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## MC HOMECOMING

### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

#### Friday, October 12

7:15 a.m. – Golf Classic Tournament 4-person scramble (Turkey Creek Golf Course)

1:30 p.m. – Honors Convocation Young Alumni Awards presented (Brown Auditorium)

Following Honors Convo – Alumni Panel Discussions (Select locations)

7:30 p.m. – Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Reception (Sport Center)

7:30 p.m. – Theatre alumni production of "Noises Off" (Brown Auditorium)

#### Saturday, October 13

7:15 a.m. – Registration for Bulldog 5K Walk/Run

8 a.m. – Bulldog 5K Walk/Run

8:30 a.m.-noon – Bulldog Visit Day for high school students

9 a.m.-2 p.m. – Antique and classic cars on display (Lawn north of Miller Library)

10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Inflatable toys (Mingenback Mall)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Fair with booths, games, food and fun (Miller Library area)

11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. – Tailgate party lunch for the entire campus, alumni and families (Mingenback Mall)

Noon – Dayton Rothrock Alumni Fellows luncheon (Mingenback Theatre; pre-registration required)

1:30 p.m. – Football game vs. Haskell Indian Nations University (McPherson Stadium; free to the public)

Following football game – Ultimate Frisbee (Lakeside Park)

5:30 p.m. – Women's soccer (McPherson Stadium)

7 p.m. – Alumni volleyball scrimmages (Sport Center)

7:30 p.m. – Men's soccer (McPherson Stadium)

#### Sunday, October 14

10:15 a.m. – Worship (Church of the Brethren)

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Brunch (Cafeteria)

2 p.m. – Choir & Alumni Concert (Brown Auditorium)

For additional Homecoming information, visit [www.mcpherson.edu/alumni/homecoming](http://www.mcpherson.edu/alumni/homecoming) or contact Sally Nelson, director of Alumni Development, at (620) 242-0438.

# Picking up the pieces

Five months after a devastating tornado, Greensburg struggles for a return to normalcy

On Thursday, Sept. 27, the Kansas Press Association and Fort Hays State University hosted a media day in Greensburg, Kan., to give media outlets a chance to see the progress being made in the town. *Spectator* editor-in-chief Adrielle Harvey participated in the media day. This is her report.

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

Last May, a tornado nearly wiped the town of Greensburg off the face of the map.

The EF-5 twister, with a 1.7-mile wide base and winds exceeding 200 mph, ripped through the town of about 1,550 people, flattening buildings, caving houses into their basements and uprooting trees and power line poles.

"Tons of trees looked like braided hair during the storm," said Matt Deighton, a Greensburg resident and volunteer coordinator for South Central Kansas Tor-

nado Recovery Organization. "My mom looked at me and said, 'is this the end of the earth?'"

Nearly 95 percent of the town was either destroyed or damaged.

"Send bulldozers."

Just after the storm hit, many organizations that wanted to help contacted James Bond, SCKTRO project manager. The organizations asked what resources Greensburg needed.

Bond said, "Send bulldozers, there's nothing left."

Five months later, the people of Greensburg are taking progressive steps in the displaced community.

Clean-up and removal of debris still takes place on a weekly basis, but what is more exciting to community members is the beginning stages of building and repairing homes. The town also realized the importance of normalcy for the children and quickly began work on a school. Though electricity

was not restored until Aug. 9, school began Aug. 15.

The temporary school, which is two to three weeks from completion, is taking place in mobile units.

"We'll be here at least two years," said Darin Headrick, USD 422 superintendent. "Best case scenario, we'll get in a new building fall 2009."

Work on the kitchen, gymnasium and industrial arts building for the temporary school is currently taking place, and until the kitchen is finished, students will continue eating sack lunches daily.

"Long-range we're going to build a permanent school," Headrick said. "We want to make sure it's safe easy, access. We want to make sure it's bikeable, walkable."

This year's enrollment K-12 is now about 196, compared to last year's 263.

"It's going to take us, I



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

A brand new street sign in Greensburg overlooks a makeshift sign used after the twister destroyed the town in May.

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## Young Alumni awards at Honors Convo Friday

COURTNEY BOHNENBLUST  
*Spectator Staff*

Homecoming is not only a time of reunion, but a time of recognition. Three alumni have been chosen for the 2007 Young Alumni Award.

The recipients are Doug Lengel '82, Shannan Kirchner-Holmes '92, and Jenny Stover-Brown '97.

The first awards were given in 1994. The purpose is "to recognize achievement and potential for accomplishment of McPherson College young alumni" and those who exhibit qualities of scholarship, participation and service.

Recipients are recommended by the Alumni Awards Committee and ap-

proved by the board of trustees. All alumni are eligible for nominations, with preference given to those celebrating reunions between 10 and 30 years.

Doug Lengel earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from McPherson and a master's degree in economics from Wichita State University.

Lengel instructed at the college from 1985-86 before becoming an assistant bank examiner with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. His long list of positions include associate professor of business at three colleges, an associate academic dean, sales work at Barrier Motors, and later education director for the Master Builders As-

sociation.

"Wylene and I decided a long time ago that we couldn't follow two careers simultaneously," Lengel said. So in 1993, they decided he would stay home and work at the church while she pursued her career in the pharmaceutical/biotech field.

Lengel and his wife reside in Carlsbad, Calif., where he serves as secretary at his local church.

Shannan Kirchner-Holmes, Port Townsend, Wash., holds a bachelor's degree in biology from McPherson. She now practices family medicine after receiving her

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Photo by Shaun Griffin

Several students participate in the Tug of War Sunday at Lakeside Park as part of the sMACdown activities.

## 65 prospective students to visit on Saturday

KIMBERLY MORRIS  
*Spectator Staff*

A tradition is coming about at McPherson College. For the third consecutive year, Bulldog Visit Day will be held during Homecoming Weekend.

"Bulldog Visit Day is a way students interested in attending McPherson College can find out more about McPherson College by visiting campus," said David Barrett, associate director of admissions and financial aid.

The day kicks off at 8:30

a.m. on Saturday.

Barrett expects 65 prospective students to be on campus for the event.

Throughout the day, students and their parents will get the chance to talk with the faculty and staff. They will also get an opportunity to look at the various clubs

on campus by stopping at their booths.

The families will also find out about the admissions and financial aid process and students services opportunities.

They can also see the alumni theatre production "Noises Off," and the football and soccer games.

Bulldog Visit Day is a way that the college created to help students to make a better educated decision by visiting the college.

"I can't think of a better day than homecoming," Barrett said.

Bulldog Visit Day requires

much help among the campus community. Not only is the faculty and staff working together to create a good experience for these future students, but also the various clubs and student ambassadors.

The clubs on campus have been working to create fun and interactive booths for the campus community and visitors. These booths are a way to educate people about what their clubs are and what they do in and out of the campus community.

Student ambassadors will be giving tours to the stu-

dents and their families, while talking to them about life and the different programs at McPherson College. The ambassadors give the students their first impressions of what the school is like.

"First impressions are important and I want to help make sure our prospective students get a good one," said student ambassador Melisa Grandison, fr., Quinter.

There will be two more visit days during the school year, the first on Feb. 9, 2008 and the next on May 3, 2008.

"I can't think of a better day than Homecoming."

- Dave Barrett



LEAD EDITORIAL

# Homecoming is about welcoming alumni back to campus

Alumni are the history of the college. Its reputation and standing was established on the merits of alumni. Without the support of past students the very existence of the college would be in jeopardy.

With events like eating contests, movie star day, royalty voting and bonfire night going on, it is easy to lose sight of the true meaning of Homecoming. This is actually a week for the entire college to lay out the welcome mat for its alumni.

