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NEWS BRIEFS

Donate clothes to benefit C2M

A first-year seminar group will be collecting clothing and other items this week to benefit Central Mississippi Missions, or C2M.

C2M is a non-profit organization that travels to Nicaragua every summer, taking clothing, medicine and hygiene products to people in need.

Donation boxes will be located around campus beginning on Monday. Look for boxes in Hoffman Student Union and in various residence halls.

For more information on how to donate, please contact Davis May at mayjon@bulldog.mcpherson.edu

Church to host program on fair trade

The First Congregational United Church of Christ will host a presentation titled Fair Trade: the Opportunities and Barriers, on March 4 at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker is Jim French, Lead Organizer of Oxfam America, an international development and aid agency. French manages a farming and ranching operation in Reno County.

For more information, please contact Ken Stephens at 620-242-0809 or Jim French at jfrench@oxfarmamerica.org

Volunteers needed for focus group

Pizza and pop will be provided for volunteers in a focus group in Miller Library on March 12 at 5 p.m.

Connie Kramer's Marketing Research class is involved in a class project in partnership with Miller Library, working to gather information about how to better provide educational services.

The class is seeking students' opinions, ideas and recommendations to enhance their library experience.

Reserve a spot by e-mailing Kramer at kramerc@mcpherson.edu or Sheri Arceneaux at smithshe@bulldog.mcpherson.edu

Want to run?

Outdoor track and field season has started practice. The first meet is on March 15 at McPherson Stadium.

Coach Dave Smith invites those planning to participate in track and field to meet with him this afternoon in the Sport Center.

For anyone who wants to help with the meet, e-mail Coach Smith.

Spring 2008 budget

Some changes needed to meet budget

TRACEY ROBERTS
Spectator Staff

A lower-than-expected spring enrollment has caused the need for "modest changes" to be made to meet the budget for this semester, said President Ron Hovis.

"The college is not in a financial crisis," Hovis said. "For several years, we were fortunate to have increasing enrollment and stay on budget all year long."

The 2007-08 budget, given final approval by the Board of Trustees in July 2007, was based around the assumption of 500 full-time students for the fall semester and 440 full-time students in the spring.

The official fall enrollment was 498 and the projected

"As with any organization that has a budget, if reality does not match the assumptions on which the budget was based, mid-year changes need to be made."

- President Hovis

spring enrollment is 432. Variables that factor into the development of the budget include student enrollment, withdrawals and department expenses.

The budget is based on an assumed enrollment for each program offered throughout the fiscal year - July through

June. Each department creates a budget every semester. Expenses can also vary due to enrollment figures.

The college reviewed each budget line in December, asking various employees what was needed in each area to operate on in the spring.

The college's revenue is primarily based on student revenue, annual donor gifts and withdrawals from the endowment. These three sources make up more than 90 percent of the college's income.

When students withdraw from all courses, it upsets the calculations in the budget.

Depending on when students drop out, they may receive a partial refund or may leave without paying their

Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda for March 1

- Review and adopt Strategic Plan for 2008-11
- Reports on enrollment and retention for Spring 2008
- Program review for Spanish and English
- Review of budget and endowment results for 2007-08
- Review and approve target budget and endowment withdrawals for 2008-09
- Review potential construction plans for improving access to the library
- Progress on enrollment of new students for Fall 2008
- Progress on concluding the myMC campaign
- Election of new members and officers to the Board of Trustees
- Annual assessment of President's performance

bill in full. The relationship between enrollment, endowment spending and the operating budget will be discussed by [Please see Budget, page 8](#)



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Taylor Plowman, soph., Overland Park, text messages last week during class. Wayne Conyers, professor of art, said, "My perception is that texting during class is nothing more than a high-tech substitute for the old school concept of doodling and making goofy drawings in notebooks." Conyers said that cell phones don't cause inattentive behavior, they are one of several available tools that an inattentive student may choose as an outlet.

Cell phones source of annoyance

Distractions in the classroom

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

By now, most professors can easily identify the stance of a student text-messenger: one or both hands concealed under the desk, eyes staring toward the floor as if in prayer and fingers moving up and down, rapid-fire.

Cell phone use during class is the source of annoyance among several professors.

"I want their undivided attention," said Connie Kramer, assistant professor of business. "The perception on the students' part is that because it's not ringing it's OK to use it."

Kramer's syllabus indicates cell phones and mp3 players should be turned off while in class. Some students choose to disregard this rule, put their phones on vibrate and continue to use them.

Most professors agreed that while cell phone use is a distraction, it isn't a huge problem. Rod Gieselman, assistant professor of business, doesn't have an explicit rule prohibiting cell phone use, but said it's just not considerate.

"Students try to be discreet about it, and yet other students notice it and I

notice it," Gieselman said.

Kim Stanley, professor of English, said it's not too big of a deal, and it's not the professor's job to make sure students aren't daydreaming.

"They're grown-ups," Stanley said. They can choose to pay attention or not. I do get annoyed if someone is texting and then wants me to repeat an assignment that she or he hasn't heard."

Kent Noffsinger, associate professor of physical science, believes Student Government Association should "make a stand" on the issue of cell phones, coming up with a consistent policy that would appease both students and faculty.

"Any electronic devices are distractions," Noffsinger said. "They distract students from paying attention and taking notes."

Noffsinger added that a case of cheating using text messages occurred within the science department earlier this year.

"We don't want to turn people out into the world that aren't educated because we've worked hard to educate them," Noffsinger said.

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NSSE gives students chance to voice opinion

ELIZABETH JOHNSON
Spectator Staff

Finally, a chance to make your voice heard.

Freshmen and seniors are invited to take the National Survey of Student Engagement, which compares McPherson students' ratings with those of students from 600 other colleges.

The NSSE survey will appear in students' campus e-mail accounts and will take about 15 minutes to complete.

Although NSSE sends the survey, the sender's name will appear

Last year, only 37 percent of eligible students took the NSSE.

as Dean of Students LaMonte Rotherock. This ensures that students can identify it as important and not junk mail. NSSE will send out four e-mails from the end of February to the end of May.

The survey asks questions about how McPherson College engages students in the classroom, whether it uses group projects or writing

projects, how professors teach, how challenging the academic environment is and how supportive the campus environment is.

Last year, only 37 percent of eligible students took the NSSE survey. Those students rated McPherson high in the area of positive relationships between students, faculty and staff from the freshmen perspective.

Seniors reported that the college was supportive of students' social needs, gave them opportunities to work with faculty on activities besides coursework and allowed them ample opportunities to receive field experience.

Both freshmen and seniors said they spent more than 5 hours a week participating in co-curricular activities.

However, one area that Mac lagged in was the percentage of students who study abroad.

First, NSSE compares Mac's results with a select peer group. It then compares results with national statistics gathered from all of the colleges that take the survey. NSSE then sends the college a list of its five strengths and five weaknesses.

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Guest lecture series need name change

McPherson College hosts four ongoing lecture series. Often, these lectures are poorly attended by students. We feel that much of this poor attendance is due to perceptions created by the names of the series and ineffective promotion.

Yes, we are lectured on a regular basis, so getting students to volunteer for more seat time is a challenge. But the college can make some minor changes that we believe would boost attendance.

