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NEWS BRIEFS

Vote for faculty teaching awards

An award is given annually to a non-tenured faculty member and a tenured faculty member, in recognition of excellence in teaching and service to students.

Submit nominations to Laura Eells by noon on Oct. 3.

Nominatin letters should explain why the faculty member is deserving of the award.

First Nighter tickets for \$60

The theatre department is offering student First Nighter memberships for \$60.

The membership includes admission to six shows and five dinners made by students and overseen by the owners of Amic's Restaurant.

For more information, email theatre@mcpherson.edu

Global warming presentation Oct. 9

Dr. Ed Cook presents on Global Warming at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. The church is located at 224 S. Maple.

For more information, contact Pastor Ken Stephens at 241-6057.

Give your car some TLC

The C.A.R.S. Club invites students, faculty and staff to their Tuesday evening car washes.

Prices are:
Wash \$10
Wash & Interior \$15
Wash, Wax, & Interior \$25

Contact Mariah Cobe-ry or Jon Nadeu for more information or to set up a time.

Bowling night discontinued

Due to an irreconcilable difference with the bowling alley, SAB has decided not to renew their contract for bowling on the first Friday of every month.

Instead, SAB will host one big event each month.

On Oct. 5, all students are invited to a '70's disco roller skating night.

Transportation will be provided. Look for more information by email next week.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Carol Allen, fr., Oskaloosa, picks up trash in the bleachers after a volleyball game last week.

Sport Center sees effects of work study cuts

COURTNEY BOHNENBLUST
Spectator Staff

The recent cut in student work study jobs in the Sport Center has created confusion among students, parents, faculty and staff.

Some speculate funds and jobs are being taken away from student workers.

Some are concerned with the poor maintenance in the Sport Center, including the trash not being taken out, the lobby in disarray and a disorganized weight room.

Still others question the reasoning behind the new system.

In the past, four student workers were responsible for vacuuming, taking out the trash and cleaning up after games.

This year, there are still four students in charge of cleaning after games, but the other responsibilities were given to assistant coaches so that they are full time.

Other student work study jobs filled include ball persons, line judges and score keepers.

The goal behind this change is not to take away student jobs, said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students and athletic director, but to get "the professionals on campus to be around the students all day."

Usually, the assistant coaches would not be on campus until around 4:30 p.m., but now they are on campus full time.

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Tradition vs. trend: the debate over black

Students claim black looks better, but what about tradition?

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

"Yes! Black and red go well together."

"It would give more options for uniforms."

"White gets too dirty."

"Black just looks nice."

All of these were common responses in a recent Spectator survey conducted of students, faculty and staff, asking, "Would you support the color black being used unrestricted on sports uniforms?"

Among those surveyed, the question of black being used more in sports uniforms is one-sided, to say the least.

Seventy-two "yes" answers, two "no's," one "maybe" and one "I don't care," painted the story in black and white.

Most student-athletes support the idea of black being used in greater quantities as far as uniforms go.

"I don't see why not, it's already in so much of the uniforms anyway," said Steve Dickinson, sr., Rancho Cordova, Calif., who is a member of the football team. "My high school colors were red, black and white, so I know the colors go good together."

Dan Erb, sr., Timken, is on the basketball team and agrees.

"I think black goes well with our colors, so I don't see what the big problem is," Erb said.

Another aspect of the push for black is the common belief that it scares the other team.

"It just looks better and it's more intimidating," said Danna Gordon, soph., Newton, who is on the volleyball team.

The softball team has been lobbying for black uniform pants since last year, but these would violate the rule of no more than 15 percent of the uniform consisting of black.



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Ryan Cobble, fr., Newcastle, Okla., cheers during a football game. The cheerleaders' mostly black uniforms are only temporary.

"I think we should use black because it's an intimidating color," said softball player Taylor Parsons, jr., Westminster, Colo. "It's also a good accent color."

The dance team and cheerleading team have run into problems trying to find red and white uniforms. During the Student Government Association meeting on Sept. 23, SGA President Eric Sader read an e-mail from former dance team member Patricia Goering, sr., McPherson.

"Speaking directly from experience from trying to pick uniforms for the dance team, I think it is ridiculous that black was not an option," Goering said. "Trying to find quality and flattering uniforms with these restrictions was very difficult."

Although it's easy for everyone to cheer for black, they might reconsider if confronted with the college's viewpoint.

"We're trying to market

ourselves, which is why it's so important to keep colors consistent," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

Rothrock said that "nobody's necessarily against adding black," but questions if the addition will change the college's image.

Rothrock said McPherson College has not yet created a name for themselves in terms of marketing, and changing things would make this job even harder.

"We want all of our print materials, all of our uniforms and everything to be consistent," Rothrock said. "So when we send a mailing out and people see our material, they know it's from McPherson College."

Rothrock said that while certain colors are trendy, thousands of alumni have seen the colors of red and white for over a century.

The black debate might seem familiar from last year. A group called the Student Athletic Advisory Committee was formed last May to prepare a proposal to send to the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee about the use of black in uniforms.

SAAC was comprised of a student rep from each sport selected by a coach, along with Nathalea Stephenson, associate athletic director, and Rothrock.

The IAC's response was that the proposal was not so different to the actual policy in place. The SACC has not met again to discuss the response.

Rothrock said the next meeting of the SACC will be within the next few weeks.

"We'll go from there to see how they want to respond to it," Rothrock said.

Rothrock said the other big consideration is the cost of new uniforms.

"Our uniforms are on a rotation of 3-4 years," Ro-

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Wait a minute, we have a motto?

The scoop on what "Career-oriented liberal arts" really means

ASHLEY ANDREWS
Spectator Staff

McPherson College sends out thousands and thousands of pamphlets each year to prospective students with information about the school and what it can do for them.

The "motto" underneath McPherson College says "Career-oriented liberal arts." What exactly does that mean?

When asking students this question, many were left speechless. Some had no idea that the college had a

motto.

"I thought it was scholarship, service and participation," said Robby Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa.

Like Tobias, many others thought the same.

While "To develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service" is the mission statement of McPherson College, career-oriented liberal arts is a good statement to use alongside the name of the college.

Chris Wiens, director of career services, puts a final definition on what career-

"I thought (our motto) was scholarship, service and participation."

- Robby Tobias

oriented liberal arts means.

"It is a market niche," Wiens said. "It's broken down into three parts, academic majors with career-related options, internships and career-related workshops and services."

McPherson College has academic majors that have significant career options. Most majors now have an emphasis option that ensures a student will have a job for the future. Classes within these majors help point students toward careers that are affiliated with their major. For example, the mathematics major has subjects that are focused towards preparing educators of math.

Internships offered at McPherson College are a huge part of a student's success to find a job in the

"real world." Students have a greater chance for jobs by participating in an internship.

An internship allows a student to use their classroom knowledge in a real-life situation. It also helps the student see if they even enjoy their field of work before diving into something they may not like for the rest of their life.

While 91 percent of students at McPherson College

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Shout It Out supports multiple viewpoints

THE "SHOUT IT OUT" SECTION OF THE EDITORIAL PAGES IS VERY POPULAR BECAUSE IT IS A SIMPLE WAY TO BE HEARD ON AN ISSUE IMPORTANT TO YOU. IT IS THE FIRST PLACE THAT MANY STUDENTS GO TO WHEN THEY FIRST OPEN A NEW ISSUE.

THE SPECTATOR RECEIVES FAR MORE COMMENTS THAN CAN BE PRINTED AND DECISIONS MUST BE MADE ON WHAT TO PRINT. THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING THE COMMENTS TO PUBLISH IS TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

THE SHOUT IT OUT BOX IS ROUTINELY EMPTIED AND THE COMMENTS GO THROUGH AN INITIAL REVIEW TO WEED OUT RUDE, UNINTELLIGIBLE, REPETITIVE, NAGGING, AND HATEFUL REMARKS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR INTELLIGENT, FUNNY, AND SOCIALLY SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS.

