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NEWS BRIEFS

SGA looking to fill board positions

The Student Government Association has petitions available for students interested in running for the following positions: two freshmen representatives, Metzler representative, Dotzour representative, Morrison representative and a member-at-large.

Pick up a petition at the SGA table during lunch today through Tuesday. Petitions are due Sept. 16 and elections will be Sept. 18.

Also, recycling bins for plastic bottles will be available at sporting events starting Monday

Bowling tonight, drawing for Wii to be held Saturday

Don't forget about free bowling tonight from 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Also, the final drawing this week for a Nintendo Wii will be Saturday.

Wear your T-shirt that you received earlier this week from Student Activities Board to get in free at the McPherson vs. Bethany football game in Lindsborg.

Then, grab a ticket and hope your number is called.

World's Greatest to air AR program

The McPherson College Automotive Restoration department will be featured on an upcoming episode of the television show the World's Greatest.

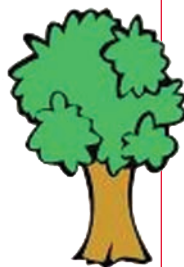
The episode will air on ION Network, COX channel 37 in McPherson, on Sept. 15 at 10 a.m., Sept. 17 at 5:30 a.m. and Sept. 19 at 6 a.m.

Trees removed, to be replaced soon

Some trees on campus have recently been removed as a result of disease or damage. The trees posed safety hazards for those on campus.

Director of facilities management Marty Sigwing said the trees will be replaced.

The process will start in the next two or three weeks and should be completed by December.



Spending deficit \$1.5 million

Plan to close spending gap will likely include cuts, revenue increases

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

The college is currently working on proposals to close a \$1.5 million spending deficit created from excess endowment draws over the past five or six years.

"The Board realized we had extremely low enrollment and it threatened the accreditation and financial solvency of the college," said Shane Netherton, business manager. "So the Board approved various spending to increase retention, increase enrollment."

The spending included a \$7 million bond, taken out in 1999 and 2002, used for construction projects including sewer and electrical infrastructure, and renovations to the athletic stadium, Sport Center, Miller Library and the residence halls.

The bond made up \$.5 million of the operating budget, while the Board approved another

\$450,000 for faculty compensation in 2000, "so that's a portion of your 1.5 that we're talking about," Netherton said.

Netherton stressed the importance of understanding the difference between working over budget and working in a spending deficit.

"Being over budget is something that we've done unintentionally without the knowledge of the Board," Netherton said. "A spending deficit is something that's been approved and planned by the Board."

In this case, the deficit came from "above normal endowment draws," he said.

Netherton explained that the endowment is split into two parts. The first is donor restricted, which is donor gifts made since the inception of the college. These gifts are invested and used to support college programs. The second is board designated, which are bequest gifts

2008-09 Operational Budget	
Tuition & fees:	\$5.1 million
Auxiliary (room, board, bookstore):	\$3 million
Normal endowment draws:	\$1.3 million
Excess endowment draws:	\$1.5 million
Gifts & grants:	\$1.4 million
TOTAL:	\$12.3 million

from estates and growth from the donor restricted endowment including interest and returns.

In response to the deficit, "the Board has instructed the President to develop a plan to reduce that spending deficit to zero over the next few years," Netherton said.

Faculty and staff are currently working on proposals to close the gap. Each proposal must be submitted to President Hovis by Oct. 15.

Hovis will then decide what should be submitted to the Board, which may be one proposal, a combination of the proposals or

none at all.

While Netherton is working with other staff and faculty members on a utility utilization plan that will create awareness of use of electricity, water, paper, etc., others are laying their plans on the table also.

Ku-Sup Chin, assistant professor of sociology, said he believes the college should increase endowment and increase enrollment, especially in the form of international students.

International students, versus exchange students, choose a foreign educational institution as their

place of study.

"By definition, an international student is not eligible for financial aid," Chin said. "They are full-paying students. Financially, they bring lots of money."

But Chin does not want the recruitment of international students to be looked at only as way to help the college financially. He said international students will additionally create needed diversity on campus, which provides another educational element for both the American McPherson student and the international McPherson student.

Hovis resigns, will finish academic year

Presidential search committee forming, will seek new president for McPherson

LAUREN LARSEN
Spectator Staff

With President Ron Hovis' last year in full swing, the college is trying to focus on selecting a new president.

As of now, the committee that helps decide the new president is still being formed, but individuals being selected include trustees, members of the faculty and staff, alumni, a student and a community member.

The members of this committee have several roles. Most importantly they are to provide the board with public candidates, review outcomes of potential choices and publicize the issues to the community.

The step-by-step process of picking a new president consists of many actions. First, a search consultant was hired by the executive committee. This person helps to guide the search committee in the selection process. Then, the body for the search committee is formed.

Currently, the trustees have selected their members and a community member is being actively

Success seen at college during Hovis' time as president

LAUREN LARSEN
Spectator Staff

In the time that McPherson's president has been here, he "has taken McPherson College from a very challenging and difficult position five years ago to the success we see today," said Vincette L. Goerl, Board of Trustees Chair. The announcement of President Ron Hovis' resignation in May has been a sad realization for many that this will be Hovis' last year at McPherson.

Deb Wagoner, executive assistant to the president, has varied feelings about Hovis' resignation. Wagoner is happy for Hovis, knowing that he will now have more free time to spend with his family and participate in the activities he loves. However, Wagoner wor-

recruited. Individuals were selected from the faculty, staff, and alumni on Friday morning.

After the body is established, it prepares for the



ries that McPherson will lose a great leader and a vital element of the college's family.

Hovis has helped the college achieve higher enrollment and graduation rates, has helped raise successful funds and has been a faithful supporter while developing outstanding relationships since his start as president in March 2003.

President Hovis is respected for the trust he has developed with many

selection process. Preparation includes producing a multi-paged document called the executive search profile. The profile identifies the college,

on campus and the support he shows to student activities.

President Hovis said his decision to resign was "a combination of personal and professional factors." He expects "the amount and pace of change may actually be greater in the next five years than in the past five years."

He believes it would benefit the college "to have the same president for that period of time" and therefore is "not prepared to commit to another five years."

Hovis has been involved with McPherson College in a number of roles since 1973 when he was a student. Hovis will finish the 2008-09 year as president, then plans to spend time at his home in Wyoming. Hovis said he will probably move to Texas.

talks about the search, how applicants apply and the situation of the college. The search profile will be completed sometime this month.

The Student Government Association was in charge of deciding on a student representative to be on the search committee. Of seven students who volunteered, SGA selected Sonia Mast, jr., Heston, as the student committee member.

Mast will meet with the search consultant to assure that she will be able to fulfill the job description.

SGA looked for a student who was "involved in McPherson College in more than one way," said SGA President Kelsey Hempe, soph., Wichita. "This person must have time to spare and have the students of McPherson College best interest in mind."

Hovis, whose job in the selection process is to support the board in its decision, said the new president should take over near July 1.

Despite McPherson's loss of a president and one with, as Provost and Dean of the Faculty Laura Eells said, a great "willingness to help," the college is on its way to selecting a new president.

The selection committee's first meeting will be September.

LEAD EDITORIAL

Internet speed drives campus crazy

After coming back from the long, lazy summer, students want to have a smooth transition into the school year. They want the first couple of days to be easy with syllabi reading, little homework and relaxation with friends.

The last thing students want is a slower than slow Internet connection. With nearly 500 students on campus, the usage of computers is taking its toll on the speed and connectivity of the Internet.

Students in the dorms have been going crazy over the crawling speed of the Internet. They have been sending e-mails to teachers and complaining to anyone and everyone about it.

But Dave Gitchell, director of computer services, sent out a promising e-mail Thursday that should put our stresses at ease. Gitchell said the college has purchased and installed a five megabyte cable modem that should help with the response time of the Internet.

In addition, SGA informed us Thursday night that they purchased bandwidth for the residence halls. SGA apparently heard the cries from students and decided to do something.

Students should be proud to have a student government who not only listens to their requests, but takes action.

In the meantime, computer services will continue to monitor the connectivity and take appropriate action as they see fit.

