a really neat experience. On the way up, there was hardly anyone on the train for the six-hour trip, but on the way home, we had to sit on the floor for two or three hours. It was very tight. We went all over Edinburgh and took a tour of the castle. That was amazing - the amount of history there. After all this time, the Edinburgh castle still serves as a military base for Scotland. We also took the two-hour hike up Arthur's Seat to get the grand view of the whole town. It was beautiful. After that, we walked all over the city and around the Royal Mile. It was a fun trip. I'll have to go back; too much stuff to see in one day.

School is going really well. All my classes are very interesting. I really enjoy all my professors. They do a great job of covering the material. The big class sizes are not that bad. Usually when classes are smaller, the teachers tend to load down the students more. My smallest



Burk Nordling, soph., Hugoton, stands overlooking Scotland. Nordling is studying overseas through Brethren Colleges Abroad-England.

class has about 30-40 people in it. I'm sure learning a lot here and I'm finally starting to fit in a little so I don't look like a tourist. People tend to be a little nicer that way.

Burk Nordling



Amy Halowell, jr., Pratt, and Jennifer Marquette, sr., Waterville, sit and watch bands perform at at Macapalooza on Tuesday night. Creative Arts Society hosted ten bands for the event.

Macapalooza

En otras palabras...

In other words

Porque éste es el primer semestre en McPherson College para Israel Ortiz, la clase de Español III decidió entrevistarle para saber cómo le va su experiencia aquí.

Because this is the first semester at McPherson College for Israel Ortiz, the Spanish III class decided to interview him to find out how his experience is going here.

Pregunta: ¿Por qué decidiste asistir a McPherson College?

Respuesta: Porque me gusta como toda la gente de la universidad se preocupa por el bienestar de los estudiantes.

Pregunta: ¿Dónde son las nacionales?

Respuesta: Las nacionales tienen lugar en Louisville, Kentucky, el sábado, 18 de noviembre.

Pregunta: ¿Cuáles son tus pasatiempos favoritos?

Respuesta: Mis pasatiempos favoritos son caminar y ver películas.

Pregunta: ¿Cuál es tu libro favorito?

Respuesta: Mi libro favorito es *Donde crece el helecho rojo*.

Pregunta: ¿Lees los libros en español o solamente en inglés?

Respuesta: Me gusta leer en los dos idiomas.

Pregunta: ¿Cómo te preparas para una carrera?

Respuesta: Me preparo poniéndome una meta en la mente.

Pregunta: ¿Quieres hacer después de graduarte de McPherson College?

Respuesta: Quiero

volver a Colorado y terminar mis estudios allá.

Pregunta: ¿Has hecho otro deporte aparte de atletismo?

Respuesta: Solamente por diversión, nunca por competencia.

Pregunta: ¿Qué tipo de música te gusta?

Respuesta: Me gusta todo tipo de música: hip-hop, rap, latina, ópera, etc.

Pregunta: ¿Cuántos años tenías cuando empezaste el atletismo?

Respuesta: Tenía 16 años cuando empecé.

Pregunta: ¿En qué piensas cuando empieza la carrera?

Respuesta: En nada. No tengo tiempo para pensar.

Pregunta: ¿Por qué decidiste asistir a McPherson College?

Answer: Because I like how everyone from the college is concerned about the well-being of the students.

Question: Where are the nationals?