WE ARE ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE TO POINTS OF VIEW THAT FALL IN THE MINORITY. THIS IS NOT FOR SENSATIONALISM BUT FOR REPRESENTATION OF LESS POPULAR POSITIONS. TO PASS THESE VIEWS OFF AS INSIGNIFICANT OR TRITE WOULD BE A HORRIBLE MISTAKE ON OUR PART. THESE ARE THE VIEWS THAT KEEP A SOCIETY FROM BEING STAGNANT.

IT IS OUR JOB TO CREATE AWARENESS AND BE INFORMATIVE. BY PUBLISHING THESE VIEWPOINTS IT IS INEVITABLE THAT WE WILL UPSET SOMEONE AND SOMETIMES MANY SOMEONES.

WE PUBLISHED A REMARK IN THE LAST ISSUE THAT SOME CONSIDER OFFENSIVE. "IF YOU ATTEND MAC YOU HAVE TO LOVE WHITE PEOPLE!"

WE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME PEOPLE WOULD TAKE OFFENSE TO THIS COMMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, NOT PUBLISHING THIS COMMENT WOULD BE AN OFFENSE TO FREE SPEECH AND ALL THOSE WHO HOLD ANY MINORITY OPINION.

PUBLISHING THIS COMMENT HAS RAISED THE IRE OF SOME PEOPLE, BUT IT HAS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED SOME ALREADY EXISTING RACIAL TENSION.

PROBLEMS DO NOT GO AWAY WHEN THEY ARE IGNORED. THEY SLOWLY FESTER UNTIL SOMETHING TRIGGERS A REACTION. IN THIS CASE, SOMETHING THAT WAS WRITTEN IN A NEWSPAPER.

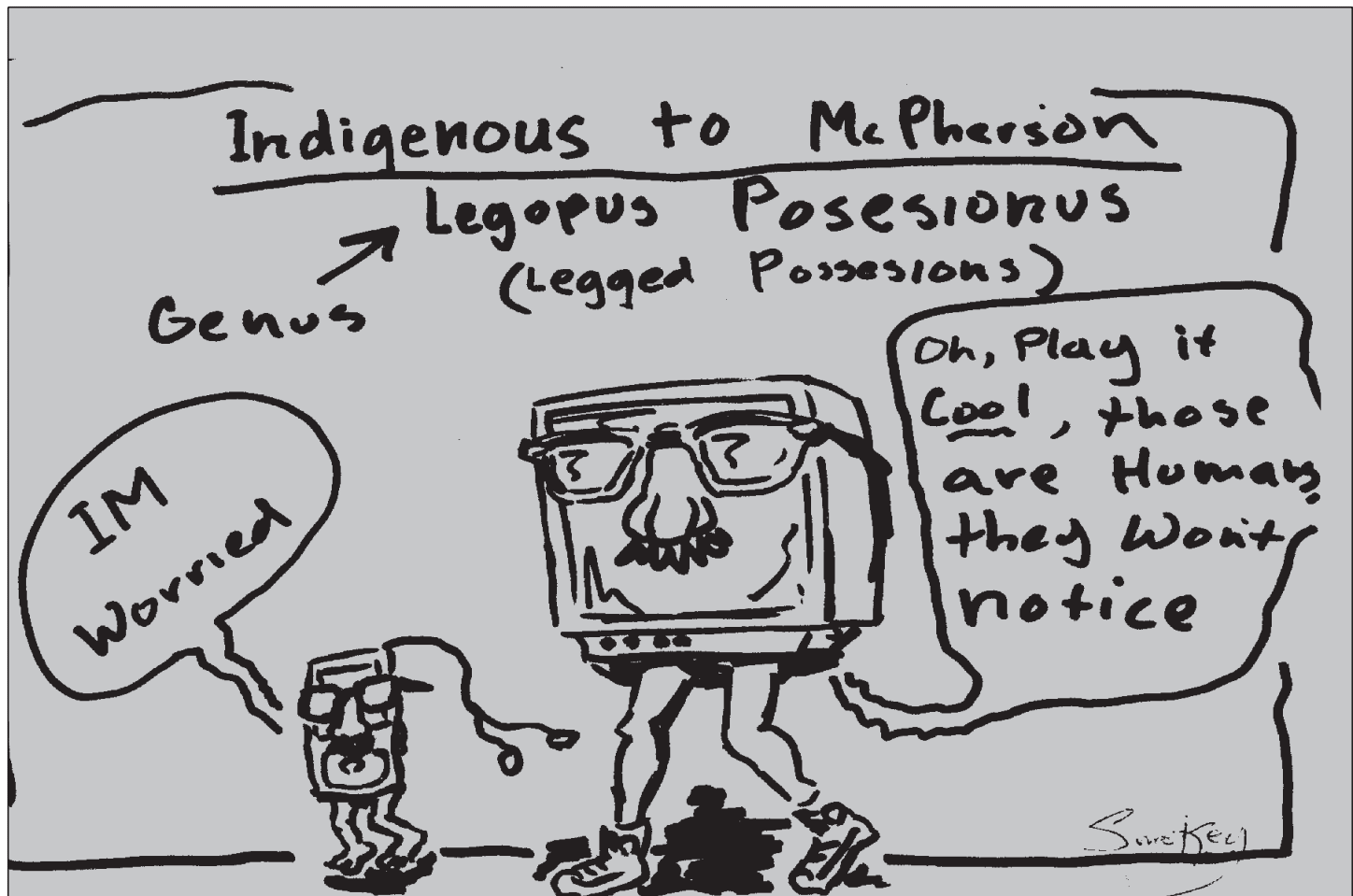
THIS COMMENT WAS VIEWED BY SOME AS NEGATIVELY RACIAL. NOT EVERYONE FEELS THAT WAY. WE RECEIVE RACIAL STATEMENTS ON A REGULAR BASIS. MANY OF THESE ARE NOT FIT FOR PRINT BECAUSE OF THEIR HATEFUL OR MALICIOUS CONTENT.

THERE NOW EXISTS AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION ABOUT RACISM ALL BECAUSE ONE PERSON MADE A PUBLISHABLE COMMENT THAT CAN BE INTERPRETED IN MANY WAYS. WE URGE STUDENTS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS WHILE PEOPLE ARE LISTENING.

YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCE IS UNIQUE AND YOUR REACTIONS ARE LARGELY BASED ON THOSE EXPERIENCES. LETTING OTHERS KNOW YOUR FEELINGS CAN INCREASE AWARENESS AND SENSITIVITY TO YOUR VIEWPOINT.

Issue: Student voice outlet
Our Position: We will continue to give a voice to less popular positions and sometimes controversial positions.

Smokey's Tales of Wierd Science



CAMPUS FORUM

Student Partner Is Needed

Our college is more than a business in which we are merely customers. Our college is a community.

Yes, we are a private institution. Yes, students do not directly possess immense governing power. However, why only meet minimum requirements when instead an organization can strive to pursue what is right, not solely what is necessary?

We are the community of McPherson College, a community that administration, faculty, and staff have repeatedly declared themselves to foster.

Students do not purchase an education. Students experience an education.

We live here, eat here, work here, play here, obviously go to school here, and heck, a few of us even start families here. This is largely our world, far more than a simple school.

Is it so much then, to ask that we are aware of the discussions and processes that directly affect our lives, our world? We think not.

The Student Government Association does not wish to be a "watchdog" of the school. We wish to be a partner in it.

Blind obedience and reporting random suspicions to the Board of Trustees is not our idea of community. Cooperation and openness is.

Cordially,
Student Government Association

Letters to the Editor Policy

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- The Spectator does not publish unsigned letters except in extraordinary circumstances.
- Editors reserve the right to edit letters for accuracy, wordiness, poor taste, and potentially libelous statements. The editors will notify writers of substantive changes.