Hopefully, the case of the crawling Internet is finally solved. We don't think that students will survive the semester if the problem continues. At least we can take a break from pulling the hairs out of our heads for a little while.

We also hope that students will now have more faith in SGA and in the fact that their voices will be heard. SGA is for the student body. No matter how big or how small the concern, it is in the best interest of the student to go to SGA with any issue. More than likely, the student is not alone in their complaint. Take advantage of this wonderful program. It's obvious they listen.

Be excited about what we can do

Due to increasing newsprint costs, the McPherson Sentinel, our printer, slightly decreased the size of its paper. In short, we also had to do the same.

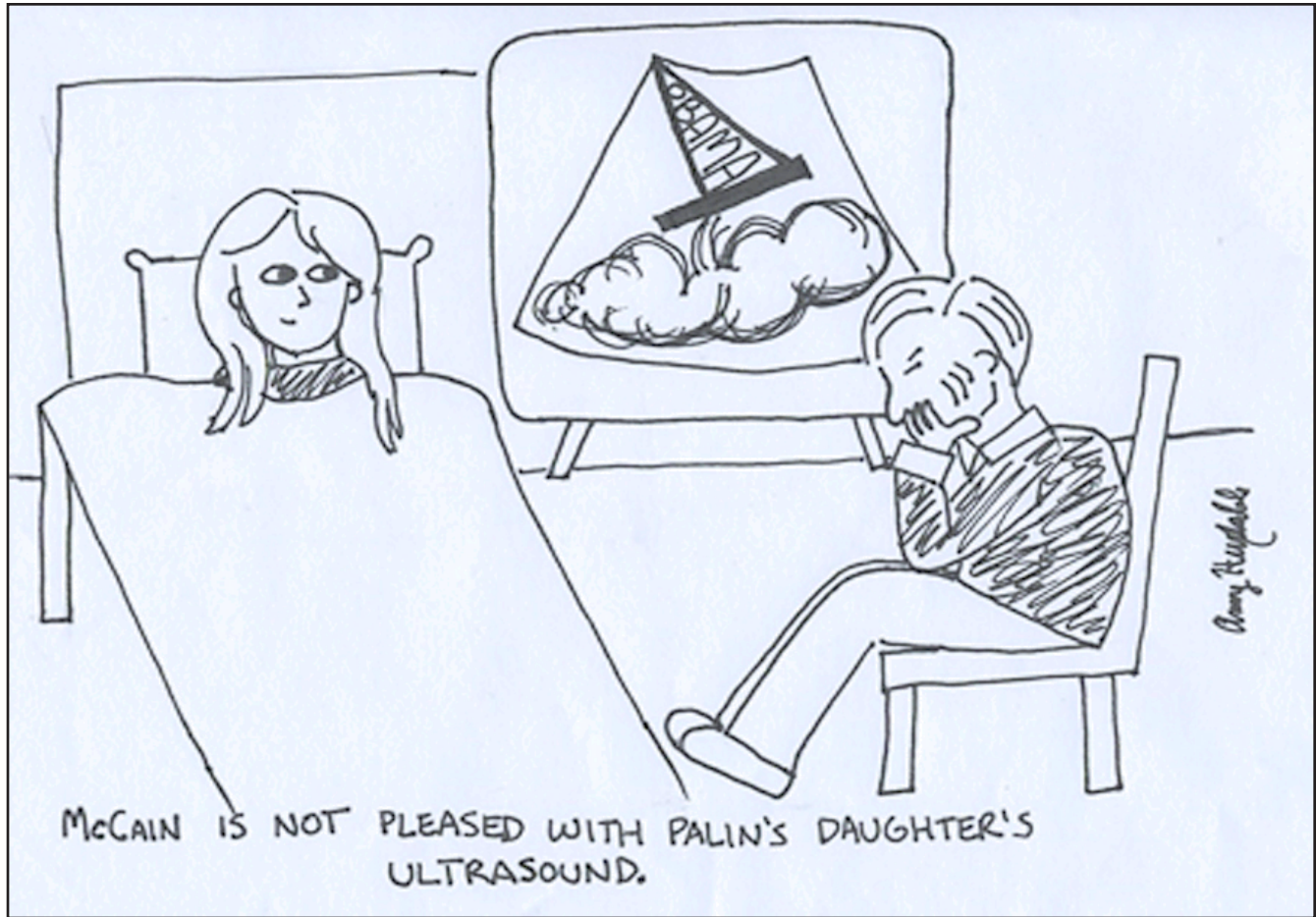
But we found out the size decrease also meant we could add color to pages four and five, Campus Life. However, due to certain printing constraints, we still are unable to run color on the Viewpoints and Sports pages.

We promise it's not preferential treatment, so please join in our excitement.

ISSUE: Students irritated by slow internet.
OUR POSITION: Change is happening.

ISSUE 2: Campus Life gets color.
OUR POSITION: It's not preferential treatment.

Not Necessarily Ordinary



Mother knows best . . . in politics?

An unknown, young, black senator from Illinois with a wildly ethnic name delivered a jaw-dropping speech at the Democratic National Convention in Boston in July 2004. He left the stage smiling and waving. My mother told me "He's going to run for president, and he just might make it."

Two years later I was fortunate enough to see Barack Obama when he spoke at a college in my Washington, D.C. suburb, long before he announced his candidacy and routinely drew thousands to his gatherings.

I have been a supporter ever since his speech and there are innumerable reasons for my support of this candidate.

Obama is an advocate of

BRIAN TALKS



Brian York

public health care, which is overdue and is desperately needed by millions of Americans. It is worth noting that we are the only wealthy, industrialized nation in the world that seems unconcerned by our uninsured countrymen and the steady decline in

our overall health, longevity and birthrate that this cruel apathy causes.

When it comes to keeping his word, some worry about Obama's lack of experience. But unlike McCain, who constantly fluctuates with his acquaintances and issues, Obama is consistent and honest.

The Wisconsin Advertising Project, a nonpartisan group that analyzes political advertising, recently concluded that unlike McCain, Obama has stuck to his promise of keeping this election a positive one. Ninety percent of Obama's ads are positive and do not even mention McCain, whereas over 30 percent of his opponent's seek to smear and slander.

A major point of distinction between Obama and his rivals is his common sense. Most people are taught that communication is the best prevention for hostility.

Obama is the only candidate to date who realizes that before we bomb countries and kill tens of thousands, it would be in each party's benefit to discuss differences. This also ties in with his interest in mending America's tattered standing in the international community.

There are more reasons why I support him. Take your time and research the candidates. I am sure you will agree that Barack is the best man for the job.

Looks like my mother just may have been onto something after all.

Moderate researches the issues to get off the fence

Being a moderate, elections are hard for me. I have both liberal and conservative values that I believe in regardless if I have to pick Democrat or Republican on my voter registration card.

I would like for people to know both sides of the campaigns before making a decision on who to vote for. I get sick and tired of hearing that people are just voting because their friends or their family are voting for a specific candidate.

It is important to know the issues and to know what you care strongly about and to vote for someone that has the same feelings about the same issues as you do.

At this point, I don't care if you are a Democrat or a Republican. I care that you know the issues and know which candidate is for or against the issue.

John McCain is the Republican presidential can-

THINK OUT LOUD



Ashley Andrews

didate. On abortion, McCain is against it. He says that, "At its core, abortion is a human tragedy. To effect meaningful change, we must engage the debate at a human level," regardless of the situation.

On the death penalty, McCain is for it. McCain believes that the death penalty for terrible crimes should warrant capital punishment. It should also remain a legal option in the United States. He believes that terrorism

and narcotics trafficking should be crimes that are punishable by death.

McCain believes that illegal aliens should receive the rights or benefits that permanent residents enjoy.

McCain also said we need to sit down as Americans and recognize that these are God's children as well. They also need protection under the law. McCain is also against a physical barrier along the US-Mexico border.

A lot of people have been questioning the time spent in Iraq. McCain is against setting a timetable for troops to withdraw from Iraq. He says that failure in Iraq will lead to catastrophic consequences and they need to get the job done before withdrawing.

