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# The McPherson College SPECTATOR

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## Got Spirituality?

Survey shows majority of students not seeking to find spirituality through traditional experiences

JON "NED" NADEAU  
*Spectator Staff*

For some people, spirituality is an important part of life.

A recent question was raised as to whether McPherson College should help support students' spiritual needs.

A key component of many people's spirituality is religion, and this is what many automatically think of when asked about their spirituality.

Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries, said, "an assumption is made that some type of religious/spiritual activity will occur on campus" given the religious roots of the school.

A recent survey completed by freshmen and sophomores polled this religious aspect of spirituality.

"The vast majority of young adults are not seeking to find their spirituality with traditional church or religious experiences," Hurst said, according to the re-

sults of the survey. "There is however, an interest in less formal religious/spiritual activities. Unfortunately, very few students know what form these activities should take."

Sarah Lambert Cook, fr., Sterling, takes a rounded approach to spirituality.

"It's not only the religious aspect, but how you feel about self and your relationship to your environment," Cook said. "I feel that chapel is split 50/50 between religion and spirituality."

Cook's balanced view of spirituality is contrasted by the less conventional religious views of many students.

While still retaining conventional religious beliefs, Matt Shroyer, jr., San Antonio, Texas, is more spiritually connected to his environment and more specifically, the natural environment. He said that he enjoys "being in the outdoors" because

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Joel Grosbach, jr., Enders, Neb., practices the organ for his upcoming performance at the McPherson Church of the Brethren. Some consider music to be a spiritual experience.

Photo by Adrielle Harvey

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### C.A.R.S. Club will wash your car

C.A.R.S. Club is now taking appointments to wash the interior and exterior of your car.

They will hand wash, vaccum and hand wax your automobile for \$25.

Contact the C.A.R.S. club at cars@cs.mcpherson.edu to set up an appointment for any weeknight. Tuesdays are generally best.

Much of the revenue from the car washes will go towards the annual car show in May.

#### Stafford guest lecturer

Author Kim Stafford will deliver a lecture, "Better to Wear Out than Rust Out: One Family's Literary Affection for Kansas," on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium on the McPherson College campus.

The speech is presented as a Mohler Lecture, a lecture series that was established in 1975 by a donation from Robert E. & Fern Mohler, to bring outstanding speakers and lecturers from all fields of knowledge to the McPherson College campus.

#### Movie times for Tuesday, Feb. 20

Every Tuesday is Movie Night at Cinema 4 on Main Street for the late shows. You get in for \$2 with your MAC ID! Guests pay regular theater price. With every movie, you also get free popcorn!

Debit/credit cards will not be accepted by the theater for admission.

Admission will not be granted 10 minutes after last show starts. The theater will not allow bags/backpacks in the shows.

#### Playing this week:

Bridge to Terabithia	9:05pm
Music & Lyrics	9:10pm
Norbit	9:15pm
Ghost Rider	9:30pm

## 70-Hour Rule waived for juniors, seniors

TRACEY ROBERTS  
*Spectator Staff*

Although students attend college to learn, typically their goal is to graduate with a degree. McPherson College's goal is to provide students with a balanced liberal arts education. Changes affecting these goals were decided at the Feb. 1 faculty meeting, when a proposal to replace the existing "70-hour

rule" was passed 26-7.

The rule, which required students to earn a minimum of 70 hours outside his or her major field, was causing confusion among faculty and administration in terms of the definition of the majors, the number of hours required and what classes qualify to be in a particular major.

Certain majors were exceeding the 124 minimum

hours required to graduate after totaling their general education hours, major hours and meeting the 70-hour requirement. Because of the inconsistency, the 70-hour rule was waived for current juniors and seniors.

Rod Gieselman, assistant professor of business, supports the change because it clarifies which courses are "in the major." Courses are listed with prefixes but it's

not always clear which major they belong to.

"I believe the new policy is a more understandable and workable policy than the 70-hour rule as it was written," Gieselman said.

The new policy states that a major shall not exceed 62 hours. This includes all required courses for the major, no matter what the prefix.

Also, students must take six hours outside of their ma-

major's department, although students with more than one major only need the six hour requirement.

Hybrid majors are not included in the 62-hour cap. A hybrid major is defined as a major that requires at least 20 hours from each of two departments, for example, an auto restoration/business

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## Mac hosts first math competition

KIM MORRIS  
*Spectator Staff*

McPherson College hosted a math competition on campus last Wednesday. Students from 14 local high schools took part in the competition, which ran from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and took place in the Sport Center, Mingenback Theater and Brown Auditorium.

"The competition was designed to promote interest in mathematics, to build relationships between McPherson College and local area high schools and to gain some exposure for the college," said Michael Reynolds, associate professor of

mathematics.

The competition was hosted by the McPherson College mathematics department and by the admissions department. They also had the help of many students and staff on campus. The computer club helped create the registration website, along with other things.

"I thought an academic competition would be good for the college's reputation," Reynolds said.

The math department decided the specifics of what was going to happen for the competitions, while admissions planned the other details.

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## Scott uses King's famous speech to educate, inspire

KIMBERLY MORRIS  
*Spectator Staff*

"What do you think? How do you feel? What do you believe?" Barry Scott asked of the audience at the Feb. 12 convocation.

He asked these questions as part of a motivational speech about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his famous speech, "I Have a Dream."

Scott, whose talents range from actor to motivational speaker, discussed with students about being their best and overcoming racial and gender discriminations.

Scott was brought to the campus by student services because many thought the campus could benefit from his ideas of truth, hope and power.

Dave Barrett, associate director of admissions and

financial aid and a part of student services, believed that Scott's message is still one that relates to today and future dates.

"We have come a long way, but the racism we see with this generation is [one] of covert racism," Barrett said.

Scott uses the context of Dr. King's famous speech to guide his own speeches and ultimately his own life in tasks such as raising his three children to speaking about Dr. King in motivational speeches at college campuses around the country.

Barrett liked Scott's message and thought it "related the stories of Dr. King with events of his own life to provide a positive message all students could relate to and enjoy."

Aside from Scott's joking manner when talking about his own life to the seriousness of true events that changed his life, Scott brought a message of responsibility forward.

This is not a responsibility for only African-American students, but white students, as well as both men and women, all to help raise the cross of equality.

Scott said once this equality is established, only then can we reflect on the goals Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. presented in his "I Have a Dream" speech.

Scott used Dr. King's dreams and goals for the college in a motivational manner to present his message of inspiration and asked, "Now what do you think? What do you feel? What do you believe?"



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Democrats hypocritical about war

As I am sure most of you are aware, the Democrats' support of President Bush's new troop surge policy has been non-existent. Almost all Democrats and a handful of Republicans have criticized the troop increase and many are now calling for an immediate withdrawal.



DAVE CADDIN

I, McPherson's favorite conservative, can admit that the Iraq war has not been handled well. There has been an increase in insurgents and they have done a great job on escalating the Shi'ite vs. Sunni violence. With Iran giving them money, training and weapons, the insurgents have brought Iraq to the brink of civil war. Recognizing this problem, the President and his advisors have come up with the plan of a troop surge to help end the violence. Along with an additional 21,000 American combat troops, the plan calls for three Iraqi brigades to help in this fight. American and Iraqi troops will go street-to-street clearing them of insurgents and holding those secure posi-

tions. The plan also calls on Maliki, the Iraqi President, to lift the ban on engaging Muqtada al-Sadr's Shi'ite army.

As I stated earlier, many of you know that the Democrats are against the troop surge called on by President Bush. It is all you see in the mainstream media. Here is something that you might not know and definitely won't see in the mainstream media: Democratic Sen. John Kerry on the NBC "Today" show, June 2005, said that the borders of Iraq "are porous" and "we don't have enough troops there."

Democratic Sen. Joseph Biden on ABC's "Good Morning America," June 2005, said "there's not enough force on the ground now to mount a real counterinsurgency."  
The new Democrat House Committee Chairman, Rep. Silvestre Reyes, told a Newsweek reporter in late 2005, "We're not going to have stability in Iraq until we eliminate those militias, those private armies. We have to consider the need for additional troops to be in Iraq... I would say 20,000 to 30,000 [more troops]."

Last but not least, as recent as Dec. 17, 2006 the Senate Major-

ity Leader Harry Reid, was saying that "a troop increase is alright with me."

Does anyone else see something wrong with this picture?

The Democratic leadership is calling for a troop increase. For at least two years, they have been criticizing the president about not having enough troops on the ground. The president calls for a troop surge and the Democrats lose their minds.

What makes this even funnier is the fact that in 2005, when the Democrats were screaming for more troops, the troop level was at 160,000. Including the 21,000 surge troops, the number of troops on the ground now will be 154,000.

So there are less troops now, with a surge, than there were when the Democrats wanted more troops and this makes them angry.

Whether they are suffering from BDR, Bush Derangement Syndrome or it is just politically popular, Democrats will do whatever they can to go against whatever the President wants to do.

He wants to cut taxes; they want to raise them. He wants to add troops; they want to pull out. He wants to win the war and they... well, I'll get back to you on that one.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Reading also homework, and way too much

We often wonder what goes through the minds of professors. Do they randomly make up lectures and throw on some overheads they found in their top desk drawer after realizing that class started five minutes ago? Besides Ken Yohn, hopefully not. (Just kidding, he's really not as much of a slacker in class as he seemingly is outside of it.)

However, our editorial staff has come to a more accurate conclusion of professorial misguidedness. They apparently don't realize that assigned reading is homework, too. Just because you don't turn it in doesn't make it disappear.

