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Some say friendly ghost Don Quixote haunts Brown Auditorium, helping people while they work.

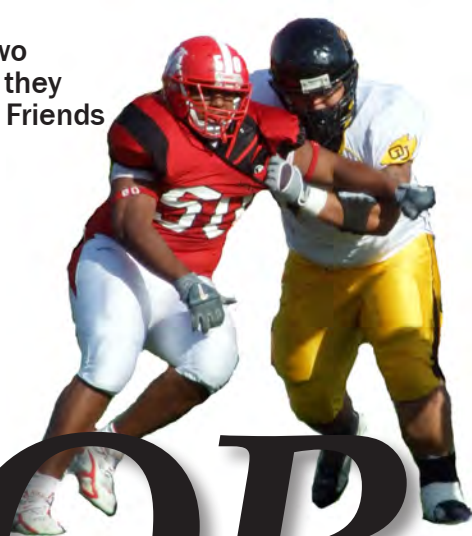
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NEWS BRIEFS

Halloween events to be held today

Today at lunch, the Dining Services will have a Halloween party. There will be a chance to win a prize for the best costume and for the best-decorated pumpkin.

Judging will take place after convo, while lunch is being served. There will be other fun activities for students to do during the lunch period. Lunch will be hamburgers and hot dogs, along with hot apple cider and hot chocolate.

Dotzour Hall will hold trick-or-treating from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Bittinger will host a carnival from 6 to 9 p.m. for the children of the community.

Give life, donate blood Nov. 3-7

The Red Cross blood drive will be held in the small gym on Nov. 10. Sign up for time slots will be in the Student Union during lunch the week of Nov. 3-7.

Tom Hurst, director of campus ministry, hopes the campus will consider donating some "life-giving" blood this year.

Hovis to brief campus Nov. 14

President Hovis will be giving a campus briefing on Nov. 14, at 11:30 a.m. in Mingenback Theatre.

The briefing is open to any faculty, staff and students that would like to attend. He will provide information from the Board of Trustees meeting that will take place on campus next weekend, Nov. 6 to 8.

Mid-term grades available online

Students will no longer receive mid-term grades by mail. Rather, they will be responsible for checking their grades online.

To check mid-term grades, complete the steps below:

1. Go to www.mcpherson.edu/students.
2. Click on "M Portal/LMS" tab.
3. Log in with username and password.
4. Click the "academic services" link.
5. Scroll down to the "view mid-term grade report" link under the "grades" tab.

MOCK ELECTION 2008

Obama wins campus election



photo by Adrielle Harvey

Students vote for their chosen presidential candidate during the Spectator's mock election, held in the Student Union last week.

Obama wins 59 percent of campus votes

AUDREY SECKER
News Editor

A mock election was held in the Student Union on Oct. 17, to see how the campus will vote in the Nov. 4 election.

Only the Democratic candidate Barack Obama and the Republican candidate John McCain were represented on the mock ballot, though Independent candidate Ralph Nader, Libertarian candidate Bob Barr and Green Party candidate Cynthia McKinney will also be on the ballot.

A total of 216 people participated in the mock election - 168 students and 48 staff and faculty.

Of the students that voted, 35 percent consider themselves Democrat, 36 percent consider

themselves Republican and 23 percent consider themselves Independent.

The faculty and staff leaned a little more than the students did, with 35 percent considering themselves Democrat, 42 percent considering themselves Republican and 21 percent considering themselves Independent.

Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, said he is voting for "Obama because he is the better choice."

Of the students that consider themselves Democrat, 93 percent voted for Obama and only seven percent voted against their party for McCain.

"I'm voting for Obama because he helps the middle class a lot more than McCain," said Rod Bar-

let, soph., Elizabethtown, Penn.

Of the students that consider themselves Republican, 82 percent voted for McCain and 18 percent voted for Obama.

"I'm voting for John McCain because I like his experience, his plan to improve the economy and his tax plan to get businesses back up," said Ryan Cobble, jr., Newcastle, Okla. "In my opinion, he knows what he is doing more in the foreign policy field."

The majority of the students that consider themselves Independent voted for Obama at 82 percent and only 18 percent of voted for McCain.

The faculty and staff

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Some question if increased bandwidth has increased speed

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
Spectator Staff

Has the Internet on campus improved?

Dave Gitchell, director of computer services, said yes, "I definitely believe that the bandwidth is better and the connections are much faster than before. SGA's decision to jump to 20Mb was a good one. It provides room for growth of the campus community without having to worry about increasing the bandwidth for another couple of years."

Prior to Student Government Association giving part of their budget to increase the bandwidth to a 20Mb connection, the bandwidth was only 5Mb, separated on three different Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Lines. Each of the three ADSL lines held about a third of the students on campus, sharing three different IP addresses.

With the new bandwidth and the 510 IP addresses Gitchell requested from Cox, around 500 student computers can have their own IP address, which is better for online games, including hosting them, and Internet surfing in general.

"It may not be a tremendous improvement, but with the number of students and the higher technology, I believe the bandwidth has been a good investment for the campus," said SGA president Kelsey Hempe.

Additionally, computer services had to "come up with new equipment that

could handle a 20Mb connection since the previous system wouldn't scale to that speed," Gitchell said. Furthermore, computer services had to "add a new \$20K bandwidth shaper so that traffic could be prioritized to give Web traffic priority over, for instance, file downloads, to keep the Web browser response time quick even when several people are doing massive downloads."

While computer services is working hard to make our connection better, Gitchell does say that, "we're still not finished adapting to the new system."

He also adds that if any students have computer or Internet problems, he wants to know about them.

"I check my e-mail from wherever I am and fix problems even late at night," Gitchell said.

Also, for those using a wireless connection, only about 11Mb is available, instead of the full 20Mb connection. This could be some of the reason the Internet might not work right or be slow, especially if using a weak signal.

Some students are very appreciative of the change.

"I think it's really cool," said Kelsie Patrick soph., Elizabeth, Colo. "I get frustrated if I can't get on the Internet or it's slow."

Other students aren't sure yet.

"The bandwidth is a little better, but not worth the \$26,000 SGA spent for it," said Ryan Cobble, jr., Newcastle, Okla.

Unstable economy, banking crisis complicate college loans

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

Due to several banks that have quit making student loans, some McPherson students may have recently had to choose a new lender.

These same students have had to complete new master promissory notes, wait for loan approval and wait for a delayed disbursement of loan money.

Others, who have not had to pick new lenders, may have noticed a charge caused by insurance and origination fees that haven't been imposed in the past. Still others have to meet tighter loan eligibility criteria such as higher credit score requirements and more co-signers.

Travis Eason, soph., ulsa, Okla., was forced to switch his lender from Citibank to Bank of America. He is concerned that interest rates will be different.

"I'm worried about it

because my parents are my financial support and I don't want my dad to get stuck with something," Eason said, "and I had to go to Bank of America and fill out all this paperwork."

Eason is trying to look at the positive side of having to switch lenders. He decided to do all his banking with Bank of America.

"My bank that I use at home, there's no ATM here for it, so now that I have Bank of America, I don't have to pay ATM fees," Eason said.

Two major situations caused the upheaval in the banking system, said Steve Frick, director of financial aid.

"One goes clear back about over two years ago," Frick said. "There was an investigation into private loans, but for what I would say were political reasons, it was not made clear that was where the problem was and so congress passed some legisla-

tion that cut subsidies for the loans that the banks were giving so quite a few of them just quit doing it."

Secondly, Frick said other banks quit making loans because not as many funds were available.

Though it could be difficult to tell anytime soon if the recent bailout will have a positive impact on the banking systems, its purpose is "intended to loosen lending between banks, which in turn should loosen lending practices to individuals, small businesses and corporations," said business manager Shane Netherton.

Frick said the bailout may have an "indirect effect."

"If there's more money in the system, there should be more money available for these types of loans," Frick said.

Netherton said the severity of complications really depends on the students and their families' finan-

WHAT SHOULD STUDENTS DO?

- Contact lenders to help push loans through processing.
- Check billing statement for unexpected balance, which may be result of guarantee or origination fees.
- Contact financial aid or business office to find out amount of funding needed for spring 2009.
- Develop plan to pay your bill in January.
- Complete FAFSA as early as possible (February or March).
- Confirm that 2008-09 account balance will be zero for academic year.
- Get pre-qualified for private or parent loans, prior to June.
- Obtain employment for the summer and save money for college expenses.

cial situations. He said students with Stafford loans should be able to acquire another such loan, but those who have borrowed private loans may experience more challenges due to the heightened criteria.