Perhaps a change in the names of the series would more accurately represent the material being presented. As an example, to us, the words "Religious Heritage Series" conjure up an image of theologians preaching about the history of their particular religion. While this may be true to some degree this is not the focus of all lectures presented by this series. Modern Lifestyles, Contemporary Thought or Human Spirit may better reflect the actual content.

Additionally, the Mohler, Harter and Flory lecture series tell us nothing of the genre. Therefore the message sent by the title of the particular lecture is all that will be used to judge whether or not to attend.

The point here is not to scare off students because of misconceptions. Careful review of the purpose of each of the series will yield an updated picture from which to extract a name reflective of the content of the lectures.

The issue of promotion is one of effectiveness more than effort. The existence of these ongoing lectures is unknown to a significant number of students. They may have been told about them, but the message is getting lost. Those that are getting the message are not motivated to act. Interesting content is the best way to boost attendance, but presumptions and attitudes must first be changed.

Last semester C.L. Lindsay presented an entertaining, informative lecture on the pitfalls of certain online behavior. It would have been attended by a handful of students if not for convocation attendance requirements. Negative lecture assumptions and unawareness would have assured a low turnout.

To change attitudes and awareness the school needs to aggressively promote future lectures focusing heavily on the benefits of attending. The lecture content relevant to students needs to be relayed so students can make informed decisions about attending.

Active, coordinated promotion in the classroom and even required attendance in some cases is needed. Remember that lectures are competing with television, video games and other leisure-time interests. Promotions must be eye-catching and able to keep attention long enough to get students thinking about the content, not the fact that it is a lecture.

We think that following through with these suggestions can get students thinking of lectures as informative, valuable and entertaining. Once this is accomplished attendance will increase.

ISSUE: Low student attendance at lectures.
OUR POSITION: Name changes and promotion can help turnout.

Smokey's Wacky World



Cartoon by Matt Shroyer

CAMPUS FORUM

Our mission is to take aim at the unsatisfactory food service and the lack of meal plan choices presented to us at McPherson College. The fact that there is only one meal plan offered for on-campus students leaves many of us paying for more meals than we actually use.

For some, a variety of meal plan options would not only be beneficial for their eating habits, but their pocketbooks as well. Other problems include the unsanitary and unsatisfactory conditions of the food and the dining area.

Because of these and other reasons we have decided to take it

into our own hands to address these problems and inform the administration that we are displeased with what we are offered. We want to make it clear that we have nothing against the employees of the food service. They are not at fault for these problems.

The goal of our protest is to force the administration to see that the majority of the student body is unhappy with the current conditions and that change is needed. We ask that the students are given choices of partial, as well as full, meal plans.

On our first attempt to test the

resolve of the student body, we received over 100 signatures in less than one hour. This informed us that we are not alone. At lunch, on March 5, we will have another opportunity for students to sign the petition. While a certain number of signatures are not required we believe that the administration cannot ignore the will of the people when it is presented to them on paper. We thank you for your support.

Alfio Previtera, Dave Caddin and Ryan Heller

Vote on policy not personal quirks

A few weeks ago, I was standing in my kitchen pouring myself some milk and absently listening to a radio talk show when I heard the most astonishing thing: a gentleman called in and declared that he could not vote for Mitt Romney because he reminded him "of a used car salesman."

I stood up straight. What? The talk show host tried to get the gentleman to explain further. What about his policies? What about his experience as governor? What about his accomplishments? But the man kept retreating to his original statement, as if it was reason enough. Romney reminded him of a used car salesman. Another caller also commented that his wife and daughter had declared Mike Huckabee "creepy." When asked why, this assessment was credited to "women's intuition."

This is called the genetic fallacy. It consists of pronouncing judgment on an argument or stance based on a characteristic of the person presenting the argument, a characteristic that is not relevant to the argument. For example, "His advice about how to fix this car is wrong because he has blue hair." Looking at that statement, it



Alyson Holman

is easy to see how illogical it is. But the fallacy is being committed more subtly and just as badly all the time.

The more I listen to various news broadcasts and talk shows, the more I hear this sort of thing. The reporters naturally assume, without question, that African-Americans will vote for Barack Obama, that women will vote for Hillary Clinton, that evangelical Christians will vote for Mike Huckabee. At first, hearing these assumptions irritated me. People will not allow themselves to be put into stereotypical slots like that. But then, as I listen further, I find I am proven wrong.

I am constantly hearing reasons that dwell mostly

on the candidates' manners, whether they seem amiable, whether they sound well-meaning, that he is black or that she is a woman. I have often heard that it would be great to have an African American president. But wasn't it Martin Luther King who said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character?"

Some are equally excited to have a woman president. If they know some history, they may point to Queen Elizabeth I of England, and commend a woman's capabilities. But recall for a moment Elizabeth's predecessor, Mary, otherwise known as "Bloody Mary." Being a woman is not a virtue in itself. It is irrelevant, in these cases. What made Mary terrible and Elizabeth great was that Mary was a ruthless tyrant and Elizabeth was capable, strong and intelligent. The same could be said of many wicked and good kings.

In this modern age, when we are bombarded with pictures and film of the candidates constantly, it is hard for us not to choose a candidate the

same way we pick our favorite movie stars - based upon their looks and mannerisms, their smile and their voice. If something about the way a certain candidate gestures when he makes a point rubs us the wrong way, we tend to tune him out and write him off. When was the last time we had a president who was sincerely bad-looking? I often wonder, if he ran for office today, whether we would elect Abraham Lincoln, a gangly, jagged-faced man from the sticks of Kentucky. And yet who can argue with his virtue?

We must learn this lesson, then. We must choose a candidate based on content of character. Listen to what the man himself says. Read transcripts of her speeches. Dive in and discover what they really mean, what they are impassioned about, what drives them, what motivates them. What force, if any, makes them do what is right instead of what is easy? Forget it if he reminds you of a used car salesman, or that she is a woman. Put your ear to the heart of the matter and choose the person, whoever he or she is, who is strong enough, capable enough and wise enough to be the President of the United States.

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Good Dog vs Bad Dog comparison chart with a paw print icon.

Good Dog	Bad Dog
"Holla at a Brotha" discussion panel.	The parking challenged.
Mac basketball.	Snoring roommates.
Coach Trimmell's 26 years.	Those that complain without suggestion.

CHEW ON THIS

"Those who stand for nothing fall for anything."
- Alexander Hamilton

"Cherish your vision and your dreams as they are the children of your soul; the blueprints of your ultimate achievements."
- Napoleon Hill

Campus in need of makeover

It's almost the end of February and Kansas is still unpredictable. One afternoon it's warm outside, reaching a peak of 55 degrees, and the next day it snows 1 1-2 inches. This winter has definitely been brutal when it comes to destruction on campus.

But what do you expect? It's winter in Kansas. The trees are bare, the grass is brown and everyone is running around bundled up in their winter gear.

With this in mind, the campus is going to look a little drab, it's to be expected. However, it seems that the campus could use some maintenance.

For example, Beeghly Hall. Don't get me wrong, I love Beeghly, but it needs



Megan McKnight

some cosmetic work. After you look at Beeghly, you walk past Hess, which is a complete 180. It's beautiful on the inside and out with little damage around it.

So after you get past the polar opposites, Beeghly and Hess, you walk toward Metzler.

