

**Cancer & Cancer Risk (cont.)**

- What is cancer?
  - body's cells become abnormal by dividing without control and avoiding nearby tissues to spread to other organs (metastasis)
- How does a normal cell become a cancer cell?
  - Cancer is the result of gene damage (genetic mutations) brought on by aging, smoking, poor diet, lack of exercise, etc.

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# The McPherson College SPECTATOR

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Flu shot clinic today**

A flu shot clinic will be held in personal counselor Kelli Johnson's office in the SU today. The clinic will accept walk-ins from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The shot costs \$23.

**Heritage Lecture Sunday**

Maher Musleh, an informed Muslim and Palestinian by birth, will discuss the topic of "Islam and Abrahamic Faith" on Sunday at the Heritage Lecture.

The lecture will take place in Mingenback Theatre at 3 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions to ask.

**Teacher Education party today**

The Teacher Education Program will host its 10th anniversary open house today in the lower level of Miller Library starting at 10 a.m.

Cake, punch and coffee will be served.

**Rotaract selling pretzels**

The Rotaract Club is selling chocolate covered pretzels to raise money for a service trip to Lybrook, N.M. The cost is \$8 for half a dozen and \$12 for a dozen.

Orders are being taken by Karissa Ferrell, Ashley Zodrow, Nicole Sampson and Ocie Kilgus until Nov. 19. Pick up for orders is Nov. 24 between 5 and 7 p.m. in the SU.

**'Out and In' available in library**

An Informational handbook for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender law school applicants is available for students in the Royer Center of Miller Library.

**Suspicious vehicle spotted**

A green mini van was reported following some female students on campus earlier this week. The gentleman driving the van was described as in his 40s.

If anyone see this suspicious vehicle or has concerns about being approached, it is suggested that 911 is called immediately.

## Little: Budget must be balanced

Board of Trustee committee discusses how to eliminate \$1.5 million deficit

AUDREY SECKER  
*News Editor*

The Board of Trustees met on campus last weekend. One of the major issues trustees had to discuss was the \$1.5 million deficit that the college currently has.

"Our present board policy is to spend only six percent of our earnings from endowment investment and in 2007 and 2008, that would be this year, the budget has us withdrawing a million and a half from our designated reserves, over and

above the six percent that we normally would like to withdraw," said Board Chair Craig Little.

Ultimately, the college needs to do a combination of two things - increase revenue and decrease expenses. The board's decision from last weekend was to arrange a committee whose job will be to develop a plan to eliminate the deficit.

"Our preference certainly would be to bring in more money than to spend a lot of time cutting expenses," Little said. "I don't think we can count

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- Craig Little

on that alone. I think we have to do both."

The building of the new residence hall will be continued with the capital campaign funding it. This, with the continuing growth

of the student body, should increase revenue.

"The only thing I am certain about is that we are going to continue with the capital campaign so that we can have more students and have more revenue," Little said.

The committee started this week to develop a plan that will address both sides of the equation - both the income and the expense side.

Little hopes that in the next couple of years or sooner, the budget will be balanced and that the college will once again start

to grow the endowment.

The goal is to have a plan by the end of this semester to implement immediately.

The committee must first come up with a plan that will then be submitted to the board as a whole. If the board agrees to the plan, the administration will be instructed to put the plan into action.

"I don't think there will be a whole lot of change this year," Little said. "I think that the changes for this year have already been made in the budget, etc."



Photo by Ashley Andrews

L-R: Turin Henderson, soph., Roseville, Calif.; Chris Hawkins, Modesta, Calif., and Shane Mascarenas, jr., Peoria, Ariz., eat dinner together in the cafeteria on Thursday. A recent convocation has brought up the topic of diversity on this campus.

### "Incognito" sparks discussion

Michael Sidney Fosberg addresses diversity in play

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
*Editor in Chief*

Imagine believing in something for more than 30 years of your life, only for that belief to be shattered by a life-changing discovery.

This was the case for Michael Sidney Fosberg. He had a second life. He had a second family. He had a second identity.

**The discovery**

In 1992, after 32 years of growing up in a middle-class white family, Fosberg found out his biological father was black.

Fosberg shared his story at McPherson College during convocation on Oct. 31, in a solo performance of "Incognito." The play portrays Fosberg's discovery, his struggles with a new-found identity and the reunion with his real father's family.

"He brought up so many different topics that are very timely, relevant to students of all different ages," said Chris Wiens, director of Career Services.

Wiens, with the aid of Career and Student Ser-

### Diversity on campus

**Percentage of minorities**

2003-04:	18%
2004-05:	17%
2005-06:	15%
2006-07:	16%
2007-08:	21%
2008-09:	24%

**Retention of minorities**

2005-06:	60%
2006-07:	69%
2007-08:	76%

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students said the retention of non-minority students in 2007-08 was 77 percent. The percentage of minority students versus non-minority students "should be similar," he said. Last year, McPherson College met that goal.

vices, invited Fosberg to come because she felt his play had many correlations between diversity and career in that it is a story of self-discovery, perceptions of identity, stereotypes and diversity.

"It kind of showed that he (Fosberg) had a situation that didn't allow his dad to be in his life," said Chris Ezeunwa, sr., Baker, La. "It was good to show another side of the black family.

Ezeunwa said it also portrayed the difficulties biracial students face.

"It showed the conflict most of them go through," Ezeunwa said.

**Something to talk about**

The purpose of the convocation was to bring awareness to a diverse campus that would

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## U.S. history made

First black president elected into office

BRIAN YORK  
*Spectator Staff*

With the eyes of the world upon us, the United States has finally concluded the lengthiest and most expensive campaign in history. Just over four years after his national debut in Boston at the Democratic National Convention, Barack Obama gave his presidential acceptance speech in Chicago on Nov. 4, after a historic election.

The most obvious historic aspect of this election is that Obama will be the first black president. and will also be the fifth youngest of the nation's 44 presidents since George Washington in 1732. He will also be the first democrat to win with an absolute majority, more than 50 percent of the popular vote. This feat is the first since Carter in 1972 - an accomplishment complimented by his achieving it with a larger piece of the popular vote than any democrat since Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964.

Travis Howard, soph., Wichita, voted for Republican candidate John McCain, but was not phased that Obama won.

"I wasn't surprised that he (Obama) won, what surprised me is by how much he won," Howard said.

This election also changed the face of elections to come by creating new battleground states. Obama converted North Carolina to a democratic state for the first time in more than 30 years, and turned both Indiana and Virginia blue for the first time in more than a decade longer than that.

The states changing their party allegiance may be accounted for in part by the 6.5 million new voters who weighed in for this election. Moreover,

African-American turnout rose roughly 20 percent and 13 percent of the total electorate voted almost unanimously in support of the Democratic ticket.

Obama won the popular vote by more than 8.3 million votes or 7 percent of the electorate. This is greater than the combined populations of America's ten smallest states.

"I got up early to go vote," said Obama-supporter, Dan Eells, jr., McPherson.

Eells voted against the 57 percent majority of his fellow Kansans who voted for McCain and was one of just 4,113 in McPherson County who voted Obama.

As the election hysteria subsides and lame-duck president, "W.," confesses to having regrets in his presidency, Team Obama prepares itself for a transition into office on Jan. 20.

"I'm most excited to see where they take the energy crisis," Eells said.

To many McCain supporters though, this expectation is more like a sense of cautious intrigue.

"I don't have a problem with Obama at all," Howard said. "He has some ideas that are going to be interesting to see in action."

America now embarks upon another journey, with Obama presiding over a solidly democratic House of Representatives and Senate.

In the next four years, the United States will address an economy in tailspin, a controversial war and a health-care system that the president-elect has sworn to revamp. The nation will do so with democrats squared at the helm, for as McCain said in his concession speech: "The American people have spoken, and they have spoken clearly."

LEAD EDITORIAL

Attitudes need adjustment

Growing up, we were always taught to be nice to everyone. We admit that we do have a problem with that sometimes, but it is something important that we all can work on.

Like Thumper from Disney's "Bambi" said, "If you don't have nothin' nice to say, don't say anything at all."

In college, keeping a positive attitude is a hard thing to do. We struggle with that every single day. You

ISSUE 1: Negative attitudes
OUR POSITION: Enjoy college and get over yourself.

would think that adults would know how far kindness and a positive attitude got by now, but trust us, after some of us being a resident assistant and living in a dorm for the past two and a half years, you realize that some people have no clue what it means to be nice.

Students of this campus are so lucky to be offered the activities and events that clubs and organizations put on. Some other colleges don't see that residence life, student activity and fellowship are that important. These activities and events are put on for our enjoyment and it is usually offered with no cost to the student body. What we don't get is when people complain about events that are fun and free:

"This is stupid."

"The gym is too far away for me to go to the basketball game."

"Decorating for Halloween . . . who does that?"

"I'll just let everyone else do it. I have homework."

