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NEWS BRIEFS

Toy drive ends today

Today is the last day to donate toys for the Business Club's toy drive. The toys will help support the Wichita Children's Home. Toys can be donated for children ages toddler to fifth grade. Donations can be put in the red box in second floor Mohler. Go out and get a toy to donate before its too late!

Seniors named to Who's Who list

Six seniors from McPherson College were awarded the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges award. The recipients for 2008 award are: Cody Doll, Healy; Adrielle Harvey, Beverly; Brandon Luter, Bayfield Colo.; Tiffany Nichepor, Ness City; Amy Parnell, Liberal; and Eric Sader, Derby. As recipients of this, award the students will select the Professor of the Year this spring.

College offers Bulldog Express

Next week the Mac staff will provide rides to the Wichita airport for any students that may need them. Rides will be offered twice a day Monday through Friday. E-mail Karen Caylor or sign up in the Student Union for rides.

SAB to provide finals snacks

During finals week, Students Activities Board, along with the college staff, will provide snacks in the Student Union from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday. Each day will have a different snack:
Sunday: Pizza
Monday: Breakfast
Tuesday: Tex Mex
Wednesday: Donuts

'Rabbit Hole' to take Mac stage

The play "Rabbit Hole" by David Lindsay-Abaire will be shown on the McPherson College Stage on Jan. 30 and 31 and Feb. 6 and 7. "Rabbit Hole" is Cody Doll's senior project and is about a family dealing with the accidental loss of their son. Doll is from Healy.

Let out and locked up

Days after 1965 graduation, McPherson alum robs bank, kills 3

It was graduation day at McPherson College on May 30, 1965. Nolan Howell and Duane Pope, fellow classmates, chatted it up, while they ticked down the 20 or 30 minutes left before they would walk across the stage in Brown Auditorium to receive their diplomas.

On the following Saturday, it was that very conversation that FBI grilled Howell about, when Howell realized he could not tell the FBI what they wanted to know. He realized Pope had not said anything in that short time before graduation that would have tipped off Howell to a malicious crime Pope would commit on June 4.

A small-town star

Duane Pope grew up in Roxbury, a small, now unincorporated town nearly 25 miles from McPherson. With his 6'2", 185 lb., strong frame, he excelled in basketball, track and especially football. Then, in the spring of 1961, with encouragement from his teachers at Roxbury High School, he enrolled at McPherson College. He attended in the fall on a football scholarship, majoring in industrial arts and education.

During high school and college, Pope was de-

scribed by everyone who knew him as a shy, quiet, polite person, even gentle.

"His coaches would yell at him to get rougher," said Noel Grove, 1959 McPherson College alumnus and author of "Anyone But Duane."

Grove mentions in his book that Pope, during football, would hit a teammate, then catch him as he fell to the ground. But this kindness was not to be taken for weakness, as he was a star defensive end for the Bulldogs.

Pope was named player of the week by his teammates in the Spectator during his senior year. In the article, written by Ronnie Murphy, it said Pope was the only three-year letter winner during his junior year. He earned his fourth letter his senior year and was voted MVP against Baker University for 13 tackles and one fumble recovery. Pope averaged eight tackles per game.

"He was a good football player," said fellow teammate Art Hoch, class of 1963. "Excellent."

Hoch not only played football with Pope, but worked an on-campus job with him, cleaning the stadium after football games. Hoch said sometimes he and other guys would go home with friends on the weekend and Pope was al-

ways a person that would

exchange work schedules.

Pope dated little during college, though he did have one serious relationship with Ramona Lowe, also a McPherson College student, whom he broke up with while still in college, then later married.

As a student, Pope was average, said Merlin Frantz, who was the academic dean at McPherson College in 1965.

"I read his name to get his diploma," Frantz said.

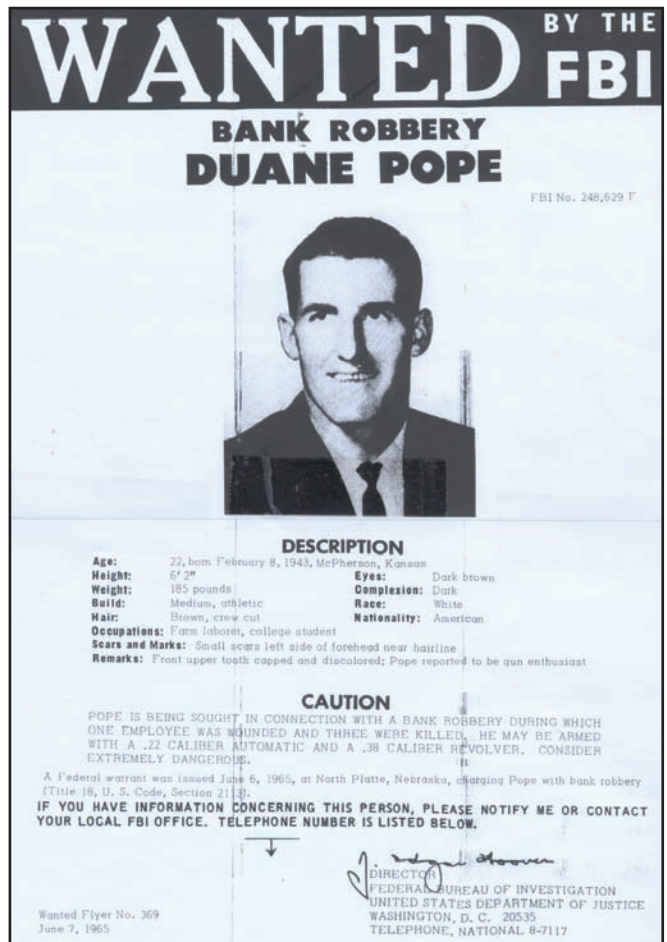
From gentleman to murderer

But this shy, quiet, polite, gentleman shook the small communities of Roxbury and McPherson and caused disbelief of all the people he knew just days after graduation.

On June 4, 1965, 22-year-old Pope, dressed in a sport coat, white shirt and tie, walked into a bank in Big Springs, Neb., and robbed it of about \$1,500, less than what he had come for.

He then demanded that the four employees in the bank over the lunch hour, lie on their stomachs on the floor. Pope then pulled out a pistol, complete with a silencer that he made in the college's industrial arts building, and one at a time, shot all four - first in their lower backs, then in the backs of their necks.

He then walked out the door, greeting a local farmer who was entering the bank. The farmer did not immediately notice



Contributed by Nolan Howell

This wanted poster is a copy of an original that FBI planned to post the day Duane Pope turned himself in.

the four people lying behind the counter, but soon saw them with pools of blood forming around the wounds on their bodies.

On the floor lay 77-year-old bank president Andy Kjeldgaard, his nephew Frank Kjeldgaard, bookkeeper Lois Ann Hothan and bank teller Glenn Hendrickson.

The elder Kjeldgaard, Hothan and Hendrickson were fatally wounded and Frank Kjeldgaard is paralyzed to this day.

"Give yourself up..."

Pope fled Big Springs in a rental car from Salina, driving the back roads, and at one time even through a field. He returned the car to the Hertz agency that night, dented, covered in mud, and gas leaking from holes in the fuel tank. He then took his Buick to Wichita, ditched it and flew to San Diego.

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Buy a shirt, plant a tree

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
Staff Writer

Organic clothing - it's all over the place. It's expensive. But does it have to be?

Jon Norloff and Amy Ziegler's new business, Arche Tree Clothing, offers organic T-shirts at a normal price, and according to Ziegler, sr., Hudson, Colo., they are "fashion friendly," as well as environmentally friendly. But the best part isn't the price.

For each shirt bought from their online store, a tree will be planted on the behalf of the purchaser. This is possible because of a partnership with Plant It 2020, which according to its website is a "nonprofit foundation dedicated to properly planting, maintaining and protecting as many indigenous trees as possible worldwide."