Just mentioning the name of the building can produce a lot of disgruntled opinions. It's one of the older dorms on campus and is in serious need of remodeling. Students on their campus tour don't even get to see the inside of it, but that's where a lot of freshmen end up.

But behind Metzler, you have Bittinger and Morrison, the two nicest dorms on campus. They've got nice carpet, controlled heating and air conditioning and are well kept, unlike Metzler.

There are a few other aspects of the college that are crying out for attention.

For example, the brick lining outside of the Gazebo. The side of it has been busted for at least a month now and it's still sitting there, busted. Several other sections of the wall are also in need of repair. Also, the curbs in many areas are torn up, especially on the Euclid Street circle.

It's been over two years now since I first visited the campus. I fell in love with how beautiful it looked, but since then the college seems to have taken a beating.

The school really should take into consideration what prospective students first see when they visit our campus, even in the winter. Also, current students need to be thought of as well. Who wants to live in a run-down

dorm room and walk past broken bricks every morning?

And since we are a small campus, I feel it gives us the opportunity to really make it a beautiful one. Fixing things up in a quicker fashion, putting more dedication to some buildings and just adding simple features such as the porch swing in front of Dotzour, would really help the campus come alive again.

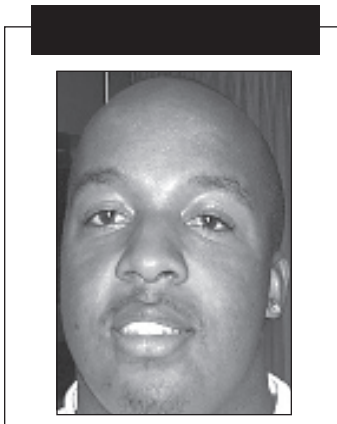
With the coming of spring, the college should put some thought into how they can make the campus more appealing. We want prospective students to remember us as a friendly and beautiful looking campus, not run-down and uninviting.

Black History Month celebrates achievements

When I hear the phrase Black History Month it means a lot to me. I think of my great ancestors who fought their whole lives for me to be sitting where I am today. Many African-Americans do not understand what an honor it is to have a month dedicated to us.

This month is to honor African-Americans who have broken down barriers in politics, business, science, athletics, music, etc. We often take it as just another month, but it is something to be thankful for and we should take more time to learn about it. Not only should this be important to African-Americans but to everyone.

People ask why we set aside a whole month to be dedicated to African-Americans and not other races.



Drew Griffin

Why keep hanging on to the past?

The idea of Black History Month is not meant to be seen as racial or cultural weakness, nor is it envy of the accomplishments of other races. Black History Month is supposed to be a

celebration.

It is also a protest for black people to be included into American History. As long as we have black history as something that really does not matter to American history, there will always be the question of how truly united are we. As long as there is ignorance, racial hatred or discrimination, I feel there will be a need for Black History Month.

This month is not only to look at what was done to African-Americans, but also to remember what African-Americans have done. For instance, people like Martin Luther King, Harriet Tubman and Malcolm X.

This month is also meant to bring attention to the accomplishments of other less famous African-Americans

like George Washington Carver who invented peanut-butter, Lewis Howard Latimer who developed the electric light bulb, Garrett Augustus Morgan who invented the stop light and gas mask, and many others. This is a time for everyone to learn who these people are, what they have accomplished in the world and to be thankful for their contributions.

In some sense black history is overlooked, especially in our schools. The history of the African-American people, as taught in many school textbooks, is limited to only a few pages to cover more than 200 years of "small struggles," and small victories".

But I also believe that the history of the African-American people is about

overcoming the impossible, holding the intangible and proving the unbelievable. Black History Month is time for the "brag sheets" of our ancestors to be posted on high billboards and displayed. The celebration of Black History Month gives encouragement to every boy and girl to fight for what is right and just.

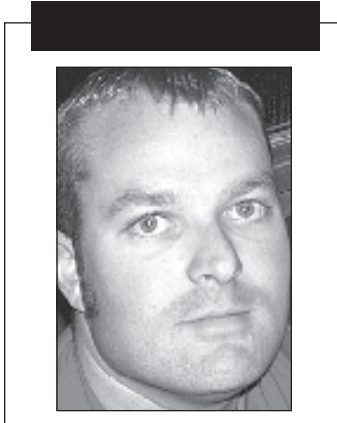
When I think about what represents Black History Month I look at it this way. It is like a classroom, as long as students, the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the black and the white keep coming up with a failing grade because of our confusion and our hurt towards one another, prudence dictates that school remains in session for as long as necessary.

Christian school but where's the religion?

When deciding to come to McPherson College three years ago I was glad to know that it was Christian-based. But what I found was a school loosely affiliated with the Church of the Brethren and a student body that does not seem to care that much about God.

I have been a part of the Student Ministry Advisory Group for the past two years and we have tried to find ways to get the campus involved in Christian activities. During the 2006 school year, the advisory group surveyed new students.

We found that the majority of the student body is



Brian Schippert

not from the Church of the Brethren, but the majority of the student body does have some sort of Christian back-

ground. To accommodate this we changed the format of chapel so that participants would not feel it was solely for the Brethren students. This had little effect on attendance. We thought that maybe the 11:30 slot on Wednesdays was a bad time so last semester we moved it, but that did not get people involved either.

So my question is: where are all of the Christian students? I have a hard time telling based on the conversations I hear in the cafeteria, dorms and in passing between classes. I do not hear God come up in conversation unless it is in a derogatory

way. When I go to the cafeteria on Sunday mornings it is apparent that most of the students don't make it to church.

As a student, do you feel that your Christian needs are being met by the school? Did you expect a more Christian way of living to be represented on campus? What do you want to see happen to bring back Christianity?

We offer chapel at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday. There is a Bible study group that meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday's at the Hearth Room, a downtown coffee shop, and a prayer group that meets in the Quiet Room in the base-

ment of the Student Union at 7 p.m. on Mondays.

If you were active in Christian activities before you came to McPherson, I encourage you to attend the current activities available. If you haven't been involved in church before, give it a try. It might be just the thing you have been missing in your life. If you have tried the events on campus and they are not your thing, or if you have other ideas, let Tom Hurst, director of campus ministry, know. We can adapt our activities. I challenge us as students to bring God back to the center of our lives and our campus.

SHOUT IT OUT!

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

Kansas is the best state. Just accept it.

My chicken-fried steak is an island amongst a sea of gravy.

Take out your retainer.

The "Holla at a Brotha" box is insulting. What next? "Ask a Jew?"

I like pina colodas and dancing in the rain.

Stuff just got weird.

Is it true that 40 football players left at the end of last semester?

Why are there printers on campus, but you have to provide your own paper?

I just got kicked out of class.

Just because your college experience was defined by residential life, it doesn't mean everyone's is!

Bring back sugar-free syrup.

What's with the dead fruit outside of Dotzour.

Why pay for food we don't eat.

If we are required to live here, if something is legal off-campus, it should be legal on campus.

If this campus refuses to provide security capable of handling all reasonable threats, including gunmen, students should have the right to protect ourselves! A private school does not mean leading students to slaughter.

I need a donation for my iPod, camera and keys that were stolen.

I can't wait to see what these sweet potatoes do to me later...

Donate.

Who are you???

Help me!

Why are there sick little kids running in and out of the kitchen?

