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# The McPherson College SPECTATOR

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Morning classes canceled March 7**

Wednesday, March 7 is the annual spring assessment day. Classes are canceled for the morning and will resume at 12:30. Freshmen and seniors who didn't take the C-Base exam in the fall will be taking it then. Also, any teacher education students who need to take the exam to gain entrance into the education program will be taking the test.

**Reminder: Seniors**

The bookstore will be ordering caps and gowns soon. Graduating seniors need to stop by the bookstore or e-mail Linda Barrett at barrett@mcperson.edu, to provide height, weight and a contact number. Questions can be directed to Barrett.

**Help welcome new employee to Mac**

Mac wants to welcome Anna Ruxlow to the college. She started employment last week as an associate director of development. Ruxlow is a life-long McPherson resident with extensive sales and customer service experience. She will concentrate her efforts on managing the local business campaign drive, Project Connect, the college's annual telethon campaign, the Senior Class Gift Project and direct mail solicitations.

**Movie times for Tuesday, March 2**

Every Tuesday is Movie Night at Cinema 4 on Main Street for the late shows. McPherson College students get in for \$2 with a MAC I.D. This week's show times are:

- Bridge to Terabithia**  
9:05pm
- Music & Lyrics**  
9:10pm
- Ghost Rider**  
9:30pm
- Wild Hogs**  
9:35pm



## Stafford delivers Mohler Lecture

Comptroller General David Walker to give Flory Lecture Sunday, March 11

KIMBERLY MORRIS & JORDAN SHAY  
*Spectator Staff & News Editor*

Author Kim Stafford discussed his family's literary affection for Kansas using his own writing, comedy and stories during this year's Mohler Lecture on Sunday.

Stafford is a writer of poetry, essays, short stories and biographies.

When writing biographies, Stafford often finds author's works that have never been published.

"The funny thing about writing a book about someone is you find out the things he never said," Stafford said.

Stafford is a professor at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore., and is the founding director of the Northwest Writing Institute. He also serves as the Literary Executor for the William Stafford Archive.

During Stafford's presentation he told about his most precious items, including his grandmother's diary and memoirs of his aunt. He read different passages from each and joked about the stories and his family.

Stafford entertained his audience by singing a song that he wrote after talking to a cowboy and his horse. He also read a poem he wrote after his fam-

ily tuned in to the local news because one of his children was supposed to be on it with a check for charity. But because of everything else going on in the world, his child was not.

After the presentation, Stafford stayed to sign autographs on his two books: "Early Morning: Remembering My Father, William Stafford" and "The Way It Is: New & Selected Poems."

On Monday, Stafford spent time visiting various classrooms and talking to the students.

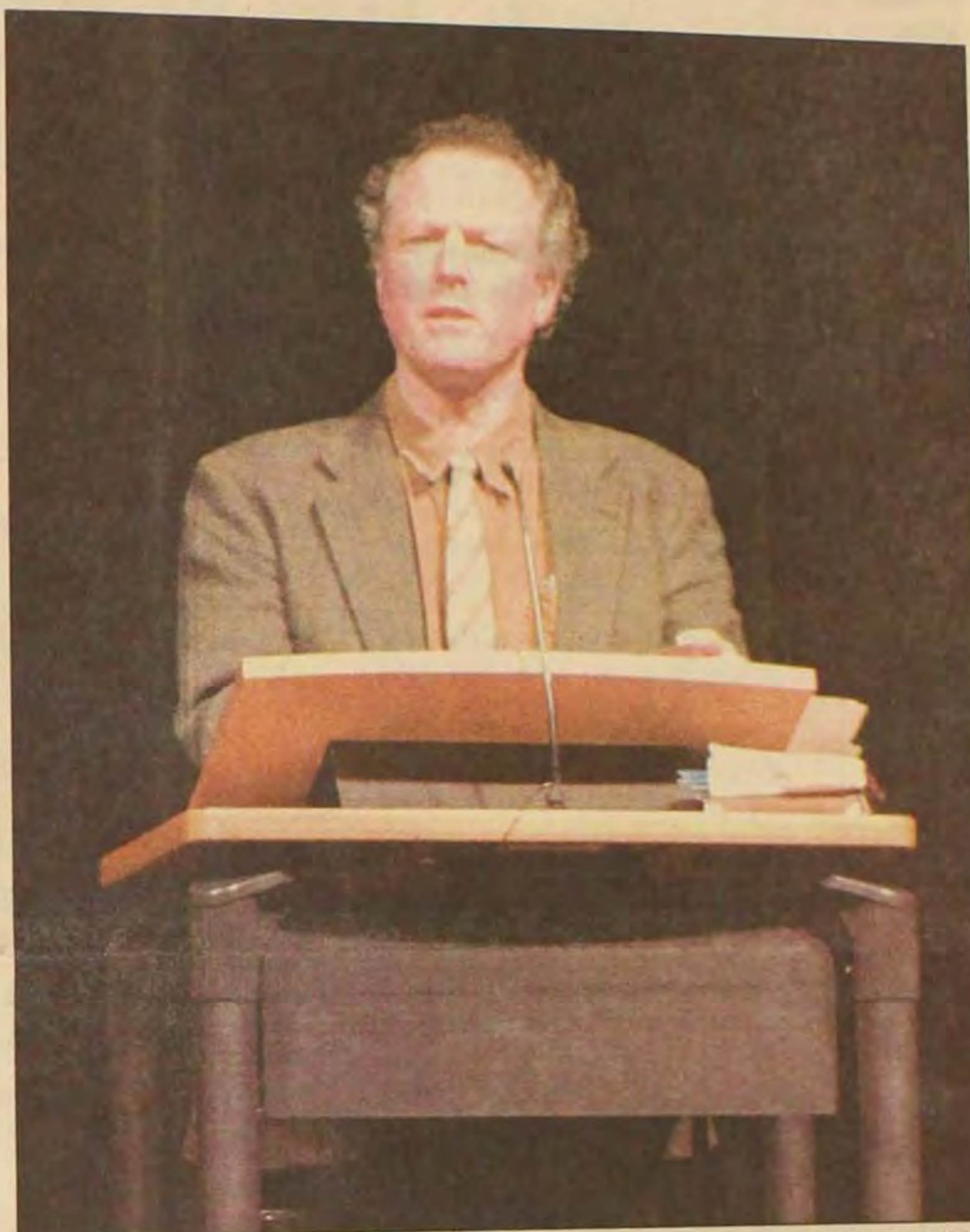
Stafford said he really enjoys coming to Kansas. He said that next time he comes, he would like to bring his family.

"When I am in Kansas, there is just stuff happening nonstop," Stafford said. "I love the people here. I think a college like McPherson is very important in the work of our time because of the attention to the arts, job skills, and peace making."

Coming up next in the lecture series, is the Flory Public Policy Lecture, which will feature David Walker, U.S. Comptroller General.

Walker was appointed as the seventh Comptroller General of the United States, and began his 15-year term in October 1998. As Comptroller General, Walk-

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Mohler Lecturer Kim Stafford entertains the audience last week. Stafford said he enjoys his visits to Kansas.

Mac Enrollment and Attrition over the past 5 years!



2002/03		2003/04		2004/05		2005/06		2006/07	
FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP	FA	SP
341	300	386	363	424	384	426	412	468	454
11%		8%		10%		6%		5%	

Enrollment

Student Attrition

All figures represent full-time students

infographic by Christina McPherson

## Retention rate high, 31 students added

AMY ZIEGLER  
*Spectator Staff*

The spring semester at McPherson College is in full swing, and retention rates are the highest they have been in the past 12 years.

Students felt a difference when the fall semester started because the rates of enrollment increased a noticeable amount.

The amount of full-time students that attended McPherson during fall semester totaled 468, and 14 seniors graduated at semester.

Out of the possible 454

returning students, 22 either transferred or did not return for other reasons, which left the spring numbers at 432 full-time students.

McPherson College figures the retention rate by dividing the actual returning students, 432, by the number of potential returnees, 454, which equals a 95-percent retention rate.

There are 31 new students that transferred into McPherson either at inter-term or at the start of the spring semester. The new students did not impact the campus life significantly in terms of living situa-

tions, cafeteria settings or classroom numbers.

The current enrollment of 463 is the largest number of students enrolled for the spring semester in almost 30 years.

"I am hopeful that all of the new students are here to pursue specific academic plans leading to graduation with a bachelor's degree in one of the areas we offer," said President Ron Hovis. The new students are here to participate in the extracurricular activities as well as take part in the scholarly duties of being a student in a collegiate atmosphere.

## Board to meet this weekend

Committees make important decisions affecting the college

JON "NED" NADEAU  
*Spectator Staff*

The McPherson College Board of Trustees is currently on campus for its spring meeting.

The meeting began yesterday and will continue over the weekend. The board normally meets three times per year, with a fall and spring meeting and a summer retreat.

"The board is the entity with the authority for the operation of the college," said President Ron Hovis.

The board acts as a group to set the mission of McPherson College and provides operational oversight in pursuit of that mission. Each of the 24 current board members have equal voting power.

There are several committees that meet over the three days. Each board member serves on at least one committee. The committees meet at various times on the first two days to prepare recommendations and reports for the full board meeting on Saturday morning.

The board will hear action items and reports from each of the committees.

"A big chunk of the meeting will be about strategic planning and developments to move us forward," Hovis said.

Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty said, "The board is another set of eyes with a big picture view. The board is not second-guessing a committee."

The board listens to the provided information and considers it during the decision-making process.