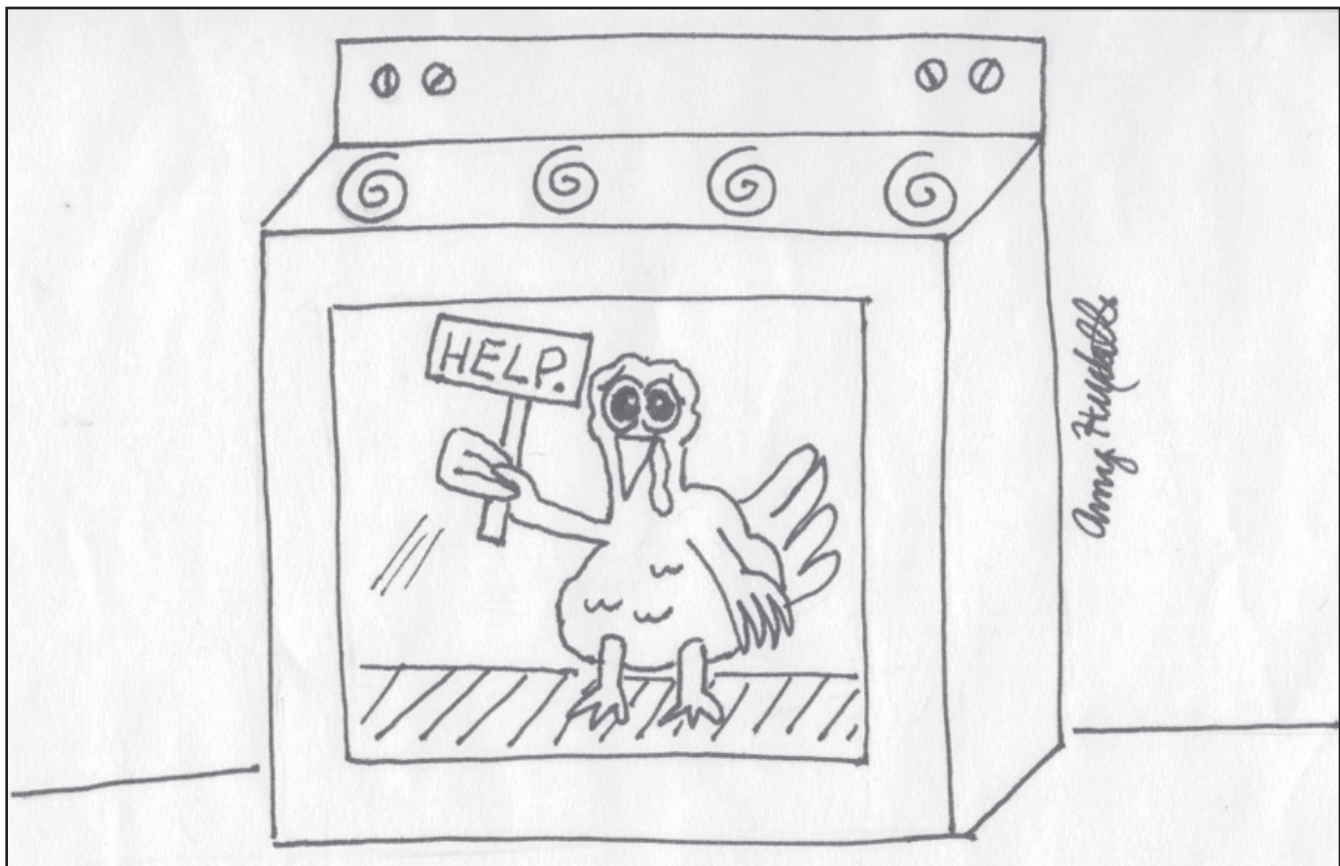
Well, guess what? Each of us has been taking more than 12 hours every semester. We are involved with many different clubs and volunteer projects. We have homework just like everyone else and yet it's not hard to find time for people who care about us and want to do fun and stress-relieving things with us. We can't stand when the college is basically throwing fun and entertaining things to do in our faces and people just turn the cold shoulder and complain and keep on complaining.

College is supposed to be the best four years of your life. Why not take advantage of all there is offered for enjoyment and entertainment? What do you think life is going to be like after you graduate? Is it going to be puppies, butterflies and free rent? You wish. Plus, do you think employers want to hire Debbie Downers and Pessimist Petes? That's doubtful.

Take advantage of all the things that college has to offer its students. Don't just show up, eat the food and then go back to your room. Take the time to learn about the people that live and go to school around you. You never know what can be found in people unless you interact with them. Take a risk. Meet new people. Have a good time in college. Don't just pass along a negative attitude. Let that positive energy shine through. It's addictive and can change a whole campus for the better.

We plan on starting the positive flow. Will you continue it?

Not Necessarily Ordinary



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

I would like to respond to Eric Sader's letter in the last Spectator about the format of diplomas issued by McPherson College. Last year students brought to the Educational Policies Committee this very issue through the Social Sciences Division. EPC first discussed the issue and decided that because this issue was brought by students, it warranted discussion by full faculty. The issue was sent to divisions for discussion and then brought back to EPC for action. Two of the three divisions voted to not change the format, with the third division being somewhat divided or "non-committal on the issue." Your SGA representative was present at the first meeting (Oct. 5, 2007) when this was put on the agenda. When the report was delivered the representative was absent, (Oct. 26), but received the official minutes of EPC.

The minutes of the Educational Policies Committee reflect the following reasons for having the format as it presently is:

- 1. McPherson College confers a degree; the official transcript lists the major and/or emphases and minor(s).
2. Among 13 private colleges in Kansas only two include the

major on the diploma

3. Although the diploma may be the "shingle" for graduates to display, the transcript is the official document

I would like to add that "extra clerical work" is not listed as one of the reasons the issue was not changed. My office would be the one to shoulder the "extra work" and once the format was changed it would not be "extra work." And, I believe Mr. Sader's implication of "extra work" is not a good reason for doing or not doing most things, including this idea.

Personally, I believe the printing of a degree, two majors, with two of three emphases would spoil the aesthetic simplicity of the diploma. And, I believe that the ideal of a liberal arts "degree" should still be practiced at McPherson College. I am supportive of the market niche concept of career orientation, but do not believe it needs to be identified on the diploma.

When a doctor specializes in surgery or family medicine you do not see "Doctor of Medicine" with a specialty in Surgery; you simply see Doctor of Medicine on their diploma. I also believe that if alumni choose to frame and hang their diploma in their place of work, people will be more

interested in where the degree is from, not specifically what they studied. If you do end up working in the field in which you majored in college, I guess it will be obvious, and when people see you graduated from McPherson College we hope you will have a conversation about your experiences while at Mac. If you do not end up working in the field in which you majored, and people see that you graduated from McPherson College, you can have a conversation about how the breadth of experience at Mac was beneficial to you.

I do think that faculty and staff are very responsive to student requests. The impression left by Mr. Sader's letter was that EPC and faculty didn't respond. I don't believe that to be the case. In fact, the faculty was immediately responsive to the request because it came from students. However, just as in real life, the request was heard, discussed, and action was taken, but the decision wasn't what some wanted to hear.

Sincerely,

Karlene Tyler
Associate Academic Dean and Registrar
Member of Educational Policies Committee

Thanksgiving draws in families, new and old

Thanksgiving, for us college-age folk, can sometimes complicate our lives through hectic scheduling, expensive plane tickets and sometimes no way to get home at all.

College students realize what has happened in their transformation from high school grads to where we are now: our families have morphed. Sure, we still have mom and pop back home, but where we are now, our friends have become our family. Instead of going home after a long day of class and practice like we did in high school,

JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

we crash on our buddy's dorm couch for hours, go eat together and end up falling asleep in each oth-

er's rooms.

Mom's homemade dinners are replaced with boxed up cookies squished from the postal service and eaten by everyone in a ten-room radius. Dad's pep talks are replaced with a 2 a.m. visits to a half-asleep teammate who says, to some extent, the exact thing we need to hear. Our "brothers and sisters" are constantly at our sides, with less bickering, but more fun than we could have ever anticipated.

For the holiday season, our college relationships become more important

than ever. Many students will bring their new family home to meet their old one, and more often than not, those relationships will be some of the most meaningful we ever make.

Take advantage of the fact that our small campus allows our community, and our college family, to be closely knit and beautifully intertwined. This Thanksgiving, lets give thanks not just for the family that got us where we are, but for the family we've gained. They both hold keys to our hearts.

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CHEW ON THIS

"Success is getting what you want. Happiness is wanting what you get."
-Dale Carnegie

"Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names."
-John F. Kennedy

# Convocation reveals issues of race and diversity

Michael Jackson said it best, "It don't matter if you're black or white".

Well guess what? I'm both.

I am a minority. I am bi-racial. I am proud of who I am. I just wish there were more people I could identify with on this campus.

The recent convocation about racial identity got a lot of people to start talking about diversity. Unfortunately, I heard too many people claim that the convocation "didn't apply" to them.

