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NEWS BRIEFS

Blood drive scheduled

Tuesday, April 20 will be Red Cross blood donation day in the small gym in the sports center.

Masquerade planned

The Behavioral Sciences Club sponsors a masquerade party to be held on Wednesday, April 21, from 9-12 p.m. in the basement of Hoffman Student Union. Attire is semi-formal and wearing masks is encouraged. However there is no required dress code. Admission is free and drinks and light snacks will be provided.

NCRA sponsors scholarship

All students with a senior classification for the 2010-11 academic year are eligible to apply for the NCRA Leadership Scholarship. There are two \$1,500 scholarships awarded and the deadline for applications is April 26. Students interested in applying should complete a scholarship application located on the Web at <http://www.mcpherson.edu/admissions/scholarship.pp>.

Former alum to speak at lecture

The Harter Lecture has been scheduled for Thursday, April 29 at noon at the Cedars Conference Center. The featured speaker is 1963 graduate Harry Stine. He is the founder of Stine Seed Company located in Adel, Iowa. There is no charge, but seating is limited. RSVP to Deb Wagoner.

Get tickets for concert

Greg Laswell will perform at the McPherson Opera House Wednesday, May 12 at 8 p.m. This is a college event. See LaMonte Rothrock or Karen Caylor for tickets. The first 100 tickets are being sold for \$5. After that tickets will be \$15.

Sign-up for blowout next week

Campus blowout will be held Friday, May 14. Sign-up for teams of six begins next week.

Race for living space

Committee presents plan for new residential facilities to the Board of Trustees

SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

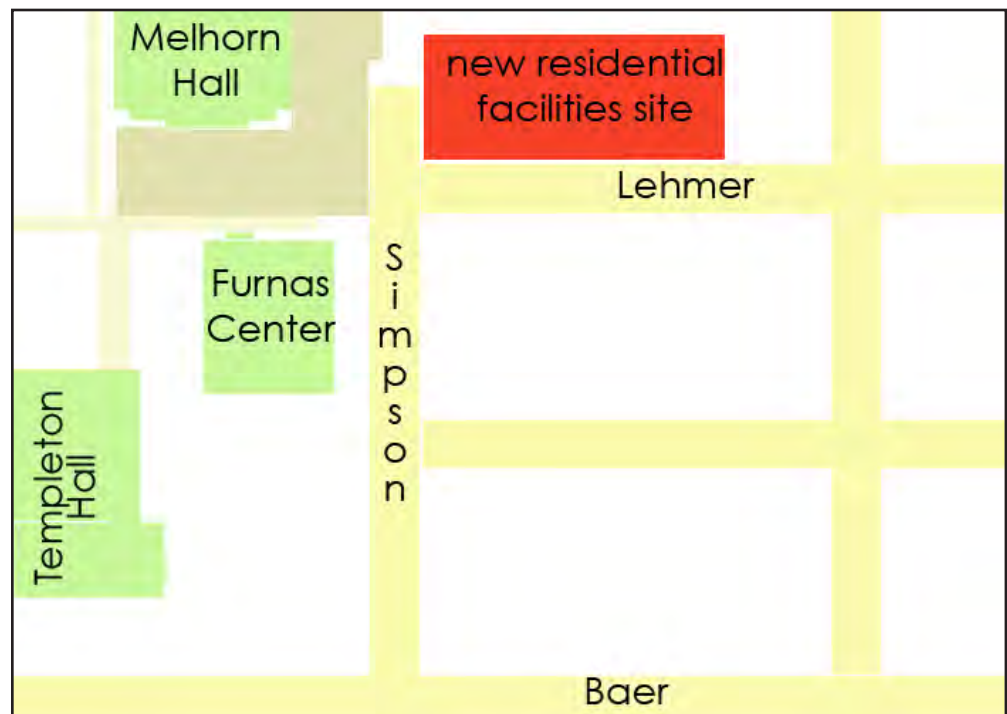
The Board of Trustees approved that President Michael Schneider be in charge of moving forward with the planning and designing of new residential facilities with hopes to be ready for residents at the beginning of fall semester.

The residential facilities, however, will not include the building of a new dormitory. Instead the Board of Trustees approved for the building of apartment-style resident housing. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, is a part of the planning committee in

charge of the apartments.

"Trustees asked that we put together a small group that included a handful of trustees to hammer out the design, layout, location and answer several questions," Rothrock said. "The questions they wanted answered are safety issues, location and material usage, in terms of environmentally sound materials."

The apartments will be located on the corner of Simpson and Lehmer and while the design and layout of the apartments have not been approved yet, the committee has already received permission from the board to demolish the



If the new residential facilities are approved by the board they will be located on the corner of Lehmer and Simpson. The committee designs on taking the plans to the Board of Trustees in the next week.

buildings currently there and begin leveling the land at the end of the month. If

the apartments are built, the plan is that green space will also be added to con-

nect that block to the campus. Please see Service, page 8

NELSON LEAVES McPHERSON COLLEGE

Takes job in memory of daughter

JILLIAN OVERSTAKE
Copy Editor

Sally Nelson's eyes light up when she speaks of her daughter Kristin.

"I found her English notebook in her backpack," Nelson said. "She had an assignment to write on contrast. Kristin wrote on life, how it's something precious and special and not to be taken for granted."

When Nelson, director of alumni development, found this paper in her daughter's notebook, Kristin had been dead for three weeks. She was hit by a driver under the influence of drugs while on her way to track practice surrounded by people, including her coach. Kristin was kept on life support for three days before declared brain dead. It was then that Kristin's parents made the decision to donate her organs.

"It was a miracle that her organs were healthy enough to donate after the accident," Nelson said. But they were - and Kristin helped saved four people's lives, including that of a thirteen-month-old girl. With help from LifeSource, an organ procurement organiza-



Courtesy Photo

Sally Nelson, former director of alumni development, says farewell to the college at a reception held in her honor. Nelson served as director for four years.

tion that serves the upper Midwest including the state of Minnesota, where Kristin died, her organs were given to those in need.

Nelson, who has been at McPherson for six years, recently took position with LifeSource as a donor family advocate. She will work with families of loved ones post-donation to help provide support and programming. Nelson will lead them to grief counseling, hand out materials or just provide a much-needed listening ear.

As well as providing counseling for families, Nelson can also contact

centers or hospitals and report the health of newly transplanted recipients to donor families and, if both parties consent, arrange meetings between the donor's family and recipients.

Nelson said there are similarities between her position at McPherson and the one she will be taking at LifeSource.

"I will still coordinate events, this time with donor families, in order to help through a kind of healing remembrance," she said. "My new job will be events, support, writing newsletters, helping and sharing. I feel my time at McPherson has helped me prepare for this."

As a direct relation to a donor, Nelson has the opportunity to create a

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78.4%
of 100 people surveyed said they have indicated they are organ donors on their drivers licenses

Event to benefit Haiti

Two seniors plan benefit concert to collect money for water

CARLEY SHARP
Staff Writer

Nothing to do in McPherson this weekend? Complain no more. A benefit concert will be on campus this Saturday. Admission? Only \$1.