"No decision process is easy on a college campus," Hovis said. "We are trying to choose between improving the current quality of operation, investing for the future and balancing the operating budget."

The seven-member executive committee is responsible for coordinating and organizing the work of the board. They are setting the agendas for the next meeting, working on future agendas and delegating work to the other committees. They will also review the performance of President Hovis on Saturday.

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# BCA provides student Australian experience

## OPINIONSPAGE

Life really escalated the week before I left. I was packing and reviewing lists, reading travel brochures and blogs, arduously learning maps, studying the history of their government and familiarizing myself with their politics, national anthem, sports, musicians and weather patterns.

I've always loved travel; it is what brought me from my home in a suburb of Washington D.C. to the calm and easy fields of McPherson, and is what eventually brought me thousands of miles even further west to Sydney, Australia.

With the help of advisors from McPherson, Brethren Colleges Abroad and Macquarie University in Sydney, I embarked upon one of the most rewarding, exciting and mesmerizing adventures that anyone could ever hope for. As I write, I am



BRIAN YORK

only a week and a day away from casting off yet again for Sydney and I'd like to tell you why.

It should go without saying, that studying English in a country which speaks a very different sort of English is an enlightening endeavor all its own. What can also

go without saying, is that life in Australia is very different from anywhere I've been in the United States.

I am not going to write about specific friends I made or places I saw, as that task would certainly take forever. Instead I would like to ask you to imagine a city carved out of sandstone, tumbling softly into sunny, blue pacific beaches in the east and climbing into densely-forested, rolling mountains on the west. It is a city with a nightlife that never ends and a music scene that never misses a beat.

Many bars and restaurants stay open around the clock and the cabs whiz through the streets servicing those who choose not to ride the buses. In the heart of the city you can visit the Sydney Opera House or the Harbor Bridge just a couple of blocks away. The city is full of life and youth; it is full of people who work very hard at their jobs, but do so with the motto, "Work to live," the exact inversion of what seems to be America's credo, "Live to work."

In the one month I spent traveling slowly up about 900 miles of Australia's eastern seaboard, I visited islands where the ocean water was infested with tiger sharks and the land was home to roaming dingoes.

I visited the oldest rainforest in the world, which is home to over 80 percent of the Earth's butterfly population. I snorkeled in the Great Barrier Reef and sunbathed on one of the top ten most beautiful beaches in the world.

The countless sights found in



This bird is one of many sights York observed while in Australia this past semester.

Photo by Brian York

Australia are absolutely spell-binding and include things like jellyfish as large as people and the most life-changing sunsets. The people there are fun-loving and attentive. They care deeply for their friends, their country, their earth and they respond very well to Americans who demonstrate a sincere interest in the Aussie way of life.

I am going back to further my adventures in the land down under. Perhaps next time I will drive along the southern coast or quest out towards the center of the coun-

try. Either way, I have all of the faith in the world that this next visit to Australia will definitely be just as good, if not better, than the first. I must very strongly recommend that any and all McPherson students who are even the slightest bit interested in travel get in touch with Ocie Kilgus, who is the school's point of contact with BCA. This is an absolute once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that has really been exciting and enriching. I hope that you all look into enrolling yourselves in similar such adventures!

### STAFF EDITORIAL

#### Stop the cheeseburger feud!

Obviously, if students check their e-mail or even interact in the Mac world, they've realized by now an infamous cheeseburger feud exists on campus.

However, it is the editorial board's stance that this madness has gone far enough.

Students on both sides of the "issue" of football burger perks have merely turned this squabble, which was started politically ineptly, into a pointless grudge match.

Gratefully, the mass emails have halted for the time being. However, the mutual bashfest now continues in a Facebook group.

The Spectator urges this group to dismantle and leave the petty insults permanently in its wake.

Wrap it up folks. Burgers are not worthy of such bickering.

## "Speak Truth to Power" more than play

World of today not just Britney Spears and backgammon, but far greater

If you guys don't know, "Speak Truth to Power" is a different kind of show than I've ever been a part of.

It chronicles the stories of 51 different human rights activists from around the world.

I would consider myself a pretty politically active person.

I usually know something about most things that are happening around the world.

I'm a history and political science major; it's sort of my job.

But there are issues in this play that I'd never really heard of, never paid much attention to.

Did you know about the treatment of people with mental retardation in Hungary? They are often kept in cages. Cages.

Did you know that child-soldiers are common in countries like Mozambique? Children fighting instead of playing.



JESSICA FOULKE

Even these are things that I had never heard of. A lot of the people profiled in the show I had never heard of.

But I have heard of the Sudanese. I have heard of the police brutality that occurs in our country. I am aware that eleven

million children are uninsured in the United States.

All of these things motivate me to stand up and do something.

I wish I could say I was the rule in our generation. But I have a feeling I am more of an exception.

I could tell you that 40,000 children die each day from diseases that could be prevented. That's 100 McPherson Colleges each day. I could tell you that 1.3 billion people live on incomes of less than a dollar a day.

Facts usually turn people away and numbers are vague.

And I just don't think that many of you would jump to your feet in anger.

I'm afraid that most of you

would say that it doesn't affect you; that it's not happening to you or your family, so who cares?

As long as you can still watch "Grey's Anatomy," you're set.

Some days I feel the same way. Ashamed though I am to say it.

Everyone is busy. I know; I'm busy.

But this weekend or next, take an hour (the show's only an hour long!) and come see it. You can support your friends and maybe take something with you.

There are people out there that could have sat and said that it "didn't affect them," but they chose a different path.

Wangari Maathai has helped people plant 15 million trees throughout Africa, giving viable income for 80,000 people in Kenya alone.

Marina Pisklakova started Russia's first hotline for abused women and the country's first battered women's shelter.

Kailash Satyarthi has emancipated 40,000 children in servitude in India and throughout Asia from

"Apathy will be the death of our freedom and we will have no one to blame but ourselves."

slave-like conditions.

There are so many more.

Somewhere along the line these people made a choice. They said to themselves, "Because this affects the people of the planet, it affects me." They said that even if it doesn't make that much of a difference to them, it is important.

Because it is important. And whether or not you know it now, the stakes are high.

We spend more time sitting in front of our computer screens reading about Britney Spears' new haircut or playing Internet Backgammon than we do reading about the latest legislation usurping more of our own rights in the United States.

Apathy will be the death of our freedom and we will have no one to blame but ourselves.

Apathy is the real terrorist of our generation.

## Cafeteria continually evolves into hopefully something students can enjoy

I am sure I am not the only one who has noticed that the cafeteria has undergone a dramatic change since last term.

Instead of HDS, our new provider of on-campus sustenance is Chartwells.

I do not know how or why there was a change, but I'm definitely glad it happened.

The Chartwells company seems to have genuine interest in or is at least making good-faith attempts at, making the food service one less source of displeasure in the life of Mac students.

Among the most important of reforms, food preparation techniques have improved drastically.

I'm no culinary genius, but I can tell when food is overcooked, undercooked or cooked in some bizarre way

that makes it unrecognizable.

Incredibly, most items served this term are both recognizable and edible.

I'm sure it will disappoint many, but dried-out chicken-jerky is no longer the highlight of the evening meal.

There is also an improvement in the features and upkeep of the salad bar, which now regularly holds soymilk, pasta salads and baby spinach, as well as a variety of vegetables and condiments.

Skim milk was also recently added to the milk dispenser.

The main vehicle for these changes is a wonderful folded paper that we call a comment card.

Fill it out with critiques and suggestions, drop it in the box next to the

silverware, and return later to find that your demand, "I want cherry pie!" was heeded.

I have noticed a very short turnaround between giving a suggestion and actually seeing it implemented.

And, the best part, rather than honor a request temporarily, the new food service makes student suggestions a regular, as in on a daily or weekly basis, part of its offerings.

The staff, for the most part, also seems to be more pleasant in general.

That is not to say that I don't still have my complaints.

I'm convinced one employee wants to kill me.

The mashed potatoes the other day were terrible.

The tomatoes haven't been ripe and the dried cranberries, which are amazing, disappeared from the salad bar.

But the beauty of the current situation is that I have a

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way of telling the food service these things.

And when we talk, the company listens.

So as you are rushing out of the cafeteria to get to your next class, take the time to grab a comment card.

Filling it out only takes a few minutes, can be done at your leisure and you can return it anytime.

If it is more convenient, you can e-mail Chartwells director Brian Stohs instead. Because everyone has probably deleted the e-mail LaMonte sent out, the address is chartwells@mcpherson.edu.

So if you do not like the food Chartwells is serving you, and we are paying for it, get your voice heard!

## On the Fly

### What one thing would you like to see when a new dorm is built?

"Foosball tables and a bigger laundry room."

-- Ripp Harrison, soph. McLouth



"A kitchenette with an oven on every single floor."

-- Lidia Labra, jr. Scott City

"... the space should be used in a way that reflects the college's mission of community."

-- Steve Gustafson, prof. McPherson



"I think suites would be nice."

-- Joel Grosbach, jr. Enders, Nebr.

"More parking."

-- Amber Wright, sr. Stillwater, Okla.



# HPV vaccination arouses controversy

## Polio and STDs not the same

## Killer virus needs stopped

Whether or not you can remember, you were probably given polio and measles vaccines when you were a young child.

The reason for these vaccinations was to prevent you from contracting these very dangerous and highly contagious diseases.

Currently, there is debate of adding another vaccine to the list of medical cocktails. This vaccine is called the Human Papillomavirus vaccine.