Despite the complications caused by lenders pulling out, Frick said students should not have any

major problems in trying to take out a loan. But they may have to look around more and begin looking sooner.

On a bigger scale, other institutions have had the same experiences as McPherson College. According to a September

Please see Loans, page 8

LEAD EDITORIAL

Staff majority to vote for Obama

Election Day is coming fast. We hope that students took it upon themselves to go out and get registered to vote if they were not already registered. This is an election that will make history. We are going to have a black president or a female vice-president. This is huge! There is no reason for someone not to be part of this history-making event.

ISSUE 1:
Election Day is approaching.
OUR POSITION:
Vote for Barack Obama.

We would like to take it upon ourselves to endorse the candidate that the majority of the staff is going to vote for. Barack Obama is for change. We agree. It's time for change and that time is now upon us.

Obama is going to provide a tax cut for working families. Obama will provide the 95 percent of the working Americans the tax relief they need by creating the "Making Work Pay" tax credit of up to \$500 a person or \$1000 per working family.

Obama is also fighting for fair trade between foreign markets so they can support good jobs for the people of America by using trade agreements to make better labor and to help higher the environmental standards around the world by investing in a clean energy economy to create around 5 million new green jobs.

In education, Obama plans to reform the No Child Left Behind act to stop focusing on standardized testing and allow the teachers to focus on preparing their students to succeed in college. Also, he plans to make a tax credit of \$4000 for college in exchange for community service. Students will get help for college and also learn the benefits of community service. Obama wants to recruit, prepare, retain and reward teachers for educating the future of America.

Obama will take a stand against employment discrimination, strengthen civil rights enforcement and expand hate crime protection by passing the Matthew Shepard Act. Women will receive equal pay for equal work just as men do. Obama wants racial profiling to come to an end and will work to see that done.

These are just some examples that we believe are huge problems in our country and are things that need to be changed. Obama is the answer. He is here to change the nation and to make it a better place for the future and for us.

Think that one vote/ doesn't matter? In 2000, 537 people decided the last election. That's a tiny amount in comparison to how many people live in the United States. Still think that one vote doesn't matter? Trust us, it does. Please. Vote. Go make sure this change happens.

Not Necessarily Ordinary



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear SGA,

As you have repeatedly fundamentally ignored my numerous private inquiries, I write in hopes that a public one might end your seeming slumber.

Like I have explained, I along with many of my fellow students, have voiced our rigorous desire for the inclusion of majors on graduation diplomas.

Our reasoning for this request is wide-ranging. Chief among rationale is the simple fact that a core reason for acquiring a tertiary education is the completion of a major, a principle academic interest upon which study is focused. It hence makes more than logical sense for the core document reflecting our educational experience to include this college aspect.

Whether it is a child going through his parent's old files or a client walking into the same alumnus' office, looking at a diploma instantly invokes the question, "What did you study?" The absence leaves a more than uncertain impression.

Furthermore, extra work put in by a student to diversify primary foci by double-majoring, etc. currently is tossed aside as insignificant. These efforts should be recognized.

The better question we all should be asking, seeing such clear reasoning is instead, "Why haven't majors yet been added to diplomas?"

Having received no response as of yet, I can only go off of what I have heard second hand.

The principal reason relayed to me is that it will cause more clerical work and cost more money by forcing a conversion to a larger diploma size. Though not even meriting a substantial response,

refutation is simple. More work can be done and policies adjusted as needed. Diploma size can be increased and costs elsewhere cut or charged. Surely the core tangible object taken away by students for \$80k can cost a dollar more. Minor nuisances are not valid barriers to change.

Additionally, the old slippery slope argument has been thrown into play regarding emphases and minors coming next. Though I honestly would not be opposed to these aspects, the fact is that a major is required to graduate. It is essential. Anything more, though nice, is an entirely separate issue.

The only other grape-vine response I have been privy to is that as a liberal arts school, majors do not really matter. As stated, majors do matter. You cannot graduate without one.

There are no bachelors of liberal studies. We are career-oriented, not simply liberal arts. In whole, breadth can be explained far easier than focus when gazing at a diploma. "McPherson College" speaks for itself and denotes diversity for all graduates.

Let the presence of a major speak for the individual student.

May SGA, the educational policies committee, the provost or any other pertinent power please adequately address this issue.

Much love from the (lesser-known) land down under,

Eric A. Sader

Concerned Constituent

Rally pumps up Democratic supporters in Vegas

In a high school atrium in Las Vegas, Nev., the heat swelled as a crowd gathered. Packed tightly in a makeshift outdoor lobby, people smashed together to get closer to a podium on a small stage that sported a bold red, white and blue sign reading, "Change we need."

People of every color and age, every religion and economic background waited patiently in the open space, under a bright October sky.

I had the privilege to hear former President Bill Clinton speak on Oct. 19, at a rally promoting Barack Obama to be our country's next leader. He took off his jacket as he spoke, jokingly complain-

JILLIAN SAYS



Jillian Overstake

ing of the heat in the atrium before having a conversation with the crowd about Senator Obama's campaign. He noticed the diversity and energy, as did everyone else. He told us this country needs help and the only man to pull

us out of our dark hole is Barack Obama.

Clinton explained the election as if the American people were interviewing someone for the job. Who would we hire after that interview? We are the best employers in the world and the President will be our new go-to guy.

"I don't think its close on who we ought to hire," he said.

Praising Obama on issues such as health care and the current economic crisis, it became clear what was important to the people in the crowd. The policies that Obama are endorsing hit home. We need better health care, tax reform, economic policies and change.

As Clinton spoke, signs given out by campaign workers were hoisted in the air. They read, "Change we can believe in." People taking pictures and the old man with the tape recorder were in the same boat. Every individual in the crowd collectively called for one thing - change.

We are able to hire the most capable leader our nation has seen in decades. Seize this moment to change America for the better. Change we can believe in is not just a slogan. It means we can believe in America again. It means we as Americans can change the course of history and our nation's future. Elect Barack Obama on Nov. 4.

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Good Dog



Bad Dog

Dorms decorating for Halloween and people who dress up for Halloween.

The Internet becoming faster and faster!

Ask, Tell.

The fake spider in Beeghly bathroom isn't cool when you are arachnophobic!

People thinking you are too old to go trick-or-treating.

Parking in parking lots where you don't even live . . .

CHEW ON THIS

"I think the worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades . . . or a game of fake heart attack."

-Demetri Martin

"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up."

-Jesse Jackson

SHOUT IT OUT!

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

Why is there no parking on Friday? Oh yeah, there is stupid high school football!

Bad roommate!

Leave the caf radio ALONE!

Go to your room!!!

It's almost over!

Did they make them dance in the dark so we wouldn't see how bad they were?

Everyone should rock out.

Food sucks!

Just because I work in the cafeteria doesn't make me your mother. Please clean up after yourself!

I hate lines.

Girls . . . the "poof" is out!

McPherson, Kansas: get over interracial relationships.

Hair in the food. Ewww gross.

Some college students consider a car as an option of a place to make love. Auto Rats consider a car as an option of an object to make love to.

Fist me!

Talk is cheap

Hey . . . I love ya!

Why have a boot or crutches when you can have both!

The hot list needs to return.

GO VOTE NOV. 4th!

Pumpkins rule!

There are a lot of people with questionable, ostentatious sexual behavior on this campus.

If you don't have the balls to say it to someone's face, don't say it on here.

Halloween brings out the blood

What is it about horror movies that draws people to watch them?

"It's Halloween, that means it must be Saw."

Okay, we all know what that's from, the infamous Saw horror movies. For the past five years, the creators of this movie have been treating us to a new movie for each Halloween.

Someone who has watched these films could see limbs being torn apart by chains, eyeballs being gouged out to find a key, a man's head being smashed between two blocks of ice or more recently, being killed by a homemade bomb full of rusty nails.

Okay, honestly, did that sound interesting? It probably did, but it really shouldn't.

Why are we so obsessed

MEGAN'S CORNER



Megan McKnight

with horror films? Numerous movies have been made about Freddy Krueger, Jason, Michael Myers and Hannibal Lector. And even though a new one of these movies keeps popping up every year, we

still keep going.

