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NEWS BRIEFS

Chartered clubs' budgets due today

All fall semester budgets for chartered clubs are due Sept. 14. Electronic or paper copies are accepted. SGA also has a mailbox in the bookstore.

Things to include in the budgets are proposed earnings, proposed expenses, any money requests from SGA and comments about the current financial position of the club.

Interterm '08 trip destination: Thailand

Herb Smith welcomes students to join the interterm travelers as they explore Thailand this January.

Some sights on the trip will include a visit to a university exclusively for monks, a cruise along the Chao Praya River, cobra snakes at Buddhist temples, and a school in the jungle where children ride elephants.

For more information, contact Smith on second-floor Mohler.

Write Place open for tutoring

The Write Place will begin regular operating hours on Sept. 16.

The Write Place also works by appointment.

Regular hours will be Mondays 4-6 p.m., Tuesdays 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays 4-6 p.m. and Sundays 6-10 p.m.

Contact either Cameron Snell or Kevin Haduck for more information.

Toss a ring..



Josh Pimental, sr., McPherson, attempts to ring a bottle of pop at the carnival hosted by SAB last week., while Abby Alfs, fr., XXXX watches. 30-40 people attended the carnival held in the gazebo. "The carnival was a success," said SAB President Megan McKnight, jr., Salina.

Fire alarm problem seems to be resolved

New sensors, bug lights to be installed in Metzler

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

Ringling alarms and the sight of firefighters in Metzler Hall seem to be a common occurrence lately.

Although the last week or so has been quiet, the beginning of the school year was filled with two sensor malfunctions, an alarm triggered by smoke from burnt Pop Tarts, and most recently a pulled alarm.

The disturbances forced Metzler residents outside when they would rather be sleeping.

"When the alarm goes off at 4 o'clock in the morning, I get pretty angry," said Mark Johnson, jr., Healy.

Chris LeBlanc, fr., Lake Dallas, Texas, agreed with Johnson.

"It went off three or four times one night," LeBlanc

said. "I was asleep and then it went off, so I had to try to get back to sleep again."

However, Metzler residents should rest easier knowing the problem is close to being resolved.

"We've already purchased new units for the rooms and hallways," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. "When we did some research, our first immediate step was to look to see if we could do heat sensors versus motion sensors in the stairwells, because that's where we're getting most of our malfunctions," Rothrock said.

Rothrock said the smoke sensing units are typically good for 3-5 years, after which they get replaced. Upon inspection, the units were approaching their fifth year. The replacement of the units "should be happening

over the next few weeks," Rothrock said.

In addition to the new units, a bug trap was installed in the lobby. This should eliminate the false alarms caused by gnats crawling into the units and setting the sensors off. Also, automatic sprayers were installed near the side doors and in the stairwells.

"Every fifteen minutes they shoot a fine mist, like an aerosol can," Rothrock said. "It is basically a repellent so that insects won't want to come inside (the units)."

When the fire alarm system malfunctions, the fire department does not charge the college. However, the recent pull of the alarm is a \$500 cost to the college.

"It's a federal offense," Rothrock said. "If we know

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Miscalculation in budget won't affect students' cost



courtesy photo

President Ron Hovis

KIMBERLY MORRIS
Spectator Staff

The prediction that revenue would equal expenditure in last year's budget seems to have been miscalculated.

McPherson College expected an expenditure of \$11.1 million for the 2006-2007 school year.

This figure would have meant the college needed to use \$2.7 million from the endowment, which is a re-

stricted pool of funds given by donors.

Instead, the college spent \$11.4 million, meaning about \$2.8 million was required from the endowment.

"We look at this like a blip on the screen," said President Ron Hovis. "It's something we need to work on."

The good news is that the college ended up raising more revenue than predicted. It just didn't match up with the amount the college

spent, Hovis said.

There were two main reasons the expenses exceeded expectations.

The student institutional financial aid was \$315,000 higher than expected and facilities management spent \$175,000 more than expected.

One cause for this was a clogged sewer line between Miller Library and Brown Auditorium that eventually had to be dug up.

The college is doing three things to fix the situation.

The first is a new set of policy guidelines for expense reimbursement.

Also, the college contacted Noel-Levitz, an admissions and financial aid consultant company, to review the financial aid packaging.

The college is also pulling together a more detailed plan for facility management that

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Timeline for construction projects lengthened

Project is still under "discussion and active planning" Hovis says

ASHLEY ANDREWS
Spectator Staff

This year's enrollment of 495 students is the highest it's been in nearly 40 years.

The ever-growing number has left some wondering where students will live in the near future.

Late last spring, The Spectator issued a story about the proposed plans to start the building process of a new residence hall supposed to be completed in the fall of 2008.

That process has been delayed due to the unknown amount of funds that are accessible at this point. Last March, the plans to build went to the board of trustees for presentation.

The board was interested, but could not make any decisions until it could confirm that the financial resources necessary to pay for the projects would be forthcoming.

Over the next few months, the board reviewed the plans and announced that fundraising plans could be put into action. The board met again in late July and discussed the results of a feasibility study.

During this meeting, President Ron Hovis said that the fundraising would "maybe raise \$8 million over the next

four years" to work towards starting and finishing the new residence hall.

This will delay other projects such as renovation of the Hoffman Student Union, some residence halls, some classrooms and parking lots.

With the building of the new residence hall will come additional parking and a change in the entrance to the college.

One question raised by board members board was, "what can we do to help us make additional room?"

The alternative plan projections are based on retention needed, how many students will be graduating this year and the number of beds needed.

Currently, there are 15-20 vacant beds on campus. With enrollment projected to be around 535 for next year, students will need additional housing plans. McPherson College owns around 12 houses/apartment complexes near campus. One option is to use those for student housing which would provide 40-

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Over-the-summer campus improve-

Laundry Facilities

New stackable washers and dryers were added to Bittinger and Morrison Halls this summer. "Laundry facilities kept coming up as an issue and we're still working on those," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

Dotzour Swing

"Something that's been talked about for the past three or four years is a swing over at Dotzour," Rothrock said. "Now a lot of people are asking if they can have one in their residence halls."

Flat Screen TVs

Flat screen monitors were added to the main lobbies in Morrison, Bittinger and Dotzour Halls. The flat screens are popular for gaming. "Metzler purchased one last year with funds from their pop machines and it went over really big," Rothrock said.

Metzler Improvements

The ceiling tiles in the hallways were replaced and the hallways were also repainted. "Next summer we'll be working in the rooms themselves, replacing tiles and painting," Rothrock said.

