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NEWS BRIEFS

NCRA announces scholarship

The National Cooperative Refinery Association of McPherson announces the 2009-10 NCRA Leadership Scholarship.

NCRA will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a student with senior classification for the 2009-10 school year. To apply, go to <http://www.mcpherson.edu/admissions/scholarship.php> and submit a resume to the McPherson College financial aid office.

The application deadline is Sept. 14, 2009.

Final meal to be served May 21

The final meal for the year will be on May 21. The cafeteria will close at 2 p.m.

SAB to serve finals snacks

Student Activities Board will serve finals snacks next week.

Sunday's snack is pizza. Monday's is donuts.

Snacks will not be served Tuesday, as the last \$2 movie for the year will be that night. Movies shown on Tuesday will be "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past" at 9:05 p.m., "Star Trek" at 9:35 p.m., "X-men" at 9:40 p.m. and "Angels and Demons" at 9:45 p.m.

Wednesday's snack is root beer floats.

All snacks will be served from 9 to 10:30 p.m.

Reception to honor Taylor, Brax

A reception for Susan Taylor and Jill Brax will be in Miller Library on May 18 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Taylor, college librarian, took a severance package due to recent changes in the sustainability plan. Brax's position was eliminated. She served as library technician.

Seniors need to complete surveys

Graduating seniors need to complete two surveys before commencement rehearsal.

Seniors received a letter in their mailboxes with instructions and a code to complete the surveys.

A paper copy will need to be completed at rehearsal for those who did not take them online.

Many to participate in graduation

Several staff members to make speeches for commencement

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
News Editor

For graduating seniors, family and friends, commencement will be May 24 at 2 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Ron Hovis, outgoing president, will be giving the commencement address.

"It is an honor to be asked to speak at commencement and I am looking forward to it," Hovis said.

He said he has heard good things about the

senior class and its participation on campus and serving others.

"Like some classes in the past, they are leaving college at a time of uncertainty, but they are prepared to continue to learn, grow and serve and I wish them all the best in whatever they pursue," Hovis said.

Roger Trimmell, assistant professor of physical education, will be giving the homily. The senior class nominated him for the job.

"I am humbled and hon-

ored to be able to be a part of the graduation ceremony, especially since I and the graduates share a common theme, we will both be leaving McPherson College and moving forward," Trimmell said.

President Michael Schneider will be presenting the alumni Citation of Merit Award.

This award recognizes lifetime achievements of alumni and alumni must meet two of four criteria. They must have achievement and success in a chosen profession, recognized achievement in and contribution to community, unusual service and leadership to the church, or outstanding service and

demonstrated loyalty to the college and Alumni Association.

Recipients will be G. Eddie Ball, a 1954 biology graduate, Gene Elliot, a 1959 business administration graduate, and Sonja Sherfy Griffith, who attended McPherson College for two years then graduated from the University of Kansas in 1964 with a nursing degree.

Tom Hurst, director of campus ministry, will do the invocation and benediction.

Laura Eells will be announcing names, and is looking forward to it after being absent last year. She emphasizes how important this day is for students,

and encourages students and herself to do their best to make it a distinguished event.

"There's usually some sort of hijinks at rehearsal," Eells said. By the time everyone is on the stage, everybody is serious about the ceremony, which is accompanied by bagpipes. Afterward, there will be a reception in the gazebo.

Prior to graduation there will be a senior banquet on May 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., which will be hosted by the alumni and development office.

There will also be a senior class photo in the morning on May 23, the same day as graduation rehearsal.

Hovis retires after six years of presidency

CARLEY SHARP
Spectator Staff

Ron Hovis served as McPherson College's president from March 2003 until ending his term at the end of April. In his six years here, Hovis was a part of many milestones for the college.

Hovis said he was pleased that total enrollment has increased by 50 percent, from 340 to 510 full-time students, and graduation rates have doubled. Taken as a group, the last four years of incoming freshmen have had the highest average ACT scores in the college's history. Also, there are more students who stay and graduate.

"Under President Hovis' leadership and the structure he provided for admissions, we were able to make huge strides in enrollment growth," said Matt Tobias, admissions and financial aid counselor.

In the spring of 2003, the dorms were less than 50 percent full. Today's occupancy rate is more than 90 percent. Student involvement in most aspects of campus life has risen along with the increase of students in the residence halls.

"It's nice to see an increase in student involvement, especially when I walk into the cafe and see lots of people, all visiting in small groups," Hovis said.

Hovis has also played a major part in reaccreditations. McPherson College has received reaccreditation from the Higher Learning Commission and the Kansas State Department of Education/National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education for 10 years and seven years, respectively. He was a member of the self study committee, helped gather evidence, assisted in outlining and reviewing the report and hosted the visit team. With teacher ed, he reviewed the self study report and met with the visit team.

The myMC donor campaign was launched in October 2005 with a plan to reach its goal of \$7.9 million goal in 2008. They exceeded their goal by \$1 million. Those gifts were used for student scholarships, endowment and capital projects such as expansion of the Student Union parking lot and renovating the graphic design lab and Templeton Hall.

Deb Wagoner, executive assistant to the president,

is sad to see Hovis go.

"He and Robin (Hovis) have been supportive of students during their tenure as first couple - hosting all freshmen in their home, attending athletic events, plays, art receptions, concerts, senior presentations, alumni events, helping with the campus blowout - just to name a few," Wagoner said. "It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with Ron."

Hovis and his wife said they enjoyed their nine years in McPherson and at the college.

"We've worked with great people and met lots of interesting and creative students," Hovis said. "We've had the pleasure of also meeting a lot of members of the extended McPherson College community."

The Hovises are moving down to Houston this summer to be closer to family. They have a son, Andy, and daughter-in-law with a one-year-old granddaughter and a grandson due in July. Another son, Tyler, and daughter-in-law, live in Wichita, so the Hovises will be taking road trips back through Kansas from time to time to visit them.

Hovis said that he is looking to just relax and take



Photo by Erica Shook

Ron Hovis watches Campus Blowout activities for the last time along with Brandon Luter, sr., Bayfield, Colo.

some time off for now. When he is ready, he plans on looking for a professional opportunity.

Eells to join behavioral sciences

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

Laura Eells will be joining the behavioral sciences department next year as a full-time faculty.

Questions have been raised as to the reasons she is being added to the department, though cuts are being made elsewhere on campus.

"We're not actually adding another professor," said President Michael Schneider.

As of the fall semester

the behavioral sciences department had 44 majors. At the review for the department this year, two new emphases were added and it was decided to have three full-time and one part-time faculty instead of the current three full-time and adjuncts.

"When someone resigns from an administrative position, it is customary for them to come back to the department, so it is just the expectation that Dr. Eells would come back to the department," said Bryan



Eells

Midgely, associate profes-

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Business club members vote

SHANNON WILLIAMS
Spectator Staff

Business club has started preparations for next school year by holding elections on May 6.

Business club members voted John Brown, jr., Baldwin City, as 2009-10 business club president. Brown ran unopposed in the election. Brown will replace Tiffany Nichepor, sr., Ness City.

"I think (being president) will give me more practice in the real world delegating duties to other officers as well as club members," Brown said.

Ryan Parrish, jr., Tonganoxie, will replace Brown as vice president for the business club. Parrish was a write-in for the position.

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Top 10 headlines of the year

This year has been an exciting one for The Spectator staff. We have covered stories from all over campus ranging from sports to roof replacement. You, the reader, need to know all of the facts, big or small.

The year 2009 has been a crazy year around the world. We now have the nation's first black president. Our economy was at the lowest it has been since the Depression. Our college tuition has been affected and questions have been raised and we've tried to be there to answer them.

For the last issue of the year, we wanted to give you the top 10 headlines, we think, have been the most influential topics of the year. These headlines are in no particular order, but have been talked about all around campus. Some have stirred so much controversy, it reached communities outside the campus. Others were just downright important for the McPherson College campus.

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OUR POSITION:
Staff's choice
of the top ten
headlines of
the year.

