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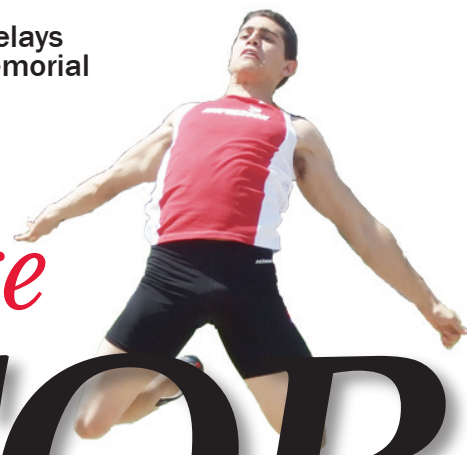
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Are you hot?

Each year during fall and spring, several campus buildings must undergo a change-over from heating to cooling mode (or vice versa). The piping systems operating within Brown Auditorium, Friendship Hall, Dotzour Hall, the Hess Fine Arts Center basement, Metzler Hall, Miller Library, Mohler Hall and Hoffman Student Union cannot provide heating and cooling capabilities at the same time, said Marty Sigwing, director of facilities management.

The manual change-over generally takes place when the temperature predictions indicate a semi-permanent change for the season and takes three days to complete.

The changeover in the spring typically happens during the last half of April, but wide temperature variances during transitional periods may make the affected buildings feel uncomfortable.

Once a building has been switched over, it will remain in that state until the next seasonal changeover.

### RAs announced

Student Services announced last week the Resident Assistants for the 2008-2009 academic year.

**Women:** Adrielle Harvey, jr., Beverly; Jess Hentz, jr., Independence, Mo.; Kacy Smith, jr., Milford; Amy Ziegler, jr., Hudson, Colo.; Ashley Andrews, soph., Oklahoma City; and Melisa Grandison, fr., Quinter.

**Men:** Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson; Cody Doll, jr., Healy; Israel Ortiz, sr., Limon, Colo.; Nick Box, jr., Linwood; Julius Emanuel, soph., Pearl and, Texas; Tim Bragington, jr., Winnemucca, Nev.; Nyle Billings, jr., Enid, Okla.; Josh White, fr., Stockton, Mo.; John David Brown, soph., Baldwin City; and Ben Cummins, fr., Buhler.

### "The Gift of Peace" play on April 20

The Student Peace Alliance invites everyone to join them at 7 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre for the club's production of "The Gift of Peace" by Stacey Martino.

It is a three-part project which aims to educate, inspire civic action, and draw media/grassroots support towards the establishment of a U.S. Department of Peace and Nonviolence.

The club welcomes everyone.



## Creative Dining begins food service May 26

JORDAN SHAY  
News Editor

The college's new food service provider was on campus Thursday, surveying students, faculty and staff about changes they would like to see in next year's food service.

Creative Dining will begin serving meals on May 26, replacing Chartwells as the college's food service provider, Dean of Students LaMonte Rothrock said Wednesday.

Rothrock said the college contracted with Chartwells after its company bought out HDS, the college's former food service provider.

"We thought we'd give Chartwells a shot at improving the dining experience here," Rothrock said. "Basically at this point, we're not convinced that they were committed to doing what we wanted to have done in food service."

Creative Dining is a Michigan-based company whose specialty is small campuses. The company was one of the original bidders when the college was switching food service

providers six years ago. The surveys conducted yesterday will hopefully bring about a better understanding of what people would like to see in the cafeteria.

"They're surveying the students, trying to get a feel for what Chartwells was doing well and what they weren't doing well," Rothrock said.

Creative Dining will be on campus periodically throughout April and May to prepare for the transition.

One of the differences between Chartwells and Creative Dining is that the latter is a management service. The college will pay a management fee to Creative Dining, who has more purchasing power and can buy food more cheaply than what the college could on its own.

A big change will be that Creative Dining will be paying hourly employees, including student workers, a higher rate.

"The hourly rate will be significantly higher, in order to attract and retain employees so there's not such a big turnover," Rothrock said.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Austin Anders, soph., Chapman fills out a survey for representatives of Creative Dining. Students who took the survey could also enter their name into a raffle for an iPod nano. Ripp Harrison, sr., McLouth, won the iPod.

"Once we find a good person, we want to keep them, as opposed to rolling over people constantly."

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## Campus Blowout sign-up begins Monday

JORDAN SHAY  
News Editor

Sign up for this year's Campus Blowout will begin Monday in the Student Union, said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

The Blowout is on May 9, beginning at 2 p.m. No classes will be held on this day, which is also the date of the city's All School's Day celebration.

Students can sign up in teams of six for the Blowout, which includes events like: Human Spheres, Bungee Bull, Turbo Trikes, Monster Basketball, Dunk Tank, Lava Pit, Spelling and a Gross Eating Contest.

"We're going to use a lot more blow-up challenges," Rothrock said. "We're not doing the big monster thing again, but we're doing smaller ones for competitions."

This year's Blowout will be taking place in the quadrangle area next to Heaston Gazebo in an attempt to avoid the heat generated by the rubber track in last year's location of McPherson Stadium.

"I think the students are really going to enjoy the way we're going to lay this out," Rothrock said.

Scheduled for later in the evening is an outdoor barbecue, the Senior Drive-Through at the gazebo, a movie on the lawn and drawings for gifts like flat-panel TVs.

The highlight of this year's Blowout might be the live concert that will cap off the evening. The Nashville-based band Florez will perform a 90-minute concert at Harnley Gardens, or, in the case of bad weather, Brown Auditorium.

"Most people haven't heard of it, but it's one of the most-booked college bands

this year," Rothrock said. "We just thought it would be kind of fun to have an outdoor concert out on the grass."

Student Services sponsors the annual Blowout and the concert.

Visit [auburnmoonagency.com](http://auburnmoonagency.com) and click on "Music" to learn more about the rock/pop-influenced band, or visit [www.florezmusic.com](http://www.florezmusic.com). Ac-

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## Birch wins t-shirt design contest

This year, Student Services asked students, staff and faculty to submit designs for a Campus Blowout T-shirt.

Four designs were submitted and voted on by the campus community. Miles Birch, fr., Lewes, Del., won the contest with his hand-drawn design.

Normally, a company is paid \$100 to create a design. Student Services awarded the money to Birch for his design. Free t-shirts featuring Birch's design will go to the first 350 people at Campus Blowout.

"We hope to make (the design contest) more of a tradition in the future, so students can spend some time ahead of time," Rothrock said.

## Bells are back

ELIZABETH JOHNSON  
Spectator Staff

Anyone who's been on campus lately can't help but notice the intermittent ringing of bells, something that has caused much speculation about the reasons behind the tolling.

Some remember the bells from last year. They stopped ringing then, but most don't know why.

Some digging for truth finally pointed to facilities management and its director, Marty Sigwing. Sigwing said the bells are run by an electronic device and are broadcast from the top of Mingenback Theatre.

He said this device is programmable, but the instructions have not

been found for the list of available songs. Sigwing said the bells were turned off last year because of complaints to administration.

This spring, there were several requests to turn the bells back on. Administration turned the responsibility of running them over to facilities management.