And classics aside, there are even worse movies out there such as "The Devil's Rejects", "The Hills Have Eyes" and "Touristas." And yes, unfortunately I have seen all three.

Does this mean that some of us have a distorted sense of reality? That there must be some sort of outlet or relief we get from watching these twisted horror flicks? Some might answer yes, but I'm thinking probably not.

Scary movies are kind of like a drug. I have these strange urges to continue to see them, but I know they're pure filth and I often leave the theater wondering what the hell I just saw.

So why do we keep seeing these movies? I have a good grip on reality and I know most of us don't think about running around with a chainsaw and slicing through everyone in sight.

I think scary movies fascinate us, because for a lot of people, hopefully, they have not had to confront a deranged, psychopathic killer.

It's an unknown territory that makes us wonder why these people function the way they do. Being a psychology major, I often wonder what could have caused someone to become a killer.

Creepy flicks can make us appreciate the good things in our lives. Soci-

ety tells us that murder is wrong and even though we see these movies, we still know in our minds that we should root for the good guy in the end.

These movies offer us something that we don't get from other places in our lives. They trigger our adrenaline and make us feel good when the bad guy finally dies.

Although the movies are disturbing and gruesome, they provide a sense of justice at the final scene when good conquers evil.

So why do we love scary movies? Who knows. But I know that when Saw VI comes out, I'll probably be sitting in the theater wondering why the hell I'm there, again.

Recession eroding student loans fast

The economic downturn is no longer news to most Americans. Suffice it to say that attempting to explain the processes of the American market would be rather daunting.

Instead, I have an only slightly less daunting task: to explain in just 400 words the piece of the economy which may matter most to you - student loans.

What matters to you is the dwindling willingness of banks to lend money and the dwindling stockpile of liquid assets which they have at their disposal.

Steps being taken by the federal government include the recent \$700 bil-

BRIAN TALKS



Brian York

lion Financial Rescue Bill, the one-year extension of a student loan liquidity bill into 2010 and the willingness of the Department of Education to loan directly to students.

The rescue package is designed to calm nervous bankers, investors and creditors. This historic infusion of tax dollars will be used not only to insure troubled "toxic" assets, but also to purchase stock and inject money back into the lending industry.

There already exists some evidence that this initiative has the potential of accomplishing the goal of increasing credit liquidity.

It is hoped that this will encourage lending of all sorts, including student loans.

Congress recently joined together in nonpartisan union to pass an extension to a bill that allows the

Department of Education to establish solutions to the credit crunch issues affecting student loans. The Bill also has a provision that allows for the increase of the amount of unsubsidized loans. A subsidy is a government guarantee of repayment.

However, the "big picture" is not so cheery. Though the extension of the Student Loan Act does allow for increased unsubsidized loans, it conveniently ignores such issues as the \$1.6 billion lost last quarter by Sallie Mae, the largest lender of student loans, and the damaging effect this has on its ability to provide loans that the government will not

guarantee. Similarly just last year, with the impending recession in sight, the government significantly cut its subsidies, a move which led to increased defaults on student loans and diminished willingness of lenders to lend.

Many of the actions taking place are signs of good faith, at best. The clear skies of easy credit are gone.

The fact is that in the last six months alone, 60 percent of private lenders for student loans have gone out of business, and with no end to the recession in sight, students, like all Americans, could be facing dark clouds on the horizon.

Dining service serves students inside and outside cafeteria

They know your name. They smile and say hello to you everyday. They even take part in campus events. They are the all-new cafeteria staff from Creative Dining Services and they are wonderful!

To walk into the cafeteria and be personally greeted by name and with a smile, typically from the dining room supervisor Mary Ruxlow, is a good start to any meal. Then, to make it better, the servers behind the counter like Pat

MY TWO CENTS



Tabetha Salsbury

Oswald and Karen Fowler are always smiling, ready to dish up whatever you want from the menu. It still is not a home-cooked meal but for serving nearly 500 students three times a day, the meals are pretty darn good!

If you ever have a spare moment while in the cafeteria, take the time to observe the staff and notice that they work. Most of them, especially during the morning and day, are on a constant go, keeping

tables clean, the salad bar full and anything else that needs to be done.

I have also noticed the staff is not only on a constant go during rush hours; they are constantly doing something in between these times. I have frequently seen them moving all of the tables and chairs to thoroughly clean the carpet and always trying to improve the serving system.

When they are not hustling around the cafe, the

staff takes part in campus activities. I was very impressed and amazed when I saw staff members at Lakeside Park this past Sunday for the band concert and then saw them right back here at school serving us dinner.

I know the next time I walk into the cafeteria, I will once again be treated as a friend. The crew from Creative Dining are not here just for a job. They are here to be a part of McPherson College.

On the Fly

What is your favorite Halloween costume you've ever worn?



"Bumblebee or the Tooth Fairy."

Rachel Arnold Jr., Valley Falls



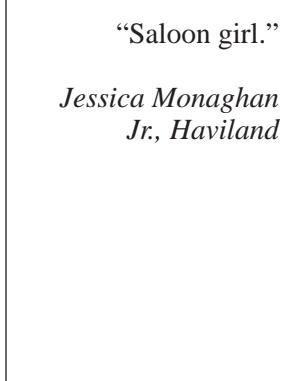
"I don't celebrate Halloween."

Nyle Billings Jr., Enid, Okla.



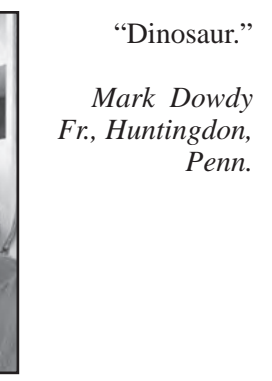
"Simba."

Brittany Dewald Fr., Aurora, Colo.



"Saloon girl."

Jessica Monaghan Jr., Haviland



"Dinosaur."

Mark Dowdy Fr., Huntingdon, Penn.



"Batman."

Scotty Moore Soph., Catoosa, Okla.



If you don't have the balls to say it to someone's face, don't say it on here.

HALO sponsors 1st annual Halloween-themed dance



Photo Contributed

Students dance the night away while decked out in Halloween costumes for the first ever HALO Halloween dance.

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

For some time, McPherson College hasn't seen a dance put on, until the Hispanic Awareness Leadership Organization decided to take on the task.

The Halloween-themed dance was scheduled for Oct. 23, from 9:30 p.m. to midnight, with a "come by anytime" type of atmosphere.

Coming in a costume with another person granted one entrance into the dance at a price of 2-for-1.

If coming with a date was not the student's style,

the entrance fee to get into the dance was \$2.

"I thought HALO did excellent at creating a dance. I thoroughly enjoyed myself, and had a blast!" said Jenni Birdsall, soph., Lansing.

People who came to the dance were treated to a live disc jockey, snacks and were entered into contests if they were wearing costumes.

"(The dance) went really well and we're looking forward to organizing another one in the future," said HALO advisor Ocie Kilgus.

Ashley Noll, jr., Atchison, said

"I loved the dance. There were a lot more people there than I thought there was going to be and it was fun seeing everybody's costumes."

The funds that HALO collected from the entrance fees will be added to the scholarship fund that will help aid one Hispanic senior who will enroll at McPherson upon completion of high school. The group feels strongly about the importance of reaching out to the Hispanic community.

HALO also wants students to know that it is not too late to join and extends an ongoing invitation to

any student who is wanting to actively participate in the club. HALO also wants students to join or help support the group if they want to get involved in the local Hispanic community, reach out to Hispanic youth in the public school system or to help organize activities that promote Hispanic culture and pride.

"I hope people enjoyed themselves at this dance because I know there were a lot of people who put in hours of work to make this something that people would want to go to," said Melisa Grandison, soph., Quinter.

GET YO GRUB ON



Class project hosts food drive

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

"Get Yo Grub On" is a campus-based food drive focused on the welfare of the community during the holiday seasons. It is an opportunity for students of McPherson College to give back to the community. All proceeds will be donated to the McPherson County Food Bank.

"This year I wanted students to have a hands-on experience of taking a project from start to finish," said Connie Kramer, assistant professor of business. "It didn't take the class long to realize they couldn't do the proj-

ect without using the processes we covered in class prior to deciding upon a project."

Heading the project are members of Kramer's Project Management and Business Operations class.

"We chose to do this as a class project to help us better understand project management as a whole from start to finish," said Laura Hoelscher, sr., Bushton.