On the Fly

Do you attend any of the campus guest lectures?



"Yes. The school brings in people for a reason."

Kacy Smith, Jr., Milford.



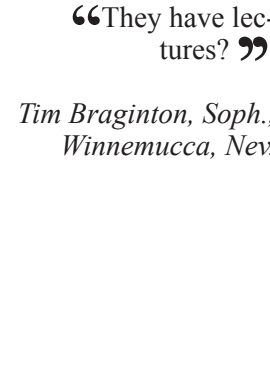
"What? I didn't even know about them."

Davis May, Fr., Canton, Miss.



"The titles don't look appealing."

Cody Doll, Jr., Healy.



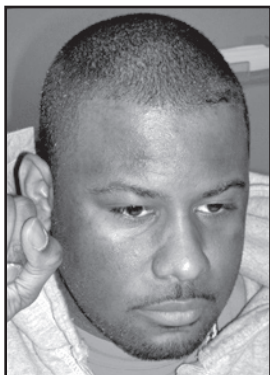
"They have lectures?"

Tim Braginton, Soph., Winnemucca, Nev.



"A lot of it does not reach out to African-Americans."

Tray Anderson, Sr., Los Angeles, Calif.



"I never knew about the lectures."

Nikki MacKay, Sr., Peculiar, MO





Photo By Benjamin Denton

Alex Mauriz, jr., Flemington, N.J., the one known vegetarian on campus, enjoys a piece of cheese pizza for lunch in the caf.

Vegetarian struggles with food choices

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
Spectator Staff

The cafeteria, love it or hate it, is the majority of McPherson College students' main source of food. Sometimes one can go in there and not find a single thing they find appealing. How much harder would it be if you were a vegetarian?

The cafeteria isn't required to offer vegetarian fare everyday, unless it is requested. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, must be "made aware of dietary needs" and said the "cafeteria works to prepare meals (for students with needs) if they don't meet with the current menu".

He adds, "I am not aware of a single vegetarian on campus," and he also said

the cafeteria prepares a five-to six-week meal plan in which they "try to do a balanced meal".

But we do have a vegetarian on campus. Alex Mauriz, jr., Flemington, N.J., became a pescatarian last May and a vegetarian in January.

Pescatarians do not eat any meat with the exception of fish and are not technically vegetarians. The following definitions are provided by <http://www.clevelandclinic.org>: semi-vegetarians usually eat everything but red meat. Poultry is often excluded, but fish and dairy products are almost always included. Lacto-ovo-vegetarians eat all dairy products, including butter, cheese and eggs, but no meat, poultry or fish. Lacto-vegetarians eat dairy products, but no eggs,

meat, poultry or fish.

Vegans eat only plant foods like cereals, grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds. They exclude all foods of animal origin, including foods that contain any ingredients derived from an animal.

"The cafeteria made me want to be vegetarian," Mauriz said. "I was not a fan of the meat. Sometimes they have meat in everything." He does not eat meat or fish, but does eat eggs, dairy products and honey.

"I needed to get healthy," Mauriz said. "I eat a lot of soy products."

Alisha Gridley, sr., Clifton, has recently cut out beef in her diet.

"I only eat poultry every once in a while when the cafeteria doesn't have adequate protein choices,"

Gridley said. "Some days they are really good about having alternative choices for a main course, but for the most part there are four different choices of some kind of fried meat in the hot part of the service."

Another issue is that Catholics around campus have been wondering, where is the fish? For those that practice Lent, it is often difficult with food choices.

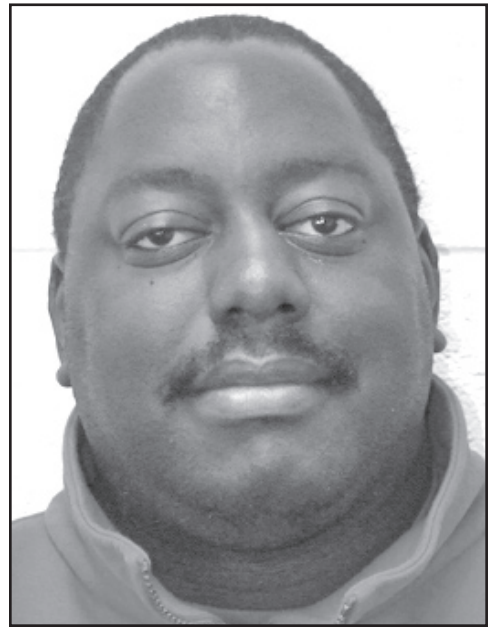
"Typically, you'll see fish this season," Rothrock said. "They try to recognize things like that."

However, there are about 20 different religions on campus which makes it hard to please everyone. For needs or suggestions, Rothrock encourages students "to communicate their needs to me and Brian."

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH MARCUS HICKS

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor in chief



Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A Head women's basketball coach as well as other duties assigned, which deals with game preparation.

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

A My wife is my dream date. We'd probably go to whatever historic site she'd want to see. I'm quite sure somewhere in Europe.

Q Do you have any children?

A We have a one-year-old black lab.

Q How long have you been coaching for?

A About 12 years.

Q What is your biggest pet peeve?

A Cell phones that go off in the middle of church.

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

A I'd say my Bible, soap to wash with and my wife.

Q Who is your role model?

A I'd say it was my mom and grandparents.

Q What is the best piece of coaching advice you have to offer?

A If you can find a job that pays more money, go with it. If you're going to coach, you really gotta love it because it can't be about the money. You gotta be willing to change lives, or at least assist in changing them.

Q How did you get into coaching?

A I bugged a coach enough, he made me a student manager and when I finished school, they helped me find my first job. It was just something I knew I wanted to do.

Student Credit Cards & Debt

Do you have a credit card that you are responsible for (parents do not pay for them)?
Yes: 77 No: 69

How many credit cards do you have (parents may pay for them)?
of students : # of cards

59:0,
61:1
18:2
6:3,
1:4
1:5+

If you have a credit card, do you have credit card DEBT?
Yes: 19 No: 58

146 student polled

Credit Card Debt Example

You owe \$2,000 a 16 percent (Minimum payment = 2 percent of the balance or \$20/month whichever is greater.)

You Pay	Total Paid	Time
\$ Minimum/month	\$4,660	15.5 years
\$40/month	\$3,317	7 years
\$40 + \$25/month	\$2,590	3 years

Say you owe \$2,000 on a credit card that charges 16% interest. How your minimum monthly payment is calculated will vary, but a typical method is the greater of 2% of your balance, or \$20/month. With a \$2,000 balance your minimum monthly payment will start at \$40/month, but will decline each month until it reaches the \$20/month minimum.

If you pay only the minimum monthly payment, it will take you about 15 years to pay off your balance and a total of \$4,660. That more than doubles the cost of what you purchased!

If you kept paying \$40 per month, not reducing your payment as the required minimum payment declined, you'd pay off the debt in about 7 years with a total cost of \$3,317.

If you paid the \$40 per month AND were able to pay an additional \$25 per month, you'd pay off your balance in slightly more than 3 years with a total cost of \$2,590.

Students cautioned about ease of credit card use

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
Spectator Staff

There are quite a few people in the world with a credit card - Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and many others. McPherson students have them too, and use them for small to big purchases.