HPV encompasses numerous viral infections more commonly associated with genital warts. HPV is a sexually transmitted disease and is only spread through sexual contact.

HPV in and of itself does not cause cancer, but does cause cell mutations that have the potential to become cancer, though cancer is not always a direct result of contracting HPV.

It is estimated that 80% of women will contract HPV during their lifetime; however this does not mean that all 80% of these women will develop cervical cancer.

HPV is entirely different from polio and measles. Unlike polio and measles, one cannot contract HPV simply from shaking hands, coughing or failure to wash one's hands. HPV is contracted strictly from sexual contact.

However, HPV is being addressed in the same manner as polio and measles. HPV is proven to not be contagious, but is being treated as such.

Currently, HPV vaccinations are up for debate. In some states, such as Texas, state legislators are deciding whether or not girls ages twelve and over will need to have the HPV vaccination in order to be admitted into public schools.

I am against mandatory HPV vaccinations because there is a clear difference between HPV and that of measles and polio. Unlike polio and measles, little girls will not simply contract HPV by going to school and they will not share it with others in the same manner.

My complaint with the vaccination is not the vaccination



**ASHLEY MITCHELL**  
"Unlike polio and measles, one cannot contract HPV simply from shaking hands"

itself. The vaccination is proven to greatly reduce the cervical cancer rate, which is a great thing.

What I am against is the mandatory aspect of the vaccination. Because the virus is proven to spread through sexual contact, it should not be treated in the same category as other life-threatening diseases.

I believe that it is unfair to make this vaccine mandatory because not all people choose to engage in pre-marital sex, but are being lumped into the same category as those that do. Perhaps what should be addressed here is not a vaccination, but rather abstinence and monogamy.

Today there is only one vaccination available to the public and it is called Gardasil. There is a second vaccine in the making and it will be called Cervarix. Both vaccinations only address four types of HPV viruses that are out there. About one third of the other viruses associated with HPV will go unprotected against.

So even if one does opt for the vaccine, it is not 100 percent able to prevent cervical cancer. Abstinence remains as the only 100 percent effective prevention choice.

As I stated before, I am not against the HPV vaccination because the immunization will do a lot to help society.

I am, however, against making this vaccination mandatory. It is not fair to punish those who do not engage in the risky behaviors that cause the virus in the first place.

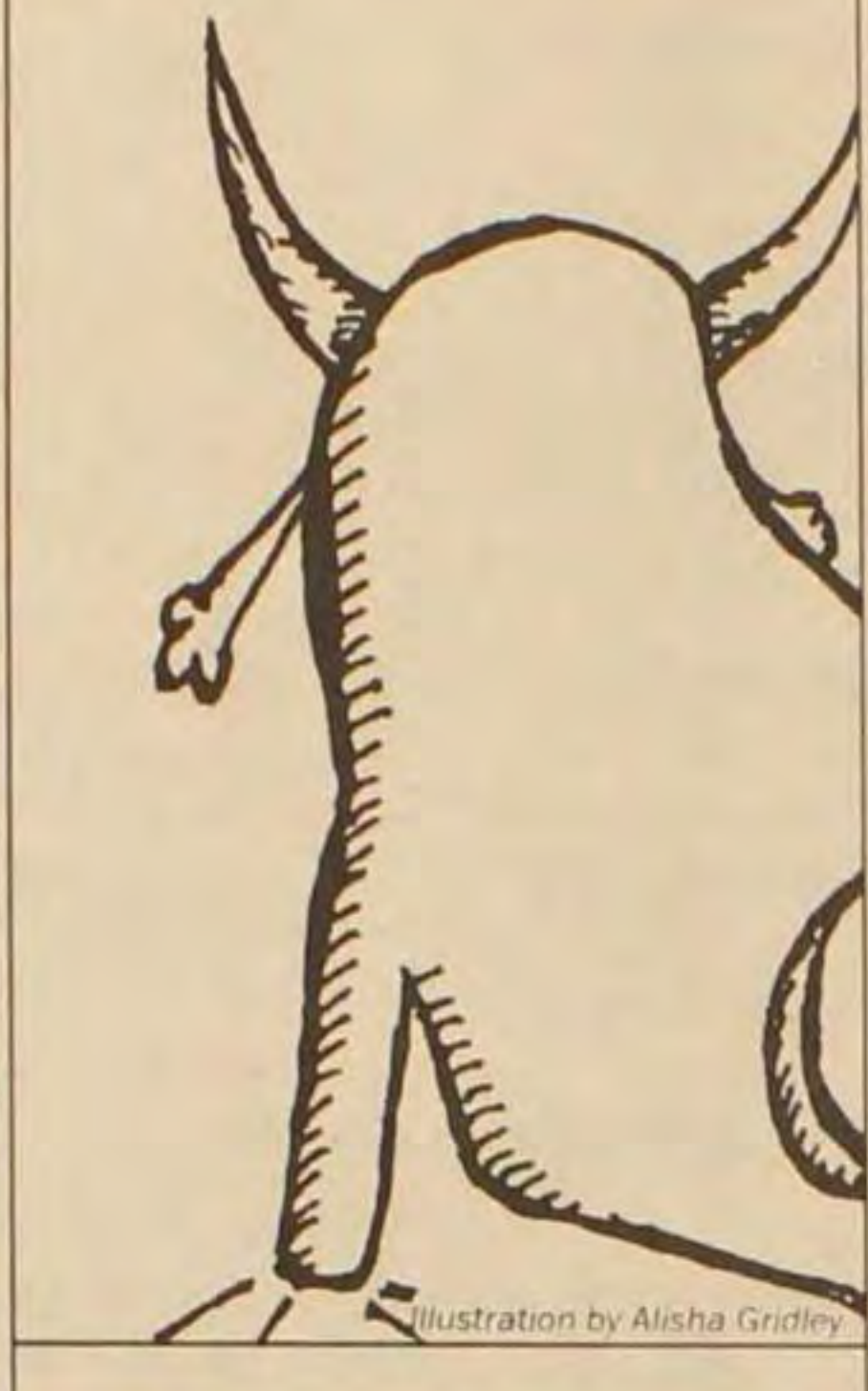
I think that this is an issue that should be left to parents and their children to decide upon, not state legislatures.

If this were a ravenous disease claiming hundreds of thousands and millions of lives because of its highly contagious nature, i.e. polio and measles, I would be all for making this a mandatory vaccine.

But because the primary form of contraction lies within the conscious choices of individuals, I simply cannot endorse it.



### THE BULL YARD



### POWER POLL RESULTS:

**SHOULD THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINATION BE MANDATORY FOR YOUNG GIRLS?**

**YES: 39%**  
**NO: 36%**  
**OTHER/UNSURE: 25%**

64 INDIVIDUALS POLLED

As a mother of two teenage daughters, I would do whatever it took to keep them safe. I would even let a doctor give them a series of three injections that could help prevent cervical cancer.

The name of the injection is Gardasil, and it is to protect against the four main strains of Human Papillomavirus (HPV), which is the leading cause of cervical cancer. Two months after the first injection, the second one is given and six months after the first, the third injection is given.

I feel strongly about this because I was diagnosed with HPV my first semester at McPherson College.

It started out with my yearly exam by my gynecologist and an abnormal pap smear. Next was a painful biopsy of my cervix and waiting for the answer to the big question.

Did I have cancer? This was no short wait; it was about two weeks after the biopsy that I finally found out that I was cancer free, at least for now.

I now have to have bi-yearly checkups and I have to worry that someday the news may not be good. I would never want my daughters go through what I have went through.

So, on the first of this month, my girls and I went in to have the first of three injections done. This will help prevent them from contracting HPV once they become sexually active and it may help me be protected from the four strains that the injection covers.

They know I have HPV, but not which strain I carry.

I had never even heard of HPV until I was diagnosed. Since then it has been all over the media and the vaccine has been approved. But at the time of my diagnosis, all the information that the doctor had was a small brochure that contained very few answers to all of the questions that I had.

HPV is a very serious virus with no known cure. It is a sexually transmitted disease and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of 2005, 20



**HEATHER WILLIAMS**  
"I feel strongly about this because I was diagnosed with HPV my first semester at McPherson College."

million people in the United States already had HPV.

The CDC also said the only way to totally protect oneself against HPV is to avoid any sexual activity that involves genital contact. HPV can affect both women and men.

Anyone who has had any kind of sexual activity involving genital contact with an infected person can get HPV; intercourse isn't even necessary for the virus to be passed to another person.

People who have HPV may not show any signs or symptoms, so they can pass the virus on without knowing it.

The CDC also estimates that at least 50 percent of sexually active people catch HPV during their lifetime. There are many different types of HPV, some causing no harm. Others can cause diseases of the genital area.

For many, the virus goes away on its own, but when the virus does not go away, it can cause cervical cancer, precancerous lesions or genital warts, all depending on the HPV type.

I had no symptoms at the time of my diagnosis and I have no idea how long I have had it. I have been with my husband for ten years and he does not have it, so I had been a carrier for many years without any idea such a thing even existed.

I understand that some people have beliefs against all vaccinations and that is fine. But I would strongly suggest that if you are a woman in your teens or twenties and you do not have religious reasons to prevent the vaccination that you talk to your doctor about the benefits and risks of this vaccination.

It is truly worth the time and money to prevent the possibility of contracting HPV or being diagnosed with cervical cancer. If you are not willing to do this for yourself, then do it for your partner and possibly their future partners. Please help stop the spread of this STD and the second biggest cancer killer in women - cervical cancer.