This couple has unlimited ideas for when it comes to their company.

"We both wanted to start a business," Ziegler said. "It was something we both liked."

They decided not only



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Jon Norloff, jr., Westminster, Colo., and Amy Ziegler, sr., Hudson, Colo., show off their earth-conscious T-shirts

to sell green products, but to make the company as green as possible, too. The server hosting the site is run entirely on solar power and all the screen printing

is done by hand. One of the many things that make it eco-friendly is "low im-

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Speaking out

Two students protest SOA

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

Protest.

Have you ever felt strongly about a subject? Your family maybe? A friend? A complete stranger? An injustice done somewhere in the world? Mira Coulter and Melisa Grandison, two McPherson College students, drove 19 hours overnight on Nov. 20, to Columbus, Ga., to protest the U.S. Army School of the Americas from Nov. 21 to 23.

The SOA is a combat training school for Latin American soldiers in Fort Benning, Ga.

"I truly admire the individuals who continue to lose their lives in pursuit of the derechos (Universal Rights) that most of us take for granted every single day," said Grandison, soph. Quinter. "It is true that you can silence to voice, but you can't erase the idea and I was reminded of that at the

Grandison went on to explain why she feels it is important to voice her opinion about the injustices of the world.

"This was a way that I could be a part of protesting something that infringes on the rights of human beings in Latin America," Grandison said. "Plus, as an American, I have the right to take a stand against things that I feel are morally and ethically wrong and it's important to me to exercise that right in support of the many other people around the world who do not have the same freedom."

Throughout the weekend, various bands performed and survivors spoke of their experiences. Father Roy Bourgeois was one such survivor who spoke of his experiences. Two bands that performed at the benefit

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Support needed when cuts happen

In our first issue, we featured an article about our \$1.5 million spending deficit created from many endowment draws over the past five years.

That means that cuts are more than likely coming.

We've been hearing rumors of who or what is going to get cut within this school year.

Sadly, we don't have the answers, sorry. But what we can do is help settle the nerves of those who are nervous about their field of study or those that have worries about the morale of the college as a whole.

Students, including this year's freshmen, are guaranteed a diploma in their field if they graduate from McPherson College. Even if their area of study ends up getting cut or altered, they are still secure in obtaining their diploma in that major. The college wants to accommodate those that want to graduate from here. So, ease your fears if that was what you were afraid of.

When and if the cuts do happen, we should all remain positive and encouraged. The college is taking a step toward a better future. Things have to be done to ensure the best for the students, staff and faculty.

It is very important that the college stick together and remain positive. The board of trustees is looking out for our best interest and for us. Though sacrifices have to be made, things will get better.

The more negative we are, the more miserable we are going to be during this time of change and the more chances increase of retention and prospective students going down. That hurts us more than it helps us.

We have to understand that life throws curve balls at us all the time. It's the way that you handle it that will show you how the end result will be.

If we stick together, as a family, we can get through this. It's not going to be easy for anyone. Seeing programs, faculty or staff go takes a heavy toll on everyone.

We need to support the ones in charge in making the decisions. They are the ones that know what steps need to be taken to make sure the college is heading back in the right direction.

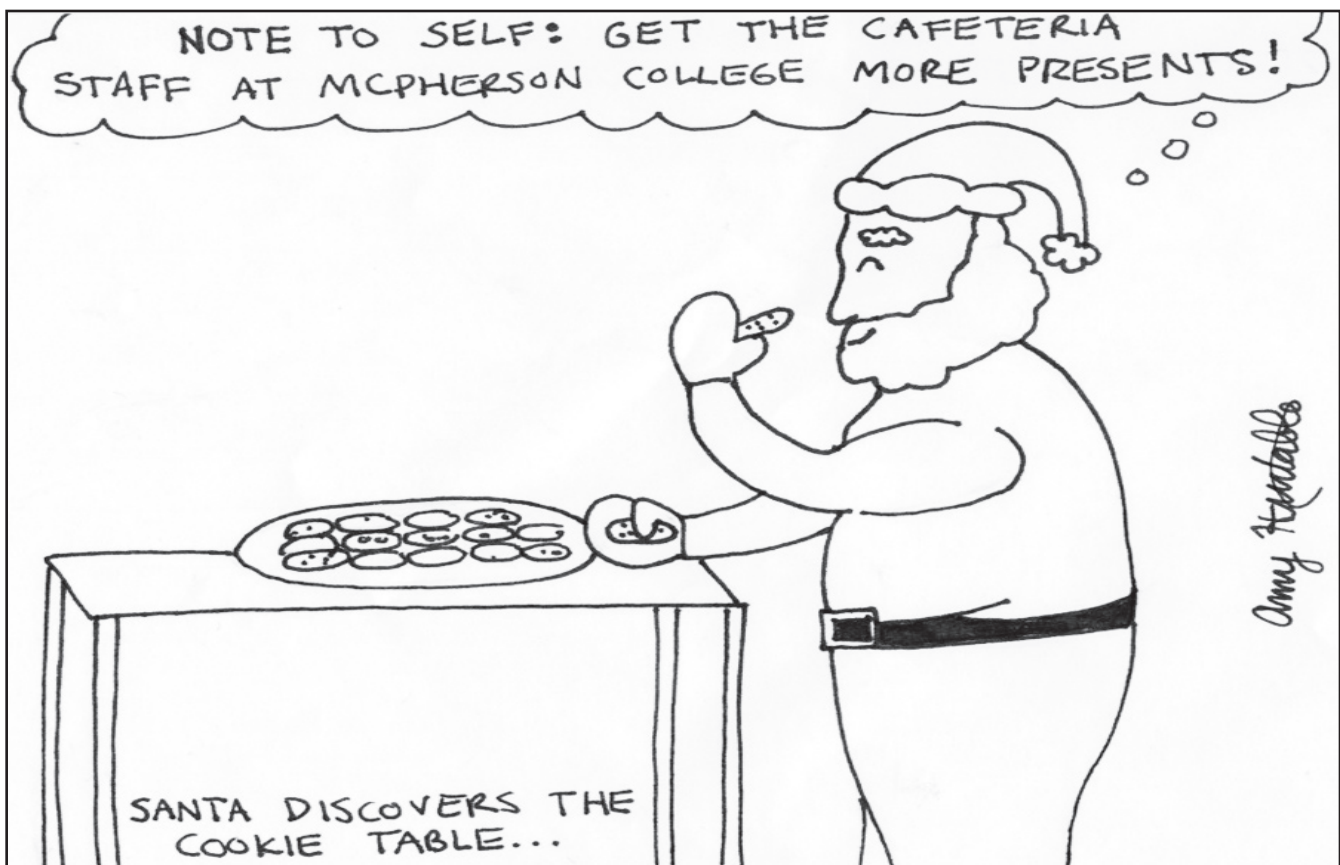
We aren't the only ones that are suffering. The nation is in a huge economic problem. Is it the end of the world? The nation is making it and so can we.

Sitting around complaining about this situation won't stop it from happening. We all need to just be thankful that something is being done and that things are happening for the best.

They look bad now, but it will be okay.

ISSUE:
Deficit likely to bring cuts.
OUR POSITION:
Stick together and stay positive.

Not Necessarily Ordinary



Busy Christmas season isn't always jolly

Lack of money, family togetherness and stresses hide the best gift of all

When you wake up to go to class in the morning, there's a fresh white powder covering the ground and a harsh chill blows into your face causing you to grumble when you take the first step out the door.

That's right, it's Christmas time.

For some people this means a wonderful time. It's a chance for students to get a break from school and go home for a few weeks and relax.

Family comes in from all over and you get to spend some great time with everyone. But what about the handful of people who don't get to do that?

