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Michael Schneider speaks at his inauguration in November. Schneider was inaugurated as the 14th president for McPherson College, he assumed the presidency in April of 2009.

Looking back to move forward

Michael Schneider reviews his first year as president

BY REBECCA GROSBACH
Staff Writer

The first year as President is almost over for Michael Schneider. "I'm very thankful that people have been very supportive and

open," Schneider said. "I had the freedom to try new things and to make my own mistakes, but it's not all about me." Schneider is very appreciative about how people stepped up and took initiative. One of his high-

lights of the year was being able to work with the faculty. He said that although he set the direction he wanted the college to go, the faculty and staff all worked together to work toward being a community and achieving those goals.

"The willingness to be open to change, take risks and to make mistakes really meant a lot to me," Schneider said.

Another highlight was being able

to travel to high schools. Throughout this past year, Schneider spoke in front of around 5,000 high school students.

"It was great being able to talk about McPherson College and really lifting up the liberal arts to the students," Schneider said.

For next year, Schneider wants to stay focused on the students.

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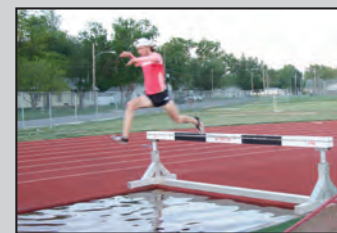
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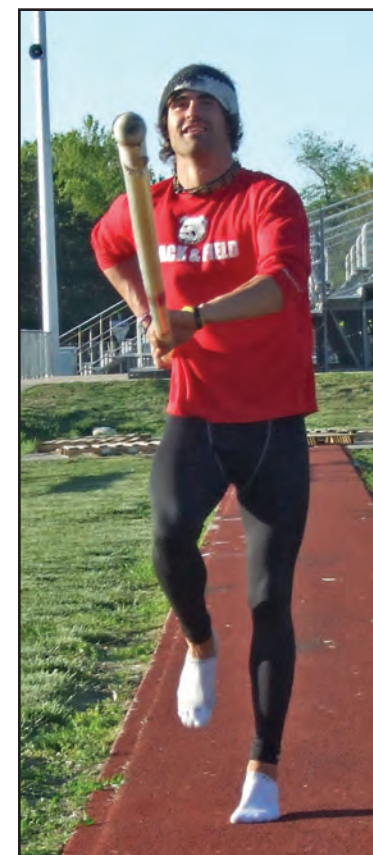


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Photos by Torey Fry

Left: Senior Antowine Lamb soars over the bar while practicing for the high jump at the college. Lamb will be attending the NAIA national tournament for his performance in the event in the KCAC championships.

Above: Junior Mitch Krier jogs down the lane before plating the pole-vault. Krier will also be attending the national tournament for his record-setting vault at the KCAC championships.

Four earn trip to NAIA National Tournament

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Sports Editor

The Bulldogs came out swinging at the KCAC championships on May 1. After a hard-fought day of competition, the team came out with four of its members earning first-place and three runner-up finishes.

Junior Andrea Swanson broke her own school record in the shot-put and earned the first victory in the event since 1977. She threw for a distance of 13.78 meters and started the day off strong for the

team. Later on, she wowed the coaches by setting a new school hammer throw record of 44.5 meters and earning the runner-up position in the event.

Also on the women's side, sophomore Rachel Leuthold managed to pole-vault for 2.97 meters on her first try. She tied the winning height, but went on to receive the runner-up position. This was caused by her lesser performance in her second jump as compared to her competitor.

Sophomore Javier Ceja could only manage a fifth place finish in

the men's 1,500 meters. However, he would go on to win the 5,000 meters with the fastest winning time in KCAC championships since 1988. He is also the first to win the even for McPherson since 1978.

Junior Mitch Krier took the top spot in pole-vault with a height of 4.73 meters, a whole two feet higher than the second-place finisher. He also became the first Bulldog to win the event since 1971.

The men's high-jump was dominated by senior Antowine Lamb and freshman Garrett Sharp. Lamb

took the top spot with a jump height of 2.03 meters while Sharp earned the runner-up position with a jump height of 1.93 meters.

Other finishes from the team include David Parry who set personal best times in both the 800 and 1,500 meter races. Freshman Sonia Fuentes got a season best in the 100 meters while sophomore Krissa Fuentes set a season best in the discus. Freshman Kyle Smith got a season best and fourth place finish in the steeplechase while junior Rattanck Muor earned an eighth place finish in the 100-me-

ter dash.

On May 7 the team had another meet at home with competitors coming from Kansas Wesleyan, Kansas City, Sterling, Southwestern, Wichita State and Bethel. The meet was labeled Twister Twilight and was just a practice for those going on to Nationals.

Swanson, Ceja, Krier and Lamb will all be going on to the NAIA championships in Marion, Ind., on May 27-29. It is an honor even to make it into such a competition, yet our team members are hoping to give a winning performance.

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Vote for changes in constitution

Technical problems occurred last week after SGA conducted the vote for the changes in the constitutional and bylaw amendments and the votes were unable to be counted. Students will be able to vote again today from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the student union or by going to wwwi.mcpherson.edu/vote.

Changed housing plans for next year

Residence life currently has 317 out of 432 beds reserved by returning students for next fall. The largest number of returners are planned to stay on campus in the fall. This poses a challenge finding beds for all returning and incoming students. Students that have reservations may be offered alternative living options. Students need to be prepared to receive e-mails at their Bulldog accounts, letters and possibly phone calls. Check your e-mail and mail for updates.

Join in the fun at Campus Blowout

Campus Blowout will be starting tomorrow at 1:30. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria at 9 a.m. Lunch will not be served in the cafeteria on Friday. It will be served at the president's house at 1000 E. Euclid. Sloppy joes, brats and the fixings will be served from noon-1:30 p.m. In case of rain the event will be held in the student union. Go to page 8 for a full schedule of events.

*Learning in a different classroom***Investment class travels to Omaha**

BY AUDREY SECKER
Editor-in-Chief

Fifteen students from the investment class attended the 2010 Berkshire Hathaway annual shareholders meeting on May 1.