Contributed by staff

### Good Dog

You missed out if you didn't get to see guest speaker Kim Stafford as the Mohler lecturer.

However, David Walker and Dr. Sarada Amma are just around the corner.

The sandwich bar is a nice addition for our dining pleasure, indeed.

### Bad Dog

When, oh when, will our ice cream problems cease?

The yellow rice was funky and unique, and not in a good way.

Practical jokes should not involve police or parents.

Tests should not be all at once!

**A McPherson College moment ...**



Got something to say?

## Shout it out!

- MAC COLLEGE ... DRAMA CENTRAL.
- DOTZOUR WATER IS HORRIBLE!
- HOW DO YOU GET A TISSUE TO DANCE? PUT A LITTLE BOOGIE IN IT!
- THE MORE I GET TO KNOW HOW THIS SCHOOL OPERATES, THE MORE I THINK OF COMMUNIST RUSSIA.
- IT IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY. LIFE IS SO GOOD!
- BOO FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT! BOO FOR SLANDER!
- WHY IS THERE SO MUCH BROTHERS PROPAGANDA AT THIS COLLEGE?
- ONE DAY YOU'RE GOING TO WAKE UP AND NOT REMEMBER HOW TO CRY.
- I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHY COACHES ... THINK IT'S BENEFICIAL TO HAVE PRACTICE AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE FREAKING MORNING!
- YAY FOR OUR LIBRARY VENTURING INTO CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY!
- QUIT PEEING ON THE TOILET. IT IS DISGUSTING.
- I LIKE TATOR TOTS!
- FREEDOM IS DELICIOUS.
- STOP MESSING WITH OUR BOARD. SERIOUSLY.
- WHY, OH WHY, MUST WE HAVE HOMEWORK? IT MAKES ME SO SAD ...
- I'M ON THE NO EATING DIET. A.K.A., I GO TO ... COLLEGE AND PAY FOR CAFETERIA MEALS.
- STOP PUTTING USELESS PROPAGANDA IN THE PAPER.
- SPANISH IS KICKING MY BUTT!
- CHEATER, CHEATER, PUMPKIN EATER!
- YOU'RE BEING CARELESS, GRANDMA!

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.

CAMPUSLIFEPAGE

# Conyers' colors

Art professor named as a top contributor to contemporary American watercolor

AMANDA MORGAN  
Campus Life Editor

"There is an old saying that all art is trying to become music...there is a rhythm, a sort of visual dance, suggested in Wayne Conyers' art that is difficult to define...you can almost hear one of his paintings," said Robert Barnum, the curator of State of the Art 2007: National Biennial Watercolor Invitational.

Conyers, professor of art at McPherson, was one of ten artists in the nation asked to attend the invite-only show.

Barnum chose Conyers for the showcase because he felt Conyers was one of the top ten people making the most significant contributions to the direction of contemporary American watercolor.

Conyers said he was in no way expecting the letter that informed him of the honor.

"It is the biggest thing that has happened to me professionally," Conyers said. "I was so flattered. It was hard to believe."

Conyers has been a great admirer of Barnum's work for years,



photo by Travis Walker

A finished piece of Conyer's artwork inspired by Warhol.

but said he was unaware that Barnum had been following his work.

Even though the two share an appreciation of good artwork, the two artists had not met previously.

"We've been in shows together, but I had no idea he was paying any attention to my work at all," Conyers said. "In the art world, you get to know a person through their work."

Conyers said the two have also displayed artwork in three competitive shows together.

When Conyers arrived for the reception on Feb. 22, the gallery was a packed house and he was finally able to meet Barnum.

"The show was exquisite," Conyers said. "There were so many people in the gallery that night."

Conyers also said he actually knew some of the other artists whose work was also chosen for the exhibition and one even hailed from Kansas.

The show opened at the Parkland Art Gallery in Champaign, Ill., on Feb. 19 and will run through March 28.



photo by Benjamin Denton

Conyers works on his new projects last week. Conyers was invited to the State of the Art 2007: National Biennial Watercolor Invitational by one of his favorite artists, Robert Barnum.

# Keeping campus clean

Behind the scenes with the maintenance staff

ELIZABETH WAGONER  
Spectator Staff

As a mass of over 600 students, faculty and staff fills our classrooms, offices and dormitories, it might be surprising to students that there is a much smaller group of only 15 staff members who take care of those same spaces.

They are responsible for cleaning, upkeep and the maintenance of our campus. This number is bigger during the summer, as there are many students hired to help with summer clean-up.

The custodial teams are split into the red and white teams, splitting the job of cleaning 13 buildings. Their days start at 7 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. They clean the bathrooms, classrooms, offices, empty the trash and sweep daily.

"It's a team effort," said Kay Busby, leader of the white team. "We are a lot like Nascar in that if one person doesn't do his or her part, the driver is in trouble. We all depend on each other."

The maintenance team is responsible for the grounds, basic plumbing and electrical, set-up and take down of special events, and general and preventative maintenance for our campus. The department has three main men who are also often seen around campus.

The maintenance men typically begin their days at 8 a.m. and depending on the weather can be on campus until 2 a.m. They also have

one person on-call during after-hours.

"I've had days where I come in at 9 p.m. to clear snow and am here until 2 a.m. then come back in at 8 a.m.," said Tim Bruton, facilities management technician. "It just depends on what is going on and what needs to be done."

Bruton is also the safety officer. He is responsible for checking the fire alarms and systems as well as lights and grounds to keep the campus safe.

As the custodial teams are often seen in our restrooms and hallways, they spend a lot of time getting to know the students.

"I love to meet and get to know the students and professors," Busby said.

Mike Miller agreed. "The students are what make this job," Miller said.

Members of the staff include Steve Anderson, Connie Brooks, Bruton, Busby, Renee Carlson, Elisa Cline, Doug Cooke, Cheryl Hammarlund, Misty Huff, Christy Lam, Janelle Miller, Michael Miller, Milam "Bud" Mounts, April Neufeldt and Brad Stucky.

While it may be easy for members of the campus to overlook everything these teams give our campus, perhaps students and administration alike should pause to thank them for all they do.

Students should have fun and enjoy college, but always remember and appreciate those who have to clean it up.

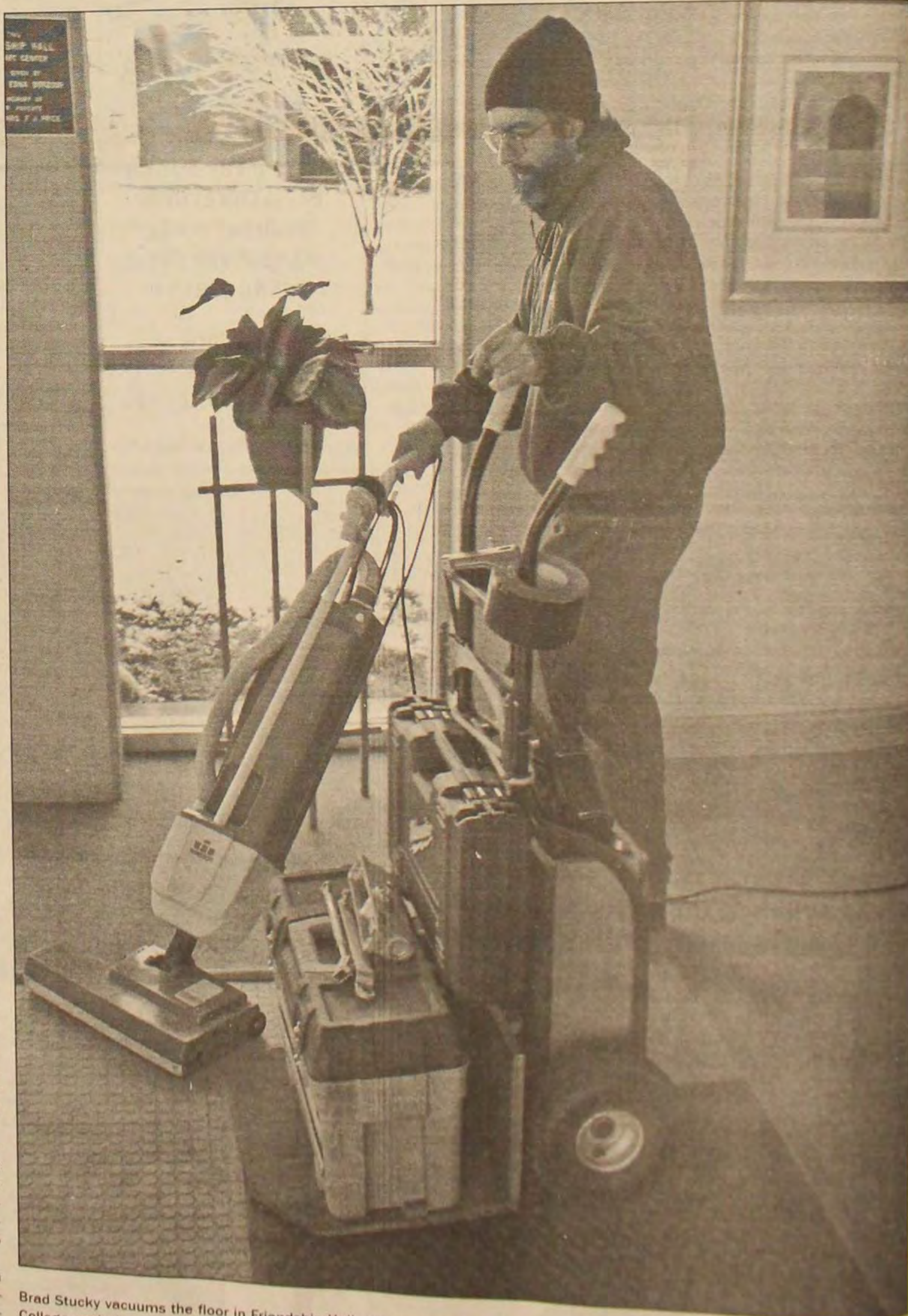


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Brad Stucky vacuums the floor in Friendship Hall. Stucky is one of the many custodial workers that contribute to McPherson College each day. The team of 15 maintenance workers is responsible for the care and upkeep of campus both indoors and outdoors. Due to over 600 students, faculty and staff frequenting the campus each day, the task can be daunting and often requires long hours.