The top 10 headlines of the year:

1. Faculty proposes new sustainability plan
2. Use condoms, prevent STDs, pregnancy
3. Hovis resigns, will finish academic year
4. Schneider selected president
5. Voices muted by poor leadership
6. Spending deficit at \$1.5 million
7. Let out and locked up
8. Soccer squad KCAC tournament champions
9. Student Services to host Safer Sex Night
10. Storm damages Templeton, Sport Center

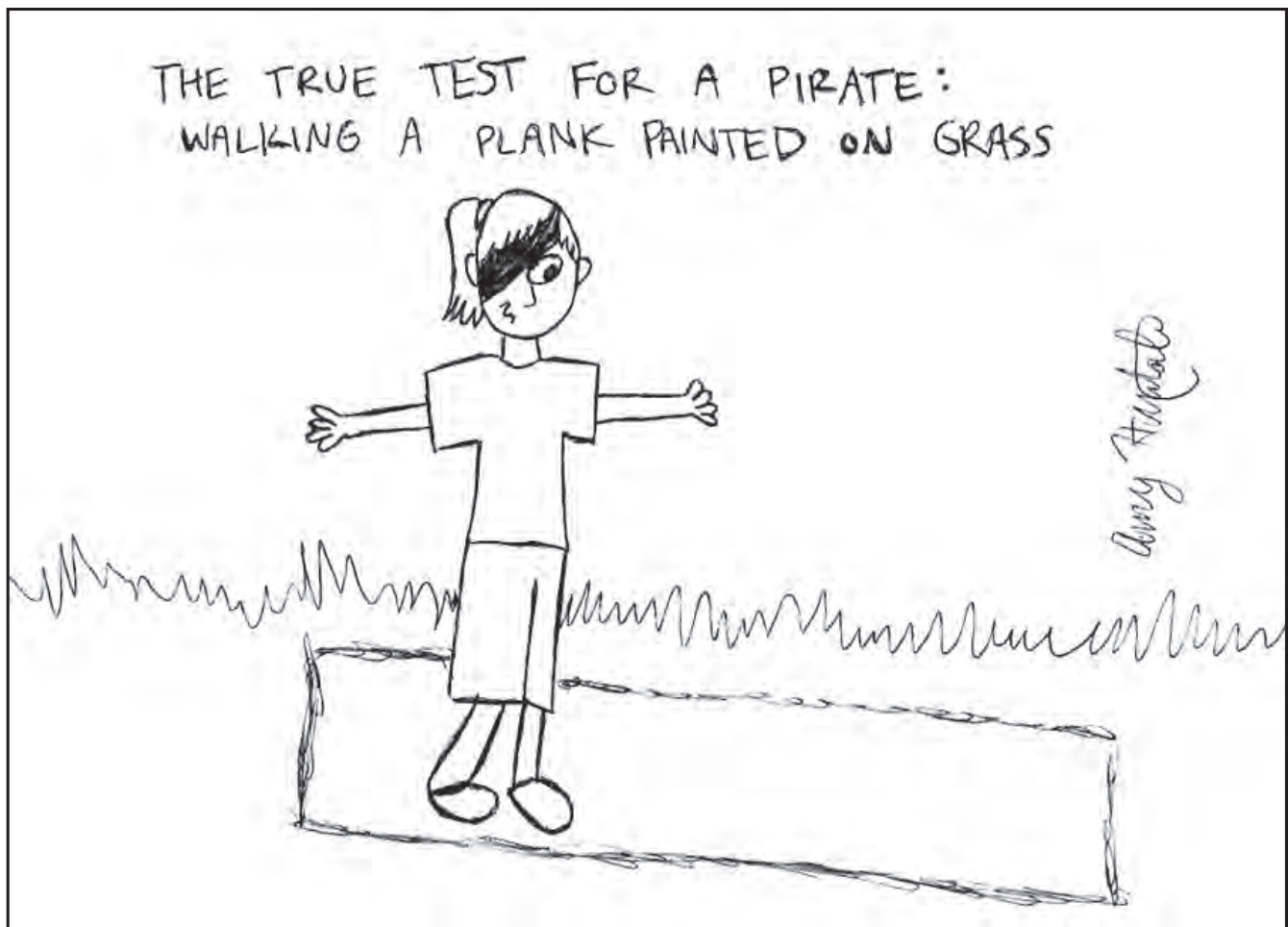
The school has gone through changes none of us could have imagined. We wanted the school to know what was really going on and how we felt about the changes. We wanted to report what we knew so that you could make your own decision about the changes on campus.

Sex is a huge issue on college campuses that should not be taken lightly. We wanted to promote the use of safe sex and of events on campus that were crucial to the health of our students.

We promised to cover issues concerning the leaders on campus. We wanted to express our concerns toward SGA and have seen the positive changes made due to our reporting on the issue.

Thank you for reading our hard work. Every issue strives to better inform the students of what is going on around campus. It is your right to know and it is our duty to serve you. See you next year.

Not Necessarily Ordinary



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A farewell to readers from the senior, three-year Editor-in-Chief, Adrielle Harvey.

This is it. The last one. My final issue of the McPherson College Spectator. I write with varied feelings – joy that at last my Thursdays will not be spent overnight exhausting myself in the Spec. lab and sadness over leaving something that's been “my baby” for the past three years. There have been many memories in the Spec. lab, ones that only those spending the night with me could ever understand. Relationships have been developed in the wee hours of Friday mornings as every word that is typed on our pages either becomes exasperating or hilarious. Only a handful of people know what it is like to be a star

in “Spectator: Real, Raw, and Uncut.” Only a handful of people know what it is like to perform elevator experiments at KACP conference or watch people watch you make a fool of yourself in your bikini in the hotel window at KACP conference. For that matter, only a handful of people know the meaning behind “nasal irrigation” and believe me, it's not a definition you can find in a dictionary. At the same time, only Spec. staffers can understand the frustration of ignorant, irresponsible people who back up the story process for hours. It's the editorial staff that can only understand that putting the newspaper together is like a puzzle and the next day you're hoping you really did not write that and leave it as the headline to be printed. My point is this – most of you have seen me the day after,

exhausted and frustrated that I still did not make it out of the lab before 4 a.m., but unforgettable experiences have occurred in the room we affectionately call the Spec. lab. Next year, a new editorial staff will be in place and if it is the same editorial staff that has put in many hours this year, I have complete faith in it to continue on the unique tradition of publishing the newspaper. Please support the new staff, encourage it, and offer suggestions that will enhance The Spectator in a way that I never could. I end by expressing a special thank you to Bruce, who has kept me sane for the past three years. Without him, I don't think I could boast the title of being the only person to serve as editor-in-chief for six semesters.

Adrielle Harvey, Sr.
Editor-in-Chief

Campus events allow students to put homework aside, enjoy the remainder of the school year and festivities

It's amazing how the small things can get students through the last few weeks of the year. For me, Campus Blowout was a huge stress relief! What a fun way to get out some aggression about projects, presentations, summer planning and the annoying fact that half of our friends from other colleges are already enjoying their time off.

Our campus couldn't have asked for a better day, or a better time. The entertainment Student Activities Board brought on campus was well worth our time. A famous comedian and a “freak-out artist” definitely gave some much needed mindless entertainment. As well as our own celebration, McPherson had tons of events to celebrate.

What a privilege to be

JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

able to walk in a parade. How many times in our lives will we get the opportunity to do so? When we're little, we appreciate the spectacle that comes along with these small-town celebrations. But when we get older, it seems that the days fade into monotony: another parade, another Mayfete celebration, another Cam-

pus Blowout... We should cherish these events! Especially when we do not know what lies in our future - we could never see another parade again, or have a fun day in the sun on a college campus with good friends and healthy competition. To the seniors, these events will obviously have more meaning. The memories of the past four years come flooding back, especially that great day in May when classes are cancelled and students get rowdy. For them, it's an especially important rite of passage: their last Mayfete, their last Campus Blowout - and this year was a far-improved from last year and well-enjoyed day that will be remembered for years to come. We are fortunate to par-

ticipate in events such as Campus Blowout. At larger universities it would be hard to hold a campus-wide event. We're lucky to live in a small town where the whole town can get together to celebrate May Day. Yes, we're here at school longer than a lot of other universities but May Day comes at the perfect time of the year to give students a break from the monotony of everyday school life. We can take time away from the stress of finals and just enjoy our school year with friends, family, faculty and staff. If you have yet to participate in these events do so next year. It's something you will remember about your college career forever. These are precious memories that cannot be relived.

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Good Dog

Campus Blowout

Fixing pot holes around campus

Summer approaching

Bad Dog

Injuries from Campus Blowout

Vandalism in the dorms

Finals next week

CHEW ON THIS

Action is the foundational key to all success.

-Pablo Picasso

“Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure.”

-George Edward Woodberry

Senior values unique experience offered from small-town college

It's been a long and very interesting year. We have a new college president. We entered a huge deficit and some departments grew while others shrank. All of these things were important parts of my last year at McPherson College.

My entire senior year was spent on my senior research project that I poured my blood, sweat and tears into; my countless activities and trying to stay sane through it all.

And now it's all over. I presented my thesis, held the last student-run Student Activities Board event and am writing my last article for the Spectator.

When I came to this school, I was an eager freshman. High school wasn't the best experience and I wanted to be placed into an environment that

MEGAN'S CORNER



Megan McKnight

I could thrive in. My first year was a little rocky - I broke up with my long-term boyfriend and didn't make many friends. However, I decided to give it a second chance to see what Mac could offer me. Now that I am a mere week from graduating, I realize that Mac can offer you things you can't get any-

where else.

