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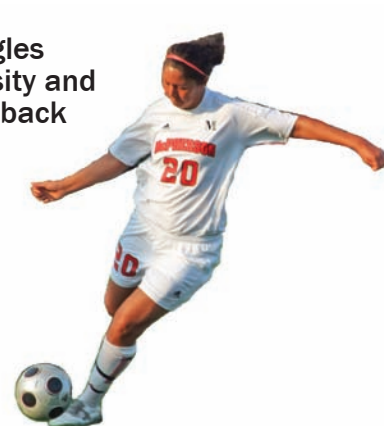
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NEWS BRIEFS

Election results announced

Student Government Association announced this morning the results of Thursday's election.

Shaun Griffin, jr., Inman, was elected Dotzour representative; Preston Davis, fr., Erie, Colo., Metzler representative; Lane Allison, fr., Greensburg, and Savannah Sievers, fr., Stafford, freshmen representatives; and Jamie Teeters, soph., Little River, member-at-large.

Museum to host fall festival

The McPherson Museum & Arts Foundation's Fall Festival will take place Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the museum.

The Arts Council Children's Choir will provide music from 2 to 2:30 p.m. and crafts and activities will be available for all ages. Attendees may buy hot kettle corn or enter a cake walk.

Admission to event and museum activities is free.

Library activities available tonight

Activities, refreshments, door prizes and a movie will be at Miller Library tonight from 7 to 10 p.m.

The event is to encourage support of the library and its resources.

Debate watch scheduled tonight

A live debate watch will take place tonight at 8 in Melhorn Lecture Hall, room 112.

The debate, between presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama, is the first watch of several scheduled watches by various individuals and groups on campus.

Chicago Center representatives on campus today

For those interested in a metropolitan internship experience, representatives from the Chicago Center will be on campus today.

The representatives will visit various classes and will have a booth in Hoffman Student Union from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about the Chicago Center, visit www.chicagocenter.org.

Is 18 the answer?

Amethyst Initiative looks for answers regarding drinking age

AUDREY SECKER
Spectator Staff

We can vote, we can get married and we can serve and die for our country, but we can't drink at the age of 18.

"It's just silly," said Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries. "I have no problem with people who are 18 drinking alcohol. I don't think it should be illegal. I find it rather stupid...that you can do just about everything, but you can't choose what you want to drink."

The Amethyst Initiative was started in July 2008.

Presidents and chancellors of colleges and universities across the nation signed their names to a public statement that the 21-year-old drinking age isn't working.

"I am really, really glad that somebody is examining the issue," said Becki Bowman, assistant professor of communication. "It's hard for me as a non-drinker to say I know what it's like to be drunk or I know what it's even like to drink responsibly and so it's really hard for me to pass judgment on whether it's a good thing or a bad thing for young people to



Does age play a role in these alcohol-related statistics?

DEATH: 1,700 students die yearly from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including auto accidents
INJURY: Nearly 600,000 students are unintentionally injured while under the influence of alcohol
SEXUAL ABUSE: More than 97,000 students are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape
ACADEMIC PROBLEMS: About 25 percent of students report academic consequences of their drinking including missing class, falling behind, doing poorly on exams or papers and receiving lower grades overall

Based on college students ages 18-24
Information from www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov

Infographic by Erica Shook and Adrielle Harvey

drink."

According to the 14-year College Alcohol Study by the Harvard School of Public Health, two in five students at four-year

colleges binge drink. The study indicates that this may not be completely linked to age, but to the culture that has been developed.

Binge drinking, by its dictionary definition, is "the consumption of dan-

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SEX SIGNALS LIGHT WAY TO LEARN ABOUT SERIOUS ISSUES

Date rape among topics discussed



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Ben Murrie and Courtney Abbott, of Catharsis Productions, act out a scene from Sex Signals. The convocation involved improvised material and audience participation.

MELISA GRANDISON
Spectator Staff

Sex... it happens. Gender stereotypes... they exist.

If I'm a woman that engages in sex, I'm a slut or a whore.

If I'm a man who engages in sex, I'm a pimp or a stud.

These were all topics highlighted in the show Sex Signals, performed on campus Sept. 21.

Student Services sponsored the two-person improvisational show that travels to college campuses discussing important issues surrounding date rape. It was nominated as Speaker of the Year by readers of Campus Activities Magazine.

The show stars actress Courtney Abbott and actor Ben Murrie. Both Abbott and Murrie are trained actors that work for Catharsis Productions, traveling and performing this sexual assault prevention program.

"We get to give something back to the com-

munity," Abbott said. It's a way to help make the world a better place in a small way, by being funny and doing cool things that we both love to do."

Both actors earned this position by auditioning with the company. They hope that students will learn the definition of rape and the boundaries associated with it through this production. By performing assault prevention in a funny way, this show educates students about sexual boundaries, signals, and traditional stereotypes among men and women.

"Hopefully people will learn to treat others the way they want to be treated including knowing to stop when someone says stop," Murrie said.

Although this convocation was optional, many McPherson college students attended. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, was pleased with the outcome.

"They did an outstanding job," Rothrock said. "Students were very en-

gaged."

Student Services hopes that students will be able to identify unhealthy relationships after viewing this production and feels that it was an important topic to discuss because such information is pertinent to the lives of McPherson College students.

"Based on the number of controlling relationships observed on campus last year, Student Services realized it was important to sit down and think about what we needed to do," Rothrock said.

Students have sent e-mails and offered in-person comments thanking Student Services for bringing Sex Signals to campus.

"It delivered a very strong message in an extremely light and funny way," said Kelli Fowlds, fr., Watauga, Texas.

Robby Tobias, sr., Conrad, Iowa, said "I thought it was funny, but very informative at the same time."

Freshman seminars to aid children at festival

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

After being asked to direct the children's activities at the McPherson Scottish Festival, Sarah Davidson, sr., McPherson, realized she would need help.

Freshmen seminar leaders Stephanie Brunelli, Bruce Clary, Kelli Johnson and Herb Smith responded with enthusiasm about the project. Now, their freshmen seminar students will have a chance to experience Scottish culture, while lending a hand to children this weekend.

Davidson has headed up the children's activities in the past, but this year's focus on children created an even bigger assignment. "In the past, it's been really adult-oriented," Davidson said. "(Now) the children could learn more about the Scottish Festival."

The freshmen will assist in a children's version of the Highland Games that will include a sheaf toss, caber toss, stone throw, three-legged race and po-

tato sack race. Other activities will also be available to children 12 and under, who, if accompanied by an adult, may enter the festival free.

Ryan Smith, fr., Wichita, is excited about the opportunity to experience the atmosphere.

"Should be pretty exciting," Smith said. "I haven't seen it before."

Even more, Smith, who has worked with children in the Special Olympics and a junior football program, looks forward to helping the kids.

"It's mainly just seeing all the kids have a good time and seeing all their smiles," Smith said. "It's a good way to help."

The festival will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and will feature clan tents, genealogy, a falcon exhibit, British car display, a rugby game and much more. Children's activities will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For adults, the cost will be \$11 on Saturday and \$9 on Sunday.

'Tin Lizzie' celebrates 100

KACY SMITH
& TABETHA SALSURY
Spectator Staff

The C.A.R.S. Club and the Automotive Restoration department invite the rest of the campus to join them in celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Model T Ford - the car that put America on wheels.

The celebration will take place on Oct. 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Heaston Gazebo and will highlight the Model T Ford. Events will include a Model T car show, birthday cake and informational sessions about the importance of

this automobile. The Business Club will offer grill favorites throughout the day and the C.A.R.S. Club will demonstrate how Model Ts come apart and go back together at noon and 1 p.m. by using their very own model.