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Change to career-oriented focus was wise

When universities first came into being, they existed strictly for the benefit of the royalty and court. I am talking about a long time ago—before the Renaissance.

It was considered that the king and those governing the people ought to be able to read. It was good for them to be well-rounded in order to properly lead the country. Also, the people in the clergy were literate, so that they could read the scriptures.

Books were scarce and expensive to come by, painstakingly hand-written by monks. With the coming of the Renaissance, the allowance for education had spread to those who were in the upper class, but not necessarily nobles. More people were taught to read.

However, the highest form of education was reserved for those who could afford it. Those who could not were apprenticed in a trade—blacksmithing, leather working or farming. They did not have the time or the money to attend discussions about lit-



Alyson Holman

erature. Where am I going with this? Well, we are no longer medieval kings, educating ourselves for the good of the people we rule. We are not noble-people getting an education simply because that is what is done. We are not poor serfs either, needing to learn how to hammer at a forge at age twelve. Since we are not looking forward to grand inheritances that will allow us to maintain huge estates, we must learn a trade. Thus, it appears that

McPherson College's decision to change from a liberal arts college to a career-oriented liberal arts college is a wise one. In truth, it brings about the best of the two worlds of the noblemen and the serfs: we have the opportunity to be well-rounded, wise individuals as well as being apprenticed into a trade that will help us earn money. An internship is effectively an apprenticeship, after all.

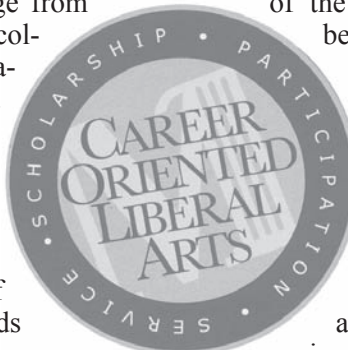
Not only this, but the academic part of our education is coordinated with our career choosing—geared in the direction of being educated for a career we will enjoy.

This change impacts the students in ways that some consider negative. I am certain that not all students find freshman and sophomore seminar classes to be thrilling.

Also, the entire purpose of the college had to be revamped and redirected. This was doubtlessly hard work. But it must be seen as rewarding work.

Therefore, in addition to learning Shakespearean sonnets and the history of the Revolutionary War, we are taught how to write a resume, how to dress for an interview or business meeting, what silverware to use during a business dinner and how to direct our conversation in formal settings.

Though this system is not perfect (I have yet to even hear of a course called "How to get published 101"), it is a beneficial change and a necessary one, so that people can enter the work force with the working knowledge to manage their careers and the wisdom to keep growing as men and women of character.



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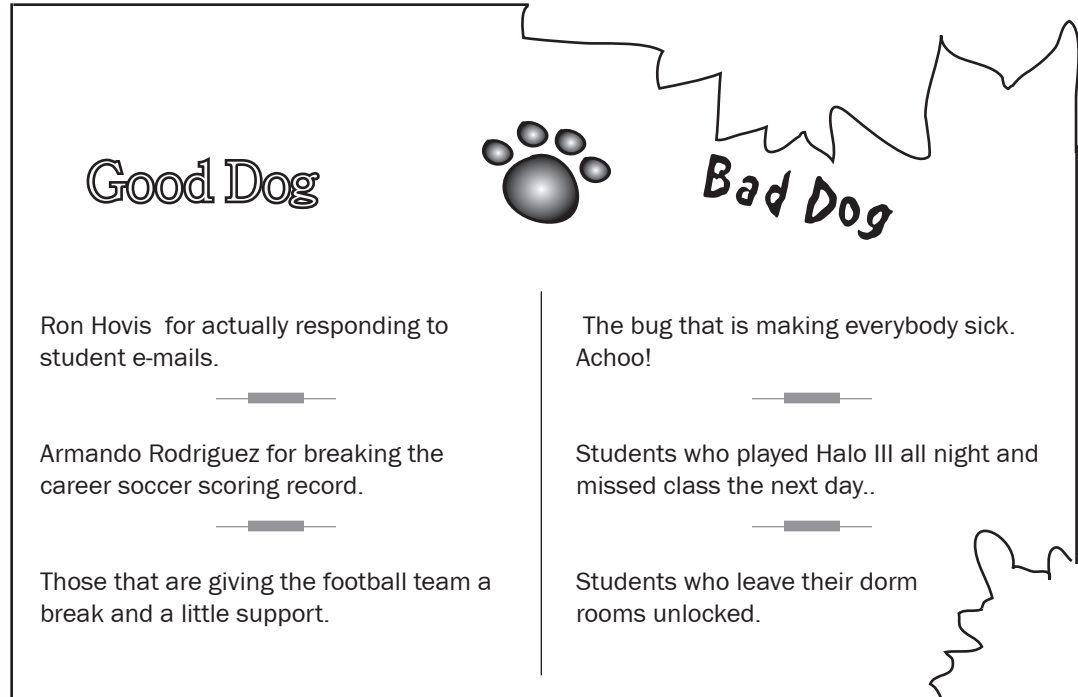
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CHEW ON THIS

"I don't use drugs, my dreams are scary enough."
-M.C. Escher

"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet."
-Aristotle

Students want black

SHOUT IT OUT!

The idea of adding black as an official McPherson College color has often been discussed over the past couple of years. Many students feel that the addition of black would be a positive attribute to uniforms as well as McPherson College memorabilia.

There are only so many red T-shirts that one person can own before they start second guessing if they want any more Mac apparel. Besides everyday wear, some athletes have brought up the subject of their uniforms; they want to be able to wear black socks, shirts or pants.



Megan McKnight

I cannot speak on behalf of any athletes, however I have heard a few of them mention they want to be able to wear

black in their uniform to mix things up a little.

So why can't we add black to our colors? A few years back Student Activities Board gave away some nice, black long-sleeved shirts to students, faculty and staff. The shirts were very popular and every day I still see people on campus wearing them.

Students have made many comments about these black shirts and they ask me why we don't have more made.

As the president of SAB, I want to tell them we are ordering more, but I can't do that until black becomes an

official school color.

Last year, our dodgeball T-shirts were a kiwi green color and it was brought to my attention that we were technically not supposed to have a color other than red or gray.

Being part of an organization like SAB, we want to provide students with things that they'll enjoy, such as Mac T-shirts for selected events. However, we are limited with our creativity because we can only officially use red or gray.

I would love to see black as an official color of McPherson College. Besides the fact

that black matches extremely well with red, it is a color that students enjoy having. They want to be able to have variety when they show off their McPherson College spirit.

Black should become an official color because it adds another element that students can work with when they show their support for campus events.

I hope that the addition happens and that I am here when it does. Because if I am, you will definitely be seeing some more festive SAB freebies.

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

Well, what about the other cultures at the school?

Who likes sausage?

OMG, the terrorists blew up McDonalds!

He wants me back. What should I do?

Continuous lawn mowing... the new fad!

Your mom likes my mohawk.

White team needs to start cleaning the Sport Center again - looks and smells dirty! Miss white team?

The professor knows the material. When you present, talk to the class, not the professor.

I thought intramurals was supposed to be for fun, not for blood.

Hey Morrison, having the ping-pong table next to the study/computer room sucks.

Did you know there are no penguins in Alaska and that polar bears are black not white and their fur is clear? Bet you didn't.

I didn't know what to write, I just wanted to comment.

It's sad when I'm so hungry and the only thing I can eat in the caf. is a hamburger and fries—the most unhealthy thing there.

Karma's a bitch.

Lead Editorial: "Student watchdog not needed." Does that mean we don't need the paper either?

I poop red, white and BLACK!

Why do good, bubbly people get all the perks in life?

I love cheese!!!

Straws?

If I wanted to hear your conversation I would sit at your table!

More yard art is needed.

Hoffman basement should be a gathering place

SHAUN GRIFFIN
Ad Design Manager

The Dogpound that used to be in the basement of Hoffman Student Union was not only a place to socialize, but was an option offered by Sedexho as part of a student's meal plan.