Hearing this really disappointed me, especially since it came from a lot of my peers. And considering the United States' new president is biracial, I think it's time for some of you to wake up and get a serious reality check, because guess what? It ap-

## MEGAN'S CORNER



Megan McKnight

plies to you.

Unfamiliar territory can make anyone feel uncomfortable and a lot of people can turn that discomfort into a negative feeling, instead of finding out why it's out of their comfort zone. I think because of this, a lot of people end up being ignorant or are

unwilling to learn about others.

However, I definitely understand that for the average white person, McPherson College is not out of their comfort zone. College is a time to learn academically, but also to grow and better yourself. But it's hard to embrace different races when there is a deficit in that area.

Another factor of discrimination is how horrible some stereotypes are. For example, black people are involved in gangs, are racist against white people for slavery and are uneducated as they walk around in their baggy clothing, eating friend chicken and drinking Kool-Aid while listening to their rap music. Or another example, white people can't rap, try to be like black people and

think they are better than all other races.

Now imagine being half white and half black. Try growing up with all of these contradicting stereotypes running around in your head, screaming at you every time someone asks you what your race is. I grew up being supposedly accepted by all types of people, but still experiencing discrimination within these groups because I was one of the only biracial teenagers at my high school. And I certainly didn't fit the stereotype for either race.

Even to this very day, I get teased for certain aspects of my racial identity. It's easier to go along with the jokes, but there is a point where it gets old and I just wish someone understood what it was like.

This is the very reason I believe this campus needs to grow. The four years that you spend here are crucial to your development into adulthood. If each person could graduate with a strong awareness of the different types of people they might be surrounded by, it would only give them an edge in life. Being able to respect and understand another person's struggles is something I view as being a very important part of life.

I know this campus won't magically sprout more minorities overnight, but we must make do with the resources we have. So the next time someone speaks about their heritage, don't say it doesn't pertain to you or that it's stupid, you're only hurting yourself if you do.

# SHOUT IT OUT!

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

I love Gay Friend!

It's hard to follow your heart because you have to be able to hear it first.

Unless you will be sitting in the caf for 5 hours like I have to, stop whining! P.S. - Jason Mraz blows.

Yes, but between your girlfriend and my car, I'll take the car.

Right-wing propaganda hurts my head.

What filthy little piggies you are! Oink, oink, oink, squeeeeeee!

You can choose your friends, but you can't choose your family. God gives you your family and that's who you should take care of first.

She just b-slapped the tot out of you!

Don't talk crap about total!

Who stole his pants?!

Hooray Mac soccer! Stay on top!

Brownies, Oreos, doughnuts and Cosmo are a girl's best friend.

Gretchen is the cutest girl in the universe!

Please pick up your trash in front of Metzler.

I just lost the game.

Smokers of the world unite, not just right outside the doors!

I like having chicken . . . for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

How come we get MLK day off, but not Veteran's Day? Hmmm.

Obama baby!!!!!!

Anita Johnson to grandmother's house.

# Obama wins presidential election, Americans await change

I spent Nov. 4, in the basement of the Student Union. I ate lunch there, I ate dinner there, I connected my computer to the WiFi down there and I stayed glued to the election for about 10 hours.

I knew my home state of Virginia was a "battleground" state and I knew that the polls had been tightening over the last week or so. After an afternoon of lying in wait, listening to punditry, states slowly began reporting their numbers and CNN began its projections.

I shuffled around the colors of states on the electoral map on my computer screen and about 30-45 minutes prior to his official projected victory, I knew that an Obama victory was inevitable. I celebrated with the half dozen or so Obama supporters

## BRIAN TALKS



Brian York

who had joined me in the basement.

Even though I already knew the result, when the official announcement was made, and the transmission shifted from Wolf Blitzer to shots of international celebrations, I was floored.

As much delight as I took in watching my can-

didate declared the victor, my euphoria was short-lived when I heard the "boos" from the audience when Obama's name was mentioned at McCain's concession speech.

I realized that the candidate of millions of Americans did not win, and though I appreciate the humility of McCain's words, I was deeply distressed and saddened by his supporters' bitterness toward the victor.

I never expect a person to be happy about losing, but in a democracy there is a need to rally behind an elected official. I feel that this and other essential American altruisms are being shredded by partisanship dripping in self righteousness.

Politics is a topic that has immediate and far-reaching impacts on everyone's

life. From our school's obscene spending deficit, our dwindling ability to secure student loans and to our health care system, which is responsible for over 50 percent of all bankruptcies in the country, these issues affect you.

We cannot succeed with a divided population. If half the country is against a president, we will all fail. I will give you a slightly less clichéd Lincoln quote: "Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed."

In his farewell address in 1960, as he handed over a post-war nation to a young president Kennedy (of an opposite party), Dwight D. Eisenhower encouraged Americans to come together and support their new leader and to pursue

"a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect. Together we must learn how to compose differences not with arms, but with intellect and decent purpose."

I encourage everyone on this campus to begin talking about your politics more often. It is the best way to familiarize yourself with such a crucial aspect of American life.

In a post-election interview with the BBC, Maya Angelou recently commented on Americans, saying that "we are growing up, away from the idiocy, away from the ignorances of racism..."

As Obama cautioned his supporters against their inclination to rest and feel complete, "an important step has been taken, and now, this is when our country must go to work."

# Semester stress starting to brew, take time out for self-rejuvenation

As the semester starts dwindling down to the end, stresses and tension rise. Students go crazy with last-minute procrastinations and find ways to exert their stress. Sometimes they use healthy measures and other times not-so-healthy ways.

I've been dealing with this stress for a while now. It started well into the second week of school. Taking on 16 hours for the fifth semester in a row, at least five extra-curricular

## THINK OUT LOUD



Ashley Andrews

activities and volunteer projects, a social life and a break up from a two-year relationship have almost driven me to the edge of insanity. I found myself lost. Okay, I'm still lost. The first step is admitting you have a problem, right?

The most important thing I have learned throughout this phase in my life is to take time for myself. This is my life. I choose whether or not to sit and cry in my room for hours or go

out and enjoy doing things I love. I'm not perfect at doing this, trust me but I'm attempting to make a change.

Life is too short to worry and stress. Don't take your stresses and problems out in unhealthy ways. I've learned that the hard way. Waking up the next morning and feeling worse than you did the night before will teach you that quickly.

You aren't the only one going through times like

these. Everyone faces this issue during the year. It is how you deal with them that will show you what the end product will be.

One of the best pieces of advice I have gotten in a long time is that my best friend told me to take each day as it comes.

Read, walk, dance, sing, talk, laugh, cry or watch a movie. Take time for yourself and drown out everything else. After all the stresses of the semester, you deserve it.

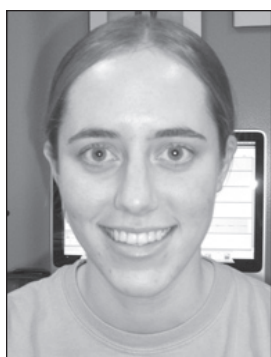
# On the Fly

## What are you thankful for?



"Adobe Photo-shop."

Brandon Maser Jr., Great Bend



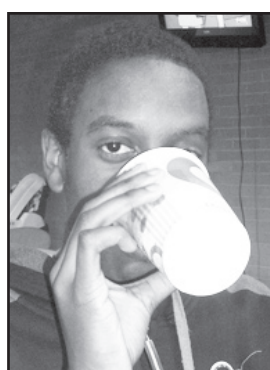
"Friends, family and a stong support system."

Rebecca Grosbach Jr., Enders, Neb.



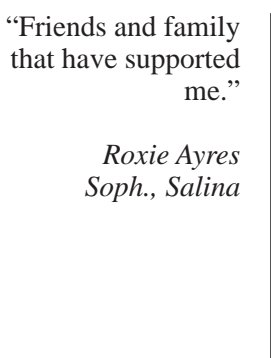
"For the opportunity to go to college."

Michelle Stone Sr., Abilene



"For being alive."

Tyler Stevenson Fr., Broken Arrow, Okla.



"Friends and family that have supported me."

Roxie Ayres Soph., Salina



"Friends, family and Matt Tobias."

Jenny Andreesen Soph., Johnson, Neb.





Photo by Benjamin Denton

Students listen carefully as Dr. Weiuiin (George) Wang, department of human nutrition at Kansas State University, lectures on the dangers of an unhealthy body weight and cancer prevention.

# Wang speaks about cancer prevention

BETSY SHAFFER  
Campus Life Editor

In college, we've all heard of the freshman fifteen. With late-night snacks and midnight McDonald's runs, body weight is a current topic on most college campuses... but could it lead to cancer?

A group of students gathered on Nov. 7, in Melhorn to discuss healthy body weight and cancer prevention during a department of natural sciences special seminar event.

"It was very informational about health and cancer prevention," said

Cody Compton, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo. "It also brought about new ideas to get interested in for a senior research project."

