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NEWS BRIEFS

SAB to host Luau

The luau will be May 2 in Mingenback Theater from 9 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided and a DJ will be present.

A prize will be given for the person whose outfit best represents the luau theme.

Gem, Mineral and Fossil Days to be this weekend

The McPherson Gem and Mineral Club is hosting the 17th annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Days today and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Rocks, fossils, meteorites, gems, and jewelry will be on display and for sale. There will also be a fluorescent exhibit and hourly door prizes.

It is located in the 4-H building at 710 W. Woodside.

Swine flu reaches United States

Swine flu is a respiratory disease of pigs that doesn't normally affect humans, but the United States has recently seen a number of cases.

Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, diarrhea and vomiting.

If any of the following symptoms are present, go to the ER immediately: shortness of breath, pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, dizziness, confusion and severe or persistent vomiting.

For more information, go to <http://www.paper-clep.com/Media/Sites-Administrators/SiteNavigation/swinefluHEstudent%20guide.pdf>.

Poetry winners announced

Readers' Choice Awards were given to Ben Denton, "Why I Will Not Get Out of Bed," Eric Sader, "Harvesting an Old Fool's Paradise," and Kristen Kirkman, "Blackberries" on April 30.

Audrey Secker won the faculty chosen Best of the 2009 Poetry Month Project with "Across the Tracks."

Check out these poems at <http://mcpoetrymonth.wordpress.com>.

Honors convocation steeped in tradition

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

As the school year comes to a close, there was one major event students had to attend before leaving for the summer. The Honors Convocation was started in 1989 as a way to celebrate students.

Marylyn Matthaei, administrative assistant to the provost and dean of faculty, said "it was initiated as a way to recognize student achievement."

Established as The McPherson College Annual Honors Convocation, little has changed. Unlike the fall awards con-

vo, this convocation was established to recognize students' achievements during the current school year.

During this time, students were awarded for their exceptional achievements both in and out of the classroom. Awards such as Outstanding Business Student, the Mercedes-Benz Scholarship, Outstanding Spanish Major, music participation, art awards and Athletes of the Year were presented. There were even awards given for work done outside the classroom such as the Service Learning Award given to students who showed dedication to volunteering their time

and effort to causes not necessarily associated with classroom work.

The convocation was also a time to reflect on all that happened during the year. Every year for the past three years an end of the year video has been played to start the convocation. It serves as a way to highlight some of the year's major events.

This video was one of the ways this convocation is intended to celebrate students, but the printed program was included to have everyone in mind. It not only told of outstanding students, but showed students who strived to achieve more by becoming

active on campus, either in clubs and organizations or in collegiate sports.

"One of the things we have done for the past three years is in fact to do the video and develop the commemorative program that lists names by various activities so that students can see all that they have accomplished over their time here at McPherson College," said Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty.

Before convocation concluded, the Student Government Association passed the gavel from current president Kelsey Hempe, soph., Wichita, to Lane Allison, fr., Greens-

burg, who will serve as SGA president for the upcoming year.

In line with today's convocation, Honors Convocation has always been on the first Friday of May due to the timing of other campus activities.

"After we get toward that point in May, we want to give maximum time to recognize student activities and some that aren't completed until about then, but once we get past that Friday, then we start moving into the finals week (and) to come to convocation's probably not fair, and then we move into all the graduations," Eells said.



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Alexia Hall, soph., Moundridge, Megan Gutsch, soph., Lincolnville, and Bridgette Peterson, soph., Canton work a bake sale to raise book money for Ethiopia Reads.

Sophomore seminar projects inspire students to serve

SHANNON WILLIAMS
Spectator Staff

Sophomore seminar projects emphasize service to students. Two sophomore seminar projects in particular stood out this year.

"The seminar project utilizes the skills we have learned to help us coordinate and execute a project that will benefit others in the community," said Bridgette Peterson, soph., Canton. "This project gives students a chance to serve the McPherson community and feel good about doing it."

The seminar project is not only part of the curriculum, but it also gives students the chance to work with an outside agency and use their creativity to accomplish goals.

Peterson is in a group with three other women, Audrey Secker, soph., Lancaster, Penn.; Alexia Hall, soph., Moundridge, and Megan Gutsch, soph., Lincolnville. They are working with a group called Ethiopia Reads and collecting books to send to children in Ethiopia. The women are the sophomore seminar class of Kim Stanley, professor

"If they have a good project and do it well, they get... an enhanced sense of what it means to belong to a community."

— Kim Stanley

of English and communication, and Joe Dickhudt, assistant professor of technology.

We had a bake sale to raise money so we could purchase books, we've put drop off boxes at local businesses in McPherson and the surrounding areas so people have places to drop off their books," said Gutsch. "We've also put up flyers so people know what's going on and we also talked to Wal-mart and they gave us a \$25.00 gift card there."

The group's overall goal was to collect 2,000 books for the Ethiopian children.

"So far, we've collected at least 2,500 books," Peterson said.

While this group has surpassed their goal, another sophomore seminar group is also noteworthy.

"Our seminar project is for Christian Peacemaker Teams," said Jessica Arpin, soph., Salina. "We created a PowerPoint presentation about CPT and presented the presentation to several different organizations throughout the community of McPherson. We are to present these groups with valid information about CPT and inform them what they are all about."

Arpin's three other group members are Ashley Zodrow, soph., Chapman; Will Devins, soph., and Rafail Reyes, soph., The four group members are in sophomore seminar with Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of modern languages, and Gary Entz, associate professor of history.

"The main goal for our project is to get the community of McPherson aware of what CPT does for other countries, and maybe, even get some recruited for Christian Peacemaker Teams," Arpin said.

The group has already presented their PowerPoint to three different organizations. They presented first to the Christian Peacemaker Team

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New college president assumes duty today

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

Today is Michael Schneider's first day as president of McPherson College.

Schneider said on April 28 that he was excited it was less than a week until he would become the new president. He is taking over the presidency from Ron Hovis, who decided to leave his term early. Schneider will continue as president for the next school year.

"There's lots of emotions you go through," Schneider said about his impending responsibilities and new title. "Right now I'm excited."

He has many goals for his future as president, which he plans to implement starting today.

"Short term, working to build community and team as well as just getting things organized," said Schneider, "long term, locking into living out our mission and finding out who we are and what's really important."

Next fall, a strategic planning process will start.

"It is a process that the campus will work through



Michael Schneider

for long range planning and goals, figuring out what's most important and the best process to do that," Schneider said. "I want to get organized right, get input on how to move forward. We have a good team here, all across campus, faculty and staff are looking to improve."

Jessy Wisdom, soph., Salina, stated her expectations simply.

"I hope he takes the college in the right direction," Wisdom said.

Senior Israel Ortiz, Limon, Colo., is positive about the change in leadership as he prepares to become an alum of the college.

"I think he will bring change and will raise money for the college," Ortiz said. "It makes me excited and happy."

Eells finishes seven years as provost

MELISA GRANDISON
Spectator Staff

Laura Workman Eells has served as provost and dean of the faculty for the past seven years. Next fall, Eells will rejoin the behavioral sciences department as associate professor of sociology.

While in office, Eells helped to initiate many changes to the college.

"I don't really view any accomplishment during my time as provost and dean of faculty as my ac-



Laura Eells

complishment," Eells said.

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Final stresses approaching, take time out for yourself

Finals are inevitable. This is the time of the year that we all dread. But when it's over, there will be no more late nights, no more papers, no more waiting until two in the morning for that one last article to get put into the paper.

Until then, we're stuck with 15-page papers, drawings, sculptures, senior projects, lesson plans and many other projects. Stress is either already here or will hit by the end of the week. When it comes, how will you handle it?

There are positive ways and negative ways to handle stress. Some things are destructive and can lead you to having more stress. Going out, partying and blowing it off won't help you in the long run.

Yes, go out and let off some steam, but be in control. Forgetting the stress only makes more stress. Tackling it head on and dealing with it constructively is the best way to go.

Take the negative stress and turn it into something positive. The weather is slowly getting better. Though the rain is coming in and out, there are plenty of times to just sit outside with a book or homework and enjoy the weather.

Take a few minutes outside your room or the library and get some fresh air. It can revitalize mind and body and leave you feeling better than you did before.

Take a relaxing shower. Hot water can loosen up tight muscles and help relieve body tension. It may seem like something petty, but it could help you feel refreshed and ready to finish out the semester successfully.

Study with a group of other students instead of studying alone. Being alone could induce more stress and tension. Being with others will offer encouragement and let you know that you aren't the only one dealing with stress. Plus, being around people will help you find that positive energy.

