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NEWS BRIEFS



Eells announces resignation

Laura Eells announced her resignation from her position as provost and dean on March 11. She held the position for seven years.

"It has been my honor to serve you and represent you," Eells said in an e-mail to the campus. "However, I believe it is time for new leadership at the college and welcome the opportunity to follow the next president and provost."

Eells plans to take a position within the behavioral sciences department.

Trustees grant faculty requests

The Board of Trustees tenured Dee Erway Sherwood, assistant professor of art; Rod Gieselman, assistant professor of business; and Ku-Sup Chin, assistant professor of behavioral sciences - sociology. Gieselman and Chin were also promoted to associate professors.

A sabbatical for Spring 2010 was granted for Steven Gustafson, professor of music. Jeanne Smith, formerly professor of education, and Alfred Dutrow, formerly professor of agriculture, were awarded Emeritus Status.

SAB to sponsor upcoming events

Free bowling will be April 3 from 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the bowling alley on West Kansas.

SAB will host an Easter egg hunt April 6 to 9.

Mac's Got Talent will be April 16. Auditions for the show will be April 6 to 8. Watch for more information by e-mail and posters around campus.

Donate books to 'Ethiopia Reads'

A box for students to donate children's and young adult books to "Ethiopia Reads" is located in Miller Library. Another will soon be in the Student Union.

SGA presidential candidates speak

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

There are two teams vying for the top spots in the Student Government Association - presidential candidate Lane Allison and running mate Savannah Sievers and competitors Shaun Griffin, presidential candidate and running mate Kiley Loesch.

Allison, Greensburg, has served as freshman representative on SGA this year. He was a member of the Upward Strivers 4-H club for 12 years and served as either president or vice president for five years. As a high school senior, he was the National Honor Society president. Allison also enjoys sports and plays intramural basketball at the college.

"I am very excited to increase my role in SGA and am confident that I will be a strong leader for the students," Allison said.

Sievers, St. John, also adds her share of leadership experience. She has served as a freshman representative on SGA this year. She served as class secretary three years at St. John High School and was the captain of the volleyball team her senior year. She still enjoys playing and watching the sport.

"I understand just what it means to be honest and upfront when working with others," Sievers said.

As a team, Allison and Sievers want to bring more organization to SGA meetings and involve the campus more.

"(SGA) is the group that handles the business and funding for student needs," Allison said. "These are very serious matters and they are not to be taken lightly. When we take our jobs seriously and do it correctly, there is more respect given and duties can be handled willingly and efficiently."

Allison and Sievers plan to share the minutes from weekly meetings with the campus, and the monthly budget report. They also plan to periodically send a representative to club meetings, groups, and faculty and staff to stay



Lane Allison



Savannah Sievers



Shaun Griffin



Kiley Loesch

informed.

"It is our responsibility to know what the students need," Allison said. "More can be done on our side in order to find current issues and we are in the process of brainstorming new ideas of reaching out to the students, rather than waiting on them to make a say."

Griffin and Loesch are challenging Allison and Sievers in the presidential elections this year.

Griffin, jr., Inman, has served in roles on Student Activities Board, the



Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Mallory Griggs, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.; Kelsey Hempt, soph., Valley Center; Shaun Griffin, jr., Inman; Kiley Loesch, jr., Raymond, at the SGA debates in the SU basement.

SGA makes revisions to constitution

SGA is making some changes to its current constitution and by-laws to lower the stress level for future SGA boards. The first change is being made to allow more people to run for president.

Now in order to run for president, a student will only need to have had one semester of McPherson College SGA experience and/or had some other type of parliamentary experience. The second change is to take out office hours in the Student Union basement offices. Originally, SGA was supposed to work activities in the basement, but the activities are non-existent so the office hours are unnecessary. The last

change is to do more surveys during residential meetings to get more feedback from the students.

For the by-laws, we are changing Article V Section A number six, letter b, which states that SGA should pay salaries to the Spectator and yearbook/magazine personnel. SGA suggests not putting a specific amount paid to the Spectator due to the new positions, raise in pay and addition of people it has. The amount must be reasonable and distributed in equal amounts twice a semester. If interested in comparing the changes to the original version the original will be e-mailed to students today.

SGA DEBATE FOOTAGE, TALKBACK

Footage of the debate will be on the campus Web site today. Students will vote March 19 and were given the opportunity to listen to debates on March 12.

SGA will host a talkback with future president Michael Schneider about the sustainability plan on Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in Melhorn 112.

Spectator and SGA during his time at the college. He said he "strives to have a finished product that is better than expected" no matter what he is working on. He also has competed in track and field for nine years.

Griffin's plan, if elected

president, would also be to involve students more heavily and change the structure of SGA.

"I will look forward to meeting and working with the board to restructure the current constitution," Griffin said. "SGA will take part in freshman

orientation weekend to familiarize incoming students about SGA. Monthly casual discussions with students at lunch time will keep SGA in touch with the students and hear their questions and concerns."

Griffin's running mate and vice presidential can-

didate Loesch, jr., Raymond, has been active in SGA for nearly three years and is currently an at-large representative. She is a freshman mentor and plays volleyball for McPherson. In high school, Loesch was a member of student council and held the role of president her senior year.

"Overall my biggest priority is to make SGA more accessible and make it easier for students to voice their opinions," Loesch said. "They need to be able to recognize their leaders and who they can come to for questions or concerns."

Loesch hopes to find common ground between students and administration.

"If a problem cannot be resolved, it's not because of biased opinions," Loesch said. "The entire college wants the best for its students and that's what the administration and SGA will give. We just have to understand that because of certain issues, especially dealing with economics, some issues may not al-

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Trustees meet, determine new sustainability plan

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

The Board of Trustees met March 6 and 7 to finalize the plan for sustainability and to discuss the transition of the new president.

The contract for current President Ron Hovis, will end May 1. Michael Schneider will step in on that date instead of Hovis' original end of contract date June 30, 2009.

"I feel good about mak-

ing the transition on May 1st," Hovis said. "My notice to the board last April was intended to give them time to organize and conduct a search for the next president. Once that was completed, we began to look for a good time to allow the college to move forward with a new president and for Robin and I to focus on our personal plans for the future."

There were a few major factors that helped to form the final plan for sustain-

ability - the continuing deterioration of financial markets and the ripple effects, identification of the magnitude of the endowed funds designated for philosophy and religion, peace and Christian service, and the proposals for the faculty.

"The focus was on finding the best combination of actions that addressed the challenges and opportunities facing the college," Hovis said. "Many of the faculty proposals

were adopted in whole or in part in the final plan."

Some of those additions include continuing to review and grant faculty promotions without immediate pay increases, reducing departmental budgets, combining music and theater into a performing arts major, and revising the history major with a more compact set of course offerings.

"Feedback is varied as you should expect," Hovis said. "Some people

are disappointed that the depth of the budget needs require the elimination of some positions, reductions in administrative, co-curricular and academic budgets, and the suspension of the retirement plan contribution. Others are excited about the opportunities associated with revised programs such as philosophy and religion, peace and service. Others are pleased with the new performing

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Staff endorses Allison/Sievers

SGA has been under a lot of discussion lately due to a recent article written by one of our Spectator staff members. After this article was published, SGA stepped up and made their faces known. Their pictures were put up in the cafeteria and minutes were being issued to the campus community through e-mail. Things are being put into motion.

Lane Allison/Savannah Sievers and Shaun Griffin/Kiley Loesch are the pairs of presidential/vice-presidential candidates running for the SGA executive positions next year and debated March 12. The attendance at the debate said a lot about what the student body thinks of SGA. There were 12 students in the immediate audience.

The most important aspect of the night from our point of view was how SGA was going to serve the students and help get their voices heard. Allison/Sievers stated this clearly - the students were not coming to SGA. Instead, it is important for SGA to reach out to the student body by publishing minutes and budget reports, and sending SGA representatives to various club, group and individual meetings on campus to see how they can better serve the campus and serve as mediators between administration and the students.

Griffin/Loesch also said that it was important to reach out to the students rather than wait for the students to approach SGA. They also want to take advantage of the busy lunch hour as an opportunity to reach out to the students and ask them what SGA can do to better serve them.

Many topics were covered during the evening. One of the obvious differences between the candidates was experience. Allison/Sievers are both freshmen, but have leadership experience in clubs during high school. Griffin/Loesch are both juniors and have each served as members in major clubs such as SGA and SAB.