The project has a beginning date and an ending date and there are specific processes to follow to ensure a successful project. Jonathan Norloff, sr., Westminster, Colo., is the

project's team leader.

This is the first year the project management class has conducted a food drive, but the class would like it to turn into an annual project. The Project Impact donation boxes are located in Mohler Hall, Hoffman Student Union and all of the dorms.

"Providing a service to McPherson makes me happy," said Mark Johnson, sr., Healy.

"Project Impact: Get Yo Grub On" runs through Nov. 21. The project team's goal is to supply food for the 125 families that depend on the Kansas Food Bank for supplemental foods.

"Our class has high expectations for this project and we hope to see professors, students and clubs all getting involved," said Amy Parnell, sr., Liberal.

So far the class has collected a multitude of food for their hungry recipients. In fact, Mason Adams, sr., Bonham, Texas, jokingly said, "Meanwhile, back at the ranch, everyone was happy because they had all given at least one canned good per person."

The Hot Spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER, KRISTEN SCHENK.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



Q What is your role at McPherson College?

which is the Bible.

A I'm the human resource manager.

Q What is your favorite TV show?

A "The Amazing Race" or "The Office."

Q What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

Q Who is your favorite musical artist?

A I had to get up and sing in front of a large crowd, which is my biggest fear practically, and I'm not a good singer.

A Katie Chastain because she's one of my good friends.

Q What political issue do you feel most strongly about?

Q What are some of your hobbies?

A Health care, probably because it affects every single person and I think the prices are getting out of control right now, so something needs to be done. I don't have the solution.

A I love to travel, I also run and I like to do crafts.

Q What is your marital status?

A Married.

Q If you could be any shape, what shape would you be? Why?

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

A A triangle because they're a little odd.

A The best piece I got while I was in college was work hard and play hard.

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

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

A I drive a Toyota Corolla and that says I'm cheap and I know nothing about cars.

A I would be Tiger Woods just to see what it would be like to be that amazing at something, at a sport, to be athletic and it might be nice to have his house.

Q What would you like to be when you grow up?

Q Patrick Dempsey or Brad Pitt?

A Someday, I would like to be a college professor after I get some experience in the business world or a photographer.

A Brad Pitt.

Q What is something your parents told you as a child that you now think is not so bad?

Q What is your favorite Book?

A I am going to go with the one I read the most,

A Eat your vegetables.

REVIEW IT!

By BENJAMIN DENTON
Photography Editor

I recently had the chance to go to the theater and watch "Saw V." In my opinion, "Saw V," which made \$30.5 mil-

lion in the box office the first week, needs to be the last of the Saw movies. I know there will be people who disagree with me, but seriously, enough is enough.

However, contrary to opinions, there will be another movie. In fact, there have been rumors of up to ten more mov-

ies. Personally, I think that is unacceptable. The story line can only go so far, and there are only so many ways a person can kill himself.

The ending of the movie leaves people wondering about the end, which in turn will cause fans to come back and see the next one.



Play to portray life in the not so good good ol' days

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

Do you think that life today is hard?

Well just imagine living in the "quilting days" where food was cooked over a fire and clothing was made by hand.

For seven students, not only have they learned about this lifestyle, but they will be portraying it to an audience in the college's upcoming theater production of "Quilters."

With music and lyrics written by Barbara Damashek and a book written by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek, "Quilters" is a story about a pioneer woman and her daughters.

The music and storytelling of this musical depict life as it was for these



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Rebecca Grosbach, jr., Enders, Neb., and Lidia Labra, jr., Scott City, rehearse a scene from "Quilters," the all-female musical that will portray the struggles of pioneer wom-

women, telling about their joys, fears, laughter and tears that the frontier life brings.

Through the use of quilt blocks, the stories are

formed together to show life as a whole and to give the audience a true picture of pioneer life.

The action depicts the lot of women on the fron-

tier - girlhood, marriage, childbirth, sisterhood, twisters, afire, illness and death. But with this there is also love, warmth, rich and lively humor, and the

RESERVATIONS

"Quilters" will be shown Nov. 6, 7, 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. For reservations, call (620) 242-0444 or e-mail theatre@mcpherson.edu. Students, faculty and staff are free, adults are \$5 and senior citizens \$3.50.

moving spectacle of simple human dignity and steadfastness in the face of adversity.

Despite the college's love of this show, seeing as it has been performed four times in the past 21 years, audiences are still drawn to the breathtaking and theatrical masterpiece of this show.

The women in this show have worked hard to accurately portray these women to the best of their abilities. Actresses Kelsey Gray, soph., Golden, Co, Jessica Arnold, sr., La

Cygne, Rebecca Grosbach, jr., Enders, Neb., Lidia Labra, jr., Scott City, Kelsey Leiker, sr., Goodland, Mona Hale, fr., McPherson, and Adriana Dreier, fr., Newton.

Don't miss the opportunity to see a show pieced together to represent pioneer life as it was during these unique and rough times, and whose outcome may leave any audience member with the theatrical memory of this timely story even after the house lights have dimmed.

Five students participate in unique service project

M-2 program matches students with Hutchinson Correctional Facility inmates

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

Community Service has always been a large part of the McPherson College lifestyle, but for a small group of students, community service has taken on a whole new meaning.

The M-2 Prison Project is a volunteer visitation session between one incarcerated person and one volunteer from the outside. Anyone over the age of 19 is eligible to participate in the program and while there are a number of older persons in the program, college students are more rapidly jumping on the bandwagon.

"M-2" stands for "Match Two" and in the case of college students, it means there are two students for every inmate. Many older couples also take this opportunity to visit an in-

mate together.

Courtney Spangler, fr., Wichita, and Robby Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa, visit an inmate together.

"I really like the M-2 program," Spangler said. "We just had our first visit and our friend is really cool. I am looking forward to working with him."

Tobias said the program is interesting.

"I didn't think it would be like this," Tobias said. "I definitely enjoy it."

M-2 was started in 1973 by Offender/ Victim Ministries in Newton. A group of people read about the M-2 idea and approached the founder of the program about beginning their own program. M-2 has operated faithfully at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility ever since.

"In addition to developing social skills through these relationships with

inmates who don't get visits, it is our intention, through friendship, to give these inmates affirmation and encouragement to that which is commendable within each of them," said Gary Issac, director of prison ministries.

The inmates do not have the ability to practice their communication skills on a regular basis, therefore this program is important for inmates to develop their interpersonal skills prior to leaving the prison system.

Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of modern languages: Spanish, says "The women and men with whom I visited not only talked openly, but did so without seeming boastful, defensive or self-serving."

Kilgus heads up the M-2 program for McPherson College.



photo contributed

L-R: Mira Coulter, jr., Wakita, Okla.; Courtney Spangler, fr., Wichita; Melisa Grandison, soph., Quinter, and Robby Tobias, Conrad are four of the five student volunteers working with the inmates. Brian Zale is not pictured.

"I feel that the incarcerated person's ease of expression and sincerity of emotion were much closer to the ideal of human communication than one may

think would exist in an institutionalized system of rehabilitation," Kilgus said.

The program has roughly 125 volunteers from the

surrounding Hutchinson area. Three colleges participate in the program: Bethel with nine students, Hesston with eight and McPherson with five.



Photo Illustration by Benjamin Denton

Ghosts haunt Brown Auditorium or so some say

KATIE DOFFING
Spectator Staff

She fell off the scaffolding and was about to hit the ground when she was suddenly saved by... a ghost. Yes a ghost. Don Quixote to be quite exact.

This is just one of the many things he has been known to do. One can find him turning on and off lights, as well as CD players and many other things. He is supposedly a really friendly ghost, kind of like Casper.

"I have heard a lot of students make up things about Don, but they are things that he wouldn't really do, so I'm not sure what the current understanding of him is," said Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of theater.

Although many on campus have not heard

about this ghost, it is believed to have shown up in the early 1980s. He only "haunts" the new addition of Brown Auditorium.

But why is he here? There is no understood explanation, but many have their own ideas. Some think that he came here to help out with deadlines and protect the theater crew.

Others think he is the ghost of some theater major from the past coming back to relive his memories. Although there are many different rumors, there is no exact understanding.

Don Quixote's name is actually pronounced Don Quick Sote, unlike the book. A foreign exchange student thought the name would sound more American if it were pronounced this way. It

is rumored that he did not receive his name until the '90s.