Do something you enjoy. If you like to play basketball, set up a quick pick-up game. If you like to cook, bake some cookies for the residents in your hall. Paint your toenails. Go out to eat at your favorite restaurant. Take a power nap. Watch your favorite television show. Stress can be a good thing because it can help you get motivated to finish so you can do something that you've wanted to do.

The school year is almost over. Stresses will be here. Take charge. Get things done and get this stress over with. Summer bliss is right around the corner and is calling your name.

Turn the stress into something positive. You will feel rejuvenated and fresh and ready to finish all those projects.

ISSUE: Stress
OUR POSITION:
Take it one day at a time.

Not Necessarily Ordinary



Graduating senior suggests changes to better prepare future college graduates

As a senior graduating in May, I look back on my time spent here and think of all the things I wish I would have known when I arrived or more importantly, the things I should have learned my freshman and sophomore year in seminar.

Seminar was a decent class and I did learn things, but they left out many important details that would have come in handy.

While in freshman seminar, we were worried about assignments, organization and time management. We could have used some of the time learning about new people and respecting their beliefs.

This would have come in handy for many of us who were raised on a farm with a very conservative background in dealing with kids who were raised in a

SENIOR THOUGHTS



Cody Doll

city or those having more of a liberal view and vice versa.

I know there were many times my freshman year I insulted people by not knowing and understanding the different points of view and lifestyles that others possessed. This could have easily been avoided with proper preparation in the seminar

classes, especially when one thing that our college strives for is diversity and awareness of culture.

In sophomore seminar we focused on Strengths Quest. While valuable, it did not seem accommodating to others. It celebrated our own strengths, but did not make us aware of the strengths of those around us. We did learn how to work with people of different strengths, but not how to cope with someone who possesses the same strengths we have.

Also, we could have done the service projects in a more meaningful way. While doing the project, different members were not held responsible and could ease their way through while the rest of us did all of the work.

If we are able to slack off and let others do our

work, are we really going to learn the values of providing scholarship, participation and service?

Now don't get me wrong, I have had an amazing time while attending McPherson College, and I have learned a great deal of new knowledge that will help me in the future.

These are just some observations and suggestions that I have to help create whole persons through scholarship, participation and service here at McPherson College.

Thank you to all those who helped me have a great experience. I will miss this place a lot. Without it, who knows what I would be doing with my life?

It has been a great journey that I wish everyone could experience.

Personal attention from staff encourages student success

I wait for an answer from the number I'm calling. A few rings and I'm greeted with a "Hi, Jillian!" and I breathe a sigh of relief. "Hi Becki!" I say, sloughing off the feeling of nervousness I had. I had a 1 o'clock meeting with my advisor, Becki Bowman, and I was fifteen minutes late.

I hadn't checked my e-mail all day and realized my mistake when, just before my 1:30 class, I finally logged in. There was a quick note from Becki asking to meet with me to discuss my future as a double major with some major time constraints.

It isn't until hours later, after our hurried meeting, that I realize what an honor it is to live in a place where I have the opportu-

JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

nity to have my advisor's personal cell phone number programmed into my phone. What an oddity! I never pictured my college advisor as a personal confidante, someone who tells me I am a priority and does everything in her power to help me succeed.

When I told her in November I was adding another major, she applauded my efforts to get the most out of my time at McPherson. I was, again, surprised. I'm a junior! What advisor wants to spend hours trying to cram every history and communication class I need into one year? Not an easy task.

Along with Becki, my comrade in the battle to graduate is Ken Yohn. Every time I approach him with a question of the newly-revised history department's schedule, he is more than happy to oblige. Not only does he take time out of his extremely packed schedule lectures in France, packed 30-people classes to prep for, revising the entire major and starting the hunt for a new

professor he does it with a conversation on how my stress is and with a smile on his face.

I'm not saying that this kind of attention isn't available at any other school, but to meet at Becki's house for enrollment, walk into Ken's office unannounced and have the personal relationships to call them both by their first names are rare and privileged opportunities.

At the end of the meeting with Becki, I thanked her profusely for her time and apologized for being late. Then I ran to Ken's class, sighing with relief. I will power through these next few semesters, but not without the help of a few trusted and very appreciated friends.

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Good Dog / Bad Dog comparison table with paw prints and jagged lines. Items include: Tennis court renovation, Beautification projects around campus, Campus Blowout coming up, Rain and lots of it, Potholes on side streets and main roads around campus, Trash floating around in the wind.

CHEW ON THIS

"Stress is nothing more than a socially acceptable form of mental illness."
-Richard Carlson

"In times of great stress or adversity, it's always best to keep busy, to plow your anger and your energy into something positive."
-Lee Lacocca

Downfall in economy drowns graduating seniors in job search

Growing amount of job cuts leave graduates in a job search frenzy, is there hope?

"With the economy not doing so well, you need to look up some more scholarships for next year's tuition," my mom said.

"It's still bad?" I asked.

Clearly I was out of the loop and not paying any attention to anything going on in the stock market. People are still losing jobs, companies are losing more and more money, corporations are going bankrupt and we have college seniors graduating in a few weeks who are still jobless. Was this the one thing that college hasn't prepared our students for?

Collegegrad.com said, on average, if a college senior hasn't started looking for a job by December, it will take them anywhere from six to 12 months after graduation to find a job in this economy. That means during those months, you might have to work at a restaurant or a clothing store for an income until you can find that dream job you've been working so hard for. Working at those places isn't necessarily a bad thing. I love being a

THINK OUT LOUD



Ashley Andrews

waitress, but if you don't, then I would suggest that you start looking for those jobs as soon as the fall of your senior year begins.

Recently, I attended a job-searching workshop at the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press conference. The speakers were Mark Vierthaler from the Dodge City Daily Globe and John Montgomery from the Hutch News. Both were asked questions about internships and open positions on their staff and both had answers that no journalism major wanted to hear.

Internships were being cut left and right. Some newspapers only have one paid internship for the summer and hundreds of kids fight to apply for that position. In a nutshell, they said that getting hired on a newspaper staff at this point in the year was nearly impossible because of all the cuts that will be made due to the economy.

A college degree is usually the ticket to a great job. Since this economy is in such a deep slump, that isn't necessarily the case anymore. If college graduates can't find jobs, what does that have to say for the rest of the nation?

I don't think the college graduates are in that terrible slump that the news is talking about. There are jobs out there, but they are selective and look for only those who will benefit them in the long run. Yes, it's great that you've earned three degrees from a college in four years, but can you work well with different cultures? Can you put other's needs before your own? Can you

communicate with others effectively?

I think that it isn't about what kind of college you go to or what kind of degree you have.

For specific fields, yes, it does matter. But I think employers are looking for something much more than just proving that you went to school and went to class.

After doing some research on quintcareers.com, I found some attributions that employers look for that might surprise you.

Communication skills are a must. You may be able to speak your mind, but can you listen to what others have to say and retain it? Speaking and listening go hand in hand in the job world.

Flexibility in time management skills is something that employers often look for. If there is something that gets in the way of a deadline, are you able to work with it and get it finished to the best of your ability?

Positive attitudes and

energy are great qualities to have when you are job seeking. Businesses don't want to hire a Debbie Downer. They want someone who will make their corporation have a good reputation. I think this is where service work helps your credibility.

Volunteering is a great way to show that you really care about the world around you.

It takes a big heart to be able to put others before oneself. It not only shows that you care, but it shows employers that you have a good, positive outlook on life.

Seniors, I wish you good luck in your future endeavors. There are jobs out there, just keep looking and make sure they know what a great education and life lessons you've learned here at Mac.

Future college graduates, keep on going. I know the light at the end of the tunnel seems so far away, but keep pushing forward. Your hard work will pay off.

Behavioral science department embraces new addition to staff and classroom

As the days get warmer, or wetter in our case, a lot of things start changing. Students break out their flip flops, open their windows and await the end of the school year. My class will graduate and a brand new batch of freshmen will enter in the fall. However, the students aren't the only ones changing roles.

There are many changes occurring to the academic departments at McPherson. Faculty such as Stephanie Brunelli, Gary Entz and Ocie Kilgus are all leaving to pursue other options. And although many departments are losing wonderful faculty members, mine is gaining one.

I've been a behavioral science major since my sophomore year and since

MEGAN'S CORNER



Megan McKnight

then I've worked with three, kind of crazy at times, but really helpful professors.

