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NEWS BRIEFS

Honor roll for fall semester announced

The Honor Roll and the Honorable Mention Honor Roll for the 2006 fall semester was announced Wednesday. Students who achieved a 3.55 to 4.00 grade point average received this honor. For a complete list of students who received this honor, please visit www.mcpherson.edu.

Reynolds to speak at Wichita State

Michael Reynolds, associate professor of mathematics, will be presenting a talk entitled "Diophantus: The Last Great Mathematician of Classical Antiquity" at the Kansas Section of the Mathematics Association of America, at Wichita State University, March 30-31.

Reynolds recently had two logic puzzles published in the February 2007 edition of Original Logic Problems published by Penny-Press.

Executive Director of Admissions needed

McPherson College is seeking an executive director of admissions and financial aid.

The job includes covering all aspects of the recruitment of new students as well as the financial aid for all students.

The executive director works closely with the vice president for advancement in developing institutional marketing strategies.

Movie night resumes Tuesday, March 27

Due to spring break, there will be no \$2 Tuesday night movie on March 20.

Movie night will resume on Tuesday, March 27.

Proposed dorm to house 150 and cost \$11.8 million

Plans for improvements also include expanding Hoffman Student Union

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Spectator Staff

Plans for a new dormitory were among the main topics of discussion during the board of trustees meeting, said President Ron Hovis during last week's campus briefing.

The McPherson College board of trustees is moving forward with facilities planning and fundraising feasibility studies of a potential new dormitory along with

several other potential capital projects.

In Hovis' briefing, he outlined this and many other decisions from the board's spring meeting.

As part of the potential capital projects, the board has authorized a capital campaign feasibility study for campus improvements and a campus plan concept that presents possible changes to the campus.

"There were many comments, by many trustees,

from multiple perspectives and on multiple aspects of the planning," Hovis said.

The campus concept plan includes several projects laid out in two phases, the most significant of which is a new dormitory to house the college's growing student body.

The plan is for the new dormitory to be located south of Hess Fine Arts Center. Preliminary plans show a three-story, U-shaped, brick building, with 150 beds. The initial estimate for phase one is \$11.8 million, which also includes additional parking with green space, a new entrance off Kansas Avenue

and more prominent signage.

In phase two, Hoffman Student Union would be extended northward to make room for additional dining space.

A two-story office addition would also be constructed on the south side.

"We might put some of our public facing functions there," Hovis said.

Also, Beeghly Hall would be removed to allow for an expanded delivery area and green space. The estimate for this second phase is \$5 million.

Representatives from various groups on campus are

included in the building committee: Bud Mounts, Dee Erway-Sherwood, J.D. Gravina, Tia Leach, Amy Hoffman and student representative Travis Walker.

These actions are a planning exercise to help the board decide if it is appropriate for the college to grow.

Even with an official go-ahead, President Hovis said, "It may take several years for fundraising and construction."

The board also approved tenure and promotion recommendations for three professors. Garrick Green,

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America's fiscal clock is ticking

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

The nation's financial condition is worse than advertised.

David Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, brought this dire message to several hundred students and community members on Sunday, March 13.

"The fiscal challenge facing the nation is considerable," Walker said.

Walker was this year's speaker in the Raymond and Rowena Flory Lectureship in Public Policy.

Walker's speech was held in Brown Auditorium and entitled "The Four Deficits, America's Fiscal Future." The deficits he cited were: the federal budget deficit, savings deficit, balance of payment deficit and a leadership deficit.

Walker said deficits do matter and the United States' deficits are "large, growing and structural in nature."

Walker emphasized many times that the country's financial situation needs to be repaired sooner and not



Photo by Travis Walker

David Walker speaks in Brown Auditorium last week.

later.

"Our fiscal clock is ticking and our risk is growing every day," Walker said.

He noted the changing demographics of the country; Baby Boomers are aging and people are living longer, which places financial strains on the government.

"How will we grow the workforce when people want to spend one-third of their lifetime in retirement?" Walker said.

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In full bloom



Photo by Travis Walker

Last week's temperatures in the 70s coaxed flowers into bloom and saw many students outdoors enjoying the sunny weather in shorts and flip flops.

Students volunteer time in reading program at Lincoln

TRACEY ROBERTS
Spectator Staff

Most college students have hectic schedules trying to balance homework, sports and jobs.

However, a few students are volunteering at least 30 minutes of their time per week for a reading program at Lincoln Elementary School.

It is a program designed for Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade children who need help with their reading skills.

Kelli Dosssett, the reading specialist at the school,

"I want (the children) to know that they can be successful and that I am there to help them get there."

- Jenna Unruh

initiated the reading program in response to a study in "Understanding Poverty" by Ruby Payne, which links poverty to children with higher educational needs and behavioral problems.

Dosssett said 80 percent of children fall into a normal category of reading skills, 15 percent need support and the

bottom 5 percent are special needs children.

"The programs that support the 5 percent are already in place," Dosssett said. "We are trying to hit the middle group that isn't currently resourced by the district. The elementary school had substitute teachers to fill the gaps in the past, but there is too great a need now."

The school determines which children fall into the poverty level by looking at the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, which has grown to almost 50 percent of the school's population.

The goal, then, is to take the children who need help

and pair them with volunteers who will help with reading exercises, play therapeutic games or just be a mentor for those with behavioral problems.

"I'm hoping this will be the start of a partnership between Lincoln Elementary and McPherson College," Dosssett said. "The college is our biggest source for volunteers."

The program is in the beginning stages and juggling schedules is the challenge.

"Keeping the college students' interest in coming back is a concern," Dosssett said. "We don't want a child with self-esteem issues to be

"Right now, my main goal is to hopefully be of help to the kids I'll be in contact with."

- Mira Coulter

affected by their mentor not showing up."

Those who volunteered are enthusiastic.

Jenna Unruh, jr., McPherson, is participating in the program.

"I hope to make struggling readers feel confident," Unruh said. "I want them to know that they can be successful and that I am there to

help them get there. I want them to feel confident in themselves and their ability to learn."

Volunteer Mira Coulter, fr., Wakita, Okla., heard about the program through the Rotaract club meetings.

"Right now, my main goal is to hopefully be of help to the kids I'll be in contact with," Coulter said.

Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of modern languages, learned of the program when Dosssett spoke at a Rotary Club meeting.

Kilgus invited her to speak at a Rotaract meeting which opened the door for McPherson students to volunteer.

OPINIONSPAGE

'Stir-crazy' collegians soon to get break from hectic scholastic life

It's that time of year again, the time when all the students on campus are stir-crazy beyond all recognition and counting down the days until spring break.

Well, at least I am, on both counts.

Between the mounds of snow and repetitive sickness all across campus, it is time to get away for a few couple of nine days. Yes, I said it, a few couple of nine days; a little bit of colloquial southeastern Oklahoma for everyone.

Granted, though most of the people I know and spend time with don't do anything spectacular for spring break, we still look forward to it.

