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NEWS BRIEFS

Extra library hours, late night snacks for finals week

Miller Library will be open during exam week until midnight, from Dec. 10-13.

Also, SAB will be providing late night snacks for students who are busy studying for finals this week. The snacks will be provided Sunday through Wednesday. Check your e-mail for more details as to what snacks will be provided.

Auto Restoration Program receives donation

McPherson College recently received a donation of a CNC machining center from Fadal, a leading manufacturer of CNC equipment. The donation was made possible through the efforts of Jay Leno, long-time friend of the program and sponsor of an annual scholarship.

Leno, after the recent purchase of his own Fadal machining center, urged them to learn about McPherson College and possibly make a donation. The company decided to loan one of their machines, worth approximately \$75,000, to the college for a three year period, at which time the machine will either be rebuilt, updated, or another delivered.

The machine will be used in the unique automotive restoration program to produce rare and complex pieces for antique and classic cars. The gift greatly expands the capabilities of what students can design and manufacture within the facilities, according to Jonathan Klinger, director of automotive restoration development.

Before the machine is used, it will first be properly set up by Fadal technicians. Faculty hope to be using the machine by the Spring '07 semester.

Madgrigal feast features food, fun, entertainment

KIMBERLY MORRIS
Spectator Staff

Students in period clothing will be singing, dancing, serving up a delicious meal and much more tonight in Mingenback Theatre.

The dramatics fraternity Alpha Psi Omega and the McPherson College Singers will host the Madgrigal Feast with the McPherson Community tonight and tomorrow.

The feast is a fundraiser for the music and theatre departments at McPherson College.

Tickets are \$30 a plate. Because this is a dinner, reservations are required.

It gives the "audience an experience back into history through food, music, dancing and acting," said Steven Gustafson, professor of music.

Guests will be able to experience a feast in the Renaissance time period.

They will see sword fight-

ing and hear a concert of traditional Christmas carols.

"It's a good way to get into the holiday spirit," said JD Bowman, assistant professor of theatre.

The 22 performers created their own story lines based on scripts on Madgrigal feasts.

Most of the night, they will be improvising. They will be dressed in Renaissance costumes.

During the feast, they will be cooking, serving, singing, dancing and acting.

They will have traditional Christmas music and some animal songs. Some of the songs will even include audience participation.

Participants will include a king, queen, knights, jesters and other people found in that time period.

Guests will get to enjoy many foods from the Renaissance time period. Each person will have a Comish game hen.

There will also be bread,



photo by Adrielle Harvey

Choir and theatre students prepare for this weekend's Madgrigal Feast. The students have been working on preparations since Homecoming.

soup and flaming desserts. They will get to drink Was-sail, a traditional warm fruit drink.

The group has been working since Homecoming to prepare for the feast.

They have been working on it for three hours a week until recently when partici-

pants have been working more frequently.

Members were looking for a fundraiser for the music and theatre departments when Gustafson brought this idea to the attention of Bowman and Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre.

He had been thinking about

this idea for many years and he thought this year's group of students would do well with it.

"Wichita State University has been doing this as a tradition for many years," Gustafson said. "Every year that they have it there, it is sold out."

Art show highlights Nixon, Miller

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

Throughout the semester, it's not uncommon to see students working late hours on art projects in the Hess Fine Arts Center. As

anyone who has taken an art class knows, courses like drawing, painting, graphic design and photography often require a substantial amount of out-of-class time spent on projects.

This month, students' hard work is being displayed in Friendship Hall for everyone to see.

At the forefront of the exhibition are senior graphic design majors Rylee Miller, Rangely Rylee, and Chris Nixon, Junction City. Nixon and Miller both needed an extra semester to complete the graphic design program and will be graduating in December.

Both students have put in their share of time working on projects to complete their degree.

"They are both very passionate about details," said Dec Erway-Sherwood, associate professor and program director of graphic design. "Chris and Rylee, as well as all the art students, are very dedicated and put in lots of hours on projects."

Erway-Sherwood, whose intermedia portfolio and graphic design I and II classes are being



photo by Benjamin Denton

Lewis Hadduck, soph., McPherson, browses the artwork in Friendship Hall. Several different art classes are featured in the show, which will be displayed through December.

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Ballet Wichita performs to crowd of 600

PATRICIA GOERING
Spectator Staff

Ballet Wichita, formerly Metropolitan Ballet of Wichita, presented "The Nutcracker" to an audience of over 600 people in Brown Auditorium on Sunday.

This is the 33rd annual production of the ballet and the second time in the past four years it has visited McPherson College.

The company was very interested in returning to the stage in Brown Auditorium, said Steve Gustafson, professor of music. In its past visits here, the company said it appreciated the facilities and the help of Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre, and Tyler's staff.

"The facility is great and so is the crew," said Jill Landrith, artistic director for Ballet Wichita.

Sandy Wolter, director of Ballet Wichita, would like to make the performance an annual event at McPherson.

"We hope to come back next year and maybe to make this a Christmas tradition at McPherson College," Wolter said.

Gustafson chairs the Arts and Lecture Committee of McPherson that, along with McPherson College, sponsored the presentation. Tyler also serves on the committee as well as college librar-

ian Susan Taylor and three McPherson community members - Susan Shepard, Jane Ledell and Steve Read.

This was a fairly expensive production, Gustafson said, which was not allocated in the college's budget. The Kansas Arts Commission awarded McPherson College a grant to bring Ballet Wichita to campus and the National Cooperative Refinery Association offered to pay for all children and students through college age to attend.

"I think it is an important thing to expose people to the arts, especially for the kids," said Jim Loving, chief executive officer of NCRA.

Wolter enjoys art and is grateful to Loving for his support.

"Art is really wonderful and I can't tell you how important," Wolter said. "It enriches our experience and feeds our spirit. McPherson is such a great community and I was thrilled about what Mr. Loving said."

Ballet Wichita is the only ballet company included in the Kansas Touring Roster, a program sponsored by the Kansas Arts Commission.

"Ballet Wichita is a mix of dancers with professional experience and those with a passion for dance," Gus-

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Internet connection causes frustration for many

Problem loading page... You are no longer signed in... Anyone else extremely sick of the Internet problem? I am so tired of Internet pages not loading because I'm not "connected" I try to be patient, but anyone that knows me knows this is hard enough for me. I am convinced I had a better connection when I had dial-up. You never know when people are really signed onto their messenger because every five



minutes you have their names popping up in the corner saying they have signed in yet again. And during mid-conversation of trying to find out when your paper for class is due, you get kicked offline and can't seem to get it to sign back on. Think of the long e-mail to your teacher explaining why you were not in class. Just as you get ready to hit send, the evil message pops up, "PROBLEM LOADING PAGE" and you hit refresh

"I want to know why Cox cannot seem to fix the problem."

frantically hoping that it will load or you hit the back button praying to all the gods that might exist that the e-mail will still be on the page so you can try to hit send. Come to find out, it sent five copies. We never had this many problems last year. The worst was you would not have Internet for 24 hours because you went above the quota. So you regulated how long you had your webcam up or how much

music you downloaded and uploaded, but the problem was fixed. Part of me is expecting to hit refresh and the computer will vocalize telling me to "just give yourself and go play in traffic." I could not even begin to name the times that I have finished a paper with 15 minutes before class, e-mailed it to myself to print off and either my stupid Internet will not work or the one in the library is not working so I about have a panic attack trying to get it printed off before class. I do feel sorry for our Internet

guys. Bless their hearts. They are trying and they're at the butt end of the whole problem. We complain to them and they try to get help from Cox and think they fixed it, but always are back to square one. I want to know why Cox cannot seem to fix the problem. Is it not the company's responsibility to provide us with a working connection? Did the campus anger the mighty Internet god? If you did, let us just make some sacrifices, do ritualistic dances, repent of our wrongdoings and pray for forgiveness along with a much-needed working Internet connection.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Finals tax students

Finals week is always a dreaded time of year, except for the joy of finding a card in your mailbox or a care package from someone thinking of you. Other than that, we seem to think professors pack the entire semester into two weeks - the week prior to and finals week. We spend endless hours on projects that are due for final critiques. Then we stay up at least half the night studying for tests. Actually, it's an exciting time of year, or at least it should be. There are Christmas lights, little nativity scenes, jolly Santas and the sound of Salvation Army volunteers ringing their bells. Maybe there is some snow, well, except for this year, and lots of holiday cheer. However, as Christmas is looming around the corner in an unattainable area, we're smothering in books, papers and art supplies. We'll never make it to Christmas break because we'll die from brain and stress overload, lack of sleep and excessive caffeine intake. So, it would be nice, if in future years, professors would realize how much our health and sanity are jeopardized by the work required during the last two weeks of school.