Dotzour Updated

Dotzour's main lobby has traded in maroon furniture for comfortable, durable microfiber chairs and couches. "Dotzour's lobby was, believe it or not, last remodeled in 1987," Rothrock said. "We're crossing our fingers on the furniture, because it's not what you would call 'resident hall grade.'"

Wireless Internet

"We upgraded all the buildings to wireless because it actually simplifies the process," Rothrock said. "Now it's just a matter of trying to keep those up and running."



Intramurals kick off with pool tourney

Along with the typical basketball, flag football, soccer, volleyball and softball leagues, this year's intramural season will include some more obscure sports as well.

Robert Talley, assistant soccer coach and new director of intramurals, has announced the first intramural event, an 8-ball pool tournament, which began Tuesday.

Flag football and soccer are scheduled to start Sept. 23, and participants need to be signed up before Sept. 16 to participate.

Direct any questions about intramurals to Talley.

LEAD EDITORIAL

Student behavior disrespectful

WHEN I WAS IN MARINE CORPS BOOT CAMP, the drill instructors used to make us repeat a certain mantra several times a day. The saying went like this, "discipline is instant response and willing obedience to orders, respect for authority, and self-reliance."

The reason I bring this up is because self-reliance and discipline seem to have abandoned ship amongst some of the student body.

For starters, every time the fire department rolls on campus to answer an alarm it costs money. So when a student thinks he will be cool and pull the alarm, we pay for that prank.

Not only do we pay in cash, but we also lose credibility. If every time the fire department comes to find a false alarm they might not be so quick when the real one goes off.

Another problem we seem to have is people picking up after themselves. If you go to the weight room rack your weights. If the trash can in your bathroom or lobby is full, take the trash to the dumpster. I know it sounds radical, but the floor is not a trash receptacle.

Saving the grossest display of being undisciplined for last, there seems to be a handful of people who think the shower doubles as a toilet. Not only is that ridiculous, but if you are one of these people, you might want to sign up for potty training.

All these things mentioned only require a little discipline and common sense and the majority of problems on campus would be solved.

For those who still don't get it, let me simplify it by saying, "your mommy is not here to clean up after you, so put on your big kid pants and grow up."

Student watchdog not needed

When I first learned about the lack of student representation at faculty meetings, I had to wonder, at first, as to the necessity. Now it is apparent to me that there is much more beneath the surface of this issue, which is making it slightly controversial.

Student Government Association has suggested that the faculty ought to have a student "watchdog" looking out for the best interests of the pupils at the meetings. Upon further study, this urge appears to stem from a much larger mindset that our generation seems to possess mistrust.

Since our teens, it has been our habit to distrust authority, especially the government, assuming that it is looking out for its own good at the expense of the common people. This urge to attend faculty meetings could be an extension of that.

However, we forget something: a private college is not a democracy. We do not elect our professors, nor do we vote to decide if one may be fired. And there is another difference; they are not politicians. They aren't vying for power; they are attempting to make this a successful college and to inspire their students to succeed as well.

Students are not completely shut out and the goings-on of the meetings are not secret. I have been informed by a faculty member that the minutes of each meeting are available online to all. Marylyn Matthaeci, administrative assistant to the provost and dean of the faculty, can give a student the specifics on where to view them.

But having students actually present at all faculty meetings would perhaps hinder discussion. Faculty members would not be able to freely debate without feeling as if they may be undermining each other's authority in the eyes of students.

If something "not right" is suspected of occurring within the faculty meetings, it is best for the students to use the avenue of the trustee board, which is also looking out for the welfare of the college.

In the rest of the faculty's business, I urge those who have the courage to do so to put aside their gut feeling and trust our learned professors, for they have our best interests in mind.

-Alyson Holman



Iraq report shows signs of success

After a year of debate and division, the long awaited report by Gen. David Petraeus, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Cocker is here.

With Democrats losing the fight to defund and end the war earlier this year, they were eagerly awaiting this report in hopes that a negative report would get them enough votes to end the war and override a veto.

With public support overwhelmingly against the war, the president needed his new "Surge" policy to be successful in order to keep Republican support in Congress. The surge was laid out as an increase in troops, from below 130,000 to 160,000, for a counterinsurgency assault on Baghdad and other provinces plagued by Al Qaeda and sectarian violence in order to give enough of a security cushion so that the Iraqi government could begin to pass crucial amendments to end the sectarian strife.

Early on in the surge things did not seem to look good. There were no safe places in Baghdad and certain provinces, Anbar, Diyala, and Ramadi, were seen as Al Qaeda strongholds. U.S. troop casualties were higher than the previous year and the Iraqi security forces could not operate on their own.

As it got closer to the Sept. 11 Petraeus report, certain things started to change. American and Iraqi forces that were focused on Baghdad began retaking and holding the areas in which they kicked out Al Qaeda and the insurgents. Those troops focusing on the provinces held by Al Qaeda began pushing out the terrorists. Those Iraqis who were living in fear of Al Qaeda began working with U.S. and Iraqi forces to tell them where the hideouts and weapon stashes were.



Dave Caddin

In Anbar province, the Sunni Iraqis were tired of the threats and the violence done to them by Al Qaeda and not only started giving them up, but joined forces with U.S. and Iraqi troops to fight them.

Because of the counterinsurgency strategy, the local provincial governments began working with U.S. forces to stop the sectarian violence and help with rebuilding efforts in the provinces they represented. Another benefit was that the Iraqi security forces were becoming battle hardened and some of their battalions were able to operate on their own.

With the security part of the surge working, it was time for the Iraqi government to put aside its differences and pass amendments for the people. Whether it was corruption, partisanship or incompetence, the Iraqi government could not get much done. The government even had the audacity to go on a two-month vacation in July.

Petraeus and Crocker gave an honest report that showed success in security and little, if any, accomplished on the political front. They recommended that the surge be given until March 2008 and said that signs trend to continued improvement. Both

recognized the failure of the central government, but Crocker showed enthusiasm for the grass roots reconciliation by the provincial governments.

Petraeus testified that if things continued to go well he could see a troop decrease to pre-surge levels taking place by March 2008 and a shift in the U.S. forces role as the main combat force.

The one thing that was made clear by both Petraeus and Crocker is that a precipitous withdrawal would be an absolute disaster. It would lead to a safe haven for Al Qaeda, Iran would fill the power vacuum, those who helped the United States would be slaughtered and the region could be thrown into utter chaos. Any one of these things happening would threaten the security of the United States, not to mention Israel, and would lead to having us go back and fight again.

The real unfortunate thing to come out of the Petraeus report has been the character assassination of the general by some liberal politicians and by the liberal organization MoveOn.org. Sen. Hillary Clinton, Sen. Harry Reid, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Sen. Barak Obama, and many more have in one way or another questioned the integrity of the Petraeus and have basically called him a liar because they disagreed with what he had to say.