Beginning next year, the department will add a female perspective to the team. Laura Eells has resigned as provost and dean of the faculty and has taken up the opportunity

to teach in the behavioral science department.

For the past three years, I have been immersed in everything psychological and sociological about this campus. I've had the same group of peers in all of my classes for the past two years and sometimes I feel like I see my three professors more than I see my fiancé.

Though with all the changes taking place, I believe the addition of Professor Eells will be a positive change.

Don't get me wrong, I am sad to see other faculty leaving and departments shrinking, but I am excited for the future of the behavioral sciences on campus. This past year, the department also added new emphases that allow new students to pick

a specific area of interest to study, such as criminal justice or health and human services.

And even if students aren't passionate about a career in psychology or sociology, I think it's important for students to at least take a few courses in the area.

You can learn things like the real reason why your friend was in a bad mood or how you can modify an unwanted behavior. And if you're really passionate and major in psychology, you might even run into a professor who challenges you to question if people really have souls or not.

And of course, there are some things that are just beyond a student's power. We can't change the amount of money the college has and sometimes

we can't keep faculty here that we want to be here. However, there are things we can embrace even when we seem to be losing everything.

The faculty has gained a member who is very passionate about what she teaches.

As a senior who is graduating in less than four weeks, I can say that although I have been outspoken about some of the negative things occurring on this campus, I know that overall, this is a positive place to be.

So the next time you hear something negative, think about all the positive things that come from attending a small campus like ours.

Oh yeah, and don't forget to squeeze in that psychology or sociology

On the Fly

What is one thing you think employers look for in future employees?



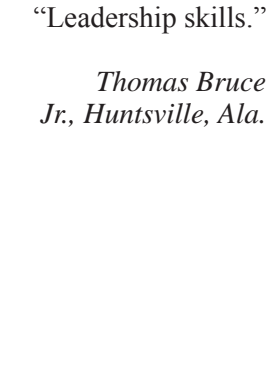
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Dale Schwartz
Soph., Crystal Lake, Ill.



"Responsibility."
Karissa Ferrell
Soph., Las Vegas, Nev.



"Timeliness."
Larry Shields
Soph., Las Vegas, Nev.



"Leadership skills."
Thomas Bruce Jr.,
Huntsville, Ala.



"Diversity."
Savannah Sievers
Fr., St. John



"Common sense."
Cassie Smith
Jr., Salina



SHOUT IT OUT!

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

Quit getting drunk in Metzler.

Please stop leaving your stems in the bathroom.

SGA candidates please take down all of your posters. It's been over for a while now.

Clearly if it's not bringing in awards, it's not worth having. Cut it.

If you hit a car, leave information. It's upsetting when there is red paint on your car and your car is white.

What happened to the flowers on campus?

Sand, sand and more sand. Renovations!

There should be different intramural sports.

The ping-pong table screams distraction. Quit playing it in the middle of the night.

Watch what you say in the cafeteria. We can hear you. It's not nice to know how you really feel about us.

I wish you would check your e-mail everyday. It's annoying when you show up to class clueless about an assignment that was sent out in an e-mail three days ago.

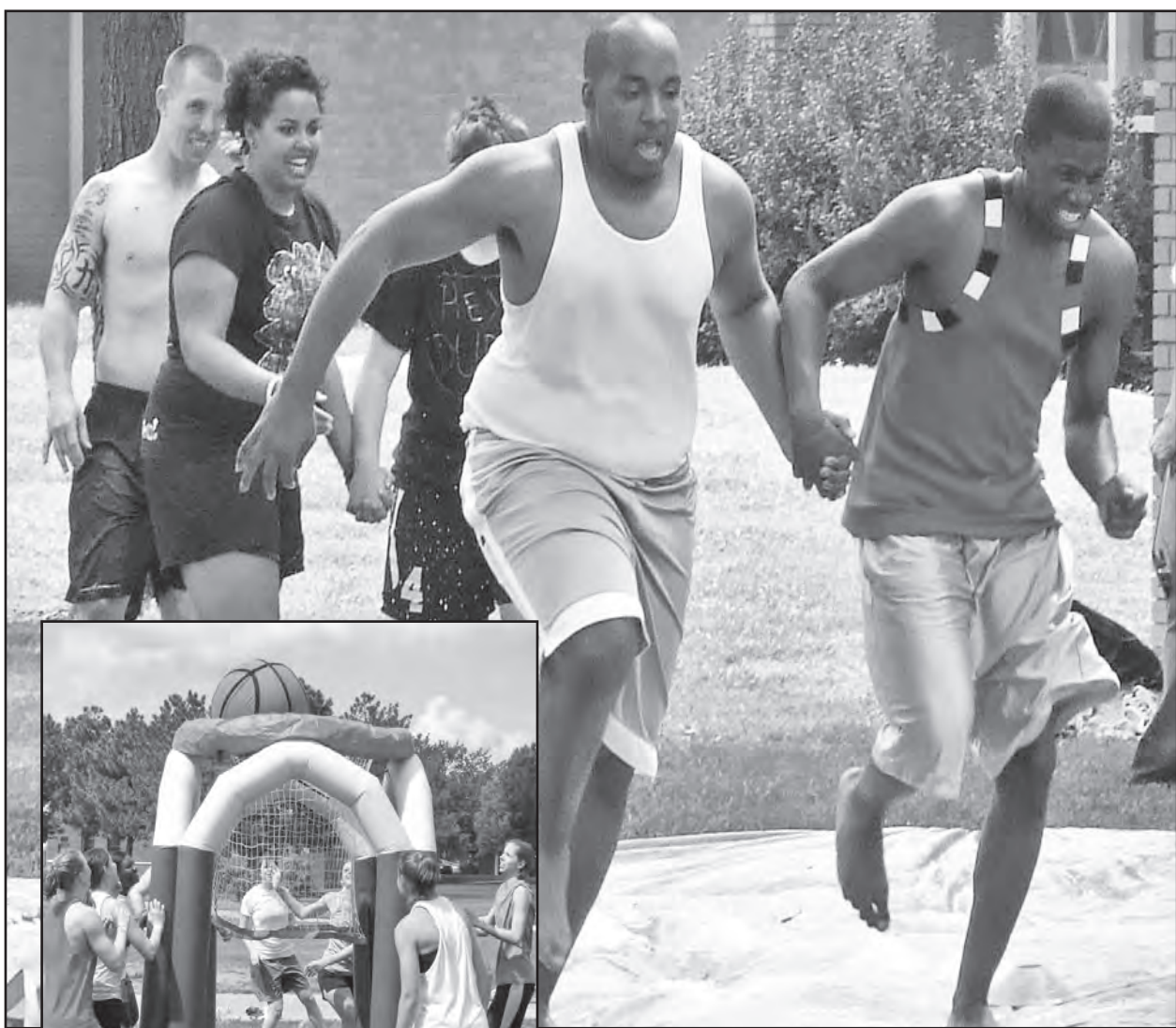
Thank you, professors. You make being here worthwhile.

What am I supposed to say when I'm all choked up and you're O.K.?

Thank you procrastination gods for the rain. It allows me to crawl into bed and forget about all the homework I have to do.

Service is a huge part of life. Give back to those who have given so much to you. It's nice to let others know they are appreciated.

Where's our college pool?



Courtesy Photos

Above: Drew Griffin, sr., Rancho Cordova, Calif., and Zack Gaddis, soph., Oklahoma City, compete last year to earn points for their Campus Blowout team during a relay. The relay required participants to race around a wet, soapy track and tag a set of teammates, who then had to run back to the beginning of the course. Left: Team compete against each other in a giant, inflatable basketball game with giant, inflatable shoes.

Campus Blowout excites campus

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

should make it exciting for people who have participated in the past.”

Shandi Tobias, resident director: Bittinger, agreed with Grosbach.

“The format of the competition will likely be a little different than previous years,” Tobias said. “Also, there are several evening events planned including a comedian, mentalist and SAB will be sponsoring a ‘movie on the turf’ with a large screen to end the night.”

Colleen Gustafson, resident director: Dotzour hopes “there will be less puking involved (this year). It is a great way for students to relax, have fun and enjoy the end of the year.”

While the games and activities attract most people to the annual festivities, Ashley Noll, jr., Atchison, is simply excited for the day off.

“I’m somewhat excited about Campus Blowout, but I don’t even know if I’ll be on a team for sure or not, although I would love to participate in the activities,” Noll said. “I’m also excited about sleeping in. I always love the opportunity to be able to sleep in.”

However, not everyone

is excited for Campus Blowout.