Issues of campus security ignite student worry

It was recently brought to my attention that some of our buildings might not be up to fire code. I couldn't tell you if this is true, but this alarmed me and I decided to take a look at what aspects of our living environment might not be up to par. I thought about how the only sources of ventilation in the Dotzour stairwells are those tiny windows that I didn't even notice until months after I became a resident and how little ventilation those would provide in event of a fire. I thought about how most of my friends, as well as myself, use every wall outlet in our rooms, and at least one of those is occupied by a device providing multiple extra outlets and about how unsafe this practice can be. I even thought about the



way I find myself looking over my shoulder when I'm walking back to my dorm alone after dark and I remember my mom's stories of a volunteer group of male students who, prompted only by a phone call, would escort their female classmates to their dorms or cars after sundown. Then I thought about why I didn't know or think about safety deficiencies before? What scared me more than the possibility of danger was the fact that for so long I was blissfully ignorant to that possibility and, had a fellow student not mentioned it to me, I would never have known until something disastrous occurred. So my question for students, faculty and staff is: why do we not take a more

active role in understanding or even being aware of the safety precautions that are designed to protect us? Do we really think that, as is the stereotype of young people, we are invincible? Well, we're not, even in as safe a town as McPherson. Earlier this year, on our own campus, there were incidents of theft from a locker room and an out-of-place, after-hours visitor. Yes, all precautions that could be taken were immediately instituted. Residents were alerted to the problems and given information about who to notify in the event that they saw either the stolen items or the stranger in the dorm. But before I heard from the administration about these occurrences, I was clueless. Last year, I didn't even lock my door more than half of the time when leaving my room for extended periods of time, but you can bet I lock my door now.

Now, I certainly do expect that we are going to have a life-threatening situation on campus anytime soon. My intent is not to falsely alarm anyone or to imply that the administration is in any way compromising safety or that the administration is not doing everything in its power to ensure it. And I am especially not advocating late-night fire or terrorism drills in the freezing cold. However, I would like a lot more comfortable someone who knew they were talking about formed me so that I knew what measures were in place, both to prevent hazards and to protect should such hazards occur. So I say we all read a bit on safety issues that concern us and ensure that those who control our level of safety are mindful, but more importantly, that we stay vigilant ourselves.

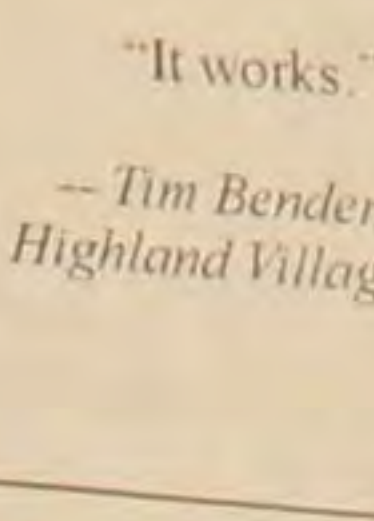
On the Fly

Describe the campus Internet connection in three words or less.

"Slow, slow, slow." -- Cassie Smith, jr. Salina



"Incredibly slow." -- Nicole Clark, soph. Panora, Iowa



"It works." -- Tim Bender, jr. Highland Village, Texas



"Crappy." -- Jace Lobato, jr. Seldon



"It is iffy." -- Mira Coulter, jr. Wichita, Okla.



Christmas season carries ups and downs

I love Christmas. It's a time of peace on Earth, goodwill to men, giving and Christmas trees dusted with snow. Unfortunately, it's also a time when Christmas music is playing everywhere and we all begin to frantically scrape money together to pay for the few presents we can afford. While it is my favorite time of year, there are some things I don't like about Christmas. First of all, I hate it when someone I don't expect gets me a gift. Then I just feel like a moron. I stand there awkwardly, gushing my thanks and secretly think, "Ah, crap, now I look like a total jerk because I didn't get them anything." I proceed to look around my room for things that maybe I



could play off as a gift for them real quick. Alarm bells go off in my head as I frantically and desperately search, "My books? Nope. What about this necklace? No, I like that, I want to keep it. My computer? No way! Too expensive! Isn't there anything around here? Dang it! Nothing will work!" When I have come to this conclusion, I send the person a thank-you card or some other such nonsense, inwardly feeling like I am a horrible person. I mean, if I go out and get them a present after they've given me theirs, that's pathetic. I can't go out and just buy them one. That's an I-feel-guilty gift. It's not sincere. Who wants that? They would be able to see right through

it. That's even worse. Another thing I don't like about the Christmas season is the song "Last Christmas" by Savage Garden. It seems like it always comes on. Every year I try to avoid this song and it always appears somewhere. I despise it. It drives me crazy. The chorus doesn't even rhyme and the singer is ridiculous. Does anyone know which song I'm talking about? Well if not, then consider yourself blessed if you don't know which song I'm referring to. And finally, the last thing I really hate about the Christmas season is getting presents you have to pretend to like. One year my grandmother got me a pink sweater with a unicorn on it - not a bad present if you're in kindergarten. Unfortunately, I was a senior in high school. The thing was hideous. Or getting a Jennifer Lopez CD because your cousin wanted

one and they thought it was a good idea. Or opening a promising package to find a jean jacket with little snowmen on it and earrings to match. Then you wear that smile, hold up the unicorn sweater from Hades and pose for some pictures, thinking that as soon as they leave this present is going in the box to Goodwill. I feel like such a liar when I do the present-pretend. Don't lie. We've all done it. In closing, Christmas is a wonderful time of year. Just make sure to tell someone when you're getting their gift so they don't look like a jerk. And don't play stupid Christmas songs. And, most importantly, you don't know what someone will like, get them a card. Don't take the chance of being a victim of the big smile and less-than-beautiful thanks.

Technology frequently reveals a wolf in sheep's clothing

It's another one of those late nights. You shouldn't have watched that movie with your friends because now you're staring at a bright computer screen and it's nearing 2 a.m. While continuing to procrastinate writing your paper, you get an instant message and it's from someone that you aren't on the best of terms with at the moment. After the casual, "hey how are you" is exchanged, you switch IMs to talk to your best friend who caught the



procrastination bug as well. You type a long reply about how the person that you don't like is being annoying and can't take a hint. After all the hard work of typing, you hit send. The window gets minimized and you try to get back to your paper, but hear the noise of a reply. You click on it and realize you sent that hated reply to the wrong person. Whoops. Sound familiar? I can name a couple of times where a situation similar to this has happened to me.

Friends have confessed their so called love for an individual, but actually sent it to that person instead of their best friend. Careless acts such as this occur every day. I like to call this the dreaded "IM word vomit." There are also times that e-mails get sent out to the wrong people or the button "Send to all" is clicked by mistake. Are these people really that careless or is there some conspiracy out there trying to get adolescents in deeper trouble with their peers? Technology is growing at such a rapid rate that it's hard for people to keep up with all the advancements.