We found two downfalls with Griffin's team, however. Griffin was recently released from SGA on account of attendance. He is currently attending all the SGA meetings while running for the position. The other is that during the debates, team Griffin/Loesch did not show professional behavior while answering questions. Laughter and doodling came from the candidates and gave off the impression that they were not serious about their campaign.

Allison/Sievers remained composed and in tune with the topics at hand. Though both freshman, we believe they have a better grasp of the position and know how to turn SGA around.

Voting begins March 19 in the Student Union. Vote Lane Allison and Savannah Sievers for SGA president/vice president.

ISSUE: SGA candidate endorsement
OUR POSITION: Vote for Lane Allison and Savannah Sievers

Not Necessarily Ordinary



Food attacks, takes hold on the nation

I came here three years ago as a little freshman who thought she had a weight problem. I was always concerned about my weight.

Looking back now, I was skinny. I was tiny. Now as a junior, I look in the mirror and see that I am definitely not that skinny, healthier freshman that I once was. That little freshman was eaten up and swallowed by this heavier junior who can't get enough of peanut M&Ms and late night snacking.

Hi, I'm Ashley and I have a problem. (Hi, Ashley.) I love food and I hate working out.

When I went home, my mom and I's conversations started to change.

"Sweetie, you should probably start watching what you're eating."

"Since we're going out to eat tonight, we should share something."

"Do you want to get a salad instead of a hamburger?"

Are you kidding me? Who in their right mind would want to choose a salad over a hamburger? I

THINK OUT LOUD



Ashley Andrews

knew I was gaining weight fast and I knew I wanted to do something about it, but I knew I really wanted that hamburger. I was gaining that freshman 15.

I'm not the only one dealing with weight gain. The nation has an obesity problem. People consume more food than ever and are not being active or exercising daily. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web site, 30 out of the 50 states are overweight according to the Body Mass Index.

Three states- Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee- are classified by the

BMI scale as being obese states with an average BMI over 30 percent body fat. Colorado is one of the healthiest states with an average BMI of less than 20 percent body fat.

The Web site said that a BMI number is calculated from a person's weight and height and measures body fatness. A healthy adult BMI would be in the 18.5-24.9 range. For example, an adult 5 feet 9 inches tall would have to weight between 125-168 lbs to have a normal (healthy) BMI. BMI is fairly reliable but varies between gender, race and age.

The CDC Web site says that lack of activity is the crucial factor contributing to becoming overweight and obese.

Obesity leads to many health problems such as coronary heart disease, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, stroke, sleep apnea and respiratory problems. All of which could be fatal.

The CDC encourages adults to be active for at least an hour a day. Exercise is the key to healthy

weight loss.

An August 2006 Associated Press article said that a Big Mac, medium Coke and large fries from McDonalds contain a total of 1,340 calories, more than half the recommended daily calories for both men and women.

The other day, I ordered spaghetti and meatballs from a restaurant in Salina. I couldn't finish it all and asked for a to-go box. When I got back to my room, I opened it and realized that I had two pounds of pasta staring me in the face. Portion control in restaurants would greatly help the nation lose some weight.

This may seem overdramatic, but weight gain is a problem. I hope this encourages some people to make life changes. I started a healthy weight loss program by eating the right portions, staying away from fast food, making smart choices when I go out to eat and most importantly, making time to exercise.

Take a walk. It could save your life.

Quirky weather: sandals or snow boots today?

Last week I woke up to see the sun shining into my apartment and birds chirping outside my balcony. I decided to wipe off my dust-covered flip flops and leave my sweater in the closet. It was beautiful outside and I was going to enjoy it.

Now let's fast forward to just a few days ago. I got into my car, realized I should have grabbed my sweater plus my winter coat and was shocked to see tiny, minuscule white flakes falling from the sky.

They really aren't kidding when they say the weather changes every five minutes in Kansas,

MEGAN'S CORNER



Megan McKnight

are they?

As much as I enjoy being in a climate that doesn't stay 100-plus degree weather all year round, I am definitely missing my

warm sunshine right about now.

When the days are warm and beautiful outside, you see the campus buzzing with laughter, Frisbees and lounging in the grass. But the very next day you have people cuddled up with blankets in their beds with hot chocolate from the cafeteria. It seems that this year our weather is more out of whack than ever.

It's hard to get out of bed and get motivated when you look outside and it's still dark and cold out. We can thank Daylight Saving Time for that.

With Spring Break coming up and the messy part

of the semester falling into place, this weather is just causing people to be less motivated.

For those who are in the same boat as me, Spring Break will be spent working and hoping for weather warm enough to go outside without a sweatshirt and sneakers on.

So what's the big solution to this wacky weather problem? Who really knows! My suggestion is just to grin and bear it. Take out your summer clothes and jump on the next warm day Mother Nature throws us.

After all, the weather changes every five minutes in Kansas.

CHEW ON THIS

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself." -John Dewey

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." -William Butler Yeats

Good Dog / Bad dog comparison chart with paw print icon. Topics include Spring Break soon, Changes in SGA, Trustees adopted some areas of the faculty's revised plan for sustainability, Midterms next week, Broken windows, again, Lack of student attendance at SGA presidential debate.

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Earth Hour shines awareness through darkness

In 15 days, over 1400 cities from more than 80 countries will go dark. The Empire State Building, the Eiffel Tower, Sydney's Opera House, the Sears Tower, and even the famous Vegas strip will all go black.

This is the initiative of millions to raise awareness of the climate issues we face as a global community. It is the third year of Earth Hour and it is happening March 28, for one hour, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Earth Hour was created in 2007 by the Sydney chapter of the World Wildlife Fund. In the first year many of the city's landmarks switched off for an hour to observe the new tradition and their darkness was echoed through-

BRIAN TALKS



Brian York

out the city's homes and suburbs by over 2.2 million participants, about half the city's entire population.

Last year the movement exploded onto the international arena. Nearly 500 cities worldwide and people from each of the seven

continents made the move to stand up against global warming and participated in Earth Hour '08.

In the week leading up to last year's demonstration, Earth Hour's Web site (www.earthhour.org) was flooded with nearly a million hits per day and an estimated 50 million participants worldwide.

The Italians turned off the lights on the Coliseum. The Danish monarch ordered that lights in two royal palaces be switched off.

The Greeks held a massive drum-circle in the middle of a darkened park in Athens. San Francisco turned off the decorative lights on the Golden Gate Bridge.

I sat at home and flipped all the switches in my

house's circuit breaker. The refrigerator, fans, water heater, computers and lights all went dead and by candlelight, my friends and I played a nice game of Scrabble.

Cities such as Washington, D.C., Mumbai, Cape Town, Shanghai, Moscow, Dubai and Paris the City of Lights will all be turning off of iconic buildings, streetlights, government offices and other nonessential drains on energy.

You can help by simply unplugging nonessential electronics and turning off your lights. Last year in Bangkok alone, more than 40 tons of CO2 was prevented from entering the atmosphere. That's equivalent to the CO2 put out by a U.S. household over the course of 4 1/2 years!

Write a town newspaper. Print posters about Earth Day. Spread the word. What can you do for this cause?

The most important thing is to be aware of energy consumption. This entire initiative is designed to demonstrate how much we use and how little we need.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu commented on the Earth Hour initiative, "If we all perform this one simple act together, it will send a message to our governments too powerful for them to ignore. They will know the eyes of the world are watching."

This year the goal is 1 billion worldwide.

Will you join me in being one of them?

Unsuspecting visitors bear gifts of anxiety and invasion

A knock at my door. I yell my usual "Yo!" to signify that I'm coming, and then a "Hold up!" when my guest knocks again. Weird, I thought. My door's unlocked. My friends usually come in after the "Yo!"

I'm wondering who this could be now. It's around 10:30 pm, weekday, I'm being quiet. My neighbor wouldn't complain about my usual iTunes mix that I know isn't loud enough to cause her any grief. My curiosity piques when I open my door and find the RD and my floor's RA leaning on my door frame.

First thought: "Uh oh. Am I getting a roommate?!"

Second thought: "Uh oh. Family emergency?!"

Third thought: "What

JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

did I do?"

I'm sure my face was priceless. I'm sure I said something very ineloquent and to the effect of "Whazzup?" The first thing they did was apologize for inconveniencing me. My heart raced. Then they dropped the bomb:

Random Room Check.

Another set of thoughts flood in: "I hope I don't have anything illegal."

A flash of my RA training from last year shot through my memory. What is illegal? According to the handbook, alcohol memorabilia, pornographic posters, certain pets, huge refrigerators...