Rod Gieselman, associate professor of business, and his investment class attended the annual shareholders meeting in Omaha, Neb.

"In the investment class I spend maybe 20 to 25 percent of the class talking about and studying Warren Buffett because he is one of the most successful businessmen," Gieselman said.

Warren Buffett is number three on the Forbes list of billionaires and the chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway. Berkshire Hathaway Inc. owns over 50 companies under its name including the well known companies GEICO and Fruit of the Loom.

"Despite being extremely rich and intelligent he speaks in simple easy to understand English," Gieselman said. "We're fortunate to live during the lifetime of the most successful investor of all time, it's a tremendous opportunity."

There were 37,000 people in attendance at the meeting. The meeting started with a video about the company with some funny commercials and skits with Buffett. Charlie Munger and Buffett then took questions for three to four



Courtesy of business department

The 15 students that traveled to Omaha, Neb., for the Berkshire Hathaway annual shareholders meeting stand in front of the Qwest Center. Rod Gieselman's investment class stood in line at 4 a.m. to get the best seats.

hours and the topics were wide open.

"The experience itself was pretty incredible but the sheer knowledge held between the two company founders is mind boggling," said Tim Braginton, sr., Winnemuka, Nev.

To get passes for the students Gieselman used his own four passes and then called local stock brokers to find people who own stock in Berkshire Hathaway and were willing to donate their passes. The class was near the Bill Gates, CEO of Microsoft, at the shareholders-

meeting.

"Perhaps the most impressive part of the trip for me was all of my fellow students happily waking up at four in the morning to go wait in line to get the best seats, which, arguably, we did," Braginton said.

SGA plans for improvement next year

BY DUSTY KITCHEN
Spectator Staff

Roles have changed and new members have been added to SGA. Some old faces will no longer be seen at meetings, but McPherson College student government president Lane Allison continues his push to make SGA a more prominent force on McPherson College's campus next fall. Allison reflected back on how this year went. With a good board,

the road to improve SGA's involvement on campus was cemented and gives next year's board a good start to get their work done. Allison is also happy to see returning members like Claire Krizek, fr., McPherson, and Kelsie Patrick, jr., Elizabeth, Colo. He believes they can bring some guidance to new members such as Mark Dowdy, jr., Somewhere, and Shelly Brandt, jr., Somewhere, Colo., who are ready to help SGA in their respective roles.

"The members who are no longer in SGA each played a significant role in our group," Allison said. "They were very hard workers and were dedicated to playing their role and being active. I am very glad that we have returning members still with us to add experience and leadership to bring the new members up to speed and teach them how our operations work. And I am excited to see the new members at work as well. They seem to be excited and will-

ing to work towards having another good year starting in the fall."

SGA advisor Shandi Tobias felt the same way about gaining new members, but is still happy about having a lot of members from this year's board for next year.

"I believe that retaining some members as well as getting new members will help SGA continue its growth on campus," Tobias said. "Not only can the group con-

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Recruitment underway

Athletics recruits 93 new student athletes and counting

DUSTY KITCHEN
Spectator Staff

McPherson College athletics had a pretty positive year with a KCAC conference championship in men's soccer, Football making it to its first NAIA Division II playoff game, and men's basketball making its first NAIA national tournament appearance. The campus athletic programs are trying to up themselves next year by welcoming around 93 new student athletes with the possibility of more on the way.

McPherson's newest sport, baseball, is relying on many young recruits to build its program. Head Coach Curt Evey has students coming from Oregon, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas, South Carolina and Kansas. He is also looking at players from New Mexico, Arizona, Missouri and California.

At the moment, Evey has signed 10 players with three more on the way. There has also been an additional 4 verbal commitments. Evey puts a lot of the success of his recruiting to many of the faculty and

students.

"I want to thank everyone on campus both students and faculty for all the support you have shown," Evey said. "The campus community has done an outstanding job of making all the recruits feel welcomed. I have gotten awesome comments back from several recruits and parents about how nice the campus is and how much a family environment we have here."

In men's soccer, head coach Doug Quint is welcoming 15 new Bulldogs consisting of six transfer students and nine freshman. The group represents five states and one foreign country, including Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Brazil.

Rob Talley and women's soccer are expecting similar numbers with 13 new players. The recruitment class consists of four transfer students and nine freshmen. There are players from six different states including Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Maryland, Oklahoma and Utah.

Football and track came in with

the most recruits at 25 and 17 respectively. Evan Clary, a McPherson native, hopes to help the athletic ambitions of both sports as a defensive end in football and a thrower in various events in track.

Volleyball has eight signings in their book, including Moundridge native Lindsey Walker who in her senior prep season at Moundridge High School recorded 121 kills on 364 attempts for a 0.21 kill percentage in 101 games. To go along with her kills, Walker tallied 175 blocks, including 70 solo blocks on the year.

Head basketball coach Tim Swartzendruber has three guys at the moment to add to his roster. They are Josh Dunbeck of Wamego, Cord Cunninham of Ottawa and Jacob Reinhardt of Newton, who is transferring from Butler Community College.

And as it comes to the end of its season, tennis boasts two signings which are McPherson native Ashley Allmon for the women and Alex Jenker of Dodge City. Head coach Sydney Bwalya is also working on getting a few more.

Summer camps and leagues

Volleyball (camp and summer league)

August 2nd-5th, 1-4 p.m.

Grades 5th-9th, \$65 per student

Contact: *head volleyball coach Susan Barton*

Email: *bartons@mcpherson.edu*

Phone: *Office: 620-242-0588*

Cell: 620-664-3397

Basketball (camp and summer league)

June 7th-10th, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Grade school through high school

\$55 per student

Contact: *head basketball coach Tim Swartzendruber*

Email: *swartzet@mcpherson.edu*

Phone: *Office: 620-242-0576*

Soccer (summer league only)

Tentatively Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at McPherson Stadium

High school freshman to adult

\$60 per player, apply online

Contact: *head coach Doug Quint*

Email: *quintd@mcpherson.edu*

Senior Athletes of the Year

Andrea Swanson and Armando Rodriguez earned the titles of female and male athletes of the year. Their awards were announced at the Honors Convocation on Friday, May 7 in front of the entire student body. Swanson competed in both soccer and track while Rodriguez competed in soccer. Both have received numerous titles and awards for their athleticism and hard work as McPherson College athletes.