A concert fundraiser for Haiti will be held in Mingenback at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday, April 17. Seniors Kimberli Roquemore, Hinton, Okla., and Jillian Overstake, Fort Scott, are in charge of the event.

"This is a good cause," Roquemore said. "And it's important to help others when we are so blessed with the essential things to survive, like water and shelter, while Haitians are struggling to find these things."

The benefit concert will include musicians from the school and community. "We have a rap group, an alternative band, a talented female vocalist and our own Tom Hurst on jazz piano," Overstake said.

This night of entertainment expands on two of the college's score values-participation and service. By attending this concert and donating money to the cause, those in need will be provided with fresh water. The organization HaitiWater "can provide 15,000 people per day with clean fresh water for only \$100," according to

Overstake.

Donations from the concert fundraiser will go towards a fund to provide clean water to the people of earthquake devastated Haiti. "The event will provide money for tanker trucks to deliver clean water from water pumps not damaged by the earthquake to water storage tanks still standing and intact," Hurst said. "People will then obtain water for their daily needs from these storage tanks."

Funds will also be used

to purchase chlorinators. These provide reliable water protection with no electricity needed. The chlorine tablets may be stored in difficult conditions and are safe to handle. No other equipment is needed as the chlorinators operate on the water's natural gravitational flow.

Establishing these means to provide water for Haiti will last long. Local citizens will be trained on how to sustain the system. Water boards will make monthly checks to ensure that the system is working properly. The whole process will teach the people of Haiti the value of clean water.

"There will be refreshments, good music, and a way to contribute to something bigger than ourselves," said Roquemore.

LEAD EDITORIAL

One little check could save the lives of many, it only takes a second

Could taking the time to fill out a very short form while getting your license renewed save the life of many?

It could affect someone you know.

It could affect someone in your family. It could even have an affect on your own life someday. Even if it affects someone you don't know, does it matter? Someone's life is at risk and you could be his or her saving grace.

Each day 77 people receive organ transplants and 19 people die because there are not enough organs to perform each transplant needed.

Currently, there are 106,759 candidates waiting on the organ transplant list. As organs are going to waste, people are left to suffer when something as simple as organ donation could save their lives.

Although there have been advances in medicine and donations, the demand for organ, eye and tissue donation still exceeds the number of donors, says DonateLifeAmerica.net.

Every 11 minutes another name is added to the national organ transplant waiting list. According to research by Donate Life America, 98% of adults have heard about organ donation and 86% have heard of tissue donation. Also, 90% of Americans say they support donation but only 30% know the steps it takes to be a donor.

You don't have to donate organs when you are alive. When you designate your decision on your driver's license you allow your organs to be donated if you were to pass away. Instead of letting your organs go to waste, you could save the life of another person.

We feel that this issue is something to be taken into hard consideration. It's a selfless act that doesn't affect your physical well-being while still on this earth.

If you wish to make this change in someone's life you can do one of four things.

- Register with your state donor registry by visiting www.organdonor.gov/donor/registry.shtm.
- Designate your decision next time you get your license renewed.
- Sign a donor card.
- Talk with your family about your decision and the impact it can make on a person and their family's life.

Seventy-eight percent of 100 students polled on campus say they are organ donors. If you're not sure, check. If you're not, become one.

ISSUE 1:
Organ Donation
OUR POSITION:
Check the box, save a life

Not Necessarily Ordinary



Thesis topic sparks interest in student's opinion about global awareness

THINK OUT LOUD



Ashley Andrews

When I was just an itty-bitty freshman, I did not know what I wanted to study. I had an idea of the things I liked, though. I knew I loved the theatre and that I probably wanted to study theatre.

My parents always encouraged me to do the things I like but when I told them I wanted to be a theatre major they were hesitant. My dad suggested that I add another major because theatre might not have such a promising... paycheck.

It was with that suggestion that I started searching for the other major. Suddenly, I found what I was looking for.

After taking Becki Bowman's, associate professor of communication, introduction to human communication class, I realized that this area of study was my calling.

Three years later, I am in my senior year. Tuesday night I finished the rough draft of my senior thesis paper. The topic: a literature review on the importance of teaching intercultural communication competence in the classroom. The meaning of my topic: it is important to teach students about different cultures in the classroom.

I read through hundreds of research and information for my topic and immediately knew that this topic fit me. Why is it important to teach students about other cultures and how other cultures live?

A perfect example I found in my research was a study done on teaching foreign students who want to travel to the United States slang English. When I say "slang," I don't mean "What's up, yo?" I mean phrases like

"hit the sack" or "pardon my French". I'm not really going to hit a sack and I'm not really speaking French. Foreign students don't understand these concepts when they study abroad because classes don't prepare them for the differences in proper English and slang English. The paper describes a situation where a Japanese student studying abroad in the U.S. was killed because he was unable to understand the meaning of the exclamation: "Freeze!" A policeman was trying to get the student to stop what he was doing and the student didn't understand that freeze, in this context, did not mean to be cool or frozen solid, but to stop or stand still. This misunderstanding led to this student's death.

Could a school teaching a pre-study abroad class about English slang and culture have prevented this? Sure.

Could this situation easily happen to an American student studying abroad? Absolutely.

Another reason why including intercultural communication should be included in curriculum is the fact that yes we are Americans but America consists of hundreds of thousands of cultures.

We aren't all descendants of America. Come on. American Indians, yes. All of us? No.

We as a country should want to make other nations feel at home and accepted here. It doesn't do a lot for our reputation when we go over to France for a vacation and we complain that they aren't speaking English.

They aren't speaking English because they speak French in France... obviously. Well, you would think Americans could grasp that concept but, sadly, I know someone who feels that exact way about other countries.

I don't know about the rest of the world, but this bothers me. It's no wonder a lot of foreign countries think that Americans are just "stupid Americans" and that's our excuse.

Are we as a nation really okay with that?

Why not teach our student's about cultural aptitude and to encourage a love of diversity and a love of learning about different cultures?

This topic has completely encompassed my interest and I am going to continue this area of study in graduate school.

Once again, thank you McPherson College for helping me find my passion and a track for my future.

Without you, I would probably be a starving actor living in a big city waiting tables for a paycheck until my big break. But now, I'm going to be a starving actor/graduate student with a passion for intercultural communication working my way through school waiting tables for my paycheck. Yes!

CHEW ON THIS

"Humor brings insight and tolerance. Irony brings a deeper and less friendly understanding."

-Agnes Repplier

"Humor is just another defense against the universe."

-Mel Brooks

"A sense of humor... is needed armor. Joy in one's heart and some laughter on one's lips is a sign that the person down deep has a pretty good grasp of life."

-Hugh Sidey

"Common sense and a sense of humor are the same thing, moving at different speeds. A sense of humor is just common sense, dancing."