Silly as it is, I was mostly worried for my pet rat. I thought hard about her legal status. I thought hard about what was in my room. I thought hard about being fined, or worse, kicked off campus for something that I didn't even realize was illegal.

I took a deep breath. They asked to come in. Of course they could. They

asked if I had a fridge. I opened it up, showed them leftovers and some utensils. Gross. They thanked me for my time, apologized once more and walked out.

It then occurred to me that I didn't know why they had conducted the search. My RA came by again. She was a welcome sight. She explained that because I had been written up earlier in the year, even though it wasn't in my room, I was subject to random room checks from then on out.

We expressed the same amount of frustration- more work for her, nervousness for me. Really, she said, it was just to look for alcohol. I learned awhile ago not to keep the most easily caught illegal

substance on campus in my room.

After saying goodnight, I felt a little violated. I no longer felt my dorm room was my own. I felt it was a common place anyone could search at the drop of a hat. I'm sure the staff would assure me if I had nothing to hide then I had nothing to be scared of. In my mind, I had lost my privacy, my dignity and my sanctuary.

Next time they knock on my door, I hope they realize even though they are doing their jobs, they are severely diminishing the happiness I feel in my own room.

I hope the rest of the campus gets as lucky as I did and prove that without just cause to search, rooms should be left alone.

Truth sought between the battle of atheism and the Scriptures

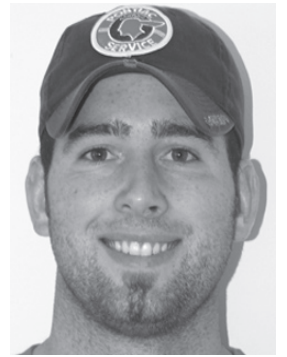
Is Biblical accuracy a question that our generation must answer? With militant atheism and the study of evolutionary theory on the rise it's an absolute must. Ask anyone this question and you're likely to hear that the Bible is so old that it is not likely to be accurate.

The Bible contains 66 books and was written by more than forty writers over a thousand year time period.

One could assert that over a thousand years there would have to be some inconsistencies in what was written.

A closer look would re-

OFF-CAMPUS RANT



Chris Clark

veal that apparent contradictions become apparent confirmations because of the different writers. There is much debate over

contradictions in the four Gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Although it would seem that these four different accounts can sometimes clash, scholars maintain that four different accounts of the same story will reveal more accuracy than inaccuracy. Even though viewed through four different lenses the essential truths of the stories correctly line up.

Archeological evidence states a strong case for Biblical accuracy. For example, secular scholars once dismissed the Hittite Empire as historical myth because there was no evidence to support its exist-

ence. After archeologists discovered an advanced Hittite civilization in what is now modern day Turkey, the University of Chicago published a complete dictionary on the Hittite language. What was once dismissed as Biblical myth has now turned out to be strong Old Testament truth.

The New Testament has even been given textual integrity by its 24,947 ancient manuscripts that have been discovered in several different languages. The next closed non-Biblical number of ancient manuscripts belongs to Homer's Iliad with 600

and no amount of years have disproved its textual integrity.

Although atheist and Darwinist Richard Dawkins, with his book the "God Delusion," and many others have tried to dismantle Biblical accuracy, it has been to no avail. As one Florida pastor put it, "The Bible outlives its pallbearers, it has still outlasted those who say it is dying truth."

So is the Bible accurate or not? Whatever side you choose to defend or argue against, it is a question we all must answer, but we must do it in this generation.

On the Fly

How accurate do you feel the Bible is?



"I have different opinions in different areas. I don't think it's all completely accurate."

Alyssa Baldi
Soph., Northglenn, Colo.



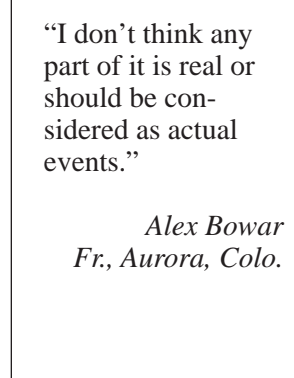
"I think it is completely accurate."

Rachel Leuthold
Fr., Bern



"I feel it's fairly accurate to a point."

Shelly Brandt
Fr., Divide, Colo.



"I don't think any part of it is real or should be considered as actual events."

Alex Bowar
Fr., Aurora, Colo.



"The Bible is accurate. The interpretations are not."

Antowine Lamb
Jr., Topeka



"People take the Bible out of context so their wrongdoings can be correct."

Leterius Ray
Jr., Wichita



SHOUT IT OUT!

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

Car how coming up this May!

Family Fued: college style!

Band represents academics, the arts and beyond. Eliminating them is bull.

A nice warm meal for breakfast would be nice.

Put the balls down now!

Forget the stanky leg - we booty do all night!

Bumble Bee tuna.

Safer Sex Night was the scariest thing I've seen all year.

Note to the public: It is NOT ok to clip your toenails in public.

Trustees don't have armed chairs so they take ours.

Go Leafs Go!

More bananas please!

Lets please STOP complaining about the food service. The team has been very responsive to student suggestions. Instead of complaining, why not help them out with ideas?

Whoever stole the television is cool.

We want Op/Ed.

SAB publicists should publicize events before the day of the actual event.

New cook rocks!

Am I getting fat!? I swear, I can't move through the tables without my butt hitting every person I pass. (Tables are too tight together.)

I needs no money.

School want to save money? You know what to cut.

Tanning is great. Try it sometime.

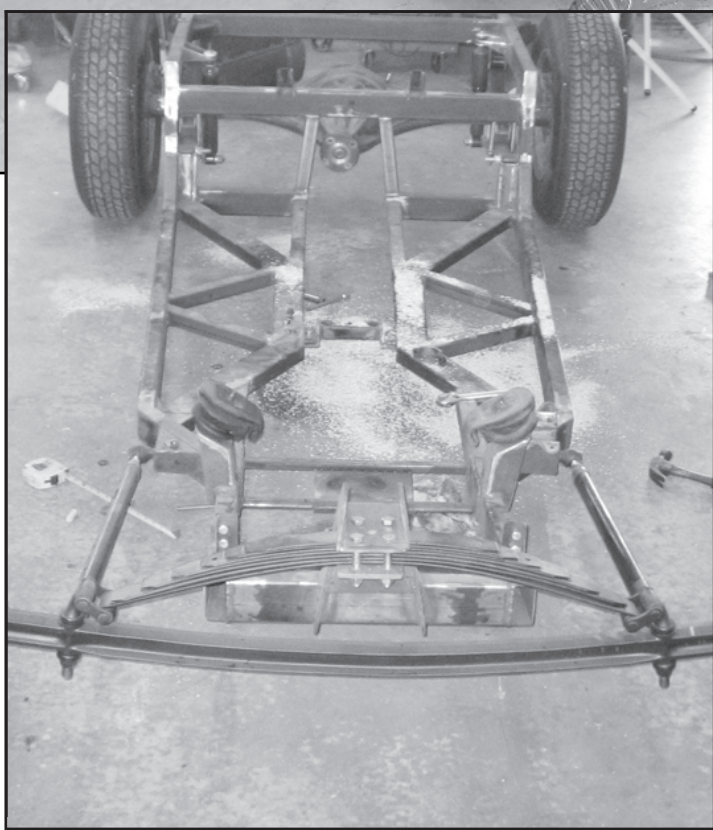
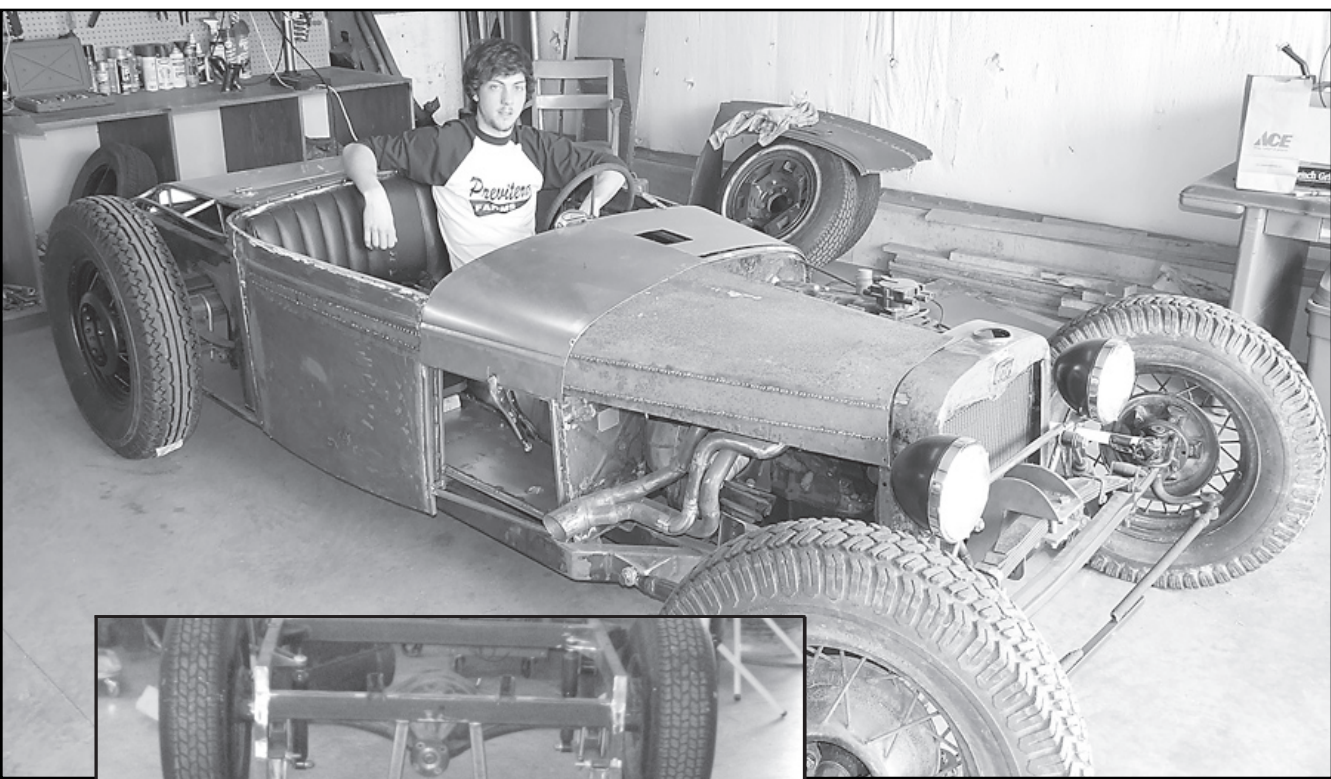