Success in Iraq helps the Republicans and since the Democrats can't deny that some success has been made, they think that if they can discredit the messenger, they can save political face.

The most despicable slur against Petraeus was a full-page ad in the New York Times taken out by MoveOn.org, an organization that has donated around \$58 million

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over time to the Democratic Party, referring to him as General Betray Us. This man has given over 20 years of his life to the service of his country including three tours in Iraq. To question this man's integrity or honesty is a new low in partisan politics.

With that said, the main question we face is what to do now. Do we continue on with the success of the surge and give Petraeus until March 2008? We know that a secure and stable Iraq would be an ally in the region and a huge victory in the war on terror.

Do we say enough is enough and tell the Iraqis that they are on their own? The consequences of withdrawal would be horrific, but why should we lose another hero if they can't get their act together.

This question will be debated every possible way in the coming weeks and we can expect more partisanship and politics. This decision will be one of the toughest we ever have to make. If we stay, we lose our precious heroes. And if we go, we will eventually have to go back and will still end up losing our precious heroes.

While I do not envy the position they are in, the only thing I can think of is to listen to those like Petraeus and Crocker who grounded and immersed in this every day.

CHEW ON THIS

“One of the annoying things about believing in free will and individual responsibility is the difficulty of finding somebody to blame your problems on. And when you do find somebody, it's remarkable how often his picture turns up on your driver's license.”

-P.J. O'Rourke

Good Dog



Bad Dog

Ocie Kilgus and Michael Reynolds for planning and sponsoring the hispanic film series and the science fiction film series.

The moron that pulled the fire alarm in Metzler.

Wayne Conyers for winning best of show at the Taos National Exhibition of American Watercolor XI.

The even bigger moron that soiled the shower..

Dave Gitchell for putting us back on line.

Students who take up prime parking spaces with their second car.

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Over crowding or over reacting?

Increased enrollment is putting pressure on facilities and students

With approximately five hundred students on campus, things may seem overwhelming at the college. Finding a parking spot, standing in the cafeteria line to eat and dorm life make it seem like the middle of a big city on a Monday morning.

These complications have stirred students. Conversation about these issues can be heard everyday.

Our small, private school is growing. We should all be aware and proud of that and with a new dorm in the works, students will eventually have another residential facility to call home.

For now though, administrators are making adjustments to compensate for our expansion. However, after strolling through the halls of Dotzour, it was brought to my attention how many, not only single, but empty rooms there were; many more than last year. These measures did not add up in my head when I passed by the resident assistant's rooms only to find them with roommates.



Tabetha Salsbury

Where did students go to allow numerous vacant or single-occupancy rooms? Were there really that many returning students who moved off campus? With student aid reduced by \$3500 when students move off campus, it would not seem likely that many people would go.

Even with so many incoming students, there is plenty of dorm space. If doubtful, take a walk down the hall and count how many rooms do not have double occupancy and then take a lap around

the parking lots and see how many empty spaces there are. People may be surprised at what they find.

There are roughly 720 people on the premises of McPherson College during the work week including students and college employees. To service these people there are seven parking lots on campus as well as parking along streets and in designated areas behind dorms and buildings.

Even though there are several students who have more than one vehicle on campus, sometimes three or four, finding a place to terminate your driving experience should not be an issue. The true issue is there are not enough next-door spaces for each student to park in the closest spot to their class or destination.

Sure, it takes longer to walk from the Sport Center lot to the Student Union than it would from the parking lot just south of the Student Union, but our campus is basically the size of a football

field. Students can typically make it from Dotzour down to Templeton in a mere five minutes.

This is nothing compared to large colleges and universities where classes tend to be not minutes, but miles from residential halls. So put on those walking shoes and give yourself a few extra minutes to make it to class in case you are one of the unfortunate ones who do not get one of those lucky, close parking spaces.

If headed to the cafeteria, plan for extra time outside. Walking may not be such a horrible idea because more than likely you will end up standing in line inside, unless you have figured out the schedule of the best times to eat.

Standing in line, waiting to eat is not a pleasant experience after a long day of classes or when rushing to grab a bite before class.

It seems that the lunch rush is about 11:30 a.m., typically the time most everyone gets out of morning classes. For

those who do not have a class at 12:30 p.m., it is a good idea to wait for a while. Let those who do have class eat first to avoid standing in line, trying to get one's card scanned, food, drinks and then the inevitable unpleasant task of maneuvering around tables and other people.

Sports teams generally do not get out of practice until 6:30 p.m., creating the dinner rush at this time. For a peaceful, usually quiet, and non-chaotic meal environment, try to make it to the Student Union before about 6:15 p.m. For a louder, more eventful and populated surrounding, join our athletes for dinner.

Either way, people will eventually get their food and then will take a stroll back to their parked car, which may be in the Morrison parking lot, or to their dorm room where they may find their roommate or their very own living space.

I ain't no stinkin' liberal or conservative

Generalization fosters misconception which leads to division

The terms liberal and conservative often conjure up adverse images. Our current political and media practices have done much to polarize these two ideologies. Equally concerning to me is the abuse of these terms by tagging each of us with one label or the other in an attempt to persuade us to support a particular interest.

I believe that very few people are liberal or conservative in all of their views. People are simply too complex to end up on the same side of the fence on every issue. I also believe that these ideals behind these terms have been instrumental in shaping the United States.

Where is the fault in conservative ideals of cautiousness and discretion while accepting traditional political, social, and religious establishments? These ideals are the foundation of stability and unity.

Likewise, where is the fault in the liberal ideals of open mindedness and questioning of political, social, and reli-



INSIDE NED'S HEAD

Ned Nadeau

gious establishments? These ideals are the foundation of community and progress.

These ideals are not mutually exclusive. The United States is probably the most significant example of liberal and conservative thought coexisting to produce a remarkably complex system that embraces community, progress, stability, and unity.

Unfortunately, it is the continued polarization of these terms that is eroding our sense of community, stifling our progress, jeopardizing

our stability, and dividing our unity. In short our foundation is being dismantled and we are the ones carrying off the pieces.

To label a person or group as liberal or conservative outside the context of the ideals mentioned above is a gross oversimplification. If you must, label my viewpoint on a specific issue, just don't label me. I am much more complicated than a label and I do not appreciate being summed up by people who only know small aspects of my beliefs.

As we have allow ourselves to be categorized in a broad sense of terms we are being split to the point where the terms themselves have taken on new, much more negative meaning.

The danger here is that as more negative meaning is perceived the split becomes greater creating a cycle that further divides us. Once split far enough apart, we can easily be manipulated.

We like to think of ourselves as invulnerable to out-

side controls but the reality is we are very much under the influence of competing interests on a daily basis.