-William James

"Humor is perhaps a sense of intellectual perspective: an awareness that some things are really important, others not; and that the two kinds are most oddly jumbled in everyday affairs."

-Christopher Morley

"Humor is richly rewarding to the person who employs it. It has some value in gaining and holding attention, but it has no persuasive value at all."

-John Kenneth Galbraith

"Nothing is so galling to a people not broken in from the birth as a paternal, or in other words a meddling government, a government which tells them what to read and say and eat and drink and wear."

-Thomas W. Higginson

"This I conceive to be the chemical function of humor: to change the character of our thought."

-Lin Yutang

Good Dog

April: We have one month of hard work and then it's off to the finish line.

Lakeside Park: Take a break and enjoy the fresh air.

Teamwork: Working with others is a good skill to learn for the professional world.

Bad Dog

Crime: Don't take things that don't belong to you. We learned that in preschool.

Tests: Can't live with them, wish we could live without them.

Disrespect: You won't gain respect if you keep on doing it to others.

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Xalapa, México: Life in another country changes student's perspective of "home"

SHOUT IT OUT!

When I first came to Mexico, I had a mission. Sixteen credits in Spanish, a grasp on the language and five months of immersion in the local culture.

After two weeks of backpacking the Yucatán, interacting in multiple different Mayan cultures and scaling the Mexican jungle, I am rethinking my position.

Mira Coulter, sr., Wakita, Okla., and I, along with a mutual BCA friend of ours, traveled the Yucatan Peninsula for spring break. In one week, we traveled a 23-hour bus ride to Cancún, boated to Isla Mujeres, and then bussed to Playa del Carmen, Chichen Itza, Mérida, Campeche, Ciudad del Carmen and Villahermosa.

In addition to cramming as many historical events in our schedule as possible in each city, we also made time for visited archeological Mayan Ruins such as Tulum and Edzná. With each city came a new experience and new challenge.

With only a backpack of clothes, necessary documentation, tickets, emergency numbers and my "Lonely Planet Guide," we boarded the first bus. We spent our first three

FAR AND AWAY



Melisa Grandison

days at beaches in some of Mexico's most tourist areas including Cancún, Playa del Carmen, and Isla Mujeres. They were beautiful. People from all over the world lined the new modern style streets speaking their respective languages. To our dismay, we used little Spanish as we made our way through the cities.

During the second half of our trip, we traveled to Mérida, Campeche, Ciudad del Carmen and Villa Hermosa.

Here we visited México's cultural sites such as La Venta, Mérida Archives and other city museums of archeology.

This portion of the trip provided in-person experiences with the differ-

ent cultural components taught in some of our classes.

I am proud to say we never missed a bus, had an unfortunate taxicab ride or suffered violence of any kind. It was a safe and busy week. After its completion, we reunited with the rest of the BCA group in San Cristobal de Las Casas.

During the week we toured the city, visited a local church, rode horses through the mountains, swam in Aguas Azules, visited Palenque Historical Mayan ruins and scaled the Mexican jungle. We visited the center for one of the top human rights organizations in Latin America. We learned about the history of turmoil and Zapatista revolution over the last 20 years. We learned ways to help and support the organization including possible summer internship opportunities that do not require university support.

My two weeks spent traveling started out as a tourist's dream.

When planning, I was eager to visit seven of Mexico's most highly recommended tourist areas. However, as I trekked the Yucatan, I learned three

very important and unexpected lessons.

Number one: I am ruined as a tourist in Mexico. Number two: reverse culture shock is difficult. Number three: the United States no longer feels like my home.

Our Mexican families raved about Cancún and Isla Mujeres in the weeks leading up to break. As I spent time here, I was annoyed with the areas for their lack of "real culture" but by the time we left, I had come to respect these areas for what they provided. These areas are essential to Mexico in their own way.

Finally, I realized that the United States is no longer my home. I backpacked the Yucatan beginning as a tourist soaking in every new sight and sound and participating in each new cultural event. As my tourist façade slowly wore off, I realized that learning about new cultures and its peoples is exactly what I dream about doing for the rest of my life.

Most of the discomfort I feel when living in the United States stems from my perceived lack of cultural learning opportunities. Now, in another country finally working

with other people and learning about their histories, I am speaking with people who are passionate about a long needed social change. I support their struggle. This cultural experience shows me that, although important, my class work is perhaps the smallest part of my cultural growth.

In two short weeks, I learned life changing and emotion evoking lessons about the struggles, histories and cultures of the peoples in Mexico; far more meaningful than 14 years of studying history in the United States. Now, I walk with a better sense of my time spent here and I believe this study abroad experience is another steering tool in my life. It is not about a classroom. It is about life, one to which I finally feel connected.

Perhaps I will never again be a tourist, but I will grow to become a student of other cultures. It has always been hard for me to remain static and this experience is helping me to learn why. There are many cultures to learn and peoples to support. I am meant to work for social change, adaptation and diversity, and I have found a place to do so.

Popular television show encourages excitement in student's performance in upcoming musical revue

Last fall, I got my nerdy theatre fix from a show I'd caught the trailer for on accident. I didn't even mean to get addicted, but "Glee" sucked me in. The Fox show is about high school kids in a glee club - that is, a singing and dancing troupe of sorts - that encounter all of the high school drama and then some. When the show was put on hiatus to make room for "American Idol," I was sore. I wanted my big musical numbers and covers of pop songs. I craved the nerdy kid drama and the over-the-top numbers.

When Jd. Bowman, as-

JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

stant professor of theatre, asked me to try out for the musical revue, I couldn't say no, especially after watching "Glee." I got a role, and practices

started a few weeks ago. I'm so excited for the show, and for "Glee" because it started its second season on Tuesday. I gathered on the couch with my mom and dad and kicked my feet like a third-grader on Christmas Eve. I was psyched!

I love "Glee" - the way the show addresses social problems like teen pregnancy and gay rights just tickles my fancy because every problem presents a song. If only it were socially acceptable to sing your problems to someone.

I definitely have a soundtrack in my head playing

when I see people or face conflicts in my life.

I feel privileged to be a part of the upcoming musical revue, "Notes from Broadway," because I get the chance to do just that. Although I don't play myself in the show, my solo and group numbers are a chance to shine and sing my emotions. I might be a theatre nerd. I certainly was in high school.

When I was a senior I landed the title role in "Hello Dolly!" and was terrified and excited. I never thought that I'd be in any productions in college because the talent would surely outshine

me. Fortunately, I go to a small school like McPherson College and am able to perform right alongside those talented people. In a big school, I probably wouldn't have been considered for a role at all. My enthusiasm will hopefully show through on opening night.

This is it, my last shebang - the only musical performance of my college career. This is the one that counts.

It might not be as grand as "Glee," but I will surely pretend while I'm on stage that the spotlights are just as bright in my life as they are on TV.

On the Fly

What's your favorite television show?



