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NEWS BRIEFS

SAB to host Blind Date Night

Two guys and two girls will pick dates based on a questionnaire filled out by a group of single students Feb. 16 at 9 p.m. The event, which is hosted by Student Activities Board, is supposed to resemble the show "Singed Out."

Winners and their dates will receive a date pack including a gift card for dinner and a movie.

Students should check their e-mail for updates on the location.

McPherson makes honor roll for service

"McPherson college is pleased to be recognized for the service rendered by students, with the support of many faculty and staff, during the past year," said President Ron Hovis in a recent press release.

The Corporation for National and Community Service selected McPherson College for the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll this past week.

Students gave 7,490 hours of service in the community during the 2007-08 academic year.

SGA seeking candidates for 2009-10

Student Government Association is seeking candidates for the 2009-10 executive board.

Petitions will be available in the cafeteria through Feb. 20. They are due to Kelsey Hempe, Mallory Griggs, Liz Krehbiel, Kim Smith, or Shandi Tobias by Feb. 20.

Positions open are president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Qualifications are to be a member of the student body for at least one semester and be in good academic standing with at least a 3.0 GPA. The preferred candidate will also have prior experience in senate.

President and vice president will run as team and must participate in the debates.

Elections will take place March 19.

Look for continued information in the Spectator regarding the election process.

President to be announced soon

Top picks visit campus, students

KIMBERLY SMITH
Staff Writer

History marked us this year regarding presidents. Not only did the United States elect a new president, but McPherson College will also hire a new president.

As of July, a new man will be in charge on campus.

"(The committee) has received nearly fifty applications" for the job vacancy of president, read a report from Richard Doll, chair of the presidential search committee. The search committee has since narrowed the field to three candidates they feel are the most qualified.

The committee publicly announced the final candidates at the end of January and has moved into the final stages of the interview process to find the forerunner of the group. Final candidates are Eric Fulcomer, Ronald Hyson and Michael Schneider.

Each candidate spent Feb. 9 to 11 in round-table discussions with students and receptions for community members. The meetings also served as a time for others to greet the candidates and for student input to be considered.

The search committee believes it is "in a good position to choose the next president of McPherson College from these very



ERIC FULCOMER



RONALD HYSON



MICHAEL SCHNEIDER

talented and experienced individuals," Doll said.

Schneider currently works as the vice president of admissions and advancement for McPherson College. Prior to coming to McPherson, he worked at Summit Publishing, a full-service publishing firm specializing in food service, janitorial, paper/disposables, medical safety, industrial package and

electrical.

Schneider said he is "looking forward to (the) opportunity and challenge" that the position of president would bring. Outside the college, Schneider is involved in church and community efforts.

"(I) had a passion for this place," Schneider said. "I become involved outside this place to gain perspective."

The next two candidates may not be as familiar with McPherson as Schneider, but both believe they are capable of performing the tasks associated with becoming the president of McPherson College.

Hyson has a background of professional experience as an academic leader who

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Faculty proposes new sustainability plan

Trustees to decide between committee, faculty plans

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

Trustees and faculty recently submitted sustainability plans to balance the college's \$1.5 million deficit.

The committee for sustainability proposed a plan to the Board of Trustees on Dec. 1, 2008.

The trustees will make changes in four categories - academics, academic programs, student revenue, and administration and co-curricular.

The changes proposed in the academics division would be the biggest loss to the college and students.

All majors must grow by 2011 to numbers set by the trustees, but not

"I feel very strongly about the proposal. I was very impressed about how all the department chairs worked together on it."

- Kim Stanley

all majors will have the chance to grow in this plan.

Music and theatre majors would be eliminated and a new performing arts major would be added, cutting 2.5 of the current faculty leaving only two faculty.

Spanish as a major would be eliminated and a minor would be developed.

The philosophy and religion major would be eliminated and there would be only one full-time faculty for the new Christian service minor that would be created.

History as a major would be reduced and one full-time faculty would be eliminated, leaving the college with the inability to carry even a weak major in History.

Five areas of teaching licensure would also be cut with the proposed plan - English speakers of other languages Pre-K-6, ESOL 6-12, history 6-12, Spanish Pre-K-6, Spanish 6-12 and music Pre-K-6.

The main plan in the student revenue division is to increase tuition by about 6 percent, or \$1,000 each year, increase student fees from

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Enrollment numbers continue to increase

SHANNON WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Not long ago there were only 199 full-time students living on campus. It would be like the entire third floor of Dotzour Hall being empty. Six years later, last fall, there were only 10 empty beds on campus.

Enrollment numbers continue to increase for the college.

Twenty-six new students enrolled this year for in-terterm and the spring semester. The college has already accepted 16 percent more students than last year and campus visits are also up 20 percent.

"Throughout the school year, the enrollment services office has been working diligently to recruit new students for McPherson College," said David Barrett, director of admissions.

Admissions counselors in the enrollment services office work to recruit and

enroll new students at McPherson College.

"Over the past two years we have taken initiative to increase our contact with high school sophomores and juniors," Barrett said. "We have a Bulldog Visit Day the first weekend in May and a Presidential Scholarship Day in July for underclassmen."

The admissions counselors aren't the only people that help to increase enrollment, and the enrollment services office isn't the only place it happens.

"The enrollment services office couldn't have done it without the staff, coaches, current students, faculty and friends of the college," Barrett said.

There are many positive outcomes from the increase in enrollment.

"(The increase will) balance the budget, continue to manage and improve the existing facilities and

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Use condoms, prevent STDs, pregnancy

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
News Editor

Sex. Everyone's doing it, right? Not exactly.

According to a recent survey, 75 percent of McPherson students are sexually active. This isn't too far from average, according to a survey given at the University of Minnesota, which reported that "77.6 percent report having been sexually active in their lifetime."

Where the danger comes in is that with McPherson students, only 82 percent of those that said they were sexually active also said they used condoms.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported 9,187 cases

of chlamydia, 2,268 cases of gonorrhea and 86 cases of early syphilis for the entire year of 2008. The highest number of cases for chlamydia and gon-

orrhea were in the 20-24 year age range. While condoms cannot prevent every disease, infection or pregnancy, the chances are lower if used.

If one happens to go to Dillon's to buy condoms, one may be surprised and possibly embarrassed to discover that they are locked up, along with pregnancy tests.

Dillon's spokeswoman Sheila Lowrie said this condom lock down was "due to theft of those products." She also said that locking up the condoms and pregnancy tests will "keep prices low for everyone, which is important to us."

For those who don't want to buy or ask for condoms, there is another option.

"Come in and get your condoms, be safe," said Personal Counselor Kelli Johnson. "We aren't plac-

ing judgment. We just want people to be safe and healthy."

Johnson offers a variety of items from her office in the Student Union to protect students from sexually transmitted diseases, infections and unplanned or unwanted pregnancies.

Different sizes of condoms, un-lubricated, flavored condoms and dental dams, and even pregnancy tests are available for free.

"I try to buy the best brand, the ones that are rated high for consumer satisfaction, strength and reliability," Johnson said.

Condoms and pregnancy tests are also available at Wal-Mart or for free at the Health Department.