The current schedule for the bells is: chimes of the hour on the hour from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; random bells on the half hour from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; five minutes of chimes at 11:45 a.m. on Monday and also at 4:45 p.m. on

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## 10 win awards at KACP

McPHERSON — Ten student journalists from the staff of the Spectator, McPherson College's campus newspaper, earned 17 different awards at the annual Kansas Associated Collegiate Press conference in Wichita, April 6-7.

The Spectator's editor-in-chief, Adrielle Harvey, jr., Beverly, placed as first runner-up in the Journalist of the Year competition in the four-year college newspaper division. Harvey is the first McPherson College student ever to earn Journalist of the Year recognition. A \$100 prize accompanied her first runner-up award.

Harvey has served as editor-in-chief of the Spectator for the past two years. In addition to



her success in the overall competition, Harvey placed third in sports photography and received an honorable mention in news photography.

Spectator staff members won two individual first place awards. Jon "Ned" Nadeau, jr., N. Yarmouth, Maine, won first place in news writing for an article on the changes in

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LEAD EDITORIAL

# Reservation process improves efficiency

Several students have expressed irritation with the dorm room reservation process this year. Some do not understand why they must first complete their FAFSA then set their class schedule before they are allowed to reserve a room.

We believe that this multi-step process is a sound administrative strategy. This allows the school to get a handle on who is serious about returning to school, and it minimizes last minute changes in room assignments. It also provides an incentive to get your paperwork completed on time.

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, explained that in previous years several students would reserve a room and not advise the school until late into summer break that they would not be returning. This leaves open rooms, which is especially problematic now that the dorms are near capacity.

Anything that simplifies administrative processing is a benefit to the school and in turn the students.

Freshmen in seminar have been reminded to complete their FAFSA since early in the semester. Upperclassmen shouldn't need a reminder beyond what we get from financial aid.

As to setting a class schedule, it is not particularly difficult and it can easily be modified later if necessary.

We do not think that these two requirements present a burden and the benefits far outweigh the hassle of doing things on time.

## Secure your stuff or lose it

Lock your door, keep valuables nearby, and don't store expensive items in your car. We have said it before, but the message was not received.

If you leave something unattended or in a vulnerable place, it is at risk of being stolen. It doesn't matter where you are, people steal things. It is less likely to happen in McPherson than many other places, but it still happens. So protect your stuff.

If something is stolen from you and it was not secured, don't blame anyone or any entity other than yourself. Forced entry is rare on this campus, so simple measures can eliminate much of the theft that does occur.

A majority of the theft stories we hear about have a common element, unsecured items. Most thieves are opportunistic. The less risk they perceive, the more likely they are to strike. Kicking down doors while not knowing what is up for grabs on the other side is not worth the risk. However, an iPod or computer sitting behind an unlocked door is easy prey and well worth the risk.

Also, be aware that the number of thefts rises at the end of the semester. It is easier to grab loot and blend in because of the increased activity.

It is easy to dismiss this editorial as common sense and somewhat nagging. But take heed, unless you are willing to part with something without regret, keep it secure.

**ISSUE:** Students irritated by room reservation process.  
**OUR POSITION:** The benefits outweigh the hassle.

# Smokey's Wacky World



Cartoon by Matt Shroyer

# Size does matter, for diplomas

As May approaches and graduation nears, I get more and more excited. To finally be done with school and walk across the stage to get my diploma has been a long time coming.

I figured when I got my diploma I would tastefully mount it and display it for the entire world to see that I finally had graduated from college.

As I prepared for this, I was surprised to see that one of my professor's diplomas mounted on the wall in his office. It was a cute little thing framed with a nice border.

The only problem was that it was not much bigger than a postcard. There was no mention of what major had been



Michael Lund

completed and if you squinted your eyes and looked just right you could make out a little box that said magna cum laude.

I was so taken aback by the sight that I asked him where

his real diploma was. Surely this was a miniature given for display purposes so that the original sheepskin would not deteriorate. The answer I received was that it was the real McCoy.

This just would not do. After the average student spends close to \$80,000 over four years surely the size of the diploma has been adjusted for inflation just as tuition increases every couple of years.

I asked the administration why McPherson College has such a wee diploma and was never really given a definitive answer.

I thought, "Maybe it is just a Kansas thing," so I contacted Wichita State to find the size of their diplomas.

Jama Challans, WSU senior administration specialist, said their diplomas used to be 9 inches by 7 inches until the early eighties, but were increased to a standard size of 11 inches by 8.5 inches, to make framing easier and because "students were disappointed with the previous size."

That sounds familiar. Next I checked with University Frames, Anaheim, Calif., a company that specializes in framing diplomas. Diane Winn, president of University Frames, was kind enough to calculate the percentage of each size diploma

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# Consider football team's size, unity before judging

Of course the football team has heard the little comments that are actually said to us or read the e-mails that are sent to the entire campus about us, but it never really hit me that there were so many angry comments submitted to the Shout-it-Out box in the cafeteria. Most of the comments are not published, but the volume of comments shows there is some hostility.

After talking with several of my fellow teammates about the topic and asking them what they had to say about it, I got responses that involve comments



Ripp Harrison

about how we are usually in a large group whenever we do anything. We spend a lot of time together and we

have good unity. Because of this unity and the size of the group, we may seem loud to people outside the group, but it doesn't really strike us as being loud.

We are football players and there are not really any extremely small guys, at least when it comes to eating, so yeah we're going to put away some food. Sorry if you're behind the team in line for dinner.

Another thing that we have to deal with is whenever just one of our teammates slips up, because they are a football player, the opinion that an individual gets from that

one person spreads and they are considered the entire football team.

Also it is pretty easy for someone who hasn't fully experienced something to put it down or have a negative opinion about it. People outside of the football program do not know how hard we actually work everyday at getting better for the coming season.

If someone really has a problem wouldn't it be better to actually talk to the individual that you have the problem with than write down a little comment on a piece of paper?

<b>Good Dog</b>		<b>Bad Dog</b>
Awesome senior projects. ———		For bustin' out a blade! ———
Fixing the wall near the gazebo. ———		Rotten food at Dotzour entrances. ———
Asking students about library use. ———		Obsessive texting. ———

## CHEW ON THIS

"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort."  
- Herm Albright

"There isn't much to be seen in a little town, but what you hear makes up for it."  
- Kin Hubbard

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# Students provide input on library plans

With the end of the school year approaching, it seems like everyone has numerous projects due, along with papers to write and don't forget those finals to prepare for. Students are starting to get a little antsy with the anticipation of an entire summer away from school, so it seems that these projects keep getting put on the back burner.

But what happens when you're ready to get to work? You want to work on that four-hour project in your room, but your roommate keeps talking to you. Or maybe your floor is too loud or your computer doesn't have a program you need. Where do you go? Most people end up going to the library.

It's been a hot topic these past couples of weeks, but there are plans underway for the remodeling of Miller Library. Susan Taylor, college



Megan McKnight

librarian, seems very excited about the future plans to make Miller Library a more student-friendly place.

I know from personal experience that it's more convenient to get on your computer in your room to look up information. However, there are some projects that require resources that you can't access from the Inter-

net in your own room. The library is full of wonderful sources of information, but most students don't seize the opportunity to use them.

However, when I do make it over to the library, there are a few problems. At certain times of the day, it's impossible to get on a computer. They're all full and stay that way for a while. Also, I get assigned a lot of group assignments and it's hard to work on the project around one computer. I have also found that some computers don't play videos, so it makes it hard to work on our projects.