Homecoming is an opportunity to show our appreciation to those who have made this school what it is. For alumni, Homecoming weekend is about reconnecting with the people they shared their McPherson College experience with.

Some question why so much effort goes into dressing up the campus. This exercise sends a message that we care about these facilities and all that goes on in them. It also creates a pleasant atmosphere to allow alumni to relax and enjoy their visit.

During our time here we are forming connections and bonds that will last a lifetime and times like Homecoming will provide special memories.

So, have your fun, but make sure you make a special effort to welcome our alumni; you will be one of them soon. Think about how you would want to be treated when you return someday.

There are, of course, a few added pressures during Homecoming week.

Keeping up with all the related activities and preparations affords little extra time to just relax.

Also, parking will be a major concern over the weekend. If you leave campus expect to park in the north forty when you return.

If you do find some extra time, don't expect to spend it alone. There will be several hundred visitors milling around attending the various events and activities.

And lets not forget midterm exams next week. No pressure there!

Because of all these added pressures we need to be extra cautious of how we treat each other and our visitors.

These stressors can sometimes lead us to do or say things that we may not otherwise. Remember to take a breather now and then.

By the time Sunday night rolls around we will be wiped out from all the hard work and celebration. But it will be worth it knowing that we were able to host another successful Homecoming.

**ISSUE:**  
Meaning of Homecoming  
**OUR POSITION:**  
Homecoming is a school-wide effort to welcome alumni back to campus.

## Welcome to Tuberville



## CAMPUS FORUM

### Spectator needs to censor

In the most recent issue of the Spectator, a Shout It Out comment was posted that drew the attention of a myriad of McPherson College students. The comment, "If you attend Mac you have to love white people," took many students aback and left others dumbfounded and confused. What meaning does this comment carry? Was it posted as a joke or with sincerity? These questions had the student body buzzing about racism and the seemingly lax attitude of the editorial staff.

This comment is questionable and makes me wonder whether the editors looked into the underlying meaning of the comment before they published it. This comment can be viewed with many different twists depending on who is doing the reading.

To a minority, this comment could be offensive by insinuating that you are viewed as an outsider if you don't claim to love Caucasians. It could even be viewed as a threat, warning people to watch their backs if they don't love white people. The comment can also be taken as a cry for more diversity, but there are better ways to express feelings than isolating one group and demanding complete surrender, or surrender in love in this case.

Viewed from the outside, the comment could seriously take away from the credibility of the school. If you were a prospective student, whether you were white or not, would you want to live on a campus that reinforced racial comments?

The Spectator staff puts together good articles in every issue that are constructive and reflect positive aspects of the college. In light of this, they should focus more on censoring the parts of the paper that are likely to meet conflict and not reflect the view of every person on campus.

Spencer Torres  
Fr., Buhler

### Racist statements should not be published

I am writing in regards to the Shout It Out comment published in the last issue of the Spectator and your editorial explaining why you published it.

I have to say that I do not in any way agree with your reason for publishing the comment. I do not see how this was ever thought of as intelligent, funny or socially significant.

Maybe it is easy for you to say these things because you are not a minority. Being a minority from another state who is used to diversity and not racial tension, I was upset by this comment. I tried to think of any and every reason someone would put this in the paper and I could not think of one.

I understand that the Shout It Out portion of the paper is for students to voice their opinion. I also understand that you cannot please and cater to everyone. On the other hand, when it comes to racial comments, that is another story.

Racial tension still exists. That is something that we have to face and accept. I know that it was not your

intention to stir anything up, but with a comment like this, you have to really think about what could happen because of its being published.

Drew Griffin  
Soph., Rancho Cordova, Calif.

### Every voice needs to be heard

I'd like to thank you for publishing the Shout It Out comment that some people on campus found offensive and crude.

In a true opinion section of a paper, if someone writes in an opinion that has legitimate reason or opinion behind it, it should be published. By publishing every comment, even ones you don't agree with, you are doing the campus a favor. It's so simple-minded to believe that what you think, is completely and utterly the truth. As long as they are appropriate and don't hurt anyone, all opinions need to be voiced.

It's a simple matter of the First Amendment. When our forefathers founded this country, the first right they decided to give was the right of every citizen to free speech. Still today that is being tested and this incident is a perfect example. Just because some people find it politically incorrect or offensive doesn't mean it shouldn't be published.

Every voice needs to be heard. If we limited speech in this country, Martin Luther King or Malcolm X or any of the civil rights leaders might have never been able to speak, and where would we be today?

Thank you for your service to this campus. Keep up the good work.

Jesse Fredericks  
Fr., Longmont, Colo.

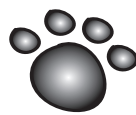
"If you attend Mac you have to love white people."

- Shout It Out,

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## CHEW ON THIS

Good Dog



Bad Dog

SAB for actively replacing bowling night.

For peeing off third floor Dotzour balcony.

SGA for asertively pursuing student concerns.

For taking bicycles that don't belong to you.

Chartwells for surveying students about their cafeteria experience.

Students who use a spit cup in class.

"Clocks slay time...time is dead as long as it is being clicked off by little wheels; only when the clock stops does time come to life."  
-William Faulkner

"Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned."  
-Aristotle

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# Jena 6 shows racial acts need to be taken seriously to prevent escalation

**SHOUT IT OUT!**

I imagine by this point, the majority of this campus knows the gist of what recently occurred in Jena, La. Many stories have flooded the internet over the past couple of weeks with updates and opinions about the Jena 6.

From what I have read, there were nooses hung on a schoolyard tree, which caused a protest. The act was dismissed as a "school prank" and not viewed as a hate crime.

Later, a white student was taunting a group of black students, which led to a fight.

The end result? Six black teenagers in jail, facing attempted murder charges.

I wanted to write this article with the best knowledge I could find and to be honest, each website I found had conflicting viewpoints.

However what I do know is this, six black teenagers are being tried as adults, which I disagree with. They are also being charged with some type of attempted murder, which I again disagree



Megan McKnight

with. It makes me question if our society is any different now than it was 50 years ago, if acts, such as hanging nooses, are still being committed.

I almost feel naïve when I try to believe that hate crimes don't happen so often, but I know they do.

From what I have read about the Jena 6, I don't believe those six young men should be in jail. How many of you got into fights when you were in high school? And how many of you went

to jail and faced attempted murder charges over those fights?

Imagine that it's 11:20 a.m. and you just got done with your classes. You start heading over to the student union for lunch and look up at the tree between Dotzour and the SU. To your surprise, there are a few nooses hanging from those branches.

How would this campus react?

I feel like our campus is generally positive and very encouraging when it comes to students, faculty, staff and everyone else we will interact with. If there were nooses hanging from the tree, it wouldn't be dismissed as a school prank. Someone would do something about it to make sure it wouldn't happen again.

I don't feel that we have a lot of racism or discrimination on this campus. Overall, students are friendly with each other and if they don't like another student, it's usually for personal reasons, not for reasons such as skin

“It makes me question if our society is any different now than it was 50 years ago, if acts, such as hanging nooses are still being committed.”

color. However, when I read a comment such as "If you go to Mac you have to love white people!" it makes me wonder where it stemmed from. It doesn't pop out of thin air, now does it?

I am in no way saying this comment was racist or really even offensive. It only makes me question what made that person say it. The person who put the comment in the box probably just had a funny conversation with someone that day and meant it as a joke.

But, if this really was a serious comment and the per-

son feels like there's some kind of tension or disrespect going on around the campus, I really encourage that person to speak up about it.

Everyone thinks that things will never happen to them. My best friend won't commit suicide, my parents won't get divorced, I won't get cancer.