LEAD EDITORIAL

Staff committed to serving student body

A new era is upon us. A new president, a new plan for the college, new majors, cuts of majors and faculty are just some of the new changes that we are going to face in the days ahead of us. We know that students are feeling discouraged. We want to help lift the dreariness if only for a little while. Changes for the better are on the way.

ISSUE 1:
SGA elections.
OUR POSITION:
Give information to students about candidates.

The SGA election is in our midst. In this past year, SGA has disappointed many. We, as a staff, would like to make this SGA election easier for students and to inform them about the candidates and what they plan to do if they are elected.

In future issues, we will be covering who is running for which executive position and also posting interviews and articles about what issues are important to each candidate.

We feel we have an obligation to the students to help them see who will be the best candidate for the job. We need to be the connection between the students and the information that is beneficial to the future of our student body's voice. Providing the information will help voters pick the candidate with solutions to the issues rather than just picking the candidate based on a popularity contest.

We know what it is like to be a student and to feel like the people that are supposed to be representing us are not doing their job. Promises were broken from the elected members. Things fell apart for a while. Now is the time for rejuvenation. A new start is approaching.

We promise to give you every piece of information about the upcoming SGA election to better inform the student body for the guarantee of an executive board that will do what they say they will do and to be active among the student body. Aiding in this search for future executive members is important to us.

If you're not happy, tell us. We want to serve as a tie between the college community and issues that are important to the college.

We hope that if anyone has any concerns or suggestions for us to help you get your voice heard, please feel free to contact anyone on the Spectator staff. We strive to be accessible and approachable when others are not. Availability and commitment are key sources of credibility and that is a bar that we try to reach constantly.

We have enjoyed serving the community of McPherson College. We fully commit to putting the community first and their right to know the issues that involve the future.

Not Necessarily Ordinary



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Change happens, future is bright

When I first heard about the coming budget cuts, I thought ok, paper use will go down, not as many activities, but then I heard the college might have to cut personnel. Obviously the enormity of just how much it had to cut hadn't hit me.

When I got my letter talking about the board's proposal, my first reaction was being down right furious. How could it cut all these things and still keep the integrity of the school? It couldn't. There was just no way. I read the faculty had the opportunity to appeal the decision, but to be honest, I wasn't able to care or think about that. As my anger dissipated and I thought through the whole letter, I found hope.

If there was anything I've learned in my four years at McPherson College, it's that our faculty cares more about the students than probably anyone else on campus. Yes, there are times when students weren't happy about their grades or the method

of instruction, but never was there an intentional decision to hurt students or their futures.

I'm not saying the board's intent was to hurt students or our futures, I'm just saying students see and feel the direct impact of a faculty decision as we have more contact with them. If there was anyone who could do it, the faculty would do its best to keep the integrity of the school intact.

I chose this school because of the opportunities offered and the chance to be more than a number. I love that I can walk across campus and greet a professor I've never had, but still know. I love that my elective courses have already helped in my student teaching experience.

I think back on "the way things were" when I first got here and never would have expected the school to be considering downsizing the liberal arts aspect of the school. It is disappointing to think this is the only option to make sure McPherson College stays afloat.

I hate to think the college could

be changing so drastically that it will be a shell of its former self by the time my children begin scouting colleges. Hopefully, it will never come to that.

I want to be able to support what will become my alma mater in a few short months. Whether that is through time, word of mouth or donations, I want to continue to be proud of the college that saw me through so many life milestones.

Yes, many of my professors may not be here, and the college will have to change its courses to support the needs of the world, but it doesn't need to change so much that I won't recognize the institution that has come to mean so much to me and others.

It is my hope that we take advantage of the breath of fresh air, new insights and strengthened relationships a new president has to offer, so this college continues to leave behind a legacy of wonderful memories and core values.

*Liz Krehbiel
Senior, McPherson*

Scholarly experience fuels student's fire for learning

History department in line for extinction, plea to trustees to keep it

The first class that sparked my interest on McPherson College's campus was Gary Entz's "World Civilizations since 1500" in the spring of 2007.

I had just transferred from a community college and remember discussing my schedule with an upperclassman. She saw Professor Entz on my schedule and said, "Good luck."

A few days into the class, however, I was hooked, and surprised. The class was compelling, challenging, interesting. I felt like every bit of information I was given was significantly important. Just as philosopher

JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

George Santayana said: "Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it." I wanted to know, for the first time, the history of the world.

I filled an entire notebook not with boring facts or doodles like most of my class notes, but with stories of real and remarkable people who influenced our world. Professor Entz enthusiastically lectured about events that made our world what it is today. In my college career, the books assigned in Professor Entz's classes are the only books I will not sell back for cash and the notes are the only ones I have looked back on for reference.

After one semester, I was sold. I declared a history minor the next fall and have recently added history as another major.

With the changes the

college is considering, it breaks my heart that one of the most important parts of our education could be cut.

Historian Will Durant said, "One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say." I don't plan to follow Mr. Durant's advice. Don't deny me, nor future students, any bit of history. It would be a heartbreaking and poorly constructed mood.

I hope that the trustees, faculty and staff hear my plea: don't let any classes, professors or aspects of McPherson College's history department become, well, history.

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Good Dog

Sunny, warm weather.

Safer Sex Night coming up.

New classes, new teachers and new classmates.



Bad Dog

Snowy, cloudy and rainy weather.

People who do not know how to park properly in parking spaces.

Rumors of ghosts in old buildings on campus.

CHEW ON THIS

"When love is not madness, it is not love."

-Pedro Calderon de la Barca

"Love is all we have, the only way that each can help the other. . ."

-Euripides

Voices muted by poor leadership

SGA fails to follow through with promises to "be the voice" of the student body

"We're here for the students," said a Student Government Association presidential candidate in 2008.

Are you sure about that? According to SGA's constitution, SGA is to "serve the needs of the Student Body. The welfare of the Student Body should be its first consideration."

SGA is to be the voice that connects the students to McPherson College administration and the Board of Trustees.

I remember hearing these words at last year's SGA elections. Over and over again we heard how the candidates were going to work for the people. They were going to voice our concerns and needs. They were going to be the bridge between us and the administration. They listed off numerous qualities they possessed to sway our votes their way. In teams of two we watched them debate over what they were going to do for

THINK OUT LOUD



Ashley Andrews

the future of the student body. One year later the future is here. Has anything changed?

I feel that SGA is not doing anything for the students. I understand that balancing school and extra-curricular activities is challenging. I balance a 16-hour workload, tennis, Resident Assistant, theatre, writing for the Spectator and social life. I have made a commitment to all of those things and they depend on me to keep my

end of the bargain.

Once you sign that contract as a leader in SGA, your devotion to the student body starts right then. A year later, what has been done? Where has the leadership gone?

The broken SGA suggestion box in the cafeteria was calling my name. I wanted to see if people had been giving their concerns to SGA. There were two pieces of paper lying at the bottom of the box. One was a piece of trash and the other read, "Take down the SGA box. Clearly no one uses it."

How sad is that? As approachable as SGA promised to be, they are not.

I surveyed 100 students and faculty in the cafeteria and asked them if they could name the members of the executive board - president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary - of SGA. I made up slips of paper and asked them to write down the names of the executive members

that they knew. If they didn't know any, they were told to put an X. The results were shocking and disappointing.