Only about one-third of Americans actually believe in ghosts, according to a Halloween poll by The Associated Press and Ipsos in October 2007. After talking to many students around campus, these statistics seem to hold true for the population of McPherson College.

"I believe in ghosts because they remind me of wandering spirits," said Tyler Stevenson, fr., Broken Arrow, Okla. "They seem believable in that aspect because some people seem to do the same. But when it comes to actual ghosts that haunt and are out to get and scare people, I don't think they are real. I guess I believe more in spirits than ghosts."

Library hosts open house

AMY ZIEGLER
Spectator Staff

Miller Library hosted an open house nearly a month ago, sponsored by Connie Kramer's advertising class. The class did a lot of research and found things it believed the students of McPherson College would enjoy.

"We wanted to get students in who might not come otherwise, and when they come, they find that the library is a warm and inviting place," said Susan Taylor, college librarian. "Our primary function is to provide resources."

The library hosted a night of games, a "seek-and-find" and a large puzzle.

"The game night highlights our ability to provide other sources of entertainment," Taylor said. "The students have a good time and a good time playing the games. The puzzle is up all the time because it works well and is a nice break from studying for people."

The advertising class had many ideas for another open house and finally decided to go with a Halloween-themed event. At the Halloween open house, the movie "The Strangers" was shown. Students that attended the

Halloween open house won prizes that included a free movie rental from Elite Movie, a \$10 gift card to The Cake Lady and two \$20 Montana Mike's gift cards.

The class asked for help from the faculty to sponsor each event and the class laid out guidelines for each sponsor so they would have fun with each open house.

"The enthusiasm of the class has been impressive, as well as their ideas for these events," Taylor said.

The overall goal of these open houses is to allow students to get in and explore the library. And due to the advertising class' project, the library now has more incentive for students to come visit.

Each time students use

the library, they can enter themselves to win small prizes, as well as two large drawings. The first large drawing, which will take place at the end of the semester, will be for \$50 cash. The second drawing will occur at the end of second semester and will be for a \$200 cash prize.

"I like all the prizes that they give away and I really want to win the \$200 prize," said Amanda Larsen, jr., Fort Scott.

The other fun things that students can take advantage of are the whiteboard tables and the viewing room.

"We've noticed that students that came have started using our new resources and it has been effective to show what is in the library," Taylor said.

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Williams, runners aspire to qualify for nationals

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

The Bulldogs will be running to prevent their season from coming to an end.

The seventh and final meet for some of the Bulldog cross country runners will be the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships on Nov. 8. However, if the men's team qualifies by finishing first or any of the men or women runners finish in the top five individually, they will advance to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Championships in Kenosha, Wis., on Nov. 22.

The Bulldog men as a team have a chance of qualifying for the National Championships, but head coach Dave Smith said, "I think it would be a very slim shot."

He went on to say that the Bulldog men were more likely to be fighting for a tightly contested race between the teams finishing second through fifth.

However, there is one Bulldog who is sitting in a very good position to qualify individually for the NAIA National Championships. Oliver Williams, fr., Salt Lake City, Utah, had the second best time, 27 minutes, 15 seconds, of all KCAC runners in the Southwestern NAIA Mid-States Classic.

"On paper, he should qualify," Smith said.

The women can only qualify for the National Championships individually, as they do not have a full team of five competitors.

"(I) just wish we had a full team," said Kati Beam, fr., McPherson.

Coach Smith said that to him, it was not so much

frustrating that the women did not have full team, as much as it is not as fun.

"I've been really happy with the way they have been working as individuals and the way they are improving," Smith said.

In their most recent meet, the Southwestern NAIA Mid-States Classic, the Bulldog runners all posted season best times. Shaun Griffin, jr., Inman, posted his personal best 5-kilometer time of 17:01.3 on the course.

"We just had a good recovery over fall break," Griffin said.

The McPherson men finished 14th of 20 teams at the meet.

The Bulldogs competed in the Butler Community College Ollie Isum Invite on Oct. 17. Williams was the top finisher for the Bulldogs, placing tenth overall. Katie Logan, fr., Clay Center, was the top



Photo by Tabettha Surveyor

Katie Logan, fr., Clay Center, keeps pace with the leaders in the Butler Community College Ollie Isum Invitational. Logan finished first for the Bulldogs and 15th overall, with a time of 16:37.9 on the 4-kilometer course.

finisher for the women, placing 15th individually. The men placed fourth of seven teams.

In the McPherson In-

with a time of 28:10.7. Bulldog men finished first, edging out Tabor College for the victory. Williams finished first individually,

Brent Bailey, sr., Limon, Colo., finished second overall for the Bulldogs, posting a time of 29:36.6.

Men on hot streak to begin KCAC play



Photo by Kaylin Cooper

Preston Davis, fr., Erie, Colo., dribbles the ball between Friends University defenders on Oct. 18. The Bulldogs picked up a 1-0 win against the Falcons on senior night.

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

Could this be the year the men's soccer team wins the KCAC title?

Judging by their record alone, you would not think so. The Bulldogs are a mere one game over a .500 winning percentage and at one point in

the season had three more losses than wins. However, the Bulldogs did something that has never been done in the eighteen years of the men's soccer program. They beat the University of Saint Mary at Leavenworth. Also, they boast a four-game winning streak going into tomorrow's game

against Bethany College at Lindsborg, the second longest winning streak in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Head coach Doug Quint believes the team is playing its best at the right time.

"We are starting to play really well," Quint said. "We have these guys really healthy."

The Bulldogs have struggled with injuries all season. Eight of their starting 11 players have been sidelined at one time during the season. Now, the Bulldogs have 10 of their 11 starters playing. However, Eduardo Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas, is out for the rest of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

"We are starting to establish consistency," Quint said.

The Bulldogs lost to the top team in the KCAC, Kansas Wesleyan University, 0-4, on Oct. 11. They then played against Bethel College on Oct. 15, and again lost with a final score of 0-1. At this point, the Bulldogs had a record of 1-2-1 in the KCAC and an overall record of 4-7-1. They had won only one game in the seven they played from Sept. 20 to Oct. 15. Quint said they really started to play well after the Wesleyan loss and it was more unluckiness against Bethel that caused them to lose.

Then, on Oct. 18, against Friends Univer-

sity on senior night, the Bulldogs came up a 1-0 victory, only their second victory in almost a month. Armando Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas, scored the go ahead goal with less than five minutes left in the game. They followed this victory with another against Southwestern College, 2-0, on Oct. 22, with goals from Jose Rodriguez, sr., Dallas, Texas, and Calin Strong, soph., Manhattan, both assisted by Armando Rodriguez.

"Defensively, we've been amazing the last two games," said Quint on Oct. 24, about the Friends and Southwestern games.

The Bulldogs then defeated the University of Saint Mary on Oct. 26, by a final score of 3-0. Strong provided one goal and Armando Rodriguez provided the subsequent goals in the victory.

The men never trailed on Wednesday night against Sterling College in their 2-1 victory. Armando Rodriguez scored the first goal for the Bulldogs to take a 1-0 lead. Then the Warriors answered in the second period with a goal of their own. Jose Rodriguez provided the winning goal shortly after. This victory improves the team's record to 8-7-1, 5-2-1 in the KCAC.

The Bulldogs will play their final regular season game against the last place Bethany College on Saturday in Lindsborg at 8 p.m.



Photo by Kaylin Cooper

Lauryn Morris, sr., Mulvane, handles the ball against a Friends University defender on Senior Night. The Bulldogs ended the game in a 0-0 tie against the Falcons.

Women up, down in homestretch

KELSEY GRAY
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs continue to win in close contests during this last stretch of the regular season.

The Bulldogs were defeated in a tightly contested match by Kansas Wesleyan University in overtime with a final score of 1-2 on Oct. 11.

The Bulldogs then got back on the winning track against Bethel College, 2-1, on Oct. 15. The Bulldogs were again taken into overtime on Oct. 18, by Friends University on senior night, but this time the game ended in a 0-0 tie.

The women picked up another win versus Southwestern College, 1-0 on Oct. 22. They then picked up a second win, 2-0, in a row against the University of Saint Mary at Leavenworth on Oct. 26.

The Bulldogs fell to Sterling College 0-1 on Oct. 29.

"It was just one of those

games," Whitney Williams, jr., Salt Lake City, Utah. "I don't know how many times we hit the post. It just wouldn't fall in that night."