Guest speaker Dr. Weiuiin (George) Wang, department of human nutrition at Kansas State University, discussed his views on the subject with topics such as cancer and cancer risk, body weight and cancer, weight control for cancer prevention and keeping a healthy body weight.

Wang is a member of the American Association of Cancer Research and the American Society for Nu-

trition. He is on the editorial board of several journals including the Journal of Biophysical Reviews and Molecular Research and Food Nutrition. He has also published more than 25 articles in "peer-reviewed" research journals and has co-authored several books.

Wang explained that cancer is when bodies cells become abnormal by dividing without control and invading nearby tissues to spread to other organs. Cancer is the result of gene damage or genetic mutation, brought on by aging, smoking, poor diet, lack of exercise and many

other causes.

He said that some of the cancer risks from a dietary perspective are in taking too much fat, inadequate plant foods or too much sugar.

"I thought it was interesting that there was statistical evidence supporting that there was a correlation between weight and cancer," said Ryan Cobble, jr., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Wang spent an hour informing students on the dangers of an unhealthy body weight. His closing statement was "food and physical activity choices affect your today, tomorrow and future."

## The Transition to

Home schoolers share experiences

BETSY SHAFFER &  
KATIE DOFFING  
Campus Life Editor &  
Spectator Staff

Every year, many students face the transition from being home schooled to going to a school with other students. But is the transition really as hard for students as most people think?

The transition is often different, as the home-school environment is different from that of a traditional school and home-schooled kids acquire different types of skills.

Because many home-school students have one parent teaching several children, many feel like they become very self-motivated. This skill often helps them get through higher levels of learning.

Suzie Johnson, jr., Hession, was home schooled from first through eighth grade by her mother. She was taught alongside her older sister and younger brother.

"I was forced to learn most of the information by myself," Johnson said. "This was good for me because I became really good at self-motivated studying

and learning."

Home-school students spend much of their time with family only, but some become very active in church groups or home-school groups that bring home-school students together.

For many kids, it is hard to adapt to the new surroundings they are exposed to in a traditional school.

When they are approached by other students in the school, it is hard for them to feel socially accepted. Many students find they have little to no social skills and they are often made fun of for this.

For Johnson, when it came time for high school, she transferred to a Christian school. Her class was small with only 19 students and offered a fairly easy transfer into the social world of academics.

However, early on Johnson said she was described as the "obnoxious one" and therefore was not very socially accepted.

"I was easily influenced and made choices according to what others decided was good for me, not because of anything I really believed in," Johnson said. "The transition was

very difficult and even to this day I feel as if socially, I am a few years behind those my same age."

Being home schooled is not all bad. There are positive aspects. Many students find themselves excelling in classes and even advancing to higher-level classes, graduating earlier and starting college as young as seventeen. Home-school families are also often closer knit.

"As far as I'm concerned, school isn't life and kids need to know how to deal with others in a social setting," said Alexia Hall, soph., Moundridge, "Families can be close even when the children aren't home schooled."

It can be very lonely for many unless they are involved in local home schooling events, but not every community is privileged to have these opportunities.

Ashley Zodrow, soph., Chapman, was home



## REVIEW IT!

BY BENJAMIN DENTON  
Photography Editor

T.I.'s new CD "Paper Trail" is not really worth its current price, even Wal-Mart's at \$14.82.

Yes, it has a few good

songs on it, but the good songs are played on the radio all the time.

T.I. wrote this CD while under house arrest. I think he should have stayed there until he finished the CD.

He has a really good song with "Whatever You Like" and then he has nothing.

The only other songs worth mentioning are "My Life, Your Entertainment" featuring Usher, "On Top Of The World" featuring Ludacris and B.O.B., and "What Up, What's Haapnin." Other than that, the rest of the CD is just a run-of-the-mill rap CD.

## The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT ABBEY ARCHER-RIERSON.

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief



Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A Harry Potter.

A I am the director of development.

Q What condiment do you have to have?

Q What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

A Ketchup. I get embarrassed when I eat because I love ketchup.

A When I was a sophomore, I cheered at KU. We went to the Elite 8 and I fell on my butt in front of hundreds of thousands of people.

Q Who is your favorite musical artist?

A I just saw the Dave Matthews Band recently, so I'm really into them. Jack Johnson, James Blunt.

Q Do you have any pets?

A Yes. I have a pug, Millie. Her real name is Milano.

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

Q What are some of your hobbies?

A I like to read, walk with Millie, travel when I can, eat good food and socialize with my friends.

A If you work hard, you can do anything, you can accomplish anything, be anything you want to be.

Q What is your marital status?

A Married.

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

A I don't know yet.

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

A My husband Cody because we're middle school sweethearts, so I haven't had that much time to think about that many other men. We would go to Europe, we'd go to Italy.

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

A Nastia Liukin when she won the gold medal in the Olympics because I was a gymnast. I would like to be her for a day.

Q Patrick Dempsey, Will Smith, or David Beckham?

A Will Smith.

Q Who is your role model? Why?

A My mom. She just has accomplished a lot in her life and she has a good work ethic. If I can emulate her in any way, I will be successful.

Q What is your favorite Book?

# Students compete in "Amazing Race"

KIM SMITH  
Spectator Staff

Just as teams on the CBS show "The Amazing Race" compete in a global challenge, McPherson students have competed in a campus-wide version of the popular show.

The competitive spirit started as early as day two.

"There was some definite competition coming from fellow competitors," said Ashley Andrews, jr., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Starting on Nov. 10, the student body was e-mailed a clue, much like a riddle.

The goal was to be the first team to reach the person that the clue was written about. After a team checked in with the person it was supposed to find, the team was safe until the next day when another race would start.

Every day, the last two or more teams to reach the person, were eliminated condensing the pool of teams, much like the TV show. By this morning, only five of 15 teams remained.

The winning team will be the first person to fig-



Photo by Benjamin Denton

L-R: Jamie Teeters, soph., Little River; personal counselor Kelli Johnson; Cody Doll, sr., Healy; Kyle Toland, fr., Kansas City, and Dusty Kitchen, fr., Topeka, decide what place each team finished Thursday morning.

ure out the clue today and reach the person.

The winning team will win a \$150 prize, with

each team member receiving a \$75-gift card.

Clues during the week were written about ad-

missions and financial aid counselor Nick Glanzer; cafeteria employee Mary Ruxlow; Ethan Gustafson,

son of Andrew and Colleen Gustafson, both McPherson employees; and personal counselor

Kelli Johnson. "We're going to win it," said competitor Dusty Kitchen, fr., Topeka.

## Gas prices drop: more students driving?

TABETHA SALSBUARY  
Spectator Staff

In the past couple of weeks, students have watched as gas prices have dwindled to about half the cost they were this past summer. It is hard to believe that gas price signs do not start with a three or even a two, after consistently seeing them that way throughout the year.

So, with fuel prices dropping, it seems traveling might turn the other direction. However, many national surveys show that the general population is not traveling as much as they were earlier in the year. This may be due to people being cautious of spending because of the current economic standings or possibly people saving up for the upcoming holidays.

Many people believe the lower fuel prices are just another sign that our economy is struggling. Supply and demand play a huge role in the setting of prices. If people are not traveling as much due to the economic downfall, the demand for fuel will decrease and will bring prices down with it.

Other people have not really felt the effect of decreased prices.

"The gas prices didn't stop me from traveling when they were higher," said Shaun Griffin, jr., Inman. "I never looked at the price. I just filled up and went on with my life."

While a lot of people are not traveling any more than before, being able to purchase a gallon of fuel for less than two dollars definitely has a positive impact on people.

Several students feel that it is a lot more comforting not to have to scrounge for the extra cash just to fill up to travel to work each week.

Other students have used the lower fuel prices as an opportunity to visit friends, family and new places after classes and over weekends.

"The current fuel prices make it a lot easier for students to get away from campus for a while, whether for a road trip or just a drive into the middle of nowhere" said Verity Spencer, soph., Yamhill, Ore.

Erica Schlender, soph., Burton, said fuel prices make it easier to enjoy trips now because she is not as concerned with how much they will cost.

Tricia Fenskey, soph., Moundridge, said, "It is easier to support our cam-



Photo by Verity Spencer

A student takes the time to enjoy low gas prices.

pus sports' teams now at away games because we can actually afford to travel to them."

As human nature, most everyone likes to save money in any way possible. From any perspective, lower fuel prices are helping people save money. With the upcoming holidays and the shaken economy, saving money

is essential. Family vacations, trips home for the holidays or just time away from campus are finally being put back into reach with lower fuel prices.

"We never thought we would see gas prices below again in our lifetime," agreed Emily Donell, fr., Wichita, and Melanie Grosbach, fr., Gladstone, Mo.

## Some will stay, some will go over Thanksgiving break

BETSY SHAFFER  
Campus Life Editor

Students across campus are experiencing a variety of reactions to Thanksgiving break. Whether it is excitement about going home, dread at making the long drive or flight, or despair at five days all alone in the dorms, one thing is for certain... everyone is ecstatic at having a five-day break from classes.