We are bombarded every day with information from families, friends, schools, churches, business, government, media, and other various influences. This far too much information to take in so we filter it; letting in only that which we deem beneficial. We use our experiences, biases, instinct, faith, and beliefs to determine what may be beneficial to us.

To make informed decisions we need untainted information. This is hard to come by. These outside influences have become adept at passing information through our filtering system sometimes without us even knowing it. Unfortunately for us, not everyone has our best interest in mind.

How do we protect ourselves from being influenced by these interests? Well, we can't really and I don't think we should. These are the things that make us who we

are. We can, however, limit how much we are manipulated by recognizing when these interests overstep their bounds. Routine self-examination of your particular filtering criteria will help you recognize the difference between influence and manipulation.

Since I am asking people examine their filtering system critically, I am at the risk of being accused of acting the liberal by my own definition. Just remember that there was no mention of unquestioning acceptance of traditional political, social, and religious establishments.

I am not asking anyone to abandon their beliefs. I only ask that you examine and weigh them carefully. Especially in regards to your interpretation of conservative and liberal.

Once you fine tune your filtering system to block out a large portion of the manipulative information, I think you will find that we are much more alike than different.

SHOUT IT OUT!

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

Softball girls DO like to eat, and NO we don't have to run miles on end or else the sport would be soccer. Duh!

Football Coaches: Teach your players to obey the rules, not just be obedient in front of you alone.

I think we should change the name to McPherson University. What respectable institution has the word "college" in its name?

Mohawks went out of style in 2006!

Lines apply to everyone, including football players.

I'm glad they transferred.

Know what really grinds my gears? When you get a "pepperoni pizza" that has three pepperonis on it!

Give back the microwave on 2nd-floor Metzler.

Should RAs really be wearing "Beer Olympics" T-shirts at school?

God have mercy on all of us who hurt ourselves and others. In Jesus name. Amen.

If you attend Mac you have to love white people!

Administration: School is about students, NOT money!

I love Coach Ward!

Does football really promote Brethren values?

Hey Hovis, we need a bigger cafeteria!

Forcing teams to have women is insulting to females!

The Colorado state Fossil is the Stegasaurus. Word.

Mac cheerleaders are a lot hotter than last year.

No boys park in Bitt spots!

Students who left Mac because they did not like it shouldn't be used in college promotions.

On the Fly

How has the increased student enrollment affected you?



"The parking is so bad that I am going to start parking in the abandoned lot."

Sarah Davidson Sr., McPherson



"There are more girls on campus."

Andrew Paschall Soph., Clay Center



"The increased student to teacher ratio has adversely effected the quality of instruction."

Charlie Biederka Sr., Montville, Conn.

"There are more lab students and less lab time for everyone."

Nicole Clark Jr., Panora, Iowa



"There are not enough washers and dryers."

Alfio Previtera Jr., Woolwich Twp., N.J.



"There are more Barbie doll look-a-likes in the cafeteria."

Sarah Moon Sr., Assaria



Preserving a classic

Auto restoration professor purchases a classic 1936 Ford standard 5-window coupe and joins a new race of auto rats as he preserves instead of restores the model

BY JACK ROBERTS
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An antique vehicle's future very much depends on the owner's desire to either restore the vehicle or preserve it.

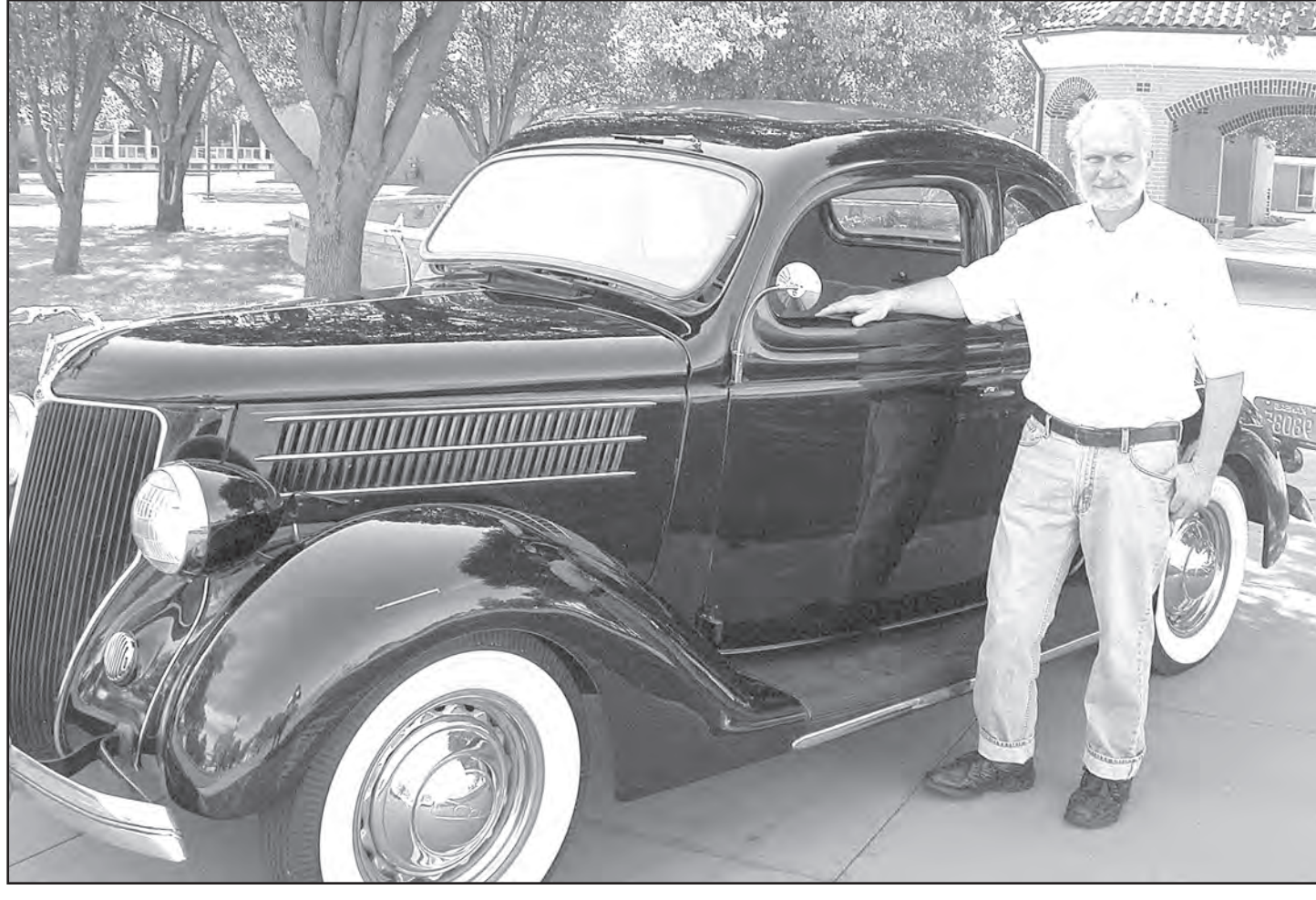
This debate has been a growing issue, enough of one that big car shows such as the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, have introduced a preservation only class.

