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Attention seniors

The Senior Banquet is from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22 in Mingenback Theatre.

The dinner is complimentary for 2008 graduates, and guest dinner tickets may be purchased for \$15.

Reservations are required to attend the banquet. Please RSVP to Kathy Nicholson at (620) 242-0433 or e-mail her at nicholsk@mcpherson.edu.

Library materials due today

All Miller Library materials are due today. To make arrangements to keep materials through finals, check with Susan Taylor, college librarian.

Miller Library will be open until midnight from Sunday, May 18 to Wednesday, May 20.

New English course for gen. ed. credit

Beginning in interterm 2009, the English department will offer a new course, Topics in Literature.

This interterm, the topic will be "The American Civil War in Literature and Film." The class will be taught by Bruce Clary and is not language intensive.

Win a Laguna 50 Schwinn Motor Scooter

The McPherson Shrine Club is selling chances to win a scooter.

The suggested donation is \$5 for one ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.

The winner will be announced at "Shop The Night Away" in downtown McPherson on July 11.

Students need not be present to win. See Chris Wiens for details.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

A billboard at the Shell station on First Street and Maxwell advertises the most common price for a gallon of regular in McPherson as of Thursday night.

Fuel prices hit students' wallets

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

The national average price of a gallon of regular gas was \$3.776 as of Thursday, according to a survey of stations by AAA and the Oil Price Information Service.

Consumers in some parts of the country are already paying \$4. The national average for diesel fuel as of Thursday was \$4.455 a gallon.

These high prices have put a dent in many students' bank accounts. Although some can choose not to drive while on campus, buying a tank (or tanks) to move home for the summer is inescapable.

"It's going to be brutal because I have to drive home in a week," said Jacob Custer, sr., who estimates he will spend \$380 driving the 1,450 miles to his hometown of Palm Springs, Calif.

Even students who live close to home, like Travis Howard, fr., Wichita, find prices too high to visit home often.

"My parents want me to drive home every weekend, but since gas prices are so high, I complain and then they pay for gas," Howard said.

Others have more vehicles than they have the money to fill up.

"I can't afford to fill up all of my vehicles on the money I get in one week," said James Happy, fr., Kerrville, Texas, who has three vehicles. "Gas prices affect me because I run out and then I can't drive for another two weeks."

Happy has a 13-hour drive home and anticipates spending \$200-300 on gas.

Some students have found creative ways to get around spending all their money on fuel.

John Brown, fr., Pittsburg, works at Napa Auto Parts on Main Street, and often rides his bicycle to work.

"It's been nice out, so I don't really mind it at all," Brown said.

High fuel prices have caused some students to bum more rides than usual.

"I find myself looking for more rides to go places," said Kiel Stidham, jr., Bonham, Texas. "I choose to drive as little as possible."

Stidham has about 400 miles to drive home after school is over.

Analysts believe that the national average could reach \$4 in the coming weeks, according to msnbc.com.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Marilyn Kimbrell rides her scooter to work, partly to save money on gas. Kimbrell's matching pink helmet is in the mail. "They had to order one. It's not in, but I couldn't wait," Kimbrell said. "I'm a pink freak."

Scooters alleviate fuel cost

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

The pink Schwinn scooter that has recently been parked outside Miller Library is flashy, but the best part might be that it costs less than \$4 to fill up.

The scooter belongs to Marilyn Kimbrell, professor of education, who said that the price of fuel isn't the only reason she bought it, but it's a plus.

Kimbrell typically travels eight miles roundtrip to and from work per day.

"You think about that, and my car probably gets less than 30 miles a gallon," Kimbrell said.

"The scooter gets about a hundred miles to the gallon."

The street-legal scooter holds a single gallon of gas and can reach speeds of 35-40 mph.

Kimbrell said it's a change to filling up her car, which usually carries a \$50-plus bill.

"I'm excited about what I'll save," Kimbrell said. "It's going to be interesting."

Kimbrell also wants to see if she will have to fill up her car less often.

"The other thing is I've got several miles

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Rajapakse to join science department

ELIZABETH JOHNSON
Spectator Staff

The Science Department will add a new professor to its ranks. Napali Rajapakse will join the McPherson faculty at the end of June to look for housing and will appear on campus in mid-August.

Rajapakse will take over for Kent Noffsinger, associate professor of physical science. Noffsinger announced his retirement this year. Rajapakse is scheduled to teach Quantitative Analysis, General Physical Chemistry, Research Methods and General Physics this fall. These classes are subject to change, just like any other class list in the catalogue.

Rajapakse is originally from Sri Lanka and did her undergraduate work

there. She then went on to Victoria University in Melbourne, Australia, for graduate work, where she worked in a zoology lab.

She completed her Ph.D. in Photochemical science at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Rajapakse is currently teaching at Bowling Green University. She has taught Elementary Chemistry, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Forensic Science, and Material Science.

"McPherson College was interested in hiring Rajapakse because of her interest in teaching and her wide variety of experience," said Hal Laydon, interim provost. "At a school this size, the more variety of experience the professor has, the better."

Fire alarm sounds in Hess

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

An automatic alarm malfunction forced the evacuation of nearly 20 people in Hess Fine Arts Center about 3 p.m. Wednesday.

"At 2:59 p.m., we received report of an alarm at Hess Hall," said McPherson Fire Chief Dennis Thrower. "(It was) due to an alarm malfunction."

Tim Bruton, facilities management technician, said the alarm was due to a duct detector in the air-conditioning, located over the band storage area.

"Something got in there and set it off," Bruton said.

Bruton said that due to zones on the panel of the system, it did not take long to locate which detector set the alarm off. However, he said it is difficult to know

what actually caused it.

"Bugs in our system set off the alarms sometimes," Bruton said. "The waste from the bugs stains the sensors."

If the problem persists, facilities management typically replaces the detectors. This was the case in Metzler earlier this year, when the alarm was set off several times.

Whenever an alarm at the college sounds, Honeywell, the monitoring system is contacted.

"When the alarm goes off, it sends a message to Honeywell," Bruton said.

"They call McPherson dispatch (who) sends a page to McPherson Fire Department, McPherson EMS, and McPherson Police Department."

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Kilgus encourages students to join Rotaract Club

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

The Rotaract Club's final meeting is at 12:30 p.m. on May 19 at Casa Bella, the restaurant attached to Starlite Lanes on Kansas Avenue.

Faculty advisor Ocie Kilgus invites interested students to join the club at its final meeting.

"It's a small club, but the members in it are very dedicated, energized and motivated to be active members," Kilgus said. "It is a really well-organized group this year."

The club, whose mission is to engage in activities that involve putting "service above self" nominated and elected officers at a meeting last week.

The officers the club elected for the 2008-09 school year are co-presidents Julius Emanuel, soph., Pearland, Texas, and Nicole Suint, jr., New Enterprise, Penn.; Karissa Ferrell, Las Vegas, Nev., secretary; and Mira Coulter, soph., Wakita, Okla., treasurer. The club's other active member is Kylee Leland, soph., Conrad, Iowa, who served as president for the 2007-08 year.

Throughout the year, the Rotaract club volunteered at the local Red Cross blood drive and the Scottish Festival. They also participated in the dictionary project to donate dictionaries to local fifth graders and collected

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Conflicts of interest sow seeds of doubt

Two potential conflict-of-interest issues have risen out of the recent Awards Convocation. We believe one of these conflicts was handled well and the other left room for doubt.