Whitney Hogley, fr., Fort Leavenworth, is deviating from tradition this year to spend the holiday with her father in Leavenworth.

"Traditionally, my family - mom, dad, sis and I - travel to Houston to spend Thanksgiving with the family," Hogley said. "I've been blessed to have

both sides of my family, mom and dad's, come together every time."

Ashley Luthye, soph., Northglenn, Colo., enjoys some Thanksgiving day football.

"I can't wait to go home with my family and sit around the table with the home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner we always have," Luthye said. "Being with my mom, dad, grandma, sister, aunt, uncle and cousins watching whatever football game is on is my favorite part, I just get a big warm fuzzy feeling inside thinking about it."

Rod Barlet is on the other side of the spectrum. With his hometown of Elizabethtown, Penn., Barlet, soph., said, "The

school should combine fall break with Thanksgiving, then people who do not live very close could actually go home."

For those students not able to return home or go to friends' homes, there is a community Thanksgiving dinner in town from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The dinner is held at the community building at 122 E. Marlin, and welcomes students to come help or eat.

"I've had Thanksgiving

dinner at the community center with the fine people of McPherson twice," said Eric Read, sr., Chesapeake, Va. "It's just too far and too expensive to run back and forth across the country. I plan on it again this year."

With only five days, Thanksgiving break is fairly short, especially for those who live out of state, but for those spending the time with family or friends, the days will simply fly by.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Interested in the community Thanksgiving dinner?  
Call Mike McCormick at 620-242-0585 or e-mail him at [mccormim@mcpherson.edu](mailto:mccormim@mcpherson.edu).

### Who can you donate to?

Group O can donate to anybody. It's the universal donor.

Group A can donate to As and ABs.

Group B can donate to Bs and ABs.

Group AB can donate to other ABs, but can receive from all other groups.

## Blood drive passes goal

McPherson donates 60 units of blood

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor-in-Chief

Last Monday, McPherson College "smashed," as Tom Hurst said in a campus e-mail, the college's previous record of donating blood to the Red Cross. Of 92 people that signed up to donate, 60 units of blood were given, beating the prior McPherson record of 48 units.

"When they (Red Cross) come, they're hoping to get 40 (units)," said Hurst, director of campus ministries. "If they get more than that, it's a bonus for them."

Students, faculty and staff alike donated blood, some for the first time and even one for the 61st time. Marilyn Kimbrell, professor of education, has been donating blood since 1975 and Nov. 10, marked her 61st unit of blood.

"I was teaching in a town in Southern Missouri," Kimbrell said of her first time. "Giving blood was good for the community."

Kimbrell said that for her, giving blood never takes long and she doesn't have side effects.

"I am one of the lucky people," Kimbrell said. "It is very easy for me to give."

Donating blood is a service opportunity that many can participate in and it's a gift that does not come with a price tag.

"I was doing it before it counted as service,"

Kimbrell said. "There are many things that I can't or don't do to help others. This is one way that I can and do."

By donating one unit of blood, a person can save three lives, as the blood is split into red cells, platelets and plasma. Pelma Captain, Red Cross team supervisor, said plasma is often used for burn victims, but also has many other uses. Red cells and platelets are used to treat cancer and red cells are also used in many surgical procedures.

"If it's (blood) not available, people die," Hurst said. "If it's available, people can live longer. I think it's pretty neat to make a gift... you're saving three lives."

The Red Cross team that set up the drive at McPherson on Monday covers all of Kansas and Oklahoma. Captain said she works between five to seven days a week, at least one blood drive a day and it takes 500 units a week to supply all the Kansas and Oklahoma hospitals.

Sarah Kohler, fr., Papillion, Neb., donated for the second time on Monday.

"Why not?" Kohler said. "It's just a little thing you can do. It doesn't take much."

Kohler pointed out, on Monday, another student who was donating.

"She's scared out of her mind," Kohler said, "but she's still doing it."

## Men finish second in KCAC, have opening round bye

BRYANNA DANIELS  
Spectator Staff

The beginning of the season was a little rough for the men's soccer team.

In their first 12 games of non-conference play, they ended with a record of 4-7-1. Coach Doug Quint said he had doubts about if his team could finish as high as second place in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

"With the amount of injuries we had on the team and not being able to finish as well as we should have, no," Quint said.

However, this is no longer the case for the Bulldogs. They finished the season with a 6-2-1 record in conference play. However, it was a very close second place finish.

"There is only a half-game difference between second and fourth place in the KCAC," Quint said, "but I am very pleased with this season. It is the toughest season I have ever coached."

The men's soccer team will play the winner of the game between No. 3 seed, Ottawa University, and the No. 6 seed, Tabor College.

Although Quint thinks that Tabor is the better team of the two, he hopes to play Ottawa University and knock them out of the tournament because they are the hosts of the whole tournament.

"(We have) to just keep doing what they've been doing all season," Quint said.

"It's been a long week," said Lance Dick, soph., Hutchinson.

Due to the fact that McPherson College ended in second place, they had a bye for the first round of playoffs.

"We're all just ready to play," said Jose Arenas, jr., Cheyenne, Wyo. "Being it's my first year here, I'm really excited to play in the tournament. It's going to be a new experience and I'm looking forward to it."

The men's soccer team is scheduled to play against Ottawa University tonight at 7:30.



Photo by Tabea Surveyor

Brent Bailey, sr., Limon, Colo., keeps pace with the pack in the KCAC Championships. Bailey missed qualifying for the NAIA National Championships by one position.

## Williams qualifies for National Championships

JAMES TUTTLE  
Sports Editor

The cross country team will get to rest their legs now that their season is over. Well, except for one runner.

Oliver Williams, fr., Salt Lake City, Utah, qualified with his season-best time of 26 minutes and 15 seconds for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Championships.

"It feels pretty good," Williams said.

"In his situation, you just go up there to run as good of a time as you can," head coach Dave Smith said.

As one season ends for the Bulldogs, another one begins. The Kansas State University All-Comers indoor track meet will take place on Dec. 13. Many of the cross country runners plan to participate in indoor track and field for the Bulldogs, but Smith said some may take a break.

In their last meet of the year, the men finished fifth overall. Eight of the ten athletes finished with season-best times.

In the 8-kilometer run, Williams finished with the third best time in McPherson College history. Brent Bailey, sr., Limon, Colo., finished

with a time of 26:26.8, which is a personal best time and the sixth best time on the all-time list. Bailey missed qualifying for the NAIA National Championships by one spot.

Shaun Griffin, jr., Inman, also finished 17th with a personal best time of 26:51.9.

On the women's side, Kati Beam, fr., McPherson, finished 26th with a time of 22:18.3. Katie Logan, fr., Clay Center, finished 34th and Megan Meyer, sr., Beloit, finished 43rd overall. Since there were only three competitors on the women's side, they did not qualify for an overall team finish.

Coach Smith said the top accomplishments of the season were winning the McPherson Invitational on the men's side, setting individual times in the top 15 list, total team improvement at the Southwestern Mid-States meet, and the men's and women's effort and times on the conference course.

Next year, the team will have a good chance of improving upon their finishes this year.

"We will miss the two seniors (Bailey and Meyer), but we should get enough improvement to have a better team next year," Smith said.

## Losing streak continues

KELLI FOWLDS  
Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs will play their final game of the season against Bethel College on Saturday.

Bethel is currently ranked 23rd nationally with an overall season record of 6-3.

"Right now we're all getting prepared by watching as much film on them as we can and putting together a good game plan," said Tyler Decker, soph., Enid, Okla.

The Bulldogs intend to play the best they can in this final game.

"We are practicing hard and hopefully we will close the season out with a win," said Allen Bittick, fr., Tulsa, Okla.

The team's record so far for the 2008 season is 3-6.

"It hasn't been the season I was expecting, but I know that we are going to be really good next year," Bittick said.

Most of the players agree that the goals the team intended to reach were not accomplished.

"At times we have played some great football, but we lacked being able to put together a full game and get those big victories," Decker said.

In his second season at McPherson College, Coach Brian Ward has been trying to turn the McPherson football program around and mold it into a conference powerhouse.

"His first two years he

has been here, he has out recruited all the teams in the conference and has gotten some really good, but young athletes in here," said Garry Deason, fr., Broken Arrow, Okla. "This program has an awesome future."

Despite its losing record, the team has enjoyed this season.

"My favorite part of the season was winning the first game of the season, which was my first game to ever start in college football," Decker said.

The Bulldogs lost against Friends University on Nov. 1. The final score was 17-41, with Friends finishing off the game by scoring 13 points in the last quarter. McPherson played Tabor College on Nov. 8 and lost in a close game as Tabor sealed the game in the fourth quarter, 19-23. Going into the second half, McPherson was up 19-6, but with two touchdowns and a field goal, Tabor came back and claimed a victory.

Regardless of their record, the Bulldogs are going into Saturday's game with full force. The players are intent on doing all they can and they are already looking toward seasons to come. The football program plans to correct past mistakes and focus on what it can do to improve.