McCain is also against embryonic stem cell research. He has voted to ban attempts to use or obtain human cells gestated

in animals. He also opposes human cloning and voted to ban the practice.

Showing just this one side of the campaign doesn't necessarily mean that I solely support McCain. I agree with his stance on immigration and the death penalty. I don't agree with his stance on abortion and his stance on the war with Iraq. I do believe that it is crucial to see both sides of the campaign before making a sole decision.

I encourage young adults to go out and get registered to vote. It is very important for our generation to know and understand what is going on in our nation, government and what the president is doing for it.

Do research on the candidates. Find out who they are and what they stand for.

We can make a difference if we vote. So go out, get registered and vote.

CHEW ON THIS

"Nature never makes any blunders, when she makes a fool she means it."
-Archibald Alexander

"You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might not get there."
-Yogi Berra

Good Dog

Bowling is back!

The numerous amount of freshmen on campus.

The beautiful, new landscaping on campus.

Bad Dog

No more Starbucks coffee in the caf.

Empty drinking fountains around campus.

Illegal parking of cars.

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SHOUT IT OUT!

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

I love you!

"Auto Rats" - We're not compensating for anything.

The new caf staff rocks!

Good job students for actually behaving during bingo and not making a mess.

Go Broncos!

I want biscuits and gravy everyday!.

The road I walk is paved in gold to glorify my platinum soul.

Frats and sororities... Why are they not here?

Tally number 4

Go to the football game on saturday.

Heath the eternal interruption.

Real french toast?

More girls on campus.

Boo gross food.

I like big butts.

Seth's awesome!

Good food! YAY!

Holy !@%*. The football team has some manners!

Will our football team blow this year? JK. Yes!

The cafe line is slow.

I like all the fresh meat.l

Why do you only get a small portion of food?

Are freshmen always this dumb?

I, Josh, am gay for cars.

Go Cowboys!

Gas is getting better.

Cafeteria presents positive change

IDEAS DUG DEEP



Nacole Dugger

In my opinion, the cafeteria food has had an enormously great change from last year. This year, when you walk into those doors students get a welcoming hello and a warm smile, unlike last year when you were lucky to have someone at the front scanning your card.

When I roll out of bed for 8:30 class each day, it is nice to come to the cafeteria to people that are happy to see us. The

cheerfulness seems to brighten my day and for me every little bit counts that early. A better mood means a better day.

I also enjoy the fact that the staff makes a point to learn your names. This brings a more comfortable and personal feel to the SU.

When I make my way to the line, it is also extremely nice to see that the food is not just made out of the leftovers from the day before.

Leftovers are nice every once in a while.

I have also noticed a lot more variety in the selection of entrées from day to day. I don't know about you, but by the end of last semester I was sick of taco bars and burnt burgers!

The salad bar this year is also a nice change. The salad is actually fresh. Although there are not as many choices, everything is well preserved.

It is also nice when hair

and bugs are not added for flavor. I am not sure, maybe that is just me?

Another change I enjoy is when I go to pick a table to sit at and I don't have just one choice because it is the only clean table.

The tables are kept tidy with napkins and are wiped down.

I appreciate the new change and greatly enjoy the new food service and can only hope it stays this way.

Homosexuality: 'It's time to start talking'

MEGAN'S CORNER



Megan McKnight

A professor of mine once said, "Okay, new homework assignment. Everyone go be gay for a day."

Okay, so there was obviously a heated discussion before that comment was made. But it really makes you think. What would it be like to be gay at McPherson College?

I've been at this college since I was a freshman. I'm going to graduate in May and would feel horrible if a topic as important as this one was never seriously addressed. I have found that there seems to be an invisible blanket that protects the college and provides a military theory of "don't ask, don't tell."

Well, guess what? It's time to start talking.

So, I asked. I emailed the student body and received a number of replies very quickly. Apparently, we should have been talking about this subject a long time ago.

Every respondent agreed

there needs to be an awareness group for gay/lesbian/bisexual/trans-gender issues. A few people said that PDA makes them uncomfortable and don't want to see it, while others have no problem with it, as long as you aren't mauling each other (heterosexuals included).

Every single student agreed that there are gays and lesbians on campus. One brave young woman was even very open and comfortable with her sex-

uality and had no problem with the entire campus knowing it.

However, I received the most responses about whether or not gays and lesbians should abide by the same rules as heterosexuals on campus. For example, should a gay couple be allowed to room together?

Just as the women fought for the right to vote and African Americans pushed to end slavery, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals fight for the same rights as everyone else.

But when it comes to McPherson College and the housing situation, some individuals feel that allowing them to live together is a bad idea and will only open up Pandora's Box and create unwanted tension. However others feel that they should be treated the same as everyone else and the same sex should live together.

But, wait a minute, isn't

that a bit contradicting?

When my boyfriend was a senior two years ago, I couldn't live with him. Couples who are engaged can't live together. So, why should a gay couple be allowed to live together?

The rule was obviously made to prevent roommate problems from arising and to ease parent's minds and uphold the college's values, but it was also made to prevent sex and other mysterious things happening.

But let's be serious now. I can't name a single person that is sexually active that allows the rules at this campus to interfere with their sex life. Gay or not, if you want to have sex or stay the night with your boyfriend/girlfriend, you are going to find a way to do it. You know that you see the same people leaving their boyfriend/girlfriends rooms in the morning to brush their teeth when they don't even live in that dorm.

We can't keep brushing this issue under the rug and waiting for something really horrible, such as the Matthew Sheppard tragedy, to happen to force us to talk about it. There needs to be awareness and understanding. Things like this can be avoided by facing the issue head on.

I'm tired of hearing guys talk about how gross it is that two guys are holding hands, but when two girls are making out and messing around it's "really hot and totally okay".

Everyone needs to have the opportunity to learn and grow, just like we have the opportunity to participate in sports, clubs and volunteering.

So, what's my opinion? It doesn't matter what is between their legs, just what's in their heart. So let's wake up McPherson and start talking.

And I would like to put a special note thanking everyone that responded to my e-mail.

Checking a single box may lead to saving 50 lives

JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

A closed-casket funeral ended my summer. I shared the season with my boyfriend of over a year, Tyler Burd, senior. On August 24, we were abruptly awoken by a 3 a.m. phone call. Neither of us had any idea how drastically it would change our lives or how it would change the lives of hundreds more.

All I heard through the fuzz of sleep and static cell phone reception was a panicked voice and one sentence I will never forget: "Jesse got run over by a car."

Jesse, Tyler's 14-year-old younger brother, was a freshman in high school in Kansas City, Mo., and had

an idolizing little brother relationship with Tyler.

A few minutes later, we were speeding to Children's Mercy's ICU in a stormy red-dawn morn-

ing. I drove back to McPherson, praying desperately for Jesse his family, the doctors, and wracking my brain for something to say to God, to Tyler, to myself.

Tyler called on Monday. Jesse was in a coma and he was brain dead. The family searched their options, but Jesse's outlook was numbingly bleak. The decision was made to let Jesse go.

In the midst of heartbreak, of unfairness, of every word we could think of that meant we were mad, confused and irrevocably torn to nothingness, hope came. The option was

given to Jesse's family to make him a hero through organ and tissue donation.

With their go-ahead, Jesse's heart now beats in someone else's chest, his lungs are full of life and his eyes are giving light to someone's world for the first time.

Donate Life America, a foundation that raises awareness about donation, said that Jesse's life saved 50 people.

How does this affect a McPherson College student?

Flip over that driver's license. According to Donate Life, only 35 percent of licensed drivers and ID holders are donors.

Though many states require more than signatures, it's easy to sign up. Check out donatelifenet to see how. The option to donate is an easy one.

Take the time to save lives and touch hundreds through tragedy. Think of the reaction of the recipients' friends and family!

The pain of losing Jesse will never go away, but the closed-casket funeral marked not an end, but a beginning to Jesse's story. What a comfort to know that it is the beginning for so many others, too, who personally know he is a hero. Make the effort to check the box.