Camron Shay, fr., Healy, wants one, "so I can get massive loads of anything I want," he said.

From televisions to a snack run at Wal-Mart, when people use credit

cards for everything it makes it easier to fall into debt. According to www.youngmoney.com the average credit card debt is \$2,700 that college students owe, while about ten percent of students owed \$7,000 or more.

Brittany Van Sant, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo., provided advice for credit card users.

"Do not spend any money on your credit card unless you have the money in the bank to pay it off," Van Sant said.

Rod Gieselman, assistant professor of business, cautioned against credit cards.

"(They are) very useful and convenient, but students have to be responsible," Gieselman said Rod Gieselman.

For those who have already sunk into debt, Gieselman is willing to help out. He recommends taking a personal finance or accounting and finance class, but if that doesn't fit into students' schedules, he said he would be willing to do a workshop if enough

students showed interest.

Gieselman cautions students to be aware of annual fees, late fees, cash advance fees and interest charges because people, "spend a lot more money than what they charge" due to these fees.

Gieselman has three rules for credit card use: use your credit card only on items that are planned or budgeted, pay your credit card balance in full every month, and if you can't do the above, cut up your credit cards.

Black History Month panel opens diversity discussion

Students gather to discuss topics related to the growing population of blacks at McPherson College

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

Black students at McPherson College are taking a stand to bring awareness to their community. A panel of black male students gathered with a group of their peers to answer questions and discuss issues that are important to them on Wednesday in Dotzour Hall.

The panel consisted of Tray Anderson, sr., Los Angeles, Calif.; Julius Emanuel, soph., Houston, Texas; Chris Ezeibunwa, jr., Baton Rouge, La.; Drew Griffin, soph., Sacramento, Calif.; Stephen Harrison, jr., Columbus, Miss.; and Dwayne Thomas, soph., Houston, Texas.

"I think 'Holla at a Brotha' was a great idea," said Melissa Grandison, fr., Quinter. "I thought it went well and I'm especially impressed that so many people attended. I'm very glad that Shay and Shane were willing and able to put it together and that all the 'brothas' in the panel were willing to do it. Hopefully it will be a first step toward some sort of multicultural club on campus."

ShaRhonda Maclin, assistant professor in education; and Shane Britt, resident director; Metzler, Student Government Association advisor, and Student Activities Board co-director, hosted "Holla at a Brotha." LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, originally approached Maclin and Britt to put together an event in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

"Emporia State had a 'Hol-

la at a Brotha' night when I went to school there and I thought it would be a good ice breaker to bring dialogue between blacks and whites on questions that maybe they haven't talked about," Britt said.

Some of the questions asked were purely fun, such as: What's with the pick in your fro? What's the point of your pants down to your knees? What's your obsession with the booty? Is it true that once you go black you never go back? Why do you guys like chicken so much... and kool-aide?

However, some of the questions took a more serious turn: What do you like to be called - black or African-American? Why do you think it's socially acceptable for blacks to say the n-word, but not others? Why do African Americans use being black as an excuse? How do you feel about being a successful black man? Why are mixed people not black enough??

The night brought up the lack of events on campus for Black History Month. Students felt not only should there be more events for blacks, but for all races.

"There should be more things for every culture, not just blacks," said one panel member.

Rothrock said, "Student Services' mission is to empower students to develop within a safe, student-centered community. This event generated some really good ideas, information and concerns. We look forward to



Photo By Benjamin Denton

Michael Moreland, fr., Lawton, Okla., and Josh Mowarin, fr., Edmond, Okla., listen as a panel of black male students discuss numerous questions asked by the audience. The audience was open and honest as all manner of topics were talked about.

hearing how the students want Student Services to get involved."

Maclin said she thinks Black History Month will be celebrated more next year.

"I am personally involved and we will have to provide more activities as we gain more traditional black stu-

dents on campus."

Britt said he will actively participate in planning more activities next year.

"This year people were vocally disappointed with the lack of activities on campus," Britt said. "Next year, I will do my part to make sure things get done."

More than 60 students attended "Holla at a Brotha"

In addition to "Holla at a Brotha," the cafeteria had an African-American Food Day on Feb. 27. The menu included roast turkey with giblet gravy, garlic lime chicken, oven-roasted sweet potatoes, black-eyed

peas, cheese dip, pecan pie, carrot cake, strawberry tea, raspberry lemonade.

The black student population has grown this year and the "Holla at a Brotha" event was a stepping stone to greater things for Black History Month and the McPherson College community.

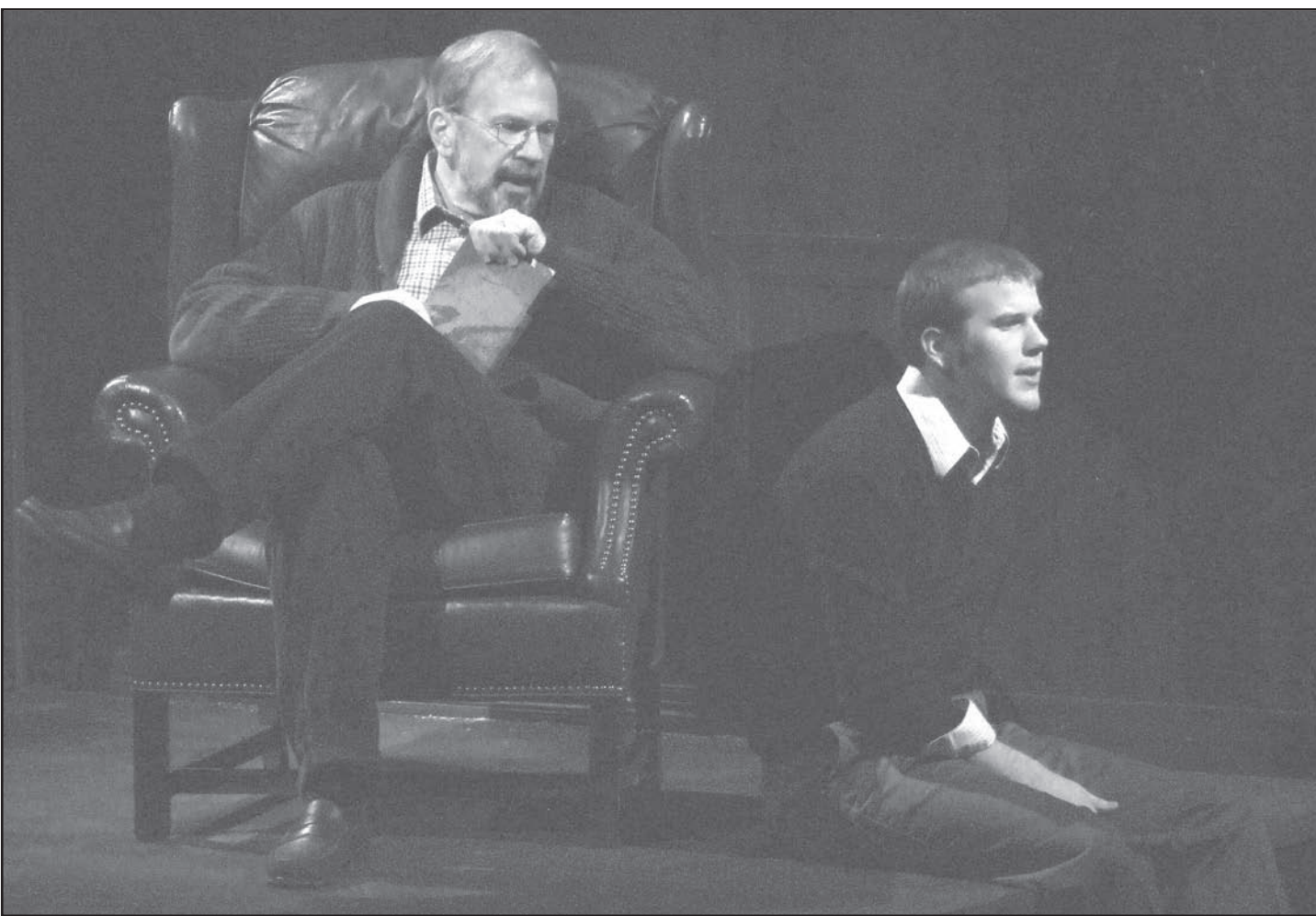


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Alex Tyler, McPherson, practices with Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre for the drama department's upcoming show.