Certain buttons are placed too closely to others and find myself quite frequently hitting cancel or escape because aspects such as "Print all" and "Share" are located in the most inconvenient spots. So what do you do when you commit IM word vomit? Do you apologize immediately and hope they forgive you? Do you start conflict because more of that little thing known as drama? It's hard to say. I have had word vomit that has caused an uproar and I'd like to keep it that way. Basically, the moral of the story is, if you don't say anything nice to say, don't say it over the Internet.

Is the war in Iraq really worth the costs?

Students dispute the present situation of an ongoing conflict

When I was a junior in high school, I traveled by bus for 18 hours to protest the Iraq war.

Now, if we do a little math, we'll discover that this was a preemptive protest.

Actually, it was the largest preemptive war protest in American history.

But you know what? I haven't been to a war protest since then.

I think it's probably because I would be accused of not supporting the troops, which is ridiculous.

My cousin fought in Iraq. I would not be protesting the people fighting the war. I would be protesting the war. You can't treat the two as one.

Everyone seems to have an opinion of what to do in Iraq.

Rosa Brooks, from the Los Angeles Times, thinks that we should "abandon Iraq to save it."

In her article, Brooks concludes with an Army officer's reported belief during the Vietnam War, "We had to destroy the village in order to save it." Brooks continues in her own words, "With so many dead, and so many Iraqis calling on us to leave, insisting that the withdrawal of U.S. troops is 'abandoning' Iraq comes to much the same thing."

President Bush does not want to leave Iraq. He was quoted by U.S. News and World Report as saying "this business about graceful exit just simply has no realism to it whatsoever."

Everyone knows what they think should be done in Iraq, it seems, except for college students.

College students during Vietnam were out there protesting. They were fighting in Vietnam. They were struggling to get their voices heard.

We're struggling to make it out of bed for our 8:30 a.m. classes.

So what are the facts about Iraq?

Of course, raw statistics are often just estimates, but I think that one clear statement is that things in Iraq are not bright and shiny.

U.S. armed forces fatalities equal 2,888. Other coalition country armed forces



JESSICA FOULKE

"... one clear statement is that things in Iraq are not bright and shiny."

fatalities are 247.

Iraqi civilian casualties are between 49,000 and 53,500. That's a lot of people, a lot of people killed in a war that I never agreed with in the first place.

But what do we do now? Do we leave, do we stay? Do some people stay while some people leave?

I think that my opinion will be formed when the independent, bipartisan Iraq Study Group gives their conclusions about what to do in that mess of a country. The mess of a country that

we made.

I would like to make something very clear. September 11, 2001, and the Iraq war are unrelated. I think that's something that people forget.

But even that doesn't change the fact that we are there now.

We made our bed, we need to lie in it. Abandonment, for me, is not a question.

Of course we should stay until we can leave safely. As safely as possible.

I put my faith in the newly elected U.S. Congress. Where else can I put it?

Our president has let us down, throwing out distractions with stem cell research and immigration, while our generation is fighting and dying.

Look, I know you all are busy. I'm busy too. The likelihood of a draft is nil.

You probably aren't too interested in what happens over there. But these are our brothers and sisters. These are our friends, our acquaintances. These are the kids you knew in high school.

And they are the Iraqi kids that are really no different than you.

Try and pay attention a little bit, ok? Maybe watch some news, read it on the Internet?

Prove everyone that thinks we don't care wrong. A lot of people think we don't care.

I think we do, we just don't show it.

If you have any questions about my information or just want to discuss the issue further, let me know. The truth doesn't lie.



THE BULL YARD



Illustration by Alisha Gridley

POWER POLL RESULTS:

SHOULD THE UNITED STATES BEGIN PULLING ITS TROOPS OUT OF IRAQ?

YES: 52%

NO: 29%

OTHER/UNSURE: 19%

120 INDIVIDUALS POLLED

The elections are over and we are one month into Armageddon/Democratic majority.

The main topic of the elections this year was the war in Iraq. Many of you feel the President has not done a good job executing the war. I hear the Democrats throw around the term "stay the course." They say the President can no longer continue with the same strategy he has been. Take a look at his strategy for a moment.

The President says that, "Our mission in Iraq is clear. We're

hunting down the terrorists. We're helping Iraqis build a free nation that is an ally in the war on terror. We're advancing freedom in the broader Middle East. We are removing a source of violence and instability and laying the foundation of peace for our children and grandchildren."

So far "stay the course" sounds all right.

I will be the first to admit that things are not going great in Iraq, but I still think the President's plan is pretty solid. Sectarian violence, with a lot of help from Iran and Syria, has taken hold and things seem to be going downhill.

Our soldiers are over there trying to establish democracy and some of the people they are trying to help are hindering that process. We must remember that 12 million Iraqis risked their lives to vote for democracy and peace.

The tactics being used are going to definitely have to change, but I am still convinced that the President's strategy is not only a solid one, but a noble one as well.

Democrats, on the other hand, would strongly disagree with me. They ran a whole campaign on criticizing everything the President has attempted in Iraq. They won and will soon be in charge.

The Democrats have offered three solutions to end the war in Iraq. With all the undermining and criticism of the Bush administration's plan for victory in Iraq, the ideas Democrats offer do not even mention the word victory. The Democratic plan is to leave and hope.



DAVE CADDIN

"... 12 million Iraqis... risked their lives to vote for a unified government and country."

The first idea Democrats offer is something they like to call rapid redeployment, or cut and run. This plan would require U.S. troops to leave Iraq and stage in a place that would allow them to respond to any situation in Iraq quickly. This plan looks good on paper, but unfortunately the area they would like to place the U.S. troops is Okinawa, Japan. This doesn't sound very rapid to me.

Another plan offered is the partitioning of Iraq. This plan would split Iraq into three

separate regions - Kurdish, Sunni and Shiite - under a loose confederation. There are several things wrong with this one.

First, this plan would plunge Iraq into an all-out civil war far more violent than the sectarian violence presently at hand. Another problem is that this would allow Iran and Syria to influence and take over certain areas. The south would become a fundamentalist Shiite regime and the west would turn into a radical Sunni Taliban-like regime. The main problem with this idea is that it would overlook the 12 million Iraqis who risked their lives to vote for a unified government and country.

The third and most popular plan is to withdraw. We pack up, tell those dependent on us for freedom, "See ya later," and leave. This will definitely show the enemy we mean business. Leaving without victory would not only prove the terrorists' theory of the United States not having the stomach for war, but it would ruin any credibility we have in that region. Our enemies would mock us and our allies would question us.

As I mentioned earlier, not one of these solutions mentions the word victory. Whether or not you agree with the war, the fact still remains that we are there. We must do whatever it takes to ensure a free and democratic Iraq. This is not just about making one country free, it is about offering a chance to turn a region of violence and intolerance into one of peace and democracy.

Good Dog

The addition of yard art around campus is a nice new feature.

Go see the choir concert Sunday.

Interterm means international travel, more free time, a change of pace, and an overall feeling of "woo." (See "StrengthsQuest.")

We do not have to create another Spectator issue for over a month.