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Above: Alfio Previtera, sr., Swedesboro, N.J., sits in the car he is currently building from recycled parts. He rents a shop in town that provides him the space to work on his project. Left: The frame of the car in Previtera's dad's shop in New Jersey prior to bringing the car to McPherson. Below right: The idea for Previtera's car started from this old farm truck found in a dump. Previtera's initial body for the car was pieced together by parts from the truck, but he has since completely changed the body using very few pieces from the truck.



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Below: Previtera's car in its current state in his McPherson shop. He hopes to have the body with a hood completed by May.

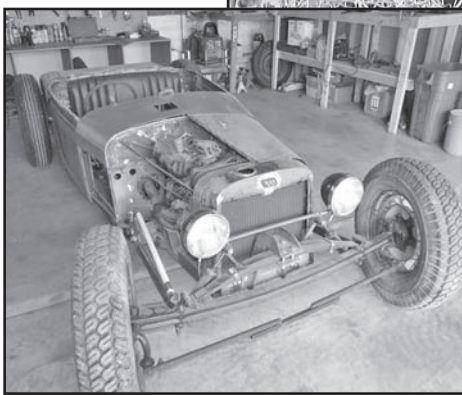


Photo by Adrielle Harvey

Starting from scratch

Previtera builds roadster from recycled metal, old car parts

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

If there were one word to describe Alfio Previtera, it might be resourceful. Not many people can take scraps of metal, old car parts and junk yard "treasures" and build a car.

Previtera, a senior from Swedesboro, N.J., grew up on a farm where he was introduced to mechanics by his dad. His interest in bicycles, then a 1969 Camaro that barely ran provided learning experiences that put him on the path toward his current project.

Prior to returning to McPherson for his sophomore year of college, Previtera learned of a farm truck in an old farm dump on a relative's property. He decided to check it out.

"I think it's a 1936 Ford," Previtera said. "It had a tree that fell on it and crushed it. When we went back there the first time, it had a turkey that flew out of it. It had two eggs in it so we left it until the summertime."

The truck was rusty, trashed and surrounded by briars. Previtera's dad said it was worthless, and while pulling the truck out of the dump, it broke in half, but that didn't stop him.

Previtera cut the roof off the truck since it was

smashed, then continued to cut everything else up.

"I made a body out of (truck) parts," Previtera said. "Then I started making calculations for my frame. I had no idea how to make the frame so I made the body so I could get a general measurement and then I made the frame. I was kind of making it up as I went."

By the time school started in August 2006, Previtera brought a finished frame and body on a trailer to McPherson. At this point, everything was pieced together through rivets because he didn't have a welder, but this would soon change.

In fall 2006, Previtera rented a shop, then bought a welder in 2007. That's when the work began.

"I actually bought this car, which was a Nissan," Previtera said. "My plan was to take the motor and transmission and use it for this car. I literally cut the body up just because I didn't have a hoist to pull the motor out. Not the most efficient way, but it was kind of fun."

Previtera built the rear suspension, then started mounting the engine. Soon after, he found a front axle from a 1929 Model A down the road from his shop. With this, he built

"I've done so many things on this car more than once. There's very few things that I can think of that I haven't modified."

- Alfio Previtera

the front suspension. He then realized that his original frame would have to be modified because the car sat too low.

"I wouldn't build another frame until you had the suspension in front of you," he said. There's no other way to tell."

Previtera then began making templates out of cereal boxes for all the car parts and taped them together so he wouldn't waste metal.

"In this time period, I realized the car was turning out nicer than I thought it would, so I ended up changing the body, pretty much ended up making my own body," he said.

The car now has very few parts from the truck he found in the dump.

Previtera cut and welded approximately 200 feet of tubing for the body, made the steering wheel, pedals, floor, trunk lid, seat back,

seats and exhaust headers. Basically anything he hasn't made has been modified in some way.

"I've done so many things on this car more than once," Previtera said. "There's very few things that I can think of that I haven't modified."

With the old motor, Previtera had the car turning over, but never got it running. He's now looking for a new motor.

At times Previtera gets discouraged, but he's worked on setting smaller goals and tries to think of ways to make his work easier if he has to make changes in the future.

"Sometimes I wouldn't work on it for awhile and then sometimes I would work on it real hard," Previtera said. "Back when I was just welding on the body, it's hard to work that much and not see any difference."

Previtera plans to have the body finished with a hood by May so he can put it in the car show. After graduation, he plans to continue working on the car in New Jersey.

When it's completed, he wants to paint it green and drive it back to McPherson for the next car show. The final product will be modeled after a 1940s roadster.

The Hot spot

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ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A I am an admissions and financial aid counselor.

Q Who is your favorite musical artist?

A John Mayer.

Q What have you learned so far in your time here?

A You wear many different hats and it can be stressful at times, but it's an energizing, motivating stress.

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

A They told me that Santa got arrested and wouldn't be coming to our house and then I realized why.

Q Why did you choose to come to McPherson College?

A It was a good opportunity. I wanted to be an admissions counselor and work with high school students.

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

A Besides a rock star, I would like to be a business owner of some kind.

Q Do you have any pets?

A Nope.

Q In one word how would you describe yourself?

A Spontaneous.

Q What is your biggest pet peeve?

A When people quit talking and there's that gurgle in their throat, but they keep talking and don't clear it.

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

A John Mayer, he can sing, he can dance, he's classy and he has Jennifer Aniston.

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

A Jennifer Aniston. We are going to bike from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon.

Q Who is your role model? Why?

A My dad. He is wise beyond his years.

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

A Tabor College. I majored in business administration and management.

Q What is your favorite book?

A "Under the Overpass."

Q What condiment do you have to have?

A A1 sauce because there's a little zest to it.

Q What is your favorite fast food restaurant?

A Chipotle hands down.

Doll, Sader to perform in their final play "Art"

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

The show "Art" tells a story of life-long friends who discover the true meaning of friendship when one friend purchases a unique piece of art.

Written by Yasmina Reza and translated by Christopher Hampton, the show was originally written as a French comedy and then translated into English. "Art" will make its way to the colleges stage this weekend through cast members Tim Braginton, jr., Winnemucca, Nev.; Cody W. Doll, sr., Healy, and Eric Sader, sr., Salina.