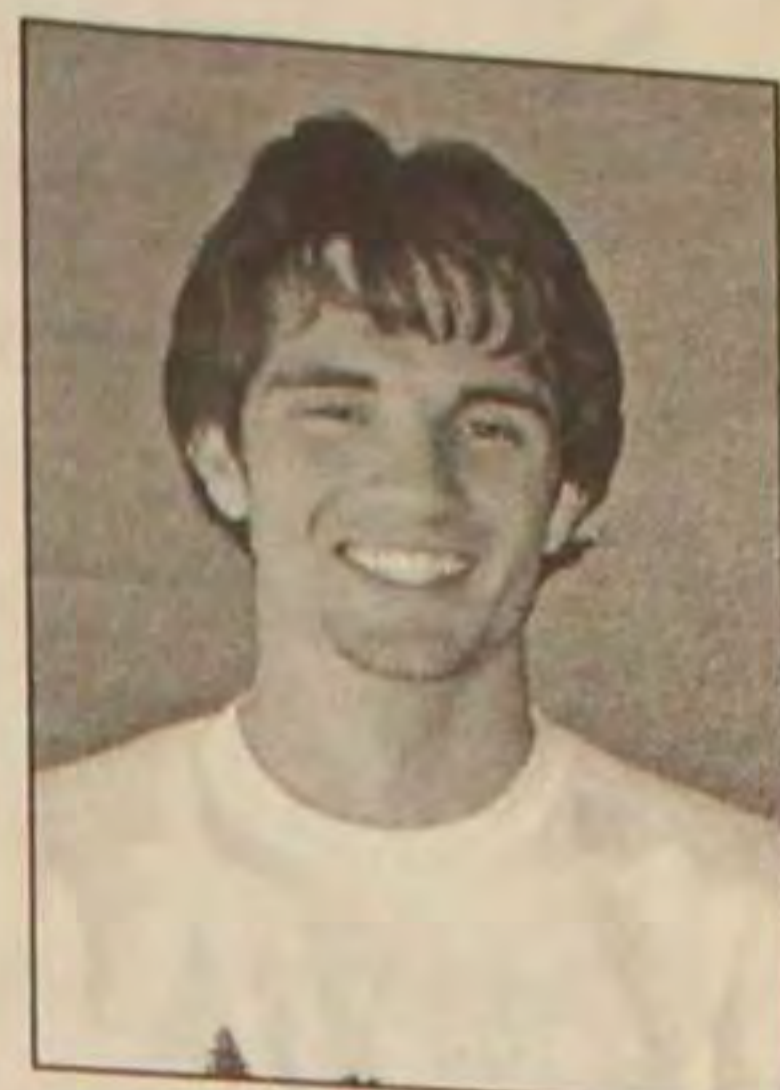
Answer: The nationals are in Louisville, Kentucky, Saturday, November 18.

Question: What are your favorite pastimes?

Answer: My favorite pastimes are walking and watching movies.

Question: What is your favorite book?

Answer: My favorite book is *Where the Red Fern Grows*.



Question: Do you read in Spanish or only in English?

Answer: I like to read in both languages.

Question: How do you prepare yourself for a race?

Answer: I prepare myself by putting a goal in my mind.

Question: What do you want to do after graduating from McPherson College?

Answer: I want to return to Colorado and finish my studies there.

Question: Have you done any other sports besides track?

Answer: Only for fun, never for competition.

Question: What type of music do you like?

Answer: I like all types of music: hip-hop, rap, Latin, opera, etc.

Question: How old were you when you began track?

Answer: I was 16 years old when I began.

Question: What do you think about when the race begins?

Answer: Nothing. I don't have time to think.

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS ALICE MOUNTS.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

Where did you attend college?

"I went to Marymount College in Salina, and that college is no longer in existence. That's where I got my bachelor's degree. Then I got my master's at Pittsburg State."

If you could be a shape, what shape would you be? Why?

"An hourglass. I would be the same whether I was upside down or not."

Where are you from?

Andale, KS

What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

"Having a professor tell me to wake up in class once."

What is one of your greatest accomplishments?

"I was named the Master Teacher of my district one year."

What do you like to do in your free time?

"I like to knit."

If you were stranded on a deserted island (with food and water), what three things would you have to have?

"I'd need a paper and pencil so I could write my thoughts down and to contact the people I love or a phone to contact the people I love and probably a blanket."

What is your favorite holiday? Why?

"Christmas. I love the happy times and the family gatherings."

What's your favorite fast food restaurant?

Arby's

Richard Gere or George Clooney?

Richard Gere

Reese's Peanut Butter Cups or gummy bears?

"Reese's Peanut Butter Cups definitely."

What is your marital status?

Married. "I have three sons and three grandchildren."



Alice Mounts came to McPherson college from Andale. Mounts is the new assistant professor of mathematics for the 2006-2007 school year.

Why did you choose McPherson College?

"My husband has been up here for about 10 years and I was living in Andale and we'd been commuting back and forth. We decided maybe it was time for us to be together all the time."

Bulldog basketball team defeats Haskell twice

Bulldog men travel to Nebraska to battle York College today

SPORTSPAGE



Junior forward Mitch Arnett goes in for a lay-up during McPherson's 82-71 home win against Haskell.

ANGELINA FIORENZI
Campus Life Editor

McPherson's men's basketball team started off the season with a 2-0 run, but after a win and two losses, its overall record is 3-2.