The Bulldogs currently have a record of 8-5-3 and 4-3-1 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. They are sitting in third place in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

During the University of Saint Mary game, Haley Cook, soph., Centennial, Colo., broke the women's school record for most points, 68, scored in a career. She also holds the record for the most goals with 30.

"In order to do well in post season, our team will have to pull together and get over personal obstacles players have," said Colleen Brennan, soph., Topeka.

The Bulldogs will face Bethany College tomorrow in Lindsborg at 11 a.m. in the final game of the regular season before the KCAC tournament.

On the rebound

Basketball team has new coach, young players

LETERIUS RAY
Spectator Staff

The women's basketball team is looking to make this its third winning season in a row.

The team's critics see it going in the opposite direction though, as McPherson was picked to finish last in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. Last season, the women finished the regular season third in conference, and with a record-tying 19-win season, lost in the semi-finals of the KCAC tournament. So, why would last year's third place KCAC finisher be picked to finish last?

"We lost five seniors and four starters from last year, I'm a new coach, with a new assistant," said head coach Shelly Prescott. "We are just going to use it as motivation though."

Prescott has spent three years as an assistant coach at McPherson College. Prescott not only brings a familiar face to the bench, but winning experience from her high school and college play. She said she will not be feeling any pressure.

"If I feel any pressure, it's just going to be pressure I put on myself," Prescott said. "I just want to do the best I can for the

team."

Senior guard Jamie Sims, McPherson, is the leading returning scorer. Sims averaged 13.2 points per game in the 2007-08 season. She earned honors twice as the KCAC player of the week and was named to the All-KCAC first team.

"Sims is our leader by example," Prescott said. "They look for her leadership on the floor."

Michelle Ducey, jr., Pueblo, Colo., and Kristen Ozbun, soph., Rose Hill, were voted team captains by the Bulldogs.

"They're pretty vocal," Prescott said. "They put the team first... and (the

team) saw their work ethic in the pre-season."

Junior transfers Ducey and Stephanie Poland, Arvada, Colo., are expected to have an immediate impact on the squad. Returners Carley Sharp, jr., Chautauque, and Jamie Teeters, soph., Little River, will see an increased role this season.

The Lady Bulldogs began practice on Oct. 14, after opening with "Midnight Madness."

The Bulldogs suited up for the alumni scrimmage on Oct. 25. Official competition begins for the women on Nov. 7, in the Hutchinson Community College Tournament.

Bulldogs drop 2 of last 3

KELLI FOWLDS
Spectator Staff

The McPherson Bulldog football team will try to get their season back on track against the top team in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference - Friends University.

The Bulldogs have lost two of their last three games and now are sitting close to the bottom of the conference with a 2-4 conference record.

In order to get prepared, both players and coaches said they are trying to work on their physical game.

"We are turning up the heat this week physically," said Tanner Janning, fr., Clinton, Okla. "We are going back to the basics when scrimmaging each other."

The Bulldogs focus on a strict schedule in order to get prepared for each game.

"We have a weekly game plan," said head coach Brian Ward. "We work the plan and we stick to the routine."

On Mondays, the team goes over the scouting report for the next game and lifts weights.

"Tuesdays we have a physical, intense practice where we'll install the week's game plan," Ward said.

Typically, on Tuesdays, the players practice early in the morning, then have a meeting in the afternoon to watch film. By watching film, the players can correct mistakes made in practice and watch the upcoming opponent. This schedule is repeated on Wednesdays.

Thursdays consist of a half-padded practice in the afternoon and then a team-building meeting at 9:15 p.m. to hand out written material on the opponent.

"Friday we will have a quick walk through in the afternoon and then Saturday is game day," Ward

said.

After all this hard work, the team is looking forward to this weekend's game.

"We're pretty excited because they're the sixth ranked team in the nation," Janning said. "We just want to see how good they really are."

This game also means the reunion of old friends.

"I get to play a kid from Grapevine that I went to school with," said Marcus Esquivel, fr., Grapevine, Texas.

Coach Ward said the biggest challenge will be themselves in the upcoming game against top-rated Friends.

"We can be as good as we want to be," Ward said.

"We have a talented group that has to believe in themselves against good teams."

Once we get that one big win against a great program like Friends, then we will be ready to move forward in this program."

Esquivel said, "We have to stay composed. We almost won last week, so hopefully we can pull it off this week."

In the last three games, the Bulldogs have only won one. The Homecoming game on Oct. 11, against Sterling College ended up in lopsided 0-28 loss for McPherson. The team followed that loss with a decisive victory against Haskell Indian Nations University 43-14 on Oct. 18. Against top-rated Ottawa University, the Bulldogs were able to keep it extremely close until the final minute, when Ottawa scored to go ahead by 10.

The next game will be Saturday in Wichita at 1:30 p.m. against Friends University.

| Stat Leaders | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--|
| Sterling v. McPherson | | | |
| | SC | MC | |
| First downs | 25 | 9 | |
| Total Net Yards | 387 | 91 | |
| Rushes-Yards | 60-313 | 32-33 | |
| Passing | 74 | 58 | |
| Punt returns | 0-0 | 2-10 | |
| Kickoff returns | 0-0 | 5-157 | |
| Interceptions-Ret | 1-0 | 0-0 | |
| Comp-Att-Int | 8-11-0 | 7-19-1 | |



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Stephen Harrison, sr., Columbus, Miss. turns up field on a kick return on Oct. 25 against Ottawa University. Harrison was the leading receiver for the Bulldogs with seven receptions for 87 yards.

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| Punts | 4-159 | 6-216 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 3-1 | 2-1 |
| Sterling | 0 | 7 |
| McPherson | 0 | 0 |
| Second Quarter | | |
| SC-De Los Reyes 13 pass from Degenhardt (Bristol kick) | | |
| Third Quarter | | |
| SC-Colquitt 2 run (Bristol kick) | | |
| Fourth Quarter | | |
| SC-Colquitt 8 run (Bristol kick) | | |
| SC-Degenhardt 14 run (Bristol kick) | | |
| Individual MC Stats | | |
| Rushing-German | 15-35, White 9-20, Moore 3-5, Hale 1-3 | MC |
| Passing-Sunday | 5-15-43, White 2-4-15 | |
| Receiving-Cox | 2-22, Hale 2-18, Harrison 2-10, Wright 1-8 | |
| Haskell v. McPherson | | |
| | HINU | MC |
| First downs | 13 | 29 |
| Total Net Yards | 137 | 583 |
| Rushes-Yards | 26-19 | 54-268 |
| Passing | 118 | 315 |
| Punt returns | 0-0 | 6-94 |
| Kickoff returns | 6-44 | 3-27 |
| Interceptions-Ret | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 18-43-2 | 21-38-0 |
| Punts | 10-329 | 4-137 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 5-3 |
| HINU | 0 | 7 |
| McPherson | 12 | 14 |
| First Quarter | | |
| MC-FG Eason 18 | | |
| MC-HINU safety | | |
| MC-Hale 52 run (Eason kick) | | |
| Second Quarter | | |
| MC-Ezeunwa 1 run (Eason kick) | | |
| MC-Ezeunwa 1 run (Eason kick) | | |
| HINU-Ramos 1 run (Martens kick) | | |
| Third Quarter | | |
| MC-HINU safety | | |
| MC-FG Eason 16 | | |
| MC-White 9 run (Eason kick) | | |
| HINU-Wilson 12 pass from Ramos (Martens kick) | | |
| Fourth Quarter | | |
| MC-Payne 2 run (Eason kick) | | |
| Individual MC Stats | | |
| Rushing-Hale | 3-102, White 9-50, Moore 7-46, Smith 7-23, Swindell 7-15, Skinner 3-12, McConnell 2-10, Ezeunwa 7-7, Cox 1-3, Payne 2-3, Sunday 3-2 | |
| Passing-Sunday | 18-30-288, White 3-6-27, Jones 0-2-0 | |
| Receiving-Hale | 7-153, Cox 6-74, Skinner 3-62, Harrison 3-17, Bohanon 1-6, Wright 1-3 | |
| Ottawa v. McPherson | | |
| | OU | MC |
| First downs | 32 | 22 |
| Total Net Yards | 602 | 313 |
| Rushes-Yards | 35-146 | 42-79 |
| Passing | 456 | 234 |
| Punt returns | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Kickoff returns | 5-101 | 7-236 |
| Interceptions-Ret | 3-15 | 2-28 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 39-50-2 | 16-32-3 |
| Punts | 1-15 | 5-142 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 4-4 | 2-1 |
| Ottawa | 7 | 21 |
| McPherson | 14 | 14 |
| First Quarter | | |
| MC-Cox 100 kickoff return (Eason kick) | | |
| OU-Haller 1 run (Wielder kick) | | |
| MC-White 1 run | | |
| Second Quarter | | |
| OU-Simms 14 pass from Haller (Wielder kick) | | |
| MC-Hale 6 run (Eason kick) | | |
| MC-White 1 run (Eason kick) | | |
| OU-Burnett 27 pass from Haller (Wielder kick) | | |
| OU-Schultz 14 pass from Haller (Wielder kick) | | |
| Third Quarter | | |
| OU-Schultz 10 pass from Haller (Wielder kick) | | |
| Fourth Quarter | | |
| OU-Wielder kick | | |
| MC-White 4 run (Eason kick) | | |
| OU-Mikeska 41 run (Eason kick) | | |
| Individual MC Stats | | |
| Rushing-White | 18-58, Hale 6-30, Moore 5-6, Ezeunwa 4-2 | |
| Passing-Simon | 13-23-168, White 3-9-66 | |
| Receiving-Harrison | 7-87, Cox 3-59, Skinner 3-7, Wright 2-56, Hale 1-25 | |