# Play opens tonight in midwest regional premiere

WILLIAM RILEY  
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Theatre Department is opening, "Speak Truth to Power: Voices From Beyond the Dark" by Ariel Dorfman tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Based on the book, "Speak Truth to Power", by Kerry Kennedy, this play tries to give the audience an in-depth view into the fight for human rights throughout the entire world.

The cast members play various human rights activists from around the world. Through their characters, they attempt to convey the messages and hopes that the activists are trying to achieve.

One activist that is represented in the play is Rana Husseini, a reporter who exposed the common, but mostly unheard of crime of honor killings in Jordan.

When a female member of a family has committed or even rumored to have committed an "immoral act," such as being seen with a strange man, a male member of the family kills her. This way, the family is able to reclaim and retain honor.

Another activist represented is Sister Helen Prejean, who fights toward abolishing the death penalty.

Her fight began after the execution of Patrick Sonnier in 1984 and was later made famous by the movie "Dead Man Walking" in 1995, starring Susan Sarandon.

Although the play has presented many challenges to the cast members, they are honored and excited to be involved with the performance.

"I'm very proud to be a part of this production," said Jessica Foulke, jr., Lawrence. "I feel that this is one of the most important

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- Jessica Foulke

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Another cast member, Rachel Arnold, fr., Valley Falls, believes the audience will be left not only entertained, but also enlightened.

"It's a very empowering show that brings out a lot of emotion and sheds light on current situations in our world," Arnold said.

For those who wish to take the opportunity, Dr. Sarada Devi Amma, a professor at Cochin University, Kochi, India, will lead a discussion after the March 9 performance in Mingensback Auditorium.

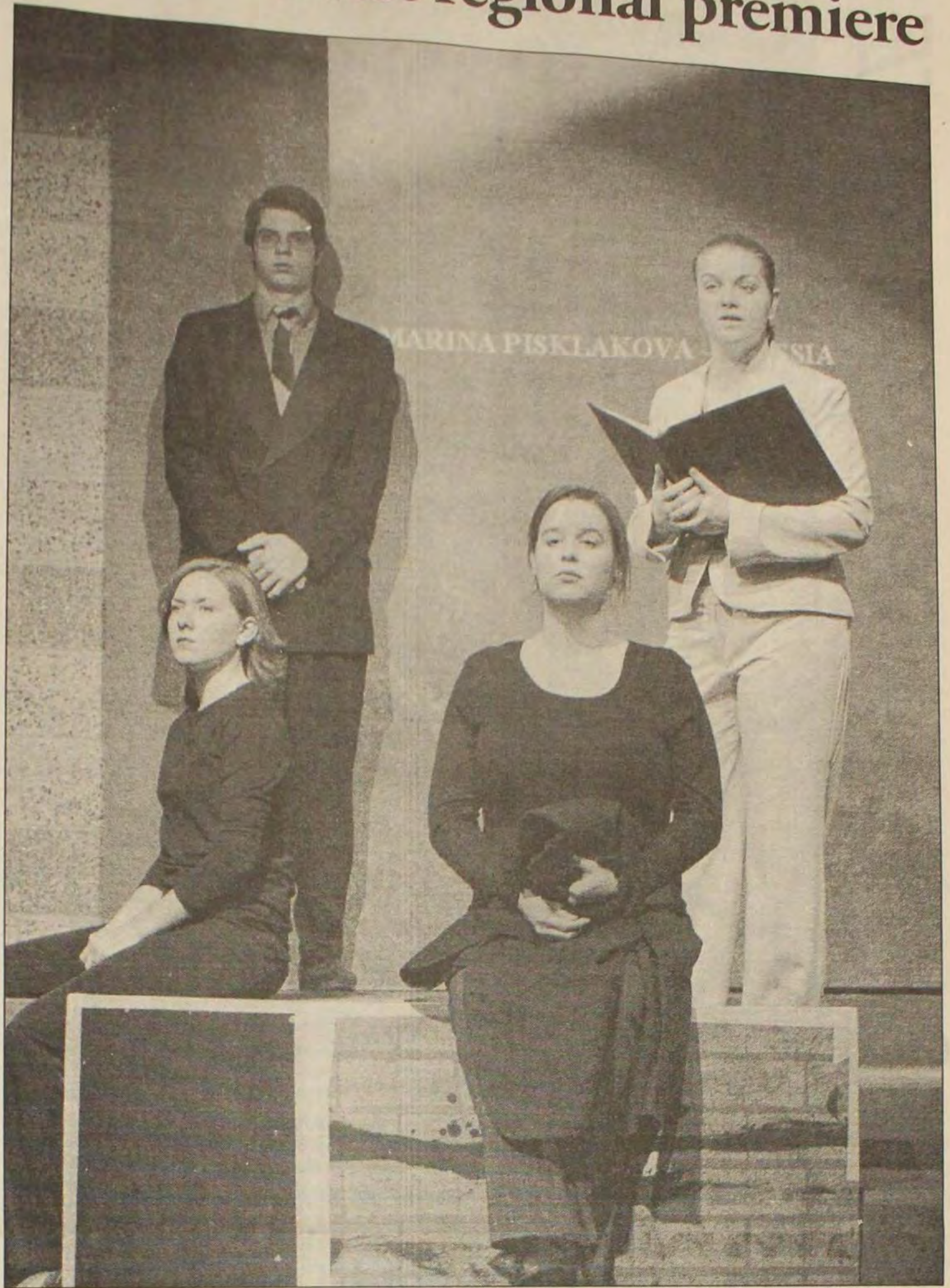
Dr. Amma fights for women's issues, against child prostitution and has made presentations around the world, including at many colleges in the United States.

"Speak Truth to Power" will begin with a dinner for First Nighters at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For the meal, the audience will have a choice of four different soups from around the world, including sweet potato and chicken curry soup served over rice; lentil and sausage soup served with flatbread; seafood bisque served in a bread bowl; paprika beef and noodle soup served with a biscuit and a tropical fruit cup for dessert.

The performances will run tonight, tomorrow and March 9 and 10.

Because seats are going quickly, the box office staff suggests calling soon to make reservations for tickets.



picture by Travis Walker

Garen Wolter, jr., Kirkland, Wash., Kimberly Smith, soph., Milford, Sarah Lambert-Cook, fr., Sterling, and Jennifer Terhune, soph., Salem, Ore., prepare for their performance of "Speak Truth to Power." The show opens tonight in the midwest regional premiere.