The men hosted the McPherson Classic on November 10 and 11 and played against Haskell Indian Nations University and Baker University.

The men defeated Haskell 76-59.

Junior guard Cody Dickerson and junior forward Mitch Arnett were the leading scorers against Haskell, scoring 13 points each.

"I just kept telling myself shoot, shoot, shoot, no matter if I make them or not," Dickerson said.

However, the feeling of the Haskell win would not last.

The next day, the Bulldogs were on the losing end.

The Bulldogs lost 41-84 to Baker University.

Junior forward Scott Bradley said the men had a rough game.

"We couldn't buy a shot, nothing was going in," Bradley said.

"We couldn't buy a shot, nothing was going in. They couldn't miss."

- Scott Bradley

ley said. "They couldn't miss."

On Wednesday night, McPherson traveled to Lawrence to face Haskell once again.

The men were again victorious winning 82-71, with a last second half court shot from Dickerson.

Leading in scoring for the bulldogs was Bradley with 27 points and Dickerson followed with 15 points.

For the season, Dickerson is second in scoring, trailing only Bradley. Bradley is averaging 15.8 points and Dickerson is not too far behind with 12.6 points per game.

McPherson will be back in action tonight in York, Neb., taking on York College at 7:30 p.m.. York College is currently 1-6.



photo by Jessica Monaghan

Junior guard Shawn Young takes flight as he extends to the basket, while junior forward Scott Bradley watches his fellow anxiously.

Head football coach resigns after 5 years

Recruiting for new coaching staff in progress

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor

After the 27-0 loss to Southwestern, head coach Dave Cunningham, announced to the team that he had resigned his position as head football coach the night prior to the game.

President Ron Hovis contributed some further information regarding Cunningham's decision.

"Coach Cunningham went to the athletic director about ten days before he announced his decision to the team," Hovis said.

Cunningham ended his McPherson career second on the all-time wins list with 24 career-coaching victories. Cunningham concluded his coaching career with an overall record of 24-26 throughout his five-year campaign.

For the time being, defensive coach O.C. Williams

will be assigned as the interim coach, in order of retaining team chemistry and providing discipline as the team enters the off-season. The college will now begin the task of "recruiting" and rebuilding its coaching staff.

"Even as early as the last week of November we could have somebody here on campus interviewing," said LaMonte Rothrock, athletic director. "As I told the players, I really hope we have somebody signed before Christmas break so that they can meet the person and know what's going on with the program. And I also told them that I would not rush this hire, because if I can't find the right person before Christmas and we need to go into January, then it will go into January."

McPherson has some fairly high standards when it comes to athletic program

expectations. Winning and success on the field is important, but there are far more variables that go into a successful program.

Hovis elaborated on five critical areas in which a program will be critiqued.

"Across the board in the athletic department, we have what I call, overarching goals," Hovis said. "The first one is about recruiting, retention and graduation. Each squad has a set goal for the squad size and we expect student athletes to be retained just like other students and we expect them to graduate. So when we start visiting coaches, the first thing we will talk to coaches about is squad size, recruiting to that, retention and graduation. That is our first set of goals."

Hovis said the second goal is for students to be good citizens so that the college is represented well, while

the third is "competitive results on the field."

"It is a successful season if we finish no lower than fifth and at least 500 or better," Hovis said.

"Another segment is operating the team consistent with the plan for the program and for the budget and depth of the program. And then the last part is to be a positive part of the athletic program overall."

In an echo of some of Hovis' comments, Rothrock reiterated some of the key elements of being hired as a head coach at McPherson College.

"We are also looking for someone who gets the big picture, that this is about graduation," Hovis said. "It all comes down to retention and graduation. If we have all juniors and seniors playing on the football or any sports program, it is likely that the program is going to win half of their games."

Volleyball season ends

Team finishes fourth at 18-13

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor

The volleyball season came to a close yesterday after a 3-0 loss to Bellevue at the Regional tournament in Nebraska.

"We put up a good fight," said senior outside hitter Mandy Morgan. "We were even up 10-0, but in the end we didn't play up to our ability."

The team finished its season 18-13 overall and finished with a 13-5 conference record tying that of last season's and resulting in the team's fourth place finish.

The team finished the year healthy and sound physically.

Senior setter Kendra Stephenson and junior outside hitter Jessica Miller were named All-Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference First Team. Senior middle hitter Jennifer Marquette and junior libero Nikki

MacKay were both named to the All-KCAC Second Team.

