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NEWS BRIEFS

Band to perform

Greg Thaller, band director, will direct the McPherson College Band as it performs a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 4 p.m. The brass quintet and flute ensemble will also play.

The band will play classic Christmas tunes and there will also be an opportunity for the audience to sing along.

The concert will be held in Brown Auditorium and admission is free. For more information, call Thaller at 242-0522.

Flu Shot Clinic today

A flu shot clinic will be held in Kelli Johnson's office today. The clinic will be from 1-3 p.m.

The charge is \$23 and students may charge to their account.

Faculty, staff and community members must pay cash or check, or bring their insurance card.

Everyone is welcome to come get a flu shot.

Theatre department presents "Twelfth Night"

The theatre department will perform Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night, or What You Will" for the second and final weekend.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday.

Tickets for the show are free for McPherson College students.

For community members, tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for students and senior citizens. High school students will be admitted for \$1.

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

Business Club to sponsor toy drive

The Business Club will sponsor a toy drive for the Wichita Children's Home this holiday season.

The Children's Home is the only emergency, temporary residential shelter for children that provides protection, warmth and safety 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Beginning Nov. 26, bring an unwrapped toy to the drive and provide a gift for someone who might otherwise have none.

Check your e-mail for more information about times, dates and locations for the toy drive.

Board endorses new campaign

Fund-raising campaign designates \$8.2 million toward capital projects

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

The Board of Trustees' Committee on Advancement and Marketing authorized a \$12.4 million fund-raising campaign to be completed by June 2011.

The decision came in the trustees' fall meeting on Nov. 3. The meeting was summarized by President Hovis in a campus briefing on Nov. 7 in Brown Auditorium.

The major components

in the campaign are \$2.7 million to be used for annual operations (mostly for scholarships), \$1.5 million to go to the endowment and \$8.2 million toward capital projects.

The Financial Affairs Committee endorsed the scope of capital construction proposed for the fund-raising campaign, which includes three parts: 1) landscaped parking, green space and a new residence hall on the south side of campus, 2)

parking west of Miller Library and 3) two new classrooms in the lower level of Melhorn Science Hall.

The plans would cost an estimated \$8.2 million if construction were to begin in mid-2009. However, the board endorsement does not authorize building without subsequent review and approval. The size and scope of the plan can be adjusted depending on the funds raised.

The Committee on Advancement and Marketing

reviewed the myMC campaign, which has raised more than \$8 million, with another gift of more than \$1 million expected in the next few weeks. The final capital project to be funded by this campaign—improved library access—will likely be completed in the summer of 2008.

Tuition increase approved

This committee also authorized a 5 percent increase in tuition for 2008-09 to

\$16,900. Room and board were increased about 4 percent to \$2,600 and \$3,900, respectively. These increases would bring the college closer to the median of other colleges in the Kansas Independent College Association, as well as produce gains in net revenue needed to move the college toward a balanced budget.

The committee also report-

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Lindsay reveals dangers of Facebook, MySpace



Photo by Benjamin Denton

C.L. Lindsay, founder of Coalition for Student and Academic Rights, shows pictures of McPherson College students in compromising situations that he accessed online. Lindsay spoke Thursday in convocation about the dangers of social networks and other online activities.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

Students were surprised to see pictures of themselves in a slideshow presentation during convocation on Nov. 9.

C.L. Lindsay, founder of the Coalition for Student & Academic Rights, addressed students about their online activities and behaviors last Friday.

He began his presentation by using pictures of students that he acquired by setting up an account on the McPherson networks of MySpace and Facebook.

"I was really embarrassed for them because everyone knew them," said Lori Coykendall, jr., Derby.

Although reactions like Coykendall's were common, so were reactions like that of Lauryn Morriss, jr., Mulvane.

"I thought it was really funny," Morriss said.

Though the pictures did bring embarrassment and laughter, Lindsay used them to tell students about privacy settings and inform them about the dos and don'ts of such sites. He also discussed laws regarding illegal downloading, online plagiarism, online stalking and harassment, then applied them to

"Everything you do online has a real-world equivalent."

— C.L. Lindsay

McPherson's computing policy.

"Everything you do online has a real-world equivalent," Lindsay said during convocation. "You put stuff up on the Internet; that's the billboard." He explained that many employers and recruiters are using the Internet as ways to find out about potential employees.

Lindsay directed students to set privacy levels at the highest possible settings, to be smart about profile pictures on Facebook and to check friends' pages for information that one may not want online.

He also warned against putting photos or descriptions of illegal activity online including underage drinking, joining "stupid groups" on Facebook, downloading movies and music illegally and using sites that sell pre-written papers.

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Learning Management System: help or hassle?

TABETHA SALSBUARY
Spectator Staff

The Learning Management System is a branch of the Jenzabar Internet Campus Solution, JICS, and offers great educational advantages to both students and faculty.

Faculty members can use the LMS database to post class assignments, student attendance, figure grades, create online quizzes and post discussion boards.

Students can gain a lot from the system by utilizing it for things such as keeping up on grades, reviewing class discussions and presentations and studying for tests.

"It is kind of nice to be able to get on LMS to print out copies of the things that we have gone over in class, especially on the occasion that I have to miss class because I have sick kids at home or something," said Erica Shook, soph., McPherson.

How to log in to LMS

- Go to <http://mcph.ackk.edu/ics>
- Enter username (first four letters of last name and first three of first name, i.e., smit-joh)
- Enter password (first initial and last initial in capital letters and last six digits of school identification number, i.e. JS12345)

"It helps hold students more accountable for getting things taken care of. It cuts down on the excuses they can make for not having things done on time."

Some faculty members also like using it and appreciate the services it provides.

Ann Zerger, assistant professor of art, posts images such as the ones used in her Modern Art class on the site for students to study intensely. She also posts class handouts, test reviews and the class syllabus in LMS.

In her attempts to go "green," LMS saves paper, Zerger said.

Many times, students lose papers, causing them to miss out on the information or more papers having to be printed out for them, Zerger said.

LMS provides a hard copy of these pieces that can be accessed at any point.

"I use LMS extensively," said David O'Dell, professor of accounting. "I think it is a very efficient way to communicate with students, a great place to post student-friendly resources such as lectures, homework answers, etc. I can easily communicate with all or just a few students

quickly. The students have access to their scores and grades immediately. In one class, the students take exams via LMS. They know their scores immediately."

The program can be a very useful tool if it is used, but many faculty members and students have good reasons for not utilizing it.

"I agree with (other faculty) that the system can be very cumbersome," O'Dell said.

Some students agree. "I have a hard time seeing any purpose (LMS) serves that can't be provided in front of the whole class, with no messy login required," said Tim Stanghor, sr., Newton.

Issues such as login complications, computer glitches and navigation difficulty make LMS unattractive.

In some classes taught by Bruce

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Off-campus choices have negative impact

A string of recent off-campus incidents including fights, drunk driving, obnoxious parties, thefts from residences and theft of alcohol from a store are reflecting poorly on the school.

Those involved in these and other incidents made a conscious choice to attend McPherson College and in doing so they joined the campus community with the rest of us. Like it or not their actions reflect on the school.

ISSUE: Poor off-campus behavior.
OUR POSITION: Think how your behavior reflects on the school.

We believe, as members of this community, students have an obligation to conduct themselves in a reasonably responsible manner.