Out of those 100, 54 percent had no idea who any of the four executive board members were. Forty-six percent knew the president's name and half of those knew who the president and the vice-president were. Some of those 100 students were new transfers for this semester, but that shouldn't matter. To my knowledge, there is not an orientation for new transfer students like there is in the fall for all new students. Being the "voice of the Student Body," shouldn't SGA take the time to meet these new students and let them know they are here to serve them?

One transfer student was upset that he didn't know any of the executive members and wondered why they haven't made an attempt to introduce them-

selves to the new students. I fully agree. You are leaders on campus. Take time to get to know the student body that you are representing. New or old students, it doesn't matter. There were students who have been here at McPherson for three years who still don't know the names of the SGA leaders.

I hope this will encourage some of you to take a stand and change SGA for the better. SGA has currently changed their rules about running for an executive board position. Now you don't have to serve on a SGA for two semesters. You have to be a student for one semester.

Help SGA become what it has the potential to become. There is at least one of you out there who can take these shattered pieces and mold them back together to become the powerhouse for the student body.

Will you help our voices be heard?

SHOUT IT OUT!

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

The far clock really bothers me. The roman numeral IV is wrong!

Touch my body.

I knew this day would come, but I wasn't ready. Edward Cullen is no longer in the caf. His movie poster made me shiver EVERY day.

The back o' yo head is RIDIKULUS!

The League of Extraordinary Brethren.

A Randy Travis poster? Really? At least it's country.

That team goes way over budget and now we have to cut faculty? Thanks Coach.

That sucks!

www.archetreecoth-ing.com

She's Come Undone.

I'm only human and I feel like scheisse.

Croutons?

I love waking up in the morning and checking my e-mail!

Who's going to be our new president?

Sustainability plan SUCKS.

You know what I want for Valentine's Day? Commitment.

Who are you and why are you staring at me while I eat?

I love porkchops!

Dear Weather. Please stop going crazy. Love, Me.

Your orgasm face reminds me of my grandpa when he threw his hip out.

Chew with your mouth closed. Gracias.

Tengo un gato en mis pantalones.

Future of college lingers, plans battle it out

Economic collapse threatens McPherson. The Board of Trustees is scrambling not only to batten down the hatches that hemorrhage the college's financial security, but is also wrestling with the arduous task of hiring a new president. Enrollment is up, but our savings are down.

The Board drafted a plan that will radically alter McPherson by vanquishing four majors and a third of the teaching licensure programs. "The College has reached a crossroads regarding its financial future," the document declares. The road it proposes is one that will cost us several accreditations, the ability to provide any foreign language degrees and a realistic option to send students abroad.

How can you get a liberal arts education at a school that does not even offer a minor in a foreign language?

The Board's proposal alone has been enough to change things—before Spring semester had even begun, several faculty

BRIAN TALKS



Brian York

members had accepted severances.

The faculty formed a committee and dedicated "hundreds of hours" to its counter proposal, said Kim Stanley, English Department chair. Stanley was charged with compiling and editing the document.

"The trustee's plan will move us away from some of the things that make us attractive to students," Stanley said, later adding, "I hope (they) will accept our plan."

"Our plan" saves \$30,000 beyond the Board's proposal and highlights faults

in the Board's plan. It also provides recommendations for minimizing collateral damage.

It is a testament to faculty solidarity. Rather than canceling entire degrees and slashing wide swatches from the fabric of our liberal arts mission, the faculty unites and tightens its belts so that minimal losses occur.

Some of the programs suffering the most are staffed with people who have chosen not to be here next year. It is a horrible time for them and their absence instills a real feeling of survivor's guilt in those who remain.

"It is a sad and hard time—very, very hard," said Allan Ayella, Science Department chair. His department is one that is not being threatened by the Board.

I have spoken with several faculty members, all of whom get choked up when I ask them to describe how they feel. Ayella was briefly silent, his eyes briefly somber, identical in their cold melancholy to those of every

other faculty member I have spoken with. Briefly thinking about the situation, then slowly cranking back into characteristic professionalism, Ayella said, "The first reaction was to be in denial. The second reaction is sitting down and thinking."

The Board will respond no sooner than March and there are no guarantees that they will have reached an opinion then, especially with the presidential search underway.

I was present at all three presidential luncheons and had an opportunity to form an opinion of each candidate.

First was our very own, homegrown Michael Schneider. The only applicant who had the opportunity to read the faculty's proposal declined to do so. One McPherson employee called this "incorrigible." I would settle for ill-advised, disrespectful or inept, but c'est la vie. Schneider also steadfastly declined my three separate requests to illustrate points of the Boards' plan with which he disagreed

and eventually reneged on his agreement to go on the record about the faculty's plan.

After a lackluster day with Schneider, I was treated to the company of the charming Ron Hyson. Hyson is an advocate of international study and feels that language is crucial to a liberal arts education. He is friendly and sympathetic to liberal arts.

Eric Fulcomer was the last applicant I met. He also advocates language and travel and though he lacked the warmth of Hyson, he made up for it with an impressive demonstration of his familiarity with our college.

Though many aspects of McPherson's future are uncertain, I have observed a strong commonality through all my meetings—we will survive as an institution. So the question is not whether we can make it, but whether we are strong enough to shoulder the tenets of our mission and carry with us the heavy burden of our identity through these difficult times.

On the Fly

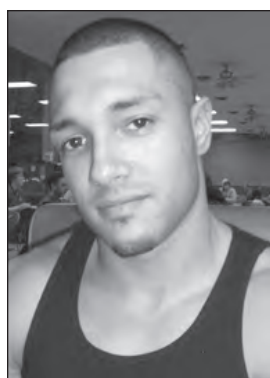
What do you enjoy about Valentine's Day?



"Chocolate."
Randall Livingston
Soph., Chapman



"Nothing. I hate it."
Wade Patterson
Fr., Leon



"All the wonderful moments I get to spend with my mom."
Dana Henderson
Jr., Sacramento,
Calif.



"Valentine's Day? Who needs a stinkin' Valentine's Day? Just be romantic all the time."
Shane Mascarenas
Jr., Peoria, Ariz.



"Crunch hearts."
Ashley Zodrow
Soph., Chapman



"I hate Valentine's Day."
Grace Easter
Fr., Hesston

Braginton travels to Presidential Inauguration

MELISA GRANDISON
Spectator Staff

McPherson College student Tim Braginton traveled to Washington, D.C., for the Presidential Inauguration of Barack Obama as one of the student members of the National Youth Leadership Conference.

The group of 5,000 college students, 5,000 high school students and 5,000 junior high students attended the inauguration, then traveled home on Jan. 21.

"It was an awesome ex-



Photo Contributed

Tim Braginton, jr., Winnemucca, Nev., attended the Presidential inauguration of Barack Obama in Washington, D.C., with the National Youth Leadership Conference.

Hotel, located in D.C., about two miles from the National Mall.

The group used public transportation and walked to most of the events to avoid parking complications. The group traveled to the event in more than 100 different buses.