"I think in a year or two we're going to be a force to reckon with," Decker said.

Stat Leaders  
Friends v. McPherson



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Josh White, soph., Stockton, Mo., cuts back in front of a Friends University defender on Nov. 1. White led McPherson with 50 yards rushing in the loss.

	FU	MC		
First downs	28	18		
Total Net Yards	469	321		
Rushes-Yards	57-221	26-76		
Passing	248	245		
Punt returns	0-0	0-0		
Kickoff returns	3-82	8-171		
Interceptions-Ret	3-74	2-70		
Comp-Att-Int	20-30-2	16-41-3		
Punts	1-20	4-108		
Fumbles-Lost	0	1-1		
Opponent	13	12	3	13-41
McPherson	0	7	7	3-17

Tabor College v. McPherson			
	TC	MC	
First downs	22	18	
Total Net Yards	405	371	
Rushes-Yards	58-295	34-166	
Passing	110	205	
Punt returns	0-0	1-7	
Kickoff returns	3-42	4-75	
Interceptions-Ret	2-27	1-7	
Comp-Att-Int	8-18-1	20-38-2	
Punts	2-46	2-79	
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-1	
Opponent	0	6	10
McPherson	7	12	0

Receiving-Cox 5-135, Harrison 2-22, Wright 1-14	
First Quarter	MC-White 38 run (Eason kick)
Second Quarter	MC-Smith 9 run (Eason kick no good)
	MC-Harrison 2 pass from White (pass no good)
Third Quarter	TC-Washington 49 run (Manny kick no good)
Fourth Quarter	TC-Washington 2 run (Manny kick)
	TC-FG Manny 24

Individual MC Stats	
Rushing-White 15-129, Smith 6-26, Skinner 3-15, Ezeibunwa 2-4, Moore 3-3, Cox 1-2	
Passing-White 18-31-173, Sunday 2-7-32	
Receiving-Cox 6-88, Hale 5-29, Harrison 5-28, Skinner 3-58, Smith 1-2	

## Freshman athletes make impact

LETERIUS RAY  
Spectator Staff

The recruiting class of 2008 has been called upon heavily by McPherson College coaches this season. In sports all across the board, freshman athletes are playing a big role in Bulldog athletics this fall. The most evident being the starting quarterback position for the football team.

After injuries to the starting and back-up quarterbacks, the waiting line was cleared for freshman Aaron Sunday, Claremore, Okla., to step up as the No. 1 guy. In their season opener, the Bulldogs lost starting quarterback Shane Mascarenas, jr., Peoria, Ariz., for the season and back up Josh White, soph., Stockton, Mo., for a few games with a concussion and dislocated shoulder.

"I was planning on only playing while we were ahead... when we were beating teams pretty bad," Sunday said. "Then maybe I'd be getting some snaps."

In their absence, Sunday took over the reigns.

"My high school ran, pretty much, the same offense," Sunday said. "I just had to get used to working with quicker athletes."

At one point during the season, Sunday ranked ninth in passing yards in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, and lead McPherson to be the top passing offense in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

"It's just going to have me more ready for years to come," Sunday said.

While Sunday's performance as a freshman may be the most prominent,

Oliver Williams, fr., Salt Lake City, Utah, may be the most successful thus far. Williams has been the top finisher at every cross country meet for the Bulldogs.

"It's a lot harder than high school," Williams said. "It's really making me push my limits."

Williams qualified for the NAIA National Championships by placing ninth in the KCAC Championships with the third best time in school history of 26 minutes and 15 seconds.

He also said that he wants to qualify and place in the top 100 at nationals.

On the women's team, three out of the four runners are freshmen. Katie Logan, fr., Clay Center, has been the top runner for McPherson.

"I wasn't expecting to do so well coming in," Logan said. "I thought I was going to be out of shape."

She has run a season best of 21:32.5 in the women's 5-kilometer run.

She has even higher expectations for the softball diamond, where she will play pitcher and shortstop in the spring.

No McPherson College athletics team has more freshmen in their numbers than the women's soccer squad. Ten out of their 26 players are members of the freshman class. Out of the 10 freshmen, Jessica Castro, Westminster, Colo.; Shea Pulis, Enid, Okla.; Brooke Weisenburger, Spring Hill; and Annaliese Rotering, Colorado Springs, Colo., have seen the field the most. Rotering has played in all 18 contests, Castro has seen the field in 15 of the 18 contests and Pulis



Photo by Tabea Surveyor

Oliver Williams, fr., Salt Lake City, Utah, attempts to track down a Kansas Wesleyan University opponent in the KCAC Championships on Nov. 8. Williams qualified for the NAIA National Championships by finishing ninth individually.

has player the field in 14 of their 18 games. Goalie Weisenburger has started seven games this season as well.

Throughout the season, Pulis has been putting up the most numbers. She leads all freshmen with three goals on the season. Overall, the ladies are 9-5-4 on the season, heading into semifinal play of the KCAC tournament.

In men's soccer, Tyler

Tank, fr., Austin, Texas, and Blake Jett, fr., Fort Worth, Texas, have seen considerable playing time this season.

These freshman athletes have three more years to grow and develop in the program. With such a large number of high performing freshmen, the McPherson College athletic department should get stronger in years to come.

# Volleyball team finishes rough season on positive note

## Bulldogs win 2 of final 3 games

JAMES TUTTLE  
Sports Editor

Despite a tough stretch in the middle of the year, the volleyball team won two of their last three games to finish the season.

The wins, at times, were hard to come by for the lady Bulldogs, but the team seemed determined during the final stretch to close out the season on a high note.

On Nov. 1, the Bulldogs were stomped by Bethany College by scores of 6-25, 14-25 and 20-25. They then lost again, this time at home, against Bethel College by scores of 12-25, 23-25 and 8-25 on Nov. 4. Then, the Lady Bulldogs broke their six-game losing streak against Ottawa University in three straight games, 25-18, 26-24 and 25-21 to finish the regular season with a win.

The Bulldogs finished with a season record of 6-18 overall and 3-15 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference during the regular season. The mere three wins in regular season KCAC play placed them 10th out of ten teams in the conference. However, the Bulldogs came out to play in the KCAC tournament, defeating Friends University, who was tied for second in the KCAC with 15 regular season conference wins. The game scores were 9-25, 25-23, 25-23

and 25-15.

"We came out with one goal in mind," said Stephanie Guyer, sr., Highlands Ranch, Colo.

However, the Bulldogs ran into Kansas Wesleyan University on Nov. 11 in quarterfinal play. They lost in four games, 23-25, 18-25, 25-17 and 24-26.

"Our last game against Kansas Wesleyan was a tough one to lose"

- Tiffany Nichepor

"Our last game against Kansas Wesleyan was a tough one to lose," said Tiffany Nichepor, sr., Ness City.

The Bulldogs will have much of this year's squad back next year. The volleyball team will look to shake this season off and have a bright future next year. However, they will be losing seniors Nichepor and Guyer.

"(Everyone will have to) step up in the off season and get ready for next year," Nichepor said.

**STAT LEADERS**  
v. Bethany College  
Kills—Loesch 10, Neufeld 6, Arpin 5, Gordon 4  
Aces—Gordon 1, Guyer 1  
Digs—Green 10, Loesch 6, Sievers 4, Gordon 2  
Blocks—Neufeld 1, Gordon 1

v. Bethel College  
Kills—Loesch 16, Easter 4, Gordon 3,



Photo by Kyle Toland

Destri Sievers, soph., Stafford, sets the ball to Amy Neufeld, fr., Hillsboro, against Bethel College on Nov. 4. The Bulldogs were swept by Bethel in three consecutive games.

Neufeld 2  
Aces—Loesch 1, Sievers 1  
Digs—Loesch 13, Green 11, Guyer 10, Johnson 8, Sievers 5  
Blocks—Neufeld 2, Easter 2, Gordon 1, Sievers 1, Arpin 1

v. Ottawa University  
Kills—Loesch 17, Gordon 8, Arpin 4, Neufeld 4  
Aces—Loesch 6, Green 4, Gordon 2, Guyer 1, Sievers 1  
Digs—Green 12, Loesch 9, Guyer 8, Sievers 4, Nichepor 4  
Blocks—Loesch 2, Arpin 2, Easter 2, Neufeld 1, Sievers 1

v. Friends University

Kills—Loesch 19, Neufeld 11, Arpin 11, Gordon 7  
Aces—Loesch 3, Nichepor 3, Gordon 1, Guyer 1, Green 1  
Digs—Green 12, Sievers 12, Loesch 10, Gordon 4, Nichepor 4  
Blocks—Easter 4, Neufeld 3, Arpin 3, Gordon 2, Loesch 1, Sievers 1

v. Kansas Wesleyan  
Kills—Loesch 20, Neufeld 8, Arpin 7, Easter 6  
Aces—Nichepor 4, Green 2  
Digs—Green 17, Loesch 16, Sievers 6, Guyer 4, Gordon 4  
Blocks—Arpin 3, Loesch 1, Gordon 1, Sievers 1, Neufeld 1

# Bulldogs victorious early, often

LETERIUS RAY  
Spectator Staff

The men's basketball team has played well in their early season tournaments.