I usually end up working at the Cookie Co. back home and baby-sitting my siblings.

And I love it.

It's something I'm familiar



... have a great spring break ...

with and even if it is monotonous, I love it.

I get to see my best friend, all my friends from high school that have gone to the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University and, of course, the boyfriend.

I don't know how many of those reading this article have "going home" traditions, but anytime all of us are back home from college, we all go over to the Cope house, eat every bit of food that Randy and Karen make and end up renting or going out to see a movie.

Of my group of friends back home, we've all oddly enough, paired off with another with the exception of two or three people, so the "gathering" is a group date.

After the movie, we head back

to the house and end up staying up until about 4 or 5 a.m. . . either playing Magic, chess, card games or Risk, which is never finished.

This last October, we all headed to Muskogee and went to the Haunted Castle where they hold the Renaissance Festival every year.

Nothing spectacular, but still more fun than a barrel of monkeys.

But, I digress. Back to the topic at hand - spring break. I have to admit, it's probably my favorite school holiday; more than Christmas, more than Thanksgiving.

The weather is beautiful and just healing for everyone's attitudes and demeanors.

I know I'm one that has to battle seasonal depression.

I love colder weather, but the grey skies just make me want to curl up into a ball and hibernate until the sun comes out again.

So to all the students, faculty and staff, have a great spring break and enjoy this beautiful weather!

The life of a busy student



A snapshot of Walker's dorm room floor reveals a collage of textbooks, brochures and other reminders of work and a rapid lifestyle. From microeconomics to the the ministry, Walker is only one student among many struggling to stay ahead.

New dorm brings new hopes for students

Living in the dorms has its advantages and disadvantages.

You don't have to live with your parents, there are fewer rules than living at home, you don't have to pay monthly bills and it's never lonely.

However, a few of living on campus's disadvantages would include quiet hours, visitation hours, waiting to

do your laundry, sharing bathrooms and praying you get a roommate you actually like.

There has been talk about the construction of new dorms, which is something this college really needs.

Hopefully with the new dorm come a few improvements.

Some things I would like to see are better laundry facilities,

a stove in every kitchen and a few other minor things.

I don't necessarily enjoy waiting an extra hour or two just to dry my laundry.

There needs to be more than three washers and two dryers on each floor (of Dotzour anyway).

Also, the kitchens on each floor of my dorm are great, but I wish there was also an oven on each floor.

I usually end up baking in the resident director's apartment so I don't attract passersby that smell my brownies and try to

"Airflow is ridiculous in this dorm ... Ceiling fans are quiet and are a great way to get some airflow without taking up any space."

persuade me into giving them some, but I'd enjoy baking on my floor also.

And I know it's a long shot, but I miss having a ceiling fan.

Airflow is ridiculous in this dorm; either it whips your door

shut faster than you can say hey to your roommate or there isn't any at all.

Ceiling fans are quiet and are a great way to get some airflow without taking up any space.

Overall the dorms are pretty satisfying; I definitely prefer them to living at home.

There are just a few perks that I miss having, but I can live without them.

I am hopeful that the new dorms will bring different options and optimistic possibilities for future students of McPherson College.

On the Fly

What is your favorite eco-friendly movie?

"The Day After Tomorrow."

-- Robby Tobias, soph. Conrad, Iowa



"Busty Cops 2 ... all natural."

-- Ryan Lander, sr. Shawnee, Okla.

"The Rescuers Down Under."

-- Nathan Clary, jr. McPherson



"Bio-Dome."

-- Matt Ayers, sr. Attica, Iowa

"The Big Green."

-- Kim Smith, soph. Milford



Gore's lifestyle too inconvenient to admit

Let me start off by saying that the theory of global warming is not what I am arguing about. For every scientist that says the theory is proven, there is one that says its hype. I do not have an answer. I do not know enough about the statistics to form my opinion and until we all know for sure, I will reserve my judgment.

With that said, my beef is with the poster child of the movement - former Vice President Al Gore.

This man has told the world that they must do all they can to reduce their carbon footprint or the world will explode. His advice for the rest of the world is to switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs, use a clothesline, drive a hybrid, use renewable energy and dramatically cut back on energy consumption.

This sounds all fine and good for us, but how does Gore reduce his carbon consumption? He doesn't.



As a matter of fact, instead of reducing his energy use at home, Gore uses twenty times the average amount of energy.

The Tennessee Center for Policy Research, a non-partisan/non-profit organization, just

so happened to get hold of Gore's utility bills for the past two years.

Posted on the website freerepublic.com, the bill shows that the gas and electricity in his 20-room mansion gobbled up nearly 221,000 kilowatt-hours in 2006. That is more than twenty times the national average of 10,656 kilowatt-hours.

"If this were any other person with \$30,000-a-year in utility bills, I wouldn't care," said Tennessee Center for Policy Research President Drew Johnson, "but he tells other people how to live and he's not following his own rules."

Another area of interest about Gore is his message of using mass transit to re-

duce carbon output. He tells people that they can walk, ride a bike, drive a hybrid, take a train and fly on commercial airplanes instead of the smaller and more polluting private jets. What is hilarious about this is that Gore is constantly traveling in private jets. What is even funnier is that he uses them to go to his speeches that he tells people not to use them at.

Many defenders of Gore will point to his buying of carbon offsets to neutralize his carbon footprint. For those of you who do not know what a carbon offset is, it's a service that tries to reduce the net carbon emissions of individuals or organizations indirectly, through proxies who reduce their emissions or increase their absorption of greenhouse gasses. They can do this by planting trees or using renewable energy.

What is interesting about Gore using carbon offsets is that the company that he buys them from is the same company that he is the chairman of. According to WorldNetDaily.com Gore "defends his extraordinary personal energy usage by

telling critics he maintains a "carbon neutral" lifestyle by buying "carbon offsets," but the company that receives his payments turns out to be partly owned and chaired by the former vice president himself."

Gore has built a "green money-making machine" capable of eventually generating billions of dollars for investors, including himself, but he set it up so that the average Joe can't afford to play on Gore's terms."

Like I said, I am not here to debate the science of global warming. What I am trying to do is show how maybe there is more to it if the man who flies in private jets around the world, sounding the alarm, lives his life like there is nothing wrong.

Just one last tid-bit about environmental spokesman Al Gore. According to Newsweek, since the release of "An Inconvenient Truth"

Gore's energy consumption has increased from an average of 16,200 kWh per month in 2005, to 18,400 kWh per month in 2006.

That certainly doesn't sound too green-friendly to me.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Student responsibility needed at activities for benefit of all

Friday night bowling is an event that Student Activities Board spends a lot of money on for students to enjoy.

At the last bowling night, a lane was damaged and free bowling passes were stolen. The culprit was given a chance to confess without any consequences, but nobody came forward.

Students complain that there are no activities on campus and that it's boring, so SAB plans two to three events each month along with Tuesday night movies and Friday night bowling. However, a handful of students choose to abuse

this privilege of reduced prices and free events and may even cause SAB to lose their contract with the bowling alley.