"I experienced a lot of excitement," Braginton said. "It was so cool. Be-

cause of everyone else's high energy, it was almost impossible not to be excited. It didn't even matter which way you voted, the experience itself was amazing."

Braginton described his experience as "unique."

He did say that the National Youth Leadership Conference group "didn't exactly live up to what

they promised," but because "there was so much energy and activity," it made little difference.

"I walked away with a ton of memories, the biggest being that I can always say I was there," Braginton said. "No matter what happens from here on, the experience of being at the inauguration was just so awesome."

perience," Braginton, jr., Winnemucca, Nev., said. "There was so much energy."

Braginton admitted that he initially worried about the vast number of people who would witness the inauguration.

"In the end everyone turned out to be extremely pleasant and nice," Braginton said.

A large number of police and military squad units, as well as the FBI were present and on high alert. Braginton said he never saw anything "troubling."

He mentioned one religious group protesting gay rights and that police created a barrier between them and the heckling crowds. Braginton said other than this incident, everything remained calm.

Braginton and the Youth Leadership group stayed in the Omni Shoreham

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- Tim Braginton

"Rabbit Hole" represents grieving process

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

While the audience of McPherson College's most recent production "Rabbit Hole" came with many different expectations, most left emotional.

The 2007 Pulitzer Prize winner for best drama invited the audience to experience the grief of a young family grieving the loss of its four-year-old son.

"Rabbit Hole," written by David Lindsay-Abaire, depicted what it is like to lose a child. The play focuses on parents Becca, and Howie and Becca's mother and sister.

Melisa Grandison, soph., Quinter, played the role of Becca.

"The theme of 'Rabbit Hole' was something that many members on campus and in the community were able to relate to," Grandison said. "It was enjoyable to work with the cast and crew and I'm glad I participated. Overall, I'd say it was a success."

Director Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of theater, said the show was fun to rehearse, despite the emotional story line.

"It required a deeper level of understanding from

the actors and actresses," Bowman said. "Students deal with hard drama a lot so they could bring their own experiences to the production."

"Rabbit Hole" was Cody Doll's senior project. Doll, Healy, was the technical director, designed the set, the lights and the costumes and oversaw the props.

Doll thought the play's theme was relevant to everyone's life.

"I felt that everyone could connect to this show, whether they had lost something or someone themselves or they know people that have experienced great loss," Doll said.

Doll said the set was a last-minute design after his original concept would not work well with the show.

"I had a concept I wanted to capture, but it was very much designed as it was built," Doll said.

Tabitha McCullough, fr., Hill City, who played Becca's sister, was introduced to a new set of challenges in this show.

"I'm used to being the serious character and here I was the comic relief," McCullough said. "On top of that, Jd. asked me to be



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Amanda Pangburn, jr., Albertville, Ala., and Melisa Grandison, soph., Quinter rehearse a scene from "Rabbit Hole."

myself on stage, which made me feel a lot more vulnerable. In the end the play turned out amazing and I wouldn't trade the experience. Hopefully, I will have the opportunity to be in a lot more plays."

Bowman said, "Other than the religious cursing in the show, I was really

proud that the department produced this script. It doesn't reflect how I live, but it reflects how I deal with grief, so I was glad we did it."

Doll was pleased with the final product.

"It was received well by our campus community," Doll said.

The Hot Spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW SECRETARY OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM KATHERINE HUGHES.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A Well, I kind of have a dual role now. I began working in the teacher education department in August as their part-time secretary. The other side of the deal is, I just at semester, started taking classes, so I'm also a full-time student.

Q What is your favorite magazine?

A Adventure Magazine.

Q What condiment do you have to have?

A If we're talking fries, it has to be ketchup. I really, like olive oil, too.

Q Boxers or briefs?

A Oh briefs, no bunches.

Q Where are you from originally?

A Columbia, Missouri.

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

A My dad, when I was in fifth grade, out of frustration and exhaustion, told us that Santa Claus was dead. We already knew in our hearts that Santa Claus was a little bit of an imaginary guy, but to hear my dad say that and joke about it was very traumatic. Now as an adult, I absolutely laugh because I know exactly where he was coming from. It is exhausting to keep up that fantasy for a child.

Q What are some of your hobbies?

A I like to run. I love to hike and walk with my dogs. My girls and I like to sew. I love to read and I love to read with my children. I love to camp and hike, love being outside.

Q What is your marital status?

A Married.

Q What is your biggest pet peeve?

A Laziness, the unwillingness to step up and help.

Q In one word, how would you describe yourself?

A Inclusive.

Q What political issue do you feel strongly about?

A I feel very strong about freedom of choice.

Q Patrick Dempsey, Will Smith, or David Beckham?

A Will Smith.

Q Where did you attend college and what was your major?

A University of Missouri Columbia. I graduated from the school of journalism in advertising.



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Clockwise from left: Students pose in front of Queen Hatsheput's Temple in Egypt; students take a cruise on a gondola in Venice, Italy; the Sphinx in Egypt was a main attraction on the trip; and a shot of Florence, Italy, shows the culture of the city.

Interterm classes explore foreign countries

TRICIA FENSKY
Spectator Staff

At the beginning of January, instead of sitting in a classroom over Interterm, a handful of students had the opportunity to travel across the world. Whether they went on the Italy art history trip or saw the pyramids in Egypt, both groups enjoyed lifelong memories.

Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, and his wife Jean, took students to Egypt. They first flew into Cairo, the third largest city in the world and saw many ancient sites. Some of the highlights in Cairo were

visiting the pyramids and the Sphinx, riding on camels and dodging the vendors that wanted students' money.

Students also cruised down the Nile River for four nights. As students sunbathed on the deck of the ship, they could see houses and villages, farm animals and palm trees. The ship docked in several other cities where they could explore temples and take carriage rides.

"My favorite activity was the cruise and I loved stopping in Luxor," said Cody Compton, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Students said they were fortunate to have an out-

standing tour guide, Hassan, who was organized and helped take the stress of planning off Smith's shoulders.

"Hassan was very impressive and knew his information well," said Erica Schlender, soph., Burton.

Kim Smith, sr., Milford was in awe about the experience.

"Now that I have been to a place like this and seen how countries differ from the U.S., it is really cool to say that I have had this experience," Smith said. "After all, how many times do you get to visit a place like this and see things most people only

dream about?"

The day after the Egypt students left, another group headed to Italy. It was two years ago that Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, had wanted to take students to Italy and this year it finally happened. Ann Zerger, assistant professor of art, also took her art history class on this adventure.

Their trip started with two days in Rome, Italy. In Rome, the group saw St. Peter's, the Vatican, Sixteenth Chapel, the Coliseum and many other sites. Everyone tried Italian pizza, which is thinner than American pizza.

Students also went to

Florence and Venice.

"The highlight of the trip was to see all the Michelangelo artwork in Florence," Zerger said.

In Venice, students witnessed glass blowing and lace making. Most evenings were free and groups broke off to see things that interested them.

"When we were walking in Florence, we went around a corner and in front of us was the Florence Cathedral," said Anthony Baldi, jr., Northglenn, Colo. "It was truly amazing to see."

Yohn's group focused more on the historical part of the country and saw places like Caesars Pal-

ace.