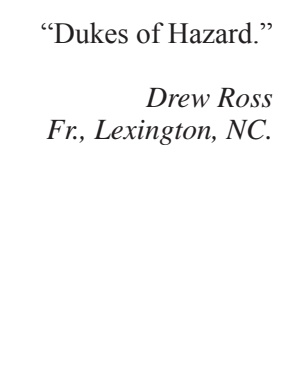
"Ultimate Bonzuke."
Eli Neher
Sr., Kansas City



"Robot Chicken."
Dan Eells
Sr., McPherson



"It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia."
Tecie Turner
Jr., Scott City



"Dukes of Hazard."
Drew Ross
Fr., Lexington, NC.



"Peep Show."
Nick Mahaut
Sr., San Rafael, Calif.



"The Venture Brothers."
Zach Dowling
Sr., Lakewood, Wash.



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

What are the black balls on sticks outside of Metzler? I'm scared of them.

I can't hear the lecture during class because the mowers are too loud.

People should be more honest with each other when they suck at something. They need to know they suck. Period.

My musk is strawberries and glitter.

Thanks to the ballet and ballroom class I can successfully say that I would beat Kate Gosselin in Dancing with the Stars.

Don't stick that there.

If a baby squirrel fell out of a tree, what would you do?

It's summer time, bring out the shorts. Except for you.

I prefer the no pants dance and the floppy dance.

Walk through Friendship Hall. There's some really great stuff in there.

You would think that with all of my time in college I would learn what self-monitoring means. I haven't.

Applesauce and dry noodles. Yum.

I wish the panini maker was out at lunch everyday. Hot turkey and cheese sandwiches are awesome.

There's no crying in baseball or the dorms.

GYT. You could save yourself a lot of trouble and medical bills.

I speak three languages: English, Spanish and Helen Keller.

You who cannot be named are a soul stealer. QUIT IT!



Kendall Critchfield

Above: C.A.R.S. Club gathers at the Peter Mullins Museum. Below: The Mercedes-Benz Classic Center greets Mac's Auto Rats.

C.A.R.S. Club takes spring break trip

SARA POWELL
ASHLEY DAMERON
Spectator Staff

McPherson College's C.A.R.S. Club headed out for spring break on Saturday, March 27, to the sunny state of California.

The students visited the Peterson Museum, Wally Parks NHRA Museum, the Peter Mullins Museum, Bruce Myers Collection, Nethercutt Collection, as well as Jay Leno's car collection, and a taping of "The Tonight Show."

The students say it was a worthwhile trip.

"I definitely got a sense of the professionalism in the industry. Not very many people understand the caliber of work that goes into these cars, or realize how big of an industry car collecting really is," said Casey Maxon, fr., Lawrence.

The trip was headed by Chris Paulson, project manager, instructor, and C.A.R.S. Club adviser. A total of twenty-six auto

restoration students traveled on the trip along with three chaperones.

"The experience of looking at something we all care about, cars, was the best part of the trip," said Taylor Adams, fr., Ashland, VA.

"Having the ability to walk through Bruce Myers' collection was my favorite part of the trip. Most people who live in Beverly Hills are only allowed a two-car garage, but Myers has a twenty-car garage. It was just incredible to see some of the nicest cars around the world," said Tim Braginton, sr., Winemucca, Nev. "It was total car overload."

Cody Taylor fr., Springfield, Iowa, said, "It was once in a lifetime experience and I knew I couldn't pass it up. I am happy that I am part of the CARS Club so I could go."

"I went because I like to learn new things, and as a member of C.A.R.S. Club I got this opportunity to go," said Kelsie Patrick,



jr., Elizabeth, Colo.

Eric Wasson, fr., Mount Airy, MD, said "Seeing rare cars and knowing that it would be an experience that I would remember for the rest of my life was the reason why I choose to travel with McPherson to California. The most memorable thing was being with friends and sharing this opportunity with them."

Other than looking at cars, many students had the opportunity to do some networking. Braginton received an internship with Randy Ema restoring some of the cars for Jay Leno's collections. Several others were interviewed for other internships as well.

The C.A.R.S. Club went to California on the adventure of a lifetime to see the country's most unique cars. The club was there for a week, yet many students say it was not long enough.

'Notes from Broadway' to hit the stage

STEPHANIE POLAND
Spectator Staff

The end of the year is approaching rather quickly, and so is the last production from the performing arts department. This year's final production is "Notes from Broadway," by Jd. Bowman, Rick Tyler and James Keith. The production will keep the audience's attention with 35 different songs from 20 different musicals from the past 10 years. The audience will be set out on an adventure with a few musical numbers from shows like "South Pacific," "Wicked," "Hairspray," "Hair," and Pulitzer Prize winner "Next to Normal."

There are no main characters in this production, rather there are company numbers that will be brought together from Broadway musicals. "Next to Normal" is a musical about a family that is trying to take care of themselves and each other. "South Pacific" takes place in the time of WWII. "Wicked" is a behind the scenes story from the "Wizard of Oz" which tells the Wicked Witch's side of the legend. "Hairspray" shows how you don't have to fit in to succeed. "Hair" is an American Tribal 70's musical about love and rock.

The musicals collected contain many different genres and settings, which will mesmerize the audience from beginning to end. Throughout the en-

tire performance, there will be dancing, singing and amazing talent.

Melanie Grosbach, soph., Kansas City, is very excited for this production. "I think that the show will be fun, I get to learn new dance moves and new songs."

Melanie's partner for many of the larger company numbers, Robbie Tobias, sr., Conrad, Iowa, said "My favorite part about "Notes from Broadway" is that I get to sing a boy band song, I have always wanted to sing in a band."

Another member of the production is senior Rebecca Grosbach, Enders, Neb., who was in a similar production her freshmen year called "Broadway Review." In "Notes from

Broadway," Rebecca is in 12 different musical numbers her favorite being "A Silly Symphony," which is a collection of Disney non-sense word songs. Although this is her favorite song, she also says that it is her hardest piece.

"Notes from Broadway" is directed by Jd. Bowman with student director Kelsie Patrick jr., Elizabeth Colo., along with music director James Keith. Come enjoy the amazing talent from the performing arts department on Thursday, May 6, Friday, May 7 or Saturday, May 8.

Adult tickets are \$5 and students and senior citizens are \$3.50. Bring your McPherson I.D. and admission is free. The curtains open at 7:30pm.

How to... Pull an awesome prank

JACOB NELSON

This is college, it's time to work on prank pulling skills. Pulling off awesome pranks involves a little bit of planning and originality, but it's totally worth it when a prank reaches legendary status.

a good prank, so choose wisely and expect retaliation. Anticipate someone figuring out that you pulled that prank. Don't do something so bad that it's regretful. Remember to not make enemies here, just have fun.

roping doors together and so on. The best pranks though haven't been thought of yet. Originality and creativity is key. Come up with a prank that no one has ever pulled. This will yield an awesome prank for sure.

ever, the best time to pull a prank is when the victim won't be there. The key is not to get caught while doing the prank. That would be an instant failure. It is also wise to leave enough time to complete the prank.