“Reasonably responsible” leaves a lot of wiggle room for interpretation, but the above behaviors are unacceptable by most standards of conduct. We are adults now, but these behaviors are not those of well-adjusted adults.

This sounds like a lecture we have all heard before, but evidently some have not heard it or have chosen to ignore it at the expense of others.

For many of us, college is the first time we have been left to our own devices and it is easy to get out of control every now and then. This is expected and it is a big part of how we learn to be more responsible adults.

When you decide to have a raging party into the wee hours of the morning, are you surprised that the neighbors with kids and jobs are peeved? Have a little consideration; most people can't choose not to show up for work or just ignore the kids and sleep in.

Are you really so desperate for a drink that you are willing to jeopardize the privilege of going to college by trying to heist a few beers from a store? If you don't see the downside here you need to seek some professional help.

Are you still so immature that you feel the need to beat on someone because you don't like something they said or even sadder, to make yourself feel superior in some sick way?

We are not asking everyone to occupy his or her time with pious and noble endeavors. Just keep others in mind and keep yourself and your friends under control.

Comical break refreshing

We have had two recent events on campus that deserve special recognition - The Second City and C.L. Lindsay.

The Second City performance was hilarious and a wonderful way to forget about the pressures of school for an evening.

Lindsay has set a new standard for providing pertinent information in an engaging way.

We would like to see more of these events, even if it means an additional convocation or two - if it's like Lindsay's.

Welcome to Tuberville



CAMPUS FORUM

Beeghly should go if needed

Quick reader, what do these words have in common: Arnold, Barracks, Courts, Fahnestock, Forney, Frantz, Gym, Harnly, Kline, and Sharp?

You're right. They are all buildings which have disappeared from campus. And I remember all of them. So what's the point you say? The point is that they all were removed so the college could progress. For those of us who remember them, they are somewhat nostalgic. However, their absence made replacements possible and resulted in the beautiful campus you enjoy today.

Now, what about Beeghly? Originally a Carnegie-funded place (1 of 2 in McPherson, the other, the public library building, disappeared nearly 40 years ago) it outlived its use as a library. Ah, I spent many hours as a student in it--not to say I shouldn't have spent more. But what of its future? Is the space it occupies necessary for another needed facility to be built for future students? What of its historical value? If you're worried that it might not be here someday and you can't remember what it looked like, go take a picture--now.

I daresay that if the buildings at the beginning of this letter were still in place and effort was being made to use them still, you as a student would not be here. Their usefulness diminished and past boards of trustees looked to the future to see that replacements were needed--for all of them.

That's not to say there isn't valuable and worthwhile work being accomplished in Beeghly--like keeping track of us old alums among other things. But in the future, if the administration makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees that it needs to go to have another building

site, I say, let it go. I would be sorely disappointed if the board were not to act positively on a legitimate and visionary choice for a new dorm, student union expansion, or something else. I'm also sure the personnel working in Beeghly would not mind working in something that wasn't the oldest thing on campus.

Sometimes old buildings' liabilities outweigh their value as a saved relic. Beeghly fits in that category in my opinion.

*Art Hoch
Class of 1963*

Attendance policy unfair

According to the school's catalog, if a student misses class right before or after a holiday break, they will be penalized with two absences per class. Personally, I think this rule is completely unfair. Many students are not from nearby states. For example, I live on the East Coast. Hence, when fall break and Thanksgiving come around, I have to fly home. To catch my plane on fall break, I had to miss a few classes the day before break began. Then when I came back from home to Mac, my flight was cancelled and I missed more class! So when I returned to Mac, instead of two absences for class, I was threatened with four absences! Therefore, my question is why do we have this rule when there does not seem to be any good reason for the rule?

*Dylan Walker
Soph, Fort Mill, S.C.*

School needs to make non-trads feel welcome

Returning to college as an adult can be a scary thing. My fears encompassed everything from whether my brain would still be able to learn to are the kids going to point and laugh at my wrinkles or widened mid-section? It was nice to find out that wide mid-sections complete with tight clothing are actually in style.

I've been to Wichita State University where I don't think a non-traditional student exists. As a matter of fact, if you are old, a color, covered in a foreign dress or disabled, you actually blend in.

I actually felt pretty confident coming to McPherson College until the gal at the front desk asked me the name of the child I was enrolling. It was then that I knew I was a non-traditional student on this campus.

Most of my fears were put to rest when I encountered the students. I was pleased to find out that the students were not only accepting, but they were actually polite, even holding the door for me as I wobbled around, holding a pillow, after my surgery. Yes, not only did I stick out as being older, the dad-blasted necessary surgery on my insides caused me to really stick out.

I might as well been carrying a cane and had long gray hair stuck in a bun.

What I'm trying to get at is, the students allow the diversity, and even welcome it - but there is an underlying bias from some employees on campus, that should be overcome. It is something unsaid, but felt. And sometimes it is said.

I have received mailings that say, "To the Parents of

Tracey Roberts." I really laughed when I got the one for my parents to send a care package to a college student. I envisioned approaching my 78-year old father and saying, "Hey dad, even though my vehicles and mortgage are nearly paid off, would you send me some cookies?"

I can't fault the college for the mass mailings, but a little attention ought to be paid to the fact that we aren't all nineteen. Two semesters in a row I had to remind them to take the sports fee off, not that I couldn't lob with the best of the tennis team, but I really didn't even consider I would be wanted in a sport. Maybe I'm the one showing prejudice now.

When I came back this semester my name was crossed off the list of those with mailboxes. Bookstore work-

ers told me that enrollment was high and off-campus students were removed from the list. Was this another way of saying we non-traditional students don't matter?

Maybe I'm too sensitive about this, but I am paying money, too. They were kind and compliant and gave me one anyway, but another student I know doesn't have one.

I should be graduating at the same time my son graduates high school and because of my largely positive experiences at this college it is one he will consider. But I still think that the school needs to make more of an effort to avoid making non-traditional students feel even more out of place than they already may.

*Tracy Roberts
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Good Dog

Bad Dog

SAB for bringing The Second City to campus. —————

C.L. Lindsay for educating and entertaining us at the same time. —————

Students for filling up the Shout It Out! box. —————

Jerks who settle differences with their fists. —————

Recent increase in cross-dressing around Mingenback. —————

Broken windows in Metzler. —————

CHEW ON THIS

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main."
-Ernest Hemingway

"Be yourself, everyone else is already taken."
-Unknown

Think before you push send

E-mail sent in anger or haste solves nothing and annoys others

The past few weeks have shown that McPherson College students just can't keep their fingers off their keyboards.

Numerous e-mails have gone out in response to student-wide e-mails. Even though these responses were only meant for one or maybe two people, they went to the entire student body.

E-mail is a very quick and easy way to get numerous responses when someone needs to sell something, get help with articles or homework or things like that. However, when you send out mass e-mails, every single student gets that e-mail, when every single student may not need or want to read it.

Two specific topics, a student who needed help with her truck and another who was replying back about the LMS program, got a little out of hand.

The student who sent the e-mail to request help with her truck should probably not have mentioned any names



Megan McKnight

in it, however she did. But just because she mentioned one person's name, doesn't mean that everyone who got offended needs to respond to every student. Did those responders have a problem with the entire student body? Very doubtful.

Those reply e-mails should have been sent to the original sender and her only. The rest of us don't want our inbox cluttered up with pointless e-mails.