## The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ADMISSIONS OPERATION MANAGER CHRISTI HOPKINS

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

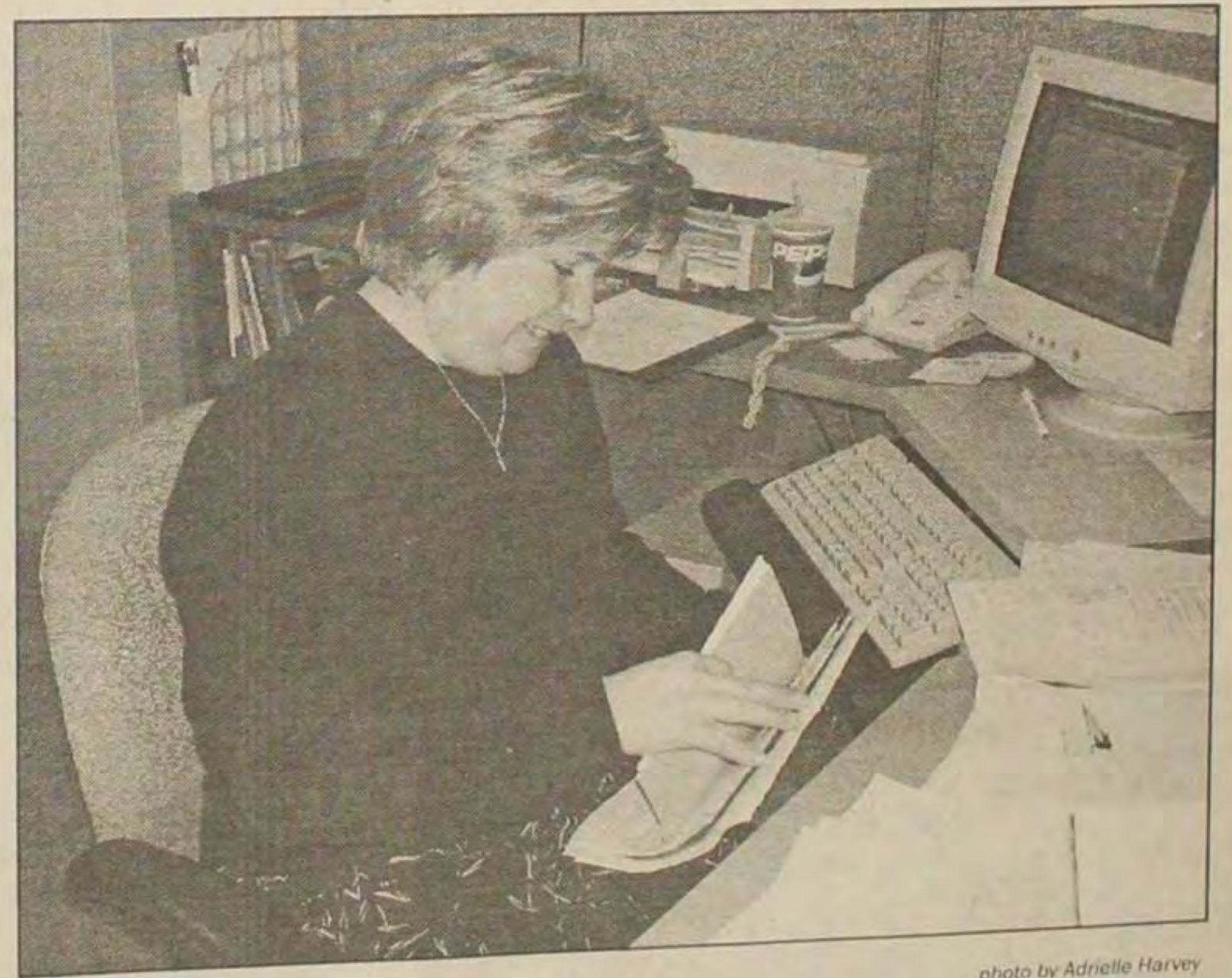


photo by Adrielle Harvey

New admissions operations manager Christi Hopkins shuffles through some paperwork in her office. Hopkins recently joined the admissions staff.

**What is your job title?**

"Admissions operations manager."

**What is the most important thing someone has ever told you?**

"My husband saying 'I do.'"

**Where are you from originally?**

"I am from Hutchinson. I graduated from Hutch High, lived there all my life until I graduated."

**Brad Pitt or Nicholas Cage?**

"Nicholas Cage."

**What would be the best gift that someone could ever give you?**

"An all-expense paid vacation to the beach."

**Who is your role model?**

"I would say my dad because he was a hard worker and he's a man of integrity. He always tried to do what was best for people and for the situation."

**Would you rather be invisible or have the ability to fly?**

"I'd love to have the ability to fly."

**What is your marital status?**

"I have a husband, have two kids. Isaac is in eighth grade and Benjamin is in kindergarten."

**What is the best piece of advice you could offer a person?**

"It would be to make the most of your situation now. Don't be wishing for the future or wishing you were still in the past."

**What is your biggest pet peeve?**

"My biggest pet peeve is when my family doesn't pick up after themselves."

**What are your hobbies?**

"My most time consuming hobby right now is playing my French horn. My hobby that I really like that I never have time to do would be scrapbooking and then other than that, it would be my kids."

**What is your favorite genre of music?**

"I probably listen to jazz the most."

**Subway or Taco Bell?**

"Subway definitely."

SPORTSPAGE

March Madness Championship Week March 1-11



photo by Benjamin Denton

Jessica Yates, soph., Silver Lake, winds up to deliver a fastball in a scrimmage against Central Christian College last week. Shay Skahill, sr., Upland, Calif., said the girls are fired up to play and ready to beat last year's record of 16-23.

Softball fever Spring season begins

TOLAN LICHTY Sports Editor

The Bulldog's softball season is about to begin and many goals are set, as the team looks to improve from last season's record of 16-23.

"I hope that we have a winning season, we win the conference and then win the conference tournament," said Courtney Bersuch, jr., McPherson.

There will be a lot of competition this season for starting spots in the team's lineup.

"I don't really care where I hit," Bersuch said. "When you are up at the top of it, it feels like there is more pressure, but any place one through nine is fine with me."

Shay Skahill, sr., Upland, Calif., is excited about the team's starting lineup this year.

"This year our lineup is ridiculous, I mean it is so good," Skahill said. "Our hitting is going to be so much better this year. There will be a lot of battling, especially in the lineup. Last year, I hit in the three spot, but in our scrimmage, I hit five, so I kind of dropped down, but it's ok. We have a stacked lineup this year."

Skahill said a lot of players are going to play key roles for the team this season, but one in particular may be stepping up as a leader for the Bulldogs - Erikka Viehman, soph., Gunnison, Colo.

Viehman led in eleven statistical categories during the

2006 season.

"I really think Rikki will take a leadership role," Skahill said. "She played really well last year, and Whitney Coleman, she is an awesome hitter; unstoppable."

Jessica DeCavelle, Paola, and Skahill are the lone seniors on the squad and both hope to make a major impact.

DeCavelle led the team in stolen bases in 2006.

Jessica Yates, soph., Silver Lake, led in almost every statistical pitching category in 2006.

The team looks forward to some major success in 2007 and believe that the sky is the limit for the Bulldogs this season.

"We want to be better than last year," Skahill said. "We just want to prove to everybody that we are not all talk. We have a lot of talent and we have a really good chance of winning conference if we are all there and we all play hard. That is what I really want as a senior and I think we can with the talent we have."

Head coach Mike McCormick has had the ladies lifting weights, running drills in the gyms and even running the track a little bit to get his squad into shape.

"Coach McCormick is a very good coach," Skahill said. "He is very kindhearted and you can tell he is ready to win this year."

The team will play tomorrow in the McPherson Softball Invitational at Wall Park if the grounds are dry by then. The team is scheduled to play at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Men lose in first round of KCAC tourney

Team finishes season 64-57 in overtime against Friends

ANGELINA FIORENZI Spectator Staff

The season has come to an end for McPherson's men's basketball team after making it into the first round of the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference playoffs.

Though the Spires beat McPherson earlier in the season, the Bulldogs beat St. Mary University 81-60 on Feb. 19 during a play-in game to clinch a spot in the first round of playoffs.

"We knew they were going to come out and play with a

lot of enthusiasm since they beat us the second time we met," said junior guard Cody Dickerson, Crescent, Okla.

The men shot 67 percent from the field and 59 percent from the three-point range.

"We shot the best tonight (Feb. 19) than we have in a long time," said junior forward Scott Bradley, Chickasha, Okla.

The win against St. Mary moved the men into quarterfinals against Friends University on Jan. 21.

Less than a week before, McPherson lost 54-68 to

Friends in regular season play.

During quarterfinals, the Bulldogs led at the half 23-17 in a low-scoring first half. The men also led in rebounds 28-20. The second half Friends went on a 13-0 run giving themselves a seven point lead. McPherson came back and went into the last 44 seconds with a led by 5. At this point, the game came down to free throws.

Bradley was fouled with under 30 seconds remaining in the game, but missed both free throws leaving the score

at 52-49.

At this point, the Falcons had possession of the ball. McPherson fouled a Friends player on the shot and the basket was good, which put Friends at the line to shoot one. The Friends player made the throw, which tied up the game 52-52 and sent the game into overtime.

McPherson scored first with a three-point shot from Bradley. But, the Falcons responded with an 8-0 run.

The Falcons won 64-57, knocking off the Bulldogs in the first round.



photo by Michael Jordan

Matt Hoffman, jr., McPherson drives to the basket around his St. Mary's opponent. The Bulldogs would go on to win 81-60.

Ladies' basketball season comes to a close

Team falls 58-62 to Tabor in first round of KCAC tournament

ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ Spectator Staff

McPherson's women's basketball team finished the season 14-12.

Head coach J.D. Gravina was excited about the outcome of the season.

"Overall, the season was really successful," Gravina said. "We had a winning season for the third time in 25 years. We doubled last year's winning percentage."

Gravina said the team started the season with a five-game winning streak and that they had a few more winning streaks later on in the season.

"It was a strong team effort for us this season," Gravina said. "There was no specific individual player that carried the team. I thought all the girls that returned, improved and we had some newcomers that really helped us out."

Gravina added, "The scor-

ing was spread out."

Sophomore guard Jamie Sims, McPherson, averaged 12.6 points per game; junior guard April Woody, Tescott, averaged 12.1 points per game; senior guard Jamie Harvey, Mankato, sr., averaged nine points per game, while freshman guard Kristen Ozbun, Rose Hill; sophomore forward Angelina Fiorenzi, Robstown, Texas; and junior forward Becky Bratcher, Miami, Fla., each averaged more than eight points per game. The team was only out rebounded by three rebounds this year. McPherson had a total of 1,139 rebounds and allowed their opponents to gather a total of 1,142 rebounds. Last season, the Lady Bulldogs were out rebounded by 130 rebounds.

Gravina shared what he believed the team's highlights were this season.

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Coach Gravina

ern College was one of our main highlights this season," Gravina said. "They were ranked and we beat them at their place (Winfield), which was a huge win for us."

Gravina said another highlight was "playing Friends University at their place. Even though we lost, we played hard."

Gravina expects the girls to play with their all during game time.

"As a coach, it's my job to see that the girls are getting after it each game," Gravina said.

Based on the team's improved record, the women are buying into Gravina's system. Gravina has an idea of what he wants to work on to improve the team for next year.

"We want to improve on physicality by hitting the weight room more," Gravina said. "I've been going to coaching clinics for defensive and offensive drills and strategies and to figure out the X's and O's."

Sims and Fiorenzi led the Bulldogs in scoring against Tabor with 12 points each. Bratcher led the team in rebounding with four boards. Abby Suiter, sr., St. John, led the team in minutes played with 28, while also leading the team in assists with seven.