Sometimes McPherson can be boring. Spice it up with a good, original and creative prank. Everybody loves an awesome prank.

1 Choose a victim. It could be a single person or the entire student body. Keep in mind that not everyone appreciates

2 Come up with a great prank. There are a lot of classic college pranks, such as numbered pigs.

3 It's not surprising that pranks are often done at night. Sometimes, how-

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN OF STUDENTS
KAREN CAYLOR

TAYLOR ADAMS



Q Where are you from?

A I was born and raised on a ranch outside of Kit Carson, Colo.

Q Did you graduate from McPherson?

A I did not.

Q How did you come to Mac?

A The college actually found me. I did not apply for this position—I was recommended for it. I was interviewed and got the job. Before I moved to Kansas I was a paramedic. When I moved here I worked as a paralegal for 10 years until I was recommended for this position.

Q Tell me about your position at the college.

A I have dual roles. I am the administrative assistant to the dean of students and the SAB adviser. Both offer tremendous student interaction and require a lot of involvement both on and off campus.

Q Have you held any other positions here at the school?

A I was also the assistant to the athletic director for four years.

Q Describe a normal day at the office.

A There are a lot of interruptions and it can be very random.

Everyone in student services has had great training to be prepared to handle any type of situation that may arise in any moment. Student needs are different every day and life happens, but I love helping students and meeting their needs. It's what we do. Being very adaptive is key.

Q What is it like working with Dean Rothrock?

A Wow. We work great together and I am fortunate that our strengths complement each other. There is never a dull moment. He's a great team leader. He is supportive, inclusive, understanding, fair and driven. He is always looking out for the best interest of the student and anyone would be lucky to work with him.

Q What changes have you seen in the college in your time here?

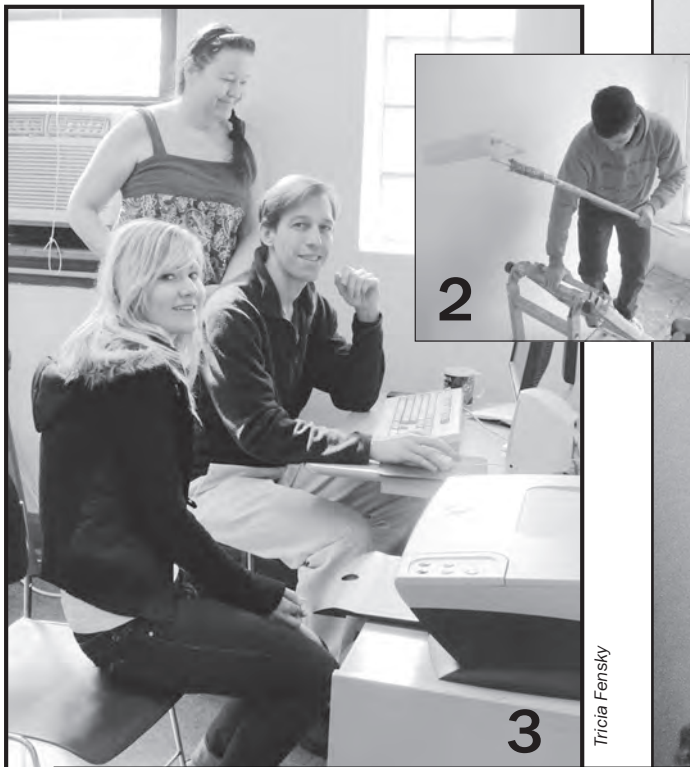
A Every year that enrollment increases it brings change to the college.

Q What improvements would you like to see occur?

A I am 100 percent supportive of providing additional on-campus housing. It would be great to see a new interactive student life center with a swimming pool, rock climbing, fitness center and an indoor



Courtesy Photos



Tricia Fensky



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Sara Powell

1. Sara Powell fr., Mechanicsville, Va. and Lane Allison, soph., Greensburg, paint the outside of a home. 2. Allison paints the inside of a room. 3. Tricia Fensky works with 'Trees for Life' an organization in Wichita over spring break. 4. Ashley Noll, sr., Atchison, Shane Netherton vice president for finance and a member of the construction team work to repair the outside of a locals' home. 5. Kelsi Sowers, jr., El Dorado and Noll gutt a basement.

Stories of spring break service

Rebuilding the future: students spend spring break reconstructing homes struck by Hurricane Ike

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

Noll, sr., Atchison. While rebuilding homes is an unusual spring break trip it is one that the students seem to have enjoyed.

"I really enjoyed getting to know my group on a more personal level, as well as getting to know the family we were able to help out," said Sara Powell, fr., Mechanicsville, Va.

Jessy Wisdom, jr., Salina, said "My favorite experience was visiting the Indiana State Dunes. We went around sunset, and it was an amazing experience to share with the people on the trip."

Volunteers didn't just work on strangers houses but got the opportunity to work alongside the homeowners and get to know them on a personal level.

"My favorite experience was meeting the owner of the house my particular group worked on: Tammy. She was truly one of the nicest people I have ever met and was very grateful for what we were doing. She touched all of us with her story and how she couldn't wait to get into her house. The week was full of joy and blessings and I wouldn't change a minute of it." Kristen Gustafson, soph., Overland Park.

The staff who went to Hammond also enjoyed their break. "I'm not a professor when I'm there" said

Jonathan Frye, associate professor of natural science. "It's just a few people working together to dry wall a building during the day and then playing games and such at night."

Susan Barton, volleyball coach, was quick to echo Frye's comment.

"I definitely want to do it again," Barton said. "This was a great opportunity for me. It was hard work and we were so tired every evening, but it was so rewarding. I feel very blessed to have had this opportunity."

"I coach here at the college and I don't always get opportunities to meet young people who do not play sports," Barton said. "This was a terrific opportunity to meet some of those kids. I feel like I really got to know people that I never would have if I had not gone on this trip. Getting to know Tom Hurst, Shane and Jennifer Netherton, Anna Ruxlow and Dr. Frye in a different light was very refreshing as well."

Sarah Taylor, fr., Vvalley Center echoed this sentiment "One of the best parts was having the opportunity to travel and live with my peers and some professors and staff at the college for a week. There were some people on the trip that I had never met before and probably wouldn't have if we hadn't gone on the trip together. Making new friends and strengthening the

already existing friendships is something that I am very grateful for."

This is the second trip McPherson College has taken with Brethren Disaster Ministries. The first trip was several years ago to the state of Mississippi to help rebuild homes that had been damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

"I would do it again in a heartbeat," said Stephanie Johannes, jr., Salina. "Giving my time to someone that was so appreciate and in need was the greatest feeling."

Hurst and Frye are already collaborating on a similar trip for next spring, however the Brethren Disaster Ministries is run so efficiently that they're not sure if they'll get a spot. Dr. Frye explained that while spring break 2011 is still a year away, another organization has already signed up to volunteer their time. Hopefully a spot will open up, allowing another group of McPherson College students to experience this rewarding week of work and service.