Sure, you only have one 10,000 page essay to do this semester. Maybe you can manage to scrap that together without fully losing touch with outside life. However, then you realize you forgot about something. Your professor apparently did too, or so we hope, as otherwise we'd lose that small percentage belief that he or she may be human too. You have four textbooks to read somehow over the next few months! And no, not four textbooks total, four textbooks in one class.

Professors, listen to our plea! Stop with so many reading tasks. Contrary to popular opinion, a few of us actually do read the texts and do the assignments. Do it for us! Please tell us that some books or reading selections are only recommended, not required. It'll spare us time, maybe some money, and hopefully our sanity just long enough to graduate.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Barry Scott serves as reminder of Dr. King's dream

As the charter bus wound its way from Lancaster, Pa., to Washington, D.C., that day in August 1963, I sat with Barb. Barb was a member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) church located at Strawberry and North Streets in Lancaster, Pa. I was 15, a member of the Ephrata Church of the Brethren and the organizer for the Bethel A.M.E. church.

About a dozen members from my church and three dozen members from the A.M.E. church were going to Washington, D.C. to say to all who would see and listen that all people who God created were created in His image. Barb was cute. We had a good time talking together the whole way down and back from the civil rights march.

None of us knew at the time that we were going to hear historic speeches or be part of something that history would look back on as one of the turning points of 20th century America.

The day was a hot day. We hadn't thought to bring enough to drink. We were thirsty. Bathrooms were scarce. In the pictures usually shown of the quarter million people gathered that day, Brethren and A.M.E. Christians from Lancaster County, Pa., were gathered together to the left-hand side of the picture near the trees. The picture on many national magazine covers of an elderly, blind white man being led in the march was a picture of a white member of the Bethel A.M.E. church that I had become part of. He had ridden on our bus.

The crowd was so large and tightly packed that it was hard to move. The speeches were easy to hear.

We didn't know, though, that the speech that Dr. King gave that day would be broadcast and shared over and over and over year after year following that day. We didn't know that we were part of a major historical event. We just wanted to be part of a massive group of people saying "no more"

to injustice, racism and bigotry. In that, we were successful.

On occasion, Bethel A.M.E. members had driven from the city to my home 12 miles away to eat meals with my family. The choirs of the two congregations had sung in one another's sanctuaries. The pastors had exchanged pulpits.

And, now, we shared a bus ride and a mission that August day, together, and all because, as part of God's plan for my life, I happened to be, at age 15, the organizer for an African American church.

We did not know that we were creating waves that would ripple down through history. But, we were. Barry Scott reminded me of that. And, he reminded me that Dr. King's dream still remains before us.

My brother-in-law, an African American, was recently beat up by a neighbor man and his son simply because they did not like the fact that he is married to my sister, a white woman. And, the police laughed and, only months after the "incident," as the legal system they had taken an oath to uphold forced them to, was some minor "justice" meted out.

My brother-in-law, an African American, has a racist supervisor who, living within the law of the federal agency he runs, only permits my brother-in-law to work 6 months a year. This supervisor doesn't like the fact that my brother-in-law is a black man. His racism will require my brother-in-law to work to age 75 until he is eligible for his pension.

Yes, Dr. King's dream still remains before us. And, now that Barry Scott has confronted me with this fact again, I am also confronted with the question of what my responsibility is to hold that dream up as a vision for us all. Some days, life just isn't all that easy!

- Tom Hurst

On the Fly

What animal best represents your semester's reading load?

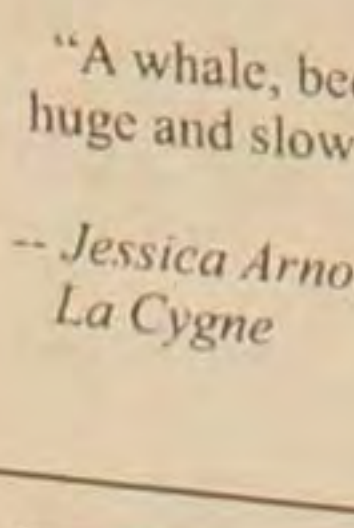
"Can we stack three elephants on top of each other?"

-- Erik Frees, jr. Bushton



"I would say a platypus because it's interesting."

-- Maggie Vinduska, jr. Ellinwood



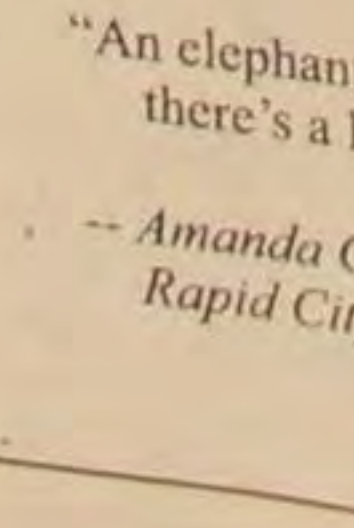
"A whale, because it's huge and slow-going."

-- Jessica Arnold, soph. La Cygne



"A mosquito, because it bugs me all the time."

-- Megan McKnight, soph. Salina



"An elephant because there's a lot."

-- Amanda Christy, jr. Rapid City, S.D.



Illustration by Robert Tobias

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reporters in Iraq fail public obligations

Repeatedly, since the invasion of Iraq, reporters have failed as journalists. They continually report on all that is classified as "bad" with the war. However, what they do not mention is the fact that Saddam Hussein committed numerous human rights violations. Two, ten or even a hundred people murdered by a person constitutes a serial killer. However, if you kill tens of thousands, the world turns a blind eye on what is happening. Reporters conveniently forget that Hussein tortured and killed many of his own people during his despotic reign.

In July 1978, Hussein issued a decree that any who opposed him, or his Baath Party, would be summarily executed. Then, in the al-Anfal Campaign, which took place from 1986-1989, he killed approximately 182,000 people with "weapons of mass destruction," in this case, chemical agents including mustard gas, sarin and hydrogen cyanide. While receiving training in the military, I was shown a video of what sarin does to a living being. Even a small dose can cause permanent neurological damage. Larger doses, which the Kurds were attacked with, cause a very painful death.

However, reporters would rather claim that this war is unjust. I have to ask, "Why do they think this?" By removing a dictator whose heroes were Stalin and Hitler, America has done something that should have been done

back in the late 80s.

On the subject of what is reported in the news, there exists the fabulous pictures and videos of the American military attacking so-called innocent Iraqis, along with daily explosions and gunfights. Such a thing is not as common as the reporters would have the populace believe. There is a saying, "War is 90 percent sheer boredom and 10 percent sheer terror." All we see in the news and the only thing that these "reporters" are reporting on is only 10 percent of what is actually taking place. They want people to be impressed by what they see and of course they are going for the coveted Pulitzer Prize. This is a violation of a journalist's ethics, but undoubtedly they will debate that. The four major tenets, as stated by the Society of Professional Journalists, for a journalist are: "Seek the truth and report it, minimize harm, act independently, and be accountable."

While there may be a few individuals who follow these ethics, many do not and these unethical reporters are willing to bend the truth and thereby put a spin on it so that it supports their own political beliefs. Facts taken out of context should never be reported on.

- Nathan Witter



# Race: where's the place for it today?

## Students dispute the validity of months devoted to race

The beginning of February makes me think of a few things. There's the possible leap year, Valentine's Day, tax returns and something else.

Oh, I remember, Black History Month. That's right, the very last thing that I think about is something that should be extremely important to me.

At my high school, it was required to take two years of history to graduate. First, World History was required and then, junior year students took American History.

Although I hear that McPherson High School teaches the civil rights movement and gives a broad scope of learning, Salina fails to achieve that aspect in their curriculum. Civil rights was a topic that we covered for a week, at most two, in my history class.

Black History Month? What's that? I can't remember doing one thing in celebration for it since I left grade school. It almost seems nonexistent until I see the Martin Luther King Jr. posters up.

It's as if life seems to begin when a child enters the education system. It's there that they learn social skills, their ABCs, how to do basic math and that picking your nose isn't cool.

However, history is a topic that seems to get the least attention when it comes to the curriculum. So, if school is where students get their minds filled with information, why aren't we taking full advantage of those eight hours each day?

Ideas such as Black History Month need to be recognized and celebrated at a young age and continued through the rest of a child's education. Teachers should use this opportunity to enlighten their students and show them more than just slavery and racism. There is so much more to it than that.

And yes, we got Martin Luther King Jr. Day off in January, but really, you tell me what you



MEGAN MCKNIGHT

"Black History Month is just another chance for us to embrace other ideas."

did on that day. Half of the campus used it as one more day to get wasted and to sleep in and postpone homework another day.

I just feel that a lot of my peers haven't been exposed to the diversity that I have. My high school had more than 1% of black people or Hispanics or that box "other" that you check on standardized tests.

It's hard to understand why others act the way they do if you don't understand where they came from. I grew

up in a completely different environment than my best friend, roommate or boyfriend. Black History Month and Martin Luther King Jr. Day are appreciated in a different way by each of us, regardless of race.

I don't care if you're white, black, Hispanic, Asian or even a mutt, which I happen to be, it's important to learn about as many different cultures as possible. Living in America is probably one of the most amazing blessings I could have. It is becoming more diverse with each day passing, which is something that I value.

Black History Month is just another chance for us to embrace other ideas.

It should be used to learn more about the person you might be living next to in ten years or the boyfriend your daughter might bring home some day.

In the end it comes down to the fact that we have to face the world today and realize that we are not the only person in it.

We are taught that it's important to know your roots and it is just as important to know those of your neighbors and friends. Holidays such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month are in dire need of being appreciated and taken seriously.

Understanding your peers is a step towards diminishing racism and hate.



### THE BULL YARD



### POWER POLL RESULTS:

SHOULD MONTHS EVER FOCUS ON THE CELEBRATION OF A RACE'S HISTORY?