Taylor hopes to fix dilemmas such as these as soon as next fall. She spoke about having a video viewing area, where it wouldn't need to be as quiet and students could work on group projects with a bigger space and more resources for media. Also,

"I would love to see Miller Library come back alive and be a place that students want to come and feel like they are taking advantage of the great resources provided."

she would like to add more seating and furniture to help make the space more student-friendly.

Some of the bigger issues she spoke about were making the building more handicap accessible and some other remodeling that will take a bit longer to complete.

She also talked about possibly holding events in the library on evenings such as Friday, when the library is not open so it wouldn't disturb students trying to work.

Overall, I'm very pleased there has been initiative for this project. With the Student Union project, it almost feels like pulling teeth to me, but this one feels like there is a lot of positive, useful student feedback. More than 100 students filled out the survey recently provided by the marketing research class and Taylor has spoken to several classes, including one of mine, about suggestions.

I would love to see Miller Library come back alive and be a place that students want to come and feel like they are taking advantage of the great resources provided.

As part of Student Activities Board, I also feel like holding some events there would be a great way to attract more students. Although it may take a few years for the entire transformation to take place, I think we are off to a great start.

# Take risk: make change, stop complaining

People who whine and complain but are unwilling to put any effort into effecting a change baffle me. I am more than willing to listen to someone who is actively seeking change, but complaining as a means of conversing is irritating.

As the viewpoints editor, I am constantly seeking out students who are willing to write on topics important to them. We all have an opinion until it comes time for us to write about it, volunteer or join an organization.

I realize that it is difficult to throw yourself out there,



Ned Nadeau

but that is what it takes to have any impact. There are endless ways to contribute

to a cause without exposing yourself to public ridicule.

Participating in surveys is a very simple way to help. Another simple way is to educate yourself on the issue. Speaking informatively is a powerful persuader.

The potential public ridicule options are the highest risk, but they also pay the highest dividends. These options include active participation in organizations, public speaking and writing for newspapers.

I am not necessarily referring to major issues. More of the jabbering is aimed at

small issues such as a lack of activities, bad professors, smelly dorms, awful food, school policy and student behavior.

Students can have impact on all of these issues. You may not get the result you want, but at least you make people think about their opinion.

It helps to seek out students who feel the same way you do. This not only validates your opinion, but also allows the workload to be shared.

One of the most difficult things to overcome is not knowing how others will

react to your opinions and actions. If you take a stance, especially one contrary to popular opinion, be prepared to take flack. It's inevitable.

Be sure to think about the opinions of others, respect those opinions and formulate responses to likely opposition. Change does not come easily for many people.

Whether you want to find something to do on the weekend or tackle a major political issue, you have to assume some risk. So, unless you are willing to put forth the effort, please stop complaining.

## DIPLOMAS

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they have mounted over the past year. She found that

62 percent were 11 inches by 8.5 inches and all sizes smaller than that constituted just 10 percent. This means 28 percent were even larger than what I expected.

Maybe I am just silly to care. I mean graduating is much more than just a piece of paper mounted on the wall, but I am proud of my accomplishment and the

fact that I graduated from McPherson College. I want to advertise it proudly in my office so that when a client comes in they will know that I have been educated

at such a fine institution as McPherson College. With the current diploma size I can still do that as long as the client has a magnifying glass.

# On the Fly

## What do you like and dislike about being at a small school?



**Like:** "You can be involved in many activities."  
**Dislike:** "Class offerings."

Amy Parnell, Sr., Liberal



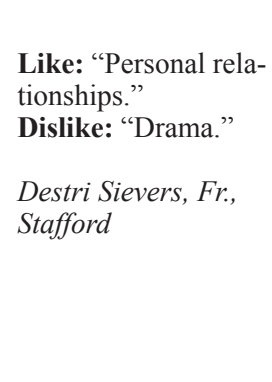
**Like:** "One-on-one help."  
**Dislike:** "The gossip. It's an epidemic."

Ashley Mitchell, Sr., Great Bend



**Like:** "You know everybody."  
**Dislike:** "Nothing to do."

Heath Goering, Soph., Moundridge



**Like:** "Personal relationships."  
**Dislike:** "Drama."

Destri Sievers, Fr., Stafford



**Like:** "It's small."  
**Dislike:** "It's small."

Eric Read, Jr., Newton Falls, Ohio



**Like:** "The tight-knit community."  
**Dislike:** "Lack of meal plan options."

Jeff Tangredi, Jr., Nyack, N.Y.



# SHOUT IT OUT!

To contribute to Shout It Out! put your shout in the submission box in Hoffman Student Union.

Monkey down!

Getting rid of Chartwells is a very bad idea.

Beware of silent but deadly badgers.

Catfish = food poisoning.

When did the new admissions guy get hired?

Will he ever pull the trigger?

I like soft, chewy cookies.

Sexual orientations should be separated in the dorms!

What's a calf weaner?

Hip-hop is dead.

Quit pissin' on the toilet seats.

We want our voices heard.

Can we have peace on the second floor of Metzler?

Was that an earthquake, or did I just rock your world?

Who put Texas Pete on the meatloaf?

The point of handicap spots is for unloading wheelchairs, etc., not parking motorcycles!

George Thorogood is b-b-b-bad to the bone.

What's up with this Mac News?

Why does the person who publishes these always put in stuff about football? Hmmm...

Go to the car show!

Royals = World Series baby!

We're o-fer in footsal, but we rock!

Can you pull knives on people and not get in trouble?

I'm glad I'm not employed here. I'd be worried if I were!

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Top: Ripp Harrison, jr., McLouth, concentrates on drawing a sketch. Right: Bryce Jech, fr., Kingfisher, Ok focuses on throwing a piece of pottery. Both Harrison and Jech had pieces accepted into upcoming art exhibitions.



## At THE ART SHOW

### 10 Students compete at statewide art exhibitions

BETSY SHAFFER  
Campus Life Editor

Friendship Hall is often cram-packed with drawings, sculptures, paintings and much more from art students on campus, but 10 of McPherson's students will also have their work on display at the Kansas Collegiate Aesthetics Exhibition and the Prairie Arts Exhibition.

The Kansas Collegiate Aesthetics Exhibition is sponsored by the Birger Sandzen Memorial Gallery in Lindsborg and is a competitive exhibition for any student attending a Kansas college or university. The exhibition is held every other year and does not make a distinction between

undergraduate and graduate students. Therefore McPherson's students are up against students from larger schools such as Kansas State University and University of Kansas.

The exhibition is very competitive with only one out of every fifth piece of work being accepted into the show. The juror for this year's competition was Loren Lukens, a nationally known and respected artist from Seattle.

This year eight pieces of work from six McPherson students were accepted into the show, which will be held at the Sandzen gallery during May and June. The exhibition will open May 2, 2008. The six students whose work will be shown are Carrie Becker. Shaun Griffin, soph., Inman; Ripp Harrison, jr., McLouth; Kelli Johnson, McPherson; Chris Ramirez, soph., Wichita, and Jarod Wright, sr., Stillwater, OK. Johnson is the personal counselor at McPherson College and

has taken painting classes for the last two years.

Johnson said, "I'm thrilled to have four total pieces up and am so thankful to Wayne for the work he did to get them ready and his work in submitting them."