The holidays aren't always a positive thing for everyone. What about the Wal-Mart employee who was trampled to death by shopping-hungry connoisseurs? Or the thousands of families who can't afford

MEGAN'S CORNER



Megan McKnight

to buy each other gifts? Or there's always a family that just doesn't get along and the holidays just put more stress on their lives.

If you are a frequent reader of my column, you should know by now that I grew up with a few obstacles in my way.

Christmas happens to be something that has always presented one of those ob-

stacles. My family hasn't got along the best since my grandmother passed away a few years ago and ever since then it's been hard to enjoy Christmas without her.

On top of trying to get the family to get along for one afternoon, I often worry about if I'm going to be able to buy everyone gifts and how much time I can take off work without it hurting my paycheck too terribly.

Since my sophomore year at McPherson, I've stayed in town for every holiday so I could work to save money. Christmas isn't exactly my favorite holiday anymore.

However, regardless of the difficulties that I may experience, I know that this is the time of the year that is meant for appreciation. Every time I start to panic about money or my

family, I just remember that I'm blessed for what I do have. I have a wonderful mother and a boyfriend who loves me, our health is good and I'm going to be a college graduate in five short months.

I don't believe that complaining is conducive to health or happiness. I realize that I'm not as well off as a lot of other students or some people in this community, but I have a lot that others may not have. I deal with those grumpy people at work and just count my blessings that I'm surrounded by good people in my life.

So when you go home and hug your family for the first time in a while, make sure you tell them you love them. Christmas isn't about the gifts and money, it's about appreciating what you already have. Happy Holidays!

Lost "sheep" shredded without a chance of guidance

Christmas is supposed to be a time of joy, reflection and celebration. But for many, it's a stark realization their time at Mac is up. For many close friends, these next few weeks mark a somber goodbye that, in many cases, means they will never see each other again. McPherson College was a blip on many people's radars, a semester-long trip to Kansas. For others, it was a four-year paradise or hell, depending on the situation they individually chose.

I can count on both hands people who are leaving Mac at the end of this semester for good, and that's only people in my social circle. McPherson always stresses retention to its staff, so why is it that so many are leaving?

JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

I have found the reason most people stay is because they make lasting relationships - whether it be friendships or romantic involvements. Those who choose Mac for their college career stay because of their college family.

College isn't for everyone. A lot of students real-

ize that college is not what they had planned it to be so they decide to leave and pursue other things. Some students just feel like McPherson is not a good fit and decide to try out other schools. Others genuinely don't like it here at the campus or Kansas in general. This is something that we cannot help and we cannot stop. It's a sad thing that this happens more often than not.

What I feel is most disturbing however, is that it seems the college staff weed out people who aren't quite McPherson College material. The partiers, the bold personalities who aren't used to the laid back, quiet lifestyle of our campus are singled out and punished. Instead of helping those with bad

grades, they're let go like a feather in the wind. Those people, like sheep, are thrown to the admissions counselor wolves who will tackle their haphazard transcripts and decide the fate of their college careers. I understand that we cannot force students to stay here just for retention but we should be doing everything that we can to make sure that we can accommodate their needs.

I hope, in the future, that we will embrace those who don't match perfectly. Let's help them fit in the puzzle and next year, Christmas might look a little brighter. To those who are leaving - a fond farewell. Hopefully next year we can say "see you soon" instead of "see you never."

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Good Dog		Bad Dog
First snow of winter.		Loud music coming from Metzler.
Semester is almost over.		Cold and windy weather.
Christmas trees, Christmas cookies and Christmas music.		Being a broke college student at Christmas time.

CHEW ON THIS

"Nothing can cure the soul but the senses, just as nothing can cure the senses but the soul."
-Oscar Wilde

"The sweeter the apple, the blacker the core. Scratch a lover and find a foe."
-Dorothy Rothschild Parker

Nasty, unsanitary bathroom habits allow germs to linger everywhere

Appalled student disgusted by the lack of handwashing on campus

MY TWO CENTS



Tabetha Salsbury

Imagine eating a handful of feces - yes, I mean excrement, poop, defecation - whatever you want to refer to it as. I'm sure at this point you are cringing, thinking something along the lines of "how disgusting" or "no one would ever do that!"

The truth of the matter is that we do it everyday because there are still people who do not wash their hands after using the restroom.

Yes, I said "we."

It's not just the ones who are negligent on the upkeep of their personal hygiene because everything touched by a person who does not wash their hands is a transmitter of bacteria. Things such as the cups in the cafeteria, the salad tongs, the door handles and even the napkins contain particles of feces that were left behind by those

disgusting, bacteria-covered hands belonging to the negligent persons.

Did you know that, on average, one-third of college students fail to wash their hands after using the restroom? That's approximately 160 students right here on our campus that consistently spread disease. And we wonder why everyone is getting sick.

In just the past week, I have observed numerous females in various bathrooms around campus who finish using the restroom and head straight for the door. On many occasions I wanted to scream at them and remind them to wash their filthy, feces-covered hands, but I refrained.

There were some instances early in the morning when the individual was awake just enough not to run into the door. Then there were instances when other individuals "committed the crime" right before they ate lunch. It really did not matter what time of day it was or where I was on campus, I constantly witnessed individuals walking right out the door and not thinking twice about the combination of soap and water.

According to a report on msnbc.msn.com titled

"What Germs Are on Your Hands" by Dr. Philip Tierno, 80 percent of all infectious diseases are passed by indirect and direct human contact. Dr. Tierno also reports that it should only take approximately 20 seconds to properly wash your hands with soap and water - properly meaning in between the fingers, up the wrists, under jewelry and under fingernails.

Only 20 extra seconds spent could prevent weeks of illness for yourself and others.

It is easy to rid your hands of germs, especially after using the restroom - just wash them. Another quick, easy and affordable way is to keep a travel bottle of hand sanitizer with you at all times and use it before and after touching anything that could contain mass amounts of bac-

teria or eating anything.

It is my opinion, and I'm sure many of you would agree with me, that it is completely and utterly disgusting to imagine what goes in our mouths by the time we are finished eating because it's not just food, it's millions of bacteria that were dispersed by persons with low personal hygiene.

We are all college students. We know the proper way to wash our hands. It has been taught to us since we were born.

So why not take the extra 20 seconds to wash your hands and help prevent the spreading of diseases and contamination?

Whatever the excuses are for not washing your hands, flush them down the toilet and take on a personal responsibility to cut down on the spreading of bacteria. Wash up!

Play by the rules, practice safe and smart sex

THINK OUT LOUD



Ashley Andrews

"He said that she said that she slept with him and then went off and meet that other guy."

"Oh really? Well, I heard that he went and slept with those three girls off campus so that they all wouldn't find out about one another."

Okay, that may be an extreme example but it shows how dominant the presence of promiscuity and sex in general is on college campuses around the nation.

If promiscuity or sex in general is something that you have chosen to do, practice safe sex.

Most students don't use the proper ways to fully protect themselves from being infected by STDs. If a person chooses to take part in those kinds of activities, they should protect themselves and their partner. Don't risk changing your life or someone else's just because you were irresponsible and didn't take the time to think things out.

According to the Medical Institute for Sexual Health, it is estimated that

1 in 5 Americans is now infected with a viral STD. Doesn't that make you think?

I know there are times where people are in the "heat of the moment" and don't think. They also don't think about the fact that they are sleeping with all of the people their partner has slept with. Suddenly, a two-some ended up being an orgy! Well, not really, but you get the point.

The website www.lead-eru.com says that 63 percent of all sexually transmitted disease cases occur among people less than 25

years of age.

Most college students don't even know how to use a condom properly, so even when you think you are fully protecting yourself and your partner, you might not be. Also, condoms don't even protect against a lot of STDs anymore. Both men and women can still catch the Human papillomavirus with or without the use of condoms. The only way to know for sure that you don't have an STD is to get tested or for women, go get a gynecologic exam.