Free bowling may be a thing of the past for McPherson students, but it is sad to see SAB events being abused which can cause everyone to lose out.

Stop complaining that there are no events. Instead, start suggesting ideas. And let's remember to be mature and fess up to our actions because it isn't fair to the rest of us who might lose out on things we enjoy doing.

Coins misprinted without 'God' fuel backlash

Tradition should be kept

The U.S. Mint accidentally put into circulation coins lacking "In God We Trust" on March 8, 2007. This issue has caused a lot of unease for the American People. Is this a mistake that will become permanent?

Not all the coins are missing "In God We Trust," just a select few. Some have been very happy by this mistake, but some are outraged.

I do not believe we should remove this statement. It does not say what or whose god. We tend to assume that is the Christian God but there is nothing saying this. Why does it have to be the Christian God? Why can it not be just a "God" in which we trust?

It is a known fact that the founding fathers founded this country with a strong Christian faith, but it was also founded as a country with no dictated religion. All separation of church and state means is that the government will not create a national religion.

In 1954, Congress added "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance; "In God We Trust" was added to the paper money in 1955. The addition of these words to paper money and the Pledge was added as a rally against the "godless" communist.

I also think it should stay as a historical point. We cannot keep getting rid of points of our history just on the basis that someone does not like it or is offended by it. It is part of our past and as much as people hate to admit it, history is full of things that are of-



"I also think it (In God We Trust) should stay as a historical point."

fensive. We are supposed to rule by the majority, not the minority. I feel most people are not offended by "In God We Trust" and would like it to stay present on our money. It's not hurting anyone and if they are hurt by it then maybe they should review the situation. It is not pressing religion on anyone. People need to stop being so sensitive.

I am not going to go so far to think that it's a conspiracy to get rid of God in this nation.

If the people want God on their money then God will be on the money; if they do not, then they do not.

These rare coins are selling for fifty dollars a piece and sometimes even hundreds. Look how much power this mistake has gained, a one-dollar coin for fifty dollars.

It was a simple mistake. The Mint had to buy new machinery, though obviously failing to get all of the kinks out, for making the coins since engraving has not been on the edge, where "In God We Trust" was intended, of a coin since 1932.

This isn't the first mistake made by the Mint when making special coins. The Wisconsin quarter had an extra leaf on the ear of corn. Not as drastic as the "In God We Trust," but a mistake nonetheless.

People, do us all a favor and relax. It's not dire that "In God We Trust" was on the money and it's not dire that it is not. Let's all take a deep breath and let the majority decide what we want.



THE BULL YARD



POWER POLL RESULTS:

SHOULD "IN GOD WE TRUST" BE REMOVED FROM FUTURE U.S. COINS?

YES: 14%
NO: 78%
OTHER/UNSURE: 8%

74 INDIVIDUALS POLLED

'Godless' coins fine by me

An expert estimates that 50,000 newly designed coins bearing the image of George Washington, the first, not the current one, were mistakenly put into circulation without the inscriptions "In God We Trust" and "E Pluribus Unum."

Conspiracy theories abound. It was initially reported that the coins intentionally omitted the inscriptions because the lettering was to appear on the outside edge, which aroused controversy in its own right, rather than prominently on the face of the coin.

Such theories are weakened by the fact that the coins don't bear the year of production either, which is also standard on all U.S. currency.

The U.S. Mint is also confirming that the coins are defective, nearly dispelling any theories to the contrary. It says the mistake is being corrected and production of the coins depicting Washington, the first Adams, Jefferson and Madison will continue as scheduled.

I understand the need to admit and correct a mistake. But what I don't understand is all the controversy surrounding the issue. I don't see a problem with the omission.

I understand that this country was founded by rich, old white Christian men. Because of this, our country was founded on good old Christian values.

But I don't understand why, in a nation where Jefferson's Bill of Rights and the separation of church and state are held so dear, the government feels the need to put God on our currency.

A few years ago, there was a legislative squabble over the words "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Most Americans are unaware that the two words were inserted into the Pledge in the 1950s in an attempt to detect Communists, which is in itself a laughable notion.

With this recent sentiment, why have we not questioned why every cent printed in this country proclaims our trust in God?

According to a 2002 Central Intelligence Agency estimate, only



"... it isn't such a big deal..."

52 percent of Americans consider themselves Protestant. Just over one-third of those Protestant Americans attended church services regularly.

This means that about 20 percent of Americans actively worship the God on our money, which means that about 80 percent do not.

In addition, the number of people who identified themselves as nonreligious/secular more than doubled from 1990 to 2000.

I'm not including these statistics to get people worried about America's growing faithlessness.

Only half the people of this nation believe in the God of our forefathers and only one-fifth actively demonstrate that belief, but anyone who wants to live here has to use money with His name printed on it.

With every transaction, they declare their trust and implicit belief in a God who isn't theirs.

How much sense does that make?

I'm not suggesting that we burn all the bills and melt all the coins. I'm suggesting that maybe it isn't such a big deal if some of the money in circulation doesn't have you-know-who's name on it.

I personally want God to have nothing to do with my money.

I think money is unfortunately a necessary evil in our society and any God I would want to worship would have nothing to do with that evil.

But that's me.

How many people notice the "In God We Trust" on their money? How many people could place it on any given coin without looking?

And, why "In God We Trust?"

I'm rhetorically outraged that they omitted "E Pluribus Unum." There must be a reason it's also been on every cent printed in this country. The phrase doesn't get enough attention.

Why?

Because most Americans are practical, at least in the sense that they worry more about how much money they have than the words printed, or not printed, on it.



Illustration by Alicia Fox

Good Dog

Our appreciation goes to the caf. for making clear efforts to improve. For instance, mint ice cream was a definite plus.

Spring break starts tonight!

The foots-all tournament seems to be going off with a bang. Plus, it's student-run.

The dorms continue to be a bit more peaceful and clean than last year.

Bad Dog

It's certainly better than the beginning of the year, but being logged off of messenger services is becoming common again.

Homework, studying and reading were assigned over break. It should be called break for a reason.

Colds and allergies are abound.



Illustration by Shaun Griffin

Got something to say? Shout it out!