The decision of whether to restore or preserve has already been made to a degree, by local owner Joe Dickhudt.

Dickhudt, assistant professor of technology, recently purchased a 1936 Ford standard 5-window coupe. Dickhudt purchased this vehicle from a consignment company in Salt Lake City.

Dickhudt and his wife were in Colorado Springs, Colo., this summer when they met a man with a 1936 Ford 5-window coupe. The introduction rekindled special memories for Dickhudt of his father's '36 Ford.

"I remember my father's," Dickhudt said. "He had just got home from the war and wanted to buy a car, so he took all of his wages and the subsidized money the government gave his mother and went to a little dealership in town. There was a '36 Ford



Joe Dickhudt, assistant professor of technology stands next to his 1936 Ford 5-window coupe that he purchased this summer.

Photo by Orlando Dominguez

5-window coupe in the back corner that didn't run. So he bought it and worked on it until it ran. I think that's where I got my mechanical skill from."

Upon returning home from Colorado, Dickhudt and his wife began searching the

Internet for a '36 Ford. He stumbled across a consignment company with the vehicle he was looking for.

After talking to the company several times, he took a leap, buying the vehicle sight unseen minus a handful of pictures online and

from the company.

Before the purchase, the consignment company was reluctant to give out any information about the prior owner of the vehicle. Since its purchase, Dickhudt has received information about the prior owner.

While conducting research about the car, Dickhudt has discovered the vehicle is an original 35,000 mile vehicle with only small repairs.

The car is what Tim Bowlers of Stellar Restorations has dubbed a "Survivor," a generally unchanged vehi-

cle, the closest it could come out of the factory.

Dickhudt said the prior owner of the '36 Ford is a man who invented the Little Giant Ladder. The man had a collection of antique cars in a small museum and decided to sell the car for another endeavor.

Dickhudt has decided that preservation is the path he wants to follow with this particular vehicle.

The '36 Ford will essentially remain unchanged, except for the addition of a rumble seat and some exhaust modifications.

The vehicle had only been slightly altered by the previous owner with the addition of hydraulic brakes. Hydraulic brakes are merely a safety feature.

Dickhudt wants this vehicle to stay as original as possible, since these cars are increasing in rarity. Of the cars he owns this is the most original.

Among his collection is a 1930 Model A Ford, a 1967 Chevrolet El Camino, two Harley Davidson motorcycles and two '60s Triumph motorcycles.

Except for an occasional pleasure cruise, Dickhudt's vehicle will remain untouched as an example to the way things used to be without the over-restoration that can often occur.

Poker Anyone?

First-year students attempt to conquer the library's online catalog and win a hand of poker

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

What do poker and library books have in common?

Absolutely nothing... unless you are a McPherson College freshman learning the ins and outs of Miller Library.

Last year, Susan Taylor, college librarian and professor of journalism, came across the idea of a Poker Run while reading a professional journal. According to a handout provided to freshmen at the Poker Run, "the object... is to learn how to find items in Miller Library."

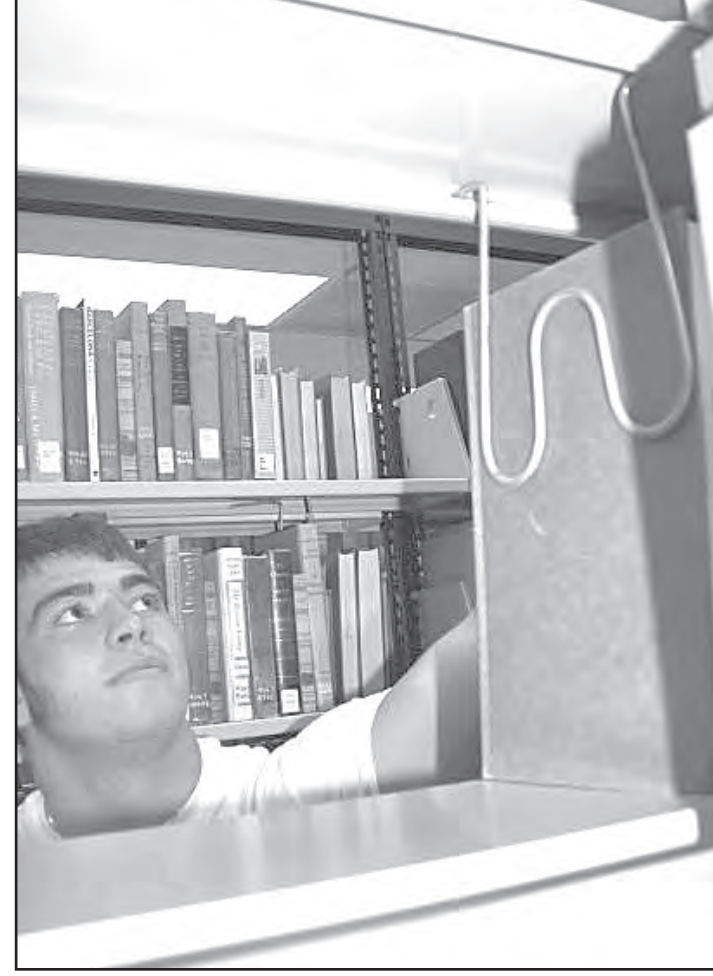
On Thursday, freshmen seminar groups took turns listening to a presentation by Taylor about MacPac, which is McPherson's online catalog, and other resources used in finding research materials.

After the presentation, each student received a slip of paper with bibliographic information for a book or periodical article. The students were to use the online catalog system to find their item. Once found, they went through the process of checking out that item using their student IDs.

"I've found if I just talk, it's not very effective," Taylor said.

With this approach, students are actively participating in the search process.

So where does the poker



Tyler Decker, fr., Enid, Okla., reaches for a book in his quest to learn the library's online catalog.

part come in? "If everyone finds their subject successfully, they get seven cards and the best five-card hand out of all seminar groups wins a prize," Taylor said.

Taylor said the main objective for the Poker Run is "to get kids to the library."

Tye Soukup, fr., Wilson, said he probably would not

have utilized the library's resources if not for the Poker Run. He now has a better understanding of what is available to him.