Even in defeat, the ladies finished shooting 43 percent from the field and also shooting 33 percent from the free throw line.



photo by Adrielle Harvey

Kristen Ozbun, fr., Rose Hill, reacts to her Tabor defenders after getting the ball knocked from her possession. McPherson finished 8-10 in the KCAC, placing sixth overall.



Amy Hoffman, resident director of Dotzour Hall, prepares to jump up for the block in last week's volleyball games. Intramural volleyball finished up last Sunday and now intramural participants are preparing for 5-on-5 basketball. Teams are coed and students, staff and faculty participate.

photo by Benjamin Denton

## Intramural volleyball comes to an end

### Students, staff, faculty look forward to 5-on-5 basketball

ANTHONY FLASK  
Spectator Staff

Intramurals are a great way to stay active, healthy, social and sane. Many students report that participation in at least one intramural has significantly affected them in these four areas, while others that have not participated in any, usually report problems in finding friends, gaining weight, becoming ill or getting burnt out on school, or even sometimes their respective collegiate sport.

"I ran track in high school and I would often get burned out and wish I could do something other than track

and field all of the time," said Eli Neher, Overland Park. "The intramural sports offered at McPherson give me an opportunity to experience sports that I would have never been able to play at my high school."

Andrew Gustafson, intramural director, said he would like to see an increase in the number of students who share in intramurals.

"Although participation is good, we would always like to see more students participate," Gustafson said.

Gustafson has already organized several intramural sports this school year including flag football, soccer,

dodgeball and most recently volleyball, which was won by team Wannabet.

He plans on adding several more sports in the very near future as well.

"5-on-5 basketball will be starting next," Gustafson said. "There will also be slow pitch softball, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, maybe a golf tournament and maybe pickle ball."

Having a diverse intramural system such as the one Gustafson has created, ensures that most people can participate in a game or activity that may interest them.

Jarryd Samples, fr., Water-

loo, Ind., has enjoyed playing intramurals so far this year.

"The sports that have already been offered were really fun," Samples said. "I was able to meet and get to know a lot of new people and it is always good to get into other sports other than the ones we participate in everyday."

Samples also plans on participating in the other activities that are being planned before the school year ends.

Suggestions should be made to Gustafson, who is always looking to improve the experience for the students.

## Runners warming up for outdoor season

### Indoor season nationals March 8-10 in Tennessee

MALLORY YUNGBERG  
Spectator Staff

With the indoor track season coming to a close, there have been many season bests and the outdoor track team hopes to encounter more when the season officially begins on March 25.

Recently, the Bulldogs traveled to Lincoln, Neb. for the Nebraska Wesleyan Prairie Wolf Invitational.

Five of the Bulldogs ended with season bests at the meet.

Brent Bailey, soph., Simla, Colo., had a season best in the mile with a time of 4 minutes, 43.56 seconds.

John Brown, fr., Baldwin City, and Chase Ortiz, fr., Fort Worth, Texas, ran their indoor bests in the 400-meter run.

Cameron Snell, fr., McFarland, Calif., also had another personal best for his 60-meter hurdles. Ashley Mitchell, soph., Great Bend, also took off more time to get her season best in the 800-meter.

Israel Ortiz, jr., Limon, Colo., was ranked at the top of the Bulldogs finish list.

Ortiz ended up finishing 14th in the 5,000-meters.

This was Ortiz' first meet of the indoor season.

Tim Stone, fr., Abilene, competed in the Kansas State University Open Thursday, Feb. 15.

Stone, who participated in the high jump, ended up with a tie for seventh place with a jump of 6 feet 1.75 inches.

Most of the Bulldogs are hoping for a break in the weather, considering it was cold earlier in the season.

The team would like to be able to get outside and get their practice schedules more consistent.

Without the cooperation of the weather, the team finds it



Tim Stone, fr., Abilene, clears the bar during practice last week. The track team is finishing its indoor season and is preparing for the outdoor season, which begins on March 25.

photo by Anthony Flask

difficult to accomplish its normal outdoor workouts.

It makes practices more difficult and leads to an increase in injuries.

The scheduled date for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Indoor Championships is March 8-10 and will be located in Johnson City, Tenn.

## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

### Softball standouts proudly represent their sport



Courtney Bersuch

TOLAN LIGHTY  
Sports Editor



Shay Skahill

TOLAN LIGHTY  
Sports Editor

"I think I play like the shortstop from the Cardinals, David Eckstein, because I hustle."

- Courtney Bersuch

Courtney Bersuch, a former McPherson High Bullpup and Pratt Community College Beaver, has returned to her native territory and is one of this week's player spotlights.

In high school, Bersuch primarily played catcher, but she also found herself pitching and playing third base on occasion.

During high school, Bersuch had .448 batting average and was named to the 5A All-State team. Bersuch also received second team All-Ark Valley League honors as well.

Last season, as a sophomore attending Pratt Community College, Bersuch was named Jayhawk West Conference Honorable Mention.

Bersuch not only excels on the field, but also in the classroom, as she maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school.

Bersuch said she compares her play to that of one of the players from the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I think I play like the shortstop from the Cardinals, David Eckstein, because I hustle," Bersuch said.

As a role model, Bersuch admires her mom.

"She is helpful and caring and she is very passionate about everything she does," Bersuch said.

Bersuch not only enjoys collegiate softball, but is a fan of Major League Baseball as well. She holds the Royals in high regard, but her favorite team is south of Kansas City - the Atlanta Braves. She has two players she reveres in particular.

"Brian McCann and Jeff Francour of the Atlanta Braves because they both play really hard and I admire that," Bersuch said.

Because she is a disciplined student-athlete, Bersuch is always looking for ways to improve her game.

"I want to improve on my catching and my blocking especially," Bersuch said. "Hitting-wise, I want to improve overall and raise my batting average."

Bersuch shared one of her fondest memories.

"One of my best memories was when I was playing fourteen and under softball and I hit two home runs in one game," Bersuch said. "They were both inside the park home runs, but still, and it was during a win against our rival team, too."

Bersuch is a business administration major with an emphasis in accounting.

Shay Skahill, a physical education major and the Bulldogs' starting senior left-fielder for the upcoming season, is one of this week's player spotlights.

During Skahill's softball career at Upland High School in Upland, Calif., she was named to the All-State honorable mention list as a sophomore and the All-State second team both her junior and senior years.

"When you're an outfielder, it is harder to get recognition," Skahill said. "It is more political."

After graduating from high school, Skahill attended Riverside Community College in Moreno Valley, Calif., where she continued her success in softball.

Skahill then transferred to McPherson College and last season, she led McPherson in games played, at bats, runs, triples, walks (tied in first) and sported a .311 batting average.

Skahill also took her game to the mound and led the team's earned run average, fewest hits allowed, fewest runs allowed, fewest triples allowed, lowest average against and least amount of batters hit (tied in first).

"I love pitching," Skahill said. "I want to coach it when I am done."

Skahill's role model for her softball career is former St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire.

"I love Mark McGwire," Skahill said. "When I was little, I was obsessed with him. I mean I was really, really obsessed with him. I had so many posters, it looked like wallpaper. I look up to him. He has been through a lot and you have to train a lot to do what he did."

However, off the field and on a more personal level, Skahill looks up to her mother.

"I had a lot of trouble during high school," Skahill said. "My parents split up and that was really tough. I look up to her (her mother). She is really strong. She has a really strong heart. People say that I have her personality."

One of Skahill's favorite memories occurred last year during the team's Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference run.

"In the KCAC tournament last season, we did really good," Skahill said. "We got fourth and I just think we played our hardest."

Skahill has set several goals for herself for the upcoming season.

"I led the team in triples last season and I want to break that (record)," Skahill said. "I want to raise my batting average and maybe get a little more RBI."

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NEWSPAGE

Getaneh speaks of faith through persecution

JORDAN SHAY News Editor

Imagine a country where a man gets hung upside down and drenched in boiling oil for preaching Christianity and baptizing people in the riverside.

Getaneh Metafriahe Getaneh spoke on Feb. 21 at chapel, telling of the persecution that he has endured because of his faith and the persecution that others are still going through in his native country of Ethiopia.

"I've been in prison more than five times because of my faith," Getaneh said. "I haven't done any crime."

When Getaneh was arrested at the riverside by Communist authorities, it was the church's own deacon that betrayed the congregation.

"The security people found me baptizing people in the river at two in the

morning and came to arrest us," Getaneh said. "They asked the new Christians to deny Jesus and when they would not, they were killed in front of my eyes."

Getaneh said the new Christians had been going to church only about two weeks and had not even read their whole Bible. They knew one verse - John 3:16.

The "security people" as Getaneh puts it, began to torture him, asking him if he worked for the CIA.

"They tried to get me to say something I didn't know," Getaneh said. "The only thing I knew is that the American missionaries put a Bible in my hand."

During the torture, which included whippings with a wire cable and repeated denials of food, water and sleep, Getaneh "asked God to take him home."

Getaneh eventually es-

caped from Ethiopia, where he sought asylum in the United States.