We realize that writing about this has the potential to exacerbate the issue and more importantly, diminish the accomplishments of the award recipients. Therefore we want to state that there is no question that the individuals involved absolutely deserve the awards they received.

Additionally, the ultimate intent is to raise awareness of future potential conflicts and not these particular ones. The issue is about actions that can lead to perceptions of favoritism. Why feed the rumor mill?

This year, two father and son conflicts arose. In one case, as a Who's Who honoree, Alex Tyler was potentially voting for his father, Rick Tyler, as Professor of the Year. In the other case, Dan Hoffman was potentially voting for his son Matt Hoffman, as Outstanding Physical Education Major.

Once again, Rick Tyler and Matt Hoffman are completely deserving of the awards, and we do not question the integrity of Alex Tyler or Dan Hoffman.

Alex Tyler saw the conflict-of-interest and refrained from commenting during discussions about his dad and he abstained his vote. So those that may have commented about this potential conflict need to pipe down.

Conversely, Dan Hoffman did not see this as a conflict-of-interest and he voted his conscience.

While we don't question Dan Hoffman's voting choice, we do question his choice of voting at all because his son was in the running. Matt Hoffman was an outstanding candidate and likely would have still been honored.

Unfortunately, his choice leaves a seed of doubt and there are those that are willing to plant that seed and try to make it grow.

ISSUE: Potential conflict-of-interest between father and son.
OUR POSITION: Not stepping down fuels the rumor mill.

Publish fine criteria

The student handbook addresses fines that can be levied for certain types of restricted activities, but it is mute on the amounts of those fines. Most students know little about how they are derived.

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, sets the fines based on an unpublished set of criteria. Even if Rothrock is able to remain objective and consistent with his judgments, a window is opened to allow students to perceive leniency or harshness toward certain individuals and groups.

We think that one person should not be making these calls. But if the school insists that he remains the sole determiner of fines, some set of criteria should be published.

This goes back to a common theme that we have been writing about. Perceptions can be aligned closer to the truth with open policies and an informed student body.

Smokey's Wacky World



Cartoon by Matt Shroyer

Club sponsors need guidance

Potential changes made by SGA must be presented to club sponsors

Each SGA-chartered club has a sponsor who guides the membership through the process of running a club. Simple enough, but I wonder who guides the sponsors.

SGA has recently made some changes in expectations for budget content and changes as to when clubs need to be chartered. In some cases, it is a challenge to give SGA what they want because there are no guidelines presented with the requests. Without guidelines, it takes time to work out what is expected, gather the information, get it approved by the club and then present it to SGA. This is not a process that can happen in a couple weeks.

This is where a sponsor needs to intervene, both for the effected clubs and SGA. SGA needs to realize that clubs are locked into a charter and they operate on assumptions of past SGA decisions. The sponsor needs to bring these points up and encourage SGA to set some guidelines and allow time for clubs to prepare for the



Ned Nadeau

changes.

My experience as a past club president has done more to confuse me about the workings of SGA than inform me. The club sponsor was not of great help because he was not informed of expectations. This by no means is a knock on the sponsor. He was fantastic as a sponsor. The point here is that he was not informed of expectations.

I think that all club sponsors and club presidents should meet with each new SGA board to discuss the SGA constitution, critical

dates, and potential changes in procedure, policy and expectations. This would do much to inform sponsors and presidents about what is expected.

This process will also help prevent things from slipping through the cracks as each successive board takes office. As each generation of charter and budget is approved, it is easy to creep away from a working system.

The best example of this creep phenomenon that I am aware of is the spring budgeting process of a club.

A club's fall budget was submitted in the same format as previous years and passed without comment. The same format was submitted in the spring and the budget was rejected until more detail was provided. There was no explanation or request for specific information. This surprised the club treasurer especially since that person was treasurer two years earlier.

The expectations of SGA changed without warning. This caused a problem be-

cause previous SGA boards had not asked for a specific budget so the club had no history to base a detailed budget off. This could have been avoided if the sponsor was aware that changes were on the horizon.

Changes in the charter submission date caused similar problems. Submission dates now fall at a time when officers of both SGA and this club are changing office. This makes it difficult to approve a charter at both the club and SGA level. The end of a semester is a busy time, and to expect rapid response is unreasonable.

If this was being tossed around as an idea, it should have been done so with significant warning and much thought as to why there was a change and what its impact would be.

The responsibility of making sure sponsors are aware of their duties, informed of expectations, and timely guidelines set is that of SGA. This is the only way to assure effective guidance from sponsors.

Non-trad students: lap of luxury or rock and a hard place

At the most recent Awards Convocation, it was noticed by some students that several awards were given to non-traditional students. In light of this fact, it was brought to my attention that some traditional students hold the opinion that non-traditional students have it easy.

For example, there is the belief that non-traditional students are coming back to college as a mid-life crisis, trying to recapture their youth because they have nothing better to do than go to school.



Maz Maslanka

Also, the bills for school are much easier to pay in

comparison to those of traditional students. For most of the non-traditional students, this couldn't be farther from the truth.

Many of the non-traditional students that are on this campus are, first of all, not of age for a mid-life crisis. Second of all, those that assume the non-traditional student has an easier time paying the bills are missing some information.

These students and their families make large sacrifices to allow them to go back to school. For these students

it is not just their decision, but their entire family's.

This is also true with the financial ramifications. Going from a two-income household to a one-income household, while paying \$16,000 a year for school, can be an extreme financial burden. Also remember, the government will not help with aid for your second bachelor's degree. This means if you change job paths, you are doing it with your own fi-

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Good Dog vs Bad Dog comparison chart with progress bars for various campus events.

CHEW ON THIS section with quotes from George Burns and William Lyon Phelps.

Bicycles may become wheels of choice

Fuel prices expected to hit \$4 a gallon make students think twice about their travels home

So, this is it. This is the last issue of the Spectator and that means the end of the school year is approaching. We've been through tons of great activities, lots of wonderful sporting events, made new friends and survived another year at college.

With that said, it's time to start packing and saying goodbye to everyone. Seniors will be graduating and finding jobs or going to further their education. Other classmates will be preparing for a summer off before they return. So let's pack up our cars and hit the road!

But, wait a minute. On my way to work the other day, I noticed something. It was something that made me think "Holy crap!". Anyway, I looked at the two gas stations right next to my job and realized that gas was damn near \$4 a gallon!



Megan McKnight

Of course, this is nothing new, because over the past few months gas has sporadically increased causing a dent in our pockets.

Those two gas stations next to my job happen to be placed close to the interstate, which means their prices usually are at least 10

cents higher than the others in town, but a 10-cent difference still makes me cringe.

With the long travels home ahead for most students, it's made us more conscious of gas prices. It could cost anywhere from \$40 to a couple hundred dollars to get home if you are taking your car.

I've heard a lot of students say they are trying to save their money for gas because they know they've got to make that long trip home and will have to stop to fill up numerous times.

Luckily, I only live in Salina, which means I only have about a 30-mile drive when I do go home, but with an SUV it almost seems twice as much when I fill up.