The other show is the Prairie Arts Exhibition and is sponsored by the Rice County Arts Commission. It is very competitive and usually dominated by professional artists from around the state.

"Ripp Harrison's charcoal drawing 'Bamboo' received one of the 10 merit awards given by the juror in the Prairie Arts Exhibition," said Wayne Conyers, professor of art. "How cool is that?"

The Juror for this exhibition was Nancy Baldrice, a noted painter and author.

Nine students had work accepted into the Prairie Arts Exhibition, which is an all time high for McPherson's art department. The students are Becker; Harri-

son; Bryce Jech, fr., Kingfisher, OK; Suzie Johnson, a Central College student who plans to transfer to McPherson as an art major next year; Ashley Mitchell, sr., Great Bend; Jessica Monaghan, fr. Eli Nether,; Chris Ramirez, soph., Wichita; and Jarod Wright, sr., Stillwater, OK.

Ramirez said, "I am very excited to get into an art exhibition such as the Prairie Arts," Ramirez said. "It gives me a good chance to get my artwork out there and to get recognized."

Jessica Monaghan said, "I was super excited to get accepted in the show," Monaghan said. "It is actually the first college show that I have ever entered. I had sent in three total photos that I hoped would be considered, but I was absolutely ecstatic to have one get in."

The exhibition is being held in Cooper Hall at the Sterling College campus and runs through April 20, 2008.

## The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW SOCCER COACH ROBERT TALLEY.

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief



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

**A** I am a soccer coach and I am in charge of intramurals.

**Q** What do you enjoy most about your job?

**A** Being able to impact the student-athletes both on and off the field. As a coach, you strive for success. I want the kids to come back and say, "You remember how much of an impact you made?"

**Q** What is your favorite movie?

**A** I think I will go with "Field of Dreams." It just goes to show anything can happen.

**Q** Why did you choose McPherson College?

**A** Because of the educational opportunities for my student-athletes and I liked the direction the soccer programs were going and that I could come in and help them go further.

**Q** Who is your favorite musical artist?

**A** I toured with the band "Fish" for two summers. I'm a "Grateful Dead" fan, "String Cheese Incident," "Widespread Panic," and "Xavier Rudd."

**Q** What has been your most embarrassing moment in life?

**A** When I was coaching, using the men's bathroom on a road trip and realizing one of my female players was in the stall beside me.

**Q** What is your biggest pet peeve?

**A** People not coming through with what they say they're going to do.

**Q** Where did you attend college?

**A** I went to Huron University in Huron, South Dakota. I got my bachelor's in criminal justice and my master's was in management.

**Q** What is your marital status?

**A** Married. I have one daughter, Brynn. We're actually expecting our second any day now.

## Clubs leave classroom for further education

AMY ZIEGLER  
Spectator Staff

Every year, about this time, the campus is filled with a sense of restlessness. Only a few students seem to outrun that feeling of restlessness and among them are the Business Club and the C.A.R.S. Club. Last weekend the clubs of McPherson College ventured off on trips to combat boredom while learning more about their fields of interest.

C.A.R.S. Club traveled to Nebraska on April 11, while the Business Club will be visiting Atlanta, Ga., April 23-27.

The C.A.R.S. Club trip started in Lincoln, Neb., where they visited the Museum of American Speed and the Haymarket District, the Merrick Collection in Grand

Island, Neb., Chevyland in Kearney, Neb., and the Hastings Museum in Hastings, Neb.

Aaron Milam, fr, Hereford TX, said "We had the opportunity to view private collections that were not open to the public, and to the chance to see rare and interesting cars."

Business Club members will visit Georgia Pacific; AGCO Corporate headquarters; Southern Company; CNN Studios; Georgia World Congress Conference Center; World of COKE; Georgia Aquarium and Atlanta Underground. In addition to each of these places, they take walking tours of the historic district.

Kim Smith, junior, Milford, says, "Along with touring the local business in a metropolitan area, we are given



Photo By Casey Smith

Chad Krivin, soph, Allentown, Penn, sitting behind the wheel of a 1998 Indy car formerly driven by Arie Luyendy.

the opportunity to have free time, allowing students to go and see the city from a tourist standpoint."

Any person from McPherson College is welcome to become a member of the Business Club.

Though fundraising is possible, it is \$300 per person to attend this trip.

Connie Kramer, Business Club sponsor, attends the

trip with students.

"The annual Business Club trip is an excellent opportunity for students to have an up close look at how business really works and hear from people actually doing the jobs on a daily basis," Kramer said.

Both trips allow students to network and look forward to career opportunities after McPherson College.

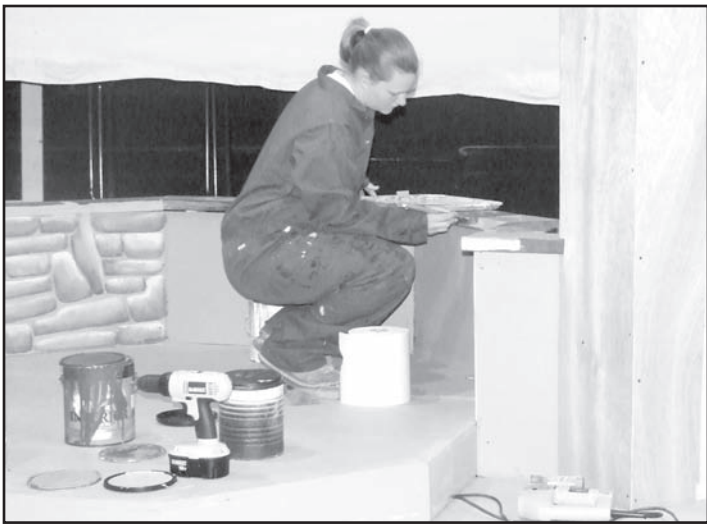


Photo By Chris Plooster

Amanda Pangburn, soph., Huntsville, Ala., works diligently on the set for "Enchanted April", this year's final production.

## Drama departments closes out year with "Enchanted April"

KIMBERLY SMITH  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College will close out the 2007-2008 theatre season with the play "Enchanted April." The play takes place in London during the 1920s while the story follows four Englishwomen who need a break from their lives, their husbands and themselves.

The show casts almost entirely McPherson alumni with two student actors rounding out the cast. These two student actors are Kelsie Patrick, fr., Elizabeth, Colo., and Brendan Netherton, sr., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Patrick says, "I think the show is going to be great, I am really excited for the opportunity to work with the alumni."

The show is the second of the two alumni shows, highlighting the celebration of 30 years of First Nighters, the college's dinner theatre program.

Matthew Barber's 2003 Tony nominated romantic comedy based on the book by Elizabeth von Arnim, is listed as one of the top 500 books written by women. "Enchanted April" has won a few national awards and will be performed in Brown Auditorium April 25 and 26.

The Script service, Dramatists Play Service (dramatists.com), describes the story as the transformation of the four main characters who decide they want to change their lives in order to find out what's best.

Beginning with an invitation "to those who appreciate sunshine and wisteria" the story line shows these changes among the Mediterranean sunshine.

As the story line advances it shows that all four women bloom again, rediscovering themselves in ways that they,

and we the audience, could never have expected.

The show ends with the transformation of both an audience and actors who feel stiff, unloved or used up because of their current situations and allows people to connect to the plot on a personal level.