The Dogpound offered burgers and fries throughout the day and in the late evening when the cafeteria was closed.

About four years ago, the Dogpound hours were cut back due to little use by the students.

The following year a board of students and faculty decided to close the Dogpound and use the money saved to

solve some problems that concerned students elsewhere on campus. The basement was cleared out and made into what you see today.

Student Government Association got their room, off-campus students got a computer lab and an area was created for chapel and meetings.

Also, pool tables and ping-pong tables were moved to residence halls where they would get used more and a quiet room was furnished by a donor.

Nowadays the basement is largely regarded as wasted space.

After speaking with LaMonte Rothrock, dean of

students, it is not that the college is unwilling to do anything with the basement. It actually seems like the complete opposite.

The college just doesn't want to invest our money into something that we would not use, but instead invest it in a way that solves problems on campus that we keep bringing up.

These days those concerns have been more residence life-related, such as laundry machines and parking.

The question is what do students want that they don't already have? When the Dogpound was popular the only TV in the dorm sat in the main lobby. Today we not only have a TV in our

“Socializing on campus went from going to the basement of the student union for some pool to going next door where your friend ust got Halo 3.”

room, we have DVD players, video games, laptops, radios, couches, refrigerators and everything you need at the push of a button.

Socializing on campus went from going to the basement of the student union for some pool to going next door where your friend just

got Halo 3.

Ideas such as a coffee house, arcade, study rooms, offices, bowling alley, etc. could be done at a cost. Of course that cost would need to be SGA funded, budgeted for next year, or otherwise funded.

Although I am partial to the coffee house idea, I really just want to see the space better utilized.

SGA has been working the past few years to come up with a proposal that would make better use of the space, but has yet to succeed. What it will take to bring change to the basement of the student union is an idea that gets a majority of the campus behind it.

College students need more insurance options

While researching different health insurance options, I thought to myself, "This can't be too difficult. I will be able to find an insurance plan that will help cover doctors' visits, prescriptions and emergency room visits. We are college students, everyone knows what we go through and how important it is to be insured."

I soon realized that the adventure was going to be much more difficult than I originally thought. I continued to find high rates that did not cover what most college students need - doctor visits and prescriptions.

Turning to the college as an option, I found, that for \$660, I would basically receive the same benefits as anywhere else.



Tabetha Salsbury

It was discouraging to find so many insurance policies that neglected some of the most important matters in a college student's life. The wording of the policies is so complicated I had to spend a lot of time deciphering them

and I am still confused as to what they said.

Maybe there should have been a "finding insurance" class offered in high school.

It seems to me that college students, on average, are likely to be ill or need medical help since we are exposed to hundreds of other people every day.

Besides being an open target for illnesses from other contaminated students, the amount of stress students put on their bodies has a huge affect on their health.

Between maintaining 16 credit hours, at least one job, squeezing in hours of homework, trying to find time for extracurricular activities and maybe a couple hours for friends, students' bodies are pushed to the limit. This

takes a huge toll on the immune system.

Not eating right also greatly affects the immune system. It is difficult to have a good source of nutrition when eating three meals a day in the cafeteria.

Unless one lives on salad and cereal or cooks for themselves on a regular basis, the nutrition needed for a healthy immune system is not met.

It would seem to me that most people would realize just how much a college student's body is put through and would want to help keep it healthy.

Doctor's office visits are expensive. I know this from experience after spending \$150 for them to tell me to take pain relievers and come

back in two weeks. I can only imagine what prescriptions and everything else would tally up to if I would have needed it.

Money is usually scarce for students and many cannot afford to see a doctor.

Some people are lucky in the fact they are covered by their parents' insurance policies, but for those who are not or who are looking to be independent, many issues arise.

Maybe one day, there will be an affordable health insurance policy to specifically cover the needs of college students.

Until then, we are stuck relying on our own abilities to find over the counter resources and home remedies that will suffice.

On the Fly

Is McPherson College preparing you for your career?



“Yes!”

Chris Bode
Soph., Flagler, Colo.



“We have to take classes that are not going to help us in our career.”

Kyle Leland
Jr., Eldora, Iowa



“Just enough knowledge to get in trouble.”

Clint Allen
Sr., Dallas, Texas



“If you utilize the resources that we have, yes.”

Brandon Luter
Jr., Bayfield, Colo.



“All we are working for is a ticket for the interview.”

Steve Dickinson
Sr., Rancho Cordova, Calif.



“Yes, we do a lot of practicums, observations and how-to-teach classes.”

Becky Bratcher
Sr., Miami, Fla.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

L-R: Cody Doll, jr., Healy, Ashley Andrews, soph, Oklahoma City, Okla., Mary Hughes, sr., McPherson, Cy Rolfs, sr., Lorraine, Jessica Foulke, sr., Lawrence, and Robby Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa, practice for the upcoming production "Noises Off".

Acting the part

The student cast of "Noises Off" practices for opening night of the college's first-ever back-to-back student and alumni show

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

"Noises Off" is a high-speed comedy depicting an acting company struggling to put on a play. In theatrical stage directions, the term "noises off" specifies sounds that are meant to be heard from offstage.

Cast members will perform the show on Oct. 5 and 6, and Homecoming weekend on Oct. 12 and 13, but there's a twist to this year's show. Due to the 30th anniversary of the First Nighters program, the dinner theatre, alumni of the college will perform the second weekend instead of students.

The production shows a troupe putting on another production of "Nothing On. In the play, the audience gets to go behind the scenes as the play unravels. Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of theatre, said the show will leave the audience laughing.

"The cast is hysterical," Bowman said. "I haven't made it through practice

once without laughing."

The student cast is Ashley Andrews, soph., Oklahoma City, Okla.; Kelsey Leiker jr., Goodland; Jessica Foulke sr., Lawrence; Mary Hughes, sr., McPherson; Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson; Cy Rolfs sr., Lorraine; Cody Doll, jr., Healy; Mark Shobe, and Robby Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa.

"The cast is wonderful because we work as team, and I enjoy working with each of them," Leiker said.

Students have worked on the play for six weeks and practicing lines throughout the summer.

The alumni cast has not yet practiced and will meet for the first time on opening night. What the students have practiced in six weeks, the alumni will at-

tempt in merely one.

"I am excited to, after our show, work with the alumni on their show," Tyler said. "I think it is an interesting way to do an alumni show. I am interested to see how the performances will end up."

"Noises Off" was first performed at McPherson College as a celebration of Rick Tyler's 100th production. However, this show will be the first ever merge of back-to-back student and alumni productions.

"Noises Off" is not only the first ever student/alumni production for McPherson College, but it is also the first comedy put on by alumni.

The alumni have performed before, but they have done different shows such as a murder mystery.

The returning alumni have been called "some of

the strongest comedians we have ever had." Bowman said.

Comedies are the hardest plays to put on and Bowman said it will be interesting to see how the alumni measure up.

"The students have worked really hard and they are all good comics," Bowman said. "I feel they are going to give the alumni a run for their money."

This production is one of six shows this year. The plays are chosen to make the actors take risks, work on senior projects, for personnel preference and to help the community.

Not only is "Noises Off" a hilarious play, it is a movie as well. It has been performed all over the world and the theatre professors have wanted to try their hand at it for some time now.

"I saw this show in London and thought that it was the funniest show that I had seen in my life," Tyler said, "and it is still the funniest show that I have seen."

RESERVATIONS

For reservations, call the box office at (620) 242-0444 or e-mail theatre@mcpherson.edu.

Barking with the Bulldogs

Mac to prepare for Homecoming with Spirit Week activities

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

In preparation for Homecoming on Oct. 13, Student Activities Board and Student Government Association have planned a week of spirit and celebration. This year's theme is Medieval sMACKdown.