"It just helps get familiar with it," Soukup said, "having everybody do it like this instead of by themselves."

Soukup said the process is simple. "Look up a book, get the

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW MORRISON RESIDENT ASSISTANT AND FOOTBALL COACH JOE BETTASSO.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

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

A: I'd play golf with Natalie Gulbis.

Q: Why did you choose McPherson College?

A: Coach Ward offered me a job and I wanted to work for Coach Ward.

Q: Where are you from?

A: Born in Illinois. I moved to Joplin, Missouri, when I was four.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: A yellow lab named Scout whom I miss dearly.

Q: What is your favorite fast food restaurant?

A: Chick-fil-A

Q: What's the best piece of coaching advice you have to offer?

A: Just to have fun, enjoy what you are doing and have a passion for what you are doing.

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

A: Golfing, fishing, hunting

Q: Who is your role model? Why?

A: That's gotta be my dad. He is very giving with his time.

Q: Boxers or briefs?

A: Boxers.

Q: What have you learned so far from your time spent on



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Joe Bettasso coaches one of his players during practice on Wednesday. Bettasso is new to the McPherson campus.

the Residence Life staff?

A: How to deal with people, how to be more assertive and how to do laundry.

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: I hate waiting in lines. I can't stand and people reading over my shoulder.

Q: What political issue do you feel strongly about?

A: How foreign affairs are handled. Security at home.

Q: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

A: Vanilla Bean.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: I really like "Shawshank Redemption."

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

A: I sat in a chigger nest after I was on crutches for falling out of a tree (the second time.)

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Q: Anna Kournikova or Victoria Beckham?

A: Anna Kournikova.

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

A: Cable TV, Internet access, a comfortable pair of shoes.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

L-R: Shaun Griffin, soph., Inman, Jeremy Hoffman, sr., McPherson, Julia Santillan, jr., McPherson, Cody Doll, jr., Healy, and Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson, cheer the soccer team to victory on Tuesday night. The students are part of a new club on campus called the Hooligans.

Hollering with the Hooligans

BRITTANY VAN SANT
Spectator Staff

Hooligans may sound offensive to some, but at McPherson College they are known as those wild kids who attend all the soccer games to show their support.

The Hooligans are an official fan club chartered by the Student Government Association for McPherson College soccer. The co-presidents and founders of the new club are Jeremy Hoffman, sr., McPherson, and Cody Doll, jr., Healy.

The Hooligans is actually the traditional name for soccer fans. Hoffman and Doll simply introduced it to McPherson.

Last year, Hoffman and Doll attended every game they could and decided to get support and funding from the rest of the college.

"We started it to hopefully get some funding to travel and support the teams at away games," Doll said.

Hoffman and Doll turned something they loved into something everyone can join.

There are no requirements to join the Hooligans. They only ask that each member shows up, preferably in red, and cheers to their heart's content with the other members.

Their goal is to create a positive atmosphere for both the men's and women's soccer teams and their opponents. They do this by chanting and shouting, while showing good sportsmanship and not insulting the opposing team.

They have chosen to support only soccer this year for several reasons. Soccer team members support other activities on campus and many of them are friends of Hoffman and Doll.

Along with cheering at the games, Hoffman and Doll have planned spirit days throughout the year including dress like a staff member

and salad week.

Cheer assistants for the Hooligans include Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson, Matt Hoffman, sr., McPherson, Dan Eells, soph., McPherson, and Shaun Griffin, soph., Inman. The men's team liaison is Nicholas Box, jr., Linwood, and the women's team liaison is Nicolette Rodriguez, soph., Fort Worth, Texas.

Tyler said he joined to support the soccer teams and for the thrill of the games.

"There's so much build up because they don't score that often," Tyler said, "and when they do, it's really exciting. It's so suspenseful throughout the game."

The Hooligans' sponsor is ShaRhonda "Shay" Maclin, assistant professor of education.

The Hooligans have T-shirts available for \$10 that will assist in raising money. They plan to host other fundraisers throughout the year as well.

Metzler RAs to host first-ever Sausage Fest

KELSEY HEMPE & TECIE TURNER
Spectator Staff

A new tradition may arise at McPherson College depending on the success of the Metzler Sausage Fest.

"We need some traditions here in Metzler because we don't have any," said Jose Reyes, jr., Dallas, Texas. Reyes is a resident assistant on first-floor Metzler.

Metzler's guys have wanted to plan an event that would change the negative image that others have of their dorm and to gain others' interest in Metzler.

Shane Britt, Metzler resident director, and the RAs of Metzler, are hosting the Sausage Fest for the entire student body. The purpose is for students to socialize and meet new people.

The idea began as a joke during a residence life trip to Colorado. As the RAs continued to think about it, they decided the idea could be interesting.

"At first it was a joke, but people eat sausage," said Julius Emanuel, soph., Houston, Texas. Emanuel is also a Metzler RA.

The event will include food, music and other activities, perhaps even the Sausage Fest Olympics.

"It's going to be a load of fun because we hope to have the Sausage Olympics," Emanuel said. Currently, games for the olympics have yet to be decided, however, the guys plan to have soccer and volleyball available.

Metzler RA Chris Bode, soph., Flagler, Colo., said they are working with the cafeteria. The Sausage Fest will be the evening meal and four types of sausage will be available.

The Sausage Fest will take place in the circle drive at 5 p.m. on Tuesday. T-shirts will be available for \$7.

"Plannin' on going and chillin' and relaxin'," said Metzler resident Drew Griffin, soph., Sacramento, Calif., about his plans for the Sausage Fest.

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Bulldogs looking to go .500 with win at KWU

Consistency will be key for a Bulldog win

DAVID TUBERVILLE
Spectator Staff

The McPherson football team will play at home on Saturday against Kansas Wesleyan.

Both McPherson and KWU, which was preseason ranked at number two, are coming off losses.

Bethany College beat McPherson 17-14 on Sept. 8, while Bethel College defeated KWU 13-8.

KWU will be a greater challenge for the Bulldogs, but with adjustments in positioning, the game plan and a little more experience, the outcome is unknown.

The captains would like to see the team as one unit and on the same page. They hope the team understands the key elements in order to play with KWU.

"The team needs to be more consistent with assignments and continue to get better," said Head Coach Brian Ward. "It will be an intense football game, but I expect our best."



Photo by Jessica Monaghan

L-R: Brandon Luter, jr. Bayfield, Colo., Justin Thompson, fr., Fairland, Okla., Jamion Turner, jr. Phoenix, Ariz., in hot pursuit of Bethany offense on Sept. 8th. Despite a valiant effort the Bulldogs lost to the Swedes 14-17.



Photo by Jessica Monaghan

McPherson's quarterback eyes his target in hopes of a completion. Bulldog offense went into halftime with a 7-3 lead.