I feel like people don't realize the severity of being promiscuous and not doing anything to protect your health and your partner's health. I think a part of it has to do with the media.

I'll bet that most of the students on campus who are sexually active don't go and get tested after participating in sexual activities because the media portrays getting tested as a dirty and nasty thing while at the same time it promotes things such as sexual promiscuity and

unsafe sex.

Songs like Mike Jones' "Cuddy Buddy" and Ludacris's "One More Drink" express sexual promiscuity and taking sex lightly. These songs talk about people wanting to have sex without any strings and having sex whenever either partner wants.

We praise artists and their creativity with songs and lyrics, but in reality, are we allowing them to poison our minds with thoughts of sex being an extra-curricular activity?

We see movies and television scenes where lovers are in a deep, passionate moments and have amazing, dirty and sweaty sex. That's not necessarily a bad thing. But do we see them grabbing a condom or using other protection? No. After their sweaty, dirty sex, do they talk about getting tested together to make sure that each person is clean? No.

The media is very open in showing all the aspects of sex except the safe part and the communication part of it. What are these scenes telling the people

of our generation?

If you are going to engage in sex, talk. Communication is a huge part of sex.

If you aren't willing to be honest about your sexual past with your partners, you probably shouldn't be having it right now. It's your body and you have the right to protect it.

Be smart. Ladies, go get regular examinations at the doctor's to make sure that you aren't at risk for any diseases that can lead to cancer. Get on birth control if you are regularly having sex. Women usually get the label of being "sluts" and being promiscuous. Men are just as promiscuous.

Men, be smart, too. Use condoms. Don't use the "it feels better without it excuse." Yes, ladies know it does feel better. Not having an STD also feels better, too. Not carrying around a baby for nine months also feels better.

Sex is probably sounding scary now, but just be smart and then get down and dirty.

SHOUT IT OUT!

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

Bob Saget!

Grow up and accept it, you are going to lose.

My boyfriend is hot!

McDreamy VP . . . smart and sexy.

Have fun on break everyone!

I'm glad you would choose your car because you shouldn't be allowed to breed.

Enough with the radish already! (5x)

Why is the new guy so hot?!

People from New Jersey can't drive. People from Kansas can't park and people from Pennsylvania have to put up with them both!

Salad should not be 90 percent radish and carrot. Stop it!

Stop walking like that. It's nasty.

I saw J. Lo in the caf this afternoon. She did not make a good comeback.

I get why girls like football. There are guys in tights running into each other. But, why do guys like it?

Now that it's over, what sport do we have to watch?

What good is dunking when you can't make a free-throw or a lay-up?

Good job! Way to show that McPherson College really is good at sports!

I love how EVERYTHING in the dorms is a fire hazard . . . NOT.

Get out of the boy's dorm. Your kind isn't wanted there.

Dead Week looks good on paper, just like Communism.

Yay snow!

On the Fly

What do you want for Christmas ?



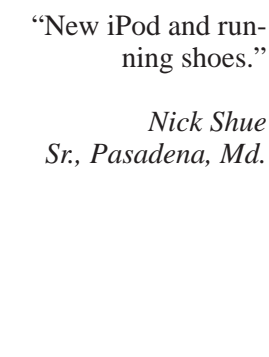
"Hula Hoop."
Kelsie Patrick
Soph., Elizabeth,
Colo.



"Clear Converse."
Katie Doffing
Fr., Conway
Springs



"Toy racecar."
Tim Braginton
Jr., Winnemucca,
Nev.



"New iPod and running shoes."
Nick Shue
Sr., Pasadena, Md.



"A 4.0 GPA."
Colby Westbrook
Soph., Bushland,
Texas



"Money."
Lauryn Morriss
Sr., Mulvane



'Stop Kiss' brings controversy to McPherson College stage

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus-Life Editor

Controversy. It's everywhere - on the news, in the tabloids and was recently on the McPherson College Theatre Department stage.

Written 10 years ago by Diana Son, "Stop Kiss" is the story of a small-town girl who moves to the big city. A seemingly innocent friendship develops into something more, and a hate crime puts the new relationship into the spotlight for, seemingly, the whole city. It is not just a story of the struggles of right and wrong, it is a moral struggle for two young women who are thrust into the spotlight.

Jessica Arnold, sr., LaCygne, took on "Stop Kiss" as her senior project for several reasons.

"This is the hardest part I've ever played," Arnold said. "Bar none. Let's see... first there's the sequence of the show, which is completely out of order. Then let's not forget the touchy subject matter, the evolution of the character in two different time lines and being completely out of my element."

Arnold said all of those reasons were reasons she chose the show, yet there's one more that really set the show apart.

"The most prominent reason I chose this show is simple: it made me think," Arnold said. "It made me reflect on society, my view of people and my own willingness to discuss others and their relationships."

The cast consisted of Jessy Wisdom, soph., Salina; Eric Sader, sr., Derby; Cody Doll, sr., Healy; Adam Cofer, fr., Ransom; Amanda Pangburn, jr., Albertville, Ala., and Alexia Hall, soph., Moundridge. Courtney Spangler, fr., Valley Center, ran the



Jessica Arnold, sr., LaCygne, and Adam Cofer, fr., Ransom practice a scene from "Stop Kiss."

lights and Robby Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa, ran the sound.

"The separation between a sheer script and artistic work rests in the ability to spawn independent reflection in the viewership," Sader said. "With this in mind, I am proud to have played a part in 'Stop Kiss' and its seeming success in doing just that on the McPherson stage."

Cofer said, "It was great

to go into the play not knowing any of my cast-mates very well and coming out of it having made connections with each of them."

Arnold shared what "Stop Kiss" meant to her and the realizations she discovered along the way.

"Today we live in a culture that splashes personal issues all across headlines, talk shows and Web sites," Arnold said. "We throw la-

bels on others that become defining factors on who they are. We all have our battles - we go through the same things as Callie. We worry about what people will think, we wonder who we are and we struggle to grow and decide what we're willing to fight for, or if we're even willing to fight at all."

"Stop Kiss" showed on Dec. 5 and 6 in Brown Auditorium.

Students featured in new calendar

MELISA GRANDISON
Spectator Staff

No, it's not your traditional cute puppies, favorite actors/actresses and hot cars featured on this year's calendar. That's right, it's your very own McPherson College students' pictures and bios that will be featured on McPherson College's first Presidential Club calendar of 2009.

"It makes me proud to be considered worthy for recognition of my participation at McPherson College," said Mallory Griggs, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo. "Not many people get to participate in this first-time endeavor. It's just more history to be made."

The President's Club is a giving program that was formed in 1979. It provides substantial funding for McPherson College's annual scholarship fund. There are three giving levels of the President's Club: President's Associates give from \$1,000 to \$2,499.99, President's Builders give \$2,500.00 to \$4,999.99 and President's Partners give \$5,000.00 and over per fiscal year.

Donations from President's Club members make possible the numerous scholarships awarded

to McPherson College students. The development staff decided that a calendar featuring members of the Mac student body would be a way to express their gratitude.

The development staff, admissions team, alumni departments and Student Services collaboratively nominated students to be featured in this year's first annual President's Club calendar. There were no requirements for nomination.

"It's an awesome feeling to be nominated because it's a chance to represent McPherson College and the wonderful people that make up our college community," said Cody Doll, sr., Healy.

After nominations, students were sent a questionnaire asking for general information to be used in the calendar. Hometown, graduation class, major, activities, dream job, favorite MC memory and favorite MC professor were among questions asked. To complete the project, a photo shoot of selected students will be arranged at a later date.

The calendar will be released shortly after the first of the year to President's Club members, trustees and student participants.

Christmas concert Sunday

SHANNON WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

McPherson College Choir will present annual Christmas Vespers Concert Dec. 14, at 4 p.m. at the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

"My guess would be it's been a tradition for the last 76 years," said McPherson College Choir director Steve Gustafson.