And believe it or not, a

large percentage of us actually use our e-mail for important things, such as contacting professors, asking staff questions or getting help with school-related activities.

Whether or not you got angry because someone bad-mouthed your friend, I don't want to hear about it every hour in another pointless and might I add, grammatically incorrect e-mail.

Another situation involved a student replying back to another student who sent a mass e-mail. That student probably didn't mean to reply to the entire student body, faculty and staff, but it happened that way. And again, names were dropped when they probably shouldn't have been.

But it isn't just name-dropping that has caused mass e-mail blowouts. I remember last year when there seemed to be fifty e-mails a day about the death penalty. There was a mass e-mail debate about the topic, which definitely

“Maybe this is my psychology background speaking, but if you have a conflict with someone, it won't be resolved until you talk to them directly.”

dragged on and pissed a lot of people off.

Eventually, there was a discussion board made on a website to help stop the mass e-mails, but the board quickly fizzled and didn't seem nearly as popular as mass e-mail. Obviously, everyone wants their two cents to be heard, but e-mail isn't necessarily the right place to put them in.

It is understandable that people want to voice their opinions and don't get me wrong, that's a great thing and we need it on our campus. However, sending mass e-mails only pisses people off and doesn't get your

point across.

If the problem is on a personal level, you need to talk to the person who originally pissed you off. Maybe this is my psychology background speaking, but if you have conflict with someone, it won't be resolved until you talk to them directly. Sending out an e-mail to the entire campus won't solve anything or get a point across.

And if it's a bigger issue like the death penalty, then take a look at what you're reading right now. It is called the Viewpoints page of the student newspaper. Everyone has an equal opportunity to voice their opinion respectfully on important topics that affect our campus, so take advantage of it.

So, in conclusion, if you read an e-mail and it pisses you off or makes you upset, think about who you really need to direct your response at. It's useless to send mass e-mails when only a few people read it. So just think twice before you hit reply.

Don't fall victim to your own stupidity

Online sites such as Facebook and MySpace seem to be the answer to keeping in touch with those friends from home that you do not want to lose when you leave for college.

Facebook brings those people who are hundreds of miles away right to your fingertips. With just a few taps on a keyboard, you can log into a whole different world.

Not only does it allow you to keep in touch with people far away, it can also be used to share those special "Kodak Moments," your personal character and your achievements with everyone who has an interest in looking.

Great tool, right?

If it is used properly and responsibly, it can be very fun and useful, but many people are getting in trouble because of a lack of common sense.

It is very easy to upload pictures from a drunken weekend, thinking its funny and that all your friends will look, laugh and post comments on your "wall." And it is easy to join groups such



Tabetha Salsbury

as those related to alcohol or illegal substances.

Most users don't think about the wide span of other people looking at what they do.

When you are of legal age, posting pictures holding Budweiser or a handle of Jack Daniels is comical, but when underage, these pictures make the perfect foundation for trouble.

School administrators, law enforcement agencies and even employers have access to sites like Facebook and can even access your personal information.

Sure, the security setting can, and should, be set to the highest level possible, but it is still too easy to find out information about a person that should not be posted for the world to see.

College is perceived as "the time of your life" and a time for lots of parties, late nights and days that never seem to end, but run together as one long time period.

Even though it is great to have a good time, experience new things, make new friends and see just how far you can push yourself, remember, you are paying thousands of dollars for an education that will prepare you for your career.

Put yourself in a management position. If you were interviewing a potential employee who seemed to be the perfect fit upfront, but then you found photographs of them wasted beyond self-control, or even using illegal substances, would you hire them?

I do not know of any employer who would think twice about turning someone like this down.

“If you were interviewing a potential employee who seemed to be the perfect fit upfront, but then you found photographs of them wasted beyond self-control, or even using illegal substances would you hire them?”

It could be your career on the line, your future. Do you really want to jeopardize that just for a few laughs?

Facebook is a very useful tool and can be used to one's advantage. It is used frequently on campus. We have a yearbook group, Spectator group and many other groups that connect us directly to those people involved in the groups on campus.

It provides an easy way to send out reminders, gather ideas, find information and stay updated on events.

But the Internet is not a completely different world than what we see when we

walk out our front door. One can't think that just because people are not right in front of them, they really don't exist or are too far away to matter.

If anything, the Internet is a bigger world than what the average person is used to, connecting us to people thousands of miles away or to John Doe who we never knew lived down the street.

The best way to stay safe when using online attractions, whether for personal or campus use, is to be smart.

Don't post the information that you wouldn't want a really creepy, annoying man who stares at you every day to have. More than likely there are thousands of these guys out there who use Facebook and MySpace and will find it.

Common sense seems to be the only true security when using these programs. Think about the effects before doing something. If it is something you would not do offline, then do not do it online because it may very well have the same repercussions.

On the Fly

Did you change anything after attending our last convocation?



“If it's bad enough I don't post it.”

Robert Moreno Sr., Gore, Okla.



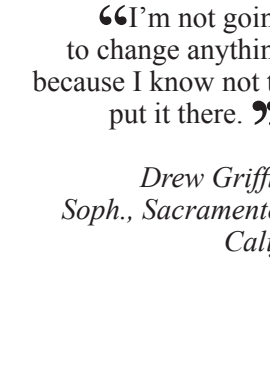
“I have incriminating evidence, but I really don't care. Except now that it's in the paper.”

Alex Mauriz Jr., Flemington, N.J.



“I am an innocent child so I don't need to change anything.”

Mallory Griggs Soph., Colorado Springs, Colo.



“I'm not going to change anything because I know not to put it there.”

Drew Griffin Soph., Sacramento, Calif.



“I took everything off Limewire and put it on my media player.”

Josh White Fr., Stockton, Mo.



“If an employer won't hire me because of a picture of me with a beer in my hand, then I don't want to work for them.”

Brian Schippert Sr., Great Bend



SHOUT IT OUT!

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

I officially hate 5:45!

No, you may not wear your high school letterman's jacket.

Fall is the best season ever.

Thanks to SAB for The Second City.

KaFoom!!

Haircuts?

Quit stealing and give me back my iPod.

Did you know Alaska has rainforests?

Why is it so hard for McPherson College to recruit ebony females?

It's hot in Metzler! I sleep in the nude now.

My roommate sleeps naked...it's awesome!

Why doesn't McPherson theatre play African American influenced films?

Condoms on the lunch table and as decorations in the cafeteria are just wrong!

Somebody stole the second-floor Metzler microwave.

I've been holding my breath all week.

Recycle this.

What's your name again?

Stop living in my dorm, it's not yours.

Why can't the cheerleader webpage be updated?

I love heat & 23 hours of no sleep!!!

Legalize weed then we would all get along.

If not going with extended breakfast hours, at least abide by the original ones.

Why can't cookies be soft for once?

We have convos for a reason, thank you.

I love shredded lettuce!



Photo by Orlando Dominguez

L-R Melisa Grandison, fr., Quinter, former student Jonathan Dutrow, Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of modern languages: Spanish, and Destri Sievers, fr., Stafford, attend a weekly Spanish Circle meeting to practice their Spanish at The Hearth Room.

Speaking Spanish

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
Spectator Staff

Every Thursday night a small group of students meet to drink coffee and chat - in Spanish.

La tertulia, or The Spanish Circle, was started by Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of modern languages: Spanish, as a "way to give students opportunity to practice."

It is meant to give students real-world experience in using their Spanish language skills.