- IS A MAN METRO IF HE CHECKS OUT THE LENGTH OF ANOTHER MAN'S TIE?
- I'M SICK OF BISCUITS AND GRAVY EVERY WEEKEND. TRY SOME OTHER BREAKFAST ITEMS.
- GEOMETRY IS TURNING OUT TO BE A MUCH BETTER CLASS THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE!
- MAC NEEDS MORE BLACKS. (x2)
- WHAT DOES A PLUMBER HAVE FOR BREAKFAST? WRENCH TOAST!
- I GRADUATE IN MAY! YEA!
- WHEN IS THE AGE DIFFERENCE TOO GREAT?
- BRING BACK THE RASPBERRY LEMONADE TO THE CAF.
- HELLO! I'M A CAR! OIL IS MY BLOOD! BACKSEAT, TRUNK SPACE. HELLO! LET'S GO FOR A RIDE! GASOLINE MAKES ME RUN! SEATBELT. RADIO KNOBS.
- MAC FOOTBALL PLAYERS NEED TO LEARN TO LOVE AND NOT FIGHT!
- IS THE NATIONAL PICKLEBALL CHAMPION ON CAMPUS? Hmm?
- IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET FINANCIAL AID FOR STDs?
- TE AMO MUCHO!
- DAN HOFFMAN JUST SPENT TWO AND A HALF HOURS IN THE CAF.
- THE STUDENT MEAL DURING THE TRUSTEE VISIT WAS UNACCEPTABLE. IF OUR FOOD SERVICE CANNOT ADEQUATELY PROVIDE TWO MEALS, OTHER ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE.
- MMM ... I LIKE CHEESE.
- I HATE SURPRISES!
- WHY IS THE NACHO CHEESE IN THE CAF. SO BUTTERY?
- I WANTED TO BE IN THE REVIEW. I CAN SING, BUT AM NOT IN CHOIR ... SIGH.

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

Etiquette 101

Students get crash course in conduct at Protocol Party

KIARA STEFFENS
Spectator Staff

Firm hand shake...check. Big smile...check. Phone on vibrate, shoes match belt and appropriate clothing. Check, check, check.

Going to an important social gathering can sometimes begin with a checklist a mile long and many etiquette questions.

Which fork do I use? What do I do with my hands? How many questions should I ask?

McPherson College students and community members were given the opportunity to ask some of their questions and practice their skills on March 13.

Greetings, food and mingling were the main topics covered at the Protocol Party hosted by Michael Schneider, vice president of advancement.

Attendees learned the appropriate way to shake someone's hand as well as the proper way to introduce people.

Students should keep in mind that a firm handshake and confident voice are both ways to make a good first impression.

Eating food and having a drink while mingling can be a difficult task; however, it can be done.

If you keep your drink and plate in your left hand, your right hand is still available for proper greetings.

If you are at a party that involves clients and possible business opportunities, these are great occasions for networking.

The most effective way to do this is to mingle. Make your way through the crowd, meet new people and make connections.

Social gatherings are a breeze for some people.

On the other hand, some students may find them very difficult.

The Protocol Party was a great opportunity to practice, without the stress of a room full of strangers.

"The party gave us all experience on how to deal with a situation, which can be extremely difficult for some," said Amanda LeClair, soph., Clyde.

This may have been most students' first Protocol Party; however, the party served as a refresher for some in attendance.

Either way, it is important that students continue to change as society changes.

"It is always nice to have a reminder on how to act," said Amy Hoffman, resident director of Dotzour Hall. "The times are changing and we need to learn to change with them."

As with anything, perfecting the etiquette of social gatherings takes time and practice.

Eventually, students will not feel they need a checklist. Proper etiquette will become second nature if students take advantage of available opportunities such as the Protocol Party.

This year's event took place at the newly remodeled McPherson Opera House with nearly 85 peo-



Shaun Griffin, fr., Inman, helps himself to food at the protocol party March 13.



Michael Schneider, vice president of advancement, demonstrates a proper handshake with a local businessman. Students learned the proper way to behave at social gatherings.

En otras palabras...

In other words

The Americanos Class Takes on Immigration Issue

Written by Lara Lichty

Dr. Ocie Kilgus' Americanos class recently debated undocumented immigration. Students analyzed George Bush's proposed temporary worker program, arguing for and against the program.

The Americanos class decided the program would be beneficial.

The program would allow foreign workers to enter the U.S. to fill jobs legally.

It would be open to new foreigners, as well as any undocumented workers currently employed in the U.S. Bush believes the program will help control our borders, serve America's economy and promote compassion with neighbors.

The program's strong-point is the compassion it could potentially display towards current undocumented workers.

Since the workers would be documented, they could travel back and forth between their home and the U.S. without fear of being

unable to return.

This program would better our economy by providing a necessary labor supply. Immigrant workers would also reap benefits from their work, unlike the undocumented workers.

The class saw one major problem with Bush's proposal. Bush says that after their work here is finished, workers will return home, and if they desire U.S. citizenship they will "be placed in line for citizenship behind those who are already in line."

This means they will have no advantage over others trying to gain citizenship into the U.S., even though they could have lived and worked here for six or more years.

Such an issue could cause conflict at the border. No person having lived and worked in a nation for any amount of time will think that it is compassionate to be sent home and placed in line behind everyone else in order to gain citizenship.

La clase de Americanos aborda el tema de inmigración

Traducido por Ocie

Kilgus

Los estudiantes en la clase de Americanos de la Dr. Ocie Kilgus participaron en un debate sobre la inmigración indocumentada. Analizaron el programa que Bush propone sobre los jornaleros temporales y luego debatieron los pro y contra del programa.

Al analizar el programa que propone Bush sobre el programa del jornalero temporal, la clase de americanos decidió que el programa sería beneficioso para nuestra sociedad.

El programa permitiría a los jornaleros del exterior a entrar a EE.UU. para llenar los trabajos en una manera legal.

El programa estaría disponible a los inmigrantes recién llegados asimismo a los inmigrantes indocumentados que actualmente están empleados en EE.UU. La idea de Bush es que este programa ayudará a manejar o controlar nuestras fronteras, a servir la economía norteamericana y a promover compasión entre vecinos.

La plaza fuerte del programa es la compasión que podría demostrar a los actuales jornaleros indocu-

mentados.

Puesto que los jornaleros serían documentados, podrían viajar de acá para allá entre su país natal y EE.UU. sin temer a ser deportados.

Este programa podría mejorar nuestra economía por proveer una oferta de mano de obra necesaria. También los jornaleros inmigrantes realizarían beneficios laborales, distinto de los actuales jornaleros indocumentados.

La clase vio serio en su propuesta: Bush dice que al terminar su empleo en EE.UU., los jornaleros deberían regresar a su país natal y si desean solicitar ciudadanía norteamericana, "harían fila detrás de los demás que ya están esperando".

Eso significa que no tendrían ninguna ventaja aunque estuvieran viviendo y trabajando aquí por más de seis años.

Preveamos que esta situación podría causar mucho conflicto en la frontera. Ninguna persona que ha vivido y trabajado en una nación por cualquier tiempo sentirá mucha compasión si es deportada y colocada en una fila.

Students prepare to spend break in several different locales

South Padre, Breckenridge among hot spots for spring breakers

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Multiple-choice questions, short essays, papers spell-checked, plane tickets in-hand, clothes packed, gas money, dirty laundry, freedom from school...all a go. This is the mindset of a college student the day before spring break.

Students around the country will pour into "the hot spots" over the next week for some relaxation as well as some fun. For many, this week has been planned for months - or even longer.

"We went (to South Padre) last year and have been planning this break ever since then," said Cody Dickerson, soph., Crescent, Okla.