But things do happen and people do affect one another. The students who put the nooses up didn't suffer any consequences. However, the Jena 6 will probably never have their lives back to normal and they probably never thought that they could end up in jail.

Those nooses may have been placed there to make a statement, just like the person who left the comment, but either way things like this need to be addressed.

We don't need more students facing attempted murder charges and having their lives thrown away because something was dismissed as a school prank and not looked at seriously.

# Banned books can teach valuable life lessons

The week of Sept. 29-Oct. 6 marked the national Banned Book Week.

The American Library Association sponsors a week each year to recognize a selection of books that have been "banned" because of their inappropriate content.

There have been over 8,000 books since the inception of Banned Book Week 26 years ago, that have not technically been banned, but challenged.

A challenge is defined as a formal, written complaint, filed with a library or school, requesting that materials be removed because of content or appropriateness.

The top reasons for a challenge is the book being sexually explicit, containing offensive language, or it being unsuited for a specific age group.

Challenges do not always turn into a ban, but do limit the availability and usage of a book in school libraries and classroom work.

While I find it great that the attempt is being made to protect children, why are outside people making the



Tabetha Salsbury

choices about what other people have the opportunity to read, especially at the high school and college level?

Elementary and middle school-level students should have some kind of regulation as to what is available from a school library, but by the time students are in high school, they should have enough sense and knowledge about the world around them to decipher what they feel comfortable reading and what they do not.

It is not that difficult for readers to simply close a book and put it back on the

shelf when they realize they are offended by the literature or do not feel comfortable reading it.

Younger students need supervision; they do not know any better than to just follow what the adults tell and teach them. Restricting, not banning, books on their level is a good idea.

Authors such as Maya Angelou, Lois Lowry, Toni Morrison, and J.K. Rowling, are just a few of the most common authors of challenged books.

Two of the most well-known books on the banned list are "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain and "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck.

I cannot imagine being unable to read these books as part of a classroom curriculum.

Both of these examples give great views into the truth of life. Were they challenged because people are trying to hide the truth about life and make it more a fairytale world than what it actually is?

Offensive language can

“Two of the most well-known books on the banned list are "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain and "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck.”

be distracting in a book, but in the real world a person is going to hear it constantly. They cannot be sheltered from it forever.

Maybe one day there will be a banned word week where the population can use words that are not generally allowed because of their offensiveness.

This, of course, is just silly and impractical, but is very similar to banning a book. A book can give a person a new view on life or can reinforce what they already believe, no matter whether it is talking about homosexuals, love, crime or violence.

Every person in this world

has grown up differently; with different beliefs, views, and opinions. Many share a common ground, but overall they are still different.

What makes it right for a book to be banned when it could be related to a person's life? Just because every person does not see violence or hear vulgar language everyday does not mean that it doesn't exist. Banning books with such content is just another way to brush what really happens in the world under the rug.

When students get out into the real world, after high school and college, the topics and experiences described in most of the banned books become reality.

It would seem legitimate to read these books in school so there is not a huge surprise waiting for them at the doorway of life that says "Welcome, here is everything you were not allowed to read in school, but actually takes place in the real world."

More information about banned book week can be found at [www.ala.org/bbooks](http://www.ala.org/bbooks).

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

I'm so proud the Homecoming Royalty is not all athletes.

Enough with the country music in the morning. Waking up is dreadful enough.

Veal? OMG, I love eating baby cows!! Not.

Drunk Roommate Anonymous

I miss my boyfriend's mohawk.

Are there supposed to be bugs in my salad?

Q: Where were you last night? A: I have no idea!

Your mother doesn't live here. Show some respect and clean up after yourselves.

Learning how to flush the toilets wouldn't hurt either.

It's sad when you have friends that base their schedules around bars.

Learn how to cut broccoli stems.

I thought Homecoming was for the student body, not the teachers.

I read in the Spectator that the college needs a motto. I suggest *Lusum ante Eruditio* as an appropriate motto. Look it up if you want to know what it means. (Play before learning.)

Seal the window!

Did you know that Alaskans eat the most ice cream in the United States. Bet you didn't.

I love carpet.

The SU should stay open 'til 8 o'clock on the weekdays for those athletes with practice till 7:15 - 7:30.

Why does admissions only recruit athletes and not other student activities!

Choices for the Alumni Panel Discussions are limited. Fix it!

The 6-P method to almost everything: proper prior planning prevents poor performance.

## On the Fly

### How do you feel about attempts to ban a book you have read?



“I think banning a book just gives it more exposure, it's counter-intuitive.”

Nick Jones Sr., Gahanna, Ohio



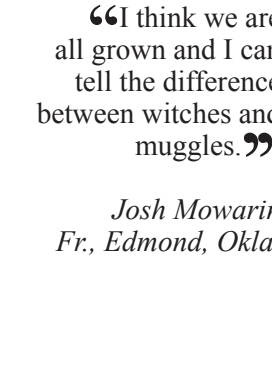
“I think if there can be lesbian magazines in the library, then you can read Harry Potter.”

Jess Hentz Jr., Independence, Mo.



“I don't think it is a great book unless it gets banned.”

David Tuberville Fr., Choctaw, Okla



“I think we are all grown and I can tell the difference between witches and muggles.”

Josh Mowarin Fr., Edmond, Okla.



“If you take away people's right to read you are taking away their right to think independently.”

Ashley Zodrow Fr., Chapman



“If you don't want to read it you don't have to.”

Shelton Thigpen Fr., Wylie, Texas





# Behind the Curtain

Tyler shows off 30 years of talent in his show in Friendship Hall

BETSY SHAFFER  
Campus Life Editor

The exhibition currently residing in Friendship Hall is a collective showing of many productions Rick Tyler has produced over the years. The pieces in the show depict seventy out of more than one hundred shows that Tyler has done.

"I think that this exhibit shows Rick Tyler to the best of his abilities," said Kimberly Smith, jr., Milford. "Many students don't know what all goes into a theatre production, but Rick is careful to examine each element and make sure everything goes together so that when the curtain opens the audience receives the best show they could possibly see."

Tyler, professor of speech and theatre, said he has saved everything, but the work chosen for the show is only about one-third of his entire collection. Some of the pieces he doesn't even remember having done.

The exhibit includes elements from Tyler's favorite or most recognized shows during the past 30 years, including some of his earliest renditions.

"You don't always start at perfection, everyone has to start somewhere," Tyler said. Tyler has been bold enough to put up not only his great-



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Kristen Towes, fr, Whitewater, observes theatre professor Rick Tyler's exhibit that will reside in Friendship Hall until Oct. 31. The exhibit includes 30 years of shows.

est successes, but also his failures and mistakes.

He has tried to include pieces from every generation of his teachings at McPherson College. With the 30th anniversary of the First Nighters program, the dinner theatre, Tyler wanted to have a play for all alumni to connect with.

He hopes that many of

the returning students will be able to walk through the exhibit and remember plays they have seen.

While all of the productions currently in Friendship Hall are Tyler's own creations, he admits that some of his favorite sets and designs are the ones he has collaborated on with students.

"I thought the display in

Friendship was cool," said Jenni Birdsall, fr., Lansing. "It was nice to finally walk by and see something neat in the building after it was kind of empty for a month."

A reception was held for Tyler on Oct. 11. Tyler gave a gallery talk as part of the event.

The show will remain in Friendship through Oct. 31.