Rides will also be given in these legendary machines.

"We hope that everyone will join us in our celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Model T, no matter what their level of interest or knowledge of automobiles," said assis-

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Sex Signals provides entertainment, informs about rape

Sex Signals was a great experience for students to be informed about the situations that drinking and other circumstances may lead to, such as uncomfortable situations and even rape.

Student participation was key to the success of this convocation, performed by actress Courtney Abbott and actor Ben Murrie of Catharsis Productions. Students could comfortably voice their opinions without fear of others' comments. The environment was open and gave students a chance to clear their minds and take a different look at dating.

Though the program was short, it was packed with energy, fun and excitement. The original time frame of the skit is 90 minutes. This condensed version was enough to leave students talking for days.

We feel there should have been time for discussion afterward for students who didn't have a choice to voice their opinion, ask questions or express how they felt.

Nevertheless, we are thankful for LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, for bringing them to McPherson College for a second time. It was an enjoyable experience that, we feel, impacted a lot of students on campus and raised thoughts and questions from those students who may have otherwise been afraid to talk about it and express their feelings.

Grasp on finances now, prepares for future

With the economy as it is, we think that students should learn how to balance their finances in a way that is suitable to the college lifestyle and to save money for future needs.

Students should avoid splurging on items you want and don't need. Yes, there is a difference. If money is needed for an unexpected event, it won't be there due to the lack of proper spending and saving.

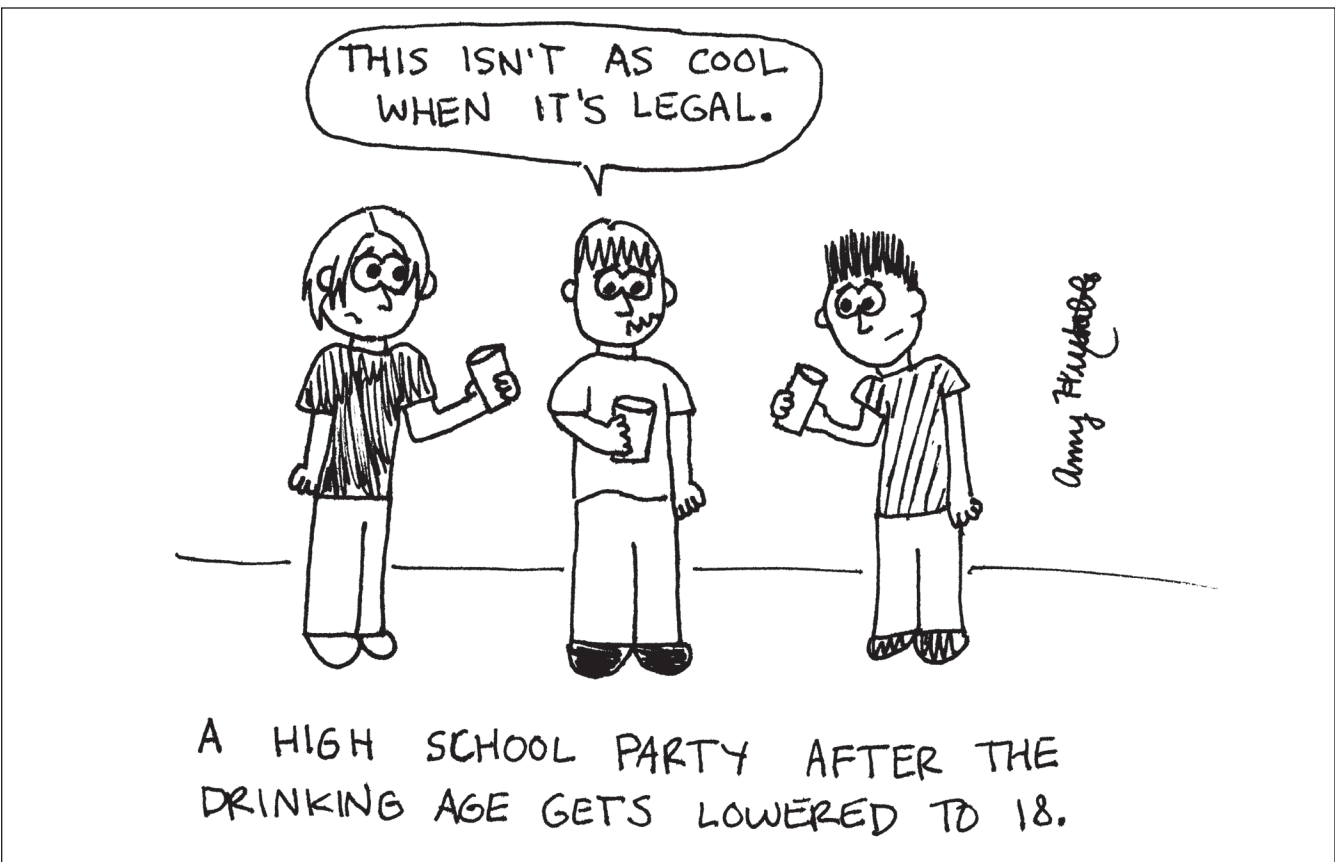
Credit cards are a hard thing to say no to. People are always telling students they need credit cards to build credit. That's not always the truth. There's nothing wrong with just having cash saved back. It's more reliable for college-aged students.

Learning how to properly handle finances in college is a very important thing to learn at this stage in your life. It will be beneficial far into the future.

ISSUE 1: Sex Signals OUR POSITION: Gave students a good time and was informational.

ISSUE 2: Importance of money OUR POSITION: Start saving now.

Not Necessarily Ordinary



Lowered drinking age . . . could it work?

I am a guy who enjoys an occasional drink every now and again, and I would be lying if I said that I waited until I was 21 to taste alcohol. However I am no kind of binge drinker, and I can not even tell you how long it has been since I have passed out, blacked out, or thrown up.

I have never been arrested, crashed a car or done serious property damage. I suppose that I am somewhat of an aberration to what the new fangled Amethyst Initiative ("A.I.") is banking on.

A.I. seeks to re-examine and discuss the effectiveness of the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984, which since it was enacted, has save countless hundreds of thousands of lives by effectively raising the drinking age from 18 to 21.

Founded just three months ago, the organization now prides itself



BRIAN TALKS

Brian York

on the 129 signatories who have signed on to the cause.

The fact is, however, that though A.I. may have such institutions as Duke and Ohio State in its corner, it is fighting an uphill battle against organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, The American Medical Association and the National Transportation Safety Board, all of

which have taken serious issue with A.I.'s mission.

A.I. did not appear spontaneously three months ago it originated as an off-shoot of a group called "Choose Responsibly." This group has received criticisms claiming that it is just shoveling the under-age drinking problem onto high schoolers and responded with the slippery slope of suggesting that only high school graduates be eligible to drink.

If enacted, this legislation would not only be a nightmare to write, but could easily devolve into a flagrant socio-economic disaster quite openly issuing one set of freedoms to the educated and another set of laws to the uneducated.

I am a guy who drinks responsibly. It is not something I learned in school, and it was not the law which dictated my expo-

sure (despite both of their efforts).

My drinking has been based on my own experiences and my observations of those around me... my uncle who died of cirrhosis, my coworker who at the age of 20 would suffer delirium tremors, and my friend who got drunk, got sad, and let himself out with two barrels of steel.

It is my opinion that alcohol is a vice, it is not a mortal sin. It is a vice only in the capacity that so many other things are vices—through excess.