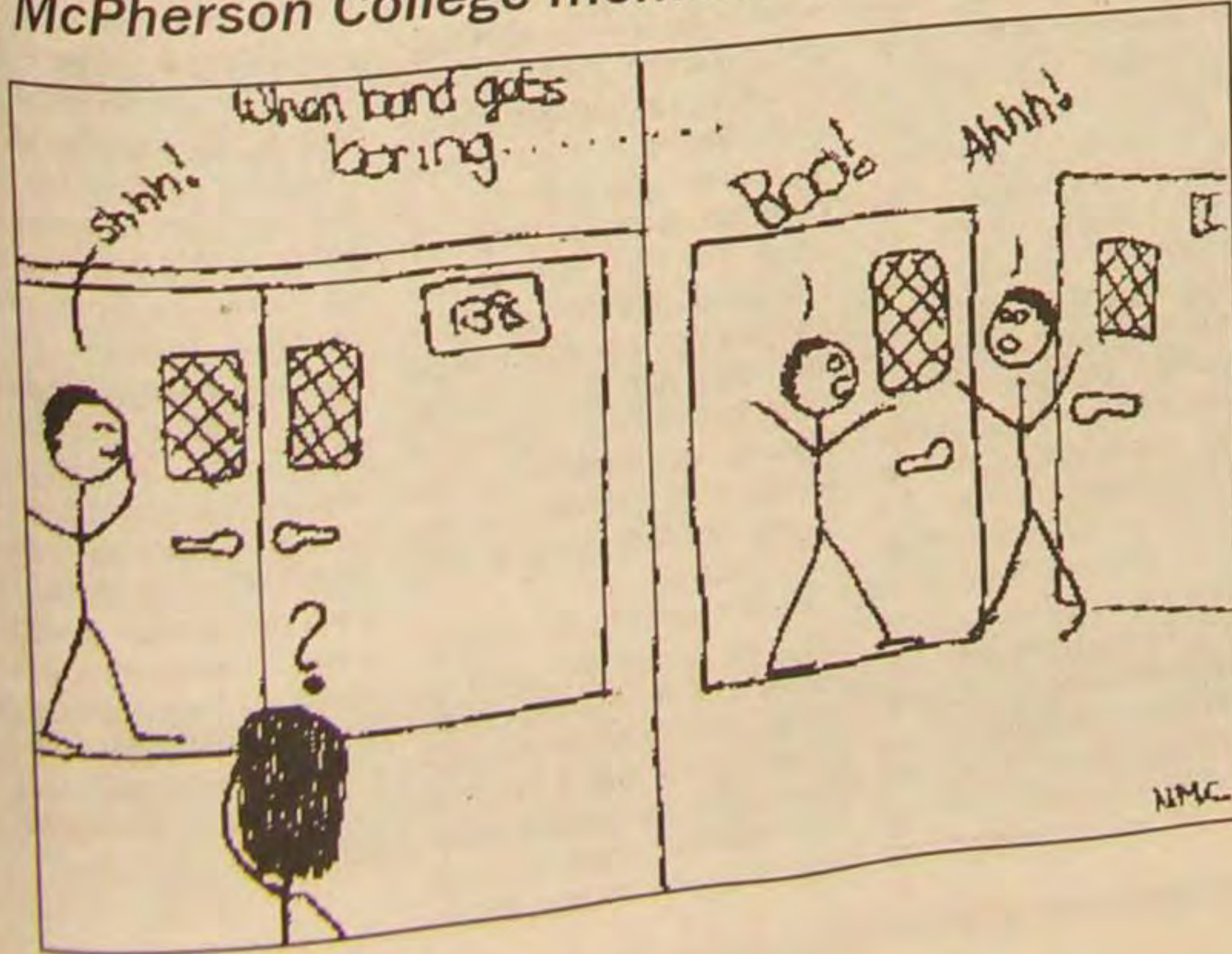
Bad Dog

Our prayers for a better Internet connection have yet to be answered.

The weather is psychotic. It needs to make up its mind.

You will not have the opportunity to read a new Spectator issue for over a month.

A McPherson College moment ...



NMC

Got something to say? Shout it out!

- OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS ARE JUST AS MUCH A PART OF THE CAMPUS AS EVERYONE ELSE. TAKE IN MIND THE FACT THAT OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS CAN'T ATTEND ALL CAMPUS EVENTS OR MAY NEED TO TRAVEL WHEN GIVING FREE STUFF TO ALL STUDENTS.
- EVERYONE IS SO CLOSE-MINDED ON THIS CAMPUS. OPEN UP!
- WHAT'S UP WITH ALL OF THE "SEASONS GREETINGS" BANNERS IN THE CAFETERIA? WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO "MERRY CHRISTMAS?"
- SPOONS WAS A GREAT TIME! SEE YOU NEXT TIME!
- TURN THE AIR CONDITIONER DOWN IN THE GYM!
- HE MISSED THE TOILET BY ABOUT 30 FEET AND HIT THE CARPET.
- WHY DO THE HEATERS IN MOHLER HAVE TO BE ON HIGH ALL THE TIME? IT'S HOT!
- TRIM YOUR POTS, YO.
- DON'T PARK IN A HANDICAPPED SPOT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A NEED FOR IT.
- IT'D BE ALMOST THE END.
- THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TRY; YOU EITHER DO OR YOU DON'T.
- NO MORE NEWSPAPER POLLS!
- PIMPIN' AIN'T EASY, BUT I MASTERED IT.
- OHIO STATE RULES!
- SERIOUSLY ... LEAVE ME ALONE. I DON'T LIKE YOU THAT WAY.
- HERE COMES IRELAND!
- EVERYONE IS TOO JUDGEMENTAL.
- BREAK UP W/ME, I DON'T CARE! I'M NOT WEARING YOUR THINGS ANYMORE.
- HERE'S A THOUGHT: DON'T BE SO FREAKING STUPID!

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.

Unique gifts under...

Local shops offer variety of gifts at a range of prices

CAMPUSLIFEPAGE

\$5

1. Pop-up Greeting Card - Main Street Deli
2. Hardwood Leather Bookmarks - Body & Soul
3. Burt's Bees Portable Toothbrush Set - Health Food Market
4. KU Teemate Golf Tee - Artshirt
5. Soda Pop Shop Jelly Beans - The Cook's Nook



\$10

1. The Old Muffin Factory Fruit Spreads - The Old Muffin Factory
2. Canned Armadillo - The Old Muffin Factory
3. Never Be Alone Anymore Door Sign - Nooks & Crannies
4. Hang Out Cell Phone Holder - Nooks & Crannies
5. Snowy Chocolate Popcorn - The Cook's Nook



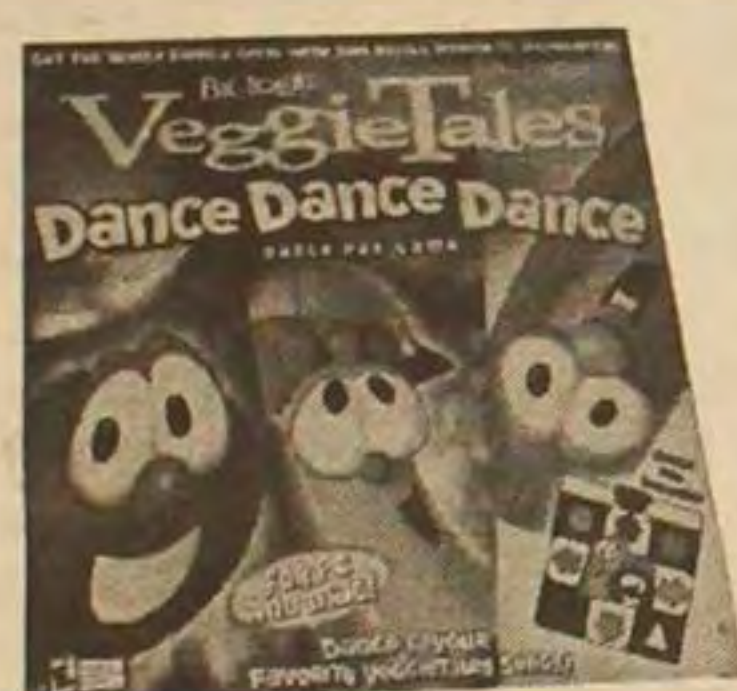
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1. Fruit of the Spirit Christmas Blessings Candle - Fruits of the Spirit
2. Fore Gift Basket (Golf) - The Old Muffin Factory
3. Alfredo's Food Fight Board Game - Main Street Deli
4. Snowman in a Box - Nooks & Crannies
5. Watkin's Vanilla - Rural Rooster
6. Nebraska Sports Watch - Artshirt



\$50

1. Silver San Diego Hat - Fruits of the Spirit
2. Official Wilson Giant Tennis Ball - Spencer Sporting Goods
3. Half-Time Gift Basket (Football) - The Old Muffin Factory
4. Veggie Tales Dance Pad Game - Body & Soul
5. Live, Love, Laugh, Dream Perfume - The Button Hole



\$100

1. John Wayne Cookie Jar - Rural Rooster
2. K-State Tailgating Backpack - Artshirt
3. Capresso mini-s Espresso/Cappuccino Machine - The Cook's Nook
4. Children's Crayon Bookshelf - Furniture for Less
5. End Table - Furniture for Less
6. Golfer's Coat Rack - Furniture for Less



En otras palabras...