The romantic comedy consists of three acts and a prologue. It starts when two frustrated London housewives decide to rent a villa in Italy for a holiday away from their bleak marriages. They recruit two very different English women to share the cost and experience.

Among the sunshine and flower blossoms is when the real transformations take place and the audience is then captured by the real and intense detail into the personal lives of the four Englishwomen and their struggles.

The show incorporates student work such as light design by Cody Doll, jr., Healy, and work done by many other theatre students.

### TICKETS

Tickets for this show, the closing show of the theatre season, can be acquired by either e-mailing the box office at theatre@mcpherson.edu or by calling (620) 242-0444. All shows are \$5 for adults. \$3.50 for students/senior citizens and all MAC student, faculty & staff are free with I.D. Performances run both nights of April 25 and 26 with the opening curtain at 7:30 p.m.

## Grandin helps rescue seal pup



Courtesy Photos

Top: Sean Grandin, soph., Pleasant Hill, Calif., helps to carry an injured seal pup up the beach, a spot not far from the Pebble Beach Golf Course. The seal was placed into a truck belonging to the Marine Mammal Center. Below: A month old seal pup lies exhausted on the beach after being abandoned by its mother. The pup was found washed up on the beach, dehydrated and without food.

BETSY SHAFFER  
Campus Life Editor

Spring Break has come and gone and while most of us only remember the many activities we took part in Sean Grandin recalls a one-month-old seal pup he helped rescue.

Grandin, soph., Pleasant Hill, Ca was taking in the sights and sounds as he drove around Carmel California on a vacation with

his family. While he did see the sunny skies and sandy beaches he also took in a sadder sight, one of an abandoned seal pup not far from the famous Pebble Beach Golf Course.

The Grandin family ventured down onto the beach and found a small crowd of about 10 people watching as marine mammal experts attempted to help the small pup. They had roped off the area so the seal would not get distressed and helped the small seal to walk into a large carrier.

The experts, from the Sausalito-based Marine Mammal Center, headed the rescue and explained to Grandin and other volunteers that seal mothers often leave their young on beaches. This pup's mother never returned for it. The pup not yet learned to fish, was very dehydrated and had washed up on the beach.

Grandin happily volunteered when the experts asked for volunteers to help carry the seal up to a truck that would take him to safety. He and three others lifted the seal into the truck while Marine Mammal Center employees educated the public.

"It felt good to help the little guy because if no one was there to help, he would have died," Grandin said. "Plus I love the ocean and the amazing wildlife, especially seals and sea lions, so helping the Marine Mammal Center has been a very enjoyable experience."

Grandin's father, David Grandin, said, "It was a moment of personal pride to see Sean jump in without hesitation to help save the distressed seal pup."



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- 5) Look for any obvious identification such as tags or markings.
- 6) Determine the exact location of the animal so that the Marine Mammal Center team will be able to find you.
- 7) Call the marine rescue. Hotlines operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week and are trained to rescue seals.

## Mac Town Boys prepare to release first album

KRISTEN KIRKMAN  
Spectator Staff

It's known by many that McPherson College is home to some very talented people. A few of them recently combined their creative efforts and produced a music album.

The nine students are collectively known as Mac Town Boys, but each also has his own title: AZ, Azaaad Artis, jr., Southside Phoenix, Ariz.; BO, Austin Bohanon, soph., Wichita; aplaya, Gary Cox, jr., Phoenix, Ariz.; Zack, Zack Gaddis, fr., Oklahoma City, Okla.; c-moe, Charles Moore, soph., San Antonio, Texas; Big Mike, Michael Moreland, fr., Lawton, Okla.; P., Jeff Paulson, soph., Limon, Colo.; Shelton, Shelton Thigpen, fr.,

Wylie, Texas; and noccem, Jamion Turner, jr., Phoenix, Ariz.

"We shoulda been in the talent show," Bohanon said. Student Activities Board recently hosted "Mac's Got Talent" that showed off many of McPherson's talented students.

It all started in October of last year when they decided to make a CD. The guys wrapped up recording just before Spring Break and are excited to get their music out to the public.

Their rap album is titled "From the Jump" and is due to be released May 14, 2008. They are currently working on the album cover and will try to get a website up soon.

Right now, their primary form of promotion is by word of mouth, so spread

the word, but they also plan to post on Facebook and Myspace.

What do the guys anticipate as far as reactions to their hard work?

"We got a few people that heard a few songs, and they already want to buy CDs," Cox said. "We feel confident."

Once released, the cost of a CD will be \$5. Currently, they aren't sponsored by a record company, but have thought about it for the future.

"Right now we just doin' it straight on the ground," Cox said.

They did make one single earlier this year and attempted to play it at one of the basketball games, but administration did not approve. The single was titled "Oh No

They Didn't."

All of the songs on the album are written by the Mac Town Boys and are about their own personallife experiences.

Artis said his favorite part of making "From the Jump" was, "Telling our life stories, explaining how it's different from the small town, how we grew up."

Cox adds, "We have songs for the ladies we like and songs for the ladies we don't like."

Mac Town Boys are planning to release another album next year, as well as the album they are planning next semester, but this album "From the Jump" will be released first.

For more information, see Cox or any of the other Mac Town Boys.



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Top row: Charles Moore, soph., San Antonio, Texas; Gary Cox, jr., Phoenix, Ariz.; Michael Moreland, fr., Lawton, Okla.; Austin Bohanon, soph., Wichita, and bottom row: Azaaad Artis, jr., Southside Phoenix, Ariz., get ready to release their first album, "From the Jump," as rap group Mac Town Boys. Four other group members are not shown.

# Tennis team looks for positives in tough season

JAMES TUTTLE  
Sports Editor

Bethany College swept both the McPherson men's and women's tennis teams (0-9) on April 14.

This is the fourth time this season in which both McPherson tennis teams have been swept this year.

"It's been a rough one," said head coach Dan Leddy about the season.

Leddy explained that this season is not going as planned because of an overall lack of experience when it came to match play.

"You need to play a whole bunch of matches to get better," Leddy said.

The members of the team still seem optimistic about this season.

"We've all improved since last year," Kelsey Buffo, soph., Valley Center, said. Buffo added that Coach Leddy is a good coach and

helped the team to improve.

Jordan Rothrock, soph., McPherson, also remained optimistic about the team's outlook.

"It's been alright since we're still a young team," Rothrock said.

Leddy also discussed the positives of this season. He described the team as "having a willingness to learn new things. All of them have played hard. They are very good at taking instruction."

The No. 2 men's tennis player, Nathan Clary, soph., McPherson, was absent from two consecutive matches because of choir tour before he returned to play against Bethany College on April 14.

"We should have beat Southwestern College," Rothrock said.

The men fell 4-5 to Southwestern on April 10, while the women were swept 0-9. At Kansas Wesleyan University on April 12, the men

lost 3-6 while the women fell 2-7. The men were swept by Friends University 0-9 and the women were also defeated 1-6 on April 17. Kelsie Patrick, fr., Elizabeth, Colo. won her match by default.

It won't get much easier for the Bulldogs this season. Leddy said that Friends University would be a tough match up and the rest of their conference play wouldn't be easy.

The women's team has played several matches this season without a full squad, allowing the opposing team to win anywhere from one to three matches by default.

"It makes it tough because you can't be competitive," Leddy said.