McPherson VS Bethany Statistics

TEAM	BC (VISITOR)	MC (HOME)
Score	17	14
First Downs	13	12
Rushes / Yards (Net)	45 / 107	33 / 52
Passing Yards (Net)	133	65
Passes -- Att / Comp / Int	17/10/0	21/12/0
Total Offensive Plays / Yards	62 / 240	54 / 117
Fumble Returns / Yards	0 / 0	0 / 0
Punt Returns / Yards	1 / 2	2 / 19
Kickoff Returns / Yards	2 / 52	2 / 56
Interception Returns / Yards	0 / 0	0 / 0
Punts (Number/Average)	7 / 28.1	8 / 39.1
Fumbles / Lost	1 / 0	2 / 1
Penalties / Yards	7 / 57	3 / 25
Possession Time	33:31	26:29

Lady Bulldogs rising to challenge

JACOB CUSTER
Spectator Staff

The volleyball team was picked for a fourth place finish in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference going into the McPherson Invitational on Aug. 31.

The team opened the season with a win over visiting Bacone College. In day two of the tournament, the Bulldogs kept their momentum up, defeating Central Christian College and Stephens College. McPherson finished the weekend with a 3-1 record and set their sights on the KCAC opener the following Tuesday.

In their conference opener, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Tabor College to take on the first-ranked Blue Jays. McPherson lost the match in three games ending 0-1 in KCAC play.

McPherson traveled to Bethany College on Tuesday attempting their first league victory. Down 29-20 in the second game the Bulldogs made a run, but fell short in the game 30-28. The Lady Bulldogs lost the match in three games to go 0-2 in KCAC play.

Nikki MacKay, sr., Peculiar, Mo., said each member

"(The team) needs to pull together and play like they can."

— Kiley Loesch

needs to focus on her individual job.

"Everyone needs to worry about their specific position and do everything good at the same time," MacKay said.

Kiley Loesch, soph., Raymond, said "since we have a brand new team, we need to communicate more and figure out what our best abilities are and use them to our advantage."

McPherson fell in four games Thursday night to the Bethel Threshers.

With a 3-4 record, the Lady Bulldogs will travel to Olathe this weekend for the Mid-America Nazarene Tournament.

"(The team) needs to pull together and play like they can," Loesch said. "There are lots of things (we) need to work on before then."

McPherson will face Ottawa University on Wednesday in a conference match.



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Chelsie Kramer, soph., Atwood, rises high for the deny against the Bethel Threshers on Thursday night.

Ortiz starts season with ninth place finish

Cross country looks to gain experience from upcoming Tabor meet

DAVID TUBERVILLE
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldog cross country team finished ninth of 11 teams at the Friends Invitational on Sept. 7. The team finished with 222 points.

"We did pretty good," said Ashley Mitchell, sr., Great Bend. "The freshmen ran very well for their first meet. They ran well just in general."

The Bulldog men could not compete as a team because of injuries. However, four of the men ran individually. Israel Ortiz, sr., Limon, Colo., finished ninth.

"We did really good and it was a fun meet," said Head Coach Dave Smith. "We ran as well as I expected and gave good effort and the pacing was good for the first meet."

Cross country members will run in the McPherson Bulldog Invitational at the

McPherson Country Club on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Then they will travel to Tabor College for the Tabor Invitational on Sept. 22.

Smith said the runners expect good competition, but hope to improve on their times.

"Tabor seems to be good timing for our kids," Smith said.

Women's results:

Tiffany Poet, 19th, 21:38.9
Verity Spencer 38th, 22:37.1
Megan Meyer, 46th, 23:01.3
Ashley Mitchell, 77th, 24:58.2
Patsy Burns, 78th, 25:00

Men's results:

Israel Ortiz, 9th, 27:29.3
Jacob Merrick, 39th, 29:32.8
Matt Brown, 66th, 30:46.1
Zach Dowling, 106th, 38:31.1

Soccer teams looking for wins in Texas

Men start season with 3-1 record, including impressive win over nationally ranked USAO

By KRISTEN KIRKMAN
Spectator Staff

The men's soccer team travels to Texas this weekend to compete in the Southwestern Assemblies of God University Soccer Classic in Waxahachie, Texas.

The men's team has a 3-1 season so far with wins against Doane College, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Central Christian College and one loss against Benedictine College.

Head coach Doug Quint expects to win the SAGU tournament and hopes to return with awards.

"Northwood University may be a bit of a challenge, but the SAGU host has been struggling," Quint said.

McPherson will return home from Texas late Sunday to prepare for a home game against the Bethany College Swedes on Wednesday. Bethany is an untested



PHOTOS BY ORLANDO DOMINGUEZ

ABOVE: Jonelle Miller, Derby, controls the ball during the women's game against Central Christian College at McPherson Stadium Tuesday evening. The women shutout their cross-town rivals, 1-0.

BELOW: Deno Bell races to the ball ahead of his University of Science and Art of Oklahoma opponent in a game played at McPherson Stadium Sept. 5. The Bulldogs sent shockwaves through the Midwest by beating nationally-ranked USAO, 1-0.



Women at .500 with 2-2 record; Quint encouraged with young team's spirited play and drive to improve

DAVID CADDIN
Sports Editor

The Lady Bulldogs soccer team was victorious in its season opener on Sept. 4 against the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. The team pulled off 3-1 win over the undefeated Oklahoma team.

The Lady Bulldogs went into their game against the Benedictine Ravens on Sept. 8, but fell to the Ravens 5-0.

McPherson played cross-town rivals Central Christian College on Sept. 11, shutting them out 1-0.

"This young team is working hard to improve everyday and that is all you can ask as a coach," said Head Coach Doug Quint in a recent interview with Carol Swenson, director of sports information.

The Lady Bulldogs left for Texas on Thursday where

"This young team is working hard to improve everyday and that is all you can ask as a coach."

- Doug Quint
Head Soccer Coach

they will compete in the Southwestern Assemblies of God University Soccer Classic. They will play the University of Texas-Brownsville at Northwood University in Cedar Hill, Texas, today and SAGU, in Waxahachie, Texas, on Saturday.



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Nicholas Box, Jr., Linwood, dribbles the ball during the game against University of Science and Art of Oklahoma. The Bulldogs will play Bethany at home on Wednesday.

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After many years without any kind of yearbook, the McPherson College Communications Department has decided to put their plans of making a multimedia yearbook into action.

Darren Hendricks, director of communications; Brian Lundberg, web developer; Elizabeth Wagoner, jr., McPherson, and Seth Schomming, sr., Davenport, Neb., are currently collaborating to produce the DVD yearbook.

