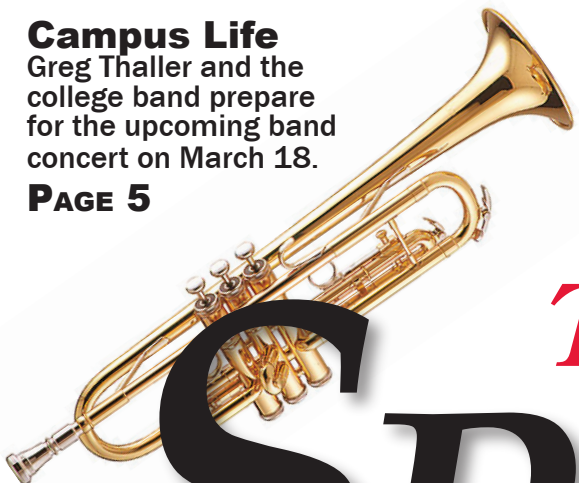


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NEWS BRIEFS

Regional Youth Conference April 4-6

McPherson College and the McPherson Church of the Brethren will host a Youth Conference for Brethren youth from eight states.

This year, in celebration of the Church of the Brethren's 300th anniversary, musicians will be performing concerts.

E-mail Tom Hurst for more information at hurstt@mcpherson.edu.

Interterm 2009 trip to Egypt

Herb Smith will be leading a trip to Egypt during Interterm 2009.

Travelers will enjoy the pyramids, King Tut's tomb in the Valley of the Kings, underground catacombs, the Nile River, camel rides and more.

For information on the Interterm 2009 trip to Egypt, sign up on the sheet attached to Smith's office door at Mohler 207.

Travelers may also register for the four-credit-hour course "The Religions of Ancient Egypt."

Design a t-shirt for campus blowout

Student Services will award \$100 to the student, faculty or staff member who can design the best t-shirt for the Campus Blowout in May.

Anyone interested in submitting a design to be considered must have the design to the dean's suite by March 21.

Interterm 2009 trip to Italy

Ann Zerger and Ken Yohn are leading a trip to Italy in Interterm 2009.

Travelers will see many sites in Rome, Siena, Florence and Venice.

For more information about the trip e-mail Zerger at zergera@mcpherson.edu or Yohn at yohnk@mcpherson.edu.

Reno County Job Fair March 29

The Reno County Job Fair on March 29 will host 30 employers looking for potential employees.

The fair will be at the Hutchinson Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more details and a complete list of employer participants, visit www.hutchevo.com.

Questions can be directed to Dana Regehr. Call her at (620) 662-3391.

Career Services a resource for graduates seeking jobs

Students' effort also important when job hunting

TRACEY ROBERTS
Spectator Staff

A college graduate may have the assumption that a job will be handed to them on a silver platter when they receive their degree. But Chris Wiens, director of Career Services, said the student has to extend most of the effort to make their career opportunities happen.

Career Services offers ample information, sources and leads that can help a student in their search. Wiens views herself as a networking tool to help the student obtain a job, but she stresses the im-

portance of the students' efforts to make themselves and their interests known.

"That is what my job is for," Wiens said. "I may not be able to hand someone a job, but I will help them in any way I can. Their effort is important."

During sophomore seminar, students work on building resumes and Wiens keeps them on file until their senior year. At that time, students also have the opportunity to set up a meeting with Wiens that will help her to be aware of their interests.

"If you take the time to come in then I will know who you are and what you are interested in," Wiens said. "Then, when I get a job inquiry, I will think about those that have put out the effort."

When graduation time



Photo by Jordan Shay

Director of Career Services Chris Wiens helps Tyler Stewart, sr., Burlington, in his job search.

comes, if a student inquires, she will pull the resume and help the student update it and give tips to the student

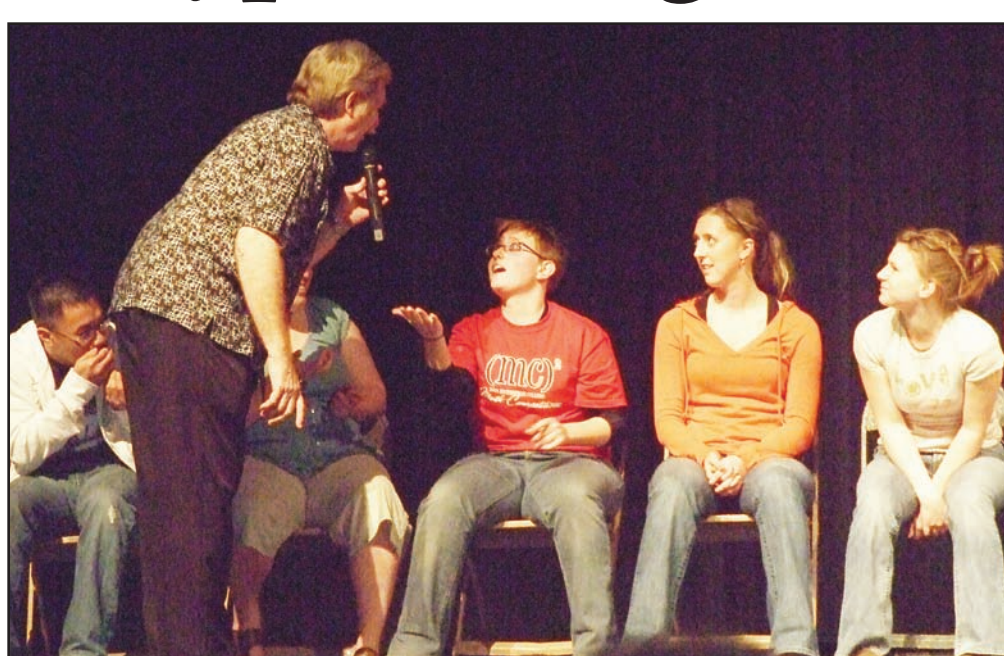
that will help them to stand out.

Wiens receives requests for job candidates regularly.

Sometimes a company will

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A hypnotizing show



Photos by Jordan Shay

Student Activities Board welcomed hypnotist Mike Reeves to campus last Monday for the second straight year. Reeves attempted to hypnotize 12 members of the crowd in Brown Auditorium.

Above: Jessy Wisdom, fr., Salina, asks hypnotist Mike Reeves for more (imaginary) ice cream.

"At first I didn't really feel it, but then when he started talking about being a five-year-old, there was a little part of me that started to get into it," Wisdom said.

Left: Nacole Dugger, fr., Crescent, Okla., wears "x-ray sunglasses," allowing her to see the audience naked.

Housing policy same for 08-09

JORDAN SHAY
News Editor

A predicted shortage of residence hall space for the 2008-09 school year means the college will probably allow 10 to 20 people to move off campus next year, a college spokesman said Thursday.

Although the topic wasn't a specific agenda item in last weekend's Board of Trustees meeting, the college's status on campus housing was discussed with the trustees.

"Our initial plan this year is to do the same kind of housing plan we did last year, which is we may ask people to see if they want to step off campus," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

Any students interested in being considered to move off campus for next fall will be able to petition to move off campus beginning April 21. Students approved to move off campus could forfeit up to \$3,500 of institutional financial aid. (See: What you need to know)

The number of on-campus residents who are expected to return next year is similar to last year's number, when almost 20 students were allowed to live off campus. The variable is the size of the class of incoming freshmen who will live on campus, a number that is estimated at

180 but won't be known until early to mid-summer.