It is very informal, but a learning tool for those who want to be immersed in the Spanish language one night a week.

Located off campus for the first time, students and others from the community meet in The Hearth Room downtown.

The reason for this is to, "replicate what they'll encounter in the real world," Kilgus said, "giving students a sense of community."

The entire hour is Spanish only. Everyone is encouraged to show up, but as this group receives no funding from the school, those who attend will have to pay for their own drink.

In addition, McPherson College custodians David and Sofia Penalva, El Salvador, are frequent attendees, helping students with their Spanish.

"People from the outside are generally curious and interested in the students' lives," Kilgus said.

This support from the campus and community will help students become truly bilingual and comfortable speaking Spanish.

Attendance usually ranges

from two to eight people per night.

"I was nervous at first, but it was so much fun," said Melisa Grandison, fr., Quinter. "I'm definitely going to make a habit of attending."

Mira Coulter, soph., Wakita, Okla., has attended several times.

"I love being able to go there and listen to the people talk and try to talk with them," Coulter said. "It is

certained for several scenes, play aside.

It would be worth it to go just to hear the music. Chosen by director Jd. Bowman, it is hilarious and poignant at all the right times. Kudos to the much appreciated Dylan Walker, soph., Fort Mill, S.C., and Robby Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa, for their technical work on the show, as well as stage manager Jenni Birdsall, fr., Lansing, (stage managers rarely get the credit they so well deserve).

The three actors which receive my highest ac-

colades are newcomers Emma Brömme, fr., Omaha, Neb., Skye Johnson, fr., McPherson, and Nathan Clary, soph., McPherson. Johnson and Brömme are absolutely hilarious and seemingly completely comfortable in their roles. I looked forward to their entrances onstage, along with their comrade Clary.

Clary's outfit is absolutely hilarious and he pulls it off with, dare I say it, grace and style...? Watch these actors when they do not have lines. They are having a good time and I had a

very good way for me to improve my listening and speaking skills as well as meet interesting people with different backgrounds."

She said her experience has been a positive one. "The people at the circle are very patient with beginners like me and encourage the trial and error experiences," Coulter said. "The Spanish Circle is a wonderful and humbling way to meet new



This piece of artwork was created by an artist whose work is on display at The Oklahoma City Art Museum. Spanish I and III students visited the museum Nov. 11.

ing gave every character a story.

Botero paints according to his stance on the social commentary of neo-figurative. It was his Colombian upbringing that gave him this outlook.

He desires to use his work to capture a part of himself and his outlook on life through color and form.

As students walked in the dark, spacious room where

Chihuly's work was located, the lighting reflected on the vibrant colors and caught their eyes.

Chihuly's shapely and distinctive glass twists and turns and is molded into a beautiful depiction of imagination.

His art reflects nature and is influenced by his mother's beautiful, abstract garden in his hometown. The glass represents what Chihuly sees in nature and how it affected his life.

One of the most interesting parts of the Chihuly exhibit was a narrow hallway that was black and empty, until one looked up. Along the ceiling there was sculpture upon sculpture of colorful glass.

Grandison thought the beautiful glasses with their beautiful colors were breathtaking.

The overlapping glass took observers to a place wthey had never been before.

"It was my favorite part of the whole trip," Grandison said.

people and be exposed to a different language."

Tecie Turner, fr., Scott City, feels the same way as Coulter.

"I plan on going back because even though I'm not up to that level, it was interesting to listen to the people," Turner said.

The Spanish Circle meets on Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at The Hearth Room, 101 N. Main St.

good time watching them.

My advice to you: sit close. With the level that the music is at, it is difficult to hear the actors and with the language being hard to understand to begin with, to not be able to hear the actors can make the show unmemorable.

Projection would be the main issue I felt with the show. It is such a small space that I would expect the actors to be able to fill it. It seems they were unprepared for the acoustic effects of adding a hundred or so people to the space.

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ADRIELLE HARVEY
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Q Where did you attend college and what was your major?

A I went to Cloud County Community College for two years and then went to Emporia State University and majored in communications.

Q What brought you to McPherson?

A I graduated without a job so I was online searching jobs in student affairs and ran across the ad that McPherson College had.

Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A I am a resident director for Metzler Hall and I am an adviser for Student Government and the co-director for Student Activities Board.

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

A Right now probably Carrie Underwood and we would go out to dinner and then probably go out in the country and "look at the stars."

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

A I'd be a star. Stars are cool.

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

A I like to hang out with my friends, Facebook. I like to read. Doing anything with friends. That's the best.

Q What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

A I was at an RA confrence. We were dancing and the crotch of my pants ripped.

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

A My cell phone, my iPod and a large amount of Dr. Pepper.

"TWELFTH NIGHT" REVIEW POSITIVE

JESSICA FOULKE
Spectator Staff

"Twelfth Night," which premiered last weekend, has its closing performances today and Saturday.

The technical elements in this show are fantastic. Costumes and lights, both designed by Rick Tyler, mold to the actors in a fantastic way. I spent a great deal of time watching the costumes - seeing the different layers of the Fool's dress and matching them to other costumes kept me en-



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Despite the fact that Bud Mounts, former director of facility management recently retired, he can still be seen on campus each morning picking up trash. Mounts spent nine years at the college doing construction, teaching in the technology department and heading up the maintenance crews around campus.



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L-R Aaron Milam, fr., Amarillo, Texas, Clint Allen, sr., Grapevine, Texas, Ned Nadeau, jr., North Yarmouth, Maine, Tim Braginton, soph., Winnemucca, Nev., Nick Upton, jr., Woodland, Calif., Cy Rolfs, sr., Lorraine, Davis May, fr., Mississippi, Cody Doll, jr., Healy, and Matt Comer, sr., St. Charles, Ill., build a pyramid at the powderpuff football game.

Reinventing the classroom

Professor Becki Bowman teaches classes the importance of communication and community service

AMY ZIEGLER
Spectator Staff

While students attend classes that deal mainly with educating themselves about their careers of choice, Becki Bowman, assistant professor of communication, educates their introduction to human communication class about the issues that go on all around us.

Bowman has asked her students to complete a community service project and the students have responded enthusiastically. Projects range from a gymnastics tournament to a powderpuff football game.

Kristin Fisher, soph., St. John, along with her group of four to five other individuals, volunteered at a local gymnastics meet.

"The project taught me that I can take a small part out of my day to be a big help to others," Fisher said. "Although I felt like we didn't do much, I know that those organizing the tournament were very grateful for our help."

Other groups took a different approach and tried to increase community involvement.

Davis May, fr., Mississippi, and his group set up the powderpuff football game meant to benefit Mt. HOPE Sanctuary.

Mt. HOPE is a facility that helps women who are down and out and who need help getting the daily basics. The people who came to play football were only allowed to play if they donated a necessity, such as canned goods, or even a simple roll of paper

towels. "It's a lot of fun and even though the turnout wasn't great, we still got some stuff," May said. "We helped people today."

May said he participates in service projects all the time and that he still gets a good feeling from helping people.

Mandy Yungeberg, sr., Waterville, said "I enjoy the class and learning about communication in the media. We are also discussing the meaning behind the things that we say."

While most students have to complete a sophomore seminar project, which is also community service, Bowman's class gets to learn how things like this will help how people communicate.

"It was a fun experience," Yungeberg said.

Mounts retires after nine years

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

For nine years Milam "Bud" Mounts has worked at McPherson College.