On the Fly

The college has a \$1.5 million spending deficit. As a student, where would you increase revenue or where would you cut?



"Increase revenues, ask for more money from alumni."

Maverick Marsolf Jr., Newton

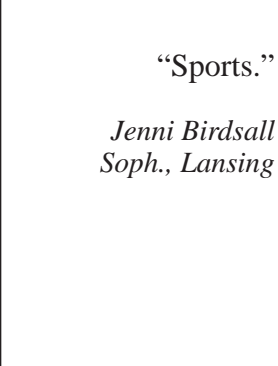


"Sports." Jessica Arnold Sr., LaCygne



"Increase revenues by implementing Keystone vending machines in the dorms."

Josh Hubin Sr., Hanston



"Sports."

Jenni Birdsall Soph., Lansing



"Sports and jerseys."

Chad Krivin Jr., Philidelphia, Penn.



"Cut entertainment devices, flatscreens."

Chris Ezeibunwa Sr., Baker, La.



Are freshmen always this dumb?

I, Josh, am gay for cars.

Go Cowboys!

Gas is getting better.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

The Student Government Association hands out petitions Wednesday for new members.

Students participate in clubs, organizations

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

“Scholarship, participation and service” are part of the school’s mission statement. But what does it really mean to become a whole person through these three values? And how hard is it for people to get involved?

For many students, finding some type of group to belong to is not that difficult.

Currently, the college has more than 20 different clubs and organizations that students can choose to become involved with. These range from a few nationally recognized honor societies, to the Mudhuckers’ the Ultimate Frisbee team and beyond. Other groups range from college choir and band to Teachers of Tomorrow and the college’s newspaper, The Spectator.

For those interested in becoming involved from a scholastic perspective, the college has six recognized honor societies or fraternities. These include Alpha Psi Omega, the dramatics honor society; Beta Beta Beta (Tri-Beta), the national biological honor society; Lambda Pi Eta, the national honors society in communication; Phi Alpha Theta, a national honors

society in history; and Phi Sigma Iota that recognizes outstanding abilities and high standards of students and faculty of the foreign languages.

An example of what one of these programs does is this: Tri-Beta promotes scholarship, participation, and service through speakers, field trips, tutoring and recognizing student achievement.

This group is active in helping students achieve the goal of becoming involved in at least one group on campus. This stems off the belief that participation is highly recommended and thought to be one of the easiest ways to meet new people and form friendships that last lifetimes.

If an educational group is not for you, there are many other groups on campus that might be right up your alley.

The McPherson Mudhuckers Ultimate Frisbee team enjoys getting together to play some pick-up games and competing in tournaments throughout both the fall and spring semesters.

If Frisbee isn’t for you either, perhaps you could join one of the largest groups on campus - the C.A.R.S. Club.

C.A.R.S. stands for Col-

“Many of the department-specific clubs... are open to all students at McPherson.”

- Amanda Pangburn

lege Automotive Restoration Students. This group is active on campus by providing car washes at a reasonable price to help support their annual car show that takes place on campus each year in early May.

Miles Birch, soph., Lewes, Del., “enjoys the fact that the club members can enjoy the benefits of open show.”

For those in C.A.R.S. Club, this is time specifically set aside for club members to bring in their own projects and use the shop for their restoration projects and learning experiences.

Perhaps you could show your support for the business department by joining Business Club, a club that promotes developing personal and leadership skills as they apply to businesses today.

This group also takes an annual spring trip to help

highlight the unique opportunities that businesses have today.

Groups such as the Spanish Circle enjoy a more relaxed atmosphere where students converse in Spanish.

HALO is a where Hispanic and non-hispanic students can come together to represent the Hispanic community, support each other through a variety of avenues, develop professional and leadership skills and educate themselves about the importance of Hispanic contributions made in the United States. Members of HALO also serve as role models for Hispanic youth in the community.

Students are yearly creating new clubs to support the differential preferences of the McPherson College students.

“Many of the department-specific clubs like Business Club, C.A.R.S. Club and the Behavioral-Sciences Club are open to all students at McPherson and not just those majoring in that specific area,” said Amanda Pangburn, jr., Albertville, Ala.

If interested in starting a new club on campus, contact a potential sponsor and let SGA know of your ideas. It could be the next big thing on campus.

Students solve the problems

New year brings new Mathermind Problems of the Week

AMY ZIEGLER
Spectator Staff

SUBMITTING MPOW PROBLEMS

Suggestions for mpow problems can be sent to mpow@mcpherson.edu, or to Reynolds’ personal e-mail, reynoldm@mcpherson.edu.

Mathtermind Problem of the Week, also known as MPOW, is a math word problem that people all throughout campus receive in their inbox to solve to potentially win a prize.

The MPOW idea was started last year, and was extra credit in all of Michael Reynolds’ general education math classes. Eventually, more people outside of the classes were participating than those that were in the classes.

The problems are usually taken from different sources. Sometimes the problems are from books, sometimes the In-

ternet, and even from high school- and college-level mathematic competitions.

This year, the MPOW crew has added a new twist. Anyone who participates has the chance of being drawn to win a free MPOW T-shirt.

This new addition will hopefully gain more participants and spread the word about MPOW. Also, because many people would not submit answers because they did not get anything out of it. Revn-

olds decided that the T-shirt incentive would be worth the time.

When people answering the MPOW send it via e-mail and they do not necessarily have the correct answer, Reynolds will send a reply e-mail with the errors highlighted and the person has a chance to submit again.

The problems range in difficulty level.

“The first couple weeks haven’t been very challenging,” said Andrea

Falk, fr., Cheyenne, Wyo. “I can’t wait for the more challenging problems because it will be a test of my mathematical knowledge.”

Each week, 20 to 40 people participate depending on how interesting the problem is.

Even alumni participate. Sometimes people who never attended McPherson College get the MPOW forwarded to them.

Reynolds just wants people to have fun.

“I’m glad that people are enjoying the MPOW and if they have any mathematical problems that they would like to see in MPOW, they can send them to me,” Reynolds said.

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW RESIDENT DIRECTOR OF DOTZOUR COLLEEN GUSTAFSON.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A Resident Director of Dotzour.

what’s going through his mind.

Q Patrick Dempsey or Chad Michael Murry?

A Patrick Dempsey.

Q If you were a shape, what shape would you be? Why?

A Probably a trapezoid because it’s kind of irregular and not terribly uniform.

Q What is something your parents told you as a child that you now think, “That’s not so bad?”

Q Who is your favorite musical artist?

A I would have to say Dixie Chicks.

A For the longest time I thought raw potatoes were poisonous. It wasn’t until college that I found out they weren’t.

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

A Work hard, don’t forget what your goal is and always treat people respectfully.

Q What is your favorite TV show?

A Man Versus Wild

Q What is your favorite movie?

A Stranger than Fiction.

Q What does your son Ethan have to say?

A Random vowels, hiccups, burp.

Q Boxers or briefs?

A Can I say boxer briefs?

Q Who is your role model?

A Probably my dad because he’s extremely hard working and very giving and self-sacrificing.

Q What do you drive? What does it say about you?

A I drive a chevy Malibu Hatchback and that says I’m a mom.

Q What is your marital status?

A Married.

Q If you could be someone else, who would you be? Why?

A I would be Andrew (husband) to see how I treat him and understand

Q What political issue do you feel most strongly about?

A The one I’m really dealing a lot with in the dorms is environmental issues.

A Space All Their Own

Mac's teacher's show off their personalities... on their doors



BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

I like to show students that poems are not all written by dead guys."

Of comments her door has received, Stanley said, "People comment on the funny stuff, or its people who disagree with my political views, although no one has ever been rude."

Jenni Richardson, assistant professor of business, goes for a humorous angle on her door with a poster of a dog stuck in a tree that says, "Some days we just get stuck and bogged down. Some days all you can do is smile and wait for someone to kindly remove your butt from the hole you find it wedged into."

She also has a chocolate wrapper stating "Be mischievous, it feels good."

Gary Entz, associate professor of history, speaks for his love of history with a comic strip of a mother speaking to her teenage son, who just happens to be laying on the roof. It reads, "Shouldn't you be working on your history paper, Jeremy?" and Jeremy responds, "First I'm putting it in perspective."