The college is projecting next year's on-campus population to be somewhere around 410-430 students. There are 416 beds available on campus.

Rothrock said the college

Reserving your room

- Before reserving rooms for next year, you must have filled out the FASFA or waiver, be enrolled, which begins April 1 and have your room deposit in.

- Same-room reservations begin on April 14.

- Next year's seniors requesting a different room can put in their requests on April 15, juniors on April 16 and sophomores on April 17.

hopes to have the new residence hall built before the 2009-10 school year.

"That gives us an opportunity for a lot more people on campus," Rothrock said.

The college is still in the process of raising funds for the residence hall project. They hope to propose a plan for the new residence hall

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SGA election will have elements of real presidential race

ELIZABETH JOHNSON
Spectator Staff

This year's Student Government Association election has elements of a real presidential race. Not only are the president and the vice president running together, but also students are invited to attend a candidate debate which will be broadcasted on YouTube and possibly on

Questions for the debate?

Put questions in the SGA suggestion box or e-mail SGA at studentgovernment@cs.mcpherson.edu

the college website. SGA President Eric Sader,

jr., Salina, explained the reason for the changes.

"A few SGA members thought it would generate some interest, because it would be more fun," Sader said. "They also wanted a president and vice president that got along, because they have to work together a lot and they shouldn't be two people that hate each other and want to kill each other."

The debate will be March 16 in the basement of Hoffman Student Union at 8 p.m. Students are invited to participate in this event.

Presidential candidates are Brittany Van Sant, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo., and running mate Roxie Ayres, fr., Salina; and Kelsey Hempte, fr., Wichita, and running mate Mallory Griggs, soph., Colorado Springs, Colo. The

candidates will respond to relevant inquiries about their platforms and other pertinent issues.

Elections for the executive board, which includes the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary are on March 20. The rest of SGA's election is to be held at a later date.

Students can vote in the SU or via the internet.

LEAD EDITORIAL

It's time to get back into the outdoors

The thermometer is finally climbing above the 50 degree mark with some regularity, and you are still hanging around indoors. It's time to put down the remote, keyboard or controller and grab the Frisbee, ball or hiking shoes.

We have been through a particularly nasty winter, so one would think that students would be itching to get outside. But a walk through the dorms on a weekday afternoon tells a different story. The blue glow of screens can be seen emitting from many rooms.

People, spring is springing, and it is time to get outside.

There are many outdoor events and activities in the area to keep you busy. The Mudhuckers play Ultimate on most nice days. Go see a McPherson softball game, walk around the lake or play Frisbee golf at Lakeside Park. Go for a jog or take a hike in Kanopolis State Park, or head to the viewing tower at McPherson State Fishing Lake to search for wildlife.

We have noticed an increase in outdoor activity over the last few days. But remember, the lure of the screen is powerful, and you must not give in. The hardest part of any of these activities is getting out the door. Once outside you will remember how much fun you can have without electricity.

Hidden gifts revealed by "Mac's Got Talent"

We had no idea there were so many talented people among the student body...songwriters, guitarists, pianists, singers, drummers, poets and actors.

Best of all, now that we have seen the talent, we think more people would be willing to come out and show what they have.

We know of more talented people on campus who didn't take part in the talent show. We think that additional prizes such as "most original performance" or "bravest performance" might be incentive for more people to participate.

Being in the auditorium with students who were doing things, doing real things - playing real guitars and not Guitar Hero guitars - doing real things that take skill and practice, was a cool experience. We have a new respect for the people who got up and performed. Although not every performance was impressive, it took a lot of guts to get up in front of the entire student body to perform.

It was also great to see Shay Maclin and Dave Barrett as emcees, and all of the art profs as judges. It's good to see teachers and staff members having fun outside of their normal classroom environment.

Kudos to SAB for the idea. Kudos to the faculty and staff who volunteered their time to participate. Kudos to everybody who came, watched, applauded, laughed and voted. But especially, kudos to the brave performers.

ISSUE: Students not taking advantage of warmer weather.
OUR POSITION: The McPherson area has many outdoor activities.

Smokey's Wacky World



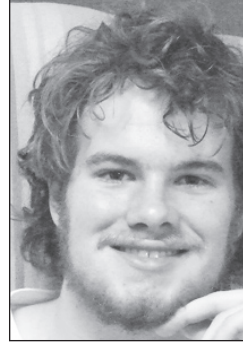
Cartoon by Matt Shroyer

Presidential candidate field narrowing

Republican candidates

This 2008 campaign has been one of many great debates and much controversy, with most of what the candidates are saying being transmitted to us through the media. On the Republican side of the battle, there were, up until recently, two candidates - John McCain and Mike Huckabee. These two candidates have many of the same ideas. But with Huckabee's recent withdrawal, only McCain remains.

For anyone with even a slightly conservative viewpoint, McCain is the candidate for you. The easiest



Michael Holman

way to explain his platforms and his stance on the issues

is to simply list them. McCain will push for affordable health care for everyone without a creating a government mandate. He wishes to overturn Roe v. Wade. He also supports a form of amnesty, which would involve the illegal immigrants learning English and paying fines.

On the war in Iraq, McCain is as steadfast as he has ever been. He voted to invade in 2002 and still supports the war wholeheartedly. He also will not support a timetable for troop withdrawal. Concerning Iran, McCain said

he will take military action if necessary but would consult with the leaders of congress first. And prior to military action, he would form an alliance with many European countries to put economic pressure on Iran. Additionally, he plans to make the Bush tax cuts permanent as a solution for the economy.

McCain is now the only Republican candidate left for anyone on the right side of the spectrum. Most conservatives would not vote for either Hillary or Obama if you paid them, so if you are of that persuasion, McCain

Democratic candidates

It is relatively painless to find websites that adequately compare, side-by-side, the two remaining candidates of the Democratic Party. In fact, many of these sites do a nice "for dummies"-type job of comparing Hilary Clinton and Barack Obama.

Just do a Google search. That's how any good political junkie starts. Oh whatever, it's how all of us start out.

What I'm going to include here are the highlights from "Election Guide 2008" on the New York Times website, nytimes.com.

Listed are what I see as the most important issues of the election and each candidate's policy. Sorry, I'm not touching Ralph Nader with a ten-foot pole.

Issue 5 - Iraq
Clinton: Voted in 2002 to authorize invasion, now opposed; opposed troop increase; start phased withdrawal within 60 days of taking office, with the goal to have most troops out by the end of 2013.

Obama: Opposed invasion from the beginning; opposed troop increase; withdraw one or two brigades a month to finish within 16 months.

Issue 4 - Climate change



Jessica Foulke

Clinton: Supports a mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Obama: Supports a mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

Issue 3 - Iran

Clinton: Direct diplomacy without preconditions; use economic sanctions; would not meet with the Iranian president; military option not off the table, but would not consider without congressional approval.

Obama: Engage in direct diplomacy; tighten economic sanctions with international cooperation; would

meet with the Iranian president with no preconditions; military option not off the table.