You won't be able to find faculty members anywhere else who care as much about their students as ours do.

Even when a professor has a personal crisis, they are still there to answer your questions and help you with your work. They will write you a letter of recommendation with only three days notice and it'll only say amazing things about you.

They bend over backwards to help you get into graduate school and offer you their guidance when you just aren't sure you're in the right major.

Mac also offers you a chance to have some amazing friends. These are the people that will have "The Hills" parties every week and shush anyone who talks during the show.

They stay up late at psychology conferences in Emporia and listen to your problems while offering advice. And they provide much needed encouragement when you just want to burn your senior thesis because it's consumed your life.

It's hard to believe that in two weeks I'll be leaving this all behind to move to Topeka to start graduate school.

Deep down, I have this overwhelming fear that I'm going to walk into my first class and have a meltdown because I won't see my behavioral science girls sitting in a row like I have everyday for the past two years.

But because of what Mac has done for me, I know I'll be okay.

This campus may have hit a few roadblocks this

year and things may not be going as planned, but you have to look at the little things to appreciate the bigger picture. I've really enjoyed my time here and I hope this college can get back on the right track. We need more people that appreciate these little things and want to be here for the overall experience, not just the scholarship.

Mac helped me gain some amazing friends and even my future husband.

I am grateful for everyone that has helped me get to where I am today. I'm sad to leave it all, but I'm so excited to start the next chapter in my life.

This journey would not have been the same without this school. Who knows where I would have ended up. But I know one thing, I'm glad it was here.

Recycling remains topic of interest around the nation; does Mac size up with the recycling competition?

Recycling has become a significant issue. Many districts are either promoting recycling or requiring it. In Seattle, for example, fines are distributed to individuals with more than 10 percent of their garbage container full of recyclable materials.

McPherson College is even promoting recycling by supplying bins in the dormitories, Sport Center and other buildings on campus. However, the department on campus that generates the most waste products per day, the cafeteria, only recycles cardboard.

Plastics, paper, cooking oil and cans are just a few examples of recyclables the cafeteria goes through on a regular basis. According to the food service manager, LeeAnn Young, the McPherson College cafeteria consumes approximately 24 jugs of milk per week. Rather than taking these items to the recycling center, however, they are going to the landfill along with the garbage.

According to the Campus Environmental Resource Center for Higher Education, recycling pa-

TIME FOR TECIE



Tecie Turner

per uses 60 percent less energy than manufacturing paper from virgin timber.

For each ton of paper you recycle, you save 17 trees, 64 gallons of oil, 42 gallons of gasoline, 7,000 gallons of water and more than three cubic yards of landfill space. Recycling one tin can save enough energy to power a television for three hours.

Recycling is a key component in maintaining or improving the local environment. Not only does recycling make economic sense, but it also demonstrates to the guests and the community a sense of good ethics.

SGA president Lane

Allison said he thinks recycling could attract prospective students.

"I think it could give us an edge," Allison said. "We could definitely attract some people from Greensburg by promoting that."

A pleasant atmosphere coupled with firm "green" principles only enhances the environmental stewardship statement every time people leave the cafeteria.

Many cities possess the issue of travel expenses due to not having a nearby recycling center. However, the McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility is located no more than five miles from McPherson College. Therefore, the possible conflict of shipping cost would not be an issue for the cafeteria. In addition, recycling items at the waste utility would decrease the school's garbage expenses since the hauling cost for garbage is based on poundage.

"It's annoying," said Kristen Ozbun, jr., Rose Hill. "We are killing the planet. I feel very strongly about it because it's not that difficult to recycle."

Very similar responses

were collected by all others interviewed. Multiple students even said they know of other school cafeterias that were already on the tracks of recycling.

"I believe Pikes Peak Community College does," Mallory Griggs, jr., Colorado Springs. "Also, when we (choir) visited Germany over the summer, they recycled everywhere."

Zack Gaddis, soph., Oklahoma City, said his high school, Carl Albert High School, recycles in the cafeteria.

Cafeteria recycling can be useful for many reasons. First, the elimination of unnecessary waste will reduce garbage costs. Second, the promotion of an environmentally friendly atmosphere may increase prospective student interest. Finally, since cafeterias use a drastic amount of recyclable wastes, these items could significantly reduce the amount of waste in the county landfill.

I believe recycling is more than just being "green." Recycling is a way of preserving natural resources, reducing the amount of wastes in

our landfills, preventing global warming, reducing pollution and creating job opportunities. Many students use the paper, plastic and aluminum recycling bins the residence halls provide, but I go much further.

There are many other recyclable materials that we go through on a daily basis, such as cardboard, glass, batteries, electronics and much more. McPherson County has a prime recycling center not far from the college, which is located northeast of town of First Street.

More individuals should take advantage of what this county provides for us.

Even if just one person recycles, that will make a difference. How hard is it to take the extra few seconds to throw plastic in a separate container? It's not. Let's start the revolution now. Go Green is in effect and needs to be continued throughout the generations. This is not a fad. It is a statement to help make this world a better place for future generations.

Will you take a stand and help our earth?

SHOUT IT OUT!

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

Skirts good. I like legs.

Faculty and staff get more counseling time than the students do.

Do something crazy!

I can't drive 55 hence, all the tickets.

What is up with the Halloween pumpkin around?

I like baby meerkats more than adult meerkats.

Go Diego go! We did it!

We need a stripper pole in Dotzour.

If we always do what we've always done, won't we get the same results we've always gotten?

Woot summer!

Who took a doo doo in 2nd floor Metzler shower?

I get so tired of people who are chronic complainers. They are never happy with anything. Be thankful for what you have and the education you are receiving!

Better burgers and buns, please!

Fix the pot holes! My car alignment is bad enough.

I'm looking forward to next year. Hopefully the freshman are smarter, nicer and more street smart.

The weather needs to make up its mind. Rain all the time or be sunny and hot. Thank you.

It is estimated that at any one time, 0.7% of the world's population are drunk.

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

On the Fly

What are your plans for the summer?



"To go home, hang out with friends and work."

Stephanie She Fr., Plano, Texas



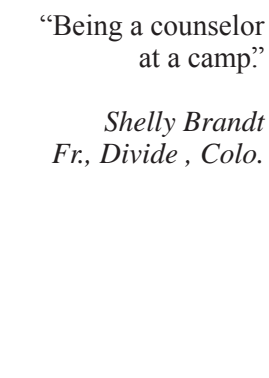
"Work and make money."

Gabe Riel Fr., Plano, Texas



"Find a nice paying job and save up for next year."

Shelton Thigpen Soph., Wylie, Texas



"Being a counselor at a camp"

Shelly Brandt Fr., Divide, Colo.



"Babysitting for long periods of time."

Kelsey Gray Soph., Denver, Colo.



"Work."

David Kraft Fr., Mulvane





Courtesy Photos

The Business Club visits the Naval Ship Yard in Chicago in between trips to multiple businesses.

Business club visits Chicago

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

The business club recently took its annual trip to Chicago to visit the executive officers in several companies.

"The purpose of the trip is to give students... a better understanding that they won't be in a silo working alone, but as a team member within a larger team, the global look at the company," said Connie Kramer, assistant professor of business.

The club visited Hamburger University at McDonald's headquarters, Hinsdale Associates, SYSCO Chicago, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Federal Reserve.

"Many aspects of the company are housed at what is known to employees and people in the area as Hamburger University," said Kim Smith, sr., Milford, about McDonald's headquarters. "The university housed a

building where classes are taught on subjects that include professional member training, management seminars and crew member training and support."

Smith expressed wonder at the Hamburger University being the only school to house a fully functional McDonald's restaurant inside one of the campus buildings.

"As far as I know, the club visited the only place where you can major in hamburgerology and earn credit toward a college degree."

SYSCO Chicago is the global leader in selling, marketing and distributing food products to restaurants, healthcare and educational facilities, lodging establishments and other customers who prepare meals away from home.

The club was met by Paul Brown, director of business review and one of the warehouse managers, who gave the students a tour.

"We were able to actually see how their inventory is stored, moved and packaged first hand," said Tiffany Nichepor, sr., Ness City. "The warehouses were absolutely incredible. To have the opportunity to be able to see how their systems function was more than pleasing to me. It was astonishing. No wonder they are the largest food distributor in North America."

Pat Nemechek, jr., Olathe, went into detail of his visit with Hinsdale investment advisor Michael Urbik.

"He makes sure to communicate with all clients on a weekly basis," Nemechek said. "Because of this, his customers only lost around 20 percent when the stock market dropped because he got them out of the market around August."