His neighbor, Becki Bowman, assistant professor of communication, adorned her door with a large sticker of our Bulldog mascot, along with a comic strip of a man on the telephone that reads, "I'm not trying to say anything- I'm just talking!" She also has a "Dial an Excuse Wheel" for students entering her office.

"We think of our doors as a place where we can express who we are," said Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication. "I always have some political views on the door and a poem of some kind.

Tom Halliburton, adjunct professor of English, has a collage of objects on his door. A license plate that reads "Civility, Reason," a photo of two of his



Photos by Erica Shook

Above: Kim Stanley stands by her office door, upon which she proudly displays a pin that reads, "Trust Women," a sticker that says, "Safe Zone" and two anti-war poems.

Left: Tom Halliburton shows off his numerous door decorations, which include Chinese fortunes, photos from far away places and comics.

dogs and several fortunes from Chinese fortune cookies are only a couple of the objects he proudly displays.

Three of Halliburton's numerous fortunes read, "Your name will be famous in the future," "You will inherit a large sum of money," and "A rich partner is ordained for you."

Over in Hess Fine Arts Center, the doorways are adorned with more pictures than quotes, showing the professors' artistic personalities as they decorate their spaces.

Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre, has a comic of a football player speaking to his coach.

The football player says, "You call this a play? Where's the character development? Where's the conflict resolution? Where's my motivation for yelling 35, 35, hut, hut, hut?"

In keeping with character Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of theatre, has a piece of paper that reads, "You can always be a little nicer."

Ann Zerger, assistant professor of art, also has a comic on her door. This one is of an artist displaying his latest piece - a large canvas with a large hole punched through the middle. The caption reads, "I call it, 'Working on a deadline.'"

Wayne Conyers, professor of art, has "comments by important people that I agree with and identify with. It's just me. It gives people something to think and to talk about."

One of Conyers sayings reads, "'God is Dead - Nietzsche.' 'Nietzsche is Dead' - God."

"I get a lot of comments about this one," Conyers said.

"People often read the top line, but not the bottom one. They get upset and I simply look at them and say, "'Did you read the whole thing?'" "They say, 'no!'"

Melhorn may have fewer offices, but the doors there really make a splash. Michael Reynolds, associate professor of mathematics, has an article on his door of "Today's feature story." The headline Tuesday read, "Black Bear Busts Secret Utah Pot Farm."

Brian Midgley, associate professor of psychology, has a white eraser board front and center on his door, but the board is surrounded by Christmas lights.

Midgley also has a license plate that says, "Questions, Answers," and a photograph of a doctor snapping his glove

on his door. The caption under this photo reads, "Have you had your junior or senior check?"

James Haritatos, assistant professor of behavioral sciences, has a saying right above the handle to his door that reads, "STOP. IS THE DOOR TO YOUR BRAIN OPEN?"

Haritatos' saying is accompanied by a photo of an open refrigerator. Also on the door is a poster that reads, "Leave your mark."

The teachers at McPherson College do their best to not only make their offices warm and inviting, but to also make themselves a little home away from home.

The next time you walk through the hallways, take out your iPod, put down your cell phone and look around. You may be surprised by what you see.

Becoming a Bulldog

Freshmen participate in welcoming activities and orientation

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

stated that this family atmosphere is one of many reasons they have chosen to return to McPherson College each year and continue their education.

Fall athletic practices were underway almost the entire week before non-athlete freshmen moved into residence halls. For those freshmen involved in fall sports, the week provided an opportunity to both practice and experience college social life.

These social encounters led to the idea that all the athletes should assist the new freshman with moving into their rooms for the first time on Aug. 29.

For many, the move to college is a far step outside their comfort zones and very different than what they are normally used to.

Fall sport athletes said that helping was an interesting way to make new friends and see the many types of people on campus.

"Freshmen orientation was really good," said Amy Mast, fr., Hesston. "It really helped me to have the football guys help unload the car. It took about one trip instead of like four."

Ryan Smith (below) and Mitchell Littleton (right) take the cinnamon roll challenge at Neighbor's Cafe on Main Street.



Courtesy Photos

chance to show these new students what others are involved in on campus. But, by no means were these the only activities that

Another way for freshmen to become oriented with the college campus was through a scavenger hunt, which helped to locate their new classes. It could almost be said that the weekend was mostly spent with this small group of people.

With activities ranging from meeting for the first time to attending a speaker and bowling night, freshmen were allowed to express themselves while finding out all McPherson has to offer.

Another big event for the campus community that occurred during the orientation weekend was the co-curricular activity fair that displayed different types of clubs and groups.

The fair gave incoming freshmen a chance to see what types of opportunities are available on campus for them to participate in.

For many clubs and organizations, it gave them a

REVIEW IT!



By BENJAMIN DENTON
Photography Editor

"Death Race" is an update to the 1975 cult classic "Death Race 2000." "Death Race" is an intense outlook at a possible future with the growth of such sports as mixed martial arts.

The movie takes place in the year 2012. The economy is down and crime is at a high level.

The movie was directed by Paul W.S. Anderson, who has worked on the "Resident Evil" movies. This remake kept some of the old ideas, but added a more realistic story-line.

In the original, the race happened across the country and one could gain points by killing pedestrians. In the remake one wins by either being the last one alive or by winning on the last day of the three days of racing.

In the new "Death Race," our hero is Jens-

en Ames played by Jason Statham, who has starred in the "Transporter" movies and "Crank."

Ames is framed for murdering his wife by the warden and head of Death Race, Warden C. Hennessey, played by Joan Allen, who starred in "The Notebook" and "The Bourne Identity" movies.

This has been set up to send Ames to Terminal Island to race in the Death Race. Believing Hennessey, Ames agrees to race on the belief of if he wins, he will go free. Ames slowly learns of the set up to make him race as Frankenstein.

Frankenstein is a racer that has been a longtime fan favorite do to his toughness. Frankenstein dies in the Death Race at tip of his arch-rival Machine Gun Joe, played by Tyrese Gibson, from the movies "Baby Boy" and "Annapolis," but only a few people know.

Due to the absence of Frankenstein, ratings drop leading to the murder of Ames' wife. If you are looking for a movie that is all out action, then "Death Race" is for you. It is worth the price of admission.

Softball set to start fall season play in McPherson Invitational

The Bulldog softball team will begin its fall season in the McPherson College Invitational on Saturday.

The Bulldogs will face Hutchinson Community College in the first game at 8 a.m. at Wall Park. Play will continue throughout the day until evening.

McPherson, No. 2, plays at 9:45 a.m. against Central Christian College. Then the No. 1 squad faces off against Central Christian again at 11:30 a.m.

The No. 2 team faces off against Tabor College at 1:15 p.m., followed by two games against Brown Mackie College. The No. 1 team will play at 3 p.m. and the No. 2 will play at 4:45 p.m.

Tennis begins fall play against Hutchinson

The men's and women's tennis teams will face off against Hutchinson Community College in McPherson on Saturday at 9 a.m. at the courts next to the fire station off Kansas Avenue.

Many of the new freshmen will get their first college competition at this match.

Football team faces Bethany Saturday

KELSEY GRAY
Spectator Staff

It is fall once again and we all know what this means - it's time for football.

With a new batch of talented athletes and some key returning players it looks to be as if it is going to be a great year.

This will be Brian Ward's second full season as head coach. He made progress with the team last season by bringing them together to pick up a 4-6 overall record. That record was one win better than their 2006 season.

The return of many key players, five of whom were recognized nationally, brings hope for a successful season of Bulldog football.

Travis Eason, soph., Tulsa, Okla.; Austin Brown, soph., Lawton, Okla.; Jeff Paulson, jr., Limon, Colo.; Ripp Harrison, sr., McLouth and Azaad Artis, sr., Phoenix, Ariz., all received recognition for their outstanding performances on the field.

However, 2007 starters Artis and Jamion Turner, sr., Phoenix, Ariz., are red-shirting and will not be on the field this season.