Issue 2 - Economy

Clinton: \$70 billion plan to "jump-start" the economy; repeal the Bush tax cuts for households earning more than \$250,000.

Obama: Said his plan for tax relief to middle and working classes would help stabilize the economy; repeal the Bush tax cuts for households earning more than \$250,000.

Issue 1 - Health care

Clinton: Require everyone to get health insurance, subsidized by employers and the government; pay for it by rolling back tax cuts for households earning over \$250,000 and savings in the existing system.

Obama: Require that all children have health insurance; pay for it by rolling back President Bush's tax cuts for households earning over \$250,000; aims for universal coverage.

You should understand that this is total minutia compared to the rhetoric and complexities surrounding each issue. Like I said, I was looking for simple comparisons of each candidate.

So what's my position? If you read the last Spectator, you can probably tell what my position is, but let me tell you why.

For the sake of argument, let's take these five issues. Here's the score: Clinton takes Issue 5 and Issue 1, Obama takes Issue 3 and Issue 2, and issue 4 is a tie.

So now what? I find value in both candidates. But the five primary things that made me an Obama supporter and delegate are:

- #1 He is electable.
- #2 He gives me reason to be hopeful for the future of the country.
- #3 He is not desperate and he is unwilling to win at all costs.
- #4 He is full of hope, and for the most part has run a clean campaign.

There's been talk, mostly from a Mr. Clinton, over the past week about a dream ticket of Clinton/Obama. I really don't think this is a viable solution.

My dream team is Obama/Sebelius in 2008. I think it could happen. I also think it would be good for Kansas and good for America. Kathleen Sebelius is the next big thing. And she just might be

CHEW ON THIS

"Three things have been difficult to tame: the oceans, fools and women. We may soon be able to tame the oceans; fools and women will take a little longer."

- Spiro T. Agnew

"I am two with nature."

- Woody Allen

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Good Dog vs Bad Dog comparison chart with progress bars for various issues.

One student can have positive impact

The cafeteria food stinks. There are never any washers and dryers open. Why aren't there more Black History Month activities? The campus activities suck.

These are things I have heard numerous times. It seems many ideas and issues don't get the attention that people feel they should. Students often say, "My vote doesn't even matter. Tons of other people are out there." However, our campus has approximately 500 students.

So what's your excuse now? Trust me, I know how you feel. You're the person who wants to make a difference during your college experience. Or maybe something really bothers you, but you don't think it's worth mentioning because nothing will



Megan McKnight

happen. Well, guess what, you're wrong.

Yeah, I said it. You're wrong. This campus gives many opportunities for voices to be heard. What's this you're reading right now?

I honestly cannot believe

that it is sometimes so difficult for the editorial staff to get people to write. If you don't know where to go, the paper is always a good start. People involved with the paper probably know who you can talk to, or they can help you get your voice heard.

The Shout It Out! box receives many comments that could be springboards for ideas or movements that students want to see happen. For a recent example, Black History Month caused commotion regarding why McPherson doesn't have more activities during the month.

Thanks to Shay Maclin and Shane Britt, "Holla at a Brotha!" provided an opportunity for students to interact with other African-Ameri-

can students. If you are one of those persons who feel the campus needs more diversity, you should have been at that event. Events such as this are a great way to jumpstart ideas and get people talking.

I've also heard students complain about the activities offered. Considering I'm the president of our Student Activities Board, this really bothers me. Our board puts a lot of time and effort into hosting events that we feel the student body would enjoy and benefit from. It's not a good feeling when students throw back in our faces that they don't like our prizes, activities or how we run them.

But don't just complain about it. You need to tell us what, within reason, you

would enjoy doing. We do our best to make sure your voices are heard, and then we take them into consideration when planning our events for the year.

So many student-run organizations on this campus can help make your voice heard. There are options for practically every interest out there, for example, College Auto Restoration Students Club, Tri-Beta, Hispanic American Leadership Organization, Student Government Association and the list goes on.

For every student who wants to make a change, I bet 50 more students feel the same way. If you want to see something new or something changed, just start talking to people. You'd be amazed at what one person can begin.

Positive attitude of town spills over to college

A few nights ago, a friend and I were going through the drive through at McDonald's. The cashier leaned out to hand me a dollar bill, and the wind snatched at it and blew toward the cars in line behind me. My friend and I both yelled, and I leaned out my window, certain that the dollar bill was gone forever.

However, no sooner had we mourned its loss than a man got out of his pickup, stepped into the freezing wind and caught that dollar. He then trudged to the front of the line and graciously gave it back to me.

After thanking him profusely, I couldn't help but think: "I love McPherson."

I say that because it was a small-town, Mayberry-type thing to do. And I think it's



Alyson Holman

fortunate for McPherson College to be situated amongst a culture where people go out of their way like that.

The college and the city have many ties, some not visible until looked at closely. Many alumni have mar-

ried and settled here because they selected a school that fit them, and as a result, discovered a town where they wanted to raise their children.

I know of an alumna who was originally from California, and she has lived here now for more than twenty years. Because they live in this town, these alums are able to take an active interest in the college - attend football and basketball games and watch the theatre shows. Some are even professors or trustees.

The general mindset of the college is also influenced by the community. Just after the big ice storm, I watched people get out and clean up their own yards and also help their neighbors.

Churches got their youth groups together to assist the elderly. McPherson College gathered a group and did the same. Students and professors pitched in and became part of the city's effort to clean up and get it looking nice again.

You may not think this is anything special, but as my grandmother lives in Salina, I have had several chances to visit. Limbs are everywhere, some in piles, some still strewn where they fell.

Still! They are waiting for the city to come by and clean it up for them. Where is the self-reliance? Where are the good neighbors? Where are the churches? Where are the college kids? They have colleges there, Kansas Wesleyan being one of them. Those

students could do a lot. But since they feed off the mindset of the city, they do not feel the need to act.

In the tree-limb catastrophe, and in my adventure with my dollar bill, one sees examples of the sense a person gets in McPherson that people are looking out for you. I grew up here, and my mother never felt afraid to let us kids play out in the yard. I know college students feel safe walking through the streets in the evening.

The residents desire to keep the town safe and good-looking and desire the colleges in it to thrive. This culture is what makes people want to stay here and start a family and what makes it one of the best small towns in the country.

Accomplishments of women celebrated

When I think of women's history and their suffrage, a quote by Susan B. Anthony sticks out in my mind, "Men, their rights, and nothing more; women, their rights, and nothing less."

March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the rights of women, the legacies they have left behind and the future they hold.

Until the 1970s, women's history was virtually unspoken of in educational institutions and barely recognized otherwise, even though it has made a huge impact on American history since the mid-1800s.

It was in spite of this issue that the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County



Tabetha Salsbury

Commission on the status of women (California) introduced the idea of Women's History Week. It was not until 1981 that a Congressional Resolution was secured de-

claring a National Women's History Week to be held the week of March 8.

This event quickly caught trend throughout the country, promoting the rights, equalization and importance of women. Congress expanded the week of women recognition into a month in 1987.

It is because of the long line of unwavering and determined women such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who were both women's rights activists, that many women, have the freedom and ability to do the amazing things we do today.