YES: 31%  
NO: 49%  
OTHER/UNSURE: 20%

110 INDIVIDUALS POLLED

America is known as a melting pot because of its diverse racial and ethnic population and heritage. People from many ethnic groups have made memorable contributions to our country.

I have a firm belief that every person should keep a strong connection to their individual heritage and ethnic culture, but I also believe that as Americans, we need to celebrate the events and people that have made this country what it is today, a diverse and supposedly accepting nation built on an idea that we are all created equal.

This is one of the main reasons I oppose certain months being dedicated to any certain ethnic group's history in the United States. We want our country to be considered open to a variety of ethnic groups and to consider everyone that is an American citizen and to be non-segregated.

Many people of different backgrounds have fought for that cause but then we have months to celebrate ethnic groups like: Hispanic American, Asian-Pacific American, American Indian, Greek American, Irish American and African American History/Heritage Month. There is even a Women's History Month, taking it from segregation to discrimination.

I see nothing wrong with having a day of celebration for people who have made a great contribution to this country and they all should be celebrated with equal pomp. We have President's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and so on. We could add other holidays to celebrate other people of different races and ethnic cultures who have made a difference in the United States as well.

Granted there are religious and other cultural holidays, like St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Emancipation Day, Mardi Gras and the list goes on. These are holidays that the people that are involved in that culture or belief can participate in and recognize without it seeming like the whole nation needs to recognize them.



HEATHER WILLIAMS

"I do not have to celebrate St. Patrick's Day or Native American Heritage Month to feel the importance of my heritage."

We should not segregate or discriminate by placing ethnic or gender labels on the history of the United States. As Americans, we should celebrate events and people involved in them in general. We should be united as a people of our country. Perhaps each month we should recognize the events that changed the history of this nation. Then people of various nationalities and ethnic heritage would be saluted as they were involved in these events.

I consider myself an American, even though I have several nationalities in my ethnic background. I choose to know about my ancestors and take pride in that.

But I do not choose to recognize the celebrations or months reserved for that because I should be knowledgeable about it and take pride in my heritage as an American everyday. I do not have to celebrate St. Patrick's Day or Native American Heritage Month to feel the importance of my heritage.

I am a woman and I understand the contributions that women have made to this country, but I do not feel we need to have a month to recognize this either. We do not have a month for men and they have made contributions as well.

Our society is ever-changing and I realize that many of the recognitions to cultures and gender are because originally stuffy, Caucasian, middle-class men have written our history books and have chosen what should be important to our citizens as a knowledge base of our history as a nation.

However, I would hope that our nation is more open-minded than that today and that our citizens would take a more informed look at the people that helped make our nation one of diversity. We need to take the responsibility to be informed and knowledgeable without there being a month dedicated to the history of a certain ethnicity. Our nation is only as strong as its citizens, no matter what color or gender they are.

Contributed by staff

### Good Dog

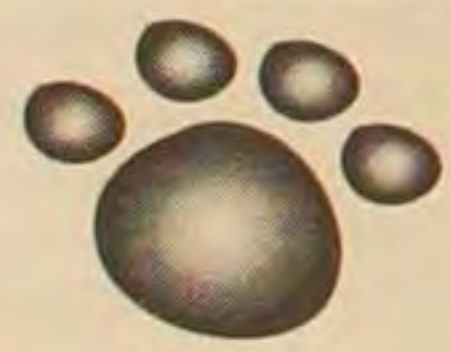
The hot water in the dorms is a neverceasing fountain of therapy.

An Ipod Nano was given away.

Elimination successfully was completed the second time around.

Dodgeball is Sunday! If you don't play, just come watch.

"Freedom Writers" is a recommended movie.



### Bad Dog

Stop the constant snow and ice!

Our painted spirit squad cheered in vain during Saturday's basketball game.

Where'd our dance team go?

Rice milk is no more.

Borat still is managing to keep a prominent role in society.

### A McPherson College moment ...

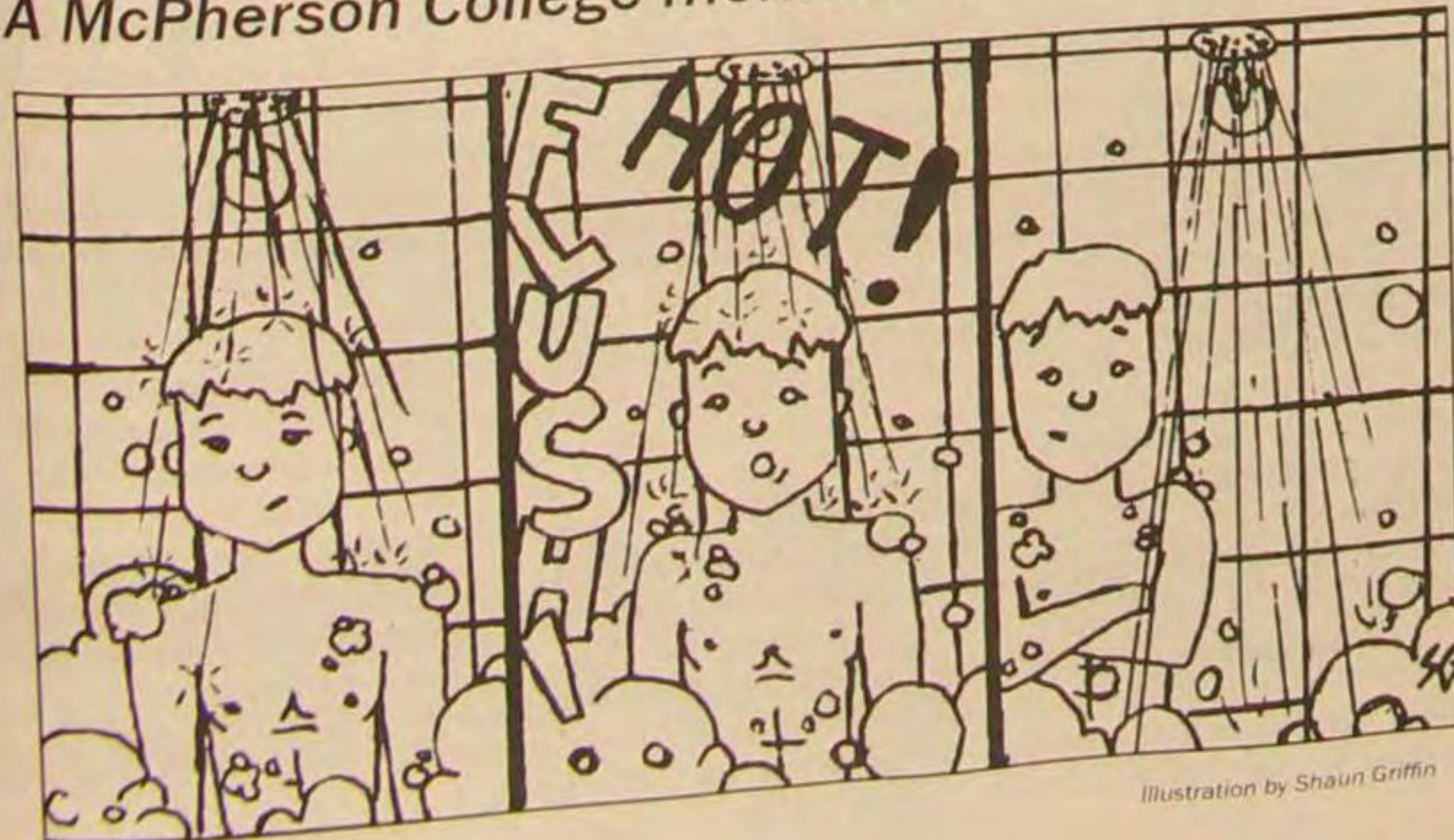


Illustration by Shaun Griffin

### Got something to say? Shout it out!

- THANK YOU WHITE TEAM FOR KEEPING THE S.U. CLEAN WITH ALL OF THE ICE AND SNOW!
- THE MAJORITY OF DRIVERS WITH BAD ROAD RAGE DEFINITELY HAVE A TENDENCY TO ALSO BE THE WORST DRIVERS THEMSELVES.
- WHY HASN'T ANYONE REALIZED THERE'S POTENTIALLY A HUGE CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH BEING BOTH A DEAN OF STUDENTS AND DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS?
- LET SENIORS LIVE OFF CAMPUS NEXT YEAR AND STILL KEEP FINANCIAL AID! (x4)
- HEIL, HOVIS!
- PUT A POPCORN MACHINE IN THE S.U.
- BOMBING FOR PEACE IS LIKE SCREWING FOR VIRGINITY.
- WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GETTING A TO-GO BOX AND GETTING ANOTHER PLATE? NONE.
- THE DOZOUR TOILETS HAVE SUPER CHARGERS ON THEM!
- A PIRATE MAKES THE NOISE AARGH, NOT YAARGH.
- I MISS THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF EATING SCONES AT BREAKFAST.
- WHAT'S UP WITH PEOPLE NOT WASHING THEIR HANDS AFTER USING THE BATHROOM?
- MAC PUBLICATIONS NEED TO STOP LYING ABOUT CO-CURRICULARS. WE HAVE NO YEARBOOK, ETC.
- WHAT IS A TOOTHPICK DOING IN MY DESSERT? I SHOULD SUE THE SCHOOL!
- I THINK ONE OF MY LEGS IS SHORTER THAN THE OTHER.
- BETTER THAN SEX NIGHT WAS BETTER THAN SEX! OK, NOT REALLY.
- ME NO LIKE THE COLD! ME WANT WARM!
- WHY CAN CAR INSURANCE COMPANIES CHARGE MORE BECAUSE OF GENDER STATS BUT WOULD BE SUED FOR RACE STATS? SOMEDAY IT'LL CHANGE.