Last summer, I worked two jobs, the one I have here in McPherson and my old high school job back home. I was driving to and from Salina at

FUEL COST ESTIMATES		
	Assuming 15 mpg at \$3.69 per gallon.	Assuming 25 mpg at \$3.69 per gallon
100 miles	\$24.60	\$14.76
500 miles	\$123.00	\$73.80
1000 miles	\$246.00	\$147.60
1500 miles	\$369.00	\$221.40

least three times a week and I thought that filling up was ridiculous then. However, the thought of traveling back and forth now is like nails on a chalkboard.

Obviously, gas is moderately priced in Kansas compared to states such as California, but being in college can make it seem even worse.

Considering most college students only have part-time jobs, if that, the cash flow is little to none for them. It

costs me \$50 to fill up my tank, which could be an entire day of working for some students.

So I hope you have been saving your money and stretching your last few dollars, because if you have to drive home, you'd better be prepared to spend a small fortune in gas.

Because there's not much that we can do about the gas prices, I have a feeling that I will be putting my bike to good use this summer.

SHOUT IT OUT!

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

Bacon is the king of all breakfast meats!

Jungle Boogie! Da Da Da, Da Da Da

Why do some faculty members insist on using horrible grammar in e-mails? Set an example!

Where is the hot sauce?

Administration genocide.

Thanks for the music downstairs.

The school clung to Brownback like flies on honey.

Thanks for another good Campus Blow-out, but give prizes to more teams next time.

So... how about the new Bethany coach?

It's alive! Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha!

What are we supposed to do in the caf next year without a good game of "Name That Raunch?"

Screw obstacle courses.

I'll be your Yogi if you'll be my Boo Boo.

I love Wink Martindale!

Only a few more days until freedom, decent food and rooms that don't smell funny.

I love my new mower.

Why do I think I'm actually going to miss Kansas?

I want pretzels.

I saw pink elephants.

Holy rusted rocks Batman.

Smoking may be your right, but I suffer from it.

School's out for summer.

Some of these teachers need to learn how to teach!

Go Royals!

All Schools Day hokey, but town's 90-year pride

It began in 1914, as a celebration of children completing the eighth grade. Now, more than 90 years later, it can easily be called the biggest day in town - May Day, or All Schools Day. And though it may seem a bit odd or silly to newcomers, it is an important occasion that keeps the tradition and the history of this town alive.

I've been attending this event ever since I was seven months old, as Mom and Dad took me to the parade in a stroller. Later, when my brother was born, we brought him along, too.

It has always been such a fun day. It is unique to this county. A day where all of the schools and businesses cancel their daily activities and send their members downtown to watch a parade



Alyson Holman

and eat funnel cakes and Pronto Pups.

The parade is enjoyably predictable. We find ourselves waiting for certain sections of it, such as the Shriners in their little cars, the McPherson High band, the Peabody band that al-

ways stops and dances, the fire trucks and ambulances, and the horses.

When I was little, though, the highlight was at the very beginning. As a favor, the Air Force sent jets to do a fly-over. I'm not kidding! It was deafening and incredibly thrilling. Once, a jet came so low that he tipped his wings slightly and we could see him waving at us.

A myriad of activities take place on that day - a book sale at the community building, the dozens of games in Linea park, our Campus Blowout and finally fireworks. And I believe that the number of people occupying this little town at least doubles on that day.

It is an important day as well as a fun one, because people come out of

the woodwork, people you haven't seen for years. This year, we bumped into Dad's college roommate, and I saw several people with whom I went to high school. It's like a reunion of sorts, as people exult over the end of the school year, discuss summer plans and reminisce about

all the May Days past. A festival day like this, a sort of down-home, casual, county-wide celebration, is one of the many benefits of living and going to school in a small town in the heartland. Such a holiday provides solidarity, tradition and something to look forward to. It isn't massive like the Macy's parade or the Rose Bowl, and yet so many people are involved in all of it. And lucky for us, it won't come to an end anytime soon.

I don't think it's been canceled once during my lifetime, even if it was raining, which proves something drastic would have to happen for us hardy Kansans to call off this vital, 90-year-old tradition of food, fun and festivities.

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NON-TRAD

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nances.

Lastly, people that assume that non-traditional students have nothing better to do than be at school are missing out on the big picture. These non-traditional students are giving up time with their families. They are missing the sport-

ing events, school plays, or other events of their children that your parents may have attended for you.

They, like you, have a room to maintain, but also an entire house, a yard, a long-term relationship with a significant other, and all of the other pleasures/bills that go along with being a wife/mother or husband/father.

It takes a very understanding and loving person

to support these students through college.

These students, however, do have one advantage over those of traditional college students. This is called life experience.

These life experiences can help develop two main attributes. These attributes can help anyone through college and they can help non-traditional students excel.

The first is a work ethic.

Completing assigned work as required and more, above the standard required by professors, shows commitment and a willingness to learn.

The second is time management skills. Knowing how to use the time you have to most effectively complete the assigned tasks is crucial.

Squeezing in study time between taking the kids to daycare, or after dinner and

before you put the kids to bed, is not always an easy task.

So the next time you run into one of these non-traditional students, take one minute to think of all the things they do in one day. Then try and realize you are looking at not only a fellow student, but possibly a parent, a spouse, and, I hope, a friend. They have a lot of knowledge and most are willing to share.

On the Fly

How have the current high gas prices affected you?



"I am going to find an apartment close enough to walk to work."

Amy Porter, Sr., Quinter



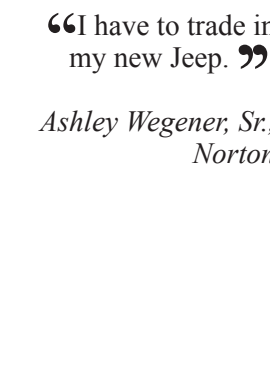
"I'm going to quit my job so I don't have to pay for gas to get there."

Charlie Biederka, Sr., Montville, Conn.



"My entire paycheck is going toward gas so I can see my sister graduate."

Emma Bromme, Fr., Woodland, Colo.



"I have to trade in my new Jeep."

Ashley Wegener, Sr., Norton



"I was going to get a truck after graduation, but now it will be a car."

Adan Ghaffarian, Sr., Irving, Texas



"I am taking on line classes this summer to save on gas."

Victoria De La Torre, Jr., Wichita





Courtesy Photo

Erica Shook, soph., McPherson, and sophomore seminar group present the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Wesley Medical Center with new rocking chairs and digital cameras on May 12. Shook won an award for her outstanding commitment to service on this project.

Shook helps NICU

Service project provides cameras, rocking chairs for Wesley Medical Center

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

Service is often seen as either something a person enjoys or something a person sees as a chore. For McPherson College students, service is seen more as a connection to the values of the Church of the Brethren and as a part of the college's mission statement.

Beginning last year, an award for outstanding commitment to service was given in honor of two students.

Erica Shook, soph., McPherson, was one of this year's winners. Her main service project included buying new rocking chairs and digital cameras for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. For her, this project was more than just service-orientated.

Shook entered this project with a personal connection with the staff at Wesley Medical Center. Her experience began when her twin boys were born prematurely. She recalls the many times she would visit her sons in the unit, in which she discovered the center's true need. It was then that she decided to target a service project.