Leddy plans to remedy this problem with recruiting. He wants to recruit four new members for both the men's and women's teams. He said that he already had two women committed along one new male athlete.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Kelsey Buffo, soph., Valley Center, attempts to volley back a serve against Bethany on April 14.

## Softball team faces tough mid-season competition

JAMES TUTTLE  
Sports Editor

After starting the season with four wins and five losses, the Lady Bulldog softball team lost 12 of their next 14 games.

Head Coach Mike McCormick said their out-of-conference schedule has been very tough. McPherson dropped all of the games they played in Tucson, Ariz., from March 24 to 26. McCormick said the second team they played in Arizona, Simon-Frazier, had Canadian Olympian softball players on their roster. The Bulldogs also played Biola University, who was nationally ranked.

"We played teams that gave full rides," McCormick said.

However, the experience in Arizona was not completely negative.

"It was fun," said Ashley Toepfer, fr., Crescent, Okla. Shaylin King, soph., Wichita, said, "It was a good team bonding experience."

After returning from Arizona, the Bulldogs lost four more games, two apiece to Ottawa University and Kansas Wesleyan University, before beating Tabor College twice on April 8.

The Bulldogs were defeated twice by Southwestern University, 1-4 and 6-13, on

April 16. Earlier this season, in the Sterling Tournament on March 14, the Bulldogs had demolished the Southwestern Moundbuilders 15-1.

"They're pesky," said Coach McCormick.

The season, thus far, has not went as expected for the Bulldogs. McCormick said he had expected the season record to be a little better, but they have gone through some adversity, losing a couple players at the end of last semester.

"They're doing what we can expect of them," McCormick said.

Individually, Courtney Bersuch, sr., McPherson, leads the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in slugging percentage with 1.270 and ranks fourth in batting average at 0.568.

The Bulldogs continue to look ahead to the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament. Despite an overall record of 6-17, McPherson has been able to maintain a record of 4-6 in the KCAC. They are currently sitting sixth in the conference.

"We are learning how to play as a team, keeping everyone motivated," King said.

The Bulldogs will be in action again on April 21 against University of Saint Mary.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Carrie Koch, sr., Arvada, Colo., takes batting practice last week. Koch has batted in seven runs so far this season. The team has had three games cancelled due to inclement weather.

## SGA approves proposal to start Badminton Club

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

In competitive badminton, a shuttlecock can travel at 200 mph, according to the USA Badminton organization.

Though 200 mph is probably a stretch for many badminton participants, it is similar competitive behavior that recently started a badminton club at McPherson College.

Ryan McAleer, sr., Broomfield, Colo., initiated the club due to his competitive spirit and Dan Hoffman's "pushing buttons."

"I wanted to beat Dan," McAleer said.

Hoffman, associate professor of physical education, is the sponsor for the club and has been playing badminton for 20 years.

"I've played the most this year I've ever played," Hoffman said.

McAleer has been playing badminton for three years and has in fact beat Hoffman four times. Another badminton enthusiast, Mike Davis, sr., Bethany, Okla., also thrives on the competition.

"Don't tell me and Ryan we can't do something," Davis said. "I hate losing."

McAleer approached Student Government Association earlier this year about chartering the club. After SGA approved the club charter, McAleer submitted a proposal on March 9, with an itemized list of what they wanted. SGA approved funding for part of the requests including some new badminton equipment.

"It is SGA's hope that the club takes off, and as such, greater funding would likely be available in the future if successful," said SGA President Eric Sader, jr., Salina.

The club is mostly about having fun, but Hoffman's main goal is "to allow students to participate in a physical activity they aren't used to."

Hoffman said the club has 26 people that have played at least once. Of those, eight are females. He and McAleer encourage anyone, even beginners, to try badminton. They said it might take a few times of playing to pick up the skills.

"It took me like two weeks before I ever even hit the bird," said Amy Hollowell, sr., Pratt.

Starting a badminton club may open doors for other clubs of this type at McPherson, but it was the Ultimate Frisbee group that truly led the way, Hoffman said.

"Badminton serves as a good recent example of students engaging in a hobby and taking the initiative in promoting itself in terms of publicity, finances, and otherwise by chartering with Student Government," Sader said.

Badminton is fairly popular worldwide and is an Olympic sport. Badminton differs from other racquet sports in that it uses a shuttlecock rather than a ball, and the shuttle may not hit the ground at any time during a rally.

Hoffman is hosting badminton on Friday nights and said this would be a good time for newbies to learn.

## Slashing to the bucket, taking it to the rim



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Trey Burgan (center), jr., St. John, bursts through the defensive pressure of Chris Ezebumwa (left), jr., Baker, La., and Travin Anderson (right), sr., Los Angeles, Calif. The intramural five-on-five league held their first games on April 13.

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# Track team prepares for KCAC Championships

Bulldogs enjoy individual and team success at ACCK Championships

MALLORY YUNGBERG  
Spectator Staff

Two McPherson track members brought home gold medals from the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas Championship at Bethel College on April 12.

Zane Walker, sr., Eckley, Colo., and Jacob Merrick, sr., Clearwater, were the only athletes to bring home first place medals for the Bulldogs. Walker won the high jump with a jump of 6 feet, 4 inches and Merrick won the 10,000-meter run with a time of 38:53.91. Merrick also placed third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 12:17.52 and fourth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 19:49.81.

Princeton Summerville, fr., Kansas City, placed second in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes with times of 10.93 and 22.54 respectively. Shaun Griffin, soph., Inman, also picked up two second place finishes in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and the 5,000-meter run with times of 11:23.17 and 18:05.61 respectively. Brent Bailey, jr., Simla, Colo., placed second in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:31.97. The men's 400-meter relay finished second as well with a time of 43.91. The 400-meter relay team consisted of Austin Brown, fr., Lawton, Okla., Jordan King, jr., Limon, Colo., Summerville, and Mark Watson, soph., St. Charles, Mo.

King also finished third in the long jump, leaping 20-3.75. The men's 3,200-meter relay team of Bailey, Matt Brown, fr., Bothell, Wash., Griffin, and Sean McCrae,

jr., Marietta, Ga., also placed third with a time of 8:51.64.

The top finishers for the Lady Bulldogs were Ashley Mitchell, sr., Great Bend, and Tricia Fensky, fr., Moundridge. Mitchell finished third in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 49:15.81 and Fensky finished third in the pole vault, clearing 7-0. Andrea Swanson, fr., Littleton, Colo., placed fourth with a season-best throw of 40-7. Roxie Ayres, fr., Culver, placed fourth in the pole vault, clearing 6-6. The women's 400-meter relay of Ayres, Fensky, Micah La-Joie, fr., Atchinson, and Carley Sharp, soph., Chanute, placed fourth with a season-best time of 57.02 seconds.

At the Tabor Invitational in Hillsboro on April 16, Griffin placed second in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:13.26 and fifth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:28.67. Walker placed third, clearing 6-4.

Tiffany Poet, fr., Flagler, Colo., led the women by placing fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:32.90. Also placing for the women were Swanson, who placed fifth in the shot put, throwing 37-6, and Melisa Grandison, fr., Quinter, who placed sixth in the javelin throw, throwing 112-4.

The lady Bulldogs also placed sixth in the 400 meter relay and the 1600 meter relay with times of 56.46 and 4:43.87 respectively.

The Bulldogs have high hopes for the upcoming meets.