Drop a note in the Shout it out! box in the S.U. to make your voice heard.  
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CAMPUSLIFEPAGE



One of many buildings in Spain with a unique architectural design. Students and faculty spent time visiting many scenic locations on their interterm trips.

# A non-traditional classroom

Interterm trips offer a different kind of education for Mac students

JON NORLOFF  
Spectator Staff

An overnight trip on Jan. 12. The next day, arrive in beautiful Madrid, Spain, to spend the day exploring the Spanish Capital. This is not the first thing one thinks of when imagining going to class. Neither is climbing the Great Wall of China, visiting the Forbidden City or enjoying a variety of ethnic foods while staying at a four star motel.

No, these are not classes one can take in Melhorn—these are all interterm trips that are offered at McPherson College.

Two trips to other countries some students experienced were to Spain/Portu-

gal and China. Both trips boasted beautiful sites, enriching cultural experiences and, of course, college credit hours.

Katie Hill, sr., Alma, said she gained a better view of the world and broadened her horizons.

"I had always wanted to take a trip and with this being my senior year, there was no better time," Hill said.

The intention of the trips is to give direct experiential exposure to the locations and concepts that are introduced in the classroom. Hill said that prior to their trip, they were prepared for the "culture shock" in the classroom.

Erikka Viehman, soph., Gunnison, Colo., said that

the trip was like an "educational vacation."

"The price was very reasonable and I was glad that I invested the money for a good time and many fond memories," Viehman said.

Viehman said she kept a journal for her class, recording her expectations for the upcoming trip and then her experiences after she arrived home, detailing her likes and dislikes.

Jessica Foulke, jr., Lawrence, took a foundations of music theatre class over interterm, which required a trip to New York City, where most of the class saw over ten shows in seven days.

"We got to meet several of the stars of shows we went to," Foulke said. "I met Ju-

lianne Moore. It was really cool."

When the group wasn't seeing shows, they had the choice of what to do.

"We went to Ellis Island as a group and went by the Statue of Liberty on a ferry," Foulke said. "And Rick [Tyler] and I went to the Today Show."

Foulke also enjoyed New York City's fine dining.

"There were a lot of good restaurants," Foulke said. "Everything tastes better in New York City."

Sound a little better than a typical morning sitting in class?

Next year, consider taking advantage of the opportunity to travel.



Nick McKellip, sr., Nampa, Idaho, and Mira Coulter, fr., Waka, Okla., spend time in a site in China. Students traveled to China for an interterm class.

## En otras palabras...

In other words

### Mi viaje a la China

A principios de enero, viajé a la China por nueve días. No sé por qué quería ir a la China. Sí, me gustaban los guerreros de terracota, y la Gran Pared me parecía interesante. Sin embargo, antes de llegar a McPherson College, nunca pensaba ir a ese país. Afortunadamente, el Señor Smith habló conmigo acerca del viaje y demostró mucho entusiasmo. Por eso, el viaje parecía interesante y pensé que no tendría otra oportunidad para ir a la China, así que decidí ir.

Fui a la Gran Pared y vi las montañas bonitas. También fui al Palacio de Verano. Hay un lago grande en el Palacio, y durante el invierno se hiela el lago. No había bastante tiempo para ver todo el Palacio pero los edificios y los jardines eran muy bonitos. Antes de llegar a Shanghai, fuimos a Liu Yuan. Me encantó porque era bonito e interesante. En las aceras hay piedras pintadas en forma de animales. Por ejemplo, hay fénices, pájaros y venados y las pinturas son muy bonitas. Fui al Museo de Shanghai. En el museo hay colecciones de dinero antiguo, muebles y la vestimenta de las varias culturas en la China. Fui a la Ciudad Prohibida que está cerca de la Plaza Ti-

ananmen.

Comí arroz, pescado y verduras. Para las bebidas, se nos servía té, cerveza y Coca-Cola, pero se nos permitía solo una botella de cerveza o Coca-Cola por cada mesa.

Me encantaron los templos porque eran bonitos y muy grandes. No sé lo me gustó más porque había muchas cosas para ver y disfrutar. Yo espero poder regresar allí pronto, pero el viaje cuesta mucho dinero.

### My Trip to China

In the beginning of January, I traveled to China for nine days. I don't know why I wanted to go to China. Yes, I liked the Terracotta Warriors, and the Great Wall seemed interesting to me. However, before I arrived at McPherson College, I never thought that I would go to China. Fortunately, Dr. Smith told me about the trip and talked with me with much enthusiasm. Because of his excitement, the trip seemed better and I thought that I wouldn't have another opportunity to go to China, so I decided to go.

I went to the Great Wall, and I was able to see the beautiful mountains. Another place that I visited was the Summer Palace. There is a big lake in the

lake freezes over. There wasn't enough time to see the entire Palace, but the buildings and gardens were very beautiful. Before arriving in Shanghai, we went to the Lingering Garden. I loved it because it was beautiful and interesting. On the sidewalks, there are colored stones in the form of animals. For example, there are phoenixes, birds, and deer, and the pictures are very pretty. I went to the Shanghai Museum. In the museum there are samples of ancient money, furniture, and the clothing of the many cultures in China. I went to the Forbidden City, which is located near Tiananmen Square.

I ate rice, fish, and vegetables. For drinks, there was always tea, beer, and Coca-Cola, but we could only have one bottle of beer or Coca-Cola per table.

I loved the temples because they were beautiful and very big. I don't know what I liked the most because there were so many things to enjoy. I hope to return to China soon, but the trip costs a lot of money.

-- William Riley

### Mi viaje a España

Durante la clase de enero 2007, tomé la clase de Temas en la Historia del

Mundo con un enfoque en España. Esta clase también incluyó un viaje a España por diez días. Era una gran experiencia. Yo tenía la posibilidad para aprender la cultura española, el alimento y la arquitectura. Hicimos un viaje de ida y vuelta desde Madrid a Toledo, Granada, Sevilla, Lisboa (Portugal) y Salamanca.

De todas las ciudades que visitamos, Toledo era mi favorita. Nuestro guía turístico hizo nuestra experiencia muy buena. Carlos era muy energético y divertido e hizo el aprender sobre la historia de Toledo muy emocionante. Me gustó la arquitectura de esa ciudad. Los pasajes peatonales eran hechos de piedras de adoquin de la influencia romana. Los edificios son de la influencia árabe. Las casas y los edificios son altos y arreglados en una manera parecida a un laberinto a la fin de impedir a los enemigos a encontrar el castillo y proveer una mejor ventaja a la gente de Toledo. He visto un cuadro muy impresionante en Toledo. "El entierro del conde Orgaz". Fue pintado por El Greco y exhibió el ascenso de la tierra al cielo.

Mientras en España, no hablé tanto español como yo había esperado. Nuestro director de viaje era escocés y en nuestro grupo había personas de McPherson

College y otras personas de Australia y Nueva Zelanda. Realmente cuando teníamos tiempo libre, nos dimos cuenta de que el hablar a los niños españoles era lo más fácil. Ellos hablaban más despacio y por eso era más fácil entender. Ojalá que yo hubiera tenido más tiempo y más oportunidades para comunicarme en español.

El viaje a España fue una gran experiencia. Lo pasé bien y conocí a mucha gente con quien normalmente no ando. Yo les recomendaría un viaje como éste a todos.

### My Trip to Spain

During the interterm class of 2007, I enrolled in Topics in World History with a focus on Spain. This class also included a trip to Spain for ten days. It was a wonderful experience. I had the chance to learn about Spanish culture, food, and architecture. We traveled round trip from Madrid to Toledo, Granada, Seville, Lisbon (Portugal), and Salamanca.

Of all the cities we visited, Toledo was my favorite. Our tour guide made our experience great. Carlos was very energetic and entertaining. He made learning about the history of Toledo fun. The architecture was another aspect of the city that I enjoyed. The walkways are made of

cobble stone from Roman influence. The buildings are from Arabic influence. In order to prevent enemies from finding the castle and to give a better advantage to the people of Toledo, the homes and buildings are tall and arranged in a maze-like fashion. One of the most impressive paintings I saw was located in Toledo. It was painted by El Greco. "The Burial of Count Orgaz" is a very impressive painting and shows the passing from earth to heaven.

While in Spain, I didn't speak as much Spanish as I had hoped. Our tour director was Scottish and our group consisted mostly of our college group and people from Australia and New Zealand. When we did have time on our own, we discovered that speaking to Spanish children was the easiest for us. They speak slower so it is easier to understand. I wish I would have had more time and opportunities to practice communicating in Spanish.

I had a great experience in Spain. I especially had a great time getting to know people I don't normally hang out with. I definitely recommend a trip like this to everyone.

-- Rikki Viehman



# Losers win big

Support group inspires students and faculty to conquer bad habits and lead healthier lives

## SAB hosts dodgeball tourney

MANDY MORGAN  
Campus Life Editor

Students at McPherson College are soon going to be employing the five very important Ds that many learned from the 2004 movie "Dodgeball" starring Vince Vaughn and Ben Stiller: dodge, duck, dip, dive, and of course dodge.

Student Activities Board is hosting a dodgeball tournament.

Teams of five to eight will be battling it out at the Sport Center for the honor of being dodgeball champs on Sunday, Feb. 18 from 1-4 p.m.

All participants will receive a free t-shirt, which SAB plans to give out on the day of the tournament, but no prizes will be given out to the winners this year.

A meeting will be held for the team captains Friday, Feb. 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the basement of the Student Union.

"There are a lot more participants this year," said SAB treasurer Megan McKnight, soph., Salina. "We actually had to extend the timeframe for the tournament."