After spending many hours

SERVICE HOURS

Tom Hurst, campus minister and service coordinator, agrees with the college's mission statement of scholarship, participation and service. Hurst believes that service is the strongest manifestation at the college and that it shows the relationship between the college and the Church of the Brethren, from which the college was formed and built.

Last year, as of mid-May, the college reported 2,900 service hours and ended the school year with a total of 5,500 hours. As of mid-May 2008 the college stands at a total of more than 5,900 hours, with many more hours still to report from seminar groups and others.

Goals are set so students feel they are reasonable, reachable and realistic and so that 75 percent of students take part in at least one service project a year.

"(We) are proud of our students, supportive faculty and staff and the college as a whole for being a place where service is both taught and has the strong belief that service needs to be and is a significant part of positive life experiences," Hurst said.

at the medical center, Shook knew the challenges that the newborns faced and wanted their parents to have pictures of them and places to rock them when they came to visit.

Before presenting the center with the new rockers and digital cameras, the center relied on a Polaroid camera and well-worn rockers. Now the center has glider rockers

and easy-to-use digital cameras.

"The hospital staff uses the cameras to take pictures of the babies for parents who aren't able to visit often, those who live far away and for the parents of newborn babies who face challenges and might not make it," Shook said. "These pictures give parents something to remember their child by

and to update parents on the progress of their child."

Shook worked closely with other students in her seminar group, Ashley Andrews, soph., Oklahoma City; Bryanna Daniels, soph., Longmont, Colo.; Julius Emanuel, soph., Pearland, Texas; Lidia Labra, soph., Scott City; and Whitney Williams, soph., Salt Lake City, Utah.

For Shook, this type of service is something she enjoys.

"Volunteering and doing something like this gives me an opportunity to do things I am passionate about, things I enjoy but don't want to make a career out of."

She believes it is important that everyone, at one point in time, should take time out of their day to do some type of service for someone.

Overall, this project helped more than 750 people and will continue to benefit people for a long time. These new additions allow the nurses, doctors and patients to keep up with current technology and provide people with the best experience possible. Shook hopes others will see this unique opportunity and be inspired to help out with other organizations they enjoy or love and support.

Choir to tour Europe

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

This year marks the 300th Anniversary of the Church of the Brethren. To celebrate the occasion, the choir has decided to take a trip to central Europe this summer.

Nearly 30 students, along with supervisors Herb Smith and Jan van Asselt, will experience homestays with local European families, cultural interactions and the charm of visiting Switzerland, Germany and Holland as they travel for three weeks through central Europe.

In addition to the students, a group of alumni will travel

with the choir members and some plan to sing with the choir.

The repertoire consists of many songs the choir has sung this past year.

"All seems to be coming along well," said Steven Gustafson, professor of music. "Both musically and with travel plans."

Not only will students perform concerts during the late afternoons and evenings, students will tour local sites. Throughout the trip, Smith will present students and alumni with brief presentations on the beginnings of Anti-baptism, the Church of the Brethren, Martin Luther

and many other related cultural topics.

Those traveling will get the chance to experience the Sleeping Beauty castle, hiking in the Alps, a tour of the Mercedes Benz classic car center, the Brothers Grimm Museum and singing in some of the largest and most historical cathedrals in central Europe.

"This trip will be my first overseas and for the most part I am really excited," said Amy Parnell, jr., Liberal. "I am most looking forward to having a fun time in between performing and visiting all the historical and touristy things. To me, this

will be my last big choir trip as I am leaving after the fall semester due to getting done early. I think that those planning the trip are doing a great job making sure the trip will be a great mixture of fun and celebration of the Church's 300th celebration."

This 21-day adventure was open to all choir students, but many students held back and chose not to take part in the journey in order to be done with choir for the remainder of the school year.

"Those planning (to go) are growing more excited as the time draws closer," Gustafson said.

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW DIRECTOR OF AUTOMOTIVE RESTORATION DEVELOPMENT DAN HUDACHEK.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A I am the director of automotive restoration development. I do all of the PR, promotions and fundraising for the automotive restoration department.

Q Who is your dream date and where would you go?

A My dream date would include me, and hopefully, another person. The second part we'll work on later.

Q What condiment do you have to have?

A How sad is your life if you can't live without a certain condiment?

Q What is your biggest pet peeve?

A The list of pet peeves is pretty long. The top two would be people who eat loudly and unabashed stupidity.

Q What do you like to do in your free time?

A Free time. What is that?

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

A Nothing. That's the fun of being stranded on a deserted island.

Q What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

A My most embarrassing and hilarious moment in college was at the end of last year's final choir concert. It was quite common that during rehearsal one of the men would have a gas attack and let one go during a song. So during the final concert I decided to get revenge by passing one at a time when nobody could leave the stage. Right before we started the final song I let out what I thought was going to be "silent but deadly." In reality it was an explosion that was heard all the way up in the balcony. Needless to say, half of the choir couldn't keep a straight face during the final song. And the best part was that Jeremy Hoffman got blamed for it.

Q In one word, how would you describe yourself?

A Special!

Holsman to be restored

Band performs pops concert

AMY ZIEGLER
Spectator Staff

Two auto restoration students are restoring a 1907 Holsman as a senior project.

Even though Steven "Maz" Maslanka, Bristow, Va., and Jon "Ned" Nadeau, North Yarmouth, Maine, both are juniors, they hope to have the project completed by the time they graduate in May 2009. They would like to have the vehicle finished not only for the C.A.R.S. show their senior year, but also for the senior drive by that takes place on All Schools Day.

The vehicle belongs to a local couple, Gilford and Melba Ikenberry. The Holsman has been in the Ikenberry family since it was first purchased in 1907. It was one of the first SUVs on the market, specifically designed to handle rough roads.

Both Nadeau and Maslanka are optimistic they will finish the buggy by their intended date, but for the restoration of a 100-year old, two-cylinder, wooden buggy, that is a very ambitious goal.

The Holsman has been in Templeton Hall since 1991, and has yet to be restored.

Currently Nadeau is taking Chassis, one of the auto

restoration courses offered at the college. This has allowed him to take apart the suspension and some wheel components. Maslanka has been getting an initial prognosis on the engine and the parts that work, don't work, or are missing. Nadeau began work on the wheels and suspension last spring and Maslanka will begin work on the wood carriage body in the fall.

"The hardest part about restoring this vehicle will be tracking down the original parts," Maslanka said. "There are so few left and so few made originally."

Because there are so few people with knowledge of the technology in 1907, the task may prove to be difficult. Much of the discovering and research will have to be done on their own.

The pair have already done the authentication, deciding which parts are original to the vehicle and which parts are not. They also have had to decide which parts were original to the car and are now missing.

This is particularly difficult with this model. Because the car is such an old model, the parts are no longer for sale.

Nadeau and Maslanka will



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Steven Maslanka, jr., Bristow, Va., inspects the exhaust valve of Gilford and Melba Ikenberry's 1907 Holsman.

have to personally make any replacement part for the vehicle.

Luckily, the wooden buggy is still composed of most of

its original parts.

Nadeau and Maslanka both came into McPherson College as transfers in the fall 2007 and decided to work to-

gether because they wanted a dependable partner. Each saw how the other worked and decided they would take on the project together.