“I am mad about Campus Blowout because I will not be able to participate in it,” said Billie Jo Shuttleworth, jr., Plainville. “I will not have the time to participate between school, work and getting ready for finals. The two evenings free a week I have will be spent studying and doing things around the house.”

Gustafson said quite a

few teams have signed up to participate this year.

“I hope to see a lot of excitement and involvement from the (Dotzour) residents,” Gustafson said.

Tobias said, “Bittinger hasn’t scheduled anything in addition to the activities already taking place. However, we do encourage our residents to get involved and participate in any way they can.”

CAMPUS BLOWOUT SCHEDULE

Parade/pick up your T-shirt
10 a.m. in front of Guys and Gals clothing store, 100 block N. Main

Campus Blowout Competition 2 p.m.- Gazebo

Senior Drive-Thru 4:30 - p.m. - circle drive

Outdoor Barbecue 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. - Harnly Garden

Owen Smith, stand up comedian 6:30 p.m. - Brown Auditorium

Christopher Carter, Freak-out Artist 7:30 p.m. - Brown Auditorium

Movie on the Turf, 10 p.m.

Car show introduces new events

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If people were to walk around campus on May 2, they might see a 1931 Packard, 1912 REO, 1967 Porsche 911S and a 1932 Paul Harris. These are a few of the cars that will be featured at this year’s 10th Annual College Automotive Restoration Students Club Car Show.

This event will start with a cruise-in today from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. The cruise-in is free and open to the public and will be located on Main Street, downtown McPherson. The Mohler Lecture series will follow immediately in Brown Auditorium. McKee Hagerty, a huge supporter of McPherson College and CEO of Hagerty Classic Insurance, will give the lecture, “Coffee, Kierkegaard, and Collector Cars: Living Your Passion Every Day.”

The car show will take place on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is from 8 a.m. to Noon and costs \$15 per vehicle. Students will also have non-judged cars displayed

in the student section. This year C.A.R.S. Club is expecting 150 cars. The car show is also free and open to the public. “There should be a good turnout and lots of people this year,” said Tabettha Salsbury, sr., Pueblo, Colo. There are a few new things that are being offered this year. One of those is that the Business

Club will serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$5. There will also be a seminar about how to get an internship and which ones are available.

This seminar will be in Templeton 5B from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by Chris Wiens, director of Career Services, and Bob Knechel, executive director of the Collectors Foundation.

Other features of this year’s show are a demonstration by the Ford Model T rebuilding team, tours of Templeton Hall and junior judges event. “This is a great opportunity for the whole campus to see what the auto restoration program does,” Salsbury said.

The Hot spot



A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT KATHY NICHOLSON.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

Q Where are you from originally?

A McPherson. I lived in Tennessee for 20 years and then moved back here in '93.

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

A Antonio Banderas. Anywhere warm with Antonio.

Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A I assist the director of development in obtaining donations from the local community and alumni. I work with the local businesses to obtain donations from them and I also work with the college kids on Project Connect, which is the phonathon

Q Do you have any pets?

A I have a horse named Chico and a dog named Hunter

Q What do you drive and what does that say about you?

A I drive a Chevy Equinox. That I am dependable and trustworthy.

Q What do you enjoy most about your job?

A Meeting new people and getting to know them, and working with the college kids.

Q What is something people may not know about you?

A That I joined the Army right after high school.

Q Why did you choose to come to McPherson College?

A I’ve always been involved in sales and marketing and I felt it was an opportunity to expand my skills and Anna (Ruxlow) wanted me to. We worked in the same field for the last six or seven years.

Q Who is your role model and why?

A My grandmother because she rose above some really hard times and made the best of any situation.

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

A That everybody at McPherson College is related and most of the people I’ve run across are very kind and willing to give.

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

A I have a degree from Austin Peay State University. Business.

Q What is your favorite book?

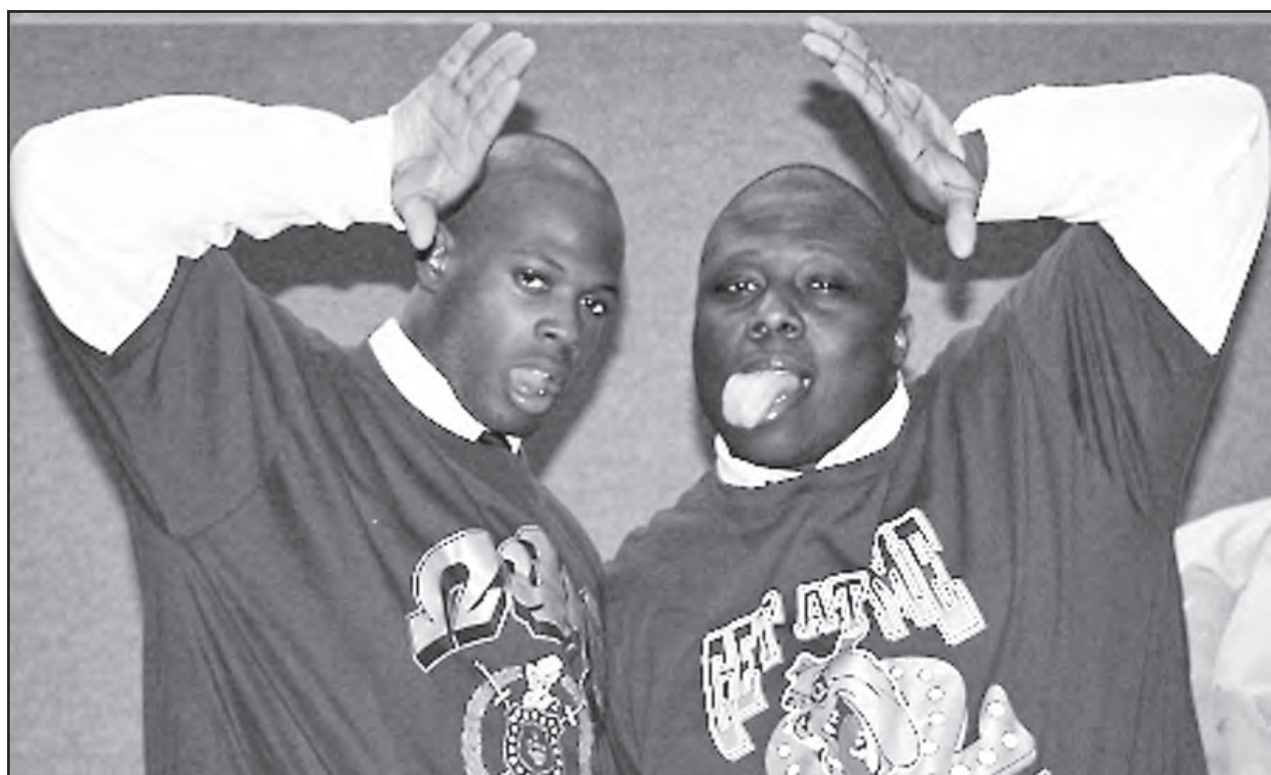
A Twilight.

Q What political issue do you feel most strongly about?

A Going green. I’m concerned with what we’re doing to the earth.

Q Patrick Dempsey, Johnny Depp or Brad Pitt?

A Johnny Depp.



Courtesy Photo

Mark Watson, jr., St. Charles, Mo., and Chris Ezebunwa, sr., Baker, La., represent their new fraternity Omega Psi Phi.

Ezebunwa, Watson join Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor in Chief

They have crossed over into the Omega Psi Phi world, where manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift are daily principles to live by. They now bleed royal purple and old gold.

"They" are Chris Ezebunwa, sr., Baker, La., and Mark Watson, jr., St. Charles, Mo., who recently joined the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Omega Psi Phi is a national fraternity started by Professor Ernest E. Just and undergraduate students Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper and Frank Coleman at Howard University in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 17, 1911.

"I personally decided to join the frat because a lot of my little league coaches were all part of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and I really looked up to them," Watson said. "One of them is like my second father. He really had an impact in my life and I want to be just like him."

The Gamma Upsilon Chapter was founded as a citywide graduate chapter in Wichita, in 1949. The fraternity later founded the undergraduate chapter, Epsilon Psi, in 1969. However, Ezebunwa and Watson mark the first undergraduate

members in 20 years. "All my coaches back home are Omega men and they had such a big impact on my life," Ezebunwa said. "Not only that, what Omegas do for the community, I figured becoming a member of this fraternity would benefit me and I could benefit others."

The name Omega Psi Phi comes from the Greek phrase "friendship is essential to the soul." The mascot, a bulldog, was founded in 1911 with the start of the fraternity and gives meaning behind the barking that people sometimes hear from Omega men.