I do not think that most people have the capacity to recognize and avoid excess prior to the age of 21.

An issue which I would like reformed might be dry campuses, which do seem to foster an environment of drunk driving however short of that, I think that the Amethyst Initiative has really missed the mark.

Presidential election gives a chance to make history

We are alive for one of the most historic moments in United States history.

Not the ongoing issues with the Middle East, the War on Terror, or even the terrifying state of the economy. In November, America will make a decision that will change the world and the way it views our country.

No matter how the election turns out, America will have the first minority president in Senator Barack Obama or the first female vice president in Governor Sarah Palin.

This will not change the country like it has before when white men were elected to the positions, for more reasons than one.

The reason of most importance is a change in U.S. government by the likes of which were seem-



JILLIAN SAYS . . .

Jillian Overstake

ingly impossible 50 years ago.

The privileged citizens who vote will have the greatest reward of all: being involved in an event that will rock not just the U.S., but world history.

Many McPherson College students who choose not to vote will have to answer to their children and grandchildren: "Who

did you vote for in the 2008 election?" Telling them we didn't vote would probably just confuse them.

Why, knowing how easy involvement is in this significant occurrence, would we choose to idly sit by and let the rest of the country decide our nation's future?

As well as this election being of the utmost importance historically, for many college students it is also the first time our age allows us to vote in a presidential election.

We're finally old enough for our opinions to be respected and our voices heard. Why not make them heard in an election that will change American politics forever?

This election will give hope to those who never thought their race or gen-

der would let them lead the greatest country in the world. We are making it clear that it is possible.

Voter registration isn't hard. It's easily accessible through the Internet by individual state. And if home isn't Kansas, it's easy to cast an absentee ballot.

You can download one on the Internet, fill it out, email, fax, or send it in. This is a moment that is going to go down in the history books. Don't let laziness ruin your chance at having a part of this huge event.

Voter registration for Kansas is due Monday, Oct. 20. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 4. Speak out, have an opinion, and regardless of who wins the race, Mac students can have a hand in creating history.

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CHEW ON THIS

"Maybe all one can do is hope to end up with the right regrets." -Arthur Miller

"All life is an experiment." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Parents' wisdom finally understood

"You'll thank me when you're older."

Those six words always made me cringe. After living on this earth for 20 years, could it be that maybe my mother and father were right after all of these years?

I remember, when I was younger, my mother would always tell me things that were beneficial for my future. At that age, I had no idea what the hell she was talking about.

"Save your money for a rainy day," she said.

I always told myself that it wasn't going to rain for a while and that I really wanted those cool shoes that I know would hurt my feet the second I started

THINK OUT LOUD



Ashley Andrews

wearing them or those awesome Giga Pets that died within an hour.

It took me years to realize that when she said "rainy day," it actually didn't mean it was going

to be a day that poured down rain. It meant that when you stupidly run your car into a dumpster and need to replace your back window, you'll have the money to fix it.

Think about all of the other things that your parents have told you through the years.

"A penny saved is a penny earned."

"Think before you act." I should have probably taken their advice on this many of times.

"Be patient."

"Ashley, remember that you're in college to get an education..." Maybe that was just my parents.

When I was younger, I always thought my par-

ents were out to get me. I thought that all they wanted to do was ground me because all I ever heard for about a year was, "Ashley, go to your room."

I hated it.

I hated that they always told me to think before I speak or to realize that things do happen for a reason.

But now, I realize that everything they ever told me was to help me for the times that I'm going through now.

It is a sad thing that I am 20 years old and the words "you'll thank me when you're older," are just now clicking in my head. Everything is slowly starting to come together and

make sense.

I'm glad my parents made me get a job when I turned 16. I'm glad they made me pay for my own gas. I'm glad they made me take care of my own finances. I'm still mad that they wouldn't let me get a tattoo or my belly button pierced, but I am glad they taught me how to rationalize things before I put thoughts into actions.

If they have taught me all of these things and I'm just now understanding them at 20, I wonder what I'll learn when I'm 30 or 40.

Oh god, I don't want to think about it.

Thanks Mom and Dad, for everything.

SHOUT IT OUT!

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

Every sport blows except cross country. Love, Brent Bailey.

Note to cafeteria: Creamy Italian everyday. Woot!

Kelli . . . you know what you did!

Heath- Nevermind about the \$30.

The Dallas Cowboys are going to win the Super Bowl!

Does kissing a male camel make you a bi-sexual?

I'm the biggest hater.

Who are all of these people?

The girl's basketball team looks promising. Lol. NOT.

I thought if you ran so much in soccer you should lose weight . . .

No chunky tomatoes in the pizza. Gross!

Lubbers, rollllllllll!

I, Josh, am really, really gay for cars.

If you are going to use a whole roll of toilet paper to cover the seat, at least have the courtesy to flush it down!

Is eating all the softball team does?

Caf needs a comment box.

Does the dance team know how to dance?

We have Master Splinter on campus.

Volleyball goes from one quarter-back to another.

Is it me or do all of the auto rats look like they need a bath?

Tally number 8.

Do the cheerleaders really know how to cheer?

Open-door policy not known by new students on campus

It's either open or shut. Teachers always tell us that when their doors are open, we are welcome to come in and ask them anything - from schoolwork, to family, to just life in general.

At the beginning of each year, they tell us about posting a schedule on their door of when they will be available, but does that mean there will be a specific time just for students?

In my experience, the door has always been open. On a rare occasion,

IDEAS DUG DEEP



Nacole Dugger

they have not been there at the posted time, but a

note explaining their absence was on the door. Most of the teachers have reasonable times for you to come in and if not, they will work with you to find a time that is fitting.

When I recently talked to a student about the open-door policy, the student didn't know what I was talking about. This student also happens to be a transfer.

Does this mean the teachers are not expressing this policy enough to students? Are they expecting them to know what

this policy means?

I believe by putting the schedule in the syllabus and explaining the policy at the beginning of the year can prevent this problem. Not all students go through freshman orientation to get this information.

After I explained the policy to the transfer student, including that many teachers are open to discussing a student's personal issues, the student said they would not be comfortable talking to a teacher about their personal life. But

each student's reply was a little different.

"I think it is a good policy," said Jamie Teeters, soph., Little River. "If you need help with homework or personal life, you can go to a teacher for anything."

This shows that many of the students have different opinions about this policy, but that it is a great policy for us. This policy helps us get one-on-one help from the teacher that students at some of the bigger schools may not have access to.

Saying "I do" before graduation leaves some skeptical

Going away to college can open up a wide variety of opportunities for someone. You can get involved in sports, join clubs, work on or off campus, get an internship or volunteer.

At McPherson College, these are all things that are spewed out of the mouth of every individual the second you set foot on campus.

But, what about the other part of college life? You know what I'm talking about - relationships.

They are everywhere you go around here. As you walk to Melhorn for class, you're behind two people holding hands.

Or when you are leaving Mohler to go back to your room, there is a couple kissing before they part ways.

So, let's say you are one of those people and you're

MEGAN'S CORNER



Megan McKnight

relationship is serious. It's time to take it to the next level, but you still have school to finish up.

Do you get engaged and married before you graduate?

Looking around campus, the answer to this would be yes for some McPherson students. There are numerous students on this

campus who are married and seem to be managing everything very well. In fact, a lot of those students are also involved in co-curricular activities and stay involved with what's going on.

But it isn't that easy, is it?

Marriage is a big commitment and it takes time and work. Wouldn't adding all of that onto a full-time school load be a little overwhelming? Taking a full course load while having a job and the financial pressure of keeping bills paid, plus making a marriage work can be extra stress that isn't needed quite yet. It might just be easier to get married after you graduate.