AMY ZIEGLER
Spectator Staff

Band members performed for the campus and community earlier this week in during the McPherson College Pops Concert.

The concert featured songs by composers such as John Williams, Miklos Rozsa, and Richards Rodgers, and was a composition of songs from movies. While the band played each song, a clip from that film was shown.

Some of the movies featured were "Superman", the television show "M*A*S*H," "Schindler's List," "Ben-Hur," "Star Wars," "Grease," "Mission Impossible," "Titanic," "Hunt for Red October," "The Mask of Zorro," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," and "The Sound of Music."

There was also a flute trio, of which Leah Fitzjarrald, soph., Great Bend, put together a montage of Disney songs from various movies. Some of the movies included "Aladdin," "The Little Mermaid," and "Mulan."

Band director Gregg Thaller said the title "Pops" comes from the phrase "popular music." He said it may have first been used by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

"They would play outdoor concerts of light classics and popular music, which reached a large audience of all ages and musical backgrounds," Thaller said. "The concert programs were somewhat like John Philip Sousa band concerts."

The Boston Pops and the Cincinnati Pops are famous orchestras that record large numbers of popular music.

Many individuals and businesses contributed to the evening.

Sarah Moon, sr., Assaria, made the a poster for the concert, and Joel Grosbach, sr., Enders, Neb., provided free, home-grown popcorn. The athletics department provided the machine to pop the popcorn and food services supplied the punch.

"I have made a whole lot of connections in the musical community this year," Thaller said, "so I had top-notch musicians volunteer their time to play with us."

One musician was a McPherson alumnus, David Keller. Other volunteers included members of various ensembles from the Salina Symphony, the Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony, the Hutchinson Symphony Orchestra, the Wichita Community Band and the Wichita Grand Opera.

The McPherson high school band director, Kyle Hopkins, lent Thaller some sheet music. Debra Spencer, community member, played a violin solo. Central Christian College also provided some equipment to make the evening more fun.

Other college students, faculty, staff and McPherson businesses provided various items and put forth time to help make the event enjoyable.

Thaller offered some hints as to the success of future concerts.

"Individual practice and group sectionals on the students' part," Thaller said. "And more band students would definitely need to step up and volunteer to do some of the non-musical stuff like hanging posters and decorating the lobby."

Spring events at McPherson



Courtesy Photo

Above (L-R): Chris Ezebunwa, jr., Baker, La., and Steve Dickinson, sr., Rancho Cordova, Calif., participate in a relay during Campus Blowout. The purpose of the relay was to be the first to race around a wet, soapy track and tag a set of teammates, who then had to run back to the beginning of the



Photos by Benjamin Denton

Above (L-R): Davis May, fr., Canton, Miss.; Larry Shields, fr., Las Vegas, Nev.; Nick Koehn, soph., Canton, Kan; Miles Birch, fr., Lewes, Del.; Jim Gorel, jr., Conn.; and Jason Olson sr., Dekalb, Ill., help with the car show on May 3.



Left (L-R): Ashley Andrews, soph., Oklahoma City; Shaylin King, soph., Wichita; Ashley Mitchell, sr., Great Bend; and Ocie Kilgus, professor of Spanish, celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

Students branch out with exciting summer jobs

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
Spectator Staff

Summer used to be a time to hang out, play outside, go swimming and watch unreal amounts of television. However, now that we're in college, the majority of students use that time to work summer jobs.

Mark Hunter, sr., McPherson, is the director of a program called "Xtreme Q," which involves a variety of activities such as rock climbing, geocaching, orienteering, kayaking, sailing.

"I'll be out on the outpost for about six weeks with a different group of scouts and adults each week," Hunter said.

Besides getting to spend his summer planning adventures,

this job comes with some pretty nice perks.

"I get free room and board with the job as long as I pitch my own tent and cook my own food," Hunter said.

Some of the auto restoration students jumped into some good opportunities this summer as well.

Jeff Tangredi, jr., Nyack, N.Y., will work at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles. Bobby Kierszyn, jr., Yorktown, Ill., will be an intern at the Mercedes Benz Classic Center USA in Irvine, Calif.

Ashley Noll, soph., Atchison, will be working at a guidance center in Leavenworth, Kansas. She will be keeping records on the progress of the disabled children there.

Noll says "I get to go on different trips with the kids. I will keep track of the progress that they've made and have improved (behavior wise) then they get to go on the trips."

"I am actually very excited for this job. It will be a great experience for me since it is what I will be going into after college. I applied for the job last year, but I didn't get it"

Tabetha Salsbury, soph., Pueblo, Colo., will be interning with the Glenmoore Gathering of Significant Automobiles, a Concours d'Elegance show in Canton, Ohio.

"I will be doing event coordination/public relations for the show and will be working with some of the

top automotive buffs," Salsbury said.

Emily Flora, Jr., Quinter, will be spending her summer interning with Peoples Bank & Trust with Loan Review

Alex Mauriz, jr., Flemington, N.J., isn't having as much luck.

"Last year during summer and winter break, I had the privilege of working at Steel Wings, which is an Aston Martin shop in central New Jersey," Mauriz said. "I'm aiming to work there this summer because frankly, it's my dream job. However, due to the fact that it's a pretty small shop, the recession isn't treating it the best. Because of this, I might not have a job there this summer, although the odds are still in my favor."

Garen Wolter, Sr., Redmond, WA will be working the summer away as an employee at a golf course.

Melisa Grandison, fr., Quinter, is extremely excited about being selected as a member of the Brethren 2008 Youth Peace Travel Team. Quinter will be on the road this summer as her job travels from May 30 to Aug 15.

"(I am) a member of a team traveling to various church camps all over the U.S. with three other people, talking to camps about the message of peace," Grandison said. "I will also be present at the annual youth conference and national young adult conference where I will also get to spread the message of peace."

Woody, Bell named athletes of the year

ASHLEY ANDREWS
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Every year at the Awards Convocation, McPherson College presents two student athletes with the Male and Female Athlete of the Year award. This year, Trenton "Deno" Bell, sr., Oklahoma City, and April Woody, sr., Tescott, were given the honor of this prestigious award.

"April and Deno represent what we believe are the finest traits of McPherson College student athletes," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students and athletic director. "Both have been highly competitive on the field and court, are good students and have been positive influences within our campus community and their respective teams."

Woody said she was surprised at being a recipient of the award.

"This year, I thought of myself as a distributor, help-



Woody



Bell

ing others score," Woody said. "Last year, I focused on scoring."

Woody was a member of the Lady Bulldogs' basketball team. She is the third all-time leading scorer with 1,149 career points. She's set the record for highest percentage of made free throws in a career at 79.9 percent and set the single-season record her junior year with 86.8 percent. She has earned first team All-Kansas Col-

legiate Athletic Conference honors and was named a Daktronics-National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Scholar-Athlete for the second time this year.

"With McPherson College, I learned a lot about interacting with people," said Woody. "I was shy in high school so going to a small college has helped me to work on communication skills."

Fellow team member Cal-

lie Coberly, sr., Quinter, said, "She was a good team player. I definitely thought she deserved it."

Bell, who is best known for his exploits on the soccer field, was named All-KCAC first team as a mid-fielder this year. He was named to the NAIA All-Region IV second team. He finished his career here at McPherson ranked third in assists with 15 and scored eight career goals.