There are still women who are "breaking the ice" for future generations. It is not un-

common for women to have a higher income than men, to be enlisted in the military, to be doctors or mechanics.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the first woman, Alice Ramsey, to make a trip across the United States in an automobile. Women did not have the right to vote, were not typically allowed to drive or own an automobile, yet Ramsey took the challenge that few men had even accomplished.

This event is my favorite not only in women's history, but American history. Ramsey always found a way to fix a broken wheel or cross a bridge that had been washed away, just as other women found ways to win

battles against uncompromising men, legal matters, and other road blocks. The day Ramsey arrived in San Francisco practically foreshadowed the accomplishment of gaining women's rights on August 26, 1920.

Women finally have their rights, the ability to control their own lives and dreams.

It is with these rights that women will not settle for anything less than what they see fit as the best. They will face those demons who try to push them down with the courage and strength that has been built by women like Anthony, Ramsey, Stanton and every other woman who has ever rightly fought for something she believes in.

On the Fly

Do you feel that you can influence school policy or student activity?



"I stay out of that stuff."

Kelsey Leiker, Jr., Goodland



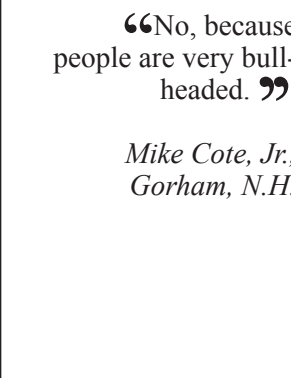
"It seems to take a lot of work to get your voice heard."

Rebecca Grosbach, Soph., Enders, Neb.



"It depends on who you are."

Jessica Miller, Sr., St. John



"No, because people are very bull-headed."

Mike Cote, Jr., Gorham, N.H.



"People have a voice, but they don't use it, so nothing changes."

Lauryn Morriss, Jr., Mulvane



"It's all a matter of how much time and effort you put into it."

Jeff Tangredi, Jr., Nyack, N.Y.



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? Let's just say there's a reason why Sinatra and Billy Joel sang about New York.

Smoothie machine and a mini-arcade.

Stop snitchin!

Room with padded walls?

The race talk was unproductive, unrepresentative and in fact, dividing. Culture trumps race any day of the week.

Free Michael Vick.

Girls sleep in guy's rooms. It happens... stop hatin'.

How about the next time we have a "Holla at a Brotha!" session, the curious minds that attend actually speak up!

Don't you miss the third grade when everything was Lisa Frank?

Meow, meow, scribble, scribble

I'm a love pirate, and I'm here for your booty! AARGH.

Mmm...it's that good.

Why are Christians the most close-minded people on campus.

Not everyone learns the same.

Hendrix is God.

Okay, I really, really need a donation for my iPod, camera and keys that were stolen!!

I really could use some help this time.

Okay seriously, who breaks into someone's car and steals their iPod?

Mac does have talent.

Come watch softball!

Why does everyone assume that I'm Christian because I go to a Christian college?

Give me back my music, now!



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Ryan Cobble, fr., Newcastle, Okla., who works for Disability Support, aids Brooke in drinking a glass of water. Cobble spends two days a week from 5 to 11 p.m. helping Brooke accomplish normal everyday activities.

Helping the Disabled

Students receive a sense of accomplishment from working with disabled patents.

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
Spectator Staff

Several students on campus work at Disability Support, an organization that allows them to help disabled people with their everyday lives.

One of those students is Ryan Cobble, fr., Newcastle, Okla., who has been working there since November 2007.

Cobble first began working for Disability Support because of the flexible hours, but later decided it would assist her in her career goals. Cobble plans to go into the medical field.

"(I) thought it was a good start," Cobble said. She works with a female autistic patient at the patient's home.

According to the Autism Society of America, "Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others."

Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees (<http://www.autism-society.org/>). There is no known single cause for autism.

"Whenever I get there, I read the communication logs to see how her day has been," Cobble said of her duties. "She has a daily outline. We follow that."

Cobble said there are several rewards to working with disabled patients.

"Like whenever they're making improvements or having a good day you know it's going to make your day better," Cobble said. And she added "the fact that it's not too stressful."

"I like it a lot. It takes a lot of patience though, but it's all worth it when you see



Photo By Adrielle Harvey

Cobble receives a hug from Brooke who is an autistic patient of Disability Support.

the person you work with make some progress. I am planning on going back next year," Cobble said.

Another student, Nacole Dugger, fr., Crescent, Okla., also works at Disability Support.

"I saw the ad in the paper and I thought it'd be neat," Dugger said. Dugger has worked with mentally handicapped patients since September 2007.

According to The Learning Curve on thinkquest.org, "Mental handicaps are usually divided into four degrees of severity, based on IQ scores: mild (IQ range 55-70), moderate (IQ range 40-55), severe (IQ range 25-40), and profound (IQ below 25). Those affected by mental handicaps often show several characteristics in early childhood, often including: fail-

ure to achieve developmental or intellectual milestones, infantile behavior persisting beyond normal expectations, lack of curiosity, difficulty speaking or understanding language, lack of motor skill development, and an inability to meet the educational demands of school."

Dugger works with the patients "Helping them to fulfill their lives to the fullest. I help them with everyday household things."

"Being able to help people that need the help," is Dugger's favorite part of the job. Like Cobble, Dugger said the job is very rewarding.

Keith Davis, soph., Houston, Texas, also works at Disability Support. He has worked there for a little over a year.

"I worked with (disabled patients) in high

school and I am a special ed major," Davis said.

Davis works with all types of patients including diabetics and those with mental retardation.

The two major types of diabetes are Type 1, where the body fails to produce insulin, and Type 2, where the body fails to properly use insulin, according to the American Diabetes Association.

A typical day at work for Davis is, "Watching them, taking them out when it's nice, to cook, clean, give meds and make sure they keep their blood sugar down."

"No day there is the same and overall it's fun," Davis said. "Also, the ability to do homework on the job," is an added plus.

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ASSISTANT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT AND ADMISSIONS JUDY JACOBS.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A I am assistant to the VP of advancement and admissions, which is Michael Schneider.

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

A Donny, which is my fiancee, I'd say Hawaii.

Q Do you have any pets?

A I have three dogs. I have a bird, a rabbit. My friend said to call myself the Mother Teresa of animals.

Q Boxers or briefs?

A Depends on who's wearing them.

Q What do you like about your job?

A Learning through example and experience and the fact that we're a big family here.

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

A I'd have to have a toothbrush with built-in toothpaste. I'd have to say my family and a yacht, not just a boat to get away in, but a yacht.

Q Who is your role model?

A My dad. He built his own house and he built his own company.

Q Do you have any nicknames?

A J.J., Josie, and Phoebe like from Friends.

Q In one word, how would you describe yourself?

A Phoebe.

Q What political issue do you feel most strongly about?

A Animal cruelty.



Photo by Chris Plooster

Back Row (L-R): Cody Doll, jr., Healy; Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson; Amanda Pangburn, soph., Albertville, Ala; Middle Row: Eric Sader, jr., Salina; Mary Hughes, Jessica Foulke, sr., Lawrence; Front Row: Robby Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa, rehearse a scene from "Fuddy Meers." The show will run April 4, 5, and 6.

Drama cast practices for upcoming show

KIMBERLY SMITH
Spectator Staff

Described as "a deftly zany absurdist comedy," by the New York Times, the next theatre production at McPherson College is sure to provoke emotions in all who see the show.