Spring break destinations range anywhere from Padre Island, Texas, to Breckenridge, Colo., and for many, it is a chance to go home one more time until school lets out for the summer.

"We decided on Padre because it's the cheapest

break," Dickerson said. "I just want to get some sun and have fun."

While the beaches are a favorite spot for some, hitting the slopes for a week is a highlight for others.

"We had a lot of fun last year, so my friends from back home and I thought we'd go skiing again," said Tyler Clark, fr., Courtland.

As for those who aren't skiing or hanging out on the beach, going home-sweet-home to visit family has a certain appeal as well.

Some also use it as an opportunity to work or find their summer job.

"My brother and I are starting a business and I have doctor's appointments, so I want to be home to help out that," said Nikki Mackay, jr., Peculiar, MO.

Although students may be going their separate ways for a week and indulging in individual activities, one thing is for sure - no matter where you're going, this week is much anticipated by all.

Recent Student Body Poll:

21.21% of students have pets on campus
80.8% of students do not

Types of pets include:

- 12 Fish
- 2 Hamsters
- 1 Gerbil
- 2 Guinea Pigs
- 2 Lizards
- 1 Hedgehog
- 1 Rabbit



101 Students Surveyed

Infographic by Christina McPherson

Campus Critters:

Dorm room pets provide companionship, entertainment

AMANDA MORGAN
Campus Life Editor

College dorm rooms house more than students. No, we're not talking about the weird green stuff growing on your socks in the back of your closet—we're talking about pets.

While the majority of students do not have pets, several do. Most students obey the rules when it comes to pets, but a few have "illegal" animals living in their rooms.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, admitted that her room is a part-time home to a rabbit.

The "legal" pets on campus range from fish to lizards. Michelle Stone, jr., Abilene, recently purchased a hedgehog named Reggie.

"Reggie is a year old," Stone said. "I've had him for a month-and-a-half. He

loves baths. He is nice and calm when you give him a bath."

But Reggie isn't always calm. Hedgehogs have quills, so Stone must handle him with thick leather gloves. "When you pick him up, he hisses and curls up and if you get too close to his face, he will bite you," Stone said.

But Reggie isn't a mean pet. Stone said that Reggie will allow people to pet him without gloves when he gets used to being around them.

Nicole Mackay, jr., Peculiar, Missouri, has a white guinea pig named Minnie, whom she has owned for only two weeks.

"(She) is a little skittish, but she loves me, of course," Mackay said.

Mackay says guinea pigs are clean pets and aren't really a big responsibility.

"Usually, you would have

to cut their hair," Mackay said. "Otherwise, it could get really long."

She added that one of in 400 guinea pigs bite, but Minnie only nibbles.

Mackay enjoys the companionship her guinea pig gives her.

"I know she loves me by the way she looks at me with her beady red eyes," Mackay said.

Tyler Kennedy, fr., Phillipsburg, has slightly smaller pets—two goldfish. He says he has them "just for fun."

Kennedy says the goldfish aren't a big responsibility.

"We have them on automatic feeder," Kennedy said.

He has had the fish for four months.

Whether students have fish, hamsters or their own roommates for pets, these critters are sure to make dorm life very interesting.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Michelle Stone, jr., Abilene, holds her pet hedgehog, Reggie. She wears thick, leather gloves to avoid being poked by Reggie's sharp quills. Stone is one of many pet owners on campus, however, most students choose not to own pets or to keep their pets off-campus.

C.A.R.S. Club to travel to California to see top auto collections

Students to see Leno and Nethercutt Collections among others over spring break

LARA LIGHTY
Spectator Staff

"While some students go to party over spring break, we jump into our education," said Adam Hammer, soph., Mahwah, N.J., vice president of C.A.R.S. club.

That is exactly what Hammer, along with 37 other C.A.R.S. club members, will be doing.

The College Auto Resto-

ration Students club will be venturing to Los Angeles over spring break to drive further into the world of automobiles.

While there, the group will visit several auto collections including: Jay Leno's collection, the Nethercutt Collection, the Petersen Automotive Museum and Art Astor's private collection and will visit with Chip Foose, a top custom designer.

Conveniently, "L.A. and Southern California is the center of the automotive world," Hammer said.

The group will also enjoy seeing the area and will take advantage of other entertainment options. They plan to attend a filming of The Tonight Show as well.

Even though the trip will occupy the members' spring break, Hammer looks forward to it.

"Spring Break was the only feasible time to get a great vacation and one of the best experiences one could have," Hammer said. "The opportunity to see these collections is once in a lifetime and many people may never get the option to see any of these collections or influential individuals outside of this school. It's a trip to see the possibilities of the automotive world and personally

inspiring to open your eyes to more."

Other members are excited about the trip as well.

"I'm looking forward to meeting Jay Leno and getting to see some exclusive places," said Kacy Smith, soph., Milford.

Other students share Smith's excitement.

"I am probably the most excited about seeing the Petersen collection," said Mike

Cote, soph., Gorham, N.H.

Jack Roberts, sr., Overland Park, said, "I'm looking forward to Leno's collection and meeting Chip Foose, and I hope to gain more exposure and more knowledge."

Hammer also hopes the trip gives him a chance to look at potential future employers. He's not the only one. Cote agrees.

"Hopefully I get a job," Cote said.

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS-
CONNIE KRAMER.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you have to have?

"Suntan lotion, good reading material and my best friend."

Do you have any hidden talents?

"Yes, actually I do. I'm kind of amateur at photography."

A long walk on the beach at sunset or a hike through the mountains?

"A long walk on the beach."

What is your favorite part of teaching? Why?

"The interaction with the students and being able to present a concept or a theory and then show them how it really works."

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

"To never be afraid to make a mistake because otherwise it stunts your learning ability."

What is your role at McPherson College?

"I am an assistant professor in the business department with both management and marketing classes."

Would you rather be rich or famous?

"I think rich because then I would be able to take care of everybody that I know that needs something."

What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

"It was in an economics course and the instructor had sent out prior to the class starting. It was like 250 economic-based statistical-type questions. We were supposed to have them completed before the first night of class. I made my way through maybe the first third of it, struggling the entire way. When the professor walked into the classroom, he was a little arrogant to begin with, and he said 'Does anyone have any questions?' I raised my hand and said, 'I have 250 of them.'"

Tom Hanks or Tom Cruise?

"Tom Hanks."

What is your favorite article of clothing? Why?

"It's a pair of Arizona jeans that just fit like their so comfortable you don't even know you've got them on. I can go anywhere in them."

What do you drive and what does that say about you?

"Right now I drive an Envoy and it says that I haul way too much stuff."



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Connie Kramer stands outside her office for a quick picture. Kramer is a new professor in the business department.

SPORTSPAGE



The cheer squad perfects a stunt before traveling to Olathe, to compete in the Cheerleaders of America Mid-America Open Nationals. The ladies brought home nine national titles from the competition. The squad participated in both individual and team routines against schools from eight states. Head coach Tia Leach hopes more students will gain an interest in cheerleading and try out for the team in April and May.