The Christmas Vespers Concert is held the second Sunday of December every year. This year the theme is "Love Came Down at Christmas."

"All of the songs selected for the concert tell of Christ coming at Christmas time and another way to say this would be 'Love Came Down at Christmas,' or 'Jesus came down at Christmas.'"

Performing at this year's concert will be the McPherson College Choir and the McPherson College Singers.

The audience is in store for music from England - Handel's "And the Glory of the Lord" and the "Hallelujah Chorus," both from "The Messiah," and John Rutter's "Candlelight Carol." Other pieces include the Ukrainian Christmas carol "Carol of the Bells," ar-

rangment by Peter Wilhousky and "Jesus What a Wonderful Child" by Rollo Dilworth. Two of Gustafson's personal favorites include the Spanish carol "A La Nanita Nana" by Norman Luboff and "African Noel" by Andre Thomas.

"Pieces were chosen from different cultural and ethnic traditions," Gustafson said. "They were chosen to offer a variety of musical expressions and to reflect the theme of the concert."

The program will also include more familiar pieces, one of which is a new setting of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" scored for choir, brass, and audience by Lindborg composer Walter L. Pelz. This will be the Kansas premiere of the new work. Also being included in the concert will be "Out of the Orient Crystal Skies" by Richard Zgodava; the familiar Latin text "Ave Maria," set by Paul Basler and "The Twelve Days of Christmas" by Bob Chilcott.

"I particularly enjoy watching the communication between student singers and the audience as we share through the joy of music," Gustafson said.

The Hot Spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR BRAND NEW DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS, JANA WINGERT.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A Harry Potter.

A I am the director of marketing and communications.

Q What condiment do you have to have?

A Honey mustard.

Q What was your most embarrassing moment in college?

A When I lived in a sorority house and a 60-year old naked man came up the back stairway and came in my room. He was streaking through town and came into the house looking for people. I started yelling help and he took off down the stairway!

Q Patrick Dempsey, Brad Pitt, or David Beckham.

A Patrick Dempsey.

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

A To eat my vegetables.

Q Do you have any pets?

A I have a chocolate lab named Duke.

Q What is your favorite magazine?

A Family Fun.

Q What is your biggest pet peeve?

A My children talking back.

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

A I always thought it would be fun to be a sports broadcaster.

Q What is your marital status?

A Married.

Q What are some of your hobbies?

A Sports, following my kids around to their different activities, collecting Mickey Mouse memorabilia, volunteering.

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

A Jeff Gordon on a trip around the track in Daytona... then we will take a walk on the beach.

Q Who is your role model? Why?

A My mom. She had a very difficult life and she never let it affect us. She was a very strong woman. I got a lot of my strength from her. She taught me a lot about overcoming obstacles.

Q Quiznos or Subway?

A Quiznos.

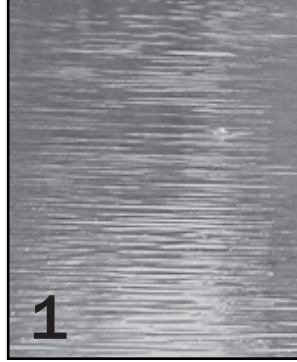
Q What is your favorite book?



Trips Around the World



Pictures from last year's interterm trips to Thailand and Ecuador. Clockwise from left: 1) Rose garden near Bangkok, 2) ruins at Ayutthaya, 3) the floating market, 4) dinner in Ecuador, 5) a hike in Ecuador, 6) Nabhamethani-dol Stupa and Gardens, 7) elephant at Raft Hotel in Thailand, 8) the ruins at Ayutthaya, and 9) the floating market.



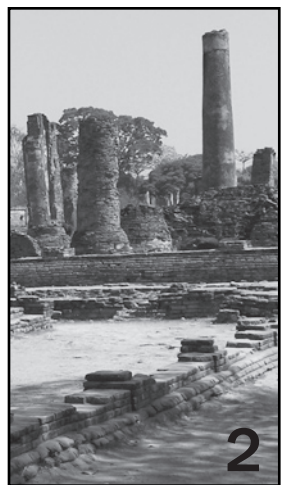
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Courtesy Photos

Interterm trips offer students chance to broaden horizons

BETSY SHAFFER
Spectator Staff

Far away places, exotic foods and new cultural experiences are only a few of the numerous things students receive when they take an interterm trip.

Last year, Gary Entz, associate professor of his-

tory, and Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of modern languages: Spanish, explored Ecuador, while Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, took a group of students deep into Thailand.

We saw a lot of interesting things and everyone had a great time," Entz said of the Ecuador trip.

"It was different from this year's trips because it was an immersion trip. We went for an entire month instead of a week or two. The best part was the opportunity to ride the old railroad. It was really fascinating."

This year, Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, and Ann Zerger,

assistant professor of art, will take a group of students to study the historic art of Italy, while Smith takes his students back in time on a foray into Egypt.

"I have been overseas before, but never to a place like Egypt," said Tricia Fensky, soph., Moundridge. "It is going

to be new and interesting."

It is not just the students who are excited.

"The biggest excitement is getting to see artwork that I teach about, but have never physically seen," Zerger said. "I think this will help inspire me more, not only

in my artwork, but in my teaching."

Each trip will be about 10 days long and has an itinerary packed full of interesting activities and historical landmarks.

Both of the trips are leaving after the first week of interterm classes.

Soccer squad KCAC tournament champions

BRYANNA DANIELS
Spectator Staff

For the first time in 30 years, the McPherson College men's soccer team finished the conference tournament in first place.

The men's soccer team finished the regular season with a 6-2-1 record in conference. This moved them into one of the two top brackets for the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament, which was held at Ottawa University.

There are two brackets in the tournament, one consisting of the top regular season team in the conference and the other of the second-place team. In the KCAC tournament, the teams that are first and second place have a bye game for the first round of games in the tournament, which is exactly where the Bulldogs wanted to be.

Not only did they get an extra two weeks of practice before matching up with another team, but they also got to sit back and relax while other teams in

the conference struggled against each other. Any injuries that the men may have suffered earlier in the season had sufficient time to heal so that the team had a full squad of healthy players heading into the tournament.

After the first round of quarterfinals, the Bulldogs were set to play Tabor College on Nov. 14. This game looked to be a good match because the teams had tied, 1-1, during regular season play.

"Tabor is definitely the better team out of the two," said head coach Doug Quint when asked who he thought his team would be playing in the semifinals, "but I think that we can handle either team. As long as we play like we have been playing all season, there should be no problem."

This theory of Quint's turned out to be true when the men defeated Tabor 2-0. The first goal was scored by Jose Arenas, jr., Cheyenne, Wyo., and the second was scored by Jose Reyes, jr., Dallas, Texas.

The next match up was on Nov. 15, against the Kansas Wesleyan University Coyotes, which is a long time soccer rival of the Bulldogs. In the regular season, the men's soccer team suffered through a painful loss, 0-4, when they played KWU. For the finals round in the conference tournament, there was no fear or doubts apparent on the field. The men's team beat the Coyotes 3-2.

The goal scorers for this game included Reyes, Caylin Strong, soph., Manhattan, and Spencer Torres, soph., Buhler. With this win, the Bulldogs won the KCAC tournament and will receive conference championship rings.

After this victory, celebration was on the minds of the Bulldogs. However, their season did not end there. The Bulldogs were set to compete in the opening round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tournament in Oklahoma City. The match up would be against Oklahoma City University,



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Jose Reyes, jr., Dallas, Texas, eyes the field in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Tournament opening-round game against Oklahoma City University. The Bulldogs fell behind early, 0-4, and eventually lost 1-6.

who was ranked No. 4 in the tournament.