"I really enjoyed playing with these girls for the past three years," Morgan said. "We had a few bumps along the road, but overall it was a great season."

McPherson individual stats vs Tabor 11-09-2006:

- Kiley Loesch 6 kills, 2 digs
- Chelsie Kramer 3 kills, 1 solo and 1 assisted block
- Jenny Marquette 5 kills, 2 solo and 2 assisted blocks
- Chandra Mayhan 4 kills, 5 digs, 2 assisted blocks
- Renee Hall 7 digs
- Nikki MacKay 18 digs
- Jessica Miller 7 kills, 11 digs, 2 solo blocks
- Kendra Stephenson 4 kills, 26 assists, 2 digs, 1 assisted block

Bulldog football team wraps up 2006 season with 27-0 loss

McPherson finishes 3-7 overall and 3-6 in KCAC

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College football team suffered another loss 27-0 against Southwestern at Winfield, to finish its season and its two-game winning streak.

The Bulldogs ended their season with a record of 3-7 overall and 3-6 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference for a sixth place conference finish.

"We now know where we are at and we know where to put ourselves for a winning state next year," said junior offensive lineman Jeremiah Fiscus. "We also need to be more responsible and accountable."

The team is already preparing for next season. The team is planning for new recruits and new coaches.

"The team hopes for a new head coach that is experienced, who brings in good recruits and a quality staff," Fiscus said.

"I think that there will be a lot of juniors stepping up to help the team for next fall"

- Jeremiah Fiscus

"We would also like offensive and defensive coordinators that will bring a system that will be compatible to our talents."

With a lot of seniors leaving this year, next year will provide an opportunity for others to step up and help lead the Bulldogs to a winning season.

"I think that there will be a lot of juniors stepping up to help the team for next fall," Fiscus said.

Before the Bulldogs traveled to Southwestern for the final game, head coach David Cunningham announced his resignation as head coach to his team.

Cunningham coached for five years and ended with an



photo by Jessica Monaghan

So, quarterback Jacob Simon scrambles and jukes as he attempts to avoid an oncoming Southwestern mound builder.

overall record of 24-26, the second best win total ever by a Bulldog head football coach.

Senior runningback Jeff Balman, jr. wide receiver Dwight Hale, sr. guard Ryan

Flores, sr. defensive back Ene Apkan, sr. defensive back Josh Wentling, jr. linebacker Zach Hicks, sr. linebacker Alex Holtry, sr. linebacker Brandon Babcock, and sr. runningback Kris

Smiley were all named as All-KCAC Honorable Mention players. Freshman runningback Jeff Paulson was the only player who received All-KCAC Second Team honors.

TEAM STATISTICS	McP	Opp
Total Off.	2227	3453
Total Plays	579	664
Avg. Per Play	3.8	5.2
Avg. Per Gm.	222.7	345.3
Kick Rtn: Num./Yd.	40/650	19/399
Punt Rtn: Num./Yd.	6/39	27/230
Ints Rtn: Num./Yd.	8/89	13/182
Kick Rtn Avg.	16.3	21
Punt Rtn Avg.	6.5	8.5
Int. Rtn Avg.	11.1	14
Fumbles/Lost	24/15	23/17
Punts/Yd.	59/2017	36/1225
Avg. Per Punt	34.2	34
Net Punt Avg.	30.3	32.9
Penalties/Yd.	54/461	62/579
Avg. Per Gm.	46.1	57.6
Time of Poss., Gm.	30:30:00	32:43:00
3rd. Down Conv.	34/131	42/121
3rd. Down Pct.	26.00%	34.70%
4th. Down Conv.	9/20	12/24
4th. Down Pct.	45.00%	50.00%
Sacks By/Yd.	16/100	14/109
TD's Scored	10	34
FG/Air.	2/7	5/15
FAT/Air.	5/7	28/33
SCORING	79	287
Points Per gm.	7.5	28.7

Stat report by Benjamin Denton



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Scott Bradley prepares to pass the ball during intramural flag football.



photo by Benjamin Denton
Members of the dance team practice earlier this week. The team will be performing at a number of half-time shows and other various events.