The Bulldogs dropped their opening game 60-67 against Southern Nazarene University. Brandon Cameron, sr., Hutchinson, put up 25 points and nine in the contest. Mike Reece, jr., San Antonio, Texas was the second leading scorer with 10. The team averaged 39 percent in field goals, 33 percent from behind the arc, and 66.7 percent for free throws.

"Southern Nazarene is a good team," said men's head coach Tim Swartzendruber. "I was pleased how we bounced back with a win the next day."

Day two of the tournament ended with a 84-79 win over Southwestern Christian University. Reece stepped into the role of lead scorer with 21 points. Antwine Lamb, jr., Topeka, followed with 15 points, along with nine rebounds. Trent Ruxlow, soph., McPherson was not far behind with 14 points of his own. The team was 45.2 percent from the field, 25 percent from three, and 72.7 percent from the line.

Last weekend, McPherson College hosted the MAC Classic. Reece had another good night on the stat sheet, with 18 points, seven rebounds, and three assists, in a struggle against Avila College. The play of Marlon Dominique, jr., Donaldsonville, La. was key in the Bulldogs' 70-65 win versus

the Eagles Friday. In addition to his 14 points, seven rebounds, and five assists, Dominique's ball handling skills kept the game going in McPherson's favor.

After holding off Avila the night before, the men controlled most of their contest against Haskell Indian Nations University. Lamb put up 15 points, and eight rebounds Saturday against the Indian Nations in an 84-72 victory. Charles Moore, jr., San Antonio, Texas, Reece, Dwayne Thomas, jr., Houston, Texas and Ruxlow scored in double figures as well.

"I think we have a lot of guys who can score," said Swartzendruber. "We're not a team that has to depend on one guy. That's a big plus."

The Bulldogs are 3-1 going into this weekend's competition

"Central Methodist is undefeated and Baker is good too," said Swartzendruber. "We can compete with both teams, but we have to play well to give ourselves a chance."

McPherson plays Central Methodist tonight at 8 p.m., and Baker tomorrow at 6 p.m., in Ottawa for the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference/Heart of Amercia Athletic Conference Classic.

**Stat Leaders**  
Bulldog Stats v. Southern Nazarene  
Fg-a 5-5 2-2 2 6 2 3 9  
Ruxlow 5-7 0-0 1 1 3 1 14  
Severs 0-0 0-0 1 0 1 3 0  
Cameron 9-15 4-5 9 0 1 4 25  
Darden 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0  
Lamb 3-5 0-2 8 0 1 3 6  
Moore 3-17 2-2 6 1 5 3 8  
Stevenson 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0  
Thomas 1-2 0-0 0 0 0 0 2  
Reece 3-5 4-4 1 2 4 5 10  
Nemechek 0-1 0-0 3 0 2 1 0  
Johnson 1-1 0-0 3 0 1 1 2  
Southern Nazarene University 33 34 - 67  
McPherson College 32 28 - 60  
Three-point goals - 4-12 (Dominique 1-2, Ruxlow 0-5, Cameron 3-5), Steals - 8 (Dominique 3, Cameron 1, Moore 1, Lamb 1, Nemechek 1, Thomas 1), Blocks - 2 (Lamb 2).



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Mike Reece, jr., San Antonio, Texas, out jumps a Haskell Indian Nations University defender for the finish. Reece finished with 12 points and seven rebounds.

Bulldog Stats v. Southwestern Christian									
	Fg-a	Ft-a	R	A	TO	F	TP		
Dominique	3-5	2-2	2	6	4	3	9		
Ruxlow	5-7	0-0	1	1	3	1	14		
Severs	0-1	0-0	1	3	0	0	0		
Gardis	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0		
Cameron	3-9	0-2	7	2	1	4	7		
Lamb	6-9	3-3	9	0	2	1	15		
Moore	1-3	3-4	2	0	2	5	5		
Stevenson	1-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	2		
Thomas	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	2		
Reece	7-11	7-7	4	4	3	3	21		
Nemechek	2-6	0-0	2	1	2	1	5		
Johnson	2-5	0-2	4	0	1	2	4		
Southwestern Christian University	37 42 - 79								
McPherson College	38 46 - 84								
Three-point goals - 7-15 (Ruxlow 4-6, Nemechek 1-5, Cameron 1-2, Dominique 1-1, Reece 0-1).									
Steals - 7 (Reece 3, Johnson 2, Severs 1, Dominique 1), Blocks - 2 (Johnson 1, Severs 1).									

Bulldog Stats v. Haskell University									
	Fg-a	Ft-a	R	A	TO	F	TP		
Dominique	2-4	5-7	1	9	1	0	9		
Ruxlow	2-4	4-4	2	1	2	4	10		
Severs	1-1	0-0	2	3	0	3	2		
Lamb	5-9	5-10	8	0	5	2	15		
Moore	6-14	1-2	8	1	1	1	13		
Stevenson	1-1	1-2	0	0	0	1	3		

Bulldog Stats v. Avila University									
	Fg-a	Ft-a	R	A	TO	F	TP		
Dominique	4-5	6-8	7	5	0	4	14		
Ruxlow	4-13	2-2	1	1	1	0	12		
Severs	0-1	0-0	1	1	1	1	0		
Lamb	1-4	3-6	5	0	3	2	5		
Moore	2-5	0-0	5	0	2	0	4		
Stevenson	1-1	0-2	3	0	0	1	2		
Thomas	1-2	0-0	4	0	1	2	8		
Reece	7-14	2-2	7	3	3	4	18		
Nemechek	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	0		
Johnson	3-5	1-1	2	0	4	3	7		
Avila University	31 34 - 65								
McPherson College	38 32 - 70								
Three-point goals - 4-17 (Ruxlow 2-10, Reece 2-3, Nemechek 0-3, Dominique 0-1), Steals - 9 (Moore 3, Thomas 2, Nemechek 2, Dominique 1, Ruxlow 1), Blocks - 1 (Lamb 1).									

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bulldogs celebrate individual success

Even though the football team is on a three-game skid, there are several individuals who are putting up very impressive personal statistics.

Gary Cox, sr., Glendale, Ariz., is the current leader in the National Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in all-purpose yards per game with 168.7 yards per game. Cox also ranks 13th in receiving yards with 86.2 yards per game, 17th in receptions per game at 5.9 receptions per game, 18th in kickoff yards per attempt at 24.4 yard per attempt and 25th in punt return yards per attempt at 9.3 yards per attempt.

Leading the Bulldogs defensively are Billy Baska, jr., Tonganoxie, who leads the NAIA with fumbles forced per game at 0.4 and Jeff Paulson, jr., Limon, Colo., who ranks sixth in tackles with 12.2 tackles per game.

In women's soccer, Haley Cook, soph., Centennial, Colo., now holds the record for scoring and goals scored in a career with 30 goals and 68 points.

"I was very proud of Haley for the effort she put into her first two years of her career," said Coach Robert Talley. He said Cook realizes there are 10 other players on the field, which is key to her success.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Jessica Stahr, sr., York, Neb., keeps the ball away from a Sterling College defender in the opening round playoff game for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs needed two overtimes and a penalty kick shoot-out to overcome the Warriors.

# Women advance in close opening playoff game

JAMES TUTTLE  
Sports Editor

The women's soccer team advanced in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament after a game that was way too close for comfort.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the regular season with a 4-0 victory over Bethany College. This win improved their record to 5-3-1 in the KCAC and 9-5-3 overall. Five wins were enough to place the Bulldogs third in the conference and set the scene for their opening round home game against Sterling College on Nov. 7.

The Warriors scored first, late in the first period to take the lead 0-1. The Bulldogs answered with a score of their own, a goal by Alyssa Baldi, soph., Northglenn, Colo., assisted by Jessica Stahr, sr., York, Neb. It would then take two scoreless overtimes and a penalty kick shootout for the Bulldogs to advance to the semifinals against Ottawa University on Nov. 14.

During the penalty kick shootout, Andrea Swanson, soph., Littleton, Colo., only allowed one goal. The Bulldogs

scored three goals off the feet of Haley Cook, soph., Centennial, Colo., Baldi, and Ana Calderon, soph., Lone Tree, Colo. The Bulldogs won the shootout by a final score of 3-1.

"We lost to them (Sterling) on a cheap goal during the season and did not want to lose to them again," said Colleen Brennan, soph., Topeka.

Coach Robert Talley said, "We still continue to struggle to finish our opportunities."

Coach Talley believes the ladies are playing their best ball of the season, now that they have found chemistry with each other. He said that the addition of Courtney Castelli, jr., Hutchinson, back to the rotation is a big reason why the Bulldogs have been able to find chemistry.

"We have come together as a team and realized how well we can play with each other," Talley said.