Ezebunwa and Watson received the gold boots and a name that every member gets upon crossing. Together, they are known as the Two Kings of Determination. Individually, Ezebunwa's name is BruhmanQ and Watson's is Six PacQ.

While joining the fraternity provides enjoyment for Omega members, it's more about brotherhood and service to one's community. Ezebunwa and Watson have volunteered time for the Special Olympics, Bowl for Kids Sake, a senior citizen's dinner, the Cessna Kid's Christmas Party and the Charles R. Drew Blood Drive, along with other service projects.

"The fraternity doesn't make you, you make the

fraternity," Ezebunwa said. "It's really about your work that you put in and what kind of leader you can be in your community and what kind of man you are."

The new Omega members are also trying to set up their own projects in McPherson and Wichita including clothing and blood drives.

"We've been pretty active since we crossed," Ezebunwa said. "It's been more work than play."

Ezebunwa and Watson join many famous Ome-

ga men such as Langston Hughes, Bill Cosby, Steve Harvey, Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal and Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"I put a lot of time and effort into accomplishing something I've wanted to do since I was little," Watson said. "I'm part of the greatest fraternity in America, in the world. This organization has been going strong since 1911 through all the times... the Great Depression and right now we're in a recession. It means a lot."

Omega Psi Phi New to You?

Q: What is up with the Gold Boots?

A: Well, the Bruhs stomp so hard that when we pound the pavement we turn ordinary cement into gold and it covers the boots. That simple.

Q: Why do the QUEs prefer the bulldog?

A: Have you ever seen a bulldog attack? Did you see how enthusiastically he approached his target? He does not walk casually, he sprints as hard as he can to reach his objective. When he reaches it he totally destroys the target. It is irrelevant how much a fight his objective puts up, because it is in vain. The perseverance of a bulldog cannot be stopped.

Q: How do I become a QUE?

A: First you have to demonstrate the characteristics of the four cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift. Then you must attain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 grade scale. Then most importantly you must holler at the Bruhs!

Information from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity - Tau Gamma Chapter, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Ill.

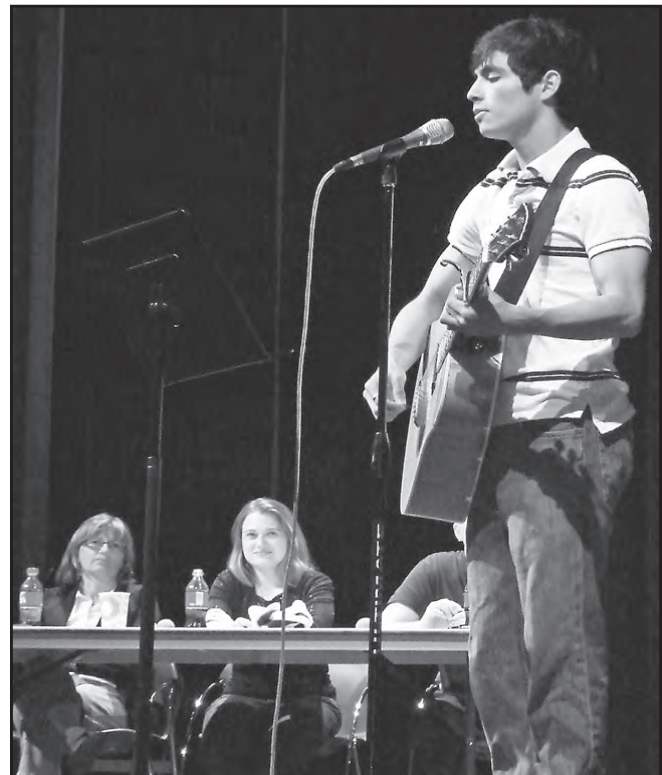


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Armando Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas, sings to the audience at Mac's Got Talent on April 23.

Mac's Got Talent places Hale on top

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

There was singing, there was dancing, there was poetry, there was... Sonny and Cher?

Mark Shobe, sr., Galva; Jessie Jackson, fr., Crete, Neb.; Jeremy Hoffman, sr., McPherson; Mona Hale, fr., McPherson; Tyler Stevenson, fr., Broken Arrow, Okla.; Miles Birch, soph., Lewes, Del., and Armando Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas, took the stage to entertain the campus in a culmination of talent for Mac's Got Talent 2009 on April 23.

The final three contestants were Jackson, Birch and Hale, however Hale was the first place winner of the evening with the song "Follow Love" by FFH.

"I decided to do Mac's Got Talent because I figured it would be fun and I enjoy sharing my talent with my peers," Hale said. "I felt a little nervous right before going on because every audience is different and I hadn't sung in front of my peers here before. However, I'm happy that I won and excited that I have \$100 now that I definitely didn't have before."

Though Hale's performance won, Jackson's brought many laughs.

"It was extremely fun-

ny," said Whitney Hobbey, fr., Killeen, Texas. "My favorite part was definitely Jessie's dance. I'm going to beg him for a couple dance moves."

Jenni Birdsall, soph., Lansing, echoed Hobbey.

"My favorite part was Jesse's performance," Birdsall said. "It was really cool and I didn't know he had that type of talent."

Master of ceremony Shay Maclin, assistant professor of education, said, "I think the show went well. It is nice to have the diversity of talent."

Student Activities Board member Roxie Ayres, soph., Tescott said some people decided not to perform. SAB hosted the event.

"Due to some people dropping out, the talent show wasn't as full as I would have liked it to be," Ayres said. "The people who performed though were great. Thanks to all of you."

Audience members won prizes of \$25 gift cards and took the time to get up and dance while judges Wayne Conyers, professor of art; Dee Erway-Sherwood, assistant professor and program director of graphic design; and Ann Zenger, assistant professor of art, made their final decision.

Yohn teaches course in France

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

Intercultural experience is a large part of a liberal arts education. Whether it's learning from personal experience or from the classroom, most college students are exposed to what is happening in other parts of the world. Someone who is an expert on intercultural activities is Ken Yohn, associate professor of history.

For the past 15 years, Yohn has spent time teaching different courses with professors from around the world in a French classroom. The program pulls professors worldwide to give their students a unique learning environment. Professors from Japan, Finland and the United States participated in the last session.

"I enjoy working with other professionals and getting their opinions and ideas," Yohn said. "We all

have different teaching styles and it's interesting to see how students learn from each one. I think different teaching styles are important. Do you know how boring it would be if every teacher taught the same way?"

Yohn teaches a five-day course in a French classroom along with several other professors. He said there are three days to become acclimated to France after arrival, however, they are six hours behind, so it's like getting up at 2 a.m. and teaching a class at 4:30 a.m.

"It takes a lot of energy and focus, but it's with people who have become very dear friends to me," Yohn said. "I even travel and spend holidays with them."

Yohn said that while he works with professors from all over the world, they are jealous of the learning environment we have here. The small



Ken Yohn

Russian... and I am able to see how the world impacts them and then bring that firsthand knowledge and experience straight out of the French classroom and into the American one."

Yohn recently returned from teaching a course called "Sources and Consequences of Globalization of Telecommunications and Cyberspace." The course is an "exploration of the increasing levels of interaction and interdependence in our global society," Yohn said.

Yohn has taught multiple courses over the years, but most of them have related somehow to globalization and international topics. His current class correlates to the technology in society class he teaches for McPherson College.

"It helps with my coursework here, to stay current with other professors and courses in the world," Yohn said.

Yohn said the real aim of the coursework is to teach the students about the world.

"To have international teachers and experiences teaches students how to learn with a variety of teaching styles and methods," Yohn said. "I want the students to understand how tiny the world is and how connected we all are."

Yohn is planning to go back to France this June for his next course.



Courtesy Photo

Choir performs home concert

The McPherson College Choir recently returned from its annual tour April 15 to 19.

The choir traveled to Wichita, Oklahoma City, Colorado Springs, Wiley, Colo., and Garden City, before returning to McPherson. Stops included a few students' home churches.

Between concerts, choir members were able to tour the Oklahoma City Federal Building memorial and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

Their musical repertoire included "Jabberwocky" by Rene Clausen, "Wana Baraka," a

Kenyan folk song by Church of the Brethren composer Shawn Kirchner, and "Laudate" by Knut Nystedt.

The choir also performed a home concert at the McPherson Church of the Brethren on April 23.

Steve Gustafson directed the choir, and was accompanied by Stephanie Brunelli and Leah Fitzjarrald, jr., Great Bend.