## Spirit Week Activities

L-R: Mira Coulter, soph., Wakita, Okla., Kimberly Morris, jr., Topeka, Matthew Ayres, sr., Knoxville, Iowa, Emily Flora, soph., Quinter, and Amy Porter, sr., Quinter, have some fun at the cookout and tug of war competition on Oct. 7. Students competed in several activities throughout the week as a part of Homecoming. Activities included a relay race, eating contest, movie on the lawn and cheer/dance competition. Each dorm worked toward winning money for its residence hall.

Photo By Shaun Griffin



## Marching to their own Beat

Band to perform a program of classical and seasonal music

BRITTANY VAN SANT  
Spectator Staff

They've gone and supported the football team, soccer team and volleyball team, now it is time for McPherson College band members to be supported in their fall concert on Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Under the direction of McPherson's new band director Greg Thaller, many selections will be performed including John Phillip Sousa's "Kansas Wildcats March".

"Sousa and K-State fans will be sure to be satisfied," Thaller said.

For a calming effect the band will play "Autumn Silhouette" by Harold Walters. The song is both slow and peaceful.

Members will celebrate

Thanksgiving early by playing "Now Thank We All Our God," and in honor of the Homecoming theme, Medieval sMAC-down, "In the Forest of the King," which is a collection of Renaissance pieces.

For a more upbeat time the band will play the concert band classic, "Overture in B-Flat" by Giovanni. "Overture in B-Flat."

Thaller said the overtures catchy and beautiful melody "is sure to satisfy any listener."

The concert will also include George Enesco's "Romanian Rhapsody No. 1," and some Hallows-teen-like selections.

Thaller said the awe-inspiring theatrical piece uses nontraditional sounds and plenty of percussion.

## Choir celebrates 75th anniversary

BRITTANY VANSANT  
Spectator Staff

Many past graduates are joining the choir to participate in the 75th Anniversary McPherson College Choir Concert on Oct. 14 at 2 pm in Brown Auditorium.

The concert will include choir alumni from all over the nation and parts of Germany. Around 200 voices will gather for a mass choir concert, performing some of their favorite pieces.

There is no charge for admission and everyone is invited. Some of the songs the choir will perform include "Tenebrae," "For the Beauty of the Earth," "The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee," "Deep River," and "Be Ye Glad."

Four conductors will direct the choir - Doris Coppock, Stephanie Graber, Alan Gumm and current director Steven Gustafson.

Gustafson is the choir's 12th conductor and a 28-year member of the college faculty.

Coppock conducted from the late 1940s to the early 1970s, Graber from 1979-86 and Gumm from 1994-2000.

This weekend will consist of a three-day mass choir rehearsal. Overall, there are nearly 1,000 McPherson College choir alumni around the world.

"Choir alumni are most passionate about the choir," Gustafson said, "often commenting that their experiences performing and touring with the choir are among their most significant memories of their undergraduate days at McPherson College."

This reunion has drawn some of the most significant alumni response of any special reunion to this day. McPherson's planning committee is excited that two members from the earliest choir days will attend.

Gulah Daron '34, was a member of the first choir and Laurene Selack '37, was a choir member and longtime McPherson resident.

# The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW CHEER AND DANCE COACH ANITA PARKS.

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Anita Parks gives directions for a routine to the cheer squad during practice on Oct. 11.

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

**A** I am the cheer and dance coach.

**Q** Why did you come to McPherson College?

**A** My husband is a McPherson College graduate.

**Q** Do you have any kids?

**A** We have three boys.

**Q** Do you have any pets?

**A** Two dogs and they're males, too.

**Q** If you could be a shape, what shape would you be? Why?

**A** A circle. There's no corners. It's perfectly round.

**Q** What is your favorite fast food restaurant?

**A** I love Jason's Deli down in Wichita.

**Q** What is your favorite season of the year? Why?

**A** Spring. Just to see all the flowers blooming and it's a perfect temperature-70 degrees.

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

**A** Whining.

**Q** What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

**A** Anything with chocolate in it.

**Q** Do you have any hidden talents?

**A** I like to play sports, athletics. People probably don't relate that to cheerleading.

**Q** In one word, how would you describe yourself?

**A** Enthusiastic

**Q** What was your most embarrassing moment in life?

**A** In elementary school, I peed my pants in front of the class. It was at a Catholic School too.

**Q** What is your favorite movie?

**A** I like "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Save the Last Dance."

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

**A** A toothbrush, my family and electricity.

**Q** How did you decide you wanted to be a cheer/dance coach?

**A** I've always loved to dance and in high school I was a cheerleader. I really have a passion for dancing and cheering.

**Q** What is your favorite TV show?

**A** "The Hills," "Rock of Love." I'm a reality TV junkie. "Dancing with the Stars," I like that one, too.

**Q** What political issue do you feel strongly about?

**A** Healthcare would be the national level and local would be a housing issue.



# Homecoming Candidates

Who will win the crown in this year's homecoming competition?



**Jessica Foulke**  
Lawrence



**Joel Grosbach**  
Enders, Neb.



**Sheri Smith**  
Houston, Texas



**Alan Grosbach**  
Gladstone, Mo.



**Amy Porter**  
Quinter



**Travis K. Walker**  
Coffeyville

**Major:** History and political science, music

**Why did you choose to come to Mac?**  
"My parents both went here and my grandma worked here."

**What is your favorite memory at Mac?**  
"Probably going to NYC during interterm and seeing nine Broadway shows and an opera in seven days."

**What are your hobbies?**  
Theatre, music and sleeping

**What's your favorite quote?**  
"You know, you don't have to look like everybody else to be acceptable and to feel acceptable." - Mr. Rogers

**What advice do you have for other students with the same major?**  
"You can't study too much."

**How does it feel to be a homecoming candidate?**  
"It's a huge honor, especially to be on the court with so many other amazing people."

**Major:** Agriculture management, music minor

**What are your plans after you graduate?**  
"After graduation, I will return to the family farm in Nebraska."

**What are your hobbies?**  
Playing the pipe organ, reading and working on old farm equipment.

**Why did you choose to come to Mac?**  
"I wanted to be an ag major at a college that would allow me to more easily pursue my other interests, specifically music."

**What don't you like about your major?**  
"Generally speaking, I have few complaints about my chosen major. Perhaps the biggest disappointment is that the agriculture program is being discontinued."

**What is your favorite memory at Mac?**  
"My favorite memories probably are of the spring choir tour. It is a valuable experience to represent the college by singing in different communities."

**Major:** Business administration: management and marketing

**Why did you choose to come to Mac?**  
"The family environment. Knowing that the faculty and staff genuinely care about you, your academic, personal and spiritual growth without forcing their beliefs on you."

**What are your hobbies?**  
Reading, traveling, volunteering and the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program

**What is your favorite memory at Mac?**  
"Coming in last place during the 5K walk at homecoming last year. It was fun. Going on the Business Club trip to Nashville and meeting some wonderful friends."

**What don't you like about your major?**  
"The limited courses offered."

**How does it feel to be a homecoming candidate?**  
"It's truly an honor. I have to say that I never expected it, being a nontraditional and off-campus student."

**Major:** Agriculture science

**What do you like about your major?**  
"The science of animal nutrition and working with Al Dutrow."

**What are your hobbies?**  
Ultimate Frisbee, playing sports and watching sports.

**What's your favorite quote?**  
"When a ball dreams, it dreams it's a Frisbee."

**How does it feel to be a homecoming candidate?**  
"It's pretty cool. I have never been nominated for anything like this before."

**What don't you like about your major?**  
"Some of the classes get frustrating."

**Why did you choose to come to Mac?**  
"It is a small school, the agriculture program and I have family history at the college."

**Major:** Business management/finance

**Why did you choose to come to Mac?**  
"My whole family went to McPherson so I tried it for my first year and loved it."