Although the game looked to be a challenge, the Bulldogs just practiced like normal.

"We worked on set plays and free kicks several times," said Armando Rodriguez, jr., Dallas, Texas. Unfortunately, these ex-

act types of plays were a contributing factor to the loss of the men's team to OCU. OCU made four goals just off free kicks and set plays alone.

"Overall, I would say that the team just didn't show up to play," Rodriguez said. "We let their name get to our heads."

The final score ended as a 1-6 loss for the Bulldogs. Reyes scored the lone goal for McPherson.

Although they were defeated at the end, the season for the Bulldogs turned out to be extremely successful for both the players and Coach Quint. It is a season they won't

Lady Bulldogs struggle in early season play

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

The highlight of the women's basketball season is the team's victory against cross-town rival Central Christian College on Nov. 24.

In their first seven games of the season, the Lady Bulldogs have won only one game.

In the season opener against Newman University on Nov. 15, the Bulldogs were defeated 50-69. The Bulldog's lack of depth hurt their chances, as their bench was outscored 4-39.

In their second game versus Haskell Indian Nations University on Nov. 18, the Bulldogs only managed to shoot 25 percent from the floor. This poor shooting doomed the Bulldogs, as they only managed 43 points in their 43-57 loss.

Shelly Prescott picked up her first win as a collegiate head coach against Central Christian College on Nov. 24. The Bulldogs had four players scoring in double figures in their 75-73 win.

The Bulldogs experienced their most one-sided loss of the season on Dec. 1, losing to Oklahoma Wesleyan University 61-84. Angelina Fiorenzi, sr., Bishop, Texas, led the Bulldogs with 28 points, but it was not nearly enough as there were no other players on the team who scored in double figures.

The Bulldogs opened their Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference season against Tabor College on Dec. 4. Scoring was again an issue as Michelle Ducey, jr., Pueblo, Colo., led the team with 11 points. No one else scored in double digits. The final score was 43-56.

Against Friends University on Dec. 6, the Bulldogs only shot 21 percent from the floor and Ducey again was the leading scorer with 11 points. McPherson was defeated 43-55.

"Tabor (College) and Friends (University) are two of the toughest teams



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Carley Sharp, jr., Chanute goes up for the contested shot as Angelina Fiorenzi, sr., Bishop, Texas battles for position with a Tabor College opponent on Dec. 4. The Bulldogs fell to Tabor 43-56.

we play early," Prescott said. "I feel every game is going to be pretty tough."

Despite low shooting percentages, the Bulldogs have been able to keep the games reasonably close. Carley Sharp, jr., Chanute, believes the team is playing very good defense.

"Our team is working really hard," Sharp said. "We always learn something every game on what we need to do well in the future."

Prescott believes the team is about where she expected them to be at this point in the season.

"We're just ironing out our wrinkles," Prescott said. "There are a lot of people we are trying to get experience." For Prescott and the Lady Bulldogs, success may not be measured strictly in wins and losses. Prescott expects to finish better than they were picked in the pre-season-last place in the KCAC. The Bulldogs are inexperienced as none of last year's top six are on this year's squad.

The Bulldogs can only get better.

"We expect to improve every day," Prescott said. "Once we get more playing experience, the girls will be more comfortable shooting."

Last night, the Bulldogs lost to University of Saint Mary, by a final score of 53-57. Saturday, the Bulldogs will face Bethel College in the Sport Center at 5 p.m.

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Bulldog Stats v. Tabor College		32 24 - 56	
McPherson College		20 23 - 43	
Arpin	0-1	0-0	0 0 0 0
Ducey	4-14	1-3	5 3 6 4 11
Fiorenzi	4-13	0-0	6 0 1 3 8
Hempe	1-4	1-2	0 0 0 1 3
Ozburn	1-4	1-2	5 3 4 2 2
Poland	3-3	0-0	3 1 3 4 6
Sharp	2-8	2-4	7 0 3 2 6
Teeters	0-0	0-0	3 3 2 2 6
Turner	0-0	0-0	1 0 0 0 0
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Teeters	1-8	0-3	4 1 3 4 3
Weisenberger	2-9	0-0	6 1 4 1 5

Bulldogs exceed expectations

Bulldogs at the top of KCAC standings despite pre-season polls

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team has proved its critics wrong in the beginning of the season.

The pre-season Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference poll picked the Bulldogs dead last in the conference standings. After winning seven of their first 11 games so far this season, many critics might want to rethink their position on the McPherson College squad.

The Bulldogs lost the first game of the KCAC/Heart of America Athletic Conference tournament to Central Methodist University on Nov. 15. The final score was 59-72 in a game where Central Methodist shot a very high percentage from the field.

In the second game of the tournament the next day, the Bulldogs managed to defeat Baker University 81-69. Five players scored in double figures in the McPherson win.

In their next game against cross-town rival Central Christian College on Nov. 24, the Bulldogs were able to pull out a victory in double overtime, 98-96.

Then the Bulldogs faced top-ranked Oklahoma Wesleyan University on Nov. 1. The sixth ranked Bulldogs as they fell, 81-98.

The Bulldogs entered KCAC regular season play on Dec. 4, against Tabor College. They were able to hold off Tabor with a final score of 79-70.

The next conference game was against Friends University on Dec. 6. Friends was ranked fourth



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Charles Moore, jr., San Antonio, Texas shoots over a Friends University defender on Dec. 6. Moore scored 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the contest.

in the pre-season polls, but the Bulldogs proved to be the better team as they defeated Friends 56-44.

Last night, the Bulldogs lost for first time in conference play, 63-83, against the University of Saint Mary. The Bulldogs fell behind by 20 in the first half, but then played even with Saint Mary's for the remainder of the game.

The next game for the Bulldogs will be Dec. 13, against Bethel College at 7 p.m. in the Sport Center.

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McPherson College		28 28 - 56	
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Ruxlow	2-5	2-2	0 2 2 4 8
Severs	1-2	0-0	2 0 2 0 3
Cameron	3-7	0-2	5 2 2 3 7
Lamb	4-5	1-5	10 0 1 3 9
Moore	6-9	0-1	2 2 1 2 12
Thomas	2-2	0-1	0 2 1 2 4
Reece	4-7	7-11	0 5 5 1 17
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Track team faces new beginnings to start season

SHANNON WILLIAMS
Spectator Staff

With their first meet approaching, the indoor track and field participants are practicing and preparing for a strong start.

"The majority of the team either ran cross country or participated in other fall sports," said Brent Bailey, sr., Limon, Colo. "The key is getting a strong base before our first meet in January."

Getting prepared physically for the new season isn't the only thing the team will be preparing for. With the sudden departure of head cross country and track coach Dave Smith, the team will also prepare for a new person to take the head coaching job.

"We're all sad to see Coach go, but we're still going to do our best out there," said David Parry, fr., Morganville.

Ryan Jilka will serve

as the interim head coach. Jilka has served as the assistant cross country and track and field coach since August 2006.

"Some of the kids are disappointed, but they know Dave still supports them and the team and wants them to have a great season," Jilka said. "The athletes know what it takes to be good at this level and they will work just as hard this season as last season."

The team will participate in their first meet, the Kansas State University Invitational, after returning from Christmas Break on Jan. 17. Not only do the track and field participants have high expectations for the first meet, but they also have high expectations for the season.

"I would be really disappointed if I didn't qualify for at least one relay and one individual event for indoor nationals," Bailey

said.

The team is scheduled to participate in four other indoor meets.

"I see indoor as good conditioning for outdoor," Jilka said. "Meets kind of break up the monotony of practice everyday. With that said though, we have a group of athletes with a lot of talent and I would like to qualify five events to nationals."

The abundance of talent on the team will be something to look for this season.