"This isn't your typical comedy," said Director Jd. Bowman. "Its funny, but it isn't slapstick or physical humor."

In the show, the three friends discover what happens when action meets reaction and the power of physical bonds.

When one friend pays too much for a piece of art, a simple lie saves the friendship.

For Doll and Sader, this will be the final show of their collegiate

careers.

"It was too hard to turn down the opportunity to do one last show at the college, even if swamped with post-graduation plans," Sader said.

Bowman said the show "is (a) fun way to showcase some of our upper-class talent."

Sader said the show offers a change from other shows the theatre department has put on.

"(It) is something different - a small cast with a fairly intricate, yet conversely simple (show)," Sader said. "It adds a new flavor that hasn't been presented in quite some time."

The show will run from March 12 to 14 in Brown Auditorium with a 7:30 p.m. opening. Tickets for this show may be purchased from the box office by either e-mailing theatre@mcpherson.edu or calling (620) 242-0444. Seating is somewhat limited so reservations are requested.

"Children of Eden" will be the final show of the season on April 3, 4 and 5 and will include college, high school and community members.

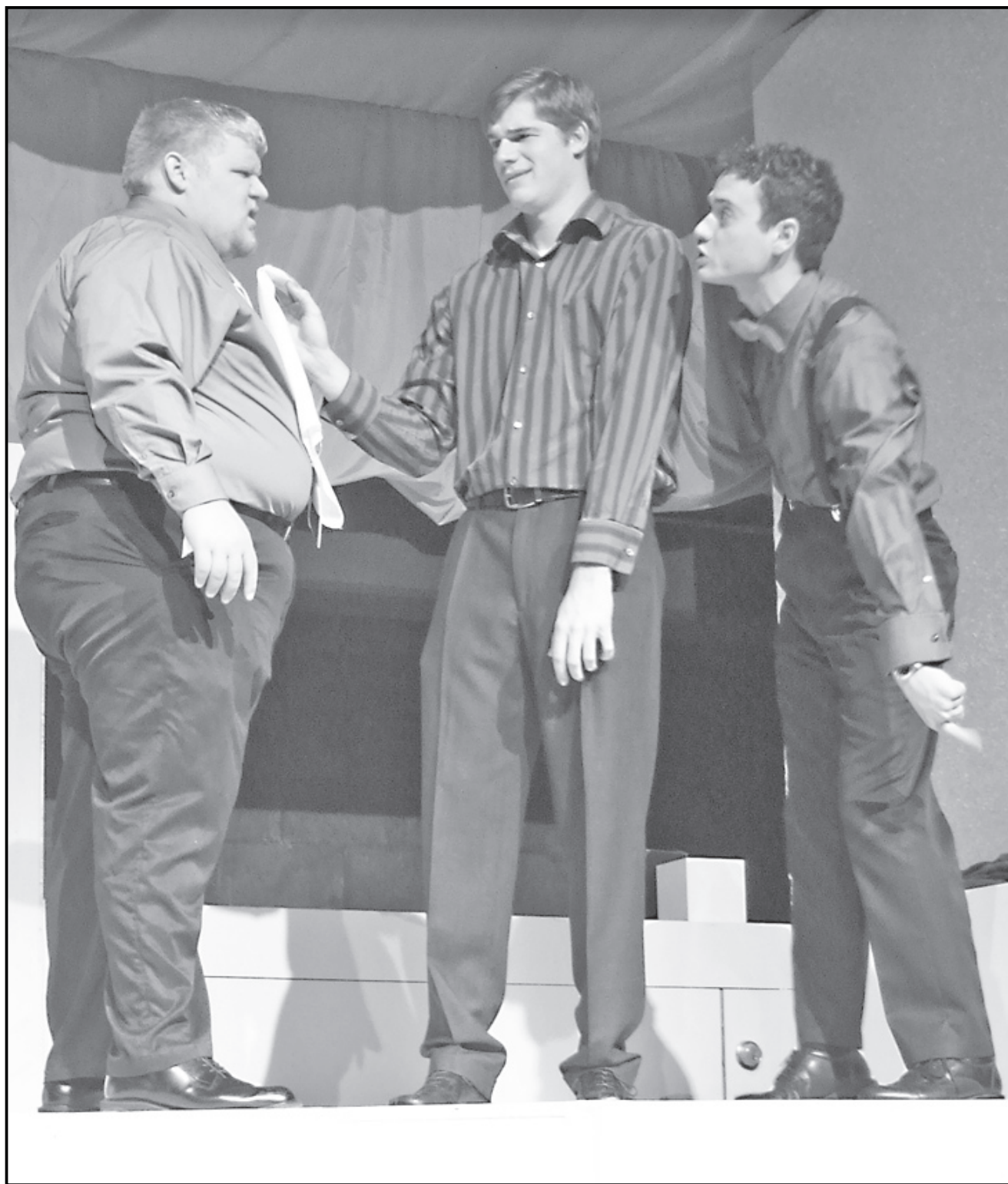


Photo by Kelsie Patrick

Cody Doll, sr., Healy, Tim Braginton, jr., Winnemucca, Nev., and Eric Sader, sr., Salina, rehearse a scene from their three man show "Art." The play runs this weekend in Brown Auditorium.



Photo by Erica Shook

Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication, stands at her new desk, a gift from her colleagues.

Stanley receives new desk for writing faculty sustainability plan

TRICIA FENSKY
Spectator Staff

You know it is time for a new desk when you have to struggle and yank at the drawer to get it open. This was the case for Kim Stanley, who had the same metal desk since she was hired - 21 years.

Her fellow colleagues must have known how she felt about it, because recently she was presented a brand new desk for her work in writing the faculty's plan for sustainability.

Since Stanley, professor of English and communication, didn't have a regular course to teach over interterm, she volunteered to put together the faculty's plan. Her fellow colleagues wrote their own part and Stanley fitted everything together and wrote the narrative about the plan.

"They knew that I want-

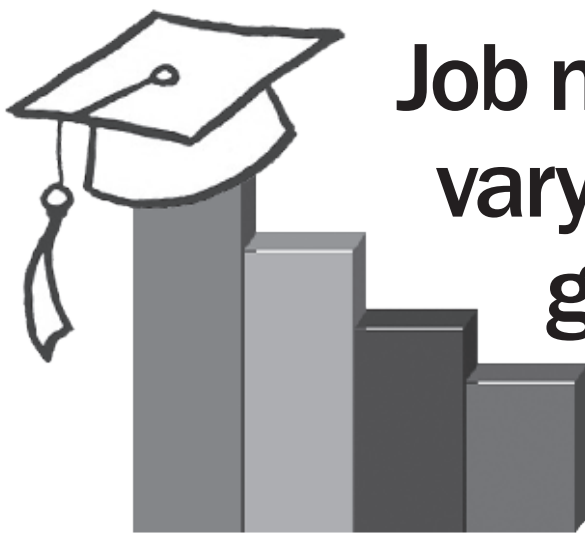
ed a computer stand that would rise high enough for me to work standing up, and they got a great one," Stanley said.

Stanley's old desk didn't have a stand so she had made do by purchasing a cheap one from Office Max years ago that tended to slam down on her mouse.

"It was a wonderful thing for them to do," Stanley said. "It makes a huge difference in my office and my comfort."

A McPherson Business Machines employee measured her office and suggested some desks.

Faculty chair Rick Tyler organized the process. Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty, and Marilyn Kimbrell, professor of education, also assisted in the hard work that took place in January and the idea of Stanley's new desk.



Job market projections vary nationwide for graduating seniors

Professors provide advice on tackling the shrinking workforce

JESSICA ARNOLD
Spectator Staff

The job forecast for college seniors is grimmer than ever, according to a recent issue of Time magazine.

A report from the National Association for Colleges and Employers claim that employers nationwide are planning on hiring 22 percent less graduates than last year. The biggest decline was in finance, which hemorrhaged 71 percent of expected job openings. Also, there is a 37 percent decline in hiring for professional services, such as accounting and engineering.

With these recent re-

ports and the less-than-healthy economy, should McPherson College graduating seniors, especially business majors, be worried?

Rod Gieselman, assistant professor of business, was reassuring.

"Those reports are nationwide," Gieselman said. "The Midwest isn't that bad. Job opportunities are fair if you plan to stay in the area. You should be able to get a job, you just won't be able to be as selective."

Fortunately, there are three areas in which job security remains.

The first area is government jobs, the second is health care and the third is education. But some

areas in education are not nearly as secure as others.