"Italy is a country full of great food, beautiful fashion and gorgeous sites," said Jess Hentz, sr., Independence, Mo. "It's hard to describe in pictures or words what you feel when you see structures that have been around for longer than our country has been established."

Zerger said, "This was an amazing trip and I loved getting to know the students better. I wish teaching could always be like this."

Ironically, both groups also went to the Hard Rock Café in their free time, despite being in different parts of the world.



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Bittering Residents interact with German foreign exchange students in the Bittering lobby over interterm.

German exchange students experience Kansas customs

LAUREN LARSEN
Spectator Staff

McPherson College hosted 11 foreign exchange students during the month of January. This experience was not only enriching for the students from Germany, but also for the college because of the chance to learn and understand the cultural differences.

Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre, and Connie Kramer, assistant professor of business, were two of many host families for the month. Tyler hosted Peter Kratz, who was the teacher of the German students and also the connection between McPherson College and the students. Kratz was an interterm

student in the early 80s and took Tyler's class. Tyler and his wife Karlene have hosted Kratz many times and feel he is "like one of the family."

For Kramer, the experience was new and exciting. This was her first time being a host for an exchange student and found that "being a host family was a very rewarding experience."

"(Our student) Jasmin helped us look at the world around differently, through her eyes, her questions and realizations," Kramer said.

Kramer said she would "absolutely" host another exchange student.

"Our lives were enriched through this experience," Kramer said. The students had three

main goals when they came to America - to improve their spoken English, experience college life and experience the American culture.

The German students said the biggest difference between German and American cultures is that Germans pay more attention to the environment, but Americans are friendlier. They also noticed that Americans serve larger food portions.

Tyler noticed that "smoking was a bigger deal to (German) students (and) they spoke to each other in class much more often than American students."

The main difference that Kramer noticed was that Germany has fewer

choices in products.

"They live quite well with a few brands," Kramer said.

While here, the foreign exchange students rotated between classes such as film and culture, rhythm and dance, Spanish and Intro. to Theatre. They also further explored the country with trips to Oklahoma City, Wichita, Hutchinson, Abilene and also the Maxwell Game Reserve. Kramer hosted a sleeper for all 11 students at the end of the month.

Some of the students said they hope to come back to America, but they would like to go to a bigger city or different state and experience a different side of the United States.

Student Services to host safer sex night

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

Student Services will host a safer sex night in the Student Union basement on Feb. 18 at 8:30 p.m.

"We talked about what would be a fun way to deliver very honest, frank information for this age group and not necessarily apologize for it," said Lamonte Rothrock, dean of students.

The goal of the night is for students to come away with factual information about sex and all the things that come with it.

"The main thing we want (students) to get out of this is to make smart choices," Rothrock said. "We're not going to judge what your choices are, but if you're going to make choices to be sexually active in any way, it is important to have correct information, take care of yourself and be safer."

Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, said the proper term right now is not safe sex, but safer sex, because no sex is safe sex. Hence the name for the night - safer sex night.

The layout will be a game format with teams competing to win prizes.

"There will be teams of five people," Johnson said. "We are having 12 rounds of questions. In each round they will be holding up the answer for the multiple choice questions.

At the end of each round there will be opportunities for people who just want to go and watch and not be on a team to win prizes. We'll be drawing group's names out of a hat and give them opportunities to answer a question."

There will be information on STDs and places that students can go to talk to someone, to get tested and to help them tell partners if they do have an STD.

During the night, students will be able to text anonymous questions to a professor and the questions will be answered throughout the night.

There will also be a variety of flavored dental dams and condoms available for students as there will be discussion about oral sex and how it is not a safer sex.

The night will include a variety of fun prizes and laughter, as well as decorate your own penis and vagina cookies.

"I hope that students learn ways to protect themselves and I hope they have a lot of fun and laugh a lot," Johnson said.

In preparation for the teams attending, the categories of the questions for the game are as follows - STDs, human reproduction, safer sex, name that sex toy and name that porn star.

The last day for teams to sign up will be today at lunch.



Photos by Kelsie Patrick

Above: Anita Parks, cheer and dance coach, cares for her five children, including newborn twins. Below: Parks works on team-building exercises during practice earlier this week.

Parks shares perks, struggles of coaching, caring for family

SHANNON WILLIAMS
Spectator Staff

Coaching the cheerleaders and dance team in the Sport Center is where Anita Parks can usually be found on the McPherson College campus. But Parks is also often spotted around campus pushing a stroller with one hand and grasping the small hand of a child with the other.

Parks began as McPherson's cheer and dance coach in August 2007.

"Interacting with the cheer squad and dance team" is Parks favorite part of being a coach.

"They're amazing people with amazing personalities," Parks said.

However, Parks started her family long before her job as head coach at the college. Parks and her husband are the parents of Colin, eight; Kyle, five; Cody, three; and twins Karee and Cale, three months.

Her favorite part of motherhood "is watching them grow and blossom into their own individual person."

Parks sees similarities and differences between being a mother and a coach.

"I guess being a coach, the girls are a lot older and more responsible, so



there isn't as much discipline I have to do as I do being a mom," Parks said.

Parks has definitely been through a lot as both a mother with five children and as a coach.

She experienced a big challenge this past fall when she had to juggle being pregnant and coaching.

"The first three months were pretty rough because your body is changing so much, so being nauseous and so tired at the beginning was really hard," Parks said.

Parks then took maternity leave to be with her new babies after they were born on Oct. 28, 2008. The team had to adjust to Parks' absence.

"We seemed to have a few problems, but it wasn't too big of a deal," said Katie Doffing, fr., Conway Springs. "I guess it just shows that Anita is good at keeping peace among the squad."

A substitute coach stepped in to coach the cheer and dance teams while Parks was away after having the twins.

"Anita was not gone for very long after she had the babies," Doffing said. "She was ready to jump right back in and did not act like she wanted to be away from us that long. She was continually active in the cheer world all the way up to giving birth and even right after she had the babies."

The cheer and dance teams don't only enjoy Parks, but they also enjoy the rest of her family.

"They love them," Parks said. "I brought them to practice a couple of times and that's why I don't bring them to practice."

Parks was quick to answer "no" about having more children.

She will, however, continue to juggle her coaching and parenting responsibilities.

Ballers prove that polls don't matter

JAMES TUTTLE
Spectator staff

The Bulldogs were out to prove once again that pre-season polls do not matter. At the beginning of the season, the Ottawa University Braves were ranked first in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference in both the coaches' and media polls. The Bulldogs, on the other hand, were ranked last in the coaches' poll and second to last in the media poll.

"Even though we were picked last, we felt we could do better than that," said Head Coach Tim Swartzendruber.

When the Bulldogs last faced the Ottawa Braves on Jan. 10, All-American candidate David Birch put up 44 points on the Bulldogs.

Mike Reece, jr., San Antonio, Texas, said that during the week of practice before their second match against Ottawa on Thursday night, the Bulldogs practiced getting back on defense to prevent the fast break points that Birch scored.

"We have got to know where he is at all times," Reece said.

Ottawa has the top scoring offense in the conference, averaging just less than 83 points per game in the KCAC. Reece said prior to the game it would take a good defensive effort to beat the Braves.