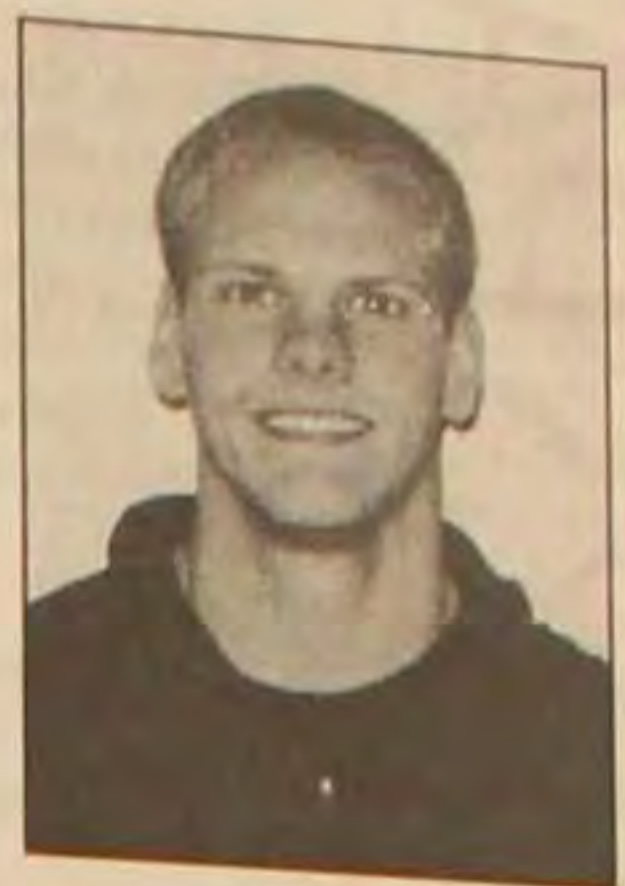
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The cheerleaders practice for the basketball season.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Woody and Klumpe leaders of Dogball



April Woody



Austin Klumpe

This week junior shooting guard April Woody has been selected as a player spotlight.

Woody is a biology major.

In 2005, Woody led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring with an average of 12.9 points and 29.8 minutes per game.

Woody is from Tescott, a small town in north central Kansas. During her time at Tescott High School, Woody accomplished many feats including All-State Honorable Mention her senior year and All-League for all four years of her high school career.

Woody believes this team is much improved from last season.

"Our team goal is to finish sixth or seventh in the conference," Woody said. "That would be really good for us. We would like to be 500 percent, too. That would be nice."

Woody's advice for future Bulldog basketball players is to work to maximum potential.

"Put in the time and always work your best," Woody said. Woody said the best advice she has ever received was to shoot the ball more.

Woody said growing up, her role model was her father.

"My dad, because he was small, but still had a lot of heart," Woody said.

In her free time, Woody enjoys playing Super Mario Brothers 3.

"I like to play video games," Woody said. "I roll old school with Nintendo."

Austin Klumpe, Madison, is a senior point guard for the Bulldogs.

As a senior at Madison High School, Klumpe was named to the Kansas All-State Team in basketball, football and track.

Klumpe is a business finance and management major and plans on attending graduate school after graduation.

Klumpe said Tabor presents a hurdle, but the Bulldogs were triumphant 68-57 at home last year.

"We haven't won at Tabor since I've been here, but we did beat them last year at home," Klumpe said. "Beating Tabor was really big, but we have never really went far in the tournament, so placing in top two in conference would be great and we have a shot."

Klumpe's advice for future Bulldogs is similar to the advice he received throughout life.

"Follow the people that are ahead of you and work as hard as you can," Klumpe said.

Klumpe said he will miss playing college sports.

"It is really going to stink not being able to play competitive collegiate sports ever again," Klumpe said. "I will have to join 'old man's' leagues."

Family plays a critical role in Klumpe's life.

"My mother tries to make it to every game and that really means a lot to me," Klumpe said. "She travels down here from Minnesota. My grandparents also come to most of my games, so it is really special to know that my

Women basketball begins season with 3-0 record
Women beat Haskell on the road 55-46

ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College women's basketball team will travel to Newton to play in the Bethel Classic Tournament tonight.

In the first match of the Bethel Classic, the Lady Bulldogs face off against Newman University at 2 p.m. McPherson will then go head-to-head against Southwestern Christian tomorrow for the second game of the weekend.

"I'll just have to keep knocking on wood every time I get asked that."

- Coach Gravina

Freshman guard Taylor Plowman believes the bulldogs will be competitive in the upcoming tournament.