However, in contrast to that, there are many perks to getting married while in school. For one thing, you

receive more financial aid, which can always help out. But more importantly, you have a person there who can support you through everything and be a helping hand as you continue through college.

You know there is always one person you can depend on and they can always depend on you. And during these four years of your life, you quickly realize who you can trust and who you can't. Having that special someone can make things a bit easier.

But with those general conclusions out of the way, what about specifics here at McPherson College?

McPherson does not offer married housing, so if you want to get married, but cannot afford to move off campus, you're stuck. Also, it's much easier to

attend classes and stay involved when you are near or on the campus, so chances are that you could feel disconnected if you did get married and moved off. And let's say you get married, but realize you can't find a place to live for the amount of money you have. Who really wants to live in separate rooms when you are married?

Regardless of the lack of housing and the financial burden, I believe that if you love someone, it doesn't matter when you get married. If you know you want to be with them forever, why do you need to rush? A wedding is pressure enough.

For some people, it just works to get married while in college. But overall, it might just make more sense to wait.

On the Fly

What is something your parents told you when you were little that you didn't get then, but you understand now?



"She's the only sister you'll ever have."

Taylor Plowman Jr., Overland Park



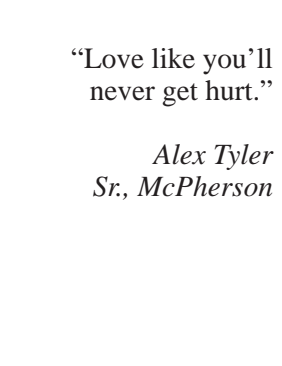
"Don't do anything I wouldn't do. If you do, don't name it after me."

Emily Donell Fr., Goddard



"Don't shave your forehead."

Robby Tobias Jr., Conrad, Iowa



"Love like you'll never get hurt."

Alex Tyler Sr., McPherson



"Money doesn't grow on trees."

Shaun Griffin Jr., Inman



"Always take a raincoat."

Cody W. Doll Sr., Healy





Photo by Kaylin Cooper

The new jazz band performs their opening show "An Afternoon of Jazz with Kirchner and Harrison" in Mingenback theatre on Sept. 21st. The new band is performing under Kyle Hopkins and received excellent reviews.

Jazz Band formed due to lack of students

TRICIA FENSKY
Spectator Staff

The idea of a jazz band as the main performance group wasn't formed until Kyle Hopkins, the new band director, saw the lack of instrumentation and students enrolled in band.

After discussion on the first day of class, Hopkins and the students agreed a jazz band would be the most positive and productive for the college.

"If we were to have a traditional full 'wind ensemble,' I would have had to bring in quite a lot of community members to make the ensemble work," Hopkins said.

Hopkins has taught band at McPherson High School and Middle School for eight years now. Even

though he is extremely busy with both bands, he balances his time so that he doesn't have to sacrifice any public school duties to direct the college band.

There are currently 15 students and a few community members in the jazz band, which meets from 4:20 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Hopkins would like to see more students involved in the jazz band, especially on the brass instruments.

"Jazz music is great fun to play and naturally exciting to listen to, so I hope that its natural pull recruits more members from the student body so hopefully next semester we can have a full wind ensemble in

addition to our jazz band," Hopkins said.

Leah Fitzjarrald, jr., Newton, who plays piano for the band, likes having a jazz band because she feels it sounds "bigger" since more parts are doubled. Also, the music is more enjoyable for both the students and the audience.

"This is the first year of having a jazz band, and while I would like to see the band grow so we can play concert songs, I still hope we continue to do a jazz band," Fitzjarrald said.

Hopkins believes the biggest downside of having a jazz band is that they have to ignore the literature written for full-wind ensembles.

He doesn't let that affect

his instructions because he loves music and welcomes teaching any genre.

"(Hopkins) is an excellent director," Fitzjarrald said. "He gives us options, looks toward the future and wants to see us take the band somewhere else, making a name for ourselves."

Even though there are disadvantages, a major upside for having a jazz format is that it gives many performance opportunities.

Hopkins has already booked a concert at 3 p.m. in the band shell at Lakeside Park on Oct. 26 as part of the McPherson Museum's concert series.

The band will also have concerts in Brown Auditorium on Dec. 9 and May 17.

Play to open next weekend

'Leading Ladies' prepares for opening night, introduces four performers to the stage

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

Impersonations, laughter and cross-dressing - what more could an audience want?

"Leading Ladies," a comedy by Ken Ludwig, author of "Lend me a Tenor" and "Moon Over Buffalo," shows the lives of two down-on-their-luck artists. The artists pose as the last living relatives of an older woman in order to earn some quick cash.

The only catch? The artists will have to pose as women in order to improve their financial situations.

"Leading Ladies" has three leads - Kelsie Patrick, soph, Elizabeth, Colo.; Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson and Cody Doll, sr., Healy. The larger cast is unique in that it consists of four returners to the stage and four newcomers to the theatre department.

"It has been fun to work with the different

people in the cast," Tyler said. "We have the veterans, we have new people to McPherson, we have people who aren't new to McPherson, but new to the stage."

Director Jd. Bowman said the cast of newcomers is representative of "the growth in the past couple years. The show is just fun."

Bowman was particularly passionate about performing "Leading Ladies," as he was able to witness the writing and process of the first production of "Leading Ladies" by Ludwig.

"I have been excited to bring "Leading Ladies" to McPherson ever since seeing author Ken Ludwig worked on the show in Cleveland (Ohio)," Bowman said.

Village News describes "Leading Ladies" as "laughter and a guiltless evening of theater-going."

The first of the six plays in the 2008-09 season, "Leading Ladies" is made of the same stuff as



Benjamin Denton

Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson, has his costume fitted for a role in the upcoming production of "Leading Ladies," opening next weekend on Oct. 3rd.

SHOWTIMES

Catch Leading Ladies on opening weekend October 3, and 4 or the following weekend October 10, and 11.

"Twelfth Night, or What You Will" and is a play to keep the entire audience laughing

"I have really liked this show," Tyler said. "I think that this is a fun, good show to start the season off with."

Students are looking forward to the opening of "Leading Ladies."

"I heard that it is really good," said Jessica Mollhagen, soph, Witchita "It is going to be really fun-ny. Lots of people want

to see it."

The following five productions are "Quilters," with music and lyrics by Barbara Damashek and the book by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek; "Stop Kiss," by Diana Son; "Rabbit Hole," by David Lindsey-Abaire; "Art," by Yasmina Reza; and "Children of Eden," with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and the book by John Caird.

The Hot Spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER PHILIP SCHOENWETTER.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A I am the assistant athletic trainer. I'm responsible for ensuring the coverage of practice for men's and women's soccer, cross country and I'll help out with cheer and dance in the fall. I'll be doing women's basketball during the winter and track in spring.

Q What was your most embarrassing moment in colleg?

A When me and a bunch of my roommates went streaking across our campus and there were a couple people who actually saw us.

Q What is your marital status?

A I am married to wife Bethany.

Q What political issue do you feel most strongly about?

A Education because that affects pretty much everything else.

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

A I will say an athletic trainer for the Minnesota Vikings or retired and extremely rich.

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

A Ask questions and the other would be take responsibility for yourself.

Q What is your favorite movie?

A Independence Day.

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

A I drive a Toyota truck. It is not an actual name like a Tacoma because it's the original Toyota truck. It was made in '93. It says I'm willing to do the work because a truck is there for hauling and loading and getting stuff done.