During Spirit Week, red-necks might be all over campus one day and movie stars the next. Students may dress as their favorite holiday on Holiday Day or show school spirit on Red and White Day.

"The week up to Homecoming is always exciting, not only Spirit Week but activities in the dorms by night, campus is really lively and a

fun place to be," said Amy Hoffman, SAB advisor.

Dressing up is not only fun, it's a chance to win Spirit King or Queen. Those who dress their best and participate in all activities may find themselves in the running for McPherson College's next Spirit King or Queen.

All of the clubs and co-curricular activities will set up booths in front of Miller Library on Saturday.

"It's fun to interact with students, parents and alumni," said Megan McKnight, jr., Salina.

Some booths visitors can expect to find are the Phi Alpha Theta will have McPherson Museum Booth Negotiations with items on sale from there. Teachers of Tomorrow will have a bucket toss and

the Mudhuckers will have several Ultimate Frisbee games and a booth selling the Frisbees. Creative Arts Society will sell funnel cakes.

"Both SAB and SGA are putting a lot of time and effort into making sure that all the Homecoming events are

a success," said Shane Britt, SGA advisor and SAB co-director.

And of course, the McPherson College Bulldogs' football team will fight their way to winning the game against Haskell Indian Nations University.

STUDEBAKER CLUB

The Studebaker Club is a chapter of a larger organization that meets to learn about, appreciate and show off their Studebaker cars. The club only meets at McPherson College once every three or four years, will come to McPherson to tour the college's auto restoration program on Oct. 13.

The Studebaker Club will also have a chili feed at Lakeside Park Friday afternoon, a car show at the Best Western, 2211 E. Kansas Ave., from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday followed by a 6:30 p.m. banquet and presentation.

Students are welcome to participate in these activities although anyone wanting to attend the banquet needs to contact Dan Hudachek at (620) 242-0428 or hudached@mcpherson.edu as soon as possible.

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR NICOLE ALVARADO.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



Q Where are you from originally?

A I'm from Dinuba, Calif., and that is in central California.

Q Who is your dream date?

A I've had a five-year crush on David Spade. I'd probably go to one of his movie premieres.

Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A I am an admissions and financial aid counselor, but specifically I work with the degree completion program and high school juniors and sophomores.

Q Do you have any pets?

A I have a dog, Lucy.

Q What is your favorite fast food restaurant?

A Since I've been here, I've gone to Freddy's Frozen Custard. I think I've gone there like four times.

Q What do you enjoy most about your job?

A I really enjoy working with students. I just really like being able to work with folks and help them navigate the admissions process and the financial aid process.

Q What is your favorite book?

A Anything by John Steinbeck. He's from California so he writes about California. He especially writes about the Central Valley, which is where I'm from.

Q Russell Crowe or Ashton Kutcher?

A Russell Crowe only because I don't want Ashton to play any pranks on me.

Q Why did you choose to come to McPherson College?

A My mom lives in Wichita and I wanted to be closer to my mom and still work at a college or university.

Q Do you have any hidden talents?

A I mountain bike when there's mountains.

Q What have you learned thus far from your time spent as an admissions counselor?

A That McPherson College is one of the few institutions left that really cares about the whole student and about making sure that you guys are comfortable not only in the classroom, but also in your lives outside of the classroom.

Q What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

A So Humboldt State, the acronym is HSU and some people call it Hills and Stairs University because there's a lot of stairs and hills on the campus. The main building on campus is up about six flights of stairs on the side of a hill and when I was a freshman, I tripped and fell probably five of those flights during passing period so everyone saw me.

Q In one word, how would you describe yourself?

A Enthusiastic.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Dominic Ayala, fr, Pflugerville, Texas, and Luke Chennell, take an antique car out for a spin while learning about all the different programs McPherson College has to offer.

Learning the ropes

Kelli Johnson's freshman seminar group tours the campus to learn about different programs

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

Seminar is one example of how McPherson College helps students throughout their college career.

Seminar advisors answer questions that students may have and advise them on their way to graduation.

Many new students, especially freshmen, often do not know what they really want to major or minor in.

And many freshman seminar groups only meet to discuss the week's homework assignment or to ask any questions of their advisors.

However, Kelli Johnson, a freshman seminar advisor, is putting a little twist on things.

This year, her seminar group is experiencing what many of McPherson College's departments have to offer.

"We are visiting different areas on campus so that students can get a true experience in areas they may have never considered before," Johnson said.

The class has already had the opportunity to meet with some of the professors.

"We have listened to Herb Smith talk about Thailand," Johnson said. "Ocie Kilgus gave us information about a major in Spanish, then helped us to recognize Spanish words and understand them in English."

Johnson's students also visited the costume shop for the theatre department.

"Rick Tyler had the students design a clown face on a paper bag, then do the make-up on their own faces," Johnson said. "People were not thrilled at first, but we ended up with some amazing designs in the end."

Some of the things Johnson has set up for her students are singing with the

choir, riding in the three wheeler from the automotive restoration department, doing animation on a computer and participating in a wild and crazy psychological experience.

"In addition to the things I usually do, we are taking the StrengthsQuest a year early because I wanted to try out strategies that I learned at a conference earlier this year," Johnson said. "I'm hopeful the students will come to appreciate how this instrument can be part of a process in discerning what to major in, what electives to take and what career options to seek."

StrengthsQuest is an assessment created by the Gallup Organization to help students recognize and build upon their strengths.

Typically, the assessment is given to McPherson's sophomore seminar groups.

One of the positive aspects to Johnson's system is that her students are visiting many parts of campus, yet the professors can stay

in their own classrooms and talk to the group.

"I was fortunate enough to attend a training about advising right before classes started," Johnson said. "The trainer opened my thinking to the possibilities of being a better advisor for freshmen. Since I have a little experience advising, I knew some of the areas where students struggle, and I wasn't sure I was focusing on the passions, interests and values of the students when helping them to plan their academic career."

Johnson's plan is "to develop whole students through scholarship, participation and service" as the school's mission states.

"I also believe that often students don't know what all is available or that they might not be interested in something until they experience it," Johnson said. "Before we visit a program, they are required to read about it in the catalog and highlight some classes they are interested in."

Scottish student shares about Mac Scottish Festival experience

BRITTANY VAN SANT
Spectator Staff

It was the best of times, it was the Scottish times.

The 14th Annual Scottish Festival took place in McPherson last weekend. The Scottish hosted the 2007 Masters World Championships for Highland athletics and the Masters Scottish Strongman Nationals.

Blair McTague is a sopho-

more from Falkirk, Scotland attending McPherson College this year. He said that for the most part, the festival was "pretty realistic. It was a bit sunny to be Scottish."

However, the festival put McTague at ease.

"Made me feel better about being here," McTague said.

McTague shared the background of clans, which were a common sight at the festival.

Clans are groups of people that come from the same ancestors. Each clan's name comes from the last name of that particular family. Each clan has a specific tartan, or kilt, that is representative of the clan.

"(You) don't have to wear your own clan's tartan, but it's tradition," McTague

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Are textbook costs too high?

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
Spectator Staff

Everyone has heard complaints about the high cost of books at our campus bookstore.

"I spent \$522 in books this semester in the bookstore," said Sarah Davidson, McPherson. "I think it is ridiculous to have to pay so much extra just for the convenience... next year Amazon here I come."

But why are they so expensive?

Linda Barrett, bookstore manager, provided some answers. For one, the bookstore does not have the ability to shop around for books like students do. It purchases books straight from the publisher or used book companies. Books and other items sold at McPherson are marked up and the profits are used to help with bookstore operation.

Barrett said the problem for our bookstore is that if too many students are buying elsewhere, it "could eventually cause higher markups or the college to no longer have a bookstore."

Many students are taking matters of book prices into their own hands by finding them online for cheaper than what the bookstore sells them for. There are many places like amazon.