The Chicago Board of Trade serves the risk management needs of customers around the globe. It

provides the widest range of benchmark futures and options products available on any exchange, covering all major asset classes, including interest rates, equities, FX, commodities, and alternative investments such as weather and real estate.

"The club was able to see the market open with the opening bell at 9:30 a.m. and learned about trade room floor communication using specific hand signals," said Ryan Parrish, jr., Tonganoxie.

The club also visited the United Center where the Blackhawk's play. The business club met with someone from the ticket office, two people from marketing and the director of finance.

"It was especially interesting hearing the team executives talk about the turnaround of the team, going from not being a contender to being in the Stanley Cup," said Amanda LeClair, sr., Clyde.

New American Marketing Association Chapter to come to McPherson

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

There is a new club to debut on campus next year, a collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association to be specific. Sponsored through the Wichita Chapter of the AMA, the club already has 10 official members.

"I know once we get our marketing campaign going to exhibit the education and networking capabilities of being a member will raise interest immediately," said club sponsor Connie Kramer, assistant professor of business.

"The purpose of the AMA chapter is to provide marketing and business students a wealth of 'immediate what's happening' in the world of marketing businesses."

Kramer said there are webinars, webcasts, monthly newsletters, scholarships, internships and a yearly conference.

In fact the fun-size Pringles were developed by a collegiate chapter. Each member of the team was even awarded \$1,000 for the idea.

Kramer has been a member of the organization since 1985 and was

once the Wichita Chapter president. The new club was initially her idea.

The business club and marketing club will work closely together because in the world of business, marketing is a key component, just like human resources, finance, operations, etc. The difference will be more focus on marketing for students choosing that as an emphasis.

The decision was based on the growing number of marketing-emphasis students, but more importantly the opportunities that come with being a member. Becoming a member

instantly puts a person in a network of more than 7,000 marketing professionals in the United States and 50 worldwide chapters from Australia to Zambia.

"Marketing is the driving force within any organization producing products or delivering services," Kramer said. "Marketing, when done effectively, is almost transparent. Marketing is what sells the product/service and keeps the company healthy. Marketing is tons of hard work and the most rewarding job anyone could choose."

Band students prepare for last concert of season

MELISA GRANDISON
Spectator Staff

"Come support the band," said Jessy Wisdom, soph., Salina, trying her hand at recruitment. Wisdom plans to attend the spring band concert on May 17 at 4 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

"We have a variety of songs ranging from Bolivia to Argentinean folk songs," said Eric Sader, sr., Salina, who plays the trumpet.

The band will perform three jazz pieces and four concert pieces under the direction of Kyle Hopkins. The flute ensemble will also play several selected pieces.

"I think this semester

has gone really well and I'm looking forward to the spring concert with Kyle," said trombonist Nathan Clary, jr., McPherson. "He's really excited about trying to get the band program back on its feet."

Other students feel uneasy about the upcoming concert.

"I'm nervous because I've only been playing the saxophone for three or four months and I taught myself," said Nikki Clark, sr., Panora, Iowa. "But I hope to showcase how hard I worked to learn an instrument that I'm not familiar with."

The band has been gearing up for its only concert this spring. Saxophonist Lane Allison, fr., Greens-

burg, is hopeful for a large audience.

"I hope we have a better turnout than at the Christmas concert," Allison said. "It's going to be a good concert."

For trumpet player Erica Schlender, soph., Burrton, this concert will be her last.

"I'm excited for the concert, but this will probably be the last year that I will play in band," Schlender said.

Percussionist Stephanie Johannes, soph., Salina, talked about the effort the band has put forth in preparation.

"We've been working really hard all semester to put this music together," Johannes said.



photo by Kyle Toland

Jessie Jackson, fr., Crete, Neb., Nikki Clark, sr., Panora, Iowa, and Austin Anders, jr., Chapman, perform in the band.

The Hot spot



A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH SUSAN BARTON.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

Q Where are you from originally?

A Hutchinson.

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

A Matthew McConaughey. I've always wanted to go to Hawaii or an island somewhere.

Q What have you learned thus far in your time as head volleyball coach?

A It's definitely been trial and error. I'm really looking forward to the second year because I learned so much the first year.

Q Do you have any pets?

A A Golden Retriever named Reece. We have an English Pointer. His name's Max. Then we have a bunch of cats and seven new kittens.

Q What is your biggest pet peeve?

A People who leave their windshield wipers on when it's not raining.

Q What do you want to be when you grow up?

A If you would have asked me two years ago, I would have said what I'm doing now.

Q David Beckham or Patrick Dempsey?

A David Beckham's pretty hott, but Patrick Dempsey seems very well grounded. I would choose that over good looks any day.

Q Do you have any hidden talents?

A I play the violin, played three sports in college, work with wood.

Q Why did you choose to come to McPherson College?

A I thought it was a good fit for me with what the college goals are for students and for what mine are. I knew we'd be supported here.

Q What has been one of your most embarrassing moments in life?

A In high school, we had yellow shorts and I had underwear with writing on it and you could see it through my shorts.

Q In one word, how would you describe yourself?

A Energetic.

Q What do you drive?

A I drive, besides my Harley, a loud Toyota Camry.

Q What is your favorite book?

A The Bible, of course.

Q What political issue do you feel most strongly about?

A Abortion. That is a huge fight. Is it a child upon conception, well yes it is.

Q What is your favorite movie?

A Pretty Woman.

What happens after graduation: Graduating seniors tell all

Jessica Arnold: getting married; student teaching in Wichita

Brent Bailey: training for triathlons in Colorado Springs; job seeking

Carrie Becker: unknown

Nicholas Box: living in a shack on the street

Megan Brandt: unknown

Gerek Brodfuehrer: unknown

Tim Bruton: unknown

Trey Burgan: unknown

James Buzard: unknown

Nicole Clark: job seeking in Texas

Mariah Coberly: Brethren Service Work for summer; master's of fine arts in fall

Michael Cote: job seeking

Chris Culver: working for the family business, Pete's Puddle and Culver's Fish Farm; seeking job and master's degree

Sarah Davidson: planning May 23, 2009 wedding; working at State Farm Insurance in McPherson.

Victoria De La Torre Sanchez: unknown

Cody Dickerson: student teaching in Canton-Galva

Jessi Dobson: unknown

Cody W. Doll: technical director at Grand Street Theatre, Helena, Mont.

Chris Ezebunwa: job seeking

Angelina Fiorenzi: taking classes over the summer in Texas

Kristin Fisher: working at St. John National Bank as loan officer trainee; planning July 18, 2009 wedding

Austin Froese: working on family farm

Chris Gillespie: unknown

Amanda Gray: unknown

Stephanie Guyer: going home to Colorado for summer, working at Big Brothers/Big Sisters or Prairie View in fall; planning wedding

Dwight Hale: job seeking

David Hamlin: unknown

Adam Hammer: working at Vintage and Auto Rebuilds, Inc., Chardon, Ohio, as a Rolls Royce Ghosts specialist

Ripp Harrison: job seeking; graduate school

Jonathan Hartle: unknown

Adrielle Harvey: job seeking

Jessica Hentz: working for a dog grooming service, babysitting new niece; job seeking

Erica Hill: unknown

Jeremy Hoffman: unknown

Adam Horinek: physician's assistant school at Wichita State University

Elizabeth Johnson: job seeking

Mark Johnson: unknown

Bob Kiersztyn: unknown

Jordan King: unknown

Elizabeth Krehbiel: job seeking

Chris LaBrie: job seeking in New Jersey

Nicole Laska: unknown

Amanda LeClair: job seeking or attending Wichita State University for master's of sport management

Kylee Leland: unknown

Matt Lock: unknown

Brandon Luter: unknown

Nicole Mackay: teaching special education at Hutchinson Middle School; coaching high school volleyball and middle school basketball

Steven Maslanka: planning May 23, 2009 wedding; working at Red Door Restoration, McPherson

Alex Mauriz: unknown

Megan McKnight: Washburn University, Topeka, for master's of social work; planning June 26, 2010 wedding

Dustin Meritt: unknown

Kyle Miller: job seeking in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Traci Miller: job seeking

Tyler Miller: going home to family farm; freelance graphic design work

LeAnn Moore: job seeking or graduate school for master's in math or business/accounting

Joe Morgan: unknown

Lauryn Morriss: unknown

Dana Morse: job seeking

Deb Moss: unknown

Brett Mowry: unknown

Jon Nadeau: car restoration; seeking communication internship

Laura Neff: job seeking

Tiffany Nichepor: working for Home State Bank and Trust, McPherson, during summer; job seeking

Jon Norloff: flipping houses, real estate, Arche Tree Clothing; planning September wedding

Amy Parnell: working in Wichita as a credit analyst; planning wedding

Taylor Parsons: graduate school; job seeking

Alfio Previtara: working for the family business; job seeking

Eric Read: working for Stellar Antique Auto Restoration, Windom

Jose Rodriguez: unknown

Kiara Rolfs: teaching third grade at Natoma Elementary

Eric Sader: University of Kansas, Lawrence, for master's in law and social work

Tabetha Salsbury: working at Glenmoor Gathering of Significant Automobiles, a concours d'elegance car show, Canton, Ohio

Matt Shroyer: unknown

Jacob Simon: graduate school

Jamie Sims: unknown

Jarred Smith: unknown

Kacy Smith: completing second internship at Hagerty Insurance, Traverse City, Mich.