Theatre prepares for upcoming show

AMY ZIEGLER
Spectator Staff

The upcoming play, "The Retreat from Moscow," will star Alex Tyler as the lead role for his senior project.

The play, written by William Nicholson and performed on Broadway in 2003, was chosen by Tyler for its drama and small cast size.

The McPherson box office explains the story as, "A 2004 Tony Nominated play, 'Retreat from Moscow' opens with Edward studying Napoleon's disastrous and expensive invasion of Russia.

For Edward, this historical episode becomes a metaphor for his own marriage. Edward and his wife, Alice, cope independently with the

RESERVATIONS

Tickets can be reserved through the McPherson Theatre Box Office for Feb. 29, March 1, 7, or 8. To contact the box office call (620) 242-4444 or e-mail theatre@mcpherson.edu.

'withdraw of troops' from their marriage while their son, Jamie, is forced to play an unwilling judge for his parents."

Tyler, McPherson, plays the role of Jamie with his real-life parents, Rick and Karlene Tyler, playing Edward and Alice. Rick Tyler is a professor of speech and theatre for McPherson College while Karlene Tyler is the associate dean of academic records and associate professor of theatre.

Tyler states the hardest part about the play has been

"the intimidation of working with my parents... (and) being in a role that is serious. I can't just be happy all the time. It has taken a toll on me emotionally. I have used a different method of acting for this role, because it fit with the role."

Tyler said the intimidation is dwindling as times passes however. With Jd. Bowman directing, the play should be a hit. Bowman said that overall the directing has been an easy path to pave, but managing his time has been the bigger issue, due to

preparing for the recent birth of he and his wife's baby.

Another important person to this production is Cody Doll, jr., Healy, who is serving as technical director. Doll's job is to ensure that the director's and set designer's visions are going to meet somewhere in the middle.

"It has affected my daily life because I have to spend quite a bit of time working on this show," Doll said. "There have been some late nights that I have put in trying to get it ready."

Though Doll has had some personal issues to take care of at home, the crew continued without him. Doll is very thankful to everyone for understanding and also taking care of the things that are going to make this play great.



Jessica Foulke, sr., Lawrence, was recently chosen as a district-level delegate for the Obama caucus in the upcoming election.

Foulke chosen as delegate

AMY ZIEGLER
Spectator Staff

Jessica Foulke, sr., Lawrence, has been chosen as a district-level delegate for the Obama caucus.

Foulke was chosen for this position after applying for the position in February. Then the election took place and Foulke was elected.

A delegate is someone who represents a member of a group while a caucus is a meeting of a political party

"300 caucused for Obama, while only about 50 caucused for Clinton," Foulke said. "Six of us

will Caucus for Obama from McPherson, as well as the other delegates from around the state."

The duties that Foulke will be assigned are not yet known. She will meet other district level delegates in Hays on April 12. At that time the decisions will be made about who will go on to the State Convention on May 17.

National delegates will be chosen at the State Convention. Foulke hopes she will be selected as a national delegate so she can attend the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colo., this summer.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Whitney Pegram, sr., Silver Lake, positions herself under the basket on Wednesday night against Friends. Pegram leads Division II NAIA with 119 blocks. She has also set the McPherson single season record for blocks.

Lady Bulldogs advance to semi-finals

Team finishes regular season with 18 wins, third seed in KCAC

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

The Lady Bulldogs beat Friends University Wednesday night, compiling 19 wins this season, the second most wins in McPherson College history.

With a come-from-behind overtime victory over Bethel College on Feb. 23, the Bulldogs clinched the third seed in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament.

Their success, however, is

not a surprise to them.

"I'd say we're kind of around where we expected to be," said Head Coach Marcus Hicks.

The Lady Bulldogs have had an impressive year statistically, too.

McPherson currently ranks first in both blocks per game and field goal percentage defense in Division II of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Whitney Pegram, sr., Silver Lake, leads Division II NAIA in blocks with 119.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

April Woody, sr., Tescott, is hugged by her mother after being recognized Wednesday on senior night after the girl's game. Woody has scored 1,135 points in her career, the third highest total in McPherson history.

This mark also shattered the college record. April Woody, sr., Tescott, sits at third in school history in points scored with 1135 points.

Coach Hicks also believes his Lady Bulldogs are playing their best basketball here at the end of the season.

"We are playing our smartest (basketball of the year)," Hicks said.

Because they have played so well this season, the Bulldogs believe they have a shot at winning the KCAC tournament against formidable conference foes.

"(We will win if we) just continue to play good team defense, take care of the ball and just execute offensively," Hicks said.

Pegram said, "(We just need to) put three good games together."

The Lady Bulldogs throttled Friends University Wednesday night by a final score of 74-52 in quarterfinal play of the KCAC tournament.

McPherson shot out of the gates quickly as a well-designed tip play set Woody up for a score in the first four seconds of the game. The

Lady Bulldogs would lead the rest of the way. The Bulldogs methodically built their lead to 36-22 at halftime.

In the second half, the Lady Bulldogs came out on fire. By the middle of the second half, McPherson boasted a 27-point lead. Friends got too far behind to come back, and McPherson coasted the rest of the way, using extensive use of their bench. The Lady Bulldogs won 74-52.

However, late in the second half, senior starter Becky Bratcher, Miami, Fla., went down hard with an apparent ankle sprain. Bratcher had

an impressive game with 10 points, 13 rebounds and six assists.

Callie Coberly, sr., Quinter, led the Bulldogs in scoring with 15 points, while Jamie Brewer, jr., McPherson, and Woody pitched in 13 apiece. The Bulldogs held Friends to 25 percent shooting from the field, while shooting 44 percent from the field along with 30 percent from behind the arc.

The Lady Bulldogs will travel to Winfield on Saturday to face Southwestern College in the semi-finals of the KCAC tournament.

Trimmell announces retirement

After 26 years at helm of men's basketball program, Trimmell calls it quits

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team is at the end of an era.

Head Coach Roger Trimmell is stepping down from his head coaching job at the end of this season announced LaMonte Rothrock via campus e-mail on Tuesday.

Trimmell has been at the helm of the men's basketball team for 26 years. In that time, he has won 371 games, the most of any coach in McPherson history.