"Midnight Madness" generates excitement

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

Community members and students packed the entryway of the Sport Center as early as 11 p.m. on Oct. 14, anticipating the doors of the gym to swing open so they could stampede their way in.

As a way to kick off the basketball season, McPherson's men's and women's teams hosted Midnight Madness.

"There are a lot of schools around the country... that do some kind of Midnight Madness to kick off the basketball season," said head men's basketball coach Tim Swartzendruber. "I thought it would be fun to try to do it here."

Dwayne Thomas, jr., Houston, Texas, said hosting the night was a way to show the campus and community what they have to look forward to this season.

"It can bring some excitement and advertising to our basketball program because I think we're going to be pretty good," Thomas said.

The evening started with a skit by Swartzendruber and head women's coach Shelly Prescott. After the skit, the lights were turned off and the dance team, covered in strips of glow tape, performed for the audience.

The evening included a presentation of both the men's and women's teams, dunking contests, scrimmages and a performance by the cheerleaders. Students could actively participate in several shooting competitions.

"Each player gets their own little time in the spotlight," said Tecie Turner, soph., Scott City.

The coaches and players were impressed by the turnout despite a cold, rainy night.

"There were a lot more



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Dwayne Thomas, jr., Houston, Texas, goes up for the dunk in the scrimmage during "Midnight Madness" on Oct. 14. A large group of supporters came out to watch the first official Bulldog practice of the season.

people there than I expected, considering two of the major athletic teams weren't allowed to come," Turner said.

The coaches plan to host this annually.

"I think people would be disappointed actually, now, if we didn't do anything," Prescott said.

Both coaches and players agreed there would be some changes made to the event in years to come, but felt the first Midnight Madness was a success.

"I know some people have wanted to maybe change the night, but that's part of the fun," Prescott said. "When the clock strikes midnight, that's when we get to take the floor for the first time. It's official. No more rules really."

Rough season nears end for volleyball team

CARLEY SHARP
Spectator Staff

The McPherson volleyball team has a tough road ahead of them. They can only go up as they are sitting last in conference going into the final stretch of the season.

"Now is the time more than ever we need to come together as a team and step up our game in order to do our very best in the tournament," said Tiffany Nichepor, sr., Ness City. "A strong finish will be a huge boost to the team as seniors graduate and the underclassmen are asked to be role models and take on the responsibilities of upperclassmen."

The long bus ride to the University of Saint Mary on Oct. 13, proved to be frustrating for the Bulldogs as they dropped three games to the Spires. No player had more than five kills. Scores for the game were 15-25, 13-25, and 9-25.

McPherson finally pulled it together to beat Southwestern College in three games at home on Oct. 15. The win broke a nine-game losing streak. The scores were 25-20, 25-14, and 25-16.

"(The) Southwestern game went very well and we played as a team," said Grace Easter, fr., Hesston. "You could tell we were

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- Tiffany Nichepor

having fun."

The team traveled to Sterling College on Oct. 21. The first two games were very close, 22-25, 25-27, but service reception doomed the Bulldogs as they let the Warriors run away with the third game, 16-25.

At Kansas Wesleyan University on Oct. 23, the team came out cold, temporarily heated up, then cooled off again. The scores to the games were 13-25, 23-25 and 12-25.

The volleyball team took on No. 1 ranked Friends University on Oct 27. The girls played with intensity, only to come up short in the end. The scores were all close, indicating how competitive the games were 19-25, 23-25 and 22-25.

The Bulldogs could not stop the hard-hitting Tabor College Bluejays on Wednesday night. The girls lost in three by the scores of 20-25, 19-25 and 23-25.

Kelley Green, soph,

Brighton, Colo., commented on how she views the team so far.

"I think we have learned a lot about each other as well as our coach," Green said. "We've had some struggles, but I hope we can make a comeback and finish out our season strong."

The team travels to Lindsborg on Saturday to take on Bethany College, who the Bulldogs lost to in four very close matches only four weeks ago. As of Monday, the Swedes were ranked No 2 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

STAT LEADERS
v. University of Saint Mary
Kills-Loesch 5, Neufeld 3, Arpin 3, Easter 3, Kramer 1
Aces-Loesch 2
Digs-Sievers 9, Green 8, Nuefeld 6, Johnson 4
Blocks-Neufeld 2, Easter 1, Kramer 1

v. Southwestern College
Kills-Loesch 19, Kramer 12, Neufeld 6, Arpin 2, Easter 2
Aces-Loesch 6, Sievers 2
Digs-Loesch 15, Guyer 9, Green 8, Sievers 8, Nichepor 7
Blocks-Kramer 3, Gordon 2, Arpin 1, Easter 1

v. Sterling College
Kills-Loesch 12, Neufeld 6, Kramer 5, Sievers 2, Easter 2
Aces-Sievers 3, Johnson 3, Neufeld 1, Loesch 1
Digs-Sievers 9, Loesch 8, Neufeld 6, Guyer 6, Johnson 6
Blocks-Arpin 3, Neufeld 2, Kramer 2, Easter 2, Loesch 1

v. Kansas Wesleyan University
Kills-Loesch 10, Neufeld 5, Easter 5, Sievers 2, Arpin 2
Aces-Loesch 2, Neufeld 1, Guyer 1
Digs-Green 9, Loesch 7, Johnson 6, Sievers 5, Guyer 3
Blocks-Arpin 3, Easter 2, Gordon 1, Loesch 1

v. Friends University
Kills-Loesch 19, Gordon 5, Neufeld 5, Arpin 3
Aces-Green 2, Guyer 1, Neufeld 1
Digs-Green 10, Loesch 9, Sievers 7, Guyer 5
Blocks-Neufeld 3, Gordon 3, Loesch



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Amy Neufeld, fr., Hillsboro, receives a set from fellow freshman Grace Easter, Hesston, and attempts to spike it over the net against Tabor College on Oct. 29. The Bulldogs were swept by Tabor in three straight games.

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v. Tabor College
Kills-Loesch 13, Arpin 6, Gordon 4, Neufeld 3
Aces-Neufeld 2, Guyer 2, Sievers 1, Loesch 1

Digs-Loesch 13, Sievers 10, Green 7, Johnson 5, Guyer 5
Blocks-Neufeld 3, Gordon 2, Sievers 1, Arpin 1, Easter 1

Pre-season KCAC polls

Men's Coaches Poll

1. Ottawa University
2. Southwestern College
3. Tabor College
4. Kansas Wesleyan University
5. Sterling College
6. Friends University
7. University of Saint Mary
8. Bethel College
9. Bethany College
10. McPherson College

Women's Coaches Poll

1. Sterling College
2. Southwestern College
3. Tabor College
- T-4. Friends University
- T-4. Ottawa University
6. Bethel College
7. Kansas Wesleyan University
8. Bethany College
9. University of Saint Mary
10. McPherson College

Upcoming Basketball Schedule

Southern Nazarene University Classic in Bethany, Okla.

McPherson Men v. Southwestern Christian University

Oct. 31 at 8 p.m.