As with any other season, the Bulldogs have a

whole new batch of new freshmen who are ready and willing to play hard and challenge returners for starting positions.

It's hard to tell who will be the outstanding freshmen this year, but it is clear that it will be a tight race. This freshmen class brings not only athleticism, but 18 of them are also presidential scholars. This will help the team be successful not only on, but off the field as well.

Brown said his inspiration for this season can be found on his Facebook status, "If Pat (Fleming, soph., Jerome, Idaho) can do it, so can I. De Bello!"

You may be asking yourself, what is that thing that football players keep chanting?

"De Bello!" Tyler Decker, soph., Enid, Okla. exclaimed. "It is our team mantra this season. De Bello. It means never surrender and conquer all who come our way."

The first game will be Saturday at 7 p.m. against Bethany College.

There are also a few other games to be aware of.

McPherson's rivalry with Sterling College will make for a good game payback is due after our season ending 52-7 loss to Bethel College.



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Quarterback Josh White, soph., Stockton, Mo., rolls out of the pocket during the team scrimmage on Sunday as second year head coach Brian Ward looks on. White will share time at quarterback with Shane Mascarenas, jr., Peoria, Ariz., in tomorrow's game.

McPherson Invitational holds mixed results

Lady Bulldogs split first four matches, 2-2

ANGELINA FIORENZI &
JAMES TUTTLE
Spectator Staff &
Sports Editor

The Lady Bulldogs kicked off the 2008 season Sept. 5 and 6 in the McPherson College Invitational.

McPherson faced Oklahoma Baptist University, Stephens College and Missouri Valley College in the tournament. The Bulldogs opened play against Oklahoma Baptist, but fell in three straight games by scores of 23-25, 18-25, and 18-25.

In the second game, the Bulldogs defeated Stephens College in three consecutive games. The first game was closer, 25-16, than the latter two, but the last two games the Bulldogs overpowered Stephens College 25-8 in both.

Kiley Loesch, jr., Raymond, paved the way in kills. Freshmen Amy Neufeld, Hillsboro, and Grace Easter, Hesston, also played good games.

The following night, the women faced Missouri Valley College and once again came out victorious, defeating the Vikings three games to one.

McPherson dominated play through most of the game.

Loesch accumulated 18 kills and fellow junior Chelsea Krammer, Atwood, had eight kills and eight assisted blocks.

Many of these kills would not have been possible if it wasn't for the play of sophomore setter Destri Sievers, Stafford, who finished with an impressive 33 assists.

"It could have been bet-

"We had a rough start, but we are coming together better as a team."

- Jess Arpin

ter," said Kelley Green, soph., Brighton, Colo. "It was a rough start."

After an exciting opening weekend, the Lady Bulldogs hosted their first Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference game of the year against University of Saint Mary.

All three games were close ones, but the Bulldogs could not pull them out. The final scores were 20-25, 25-27 and 22-25.

"We had a rough start, but we are coming together better as a team," said Jessica Arpin, soph., Salina.

Next up for the Bulldogs will be a home game against Sterling College on Sept. 13 at 2 p.m.

"It'll be a good game," Green said.

STAT LEADERS
v. Oklahoma Baptist
Kills—Loesch 13, Neufeld 5, Aprin 4, Kramer 4
Aces—Loesch 3, Guyer 2, Green 2
Digs—Loesch 12, Neufeld 10, Green 9, Sievers 5
Blocks—Kramer 2, Loesch 1, Gordon 1

v. Stephens
Kills—Loesch 9, Gordon 8, Neufeld 5
Aces—Loesch 6, Williams 2, Guyer 2, Green 2
Digs—Loesch 21, Green 16, Guyer 14, Neufeld 8, Williams 8
Blocks—Kramer 5, Neufeld 3, Easter 2

v. Missouri Valley
Kills—Loesch, 18; Kramer, 8; Easter, 4; Gordon, 4.
Aces—Loesch, 1; Neufeld, 1; Guyer, 1; Green, 1.
Digs—Loesch, 7; Neufeld, 7; Williams, 4; Guyer, 2.
Blocks—Kramer, 8; Loesch, 5; Neufeld, 3; Arpin, 2.

v. Saint Mary
Kills—Loesch 16, Neufeld 7, Kramer 4, Gordon 2, Easter 2
Aces—Loesch 1, Sievers 1, Williams 1, Johnson 1
Digs—Loesch 6, Williams 4, Guyer 2
Blocks—Kramer 7, Gordon 5, Easter 3

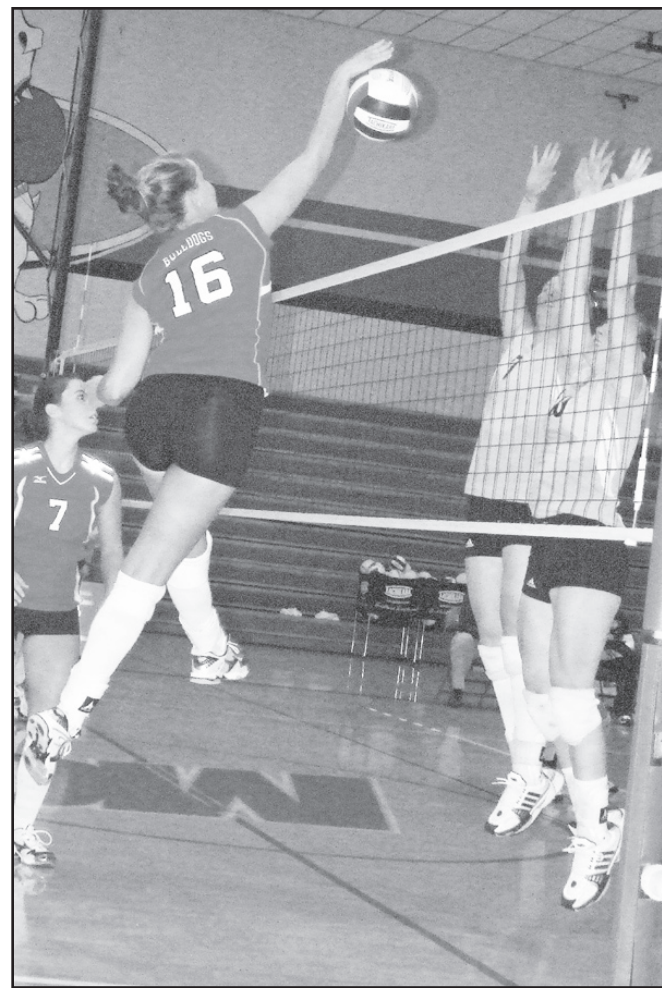


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Grace Easter, fr., Hesston, spikes the ball over the net Wednesday night against University of Saint Mary. The Bulldogs were swept in three straight games.

Bulldogs victorious in two of first three

LETERIUS RAY
Spectator Staff

McPherson College women's and men's soccer teams hosted the Manhattan Christian College Crusaders on Wednesday.

After 110 minutes of play, the women's match ended in a scoreless tie, but it took all of seven minutes and 44 seconds for the men to start putting points on the board.

The Bulldog's Jose Reyes, jr., Dallas, Texas, was the first player to light up the scoreboard Wednesday night. As Manhattan Christian College's goalie ran out for the block, Reyes lofted the ball over the goaltender's head for the score. His goal awakened the crowd and put his team up 1-0.

Eight minutes later, Crusader forward, Jared Stafos, tied the game at 1-1. McPherson goalkeeper, Blake Jett, missed a slide tackle for the ball, which allowed Stafos the score on an open net.

With 14:58 remaining, Armando Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, regained the lead for the Bulldogs, putting them ahead 2-1, but just three minutes later, Stafos answered back again. This time, his goal came off the rebound of a corner kick and tied the game at two all, which would be the count going into the half.

Four scores per half

proved to be too unrelenting a pace to maintain. The game turned into a defensive struggle in the second half.

After a high scoring first half of play, the second looked reminiscent of the women's match. It appeared the men's game would end with the same outcome as the women's.

That is, until Reyes got the ball around the 10 yard line, on a fast break.

"I was just thinking, I don't want to lose on our home field," Reyes said.