With the advances in modern technology, a video yearbook is easier and cheaper to manufacture.

"The production costs are significantly less than a

printed yearbook," Lundberg said.

It has been over ten years since the college has published a yearbook.

"I don't even know the last time that McPherson actually had a yearbook," Schomming said. "We thought it would be better if we had a video yearbook so you can see and hear what's going on."

In past years, the college published a yearbook called "The Quadrangle," and after that a magazine-type yearbook entitled "The Barker."

"We need to have a yearbook of some kind for historical purposes and so current students could look back at the year," Hendricks said.

For the past four years the communications department

has shown a video of the year at honors convocation. This year, they wanted to go more in-depth and make it longer.

The video will be available on McPherson's website under the "Student Life" tab. New clips will be added throughout the year.

They also wanted a student's perspective, which is where Wagoner came in. The department welcomes students to contribute to the yearbook. For input, contact Wagoner, Tabetha Salsbury, or Nathan Clary. E-mail pictures to yearbook@mcpherson.edu.

The communications department is currently working so students can send video clips in as well.



Allan Ayella
Asst. Prof. of Biology



ShaRhonda Maclin
Asst. Prof. of Education



Gregg Thaller
Assoc. Prof. of Music

Fresh Ideas

New faculty bring diversity, youth to campus

COURTNEY BOHNENBLUST
Spectator Staff

McPherson College has recently welcomed three new faculty members to campus for the 2007-08 school year.

Allan Ayella, assistant professor of biology, will teach courses in biology and biochemistry. He moved to McPherson, along with his wife Julia and son Zak, after receiving his Ph.D. in grain science from Kansas State University.

Allan Ayella

Ayella was born in Uganda, and requests that students "be patient with my accent." Some of Ayella's goals for this year include "getting to know my students more" and "to connect the department of biology more with other departments."

Ayella said that if he could change one thing about the world it would be the way people view others.

"Black is not really black and white is not really white," Ayella said. "Like the way it is when I watch my son's cartoon shows, people are green, blue, and yellow."

Other than his great interest in biochemistry, Ayella plays tennis, soccer and chess. He also enjoys jogging and reading John Grisham novels.

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- Allan Ayella
Biology

Gregg Thaller

Joining the music department this year is Gregg Thaller, associate professor of music. His responsibilities include the instrumental music program and the music education component of the department.

One thing students might not know about Thaller is that he is a "very big family man and really likes kids."

Along with a love of music, Thaller has recently developed a passion for flying airplanes. Motorcycling on country roads and traveling abroad are also included in his list of hobbies.

Thaller, who is originally from Pennsylvania, said he appreciates the hospitality he has experienced since he's been here.

"The people here in Kansas have been delightfully

warm and open to me," Thaller said. "It has been a blessing."

ShaRhonda Maclin

Although ShaRhonda Maclin is new to the curriculum and instruction department, she is not a new face on campus.

Maclin, better known as Shay, joins the department after working as an admissions counselor last year. She aspires to "be almost done with my doctoral work by the end of the year."

Maclin comes to the college with a variety of educational experiences. She was the director of student development and director of special education at KIPP Indianapolis College Prep in Indianapolis, Ind., and she taught in the Oklahoma City, Okla., public school system while completing her Master's degree.

Some of Maclin's interests include getting to know her students outside of class and "dissecting what I have learned and manipulating it so my students can learn." She loves feedback from students and encourages it in the classroom.

Maclin advises students to "know what you value first before you make any decision."

Co-Curricular Activities Fair



photo by Bruce Clary

Tricia Fensky, fr., Goessel, talks to Ann Zerger at the Creative Arts Society booth during the Co-Curricular Activities Fair during Freshman Orientation Weekend. Many different campus organizations set up booths at the fair to introduce new students to activities they can get involved in.

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who the person is, the fire department and the police will seek federal charges."

Contrary to some rumors, the college will not charge Metzler residents for the alarm pull. However, Rothrock said it's everyone's loss when someone chooses to pull the alarm.

"It's \$500 worth of activities money that we could be using for residence halls activities," Rothrock said. "When people do these kinds of things, it's taking money out of their own pocket, which is frustrating."

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50 additional beds.

The project isn't necessarily put on hold. It is currently under much discussion and planning.

"The board did not want to go away from the original design," said Lamonte Rothrock, dean of students. The original design reflected the ideas, suggestions and input of the Residence Life Staff and the students of McPherson College.

"It is under discussion and there is active planning going on," Hovis said.

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plan for facility management that will allow for both planned and unplanned projects.

Even though the prediction for expenditures was slightly off, the error should not affect the students.

Only if miscalculations

were to occur again and again over several years would students be affected. Shane Netherton, business manager, said in this case, "the school might not be able to pull funds from the endowment."

President Hovis remained optimistic about the situation.

"We just need to adjust," Hovis said. "We will get back on track."

SGA encouraging student input

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

Plenty of students complain about how things are done around campus, but few ever do anything to change things.

"Students can use us as a relay for change," said Eric Sader, Student Government Association president. "Students can come to us knowing that we are more than willing to assist them."

Sader said it's "hard for us to find direction if we don't hear anything."

This year, SGA wants students to be more vocal and active on faculty and staff committees and to realize that they do have an impact.

SGA is hoping to get student representation at faculty meetings, Sader said.

"We're trying to get faculty meeting minutes available for the public, and we're also trying to get me, as president, an observer role at the meetings so we know what's going on," Sader said.

Sader is encouraged that SGA has a full board.

"We had a full one last year for awhile, but a lot of years we end up not filling all the positions," Sader said. "So hopefully that stays solid."

A small change this year is the requirement for all clubs to turn in semester budgets, which include funding requests from SGA.

"In the past we received sporadic funding requests throughout the semester," Sader said. "This just gives us a chance to see them all at once and help prioritize who we want to give funds to and how much."

Sader said this new process helps in planning.

SGA's new advisor, Shane Britt, will provide leadership for this year's group.

"Shane is enthusiastic and I think he'll do well for SGA," Sader said. "He's also helping Amy Hoffman with Student Activities Board, so that helps us relay information back and forth."

Also new to SGA this year

is the campus mailbox and the SGA suggestion box upstairs in Hoffman Student Union.

"We're doing a lot of organizational reforms to make things run smoother," Sader said. "Minutes are sent out electronically instead of be-

ing read at meetings. Also, minutes are available on the website, which hasn't been done before."

Sader invites students to attend meetings, which are held at 9 p.m. on Sunday evenings in the basement of Hoffman Student Union.

07-08 SGA-chartered Clubs

- Alpha Psi Omega
- Behavioral Science Club
- Business Club
- C.A.R.S. Club
- Creative Arts Society
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