"We are going to go in there and play really hard and go out and try to play as strong of basketball as possible," Plowman said.

Individually, Plowman hopes to make the most of her first season as a Bulldog.

"I want to work hard and show what I can do, and try to get into some varsity games," Plowman said. "For now, I want to just display myself in the J.V. games."

The women have started their season 3-0 with wins over Johnson and Wales University, Southwestern Christian University and Haskell Indian Nations University.

Sophomore guard Ja-

mie Sims led the Bulldogs in scoring with 14 points against Haskell.

The team is still very healthy so far in this young season.

"No injuries so far," said head coach J.D. Gravina. "I'll just have to keep knocking on wood every time I get asked that."

The ladies hope to come out of the tournament with a feeling of accomplishment. They want to go in the tournament and play to the best of their ability.

Harriers finish 3rd in conference championship

Ortiz to compete at nationals this weekend

NATHAN CLARY
Spectator Staff

This year's cross country season has come to an end for the team, except for one member.

Junior runner Israel Ortiz will compete at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Nationals meet at Tom Sawyer Park in Louisville, Ken., tomorrow.

He will run in the men's 8-kilometer race in a field of over 200 runners. The race will begin at 11:30 a.m. (EST).

To qualify for nationals, Ortiz placed fourth at regionals and completed the race in 26 minutes, 3.4 seconds, beating his season best by a minute twenty and also breaking the school record.

"It will be a great trip and I am looking forward to seeing what he (Israel) can do."

- Coach Smith

To prepare for the race, Ortiz is still training the same way as he did during the regular season.

"If I have a really good week, I believe that I can run it in the mid to high 25's," Ortiz said.

Ortiz said his time won't give him first place, but he believes that he can place higher in the rankings.

With two runners placing in the All-Conference team, the Bulldogs haven't had such a successful season in almost 20 years.

This success came in part from two runners at the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships. Ortiz and sophomore Brent Bailey finished fourth and 15th respectively, giving the team a third place finish at the meet.

The team also has another success. Coach Dave Smith was selected as the KCAC Coach of the Year.

For next year, the team hopes to continue its success because the team had no seniors this year.

Coach Smith is upbeat and optimistic about the National race.

"It will be a great trip and I am looking forward to seeing what he (Israel) can do," Smith said.

Fresman runner Shaun

Griffin said the team has goals in place for next season.

"We need to get more girls for a full girl's team, but as far as the guy's team goes, we want to stay healthy, get Tolan (Lichty) back and get any newcomers," Griffin said. "I think we can do really well."

Griffin was pleased with his individual season, but would like to see improvement next year.

"This being my first time ever to run cross country, I did really well and hope to improve for next season," Griffin said.

The girls hope to have at least five members out so they will be able to compete as an official team next season.

Soccer men defeated by KWU in final shoot-out
Two individuals set McPherson College scoring records

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor

The Bulldog men's soccer team concluded its season on Nov. 7 after a close finish against Kansas Wesleyan University. The game came down to a final shootout, tied at two, only to have the Bulldogs get out shot 3-1, falling a second time to Kansas Wesleyan.

"Well we played hard, gave it a lot of effort," said head coach Doug Quint. "We played well for the most part, except for a couple breakdowns. It was a really tough way to lose. We were inches away from winning, we hit the bar four times and we

"Because they had the same amount of talent that we had."

- Nathan McDaniel

were up 2-1 with 25 minutes left to play and things just didn't go our way."

Both games against Kansas Wesleyan this season were very close and senior defender/mid-fielder Nathan McDaniel said this was due to the level of talent on both sides.

"Because they had the same amount of talent that we had," McDaniel said.

The Bulldogs finished the

regular season 11-5-1 and obtained two records along the way. Senior forward John White broke the school record for the most goals scored in his soccer career with 31 and freshman forward/mid-fielder Armando Rodriguez broke the single season mark with an 21 goals.

"It was a disappointment for us not to win the conference championship," Quint said. "That was one of the goals we set up for and we thought we had the talent to do so. Sometimes it's just breaks in the game. You've got to have a little bit of luck on your side here and there and when it came to those

two games, we just didn't have that luck we needed. We had a really nice year and we just came up short of our ultimate goal."

The team hopes to capture the conference championship next season.

"We are returning 18 of 24 players to the roster," Quint said. It will be tough to replace these seniors that have been on the program, but we will definitely have the talent returning to make some noise in the KCAC."