"I have been already been through training to be an on-site director," said Dr. Frye "I plan to work for a month during the 2011 summer as a coordinator of several groups. What's so great about this program is that it's a way for people to put their faith into action."

My service experience

A letter from a service-oriented student

TRICIA FENSKY
Spectator Staff

I have been wanting to volunteer or do mission service for a while and since the trip that Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries, was taking to Indiana was full, he directed me to "Trees for Life" in Wichita.

"Trees for Life" started in the 1980s with the planting of fruit trees in India. Their emphasis is on creating awareness, training people to plant and take care of trees and providing them with the resources needed to do that. It has expanded from just planting trees to projects such as improving educational facilities, bee-keeping and water conservation.

They hold book drives in several countries for kids who aren't fortunate enough to have reading materials. They believe that if children can have a better education it will help the future generations.

Education is a major part of their organization. When I got there they were working on creating PowerPoint education games for kids.

On Wednesday, Balbir, the founder of "Trees for Life," returned from India where he had been selling the idea of a learning game for kids.

It was a success and he wanted to see how far we had gotten on a design. We showed him our PowerPoint and all the hard

work we had put into it and he asked us "Where is the cell phone version?" My heart sank because we had spent so many hours on this and now found out we had done it all wrong. We had to adapt, and I learned a lot through dealing with the problems and miscommunications.

We had to spend the next day brainstorming a new game for a cell phone. I kept quiet in the meeting, sharing only some of my ideas because my ideas were completely different and I didn't want to get the game idea off track. But they wanted to hear my idea, and came to find out that they all loved it and told me that they wanted to use my idea! So I went from being frustrated to in charge of creating this game for kids.

I didn't know what to expect when I went to "Trees for Life," but I know God had a calling and purpose for me to be there.

I now have two weeks to draw the storyboard and explain what I have envisioned to happen. In a month or so Balbir will go back to India and present my idea. It is amazing, and I thank God always for this wonderful opportunity!

I learned so much about myself and my major by sitting in these meetings and seeing how these brainstorm sessions go. Everyone at "Trees for Life" made me feel at home and I am glad that Tom Hurst led me to this place.

Fear the Cheer

New coach plans tough overhaul of programs

ASHLEY DAMERON
Spectator Staff

The college is hoping to bring the cheer and dance programs to a whole new level by hiring coach Nicole Levelsmier for the two teams. Both groups are very excited about all their new coach has to offer to the programs.

Nicole Levelsmier has more than 12 years experience in both cheer and dance on a competitive level. She started cheering in high school in Garland, Texas, and has cheered with several gyms including Cheer Athletics and Texas Lonestars.

"Growing up at the back door of NCA (National Cheerleaders Association) helped to create the love of the sport and drive that burns in my heart today," Levelsmier said.

Nicole owned NW Athletic Cheer from 2007 to 2010. She is a six time NCA All

American Nominee, four time top team winner, three time herkie award winner, three time spirit award winner and NCA National winner. Nicole also has certifications in AACCA, NCA and USASF Level 5.

Nicole has big plans for both programs. She plans to recruit this summer by using her connections in the cheer world. In the future, McPherson College will have 3 teams, a coed cheer team, an all girl cheer team and pom/hip-hop/jazz dance team.

"[The first step is to] build teams that are strong on all ends of athletics, strength, knowledge, sportsmanship, etiquette, showmanship and outrageous eye catching routines for competition," Levelsmier said.

But the cheer and dance teams are not the only people Levelsmier has her eyes on. She also plans to take athletes from



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Junior captains Roxie Ayres and Jenny Andreesen show their tenacity toward the new level of training for their team by coach Nicole Levelsmier.

every sport and ask them to go through one practice with the cheer and dance teams just to see if they can keep up. This gives other athletes a better understanding of cheer and dance, and how hard it really can be.

In Nicole's past programs, other athletes have joined practices out of season and are at the top of their game when they return back to their sport.

"I will also want to state that we will

have our head in the games of our fellow athletes," Levelsmier said. "We will be cheering them on and dancing our hearts out at their games to show our support for them."

Nicole also plans to improve the recognition of the programs dramatically by their excellence.

"We will work hard to make a prestigious program and as I say 'becoming part of a legend'," Levelsmier said.



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Left: Junior Ginickachi Ibe hands off the baton to senior Antowine Lamb during a practice running of the 4x100. Both Ibe and Lamb received first place finishes in other events at the ACCK Championships in Sterling on April 10.

Right: Sophomore David Parry and junior Tony Leal run 300s during a practice on April 13 in order to train for the upcoming, 3-day meet in Lawrence. The Kansas Relays will be held this weekend from April 15 through the 17.

Track pulls out top finishes for individual events

JORDAN ROQUEMORE
Sports Editor

The Bulldog track team recently competed in meets at both Sterling College and Baker University. The team met with success in both competitions, proving themselves to be top of the conference material.

At Baker University on March 27 the team took ninth place overall. However, senior Antowine Lamb managed a first place finish with a high jump of 2.03

meters 6 feet, 8 inches. His jump also gave him an NAIA Outdoor Nationals "B" standard.

Other top finishers include sophomore Javier Ceja with a second place finish in the 5,000 meters and Anthony Leal who brought in fourth place in the 800 meters. Grant Miller also took fourth place in the hammer throw while freshman Kyle Smith received eighth place in the 1,500 meters. Ginickachi Ibe earned a personal best time in the hundred meters with an

11th place finish.

On April 10 the team competed at Sterling College for the ACCK Championships. In only their third outdoor track meet, the team had twenty top-four finishes and an astonishing 26 personal bests.

On the women's side, junior Andrea Swanson outdid her personal best in the shot put, discus and hammer throw. She also surpassed the NAIA National "A" Standard mark with a throw of 13.37 meters in the shot put.

Receiving fourth place in the 200 and 400 meter dashes, freshman Shireana Robinson posted season best times in both events. Sophomore Krissa Fuentes posted a season best in the discus and freshman Sonia Fuentes earned eighth in the 100-meter dash.

For the men, sophomore Javier Ceja got first place in both the 800-meter and 1,500-meter races. He also posted season best times for both events.

The men received four out

of the top five places in the 1,500-meter race with sophomore David Parry setting a personal best. In the high jump, senior Antowine Lamb took first while freshman Garrett Sharp got third place. The 4x800 relay team blew the competition out of the water with a first place finish 41 seconds faster than the second place team.

Next up for the team will be a three-day competition in Lawrence from April 15 through 17.

Alum takes over as women's basketball coach

JORDAN ROQUEMORE
Sports Editor

The athletic department has officially named 2008 graduate Cy Rolf as head women's basketball coach. While at Mac, Rolf played basketball and football and participated in choir and theater.