"I want to make Nationals individually and with the 4-by-100 relay team," Summerville said.

Some of the track members



Tricia Fensky, fr., Moundridge, clears the height at the Tabor Invitational. Fensky tied for eighth with a vault of 7-4.

Photo by Benjamin Denton

will be travel to Lawrence to compete in the Kansas Relays in Lawrence, April 17 through 19.

After the Relays, the Bulldogs will travel to North Newton to participate in the Bethel Invitational on April

26.

"I think that we will do real well (at nationals)," said Mark Watson, soph., St. Charles, Mo. "We have a shot at placing for Nationals because the competition will be high."

## Mitchell sets school record in 10,000 meters

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief



Mitchell

Running 10,000 meters is a feat not everyone can accomplish.

Ashley Mitchell, sr., Great Bend, has not only ran the 10,000 meters on more than one occasion, but she also recently broke the McPherson College record with a time of 48 minutes, 8.26 seconds.

The former record was set by Mandy Shobe in 2004 with a time of 49:03.35.

"I'm just happy for her that she got it," said head track coach Dave Smith. "One of the main things I see about Ashley is her positive attitude and she's willing to work hard."

But Mitchell does not want to stop there.

"I want to get my time down more than it is," Mitchell said. "I'd like to get it down to 45 minutes or 44 minutes."

She said it would take two long, hard distance runs every week until conference be to accomplish this goal.

Along with the 10,000 meters, Mitchell has tried a number of different races this year. She ran the steeplechase on Wednesday for the first time. She has also ran the 5K, the mile, and the 800-meter run so far this year.

"It's my last year," Mitchell said. "I'm going all out, doing some crazy races."

Mitchell has participated in track and cross country during her three years at McPherson. She said she has gained more and more endurance dur-

ing this time, which has enabled her to run such races as the 10,000-meter run.

"For me, it's frustrating because I'm getting to a point where I want to be and it's going to end," Mitchell said. But she plans to continue competing in 5K runs and may even challenge herself to a marathon.

"I just don't know how to train for it," Mitchell said.

From Coach Smith's standpoint, it will be difficult to see Mitchell graduate, but he also expressed his best wishes for her future.

"It's been great to watch Ashley progress over the years and the hard part for me is going to be seeing her graduate," Smith said.

Mitchell is a graphic design major with a minor in Spanish. She attributes her accomplishments to her Lord and Savior.

"God has been my strength for running," Mitchell said, "and He's carried me through everything. That's how I can run."

# Three new faces in athletic department

## New coaches take over different programs

JAMES TUTTLE  
Sports Editor

Several of the Bulldogs' athletic teams will be under new leadership next season.

LaMonte Rothrock, athletic director, announced via campus e-mail that Susan Barton would be the new head women's volleyball coach on March 14. That same day, Rothrock also announced via e-mail that first-year women's basketball head coach Marcus Hicks "would not be returning as the coach next season."

Assistant women's basketball coach Shelly Prescott was appointed as the new head coach on March 16, two days after the announcement about Hicks.

"Marcus and I had been in discussion about some issues that we're not meeting our goals," Rothrock said.

Rothrock acted quickly after Hick's departure.

"She (Prescott) had expressed interest last year in the job," Rothrock said. "We visited with her following the decision with Marcus. She was very interested. The players were supportive."

In her first year as a head coach, Prescott will fight an uphill battle. After last year's 19-win season, the second most in school history, the Lady Bulldogs will be returning a young team.

"We are losing a lot of seniors," Prescott said. "We are going to be pretty young from top to bottom."

Recruiting players for next year may be another obstacle Prescott will face this off-season.

"We basically didn't have anybody recruited when Shelly took over," Rothrock said.

Prescott indicated that so far, recruiting has went well for her. She said that she had one player who had committed and three junior college transfers were also likely to play for her next season.

"It's been a challenge to find a post player," Prescott said.

The volleyball team went without a head coach for over a month. Rothrock announced to the campus via e-mail on Feb. 13, that Nathalea Stephenson, who served as volleyball head coach and assistant athletic director, was "no longer employed at McPherson College."

There were 49 applicants for the head coaching position, but after carefully considering all the applicants, Rothrock said that there was "no question" who they were going to hire, Susan



Barton

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- Coach Barton



Prescott

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Barton.

"Susan's history of volleyball, her knowledge of this area of Kansas, small college knowledge and coming from an incredible high school program," Rothrock said.

Barton has coached volleyball at McPherson College before. She served as an assistant to former head coach Stephenson in 2004. The coaching turnover fortunately did not hurt the team's recruiting.

"We have already got our entire squad done for next year," Rothrock said. "I don't think that we lost anybody that we were already

recruiting."

Even the team is excited about Barton as the new coach.

"We think she's (Barton) going to be awesome," said Danna Gordon, soph., Newton. "She knows what she's talking about and she's already helping us out a lot."

Barton seems optimistic about the upcoming season. She said that they should improve on last year's record, even though there are challenges which she will face as a new coach.

"I think it will be a challenge, (but) I think they will work really well together," Barton said.

## Swartzendruber to face obstacles in inaugural season

ROBBY TOBIAS  
Spectator Staff

JAMES TUTTLE  
Sport Editor

Tim Swartzendruber was hired as the new men's head basketball coach on April 2, replacing Roger Trimmell, who stepped down after 26 years as head coach of the Bulldogs.

Several obstacles will face Swartzendruber in his first year as head coach.

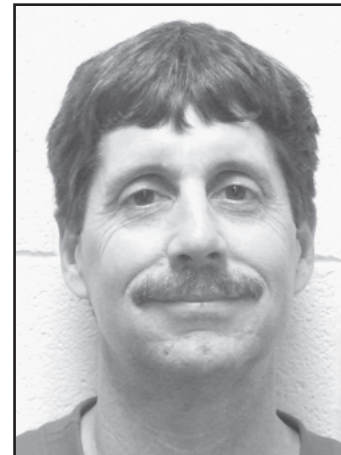
"Graduating such a large class and not many underclassmen, our squad will be a little smaller next year," said LaMonte Rothrock, athletic director.

Swartzendruber acknowledged it would be a challenge for him next year after having such a great season last year and losing so many players.

"(It will be difficult) replacing an outstanding senior group of student-athletes," Swartzendruber added.

Swartzendruber held a team meeting for the men's basketball squad. There will only be seven players returning next year.

Rothrock said they do not plan to have a junior varsity squad next year. He also said



Swartzendruber

"(It will be difficult) replacing an outstanding senior group of student-athletes"

- Coach Swartzendruber

they plan to use a two-year rebuilding process, not trying to recruit 17 new athletes this year, but attempting to sign seven or eight quality players to next year's roster.

"At this time, we've only signed one player," said Swartzendruber.

Despite the challenges that the team will face next year, members are supportive and confident in their new coach.

"I really like him, he is a cool guy," said Trent Ruxlow, fr., McPherson. "He is going to get us into shape for next season fast and knows what he is doing."

# Campus masonry in process of being repaired

TRACEY ROBERTS  
Spectator Staff

The harsh winter ice has left a trail of crumbling sidewalks and broken tree limbs across campus. Director of facilities management Marty Sigwing, who arrived in November, had to deal with immediate decisions concerning the December storm damage.

"We spent approximately \$12,000 for the removal of limbs, city fees and general clean up," Sigwing said.