Andrea Swanson



Armando Rodriguez



Photo by Ben Denton

Dylan Walker, Ft. Mill, S.C., and Drew Lewis, Oreland, Penn., receive the craftsmanship award at the Honors Convocation last Friday. Walker and Lewis received the award for the work they're doing to restore a 1929 Stutz Bearcat.

Students, faculty recognized for their achievements this year at convocation

BY SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

Many students were recognized for their efforts last Friday, May 7, at the annual awards convocation in Brown Auditorium.

There were students recognized in almost every major and activity. Scholarships and awards were given to recognize the outstanding students in their majors and co-curricular activities.

Among some of the most outstanding awards are the Burkholder Research Award for science, the Jay Leno/Popular Mechanics Scholarship for an auto restoration student, the Donald R. Frederick award for music, outstanding business student award, the model educator award, the outstanding physical education major and the

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Photo by Ben Denton

Students being recognized for choir achievements stand on the stage at convocation. Lidia Labra, sr., Scott City, received the Donald R. Frederick award for music. Choir director James Keith presented the music awards at convocation.

Stucky steps in



Brad Stucky

BY SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

For almost 32 years students, faculty and staff would have recognized him as the maintenance man who rides his bike around campus during the day, but now Brad Stucky can be recognized as the facilities management director for the college.

Stucky, previous senior maintenance technician, was promoted to facilities management director this year.

"It's something I considered after going through so many directors lately," Stucky said. "I just sat down and talked with Shane [Netherton, vice president for finance] and we just kind of came to a mutual thing and I accepted the position."

Stucky is replacing Mark Nash. Nash only served as director for three and a half weeks before having to leave because of unforeseen family issues. Before that Marty Sigwing served as the director for two years.

Stucky has accumulated a lot of knowledge about McPherson College, its facilities and how they operate. This will benefit him in his new position.

"I'm looking forward to working with everyone on campus in a different position, and the challenges that the new job presents," Stucky said. "I'm going to miss some of the things I did in my old job, I'm hoping I can still do some of them."

NEWS BRIEFS

Relief for Haiti

The final count for the hygiene kits for Haiti is 902. \$580 for shipping was raised after costs.

Get hypnotized

SAB is sponsoring "Phenomenal" by Christopher Carter. Carter is a mindreader, illusionist and freakout artist. "Phenomenal" will be held in Brown Auditorium tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Sell your books

Book buyback will be May 19-20. It will be located in the basement of Hoffman Student Union from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Miller library open during summer

Beginning May 24, Miller Library will begin its summer hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The library will be open from May 24-27, June 1-3 and June 4-6. From July 5 on the library will be open until August from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interlibrary loans can still be requested and processed during this time. E-mail Matt Upton if there are any special requests.

Seniors graduating

Graduation will be held in Brown Auditorium May 23 at 2 p.m. There is limited seating. An overflow video will be provided in Mingenback for viewing. President Michael Schneider will be the commencement speaker and a reception will follow the graduation.

Breakfast for seniors and family will begin at 8 a.m. on Sunday at the SU



Photos courtesy of Colleen Gustafson

The Softball women watch solemnly during the end of a season game. The team finished the year with an overall record of 9-20-1.

Softball closes hard season

LAUREN LARSEN
Spectator Staff

The Bulldog softball team started the year with expectations of a great season and the possibility of making a strong showing at the KCAC conference. However, the Lady Bulldogs faced a series of conflicts that got in the way of their season. The team was not short of talent as individual records prove, however, it was not enough to keep their final overall record from being 9-20-1 (wins, losses, ties)

Coach Mike McCormick and several players commented on how young the team was this season. The roster consisted mostly of underclassmen with four juniors

and only two seniors. However, multiple players agreed that this was not a negative effect on their season and that because of their age, the Bulldogs should have a strong returning team next year.

Since the team was so young and had very little experience playing together, one of the players commented, "the team lacked chemistry." Many of the players agreed that strategies, game approaches, work ethic and attitudes all had severe negative effects on their record.

At the KCAC conference, McPherson lost to Kansas Wesleyan, a team they had defeated once before. They pulled through in the next game against Univer-

sity of St. Mary and took them by one run.

Their elimination came in the next game against Sterling. The women lost by one run and ended their season on a low note. The team was only able to put up 14 hits and 6 runs for the entire tournament. These numbers were below the teams normal average for the season.

Despite the Bulldogs' losing record, five players made an impact on the season and received conference recognition. Senior Kristen Ozbun received second team all conference for outfield, junior Kelsey Gray received honorable mention for catcher, sophomore Andrea Falk got honorable men-



Photos courtesy of Colleen Gustafson

Top: Junior Kelsey Gray catches an outside pitch.

Bottom: Freshman Kelsey Dutton leads off from second base.



tion first base, freshman Kelsey Dutton got honorable mention for utility player and sophomore Katie Logan received first team all-conference utility player.

Many team members are relieved that this season is over and are looking forward to next year.

Sophomore Kelsie Martin wants a fresh start and is hoping the team will not cut itself short next season. Similarly, junior Ashley Luthye said that a strong returning team will make a positive difference in their next season and their level of play.

Jazz band performs



Photo by Shannon Williams

Austin Anders, sr., Chapman, plays his tenor sax during the opener of the concert. Joey Staskowski, fr., Oriskany Falls, NY, plays the other tenor sax in the band.



Photo by Shannon Williams

Nathan Clary, sr., McPherson, plays alongside alum and professor emerita, Doris Coppock. Coppock is one of five community members that plays.



Photo by Shannon Williams

Drew Talbott, fr., Mishawaka, Ind., and Chad Krivin, sr., East Greenville, Penn., both play the bari saxophone. They are the only two in the band that play the bari sax.

The jazz band performed on May 11 in Mingenback Theatre. The band is a mixture of students from the college and some McPherson community members. They performed eight pieces under the direction of Daryl Batchelor and guest director LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. Seventeen students from the college participate in jazz band.