McDaniel's advice for incoming freshmen comes down to fundamentals.

"Get rid of the ball faster, pass it quicker and think ahead," McDaniel said.

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Spanish requirement has supporters, critics

KIMBERLY MORRIS
Spectator Staff

Beginning in the fall of 2007, incoming students will be required to complete three hours of Spanish credit.

This requirement will be for all students seeking a bachelor of arts degree and some other disciplines including business majors.

The faculty voted 24-13 in October in favor of the requirement.

The proposal was made by Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of modern languages. It contained a list of nine rationales as to why there should be a Spanish class requirement.

Kilgus believes that students need to take Spanish to be able to work in diverse communities.

"At McPherson College, a career-oriented liberal arts emphasis without language study would be a compromised education, with a weak framework of liberal arts offerings, as opposed to the quality career-oriented liberal arts education to

which the college strives," Kilgus said. "A language requirement adds to the integrity of our programs."

Kilgus believes learning a second language will help students in graduate school and help students find jobs after graduating by making them more marketable.

She said that particularly the knowledge of Spanish will prepare students more than any other foreign language.

"Spanish is no longer considered a 'foreign' language in the United States," Kilgus said. "The fastest-growing pool of prospective students is Hispanic students and these students are interested in learning about Hispanic history, language and culture."

McPherson College is the only Brethren College that doesn't have a language requirement. McPherson will only be the second Associated Colleges of Central Kansas college to have a language requirement.

In order to not make more general education requirements, the language intensive

"Spanish is no longer considered a 'foreign' language in the United States."

- Ocie Kilgus

courses will become two instead of three credit hours and global/intercultural experience will become six credit hours, three of them being Spanish.

This decision has brought about mixed feelings on campus. There are also those who feel there need to be more options.

Jeanne Smith, associate professor of education, thinks that it's a good idea, but thinks it should be at least one year, instead of a semester.

"I think it's a good thing for everybody to get out of our exclusive pockets," Smith said.

Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, likes the program, but thinks that it should be longer and have more options.

"I think our students who graduate from the program will

be better off," Yohn said. Allan Van Asselt, associate professor of chemistry, thinks more choices should be available.

"I think it is really important for people to know a second language," Van Asselt said. "I wish we had more options."

Jonathan Frye, associate professor of natural science thinks that it's a good idea, but the requirement is not long enough.

"In different academic disciplines, other languages could be more useful," Frye said.

Kent Noffsinger, associate professor of physical science, has different views about the requirement.

He believes there should be more options and that the Spanish requirement should be decided by each individual major.

"I disagree with the premise that it is the most important language," Noffsinger said.

Students also have varying opinions on whether having a Spanish requirement is a good idea.

One business student thinks it

is a good idea to have Spanish in her major.

"I think it's a good idea to require at least one semester of Spanish because, speaking from a business student's point of view, it will always be helpful," said Amy Porter, jr., Quinter. "It's important to broaden your horizons."

Another student thought it was good because of the increase in Hispanic people in the United States.

"I think it's a good idea because eventually there will be a huge Hispanic population and it will just help them out in the future with their jobs because their culture will be huge," said Bryanna Daniels, soph., Longmont, Colo.

Another student thinks that students need a foreign language, but it doesn't have to be just Spanish.

"I'm all in favor of foreign languages," said Cassie Smith, fr., Salina. "I think there should be a foreign language requirement, but there should be more than one option."

ONE ACTS

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"Right now I would not want to direct again, but I think it's because of the show," Alex said. "I would like to try directing with a bigger cast."

Bowman was pleased that the directors chose plays that tested their abilities.

"Alex picked a very challenging piece," Bowman said. "But I like the fact that people picked things that they knew they would have trouble with."

Bowman is pleased with the class's initiative to take ownership of their work.

"As a teacher, I hope that being a director during this month gives them better tools as actors or designers later because they realize the whole picture," Bowman said. "I'm excited to see how this ties in with the rest of the season and hopefully we'll get more directors out of this class who want to direct again."

Bowman thinks it's worth everyone's time to attend the one acts.

"I think it will be really fun for students to see because not only is it student-directed and student-acted, but the topics are more fun for students," Bowman said.

Busse agrees and wants students to experience the one acts and see what other students are capable of.

"I would encourage people to come and support their fellow students because it's been a great learning experience for a lot of people and I know we would like to share it," Busse said.