"We have a great group of kids and after training since Sept., I am anxious to watch them compete and see how they can perform," Jilka said. "I am also excited to see how Oliver (Williams) can do coming off a great cross country season. We have a good chance to qualify a distance medley relay and a high jumper for nationals as well as a few others."



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Leterius Ray, jr., Wichita, runs around the track during practice last week. Ray also participated in cross country.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Williams places 139th at nationals

Oliver Williams, fr., Salt Lake City, Utah, qualified for the National Intercollegiate Athletic Conference National Championships by placing ninth in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships with a time of 26 minutes; 15 seconds. At the NAIA National Championships, Williams placed 139th of 331 runners. His time of 26:26 was only 1.1 seconds off his season and career best time he set two weeks earlier at the KCAC Championships. Williams was the only Bulldog to qualify for the NAIA Championships, even though Brent Bailey, sr., Limon, Colo., placed tenth in the KCAC Championships.

Recruiting issue costs Smith job

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

A missing photo in the Sport Center, an empty, darkened room and a few archival photos on the McPherson College website are all that is left.

Coach Dave Smith spent four-and-a-half years as McPherson's head cross country and track coach until the announcement via campus e-mail by dean of students and athletic director LaMonte Rothrock that Coach Smith is "no longer the head cross country and track coach at McPherson College."

"At this point, we just looked at moving the program in a different direction," Rothrock said. "We've not met our recruiting goals for the past three years."

Now, the team heads into the upcoming indoor track season with assistant coach Ryan Jilka at the helm until a new head coach is hired. Rothrock said that the college will begin interviewing certain applicants and doing campus visits at the beginning of January and will probably not make its final decision until the end of that month.

"I'm not going to rush into this hire because it is a position that could potentially have anywhere from 40 to 60 students involved in the programs," Rothrock said. "This is a pretty key hire."

Rothrock said that as far as coaching, Smith did a pretty good job this year, judging from the improvement from the beginning to the end of the season that the cross country runners made.

"That is always a gauge for a good cross country coach," Rothrock said.

However, it was the lack of runners in the program that Rothrock was dissatisfied with.

"I was very disappointed we did not have enough female runners to score as a team at conference," Rothrock



Coach Smith

said.

Team members experienced different first reactions about the news.

"At first yes, I was upset," said Shaun Griffin, jr., Inman. "But I think that we are going to change for the better."

Smith said that this decision was completely unexpected. He said that he was informed in a meeting that he was no longer a coach at the college.

"That's hard to put into words," Smith said about his reaction to the decision.

Coaching changes seem to be a recent trend at McPherson College. This year, four head coaches, Robert Talley, head women's soccer coach; Tim Swartzendruber, head men's basketball coach; Shelly Prescott, head women's basketball coach, and Susan Barton, head volleyball coach, coached their first games at the college. Talley and Prescott were formerly assistant coaches before jumping into head coaching positions this year. Barton served as an assistant coach at McPherson College several years ago.

Brian Ward, head football coach, just finished his second season, and Anita Parks, head cheer and dance coach; and Dan Leddy, head tennis coach, are also in their second seasons. Only Doug Quint, head men's soccer coach, and Mike McCormick, head softball coach, have been head coaches at McPherson College for more than three years.

Victory versus Bethel positive end to inconsistent season

KELLI FOWLDS
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College football team finished its 2008 season with an overall record of 4-6.

In their final game on Nov. 15, the Bulldogs were able to defeat nationally-ranked Bethel College 28-23. McPherson got on the scoreboard first with a field goal in the first quarter. By halftime, the Bulldogs had pulled ahead and held onto the lead for the remainder of the game, securing the win with a field goal in the fourth quarter.

"I think we played good and finished the season out," said Blake Jones, fr., Melvern.

Many members of the team were proud of their final performance.

"I think everybody realized that the game was a big step for the next year," said Shelton Thigpen, soph., Wylie, Texas. "I believe we all put our best efforts in the last game."

The players also wanted to play their best in honor of the upperclassmen.

"We all stepped up and played our game," said Travis Eason, soph., Tulsa, Okla. "Since it was the seniors' last game, we wanted to leave them on a good note."

There were many ups and downs this season.

"During the season, I think we all had to get over the hill, which was losing both of our starting quarterbacks, so it was a really rough season for us," Thigpen said. "But,



Two Bethel College offensive linemen try to block down on Raashun Payne, jr., Coolidge, Ariz. (left) and Bo Clemens, soph., Wylie, Texas (right). The Bulldogs defeated favored Bethel 28-23.

toward the end we all started to step up to overcome adversity."

The team knows there are several areas that need improvement. One thing team members were in agreement about was that the team needs to put full games together.

"We either start out strong or finish strong," Eason said. "We've never been able to put the two together. We're working on that."

The Bulldogs are already looking toward next year.

"(I'm looking forward to) winning the conference," Eason said. "I think

we have the talent and leadership to dominate the field next year in every aspect."

Thigpen said, "I know we have the best program in our conference for next year and that if we play the way we did the last game of this year during all of next year's games we will win us a ring."

There were a few things the players enjoyed about this season, despite their losing record.

"What I did like about this year was how the team slowly turned from individuals to a family," Thigpen said.

Eason enjoyed the win over Bethel.

"It really set the tone for what we're going to do next," Eason said.

Jones earned National Special Teams Player of the Week, which was a high point of the season for him.

"(Eain) Lubber's catch at Bethany and Bryce's (Jech) interception," Jones said.

No matter what has happened this year, the Bulldogs are pumped and ready for next season.

"This year we started it, next year we're finishing it," Eason said.

Another good season, more high expectations

JAMES TUTTLE
Sports Editor

Last year, McPherson College's women's soccer team won 13 games, finished second in both the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season and in the tournament and they qualified for the Region IV semifinals. On top of that, the Bulldogs

only lost one senior last year, so expectations were high for this season.

This year, the Bulldogs started out the season with three wins in their first four games. They were able to maintain a decent record throughout the season and finished a 9-5-3 record, qualifying for the third position of the KCAC tournament. Then

they advanced by getting past with a penalty kick sudden death against Sterling College. However, they were knocked out of the tournament in the next game by Ottawa University, 0-2. The Bulldogs lost to Ottawa earlier in the season, 0-3. Last year, the Bulldogs beat Ottawa University twice during the season.

"We feel that some of the players were looking ahead to the match against Kansas Wesleyan University," said head coach Robert Talley.

The ladies have already been looking forward to next year. They have already had their individual meetings and Coach Talley said that most of the women agreed they were

unprepared this year and need to work harder next year.

"Overall, I am happy we finished in the upper half of the conference," Coach Talley said.

This was the first season that Talley was head coach for the Lady Bulldogs. In the past, he was an assistant under Doug Quint, the men's soccer coach.

"I'm proud as a coach," Talley said. "(I'm) proud that the girls accepted me. I am looking forward to another successful season next year."

Next year, the Bulldogs will be without a few key contributors. Jessica Stahr, sr., York, Neb.; Lauryn Morris, sr., Mulvane, and Ashley McEndree, jr., Humble, Texas,



Photo by Audrey Secker

Claire Ulrich (right) delivers fossils to Brett Whitenack, McPherson Museum curator, on Dec 2.

Fossils donated to McPherson Museum

ROD BARLET
Staff Writer

Fossils from the Rancho LaBrea Tar Pits were donated on Dec. 2, to the McPherson Museum by Dale and Claire Ulrich, of the Brethren Encyclopedia. "The bonus of these fossils is that they come from the personal collection of J.Z. Gilbert (the first graduate of McPherson College)," said Brett Whitenack, McPherson Museum curator and student McPherson College student.

"This known provenance makes them very valuable from a historical viewpoint." Gilbert was the first to conduct a large scale excavation of the LaBrea Pits, which in the 1900s was located on the western outskirts

of Los Angeles. Gilbert unearthed, marked and itemized thousands of specimens in the following years.