Kim Smith: job seeking

Katie Sorenson: working part time this summer; job seeking

Brolyn Spangler: unknown

Sandy Spencer: unknown

Kiel Stidham: fire and EMT school to be a firefighter/EMT/paramedic; working in Dallas/Ft. Worth

Janet Stoecklein: unknown

Hilary Suppes: working at Central Kansas Educational Opportunity Center, Great Bend

Jeff Tangredi: relaxing in Veracruz, Puebla, and Acapulco, Mexico; job seeking

Stephen Tolkacevic: unknown

Greg Turley: unknown

Nick Upton: unknown

Erikka Viehman: unknown

Lezli Warkentin: unknown

Ashley Wegener: undecided

Brett Whitenack: curator of McPherson Museum; writing for publication

Brian York: hunting rattlesnakes in Australia

Amy Ziegler: job seeking; planning September

Deb Zoch: unknown

Amanda Pangburn: Last agriculture major

JESSICA ARNOLD
Spectator Staff



Pangburn

Amanda Pangburn is the last agriculture major at McPherson College. However, with her major being canceled early in her college career, the trip to graduation has not been easy.

"It has been very stressful," Pangburn said.

When Pangburn, jr., Albertville, Ala., first came to McPherson, she had no idea what was in store for the agriculture department.

"My mother and I were told the spring before I arrived (2006) that the agriculture program would actually be expanding," Pangburn said. "As you can tell, this was never the thought. The true thought was that if 10 new agriculture students did not come to campus by the fall of 2006, the program would be discontinued."

Instead of 10, however, the number was only three and the program was cut.

Pangburn, having turned down several scholarships to other schools, felt as though leaving McPherson College was not an option.

"I sat down with several people and we planned out a way for me to stay," she said. "In theory, it all worked, but from experi-

ence, I can say it did not work as smoothly as it looked like it would on paper. Class times were changed, classes offered every fall got changed to every other fall, classes offered in the spring got changed to the fall, and classes just all together got dropped. These changes put a kink in my schedule every semester."

While professors have been willing and flexible in helping her complete her courses, it has been a struggle for Pangburn to enroll in courses and complete her major.

"Every semester, I shuffle my classes around in hopes to find a way of making all of the classes left to take fit into the remaining semesters."

Pangburn has several general education requirements yet to meet, as she was unable to take the classes earlier in her col-

lege career.

The biggest problem, however, was the loss of her advisor, Al Dutrow, Pangburn said. While her current professors have been helpful, the loss of an agricultural emphasis in a science professor has left her senior research to prove a difficult task.

But there are some positive aspects, Pangburn said.

"The light at the end of the tunnel is that with continued college cooperation and the ability to pick up two more ag courses, I will have a position working for the Natural Resources Conservation Service upon graduating," Pangburn said. "I would like to thank all past McPherson College ag students who have supported the ag program. The ag classes I took, met or exceeded, my expectations."

Pangburn has enjoyed her classes and the time she has spent here.

"While at McPherson College, I have made many wonderful friends and I have loved many of the classes I have attended, but was it worth all of the stress? Probably not. Am I glad I stayed? It depends on which day you ask me."

Currently, Pangburn is scheduled to graduate with her class -in May 2010.

Gaddis, Torres produce new CD "Stage Fright"

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

Rap, R&B, country, hip-hop, classical - everyone on campus has a favorite, but Zack Gaddis and Spencer Torres have taken music to a whole new level with their brand new CD "Stage Fright."

A brand new collaboration featuring 14 new songs with titles such as "Tonight I'm Gonna Make You Mine," "Check my Swagger" and "Composure," "Stage Fright" has been in production since early September.

Gaddis, soph., Oklahoma City, and Torres, soph., Buhler, have been selling their CDs for \$5 in the cafeteria and the students buying them have been very impressed.

"I love it," said Robby Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa. "It almost sounds as if it came right off the radio."

Gaddis said his favorite song is "All for You."

"I put my heart and soul into that song and its more

my style, more smooth like, soul, R&B style, and Spencer's part is amazing," Gaddis said. "His voice produces a totally different sound than mine, which draws other listeners."

Torres also expressed an appreciation for "All for You," but said that "One Step" gives him the "vibe that I crave."

This is Gaddis' third CD. His previous CDs have varied from gospel to more of the R&B. He said "Stage Fright" is different from the first two CDs because "I actually have someone helping me and singing with me, as opposed to the last two where it was me. This CD brings more listeners because of the different sounds me and Spencer produce."

"My inspiration was to put my music out there so others can realize I am for real about my music," Gaddis said. "This is the only CD I have sold to McPherson College students."

For Torres, "Stage Fright" is a foreign frontier

"I've never made a CD before in my life," Torres said. "One time I thought I was going to play guitar and sing in a metal band. But really I just tell jokes off the top of my head and do voice impressions to make people laugh."

Torres' inspiration comes from Gaddis' dedication and talent.

"He told me I had to get on this track called 'Wanna Get Away with Him' and I started writing and it just came to me," Torres said. "From then on we were just like, 'wow man, we compliment each other so well we'd just be wasting time and holding each other back if we didn't get in on it as a duo.'"

Torres also mentioned the addition of a 15th song to the track list.

"We are going to throw another track on the CD that is called 'Long Run,' Torres said. "It is deep and pretty cool to vibe to."

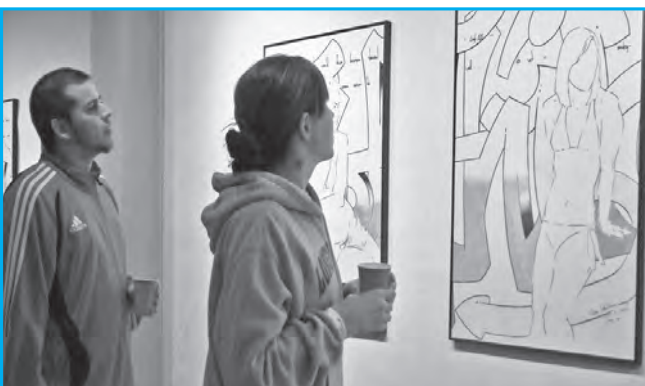


photo by Benjamin Denton

Eddie Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas, and Bry Daniels, jr., Longmont, Colo., browse through the art students senior shows.

Senior art exhibitions inhabit Brown

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Spectator Staff

For senior art students, their capstone experience does not come in the form of a presentation over research or a paper but in the

form of an art show. These shows allow students to showcase the talents they have developed while taking classes at McPherson College.

For most students, their artwork allows them to ex-

press themselves through an art medium while working toward a cohesive concept. This year, two senior shows were displayed in Friendship Hall to celebrate the works of 11 talented senior students.

Six seniors displayed work in the first exhibition, which ran from April 13 to May 2. Work showcased in this exhibit included a paper mache roadster, art deco images painted on the hood of a car, the complete collection of "Without a Reason" commemorative postage stamps, the latest advertising for the "Freedom Fighters" line of beer, images that express the feelings associated with experiencing an infant's death and the young Johnny Cash as the

subject for a batik.

The artists for these works of art were Tyler Miller, Macksville; Carrie Becker, Galva; Mariah Coberly, Clay Center; Nicole Clark, sr., Panora, Iowa.; Kacy Smith, Milford., and James Buzard, Great Bend.

Clark said the process for putting the exhibition together was a "long one."

"There's the process of printing and finalizing the videos that were supposed to be in the reception, but due to technical difficulties, (were not) there too long," Clark said.

Currently, there are five students showing works that range from photos printed to confront the viewer and allow them

to try and create a distinguishing line between photography, painting and digital imaging, to a genetically mutated truck that allows viewers to create a concept of beauty and post-modern art, advertisements for the Rock & Soul Museum, images that reveal the innermost roller coaster of a person and 10 works of art that take a western classic approach to drawing and slam the figures into contemporary high-brow graffiti imagery.

Those students whose artwork is currently displayed are Amanda Gray, Prairie Village.; Jessica Hentz, Independence, Mo.; Dana Morse, McPherson; Ripp Harrison, McLouth; and Brolyn Spangler. Elk-

horn, Wis.