**What are your plans after you graduate?**  
"This question has been on my mind for quite awhile. I still don't know exactly what I want to do, but hopefully I end up owning my own business someday, a business where helping people is the goal."

**What is your favorite memory at Mac?**  
"There's too many to count. One would have to be the interterm trip to Greece when I was a sophomore."

**What do you like about your major?**  
"I like learning about the business world. It intrigues me and I'm excited to get into it once I graduate."

**Major:** Philosophy and religion, business administration minor

**What don't you like about your major?**  
"The college doesn't offer a philosophy of underwater basket weaving class for me to supplement my philosophy studies."

**What are your plans after graduation?**  
"I'm planning to go to seminary at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, and become a pastor in the United Methodist Church serving wherever God needs me."

**How does it feel to be a homecoming candidate?**  
"I'm extremely honored that I have been chosen as a person who demonstrates the mission of the college."

**What advice do you have for other students with the same major?**  
"Do what are you called to do and do not let anyone or anything on this earth get in the way of doing it."

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# Three inductees enter Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday

DAVID CADDIN  
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McPherson College will induct three members to the 2007 Athletic Hall of Fame this weekend.

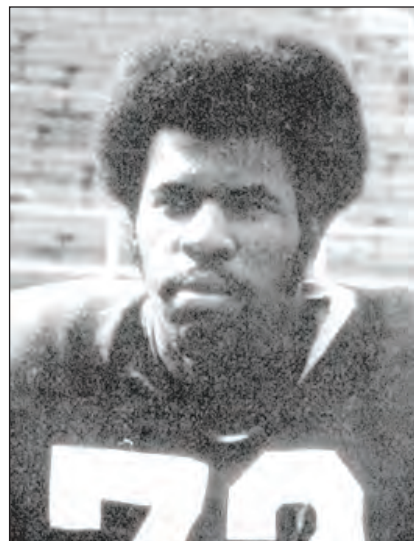
This year's inductees - Glenn Anderson '75, Jan Foley Monahan '75 and Mark Melhorn '75 - will be honored at 7:30 p.m. in the Sport Center on Saturday.

Anderson earned National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American recognition, as well as All-District and All-Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference honors as a defensive end for the Bulldog football team in 1973 and 1974. He ended his senior season with a unanimous All-District 10 selection and led the Bulldogs with 219 defensive points, which included 69 unassisted and 36 assisted tackles, five broken passes and seven recovered fumbles.

After interest shown by NFL teams such as the Packers, Lions, Patriots, Falcons and the Browns, he signed a free-agent contract with the Cleveland Browns.

Along with his four letters in football he racked up another four as a member of the Bulldog men's basketball team. Anderson led the basketball team in scoring and rebounding in 1974 and still holds the Bulldog single-game rebounding record with 37 boards against Tabor during the 1973-74 season.

Anderson was named McPherson's "Male Athlete of the Year" in the spring of 1975 and received his bachelor's in physical education.



Glenn Anderson

He is a department supervisor for the Department of Homeland Security and resides in Raytown, Mo.

"I had many great experiences during my time at the college," Anderson said. "McPherson College has such a storied athletic history dating back to the 1900s if not before, that it was my pleasure to be part of this history. The coaches I had during my stay from 1971 through 1975, such men as Sid Smith, Don Widrig, Don Romminger, were all stand up men who taught me a great deal about athletics as well as life."

The second inductee, Jan Foley Monahan, was a super-athlete who competed in tennis, basketball, track and field, volleyball, and softball during her time at McPherson College.

In tennis she was a two-time winner of the Kansas Association of



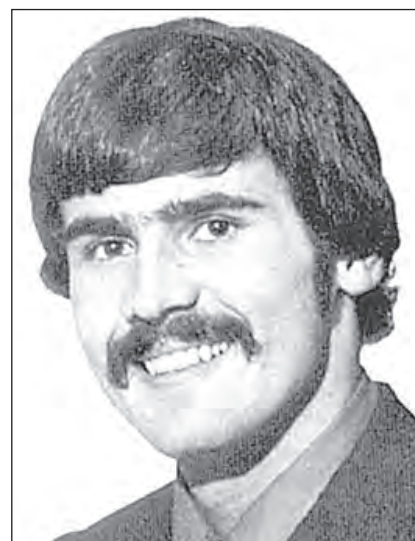
Jan Foley Monahan

Intercollegiate Athletics for Women No. 2 singles title in 1972 and 1974, as well as the 1974 Associated Colleges of Central Kansas No. 1 doubles title with her partner and 2001 Hall inductee Laura Sundahl Smysor.

Monahan's track and field honors include the ACCK high jump champion in 1975, after being the runner-up the year before, as well as placing in four events - high-jump, shot put, discus and the 440-yard dash - at the ACCK championships during her junior year.

During her four years in basketball, the Bulldogs had a 41-23 winning record and her career high came during her junior year when she averaged 9.8 points per game.

After earning a bachelor's degree in biology, Monahan earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from the Colorado



Mark Melhorn

School of Mines in 1982. She currently resides in Denver, Colo., and works as a reservoir engineer for McElvain Oil & Gas.

"Mostly I remember the fun of competition, not the statistics," Monahan said. "I remember the accomplishment that the McPherson teams were always competitive with the large schools. I remember playing KU and KSU in basketball and observing they were physically bigger than our players, but never thinking we couldn't beat them."

The final inductee is Mark Melhorn, who was also the recipient of the 1997 McPherson College Young Alumni Award. Melhorn was an All-KCAC honoree in both football and tennis.

He was the 1975 KCAC tennis champ at No. 3 singles and combined with his partner, 2006 Hall inductee Steve Burkholder, to win

the KCAC No. 1 doubles titles with a perfect 15-0 conference record. During his junior year in 1974 Melhorn and Burkholder placed second in doubles in the KCAC tourney after winning the ACCK title, Melhorn's second.

In his four years at McPherson, Melhorn was All-KCAC and All-ACCK each year winning 93 percent of his tennis matches.

In 1974, Melhorn was named All-KCAC first team in football for his skill as a linebacker. That year he had 53 unassisted tackles, 27 assists and three fumble recoveries.

After earning his bachelor's in chemistry from McPherson College he then received his doctorate from the University of Kansas School of Medicine. He then went on to UMKC-Wichita for his advanced studies in orthopedic surgery.

Melhorn served as a clinical assistant professor in orthopedic surgery at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita and is now an occupational physician at the Hand Center in Wichita where he currently resides.

"Sports were a great way to bring balance to college life," Melhorn said. "I had a great time playing football and tennis. I made friendships that have lasted a lifetime. Every time we get together, the stories of our successes just get better."

The one thing each inductee expressed, is their honor to be part of the legacy of McPherson College Athletics.



Photo by Orlando Dominguez

Eduardo Rodriguez, soph., Dallas, Texas, takes the ball up the field for a score.

## Men's soccer victorious after two KCAC losses

JACOB CUSTER  
Spectator Staff

The men's soccer team defeated the Southwestern College Moundbuilders 3-1 on Oct. 10.

The Bulldogs began the season with a 3-0 record, then fell to Bethel College and Kansas Wesleyan University earlier this month.

The team failed to score in each of the two losses and pushed to get the offense going again on Wednesday night in its win over Southwestern.

The win improved the team's record in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference to 4-2.

With high expectations for the season the men's team looks to finish up well and head into the KCAC tournament with a full head of steam.

"We are fighting for a spot in the playoffs," said Trenton "Deno" Bell, sr., Oklahoma City, Okla. "We need to play every game hard for 90 minutes."

McPherson plays Friends University tonight. Friends is currently ranked second in KCAC.