Before Trimmell was a coach, he was a success-

ful athlete for the Bulldogs. He started three years under head coach Don Widrig. After his college career at McPherson, Trimmell spent nine years coaching at Canton-Galva High School and Haven High School before taking the reigns at McPherson College. Trimmell has been coaching for 35 years total.

But basketball is not the only sport Trimmell has coached. Trimmell has also spent some time coaching football, track and field, and tennis. He said he chose basketball as his sport because it

was climate controlled.

"It's always 72 degrees," Trimmell said.

Members of the basketball team were heavy-hearted when they heard news of Trimmell's departure.

"(It) hurts a little bit (to see him leave)," said Jared Stevenson, soph., Broken Arrow, Okla. "He's been my coach for two years and it will be a lot different not having him because he was a good coach."

Trimmell said he has been thinking about stepping down from his position for quite some time. He chose

this to be his last season because the timing seemed right seeing the success his team had this season and the number of seniors who are graduating this year. Despite this being the right timing, Coach Trimmell said he will miss certain aspects of coaching.

"(I will miss) the games themselves, the practice time, the strategy of the games and being around the players," Trimmell said.

Though Trimmell is the school's all-time leader in wins, he wants to be remembered for other aspects of his

coaching.

"(I'd like to be remembered as) someone who was passionate, someone who challenged players to be their best on and off the court, someone who had a genuine concern for the student athlete," Trimmell said.

A few of his players are already talking about these qualities he possessed as a coach.

"I thought Coach Trimmell brought passion," said Zackary Gaddis, fr., Oklahoma City, Okla. "He made us work hard and told us to put the classroom first."

Coach Trimmell's Career Statistics

- 371 Career wins
- 221 Conference wins
- 4 Regular season runner-up regular season conference finishes
- 4 KCAC players of the year
- 2 KCAC tournament runner-up finishes
- 2 20-win seasons
- 1st win: November 23, 1982 vs. St. John's College of Winfield

Softball team looks ahead to spring season, first game March 4

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

The Bulldog softball team is gearing up for the spring season, which will unofficially start Saturday when the Bulldog junior varsity squad will host Kansas State

University in a scrimmage.

The season officially kicks off on March 4 when the softball team travels to Wichita to face the Newman University Jets.

In the fall portion of the softball season, the Bulldogs split the four games they

played against Hutchinson Community College. The Bulldogs managed four wins total in the fall.

Head Coach Mike McCormick was optimistic about his team in the upcoming season.

"We should have a pretty

good season," McCormick said. "We will go as far as our pitching takes us. As long as we don't get anyone hurt we should be in most games."

McCormick described his team as very strong offensively, a "power team." He

also said he had good pitching and hitting.

Currently, the Bulldogs are practicing at Wall Park.

"Today is the first day we got out on the real field," said Rikki Viehman, jr., Gunnison, Colo.

In practice, the girls have

been doing a lot of hitting, but will start doing more complete practices now that they are outside.

As the season approaches, there is only one thing the girls are looking forward to.

"Playing," said Ashley Luthy, fr., Northglenn, Colo.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Princeton Summerville, Jr., Kansas City, sprints down the straightaway during the Nebraska Wesleyan Quad. Summerville ran a time of 6.72 seconds in the 55-meter dash.

King, Ortiz, Walker qualify for NAIA indoor championships

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

Now that the indoor track season has ended, many athletes are looking forward to the outdoor track and field competitions that are right around the corner.

However, there are three McPherson athletes, Jordan King, Jr., Limon, Colo., 60-meter high hurdles; Israel Ortiz, Sr., Limon, Colo., 5,000 meters and Zane Walker, Sr., Eckley, Colo., high jump, who have qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Indoor Championships, on March 6 to 8 in Johnson City, Tenn. at Eastern Tennessee University.

The track team traveled to Lincoln, Neb., on Feb. 16, to compete in the Nebraska Wesleyan Quad. Many personal bests were posted by Bulldog athletes during this competition. Sean McCrae, Jr., Mari-

“We are coming off the strongest indoor season we have had in a while”

— Coach Smith

etta, Ga., Brent Bailey, Sr., Simla, Colo., Tiffany Poet, Jr., Flagler, Colo., Ashley Mitchell, Sr., Great Bend, and Trisha Fensky, Jr., Moundridge, all recorded personal bests. King also qualified for nationals in the high hurdles at the quad.

Following that competition, the Bulldogs traveled back to Lincoln to compete in the Nebraska Wesleyan University Prairie Wolf Invitational. The outcome of this track meet was also favorable for a few of the Bulldogs. Ortiz qualified for the 5k finals when he ran his personal best time,

knocking 23 seconds off his previous personal record. Princeton Summerville, Jr., Kansas City, also covered the 60-meter dash in just 7.14 seconds, a personal record.

The following day some of the Bulldogs made the quick trip to Lindsborg to compete in the indoor part of the Bethany College Last Chance meet.

“We are coming off the strongest indoor season that we have had in a while,” said head coach Dave Smith.

With the new outdoor season on its way, there are some new goals that are set for individuals and as a team as well.

“Right now, we are just concentrating on individual goals,” Smith said.

The first outdoor track meet is the McPherson Bulldog Invite on March 15 at 11 a.m.

“We would like everybody to come out and watch,” Smith said.

Stephenson no longer head volleyball coach

Team searches for coach, continues workouts

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

“Nathalea Stephenson is no longer the coach of the volleyball team at McPherson College,” LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, recently announced to the volleyball team.

Currently, there is no information being provided as to the what or why, but the college is making forward progress in hiring a new coach.

“We’ve advertised the position,” Rothrock said. “Going to be looking at maybe even doing some interviewing as early as next week.”

The priority deadline for applicants is March 7, but Rothrock said there may be interviews before or even after that.

Applicants will go through an interview process that includes the athletes, intercollegiate athletic committee, coaches, President Ron Horvis and Rothrock.

Until a new coach is hired, the volleyball team will focus on recruiting and bettering itself for next season.

“We have made contact with all the deposited, accepted applicants and unaccepted applicants,” Rothrock said. “Everybody, at this time, is still on board with McPherson College as their top priority, but obviously one of their concerns is who the new coach is and what that person’s priorities are.”

Stephanie Guyer, Highlands Ranch, Colo., will be the lone returning senior next season and has taken some added responsibility.

Until March 1, no coaching staff can work with the ladies anyway, so the team has its workouts set up already.

“Starting March 1, we can have 10 one-hour sessions with groups, with smaller groups,” Rothrock said. “We’re looking either to have the new coach on board or bring in volleyball clinicians

to work with the team.”

Freshman volleyball player Jessica Arpin, Salina, said the team experienced frustration initially, but is getting past that now.

“At first it put a damper (on the team),” Arpin said. “All of us were sad and upset, didn’t know what to think. As of right now, we’re coming back together.”

Arpin said she feels the college should provide the team with some details of what happened, but at this point the team mostly just wonders.

“(Rothrock) kept talking about the rules of business,” Arpin said. “If it’s not going to break those rules, I think we need an explanation, but right now it’s curiosity.”

Stephenson coached McPherson’s volleyball team for seven years, finished with a 93-116 record overall and a 56-70 conference record.

Stephenson was contacted, but declined comment.