"They are very talented," Swartzendruber said.

Ottawa jumped out quickly on the Bulldogs, taking a 28-12 lead within the first 10 minutes of the game. The Bulldogs then went on a 12-0 run to cut the lead to four, but the Braves closed the half strong, outscoring McPherson 16-4 to end the half. At half-time, the score was 52-34.

In the second half, Ottawa stretched their lead even further, 70-45. Down by 25 points, the Bulldogs



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Mike Reece, jr., San Antonio, Texas, goes up for a shot while a Sterling opponent attempts to block on Feb. 7. The contest ended in a 52-65 Bulldog loss.

began to make a comeback. Using pressure with a full-court defense and utilizing high percentage shots, the Bulldogs then went on a 10-0 run. They continued to inch closer to the Braves, but time was not on their side. Even though they were able to cut the lead to six, they had to foul to stop the clock. Ottawa hit just enough free throws to close out the game, 83-74.

The Bulldogs held Birch to 16 points, but Ottawa's Phil McClintock picked up the slack scoring 24 points in the game. Reece led the Bulldogs with 17 points and Brandon Cameron, sr., Hutchinson, pitched in 13 more. Mark Johnson, sr., Healy, played well in limited time, scoring 12 points down low.

This loss drops the Bulldogs to 7-8 in the conference and 13-11 overall, with three more regular season games to go.

Last week, the men split two conference games versus two different opponents. The Bulldogs handed last-ranked Bethel College a fourteen point, 78-64 loss on Jan. 5.

Reece led all scorers with 21 points and also assisted seven other scorers. Cameron contributed 16 points.

The Bulldogs then faced the top-ranked Sterling College on Jan. 7. Even though the Bulldogs played close during several points of the game, they ended up on the losing end, 52-65.

With 13 points, Cameron was the only player to score in double figures. Dwayne Thomas, jr., Houston, Texas, helped out with eight points and seven rebounds.

McPherson is currently ranked sixth in the KCAC. The next game is at home against Bethany College on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Ladies ranked at bottom of KCAC

LETERIUS RAY
Spectator Staff

With three games remaining on the Lady Bulldogs' schedule, they currently sit alone at the bottom of the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference standings. They are 1-14 in the conference and 3-17 overall.

In their meeting against Ottawa University on Jan. 10, the Bulldogs the Bulldogs went into the half 25-35. They would play the next half closer, but were still outscored 35-39. In the end, the team lost by a margin of 60-74.

Their most recent loss also came at the hands of Ottawa University on Thursday night.

It seemed like an all too familiar story as McPherson trailed Ottawa by 31-42 going into the half. That was a fortunate situation, considering how the Lady Bulldogs found themselves down 2-13 after two minutes of play. That hole would even grow as deep as 3-17, but the team once again played themselves back into the game after halftime, cutting the Braves' lead to five points on four different occasions. Twice they would chop it as low as a three-point margin. This time, the Bulldogs would outscore the Braves in the second half 35-31, but it was too little too late. Ottawa claimed the victory 73-66.

The Lady Bulldogs recorded three double-doubles on the night. Angelina Fiorenzi, sr., Bishop, Texas, lead the way with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Kristen Ozburn, jr., Rose Hill, posted 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Carley Sharp, jr., Chanute, put up 11 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

McPherson fell short on Feb. 7 against



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Kristen Ozburn, jr., Rose Hill, goes up for the layup against a Sterling defender on Feb. 7. McPherson fell 51-59 to the Warriors.

the Sterling Warriors in a 51-59 loss.

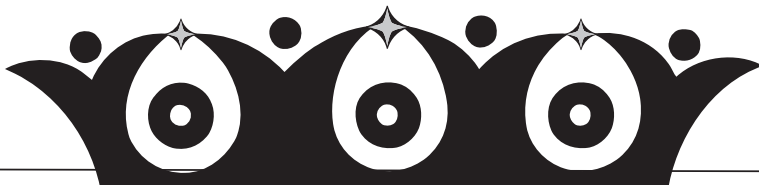
Ozburn led in scoring for the Bulldogs with 12 points and Brooke Weisenberger, fr., Spring Hill, added 10 points.

The team will continue its search for a second conference win over Bethany College on Senior Night this Saturday at 5 p.m.

With Fiorenzi being the only senior, this team should be playing together for a while. On the flip-side, they will be losing Fiorenzi's team-leading 11 points, eight rebounds and two blocks per game.

The Swedes will bring in a conference record of 5-10 and are coming off a loss to Kansas Wesleyan. McPherson fell to Bethany 62-75 in its first meeting in January.

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New coach to lead track team

BRYANNA DANIELS
Spectator Staff



Joseph Eby

The track team is under a new leader for its pack this spring.

The college appointed late in January, Joseph Eby as head track and field and cross country coach for the Bulldogs. He started coaching students on Feb. 2 and students have already seen a notable variation on a day-to-day basis.

"The difference between him and the other candidates is his experience," said Ryan Jilkah, assistant/sprint coach. "He knows how to recruit, he's good with distance training and he came from a small school. He knows what to do with the program we already have. He's the best fit for the college."

Prior to coming to McPherson, Eby was the assistant coach for 2 1/2 years at Allegheny College in Meadville, Penn. Eby also spent two years as an assistant coach for DePauw University in

Greencastle, Ind.

Not only does Eby have coaching experience, but he was also an accomplished runner for Mount Union College, NCAA D-III, in Alliance, Ohio. While a student at the college, Eby received All-American recognition in 2002 for a fifth place finish in the 1,500-meter run. He was a four-time All-Ohio D-III champion in the 800- and 1,500-meter runs and received four Ohio Athletic Conference titles along with All-Conference honors 13 times.

"He's intense, but good" said Oliver Williams, fr., Salt Lake City, Utah. "He

has a lot of experience running himself, so it'll be beneficial to us and a good learning opportunity."

Although it's a little early in the season to tell whether or not all the athletes feel the same way about their new coach, most seem to be convinced there is going to be a big change in the program.

"The biggest difference between Coach Smith and Coach Eby are the miles," said Brent Bailey, sr., Limon, Colo. "He wants to double or triple the miles that we were running before. It's a lot more tiring."

As a coach, Eby has the potential to lead the team to higher levels of confidence and to flip the whole program. At Allegheny, he helped lead the cross country team to three national championships - placing in the top 10 - the men's indoor and outdoor track team to conference titles in 2007 and the women's track team to the outdoor championship in 2008.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

New track coach Joseph Eby talks with track team member Mark Watson, jr., St. Charles Mo. Eby joins McPherson from Allegheny College in Meadville, Penn.

At DePauw, he had similar success with the cross country and track and field programs.

Eby has been training athletes for nearly three weeks at McPherson and is already gaining the trust of his runners as well as building relationships

with them.

"He's pretty strict so far, but seems to listen to us," Bailey said. "He's very energetic and, as a runner, knows how we feel because he himself has recently gone through what we are going through now. It's easy to relate to him as

an athlete."

With an authoritative figure like Eby in charge, the program looks to be positively changing. Recruitment has already begun for the 2009 season and the college hopes to bring in several talented runners to uplift the program.