"We are coming off a big win against South-

western and we feel like we can beat them," Bell said.

In order to earn the playoff spot, the team will need to finish strong.

Keys to winning will be working hard and staying healthy.

"We are focusing on improving everyday and giving maximum effort to put ourselves in a position to win each and every match," said head coach Doug Quint.

Bell said the team needs to stay focused to reach their goals.

"At practice we need to treat every situation like it is a game situation," Bell said. "In order to continue winning we just need to play hard and have faith."

The men's team has only three KCAC games remaining. For the five seniors on the roster it is their last chance to leave a mark.

After tonight's game against Friends, McPherson will host Sterling College on Oct. 17, and University of Saint Mary on Oct. 20.

The outcome of these key KCAC games will determine whether McPherson makes it to the KCAC Tournament Oct. 23-27.

## Women's soccer picks up their fourth conference win

JACOB CUSTER  
Spectator Staff

The women's soccer team picked up their fourth Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference win against the Southwestern College Moundbuilders on Oct. 10.

The team looked to improve on their 4-1 KCAC record and came away with a 3-0 win in dominating fashion.

With upcoming games against Friends University and the University of Saint Mary, the women's soccer team looks to keep the wins rolling right into the KCAC playoffs.

With McPherson's only

loss coming to Kansas Wesleyan 3-0 the women's team plans to finish conference play with nothing but wins.

"When we get into the playoffs we will know what to expect from Kansas Wesleyan," said Whitney Williams, soph., Salt Lake City, Utah. "At this point in the season, winning the tournament has become one of our goals."

The lone senior Victoria Salas, Wichita, said, "the loss to Kansas Wesleyan was nothing more than a mental thing."

Salas thinks the team has the ability to beat the Coyotes if they had the chance to play them again.

With just three conference games remaining the women's team is in good shape heading into the playoffs.

"We have a chance to go into regionals and really surprise some people," Salas said.

The team is very young and throughout the season has matured and learned to play together as a team.

"At the beginning of the season our goals were to bond as a team and learn to work together," Williams said.

The team's goals have evolved from learning to play together at the start of the season into winning a championship.

Salas hopes the team can win all of their remaining games and head into the conference tournament with a winning attitude.

Tonight's game will be a true test as the team travels to Friends University. The Falcons are picked to finish one spot ahead of the Lady Bulldogs in KCAC play.

"I think we can do well," she said. "Post-season will be tough, but it is the tough games that good teams look forward to playing."

The team will wrap up conference play at home with games against Sterling College on Oct. 17 and the University of Saint Mary on Oct. 20.

## Volleyball team serves Bethany their first KCAC loss

DAVID TUBERVILLE  
Spectator Staff

The McPherson volleyball team looks to build off of tough losses. The team is currently 2-9 in conference play and 5-14 on the season.

Nearly two weeks ago on Sept. 29, McPherson got their first conference win against Southwestern College. It was a four-game match in the favor for the Lady Bulldogs that ended a 10-match losing streak.

McPherson took the first game 30-25, and after falling short the second game 28-30, McPherson showed consistency winning the next two games 30-20 and 30-12. Both teams were tied for ninth prior to the game.

Three days later the Lady Bulldogs faced Kansas Wesleyan betting them in the first game 30-28, but afterwards Kansas Wesleyan dominated the court winning the next three games.

McPherson then traveled to Friends University on Oct. 4. McPherson trailed in game one 27-29, before rallying to tie it at 30-30, but the Bulldogs couldn't finish it off and fell 30-32. Games two and three followed a similar pattern as Friends grabbed early leads, forcing the Bulldogs to play catch-up.

In both cases, McPherson would close the gap, but in the end the Falcons pulled away to 30-27 and 30-25 wins.

## ALUMNI GAME

There will be an alumni game for McPherson volleyball on Saturday at 7 p.m. The alumni game is where past McPherson volleyball players return to play the current volleyball team.

The game will be played like any regular game with officials and the same rules.

"It's a good time for the young players, like freshmen, to meet some alumni that help start this program," said head coach Nathalea Stephenson.

Alumni playing are Erica Alvarez '03, Amber Ontiveroz '04, Alexis Garcia '05, Andrea Brown '07, Renee Hall '07, Kendra Cox '07, Jen Marquette '07 and Chandra Mayhan '07. Jenny Richardson, assistant professor of business, will coach the alumni team.

Stephenson said the game is "a chance to bring back alumni and honor them for their accomplishments."

During halftime of the football game on Saturday, last year's volleyball team will be recognized for winning a national academic award for a team GPA of 3.51.

The ladies took on Tabor College on Oct. 8, but fell short once more three games to one. After losing the first two matches with close outcomes, the Lady Bulldogs took the third game 30-24, but it was the Bluejays who took the night victoriously, winning game four 30-27.

"I was very pleased with the way our girls played," said head coach Nathalea Stephenson. "They have been working so hard and they are starting to come around. We put a couple of girls in positions they haven't played before and they did a nice job."

The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Bethany Syedes

on Oct. 10, in three straight games handing the Swede their first conference loss of the season.

Games one and two were tough, but the third game was a nail-biter that took everything the Lady Bulldogs had to finish it out.

McPherson was down 28-29, tied it at 29-29, went down 29-30, and tied it again at 30-30 before Jessica Miller, sr., St. John, and Ashley Wegener, sr., Norton, each had a kill to give the Lady Bulldogs a 32-30 victory.

The Lady Bulldogs will travel to Newton on Oct. 16, to take on Bethel College.

The two have competed before this season ending in



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Kiley Loesch, soph., Raymond, is showing her vertical while executing a jump serve against Bethany on Oct. 10.

a Thresher win three games to one.

To win the upcoming game against Bethel, the Lady Bulldogs will need to "be more consistent and improve communication on the court," said Jessica Arpin, fr. Salina.



# Hunting season opens for those who use the bow

CHARLES BIEDERKA  
*Spectator Staff*

As the year advances into autumn, the fall sports' season is in full swing. However, another sport that may not be as openly celebrated on campus has got many excited as well.

This sport dates back to the earliest ages of man's existence on this earth, and in fact, didn't start out as a sport at all.

Hunting is something that many students look forward to all year long. But before those who are not interested in hunting write this story off as a piece about uninvited violence against our woodland friends, consider a few things.

A person who loves to be outside in nature has one major thing in common with almost any hunter. In some cases, hunters are part of the reason that the places people can go to enjoy nature are even available. The revenue generated by the state from things such as hunting licenses and deer tags help keep state parks open and maintained for everyone to enjoy. And as far as the violence goes, that's not the draw for most men and women who hunt.

Matt Farny, sr., Conroe, Texas, began bow hunting about a year ago.

"Hunting is a time to escape from everyday problems and stresses," Farny said. "It's also a great activity to do with family and friends."

The opening day of deer season for bow hunters in Kansas was Oct. 1. Weapons such as bows and muzzleloader rifles, which are considered to demand more skill to be successful while hunting, are given longer seasons than hunters who use rifles. So while rifle hunters will have to wait until Nov. 28, to have a chance

at a deer, archery hunters are nearly two weeks into their season.

Despite unseasonably warm temperatures on Oct. 6, Farny was in his tree stand at the McPherson State Fishing Lake by 6 a.m. waiting for deer to come and investigate the area he had chosen a week before.

Only bow hunting is allowed at the state lake, which makes it a great spot for archers because the land is not hunted very often and deer are not as pressured as in other public hunting areas.

While most students consider waking up for an 8:30 a.m. class to be a dreadful chore, the alarm heard by Farny at 4:30 a.m. was a welcome sound. Despite remaining in his tree stand motionless and silent for nearly six hours, Farny did not even fire his bow.