Cheer team brings home nine trophies

Two cheerleaders compete and place first in individual competition

BENJAMIN DENTON
Spectator Staff

McPherson's cheer squad competed in the Cheerleaders of America Mid-America Open Nationals in Olathe last weekend.

The competition hosted teams from eight states including some from the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Juan Torres, jr., Garden City, placed first in the mascot division and Victoria

Salas, jr., Wichita, placed first in the individual female cheer category. The team as a whole won first place in the all-female category and the stunt group and returned home with a total of nine trophies.

Cheerleader Terrin Richey, sr., Borger, Texas, said the national titles show the hard work the team has done this year.

"We've had our ups and downs this season," Richey said, "but we've worked

through it. A national title shows you that we must be doing something right."

Second year head cheerleading coach Tia Leach said McPherson's cheer squad is developing into a top-notch program.

"We have been gaining a lot of recognition," Leach said, especially from these showcases. We aren't judged at them, but we go to cheerleading competitions to perform and do exhibition routines and we are getting

a lot of people interested. Cheerleading is just growing so much as a sport and is getting really big in Kansas. There are a few other schools, but we are one of the top programs."

The season is not done for the cheerleaders, however.

"On the 24th of March, I am taking a few girls to Wichita State where there will be a big showcase," Leach said. "We will go there and to Sterling where the girls will do parts of their routines. We

will also be performing in the May Fete Parade, too."

Leach is satisfied with her "national champion" squad this year, but hopes to increase the team's size in the future.

"We have 14 on the team now and I would like to have a minimum of 20, but I would like to have up to 35 eventually," Leach said. "In the next few years, I would really like to be just a solid program, hopefully having both an all-girl team and a

coed team. We want something that we are competitive with our fellow KCA schools and also be competitive with other Kansas schools. We are on our way to that. It will just take a few more years, but we'll get there."

Leach encourages students to try out for the squad in this spring.

"We are having tryouts in April and May, so people should definitely try out," Leach said.



Shalyn Skahill, sr., Upland, Calif., attempts to slide around the touch of the opposing catcher's outstretched glove. The Bulldogs swept Central Christian in a double-header on Tuesday.

Softball team to play in Sterling Tournament today

BENJAMIN DENTON
Spectator Staff

The softball team will travel to Sterling today to play in the Sterling College Tournament. The first game started at 8:30 a.m. against Newman University with more games both later today and tomorrow.

The softball team is currently 7-6 overall.

"They're playing a little more confident this year," said head coach Mike McCormick.

McCormick has been the head coach of the softball team for nine years.

The last time the Bulldogs won a conference title was in 2003.

Junior third baseman Whitney Coleman, Douglass, has high hopes for the season.

"I think we are going to do really well," Coleman said. "I think we are going to beat a lot of records and hopefully win conference."

Senior outfielder Shaylyn Skahill, Upland, Calif., said the team is enthused for conference play.

"I think we all really want to win conference," Skahill said.

McCormick said he believes winning conference is a definite possibility.

"I think we have a legit shot of winning conference this year," McCormick said.

"We have the talent, we have the pitching and we just have

to perform. It is a matter of execution and we need to play as one."

Last season the team finished 6-10 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference and 16-23 overall.

"I think the biggest competition is going to be Kansas Wesleyan, because they beat us twice already," McCormick said. "Once by one run and the other time by two runs, so we have a rivalry going there. I think four losses in the conference this year is going to win it. The key to win conference this year is to beat the team you're supposed to and hope to split with the team who are equal and/or better than you."

Many students indifferent about March Madness this year

Others engage in cheering their favorite NCAA teams to victory

JAMES HENDERSON
Spectator Staff

As students filter off campus for spring break, there is a sort of madness in the air - March Madness.

What exactly is March Madness and what does it mean?

March Madness comes from the phrase "Mad as a March Hare." In England, the phrase March Madness

may refer to wasteful spending at the end of a budget year.

In America, it refers to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Division I Basketball Championship Tournament. This is the time when nice and polite are thrown out the window and taunting and bolstering are at the forefront. This is a time where competitive juices flow and friendly trash talk begin.

With every victory, there is a celebration, and with every defeat, a mournful crowd awaits its team.

On campus, many people are adamant fans. However, it seems the excitement on campus this year is not like it has been in previous years.

"I don't really care too much about it," said Jermaine Carter, jr., Memphis, Tenn.

Eli Neher, fr., Overland Park, feels the same as Cart-

er. "I really don't care either way," Eli Neher said. "I will probably watch some games, but for the most part I'm into it because of the food and partying. It is a lot of fun to watch sometimes. It can get really crazy when the games come down to the wire."

A number of students share this same sentiment.

"I don't really care too much about it," said Jon Neher, fr., Sioux Falls, Iowa.

"I have a lot of stuff going on and will be really busy, so I won't watch any of the games."

On the other hand, some students enjoy watching the basketball games for a variety of reasons.

"I like March Madness because it is intense and I play basketball so I can associate with the players and their emotions," said Liza Escobar, fr., Robstown, Texas.

Jared Stevenson, fr., Bro-

ken Arrow, Okla., enjoys watching the underdogs set those who are expected to win.

"I like the tournament cause players give it all," Stevenson said. "It is fun to see what happens and who comes out on top, who is the dog."

March Madness concludes with the championship on April 2.

Tennis official sport at McPherson

Early season women's matches canceled due to lack of opponents

ANTHONY FLASK
Spectator Staff

The men's and women's tennis program has been reinstated as an official intercollegiate sport at McPherson College.

J.D. Gravina is the head coach for both the men's and women's teams.

Gravina said the women's tennis team is prepared for competition this season.

In fact, the Bulldogs have actually had to cancel meets scheduled due to other teams not having enough members to compete.

But the amount of players on the team is not the only reason the women's tennis team is so prepared.

"I am very excited about the women's team," Gravina said, "and being competitive is our main goal. Although we are a young, inexperienced team, we have the senior leadership from Callie Crist," the team's only senior, "who is a great influence on our younger girls."

And with a team that is made up of mostly freshmen, that leadership will play a key role in the success they see this year.

To keep the girls on top of their game, they have been working hard now, as well as in the off-season.

The team has been practicing five days a week, weather permitting, in preparation for its March 26 debut at Southwestern College in Winfield.

"Although the off-season for us was very limited," Gravina said "many of the girls have been working out indoors during the winter, so I feel like we can be competitive."

Alysha Linenberger, fr., McPherson, said Gravina's experience as a coach will bear asset to the team.

"Coach Gravina knows what he's doing and knows how to get the team ready for competition," Linenberger said. "I am excited for the season to start because of how he has prepared us not only now, but even during the winter."

Linenberger's goals are to be competitive, which will hopefully bring a successful



Santiago Bravo, jr., Quito, Ecuador, tosses the ball up to deliver a serve.

Photo by Benjamin Denton

season with it.