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

A My wife because I'd like to see how I act from someone else's eyes.

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

A When I was younger, PG-13 movies was the big thing.

Q What is your favorite TV show?

A Heroes.

Q Jessica Alba or Jessica Simpson?

A Alba.

Q Where are you from originally?

Freds make a difference in community

Rothrock establishes new award for hardworking resident assistants on campus

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

Do you know a Fred? Freds are everywhere - from the neighbor's down the hall, to the person who hands you your food out the drive-through window and even the complete stranger who says "hi" to you at Wal-Mart.

In case you're wondering what a Fred is, a Fred is a person who goes above and beyond their defined job description to ensure that all the people around them are working in positive environments and receive the help they deserve.

According to Mark Sanborn, author of "The Fred Factor," a Fred is a person who exemplifies a radiant spirit and encourages others to do the same. The Fred thought is based on four principles, which are: (1) everyone makes a difference, (2) success is built on relationships, (3) you must continually create value for others and (4) you must continually reinvent yourself regularly.

Dotzour first-floor resident assistant Kacy Smith, sr., Milford, thinks that a Fred is "a person who sees what needs to be done and does it without



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Jess Hentz, sr., Independence, Mo., hands off the Fred Factor award to Amy Ziegler, sr., Hudson, Colo. The new award was created by LeMonte Rothrock and given to Ziegler for helping Hentz with her pet rabbit.

having to be told to and looks for no compliment or reward in return."

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, asked all the residence life staff this year to read the book during its summer break in hopes that it could promote positive changes around campus. During the staff's annual retreat, which takes place be-

fore students arrive on campus, Rothrock talked about being a Fred and inspiring others to be Freds as well.

Upon returning to campus, Rothrock created an award, a large trophy, to be given to RAs to show that he hoped people would become Freds on campus and show others how to be Freds, too.

When the four principles are used correctly, it creates a powerful combination and creates dynamic people that everyone wants to work with and be around.

So far there have been four recipients of the award - Jess Hentz, sr., Independence, Mo., Dotzour RA; John David Brown, jr., Baldwin City,

Metzler RA; Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson, Dotzour RA; and Amy Ziegler, sr., Hudson, Colo.

It is Rothrock's hope that this small change will inspire others to find their inner leader and show the campus community they are awesome people - the type of people that others should be inspired to be.

Asian Culture enthusiasts form club

New club allows students to explore anime, manga

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

For those who read manga, watch anime or just love the Asian culture, a new club is starting on campus.

This new club is not and will not be associated with the college. It will be a group of people who love the Japanese culture and want to celebrate their new-shared interests. So far, the small group has set a meeting time of 7 p.m. on Mondays.

The idea for this club came from a discussion about favorite bands and movies that people like; Japanese ideas came up in the conversation and the thought was born. Group meetings and activities will most likely include watching anime, listening to music, talking/discussing favorites and just celebrating the Asian culture in general.

The founding members

"Anyone that has any interest in anything Japanese, be it anime, the gothic Lolita dress style, music or just the area and the art, you are more than welcome to join the club"

- Nikki Clark

of the group hope that people with some interest will come and check out a meeting.

"Anyone that has any interest in anything Japanese, be it anime, the gothic Lolita dress style, music or just the area and all the art, you are more than welcome to come join the club," said Nikki Clark, jr., Plano, Texas.

This is a relatively new club, and members are en-



Benjamin Denton

The new asian inspired club watches anime, and reads manga, shown above

couraged to show interest in many ways. One way is talking to Cassie Smith, jr., Salina; Skye Johnson, soph., McPherson, or Clark. Another way is to join their newly created Facebook group, "A Thousand Cranes," where their goal is to have a place to talk and show interest in the Asian culture.

This group invites the campus to join them and help fold a thousand paper cranes and make a wish after doing so.

"Why not one wish per crane?" said Smith, founder of the group. "Who knows if they'll come true? No one's limited to

"(We) welcome all to try their hand at origami's most famous creation"

- Cassie Smith

just one crane per person. "(We) will welcome all to try their hand at origami's most famous creation or even to just come and spend an evening with us laughing at a particular character's antics or to come and discuss the artwork of truly incredible masters of the manga-ka craft."



By BENJAMIN DENTON
Photography Editor

After the release of his second album in 2006, rapper Young Jeezy is back with his third studio album, "The Recession." "The Recession" is an all right album, but some songs could have been better.

One song that you might be interested in downloading to your iPod is "Put On," which is the first single off the new album. In this track, Jeezy teams up with Kanye West to create a great first single with memorable lyrics and beats throughout the entire song.

The lyrics are actually Jeezy's viewpoints about the country and what state we are in. This is a common theme throughout the entire album. Each song

takes some aspect of the United States and turns it into a song. A few other songs you might like are "My President" featuring Nas, "Amazon," and "Vacation." These songs play off the same beat just at different speeds. The songs are serious in lyrics, but have almost a relaxing beat.

While this album might not appeal to everyone, it will be well worth Jeezy fans' money. I only suggest that you buy this CD if you are a fan of Jeezy. If you are not sure about Jeezy, but are thinking about buying it, find a friend who might let you listen before you purchase it. If your friends don't have it, go ahead and check out some samples on iTunes.

This CD has received mixed reviews. I believe this is a good CD, but not a great CD.

The Spectator is interested in your book, CD, movie or other reviews. Please submit to Betsy Shaffer at shafeli@bulldog.mcpherson.edu or Adrielle Harvey at harvadr@bulldog.mcpherson.edu.



Homecoming week packed with activities



Prepare yourself, Bulldog Homecoming week is just around the corner. The week, Oct. 6, to the Oct. 10, will be full of funky dress up days and fun-loving activities.

This year's theme is Superhero and the week will be jam-packed with

fun and interesting activities for all.

Individual winners will be chosen every day with a spirit king and queen chosen on Saturday.

The spirit king and queen are the two individuals who show the

most spirit by participating in all of the spirit week activities.

The Homecoming king and queen will be voted on next week and announced on Oct. 11 during the homecoming football game.

	Spirit Week	Residence Life Activities
Monday	Autograph Day - wear a blank T-shirt and have it signed!	Metzler Hall Sausagefest and wiener competition
Tuesday	Gender Bender Day - cross dress	Night off!
Wednesday	Dress like your favorite faculty/staff day	Dotzour Residence Hall Decorating Contest
Thursday	Superhero Day	SGA Bonfire and Morrison Car Bash
Friday	Red and White Day	Bittering Challenge Course

Soccer teams struggle in consecutive games

Women tarnish undefeated record, lose 2 straight

KELSEY GRAY
Spectator Staff

McPherson women's soccer has had a busy few weeks.

The ladies faced off against cross town rivals Central Christian College of Kansas on Sept. 18. The Bulldogs trailed 0-1 during most of regulation, but were able to score and send the game into overtime and a second overtime. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Jessica Castro, fr., Westminster, Colo., makes a play on the ball on Sept. 20, against Mid-America Nazarene University. The Bulldogs were shut out by Mid-America in their first loss of the season.

The team traveled to Omaha, Nebraska to play the Bellevue University Bruins on Sept. 24. It lost for the second time this season by a final score of 0-6 and, to add insult to injury, had to ride over four and a half hours back to McPherson.

"We attempted a new formation for this game,"

said Alyssa Baldi, Northglenn, Colo. "It seemed to work well. We just had some miscommunication in the defensive third."

After their worst loss of the season, the Bulldogs will attempt to redeem themselves in their next game against Hannibal-LaGrange College at noon on Saturday.

Men drop 3 out of last 4

LETERIUS RAY
Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs suffered their second consecutive loss in the game at Bellevue University on Wednesday.