"I graduated as business finance major if you would believe it," Rolf said. "I was very involved when I went to school here and I

had a lot of fun. I was also a resident assistant for two years."

For the last two years Rolf has been teaching and coaching boy's basketball for a school in Natoma. He was also the assistant track coach and assistant activities director at the school.

Rolf plans on an exciting season of basketball.

"I want to bring a new excitement to the current team as well as recruit

layers with skills to help build the program," Rolf said. "I plan on having a more disciplined program with greater commitment from the players."

Rolf was hired after former coach Shelly Prescott was asked to give her resignation after two seasons of low win records.

"It takes a lot to make a program successful," Rolf said. "I want to build the program by orienting my practices to do so."



Photo by Kaylin Cooper

Junior Calin Strong passes to a teammate during the six on six tournament held here at the college on Saturday April 10.

Cy Rolf

Men's Tennis grapples for close wins

DUSTY KITCHEN
Spectator Staff

The men's tennis team now has a record of 4-2 after a big conference win over Friends University with a team score of 5-4 and a close loss to Bethel with a score of 4-5.

Despite the team being one and one in conference, assistant coach LaMonte Rothrock is happy to see every match's competitive edge.

"It is exciting to see the men competing to win each dual match in the conference," Rothrock said. "It has really been 30 years since that has happened."

In the Friends match, the Bulldogs went up early with two wins in doubles from Igor Guasti/Ronaldo

Filho, and Nathan Clary/Kyle Toland. Friends tried to fight back but the team held strong and ended up splitting singles with the Falcons.

Head coach Sydney Bwayla was pleased with the team's performance.

"This was a good win for us against a quality team," Bwayla said. "I thought the guys stayed focused for the most part. Winning two doubles points out of three then getting off to a good start in singles with wins by Vyacheslav Bukatin, Ronaldo Filho and Kyle Toland was huge for us."

The Bethel meet began the same way with two doubles wins from Bukatin/Jordan Rothrock, and Toland/Clary. But the Bulldogs couldn't with-

stand the tide of Bethel's force in singles, winning only two matches.

Though never happy with a loss, Bwayla is satisfied that this close match will give the men something to build on.

"This was a tough loss for us especially after picking up two points from the doubles play," Bwayla said. "It was a tight match all the way through, a point here or there was going to make a difference. We just need to learn how to finish close matches"

Senior Nathan Clary said that the team is working well as a whole although there is always room for improvement.

"I feel that the team has really come together and performed well together to beat Friends on Satur-



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Freshman Vyacheslav Bukatin returns a shot during a doubles practice match with three of his teammates on April 14.

day," Clary said. "I feel I didn't play as well as I could have against Bethel though."

As the Bulldogs prepare to play Sterling College at home tomorrow, Clary

said he feels the Bulldogs are headed in the right direction for conference play.

"The team has really come a long way since I first came here as a fresh-

man," Clary said. "Our win against Friends was our first big conference win in years. With new, strong players we have a good chance to finish fairly high in conference."

Softball deals with losses, poor weather

LAUREN LARSEN
Spectator Staff



Photo by Kaylin Cooper

Sophomore outfielder Kristen Gustafson warms up her arm before the game against Friends on April 9.

The softball team traveled to Friends University for a tournament on March 5 and 6. The girls lost all three games against Graceland University, Morningside College and Central Methodist University. However, on the second day of the tournament, the team turned around and won both games against Haskell Indian Nations University and Dana College.

Following the Friends tournament, McPherson was supposed to host a tournament March 12 and 13. However due to field conditions, the tournament was canceled and could not be rescheduled.

Graceland took two more wins over McPherson on March 17. Two days later the Bulldogs won against York College, 8-2.

"Despite our rough patches, the team is starting to show improvement and teamwork," said in-fielder Sadie Green. "We are becoming more in sync and playing more as a team."

On March 19, the Sterling College Tournament began. The tournament gave teams only one day of play and McPherson tied with Graceland 12-12. The following days of the tournament



Photo by Kaylin Cooper

The Bulldog infield pow-wows before the start of an inning against the Friends batters on April 9.

were cancelled due to weather.

Last week, the Bulldogs faced Tabor College, Friends University and Bethany College taking losses from all three consecutively.

Weather has not been on the team's side this season and they only have a few more opportunities to play. They face the University of Saint Mary, Ottawa, Southwestern, Kansas Wesleyan and Sterling over the next few weeks. The KCAC Tournament starts on April 29.

The players are looking forward to what the rest of the season has in store for them and are hoping to make a powerful showing at conference. They are currently at the lower end of conference ratings, a fact they hope will not hold them back from winning wherever they are capable of doing so.

"With every game we are showing improvement," pitcher Katie Logan said. "Hopefully by conference we will be up to par."

Victory drought drags on

Women's team fails to rack up wins despite their fierce work ethic

DUSTY KITCHEN
Spectator Staff

After two tough conference losses against Friends and Bethel, the women's tennis team will head to Sterling tomorrow to try and stop a drought of wins.

Though the women have yet to win a team match, assistant coach LaMonte Rothrock is pleased with the effort the women are showing throughout their matches and practices.

"While the women haven't won a dual they have improved so much from the past 4 years," Rothrock said. "I am pleased at how this group is representing the college both on the court and off the court."

The women fell to Friends 2-7 with wins in singles from Mal-

lory Griggs and Haley Cook. Head coach Sydney Bwayla was pleased with every one of his players against Friends, especially his two seniors in doubles.

"Our women played well especially in doubles but Friends was a better team," Bwayla said. "I think we competed hard and had opportunities to make the score a little better and closer than it was. Kelsey and Ashley played really well in doubles while Haley and Mallory did well in singles."

The bad luck continued for the team with a loss to Bethel, 0-9. Bwayla continues to push for hard work and improvement in the team.

"Bethel was a better team that day," Bwayla said. "They had

girls with a lot of experience and they played important points better than we did. It doesn't change the fact that I was proud of our women's efforts and I still think we have improved over the past couple of weeks."

Now with two conference matches down and one scheduled for tomorrow Bwayla feels quite well about how his players are acting as the season goes on.

"I think that while we have a lot of work to do, that that both men's and women's team have started responding well to practice and competitions," Bwayla said. "The most pleasing to see so far is how much effort they all put in as far wanting to improve individually and just in getting better as a team."



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Sophomore Katie Doffing prepares her backhand to return a serve during a doubles practice with her teammates on April 14.

Bill directly affects students

Health care reform bill to affect student loans and health care

REBECCA GROSBACH
Staff Writer

On March 23, 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law the biggest health care reform bill since the 1970s. Under the almost \$940 billion bill, according to CBS News and www.whitehouse.gov, U.S. citizens and legal residents will be required to have health insurance or pay a

fine. They will be able to keep the plan they have, or stay under their employers plan if they have it.

65%

of 100 people surveyed said they knew little to nothing about the health care reform bill.