Photo by Drew Griffin

Rachel Leuthold, fr., Bern, pole vaults at Missouri Southern on Feb. 7.

Track team nears start of outdoor season

KELLI FOWLDS
Spectator Staff

The 2009 track and field season is mid-swing with many changes being made this year, including new coaches, new workouts and new goals.

"I would like to change pretty much everything from last year," said Andrea Swanson, soph., Littleton, Colo. "First, I would like to not have any surgeries and I would like to have harder workouts, which we have had so far with the new coaching staff."

Yet, there are many as-

pects from last year that the team would like to continue in the current season.

"I want to keep the way we all get along and joke with each other," said Ben Cummins, soph., Buhler. "We have a really tight team as far as our friendships go with each other."

Brent Bailey, sr., Limon, Colo., hopes the excitement from the team's home meet will continue.

"It was a lot of fun running with all the fans and letting them see what I can do," Bailey said.

So far, many members

have been pleased with their indoor performances.

"We have been real competitive, which I attribute to the assistant coaches who stepped up in the absence of a head coach until this past week," Bailey said.

Cummins said, "As a team we have been doing good. Several individuals have set personal bests already and look very strong going into outdoor."

Indoor track varies from outdoor because indoor doesn't have conference. Many of the ath-

letes use indoor to focus on improving themselves as much as possible and mentally and physically preparing themselves for the highly competitive outdoor season.

"Indoor season is an opportunity to get in shape and prepare for outdoor and that is what we have done, while at the same time we have had good performances and several athletes that are near the national qualifying standards," Swanson said.

These athletes are hard at work preparing for their events.

"Right now we are putting down a solid foundation to make sure we are ready for the rigors of outdoor season," Bailey said.

Field competitors are also deep into preparation.

"In order to prepare for shot put, we are throwing every day, and three times a week we have a lifting workout," Swanson said. "The other two days we have a cardio/strength workout."

After all its hard work, the track and field team is excited for this season.

"I am looking forward to having new coaches that I can learn from and that will push me to reach my full potential,"

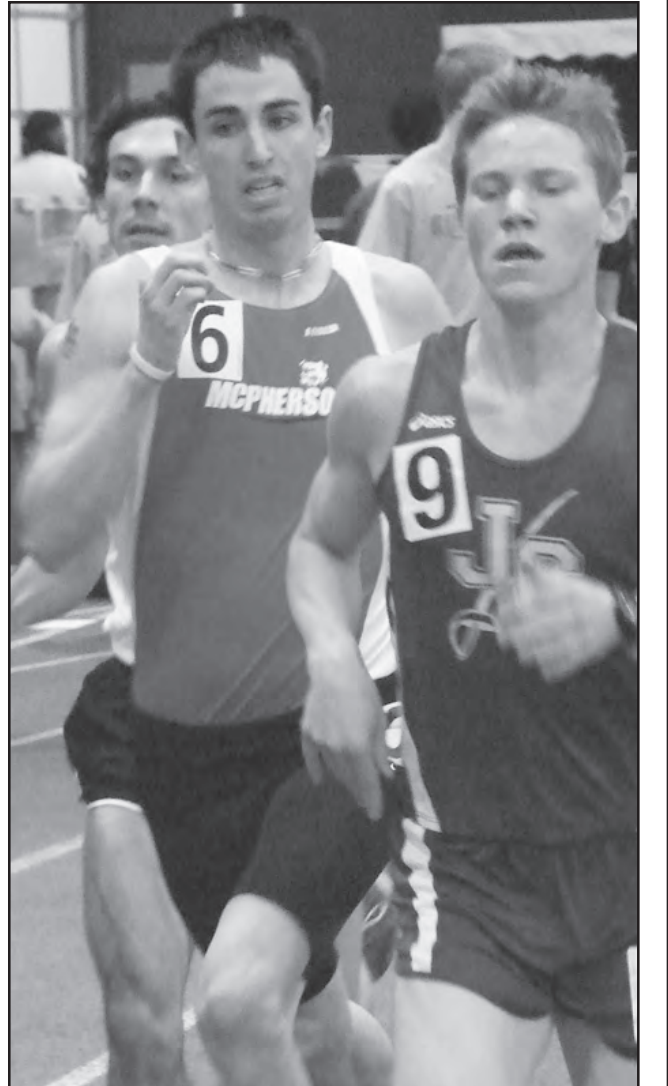


Photo by Drew Griffin

Brent Bailey, sr., Limon Colo., keeps pace with other runners at Missouri University on Feb. 7.

Swanson said. "I am also looking forward to seeing how much I can improve and learning the spin."

McPherson's next indoor meet will be the Central Missouri Clas-

sic on Feb. 20, followed by the National Indoor Championship on March 5.

The team's outdoor season will open at home on March 14.

KBBE, McPherson College host Royals Caravan for community

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

Community members, their children, and even some students, faculty and staff lined up in the midst of bustling college students at lunch time on Jan. 21. They anticipated the chance to get autographs or photographs taken with members of the Kansas City Royals baseball team.

Royals pitchers Brian Bannister, Kyle Davies, Royals Hall of Famers John Mayberry and Frank White, and broadcaster Steve Stewart stopped at McPherson College as part of the team's 2009 Royals Caravan.

The visit to McPherson was part of the Royals' west trip, which also stopped in Emporia, To-

peka, Lawrence, Fort Riley, Manhattan, Salina, Hutchinson and Wichita over a three-day period. Other Royals members made trips to Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas from Jan. 13 to 21.

"We've been pretty much non-stop," Davies said about the caravan. Davies has played pitcher for the Royals since 2007.

White, who played second base for the Royals from 1973 to 1990, said the caravan is about thanking radio stations and fans for their support and to "get them pumped up for the season."

White also has connections to McPherson College through his nephew, Chris Nixon, who played basketball at McPherson from 2004 to 2006.

Pitcher Brian Bannister has played for the Royals since 2006. He said the caravan allows him to meet the fans on a personal level.

"For me, going into the third season for the Royals, I've gotten to know a lot of the fans, seen where they're from," Bannister said.

The radio station, KBBE of McPherson, hosted the event, however McPherson's Food Service Director Lee Ann Young arranged for the caravan to stop at McPherson College.

Young served a ballpark menu with bratwursts, hot wings, nachos, steak fries and pizza.

"I just thought it was wonderful," Young said. "I thought the turnout was great and the students ac-

cepted it well."

This year marks the Royals' 40th anniversary.

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Petitions are due to current Executive Board members by Feb. 20.

Local student fights immigration laws for husband to gain U.S. entry

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

At 16, Celso Santillan lived at home with his parents and six sisters in the small city of San Jose de la Paz, Jalisco, Mexico. He followed in his older brother's footsteps, crossed the border into the United States and began working in family restaurants in Wichita, Derby and Arkansas City. He then found his way to McPherson to work in his cousin's newly opened restaurant, La Fiesta.

It was five years ago that Julia Hoffman, McPherson, met a friendly, 19-year-old from Mexico, who shared an interest in soccer. But what she didn't know were the challenges she would soon face. "I was actually dating one of (Celso's) friends and I thought he was really nice," Julia said. "Then his friend kind of disappeared, took off, didn't tell me."