Courtesy photo

President Michael Schneider uses a cutting torch to cut the letter M out of sheet metal at homecoming. Schneider was inaugurated a couple of weeks after homecoming weekend.

Schneider: Year in review

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“Focusing on the student experience, both in and out of the classroom is extremely important,” Schneider said.

Schneider stressed that the students are the college’s customers, so it’s important to make it all about the students and what would benefit them the most in the global environment.

Lifting up the liberal arts is another goal for next year.

“The phrase ‘Liberal Arts’ is what defines us and makes us unique,” Schneider said. “Getting that out in front of people will help us become more successful.”

Schneider also pointed out that in his mind, “Success doesn’t mean fitting in. Success means standing out.”

In hindsight, Schneider said that he could see areas that he could have communicated differently.

“I look back and think ‘I probably could have communicated that differently’ or ‘I wish I would have communicated that to a broader audience,’” Schneider said.

Communication is an area he hopes to keep improving next year.

Looking back, Schneider said that he really enjoyed the year, but “we have a long way to go.”

He is looking forward to next year and excited for everything that he wants to happen.

“We’re hoping that when students arrive back on campus in the fall that we have some very exciting announcements to make,” Schneider said.

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continue with some of its goals from this year, they will be able to hear new voices and gain new knowledge from the new members.”

Allison plans to focus is on the board’s understanding of what it’s meant to do and how they can achieve it together for next year.

“First thing is we will be working much harder along with student services to work on creating an understanding for everyone of our purpose, and relations with each other,” Allison said. “We will

be returning to campus early to work on teambuilding and training to be prepared when the rest of the students return.”

Another push from SGA next year will be recycling and reducing waste on campus. Recycling bins will be placed on campus for plastic and the board will encourage the reduction of paper use around campus, in such areas as the cafeteria.

The last thing right now on the agenda for SGA is to get a TV and

other entertainment installed in the basement of Hoffman Student Union for the beginning of next semester. With that, SGA will also be looking for more ideas on how to use that space.

Students can still be a part of SGA next year

“As I mentioned at convocation, there are still positions available to students for next year’s board,” Allison said. “Petitions will be released after the start of the fall semester.”

Men's tennis falls in semi-finals



Photo by Cody Compton

Freshmen Ronaldo Filho and Igor Guasti approach their Bethany opponents questioning their call on the point. The pair opened the match with a 3-1 lead over their opponents, but unfortunately went on to lose 8-6 after a comeback from Bethany. The other doubles pairs included Vyacheslav Bukatin with Jordan Rothrock and Nathan Clary with Kyle Toland.

BY AUDREY SECKER
Editor-in-Chief

The men's tennis team fell in the semifinal round of the KCAC tournament on May 7 in Wichita.

McPherson a No. 4 seed was pitted against No. 1 Bethany college.

Three doubles points were dropped first thing and the men were unable to make a comeback, falling to Bethany 5-0. With the loss, the men dropped 6-5 on the season.

Despite wins in the singles matches by two players, Bethany won as a team. Tennis is considered a team sport in this occurrence and therefore none of the McPherson winners will be moving on.

The No. 1 pairing of Ronaldo

Filho and Igor Guasti opened the match with a 3-1 advance. However, the No. 1 Bethany pair pushed right back to win seven of the next ten games to steal the match 8-6.

The Bulldog No. 2 group of Vyacheslav Bukatin and Jordan Rothrock played a strong second half but could not recover from their slow start as they dropped 8-5. No. 3's Nathan Clary and Kyle Toland fell 8-1.

Though the men won about half of the singles matches, Bethany had the overall victory with its domination in the doubles matches.

"This season was a nice season to end on," Jordan Rothrock said. "The team won a lot of awards and really improved upon previous

years. Overall it has been a very good season."

A huge accomplishment for the McPherson underclassmen, freshmen Vyacheslav Bukatin and Ronaldo Filho earned KCAC first team honors. The news was announced officially on Tuesday, May 4. Bethany also had four team members receive the honor.

Bukatin finished the regular season 11-2 in singles play including a 3-0 mark in the KCAC individual tournament to claim McPherson first No. 1 single championship since 1978.

Filho finished the year with an 11-2 singles mark including a 3-0 record in the KCAC individual tournament and a No. 2 championship.



Photo by Cody Compton

Freshman Vyacheslav Bukatin or 'Slav' serves to his opponent in a singles match that he would go on to win.

Commencement speaker announced

BY KIMBERLI ROQUEMORE
Staff Writer

This year's commencement speaker for graduation is President Michael Schneider.

As said by vice president for academic affairs, Kent Eaton, it is a tradition to have the president bring the commencement speech after his/her first year in office. This tradition is not limited to the McPherson campus, but is also observed by various campuses on a national level.

"This year the entire community has so greatly benefited from Presi-

dent Schneider's energy, his vision and enthusiasm which show he's the perfect commencement speaker," Eaton said. "I know we'll all look forward to hearing him talk about the future of the college and more importantly give sound words of counsel to our graduating class."

Graduation will be held in Brown Auditorium, May 23 at 2 p.m. There will be limited seating at the graduation. An overflow video will be provided in Mingenbeck for viewing. Following the ceremony a reception will take place.

Convocation: awards given to students, faculty

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female and male athletes of the year.

The Jay Leno/Popular Mechanics scholarship is one of the biggest awards given out at the convocation. It is a \$20,000 scholarship for an auto restoration student. Receiving the Jay Leno/Popular Mechanics scholarship was Dustin Whitney, jr., Enid, Okla.

"I feel very blessed for receiving the award and would like to thank Popular Mechanics as well as Jay Leno for their support of the Auto Restoration Program," Whitney said.

Receiving the Burkholder research award were Ashlee Jost, sr., Hesston, and David Miller,

sr., Haven. The Donald R. Frederick award was awarded to Lidia Labra, sr., Scott City; the outstanding business student award was given to John Brown, sr., Baldwin City; the model educator award was given to Kaitlyn Lamb, sr., Hesston, and the outstanding physical education major was given to Kristen Ozbun, sr., Rose Hill.