"It feels good," Bell said. "I worked hard, but I couldn't have done it alone."

Bell also said that McPherson is a place where a student can gain the skills needed to be successful in the future.

"I'm ready to graduate, but I am going to miss college," Bell said.

Soccer team member Jose Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas, said, "He was a team player. He played smart and played well. We're going to miss him."



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Mark Watson, soph., St. Charles, Mo., sprints to the finish line in the 100-meter dash in the KCAC Championships at Friends University on May 2 to 3.

Tracksters fail to qualify

ALAN GROSBACH
Spectator Staff

The men's and women's track teams sent six members to the Bethany College Last Chance meet on May 8, for a final shot at making it the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Outdoor Championships.

Tiffany Poet, fr., Flagler, Colo., was the only Lady Bulldog to compete in the meet. Poet finished fifth in the 800 meters with a time of 2 minutes, 39.23 seconds.

Five members of the men's team made a final attempt at making it the NAIA Outdoor Championships. Princeton Summer, fr., Kansas City, finished first in the 200 meters with a time of 23.01 seconds, Jordan King, jr., Limon, Colo., finished second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.79 seconds, and Zane Walker, sr., Eckley, Colo., took third in the high jump with a jump of 6-04. Shawn Young, sr., Colorado Springs and Mark Weston, soph., St. Charles,

Mo., both competed in the meet in the 400-meter dash.

Even with the strong finishes, the six members had to meet certain times or clear certain heights to advance to nationals. The six members returned unsuccessful.

The Bulldogs finished with several awards in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference meet at Friends University May 2 to 3.

Both squads had multiple members qualify for All-KCAC honors. Walker and Brent Bailey, jr., Simla, Colo., both came home with All-KCAC honors. The men's 1,600-meter relay and 3200-meter relay teams finished with second team All-KCAC honors. Shaun Griffin, soph., Inman, also brought home a second team All-KCAC honor for the 5,000 meters and the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

On the women's side, Roxane Ayres, fr., Culver, and Tricia Fensky, fr., Moundridge, both brought home second team All-KCAC honors for their efforts in the pole vault.

Intramural softball takes place this weekend

MALLORY YUNGBERG
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Before the year is over, McPherson College has yet another intramural event for the campus to enjoy.

An intramural softball tournament will take place Saturday, beginning at noon at Wall Park.

"I've been planning on hosting the softball tournament since the first week of school," said Robert Talley, intramural director and assistant women's soccer coach. "I actually had it listed on my original schedule, but the dates had to be changed due to conflicts of interest with other sporting events and weather delays."

In previous intramural events, such as basketball,

there was a good amount of interest from students, faculty and staff. This year there were more guys' teams compared to the girls.

"When I first mentioned a single pitch tournament to some of the students, faculty and staff, some were a little hesitant because they didn't really understand the concept," Talley said. "I explained to all of them that this is a tournament where athletes and non-athletes alike have an equal opportunity to win. I've seen some stacked teams around here with intramurals and I felt this was a great opportunity to balance the playing field."

A home run derby will follow the the softball tournament.

Off-road excursion

Ayres, Koehn enjoy dirt-biking in spare time



Courtesy Photos

Tyler Adams, Tescott, who is a family friend of McPherson student Roxie Ayres and Ayres father, Richard Ayres, Culver, prepare a recreational vehicle for use.

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

Few people expect a cheerleader to ride a four-wheeler in their spare time.

However, Roxie Ayres, fr., Culver, does just that. Ayres is a cheerleader for the college during the year, but during the summer, she rides a four-wheeler.

"(I've been riding) ever since I could reach the gas pedal," Ayres said.

Ayres said that she has been riding her current vehicle, a Kawasaki 90 for four years. She has never

ridden competitively in fear that she might have an accident and lose her cheerleading scholarship.

"I do not know any other girls that ride dirt bikes," said Ayres.

Ayres rides every weekend with her family.

"It's just a family tradition," Ayres said. "We've done it every weekend that I can remember."

Ayres is not the only Bulldog to ride a dirt bike in their free time.

"I like the adrenaline rush," said Nick Koehn, soph., Canton.

Koehn just began riding his Yamaha Blaster CR250 again in the past 6 months. He said he began riding as early as the sixth grade.

Koehn said he rides, "just when I have time." He usually rides around his house, which is about 15 miles from Canton. Like Ayres, he does not ride competitively.

"We have a lot of hills," Koehn said.

Koehn said that last spring break he and a few friends went to Waynoka, Okla., and rode in the sand dunes of the "Little Sahara."



Ayres

Athlete insurance fee to increase by \$200

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

The sudden change in athletic fees is nothing to be alarmed about.

An announcement to student athletes during their spring meeting said they would be obligated to pay \$250 for secondary insurance that is required for all student athletes. Last year, the fee for each athlete was only \$50.

Head athletic trainer Scott Hooker said this secondary insurance rate increase was necessary due to skyrocketing insurance costs, but this increase will insure that

athletes are 100 percent covered.

"With athletes, there always comes that risk of being injured," Hooker said.

Hooker said it makes more sense to pay \$250 in insurance costs, rather than \$1,300 for an MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) fee if it were needed for treatment.

LaMonte Rothrock, athletic director and dean of students, said the secondary insurance that McPherson College provides to its student athletes came about three years ago when an athlete had to pay a \$1,000 deductible to receive proper treatment for a broken hand.

The student decided to play the remainder of the season with his hand still broken because he was not able to pay the large fee at that time.

"(The student deductible was raised) because the insurance company raised their fees to the college," Rothrock said.

The secondary policy is to ensure that athletes receive proper treatment of injuries if injury occurs.

"The idea is there is no out-of-pocket costs for the parents or the student," Rothrock said.

The insurance company raised their cost to \$269 per student, as opposed to slight-

ly more than \$80 last year.

"We are actually out to bid right now with seven different companies," Rothrock said.

He also said that in order to get better rates for student athletes, the college is looking into getting insurance plans with the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, which has almost 3,000 student athletes.

Hooker said the secondary insurance policy is one reason why he decided to take the job as McPherson's athletic trainer two years ago. He also said it could be used as a recruiting tool for the college.

There are several different forms to this game. Paschall and Elliot play "speedball" which is a variation of cap-

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Paschall, Elliot compete in paintball tournaments

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

Not all of the student athletes at McPherson College compete for the college.

Andrew Paschall, soph., Clay Center, and Chris El-

liot, jr., Marlton, N.J., both participate in competitive paintball. They are members of a team that participates in the Midwest Paintball Series.

Paintball is a game where two opposing teams elimi-

nate each other from play using a paintball gun, which shoots paintballs. The paintballs, which serve as a marker on the opponent's uniform to indicate elimination, are paint-filled gelatin balls that break upon impact.



Courtesy Photos

Brent Bailey, jr., Simla, Colo., swims (left), bikes (center) and runs (right) in the Loveland Lake to Lake Triathlon. The Loveland Triathlon is an Olympic distance triathlon.

Bailey competes in triathlons to test endurance

SHAWN YOUNG
Spectator Staff

Involvement in track and field events takes tremendous heart, dedication and the will to win. Triathlons are at the upper echelon of sporting events that have a necessity for endurance in order to succeed.

Brent Bailey, jr., Simla, Colo., has tested the waters in a quest to compete in triathlons.