Panel answers questions about homosexuality

AUDREY SECKER
News Editor

More than 80 people showed up to the Ask... Tell session, a panel about homosexuality. The discussion took place in Dotzour Hall on Thursday.

Audience members included students and faculty of McPherson, as well as a few friends and parents of those on the panel.

The panel consisted of three McPherson students and three off-campus guests. Jessy Wisdom, soph., Salina; Melisa Grandison, soph., Quinter; and Bryanna King, jr., Gallup, N.M., were the three students from the campus. The three guests were Kate Becker, James Wearings and Jimi Gadson.

The audience was given a list of questions to look

over and discuss. After some time, the panel asked the audience a few questions such as, "Were these questions difficult to answer?" and "How did these questions make you feel?"

These questions paved the way for questions from the box that was posted for the past week in the Student Union, as well as ones that were tex-

ted to personal counselor Kelli Johnson during the session.

A few students sported shirts that read "I 'heart' my gays," showing their support for those on the panel, as well as anyone in the audience who may have been a homosexual. Others in the audience wore pins that read "Homophobia is so gay."

"I had some worries

that people wouldn't be so open, but I think that it went very well," Wisdom said. "We had questions coming in, we had people participating. It was a very safe environment."

Students and faculty made jokes and laughed over questions that were asked and answers that were given. They also listened as the panel told about how they came out

and the difficulties they face for being themselves.

"I came to get to know other sexualities," said Mira Coulter, jr., Wakita, Okla. "I learned how painful we can make people feel without knowing it."

Wisdom has put up a charter for a Gay-Straight Alliance to be started on our campus.

"I hope that it makes a difference," Wisdom said.

Campus gives opinions on new president

LAUREN LARSEN
Spectator Staff

Because this is President Ron Hovis' last year, the college is looking toward the future and taking steps to select the right person for the McPherson College community. A presidential search committee has been formed to make sure this happens, but what do other students, faculty and staff think the college should be looking for in a president?

Some might picture the perfect "Mr. Feeny," the loving teacher from the sitcom "Boys Meets World," persona. Qualities such as being friendly, outgoing and approachable are musts. Many campus members also agree the new president should be visible around campus, interact with students, show

support, be aware of campus concerns and understand student needs.

"Someone who interacts in activities and is seen on campus a lot," said Baylee Westover, fr., hometown.

Anneliese Rotering, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo., said the new president "should be personable and not afraid to interact frequently with students."

Others have said McPherson College needs someone who sets a good example, genuinely cares about each and every person, and challenges students, faculty and staff to do their best.

"I believe the new President should be student oriented and student supportive," said Kelsey Hempe, soph., Wichita. "Also, someone the faculty and staff can get along with and feel comfortable

sharing concerns and suggestions. (The president) should also be someone who can positively impact McPherson College as a whole."

Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries hopes the new president will grow programs and embrace the McPherson while making change.

"(The president should have) experience in relationship building, fund raising, and managing people and programs," Hurst said, "(and) understand and appreciate our history, where we came from and who we have been."

Most importantly, the greatest quality that we can find in our next president at McPherson College is some one who empowers us and makes us stand out.



photo by Adrielle Harvey

Students watch the final presidential debate in the basement of the Student Union, hosted by Lambda Pi Eta in conjunction with DebateWatch.

Lambda Pi Eta hosts debate watch for final presidential debate

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor in Chief

Nearly 20 people showed up in the Hoffman Student Union basement to watch the final presidential debate on Oct. 15.

"There was a nice turnout," said Becki Bowman, assistant professor of communication and Lambda Pi Eta sponsor. "I was pleasantly surprised also by the number of people who stayed afterward to discuss some of the issues. It was nice to hear people talking about their ideas, their concerns and their excitement about the candidates."

Lambda Pi Eta, McPherson's communication honor society, hosted the viewing as a voter education partner with DebateWatch. The Commission on Presidential Debates sponsors DebateWatch.

By participating in DebateWatch, McPherson College was listed on the programs handed out at the actual debates as a voter education partner.

For Kelsey Gray, soph., Golden, Colo., the final presidential debate was the second debate she viewed with others. She values the opportunity to interact with others and learn from them.

"I learned how differ-

ently people can interpret what is said," Gray said. "That's probably why the debaters keep it so general so they don't lose votes. The more specific you get, the more votes you lose."

Gray said there were more people at this viewing than previous viewings, but she admitted that it can be difficult to advertise when people are afraid they might be singled out for their views, which was somewhat the case for the discussion after this viewing.

"I did feel a little bad for at least one of the students who seemed to be in the minority amongst that group," Bowman said. "I just thought, how difficult would that have been to try to share your point of view when like 15 people are telling you that's not the way it is or they don't agree with you. I wish that she had an ally that would speak up. But even then, it was nice to hear contrasting points of view and to have people sharing."

Gray's goal to try to eliminate fear would be to try to "make it a more bipartisan-type of thing."

Bowman said the campus can expect to have another DebateWatch discussion for future elections, because

McPherson College is an educational institution and she feels politics is important to the everyday lives of students.

"I think we have a responsibility as citizens to know about what's happening in the political arena and not just finally go out and vote along party lines, but actually understand the issues, know who we're voting for and what they support," Bowman said.

"Since we know that college students don't go out and vote in huge numbers, I think we should maybe be providing some guidance and opportunity to learn more about these issues."

In line with Bowman's love for politics, Gray said she also has a passion for politics and wishes others would "get involved, get active in it."

"I wish the campus would be more open to it," Gray said.

One change Bowman said she might make for future debates would be to host the DebateWatch at an earlier debate.

"I would love to see it happen... earlier, maybe before people had made up their minds or maybe just because that might promote them watching future debates after seeing the first one."

Trustee meeting to be held next weekend

AUDREY SECKER
News Editor

Next weekend, the Board of Trustees meeting will take place on campus.

The Board will meet in Miller 105 on Nov. 8, beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding around noon.

Prior to the Board meeting, students may see Board members on campus for various Board Committee meetings.

The Executive Committee, the Committee on Trustees and the Strategic Plan Task Force will hold meetings Thursday evening.

There will be an executive session with the president and a strategic plan briefing with the Cabinet Friday morning. From 11:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., the various standing committees will meet, followed by the Executive Committee meeting where it will refine the agenda for the next morning.

"Friday evening, there will be a dinner with trust-

ees, a number of invited students and other constituents, and it will be a bit of a mini-campaign launch," said President Ron Hovis. "We did one at homecoming, but not all of the board was able to be there."

The agenda for the Saturday morning meeting is a combination of action items and discussion topics. The action items that members will actually vote on are the art program review, cost of instruction outcomes, the R3 degree completion program, retention, athletics, residential life, service, independent auditors report, endowment investments, budgets, the financial health of the college, fundraising, alumni, marketing communications and potential recipients for future alumni awards.

"As you can see from that list, that is why there are different committees," Hovis said. "If a group of 25 people were to process all those things one at a

"We continue to increase the board's awareness of college operations, outcomes and environment..."

- President Ron Hovis

time from scratch they might be here a while longer. We hope the action items are approved, that we continue to increase the board's awareness of college operations, outcomes and environment and the third thing is that we get board guidance on a variety of issues."

Meeting attendees will include the Cabinet; Jim Dodson, the Endowment Management and Fundraising Consultant; Allan Ayella, observer; Rick Tyler, Faculty Chair; and Mallory Griggs, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo., Student Government Association Representative.

Election: McCain comes in close with 41 percent of votes

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weren't as divided in their votes as the students. Of the faculty and staff that consider themselves a Democrat, every vote was for Obama.

The Republican faculty and staff were not as unanimous as the Democrats were, but still 90

percent voted McCain.

Of the faculty and staff that consider themselves to be Independent, 30 percent voted for Obama and 70 percent voted for McCain.

Overall, there were 128 votes for Obama and 88 votes for McCain.

Students, faculty and staff are diverse in the reasons why they vote for a candidate, as well as who they are voting for. But if McPherson College alone were to choose the next president of the United States, Obama would be in office.

Loans: economic crisis hitting home for college students

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survey by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, there was no loan crisis, but some students were opting to take a break from school, were only enrolling part-time and were seeking other

forms of financial aid.

McPherson College is one of 953 NAICU member institutions. Of these, 504 institutions responded to the survey. Despite the challenges these institutions face, 67 percent of respondents saw no nega-

tive impact on enrollment due to the current lending situation.

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