Men advance to KCAC semi-final round

Bulldogs to lose 9 seniors, coach after season’s end

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

After finishing the regular season with a 15-12 record, the Bulldogs grabbed the sixth seed in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The Bulldogs faced Kansas Wesleyan University in quarterfinal play of the KCAC tournament Thursday night. They won 70-55, improving their record to 16-12. Cody Dickerson, Sr., Crescent, Okla., led the Bulldogs with 22 points and seven assists. Mitch Arnett, Sr., Medicine Lodge, scored 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Shawn Young, Sr., Colorado Springs, Colo., also pitched in 17 points.

McPherson finished the regular season with a victory over the Bethel College Threshers on Feb. 23. Bethel beat the Bulldogs on Jan. 24 by 12 points in North Newton.

“Last time, we forced a lot of shots and gave them too many second chances rebounding,” Young said.

The men trailed a large portion of the first half against Bethel. But, as half-time neared, McPherson overtook Bethel and led 29-24 at the half.

In the second half, the Bulldogs led the entire way. They were able to keep the Threshers at arms-length for the rest of the game. By the five-minute mark, McPherson led by 15 points, 52-37.

Bethel was forced to take a timeout to regroup. The Threshers began to foul in an attempt to stop the clock and get back in the game. This strategy was somewhat effective as the Bulldogs missed many of their free



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Shawn Young, Sr., Colorado Springs, Colo., attempts a layup against a Bethel defender on Feb. 23. Young leads the team in scoring this year.

“We knew there would be a lot of close games. We’re certainly battle-tested with a lot of seniors.”

— Coach Trimmell

throws late in the game, but were able to hold off Bethel’s comeback. The Bulldogs won by a final score of 63-57.

In the 12 games that McPherson has lost this season, four of them have been within five points. Most of the games the Bulldogs lost were within 10 points. These close losses helped the 15 wins in the regular season, the Bulldogs are optimistic about their chances in the KCAC tournament.

“We knew there would be

a lot of close games,” said Head Coach Roger Trimmell. “We’re certainly battle-tested with a lot of seniors.”

The Bulldogs will lose nine seniors at the end of this season. Young, who led the Bulldogs in scoring this year, averaging more than 12 points per game, Dickerson, who led McPherson this year with 2.87 assists per game and 31 steals, Arnett, who led the team in rebounding, along with Nick Augustine, Loveland, Colo.; Tim Bremerman, Tescott; Dan Erb, Timken; Zach Kimble, Mulvane; Nathan Soto, Rio Rancho, N.M.; and Tyler Stewart, Burlington; are the seniors of this year’s men’s basketball squad.

“They’re leaving behind some big shoes to fill,” Trimmell said.

The Bulldogs will face Friends University in Wichita, on Saturday at 7 p.m. in semi-final play.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Carolyn Harris, assistant professor of computer science, helps students Carley Sharp, soph., Chanute, in class last week. The information technology major is in danger of being terminated because of low enrollment. Harris resigned recently to move closer to family. Harris currently plans on looking for commercial work when she arrives in Oregon, saying she's "just not ready" to get back into the education world right now.

Future of IT major uncertain for now

ASHLEY ANDREWS
Spectator Staff

Low enrollment of information technology majors and the recent resignation of a computer science professor has led the college to evaluate whether it will continue to offer the major in the future.

Carolyn Harris, assistant professor of computer science, recently resigned to move closer to home.

"At this point, we have only one declared major in that area," said Michael Reynolds, associate professor of mathematics and department chair. There is also a current student pursuing an IT minor.

A similar situation happened last year with the agricultural science major.

Low enrollment in that area over the past few years led to discussion of whether or not it should be taken off the offered major list. In the end, it was terminated.

Reynolds said just like the agricultural major, the informational technology major would have to see a big increase, around 20-plus students, to be sufficient to keep the program going.

"Maybe even four to five students who expressed very strong interest in the program could keep it up in the air," Reynolds said.

Reynolds said it's hard to keep a major like information technology going, especially with low enrollment. Large amounts of funding are required to keep up with technology that changes every day.

"In the end, there's a good reasonable chance the major could drop," Reynolds said.

Hal Laydon, interim provost and dean of faculty, said the major will probably be dropped.

"Everyone is in agreement that it should be dropped, but it is still in that process," Laydon said. "We've already made a commitment that we will see the (current) major that we have through to the end of their graduation."

Harris is leaving Mac after choosing to move closer to home.

"My husband and I made a conscious decision to go back to Oregon to be closer to our families," Harris said.

Harris and her family are moving to Salem, Ore., after the end of the school year.

HALO Students Attend USHLI Conference

Victoria de la Torre, soph., Wichita, Orlando Domínguez, sr., Garden City, Melisa Grandison, fr., Quinter, and Ocie Kilgus, HALO sponsor, attended the 26th annual conference of the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute in Chicago on February 14-16.

The institute highlights education, leadership development, and unity within the Latino community.

The students attended workshops that focused on a variety of issues within the Latino community.

They also listened to keynote speaker Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., who spoke of the importance of cooperation between the Hispanic and African-American community.



Courtesy Photo

NSSE

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Student Services encourages freshmen and seniors to take the survey so patterns can be established about what the college is doing right, what they should change and to see if the college's time and money are being used in effective ways.

Rothrock hopes for a much better turn out this year compared to last

Student Services encourages freshmen and seniors to take the NSSE. The survey results help the college to analyze what it's doing right and what it needs to change.

year's 37 percent.

This is the second year the college has used the NSSE. The college used the ACT Student Opinion Survey five years prior to that.

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the board during their meeting next weekend.

Hovis will share information with the campus in the week following the meeting. (See: Board of Trustees Agenda, Page 1)

"As with any organization that has a budget, if reality does not match the assumptions on which the budget was based, mid-year changes need to be made," Hovis said. "Therefore, we are re-

viewing the status of year-to-date spending as well as plans to spend for the rest of this year in each department. If changes are necessary, they are made."

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Look for an e-mail from President Hovis in the week following the board meeting.

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Phones

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In some class settings, such as automotive restoration labs, cell phones can actually be useful, said Luke Chennell, instructor of technology.

"In lab, cell phones are actually a wonderful piece of technology, especially smart phones," Chennell said.

Smart phones like the iPhone enable students to look up information without leaving the classroom. In some cases, cell phones are used for calls concerning parts, supplies or technical advice.

During complex mechanical assemblies, camera phones are useful in taking pictures to remember how everything goes back together.

However, lectures aren't the proper place to use cell phones, Chennell said.

Students have varied opinions.

"It's not a distraction to me, but if they're doing it constantly, they're obviously not paying attention," said Cameron Snell, soph., McFarland, Calif.

Brent Bailey, jr., Limon, Colo., uses his phone to text, play games and sometimes as a calculator while in class.

"If I don't want to pay attention, then I'll definitely be texting," Bailey said.

One student agrees with professors that say it's not their job to make sure a student pays attention.

"If I was a teacher, I'd say that no it wouldn't bother me," said Ben Cummins, fr., Buhler. "If they fail because they're texting, it's not my fault."

Some students, like Ripp Harrison, jr., McLouth, think texting during class is obnoxious when teachers are trying to teach.

Jessica Miller, sr., St. John, added, "It's disrespectful."

The college currently has no rule regulating the use of electronic devices in the classroom.