"I do triathlons because I

enjoy pushing myself to the end, past my breaking point and seeing what I am made of," Bailey said.

A triathlon is an endurance-based sporting event that consists of three components over various distances. The three components involved are swimming, cycling and running.

Since the three events vary in distance, being sufficient in swimming, cycling or running alone is not enough to guarantee a competitive

time. Most triathlon athletes have learned to race each stage in a way that preserves their energy and endurance for subsequent stages. In most modern triathlons, these events occur back-to-back in immediate sequence and a competitor's official time includes the time required to changeover between the individual legs of the race, including any time necessary for changing clothes and shoes.

The three main types of triathlons are the Olympic, half ironman and the full ironman. The Olympic triathlon covers 0.93 miles swimming, 24.8 miles cycling, and 6.2 miles of running. The half ironman covers 1.24 miles swimming, 56 miles cycling, and a 13.1-mile run. The true test of will comes in the form of the full ironman. The full ironman starts with a 2.4-mile swim, followed by 112 miles of cycling to go along with a

26.2-mile marathon. There are many small triathlons or sprint triathlons but to be considered a real triathlon one needs to compete in the minimum Olympic distance. During the summer, Bailey will participate in various half ironman triathlons and vigorous three-a-day workouts. "I would rather be doing a full, but most experts say it takes a good six months of solid training to be prepared

for just one, and a month of recovery afterwards," Bailey said. Bailey has competed in triathlons before. "There is no feeling like the feeling one has after they finish a triathlon," Bailey said. Looking ahead, Bailey has a few goals for the next few years. "My plan is to qualify for the Hawaiian Ironman in 2010 and the Olympic Trials in 2012," Bailey said.



Photo by Chris Plooster

The Champion FC Chiludos from back left: John Godfrey, soph., Smithville, Mo.; Jose Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas; Orlando Dominguez, sr., Garden City; Jose Reyes, jr., Dallas, Texas; Armando Rodriguez, soph., Dallas, Texas; and Chris Ramirez, soph., Wichita. From front left: Eduardo Rodriguez, soph., Dallas, Texas, and Juan Torres, sr., Garden City.

"FC Chiludos" prevail in Futsal Championship

Futsal ends third season at McPherson College

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

The third season of Futsal wrapped up on May 8, with the FC Chiludos winning the league Championship.

As reported in the March 14 edition of the Spectator by Robby Tobias, Futsal is an indoor version of soccer. It is played at a faster pace than soccer, with a slightly heavier ball and only five players per team are allowed to participate at a time. Also, in the March 14 edition, only a few weeks into the season, Armando Rodriguez, soph., Dallas, Texas, predicted his team's victory in the championship.

"The Chiludos are going to win Futsal for the third year in a row because they have all the Hispanic people on the team," Rodriguez said earlier this year.

This season, there were seven teams competing in the Futsal league. After more than 50 games, the FC Chiludos took home the title.

"The Chiludos are going to win Futsal for the third year in a row because they have all the Hispanic people on the team."

- Armando Rodriguez, as reported in the March 14 edition

The FC Chiludos roster included many current and former soccer players for McPherson College. The team's roster was made up of Rodriguez, Jose Reyes, jr., Dallas, Texas; Chris Ramirez, soph., Wichita; Jose Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas; Juan Torres, sr., Garden City; John Godfrey, soph., Smithville, Mo.; Eduardo Rodriguez, soph., Dallas, Texas; and Orlando Dominguez, sr., Garden City. The FC Chiludos defeated the Stegosaurus led by Trenton "Deno" Bell, sr., Oklaho-

ma City, in the championship game.

Nicholas Box, jr., Linwood, one of the organizers for this year's league, said he thinks that there will be a league again next year.

"It kind of depends on gym availability and stuff, but yeah, we're planning on doing it again," Box said.

Box encourages students to participate in the league next year.

"It's a lot of fun," Box said. "You get good exercise, and you meet people you wouldn't meet normally," Box said.

Cody Doll, jr., Healy, thought that it was still a good experience, but certain people took the competition too seriously.

"(Playing was) not as fun as last year, but still a good time," Doll said.

For Box, one of the most rewarding aspects of the Futsal league this year was "seeing the improvement of some people who had never played soccer before."

Softball team looks back on season

CARLEY SHARP
Spectator Staff

The softball team wrapped up its season two weeks ago with an overall record of 9-23.

"I feel like we stepped up our game, but unfortunately the other teams did the same and we were unable to pull through," said Rikki Viehman, jr., Gunnison Colo.

One of the highlights of the season was the team's tournament-play in Arizona, where it played against some larger schools. The teams in the tournament were highly competitive, the Lady Bulldogs gained much experience.

"It seemed like we kind of fell apart a little after we got back from Arizona," said Kristen Ozbun, soph., Rosehill. "The team just didn't have the same confidence we had before we went down there, but we regained some towards the end of the season and in the KCAC (Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference) tournament."

McPherson won one of three games in the KCAC Tournament.

"Hitting is what we really struggled with all year and in the tournament everything changed and we hit really well," said Courtney Bersuch, sr., McPherson.

Viehman hit a grand slam

Paintball

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ture the flag adapted for tournament style. Speedball is the most popular type of paintball variation.

Paschall said that he has participated in paintball since he was in middle school, but just began playing competitively last year. But why would anyone want to compete in an event where you are being shot at with a paintball gun?

"It's basically an adrenaline rush," Paschall said. Elliot agrees.

Unlike Paschall, Elliot just started playing paintball this year. He said that Paschall was the person who encouraged him to start.

"I have a lot more fun than

Farewell Seniors

Carrie Koch, Arvada, Colo.; Courtney Bersuch, McPherson; Mandy Yungeberg, Waterville; Mallory Yungeberg, Waterville; Leah Heide, Buhler; and Whitney Coleman, Douglass, are seniors who will not return to the softball team next year.

Koch received All-KCAC honorable mention honors as a rightfielder.

Bersuch finished the season with McPherson College records in slugging percentage (0.921), base on balls (17) and on

base percentage (0.621). She received first team All-KCAC honors as a catcher and led the KCAC in home runs with seven.

Mandy Yungeberg played left field for the Bulldogs.

Mallory Yungeberg received All-KCAC honorable mention honors as a pitcher.

Heide received All-KCAC second team recognition for her play at third base.

Coleman received All-KCAC honorable mention for her play at first base. She also ranked second on the team in batting average (0.310) behind Bersuch (0.492).

the first game to put the Bulldogs on top, but Kansas Wesleyan University fought back to win the game.

In the next game, the team defeated Sterling College. Amy Ziegler, jr., Hudson, Colo., pitched three shut-out innings to help clinch the win. The Ottawa Braves won the last game to end McPherson's season.

Bersuch had positive things to say about next season for the Lady Bulldogs.

"I know Coach McCormick has been spending a lot of time recruiting girls to

come in next year and I know Amy Ziegler is going to be a strong pitcher for them," Bersuch said. "Coach will have many returners and the team should be pretty solid next year, and hopefully will win more games than we did this year."

The team enjoyed playing with each other this year and is looking forward to next season. They hope to improve upon their fifth place finish in the KCAC with a regular-season conference record of six wins and 10 losses.