"Fuddy Meers," is Mary Hughes's senior project, with Hughes starring in the lead role as Claire, an amnesiac whose life can be described as a wacky roller coaster ride.

The show takes audience members through a day in the life of Claire and brings one hilarious and disturbing show to the stage.

The show, written by 2007 Pulitzer Prize winner

RESERVATIONS

"Fuddy Meers" will be performed April 4, 5 and 6 at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at (620) 242-0444 or e-mailing theatre@mcphersonedu. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for students/senior citizens and are free for McPherson College students, staff/faculty. Please note this show is not recommended for children due to its language and adult content.

David Lindsay-Abaire, is a show that has both twists and turns and offers up a small cast of characters, each adding to the hilarity of the outcome of the show.

The play also stars Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson, as the Limping Man; Jessica Foulke, sr., Lawrence, as

Gertie; Robby Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa, as Kenny; Amanda Pangburn, soph., Albertville, Ala., as Heidi; Cody Doll, jr., Healy, as Millet; and Eric Sader, jr., Salina, as Richard.

"Fuddy Meers" has logistics not found in other plays and will leave its audience either laughing or wonder-

ing what just happened.

With Claire struggling daily with a rare condition of psychogenic amnesia that erases her memory whenever she goes to sleep, she must rely on those around her to help her remember what exactly she needs to do and to remind her of her daily activities and just help her out in general.

That is where the supporting characters become involved. They try to assist Claire as she tries to remember things. For example, her husband has made a book filled with all the important information she needs on a daily basis. Claire normally starts her day by reading this notebook, which is how the comedy begins.

Some students stay, some go

Those who stay share their plans for a different kind of spring break.

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

Spring Break is normally thought of with a sense of fun and excitement - a week of no class, no homework and no responsibility.

"I am just really glad that I'm not staying here," said Leigh Ann Deighton, fr., Meade. "I am going to be able to see my grandma and would be really upset if I didn't get to go home... my trip is going to be great."

But what about those students who don't leave McPherson? Instead, some stay behind for work, sports and other activities.

"For Christmas break we had about 100 students coming in and out of the dorms," said Amy Hoffman, resident director: Dotzour Hall. "People who are from McPherson or the towns close by usually stay here because it's easier than moving all their stuff home and we have other students who are working, so they stick around, too. It also depends on athletic practice s because then that group of people is also on campus."

Although the number of students saying in McPherson for Spring Break is not yet known, Shane Britt, resident director: Metzler Hall, will be staying on campus.

"There were no problems with students being on campus over Christmas break," Britt said. "There are a few RAs around, so quite a few people got locked out in their towels and had a hard time getting someone to unlock it for them."

The locks on the outside doors will be changed during break so those who are staying must get a key. The school also enforces a zero tolerance policy over breaks.

"It's a privilege to be here, so if you choose to stay and break a rule you'll be asked to go home until the end of the break," Hoffman said.

Students who are leaving need to make sure they take out their trash, clean their refrigerators, close their windows, and make proper arrangements for plants and animals.

"I'm from around here and I have not lived with my parents since I was 17," said Bridgette Peterson, fr., McPherson, "so I just stay on campus over the breaks. It's not that bad."

Some will actually still be working on school-related projects. This is the case for senior Elizabeth File, a non-traditional student who lives in McPherson. "I will be working on my senior symposium," File said. "I am not excited about that, but I am excited to graduate."

Others plan to use the break to make money. "I work for State Farm Insurance so instead of work and school, I will just be working 40 hours," said Sar-

ah Davidson, McPherson. "Some of us do not have spring break per se."

Trenton Bell, sr., Oklahoma City, Okla., will be student teaching over break.

"The only reason I am staying is because the school that I am student teaching at, their spring break starts next week the 17th and (McPherson's) spring break is after that," Bell said. "If I wasn't student teaching than I would go home. It sucks, because when I get back for spring break, everybody will be gone, and the caf won't be open all that week."

Megan McKnight, jr., Salina, typically stays over breaks and enjoys the tranquility of the dorms.

"I'm staying over spring break this year to work, which is what I usually do," McKnight said. "I'm not bummed about it, but I think it'll be nice to just have peace and quiet around the dorms."

While the dorms will be quieter than normal there will still be a resident director and resident assistants on campus. While the RAs staying over break are not yet known, Shane Britt, resident director: Metzler Hall, will be staying on campus.

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Band prepares for spring concert

JESSICA ARNOLD
Spectator Staff

The trumpets will sound, the flutes will sing, and the cymbals will crash on March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. Mark your calendars because... drumroll, please... McPherson College Band is performing their mid-semester concert.

Gregg Thaller, band director, has chosen a truly diverse repertoire for the concert, which means there will be something for nearly everyone to enjoy. His favorite piece, however, is Darius Milhaud's "Suite Francais," a 20th-century piece based on French folk songs and composed to honor fallen soldiers from the World Wars.

"It's a great classic for band because it was written by a real, great composer."

Thaller said. "It has great harmonies and incredible moving lines, which makes it very interesting to listen to."

However, on some days his favorite is another piece, "A Klezmer Carnival." This work is based on wandering Jewish bands that played weddings and other events. It's a contemporary arrangement of those wedding songs.

"It makes me wish I knew how to dance," Thaller said.

He also talked about getting back to the college's Brethren roots with two religious pieces to celebrate one of the most important weeks in Christianity. The first, a band work by William Latham, is based on the hymn "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," performed to celebrate Good Friday. "Praise to the Lord," arranged by

James Ployhar, is in honor of Easter Sunday.

"It's truly an honor to perform for this occasion," Thaller said.

Other works being performed are "Military Symphony in F" by Francois Gossec, which was composed during the French Revolution, and "The Last Rose of Summer," which features Joel Grosbach, sr., Enders, Neb., on the trumpet. Thaller said this piece is a beautiful contemporary arrangement based on a poem written over 200 years ago - and the tune is almost that old, as well. It's a very famous song comparable to

"It makes me wish I knew how to dance."

-Gregg Thaller, band director

"Danny Boy" and the vocal version can even be found on www.youtube.com.

Finally, the concert will close with a march from the incomparable John Philip Sousa entitled "Riders for the Flag."

"It's one of his later marches," Thaller said, "and it isn't easy. But I'm honored to do it."

In short, the concert promises quite an evening. The concert will be less than an hour, so attending will provide a chance for audience members to broaden their culture, listen to some good music, and support the college's music program.



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Ryan McAleer, sr., Broomfield, Colo., serves against a William Jewell College defender on March 8.

Tennis teams look to regroup after loss

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

The Bulldog tennis team was finally able to get out on the court in regular season play against William Jewell College on March 8.

The first scheduled regular season meet for the Bulldogs was scheduled for the previous day against Newman University, but was canceled due to bad weather.

The Bulldogs are excited to finally get out on courts here in McPherson, rather than traveling to Hutchinson or practicing indoors.

"With the weather being this nice, it is nice to be playing outdoors," said Nathan Clary, soph., McPherson.

Unfortunately, this meet against William Jewell College, which took place in McPherson, did not end favorably for the Bulldogs. Both the men's and wom-

en's teams were swept by the Cardinals, 9-0 and 6-0 respectively.