Morse said she wants viewers, "...to get to know who I am and what inspires me, and hopefully inspire whoever is viewing the art."

Each art show has held a reception to honor those students whose work was showing at the time.

"(The process) was long and tedious and took most of the day, but in the end, it was amazing to see your work up with titles and everything and having people tell you it was nice and asking you questions on the concept behind things or how difficult it was to create certain things," Clark said.

The current show will stay in Friendship Hall until graduation on May 24.

Eby boosts numbers in first couple months at Mac

LETERIUS RAY
Spectator Staff

In the recent past, numbers have not been the strength of McPherson College's track and cross country programs. This led to the mid-year termination of former coach Dave Smith and the hiring of the current coach Joseph Eby.

Last season's cross country team consisted of 10 men and four women. Of the 14 runners, there are two graduating seniors - Brent Bailey, Simla, Colo., and Megan Meyer, Great Bend. The program's lone national qualifier, freshman Oliver Williams, Salt Lake City, probably will not be returning either.

Since taking over the job in January, Eby has signed three sprinters, three field athletes and one distance runner for the men's team. He has also signed three distance runners and one sprinter on the women's side.

Eby believes that women's priorities have limited his recruiting.

"The majority of women are looking at academics

first," Eby said. "So, by the time I came around this year, most of them already had their mind made up on where they were going. It's all about finding the right fit for academics, scholarships, and the right fit for our program."

Shaun Griffin, jr., Inman, said McPherson had enough women for a team his freshman year, but it's been tight ever since.

"If we just had women return, there would have been enough for a team this year," Griffin said.

Eby is currently recruiting 40 student athletes in total.

"I probably have 13 men and six women that are coming for sure," Eby said. "I thought having scholarships would make things easier. Realistically, it's the same game, just a different price tag."

Griffin said he is looking forward to a larger team.

"It's going to be a young team," Griffin said. "There will be a lot of potential and we'll be seeing improvements from week to week."

Katie Logan, fr., Clay Center, said she is also ex-



Eby

cited about having a bigger team.

"We can actually place and score points," Logan said. "We'll be running for a reason."

Eby said some of his biggest recruiting competition has been with junior colleges.

"Jucos cost like \$100 and they give full scholarships," Eby said.

Eby left Thursday to recruit at the Junior College State meet in San Francisco, Calif.

"If I can land some of these California kids, I think we can have a very good team next year," Eby said. "Track wise, we're doing well, but if I can add some distance

guys, we can take things

to a whole other level. We have a chance to get real good real quick."

Eby plans to have his recruiting done by the middle of March next year so he can start recruiting for the following year.

The men's cross country team placed fifth of eight teams that participated in last fall's conference meet. The women did not have enough women to participate in the scoring.

The men's team will be looking for leadership from Griffin.

"I've accepted it," Griffin said. "I know that's what's going to be expected of me and I want to keep going in a positive direction with my training."

Logan has not practiced with Eby yet because she plays softball in the spring.

"I'm optimistic," Logan said. "I know he's going to be tough, but that's what we need if we want to be good. I'm going to be ready to work hard."

The cross country team will open its fall season in Baldwin City, for the Baker Maple Leaf Classic.

Richardson to be new athletic director next year

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

Next year will bring new leadership in many administrative positions - president, dean of faculty, and now the athletic director.

Lamonte Rothrock is stepping down from his current position of athletic director.

When Rothrock, dean of students, took the position of athletic director, the college was trying to save resources by doubling up some of the positions.

"We've doubled the number of students on campus since I started this position," Rothrock said. "We've grown large enough that I need to focus my attention on just Student Services."

Student Services is trying to enhance student leadership and a parenting program, engaging with the students' parents in a more informal way.

Jenni Richardson, assistant professor of business and assistant athletic director, will take over the position of athletic director. Doug Quint, head soccer coach, will take the position of assistant athletic director.

"I am very excited about it," Quint said. "I think athletics has moved in a good direction and a lot of things have been going really well in the department in terms of meeting all of our recruiting goals and retaining people. I think that it can only get better and I'm honored to be a part of that."

Softball wraps up season with 1 win, 2 losses in KCAC

KELLI FOWLDS
Spectator Staff

The McPherson softball team closed its 2009 season with one win and two losses in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament, hosted by Ottawa University on April 30.

The Lady Bulldogs played three games that day. The first game ended in a 1-0 victory over Sterling College.

Katie Sorensen, sr., Gunnison, Colo., said the game went "ok."

"We beat a team that we lost to earlier in the year," Sorensen said.

The second game ended in a 0-9 loss to Friends University. The third and final game also ended in a 2-4 loss against Southwestern College.

"(We did) better than others expected," said Kristen Gustafson, fr., Overland Park.

Overall, the team finished 17-19 for the season and 8-8 in conference. As the season progressed, the team faced some difficult challenges.

"(It was hard) just trying to keep everyone positive and to stay up during games," said Katie Doffing, fr., Conway Springs.

Age was another factor that took a toll this year. With 12 new freshmen, the Lady Bulldogs had to get everyone connected.

Sorensen also said that the large number of people on the team was a big factor in learning teamwork.

Despite the difficulties, the team shared some great memories. The players have also enhanced their individual skills.

"I have really improved on my hitting this year and become a stron-

ger person and athlete," Gustafson said.

Many of the teams this year proved to be strong challenges for the McPherson. Several

games turned out to be major stressors and there are a few teams the girls wish for a rematch.

"Friends because they aren't impossible to beat and if we could just play the game to the fullest of our ability I know we could beat them," Gustafson said.

Sorensen chose Sterling for other reasons.

"We are so evenly matched that it is always fun and we get along with their team the best," Sorensen said.

Throughout the season, the team has worked hard to gain the skills it needs to be successful on the field. The women have pushed each other and there have been many changes in the team that have developed since the beginning of the year.

"We grew stronger as the season progressed and became more of a family than a team," Gustafson said.

Several team members received KCAC honors during the season.

Erikka Viehman, sr., Gunnison, Colo.; Sorensen; Kristen Ozbun, jr., Rose Hill, and Katie Logan, fr., Clay Center, received All-Conference second team honors. Kelsey Gray, soph., Golden, Colo.; Andrea Falk, fr., Cheyenne, Wyo., and Sadie Green, fr., Hutchinson, were awarded honorable mention.

The team will graduate seniors Sorensen, Viehman, Amy Ziegler, Hudson, Colo., Taylor Parsons, Westminster, Colo., and Amanda Gray, Prairie Village.



Photo contributed

Twenty-three teams of four competed at the sixth annual Pat Noyes Golf Experience on Saturday May 2.

Sixth annual Pat Noyes Golf Experience raises \$16,000

SHANNON WILLIAMS
Spectator Staff

The Pat Noyes Golf Experience and benefit auction took place on May 2. It hosted 23 teams of four and brought in approximately \$16,000 for the Pat Noyes scholarship fund this year.

This year marked the sixth annual Pat Noyes golf tournament and fifth annual benefit auction presented by McPherson College. The tournament was started in 2003 in memory of Pat Noyes.

"It was started to raise funds for the Pat Noyes endowed scholarship fund, which is given to a senior, male basketball player," said Anna Ruxlow, director of advancement.

Noyes was a member of the McPherson College basketball team for two years from 1991 to 1993 before becoming involved with the Oklahoma State men's basketball program. Noyes, director of basketball operations at Oklahoma State at the time, was killed in a plane crash with nine other persons affiliated with the OSU basketball program.

Many things are done to prepare for the golf tournament.

"We talk about hole prizes, we reserve the golf course, registration fees, recipient of the scholarship, dates in which it will take place and how we can make the tournament better each year," said Dave Barrett, member of the Pat

Noyes Golf Experience board of directors and McPherson College director of admissions.

Barrett is also in charge of soliciting for sports items for the benefit auction. Some of the popular sports items auctioned off this year included an autographed John Wooden basketball, an autographed Todd Reesing jersey and the Magic Johnson/Larry Bird package, which included a jersey from each player.

The auction is the biggest fundraiser of the day. Planning and improvements are already underway for next year.

"We are going to make contacts earlier in the process in hopes of having 36 teams and having the op-

tion of having a morning group and an afternoon group," Barrett said.

The day dedicated to Noyes isn't just about golfing and the auction.

"It's a time in which friends of Pat, friends of McPherson College and friends of the basketball program can get together and have a great time," Barrett said. "It's a time for them to reunite and raise money in memory of Pat."

The seventh annual Pat Noyes Golf Experience and sixth sports memorabilia benefit auction are already scheduled for June 5, 2010.

The winner of the tournament this year was the Swindoll, Jantz, Hawk and Lloyd team.