In the most lop-sided loss of the young season, the Bulldogs were beat by the Bruins 4-0. Bellevue dominated the match with 15 shots on goal to McPherson's one and proved to be the overall more aggressive team



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Eduardo Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas dribbles the ball against Mid-America Nazarene University on Sept. 20. Mid-America defeated the Bulldogs 1-0 in this contest.

Christian College 2-0, but dropped two games against Mid-America Nazarene, 0-1, and University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, 0-2.

McPherson is ranked third in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, behind Sterling and Friends, according to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' website, but Coach Quint likes his chances going into the conference schedule.

"In comparison to us, they haven't played our strength of schedule and I think that's going to really help us," Quint said.

Things will not get any easier for McPherson in the near future as they try to pull their record back

to .500 this Saturday. The Bulldogs will have their hands full at home against Hannibal-LaGrange College.

"They are the highest-ranked team this program has ever faced," Quint said. "We need to keep the players in front of our goalie organized. It's going to take 90 minutes of brilliant performance from everybody [to win]."

The Trojans are currently undefeated with an 8-0 record, ranked ninth in the NAIA top 25 men's soccer poll and have outscored their opponents 15-0 this season.

The game between Hannibal-LaGrange and McPherson will be 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"The team made a couple mistakes, but redeemed ourselves by pulling together as a team to pull off a tie."

- Haley Cook

"The team made a couple mistakes, but redeemed ourselves by pulling together as a team to pull off a tie," said Haley Cook, soph., Centennial, Colo. "Even though we didn't win, we put our full effort into it."

The Bulldogs then faced Mid-America Nazarene University on Sept. 20, at home. Even though they fought hard, they ended up losing 0-1, blemishing their undefeated record.

KCAC play brings tougher competition

CARLEY SHARP
Spectator Staff

After losing its first conference game to the University of Saint Mary, it seemed McPherson's volleyball team figured out which things they needed to work on. Improvements were made and the team came out to play in its next match against Sterling College.

McPherson won for the

first time this season in Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference play on Sept. 13, against Sterling College with scores of 25-14, 22-25, 25-17, 26-24. Everyone stepped up to play a very intense game. This game was a major confidence booster because of the rivalry between the two schools.

The week, ending on Sept. 14, brought much excitement for the Lady

"We are getting better as we are learning."

- Coach Susan Barton

Bulldogs because Destri Sievers, soph., Stafford, was named KCAC volleyball "Setter of the Week."

Even though it was an individual achievement, Sievers felt that she could not have earned this recognition without her teammates.

"The bond between our team this year has really brought out everyone's strengths," Sievers said.

The volleyball team made their first road trip Sept. 16, to Southwestern College. This game, however, did not end as the team had hoped. When the young squad finally found their rhythm, it was too late. The Bulldogs fell to the Moundbuilders in four games with scores of 14-25, 20-25, 25-10, 20-25.

The Lady Bulldogs followed the Southwestern game with a home loss to Manhattan Christian College in four games ending in scores of 23-25, 23-25, 25-18, 20-25. The visitors brought a faster tempo, quicker blocks and an overall different level of play. The Bulldogs learned that they could keep up with this quicker style if they picked out their weaknesses and worked on improving them.

"(The Manhattan Christian game was) really competitive and a blast to be a participant as well as a spectator," said Coach Susan Barton.

The Bulldogs suffered a heart-wrenching loss in five games to Kansas Wesleyan University on Sept. 24. The final scores were 25-14, 21-25, 22-25, 25-11, 9-15.

Overall, team members believe the main thing



Photo by Kyle Toland

Dana Gordon, jr., Newton skikes the ball against Kansas Wesleyan University Wednesday night. Gordon finished with five kills in the Bulldogs' five set loss to KWU.

they need to work on is finishing their matches out as strong as they start them.

"There's a lot to learn," Barton said. "We are getting better as we are learning."

The next match for the Bulldogs will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Friends University.

STAT LEADERS
v. Sterling College
Kills—Loesch 21, Neufeld 7, Kramer 7, Gordon 6
Aces—Loesch 6, Green 2, Sievers 2, Neufeld

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Digs—Loesch 11, Neufeld 8, Guyer 8
Blocks—Neufeld 3, Kramer 2, Gordon 1, Easter 1

v. Southwestern College
Kills—Loesch 13, Kramer 6, Gordon 2
Aces—Sievers 5, Neufeld 3, Loesch 2
Digs—Sievers 4, Guyer 4, Neufeld 2, Johnson 2, Loesch 2
Blocks—Kramer 9, Neufeld 4

v. Manhattan Christian College
Kills—Loesch 23, Neufeld 7, Kramer 5, Gordon 4
Aces—Guyer 5, Johnson 4, Loesch 3, Sievers 3, Neufeld 3
Digs—Green 21, Loesch 10, Sievers 10, Guyer 9
Blocks—Kramer 7, Neufeld 7, Easter 2

v. Kansas Wesleyan University
Kills—Loesch 16, Neufeld 9, Kramer 5, Gordon 5, Arpin 5
Aces—Loesch 3, Guyer 3, Sievers 2
Digs—Green 24, Loesch 12, Johnson 7, Guyer 4, Sievers 4
Blocks—Neufeld 2, Kramer 2, Loesch 1

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Bethany win, quarterback loss headline early season

BRYANNA DANIELS
Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs defeated Bethany College 37-21 in their season opener on Sept. 13.

Jeff Paulson, jr., Limon, Colo., received recognition as the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference "Defensive Player of the Week" for that game, accumulating a total of 16 tackles.

The beginning of the season appeared to be extremely promising for the Bulldogs, especially with junior transfer Shane Mascarenas, Peoria, Ariz., as the new starting quarterback.

However, in the first quarter of the Bethany game, a wrong step cost the Bulldogs their starting quarterback. Although he finished out the game, Mascarenas will now sit out the season with a broken fibula.

As if one loss was not bad enough, the team also suffered a second crucial injury in the fourth quarter. The team's alternate starting quarterback, Josh White, soph., Stockton, Mo., suffered a bone bruise and a concussion.

He is expected to stand on the sidelines for two weeks.

After the game against the Swedes, there was one question on everybody's mind. Who would fill the big shoes left behind and step up as the new quarterback?

"The best person available," said Dwight Hale, sr., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Coach Brian Ward had three players in mind to fill the vacant position: freshmen Aaron Sunday, Claremore, Okla., and Blake Jones, Melvern, would be the throwing options, while Hale would be the running option. This change did not seem like it would be a problem for the Bulldogs.

"For the first few games it will be a matter of getting the new quarterback acclimated to playing at a college level," Ward said. "It shouldn't affect the season later on. People are making a big deal out of it and I don't think it's a big deal."

This past weekend, the Bulldogs played their second game against Kansas Wesleyan University.

Through team-building

exercises and strong leadership from the seniors, the Bulldogs had a positive outlook toward the game.

"For each week we make up little phrases for the teams we play against," said Gary Cox, sr., Glendale, Ariz.

"Pressure Busts Pipes" was the phrase used for week one against Bethany, and "Make a Statement" was used for the Kansas Wesleyan game.

Despite the positive outlook, the final score of the Sept. 20, game against Kansas Wesleyan did not turn out as the team had hoped, KWU won by a final score of 38-10.

Cox said one of the biggest problems against KWU was that the Bulldogs were not ready to play as a whole team.

"We were too lackadaisical going into the game," Cox said.

The Bulldogs will face Southwestern College Saturday in their first home game of the year.