In secondary education, science, math, English, vocal music, special education, and ESL (English as a second language) teachers are the most sought after. The areas that are more difficult to get hired in are physical education, history and theater.

"Make yourself more marketable," said Shay Maclin, assistant professor of education. "For instance, if you want to teach history and coach, those aren't really need areas right now. Consider teaching special ed, too, or ESL. Pick up other endorsements, fill the needs

of the system."

It may be harder to find a job for most graduating seniors, but there are some choices to make to increase chances of being hired.

Chris Wiens, director of Career Services, said students shouldn't only use generic sources, such as Monster.com and newspaper ads.

"Be intentional about your search," Wiens said. "Also, dig. Don't just skim the surface. You might have to really search."

The most important thing to remember for those graduating seniors searching for jobs, Wiens said, is to "just be patient."

Online bookstore provides useful services

MELISA GRANDISON
Spectator Staff

Your dad's birthday rolls around and you've forgotten to buy him a present. What do you do? Fear not, you can order a McPherson College shirt for Dad in a timely fashion. How? The online bookstore.

David Gitchell, director of computer services, and Brian Lundberg, web developer, created the website for the online bookstore. It is the second Mac e-commerce endeavor and went live in

December of last year.

Originally, the site was created to allow out-of-town people to browse and purchase MC apparel available in the bookstore. Students can also access the site when off campus.

Lundberg manages the website and Linda Barrett, manager of the bookstore, ships the items sold via the online bookstore.

"Customers can see the items we have in the bookstore, order and then we'll ship it to them," Barrett said. "It reaches out to those alumni and

friends who can't make it into the bookstore."

The online bookstore brings in a small revenue for the college. It averages one or two sales per week.

"I think in the future when more people know we have online clothing and gifts, the sales will only increase," Barrett said.

MC clothing and gift items such as sweat-shirts, T-shirts, Polos, caps, mugs, blankets, key chains and license plate covers can be purchased online.

"I think it works great and has had decent sales so far," Lundberg said. "The bookstore, like the Giving Catalog, uses a free shopping cart system that we have internally modified to fit our needs. It's a good example of the many great free or low cost tools available on the net."

To access the store online, visit the college website and click the bookstore link. This connects directly to the store where the shopper will be asked to create an account.

Basketball kept alive this March by intramurals

CHRIS PLOOSTER
Spectator Staff

The men's and women's basketball seasons may be over, but that doesn't mean March madness hasn't infected the Sport Center.

There are no multimillion dollar shoe contracts, or Sportscenter spotlights, and most teams don't even have matching uniforms. But on Sunday afternoons that doesn't stop the teams entered in the 5-on-5 intramural basketball league from battling it out on the hardwood for the coveted champions' T-shirt and bragging rights.

This year's league consists of both a four-team women's division and a 10-team men's division that has been split into two pools of five. On the women's side, each team will play the other teams in a round robin format to set seeds for the postseason with all four teams making the tournament to be held the first week-end of April.

The men's league doesn't work out quite as easily. Only the top six teams after the regular season will make the postseason tournament with the top two teams receiving first round byes, leaving four teams uninvited to the big dance.

"The Mac four women's league is shaping up to be a real stunner, baby," said Rob Talley, director of intramurals.



Photo by Kyle Toland

John Norloff, sr., Westminster Colo., dribbles the ball during an intramural game on March 8.

"It's anybody's tournament to win with no particular team standing out in my eyes. The winner of the tournament is going to simply be the one who can dance the longest."

On the men's side, Talley said team NOWCW20 looks like one of

the teams to beat.

"Cody Dickerson (of NOWCW20) appears to be a one-and-done guy," Talley said. "Dickerson has been solid for the NOWCW20 and he will take his game to the next level. The Nest is capable of playing against anyone. This team has po-

tential, especially when Dwight (Hale) makes shots."

He added, "Don't rule out the Freshman Phenom or Conquistadors as top contenders for the final dance. Their shots and transitions have been dangerous and don't forget about the Scorgasm. They are playing some great basketball out there. Unfortunately they had a setback early against a quality NOWCW20 team."

Talley said the competition is tough, but enjoyable to watch.

"This is where we separate the men from the boys," Talley said. "It's gonna be some great basketball to watch baby. I'm living the American Dream."

At times the games are a graceless ballet of turnovers, air balls and rim rattling bricks, but sophomore Lance Dick, Hutchinson, of team Sausage Fest explained the thrill of intramurals.

"I got a fever and the only prescription is more intramural b-ball," Dick said.

He was less optimistic, however, about where his team stands thus far this intramural season.

"I knew our team was in trouble when our first shot was a Tank (Tyler Tank, fr., Austin, Texas) fadeaway three," Dick said.

Intramurals will continue through the first weekend in April on Sunday afternoons.

Swanson places 22nd at indoor track nationals

Outdoor season to begin Saturday

BRY DANIELS
Spectator Staff

Andrea Swanson, better known on campus as "Andy" is one of McPherson's dual sport athletes. A well accomplished women's soccer player, Swanson also recently earned herself another respectable name in the track program.

"I started throwing my junior year of high school after soccer practice," said Swanson, soph., Littleton, Colo.

This may not seem like much time to be practicing a sport like shot put, considering it's been only 2½ years, but Swanson hasn't done bad for a rookie.

She recently placed 22nd at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Indoor Championships in Johnson City, Tenn., March 5 to 7, with a distance of 42 feet, 4.75 inches.

Although she's a sophomore at the college, this was Swanson's first year being able to compete in an entire season.

In the previous 2007-2008 season, she suffered two different shoulder injuries - one from playing goalkeeper for the soccer team and one from throwing the shot put in track.

"I have recovered pretty well after having my surgeries, so if anything, it has helped me," Swanson said. "I am no longer throwing with a torn labrum like I was last year."

Though Swanson didn't throw as far as her national qualifying distance, she opened on March 7 with a throw of 40-5, then threw 39-1.75 on her second. Her final throw of the day



Andrea Swanson

"I'm planning on correcting my technique in the outdoor season, as well as improve my speed and strength through the workouts."

- Andrea Swanson

was the 42-4.75, which placed her 22nd, but wasn't enough to advance her to finals.

Swanson is already working on a strategy to improve her recent efforts.

"I'm planning on correcting my technique in the outdoor season, as well as improve my speed and strength through the workouts," Swanson said.

Swanson is ready to join her teammates for the start of the outdoor season in the McPherson Bulldog Invitational on Saturday.

The Bulldogs will then have several conference invitationals before the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference championships the first weekend in May.

Tennis coach Leddy to resign after season

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

Tennis coach Dan Leddy put in his resignation to the college the first week in March to be effective at the end of the spring season. The search began a week ago for a new coach for the teams.

Leddy has been coaching for 29 years, with two of those coaching McPherson's men's and women's tennis.

"I really hate giving it up, but with the two new businesses I started I don't feel I'll have the time for the kids and the businesses," Leddy said. "I had a really great experience. I will miss the kids, but I will be too busy much of the year to do both."

Leddy's new business ventures include putting together a country and western concert in Arkansas that will last four days and feature some big artists.

He also recently bought a concession stand that he will take to state fairs to



Dan Leddy

sell funnel cakes and other food items.

"Dan brought stability and consistency over the last two years to the program," said LaMonte Rothrock, athletic director.

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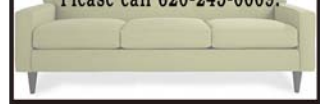


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Mike McCormick, head coach, talks to the softball team during a practice last week.

Softball to play in tournament this weekend

KELLI FOWLDS
Spectator Staff

The McPherson softball team is in full focus as it prepares for its tournament today and Saturday.

"This past week we focused a lot on hitting," said Amy Ziegler, sr., Hudson, Colo. "Right now that's our weakness, but we've been putting a lot of time and effort into building each other. Everyone is pretty open to getting help from each other."

Holli Greene, fr., Dayton, Idaho, said the team has also been working on situational plays.

"We'll take base runners and we will work on certain situations so that we know what to do in a game," Greene said.

The McPherson Invitational will prove to test the team in many different areas.

"We've seen a lot of these teams already... I am anxious to see how we can hold up to them now."

- Amy Ziegler

"Our biggest challenge will be battling the elements," Ziegler said. "It's going to be freezing cold. That doesn't help hitting."

Greene said the team tries to take precautions against the colder weather including dressing warmer, taking longer to loosen up and trying to stay loose on the bench.

The Bulldogs will have already played several of the teams that are in the tournament.