Not every major and activity recognizes students at convocation though. Best senior thesis in history was presented yesterday at the history senior presentations and the theatre awards are being presented tonight at 7 p.m. in Mingenbeck.

Receiving the female athlete of the year this year was Andrea

Swanson, jr., Littleton, Colo., who plays both soccer and throws for track and field. Swanson is attending nationals for track in a week. Receiving the male athlete of the year this year was Armando Rodriguez, sr., Dallas, Texas, who was a forward for the soccer team.

Students weren't the only ones being recognized at the convocation. Each year the who's who students choose a professor of the year award. Associate professor of English Bruce Clary was awarded professor of the year. Also students, faculty and staff are asked to nominate a staff person of the year. Connie Stucky, building service supervisor, was recognized this year.

McPherson College FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE Spring 2010 Semester

Final Exam Time	Monday May 17	Tuesday May 18	Wednesday May 19	Thursday May 20
8 a.m.	<u>8:30 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>12:30 Classes</u> MWF MTRF	<u>9:30 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>10:30 Classes</u> MWF MTWF
10:30 a.m.	<u>1:30 Classes</u> MWF MWRF	<u>10:30 Classes</u> TR	<u>2:30 Classes</u> TR	<u>9:30 Classes</u> TR
2 p.m.	<u>1:30 Classes</u> TR	<u>3:30 Classes</u> MWF MWRF	<u>2:30 Classes</u> MWF MWRF	<u>8:30 Classes</u> TR <u>3:30 Classes</u> TR
7 p.m.	Monday night classes	Tuesday night classes	Wednesday night classes	Thursday night classes

Xalapa, México: Border that is open to abroad student is closed to student's host

Recent Arizona immigration law discourages travel to States

"No me voy," she said to me, as I stood in the doorway of the kitchen. Confused I asked, "Where, and why not?" She motioned for me to watch the television as she replied, "A Los Estados Unidos, porque soy Mexicana, Melisa."

The evening before my mother found out about the Arizona law via Xalapa News, I invited her to my college graduation next year. She told me she would be honored to participate in that important part of my life.

Then she joked, "Which one of your family members will translate for me now that your Spanish program is gone?" I replied, "Mira." We both laughed and ended the conversation with a hug. "Not even a language barrier could keep me away," she said on her way upstairs.

On April 21, Governor Jan Brewer signed a new immigration law in the state of Arizona. By April 23, it was all over the news in Xalapa, Mexico, and by April 25, I knew it would play part to the most important lesson learned in my study abroad experience.

According to a May 4 New York Times article, "Immigration and Emigration," the new law requires that law enforcement officials question any "suspicious looking individuals" to provide proof of legal residency in the United States when stopped for any other reason. In the event of no proof at the time of questioning, officials are required to take legal action.

The afternoon that my mother found out about the law, it crushed me to hear her say she could not go to graduation. I was hurt, confused, and the Spanish news was speaking too fast for me to understand.

I had no idea what was going on but I knew something was terribly wrong. She regarded me with sadness. Distraught, I looked up arti-

FAR AND AWAY



Melisa Grandison

cles on CNN online and read about the law in English. I was furious.

Legalizing racial profiling was just the surface. This law hurts someone I love. It made it personal.

The next day my mother brought it up again. She asked me, "Do all Americans have to present identification of some sort?" This time I understood the reasoning behind her questions, and I admit it was an easier conversation when I could truthfully hide behind the statement: "I don't understand what you are talking about." It is funny how awareness works like that.

Through the next week, my host mother and I had numerous conversations. I explained to the best of my ability the workings of politics in the United States. The most important aspect of our conversation was to reassure her that I did not agree with any aspect of the law. However, at the same time I felt stuck. I could not apologize for the entire country especially since many people in the U.S. support the law.

In addition, I was hurt that she was unwilling to come to the United States. In my mind, Kansas is far from Arizona and we hadn't

passed a ridiculous law.

I spent a lot of time thinking about how to convince her that it would be all right to come. Then it hit me. Would she be all right? Kansas had not passed an immigration law, yet. In actuality, I could not promise her zero discrimination on a trip to McPherson much less a trip through the United States. That was a difficult realization.

My mother explained that she feels her very heritage is being threatened and by going to the United States, she is abandoning her roots. I honestly cannot blame her for being unable travel to a place that is discriminates against her.

Our various conversations were both enlightening and saddening. I'm embarrassed by my country that has a long history of oppression of people who are different.

At the same time, I am lucky to have heritage in that same country

that allows me the freedoms I use in order to help the people discriminated against.

The Arizona law is affecting more than the "illegal immigrants" in the state of Arizona. It is affect-

ing persons of color in the United States. After all, I have been mistaken for Mexican many times. Could I drive through the state of Arizona without being arrested?

Furthermore, Arizona has set precedence for the right of other states to follow their discriminatory example.

This is more than a precautionary immigration law; it is legalized racism disguised as immigration reform, and it alienates people

within as well as outside of the country.

While this experience has affected me directly, I know that my mother and I will move past this kink in our plans to reunite. Graduation or no graduation, we will remain in contact and meet again. I know without a doubt this opportunity has created a life-long friendship between my host mother and I that will not change from any amount of border control. However, I cannot deny my sadness and worry for the millions of people who are at the helm of the legalized racism provided by this law. Whatever its turn out, it is a shame that we as a country are only able to move forward at the expense of others.

Studying abroad has provided me the opportunity to familiarize myself with an entirely different culture, one that I've come to know and love.

I feel welcomed, embraced, and at home in México and in the Mexican Culture. It is a shame that the very same people that have chosen to embrace me and enhance my experience have to be afraid that they cannot and

will not feel the same hospitality in my home country. Going home to a nation that is seriously considering this will make me uneasy. The struggle I would face is how to go about dealing with this issue.

Either way, I will forever be an advocate. To sit back and watch would be worse than participating in the oppression. And in my activism, my host mother's hospitality will be at the forefront of my drive.

"I know without a doubt this opportunity has created a life-long friendship between my host mother and I that will not change from any amount of border control."