In other words

Missing the Point

In response to Jessica Foulke's article regarding the unfairness of the Spanish-language requirement...

The rationale for a Spanish-language requirement is to prepare students to live and work in the United States. The majority of McPherson College students will decide to live in this country, probably within close proximity of their hometown and/or state. Therefore, the chances that Jessica will have a French-speaking neighbor or colleague are not very likely. What is more likely, however, is that she will have a Spanish-speaking neighbor or colleague, and without knowing any Spanish, she will be scrambling (one hopes) to figure out how to communicate (one hopes) with that person. The Spanish requirement addresses the need to prepare students to live and work in a U.S. society (extra emphasis added) that is daily becoming more and more enriched by individuals whose first

language is Spanish, not French.

As a language teacher, wanting to work in an ideal university environment, I am in support of a broad offering of languages. I, too, would like to take French, or German, or Arabic, or Chinese. The reality, however, is that in general students are not interested in learning another language; and simply saying that if McPherson College had more options, then students would be thrilled about "having" to take French, German, Arabic, or Chinese is an assertion that is not very convincing. Back in 1998 the German major was eliminated because students were not interested enough in learning German, a language that is integral to the heritage of the college and to the Brethren church.

If the Spanish requirement is unfair to the handful (a generous estimate) of students who will actually decide to live abroad in French-speaking countries like France (or other less likely French-speaking

countries like Haiti, Congo, Niger, Vietnam, Laos, or Canada even), then McPherson College should be guiding students in obtaining those linguistic skills. However, I am the study abroad advisor, and to my yearly disappointment, students are not banging down my door with requests for study abroad applications for places like France or China or Germany. In fact, the number of students who choose to study abroad is embarrassingly low, and the prognosis for a shift in enthusiasm does not look positive.

In the meantime, students might appreciate the forward-thinking, proactive, and educationally responsible approach that McPherson College is taking to prepare them to return to their communities, which are undeniably becoming more and more Spanish-speaking.

Dr. Ocie Kilgus
Associate Professor of Spanish

Que no se ha entendido

En respuesta al artículo escrito por Jessica Foulke con respecto a la injusticia del requisito de idioma español...

El motivo por un requisito de idioma español es para preparar a los estudiantes para vivir y trabajar en los Estados Unidos. La mayoría de los estudiantes de McPherson College decidirá vivir en este país, probablemente muy cerca de su pueblo o estado natal. Por eso, la probabilidad que Jessica tenga un vecino o colega francoparlante no es muy segura. Lo que es más probable, sin embargo, es que tenga un vecino o colega hispanohablante, y sin saber español, tratará de entender (es de esperar) cómo comunicarse (es de esperar) con esa persona. El requisito de idioma español trata la necesidad de preparar a los estudiantes para vivir y trabajar en una sociedad norteamericana (con énfasis) que diariamente se enriquece más y más con individuos cuyo idioma principal es español, y no

francés.

Como profesora de idiomas, deseando trabajar en una universidad ideal, estoy a favor de una selección amplia de idiomas. A mi también me gustaría estudiar francés, o alemán, o árabe, o chino. La realidad, sin embargo, es que en general los estudiantes no están interesados en aprender otro idioma; y no es una afirmación muy convincente para decir si la universidad ofreciera más idiomas entonces los estudiantes se sentirían muy emocionadas de "tener que tomar" una clase de francés, árabe, o chino. En 1998 la especialización de alemán se eliminó porque los estudiantes no estuvieron bastante interesados en aprender alemán, un idioma que es esencial al patrimonio de la universidad y a la iglesia "Brethren".

Si el requisito de idioma español es injusto para el puñado (un cálculo generoso) de estudiantes que realmente decidirá vivir al extranjero en países francoparlantes como Francia (o aún países menos favor-

ables como Haití, el Congo, Niger, Vietnam, Laos, o aún Canadá), entonces McPherson College debe aconsejarles a los estudiantes cómo obtener las destrezas lingüísticas. Sin embargo, soy la consejera para los estudios en el extranjero, y para mi gran desilusión cada año, los estudiantes no están dando un portazo con pedidos para las solicitudes para estudiar en el extranjero en países como Francia o la China o Alemania. De hecho, la cantidad de estudiantes que decide estudiar en el extranjero es muy baja, y el pronóstico para un cambio en el entusiasmo no parece positivo.

Mientras tanto, los estudiantes podrían agradecerle a McPherson College por su enfoque progresista, proactivo, y responsable desde un punto de vista pedagógico para prepararlos a regresar a sus comunidades que, sin duda, se hacen más y más hispanohablantes.

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Associate Professor of Spanish

Miss Kansas Pageant

Hall competes for \$57,000 in scholarship money

Alabama native Constance Renee Hall, called Bama by friends, is participating in the upcoming Miss Kansas pageant. The pageant takes place December 15-17 at the Lied Center in Wichita.

Hall, sr., Geraldine, Ala., is no stranger to pageants, having participated in several in the past.

"About six years ago, I did Miss Teen Alabama and I competed in some other smaller pageants in different companies," Hall said.

The Miss Kansas pageant, however, will be the largest pageant Hall has competed in. It will also be the longest pageant of her career as the shows she has participated in previously, have lasted less than 24 hours.

The Miss USA pageants, unlike Miss America pageants, do not have a talent portion.

"You are judged by your swimsuit, evening gown and personal interview," Hall said. "Then, if you are chosen in the top fifteen, you are chosen to do an onstage interview."

Before rehearsal and the actual competition, Hall will be able to have some fun.

"I will check in on Friday and there will be a dance/banquet," Hall said. "You get to meet some VIP, like state senators and things like that. Saturday, all day we will rehearse for the opening number and that night, do the preliminary swimsuit and



Renee Hall

evening gown competition. Then, Sunday morning, they do the interview and Sunday night is the main show."

Hall said she has been hard at work preparing since June.

"I have been trying to stay up-to-date on current events, working out for the swimsuit (competition), making sure I

can walk in high heels and finding dresses," Hall said.

If Hall is crowned, she will be Miss Kansas for the year of 2007. She will sign a year contract with the company hosting the pageant, will receive \$57,000 in scholarship money and will receive a year-long modeling contract.

Students, faculty vote on the Best of 2006

Best Celebrity Couple

1. Tom Cruise & Katie Holmes
2. Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie
3. Jay-Z & Beyonce/Tony Romo & Jessica Simpson (Tie)

Best Cell Phone Model

1. Razor
2. LG/Sidekick (Tie)
3. SLVR

Best Movie

1. Borat
2. Saw III
3. Deja Vu

Best Celebrity Woman

1. Jennifer Aniston
2. Jessica Alba/Jessica Simpson (Tie)
3. Julia Roberts/Angelina Jolie/Reese Witherspoon (Tie)

Best Mac Professor

1. Rod Gieselman
2. Luke Chennell/Dan Hoffman (Tie)
3. Ken Yohn

Best TV Show

1. Grey's Anatomy
2. Family Guy
3. That 70s Show

Best Song

1. Lips of an Angel - Hinder
2. Chasing Cars - Snow Patrol
3. Be Ye Glad

Best Book

1. Harry Potter
2. The Bible

Best College Team

1. McPherson College
2. University of Kansas
3. Ohio State University

Best Professional Team

1. Kansas City Chiefs
2. Dallas Cowboys
3. Denver Broncos

Best Video Game

1. Madden 2007
2. Guitar Hero II
3. Halo 2

Best Magazine

1. Cosmopolitan
2. Playboy
3. ESPN

Best Celebrity Man

1. Brad Pitt
2. Denzel Washington/Channing Tatum (Tie)
3. Johnny Depp/Hue Jackman/Owen Wilson/Will Ferrell (Tie)

Top Spectator Headlines of 2006

(Voted on by editorial staff)

1. Faculty votes 28-7 to end ag program
2. Dorms to reach max capacity by fall 2007
3. Spanish requirement has supporters, critics
4. Required meal plan questioned
5. Head football coach resigns after 5 years
6. What exactly should it take to get into McPherson College?
7. SGA modifies constitution
8. Enron exposed
9. Bosler speaks at "Frozen" premier
10. Torture: locking horns in the quest for truth

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR PRIOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR MATT TOBIAS

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



photo by Adrielle Harvey

Matt Tobias has been working as an admissions counselor for nearly 1 1/2 years. He was formerly a conflict of interest due to his wife's positions on the newspaper staff and therefore was never featured in "The Hot Spot."