He drilled the ball into the back of the net with 1:42 left in regulation. The goal would prove to be the game winner.

"It felt good," Reyes said. "Our team finally came out and played all 90 minutes."

The team's win over the defending National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II national champions improves its record to 2-1 on the season.

The Bulldogs opened their season on Sept. 5, with a 3-1 win over Southwestern Assemblies of God University, and followed with a 0-1 home loss at the hands of Mid-America Christian University.

The men's next competition will be in Chickasha, Okla. on Saturday against the Drivers from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.



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Armando Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas, attempts to fight off a Manhattan Christian College Crusader defender on Tuesday. Rodriguez scored McPherson's second goal on the way to their 3-2 victory.

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Still undefeated

Bulldogs win first two games, tie in third



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Whitney Williams, jr., Salt Lake City, Utah, dribbles the ball toward the goal against Manhattan Christian College on Tuesday. McPherson attempted 21 shots on goal compared to two shots by the Crusaders.

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

The expectations are high for the Lady Bulldog soccer team after finishing last year with a second place regular season finish in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The Bulldogs lost only one senior from last year's squad, which finished with a 13-6-1 record and set school records for most wins, most goals scored, fewest goals allowed, most shut-outs and most consecutive wins in a single season.

This year, the team was picked to finish second in the KCAC pre-season coaches poll.

"Each player realizes the pressure that has been put on them to play well," said Coach Robert Talley about the second-place ranking.

The women got off to a quick start on Sept. 5, defeating their first opponent, Southwest Assemblies of God University, 7-0.

Haley Cook, soph., Littleton, Colo., who set the single-season record for most goals scored (20) as a freshman last year, scored four goals and had two as-

"There are 11 new players coming in having to adjust to our style. I think the team has done well gelling with each other."

- Coach Robert Talley

Tuesday against Manhattan Christian College in a game that would end in a 0-0 tie after two overtimes.

Manhattan used a very defensive strategy throughout the entire game. They rarely attacked and sat back in a defense designed to block passing lanes and free shots for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs ended the game with 21 shots on goal, compared to only two shots made by the Crusaders.

Talley said this strategy of "packing in the defensive third" was frustrating, but a sign of respect.

"They actually packed it in the entire game knowing that it would frustrate us," Stahr said.

"I guess it was smart," Baldi said, critiquing the Crusaders' strategy. "They played for the tie, not the win."

The Bulldogs will play again on Saturday against the University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha, Okla. at 1 pm followed by a game against cross-town rival Central Christian College on Sept. 18.

sists in the game. Shea Pulis, fr., Enid, Okla., scored two goals in the game and Alyssa Baldi, soph., Northglenn, Colo. also contributed one.

In their second game, the Bulldogs shut out their opponent again, defeating Mid-America Christian University by a final score of 2-0 from goals by Jessica Stahr, sr., York, Neb., and Kelli Fowlds, fr., Watauga, Texas.

"So far, I am very pleased how the team has played," Talley said Monday. "There are 11 new players coming in having to adjust to our style. I think the team has done well gelling with each other."

McPherson faced off

Barton brings new style, attitude to volleyball team

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

McPherson's new head volleyball coach posted an impressive record formerly at Moundridge High School. In her three years coaching as an assistant to Bryan Otte, head volleyball coach at Moundridge, Susan Barton and Otte led the team to a 116-5 record and finished 38-0 in 2006.

But last year, Barton left the high school scene to take over the head coaching position at McPherson College.

Many questions were left unanswered after Athletic Director LaMonte Rothrock announced in February that McPherson's former coach Nathalea Stephenson was "no longer the coach of the volleyball team." Stephenson is now the head coach at Bethany College.

Despite the controversy in February, Barton moved into the position with a fresh outlook in mind. And now that the 2008 season has started, McPherson's volleyball team has had a chance to experience Barton's mentality.

"I want us to get better everyday," Barton said. "That's one of my main focuses is that they learn and apply what we go over everyday in practice. It doesn't do any good if they don't apply it in the matches."

Barton admits that she expects a lot of the team, but she is pleased with what she has seen from the Lady Bulldogs so far.

"We (keep) stat(s) in practice everyday," Barton said. "They know they can't take any days off because their playing time depends on how well they perform in practice."

Team captain Stephanie Guyer, sr., Denver, said the team has responded well to Barton's coaching. "She knows her stuff and she's teaching us," Guyer said.

At the same time, Guyer said Barton listens to ideas expressed by the team.

"She's very open to how we feel," Guyer said. "It's not her way or the highway."

Barton wants to improve McPherson's program this year and lure some top recruits for next year's season.

"One of my main things that I'm looking for when I recruit is trying to get kids in here better than what we have," Barton said.

Currently, Barton and the team are attempting to stay focused on the season at hand. Though McPherson has been picked to finish ninth in conference



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Coach Susan Barton (left) looks on as Stephanie Guyer, sr., Highland Ranch, Colo. sets herself for the play. Barton is 2-2 as a head coach so far this season..

by other coaches, Barton thinks the Bulldogs will do better.

"We're going to put the kids on the floor that we need at that time to be

successful," Barton said. "If they can do the job, they're going to play."

Cross country team looks ahead to competition

KELLI FOWLDS
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College men's and women's cross country teams are getting pumped for the new 2008 season.

Last year, the Bulldog men achieved several honors throughout the season. Israel Ortiz and Brent Bailey, sr., both of Limon, Colo., achieved first team All-Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference honors. Right behind them, was Shaun Griffin, jr., Inman, who missed All-KCAC honors by one spot.

Ortiz and Bailey also ran in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Championships in Kenosha, Wis., after placing third and eleventh respectively

at the Region IV meet in Omaha, Neb.

The women's squad also made their mark as they powered their way through the 2007 season.

Former student Tiffany Poet placed twentieth in the KCAC Championships and broke the McPherson College record by becoming the first female runner to obtain a faster time than twenty minutes in the five-kilometer run.

This year, however, Poet is not with the team. In her stead are Megan Meyer, sr., Beloit and Verity Spencer, soph., Yamhill, Ore., who fought for the second and third spots behind Poet throughout last year.

The Lady Bulldogs finished seventh overall at the KCAC conference meet.

This 2008 team is eager to start the season as they look forward for what lies ahead.

Griffin said he's "looking forward to going back to Marion Reservoir."

Last year, the men finished second at the KCAC Championships which took place at Cottonwood Point, Marion Reservoir at Tabor College.

"(I'm) looking forward to hanging out with the team," said Katie Logan, fr., Clay Center. "My teammates are strong."

The team has many predictions for this upcoming season.

"The outcome is going to be a tough fight between the top three teams in the KCAC," Griffin said.

These teams are Friends University, Southwestern College and McPherson

College.

So what needs to take place for the season to be a success?

"Everybody is going to need to work harder after losing Israel Ortiz," Griffin said. Logan also stated that "it's going to be tough."

"The upcoming season will have a slow start," said Oliver Williams, fr., Salt Lake City, Utah. "However, by conference everything should be fine."

The team has dealt with illnesses, but hopes to get past them.

Overall, the runners believe in their team and are excited about the 2008 season.

The first meet is the Friends Invitational at Lake Afton tonight at 6 p.m.

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Parking raises complaints from students

Parking raises complaints from students

JESSICA BRYANT
Spectator Staff

Whether there is enough parking on campus is an ongoing debate. Many believe that parking, or the lack thereof, creates a real problem.

"If you're going to the Sport Center or Miller Library, the sports parking lot is great, but when you're trying to get to a class over in Hess, it takes five minutes to get there," said Meagan Koeppen, Hutchinson.

Some feel an even bigger issue during games when there is limited parking and on Sunday mornings when it is difficult for the elderly to find parking near the church.

"There needs to be more parking and more accessibility," said Jo Niehage, soph., McPherson.

Business manager Shane Netherton said the college has designated 27 handicap accessible parking spots in 11 locations on campus, so accessibility should not be an issue.