Presidential Scholarship Day Saturday

Award worth up to \$12,000

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An extra \$12,000 or so a year would sound great to any college student, but McPherson College does not just give away its Presidential Scholarship.

The Presidential Scholarship is an institutional award, awarded to high school seniors based on GPA, ACT or SAT score and class rank, according to David Barrett, associate director of admissions and financial aid.

Applicants must meet two of the three following requirements: a GPA over 3.5, an ACT composite score over 25 or SAT over 1130 and a class rank in the top 20%.

In addition, applicants must submit official high school transcripts, two letters of recommendations from high school faculty or guidance counselors and a personal resume in addition to completing the Presidential Scholarship Application.

After all this work is done, applicants must compete in the Presidential Scholarship Day.

Twenty-five high school seniors will be on the McPherson campus Nov. 18 and will participate in interviews with faculty members, an essay competition, a round-table discussion, and will also meet President Ron Hovis and have lunch.

During the competition, the college is looking for students who "embody the mission of McPherson College: To develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service," as well as students who "demonstrate a commitment to academic achievement, involvement in school, community and/or church as well as demonstrate service to others," as is stated in the description of the scholarship on the college website.

There are an unlimited number of awards that can be worth up to \$12,000 annually, Barrett said.



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Sheri Smith, Houston, listens as Erik Vogel describes the job duties of callers for Project Connect. Project connect is a phonathon to raise money for various things on campus.

Project raises funds and connects students, alums

Nine student callers to work annual phonathon

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The phones are busy again with this year's annual phonathon, Project Connect. Nine students are in charge of contacting McPherson College graduates from the call center in Beeghly Hall to update records, raise funds and chat.

The first phonathon, in 1969, was done to raise funds for the newly constructed Miller Library. It took 153 callers, using old style rotary phones, to make 2,296 calls. This is compared to a similar number of calls now being made by only nine callers, albeit over a much longer period of time.

The phonathon has continued on in one form or another ever since. It has become the second most effective means of raising funds, behind the President's Club. The phonathon focuses on those alumni that generally give in the \$25-\$500 range.

"One of the ideas of Project Connect was that we connect current students with alumni that had shared experiences," said Erik Vogel, director of development.

Call lists are tailored for specific callers to match them with alumni that have common interests and experiences.

"It's the best way to stay

...that we connect current students with alumni that had shared experiences."

-Erik Vogel

in contact with our alumni on a large scale," Vogel said.

Each call includes a brief campus update, a request for the name of a prospective student, confirmation of contact information and a request for a gift. Callers are encouraged to take as much time as they need, but most calls last only three to five minutes. Callers work approximately 10 to 15 hours per week making calls and performing other administrative duties.

The gifts received from the phonathon are put in the college's Annual Scholarship Fund, unless a donor requests a specific use. Almost one hundred percent of current students receive scholarship money from this fund.

The goals for the 2006-07 phonathon are: reach fifty percent of alumni households (approximately 2,300 households), raise \$100,000 in pledges, secure 1,100 total pledges, secure 200 new donor pledges and obtain 200 prospective student names.

Although much effort is put into the process, sometimes glitches and situa-

tions arise.

First year caller, Crystal Banz, sr., Hutchinson, told of one alumnus that was listed as graduating in 1996 with a degree in interior design. However, the person left McPherson in '94 and had never considered pursuing an interior design degree.

Oddly though, at a later date, this alumnus earned a degree in interior design from a school in Colorado.

"We laughed the whole time because he didn't know that he was going to go into interior design," Banz said.

The calls are often difficult.

Keely Walters, jr., McPherson, has experienced several calls where the alumnus had recently died or lost a family member.

"One phone call I made, the woman was crying so much, I ended up talking to her for about an hour to try and make her feel better," Walters said. "By the end of the conversation she was feeling better and it made me feel good knowing that I had helped her."

This year's callers are Banz, Walters, Nicole Harkins, sr., McPherson; Jeff Krehbiel, soph., Pratt; Amanda LeClair, soph., Clyde; Jessica Miller, jr., St. John; Sheri Smith, Houston; Sarah Story, sr., Tulsa, Okla.; and Lindsey Thiessen, sr., Galva.



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Students enjoy the nice November weather during a class this past week. The weather hit highs of the 80s last week before turning cold again.

'Fall'ing into winter