Where did you attend college?

Attended University of Dubuque, then transferred here

Name one of your pet peeves.

"It's not one so much anymore, but it used to be huge. Everything for me has its place. People would come in and move it just to annoy me."

Would you rather overdressed or underdressed for a party?

"Probably overdressed."

How did you and your wife, Shandi, meet?

"We met in the cafeteria here at the SU. She transferred and she was actually sitting down at the table with the people I always hung out with. We just met casually and didn't start seeing each for awhile after that."

Define absquatulate.

"It kind of sounds like a bodily function."

What one piece of advice would you offer to others?

"Live life to the fullest because you never know when it's going to change or when something's going to happen."

What political issue do you feel strongly about?

"Now, the most prevalent one is probably everything going on over in Iraq right now."

Where are you from?

"Originally, Sterling, Ohio. I lived in Conrad, Iowa, for a long part of my life."

What is your favorite movie?

"One of them is Monty Python and the Search for the Holy Grail."

What has been your most embarrassing moment in life?

"(My first kiss) Regina Jung, fifth grade, at my high school boys' basketball game, at the top of the bleachers. My fourth grade teacher saw us. It was Lady and the Tramp style with a piece of licorice. It was a really big flop actually because licorice doesn't suck like spaghetti."

Where do you live?

Utica, Neb.

Who is your role model?

"I'd probably say my dad because he always made life good for us growing up, even in tough times and always had a smile on his face. He was really supportive."

Would you... ask Santa to sit on your lap or play air guitar in tight spandex?

"I'd ask Santa to sit on my lap."

Search for football coach continues

Cunningham resigns, coaching candidates visit campus

SPORTSPAGE

TOLAN LIGHTY
Spectator Staff

As the ongoing process of selecting a new head football coach and staff for McPherson College continues, progress is slow, yet steady.

So far, LaMonte Rothrock, athletic director, said two candidates have been involved with the interviewing procedure.

Rothrock predicts that only two interviews will be necessary, but there are a number of factors that could alter that prediction.

This last week, Rothrock, as well as President Ron Hovis, have been talking with coaching candidates and giving tours to them.

"Both of them have previous collegiate coaching experience," Rothrock said. "We also have some very tenured high

school coaches who have applied that have 20-25 years of high school experience."

Though much information could not be disclosed, Rothrock did explain a little about the interviewing process.

"The recent campus visitors that have been here will visit with six players that have been selected by the team, the intercollegiate athletic committee, which is made up of faculty and staff and the coaches are another committee that they met with," Rothrock said. "They have spent quite a bit of time with myself and quite a bit of time with Ron (Hovis). It is about a six to eight hour interview process that is done and there is usually phone interviews done with the candidates to make sure of where we are at," Rothrock said.

Many wonder when an agree-



David Cunningham

Rothrock emphasized the importance of hiring the appropriate coach for the job.

If they are having to work with their employers, they have to make sure that this is a good

move and if this is good timing for them," Rothrock said. "Several of our (previous) hires have gone two, three, four weeks longer than we had planned, but like I've said to the players, I want to hire the best person and if that means that if I can't get him in before Christmas break, then I won't. It is about getting the right person for the job and I do not want to rush that decision."

Rothrock has positive and strong feelings about how the process is going and being handled thus far and is encouraged by the candidates.

"My overall feeling is that the search has gone very well," Rothrock said. "We've had a lot of good, quality candidates. It is important for people to understand, that as the athletic director, I'm responsible for recommending the hire to the

president and that is why it is important that the president spends time with the person, too, so that he can see if I have any clue what I'm doing."

The student body is interested in knowing if the hiring process is the toughest part of Rothrock's job as the athletic director.

"No, I've got a lot harder parts of my job than hiring," Rothrock said. "I mean it's exciting to see all of the quality people that are interested in McPherson College and there is no question that our facilities have drawn more candidates in than in the past. It just takes a lot of time, a lot of hours and it really is about making sure that they know everything about the job before they take it. We leave everything out on the table so that there is no problems when they get here," Rothrock said.

Indoor track and field begins season at KSU

BENJAMIN DENTON
Spectator Staff

The first indoor track meet of the season is tomorrow at Kansas State University, Manhattan. Only a select few of the team will be attending the meet, but the other members are encouraged to work out over the weekend for upcoming meets.

Head coach Dave Smith is encouraged by what he is seeing by the team thus far.

"I think we'll do really well," said head coach Dave Smith. "Some of us are in shape and some of us are getting in shape."

The team is eager to begin season competition and has a positive outlook.

"I had a pretty good season last year, so this season I hope to better my times, bring my times down a little bit," said Nick Shue, soph., Pasadena, Md. "I'm going to be doing extra workouts during the off-season and just try to get myself in the best shape I can."

Brent Bailey, soph., Simla, Colo., is setting high goals for the team.

"I think our distance medley team will be in the top twenty in the nation, but only 16 go to nationals," Bailey said. "I think our team will be really strong."

"We have a really good squad this year..."

- Nick Shue

Some runners, such as Israel Ortiz, jr., Limon, Colo., are competing in multiple events.

"For indoors, I will do the 1,500 towards the end of the year and the 3,000 meters which I am doing this weekend," Ortiz said. "Then for outdoor track, I will do the 1,500, 3,000 steeplechase, 5,000 and 10,000." Shue will also compete in multiple events.

"In outdoor, I will be running the open 100-meter dash, the open 200-meter dash, the 4x100 possibly, and hopefully not the 4x400," Shue said.

Ortiz is really looking forward to the season and improving overall.

"I am very, very pumped because I can see that I have gained a lot of speed and I know that whatever I do, I am going to enjoy it a lot," Ortiz said. "The team looks like it works together pretty well and I am pretty excited because we are covering all of it, all the way from sprints, to field, to long distance events. I feel pretty



photo by Benjamin Denton

Sean McCrae, soph., prepares for the 400-meter run. McCrae is just one of the members of the indoor track and field team.

happy about it."

Shue said the team boasts talent this season.

"We have a really good

squad this year and have a lot of talented individuals who will be great assets during the season," Shue said.



photo by Jessica Monaghan

Jamie Sims, soph., #5, dribbles past a Sterling defender last week. McPherson fell to Sterling, but was victorious over Bethel College on Thursday night.

Lady Bulldogs to play Bethany tomorrow

McPherson 7-3 overall, 1-2 in KCAC

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

After beginning the season with a five-game winning streak, the Lady

Bulldogs were defeated 68-80 by cross-town rival Central Christian College.

McPherson is currently 7-3 overall and 1-2 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Confer-

"We had a strong start and had two tough conference games, but we are still really excited about what we can do this year."

- Abby Suiter

ence. "We really appreciate the support everyone is giving us and we hope to have a great season," Suiter said.

The team's most recent loss was to the Tabor Blue Jays on Saturday, Dec. 2.

However, the Bulldogs were victorious over Bethel College 86-73 in overtime on Thursday night.