He did see deer, but none that he was hunting for, which, in itself, dispels the falsehood that all hunters shoot at anything moving.

"During the morning I saw three does," Farny said. "At around 7:30, one doe came within fifteen yards of where I was sitting. I am waiting to get a buck, so I didn't shoot, but to me this hunt wasn't a failure. I don't mind seeing a deer and not shooting it. They are such beautiful animals and I have great respect for them."

For Farny and others like him, hunting season is a time they look forward to all year. Every year, new people discover the thrill and enjoyment of hunting. Kansas is one of the greatest places in the country to do so.

There are several hunting areas open to the public within an hour of campus including the McPherson State Fishing Lake and the McPherson Valley Wetlands.

# Football hyped for Homecoming game against Haskell

DAVID TUBERVILLE  
*Spectator Staff*

The football team is looking to put on a good show for alumni at the Homecoming game against Haskell Indian Nations University at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Indians are winless this season, but will not lay down for the Bulldogs.

Head coach Brian Ward is an alum of McPherson College and is excited about coaching the Homecoming game.

"(With) a lot of fellow alums coming back to see the game, I feel a little accountable to win," Ward said.

McPherson is coming off a 28-42 loss against Sterling College last Saturday. The Bulldogs went into the fourth quarter tied 28-28, but could not hold the lead.

"Mental errors gave it away," said Jeff Paulson, soph., Limon, Colo. Paulson has played running back all season, but will make the transition to safety and may be an iron man playing on both sides of the ball Saturday.

The Bulldogs took on the University of Saint Mary Spires on Sept. 29, and played well enough to come out with a 33-21 win for the first time this season.

After quarterback Wade Pederson, jr., Nampa, Idaho, was injured early in the game Jacob Simon, jr., Leon, came off the bench. On the first pass of the game Simon launched a 49-yard touchdown pass to Matt White, fr., Houston, Texas, putting the Bulldogs up 7-0.

"It felt good to come in and make a big play," Simon said.

On a later drive after being denied back-to-back rushes Paulson broke one for 72 yards pulling up the Bulldogs to 14-0. After the two big plays the Bulldogs controlled the game and never allowed the Spires to lead.

This week the Bulldogs play their first non-conference game, but they are not taking the game lightly.

"We need to be focused for this game," Simon said. "Hopefully we'll have a boosted confidence with a bigger crowd."

A lot of team members feel the game could be no contest if they play to full potential.

"We haven't played to our full potential all year," said linebacker Ronald Morris, fr., Tulsa, Okla. "If we did we would be undefeated."

McPherson Bulldogs will take on Ottawa University on Oct. 20, at 1:30 p.m. The Braves have a 3-2 record.



Photo by David Tuberville

Travon Anderson, sr., Los Angeles, Calif., carries the ball down the field against Sterling on Oct. 6. McPherson fell to Sterling 28-42. The football team is 1-4 overall and 1-4 in the KCAC as it heads into the Homecoming game on Saturday.

## Quarterback Pederson: obstacles and perseverance

MALLORY YUNGENBERG  
*Spectator Staff*

There are many obstacles that an athlete must face and overcome to achieve not only one's personal goals, but the team's goals as well. Some of those obstacles are not so easy to overcome and the end result may not always be a favorable outcome.

So goes the story for McPherson's quarterback Wade Pederson, jr., Nampa, Idaho.

Pederson came to McPherson College as a freshman in 2001 to play football. And did in fact get to play, but his troubles began at the beginning of his sophomore year when he tore his anterior cruciate ligament on the fifth play of the season. He suffered other injuries as well.

During his time away from the game, Pederson still associated with football. He

coached a football team in Idaho and did play some football.

In 2004, Pederson planned to play for the Bulldogs again, but the doctor didn't think his knee was ready. He attended spring ball with the Bulldogs but didn't come back for the season.

Five surgeries later, Pederson decided to return this year to play McPherson College football.

"I wanted to come back to finish my degree and play football again," Pederson said. "I also wanted a new beginning and plus there was a new coach."

Head coach Brian Ward said the team owes Pederson for his dedication.

"He's had to make a lot of sacrifices just to begin with,"

Ward said. "We're indebted to him. We're really happy he put himself out there for us."

Not knowing when one may play his last game as a college athlete is a tough situation and this season Pederson encountered another devastating obstacle.

Pederson tore his ACL again and was told he will not be able to return to the football field.

This news came as a blow to Pederson.

"I'm going to miss being around all the guys because there are so many people from different places and you develop friendships from all over," Pederson said.

Ward said the beginning of the season was strong with the experience of both Ped-

erson and Jacob Simon, jr., Leon, who started the year as quarterback.

"(Simon) is very capable and intelligent so we'll rely heavily on him," Ward said.

However, Pederson's loss hurts the depth of the position, as the back up for Simon is a freshman with no college experience.

"We'll try to recover the whole year from (Pederson's) loss," Ward said. "He's still a very important part of our football team."

Though the team is off to a rough 1-4 start, Pederson thinks McPherson has a good chance to turn things around.

"It's the second half of the season," Pederson said, "and I expect the second half to be better than the first half."

## Cross country at full speed for Saturday's Mid-States Classic

JACOB CUSTER  
*Spectator Staff*

McPherson's cross country team hosted the McPherson Special Open on Oct. 6, the second home invitational of the season.

The guys finished second of four teams, falling to nationally ranked Southwestern College. The ladies finished in fourth place. However, three girls and three guys finished in the top 15.

Israel Ortiz, sr., Limon, Colo., finished second for the Bulldogs, Jacob Merrick, sr., Clearwater, 10th, and Brent Bailey, jr., Limon, Colo., 13th.

The Lady Bulldogs were led by Tiffany Poet, fr., Fla-

gler, Colo., who finished eighth, followed closely by Verity Spencer, fr., Yamhill, Ore., 10th, and Megan Meyer, jr., Beloit, 13th.

Other Bulldogs finishing the race were Matt Brown, fr., Bothell, Wash., 16th, and Zach Dowling, soph., Lakewood, Wash., 39th. Ashley Mitchell, sr., Great Bend, finished 26th and Mira Coulter, soph., Wakita, Okla., 31st.

For Ortiz, Merrick and Mitchell, this was their last time to run on the home field as a Bulldog.

The teams currently are headed into the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships.

"Israel Ortiz has a chance to be conference champi-

on," said head coach Dave Smith.

However, there are still some challenges for the Bulldogs to achieve before the season comes to an end.

"From top to bottom, we need to improve our times," Smith said.

The past meets have helped to prepare the Bulldogs for their toughest meet yet this year, which will be in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Mid-States Classic at Southwestern College on Saturday.

"Southwestern is the toughest meet, so we need to improve our times and placing," Smith said. "Our goal on the guys' side is to finish second in the KCAC."

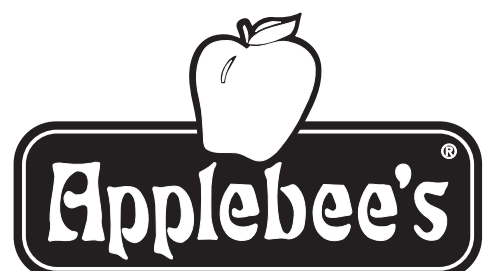
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# New courses give students more options

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Eells, provost and dean of the faculty.

Students in the behavioral science department might see some new class options. The department has added some new emphases to psychology and sociology.

"We're excited about it in the department," said Bryan Midgley, associate professor of psychology.

Incoming psychology majors have the option to choose to emphasize in health and human services or child development. New sociology students can choose between health and human services or criminal justice.