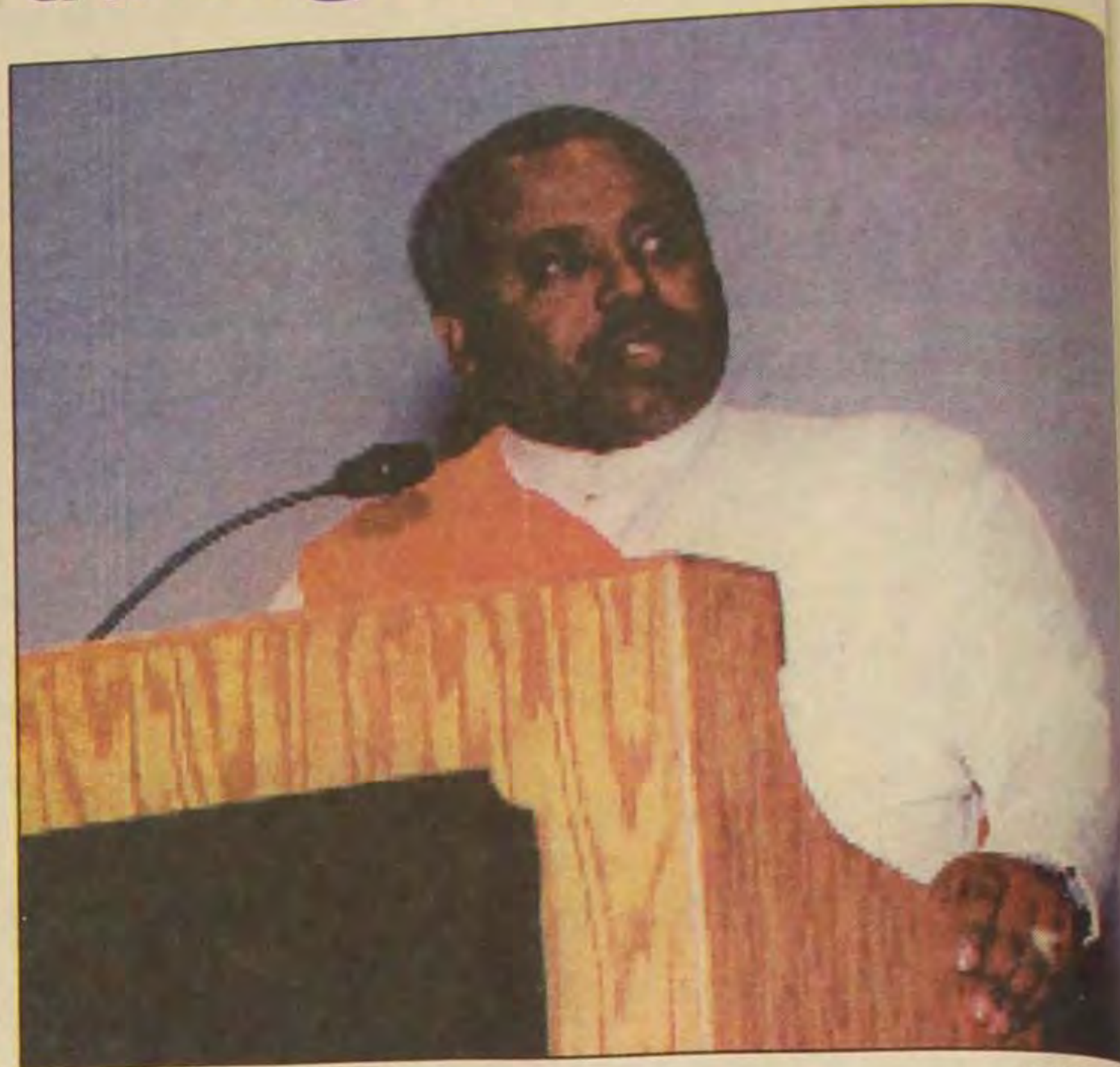
Today, Getaneh travels across the country sharing his testimony with college students and congregations. He has also spoken at numerous conferences, testified at congressional hearings and been featured in religious publications.

"We want people here to know how people are living on the other side of the world," Getaneh said.

Getaneh's first priority is to "ask for prayer for our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted in other countries," and his second is to make people realize how blessed they are to have freedom.

Getaneh's story has made him a familiar face in Christian circles in the United States.

For more information visit www.persecution.com.



Getaneh Getaneh travels around the United States, speaking of his commitment to his faith in spite of persecution.

Smith presents World Treasures exhibit

AMY ZIEGLER Spectator Staff

The McPherson College campus welcomed Lon Smith, director of sales and marketing for the Museum of World Treasures, to Miller Library on Feb. 23, to speak with students and community members who were interested in hearing about a traveling exhibit that includes a Japanese rifle, a German horse pistol, a fossilized tooth and a Korean bronze kundika or water sprinkler.

Smith also brought additional items that would not be left in the exhibit.

The exhibit will stay in Miller Library until the middle of March.

Smith's visit to McPherson college was a rare opportunity. Smith travels to many libraries, but rarely college libraries.

Susan Taylor, college librarian, set up Smith's visit to give people a chance to see more of the world's history.

"Last summer, the South Central Kansas Library System invited librarians to

"(Smith's) purpose is to try to get people to come down to Wichita and see their museum and some of their exhibits."

-Susan Taylor

come for a program, so we got to hear him, and he did a good job," Taylor said. "They arranged for him to visit (McPherson)."

Their purpose is to try to get people to come down to Wichita and see their museum and some of their exhibits.

Smith came in early February to set up the exhibit in the main entrance of the library. Smith travels to three libraries a month for six months.

Smith does not always talk about the same topic because the main reason he travels to libraries is to promote the museum and to share his interests with other people.

Some professors required history majors to go to the presentation.

For those interested in the discussion and the topic, visit www.worldtreasures.org.



Scott Bradley, jr., Chickasha, Okla., checks out the Museum of World Treasures exhibit in Miller Library. The exhibit will be in the library until mid-March.

Scholarship day attracts record numbers to campus

ADRIELLE HARVEY Editor-in-Chief

The McPherson College admissions and enrollment office recently hosted the spring Bulldog Visit Day and Presidential Scholarship Day.

Approximately 30 students were on campus for Bulldog Visit Day, while a total of 42 students competed for Presidential Scholarships. Along with family and friends, over 100 people were on campus for Presidential Scholarship Day.

Sue MacGregor, director of admissions and financial aid said the number of guests for Presidential Scholarship Day was a record high.

"I think we've beat all previous attendance records by a sizable number of students," MacGregor said.

Bulldog Visit Day is an informal event that occurs annually in both the fall and spring. It is available for students and their families to get a taste of the McPherson College

experience.

"Bulldog Visit Day is open to the public," MacGregor said. "The joy of any visit day is getting students on campus. The college search process is one where you have to get the facts, but you also have to get the feel. You really can't get the feel unless you come on campus."

The set-up for Presidential Scholarship Day is the exact opposite of Bulldog Visit Day. Students have a rigorous schedule that includes interviews, essay writing, group discussions, photos, an academic fair and a luncheon with President Ron Hovis.

When hosting students on campus, the goal of staff, faculty and administrators is to obtain the right fit of students for McPherson College. The right fit is defined as those who will become graduates of McPherson College and not just students of McPherson College.

"Our counselors have developed relationships with students and it's important that I think that they're the right fit, but it's more im-

portant that they believe that they're the right fit for us," said Dave Barrett, associate director of admissions and financial aid.

Barrett believes all of the students who attended both Bulldog Visit Day and Presidential Scholarship Day are the right fit if they are willing to participate.

"I really think if you're involved on this campus, you will succeed," Barrett said. "If you're here to participate in one academic major and get your degree, you're going to miss out on the whole college experience."

A total of 21 students attended Presidential Scholarship Day in the fall and 42 in the spring.

Due to the increase in numbers, changes will be implemented for next year because the admissions and enrollment office is expecting even higher numbers.

The next scholarship day will be Fine Arts Scholarship Day on March 10, where students will compete for music, theatre and art scholarships.

LECTURES from Page 1

er serves as head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office, a legislative branch agency whose mission is to improve the performance and accountability of the federal government for the benefit of the American people.

Walker received appointments from former Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Each time, he was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

"It is an opportunity to have such a distinguished, high-level public servant in our community and on our campus."

-Ron Hovis

"I have known David for about 20 years," said President Ron Hovis. "He is really bright and an articulate and interesting speaker. It is an opportunity to have such a distinguished, high-level public servant in our community and on our campus."

Interestingly, a McPherson graduate by the name of El-

mer Staats '35, was Comptroller General of the United States, beginning with the presidency of Harry Truman in the 1950s and continuing through the presidency of Ronald Reagan. Staats has been on campus several different times and is one of our distinguished alumni.

The Flory Lecture is named in honor of Dr. Raymond Flory, who taught history and politics at McPherson College for 50 years. The lectureship is designed to address issues of public policy that are important both to McPherson College and the greater community.

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It also presents the slate for the election of new trustees. Seven positions are to be voted on at this meeting.

The academic affairs and student life committee is responsible for making recommendations for tenure and promotions, updating the faculty handbook and reviewing one to four academic programs per year.

At this meeting, the committee will report on policies and procedures and the reviews of the behavioral science and natural science

programs.

The financial affairs committee's responsibilities include managing the school's financial resources and setting budgets. At this meeting, it will adopt the 2007-08 target budget and projected endowment spending, approve the campus master plan, appoint a committee for residence hall construction and report on the 2006-07 budget.

"We try to prepare the budget in line with the programs we are trying to support," Hovis said.

The advancement and marketing committee is responsible for setting a direction for recruitment and

retention.

At this meeting, it will ratify endowment gifts, authorize a feasibility study for a new residence hall and report on admissions and retention, and the myMC program.

The Student Government Association (SGA) President is invited to the meeting.

The current Student Government President, Brent Bailey, is planning on attending.

President Hovis will discuss the trustee meeting at a campus briefing on Friday, Feb. 9 at 11:30 a.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Students are encouraged to attend.