— Melisa Grandison

SHOUT IT OUT!

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

The campus is growing in diversity. I'm happy.

Stayed up until five in the morning doing a project. That means finals are around the corner.

Maybe this weekend I won't go out. Wait, that's a lie.

Music is life.

You would think the rain in Kansas would wash off your car. No, it makes it even more dirty!

The combover hairdo must come back. It's hot.

Don't get mad. Don't be mean.

You're surprised you got a D on your test? Even the teacher knew you wouldn't do better than that.

Fantacies.

Hey, you! You didn't wear your hat to Wal-Mart. That's another 2 lines.

I love finding hilarious videos on YouTube and sending them to my friends. Especially the inappropriate ones.

This is the last week of my life that I'm not considered an alcoholic.

If it rains during graduation I'm going to be so pissed.



1) The registration booth at the 2010 annual C.A.R.S. club car show. 2) A student directs traffic. 3) An award winning car is shown. 4) Two motorcycles are displayed side by side.



Photos by Ben Denton



C.A.R.S. show, biggest turnout yet

ASHLEY DAMERON
Spectator Staff

The annual McPherson College C.A.R.S. Club Car Show was held on Saturday May 8. This year, it was a huge success.

The annual car show is a well-known tradition of McPherson College and planning for the event starts in the fall and continues throughout both semesters. Last year, the show was planned by the club's chairperson alone. However, this year the entire C.A.R.S. Club Executive Board had a say in the planning. This helped to make the event more enjoyable and organized.

C.A.R.S. Club had 150 to 200 entries, which was more than previous years, meeting their goal

for this year of 150. The turnout wasn't bad either. They are estimating about 500 to 600 guests attended the car show. This year there was a better turnout, better weather, better parking and better organization.

There are several classes to enter a car in: Classic, Student, or Special Interest. Many students participated including Pete Fisher, Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada, who entered his 2001 Mustang Bullit, and Pat Knapp, Basking Ridge, N.J., who entered his 2004 Ford F250. The variety of cars entered was outstanding. Several of these include a 1958 Cadillac, a 1969 Mustang Mach 1, a 1969 Shelby GT 500 and a 1953 Ford Woody Wagon, just to name a few.

"There were a lot of gorgeous

cars to look at," Knapp said.

Of course, the car show was more than just a fun event. It brings a lot of people into the college to see what kind of students attend, and see the kind of work they can do. It gets the community involved, and brings in a lot of support for the college. There are also several big name people that attend as well as the Executive Restoration Committee, so it's a great opportunity for students to network and make connections.

The restoration program, C.A.R.S. club and car show is expected only to grow. This year's show definitely topped last year's.

"I think with the success of this year, next year will be only bigger and better with a huge turnout," Fisher said.

The Hot Spot

BY: TAYLOR ADAMS

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF
JAMES KEITH,
INTERIM PROFESSOR OF MUSIC



HOMETOWN: Phoenix, Ariz

choir and they responded well to that.

ROLE AT MAC: I was hired as assistant professor of music to replace Dr. Gustafson while he is away on sabbatical.

FUTURE PLANS: My next two years are the only ones I have planned. Once my doctorate is complete, I'm not sure. Job availability will most likely determine the destination at that point.

AS A STUDENT: I came to Mac as a transfer student from Northern Arizona University. I was majoring in music there but restoring Cadillacs on the side and a parts supplier told me about the college.

CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM: If performing arts is to grow in the future, at least one more faculty member will be absolutely necessary. I support numbers increasing, so long as it does not coincide with quality decreasing. The face of the program is changing, which makes this a good time to evaluate the direction of the music department and what role it will have in the future of the college. For what my opinion is worth though, music is a practical degree and it should remain one that the college offers. This is when the institution can either cut the program or support it with the knowledge and responsibility to see it to its next high point.

CHANGES ON CAMPUS: There haven't been many changes on campus...just that the arch has been steadily crumbling.

DIRECTOR VERSUS A STUDENT: I've never been a person who plans well, and being the director has forced me to at least attempt it. It was far from perfect, but I tried my best to plan things well. The difficulty about this position is that I don't feel that far removed from the students. Contrary to popular belief, it hasn't been that long since I was there, I graduated in '06. Being in front of the choir professionally puts a completely different level of responsibility on my shoulders, and it took some getting used to. I still make a lot of bad decisions, but I tried to raise my own standards for the

ANYTHING ELSE: I would like to thank my students for making this semester such an experience. You are a motley crew but that's what kept me going to work everyday.

Stop and take in the pink sidewalks

I feel like I've missed out on something. When I was bustling back to my dorm last week, I noticed we had pink sidewalks.

Four years here and I had never noticed before. Then I caught myself wanting to slow down and enjoy the scenery. It occurred to me then that I was taking one of my last walks on campus as a student.

I decided then that I would not get upset about the things I would miss; rather, I would replay the memories I have enjoyed at my years at McPherson College.

After I transferred here my freshman year, I remember sitting in the gym at a basketball game and having people come up and introduce themselves to me.

I was surprised anyone recognized that I was new, and it made me feel at home. As a transfer, I

JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

felt lost and confused but only for a few days. People were helpful and friendly, and I have found that to be true every year here.

My sophomore year I remember being inaugurated into Phi Alpha Theta, the honorary history society, and feeling like I had finally accomplished something in college. The accomplishments came rolling in after that, and I still encourage everyone to get involved on campus. It's rewarding and will help anyone take pride in being a student here. The hard part is what to do when all of the activities are over: I'm positive that this summer I'll be aching for more Spectator deadlines and Phi Alpha Theta movies.

My junior year I remember cheering with my girls at the basketball games and the wild energy on the road trips – there's nothing that compares to invading a rival KCAC school with my best friends in cheerleading uniforms. I

feel blessed to be able to continue with a passion of mine throughout college, and on this small campus, there's no excuse to not follow your dreams. College athletics are both memory and character builders, and there's no better way to support your school by being involved in the growth of champions.