"Choir tour was another fun success," said Mallory Griggs, jr., Colorado Springs. "We did well everywhere. The host families were great."

Turf's life expectancy 10 years, to be replaced in 2013

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
News Editor

The turf field is used daily by students and the community. With current budget issues, the question has been raised about just how much the field costs.

"There are well over 800 events on the field each year," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. "There are many days where there are practices or events from 5:30 to 8 a.m., then 3:30 to 11 p.m."

Rothrock said that in addition to college athletics, "High school men's and women's track, football, both men's and women's

soccer, college intramurals, physical education classes, the middle school, YMCA, McPherson Recreation Commission, Special Olympics and community members" use the field.

"The field, track and stands were renovated during the summer of 2003," Rothrock said. The field is supposed to last "hopefully 10 years."

Rothrock said the turf cost the college \$1 million in 2003, which was paid for in bonds.

Upkeep of the turf is done "mainly by annual visits by the company who put the turf in and our coaching staff," Rothrock

said.

According to Shane Netherton, vice president for finance, "The college has a budget outlay of \$200,000 for the turf in 2013."

The college probably won't be paying for it alone, though.

"There is an assumption that the high school would pursue another lease with the college with some of those funds going to replacement of turf and such," Rothrock said.

Netherton said the operating lease is approximately \$86,000 annually, which equals approximately \$900,000 over the 10-year contract.



Photo by Shane Mascarenas

The track team warms up on the turf, which is also used for the high school men's and women's track, football, men's and women's soccer, college intermurals, physical education classes, the middle school, YMCA, McPherson Recreation Commission and community members, as well as the college sports.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Amanda Gray, sr., Prairie Village, prepares to pitch to a teammate at the plate, during a practice this week.

Softball in Ottawa today for KCAC tournament

KELLI FOWLDS
Spectator Staff

The McPherson softball team has arrived at the conference tournament this weekend. At the close of this season, the team finished with an overall record of 16-17 and a conference record of 8-8.

The team defeated Kansas Wesleyan in its doubleheader on April 15. The following Saturday held a loss against Bethany. However, the Lady Bulldogs came back with a win against the University of Saint Mary on April 20. The girls lost against Ottawa University on April 22.

This season didn't go quite how the team had hoped.

"I wish we could have done better," said Sadie Green, fr., Hutchinson.

There were many aspects of the field the team continued to struggle with throughout the season.

"We had trouble hitting," said Kelsey Martin, fr., McPherson.

Green agreed and added that communication was another factor. Despite those difficulties, there were several areas for the team to be proud of.

"There were very few errors in the outfield," said Holli Greene, fr., Dayton, Ind.

Throughout the season, many of the players have attested to the outfield's strength and contribution

to the team.

"The games we won also had good defense," Green said.

This year also held a few big competitors.

"Bethany seemed to be pretty big this year with the sibling rivalry between Katie Logan and her sister," Martin said.

However, Green said Friends University is the best team in the conference.

"They're beatable, but we just get it in our heads that they're the best," Green said.

This year contained many enjoyable moments for the girls.

"(I liked) getting to play college ball," Martin said.

The girls stated that they are glad to have their freshman year over and are ready to continue their college career.

As the season closes, the Bulldogs are glancing ahead to next year.

"I'm looking forward to having a clean record," Martin said.

The incoming recruits are also a source of interest.

"You always look forward to bringing in new freshmen to see if they're good," Green said.

The Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament started Thursday against Sterling College and will continue through today. Ottawa University is hosting this year's tournament.

Cook, Toland finish tennis season with most wins for Mac squad

BRYANNA DANIELS
Spectator Staff

With little depth on both the men's and women's tennis teams, only seven players on the men's side and six on the women's, this season was a major learning experience for everybody.

"It was hard stepping on the courts as a freshmen because some of us played in the third or fourth spot," said Kyle Toland, fr., Edwardsville. "This year was fun, just rough."

Being as there are usually six spots to fill on the varsity squad, neither team had much room to switch up positions or make any adjustments. This type of small squad made the situation hard for both the players and the coach.

"We gave it our best and that's what's important," said Dan Leddy, head ten-



Photo by Kyle Toland

Hermo Benito, jr., Barcelona, Spain, sets up for a forehand at the KCAC tournament on April 25 in Salina.

nis coach.

This past year was Leddy's last at coaching both the men's and women's teams. He has chosen to pursue personal business endeavors.

Overall for the 2008-09 season, the men's squad had no wins and the women's squad had one win against Central

Christian College. Both teams played a total of eleven matches, three of which were scrimmages in the fall. The last bunch of matches was played at a tournament in Salina, where every player endured through six games each. "It was a very exhausting day, both mentally and physically,"

said Ana Calderon, soph., Lonetree, Colo.

For the women's team, Alyssa Baldi, soph., Northglenn, Colo., was the only player to win a match at the tournament.

In the end, Toland held the best overall record for the men's squad with three individual wins, while Haley Cook, soph., Centennial, Colo., had the best overall record for the women with four individual wins.

"It feels awesome having the best overall record of both teams since my first sport here at the college is soccer," Cook said, "but I love tennis, too."

Both Toland and Cook look forward to returning to the team next year.

The college is still searching for a replacement coach for the upcoming season and is also hopeful about improvements to be made in the future.



Courtesy Photos

The men's soccer team attended its ring ceremony Thursday night for its conference championship this past fall, which advanced them to the national tournament. The soccer team is currently playing in off-season tournaments.

Soccer team shuts out Kansas State in tournament

CHRIS FLOOSTER
Spectator Staff

McPherson's men's soccer team added another championship trophy when they won the 30th Annual Kansas State University-Ed Chartrand Memorial Soccer Tournament in Manhattan, by beating KSU 2-1 in the final on April 19.

"K-State and KU (University of Kansas) are the perennial favorites in this tournament, but McPherson was just a strong and well-coached team," said tournament director Dennis Cook.

The team traveled to Manhattan on April 17 to compete in its opening match against a strong

Kansas State alumni team under the lights at Memorial Stadium. Neither team was able to break the deadlock and the match ended in a 0-0 draw.

On Saturday afternoon, the team returned to action against Truman State University in a match that saw the Bulldogs take a 1-0 lead only to have Truman steal a late goal. The match ended in another draw, 1-1.

To finish out pool play, McPherson took on the Pittsburg State Gorillas in a match they had to win in order to advance. After a slow start, the Bulldogs came together and pulled away to take a 5-2 win, and secured their place in the semifinals where they

would play KU.

In the Sunday morning semifinal match against the Jayhawks, scoring chances were at a premium, yet the match ended in another scoreless draw. In penalty kicks, McPherson put each shot away, as two Jayhawks cracked under the pressure and shot wide of the goal. This gave the Bulldogs a win and a trip to the championship match where they faced off against tournament favorite KSU.

Against the run of play that saw the Wildcats narrowly miss several chances, Anthony Baldi, jr., Arvada Colo., battled through several tackles and tucked the ball into the corner of the goal giving

McPherson a 1-0 advantage. The score stood until late in the second half when Kansas State slipped in a goal of their own. But the Bulldogs battled back and secured the title when player-coach Jose Reyes, sr., Dallas, Texas, scored the game's winner in the final two seconds.

"It wasn't pretty at times, but the team played together, worked hard and got the win," Reyes said.

Player-Coach Sean McCrae, sr., Dallas, Texas, added, "It was a lot of fun and a good experience. We were able to give the younger guys a lot of playing time and try different players in different positions."

Athletic budget to see 10 percent decrease

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

Unlike the academic budget cuts, which can be found in individual majors, cuts in the athletic budget were made to the general athletic program, not to the individual sports.

"We're sitting with almost identical cuts to a couple of departments in terms of academics," said Lamonte Rothrock, athletic director. "We're going to be spending \$100,000

less, almost a 10 percent cut, and we already cut the previous year \$100,000."

Head soccer coach Doug Quint said he is feeling the strain of the cuts.

"I know for a fact that athletics has taken one of the largest cuts for budgets related to the number of people that are in it," Quint said. "It's frustrating as a coach, but these are the cards you're dealt and you learn to play with them. It just makes fundraising that much more

important."

The projected athletic budget for 2009-10 is \$752,000, which is approximately a 10 percent decrease from this year's projected budget of \$870,000.

"This year, things are looked at a lot tighter in terms of what you can and can't do, so there's a little more control on the spending that's going on in athletics," Quint said.

Rothrock said McPherson is ninth of the 10 con-

ference schools in athletic expenses, which includes the budget and coaches' salaries.