The participants are enthusiastic about the upcoming competition. Shalyn Skahill, sr., Upland, Calif., and Abby Evans, jr., Council Grove, are looking forward to the event. The pair plan to play on the same team this year.

"I'm excited to play," Skahill said. "I've come up with new strategies for this dodgeball tournament."

Evans said, "This is my favorite activity out of all the activities on campus because it's fun to see the different groups of people get together and to see their competitive nature."

Like last year, dodgeball looks to be a great time for MAC students to get their dodge on.

LARA LIGHTY  
Spectator Staff

If losing 24 pounds in a month-and-a-half makes someone a big loser, then Cody Doll, soph., Healy, is one.

Doll is one of several people joining personal counselor Kelli Johnson in an attempt to lead healthier lifestyles.

The idea began when a few students approached Johnson about developing a support group for losing weight. There was so much interest, that two groups currently meet with Johnson.

They call their project "The Biggest Loser" after the hit fitness reality TV show.

When the groups meet, they share how the previous week went and talk about a plan for the next. Guest speakers visit on occasion to discuss topics such as nutrition and fitness.

Johnson said the group is important to the success of the individuals, but also that each plan is individualized specifically to accomplish personal goals.

"We use what's motivating for each individual, but then we support each other as a group," Johnson said.

Doll joined with the intention of feeling better, both emotionally and physically, and in the process has happily taken his belt in several inches.

"The greatest feeling is having to add more holes to your belt," Doll said.

Doll finds success by



Photo by Travis Walker

Cody Doll, soph., Healy, checks his progress as part of "Mac's Biggest Losers." Thus far, Doll has lost 24 pounds in just a month-and-a-half by changing his eating habits and attending weekly support meetings.

eating healthier in the cafeteria and eliminating consumption of alcohol. He also exercises a few times a week.

The journey has not been easy. Doll said it is difficult to eat healthily in the cafeteria while everyone else munches on burgers and fries.

"It takes self-control to grab a water instead of a pop, to pass by the candy

bowl and such," Doll said. He said the group setting has been very helpful in the process.

"It's nice to have a group that knows what you're going through and is always supportive," Doll said.

Unlike the television show, not all "contestants" are aiming for weight loss. Brian Schippert, sr., Great Bend, joined the group to quit smoking and chewing

tobacco. His pack-a-day habit has dwindled to nothing, without gaining the extra pounds many gain while trying to quit smoking.

The most difficult part for him is eliminating the habits from his daily routine. Trips to the Kwik Shop for gas are difficult as well.

However, this lifestyle change has also had its fair share of pluses outside of the obvious.

"I save a lot of money," Schippert said.

He also said he enjoys being a part of the group.

"It's fun to watch the others succeed," Schippert said.

The groups plan to meet until May 16 and while they all hope to be big losers, more than anything, they hope these changes will carry over long past the target date.

## The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR MATT PFANNENSTIEL.

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

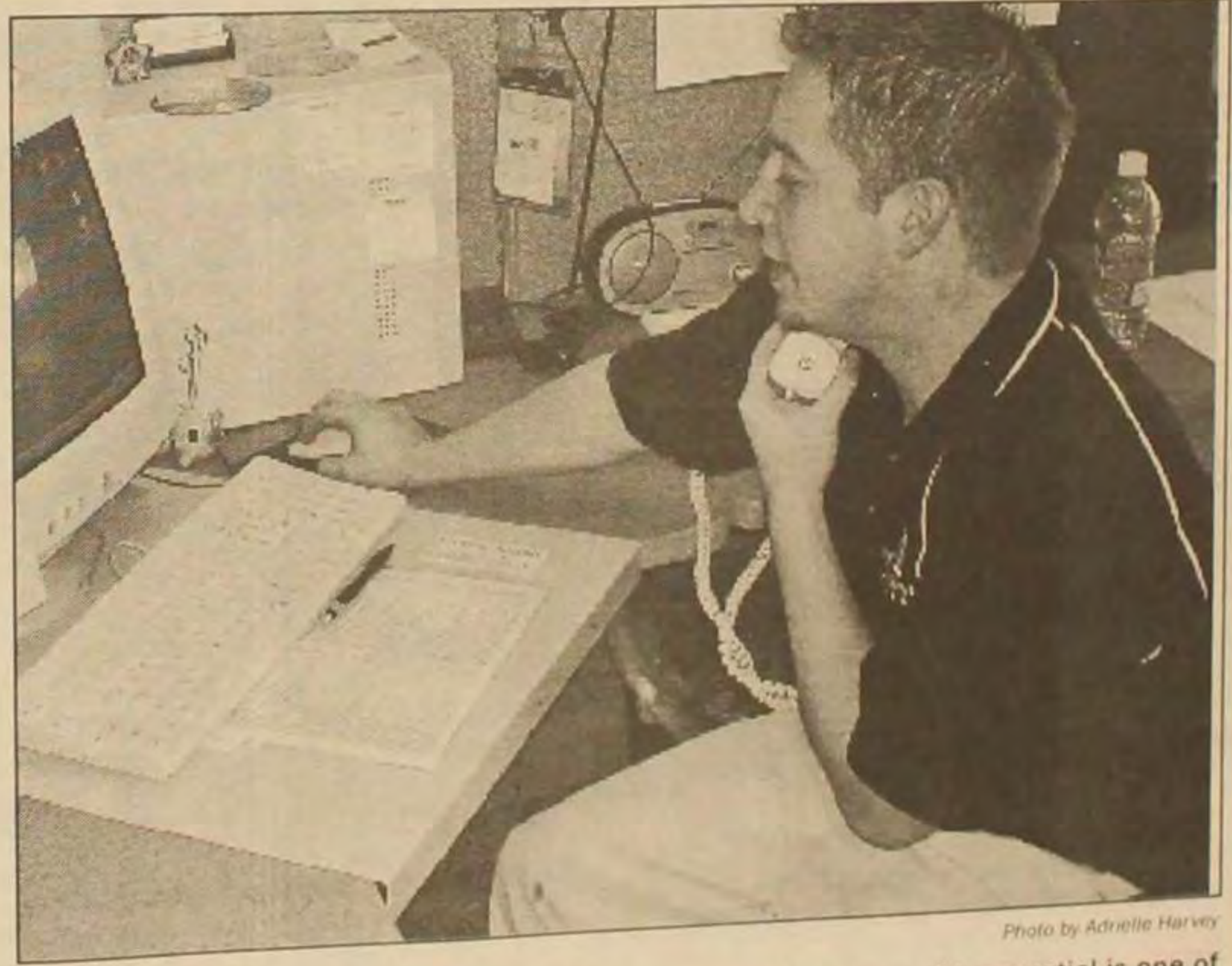


Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Matt Pfannenstiel talks with a prospective student over the phone. Pfannenstiel is one of the new admissions and financial aid counselors working in the enrollment office this year.

**What is your role at McPherson College?**

"Admissions and financial aid counselor. I recruit and talk with people about McPherson. Just help them through the process of seeing if McPherson is the right place for them or not."

**What is your favorite movie?**

"Emperor's New Groove, Tin Cup and Hook."

**Where do you live now?**

"I live in Lindsborg, Kansas."

**What is your favorite part of The Spectator?**

"It's one of the best papers."

**Scarlett Johansson or Eva Mendes?**

"Eva Mendes."

**What do you value most in life?**

"Family and friends. I would say almost more friends than family. I have phenomenal parents."

**"Saving Private Ryan" or "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation?"**

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."

**Where are you from originally?**

"Ness City, Kansas, home of the Fighting Eagles."

**When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

"I wanted to be a professional basketball player."

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?**

"For the first round of state playoffs in basketball, I wore my shorts inside out for the first half."

**If walls could talk, what would they say?**

"Stop looking at me, Swan."



**SPORTSPAGE**

**Pat Noyes Basketball Scholarship winner announced**  
Austin Klumpe honored as the first recipient of the award

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

The first-ever recipient of the Pat Noyes Men's Basketball Scholarship was awarded to Austin Klumpe, sr., Madison, on Friday night at a recognition banquet.

Klumpe, a business finance and management major and point guard for the Bulldogs, was chosen based on the following criteria: "Disbursements... shall be used to provide scholarship assistance to students who most closely exemplifies the attributes of Pat Noyes, has attained junior or senior status and has completed their previous school year as a full-time student at McPherson College, is in good academic standing with the college..." among other

stipulations.

"I feel honored that they (scholarship committee) would consider me for the scholarship," Klumpe said. "He (Noyes) sounds like he was a really hard working guy. He wasn't the star player, but he made everyone around him better."

The Pat Noyes Scholarship Recipient & Donor Recognition Banquet was organized to recognize the family of Pat Noyes, those who have donated to the scholarship fund thus far, Klumpe and Roger Trimmell.

Trimmell was recognized for 25 years of service as head men's basketball coach at McPherson College.

Trimmell also coached Noyes during his time spent on the McPherson College basketball team



Photo by Carol Swenson

Austin Klumpe, sr., Madison, receives the first-ever Pat Noyes Basketball Scholarship from Noyes' parents. Noyes was killed in a plane crash in 2001.

from 1991-1993. Noyes transferred to Oklahoma State University, aspiring to be a college basketball coach. On Jan. 27, 2001, Noyes was killed in a plane crash in Colorado along with nine

other OSU basketball affiliates, while returning to Oklahoma from a basketball game.

Since 2002, family, friends, classmates and teammates have worked to create the basketball

scholarship in honor of Noyes.

Since the start of the scholarship, nearly \$25,000 has been raised. The scholarship has been endowed by McPherson College and will exist for as long as the college exists.

"For a scholarship to become endowed here at the college, it has to be a minimum of \$15,000 and we surpassed that point last year," said Erik Vogel, Pat Noyes Scholarship Organizational Committee member and director of development at McPherson College.