Swenson retires after nine years as director of sports coordinator

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
News Editor



Swenson

Carol Swenson, director of sports information and coordinator of athletic recruitment, is retiring from McPherson College after nine years.

Swenson wants to spend more time with his wife Donna Swenson, development assistant, grandchildren in Texas and Florida, and children. However, that won't be the farthest traveling he will do.

Both Swenson's family and his inlaws can trace their heritage to Sweden.

Swenson will continue working with the Kansas State High School Activities Association, for which he has announced at state track meets for more than 30 years.

He previously worked for Track and Field News magazine, where he provided collegiate statistics. Swenson said working for the magazine was not the best paying job, but that is

not why he did it.

"I just liked sports statistics," Swenson said.

He branched out from that job over the years, taking various others. He has announced track and field for the Big 12, and worked the statistical side of Olympic trials for USA track and field in 1984, 1988, 1992, and 2000.

"I had a chance to meet some people," Swenson said.

Swenson has also worked with the athletic booster

club, coming in during its second year. Members of the board, alumni and other interested people are part of the club, which, Swenson said, raised more than \$20,000 this year. The money is put "back into athletic programs."

Swenson will be missed on campus.

"He was a pretty awesome guy to just pick me up as a freshman and never got real angry at all my screw-ups," said Dusty Kitchen, fr., Oskaloosa.

"He made the work a lot of fun, even when some of the events we were at were pretty slow. I'm sad to see him go after seeing how good of a boss he is, but I think my new boss will do just fine."

Next year, Alan Grosbach, resident director: Metzler Hall, will take Swenson's current position. Grosbach currently works with Swenson.

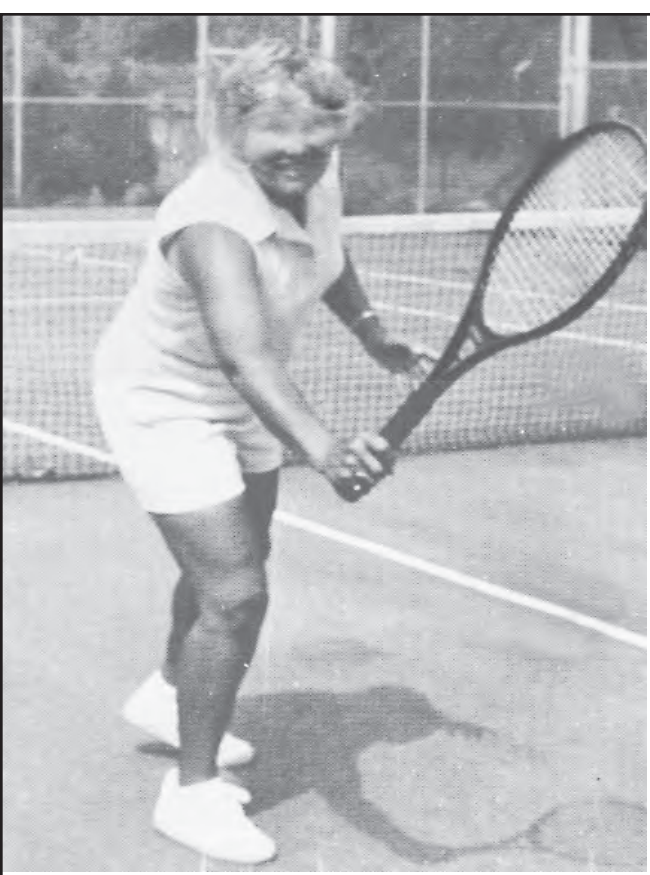
"I'm really excited (Alan is) taking the position," Swenson said.



Photo by Shane Mascaranes

Above: Work on the new tennis courts began last week. Money for renovations of the courts was donated by Doris Coppock, former coach. Below left: Coppock in her yearbook picture during her time at McPherson. Coppock was ranked highly in the states of Kansas and Missouri over 10 years. She coached the McPherson team from 1975 until 1992.

Former coach donates money for tennis court renovations for students, recruiting, recreation



Renovation ceremony to take place Homecoming next fall

CHRIS PLOOSTER
Spectator Staff

During Homecoming weekend next fall, a formal dedication ceremony will take place, officially announcing the completion of the tennis court renovations.

The project, which began earlier this spring, would not have been possible if it had not been for McPherson College class of 1948 alumna Doris Coppock.



Coppock

Coppock coached the McPherson College tennis program from the time it began in 1975 until she retired in 1992.

While coaching, she received "Coach of the Year" honors in 1976-77 and 1977-78. She was also a highly ranked player in the states of Kansas and Missouri for more than 10 years until an injury

forced her to step away from competitive play.

In addition to tennis, Coppock coached basketball and softball during her time at the college, and taught in the physical education department from 1950-1992.

In 1993, she was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame for her contributions to women's athletics, and "Outstanding Achievement and Meritorious Service."

In 1999, Coppock was chosen to be a member of the inaugural class inducted into the McPherson College Hall of Fame. "McPherson College needs tennis courts for all students, for class use, recreational use and for recruiting purposes," Cop-

pock said. "Prospective students need to see that we care about the sport and provide adequate facilities. I am happy to contribute in this way."

Dean of students LaMonte Rothrock said, "her commitment is a great gift to the student body and to our past tennis players who remember these courts as being so special."

These renovations will once again return the tennis courts into a top-class facility.

Currently, the project has reached a point where the courts will need to settle for 30 days before color coating, lines and nets can be added.

When finished, the facility will consist of three fully-lit, hard courts.

Cox, Reyes, Viehman named McPherson Athletes of the Year

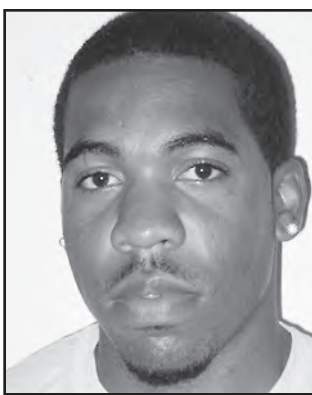
Players nominated by athletic staff

JAMES TUTTLE
Spectator Staff

The athletic staff have voted and the results are in.

Gary Cox, sr., Glendale, Ariz., Jose "Ardi" Reyes, sr., Dallas, Texas, and Erikka Viehman, sr., Gunnison, Colo., were announced by Athletic Director LaMonte Rothrock as the 2008-09 "Athletes of the Year" for McPherson College at the Awards Convocation on May 1.

Athletic staff members nominate the player they think should be the "Athlete of the Year" and then vote to determine the winner. Cox and Reyes were named the co-athletes of the year on the men's side and Viehman was the women's athlete of the



Cox

year.

Cox had an amazing year statistically as a wide receiver and a kick and punt returner for the Bulldog football team. Cox led the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics with 175.1 all-purpose yards per game. He also pulled down 62 receptions for the team leading with 902 yards and four touchdowns. Cox also returned 28 kickoffs for 680 yards, including a record-setting kick return of 100 yards against Ottawa University.

Reyes has led the men's



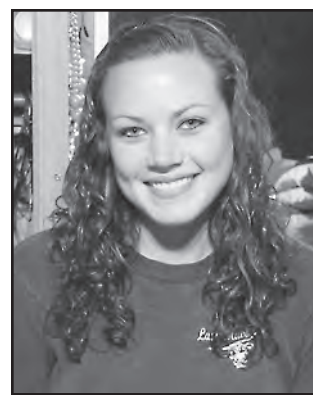
Reyes

"As a coach, you will go as far as your seniors will take you. And when the game was on the line and we needed someone to take us to the finish, Ardi did that."

- Doug Quint

soccer team during its most successful stretch in program history. During his 62 games at McPherson, Reyes has scored 11 goals and assisted 10 others for a total of 32 points.

Despite being injured for five games this season, Reyes managed to score seven goals and score 17 points total this season, which rank 11th and 17th of all-time respectively during a single season at McPherson. Reyes also played well when it counted. He scored the go-ahead goal against Tabor College in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Con-



Viehman

ference at Wesleyan University for the KCAC title.

"As a coach, you will go as far as your seniors will take you," said head soccer coach Doug Quint. "And when the game was on the line and we needed someone to take us to the finish, Ardi did that."

Viehman led the softball team in several statistical categories this season with 11 home runs, 30 runs batted in and 14 bases on balls.

She is also tied for the team lead with 24 runs and is second on the team with 34 hits. She is batting .327 with a .731 slugging percentage. The softball team finished with 17 wins and 19 losses, with an even 8-8 record in the KCAC.

Viehman was also named the KCAC softball "Co-Player of the Week" during the week of April 6 to 12, in which she had an average of .600 and a slugging percentage of 1.600 with three home runs, a double, six runs batted in and six runs scored in her 10 official at-bats.