William Jewell, who will move up to Division 1 in National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics next season, was able to dominate most of the singles and doubles matches, holding McPherson athletes to little or no score in several matches.

"They (William Jewell) were good at serves and volleys and we didn't have very good approach shots," said Ashley Andrews, soph., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Clary added "They're just really good and I know we didn't play our best either."

The meet scheduled for March 12 at Barton County Community College has been postponed.

The next meet for the Bulldogs is in Wichita against Seminole State College of Oklahoma on Saturday.

Futsal kicks-off season

ROBBY TOBIAS
Spectator Staff

Futsal is a sport that many people have probably never heard of. It is a sport that is quite similar to soccer, but it also differs in a few ways.

For one, it is played on a basketball court. Also, the ball is smaller and heavier, it's usually five-on-five with a goalie or keeper and is played at a faster pace. The sport originated in Brazil and has now made its way to the United States.

There have been two full seasons of Futsal at McPherson College. Former students John White and Nathan McDaniel brought the sport to McPherson, and the sport has been carried on again this year by Brittany Bowman, sr., Des Moines, Iowa; Nicholas Box, jr., Linwood, and Victoria Salas, sr., Wichita.

"Anybody can play," Box

said.

This year, there are seven teams: Honey Buns, Legit, 175 Grams of Pure Pleasure, Chiludos, Bearded Clams, ADONA and Stegosauruses. The league holds their games on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m.

So far, two weeks of Futsal have been played this season. After spring break, they will continue until the league holds its tournament in April.

There are a couple reasons why people enjoy playing Futsal.

"The game of Futsal is much quicker and faster," said Nyle Billings, jr., Enid, Okla. "That's what I like about it."

Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson, said, "It's related to soccer, fast pace and good exercise."

There will be four more days of regular games and then it will be tournament

Upcoming Schedule:

Monday, March 17

8:00: ADONA vs. Bearded Clams
8:30: Chiludos vs. Honey buns
9:00: 175 Grams vs. Bearded Clams
9:30: ADONA vs. Legit

Wednesday, March 19

8:00: Stegosauruses vs. Honey Buns
8:30: 175 Grams vs. Legit
9:00: ADONA vs. Chiludos
9:30: Bearded Clams vs. Legit

Wednesday, April 2

8:00: Stegosauruses vs. Legit
8:30: 175 Grams vs. ADONA
9:00: Bearded Clams vs. Chiludos
9:30: Honey Buns vs. ADONA

time.

One team doesn't believe it has to wait until the tournament to declare itself the winner.

"The Chiludos are going

to win Futsal for the third year in a row because they have all the Hispanic people on the team," said Armando Rodriguez, soph., Dallas, Texas.

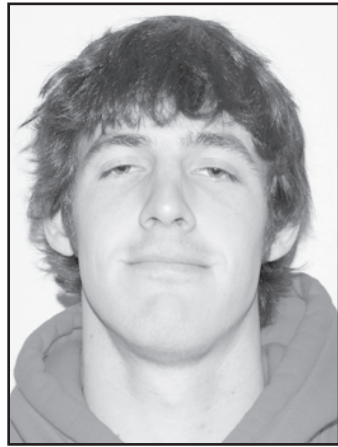


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Zane Walker, sr., Eckley, Colo., clears the bar in practice on Wednesday. Walker qualified for the National Indoor Championships, but failed to clear opening height.

Indoor season comes to close, outdoor meets set to begin

King, Ortiz, Walker participate in National Indoor Championships



King



Ortiz



Walker

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

After finishing a successful indoor season, the Bulldogs look forward to the start of the outdoor season.

Three Bulldogs qualified to participate in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Indoor Championships in Johnson City, Tenn. The competition proved to be very tough with more than 1,000 athletes in attendance.

Israel Ortiz, sr., Limon, Colo., finished 23rd in the 5,000-meter run, with a time of 16 minutes, 32.02 seconds. Jordan King, jr.,

Limon, Colo., flinched in the 60-meter high hurdles and was disqualified. Zane Walker, sr., Eckley, Colo., did not clear opening height in high jump.

"The running experience wasn't good, but the time driving with teammates and coaches was really good," Ortiz said.

The Bulldogs will add eight athletes to their lineup with the start of the outdoor season. Ryan Cobble, fr., Newcastle, Colo.; Melisa Grandison, fr., Quinter; Kelsey Hempt, fr., Wichita; Micah LaJoie, fr., Atchison; Jason Lane, fr., Valley Center; Chris LeBlanc, fr., Corinth, Texas;

Amy Parnell, jr., Liberal; and Cameron Snell, soph., McFarland, Calif., will all be participating for the first time at the beginning of the outdoor season.

With the beginning of the outdoor season also comes new events. Replacing the indoor 60-meter dash and 60-meter high hurdles are the outdoor 100-meter dash and 110-meter high hurdles. Also, steeplechase, 10,000-meter run, 400-meter relay, discus throw, javelin throw and hammer throw will be added to the list of events.

"We'll be competitive," said Head Coach Dave Smith.

Coach Smith said the dis-

ance runners will be the team's strength, based on numbers and also because they placed second in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference in cross country. Smith also said that the men's sprinters are a stronger group than they had last year.

"(We also) improved top to bottom on the girls' side," Smith said.

Outdoor competition begins with the McPherson Bulldog Invite on Saturday at 11 a.m. McPherson will host Bethel College, Bethany College, Tabor College, Friends University and Haskell Indian Nations University.

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Athletic retention rates better than perception

Coach Ward discusses football retention rates

MALLORY YUNGERBERG
Spectator Staff

“There is a faction on campus I would like to call the ‘fellowship of the miserable’ who likes to project false numbers when it comes to this subject.”

— Coach Ward

It's not unusual for any student, either athlete or non-athlete, to transfer to another college. Sometimes students don't enjoy the school that they are currently attending, or would like to see if there is a better school that fits their needs more.

However, when an athlete transfers out, many people stereotypically think it's because they weren't getting as much playing time as they thought they were going to get. Or maybe they just didn't like the coaches or the program in general.

Recently around campus there has been a lot of talk about how many football players left McPherson at semester to play elsewhere. There have been several people who have said as many as 50 football players have left. But Head Coach Brian Ward said not as many players have left as everybody thinks. So how many football players have actually transferred?

“This is a great question because there is a faction on campus that I like to call the ‘fellowship of the miserable’ who likes to project false numbers when it comes to this subject,” Ward said. “As of yet, I have had no conversations with anyone outside the athletic department concerning this. I have heard some crazy numbers, 40 or 50 or something like that.”

Ward said the actual number of football players who transferred at semester was 27.

“Of those 27, 21 were part of my original freshman signing class,” Ward

said. “Two were un-recruited walk-ons, and four were non-freshman that were recruited and signed by the previous coach staff.”

It seems to be looking good for the football team, as the number of players transferring out this spring has been down.

“We started with 63 last spring,” Ward said. “At the conclusion of last spring, we had a total of 47. We lost a little more than one player per week last spring. This spring, we started with a total of 51. As of right now, we are nine weeks into spring and we have had only one player leave the team.”

Ward plans to recruit 35 freshmen to increase the roster to 90 players. He has already signed 22 recruits for next season.