I thought I would," Elliot said. "It's a lot more intense (than I expected)."

Currently, Elliot and Paschall, along with their team that consists of a McPherson high school student and nearly 15 players from Wichita, participate in paintball tournaments across Kansas. Paschall said they practice or compete about every week.

"We do lots of local tournaments in the Midwest Paintball Series," Paschall said.

"Right now, we are training for the National Professional Paintball League."

Paschall said that being a "professional" in paintball is not the same as it is for many other sports. He said only a select few make money by playing professional paintball.

Usually, being a professional in paintball means that the team has sponsors which give the players discounts on paintball gear.

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College seeks part-time professors to lead band program in 'stage of transition'

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News Editor

The music department is currently searching for a new band director.

After Band Director Greg Thaller's contract was not renewed, Steve Gustafson, chair of the music department, along with Hal Laydon, interim provost, and others within the college are in the process of trying to secure someone for next year.

The music program is currently in the process of going through an academic review, which happens to all academic programs within the college, typically once every five years.

Gustafson said that until the music department's future goals become more clear, they won't hire a band director.

"Until we know exactly where we're going with the program, it doesn't make sense to immediately go out and employ a faculty member," Gustafson said.

Gustafson said the program will look at the different emphases, determine if there are ways to make the program more attractive to students, and explore ways to better deliver the program.

The music department is interested in

hiring at least two part-time people to shoulder the band responsibilities, one to teach courses in music education and a second to take leadership of the band.

"It seems to make more sense right now, as we are in a stage of transition, to get a couple of part-time positions," Gustafson said. "We're in the process right now of contacting some individuals within the area."

Gustafson wants to reassure students that the college is making every effort to secure a band director for them next year.

"We know there are some very fine retired band directors in the area," Gustafson said. "There may be a possibility, depending on schedule, of a high school director in the area who might have some flexibility to come over and conduct the band."

The music program's review should be completed by the November Board of Trustees meeting.

"We've got all the basic groundwork done," Gustafson said. "Now it's a matter of matching up the needs of the future direction of the department and the program with the skills and abilities of who-

Alumni weekend to host 6 class reunions May 23-25

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Many alumni will return to campus on graduation weekend to celebrate their college years at Mac.

"Alumni weekend is the second largest weekend that involves alumni," said Sally Nelson, director of alumni development. "Most students are gone, so they do not get to see or experience time with the alumni during their reunion."

Homecoming weekend is for more recent alumni of McPherson College, while this weekend is for the alumni who are celebrating class reunions of more than 35 years.

This year, six classes will have reunions. The classes of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968 and 1973 will begin celebrations for their reunions on May 23 that will continue until commencement on May 25.

Events will include a

Roop to speak at commencement

Commencement will be held on May 25 at 2 p.m. This year's commencement speaker is Eugene Roop. Roop's credentials include a doctorate degree in religion from Claremont Graduate University.

"Dr. Roop is the immediate past president of Bethany Theological

Seminary," President Hovis said. "This year is the 300th anniversary of the Church of the Brethren, and it seems consistent with our Brethren theme of this year."

Other events celebrating the Church's 300th year are the choir's upcoming trip to Europe and the Mohler Lecture speaker.

myMC Campaign completion celebration and reception on May 23. myMC raised money for annual scholarships and capital improvements. Updated computers and library changes have been made because of this campaign. A Heritage Roll of Honor banquet to honor alumni who have donated a certain amount of money toward scholarships will also be on Friday.

There will be guided tours

of the campus on May 24, for alum that have not been back to the college for quite some time. The tour allows them to see all of the new updates and changes to classrooms, buildings and programs. An alumni awards banquet will be held in Mingenback Theatre, along with the recognition of the reunion classes. There will also be a President's reception held at President Hovis's house following the awards banquet.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

U.S. Senator Sam Brownback speaks to the audience in Mingenback Theatre last Monday. Among Brownback's topics were reducing the United States' dependency on foreign oil.

HALO meeting today

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A meeting for members and people interested in the Hispanic American Leadership Organization is today at 11:30 a.m.

Faculty advisor Ocie Kilgus will ask for nominations to fill the posts of co-presidents, treasurer and secretary. The club will discuss goals and activities for next year.

Kilgus said the club had a number of members last year, some that were active and some that were not.

"Depending on who shows up, and depending on incoming students in the fall, I think it's up in the air whether it's going to exist or not," Kilgus said.

Kilgus said that two students in particular are interested in keeping HALO alive, Melisa Grandison, fr., Quinter, and Victoria de La Torre, jr. Wichita.

HALO was chartered last spring, and last year was the first complete year for it to exist. The club helped with the Cinco de Mayo celebration in the cafeteria for the past two years and made a float for the All Schools Parade on May 9.

Victoria Salas, sr., Wichita; Shaylin King, soph., Wichita; de la Torre, and Michaela Bird, soph., Quinter, helped with putting the float together.

The club also sold enchiladas in December, and "that went very well," Kilgus said.

Kilgus said she would like to see the club do a few activities really well instead of taking on too many projects.

"I think that will make a big difference," Kilgus said. "I want the club to survive and be self-sustaining, but I want students to realize that it's a student club. My role in that is to guide them and provide input."

Non-trad scholarship awarded

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A scholarship of up to \$5,000 is available for non-traditional students who enroll in McPherson College and already have a four-year degree.

Students must be enrolled full time for the 2008-09 school year, have a 2.0 GPA, have their transcript sent to the college and have a completed FAFSA.

"One of the reasons why the non-traditional scholarship was established was to give students who had a previous degree an opportu-

nity and a second chance if they wanted to get another degree," said Dave Barrett, admissions counselor.

The college also wanted to reach out to the local community.

"We don't want students having to drive 110 miles round trip to WSU to try to get teacher certification," Barrett said. "We want to help the local community."

The scholarship is available for those who live in McPherson and surrounding areas.

The dollar amount awarded is dependent on grade point average.

"We are looking forward to helping as many students achieve their goals as possible, through teacher ed., through graphic design, through natural sciences, through the 23 different majors we offer," Barrett said.

Barrett said the scholarship will help people who want to obtain teacher certification, or just want a second chance at college.

"We are proud to offer this opportunity to those who may not want to travel out of town to further their education," Barrett said.

For more information, call Barrett at (620)242-0412.

Alarm

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The Fire Department has responded to 12 alarms at the college since August. Most of the alarms have been automatic alarm malfunctions, like the one in Hess on Wednesday.

This year, however, two have been malicious false alarms, in which the fire department has fined the college \$500 for each incident.

"If we are able to identify the person involved, then we fine them," Thrower said.

Scooter

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on my car, so that provided me with another excuse to get (a scooter)," Kimbrell said.

Kimbrell said it might be a funny sight to see her cruising down the road on a pink scooter.

"It's been a little harder," Kimbrell said. "My legs are so short I can't touch the ground very well. I have to really work. I try to stay away from crowds right now with it. I haven't been on any of the main roads with it yet."

Club

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recyclable materials at basketball games.

The organizational meeting on Monday will help determine which activities the club will continue with next year, Kilgus said.

The club also plans to do some fund-raisers to help pay for a 10-day excursion that is tentatively scheduled for next summer.

The group will decide if it wants to travel to Ecuador, Sudan, Honduras, Guatemala or Alaska.

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