In the 1920s a generous donation of fossils was made to the McPherson Museum. Already on display in the museum is a prehistoric ground sloth, one of only five or six in the world, as well as a saber-tooth tiger.

The items delivered on Dec. 2, were two partial upper right mandible jaw bones containing a canine, the pointed tooth between the incisors and the first bicuspids; and one carnassial, the larger sharp cheek teeth in the upper and lower jaw of a carnivore. The third specimen delivered is a quite complete skull of a badger.

"What is unique about this is the skull is complete with the lower jaw still in place," Whitenack said.

The fair market value of these specimens is \$32,350.00 collectively. The two jaw bones containing teeth are worth \$14, 375.00 each and the skull of a fossil badger is worth \$3,600.00. These specimens are very rare and are a great addition to the previously donated fossils.

"Because of Dr. Gilbert's generosity, McPherson College and the McPherson Museum have an excellent collection of Rancho LaBrea specimens," Whitenack said. "These new fossils add to the collection and help tell a more complete story."

Murder: Pope incarcerated for life just months after graduation

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A week after the murders, on June 11, Desmond Bittinger, president of McPherson College, appealed to Pope to surrender.

"We would like you to know that we, your friends at McPherson, both faculty and students, continue to be your friends," Bittinger said in an Associated Press statement. "We suggest and urge that you give yourself up to the proper police authorities at once."

The plea was successful, as Pope called Bittinger to ask for help, a reflection of the trust that is built among members of a small campus.

"I heard your plea, doctor, for me to give myself up and I decided this is the thing to do," Bittinger quoted Pope as saying in a telephone conversation. "I am going to turn myself in."

Howell said Pope then flew back to Kansas City as Bittinger arranged his surrender with the FBI. Pope was told to wait 10 minutes in his hotel room, then go into the hall, where the FBI came up the elevator, the fire escape and the stairs to meet him. Pope surrendered peacefully.

Life in prison

Pope was sentenced to death on Dec. 3, 1965, in Lincoln, Neb., though



Photo courtesy of McPherson College Quadrangle

Nick Petrucci (left) and Duane Pope were roommates all four years of college. They served as co-captains of the football team their senior year.

this was later commuted to four life terms – one federal count and three state counts. A few years ago, Pope was up for parole after serving time for his federal count, but then was to be moved to Nebraska to begin serving time for the state counts. He opted to stay in the federal penitentiary in El Reno, Okla.

"He's spent some his time knocking his head against the wall," Frantz said of Pope's time in prison, "(saying) 'why did I do it? Why did I do it?'"

In his book, Grove explains his theories behind why Pope committed the crime. The themes of good parenting and being nice to everyone are included in those theories.

Grove said though many will never be satisfied, he has answered the "why" to his own satisfaction.

"In visiting with him right after it happened, it was something that he got on his mind and couldn't shake it," said Pope's brother Gerald Pope. "If a person doesn't stay close to the Lord, bad things can happen."

Gerald Pope said his brother's thoughts even affected his studies.

Pope married Ramona Lowe in prison in 1978, but they later divorced.

Many of Pope's classmates, professors and others at the college, including his football coach Sid Smith, have visited him faithfully in prison and corresponded with him by mail.

McPherson alum on Obama campaign

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A McPherson College graduate played an important role in the recent presidential election.

Geoff Lambert started as a volunteer for newly-elected president Barack Obama's campaign after he went to Washington, D.C. with 44 others to meet and discuss the campaign. His role soon became much bigger.

"(We) met for an afternoon and that's when I decided to formally endorse him, because he was so obviously brilliant and so quick to grasp concepts," said Lambert, a life-long Republican. "I did campaign things from Alaska to Florida - radio and speeches, but then I ended up being the co-chair of his Iraq policy team."

Lambert worked with a variety of high powered men and women on the committee. These included a number of senators,



Geoff Lambert

representatives, ambassadors, military generals, along with the president-elect Obama, vice president-elect Joe Biden and Susan Rice, the newly appointed U.N. Ambassador. "This was a very broadening experience for me because of the strategic perspective from all the different angles, military, seasoned diplomats... the level of expertise and lifetime experiences was just absolutely exhilarating to be caught in and part of," Lambert said.

Lambert said his education from McPherson College played a role in his

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concert were R.I.S.E. and Los Vicios de Papa. The money from the concert went to the SOA Watch.

Both Coulter, jr., Wakita, Okla., and Grandison participated on Nov. 23, in a processional of over 20,000 people. They marched by the gate of Fort Benning with crosses to represent the people who had been killed by SOA graduates in the violence in South and Central America in the last century. The march was more than four hours long.

During the processional, names and ages of those killed were read. Victims were people of all ages, from less than a year old to more than eighty.

"I remember thinking to myself, 'What kind of person would kill a baby or a grandmother? And what kind of country would teach a soldier that killing innocent people is a reasonable method for anything?' and it made me cry to think that I could have been one of the dead, my grandmother could have

been one of the dead and my little 3 year-old cousin could have been one of the dead," Coulter said. "If we had been born in a different country like El Salvador, that could have happened to us."

Coulter said it was "incredible" to be with more than 20,000 people who shared the same passion. "Everyone had a common hope and desire," Coulter said. The power I felt there was amazing. That was the first time I ever felt like I was actually doing something worthwhile."

Grandison said the funeral procession affected her the most.

"It opened my eyes to just how brutal the entire issue is," Grandison said. "Names of thousands of people were read. They were all ages. It was the worst when I heard names and ages of infants, children and teenagers my age. The fact that thousands of people die is enough, but it was truly sickening to think about."

recent accomplishments.

"What was rewarding was that my contribution was counted, but it all goes back to McPherson College and what I learned," Lambert said. "The best stuff that they gave me was that everything is holistic, it is not a single experience and that I have to do a complete 360 degree analysis before I make a decision. These constructs they gave me have served me my entire life."

As advice for current students, Lambert said, "If you think you might like it get close to it" and "take risks and go for the gold... because you never know what you might find yourself doing."

Lambert graduated from McPherson with a degree in history in 1968. He is currently in charge of strategic requirements for Quantum Technology Sciences Incorporated in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Despite the brutality of the situation, when Grandison said she would go back "in a heartbeat."

"I would definitely go back if I could," Coulter said. "I only wish more people could have gone with us this year."

Grandison said her experience was "amazing" and "irreplaceable."

"It was awesome to congregate with thousands of other people that shared a common goal (shutting down the School of the Americas)," Grandison said. "It was also neat to learn about the different activism groups that I could become involved with now or in the near future. I was able to listen to survivors of massacres, learn of the tragedies occurring in Latin America due to the training of the soldiers attending the SOA and participate in a processional of the many people who have died. It was educational, eye-opening and emotional all in one weekend."

Business: clothing not only eco-friendly, but fashionable, too

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ARCHE TREE CLOTHING ONLINE

To shop at Arche Tree Clothing, go to archetreeclothing.com. For the holidays, Spectator readers will get a 10 percent discount on their orders throughout December. Enter the promo code GREENMAC during checkout.

pact fiber-reactive dyes, which use 70 percent less waste water," said Norloff, jr., Westminster, Colo.

Potentially, Norloff and Ziegler even want to offer the option of returning worn-out shirts they would use to make tote bags. Norloff said even though running a business in an environmentally friendly way is "more expensive to do, we tried to price affordably."

Currently, the most expensive shirt on the site is \$19.50.

The shirts up now are their starter line, which was co-designed by Norloff and Chris Ramirez, jr., Wichita.

"We worked together to make the designs," Norloff said. "They're all hand drawn by Chris."

While Ramirez has already snagged the starter line, Arche Tree Clothing is always looking for new designers. Norloff and

Ziegler said they are "open to having anything" from anyone willing to design a shirt and willing to release artwork 100 percent.

Eventually, they hope to have the support and involvement of the college.

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