He started by doing construction on most of the buildings that we see from day to day.

Bittering Hall, Morrison Hall, the Student Union, Miller Library, Templeton and several other buildings are included in the list of those worked on by Mounts while employed by Hutton Construction.

After working construction at the college, former President Gary Dill offered Mounts a teaching job working with auto restoration students in Templeton.

Although Mounts had several years experience at Wichita Area Vocational school, he said his time teaching at McPherson was "the best job I ever had in my entire working career."

He also said teaching was not nearly as hard a feat as working in construction.

In addition, teaching was the first job he obtained that lasted more than four years, as most construction jobs were short contracts.

Mounts became the associate professor of technology and taught classes such as technical woodworking, electricity, power and energy classes, as well as his automotive courses.

Mounts spent 3 1-2 years in that particular job before

he was offered a position as director of facility management. He spent 5 1-2 years in this position, but is now retiring.

He is currently training his replacement and said the transition period is going very well.

"My replacement is a good guy," Mounts said. "He's very knowledgeable."

Mounts still plans on "doing general constructing for the college while working on cars, riding the two motorcycles I have yet to wear out and traveling the world. I missed traveling while I was teaching at McPherson College. With my wife's and my schedule it was hard to get away."

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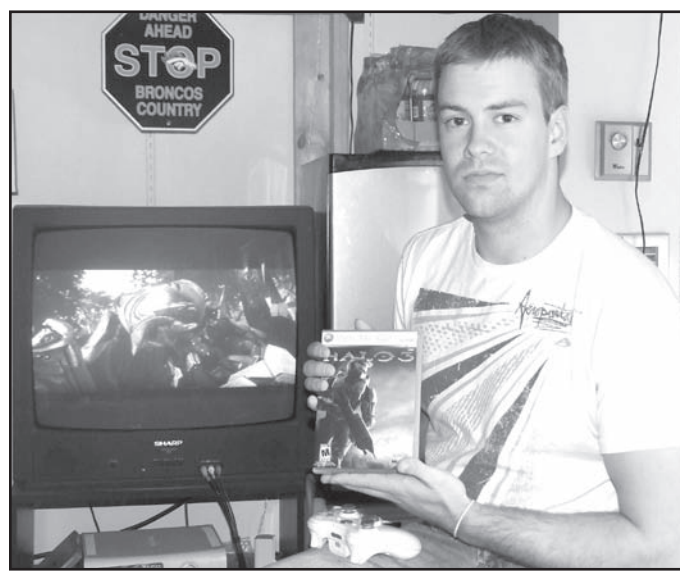
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Halo Hype

Darin Donaho, sr., Englewood, Colo., holds up the recently released Halo 3 video game. The Halo game series has caused excitement among gaming fans. People camped out, not just in McPherson, but all across the country, to get their hands on a copy of the game.

Several accounts tell of people actually skipping work or simply telling their boss they would not be coming in so they could acquire the game. Some McPherson students have missed class because they were so captivated by the game.

The hype has died down slightly since the game originally came out on



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Head women's basketball coach Marcus Hicks works with Becky Bratcher, sr., Miami, Fla., and Taylor Plowman, soph., Overland Park. Hicks joins the McPherson team from York College in York, Neb.

New coach, fresh outlook

Hicks joins McPherson ranks as head women's basketball coach

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

Along with a new year, new season, there have also been many new faces at McPherson College. One new addition is the head women's basketball coach Marcus Hicks.

Hicks joins McPherson College after coaching the men's basketball team at York College in York, Neb., for the past four years.

Hicks attributed part of his decision for coming to McPherson to assistant soccer coach Robert Talley, who

previously coached at York College for two seasons.

"Talley had a lot of good things to say about the school," Hicks said. "It was also a chance for me to be closer to home."

Being a new head coach at a different school does bring some difficulties. Learning a whole new program and interacting with new and different people everyday can be a challenge. However, the transition seems to be going quite well for Hicks.

"Things have been going good," Hicks said. "(York and McPherson) are two

totally different places. It's been nice. Our two road games we have been able to take a charter bus and not a van. Plus there is no scrambling for practice. We all know when it is and there is the use of the second gym."

Along with a new coach and new season, there are always going to be new expectations.

"My expectations are the ladies' expectations," Hicks said. "They make their goals and my job is to help them achieve their goals."

Hicks recognizes that college students juggle many

roles.

"Basketball and school are both demanding," Hicks said. "If one is off then the other is off, too. I'm a firm believer in school work. I want the ladies to still stay focused on their school work."

Senior leadership is also a big deal for any sport at any level of the game. It does take some stress off the coaches and puts some ease on the court.

"It's nice to have five seniors on the team," Hicks said. "They all have huge leadership roles and each one in different ways."

Young team posts 13-6-1 record, gains valuable experience

JACOB CUSTER
Spectator Staff

In a season that started with questions about age, the McPherson College women's soccer team surprised all critics and posted a 13-6-1 overall record.

On a team with only one senior the question about experience and age was one that could have plagued the soccer team. The underclassmen stepped up and went through the season denying everyone of the opportunity to doubt them.

After an impressive Kansas Collegiate Athletic Con-

ference tournament performance the Lady Bulldogs took their confidence into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Region IV quarterfinals against the College of Saint Mary in Omaha, Neb.

The Bulldogs came home with a 1-0 victory that sprung them into the regional semifinals.

All-KCAC goalie Andrea Swanson, fr., Littleton, Colo., pitched the shutout by stopping all five shots on goal for her tenth shutout of the season.

Despite only taking two shots on goal the Bulldogs

came away with the 1-0 victory. The goal came with just 12 minutes remaining. Another All-KCAC performer Whitney Williams, soph., Salt Lake City, Utah, put away the shot that moved the Bulldogs to the semifinals to face season rival Kansas Wesleyan for the third time.

"Our ladies are really looking forward to getting another shot at KWU," said head coach Doug Quint prior to the game.

Kansas Wesleyan defeated the Bulldogs once in regular season play and again in the KCAC tournament finals.

This time around the Lady

Bulldogs were unable to pull the trigger against the Coyotes.

The Coyotes scored only one goal and held on for the win. Swanson put on another great performance with 15 saves. Haley Cook, fr., Centennial, Colo., took the only shot for the night, which hit the crossbar.

Despite coming up short in the NAIA Region semifinals the Bulldogs put together a very impressive year.

Though the Lady Bulldogs lose Victoria Salas, sr., Wichita, the future looks very exciting for this young team.



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Mark Johnson, jr., Healy, shoots over a Haskell Indian Nations University defender Wednesday night at home. McPherson defeated Haskell 89-81 for the second time this season.

Men's basketball team defeats Haskell Wednesday night

Sights set on cross-town rival Central Christian College

DAVID TUBERVILLE
Spectator Staff

The Bulldog Basketball team is off to a 3-2 start after posting a win on Wednesday against the Haskell Indian Nations University.

McPherson's 89-81 win is the second over Haskell this season. McPherson opened a nine-point lead seven minutes into the first half and was still up by nine with eight minutes left. The Bulldogs expanded a two-point halftime lead to ten points three times in the second period before settling for the eight-point win.

The halftime margin came at the free throw line as McPherson hit eight of nine attempts while Haskell converted six of nine.