My senior year is a blur, but I think I'll most remember the weekends, the moments I had on Brown's stage and in the spotlight in Mingenback, and especially the friends who have meant the most to me. It's said you meet your best friends in college, and the people who I have come to call my friends at McPherson will never leave my life. I'm certain of this because they've become a part of who I am, and I can't escape the feeling the people I've met here, I've

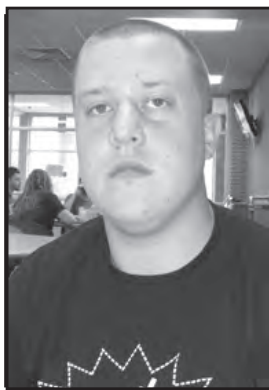
met for a reason. Whether they're professors or students, alumni or drop-outs, so many have shaped my life in a way I never thought possible.

I can honestly say that I won't be one of those alumni who graduate and disappear. I'll be at every event I can possibly make, not only to see friends, but because I feel at home on this campus. I want to be a part of a campus that has given so much to me over the past few years. I want to take part in the legacy that lives on through this institution.

Next time you take a walk, slow down and really look. Your time here will go faster than you think, and you don't want to miss out on the pink sidewalks.

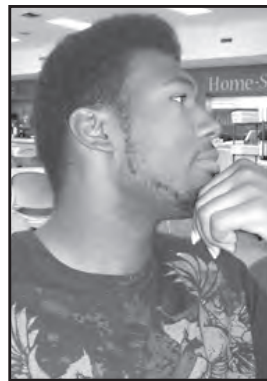
ON THE FLY

Summer is approaching, what do you have planned?



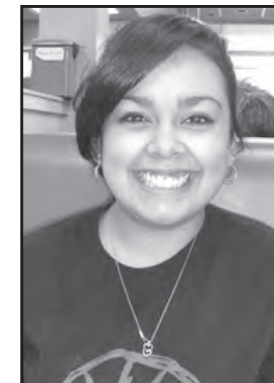
"Interning at Maz's auto job."

Chris Weyand
Fr., McPherson



"Working at MCDS being a CDA."

Andy Robinson
Fr., Tulsa, Okla.

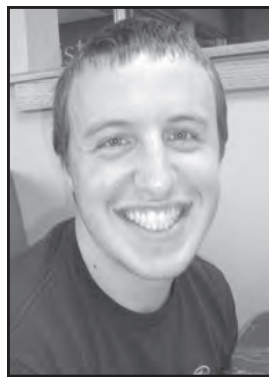


"Working at Dollar General, a gas station, a grocery store and being a waitress."

Veronica Mendez
Fr., Sublette

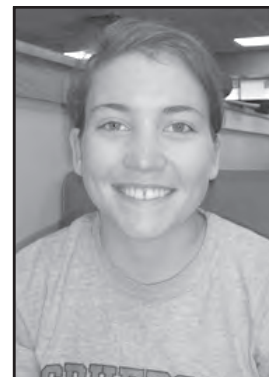
"Working at MCDS and playing a lot of Playstation 3."

Robby Tobias
Sr., Conrad, Iowa



"Working at MCDS and as a score keeper at Salina Rec. Center."

Tiffani Hahn
Fr., Lyndon



"Going to an anime convention."

Chris LeBlanc
Jr., Dallas, Texas



Graduating seniors tell of future plans

Mason Adams - Bonham, Texas - My plans are graduate school at the University of North Texas to obtain MBA.

Austin Anders - Chapman - I will be doing upholstery for Anderson Restoration in Kanawha, Iowa.

Ashley Andrews - Oklahoma City, Okla. - I'm going to graduate school at the University of North Texas.

Rachel Arnold - Start working to pay off school bills.

Emily Ayers - McPherson - I am moving to Nampa, Idaho with my husband and pursuing a career in accounting and tax.

Katelyn Boese - Hesston - I hope to have a full-time elementary school teaching job next year.

Austin Bohanon - Wichita - I plan on taking a year off school and working in the field to gain some experience and then return to graduate school.

John David Brown - Baldwin City - Heading back home and continuing job hunting.

Kelsey Buffo - Valley Center - This time next year, I will be winding down the school year as a first year teacher, hopefully in a middle school math classroom.

Courtney Castelli - Hutchinson, - My plans for this next year are going back home where I will be getting a job and saving up some money so I can move out on my own.

Nathen Clary - McPherson - I will be moving to Florida to work at Vintage Motors of Sarasota where I will be selling classic and exotic cars.

Breanna Crawford - McPherson - My plans for the next couple years are to enjoy the time I have with my son Dayveon before he enters kindergarten and to pursue a degree in secondary language arts.

Benjamin Denton - Oklahoma City, Okla. - I am going to join the Air Force Reserve and then try to join with the highway patrol or sheriff's department.

Marlon Dominique - Donaldsonville, La. - I plan on working for an oil drilling company, preferably in southern or central United States.

Michelle Ducy - Pueblo, Colo. - Next year I plan to coaching basketball and then returning to school to get my doctorate in physical therapy.

Mike Dudley - Nashville, Tenn. - I am planning on working in a museum after I graduate and possibly working towards opening up my own automotive upholstery/trim shop. My wife and I are moving to Lincoln, Nebraska after graduation.

Daniel Eells - McPherson - I can't tell you that, because I don't know what I am going to do yet.

Kevin Felix - McPherson - Moving to Long Beach to restore Ferraris in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Natasha Florian - Holyrood - I am coming back in the fall to get my finance and administration emphasis. Then moving to Fairview, Okla. with a job offer as an operating manager at the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

James Gorel - Shelton, Conn. - I took a job in Redding, Conn. doing private collection maintenance.

Danna Gordon - Newton - I plan on working at Big Brothers Big Sisters and going to graduate school at K-State for marriage and family counseling.

Drew Griffin - Rancho Cordova, Calif. - I will be coming back in the fall to play football then moving back to California.

Mallory Griggs - Colorado Springs, Colo. - I will be going to Washington University in St. Louis for my Masters (2 years) or Doctorate (3 years) in Occupational Therapy.

Ryan Heller - Allen, Texas - I am moving to Lakeville, Conn. right after graduation to work for Skip Barber Racing School as a racecar technician.