Stat Leaders		
Bethany v. McPherson		
	BTHNY	MC
First downs	24	22
Total Net Yards	387	483
Rushes-Yards	38-119	40-142

Kansas Wesleyan v. McPherson

	KW	MC
First downs	25	11
Total Net Yards	481	252
Rushes-Yards	65-372	30-26
Passing	109	226
Punt returns	2-2	0-0
Kickoff returns	2-45	7-78
Interceptions-Ret	2-26	3-32
Comp-Att-Int	8-17-3	15-30-2
Punts	3-95	3-104
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-1
Opponent	7 14 7	10-38
McPherson	3 0 7	0-10

First Quarter
KW-Dolan 18 pass from Dallas (McKeon kick)
MC-FG Eason 19

Second Quarter
KW-Washington 1 run (McKeon kick)
KW-Valliere 7 pass from Dallas (McKeon kick)

Third Quarter
KW-Washington 4 run (McKeon kick)
MC-Cox 67 pass from Sunday (Eason kick)

Fourth Quarter
KW-FG McKeon 19
KW-Dallas 47 run (McKeon kick)

Individual MC Stats
Rushing-Moore 19-61, Swindell 1-1
Passing-Sunday 15-28-226, Jones 0-2-0
Receiving-Cox 6-168, Harrison 5-46, Wright 2-12

Passing	268	341
Punt returns	2-7	1-6
Kickoff returns	6-117	5-51
Interceptions-Ret	1-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-40-1	20-31-1
Punts	2-77	2-81
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Opponent	7 14 0	0-21
McPherson	2 14 7	14-37

First Quarter
MC-BTHNY Safety
BTHNY-Dahley 3 run (Torres kick)

Second Quarter
BTHNY-Williams 31 pass from Margres (Torres kick)
MC-Harrison 10 pass from Mascarenas (Eason kick)

BTHNY-Edwards 11 pass from Waggoner (Torres kick)
MC-White 3 run (Eason kick)

Third Quarter
MC-White 17 run (Eason kick)

Fourth Quarter
MC-Harrison 48 pass from Mascarenas (Eason kick)
MC-Harrison 40 pass from Mascarenas (Eason kick)

Individual MC Stats
Rushing-White 15-72, German 11-60, Ezeunwa 5-22
Passing-Mascarenas 19-29-321, White 1-2-20
Receiving-Cox 7-94, Harrison 6-167, Hale 3-30



Chris Ezeunwa, sr., Baker, La., carries the ball against Bethany College on Sept. 13. Ezeunwa finished the game with 22 yards rushing in the season-opening win.

Coaches, players, trainers collaborate in decisions on injuries

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

From peewee soccer to Major League Baseball, athletes in every sport and on every competitive level have to deal with injuries.

During McPherson College's first football game, quarterback Shane Mascarenas, jr., Peoria, Ariz. was sidelined for the rest of the season with a broken leg. Mascarenas obviously needs time to heal and then rehab before he sees anymore playing time, but what about players who suffer less debilitating injuries?

"There are procedures on the evaluation process (of an injury), but then the coach, player and trainer will come up with the final

decision," athletic director and dean of students LaMonte Rothrock said.

When an athlete goes down, the first person to assess the injury is the athletic trainer.

Head athletic trainer Scott Hooker said that the athletic trainers do assessments of every significant injury. After the initial assessment, athletes may be referred to team physicians if the injury warrants that kind of attention. In any case, the athletic training staff, and physicians in some cases, coaches and the student athlete collaborate to make the decision whether the athlete should play.

"We like to offer (the athlete) options," Hooker said. "We don't like sitting

people out."

"Normally, we are going to go with what the trainer says," said head cross country and track coach Dave Smith. "At anything less than 95 percent, it's hard to perform. If you are favoring an injury, you are likely to get another one."

Hooker also said that that the athletic-training staff works hard to gain respect from players and coaches. If the training staff gains respect from the players and coaches, then there will be no question whether an athlete should participate. However, the athletic training staff is ultimately responsible for the safety of the athlete.

"We want to do what is best for the student athlete," Hooker said.

Concussions are an injury that many athletes do not understand the risks of and there is protocol in place when it comes to evaluating head injuries, Hooker added.

"A lot of times players want to play, but ultimately we are responsible, so if the medical staff, the surgeons or doctors say they can't play, they don't play," Rothrock said.

Who makes the decision whether athletes can or cannot play? The athletes themselves, with guidance from coaches and athletic trainers, are able to make the choice whether to play and risk further injury or rest and try to get back to full strength before they put themselves back into harm's way.



Krissa Fuentes, fr., Arvada, Colo. runs past a Bethany College runner on Sept. 20 at the Friends Invitational. Fuentes finished 20th individually.

Intramurals 'kicks off' season

KELLI FOWLDS
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College 2008 intramural season is now underway.

The six-versus-six soccer league started their season Sept. 17, with a heated match between The Big Green and 175g of Pure Pleasure.

With mere seconds left, The Big Green drove the ball into the back of the net to win the game 3-2.

Despite the loss, 175g of Pure Pleasure's Alex Tyler, sr., McPherson, is pumped for the new season.

"We're trying to defend our championship from last year," Tyler said.

In preparation for each game, 175g of Pure Pleasure has found its own way of warming up.

"We play Ultimate to get ready," Tyler said. "Our warm up is with a Frisbee."

The next intramural soccer game will be Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the stadium. The Big Green and 175g of Pure Pleasure will be at it again for round two.

The eight-versus-eight flag football league kicked



Atowine Lamb, jr., Topeka, of The Hot Wet Beavers, snags a pass in front of a Tell Your Sister Thanks defender on Sept. 21, in the first game of the intramural eight-versus-eight flag football league. The Hot Wet Beavers lost by a final score of 61-62.

off its season Sept. 21, as Tell Your Sister Thanks faced The Hot Wet Beavers.

Both teams fought hard the entire afternoon, but

Tell Your Sister Thanks won the game 62-61 after they were able to prevent The Hot Wet Beavers' extra point conversion in the final seconds of the game.

Why do students participate in intramurals?

"I love sports," said Courtney Spangler, fr., Wichita, member of The Hot Wet Beavers.

The next game will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in the stadium.

Unfortunately, there are only two teams that have signed up for each sport.

"I would've liked to see more teams in the league," Tyler said. "My junior year there was like fourteen teams which was nice."

Spangler agreed. "There needs to be a lot more teams," Spangler said.

Luckily, it is not too late to sign up. If anyone is interested in forming either a six-versus-six soccer or eight-versus-eight flag football team, they need to contact Robert Talley, director of intramurals.

However, even with so few teams teams, each sport has started its season with a bang.

"Both games so far have been competitive," Talley said. "(I'm) looking for some quality play and a great experience for all those involved."

Men finish second in season opener

MITCHELL LITTLETON
Spectator Staff

Members of the Bulldog cross country team ran in the first meet of the year at the Friends Invitational on Sept. 20.

Oliver Williams, fr., Salt Lake City, Utah; Brent Bailey, sr., Limon, Colo.; and Shaun Griffin, jr., Inman, placed in the top 10 of the men's 8-kilometer run, capped off by Williams' second place finish. The men finished second over Bethel College and Bethany College, but eight minutes behind the winner, Friends University.

On the women's side, Katie Logan, fr., Clay Center, finished just outside the top 10 in eleventh place.

This race was the first collegiate event for seven freshmen on the team. Freshmen Wil-

iams finished second, David Parry, Morganville, finished 19th; Josh Nilles, Goddard, finished 20th; and Jason Pfoutz, Manville, N.J., finished 29th. The women featured three freshmen athletes. Logan finished eleventh; Kati Beam, McPherson, finished 19th; and Krissa Fuentes, Arvada, Colo., finished 20th.