In six months, children with pre-existing conditions cannot be denied coverage, and adults with pre-existing conditions can buy into a "high-risk" pool until 2014. After that, those adults will be given health care without the worry of being denied coverage. Also, children may stay

under their parents' health care plan until they're 26.

A large part of the new bill deals with student loans. Under the new provisions, federal loans such as the PLUS loan would now be under the charge of the Department of Education, not private lenders. Private student loans will still be available, but under the name of Alternative Loans.

Also, beginning in 2013, inflation-adjusted funding will be added to Pell Grants, increasing the number of grants. Mandatory monthly payments of loans will be capped at 10% of discre-

tionary income, lowered from the current 15%.

Steve Frick, director of financial aid, said that he's not sure what to expect in the future.

"All of it hasn't been deciphered yet, so we don't know all the details," Frick said.

For the 2010-11 school year, McPherson College is expecting a slight increase in Pell Grants.

To prepare for the upcoming changes, which are yet to be known for sure, Frick said that "We are evaluating our internal systems to be able to accommodate the changes

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- Will take effect over next four years.
- Passed in the House by a vote of 219-212, with all 178 Republicans and 34 Democrats voting against it.
- The net effect will be a reduction in the federal deficit by \$143 billion over the first decade and \$1.2 trillion in the second.
- A CNN poll March 25-28 reported the approval of the policy was 45 percent and Obama's approval went up to 51 percent after the passage.
- Effective September 23, 2010 dependent children will be able to remain on parent's insurance until their 26 birthday.

in the Federal loan programs."

Frick doesn't believe that there will be any changes regarding foreign exchange students or non-traditional students.

There will be a differ-

ent process for seniors instead of the usual Stafford Loan exit-interview, but the Department of Education has yet to give any details. Frick said that he will have the information by exit-interview time.

New human resources manager joins college

SHANNON WILLIAMS
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Former human resource manager, Kristen Schenk, left after her husband was transferred to Ohio for his job. Human resource manager Kate Fisher filled the open position at the beginning of this month.

Fisher has a strong background in her current position. She received her bachelor's degree from Colorado College in Colorado Springs and her master's from Kansas State.

She has also worked in the human relations field at a number of different industries. Fisher has worked in industries including government, corporations and non-profit agencies and she most recently specialized in staff development with a human services agency that provides support to adults with developmental disabilities.

Fisher is already enjoying her time at McPherson College.

"I love the atmosphere at the college," Fisher said. "I also believe it's important to keep challenging myself to keep growing. This position will allow me to bring my skills and push myself outside my



KATE FISHER

Born in: Garden City

Age: Old enough to know better and still too young to care

Married: Yes

Children: one step-daughter

Pets: two cats and a pond full of goldfish

Favorite Quote:

"Feel yourself being quietly drawn by the deeper pull of what you truly love."
author unknown

comfort zone just a little bit."

While at the college, Fisher will be doing a number of different things as the human resources manager including: recruitment, staffing, development and retention.

Nelson: working at LifeSource

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special bond with families as they go through a time of grief and healing. She plans to use the opportunity to support Kristin's dream of being a teacher.

"I'm a learner," she said. "But Kristin always wanted to be a teacher, and as a parent, I always wanted to help her reach her goal."

So Kristin's classroom has changed and the traditional teacher's role has expanded, honoring Kristin's dream through the actions of her mother. After Kristin's donation, Nelson took the tragedy as an opportunity to educate on organ donation around the Midwest. From schools to medical students, clergy members to civic organizations, Nelson has given her time and told Kristin's story to help inform about the choice of donation.

"After awhile, it became a person-to-per-

son grief support system with LifeSource," Nelson said. "I'd go in and listen and empathize and share."

In 2000, LifeSource asked Nelson to be on the Board of Directors as a donor family representative. The nineteen person board was filled with surgeons and hospital administrators. Nelson was always impressed with their dedication and compassion, and they strove to make successful transplants easy on every active party.

Through her journey, Nelson ended up back in McPherson, where she graduated in 1978. After leading the alumni association for years, she found her next opportunity at LifeSource's 20th anniversary celebration. Once offered the posi-

Men, women and children currently in need of life-saving organ transplants: **More than 100,000**

Someone is added to the national organ transplant waiting list: **Every 11 minutes**

People that die each day from lack of available organs for transplant: **An average of 18**

Americans that say they support organ donation: **90%**

Americans that know the essential steps to take to be a donor: **30%**

tion, she couldn't say no.

"The person I had contact with, who held the position that will now be my responsibility, helped me through my first years without Kristin," Nelson said. "If I can provide that kind of help for someone, I truly believe it could change things."

Now, instead of helping alumni celebrate life's accomplishments, Nelson will help map out clients' grief journeys, helping families in the throws of loss. But she said the reward gained will always outweigh the heaviness of grief.

"After all," she said.

"I'm truly living out the service component of McPherson by moving on. My daughter would appreciate it, she was a tremendous young lady."

Nelson doesn't talk like what she is doing is heroic or noble. She speaks with passion, with bright eyes and a wide smile about Kristin. It is clear that Nelson is motivated by love for a little girl who wrote about life being something special and precious, whose life was cut short in the seventh grade. Undoubtedly, Nelson's departure from McPherson is one of great motives and even greater rewards.

Apartments: Presenting plans

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pus with landscaping that will open up right to Melhorn parking lot.

The committee already has a plan together for layout and design and will finalize it in the next two weeks. The proposal they will be taking to the committee is apartment style and will add 32 beds to campus.

The proposal also includes an apartment for a resident director and the budget will allow the residence life staff to add a resident assistant in future years. They will already be adding a resident assistant to the Baer Apartments next fall.

"The initial plan is that there will be two per room with multiple rooms," Rothrock said. "We are having discussions about future units having singles and doubles. The first one we are proposing is very nice size rooms."

The apartments will be offered to sophomores through seniors in the fall and there will be a sign-up process and a then a selection process to get in. Rothrock also mentioned that the cost will be a little more per year for students opposed to living in the dorms.

"We are going to try and

build community through this, so we do eventually want it to be freshman through seniors," Rothrock said.

The apartment style buildings offer many advantages compared to the three-story dormitory that was planned to go up on-campus.

"To do the three-story building you're looking short of \$7 million and our agreement is to have the money in hand before we start construction," Rothrock said. "Here we're looking at a little less than \$1 million for 32 beds that we can move immediately because the cash is in hand."

Another advantage for the apartments versus the dormitory is that it will allow flexibility. In a dorm with 24 beds on a floor the floor has to be either female or male because of the community bathroom. The apartments on the other hand can vary whether there will be male or female residents living in them.

"It diversifies our kind of living experiences that we have," Rothrock said. "We have large community settings and now we'll have smaller community settings, so it gives us something different for our students to choose from."

Leadership event focuses on professional image

Career services sponsors last leadership event

Photos by Ben Denton



Students gather in Melhorn to listen to Marlys Arnold, CEO of Image@WorkClub.com discuss how to make a strong impression on professors, employers and potential employers when it comes to how you look.



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