In 2006-07, the college incurred \$1.25 million in expenses. Bethel incurred just under \$1.5 million, the only college near McPherson in amount. Four schools in the KCAC spent more than \$1.5 million, two colleges spent more than \$2 million and Sterling spent more than \$3 million.

The average salary of

a McPherson coach is between \$17,000 and \$18,000 a year. Only Tabor and Bethel coaches get paid less with salaries between \$10,000 and \$15,000, while Sterling coaches get paid just under \$35,000.

"(Coaches) are working awfully hard and they have a lot of odds against them," Rothrock said. "There is no protection, there is no safety for them, and yet, we kind of keep pulling the rug out from

under them a little bit more and that is what is frustrating."

Rothrock said athletic enrollment has generated \$2.4 million in revenue annually over the past six years.

"Athletics is one of the biggest entities on campus as far as growth and one of the reasons why enrollment is growing on campus as fast as it is," Quint said. "The coaches are doing their jobs and meeting their goals."



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

A red team member forges past a white team member during the April 18 scrimmage

White team defeats red in football scrimmage

LETERIUS RAY
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College football team played its annual spring game on April 18. The Bulldogs are looking to improve on the 2008 season's seventh place finish in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference and 4-6 overall record.

Head coach Brian Ward combated the loss of five seniors and four underclassmen with the recruitment of 30 to 35 incoming freshmen, 23 of whom are Kansans.

"We did an excellent job of in-state recruiting," Ward said.

Of the departing players, Gary Cox, sr., Glendale, Ariz., was a huge contributor for the McPherson offense. Cox was an All-KCAC selection and led the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in all-purpose yards.

"Gary and Dwight [Hale] are big losses," Wards said. "You can't really replace them. You just move forward and hope we don't miss a beat."

Hale, sr., Colorado Springs, played receiver for the Bulldogs.

Ward plans on 20 of his 22 starters returning from 2008, one of whom is Jeff Paulson, sr., Limon, Colo., who is returning for the fall 2009 semester. Paulson averaged 11.9 tackles a game, ranked seventh in the NAIA in tackles and was an All-KCAC selection.

"We're planning on getting him back in the fall," Ward said.

For the spring game, coaches split the seniors into two groups to create a "white" team, and a "red" team. From there, the red and white teams drafted their spring game rosters, one player at a time.

Leading the White team was starting quarterback Shane Mascarenas, jr., Peoria, Ariz.

In 2007, while at Phoenix College, Mascarenas fractured his fibula and

dislocated his ankle. In the second quarter of his first game with McPherson, he re-fractured his fibula and completely broke it in the fourth quarter.

Mascarenas put up big numbers in the spring game, completing nine of 12 passes for 213 passing yards and two touchdowns. He also mixed in three rushes for 50 yards in his 25 plays.

He had been rehabbing his injury from September, up until the spring game.

"I think he can be one of the best, not only in this conference, but in the country," Ward said. He's that good."

Three players took the majority of snaps to replace Mascarenas, none of whom will be playing quarterback next season. Aaron Sunday, fr., Claremore, Okla., left at semester, Jacob Simon, sr., Leon, will graduate, and Josh White, soph., Stockton, Mo., has been moved back to his natural position of wide receiver.

Ward said he is still confident in the quarterback situation.

"Blake Jones and Chase Ozburn have come a long way," Ward said. "We only recruited one true quarterback, Jacob Snodgrass, who was highly recruited out of Derby."

The talk of the spring has been about running-back Aaron LaFitte, soph., Phoenix, Ariz.

"Last year, Coach told us he was bringing in a pretty legit running back," Mascarenas said. "I didn't know how well he ran until I saw him in the spring game. A lot of the defensive players are saying they're glad he is on our team so they don't have to tackle him every game."

In 2005, LaFitte led Arizona State University's spring game with 54 rushing yards on seven carries.

"I coached him for two years at Wabash (Indiana) in '03 and '04," Ward said. "I've known

LaFitte and his family for a number of years. I don't know if it is the presence of Aaron, but our three returning running backs have been running the ball a lot better."

Scotty Moore, soph., Catoosa, Okla., last year's starting running back, was picked last in the team's mock draft. He responded by scoring the first touchdown of the spring game for the white team.

"As a whole, our running game and defense are going to make a bigger impact this year," said Mark Watson, jr., St. Charles, Mo.

Watson played at free safety, but will play cornerback this fall.

"I'm excited to be playing my original position again," Watson said. "We had a couple off the field issues arise last year and I had to move over to the safety position, but I have confidence in the safeties we have this year."

Watson said he notices a change in work ethic this spring.

"We've been going hard everyday since February," Watson said. "We've been coming in and busting our tails because we know what kind of team we have and we know the kind of things we can do."

The white team outscored the red team 24-14.

The McPherson College football team will open its season at Haskell on September 5. The team's first home game will be against Friends University on September 12.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Mark Watson, jr., Saint Charles, Mo., takes the lead in the 200-meter run on April 25, at Bethel College. The track team will host the KCAC championships today and Saturday.

Two track members nationally qualified

JAMES TUTTLE
Spectator Staff

The season is nearing its end for most Bulldog competitors.

The Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference track championships will be hosted by McPherson College today and Saturday. At the two-day meet, the finest athletes from the KCAC will be competing for individual gold and team championships.

"The goal is to have the individuals in the meet perform well," said first-year head coach Joe Eby. "I hope at the end of the season we are running our personal best times."

The KCAC Championship is not the final track and field meet of the season, however. On May 9, the ESU Twilight Last Chance Meet will be held in Emporia to give athletes one final shot at hitting the qualifying times for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Outdoor Championships in their respective events.

Two Bulldogs have already qualified for the outdoor championships. Andrea Swanson, soph., Littleton, Colo., threw

the shot put 41 feet, 8 3/4 inches in her first outdoor meet of the season, the McPherson Bulldog Invitational, to provisionally qualify for the NAIA Outdoor Championships. Swanson also qualified for the NAIA National Indoor Championships in the same event.

The other Bulldog athlete to qualify for the NAIA Championships is Antwine Lamb, jr., Topoka. Lamb also hit the qualifying mark in the McPherson Invitational with a jump of 6-9 1/2.

Eby said that there were three athletes that hit marks close to the national outdoor qualifying times. He said that Rachel Leuthold, fr., Bern, was close to qualifying indoors, but the qualifying height went up for outdoors. Jordan King, sr., Limon, Colo., was one one-hundredth of a second away from hitting the qualifying time for the NAIA Championships in the 110-meter hurdles. Also, Melisa Grandison, soph., Quinter, was just

short of qualifying in the javelin.

Last week, the Bulldogs traveled to North Newton to compete in the Bethel Invitational. The top performers for the Bulldogs were Brent Bailey, sr., Simla, Colo., for the men and Leuthold, fr., Bern, on the women's side. Bailey placed first in the 1500-meter run with a season best time of 4 minutes, 8.27 seconds Eby said this time was still about 10 seconds off a national championship qualifying time. Leuthold also placed first, clearing 10-4 feet in the pole vault.

"I thought it (the Bethel Invitational) was a good tune up meet for us," Eby said. "We had some pretty solid performances."

Eby went on to say that the team had been responding well to him as a new head coach, despite the difficult timing of the transition.

"I think the majority of the kids have been buying into what we are trying to accomplish," Eby said.

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Academic programs to change

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
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Many changes to academic programs are happening across campus.

Spanish, music, theatre, physical education, philosophy and religion, auto restoration and history are some of the majors affected. Teacher education programs will be changed because of the changes in the majors.

The biggest change is that the Spanish program is no longer offered.

"Spanish is the hardest one for all of us, including the trustees," said Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty. "When it came to the end of the day, we just couldn't make it work."

A new performing arts major is being created, combining music and theatre and adding a dance element.

"For many years we have shared a common group of students and each area has been very supportive of the other," said Steve Gustafson, professor of music.

The emotions toward the are generally positive toward the new performing arts major.

"We faculty are looking forward to larger core classes in the department, giving us more viable numbers," Gustafson said.

It will be "exciting for students," Eells said, and "may give us another way to draw students."

Gustafson expressed

his excitement about the versatility of the new majors and how students who are currently music or theatre majors will be able to finish out under their freshman catalog or switch to one of the new programs. Both areas will still license teachers.

"I think that these changes may be difficult to get used and may be slightly frustrating, but the teachers seem to have a positive attitude and I think it will turn out really well," said Emily Donell, fr., Wichita.