According to Sigwing, there are still trees on campus that may need removed.

Three Bradford pears around the gazebo were damaged, as well as two elms north of Beeghly Hall.

"We have to wait until the trees are in full bloom to be able to know if they need to go," Sigwing said.

The ice also affected the sidewalks on campus. Although some sidewalks already needed repair — they aren't level — others in front of the library and north of the student union are crumbling as a result of the ice.

Sigwing explained that

"Just be patient with me. The ice storms did a lot of damage."

— Marty Sigwing

there are two funds that he has available to him for maintenance — the normal operating fund and the capital outlay fund.

Since the normal operating funds were used on storm clean up and concrete for the grounds, any further maintenance will depend on capital outlay funds that will be released after July 1.

"Depending on how bad a sidewalk is, it could take all the funds for one area," Sigwing said. "But we will start with the worst first and work our way down."

Sigwing recently moved from Garden City to take the job as director of facilities management. He said that he loves his new job at McPherson College.

"Just be patient with me," he said. "The ice storms did a lot of damage."



Photo by Benjamin Denton

A worker removes the damaged brick from a wall surrounding Heaston Gazebo early last week.

## Gazebo damage finally fixed

Workers carted off wheelbarrows full of damaged brick last week as they repaired a damaged wall surrounding Heaston Gazebo.

Fixing the sitting walls around the gazebo was a process that was dependent on time

and the weather.

"Concrete curing requires a certain temperature, especially on a wall. If we had done it too soon, by next year it would fall apart," said Marty Sigwing, director of facilities management.

## Last stop on choir's Spring Tour: McPherson Church of the Brethren

JORDAN SHAY  
News Editor

The McPherson College Choir will wrap up its Spring Choir Tour at this Sunday's concert, said Steve Gustafson, professor of music.

The concert is on April 20 at 4 p.m. at the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

"I think it should be a terrific concert, and I invite and encourage everyone from the campus community to come and hear what we shared with McPherson College alumni and friends during the past week," Gustafson said.

The choir returned last Sunday night after a weekend of touring to different churches in Indiana, Illinois

and Iowa.

The 52 choir members traveled in a 55-passenger bus.

"It's a long drive," Gustafson said. "Over 2,000 miles in five days."

The diverse group of travelers "seemed to get along really well," Gustafson said. "From my perspective, this was one of the best tours I've ever taken."

The choir performed at Manchester Church of the Brethren, North Manchester, Ind.; Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, South Bend, Ind.; Mt. Morris Church of the Brethren, Mt. Morris, Ill.; and Panther Creek Church of the Brethren, Adel, Iowa.

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the best singing that we've ever done," Gustafson said. "In North Manchester, we had a combined audience between the two performances of probably around 450 people. At the last concert at Panther Creek Church of the Brethren, just outside of Des Moines, the church was absolutely full with people sitting out in the hallway. That does a lot to psyche students up."

The group had a free day to spend in Chicago, where choir members toured a variety of places like Shedd Aquarium, the Art Institute of Chicago, Wrigley Field and the Magnificent Mile.

"The day that the group had a free day in Chicago, it was windy and in the 30s and it rained the entire time we were there," Gustafson said.

However, students had a good time exploring different shops and restaurants.

Choir President Joel Grosbach, sr., Enders, Neb., helped in planning this year's trip, which was his fourth choir tour at McPherson College.

"There were a lot of miles

in very few days, but I think that we had four very good concerts," Grosbach said. "I think that our level of performance has increased over the years, and this is probably the most successful and consistent choir tour that I've experienced."

Choir Council Member Jeremy Hoffman, sr., McPherson, also helped plan the trip, along with Director of Alumni Development Sally Nelson.

"This is probably one of the best trips we've had," Hoffman said. "When we got to Chicago, it was raining, but we went to the Shedd Aquarium and I saw a dolphin show. That was fun."

### Bells

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Friday; no chimes on Saturday; and chimes at noon on Sunday.

Sigwing said the bell machine was donated, but he doesn't who donated it. The schedule for the bells could be changed if necessary, but facilities management has not heard any official complaints yet.

There are mixed feelings among the student population about the constant chiming.

"I like the bells," said Katelyn Lamb, soph., Hesston.

Kristen Kirkman, fr., Oklahoma City, said, "I like the bells, but they are too frequent."

### Food

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Another change will be two full-time managers, because the job is too difficult for one person to handle by themselves.

"In the last five years, we don't feel like HDS or Chartwells ever staffed it correctly," Rothrock said. "Brian (Stohs) was working very hard, but he wasn't getting the support he needed from the company."

The college will have more direct communication in designing food service plans. Also, more regular interaction will exist among the college, food service provider and consumers about what is going well and what isn't.

The March 14 Spectator ran a story about the petition by Dave Caddin, sr., Newport Beach, Calif.; Ryan Heller, jr., Allen, Texas; and Alfio Prevertia, jr., South Jersey, N.J., concerning the condition of the cafeteria.

"We had actually finalized the agreement the day before the petition was offered, but I couldn't announce it," Rothrock said. "We had been working on it for several months. We were aware that students weren't happy with what was going on. It just happened to be that the petition was another example of how they weren't satisfied."

Rothrock said he hopes the campus community will appreciate the changes that Creative Dining will implement in the days to come.

"We're looking out to try to get the best dining experience and the best pricing," Rothrock said.

### Suggestions?

E-mail suggestions to SGA at studentgov@mcpherson.edu to see change in next year's food service.

"Students need to take the opportunity to write and e-mail next year," Rothrock said.

### Blowout

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According to the Web site, "Florez is tight and professional. Their sound is slick and their look is pinup-worthy."

Florez' music has been on NBC's Scrubs, they've performed on the Rock Boat, toured with Gavin DeGraw and Josh Kelley and appeared with Robert Randolph Marc Broussard and Will Hoge.

A link on the site plays a sample of Florez' music.

"Students ought to go listen to it," Rothrock said. "We haven't done this for three or four years."



Courtesy Photo from www.myspace.com/florez

### ...or visit Florez on MySpace

The band consists of guitarist and lead vocalist Alex Florez and bass guitarist and vocalist Eric Huffman. For pictures, biographies, tour dates or to listen to songs, visit their MySpace page at [www.myspace.com/florez](http://www.myspace.com/florez).

### KACP

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the college's off-campus housing policy. Shaun Griffin, soph., Inman, was the first-place winner in cartoons. Griffin also won second place in the single ad design category.

Jordan Shay, sr., Healy, earned four individual awards.

Shay earned second place in both front-page design and in headline writing. She took first and third, respectively, in these categories in the 2007 KACP competition. Shay, who has served as news editor for two years, also

took honorable mention in infographics and copy editing.

Other staff members earning honorable mention were Charles Biederka, sr., Oakdale, Conn., sports feature writing; Benjamin Denton, Oklahoma City, Okla., news photography; Christina McPherson, '07, Nampa, Idaho, infographics; Nadeau, editorial writing; Matt Shroyer, San Antonio, Texas, cartoons; Travis Walker, sr., Coffeyville, photo illustration; and Mallory Yungeberg, sr., Waterville, sports feature writing.

The Spectator was bronze medalist in the overall private college newspaper division.

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McPherson College competes in the private college division, which includes 11 four-year private liberal arts colleges in the state.

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