"We are a pretty competitive group and we want to win," Linenberger said. "We have worked hard and are confident in our abilities."

The women's team consists of seven players including Crist, sr., McPherson; Kelsey Buffo, fr., Valley Center; Ashley Andrews, fr., Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mallory Griggs, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mariah Coberly, soph., Clay Center; Linenberger; and Allison Hajek, fr., Omaha, Neb.

The current schedule shows nine meets for the team and also the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament toward the end of the season.

The team will wrap things up on May 2 hosting Central Christian in its home meet.

To help keep the players in shape and game-ready, Gravina encourages the girls to improve by competing in

tournaments and hitting on their own time.

As far as off-season plans, Gravina plans to bring in only three to four players, due to the fact that only one player will be leaving due to graduation.

The men's team consists of six players including Nathan Clary, fr., McPherson; Brett Mowry, soph., Olathe; Santiago Bravo, jr., Quito, Ecuador; Ryan McAleer, jr., Broomfield, Colo.; Mike Davis, jr., Bethany, Okla.; and Gary Yates, fr., Coffeyville.

McAleer has not played tennis since he was child, but is joining the team this year.

"I haven't played tennis since I was nine years old," McAleer said.

The team looks like they are ready to make an impact after several years of absence.

"I have huge expectations," McAleer said. "I haven't

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-J.D. Gravina

ever really seen any of the other teams in the conference so I couldn't really tell you how good they are.

Clary comes to the team with four years of high school experience.

However, not all of the tennis players bring experience.

"I played for fun with friends, but never played competitively," Davis said.

For the men's team, the next meet will be at Southwestern College on April 2.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Cheer standouts proudly represent their sport



Jon Hartle

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor



Victoria Salas

TOLAN LIGHTY
Sports Editor

Jon Hartle, jr., Chase, is a transfer from Barton County Community College. He is currently working toward a bachelor's degree in psychology and has already achieved an associate's degree in criminal justice.

Hartle is a member of the cheerleading team.

Hartle's strength and leadership during this year's practices has helped elevate the squad to a new level.

At Chase High, Hartle didn't want anything to do with the school's cheerleading program, but at McPherson, Hartle has enjoyed the cheer program.

"In high school, I didn't want to have anything to do with any social events or anything that had to do with school spirit," Hartle said.

Even though the cheer squad is experiencing great success, there are still a lot of things that Hartle feels could improve the team's chances.

"I think all of the girls on the squad work really hard and if the school was only behind us a little more, we would be able to do a lot more," Hartle said. "Our season is over with and we are just now getting a storage closet that we have been asking about for a year."

Whether it is a tumble, a toss, a teaser or a tornado, Hartle enjoys doing the stunts.

"Partner stunts with Christina are my favorite," Hartle said. "Her and I are the most experienced and we do a lot of fun stuff. Partner stunting with anybody is just a lot of fun."

Hartle takes pride in his body and overall physical appearance.

"Tia doesn't really give us any specific workouts that are required, but being able to have some cardiovascular skill and flexibility is really important," Hartle said.

Hartle takes fondly to one memory in particular from his short time here at McPherson.

"One memory would have to be when we went down to Wichita," Hartle said. "We had an extra practice with the Wichita State University coach. Some of our people were just learning how to do baskets and I got nailed by a girls elbow on her way down."

Victoria Salas, jr., Wichita, is a marketing major who attended Wichita East High School.

Salas stays busy as a member of the soccer team, the cheer squad, and as a resident assistant in Dotzour Hall.

Salas began her cheering career early in life, but sided with soccer during her four years of high school.

"I started cheering in elementary school," Salas said. "I stopped doing it right before high school so that I could focus on soccer. I was named all-city, all-county, all-state, for my junior and senior seasons."

Salas and McPherson men's soccer player John White, sr., Wichita, shared a very unique experience together earlier this year at the Friends game; something even greater than just love for the game. They share a love for one another.

For Salas, White's proposal is easily the most memorable moment of her soccer career thus far.

"I was extremely mad because we had lost and I didn't want to talk to anybody," Salas said. "I just wanted to leave. Then he kneeled and it happened and totally threw me off guard."

Now that soccer season has concluded, Salas finds time to perfect her ball control by playing football, which is an indoor version of soccer.

The objective of football is to kick the soccer ball at a trash can.

Recently, however, Salas' claim to fame has come from her ability on the gym floor.

The cheer squad recently performed at the Cheerleaders of America Mid-America Open Nationals.

Salas placed first in the collegiate female cheer individual competition.

"I did a routine, danced, did a series of jumps and a cheer," Salas said.

Salas, along with the rest of the Bulldog cheerleaders look forward to an even more successful 2007-08 season.

"We went through a couple of tough things this year that will help make us better next year," Salas said. "We are getting some new recruits, a lot more girls with experience and we plan on going to Daytona (Florida) next year - the Ultimate Nationals."

Outdoor season to open at Bethany on March 24

Hudachek, Walker compete at indoor nationals in Tennessee



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Dan Hudachek, sr., prepares to launch a 35 pound weight. Hudachek placed 17th at nationals with a throw of 49-9 1/4.

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

As indoor track came to an end for the 2007 season, two student athletes competed in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Championships in Johnson City, Tenn.

Dan Hudachek, sr., Stillwater, Minn., placed 17th in 35-pound weight throw with a distance of forty-nine feet nine and one fourth inches.

"It wasn't too bad," Hudachek said. "It was not far off of what I threw last season at nationals."

Zane Walker, jr., Eckley, competed in the high jump. Walker failed to clear the opening height, which was six feet five inches.

"Zane still jumped well," Hudachek said. "The opening height was 6-5 and he had only gotten 6-6 once the whole year. Getting your P.R. (personal record) on your first jump is always hard."

With the warmer weather approaching, it is easier for the McPherson College track team to obtain their goals for

"It was not far off of what I threw last season at nationals."

-Dan Hudachek-

the outdoor season.


Hudachek said during the indoor season, competition against the basketball and softball teams made it tough to work out in the gym.

"I will be able to practice more during the outdoor season because I will be able to get into the gym," Hudachek said.

The outdoor season opener for the McPherson College track team is March 24 at the Bethany Swedes Invitational in Lindsborg.

At Bethany the team hopes to have a 4x400 and a 4x800 relay team for both the men and the women.

With Hudachek, Walker, and cross country phenom, Israel Ortiz, jr., Limon, Colo., returning to the track, the Bulldogs are preparing for a successful 2007 outdoor campaign.



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Healthy eating easier due to improvements in cafeteria

AMY ZIEGLER
Spectator Staff

Worried about gaining the "freshmen 15?"

Now, students can start eating healthier, thanks to cafeteria changes that have been put into effect this semester.

"There should be a noticeable improvement in the display area and the grill specials are much healthier than in the past," said Brian Stohs, manager of Chartwells. "The hot line area entrée is healthier in terms of more fresh ingredients. The produce market is sparse, but hopefully it will turn around over spring break."