With a smaller competitive field, it was an easier transition for the freshmen.

"It was a small race with not that many competitors," Nilles said.

Head coach Dave Smith said, "I overall liked our effort, but we left room for improvement in the future weeks."

The next race for the Bulldogs is the Tabor Invitational in Hillsboro on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Club seeking new, active participants

Business Club offers real-world knowledge to all students

LAUREN LARSEN
Spectator Staff

No matter your major, a great resource to have is knowledge of business. McPherson offers this opportunity in the form of the Business Club. The purpose of the Business Club is to give students an idea of what the real world is going to be like and to give students a way to network.

The experiences the Business Club offers "allow both students and sponsors a chance to see how business is always changing and what types of businesses are out there for students to choose from," said Business Club secretary Kim Smith, sr., Milford.

Business club is a very active campus organization. Many times the mem-

"(Business Club) allows both students and sponsors a chance to see how business is always changing..."

- Kim Smith

bers volunteer at fund raising events, such as working in sports' concessions stands.

"A part of the club's activities contribute to either monetary donations or contact information," Smith said.

Individually, when a member volunteers at such an event, in return, they receive points. The points that each member individually racks up helps get them closer to going on

their annual spring trip. The spring trip is always enjoyable for the small group of students that go. They often travel to a metropolitan area in the United States and tour area businesses. In the past, the group has toured Atlanta, Louisville, and Nashville.

While on the trip, the group meets many business owners and tours each of their businesses. During the tours, the club hears about each industry and learns what daily business activities are like for each company.

For more information about Business Club, the next meeting will be Oct. 5. The club hopes to see new faces.

Other important dates are Oct. 17 and Nov. 21. These dates will have speakers that come and talk to the Business Club.

Model T

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tant professor of technology, Joe Dickhudt. "The Model T is such an extraordinary and fun piece of history and what better reason to celebrate than an automobile that has survived 100 years."

Commonly referred to as the "Tin Lizzie," the Model T was the first "working man's" car. Henry Ford was able to mass produce these inexpensive cars, compared to others of the time, with his assembly-line method. This made it possible for the common person to own an automobile instead of just the wealthy.

Along with many other things, the Model T brought huge change to the farm and city life, the tourist industry, family life and even the dating scene.

"The Model T was voted by a panel of historians as the most significant car of the 20th century," said assistant professor of technology, Luke Chennell. "This is a momentous automobile and a momentous occasion."

Everyone is invited to

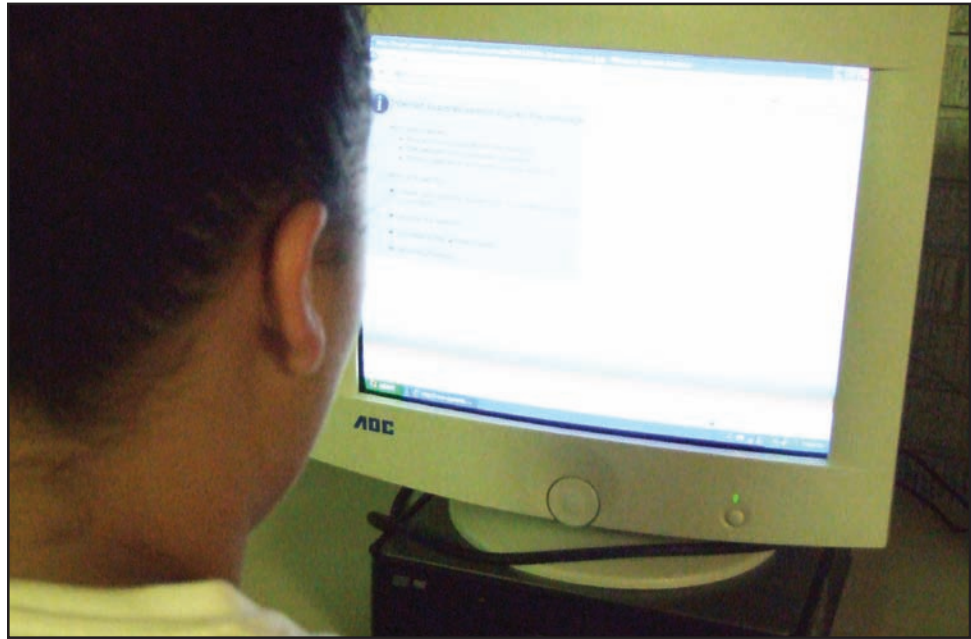


Photo by Benjamin Denton

Internet errors and slow connectivity have been the source of frustration for many students on campus. However, Student Government Association recently voted to take on the \$26,000 expense for increased bandwidth.

SGA adjusts budget to make room for increased bandwidth expense

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Anyone who lives in the dorm has experienced the slow internet connection. Many have complained and now Student Government Association is doing something about the issue.

SGA has come up with a plan that will add more bandwidth to our campus and will hopefully increase the Internet speed.

Bandwidth is the capacity for a system to transfer information over a connection.

Since McPherson had not planned on having this issue, there was no room for the increased bandwidth in the budget. So administration approached SGA and requested it help.

SGA knew this type of change would benefit everybody at McPherson College, so they did not hesitate. However, the bandwidth comes at a high price - more than \$26,000, which leaves

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was going to be affected.

SGA split the budget in this way: 25 percent was subtracted from the initial budget before any other group received money. That amount was put toward the bandwidth. From there, SGA received 60 percent of the remaining and SAB received the remaining 40 percent.

"Now, the students have to realize that because we are improving the internet quality, we are having to cut back on other things as well," said SAB President Megan McKnight, sr., Salina.

However, both SGA and SAB agreed that this would be a good thing for the school now and for future students that plan to attend McPherson College.

"All in all, I believe students will be thankful and benefit from this decision," said SGA president Kelsey Hempe, soph., Wichita. "We had the students in mind upon agreeing to this."

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generously large quantities of alcoholic beverages in one session." The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism defines "binge drinking as consuming five or more drinks in a row for males and four or more in a row for females."

"I was surprised to see the focus of the initiative on the reduction of the legal drinking age without significant information to support such change," said president Ron Hovis. "In Public Policy, when someone calls for change, it is their obligation to make a compelling and persuasive case for change - to define what is wrong with the current situation, to demonstrate the nature and extent of the problem, to define an alternate solution and to provide information to convince others that the alternate solution will produce a better outcome."

Hovis believes the Amethyst Initiative has failed to provide any of this information.

"It is not clear to me how reducing the minimum legal age for alcohol consumption will reduce binge drinking or reduce or maintain the decline in drunk driving deaths that have occurred since the age was raised to 21."

Personal Counselor Kelli Johnson's biggest concern is not necessarily age, but the distance students travel to drink.

"My biggest concern about drinking at McPherson College is

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that there are not bars, there are not clubs, there are not places within town where people can drink safely and responsibly and get back home," Johnson said. "I worry terribly about them driving home afterwards."

Lamonte Rothrock, dean of students, said 17 alcohol-related incidents occurred on campus last year and so far there have been two incidents this year.

"When we find out someone on this campus has been drinking, it's usually because they've caused some sort of a disruption on campus or interfered with somebody's life," Johnson said.

The Amethyst Initiative does not order a certain change in policy, but states that 21 is not working well and that it is time for a serious debate among elected representatives about whether current policies coincide with current realities. The goal of the initiative is to promote moderation and responsibility, as a substitute to the drunkenness and irresponsible choices many college students make.



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