Julia began playing soccer with Celso and his friends near the McPherson Fire Station. On Cinco de Mayo 2004, they went to the bar and only days later, the friendship turned into a lasting relationship. "He asked me if I wanted to be his girl," Julia said. "We've been together ever since."

But "together" has been difficult for the couple. When Celso crossed the

"It kind of pulls at my heart every time I look at him."

- Julia Santillan

border into the United States at 16, he entered illegally. After five years in the states, he hadn't been home, so he returned to Mexico.

"It was at the time where President Bush had said all illegal immigrants please go home and come back legally and we'll get you in speedily," Julia said.

The couple were engaged when Celso left in mid-2006.

"That was the hardest day of my life," Julia said.

Julia and Celso planned to marry in Mexico. She had hoped to meet the family and get married in one trip, but found this was nearly impossible.

"We had a lot more paperwork that we had to go through than we even imagined," Julia said. "I had to ask the government for permission to marry a Mexican citizen. We had to take a marriage class... it was all in Spanish."

The couple didn't get all the paperwork finished the first time and found out one of the forms expired within 30 days.

"I flew down there on a weekend, got married the

next morning on a Saturday and I went home on Sunday," Julia said. The couple were married Oct. 21, 2006.

The Santillans started the paperwork for Celso to get his visa as soon as they were married. He was denied on Dec. 14, 2007 and placed on a three-year probation due to his entering the United States illegally when he was 16.

They cannot start the process again until Dec. 14, 2010.

Teresa Kunze, director of marketing and communications at Catholic Charities Wichita, said they have a few inquiries every week from undocumented immigrants.

"There are penalties for being here and getting caught, but there are also penalties for going back," Kunze said. "We are not encouraging them necessarily to go back."

Kunze said it takes years for a once illegal immigrant to return to the United States, which is the case for Celso Santillan. Catholic Charities "strongly supports" a reform bill that would help illegal immigrants to get citizenship while still in the states, Kunze said.

For the Santillans, another factor has been added to the mix. Julia gave birth to a son, Fabian, on Dec. 17, 2008. It will be the end of March before Celso gets to see his son



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Julia Santillan, McPherson, plays with her two-month old son Fabian. Santillan's husband, Celso, who lives in Mexico, has yet to meet Fabian.

for the first time.

David Case, minister at Crossroads Assembly of God, McPherson, handled a situation several years ago that was similar to the Santillans'.

"It took 18 months before he got back in," Case said in reference to the father of the family.

Until the Santillans can start the process again to obtain Celso's visa, Julia plans to finish school in December 2009, then will decide if she is going to stay here and work for a couple months or move to Mexico right away.

The couple only sees each other a couple times



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Julia and Celso Santillan wait for their marriage papers to print in Mexico in October 2006.

a year and Fabian is a daily reminder of the obstacles in the immigration process.

"(Fabian) looks like his father a lot," Julia said. "It kind of pulls at my heart every time I look at him."

Plan: Faculty fight to keep professors, academic programs that define liberal arts

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\$300 to \$500 and to increase room by 5 percent each year.

In the administrative and co-curricular areas, the current position of director of campus ministries would be eliminated. A new part-time director of services position would be created in place of the campus ministries. The position of half-time administrative support in advancement would also be eliminated.

The computer budget for the college would be cut by \$20,000.

In this proposal sports, including tennis, cross country and track and field must grow their participants by 2010. If the program does not grow, the program's coach will be changed or the sport will be dropped.

The faculty chairs have been working on creating a counter plan for trustees to consider.

"The trustees and the President were both very serious in their request for faculty input, and they are very interested in faculty input," said Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty. "If they had not wanted faculty input, they would not have asked for it."

Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication and writer of the faculty proposal, said, "I feel very strongly about the proposal. I was very impressed about how all the department chairs worked together on it."

The immediate goals of the faculty plan were to find savings of \$170,000 in the academic area plus an additional \$30,000 to save academic support positions in the library and registrar's office, and to propose plans for creating revenue.

A final goal is to alter curriculum in order to boost the availability of the courses and to avoid the necessity of hiring

new faculty as enrollment grows.

The faculty proposes to keep 3.5 positions in the proposed performing arts major, eliminating only two positions instead of the trustees' proposed 2.5 faculty.

The plan suggests that the Spanish major be kept because foreign language is an important part of liberal arts; also because Spanish is the second language of the United States and there is more of a demand for it in the work field.

The faculty proposes that philosophy/religion be kept as a major and that Christian service be incorporated into it and also be made a minor. The department would have one professor with no adjuncts as the trustees had proposed.

For history the faculty proposes that two full-time faculty are kept in order to maintain a history major because it, too, is a key element to a liberal arts education.

There are also proposals for all other departments to lower their budgets and save the college additional money.

The first thing the faculty does in its plan is request that students be able to finish a program if in fact it does get cut.

The faculty proposes to raise class sizes from 22 to 27, decrease the language intensive requirements from three hours to two, reduce the first-year seminar from three hours to two, make junior seminar optional and increase general education natural science offerings without a lab.

The faculty plan saves the same amount of money as the trustees' plan, while also saving some faculty and staff jobs and majors.

"They could pick one plan or the other plan," Eells said. "What I would expect we would end up with, though, is a plan that would reflect parts of the trustees' plan and parts of the faculty's plan."

Eells said the faculty will submit its plan to the trustees for their March board meeting.

"The board will take action on the plan and once they make a decision, we will begin to implement that plan on campus," Eells said.

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programs we offer to our students and support our dedicated employees we have here," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

The increase is a relief to the college's current financial crisis.

"Enrollment increase means more revenue for the college to continue to offer an outstanding experience for our students," Rothrock said.

Though enrollment increase is good for the col-

lege, there are concerns about the increase.

"Our campus is staffed and supported with facilities to handle up to 100 more students," Rothrock said. "Our challenges will be in the residence halls with our increase. I do believe that our financial supporters out there will see the need to build a new residence hall as they see our success in enrollment growth."

If the dorms do get full, students over the age of

23 and those interested in moving off campus will be allowed to do so.

Students can also be part of helping increase numbers in enrollment.

"Keep coming back until they graduate, refer other friends and family members to attend and above all know that when they have concerns or questions about their experience here, there are always people willing to sit down and listen to them," Rothrock said.

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has served as a skilled motivator and positive role model. He also possesses a progressive leadership style along with the ability to establish a team-oriented environment and increase staff morale. Hyson currently works in the educational field, serving as the vice president for enrollment and development at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe.

Hyson also served as the chief executive officer of the Cincinnati Christian Schools in Cincinnati, Ohio. Hyson's belief is that the college needs to have someone willing to take the college in a new direction and guide future and current Bulldogs toward making sure their McPherson College experience is

an enjoyable one.

"There has to be a direction," Hyson said.

Eric Fulcomer, is also not a stranger to the educational field. His experience includes working as the vice president for enrollment and student life at Bluffton University in Bluffton, Ohio. He knew that at some point in his life he "wanted to be president (at a university)." At

Bluffton, Fulcomer has worked in many capacities, including director of career development and associate dean of student life.

"I want to be the president at a specific (type) of institution," Fulcomer said.

The campus should expect the announcement of the new president within the next few days.

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