Physical education will now only have one full-time professor and one half-time professor. Some classes were changed and faculty will be fewer. All the coaching theory classes were eliminated because "they're not essential, (they were) the ones that would have the least impact on the major," Eells said.

Philosophy and religion will "be enhanced" and a "more visible program on campus due to the generous nature of someone," Eells said. Money was given to the school for use to help Christian service workers.

Auto restoration is adding a new program for motorcycle restoration.

History has also undergone many modifications.

"The biggest change is the departure of Dr. Gary Entz, after 10 years at McPherson," said Ken Yohn, associate professor of history.

Eells said, "History has gone all the way through the process. Overall, the basic history program is in place."

Several courses were removed because of low enrollment, but "others are really great courses and I'm bummed that we won't have them in the catalog this year," Yohn said.

Graduation requirements changed and several elective courses were dropped.

"I think we're emerging from this review process with a stronger program," Yohn said.

For general education, the junior seminar will now be "optional for programs, not for students," said Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication. "If your program requires it, you have to take it."

Stanley also said that language intensive courses will be reduced from three classes to two.

Freshman seminar will only be two hours instead of three and the teachers of this course will work for free.

The number of general education science courses without a lab will increase and the minimum class size will also be increased.

"If a class has fewer than five students, it's up to the dean whether the professor will be paid to teach it or not," Stanley said. "If not, the professor can choose to teach it without pay."

Seminar: Groups learn valuable insight into service

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in McPherson, then the Rotaract Club and to the Church of the Brethren youth group.

Sophomore seminar groups like these learn a lot from their projects.

"If they have a good project and do it well, they get a sense of accomplishment, a knowledge of people whose lives are different from theirs, a better acquaintance with their own abilities and desires, an enhanced sense of what



Bridgette Peterson, soph., Canton, Megan Gutsch, soph., Lincolville, Alexia Hall, soph., Moundridge, and Audrey Secker, soph., Lancaster, Pa., show books they collected

it means to belong to a community," Stanley said.

Spectator staff places well at journalism competition

At its annual conference and awards program recently, the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press named Adrielle Harvey sr., Beverly, the Kansas Collegiate Journalist of the Year in the four-year university newspaper division, both private and public.

This is the highest individual award for college

journalists in the state.

Individual awards earned by other Spectator staff members are: Jillian Overstake Hillsboro, first place, column writing; Audrey Secker of Lancaster, Pa., second place, news writing; Harvey, third place, copy editing and honorable mention, feature photography; Ash-

ley Andrews Oklahoma City, Okla., two honorable mentions, editorial writing; and Jessica Stahr York, Neb., honorable mention, single ad design in the overall competition.

The Spectator received the Gold Award, one of only three four-year private colleges to break into the Gold category.

Gutierrez announced new vice president of advancement

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Amanda Gutierrez

There will be a new face among the administration next year for returning students.

Amanda Gutierrez, former development officer at the college in the '90s, will be returning to the campus as the new vice president of advancement. In this role, she will be responsible for several important aspects of the college, including working with the directors and staff in fundraising, constituency relations, career services and marketing/communications operations.

"Our task is to connect the MC experience to a variety of people: potential students looking for a college, as well as alums, friends and church congregations who invest in our mission," Gutierrez said.

But it doesn't end there. "We also want to continue to build relationships with the companies who provide our current students opportunities to apply their knowledge outside of the classroom,"

she said.

As a previous development officer for the college, she worked in the advancement office. She said she liked her previous job here.

"I enjoyed traveling the country meeting with alums, as well as being involved on campus with students and faculty," Gutierrez said. "It's exciting to be able to come back and serve the college in this manner. It seemed like a natural place for me to fit into the college again."

While Gutierrez doesn't start her job officially until June 1, she will be around before then.

She will be on campus during part of the

C.A.R.S. Club show and also the Pat Noyes Golf Tournament this weekend in addition to some other upcoming events. She said she knows May is a busy time on campus and she doesn't want to miss out.

Gutierrez has served on the Board of Trustees since 2006, but she resigned from the board to become the new vice president of advancement, effective immediately.

Her career has been primarily focused on not-for-profit organizations, serving both as an administrator and volunteer board member. Gutierrez graduated from Kansas Wesleyan with a bachelor's degree and Friends University with a master's.

Her office will be in Beeghly Hall. and Gutierrez invites any students to drop by and said she's excited to get to know everyone.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge and especially to working with the energetic staff that's in place," Gutierrez said. "I'm quite lucky to be able to come to work at a place I love."

Accomplishments: Eells to join behavioral sciences faculty

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"This isn't a 'me' kind of job. It has taken the effort of the entire college."

Eells shared memories of rewarding accomplishments.

"I watched graphic design grow from an idea to an extremely active program and then watched auto restoration change from a two-year to a four-year program," Eells said.

Receiving a tenure re-accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission and adding a forgivable loan for faculty seeking a terminal degree are also accomplishments that made her list. Additionally, Eells worked with the Teacher Education Department to earn a seven-year re-accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation in Teacher Education.

As Eells reminisced, she mentioned the good and bad parts of being provost and dean of the faculty.

"I've enjoyed finding ways to help people make their dreams come true,

whether that be for faculty or students," she said.

Assisting with the start of new programs, aiding transfer students in receiving credit for previously taken courses and writing letters of recommendations for scholarships and/or graduate programs are all great parts of her job.

Eells also mentioned Marylyn Matthaei, administrative assistant to the provost and the important role that she plays.

"I also get to work with Marylyn," Eells said. "She's the unsung hero of the provost office. She's responsible for our minutes being proper, making sure I arrive everywhere on time and so much more."

Eells also admitted to the downsides.

"Having to deliver unpleasant, disappointing or disheartening news is definitely an ugly part of the job," she said. "Those times are really a struggle as there is no good way to deliver such news."

Eells shared things she would have done differently if she went back and repeated the job.

"I think we all wish we'd had a crystal ball to help us foresee the market situation, but there was just no way to know," Eells said. She then said with a laugh, "But then again, if I'd have known seven years ago that I'd be doing this for seven years, I probably wouldn't have taken the job."

Eells now looks forward to returning to the classroom in the behavioral sciences, becoming a faculty member again and having her summers off.

Eells was happy to share about her all-time favorite personal memory.

"A few years ago, when I called the names of my last group of students who were freshman when I was still faculty, they all veered over to hug me as they received their diplomas," Eells said. "I almost couldn't finish calling the names that day."



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Several community members meet in the basement of Miller Library for their weekly People of peace meeting on Thursday, April 23. They welcome anyone to join them.

People of Peace meet weekly

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Every Thursday evening, a group of 10 to 15 people meet in Miller Library to discuss a common belief - peace.

People of Peace is a group of mostly community members and a couple students. The group began in August 2005 in connection with a national vigil started by Cindy Sheehan, whose son was killed in April 2004 in Iraq. Sheehan started Gold Star Families for Peace due to her son's death.

"The overall goal is to try to substitute non-violent reconciliation for war," said People of Peace member Eugene Lichty.

Chairperson Annette Karr said People of Peace has several objectives that include public service and education. She emphasized the importance of a body of people who consistently meet with a connection.

"The important element is that we are there every week with our vigil," Karr said.

Lichty said at least five

different religious denominations are represented in the group and about half are Church of the Brethren.

Though only a couple McPherson College students attend the peace meetings, the group welcomes students and other points of view.

Lichty approached Melissa Grandison last fall about sharing her experience at the School of the Americas protest in Fort Benning, Ga.. Grandison, soph., Quinter, grabbed fellow student Mira Coulter, jr., Wakita, Okla., who also protested at the SOA, to go along with her to People of Peace. Since then, Grandison and Coulter have become regular attendees.

Grandison said it's a chance to hear different perspectives about peace and to stay informed about peace.

"It's cool that we get to do this since right now, we're in between peace expeditions," Grandison said. "I don't want to just think about peace just when it's convenient for me."

Coulter said that peace

is a "state of being" that she wants to be in for the rest of her life. People of Peace allows her to put this into practice.

"Right now, it gives sort of a channel to keep myself grounded in peaceful thought," Coulter said.

One aspect of the meetings that Grandison really enjoys is the difference in age between her and most of the members. She said many can share stories of being conscientious objectors during World War II.

"A lot of the members have stories about being drafted or about being conscientious objectors," Grandison said. "We couldn't get that aspect of it if it were just students."

Grandison and Coulter, along with the other People of Peace members, hope to generate more interest among college students. People of Peace meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the basement of Miller Library. The group will also march in the School's Day Parade, something it does annually, and invites anyone interested to join in the march.