To raise money, there is a golf tournament at Turkey Creek and a silent auction held annually.

"When you look down at the total number of gifts, it's about 336 gifts given to the Noyes Schol-

arship Fund since it first started back in 2002," Vogel said. "You've got some pretty well-known sports figures—Troy Aikman, Dean Smith, Bill Self, John Wooden—just to name a few. A lot of universities around the country have donated items for our auction. Either autographed items, jerseys, pants, t-shirts, which we used to raise money for the scholarship fund."

Between the women's and men's basketball games against Southwestern on Saturday, the family of Pat Noyes, Klumpe and Trimmell were recognized.

Noyes' family said they would match up to \$1,000 in gifts made toward the scholarship fund that night. A total of \$1,057.64 was collected.

**Lady 'Dogs bounce into home stretch**  
Team to finish out conference play tomorrow

MALLORY YUNGBERG  
Spectator Staff

Currently, the Lady Bulldogs' basketball team is 14-11 overall and 8-9 in Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference play.

McPherson began the season undefeated for their first five games and have improved in many statistical categories throughout the season.

"We have better shooters and we have become more physical," said freshman guard Kristen Ozbun, Rose Hill. "We also get after it more on defense and we are more ready to go on defense. We're not just standing around anymore. Overall, for

"No matter what, we are going to have a winning season and that's pretty exciting."

- Kristin Ozbun

my first year of being here, it is really exciting."

With only two games remaining in the regular season, the Bulldogs also have the opportunity of finishing fifth before tournament play, but they would need to win the last two games in order for this to happen.

Team members said they are about at the same level as Friends University. But

no matter the outcome of the remainder of the team's schedule, the Bulldogs are guaranteed to have a winning season.

Ozbun said, "We are right with Kansas Wesleyan University and Friends University skill-wise, but we should win these last two games before the tournament starts."

The Bulldogs' most recent loss came yesterday when the Bulldog ladies were defeated by Kansas Wesleyan University 82-68.

The Bulldogs were also defeated 63-66 on Saturday night, while hosting Southwestern University, despite staying with the Moundbuilders the entire game.

Jamie Sims, soph., McPherson,

leads in overall points per game with an average of 12.5, while April Woody, jr., Tescott, follows closely with 12.4 points per game.

Becky Bratcher, jr., Miami, Fla., leads in rebounding for the season with 181 total rebounds, while Angelina Fiorenzi, soph., Robstown, Texas, follows with 122 total rebounds.

Abby Suiter, sr., St., John, leads in assists for the season with 77 and Sims leads in steals for the season with 65.

Bratcher leads in blocks for the season with 35.

The last regular season game for the Lady Bulldogs is tomorrow at Friends University in Wichita at 5 p.m.



photo by Michael Jardon

Sheila Bevan, sr., Macksville, and Becky Bratcher, jr., Miami, Fla., box out for a rebound. The Bulldogs have one more regular season game tomorrow.

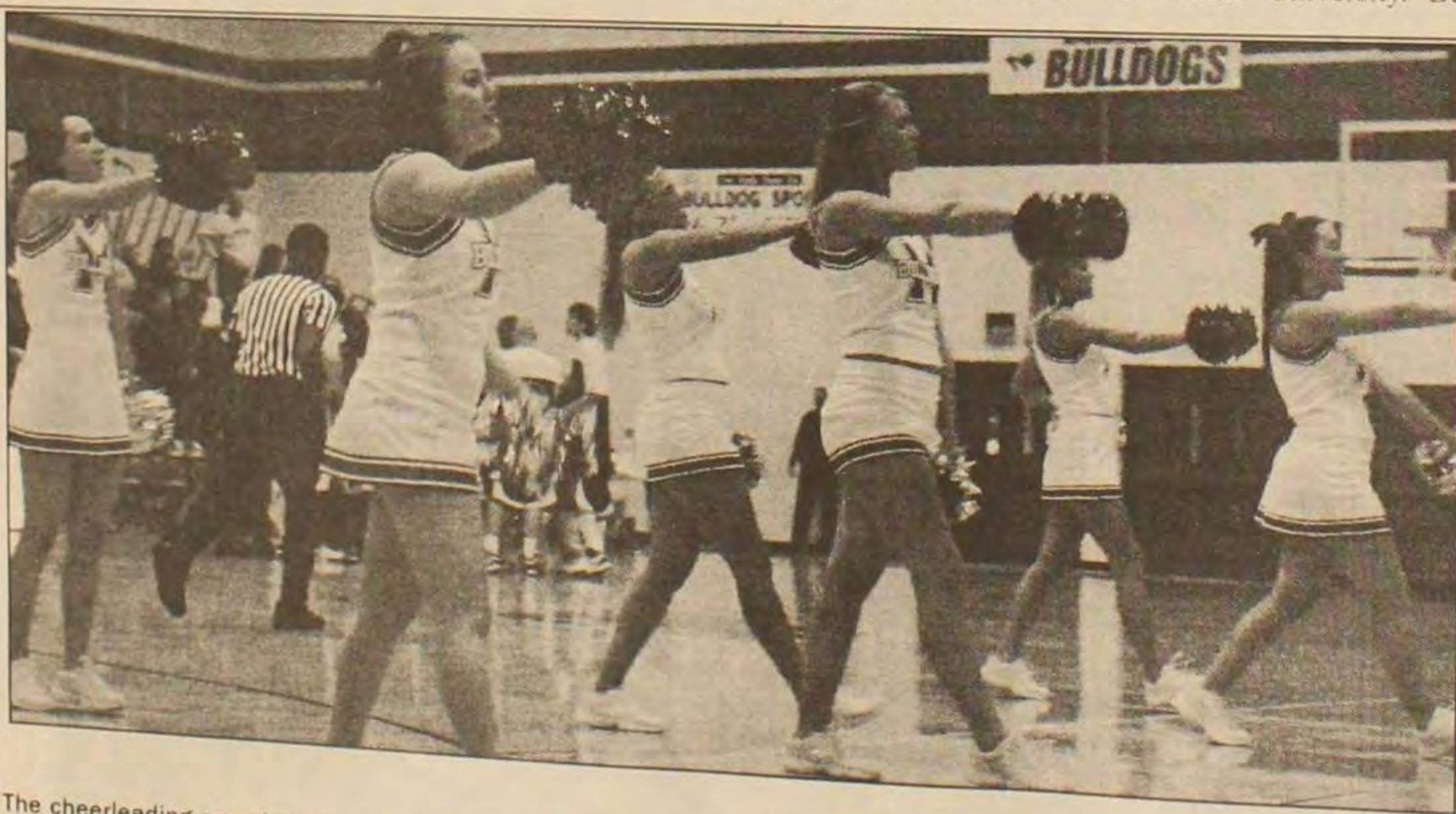


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The cheerleading squad cheers during a timeout in the game against Southwestern on Saturday. The cheerleaders are currently prepping for two competitions later this spring.

**Cheerleaders prepare for national cheer competition**

ANTHONY FLASK  
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College cheer team has been putting in many hours of practice recently to prepare for its near future. The team will not only cheer from the sidelines at basketball games, but will be competing in two national cheerleading competitions next month.

The Cheerleaders of America national competition will take place in Kansas City on Mar. 10 and 11, followed by the Worldwide Spirit Association's national meet the next weekend in Denver.

The COA competition will be judged on both in-

dividual and stunt group performances, while the WSA competition focuses on team performance.

Coach Tia Leach has been pushing the group to develop new stunts and basket tosses, which will be needed to finish at or near the top.

"With all of the practicing and new stunts we've added, our team should be competitive at the events," Leach said. "If we end up winning a national championship I wouldn't be disappointed. We are serious about the competitions because it puts McPherson cheer on the map at a national level, which will benefit us in recruiting and it will help us gain inval-

able experience."

Coach Leach is recruiting in the areas of the competitions, so recruits will have a chance to see McPherson first-hand at a national level.

"We are looking to bring in some top prospects and hope to expand our team next year," Leach said.

Some of these expansions include having a competition team, home and away teams and all girl and coed teams.

Members of the team are excited about the opportunity to perform nationally, and although the extra practices are creating schedule conflicts for some members, it has nonetheless brought them closer as

a group.

Recent transfer Amanda Draznik, fr., Newton, said, "it has been difficult to catch on at times because I started so late, but a lot of the girls have been working with me to catch me up."

"The leadership the whole team is displaying is what will make our team not only stand out in the competitions, but everywhere we perform and that is what we have been striving for as a team," said Cristina Sanchez, fr., Newton.

"Our team is talented and all the hard work we are putting in is just going to make us better, so we are really excited for the chance to show it all off at these next events."



photo by Michael Jardon

Shawn Young, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo., dribbles around a Southwestern defender Saturday night. McPherson lost by four points against the Moundbuilders.

**Men 13-21 overall, 7-9 in KCAC**

ANGELINA FORENZI  
Spectator Staff

The men's basketball team currently has a 13-21 record overall and is 7-9 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. The Bulldogs were picked to finish ninth in conference, but are sitting in fourth place with only two more games left in conference play. The men have won six of their last 14 games, but hope to finish the season strong.

The men defeated the University of Saint Mary, Ottawa University, Manhattan Christian College, Sterling College, Bethany College and again Ottawa University in the second half of conference.

McPherson was defeated by four points on Saturday

night by the Southwestern Moundbuilders.

"We played hard the whole game," said junior guard Cody Dickerson, Crescent, Okla.

"We really wanted to win this one," said junior forward Scott Bradley, Chickasha, Okla. "It just didn't go our way."

Leading scorers were Dickerson and junior guard Shawn Young, Colorado Springs, Colo., with 12 points each, followed by Bradley and sophomore forward/center Mark Johnson, Healy, with eight points each.