Chartwells, whose parent company as also owns our last service provider, HDS, took over in January when HDS terminated their contract with McPherson College.

The fact that both Chartwells and HDS are owned by the same parent made the transition fairly easy.

Also, the monetary impact on students was not a problem, thanks to the college.

"Students saw no budget changes because of \$70,000 that the school set aside that paid for the change and it was seamless," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

Students have a wider array of food to choose from. One of the major changes Chartwells recently implemented was the installment of the deli bar. It's a better option for health-conscious students.

"I really like the deli bar," said Kristen Fisher, fr., St. John.

Stohs, has made an extensive effort to appease students, be it through the comment cards that are at the front, via e-mail, or even in person.

"I like to talk to the students and get a feel for where they come from and their preferences and tastes," Stohs said.

Chartwells and Stohs want to know what is working best, so they can continue to perform well, but don't want to discourage constructive criticism.

"(McPherson) is a small college and we want students to have a voice," Rothrock said. "The only way for the meals to improve is for students to give their feedback."

So far, the comments are headed in the right direction.

Laura Hoelscher, jr., Bushton, is thankful for the changes.

"I believe the changes are a big improvement compared to last semester," Hoelscher said. "There is more of a variety of foods available."

Another new perk is a juice machine that is supposed to offer a higher quality of juice.

"I really enjoy the new juice machine," said Mark Johnson, soph., Healy.

Stohs said despite the changes they have made, there are still many steps to take.

"Overall, we still have many improvements to implement in the future," Stohs said.



Ashley Mitchell, soph., Great Bend, makes a sandwich from the deli bar last week. Many students are taking advantage of the improved food services.

Harassment incident report available for students after break

Diversity committee working to implement reports, surveys for faculty and students

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

Issues such as diversity and harassment become the core of discussion on all college campuses at various times. McPherson College's diversity committee feels the need to address these issues further and is working to implement a harassment incident report and surveys for faculty, staff and students.

"One of the problems with smaller institutions, is you think you know what's happening on campuses," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, "but you don't always know. So how do you create ways that people can communicate (problems) without telling who they are or who was involved in the situation?"

The diversity committee is currently working to determine whether it is meeting the diverse needs of students related to minorities, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation, as well as harassment both on and off campus.

Members of the committee believe they know what is occurring on campus, but want to make sure in order to direct their resources toward those specific situations.

"I think what drives part of this is," Rothrock said, "we have resources that we

"We're going to give (students) a safe atmosphere to report those things and if they want something done, we can make sure something is done."

- LaMonte Rothrock

want to use and the question is, are we using our resources wisely? Are we really addressing the needs that the students have or do we perceive there's a need and we just do something?"

Rothrock said he believes situations may be occurring on campus that he is unaware of because people are afraid to speak up. To relieve this fear, the diversity committee has prepared a harassment incident report that will be available to students via intranet after spring break.

"We're going to give them a safe atmosphere to report those things and if they want something done, we can make sure something is done," Rothrock said.

Rothrock said the report gives students the option of remaining anonymous, listing those involved and deciding a route of action for the college to take.

The committee has also discussed the option of a

climate survey for faculty and staff.

"A climate survey basically just really looks at attitudes and beliefs of faculty and staff," Rothrock said. "Are we presenting a very open and accepting environment for people of all different races, ethnicities, sexual orientation, those kinds of things?"

One of the surveys the committee is considering is divided into the following areas: 1) "Knowledge, which is the extent to which individuals possess information about others from diverse backgrounds and cultures; 2) understanding to the extent of which an individual comprehends how others feel and why they behave as they do; 3) acceptance is the extent to which an individual respects and values the diverse characteristics and behaviors of others; and 4) behavior to the extent of which an individual is able to interact effectively with others different from him or herself."

Students may also be surveyed about their experiences on campus and what services are or are not available to them. The surveys for both faculty/staff and students could be distributed as early as this spring or as late as next year.

The final issue Rothrock

"I think what drives part of this is we have resources that we want to use and the question is, are we using our resources wisely?"

- Lamonte Rothrock

said the committee has addressed is that of the growing Hispanic population at McPherson College.

Several students have approached Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of modern languages: Spanish, about the possibility of starting a local chapter of the Hispanic American Leadership Organization.

Kilgus, a member of the diversity committee, brought the idea to the committee and has agreed to serve as the faculty sponsor.

Rothrock believes addressing these issues is important for safety and diversity reasons, as well as to prepare students in the teacher education program.

The link for the harassment incident report will be available at www.mcpherson.edu.

"It's important that they understand that it's on the intranet, not the internet," Rothrock said. Students are encouraged to report incidents that occur both on and off campus.

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In regards to the federal budget deficit, Walker said that because our society is paying on credit, our children and grandchildren will be paying the compound interest on this debt.

Health care costs are a big part of this deficit.

Although we spend 50 percent more on health care than other industrialized countries, we still have the highest percentage of uninsured among industrialized countries.

"If there is one thing that could bankrupt America, it's health care," Walker said.

Addressing the savings deficit, Walker said that in 2005, Americans spent more than they took home. The last time this happened was in 1933, in the middle of the Great Depression. The low saving and high-spending trend was repeated in 2006.

"The United States has the lowest overall savings rate of any industrialized nation

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instructor of technology, received tenure; Jennifer Richardson, assistant professor of business, received tenure and promotion to associate professor; and Jeanne Smith, associate professor of education, received promotion to professor.

The board elected six new trustees. The names and biography information will be released later this month, after notifications and written acceptance of election is completed.

The behavioral sciences program review was approved as recommended by the Educational Policies Committee.

Development of three new emphasis areas was also approved.

They are child development, criminal justice and health and human services.

As part of this expansion, Jim Haritatos, assistant professor of behavioral science,

in the world," Walker said.

The balance of payments deficit includes the \$763 billion trade deficit, which in turn weakens the value of the U.S. dollar. This affects things such as the price of oil.

Walker called the "most serious and sobering" deficit the leadership deficit.

"We need more leaders to do the right thing," Walker said. "Too many are dancing."

He called for a leader who would state the facts, tell it like it is and speak the truth to the American people.

Walker said it's time for the federal government to do a top-to-bottom reevaluation of policies and programs to see what's working and what's not.

Walker said we need to ask tough questions and hold leaders accountable.

In spite of our country's financial situation, Walker remains optimistic.

Walker became Comptroller General of the United States in 1998 and is currently serving a fifteen-year term.

will be moving to a full-time position.

Four other routine action items, related to college finances and operations, were also approved at the meeting.

In addition to the action items, several committee reports were presented at the board meeting.

The reports presented financial, academic and operational information to keep the board up to date.

Enrollment for the fall of 2007 is expected to be approximately 500 with approximately 190 new students.

The residence halls will near full capacity in the fall of 2007, with approximately 430 residents.

The school is expecting more than 3,000 hours of service with over 50 events involving over 300 students.

More than 250 students are participating in an internship this year.

Academic probations and suspensions are down 34 percent since fall of 2005.