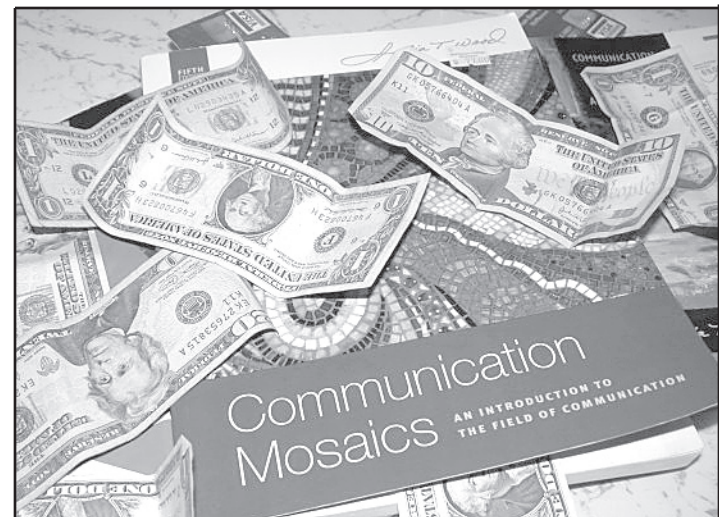


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com, half.com, alibris.com and textbooksrus.com that will buy books from students for more and sell books to students for less. All one needs is the ISBN number of the book.

Though many students prefer to use online sites, some still prefer the ease of the bookstore.

"I like having the bookstore out of convenience and I don't have to wait for them to be shipped," said Kyle Miller, "I always buy my books the second day of class, just so I know for sure which book we are using."

The book the professor chooses also affects the price. If the book is older by just one semester, it can make a huge difference in the price the student pays. Brand new books are incredibly expensive, as any-

one who's had that misfortune knows. Unfortunately, someone does have to pay those prices, and since our bookstore buys from the publisher, it will be the full retail value of that book.

Students and many parents are painfully aware of the effect that four years of book prices can have on wallets and bank accounts. Barrett's advice may help some to rest a little easier.

"I would encourage students to sell their books back at the end of each semester," Barrett said. "We have a company that comes in to buy back the books from the students."

So unless students like to keep their textbooks, the bookstore provides a place for students to get some money back.

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Intramural soccer, flag football begin

Intramurals offer something for everybody this year

ALAN GROSBACH
Spectator Staff

McPherson College is a few weeks into the fall semester and the intramural season is beginning.

This year, new assistant soccer coach Robert Talley, is leading the intramural program.

In the past, the intramural program has stayed pretty close to the mainstream sports, but this year Coach Talley plans to broaden the spectrum and present more opportunities for both non-athletes and athletes to compete in intramural activities that they do not normally get the chance to play.

The event list consists of many of the old favorites such as flag football, basketball, volleyball and softball.

But he is also extending the choices to pickleball, bowling, dodgeball, a triathlon,

golf and washers.

"I'm looking to create a fun and competitive atmosphere for everyone on campus to enjoy," Talley said. "I was told when I first came to McPherson College that intramurals are highly competitive here on campus. I'm looking to continue this tradition by keeping some of the same basic sports while also adding some different ones to mix things up a bit."

The intramurals have often been and will most likely continue to be a great outlet for people wanting to have fun, but still be competitive.

The intramural season actually began last weekend with 6-on-6 soccer and flag football.

For students that have a desire to compete, look for upcoming intramural opportunities, get a team together and join in on the fun, competitive spirit.



Photo by Abby Alfis

Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson, goes in for the kick in last week's opening intramural soccer games. New assistant soccer coach Robert Talley is mixing some of the old intramural activities with new ones.

33 and counting

Rodriguez breaks McPherson College career goals record

DAVID CADDIN
Spectator Staff

During Wednesday night's soccer game against Tabor, Armando Rodriguez, soph., Dallas, Texas, broke the old men's soccer career scoring record of 30, held by John White, finishing with 33 when the game was finished.

Rodriguez was tied with White's record at 30 going into the game and pulled off a hat trick against the Bluejays.

Rodriguez said he was able to break White's old record in less than half the time because "I have a good team around me and I use the talent that God gave me the best I can. I try to finish every opportunity I get (to score)."

Rodriguez attributes the team's and his success this year to "playing together. We have a lot of people

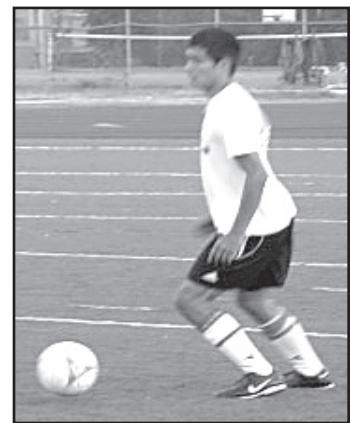


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Armando Rodriguez
Soph., Dallas, Texas

who have been playing together for awhile," he said, "and we know how to communicate on the field."

He gives a lot of the credit to head coach Doug Quint and said, "we have a good coach who trains us well."

Quint noted that "Armando is on pace to score 90 goals."

Football hungry for win this Saturday against University of St. Mary

Winless so far, the Bulldogs need to win out the season if they hope to see the playoffs

DAVID TUBERVILLE
Spectator Staff

McPherson's football team takes the field Saturday at 1:30 p.m. looking for a win against the University of Saint Mary Spires after the Bulldogs have started the season winless.

Saint Mary, with a 1-2 record, is coming off a win last Saturday against Ottawa.

Two weeks ago the Bulldogs competed against Kansas Wesleyan in a close match.

After the Bulldogs came from behind ten points in the fourth quarter, KWU scored with only seconds left in the game ending in a 31-26 KWU victory.

In last week's game, the football team took on Southwestern College, but only brought their game for one half. The McPherson football crew took the lead right before halftime 21-13. In the second half, the football playing was left to Southwestern, who scored three unanswered touchdowns,



Photo by Jessica Monaghan

Azaad Artis, jr., Phoenix, Ariz., carries the defender on his back as he goes for extra yards last weekend against Southwestern College. The Bulldogs hope to gain their first win this Saturday against Saint Mary's.

shutting down the Bulldog offense and pulling away a 34-21 win.

Offensive lineman Jeremiah Fiscus, sr., Stafford, said the offensive line needs to

execute and help the skilled players make plays.

"The game was a big disappointment and we didn't play to our full potential," Fiscus said.

For the defensive outlook, linebacker Brian Weiser, sr., Salina, said, "We played hard just had too many blown assignments."

Weiser said to beat the

ditionally good defense," Weiser said.

To play better football this Saturday, the Bulldogs will have to overcome key player injuries such as defensive back Jamion Turner, jr., Phoenix, Ariz., fullback John Campbell, fr., Bixby, Okla., offensive guard John Smith, jr., San Antonio, Texas, offensive guard Daniel Farley, sr., Wellington, and offensive tackle Dan Poffinbarger, jr., Phoenix, Ariz. Turner is out due to a pulled tendon in his hand, Campbell had a shoulder injury that could be season ending. Both Smith and Farley suffered injuries to their knees and are also season threatening injuries. Poffinbarger had his knee scoped and looks to play in a couple weeks if not next week.

Despite injuries, the team still has to play and play well to get a win over University of Saint Mary. Quarterback Wade Pederson, jr., Nampa, Idaho, expects the team to "have a lot more effort, better attitude and more confidence." Pederson said the team will be ready to play against the Spires.

McPherson goes to Sterling College on Oct. 6 and will have to bring their A-game. Sterling currently has a 1-2 record and is ahead of McPherson in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Spires, the team needs to shut out the offense and give the Bulldog offense good field position and better opportunities.

"The Spires have a tra-

Women's soccer team 5-3 overall, 1-0 in KCAC play

JACOB CUSTER
Spectator Staff

The women's soccer team will be truly tested this season. The team has only one senior on the roster, accompanied by eight freshmen.

McPherson is currently ranked fourth in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference with a 5-3 overall record and a 1-0 start in the KCAC.