Rodriguez to play PDL soccer in Oregon throughout summer

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McPherson College's men's soccer forward Armando Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas, will be playing for Cascade Surge in Salem, Ore., starting May 21.

The Cascade Surge is a Professional Development League that will play other teams in the Oregon, Washington, Canada region. Not only will Rodriguez be playing soccer, he will also be doing Christian ministry through the PDL to help kids at risk.

McPherson's head soccer coach Doug Quint said the fact that Rodriguez got into the league speaks highly for him.

"(It) says a lot about his ability and his accomplishment," Quint said.

Rodriguez said he was the only player who did not have to try out for the league, which includes schools from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics division, but also DI and DII schools. Rodriguez worked it out through connections of Quint's.

Quint said PDL is the highest professional level a person can play while being enrolled in college.

Rodriguez has one goal in mind - to use his God-given talent to better others and himself. His family and the church, Countryside Covenant



Rodriguez

Church, he attends in McPherson, have supported him financially.

"Hopefully I can prepare myself better," Rodriguez said. "It's just God opening up doors and giving me everything I need."

Cascade Surge will play competitive soccer against other teams and will adopt a clinic to work with kids. Within the clinic, each player will also have a "buddy" to spend time with.

Rodriguez will finish up the league in mid- to late- July. He will return to McPherson in the fall for his senior year.

Upon graduation in May 2010, Rodriguez hopes to use his two loves - soccer and music - for ministry and to "attract people so he can talk about God." He began playing guitar when he came to McPherson College.

"I feel God's leading in me," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said his family, Quint and his girlfriend, plan to visit him in Oregon over the summer.

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Business: club elects new officers for 09-10

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Other officers for next year are secretary Maddie Plunk, fr., Liberal; treasurer Kevin Putman, soph., Salina; marketing and membership, Destri Sievers, soph., St. John, and historian Cameron Smith, fr., Lebo.

"I think it's going to take a little while to get (the new officers) to work as a team," said Connie Kramer, business club adviser and associate professor of business. "Their

success will depend on their ability."

The new officers are looking forward to taking on their new responsibilities within the business club.

"I am very excited about the new officers that have been elected and am eager to see what we as members can do for our student body, college and club," Putman said. "I am most ready to my actual title, as treasurer, and be

an organized, responsible officer."

The officers aren't the only ones that have something to look forward to next year; the members of the club also will be a part of some new and exciting things.

"I'm looking for substantial growth for members that attend on a frequent basis," Kramer said. "I also want to bring in some keynote speakers this year."

Maclin, Teachers of Tomorrow earn awards at KNEA-SP RA

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During the weekend of March 21, the McPherson College chapter of Teachers of Tomorrow was recognized along with Shay Maclin, assistant professor of education, at the Kansas National Education Association Student Program Representative Assembly.

Jenni Birdsall, soph., Lansing, nominated Maclin for Advisor of the Year.

"Shay had been an outstanding advisor this past year," Birdsall said. "She deserved to be recognized."

Birdsall completed the information required for nomination, wrote an essay about Shay and what it was that made her eligible for an award for Advisor of the Year.

She also recruited her father, Steve Birdsall, and Katelyn Lamb, jr., Hesston, to write letters for

nomination.

In his letter, Steve Birdsall wrote, "Ms. Maclin was there to answer my questions and assuage my concerns. She took an active part in walking us through the curriculum and became an active mentor for Jenni... I speak from first-hand experience when I say Ms. Maclin made a positive impact on my daughter and every potential teacher (and parent) she meets."

When Maclin received the award she was, "honored, humbled, appreciative, thankful, shocked."

Birdsall was "Totally stoked," she said. "I worked hard to get her that award."

It was announced at the assembly, but she knew about her nomination when Birdsall told her as they submitted information for the chapter award, which was announced at the same time.

"In this role, especially



Maclin

as an educator, you get used to your work going unnoticed," Maclin said, "but more than anything you do it because you love it, not for the honor."

Birdsall also completed the application for a chapter award with the help of Maclin. They wrote down everything the chapter had done, then Birdsall made a PowerPoint.

"I was more proud of our Outstanding Chapter award because it truly shows the work of our department and the quality of students we produce," Maclin said.

Lambda Pi Eta to induct new members May 19

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

This year marks the second year of inductions for the McPherson College chapter of Lambda Pi Eta.

Lambda Pi Eta is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association. The college's chapter, Eta Chi, will be inducting its new members on May 19 at 6 p.m. in Friendship Hall. The ceremony will be brief, as inductees will participate in an activity as part of their initiation.

Rebecca Grosbach, jr., Enders, Neb.; Ashley Andrews, jr., Oklahoma City; Jillian Overstake, jr., Hillsboro, and Tabetha Salsbury, sr., Pueblo, Colo., will be inducted into the Eta Chi Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta.

"It's one more group to belong to that broadens the networking and opportunity spectrum," Salsbury said. "If I qualified for it, it's worth doing. Only good can come from it."

Last year was the first year for this organization, so it is no wonder that these inductions bring excitement to Becki Bowman, assistant professor of communication, and the club's sponsor and chapter organizer.

"Having this honor society on our campus is evidence that there are students here who have dedicated themselves to learning about and mastering communication ideas and theories," Bowman said. "A few years ago, we didn't even have that many classes in communication and now we have enough to be recognized by the national organization for a chapter of our own. That's exciting, too."

As the honor society's strength in numbers increases on campus, it will be interesting to see what the group does.

"My hope is that each year, Lambda Pi Eta will come together to do at least one service project for the campus community that will benefit both the students participating and the student body as a whole," Bowman said.

This year, the society hosted a Debate Watch during the presidential elections.

"I also hope that we see the group size grow as the number of majors in our department grow," Bowman said. "However, since it is an honor society, the membership is limited to those students who excel in their communication classes and we can't just recruit anyone we want."

The club has a strong history based on a set of goals that were created from Aristotle's views and findings on communication. Goals include recognizing, fostering and rewarding outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies, stimulating interest in the field of communication, promoting and encouraging professional development among communication majors and providing an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas relating to the field of communication.

These goals provide students involved in the communication honor society a chance to expand their experiences in the classroom and outside their scholastic careers.

The four new inductees will join the existing Lambda Pi Eta members, Adrielle Harvey, sr., Beverly; Kristin Fisher, sr., St. John; Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson; Jon "Ned" Nadeau, sr., McPherson, and Eric Sader, sr., Salina. After inductions, the club will have a total of nine active members.

"I am proud of the students who are inducted into our chapter because it demonstrates their hard work and commitment to excelling in communication coursework," Bowman said.

Eells: administrator accepts teaching position

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sor of psychology. "There have been adjustments because of that though. Professor Haritatos will not be full time in the fall because the department at this point cannot support four full-time faculty members."

Schneider said the expectation is to have four full-time faculty in the future.

"The idea is that we continue to grow and make changes so that it may make sense for us to have

four full-time faculty," Schneider said.

Schneider said that tenured professors can sign a contractual agreement when they take an administrative position to have a full-time position upon leaving their administrative position.

When Eells took the dean of faculty position she thought it would only be for an interim year while they looked for someone else. At the end of that year, she was

told that she had signed a three-year contract.

After three years, President Hovis said that he thought the college could be turned around in five years so she signed on for another five years.

With the change in presidents she felt it was an "ideal time to bring in new leadership."

Eells said she is "looking forward to returning to the faculty and getting to know the students on a more personal level."



Photo by Mavrick Marsolf

Savannah Sievers, fr., St. John, and Sonia Mast, jr., Hesston, lead their teammates, running during a campus blowout challenge with a trike.



Top left: Mother duck sits on her eggs under a bush in the circle drive. (Photo by Adrielle Harvey). Top right: Dee Erway-Sherwood, assistant professor and program director of graphic design, and Judy Jacobs, admissions and financial aid counselor, pick up the mother duck and her ducklings to transport them to Lakeside Park. (Photo contributed)

Bottom: the mother duck and her babies on campus. (Photo contributed)



Photos by Kelsie Patrick

Above: Senior Drive Thru Top left: Alex Mauriz, sr., Flemington, N.J.; Matt Shroyer, sr., McPherson; and Eric Read, sr., McPherson, ride their bikes while Eli Neher, soph., Rochester, Minn., watches. Right: Jordan King, sr., Limon, Colo. rides on horseback Bottom Left: Kacy Smith, jr., Mildford, drives while Mariah Coberly, sr., Clay Center; Michael Cote, sr., Gorham, N.H.; Kim Smith, sr., Milford; Alex Mauriz, sr., Flemington, N.J.; Mikel Coverdale, Milford, Del., and Morgan Wienstroer, sr., Kansas City, Mo. ride in the back.