"For persons needing close access to buildings due to physical handicaps, there is no problem that I am aware of," Netherton said. "Other people who are



Photos by Kaylin Cooper

Above: Cars parked just west of the Brethren Church show how full the parking lot gets during the day. Though some staff and faculty think parking is not a problem, many students are complaining about the struggle to find spots. Below: The college is trying to crack down on students who park illegally such as the car below that is straddling two stalls. With increased enrollment, following the rules for parking is even more important.



able to walk, may need to walk a relatively short distances."

Several staff and faculty members believe there is no parking situation.

"The lack of parking is excellent," said Personal Counselor Kelli Johnson. "That means the college is full."

Marilyn Kimbrell, professor of education, said that compared to larger campuses, we have a relatively good parking situation.

Another issue many students complain about are those people who do not park correctly. For example, those who park straight in a diagonal parking

space or those who take up two spaces to prevent people from parking near their vehicles.

The college is currently trying to prevent these issues by cracking down on parking this year.

"Student Life opens each year by reviewing a variety of campus policies with both new and

returning residential students," Netherton said. "Following those sessions, an e-mail was sent to the entire campus as a reminder of campus guidelines regarding the use and parking of vehicles at the college."

For those who choose not to follow the rules, corrective action is taken.

"Facilities Management will attempt to contact the vehicle owner or operator to remedy the situation immediately," Netherton said. "Depending on the nature and location of the situation, the result is campus fines, towing of a vehicle at owner's expense or citations from the police department."

Netherton said there are no plans for additional parking on campus until the college grows enrollment and builds another residence hall.

"We have adequate parking on or near campus for nearly every college event," Netherton said.

SGA to pay for increased bandwidth

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

Student Government Association voted Thursday night to pay \$26,400 for increased bandwidth in the residence halls.

The decision came after students' complaints of slow and even unresponsive Internet service in the

dorms.

"SGA wants the students to know that we are here to serve them," said SGA President Kelsey Hempt, soph., Wichita. "So SGA decided to invest in higher bandwidth."

Earlier in the day, Computer services added a five megabyte cable modem to the college's internet

capacity. The modem will be tracked over the next week to see if it improves response time.

"The network we started with this year is the network we upgraded to two years ago," said President Ron Hovis.

The old network was not sufficient for the amount of current Internet use.

Miller Library renovations placed on hold for indefinite time period

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Students may have noticed new items in Miller Library upon their return to McPherson this fall, but these additions are only part of the renovations that were planned for the library.

The \$600,000-renovation project that would make Miller Library more handicapped accessible has been placed on hold for an unknown period of time.

In 2004, the MyMC campaign was planned by the college with a total goal of \$7.9 million. The college was to use the funds for annual scholarship support, endowment gifts and \$1 million for specified capital projects. Improved access to Miller Library was one of the specified projects. Other projects such as the auto restoration building, graphic design lab and the Student Union parking lot were funded in whole or part by donor designated gifts.

"None of the capital projects included in the proposed campaign was funded when the campaign began," President Ron Hovis said. In total, the campaign raised \$700,000 toward the \$1 million capital goal.

Miller Library's project was to include a new ex-

terior ramp and entrance, and elevator and restroom access. The original estimate for these improvements was \$300,000. But the quote from the architect, after doing some preliminary designs, came back as an estimated \$600,000 because of additional building requirements and increasing construction costs.

Despite the hold on the renovations, there were a few items added to Miller Library to make it more student friendly. Marker boards were put in on the main level so that students can take notes or just doodle while doing homework or studying with friends. A snack machine was also added for those who get the munchies.

Room 104 is now a group study room that has two computers and a printer, while room 106 is now a viewing room, with an LCD projector, couch, love seat and a bean bag chair, that students can use to watch movies or practice presentations. Both rooms are kept locked for security reason but students may contact Susan Taylor, college librarian, to open them.

"I would really love students to make use of them," Taylor said.

In the early 1990s, the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed. The law provides the basis

for building requirements related to handicap accessibility. According to the law, all new construction is to meet new standards of accessibility, though existing structures do not have to meet the new requirements until a major renovation is taken on.

Hovis, in response to questions raised about accreditation, said, "given that the buildings on the college campuses are in compliance with ADA regulations, this was not an issue in any of our accreditation proceedings."

The goal for Miller Library in the future is to be more student friendly as well as easily accessible for all students. Although as of now it has been put on hold, "the project could be subject of further discussion or action if sufficient donor support emerges," Hovis said.

Doughnuts equal friends, fun, laughter

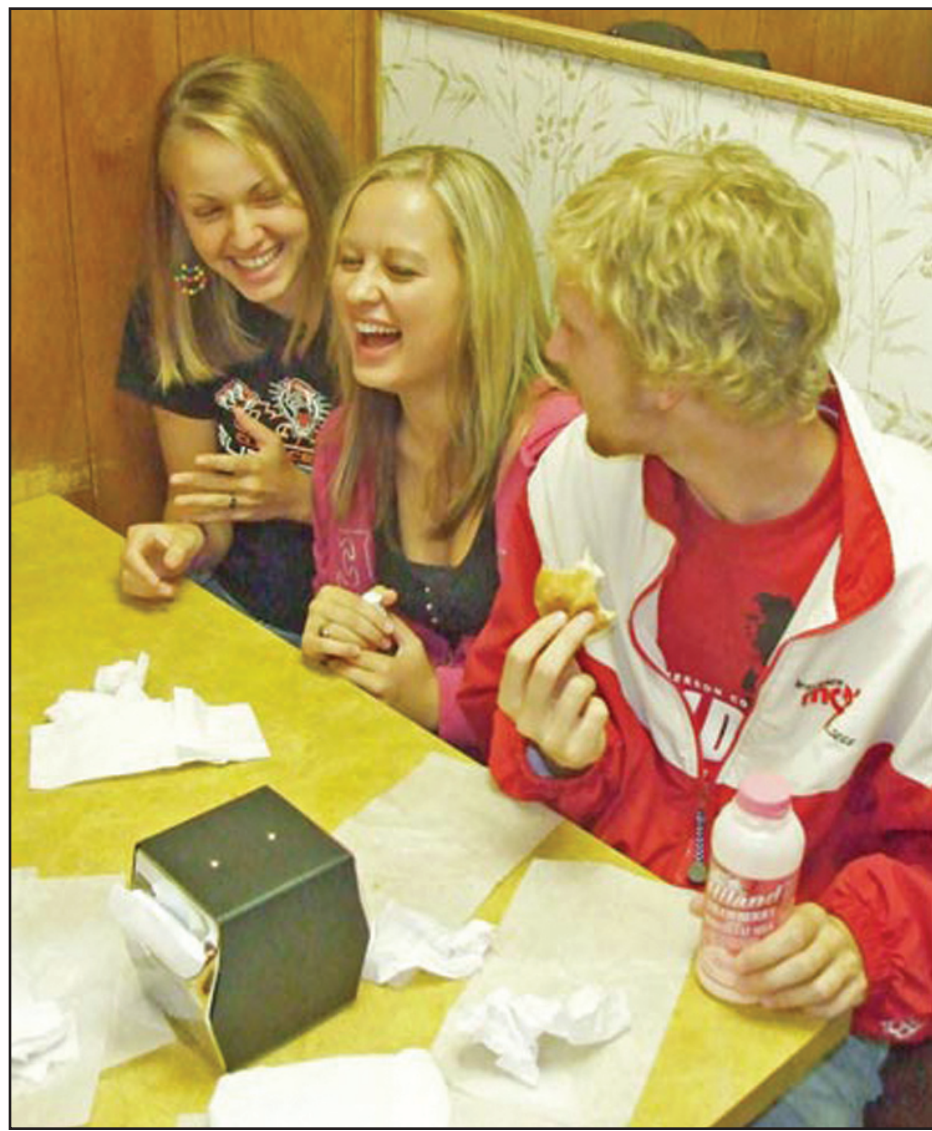


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Katie Logan, fr., Clay Center; Kati Beam, fr., McPherson; and David Parry, fr., Clay Center and someone, share a laughing moment while eating late-night doughnuts at Druber's in Newton on Sept. 5. The event was one of many that Student Activities Board will sponsor this year.



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