The Bulldogs face off against Ottawa University today at 2:30 p.m. at Ottawa in an attempt to advance further in the playoff.

"I think that Ottawa doesn't know what to expect," Brennan said.



Photo by Kaylin Cooper

Tecie Turner, soph., Scott City, and Kelsey Hempe, soph., Wichita make phone calls to alumni for Project Connect

## Project Connect sets goal for \$100,000 this year

Money to go toward annual scholarship fund

MELISA GRANDISON  
Spectator Staff

Looking for an on-campus job? Consider one that makes a large impact on the McPherson College campus.

Project Connect, an on-campus job where McPherson College students call alumni, is responsible for bringing in a gross amount of \$99,000 last year alone for the annual scholarship fund.

Callers of the project meet three nights a week on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. They call McPherson College alumni in pursuit of financial pledges as well as names of prospective students.

Last year, callers made 5,819 calls reaching 2,623 alumni households. They raised an average of \$16 per call, surpassing the yearly goal of \$90,000 in the year. They received 1,090 pledges, 185 new donor pledges and 41 names of prospective

“It’s about building relationships with alumni.”

— Kathy Nicholson

students.

Kathy Nicholson, associate director of development, explained that the project involves more than just fund raising.

“It’s not just about the pledges,” Nicholson said. “It’s about building relationships with alumni. We want to make it as personal and fun for the alumni as we can.”

She also said that callers often spend up to 15 minutes on the phone with alumni.

In addition to personal phone conversations, when pledge sheets are mailed to alumni donors, cards are included in the packet. The cards have a picture of the callers with a short biography on the back. This

allows the alumni to feel as though they know the student they’ve been talking to on a more personal level.

This year’s project callers are Amanda LeClair, sr., Clyde; Emily Alexander, Salina; Heath McCracken, soph., Tracy, Calif.; Jacob Kelley, fr., Wichita; Jerdan Schweizer, fr., Plevna; Katie Doffing, fr., Conway Springs; Kelly Custer, fr., Elkhart; Kelsey Hempe, soph., Wichita; Kelsie Patrick, soph., Elizabeth, Colo.; Sarah Kohler, fr., Papillion, Neb.; Tabetha Salsbury, sr., Pueblo, Colo.; Tannah Janssen, sr., McPherson; Tecie Turner, soph., Scott City; and Trent Ruxlow, soph., McPherson.

Project Connect members have set their goals high this year, expecting to reach 50 percent of all alumni households, earn \$100,000 in pledges, gain 200 new donor pledges and receive 75 prospective student names.

## Market offers non-traditional gifts, provides for needy internationally

AUDREY SECKER  
News Editor

The holiday season is fast approaching. Students are eagerly anticipating the end of the semester and the break that it entails.

For many, finding gifts for friends and family can be a difficult and stressful task, which can overshadow the warm and joyous occasion that holidays should be.

It is never too early to start looking for Christmas presents.

On Nov. 22, there will be an opportunity for students to find meaningful gifts that will bring joy to loved ones and will also continue to give to those less fortunate, long after the Christmas season.

“Most of us consume too much,” said Jeanne Smith, a retired McPherson College professor. “We have more ‘things’ in our homes than we’ll ever use up in our lifetimes, mak-

ing this type of market a wonderful way to give to our loved ones and help the world, too.”

The Alternative Christmas Market gives donors the opportunity to give unconventional gifts in place of ordinary gifts to friends and loved ones.

“The Alternative Christmas Market has consistently raised more income for individuals and families in need around the world than the year before,” said Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries. “Giving people of means, which is what all of us here at McPherson College are, a way to stop giving more ‘stuff’ to family and friends and give gifts that will impact an impoverished family somewhere around the world is in itself a gift.”

Hurst believes giving a gift from the market enriches the soul.

“Those of us with money to spend are very fortunate to have the opportunity to

give to those in need,” Hurst said. “In fact, I’d say that these type of gifts are soul-saving gifts.”

Booths this year will include Ethiopia Reads, Trees for Life-Books for Life, The Foods Resource Bank, The Greater Gift Shop, New Community Project and more. All together 14 booths will be set up.

“We were pleased with the turnout last year,” Smith said. “We hope to draw more students this year, as it is a very enlightening event and a nice way to start your Christmas shopping. With the recession, one never knows, but Christmas is coming, and it’s a time of sharing and caring, which is something McPherson people do well.”

The McPherson Church of the Brethren will sponsor the Alternative Christmas Market in Mingenback Theatre from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 22.

## Search for campus president continues

SHANNON WILLIAMS  
Spectator Staff

As the country’s presidential search comes to an end, the college’s presidential search is just on its way.

The search committee that is looking for the next president of McPherson College still has much work to do and can share little.

“We agreed at our first meeting that we wouldn’t talk about the process with anyone,” said Becki Bowman, committee member and assistant professor of communication.

The committee met Nov.

8, to review and discuss applications turned in for the position. The committee is not allowed to share any of the information with anybody outside of the committee, however. This includes information about how many candidates it is considering, who it’s considering and where the candidates are from.

The committee agreed to keep the project confidential to protect the privacy and jobs of applicants, but the campus will know soon enough who the new president will be.

“Right now, it’s scheduled to make an offer to a

person sometime in February,” Bowman said.

The search committee actually does not decide who the new president will be. Instead, it will simply narrow down the search to three to five prospects for the Board of Trustees to vote on.

The Board of Trustees will be interviewing, selecting and voting on a new president in February. During the Board of Trustees’ interviewing process, the identity of the potential presidents will be revealed as they will be visiting campus and interacting with professors, students and faculty.

## Diversity: Percentage of minorities higher than other colleges

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create dialogue, said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

“Our intent was not to answer any questions,” Rothrock said. “Our intent was to raise issues and ponder things related to the issue of, in this case, assumptions or prejudices we have about people, about race, those kinds of things.”

Fosberg’s play touched on a variety of areas, opening channels for many students to connect with.

“There were so many pieces in there that I’ve got to believe over 50 percent of the people were thinking that could be me or that was me,” Rothrock said.

### A diverse campus

In terms of diversity, Rothrock said McPherson College is 24 percent racial minorities and there are 42 different states represented on campus. But the college’s definition of diversity is more than just race and location. It also includes ethnicity, color, gender, national origin, religion, marital status, socioeconomic status, exceptionality, and sexual orientation.

“We’re an extremely diverse campus based on all those areas,” Rothrock said.

Despite the fact that McPherson has a higher percentage of racial minorities than many colleges in the plains area,

there are varying opinions about how welcoming McPherson College truly is.

“Really, we do have a high amount of minorities compared to other schools in the ACCK (Associated Colleges of Central Kansas), but it’s still a very white campus,” Wiens said. “It was more of an issue in the past about people being unable to understand other people’s cultures and not being accepting of that.”

Tyler Tank, fr., Austin, Texas, thinks most people are pretty accepting of others on this campus.

“I’d say everybody’s pretty tolerant here,” Tank said. “I see everybody being friends. I don’t see just single groups of race.”

On the other hand, Tank does think that many students are facing issues related to diversity including race and divorce.

“There’s probably a lot of kids here trying to deal with that, if they’re strug-

gling with it, accepting it,” Tank said.

### What McPherson can do

Both Wiens and Rothrock want students to talk about these issues and will continue to try to provide opportunities for students. However, they also hope students will take the initiative to embrace diversity in the forms of leading discussions, panels, activities and events.

“I think what we need to be working on is making this a very welcoming campus to all kinds of issues,” Rothrock said.

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## Phi Alpha Theta inducts new members

ADRIELLE HARVEY  
Editor in Chief

McPherson’s Epsilon-Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta inducted four new members at a ceremony on Oct. 31.

Inductees were Brett Mowry, sr., Olathe; Brandon Ritcha, jr., Inman; Elizabeth Wash, sr., McPherson; and Nathan Witter, jr., McPherson.

Phi Alpha Theta is the History Honors Society, founded at the University of Arkansas in 1921. There are currently more than 850 chapters across the nation.

“Phi Alpha Theta promotes the study of history through the encourage-

ment of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning,” said Gary Entz, associate professor of history.

Inductees must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA overall and a 3.2 GPA in history courses, and submit an application to be reviewed by both McPherson’s faculty advisor and the national office at the University of South Florida.

Mowry, who is a history major with secondary education, said the induction “just means a lot of hard work has paid off.” Mowry plans to teach history upon graduation.

“It (Phi Alpha Theta) looks good on your resume and it means you

cared a lot in school,” Mowry said.

The Epsilon-Eta Chapter has inducted 199 members since it’s start at McPherson College in 1954. The new inductees will join these members including four other student members and five faculty members who are currently on campus. Membership to Phi Alpha Theta lasts a lifetime.

Jillian Overstake, jr., Hillsboro, serves as the current president of the Epsilon-Eta Chapter. Overstake was actively involved in the ceremony and helped present the inductees with honors cords to wear at graduation and plaques.

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