The KCAC victory came in a 4-0 shutout over visiting Bethany College on Sept. 19.

The Bulldogs also posted a 3-0 win over Manhattan Christian College on Monday night and a WIN/LOSS over Tabor College on

Wednesday night.

Ana Calderon, fr., Lone Tree, Colo., doesn't seem to think that age and experience is what will determine the team's season.

"We can win and we can be better than the teams before us," Calderon said. She also said that she sees the rest of the season "going very well."

Victoria Salas, Wichita, is the only senior on the team. As the only senior Salas said, "There is a lot of added pressure. The more inexperienced players look for me to be a leader."

Despite being a young team Salas believes that the key to winning a KCAC championship will be con-

"We can win and we can be better than the teams before us."

- Ana Calderon

sistency. She feels that they can win by proving that team chemistry will outshine experience.

The team hopes to improve on the 4-4-1 record they posted in the KCAC a year ago.

Goalkeeper Andrea Swanson, fr., Littleton, Colo., will be a big part of the team's success. So far Swanson has posted three shutout victo-

ries.

The women's soccer team has upcoming games against Ottawa University on Saturday and against Bethel College Oct. 3. Both games will be played on the road.

With eight freshmen on the roster, every game will be a test of teamwork and playing hard for the Bulldogs.

"Being a young team gives them something to prove," Salas said.

Photo by Orlando Dominguez

R: Haley Cook, fr., Centennial, Colo., drives forward against a Tabor defender on Sept. 26. Cook is one of eight freshmen to play for the young team.



McPherson soccer on a roll

JACOB CUSTER
Spectator Staff

The men's soccer team started the season ranked second in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. With high expectations, the Bulldogs have surged to a 7-1 overall record and have started off 1-0 in KCAC play.

The Bulldogs opened KCAC play with a 7-2 victory over visiting Bethany College on Sept. 19.

Earlier in the year the team upset the nationally ranked University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma 1-0.

The win temporarily placed the Bulldogs #5 in Region IV National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics polls.

Goalkeeper Michael Davis, sr., Bethany, Okla., is off to an impressive start with three shutouts. Davis was named defensive player of the week Sept. 10-16.

Davis said that to win a KCAC championship the team will need to "beat the teams they are supposed to and take care of the ones

"(The team will need to) beat the teams they are supposed to and take care of the ones they are not."

— Michael Davis

they are not."

On Saturday, the team will travel to Ottawa University for its second KCAC game. Armando Rodriguez, soph., Dallas, Texas, said that in order to beat Ottawa, "the team just needs to play the way they always play."

Davis feels the team can do that.

"(We) should take care of Ottawa and get the win," Davis said.

The team will travel to Bethel on Oct. 3, to take on the Threshers in their fourth KCAC matchup.

"This game will be our first true test in KCAC play," Davis said.

Rodriguez, who was

named offensive KCAC player of the week Sep. 17-23, said that "Bethel is very good," but he believes that "we have the team to beat them."

Rodriguez also believes that the team can make a run at winning the KCAC championship.

"If we play as a team and play hard every chance we get, we can meet our goals," Rodriguez said.

As a team that was ranked in the top five in the region, the Bulldogs' expectations became very high.

"The rankings did not effect the way that the team played," Rodriguez said. "They just continued to play their game and played it very hard."

The Bulldogs finished 2-0 over Manhattan Christian College on Monday night and WIN/LOSS against Tabor College on Wednesday.

Still to come in the McPherson's schedule is the first-ranked Kansas Wesleyan on Oct. 6 and second-ranked Friends University on Oct. 12.



Photo by Orlando Dominguez

Josue Guterrez, soph., Borger, Texas, dribbles the ball around a Tabor defender on Sept. 26. The men's soccer team is currently 1-0 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference and 7-1 overall.

Volleyball still searching for first conference win

Lady Bulldogs travel Saturday to take on Southwestern College, which is also yet to post conference win

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldog volleyball team has had a rough start to the their season with a current 0-6 record in KCAC play and 3-11 overall.

Most recently, the volleyball team played the Sterling Warriors at home on Thursday night. The match ended in another unfortunate loss for the Lady Bulldogs.

"Obviously, there's some frustration because we haven't won a game in conference yet," said head coach Nathalea Stephenson. "However, our girls are working really hard and I know we're going to win."

On Sept. 15, the Bulldogs traveled to the Mid-America Nazarene Tournament where they fell in five games.

After a quick 10-minute break, the Lady Bulldogs

played nationally-ranked Oklahoma City University. McPherson didn't make it an easy win for OCU. After losing the first two matches, the Bulldogs came back fighting and won the third game of the match. But that would soon end for the Bulldogs, as they lost the fourth game.

McPherson traveled to the University of Saint Mary on Sept. 25.

After taking game two, 30-26, the Bulldogs played catch up all night and fell in four games.

The Lady Bulldogs hosted the Ottawa Braves on Sept. 19 and ended short again as they lost 3-1. After winning the first game, it all seemed to go in favor of the Braves. Ottawa ended up taking three straight games from the Lady Bulldogs.

Despite the team's recent losing streak, Amy Hallow-

ell, sr. Pratt, remains optimistic.

"Once we get our first win, which will be this Saturday, everything will fall into place."

Hallowell believes that with more communication the team will be firing on all cylinders.

"We have the skills and the abilities," Hallowell said. "Now we need to brush off the losses and win."

Stephenson echoed Hallowell's thoughts.

"It's just a matter of time," Stephenson said. "Sometimes when you want something so bad, they overcompensate. They want to win so bad, that it gets in the way."

The Bulldogs will be back in action at Southwestern College on Saturday at 7 p.m. Neither Southwestern or McPherson have posted a conference win this season.



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Nikki MacKay, sr. Peculiar, Mo., dives for a ball spiked at her during Thursday's match up against Sterling College. The volleyball team fell to Sterling in four games and hopes for their first conference win this weekend at Southwestern.

Looking for the 'Ultimate' fun?

Mudhuckers to compete in Manhattan tournament this weekend

DAVID TUBERVILLE
Spectator Staff

The Mudhuckers will compete in an Ultimate Frisbee tournament this weekend at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Though the number of members varies throughout the year, competing at the tournament for McPherson College this weekend are Alan Grosbach, sr., Gladstone, Mo., Seth Schomling, sr., McPherson, Jeremy Hoffman, sr., McPherson, alumnus Andrew Gustafson, McPherson, Jordan Rothrock, soph., McPherson, and Jess Hentz, jr., Independence, Mo.

Members and fans are welcome to participate in the local games that take place during the week, which start at 5:15 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

There are Ultimate Frisbee pickup games that anyone can be a part of, even non-students and faculty.

The game is played seven-on-seven, but with an average attendance of 10 to 16

To watch or play, look for e-mail updates or go to <http://wwwi.mcpherson.edu/clubs/ultimate/index.html>.

people, the numbers of people playing at once sometimes varies.

Grosbach has played Ultimate Frisbee for four years.

"Ultimate Frisbee is a fun, competitive and an intense game to play," Grosbach said.

Grosbach looks forward to new members participating and upcoming tournaments this year. He wants to see more players and fans.

"Whether you have no experience or 100 years experience, you're welcome to come play," he said.

Ultimate Frisbee members would like to attend five tournaments this year including the one here in McPherson on Nov. 3 and 4 at Grant Fields.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Alan Grosbach, sr. Gladstone, Mo., is a four-year veteran of Ultimate Frisbee and encourages even those with no experience to check it out.

Rothrock, Clary win doubles at Hutch CC

Cross-town rival Central Christian College next on schedule

CAROL SWENSON
Sports Information Director for
McPherson College

The Bulldogs played the first team match of their fall season with a dual at Hutchinson Community College on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

The Bulldog men won the portion of the match, 6-1, while the Lady Bulldogs were blanked, 7-0.