Last night, the men fell 50-72 to Kansas Wesleyan.

Tomorrow, McPherson will travel to Friends University and will compete in the last game of conference play.



## Muehler, Ray, Ward join football coaching ranks



Bob Ray



Cedric Shell



Brian Ward



O.C. Williams

JAMES HENDERSON  
Spectator Staff

Changes to McPherson College's football program are currently being implemented.

There have been a few new additions to the staff for the upcoming season. Among the new, are head coach Brian Ward, assistant head coach Bob Ray and assistant coach Chad Muehler. Returning to the staff are assistants O.C. Williams and Cedric Shell.

Ward, a McPherson alumnus, has taken the reigns at head coach and will also be coaching on the defensive side, as well as special teams. Ward's plan for the upcoming season is for the

team to play to its highest potential and if that happens the Bulldogs will be competitive. His expectations are to get the very most out of the players both on the field and in the classroom.

"I want our guys to fully commit to the program and to McPherson College and their purpose for being here," Ward said.

Ward believes that to be a champion, players must pay a price with hard work and dedication and that is one of the many things that he is instilling into the team.

Ray, a Tabor alumnus, will assume the duties of assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and will also be coaching the quarterbacks. He came to McPherson to

be a part of a championship program.

Ray's goals for the upcoming season are to improve on the offensive side of the ball.

"My plans are for the Bulldogs to go to the top," Ray said.

As a part of this new staff, he believes and trusts in the kind of program that is being implemented.

Jacob Custer, jr., Cathedral City, Calif., expects the coaches to get the team to work hard and get more wins than last year's season.

"I hope that the coaches make everyone on the team including himself better people all-around," Custer said. "Better athletes, bet-

ter in the classroom and just better individuals."

Chris Ezeibunwa, jr., Zachary, La., expects leadership from the coaches. He wants them to teach the team how to be leaders, to be more active in the community and win more games.

"I want to see more one-on-one time between coaches and players and more wins," Ezeibunwa said. "I want to win."

The players and coaches know that their preparations will determine how they perform this fall. Both parties have accepted the challenge and look forward to the 2007 season with excitement and determination to compete for a conference championship.

## Indoor track team warms up for outdoor season

Bulldogs qualify two athletes for nationals at KSU Invite



photo by Benjamin Denton

Jarred Smith, jr., Wright, practices the pole vault in the sport center last week. Indoor track is halfway through the season.

ALAN GROSBACK  
Spectator Staff

Even with the snow and the cold of the winter, indoor track is reaching the season's

showings at all three of the meets thus far.

The Bulldogs had five of the men place when they made the trip to Manhattan for the KSU Invitational: Jarred Smith, jr., Wright; Sean McCrae, soph., Marietta, Ga.; Brent Bailey, soph., Simla, Colo.; Jordan King, soph., Limon, Colo.; and Chris Bode, fr., Flagler, Colo.

King finished first in the 60-meter hurdles at the invitational.

A few weeks later the Bulldogs traveled to Lawrence for the Jayhawk invite. The Bulldogs had many athletes at this meet and a few that ran unattached. Zane Walker, jr., Eckley, Colo., qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics indoor nationals at this meet in the high jump. Many other Bulldogs had good showings.

Many of the events that were scheduled to take place in Lindsborg on Feb. 3 were

"We have had several qualifications for nationals."

- Ashley Mitchell

canceled due to weather and were made up this past weekend. The meet held in Lindsborg is an indoor/outdoor meet so weather is often an issue at this time of the year.

Team members believe things are looking good for the Bulldogs this year.

"The season is going really well, said Ashley Mitchell, soph., Great Bend. "We have had several qualifications for nationals and everyone has been working hard to do their best. Our problems have been from the weather."

For many of these athletes, the indoor season is used as a warm-up for the outdoor season.

In the next two weeks, the Bulldogs will travel to Lindsborg and to Manhattan.



photo by Michael Jardon

Bryanna Daniels, fr., Longmont, Colo., Paul Burke, jr., Derby, Cody Doll, soph., Healy, Tolan Lichty, soph., Gardner, and Gary Yates, fr., show their Bulldog spirit on Saturday. The winner, Doll, received a red iPod Nano.

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## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

### Bevan, Young stand out on Bulldog basketball teams



Sheila Bevan



Shawn Young

In the spotlight this week is senior forward Sheila Bevan, a psychology / sociology major from Macksville.

Bevan excelled in basketball and track during her four years spent at Macksville High School.

Not only does Bevan play a key role on the women's varsity basketball team at McPherson, she also is a thrower on the women's track and field team.

Bevan said deciding whether basketball or track is her favorite sport is a tough decision.

"Basketball is fun," Bevan said. "I love playing basketball, but track is totally different. I mean, I love to throw the shot too."

While Bevan grew and matured both in sports and as an individual, there was a trio of people who left a profound impact on her. On the court, there were two.

"When I was growing up, Pat Summit, the coach, was amazing," Bevan said. "She was intense, but I am also a big fan of Paul Pierce. I'm a KU fan. I've grown up on KU basketball, with Roy Williams, and all of that stuff."

Off the court, however, there was one individual who truly touched Bevan.

"My Great-Grandmother Pike, too," Bevan said, "because I would always hang out with her after school and have talks with her. I always remember having a blast with her. She didn't ever do anything extraordinary, but she was just really a great person."

Last season, Bevan received the McPherson Bulldogs "Most Improved Player" award from the women's basketball team. She also received National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic All-Academic honors for both her sophomore and junior campaigns.

As a Bulldog, Bevan said one of the most memorable moments occurred during a tough workout.

"I guess one memorable moment would be, when coach said we were going to have a light cardio and we ended up running a lot," Bevan said. "We ended up doing stairs like three or four times. So his light cardio turned out to be to us, pretty hard."

Bevan has faced her fair share of challenging opponents.

"I would have to say Tabor, especially playing at Tabor," Bevan said. "Their gym and just the atmosphere is so tough. When we went to Southwestern and played them, overall the team played really well," Bevan said. "It was right after Christmas break and we went down there and just connected. We had awesome defense and we beat them. It was just so exciting."

This week the Player Spotlight is on junior point guard Shawn Young. Young is a transfer student from Trinidad State Junior College.

"I would say the most memorable moment was when we lost by a buzzer beater to one of our rivals," Young said. "The game was close the whole time and the crowd got really into it. It was just a great atmosphere."

As a freshman and sophomore in high school, Young attended Warwick High School in Virginia and finished off his high school playing days at Pomona High School in Colorado. There, he was named to the All-Conference squad his senior season.

"I moved to Colorado with my brother who is in the Air Force," Young said.

Off of the court, Young's mentor and friend is his older brother Jermaine.

"Outside of basketball, my role model is my brother, Jermaine, because he has been through some hard times, but he has always kept his head up and he taught me a lot," Young said.

In high school, Young met an extremely influential individual who would impact him on the court for years to come.

"My high school coach, Bob Hicks," Young said. "He taught me a lot about responsibility and to never give up."

This year, Young leads the Bulldogs in three-point percentage, ranks first in overall minutes and minutes per game, is currently second in assists and third in overall points per game.

"I like point guard the best because you get to handle the ball a lot more than the other positions," Young said.

Young takes pride in delivering assists, which demonstrates teamwork and playing fundamentally.

"I would take the perfect assist because it gets other players on your team involved," Young said. "Fundamentals can win you a game, flash can cost you a game."

Young has one main goal heading into the home stretch of the basketball season.

"To get as far as we can in the KCAC tournament," Young said.

Young is quite ambitious.

"I want to try to win as many games as possible," Young said.

Young said everyone is a leader this year, whether they play or not.

"Everyone takes part in it," Young said. "Even if they don't get into the game, they will still say something. Everybody has a part of the leadership."



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Jeffrey Samson, Jr., Atwood, peeks out of his room while participating in Elimination last week. Many students could be seen sneaking around campus, hunting for their next victim.

# SAB provides entertainment, food and fun for student body

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Student Activities Board is the organization that McPherson College students depend on to set up entertaining games and activities for everyone on campus to participate in.

"SAB is an organization that provides a safe environment where people can have fun and take their minds off schoolwork, athletics, anything that's causing them stress," said SAB president Katie Hill, sr., Alma.

Students on campus, as well as off campus can all join in the fun that SAB creates. Students even have a chance to become part of the SAB organization. Anyone interested in becoming a member just needs to get an application from Amy Hoffman, the resident director of Dotzour.

The most recent event SAB

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-Katie Hill

planned was the Snap-Bracelet Elimination game, which was at times confusing, caused mass paranoia and had to be started again, but ultimately was a great way for people to gain new friends and acquaintances. The event following Snap-Bracelet Elimination is dodgeball.

Last year's dodgeball competition was merely a peek into what this year's competition will be, with all the new talent that the teams will gain and the experience that the returners will bring, the competition has increased.

SAB also planned for all students to get free t-shirts this year.

Earlier in the year, they handed out long-sleeve McPherson shirts. On Thursday, SAB sponsored the last chance t-shirt giveaway for those students who did not receive a free long-sleeved t-shirt the first time.

SAB also has another event planned for later this spring. They are bringing a hypnotist to McPherson College, for the campus community's personal amusement. This will give all the non-believers a chance to see what all the hype is really about.

Students will be able to enjoy this particular activity in early April, so students are encouraged to keep their eyes open for an announcement about the occasion.

SAB also sponsors weekly and monthly traditional happenings. "SAB sponsors the Tuesday night movies, as well as the first Friday of the month Bowling," Hill said.

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it reminds him, "Yup, I'm small." For Shroyer, this connection with nature is a healthy, viable way for him to meet spiritual needs.

Still others do not make a distinction between spirituality and God.