Currently, junior guard April Woody leads in scoring with an average of 12.7 points.

Leading in rebounding is Suter said the four seniors with an average of 7.6 rebounds per game.

The Lady Bulldogs will travel to Bethany College in Lindsborg tomorrow to take on the Lady Swedes at 5 p.m.

After team members return from Christmas break, their opening game of 2007 will be against University of St. Mary at home on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Faculty, staff team leads intramural soccer in wins

Teams to compete again on Sunday at the football field

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor

Intramural soccer meets every Sunday at the football field. There are ten teams in the league and the teams play two games every Sunday.

So far, the best team in the league is "Real Old Skool", that includes soccer expert coach Doug Quint, as well as LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

Even though the players who make up the intramural leagues are not the best fundamentally, the majority of the players actively participate on our school's other teams, and/or were former athletes during their high school years.

Although injuries are part of any sport, they are especially commonplace during intramural soccer games. Most of the athletes are not properly equipped with shin guards, high socks, tights, thereby resulting in a high rate of injury.

Stretching and taking extra precautions will help prevent

injuries.

Last week, teams "Washed Up" and "Real Old Skool" played in the first tie game of the season, despite going into overtime.

There are currently 13 teams, but some teams do not show up or do not have enough players from week-to-week and are forced to forfeit.

Other teams have quit because of organizational conflicts.

There are approximately 90 students, faculty and staff that participate on teams.

The male to female ratio of the teams reflects that of our school's. There are more males than females.

While not everybody participates, many others come to support friends.

After several years of not having intramural soccer, this year's competitions are a renewal from year's past.

Following the conclusion of soccer, 3-on-3 intramural basketball will be next. Another upcoming intramural sport is softball.



photo by Benjamin Denton

Jared Heinen, sr., kicks the ball during intramural soccer earlier this week. Intramural soccer is a coed activity that involves faculty, staff and students in head to head soccer fun.



Christina Feldkamp, fr., Michelle Stone, jr., Patricia Georing, sr., Amy Ziegler, soph., Crystal Luedke and Shaylin King, fr., perform at halftime of the men's basketball game Thursday night. The dance team was formed this year and is called "The Red Hots."

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

King and Johnston running in the blocks



Lacy Johnston



Jordan King

Track and field participant Lacy Johnston is one of this week's player spotlights. Johnston is a sophomore from Arlington, Colo., majoring in pre-med.

Johnston attended Swink High School and was named Most Valuable Player on her track and field team during her senior year.

Johnston is returning to the squad as the best female jumper on the team, specializing in both triple jump and high jump.

"I want to qualify for nationals this year," Johnston said. "I am getting pretty close in practice so far this year. There is only one girl that I am going to compete against from Bethany who is going to be really tough."

Johnston also has high hopes for the team as a whole.

"A good team goal would be for everyone to get a p.r. (personal record) or personal best and for every week just to keep improving throughout the season," Johnston said.

Johnston admires Florence Joyner for her accomplishments in track and field.

"Flo-Jo was my role model because she set the record on the day I was born," Johnston said.

Johnston's advice for future track and field participants is to "begin with the end in mind."

Jordan King, soph., is one of this week's player spotlights. King is a physical education major from Limon, Colo., where he attended Limon High School.

During his high school years, King participated in a multitude of sports including football, basketball and track. King received seven All-State honors throughout his four year career, one in basketball, two in football and four in Track.

Success has followed King into his collegiate career, as King was selected to attend the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Track Meet at the conclusion of last year's outdoor track season.

During the fall, King, #27, was a defensive back for the Bulldogs. He finished his sophomore campaign leading the team in interceptions with three and finished second on the team in tackles by a defensive back with 22.

King, who grew up on a farm, found inspiration in his family as well as Michael Jordan.

"Michael Jordan was a big role model for me because he has the same name as me and he is the best at basketball in the world," King said.

Simply put, King encourages everyone to "work hard," at whatever it is they do in life.

Cheer, dance team performs Thursday night

First competition in Overland Park on Sunday

ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ
Spectator Staff

The cheerleaders performed stunts and pyramids Thursday night during halftime of the men's basketball game and the dance team followed. Dance team participant Amy Ziegler, soph., said the dance team is not only for entertainment at McPherson, but is also a way to meet new people.

"For me personally, (dancing is a way) to gain skills and meet people that I would probably never meet," Ziegler said.

The cheer and dance teams will compete in Kansas City on Sunday.

Kelsey Smading, fr., Independence, said despite the number of teams performing, McPherson will perform well.

"Well, a lot of people are going to be performing, but we are going to do well," Smading said.

Richard Anderson, soph., Howell, Mich., said, "We are going to Kansas City on Sunday to show our skills off. I'm not sure how many teams will be there. There will be about 2,500 cheerleaders."

Head coach Tia Leach said the competition will be tough, but she will also look

"We hope we can perform well because we've been working really hard with the Wichita State University cheerleading head coach, who's a part of the National Cheerleading Association.

- Coach Tia Leach

for future recruits.

"It's going to be a really tough competition and we'll be recruiting there," Leach said. "We hope we can perform well because we've been working really hard with the Wichita State University cheerleading head coach, who's a part of the National Cheerleading Association."

Leach said the team has been really working on stunts to prepare for the season.

"We've been cheering really hard the whole semester and the pyramids should be really cool," Leach said. "The cheerleading and dance team will be performing at some basketball games. We'll be competing in Nationals in March."

Smading said that with the stunts the team has been performing, injuries have plagued the team this year.



photo by Benjamin Denton

The cheerleaders practice a stunt earlier this week. The cheer team was enhanced with a dance team this year. Both the cheer and dance have worked hard to compete at meets.

"We had two bloody noses yesterday (Tuesday)," Smading said. "We've had pulled muscles, sprained ankles. We have had a lot of injuries this year."

Men ballers swept by Bethel, look to game at Bethany tomorrow

Basketball team 6-5 overall, 1-2 in KCAC

BENJAMIN DENTON
Spectator Staff

Men's basketball looks to bounce back against Bethany College at Lindsborg tomorrow, after a home loss 63-72 to Bethel College on Thursday night.

Junior guard Cody Dickerson, Crescent, Okla., said McPherson's defense against Bethel was poor.

"Our defense was bad the first half," Dickerson said. "It is obvious that we are the better team. We proved that in the second. We only give up 60 points a game and we let them score 45 in the first."

The Bulldogs will head into tomorrow's game against Bethany with a two-game losing streak, but with a winning record of 6-5 overall.

Bethany has an overall record of 4-3. Last season, the Bulldogs suffered

"Our defense was bad the first half."

- Cody Dickerson

two loses at the hands of Bethany.

The Bulldogs' leading scorers so far this season is a duo of Oklahoma juniors. Forward Scott Bradley, Chickasha, Okla., averages 15.8 points a game, while Dickerson averages 12.6 points a game.

The Bulldogs are currently out-rebounding opponents with an average of 44.4 boards a game compared to an average of 35.0 boards a game by opponents played this season. McPherson is also out-scoring opponents 70.0 points a game to 65.2 points a game.

A weakpoint for the Bulldogs is that the team is shooting just above

60% from the free throw line, which is below the conference average.

Other areas for improvement are that opposing teams average more steals and blocked shots per game than McPherson.

As with any team, members hope to make improvements and set higher goals.

The game against Bethany will be the last game until the team returns from Christmas break.

After break, McPherson will play at home against the University of St. Mary on Thursday, Jan., 4 at 8 p.m.



photo by Jessica Monahgan

Zach Kimble, jr., drives to the hole against Sterling College last Thursday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Ortiz finishes at Nationals

Israel Ortiz, jr., participated in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Cross Country Championships two weeks ago. Ortiz finished 177th with his second best time of the season at 27 minutes, 22 seconds.

"I did pretty good, I got my season second best," Ortiz said. "I placed around the middle of the pack and enjoyed it."