Haskell opened the second half outscoring McPherson 6-2 to take a 46-44 lead, but guard Tyler Stewart, sr., Burlington, hit a three-pointer to put the Bulldogs up 47-46 and inspired a 12-2 run. Again, the Indians stayed strong with a 14-5 run of their own. Up by only one, 63-62, with 8:20 still on the game clock, the Bulldogs pulled away from the Indians, finally taking a 10-point lead with 16 seconds to go.

Stewart's 23 points led three Bulldogs scoring in double figures. Shawn Young, sr., Colorado Springs, Colo., added 17 and Cody Dickerson,

sr., Crescent, Okla., 15. Young also topped the Bulldogs with six rebounds as McPherson was out-rebounded 34 to 37. Haskell made the most of their rebound margin, outscoring McPherson 19 to 12 on second chance attempts.

"Overall the men did good," said head coach Roger Trimmell. "When we got them down we played loose. I would like to see us put a team away."

Trimmell said this year's basketball team has more experience, but not a lot of size and will be playing "small ball."

The men's basketball team feels they have played well for the most part. Some mistakes on defense have been the biggest problem.

"This year's team plays harder, plays together and that's the difference in us being better," Young said. The Dogballers take on cross-town rival Central Christian College on Nov. 19.

"This is our rival," said Mitch Arnett, sr., Medicine Lodge. "We need to put it to them for another win and bragging rights."

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Senior tailback Travon Anderson, Los Angeles, Calif., hands off the ball to sophomore tailback Jeff Paulson, Limon, Colo., on Nov. 10. The Bulldogs were defeated by Bethel College 7-52 in the final game of the season. McPherson finished ahead of last year's record with 4-6 overall record and 3-1 in conference. The Bulldogs will lose a number of seniors, but have many returners next season.

Football team defeated in last game of season, finishes 4-6 overall

DAVID TUBERVILLE
Spectator Staff

The Bulldog football team finished the season on Nov. 10, with a 4-6 record overall and 3-1 in conference.

The Bulldogs have improved one game better than last year.

"We did not have as many starters come back from last year's 3-7 team and we played more underclassmen than anyone else in the conference and still won more games than last year," said head coach Brian Ward.

Ward's first year at McPherson College as head football coach was not an overnight success, but in 8 of ten games the Bulldogs were leading or within a touchdown in the second half and the Bulldog offense has tripled the scoring output.

Ward believes the teams "made crucial steps forward and are much further ahead than last year."

The Bulldogs, with one of the best freshmen recruited classes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, are without a doubt very excited for next season and for this year's off-season as well.

"I'm ready to hit the weights and see what I can bring for this team next season," said defensive end Bryce Jech, fr., Kingfisher, Okla.

Jech, along with other teammates, feels next season will be a winning one.

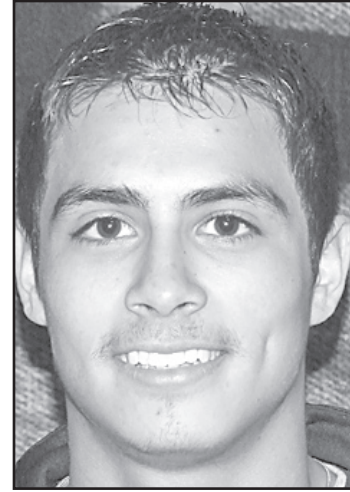
The Bulldogs' last two games were up and down. The Bulldogs took on the Tabor Bluejays as their last home competition on Nov. 3. On this senior night the Bulldogs took the field and scored on their first drive.

Though the Bulldogs made it look easy that would be the only touchdown they achieved throughout the game. With the Bluejays also only scoring one touchdown, it was kicker Travis Eason, fr., Tulsa, Okla., who made the difference in the game kicking two field goals bringing the score to 13-6 McPherson.

The Bulldogs traveled to Bethel College on Nov. 10, to take on the Threshers. In this contest the Bulldogs "came out with less fire and less focus than Bethel," said redshirt Cody Dwyer, soph., Anchorage, Alaska. "The score was the result."

Bethel dominated all sides of the ball winning the game 52-7. Bethel, co-conference champions, held the Bulldogs to only 148 yards of total offense showing why they have one of the top-ranked defenses in the NAIA.

The Bulldogs did not finish with a bang, but plan to use the loss as fuel for next season's play, with a "much more mature and experienced football team," Ward said.



Rodriguez

Soccer phenom breaks record, collects awards

All in a days work for Rodriguez

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

After a solid season last year, the men's soccer team posted another good season this year and added a few records in there as well.

The team finished the season 11-6-3 overall and 4-3-2 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference placing fifth. With this record, the Bulldogs tied the school record for wins in a season, which was set last year.

In addition, they qualified for regionals and put up double-digit wins for the past three years.

On top of that, one player who seemed to shine the whole year was sophomore forward Armando Rodriguez, Dallas, Texas.

Rodriguez was named National Player of the Week, Offensive Player of the Year, KCAC Player of the Week, twice, and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Region Player of the Week.

"Well, I feel great about the awards I have won," Rodriguez said. "God has really blessed me with a great talent. I couldn't do it without my teammates and coaches. I thank the seniors for their help. I had fun with them and it was great playing with them."

As a freshman, Rodriguez had already posted many awards and honors to his resume including All-American Honorable Mention, Freshman of the Year, KCAC Player of the Week, twice, NAIA Region Player of the Week and All-Region IV Honor.

Lady Dogballers 1-1 as they head into Bethel Classic this weekend

Basketball team defeats Southwestern Christian University 75-51 on the road

JAMES TUTTLE
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldog basketball team will play its third game tonight in the Bethel Classic against Mid-America Christian University.

The Lady Bulldogs have split the first two games of their season, losing to Haskell Indian Nations University on Nov. 1, and then defeating Southwestern Christian University on Nov. 10.

Against Haskell, the Lady Bulldogs fell by a final score

of 72-81. The reason the Lady Bulldogs lost was because they sent Haskell to the foul line too many times, said first-year head coach Marcus Hicks. Haskell shot 42 free throws, compared to the Lady Bulldogs 24. Haskell also hit 13 more free throws in the game than the Bulldogs.

Hicks said the women played decent defense, but didn't do it without fouling.

In their second game, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Bethany, Okla., to face Southwestern Christian University. The Lady Bulldogs

won convincingly, by a final score of 75-51.

Senior center Whitney Pegram, Silver Lake, had a breakout game, leading the team with 16 points, 15 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Coach Hicks believes the Lady Bulldogs defensive effort was the main reason for their victory.

"We had some fairly solid defensive possessions where we got stops when we needed to," Hicks said.

The Lady Bulldogs face the 2-1 Mid-America Christian University Evangels in

the Bethel Classic tonight. MACU defeated their first two opponents by an average of 28 points per game, but lost their third game by ten points to Southwestern College on Wednesday night.

Hicks said one of the keys to the game is containing MACU sophomore guard Courtney Sorrels, who was named the women's basketball player of the week last week in the Sooner Athletic Conference. Hicks also indicated the Lady Bulldogs need to keep the Evangels off the free-throw line and play good defense.

McPherson seems to be confident for the upcoming game.

"(We should win) if we have good communication and better rebounding than last game," said forward Becky Bratcher, sr., Miami, Fla.

Hicks said McPherson will gain an edge on MACU if they establish themselves down low in the post early in the game.

Following tonight's game, the Lady Bulldogs play Monday at home against cross-town rival Central Christian College.