"I'm very excited about the new emphases," said Laura

With the new emphases come 11 new classes. The new classes include urban sociology for all sociology majors; criminal justice, juvenile delinquency, police and law enforcement, and correctional institutions for sociology majors with an emphasis in criminal justice. The health and human services emphasis now includes social work in American society and social gerontology which were added to the existing classes of introduction to human services and health psychology. The new classes in child development are parent child relations, child development and so-

## New Classes

- Urban Sociology
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- Parent Child Relations
- Child Development and Social Policy
- Applied Behavior Analysis and Youth
- Development Psychopathology and Assessment

cial policy, applied behavior analysis and youth, and development psychopathology and assessment.

As of right now, these classes are open to every-

one.

"If students in other departments want to take (one of the new classes) they should just talk to the instructor," Midgley said.

The changes were brought about when the behavioral science department went under review last year.

Department members talked to past, current and future students about what they were interested in.

They found that students were more interested in specific categories rather than general psychology or sociology.

It's an "opportunity to specialize a little bit," Midgley said.

This year there are three different departments that are under review: physical education, music, and English and modern language.

This is a standard procedure that every program

in higher education goes through every seven years or sooner if they want to make any changes to the department.

When the college reviews a program, it looks at the history and tradition of it, the program quality and viability, and cost and system efficiency.

The review lets each department plan for the foreseeable future.

"It's not just to look at the past," Eells said. "It's to help chart the future."

The review provides a way to help the program identify its strengths, what it needs to improve, the development of the program and its weaknesses.

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doctorate degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine in 1996.

"Before I even entered college, I was filled with idealistic expectations about medicine and caring for people in need," Kirchner-Holmes said during the 2000 commencement. "Then I started my

medical training. 'Bliss' is not on the list of words... though medicine isn't always 'blissful,' it continues to bring me joy."

As member of the Church of the Brethren, she volunteers her professional skills as needed and has been an active participant in campus events.

Jenny Stover-Brown, Wichita, holds a bachelor of arts in secondary English education. She received a

master's in social welfare from the University of Kansas in 2001.

"I was a fourth-generation family member to attend Mac," she said.

Since her graduation she has served as a school social worker and is currently at the Valley Center Middle School, where she created a "Reading Buddies" program, sending lower-level readers into elementary classes to read.

Some of her accomplishments include volunteer coordinator at Cafe 458 and participates in many activities with the Church of the Brethren.

Stover-Brown spent three summers serving as a McPherson College counselor/ambassador at camps in six states while in college. She also sings in her church choir, serves on the Fellowship Committee and provides children's stories.

# Committee works to retain diverse students

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Spectator Staff

"Our goal is to seek and retain diverse students."

- LaMonte Rothrock

This year's Diversity Committee is devoted to maintaining an environment that welcomes students who are diverse, including such things as celebration of special holidays or any other things that would be of interest to students.

The college is committed to making sure that the campus has minority and diverse groups.

Along with this, it keeps trying to find new ways to retain the more diverse students, maintain a social environment that values human difference and protect community members from discrimination and harassment.

The college maintains a full-time secular counselor whose services are available to students at no charge and a part-time campus minister. This year, the Diversity Committee and Student Services set up an online form called the "Harassment Incident Report."

This report is used for students and faculty to report incidents of harassment both on and off campus.

The committee offers services to help diverse students succeed in their courses, such as tutoring in English as a second language and accommodations for learning disabilities. The Diversity Committee is working with the National Accreditation for Teachers Education to help better prepare education majors for dealing with diversity in and out of the classroom. The Diversity Committee encourages

diverse students to serve as student leaders and to continue to give them full consideration for employment opportunities, such as in the resident assistant program.

This year, out of 498 full-time students, 20 percent are of minority or diverse groups compared to 15.6 percent of 493 students in 2006.

"Our goal is to seek and retain diverse students," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. "Among the minorities of students on campus, women are one of them with the auto restoration program and we are working to make it so the ratio is more even."

The ratio is currently a 60 percent male to 40 percent female ratio.

The committee has met once and will meet monthly from now on.

The committee consists of Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty; Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication; Tom Hurst, director of campus ministry; Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of modern languages; Rothrock; Dave Barrett, associate director of admissions and financial aid and chair of the committee; Shane Netherton, business manager; and students Maggie Vanduska, sr., Elinwood, and Sheri Smith, sr., Houston, Texas.

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would say four to five years to recover back to where we were and then I do think we'll grow after that," Headrick said.

## FEMAville

For anyone living in Greensburg at the time of the tornado, the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides the option of housing for those people.

"In a common situation, we would inspect the house and hopefully give them enough money to rebuild the house so it's safe, sanitary and secure so they can move right back in," said Ross Fredenburg, FEMA public information officer. "If they can't do that, we give them rental assistance to get an apartment or some other form of housing while their home is repaired."

However, Greensburg is a different story.

"In a case like Greensburg, there weren't any rental properties available so we had to initially put people who had applied to us in travel trailers in cities surrounding Greensburg in May and June while this group's site was being set up," Fredenburg said.

Now visitors to Greensburg can drive through FEMAville, a cluster of 230 mobile homes provided by FEMA. There are two sizes of homes created by four manufacturers with seven different floor plans. Each home takes 26 to 28 minutes to manufacture.

Harold Clark, a World War II veteran who has lived in Greensburg since 1959, said, "Greensburg was trashed worse than any battle scene I saw." Clark is currently liv-

ing in a FEMA trailer.

At 89 years old, Clark does not plan to rebuild his home. Instead, he hopes to return to his place of birth in Colorado. And though he would prefer to live somewhere other than a mobile home, he is thankful for the amenities it provides.

"It's pretty nice," Clark said. "I'm amazed. We've even got an icemaker."

FEMA has the authority to keep people in the mobile homes for up to 18 months from the date of declaration as a disaster zone, which was May 6. However, Fredenburg believes the town will probably have to re-enroll.

## Kiowa County Memorial Hospital

On the night of the tornado, nurses at the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital were caring for about 30 patients. Gary Morsch, president and founder of Heart to Heart International said typical protocol for the hospital during a tornado would be to move all patients into the hallway, but one nurse felt the need to move them into the basement. That nurse was the last one into the basement and was literally blown down the stairs.

Because of her initiative, no patients sustained more than minor injuries, but the hospital along with one of the hospital's two ambulances, was destroyed.

The Kansas Air Guard set up tents that are similar to a military field hospital.

Much of the equipment in the ER comes from the Air Guard, but about a quarter of what is there now was salvaged from the former hospital.

Malena Starr, registered nurse, said she expects to

work from the temporary hospital for a couple years.

"Once the county buys the hospital land, it's going to be 18 months to two years," she said.

## A Unique Problem

Greensburg community members have been overwhelmed by the number of volunteers pouring in to help.

"There were thousands and thousands of volunteers here and agencies came from everywhere... but everyone was kind of doing their own thing," Bond said. "The idea... is to put everybody under one umbrella organization so everybody works toward the same goals in a pretty efficient manner."

Bond said the town averages 50 to 80 volunteers a week. That number peaks in the hundreds on weekends. Greensburg has volunteer teams booked into July 2008.

Several organizations are working to build two dorm units that house 40 people each with shower, laundry, dining and kitchen facilities.

Volunteers are typically given one of the following jobs: debris clean-up including mowing to keep from having rodent infestations, walking fields for farmers, rebuilding fences, and rebuilding and repairing homes or other buildings. Over 70 projects equaling \$15 million are in progress.

## Rebuilding Greensburg

"The city has realized that to compete in the world, it has to be something completely different," Bond said.

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