"We can't get too cocky and take teams

for granted," said Kristen Gustafson, fr., Overland Park. "Every team is a threat and we have to keep our shoulders low and stay focused."

Ziegler also said insight into these teams will be advantageous.

"We've seen a lot of these teams already so we know what is coming at us," Ziegler said. "I am anxious to see how we can hold up to them now."

Overall, the women were satisfied with their performance in last weekend's Friends' tournament. The team played three games on March 6 and two on March 7 and finished with a 2-3 record, including a strong win against Central Christian.

But the big story was the team's second win against Graceland College. Down 2-0 throughout the game, the Bulldogs tied it up in the seventh inning. Go-

ing into extra innings, both teams went without any runs in the eighth. Finally, in the ninth inning, Kelsey Gray, soph., Golden Colo., laid down a bunt that caused the other team to overthrow, allowing Erika Viehman, sr., Gunnison, Colo., to run home from second, winning the game for McPherson.

"I think we played really good, solid softball," Gustafson said. "The first game was hard because we were up the whole time and then lost, but there were few errors. We had good hitting and several home runs."

The Bulldogs will open this week's tournament against Morningside College, followed by Friday games against Mt. Mercy and Dakota State. Saturday's games will be against Mid-America Christian and Graceland University.

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Jilka joins brother as throwing coach

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As brothers, Ryan and Kyle Jilka have shared and supported each other through many endeavors, but now they will have to learn to support each other as coaches for the same team.

Ryan, the older of the two, has been coaching hurdles and relays for the track team for four years now. He has a twin brother named Adam and a younger brother named Kyle.

Kyle, the newest of the track coaches, has taken the job as the javelin, shot and discus throwing coach for the Bulldogs.

"I think he can bring a lot to the program and help these younger kids out," Ryan said of his brother Kyle.

Kyle graduated from Fort Hays State University last spring. He brings with him a lot of skills and experience. He took fourth in the nation for javelin last year.

"My brother was here and they needed a throwing coach," Kyle said about coming to McPherson.

The brothers grew up only three years apart and even played football together in high school.

When they're not coaching track, they could probably be found on the racquetball court playing an intense game against each other.

"We were very competitive growing up," Ryan



Ryan Jilka shows David Parry, fr., Morganville, how to take a hand off.

said. "We still are very competitive."

Being competitive as brothers doesn't always make things easier for the two coaches though.

"We differ on different things when it comes to coaching because of it," Kyle said.

On the other hand, being brothers and coaches at the same time does have its positives.

"We get along really well, so it's nice being able to work with him," Kyle said.

Both brothers are enthusiastic about Kyle taking the job and looking forward to coaching with each other.

"I enjoy coaching with him," Ryan said. "We're always on the same page about things."

Ryan and Kyle, as brothers and coaches, plan to help build the track and field program.

Kyle said he is looking forward to "getting the program started up again. Hopefully we can build the sprinters and throwers



Kyle Jilka shows Amanda Pangburn, jr., Albertville, Ala., the correct throwing method for the javelin.

together." The two brothers are teaming up with Joseph Eby, distance coach, and John Hudson, jumping

coach, in hopes of improving and building the Bulldog track and field program.

"I think we'll be all

right this year," Kyle said. "We're short number wise, we're doing our best recruiting wise and hopefully we can build it up."

Tennis gears up with full roster

JAMES TUTTLE
Spectator Staff

After a dismal season last spring, the Bulldog tennis hope to be competitive this year.

Last year, the women only won one dual. The men, on the other hand, did not win any. But with a full women's team and a revamped men's team, the Bulldogs should enjoy a much more successful season this year. The women have three returning players and three newcomers. Ashley Andrews, jr., Oklahoma City; Kelsey Buffo, jr. Valley Center; and Mallory Griggs, jr., Colorado Springs, all played and won several matches for the Bulldogs last season. They will be able to provide leadership for newcomers Alyssa Baldi, soph., Northglenn, Colo.; Ana Calderon, soph., Lone Tree, Colo.; and Haley Cook, soph., Centennial, Colo.

Last season, the team forfeited six matches because they lacked a full squad. A full team this season will enable the women to be competitive in all their duals.

"The girls are still going to struggle," said head coach Dan Leddy. Leddy believes the lack of experience that three of the women have and injuries will hold the team back initially, but they should be able to hit their stride soon.

The men's team will be returning their top two players from last season. Jordan Rothrock, jr.,



Mallory Griggs, jr., Colorado Springs, prepares for a backhand.

McPherson, and Nathan Clary, jr., McPherson, played in the two top positions last year. However, Hermo Benito, jr., Barcelona, Spain, may play the top position this season.

Clary and Rothrock played team tennis in England this last semester and Leddy said they have both improved. The men will also be returning Gary Yates, jr., Coffeyville. The team added three freshmen this year.

Kyle Toland, Edwardsville; Wade Patterson, Augusta; and Cody Compton, Colorado Springs, round out the squad.

Leddy said the men's team will be stronger this year, but "realistically" would not be competing

for the top position in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The results from the fall season were mixed for both the men and the women.

"There was a lot of inconsistency," Leddy said. Leddy said there has been "drastic improvement" this spring.

The Bulldogs will feel pressure from the beginning of the season. The Bulldogs will face a KCAC opponent, Southwestern College, in their first dual on March 31.

"Any time you play more matches, the better off you are," Leddy said.

This year, however, there are several fewer games scheduled.

Head basketball coaches experience tough first seasons

LETERIUS RAY
Spectator Staff

This basketball season was the first for both the men's head coach Tim Swartzendruber and the women's head coach Shelly Prescott.

"We got off to a good start," Swartzendruber said. "We played really well before Christmas. After Christmas, we weren't as consistent as we needed to be."

Prescott said her first season showed how much of a time commitment coaching is.

"We faced a lot of challenges, but had a great group of girls to experience it with," Prescott said.

Swartzendruber said his team's depth was an area of strength.

"We had a lot of games where a lot of guys came off the bench and gave us sparks," Swartzendruber said.

But an area for improvement is in free throw shooting. The team finished the season at 60 percent of free throws made.

"We struggled with free throw shooting all year," Swartzendruber said. "It cost us several games."

Prescott said the women's team would often back off its opponent.

"We didn't really respect ourselves when we were in a position to win," Prescott said. "It was like we didn't feel like we were supposed to win. So we would just back down."

In the men's first conference game on Dec. 4, versus Tabor, the Bulldogs defeated the Blue-



Shelly Prescott



Tim Swartzendruber

"Then we want to bring in recruits to make an immediate impact, learn from our mistakes and turn our weaknesses into strengths."

- Shelly Prescott

considered to be a highlight of the season.

"Everyone played well together," Prescott said. "They were ranked fourth in conference. It wasn't our best game, but we didn't let mistakes affect us. It was a good team win."

The women finished 3-21 and 1-17 in conference play, which placed them last in the KCAC. They ranked last in offense, scoring margin, free throw percentage, field goal percentage, three point field goal percentage, defensive field goal percentage and turnover margin. The Bulldogs led the KCAC in fouls averaging 22.2 a game.

The Lady Bulldogs are losing the lone senior Angelina Fiorenzi, Bishop, Texas. Fiorenzi ranked second in blocks and fourth in rebounds among KCAC players.

Prescott plans to add more defensive and offensive sets to her game plan next year.

"We need to develop the players that we have," Prescott said. "Then we want to bring in recruits to make an immediate impact, learn from our mistakes and turn our weaknesses into strengths."

Dining Services listens to students' suggestions for change

SHANNON WILLIAMS
Spectator Staff

Some changes in the cafeteria have already gone into effect after Student Services allowed students to write their ideas on the tables during lunch on Feb. 19.

"The Student Service committee wanted to put the paper on the tables and I thought it was a good idea because we're always looking for new ideas," said LeeAnn Young, food service manager.

Student Services covered tables with butcher paper and left a few packs of crayons on each table in the cafeteria.

"Just creating the method of putting butcher paper out instead of a formal survey made it more fun," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

The feedback received that day showed that the students thought it was a good idea also.

"I thought it was good to get the students' opinions of what they want in the cafeteria and I had fun expressing my ideas," said Jessica Arpin, soph., Salina.

There were around 220 positive suggestions for Young, Rothrock and



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Students get cereal and milk from the counter at it's new location. The tables were moved after student suggestions to create more space in the cafeteria.

Mark Jacobitz, head chef, to discuss.

"I met with our food service managers and we went over all the suggestions," Rothrock said. "I think you have seen 40 of them already put into place."