Transferring out of an athletic program may hurt your team, but Ward said that it may also be beneficial to your team in a way.

“I am on both sides of the coin with this issue,” Ward said. “You never want to lose a player that you put

your heart and soul into finding, recruiting, signing and developing a relationship with him. I spend a lot of time away from my family on the road trying to find the kids to help our college and our program. It's tough. On the other hand, you don't want to put all of your time into someone that is not willing to reciprocate that effort once they get here.”

Ward said of the 23 freshmen that left McPherson, 15 were athletes who deposited after May 1 last year. He said there are 21 deposits currently compared to last year at this time. The plan of the coaching staff is to be done with signings and to get deposits by April 1.

So there are many reasons for an athlete to transfer to another school. And it just isn't the football team that has people transfer out. Just last semester, the softball team had two people transfer out. Even with 27 athletes transferring out in the fall, the football team looks forward to improving next year's season.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Mallory Yungeberg, sr., Waterville, hurls the ball toward homeplate against Sterling College. McPherson defeated Sterling twice Wednesday night, 12-3 and 8-2.

Tournament brings ladies mixed results Bulldogs split games 1-2

CARLEY SHARP
Spectator Staff

The softball team will travel to Sterling College to participate in the Sterling Tournament today and Saturday.

McPherson will play Sterling at 9 a.m. on Friday, followed by games against Southwestern College and Bethany College at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. On Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs will play Tabor College and Central Christian College.

The ladies beat Sterling twice, 12-3 and 8-2 on Wednesday night in a home double-header. This improved their overall record to three wins and four losses.

McPherson hosted its tournament on March 8. The team beat Mid-America Christian University 7-4, but finished with losses against Graceland University 5-9 and William Jewell College 0-12.

“I thought we played well for the season just starting,” said Carrie Koch, sr., Arvada, Colo. “I am pleased how well we came together.”

In the first game against Mid-America Christian University, McPherson's Kristen Ozbun, soph., Rose Hill, hit a home run over the right field fence to tie the score at four runs. Then, Courtney Bersuch, sr., McPherson, stepped up to the plate and cranked out a homer

to win the game. She also hit another home run in the second game against Graceland.

“We played some tough teams,” Ozbun said. “It was a big learning experience for the entire team.”

Head coach Mike McCormick had many positive things to say about his team's play last weekend.

“Defensively we played good, only had five errors the whole weekend,” McCormick said. “Our offense at times started to show some life. Few girls have yet to reach their potential on hitting.”

Ozbun, Bersuch, Koch, Mandy Yungeberg, sr., Waterville, and Rikki Viehman, jr., Gunnison, Colo., were pointed out as girls who had the best showings. Newcomers Ashley Toepfer, fr., Crescent, Okla., and Kelsey Gray, fr., Golden, Colo., knocked in a few hits as well.

Ashley Luthye, fr., Northglenn, Colo., shined on the pitcher's mound. She pitched two shutout innings against Graceland and recorded three strikeouts. Also pitching well in the tournament were Mallory Yungeberg, sr., Waterville, Amy Ziegler, jr., Hudson, Colo., and Jessica Arpin, fr., Salina.

The softball team will travel to Tucson, Ariz., over spring break for a three-day tournament March 24 to 26.

The new recruits

-Aaron Barta, Perkins, Okla., offensive line
-Joe Becker, Plainville, offensive line
-Allen Bittick, Tulsa, Okla., offensive line
-John Davidson, Tulsa, Okla., fullback
-Garry Deason, Broken Arrow, Okla., offensive line

-Tyler Evans, Cushing, Okla., wide receiver
-Xavier Farinas, Wichita, defensive line
-Jeremy Gross, Purcell, Okla., offensive line
-Jake Hart, Perkins, Okla., quarterback/punter
-Blake Jones, Melvern, defensive back/quarterback
-Jacob Kerbel,

Wylie, Tex., linebacker
-David Kraft, Peck, offensive/defensive line
-Ronnie Miller, Tulsa, Okla., cornerback
-Chase Ozbun, Rose Hill, quarterback
-Jerdan Schweizer, Plevna, defensive back
-Cameron Smith, Lebo, linbacker/fullback

-Ryan Smith, Wichita, running back
-Aaron Sunday, Claremore, Okla., quarterback
-Brett Swindell, Oologah, Okla., running back
-David Vogel, Wamego, tight end
-Aaron Ward, Jetmore, athlete
-Colby Westbrook, Bushland, Texas, wide receiver

Basketball teams end season in semifinals

ALAN GROSCHACH
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs had one of their most successful seasons on record, finishing third in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference with an 11-7 record, 19-9 overall. The women's season ended with a loss on the road in the conference semifinals against the Southwestern College Moundbuilders.

Statistically, McPherson was near or top in the nation in a number of categories. The Lady Bulldogs lead National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II in blocks per game with 8.1 and in field goal percentage defense at 33

percent. The Lady Bulldogs also ranked eighth in defensive rebounds per game with 29.4 and 15th in assists per game with 16.8.

Individually, senior forward Whitney Pegram, Silver Lake, led the team in scoring and rebounding averaging 13.4 points per game and 8.8 rebounds per game. Pegram also lead the NAIA in blocks per game with 4.4 and was seventh in defensive rebounds per game with 7.5. Junior guard Jamie Brewer, McPherson, led the team in assists with 103 on the season.

Three Lady Bulldogs were honored with All-KCAC selections. Brewer, Pegram and April Woody, sr., Tes-

cott, were all nominated First Team All-KCAC.

“I feel the ladies had a great season,” said Head Coach Marcus Hicks. “They tied the school record for most wins.”

Roger Trimmell's final season as the men's head basketball coach came to a close in the KCAC semifinals on a last second basket by Friends University that eliminated the Bulldogs from the tournament. The Bulldogs ended the season with a winning record overall at 16-13 and 9-9 in the KCAC. The 9 wins in the KCAC were enough for the Bulldogs to finish sixth in the conference.

Statistically, the Bulldogs

led the NAIA in three-point field goal percentage defense holding teams to 27.7 percent shooting from beyond the three-point line. The Bulldogs also finished sixth in the NAIA in field goal percentage defense at 39.9 percent and scoring defense per game at 62 points.

Individually, the Bulldogs were led by a core group of seniors. Senior guard Shawn Young, Colorado Springs, Colo., led the team in scoring averaging 12.4 points per game. Senior forward Mitch Arnett, Medicine Lodge, led the team in rebounding, pulling down 6.2 boards per game. The lead in assists was split between senior guard Cody Dickerson, Crescent, Okla., and Young, who both finished the season with 77 assists.

Two Bulldogs were honored with KCAC honors. Young was named to the All-KCAC Defensive Team and Arnett was honorable mention All-KCAC.

“I thought we had a very successful season capped off by reaching the semifinal game of the KCAC tournament,” Coach Trimmell said. “We were competitive in every game and as a coach that is all you can ask for, an opportunity to win at the end.”

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Trio starts petition for better caf conditions

203 signatures on petition for better conditions, more meal plan options

ASHLEY ANDREWS
Spectator Staff

Actions have spoke louder than words for the past week at McPherson College.