Prior to nationals, Ortiz set a school record by finishing fourth at regionals with a time of 26 minutes, .03 seconds.

KCAC Standings

Men's B-ball: 1-1
Women's B-ball: 1-2

Leading Scorers

Men's B-ball
Scott Bradley: 15.8
Cody Dickerson: 12.6

Women's B-ball
April Woody: 12.7
Jamie Sims: 12.2

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Despite busy schedules, choir prepares for Christmas concert

MEGAN MCKNIGHT
Spectator Staff

This time of year is busy for McPherson students, faculty and staff due to final tests and projects.

Steve Gustafson, professor of music, has been juggling both the Madrigal Feast that takes place tonight and tomorrow, as well as the annual Christmas concert on Sunday.

"These students are putting in a lot of time, rehearsing every evening for Madrigal Feast and during the day for the choir concert," Gustafson said, "so the schedule is demanding for students who are involved in both."

Although the rehearsal schedule has been difficult, Gustafson feels confident in the upcoming events.

"Students set very high standards for themselves," Gustafson said. "They want to do well. I think we're going to be there and ready to go on Sunday. It's a great group of students to work with."

Students have been rehearsing since the end of fall break in October. Choir class is offered Monday through Thursday for one hour.

Lucas Oswald, sr., McPherson, is involved with the Madrigal Feast and the choir concert.

"In the years past, the week before there's always a lot of stress and it always seems like we're not going to be ready for it, but somehow it always seems to click," Oswald said.

Although he has had a lot of practices, on top of homework and being a resident assistant, he is also confident about the concert.

"I feel prepared already," Oswald said. "As a whole, I think we've progressed, we're improving. We should be ready." The Christmas concert is traditionally



photo by Travis Walker

Steve Gustafson, professor of music, directs the choir last week. Choir members have been busily preparing for the upcoming Madrigal Feast, as well as the Christmas concert, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 10.

held the Sunday before finals.

Heather Emery, soph., Fort Smith, Ark., will perform a solo at the concert.

"The piece just fits well with the concert," Gustafson said.

The McPherson College choir is in its 74th year and will celebrate its 75th anniversary next fall during Homecoming.

The McPherson College Singers is an exclusive vocal ensemble that consists

of eight men and eight women. The Singers will also perform at the concert.

The performance will take place on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. at the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

Campus security continuing concern

JON "NED" NADEAU
Spectator Staff

Campus security is an issue that affects everyone on campus, including students, faculty, staff and visitors. Understanding security measures is an important piece of any successful security program for both personal security and the security of others.

Security at McPherson College is headed by Gaylon Green, business manager.

"It is ultimately my responsibility to ensure that we have a safe campus," Green said. "We are in the process of writing a security plan. Then it can be reviewed, amended and modified as necessary."

This does not mean that security measures are not in place.

Security is split into two basic areas - physical security and personal security. These areas often overlap so Green is responsible for seeing that the proper individuals are involved with each project or incident.

Ongoing physical security is the realm of Bud Mounts, director of facility management. Facility management assures that foliage is trimmed back, lights are replaced, locks are working and other security related items are properly maintained. Security walkthroughs are also done when the buildings are locked and unlocked.

Additionally, Mike McCormick, athletic facilities coordinator, performs random, routine walkthroughs of campus after hours.

Personal security is handled as a joint effort. The

residence life staff is trained to recognize and respond to security issues. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, is involved with the review of procedures and some specific incidences.

Incident reporting is outlined in the procedures hand-out given to students at the beginning of the year. In general, emergencies are handled through 911 services. If not an emergency, contacts in order of preference are: RA, RD, Rothrock, and facilities management on-call person. Faculty and staff also have a procedure for incident reporting.

President Ron Hovis said the college is fortunate

"We have very few incidents and they tend to be small in nature," Hovis said.

Thefts and vandalism are the most common, but still

do not happen very often. According to the Office of Postsecondary Education, United States Department of Education website, McPherson College has very few incidences and it compares favorably with other institutions.

Sometimes students do not feel comfortable reporting personal security issues because of perceived stigmas.

Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, is open to those students who need to discuss issues in private.

"People can come to talk to me confidentially," Johnson said.

Johnson has a legal obligation to keep conversations with her students confidential. She can be especially helpful with roommate troubles, problems with people in authority positions and

times when you are not positive about a situation, but still would like to discuss it with someone.

"It is easy for us to think we are safe, so we leave our cars and dorm rooms unlocked," Johnson said. "These are risky practices, even in central Kansas."

Earlier this year, an incident in Bittenger Hall where a man entered the building and rummaged through unlocked areas, caused concern with safety measures.

Jessica Hentz, soph., Independence, Mo., is a resident of Bittenger Hall and said the situation was disturbing.

"It was unnerving to have someone walk through the dorm while the girls were sleeping," Hentz said. "This incident should act as a reminder to take basic security measures seriously. Even

with overbearing measures like posted guards and tall fences, if someone wants to gain access to any area, they can."

Jen Marquette, sr., Waterville, said she feels safe with the security measures that are currently set in place.

"Overall, I think we have pretty good security."

But she still takes commonsense precautions like locking doors, using safety mirrors and avoiding poorly lit or unlit areas.

As part of a regular review of security measures, college staff is currently reviewing locking routines, key system procedures and ways to increase personal awareness.

Campus security is ultimately, everyone's responsibility. "If you see something is unusual or amiss, report it," Johnson said.

Art Show

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featured in the show, along with professor of art Wayne Conyers and assistant professor of art Ann Zenger are working together to make sure the show is a success.

Conyers said there are two goals of the exhibition.

"One is to display what Ann, Dec and I feel are the best pieces that have come out of our fall classes," Conyers said. "Also, we want to show off our two graduating graphic design students and this show will indeed feature (Nixon and Miller)."

Conyers said the rest of Friendship Hall will contain work representative from all the art classes taught this semester. Work from his painting, drawing and ceramics

"Students have put in a lot of hard work, and you can tell"

- Dee Erway-Sherwood

classes will be included in the show. Other classes featured are Zenger's photography and elementary design classes.

The art department is hosting a reception on Tuesday, Dec. 12, to honor Miller and Nixon, as well as the other art students featured in the show.

"It's a good time to break away from studying for finals," Conyers said. He suggested any students who might be thinking about taking an art class to check out the exhibition.

"We are very proud of everyone and all their work that is showcased right now," Erway-Sherwood said.

Nutcracker

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tafson said.

Taurean Everett is one of the local dancers. He started dancing at the age of 18 and is now a dance major at Wichita State University,

which has a modern-based dance program, a little different from the classical ballet in "The Nutcracker."

"The audience was a little quiet, a little intimidating at first, but especially after the Russian dance, it really picked up," Everett said.

High school-age dancers

Heather Warren, Victoria Lavato and Paige Brown all started dancing at the age of three and all hope to become professional dancers. The three agreed that McPherson was a great crowd to dance for.

"The Nutcracker" ballet is based on E.T.A. Hoffman's

story "The Nutcracker and the King of Mice." The story is of a young German girl who has a dream at Christmas of a Nutcracker Prince who battles the fierce Mouse King.

I never tire of 'The Nutcracker,' Wolter said. "To me, this is Christmas."

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Final Exam Time	Monday Dec. 11	Tuesday Dec. 12	Wednesday Dec. 13	Thursday Dec. 14
8 a.m.	10:30 Classes MWF MTWF	8:30 Classes MWF MTWF	12:30 Classes MWF MTRF	9:30 Classes MWF MTWF
10:30 a.m.	9:30 Classes TR	1:30 Classes MWF MWRF	10:30 Classes TR	2:30 Classes TR
2 p.m.	8:30 Classes TR 3:30 Classes TR	1:30 Classes TR	3:30 Classes MWF MWRF	2:30 Classes MWF MWRF
7 p.m.	Monday Night Classes	Tuesday Night Classes	Wednesday Night Classes	Thursday Night Classes