Men's soccer team defeated in NAIA quarterfinals

McPherson loses five seniors

JACOB CUSTER
Spectator Staff

McPherson's men's soccer team finished second in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament finals after a disappointing loss in overtime to no. 2 ranked Friends University.

The team looked to bounce back after the loss to compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Region IV quarterfinals.

The Bulldogs were set to face the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes. The teams had played twice to this point in the season and each had a win against the other.

In the opening half of the contest the Coyotes took a commanding 3-0 lead and never let the Bulldogs back into the game.

The only score on the night for the Bulldogs was put in

by Trenton "Deno" Bell, sr., Oklahoma City, Okla., with just seconds remaining on the clock.

Despite losing, the team played a tough season and wrapped things up with an 11-6-3 overall record.

The loss was a tough way to send out seniors Bell, Paul Burke, Derby; Mike Davis, Bethany, Okla.; Ryan McAleer, Broomfield, Colo.; and Chris Sweatman, Bethany, Okla.

The five seniors were all key components to the success of the team for the past few years.

"The worst part about the loss is to know that this great group of seniors, which have done so much for this program, are finished," said head coach Doug Quint. "It's going to be real hard to replace these guys. I'm going to miss them."



Photo by Orlando Dominguez

No. 17 Lance Dick, fr., Hutchinson, and no. 6 Jose Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas, anticipate the ball and their Kansas Wesleyan defender. McPherson soccer members finished their season in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Region IV quarterfinals. Despite losing five key seniors, 15 returners are listed on the roster including Armando Rodriguez, soph., Dallas, Texas, who has won numerous KCAC and NAIA awards over the past two years.

College won't notify parents of bad behavior

ABBY ALFS
Spectator Staff

The small town feel comes to college when parents know about bad behavior before the student does.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's education records. All students and parents must sign a sheet saying they understand this law at the beginning of the year.

"Our policy is that the students must write to the college specifically stating that they do not want any of their materials or any of their information shared with their parents or guardians," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

The college does not notify parents about behavioral issues unless it

"It is not unusual for us to get phone calls from parents wanting to know something."

— LaMonte Rothrock

potentially jeopardizes the student's attendance.

If a student is put on disciplinary probation, "I usually work with the students so that they contact their parents to let them know," Rothrock said. "I don't automatically call. But I sit with them and explain to them that they are in jeopardy and that they should let their parent or guardian know."

If a parent calls and asks what is going on with their child, it is considered illegal for the college to give out any information since most students are of the legal age.

"What happens at college stays at college," said Justin Bacon, sr., Canton. "We're in big-kid world now and we're responsible for ourselves. Our parents don't need to know what's going on."

Rothrock said that sometimes parents have different ideas.

"We're very aware that most parents assist financially in some way," Rothrock said, "so parents have this expectation that they will know what is going on."

Rothrock said the college tells parents what it will say and what it won't say during orientation at the beginning of the year.

"It is not unusual for us to get phone calls from parents wanting to know something," Rothrock said. "I tell them that I'll let your son or daughter know you called and they can call you and explain that, because I cannot share that information with you."

Erica Schlender, fr., Burrton, feels the same way as Bacon.

"I don't live at home anymore," Schlender said. "I don't think my parents need to know what I'm doing."

Parents receive their student's grades only while the student is a freshman. They receive five-week, at mid-term and semester reports.

After the freshman year, students are responsible for informing their parents about their grades.

LMS

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Clary, associate professor of English, and O'Dell, students are required to take quizzes online that are administered through LMS.

This can become a hassle to students who do not meet the quiz deadline due to computer problems or who have their work deleted because

"It would be wonderful if all of the faculty used it consistently."

— Tracey Roberts

the page refreshed itself before it was saved.

Some students feel that if all instructors used the system, it would benefit them more and they would use it more frequently.

"It would be a wonderful tool if all of the faculty used it consistently," said Tracey Roberts, sr., Moundridge.

Many faculty members do not find LMS user-friendly and simply don't have the time to learn how to enter information into the database.

"I do not use the LMS system," said Michael Reynolds, associate professor of mathematics. "This is because I do not consider the system very user-friendly from an instructor's viewpoint. When I have more time to learn it, I will hopefully start to use it."

Before LMS, a similar system known as BlackBoard was used.

Some instructors have a hard time justifying spending many hours entering information they once had in BlackBoard into the new system.

It is not a requirement that faculty use LMS, but it is highly encouraged, said Karlene Tyler, associate dean of academic records.

Though many students would like all instructors to use LMS, it is difficult to mandate that instructors use it because each person has different teaching methods and beliefs.

"There's no way to teach a class the right way without considering how the faculty member teaches," said Ken Yohn, associate professor of history.

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David Mayers, sr., Chandler, Ariz., was not present for Lindsay's presentation, but discussed it with friends afterward. He said his settings are private and only his

"I didn't have to change anything."

— Lori Coykendall

friends have access to his page.

Mayers doesn't think Lindsay's warnings will change the kinds of information students post online. Mayers said students are "going to do it regardless."

Coykendall and Morriss said their current settings on Facebook are also limited so only friends can see their information.

"I didn't have to change anything," Coykendall said about her Facebook profile.

Campus not so handicapped-friendly

JACOB CUSTER & ASHLEY ANDREWS
Spectator Staff

"It was very difficult for me to get where I needed to be."

— David Tuberville

Recent injuries to students on campus have raised questions about how accessible McPherson College is to handicapped students.

David Tuberville, fr., Choctaw, Okla., suffered a broken ankle that left him in a wheelchair for a number of weeks. His mobility was limited, but it wasn't just his ankle that slowed him down, he said.

"It was very difficult for me to get where I needed to be," Tuberville said. "My room was on the third floor of Metzler Hall and I was forced to move my stuff to the first floor."

Student services moved Tuberville to the first floor of the building because Metzler is one of the buildings that is not handicapped accessible.

Tuberville is not the only student affected by limited mobility.

After visiting some friends, Bryanna Daniels, soph., Longmont, Colo., started down the steps in Morrison Hall. As her friends caught up to tickle her, she began jumping down the stairs. On the fourth from the bottom, she landed directly on her ankle. It immediately swelled to the size of a plump red onion.

"Luckily, I didn't break it, but it is too swollen to tell if I tore a muscle or not," Daniels said.

Now on crutches, Daniels

has a hard time doing the everyday things she used to do. Her slow mobility has made her late to class, made it difficult to hobble up and down the stairs to get her books and causes problems when trying to carry her lunch tray or toiletries to take a shower.

"I can barely dress myself, let alone get my own food in the cafeteria," Daniels said. "I sit here while (my friend) gets my food and realize how helpless I am. I realize there aren't a lot of accessible places for people who are injured and on crutches or in a wheelchair."

Blake Reed, soph., McPherson, is limited to his wheelchair full-time. His movement is very limited and he has a student assistant with him at all times while he is on campus.

"The hardest thing for me is getting through the doors," Reed said. "Sure, most doors have handicapped accessibility, but by the time I push the button and get my chair lined through the door, it begins to close on me."