Michael Lund, jr., Wichita, defines spirit as "a representation of a person's relationship with God." Some may assume that a person with this conservative view would likely want a classic church experience to express their spirituality. Interestingly though, Lund further commented about his position on

organized religion.

"You can't have church without the Bible, but you can have the Bible without church," Lund said.

His approach to meeting spiritual needs is personal in nature. While views vary greatly on God's role in spirituality, many feel that the classic church setting is not required to fulfill spiritual needs. This is in line with Hurst's experience.

"Religion is not easy," Hurst said.

However, he is trying to come up with multiple ways to help meet these varying spiritual needs. Hurst is fully aware that there are a variety of ways that people experience spirituality. He mentioned conventional chapel,

music, intellectual discourse, nature, meditation and conversation.

Hurst said of the college, "It is an educational institution; we ought to be able to support and celebrate all the diversity that we have."

This apathy toward conventional church and religious services may be difficult to understand for those who run the school. But if the college chooses to provide spiritual support, it needs to realign its efforts to meet the needs of the current student body.

In turn, it is the student body's obligation to identify and articulate its needs to the school. In Cook's words, "You are responsible to yourself."

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major or a business/informational management major. A hybrid major must take six hours outside of both departments.

The 62-hour cap and the six hour out-of-department requirement will give students more choices and will help to satisfy the college's goal of a broad based education.

"It allows more choices for the student and is a less iron-clad way of going about it," said Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty.

She added that when students are taking multiple majors in one field, too many hours go toward one

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department and it conflicts with "preserving the liberal arts education of McPherson College."

Eells "greatly appreciated the student representative on the committee," in reference to Eric Sader, soph., Augusta.

A compromise has been met to clarify the rules for faculty with the best interest of the student in mind.

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"ShaRhonda Maclin was a huge part of putting this together and we could not have done this without her," Reynolds said.

Reynolds thought the competition was a great success. "Many of the students and sponsors who attended thanked us and told us how much they enjoyed it," Reynolds said.

Reynolds hopes to host the competition again next year and also to work out a few weaknesses they found in the competition.

"We all had a blast and many high schools expressed an interest in coming back," Reynolds said.

# HLC recognizes Mac's progress in enrollment, finances

Changes, improvements also acknowledged by Higher Learning Commission

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Every college undergoes regular reaccreditation visits in order to assure they have met certain standards.

During McPherson College's last accreditation visit in 2005, the Higher Learning Commission accredited the college and identified areas in which progress needed to be made. They required that a progress report be due on Dec. 1, 2006.

Last month, the college received a letter in response to the progress report, which stated that the commission accepted McPherson's report on fulfillment of enrollment and financial goals and no further progress reports are required.

"We have not quite met all our indicators of progress, but we have made substantial enough progress that (the HLC) believes in our

commitment and ability to follow through," said Laura Eells, provost and dean of faculty.

President Ron Hovis said the requirement of a progress report was due to many changes taking place near the time of the visit. The plans for change were in the early stages of implementation.

"We changed a number of things in the couple of years prior to the 2005 visit and had a number of serious issues," Hovis said. "We weren't far enough along for (the HLC) to know if our changes were going to be successful."

The commission's concerns included enrollment numbers and the amount of money being drawn from the college's endowment.

"We've seen a sustained growth in enrollment for the past four years," Eells said. "We haven't completely reduced the financial situation we were in, but constant

progress is being made on issues. Our enrollment has increased and we have diminished our excess withdraw from the endowment."

Hovis said that since the 2005 visit, McPherson has about 40 more students and the college has cut spending from the endowment in half.

"We would like to see McPherson College continue to grow and be the best private liberal arts college in Kansas," Eells said. "To do that, we need to substantially grow our enrollment, develop our programs and develop our career-oriented liberal arts approach."

Eells called the HLC's acknowledgement of the work everyone on campus has been doing "very gratifying."

"We were pleased with the report because it's a confirmation that we're on the right track and that we're making progress," Hovis said.

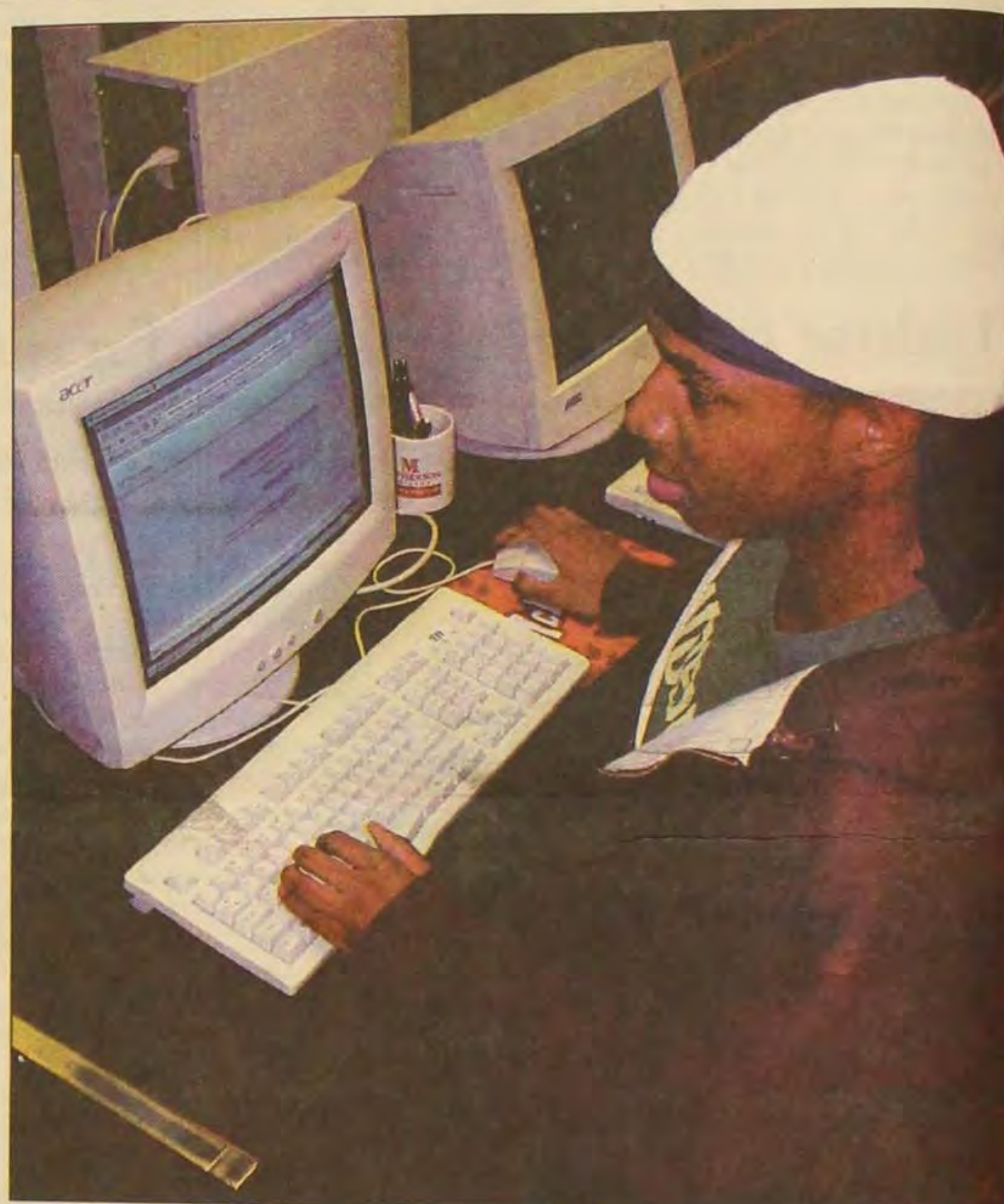


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John Neher, Jr., Grundy Center, Iowa, utilizes the library's online resources Thursday night. Students can usually be seen taking advantage of the library's resources, many of which will see improvements in the near future.

# Library improvements to better college experience

Changes to happen in the next 18 months

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Almost every student at McPherson College has been to Miller Library, either by force or by choice.

Susan Taylor, college librarian, said there are many new changes coming to the campus library within the next 18 months.

These changes consist of a new entryway ramp that is handicap accessible, a new main floor bathroom, also handicap accessible and a larger elevator.

Later on, new carpeting will be laid on the second level of the library and half of the lower level.

Also, there will be new magazine subscriptions, involving health, fitness and automotive restoration. These magazine suggestions were brought to Taylor by students on campus.

Another change will be a newer edition of Ebsco, which will include more

science journals.

Another long-term goal that was recently accomplished was the implementation of the new Integrated Library System, Agent Verso.

"We think it offers students many helpful features such as the ability to check the status of their account, to place a reserve on books currently checked out and to do federated searching," Taylor said.

"Federated searching lets one search not only the library catalog, but also other online databases, such as Academic Search Premier and WorldCat."

Any new material that students would like to see should be discussed with their professors or Taylor.

There is also a material request form available at the McPherson College website, [www.mcperson.edu/library](http://www.mcperson.edu/library).

"Please include all information, including your name, so if I have ques-

tions, I can respond," Taylor said.

The changes that are being made to the library start with a plan that was put together by the Instructional Resource Committee.

At the IRC's meetings, changes and needs are discussed to better the current experience at McPherson College and to also plan for later on down the road.

There is not a student representative at this point in time, but anyone interested is welcome to talk to Taylor about the position.

Taylor would also like students to know that she is available for individual help for those that need it and that she is also on Facebook.

The e-mail account that students should search if they want to add her, is [taylor@mcperson.edu](mailto:taylor@mcperson.edu).

Along with Taylor, the library, with its new improvements, will also aid in that quest for knowledge.