Jordan Rothrock and Nathan Clary won #1 doubles for the Bulldog men, 8-3, while Tim Koehn and Brett Mowry won #2 doubles, 8-4.

In the men's singles matches, Clary won #2 (6-1, 6-0), Koehn took #3 (6-1, 6-0), Mowry grabbed #4 (6-3, 6-2), and Gary Yates came away with a win at #5 (6-

0, 6-4). Rothrock was the only Bulldog to drop his match, falling 4-6 and 6-7 in a tie breaker.

For the Lady Bulldogs, Kelsey Buffo and Ashley Andrews teamed up for the #1 doubles and fell 8-4. Mallory Griggs and Mariah Coberly played #2 doubles and lost 8-1.

Hutchinson CC swept all four of the women's singles matches, turning back Buffo at #1 (6-4, 6-2), Ashley Andrews at #2 (6-0, 6-4), Mallory Griggs at #3 (6-0, 6-2), and Mariah Coberly at #4 (6-4, 6-2). McPherson forfeited the #5 singles spot.

The squad will wrap up their fall season next Tuesday with a dual against Central Christian College.

Campus thefts continue; Rothrock: lock doors

Robberies in Metzler, Dotzour and vandalism to cars in parking lots put students on their guard

ABBY ALFS
Spectator Staff

"I can't turn my homework in today, it got stolen."

That excuse might just work with the number of thefts that have been going on around campus.

This fall, there have been four reported incidents in which items have been stolen from rooms - three in Metzler and one in Dotzour.

"In all cases, the rooms were not locked," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

Josh Dick, soph., Longmont, Colo., had an X-Box stolen from his room in Metzler.

A cell phone was stolen from Cain Wright, fr., Pryor, Okla.

David Mayers, sr., Chandler, Ariz., had his TV stolen

"Please lock your door. The only thing [residents] are in control of is locking our doors. When you're not in the room, when you go to class, when you go to bed at night, lock your doors. That's the one thing you can control."

- LaMonte Rothrock



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Justin Thompson, fr., Fairland, Okla., sits inside his car last week. His radio was stolen when someone broke into his vehicle.

dents, Thompson returned to campus Sept. 10 to find his car had been broken into. His radio was stolen.

At this point, administration and students have no idea who is doing it.

The only time that suspicious behavior was observed was when Allen's laptop was taken from his room.

Someone who looked like a college student was wandering around Dotzour Hall in the time frame that the laptop may have been stolen.

The person was not from McPherson College.

"I don't know how many times we've said this, we've said this multiple times last year, we've said it this year in residence hall meetings," Rothrock said. "We have signs all over, at least in Dotzour, if not in other buildings."

Rothrock said people should lock their doors when they are not in their rooms.

"When you go to class, when you go to bed at night, lock your doors. That's the one thing you can control," he said.

If something is stolen, contact the police within the next few days to file a report.

Homeowners insurance will pay for the item stolen, but the only way the insurance company will help you is if you do file a report with officials. If the culprit is found, things will try to be worked out between administration and him/her.

If things cannot be worked out, then they will be dismissed from campus.

"I like it when the students prop the doors open when they're playing games across from each other, but as soon as you leave, if your roommate is not there, lock it up," Rothrock said.

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said.

Along with the clans, the festival was host to the Highland Games and the Highland Dance Competition that took place on Saturday followed by the Strongman Games on Sunday.

"(The competitions) were way cool," said Tim Braginton, soph., Winnemucca, Nev.

Other festival events throughout the weekend included sheep dog demonstrations, the Scottish hammer throw and Irish dance and clogging demonstrations.

"(The dancing) was different, never seen anything like that," said Chris Bode, soph., Flagler, Colo.

Along with music headliners, there was a Saturday buffet dinner.

"The dancing was different, never seen anything like that."

- Chris Bode

The headliners included internationally-known Scottish folksinger Alex Beaton, singer and guitarist Cindy Kallet, and duo Mick Doyle with Dave Marsh.

Throughout both days there were many activities going on other than music and people throwing large poles.

"I enjoyed the 40 plus year old men who threw things over poles," said Dale Schwartz, Crystal Lake, Ill.

Though the Strongman Competition entertained Schwartz, he would have preferred to compete in the competition, but one of the requirements is that

participants must be 40 and older.

"I didn't like the fact that I could not participate in the strongman competition," Schwartz said.

Competitors came from places such as Canada, Norway and Switzerland. The Strongman Competition consisted of three events including turning the caber, also described as log tossing; tossing the sheaf, or pitchfork;

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and throwing the Scottish hammer.

Additional events included Border Collies herding sheep, live steel historic re-enactments, British cars, a Celtic

"(The competitions) were way cool."

- Tim Braginton

marketplace, children's games and crafts, and a food court with Scottish meat pies. There were many cars on display including MG's, Mini's and Triumphs. On Friday night, participants kicked off the festival with a special Clan Fire Ceremony featuring Beaton.

Throughout the festival were many displays of bagpipes. While Bode thought the bagpipes got "real annoying real fast," Schwartz said he "enjoyed the people who played."

Verity Spencer, fr., Yamhill, Ore., said she "really got the Scottish vibe... and shows that it still exists today."

Alma mater song will play after games

Pep band brings back an old tradition, playing "O Sacred Truth" after home football games

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We've all heard it. The slow, eerie song the pep band plays after home football games.

The one that some seem to associate with defeat.

The song is actually the official McPherson College song, called "O Sacred Truth," and is meant to "invoke school pride," said Greg Thaller, band director.

"It is a musical way to bind the college students, faculty, staff and alumni together," Thaller said. "It's very much like how our national anthem, in a way, brings us together as Americans."

Thaller said this is why

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"O Sacred Truth"
Words by J. A. Clement

Altho' out on broad
Kansas plains,
Here not in vain are
we,
For we will strive with
might and main,
That right and truth
may be.
The student loves to
dream his dream
Of life that's yet to be,
Of future days and
years that'll seem
The best for old M.C.

We'll hope for our
M.C.,
We'll cheer for dear
M.C.,
While winds do blow,
And sunflowers grow,
We'll long for thee,
M.C.

True soldiers once
with sword of might,
Worked for our free-
dom long;
And now to keep our
pages white,
Will be our purpose
strong.
Beneath the smile of
sunny days,
Let truth and freedom
reign;
Within our College let
us praise,
The deed that'll leave
no stain.
(repeat chorus)

We are an army-on
the way-
Some day the world
will see
Us larger grown and
then they'll say,
"Yet 'tis the good
M.C."
Dear Truth, without
thee we must fall,
O, then our pillar be,
O, Truth, be thou our
stay for all,
And stand for our
M.C.

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"It would be nice if we had additional help, but it is my job and I think it is working," said Bob Ray, assistant football coach. Ray now shares in the new responsibilities.

Rothrock said, "One misconception many students have is that work study money is all federal money. Most of the work study money comes from McPherson College."

In fact, only 23 percent of all work study funds are from the federal government this year.

More than \$70,000 was spent on student work

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will participate in an internship before they graduate, only 15 percent of Wichita State University had internship experience prior to graduate school last year.

All majors at McPherson College have liberal arts background that helps ensure that students are ready for graduate school if they choose not to take a job after college.

study jobs three years ago. Since that time, the money spent on those jobs has been decreased by about \$40,000 while showing an improvement in the work.

The money is not being taken from financial aid, but the athletic department is "taking the work study money and using it in a different way," Rothrock said.

There are plenty of work study jobs still available for students on campus, but just not in the athletic department.

Rothrock said the jobs are getting done in the Sport Center and there are weekly meetings being held to keep all accountable on their duties.

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throck said. "It's not in the budget."

The issue was brought to students' attention again this year as Student Government Association invited interested parties to their meeting in favor or against adding black.

Sader said SGA will now decide if they wish to make a recommendation to the college on revisiting the issue.

"We're going to analyze it some more," Sader said.