The college is planning some modifications to improve Miller Library's ac-

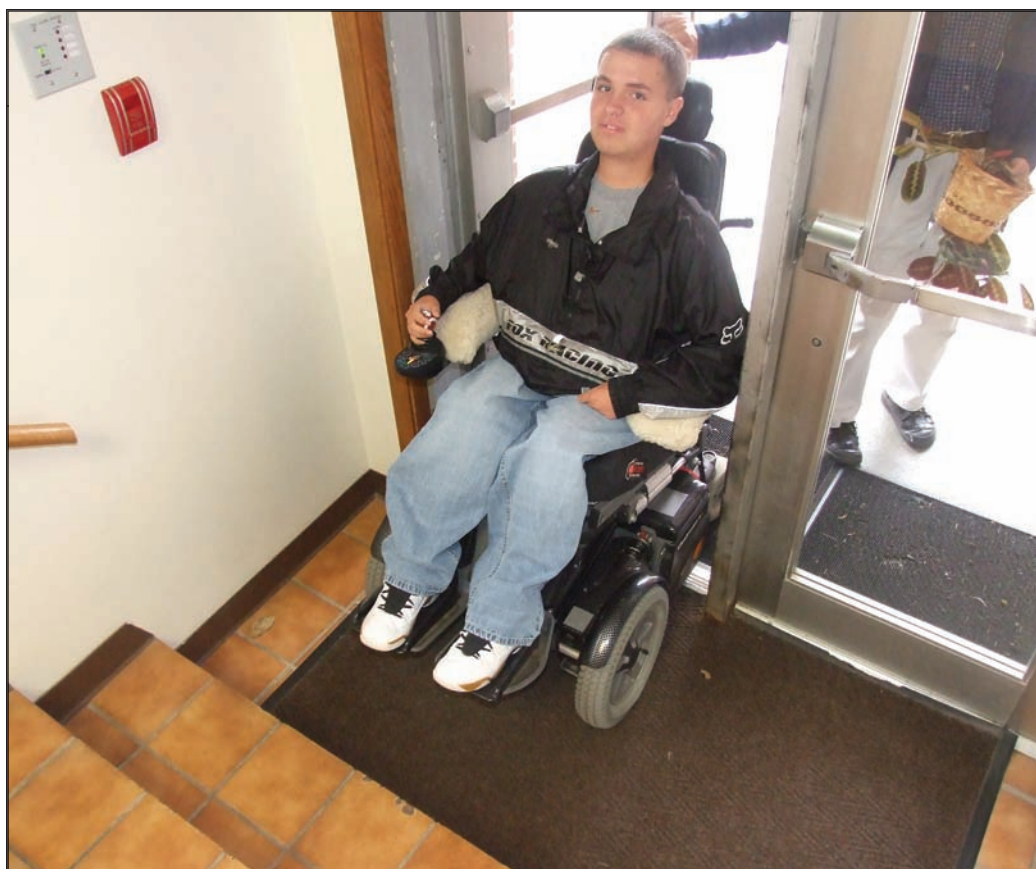


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Blake Reed, soph., McPherson, enters the front door of Beeghly Hall. The lack of handicapped-accessible facilities limits the number of buildings Reed can navigate on campus.

cessibility.

Susan Taylor, college librarian, said she expects the changes to take place this summer, which will include a more accessible elevator, a fully handicapped-accessible restroom on the first floor and a new ramp in the front of the building.

"The ramp in the back is very steep and narrow," Taylor said. "A ramp in the front will be inviting and will signal that we all enter the same way."

Reed was happy to hear of the planned improvements to the library.

"It's exciting to hear the plans that are being made," Reed said. "The library is one place that is very limited because the ramp is behind the building, the elevator rarely works and it has barely enough room in the first place."

Tuberville can now get around without a wheelchair or crutches, but he hasn't forgotten what it felt like to be handicapped.

"I'm excited for the improvements to take place," Tuberville said. "Even though I'm back on my feet now, it's hard to think about

the people that have to go through what I've been through."

Reed emphasized that just because someone is handicapped, they shouldn't have to sacrifice ease of getting around campus.

"I don't think that anyone should have limited resources at their school because of handicapped accessibility," Reed said. "I hope that by the time I am done here at McPherson College, I am comfortable getting around the college and so is everyone else in my situation."

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ed that traffic on the college Web site continues to grow and the communications department will add more electronic communications such as blast e-mails and group phone messaging.

The committee reported the admissions office's goal is to have 150 freshman deposits by May 1 and an additional 150 transfer deposits by June 15. It said the inquiry pool is much larger than last fall. The admissions department is ahead of last year in applications, acceptances and deposits. It is also planning a prospective student magazine that will be updated two to four times a year, replacing a traditional Yearbook.

Finally, the committee reported that the college is reviewing and will likely refine the current financial aid policy for fall of 2008.

If the policy is altered, the changes will not apply to existing students. The changes are not expected to be dramatic in nature, President Hovis said.

The financial aid policy is

being reviewed for possible change because the college's low net tuition is the fourth lowest among the 18 private colleges in Kansas. Net tuition is gross tuition minus institutional scholarships. Considering the college has some of the best facilities, better-than-average faculty pay and smaller-than-average class size, this combination of factors isn't sustainable in the long run, President Hovis said.

Any changes made to the policy will be communicated in December and January.

Natural Sciences program review accepted

The Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee acknowledged the receipt of the Natural Science Program Review. The board expressed concerns about the scope and completeness of the review, and made 10 recommendations for the natural sciences department.

Five of these recommendations have already been fulfilled, Hovis said.

The committee also provided reports on career services, which showed a continuing strong participation

in internships.

The committee also reviewed the Kansas State Department of Education/National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education accreditation visit, which had a very good preliminary report.

Overall continued progress in course offerings was reported and the committee noted that several programs have benefited from changes in curriculum, staffing and the overall increase in enrollment and in declared majors. However, the committee also reported that some programs continue to struggle with low enrollment in courses.

In residence life, more than 90 percent of beds are occupied or rented as a single room. A survey of dorm residents by resident assistants indicated that 66 percent of residents are quite positive about the college and fewer than 9 percent were negative.

Campus activity related to the service component of the college's mission was positive. More than 300 students provided more than 5,500 hours worth of service last year.

In athletics, nine of 11 teams improved retention rates from the prior year and incoming average GPA of all teams was at least 3.0.

The Financial Affairs Committee reported next. The board accepted the 2006-07 audit, which was "clean," meaning there were no doubts expressed about the accuracy or reliability of financial statements, as well as no concerns about the college's financial controls.

Plans for college properties approved

The board then approved a revised plan of action for property adjacent to campus, including removing six unusable houses as campaign funds become available. It also adopted an updated corporate resolution, required by various financial institutions, which is routine and usually done every one to two years.

Members also approved a resolution authorizing the sale of four college-owned farms to be sold at auction with a reserve.

The committee reported that the 2007-08 budget is generally on target for the

year, but acknowledged there are areas where spending is ahead of pace. It also reported that the 2008-09 budget will receive major attention over the next few months.

The endowment grew by about \$3 million in 2006-07 due to strong investment performance, gains on the sale of farm property and nearly \$2 million in gifts. The increase was in spite of endowment spending of about \$3 million to support operations.

The Executive Committee provided a report on the college's strategic plan indicators. The fall 2007 enrollment of 498 students was a 30-year high. Although freshman enrollment of 134 was the best in seven years, it was not large enough to continue growth of the student body. New-student enrollment of 180 needs to increase to 200 for the fall of 2008.

Student to faculty ratio increased to 13-to-1, up from 9-to-1 just a few years ago. The committee noted this number was still well below the median of 16-to-1 among private Kansas colleges.