Changes in the cafeteria started going in to effect the very day the experiment took place. One of the responses said that it was too crowded and there were two less tables that night.

"We sat down and went through the list to see what we could do first," Young said. "The easy things we took action on right

away because we wanted to show (students) we are listening."

Since the search for new ideas the dining service has provided different kinds of chips, Daylight Donuts every Wednesday, fresh fruit two times a week, different kinds of meat, breakfast at dinner, and Parmesan cheese on the salad bar. They continue to make changes from the suggestions given..

"I like how they mix it up a lot more and how we have new things like the pasta bar and breakfast at dinner," Arpin said.

Cafeteria directors and Student Services are

working hard to meet the students' suggestions, but prices are also an issue with some of the suggestions.

"Fresh fruit was the biggest (suggestion) and unfortunately the most expensive, but we are committed to work on fresh cut fruit multiple times a week," Rothrock said.

Students still have a lot to look forward to in the cafeteria after providing their suggestions in such an enjoyable way.

"I do appreciate the comments the students gave us and I also really appreciated the artwork," Young said.

Spring enrollment, student retention up

SHANNON WILLIAMS
Spectator Staff

Enrollment continues to climb during the spring semester after bringing in 26 new students. Most students from the fall semester also returned.

"Retention was 91 percent of the fall students who did not graduate, which is very good, and there were fewer students graduating at semester," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

Not only is the number of returning students boosted from last year, but the spring enrollment is up from 29 students returning for spring semester last year.

Dave Barrett, director of admissions, believes the college is heading in

the right direction, though they haven't reached their goal.

"We want to have 200 new freshmen and transfers combined for fall of 2009," said Barrett. "Right now we're ahead of schedule as far as students that have made a commitment - overall we'd like to have 600 students on campus."

There are currently 465 full-time students on campus. It will take dedicated faculty, staff, coaches and even students to reach the goal of 600.

"We're really focusing on rural areas in Kansas, and we could always use more student referrals because the students reeling in credibility to what the paid advertising marketers are doing on the field," Barrett said.

Campus rooms searched

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
News Editor

Recently, there have been room searches in Dotzour and Metzler to look for prohibited substances.

These searches do not violate any student rights since the residence life staff can always request to see a student's room if there is probable cause that policies are being violated. Each of the students searched recently was warned after receiving a citation for alcohol or drugs.

"Part of the citation involves having their room checked," said Colleen Gustafson, resident director, Dotzour Hall.

These searches are visual, but if students have had

even one prior citation for alcohol, the students may be asked to open their fridges.

"They're random," Gustafson said. "The RD and RA team up and (search the room) while the resident is present."

A student's dorm room is "similar to a rental property," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. There has been a "dramatic reduction of sanctions from eight years ago," Rothrock said.

With only 46 sanctions this year for visitation, quiet hours and alcohol, the students are doing well.

"Consequences progress with multiple offenders," Rothrock said, but it's "very rare."

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arts major, the continued availability of licensure in many disciplines and the restoration of several faculty positions."

Hovis said work still needs to be done in reshaping budgets, personnel and course schedule changes.

co-curricular activities, energy management and other campus life areas.

"McPherson College has a good array of academic and co-curricular programs as well as good facilities to support a bright future," Hovis said. "It is now up to the mem-

bers of the community - faculty, staff and students - and other constituents of McPherson College to work together to deliver on these possibilities, to develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service."

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
News Editor

There are many benefits of public libraries when money is tight. Several newspapers such as the Salina Journal and The Hutchinson News have reported on how circulation and use of libraries has grown recently.

Miller Library is also a good place to go for entertainment during the recession. Susan Taylor, college librarian, believes Miller Library is beneficial to students as public library, with "a wide variety of resources in print and online" and "study and gathering places."

There is a selection of feature films, which can be checked out for five days and current maga-

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ways be solved right away. In this case, it's my responsibility to give feedback to the students in a positive manner and with full details."

SGA Budget

- Spring '09 budget \$48,415.00
- Internet Upgrade \$13,000.00
- Spectator \$8,154.00
- SAB Salaries \$2,500.00
- SGA Salaries \$2,750.00
- XM Satellite Radios \$305.23
- Money for clubs \$21,705.77

zines that can be checked out for one day. Taylor also mentioned "what we call the rotating book collection," which comes from another library.



Photo by Erica Shook

Students utilize the computers and tables located in Miller Library.

"Every two months we get a new set of books," Taylor said.

There is always a puzzle out on a table by the magazine racks for anybody to work on and coffee available. For those who want a comfortable place to watch a movie away from their dorm room, sign up times are available for the viewing room, which is located in

Professor proposes to reduce cost of textbooks

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

Students bank accounts are gathering dust, while the cost of tuition and living is going up.

Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication, has been working on a proposal to help students keep some money in their pockets.

"Kim Stanley spearheaded a proposal that would decrease the cost of textbooks," said Becki Bowman, assistant professor of communication. "The idea behind this is that with the plan of sustainability the Board of Trustees proposed, some of the proposed items will affect students greatly increased fees, increased tuition. And the idea behind the proposal was to find a way to help decrease costs for students."

Stanley said, "Our goal is to reduce the cost by at least half."

The proposal gives eight suggestions for professors to consider when ordering books for classes. These suggestions are setting individual cost limits for texts for each course, using popular texts rather

than books published as texts, using paperbacks rather than hardbacks, using previous editions, requiring fewer texts per course, replacing texts with lectures, printouts, etc., sending students book information early enough for them to ordering the book online and order books that could work for two or three courses in a major.

"She's proposing that we don't use texts if we're not going to have students read at least half of the book," Bowman said.

Stanley said several teachers including Tom Haliburton, adjunct instructor; Rod Gieselman, assistant professor of business; Jenni Richardson, assistant professor of business; and Bowman, already put into action ways to decrease costs prior to Stanley's proposal.

"For me, I try to keep it under \$50 for each class," Stanley said. "I'd like for us (faculty) to make some kind of clear commitment to try to cut the costs.

Stanley would really like for professors to put this into effect as early as next fall.

Miller Library provides entertainment materials

the basement.

"I love the viewing room for watching movies," said Jenni Birdsall, soph., Lansing. "It's quiet, the furniture is fantastic and it allows for privacy. And privacy is the Coach purse of college - it's higher living."

Students protest for faculty plan

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief

Students silently protested the Board of Trustees meeting outside Siek Dining Room in the Student Union in support of the faculty on March 6.

"We're just wanting to give students their voices back," said Elizabeth Krehbiel, sr., McPherson, on March 6, "but also supporting the faculty plan and keeping programs that the school needs to remain a liberal arts college, as well as staying true to the identity and the reason this college was founded."

Krehbiel organized the protest and sat outside Siek from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with three other students. Nearly 40 others came and went during that five-hour time frame. Protesters made signs and received approximately 180 signatures from other students in the faculty's support. Following the five-hour sit-in, several students also visited with trustees.

"I think it's really important that as a student at McPherson College, I participate in the opportunities that we have to

voice our opinions," said Melisa Grandison, soph., Quinter. "I also think that it's really important that as a student with a strong opinion about supporting our faculty that I be here to show support of the faculty and the faculty plan and this is a good way to do that."

Grandison was one of the four students who sat all five hours.

Krehbiel said she chose a silent protest out of respect for the board.

"We want to be respectful of the board in realizing that they do have some tough decisions to make," Krehbiel said, "but I think a silent protest from students showing their voices through the posters, through their presence here, just being here, I think that says more than a bunch of students getting all up in arms. So being granted a small time frame with them just furthers that cause and ability."

Craig Little, board chair, said the student protest didn't bother him, only showed support of the faculty.

"That's what students are supposed to do," Little said. "I had the same

kind of relationships when I was a kid. I don't think you go to very many schools and have that kind of continuing, long-term relationship that you have here and I understand that."

Little said the board listened, questioned and debated faculty proposals on March 6 to come to a final decision.

"We don't want to impoverish the place," Little said. "That's not what the point is, but at the same time, we think we need to make changes that are substantive, that we've got a long-term chance to be here, that we'll be here in 10 years or 20 years or 30 years. We're very impressed with the amount of effort and the content of the faculty plan and I think we're going to find a lot of common ground."

Little urged students to be advocates and stay involved, even after college.

"The students, they're not against, they're for," Little said. "They were for things. That's what we want. We want to be for things. We want to be pro things. That's where things get better, when you're for things."