Last issue, The Spectator issued a letter to the editor from David Caddin, sr., Newport Beach, Calif., Ryan Heller, jr., Allen, Texas, and Alfio Previtera, jr., South Jersey, N.J.

The three students explained their experience with the food service Chart-



Ryan Heller



David Caddin



Alfio Previtera

wells, in the Student Union.

It includes subjects such as the food's presentation, overall conditions of the location of the food and the sanitation of the cafeteria.

"We found meat not cooked all the way," Heller

said. "There was wilted lettuce, metal shavings in the Rice Krispy treats, dirty dishes and hair."

The trio also takes issue with the meal plan provided by the college, which requires students to purchase

19 meals per week.

"There should be a meal plan for people who only eat twice a day," Previtera said.

Students are not the only ones with an opinion on this issue. Brian Stohs, Chartwells Food Service Man-

ager, has a take on this situation.

"Chartwells has nothing to do with the meal-plan pricing," Stohs said. "There is no \$7 bowl of cereal. The meal plan averages out to \$2.95 a meal, in which we have that to cover all our labor, food and overhead expenses. At Subway, you can only get a bottle of water and a box of raisins for that price."

According to Stohs, the department of health was contacted by an anonymous caller to come to the cafeteria to check things out.

"The health inspector came and found two violations," Stohs said. "One was a spray bottle that was left on the counter and the other one

was the cream cheese and butter packets by the cereal should have been put in the refrigerator after lunch."

"If you are going to call, have merit," Stohs said.

The students also stated that they had started a petition to show the administration that "(they) are not alone." The group received 100 signatures in less than one hour.

"We now have 203 signatures," Caddin said. "We have taken the petition to Karen Caylor and we have a meeting with LaMonte (Rothrock, dean of students) on Wednesday (March 12). If that doesn't work, we will take it to SGA and have them take it to the board."

"We have nothing against

Housing

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during the summer board meeting.

"It's going very well," Rothrock said. "We just know we have to have the money up front to pull off this project."

Last summer, the college asked several students who had requested to move off campus if they were still interested in doing so. Rothrock said he examines each situation differently.

"The bottom line is that I'm looking for people to graduate from McPherson College, and if I don't think it's in their best interest to move off campus based on previous behaviors, I might think they have a better chance of graduating by living on campus," Rothrock said. "But generally speaking we had a list of students I just went down until we had 15 people who agreed to move off campus."

The sooner the Admissions Office can pinpoint numbers for next year, the sooner Rothrock can determine how many students will be let off.

Mac's got talent



Photo by Travis Walker

Abby Alfs, fr., Shickley, Neb., strums her guitar for "Mac's Got Talent" last week. Student Activities Board hosted the American Idol-inspired talent show, which was complete with three judges: Ann Zerger, assistant professor of art, Dee Erway-Sherwood, assistant professor and program director of graphic design and Wayne Conyers, professor of art. Alfs and her band "Peaceful Vibes" didn't make it to the final cut. Other members of Peaceful Vibes were Jessica Foulke, sr., Lawrence; Eric Sader, jr., Salina and Leah Fitzgerald, soph., Great Bend.

Today's Campus Briefing in Brief

*President Hovis will brief the campus on last weekend's Board of Trustees Meeting at 11:30 a.m. in Mingenback Theatre.

Retention and Attrition

The attrition, at 11 percent, was slightly better than 1999-2003, but not as good as 2004-07. 56 students didn't return from fall.

Service

As of February, service hours were already approaching the totals for 2006-07. "There is a lot of involvement by students, faculty and staff," President Ron Hovis said.

Advancement and Marketing

The process for recruiting for next fall is progressing faster than last year.

As of March 7, Admissions had received 86 deposits vs. 53 deposits it had last year at the same time. As of Thursday, there were a total of 94 deposits.

"Collectively, we've got more to do to reach our 200 new students," Hovis said.

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid structure for incoming students underwent slight changes.

"Essentially what we're trying to do is make sure that we're awarding money for the things that we want to award money for," Hovis said.

myMC campaign

The campaign, which began in July 2005, will end in June of 2008. To date, the campaign has raised over \$8.2 million toward the goal of \$7.9 million and is expecting another gift of over \$1 million.

The annual fund is on target to reach the goal of about \$3.5 million, the endowment will exceed the goal of \$3.5 million and the capital is currently at \$700-800 thousand toward a \$1 million goal.

Finance

The trustees reviewed the 2007-08 status.

The college is on track to finish on budget with about \$3 million of support from the endowment, meaning spending will be watched closely for the rest of the year.

What you need to know

- If approved to live off campus, students may forfeit \$3,500 of financial aid.
- Room and board charges of \$6,200 won't appear on approved students' bills.

Career

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request a student that has taken specific courses and certain industries won't consider a student who has less than a 3.0 GPA. Even though Wiens doesn't look entirely at GPA, she said "everyone wants our top student."

She will often seek recommendations from professors of students that best fit the job requirements.

Wiens said her goal is for 70 percent of seniors to have a job secured by graduation. Last year, she had a 65 percent success rate. This figure is based on the results of a survey that is handed to students at com-

mencement.

Wiens is working on a better system to follow up on those that graduated without securing employment.

According to Wiens' research, securing a job can take up to six months, and that is working at it full-time. She encourages students to start early.

Career Services offers study guides for those who plan on attending graduate school, literature with tips for building resumes and information on internships, which are a valuable way to get job experience and establish future contacts.

Many times, professors will guide the student to an internship that fits his or her needs.

Graduating in May and looking for a job?

- www.cbcampus.com is an entry level job search site aimed at college students.
- www.Idealist.org is a web site for students interested in non-profit business. "There is a high job demand in this area and salaries are competitive," Wiens said.
- Career Services receives other subscription services that puts out monthly newsletters. Look for e-mails from Wiens.
- A job search workshop is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. on April 3 in Siek Dining Room in Hoffman Student Union. All students are invited to attend.
- Wiens' office is on the main floor in Miller Library. E-mail Wiens at wiensc@mcpherson.edu.

Write Place welcomes all

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A popular misconception of the Write Place is that it is only available for those who struggle with writing. But the primary mission of the Write Place is "to help writers become better writers," said Kevin Hadduck, director of the center for academic development.

"Writing labs used to be almost exclusively remedial writing labs and we don't like to use the word remedial anymore...it tends to kill business," Hadduck said. "The students who might need help the most are those whose writing skills are poor, but they're the least likely to come in. So if you stigmatize your writing lab as a remedial lab, you're not going to get the people who need to come in most urgently."

Too often students utilize the Write Place, located on the main floor of Miller Library, only to better papers that have already been graded. Tutor Cameron Snell, soph., McFarland, Calif., would like this to change.

"You can always improve your writing style."

- Cameron Snell

"I'd like to see even the students who write good papers come in because they can always be better," Snell said. "You can always improve your writing style, you can always improve effectiveness of structure."

Hadduck said the Write Place could even be a resource for faculty and staff because they may have to prepare a board report or committee report.

Snell's regular hours are Sundays from 6-10 p.m. and Monday-Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. The other writing tutor, Jordan Shay, sr., Healy, is available on Sunday and Wednesdays from 8-10 p.m.

Both tutors can also work by appointment. E-mail them at snelcam@bulldog.mcpherson.edu and shayjor@bulldog.mcpherson.edu.