Ashlee Jost - Hesston - I am getting married the weekend before graduation and will start Physician Assistant's school at Wichita State University in June.

Bryanna King - Gallup, N.M. - Grad School- University of New Mexico, master's in occupational therapy.

Shaylin King - Wichita - Student teaching in Wichita then unknown

Kristen Kirkman - Oklahoma City, Okla. - I am going to graduate school.

Chelsie Kramer - Atwood - I got accepted to the Radiology Program at Newman University in Wichita.

Ron Lambert - Plano, Texas -

My plans are to find a job, hopefully soon. I am interviewing in the collector car industry.

Kelsey Leiker - Goodland - Find an elementary educator position.

Kiley Loesch - Lyons - My plans for next year are unknown, due to that fact that I'm jobless. My hope is to leave the state and land a great job.

Nicolas Mahaut - San Rafael, Calif. - I will be back in beautiful McPherson for another semester.

Sonia Mast - Hesston - I will be working here in McPherson as a Planning Analyst for Ameriprise Financial.

Michael Mosely - Colorado Springs, Colo. - I am going back to Colorado to finish personal projects and look for a job in the Denver area.

Pat Nemechek - Olathe - Working in accounting part time and working on my masters in accounting

Johanna Niehage - McPherson - I will be teaching in Newton as a K-4 interrelated teacher.

Nick Koehn - Canton - Restoring cars and building hot rods.

Ashley Noll - Atchison - I'm going to Newman University in Wichita to get a masters in social work.

Daniel Nye - Clay Center - I plan on staying in McPherson and continuing to work at Stellar Antique Restorations in Windom.

Jillian Overstake - Fort Scott - Graduate school at the University of Central Oklahoma for museum studies.

Amanda Pangburn - Wendall, Ala. - I will be working with the natural resources conservation service in saint Anthony, Idaho, which is just outside of Yellowstone. I'm getting the heck out of Oz.

Anthony Peterson - McPherson - I will find a better job and get married this fall.

Trent Parkins - McPherson - I plan to sell my house and find a job in management somewhere...

Stephanie Poland - Arvada, Colo. - I am getting a job back home and saving money to travel to Australia.

Chris Ramirez - Wichita - I plan on moving back to Wichita and applying for graphic design jobs while working part time at Applebee's.

Jeff Redenbaugh - Hutchinson - Coming back for more classes.

Brandon Ritcha - Inman - I will be attending Washburn University Law School next year and will be moving to Topeka with my wife this summer. I am hoping to study transactional or constitutional law and work as a lobbyist or political advisor.

Jordan Rothrock - McPherson - I don't have anything set in stone.

Julia Santillan - McPherson - I will enter lots of arts and crafts fairs, concentrate on my family and be blessed with the life God has chosen for me.

Carley Sharp - Chanute - This summer I will be studying for the CPA exam and applying for jobs while I am interning in Wichita at Oil Producers Incorporated of Kansas.

Nancy Salminen - Lindsborg - My plan is to teach in a middle school or high school, teaching psychology, sociology or special education. consequently, I will finally be able to take a summer vacation with my kids and show them the ocean.

Nicole Sampson - McPherson - My husband, Philip, and I will be moving back to my hometown, New Enterprise Penn., this summer. I plan on working for a year before attending Saint Francis University.

Cameron Snell - McFarland, Calif. - Work and live in Mac for a year before graduate school.

Erica Shook - McPherson - I hope to be working either at the college, or as an English teacher here in McPherson. I also plan to attend graduate school in the near future.

Martin Swart - Wilson - After graduation I plan on applying to the Kansas State Trooper academy.

Robby Tobias - Conrad, Iowa - Staying here in Mac and working for MCDS.

Colby Westbrook - Edmond, Texas - I have been accepted into two med-schools: I am going to Midwestern University in Ariz., for podiatric medicine and surgery with a specialty in orthopedics

Gary Yates - McPherson - Working at Aristocrat Motors in Kansas City as a Mercedes Benz salesman.

2010 - 2011 Theatre Season

"Boy Gets Girl"

by Rebecca Gilman

September 9, 10 & 11

"Design for Murder"

by George Baston

October 1, 2, 8 & 9

"Grease"

by Jim Jacobs and

Warren Casey

November 19 & 20

"Mid-Summer Night's
Dream"

by William Shake-
speare

February 4, 5 & 6

"The 25th Annual
Putnam County Spelling

Bee"

Music and Lyrics by
William Finn

March 10, 11, 12 & 13

The APO awards
ceremony is Thursday,

May 13, 2010.

LEAD EDITORIALS

It's hard work but someone has got to do it

IT'S A JOURNALIST'S LIFE.

Reporting the news isn't an easy job. It takes hard work. It takes a lot of patience. It also takes a lot of teamwork and late, late nights up in the newspaper lab.

Writers have to find the courage to ask persons in authority the tough questions and deliver the answers in a respectful and professional way.

So, why do it?

Yes, writers for the paper get paid. Having the job also looks good on a graduate's résumé. We all may do it for those reasons but the real reason we stay up late and work so hard is to be the connection between the col-

ISSUE:
Why do we do our job?
OUR POSITION: For the student body.

lege and the student body.

We want the students to have a place to go when they want their questions answered. We want to work alongside SGA to serve the students and to bring them news that effects their life on campus.

News coverage allows students to understand the complex events that occur on campus in a brief and easy to understand way. Campus life coverage informs students on upcoming events, travel stories, theatre shows, concerts and educational department events. Viewpoint pages open the doors to the student body's voice.

Columnists share their opinions on world, national and local issues and experiences. Students play an active role on these pages. Sports coverage dives deep into the athletics on campus and updates the campus commu-

nity on each sport as their season continues throughout the year.

This paper is about the students. It's about student life. It's about the student body's voice.

This is why we do our jobs.

We want you, the reader, to be heard and to be informed about what's going on at your school. You live here. You work here. You deserve to know the issues going on around your campus.

As this year comes to a close, think about what will come next year. We will be quick on our toes and rejuvenated.

We will be ready and excited to bring you the news, events and sports coverage.

We will be ready for your opinions and voices. The question is: are you ready for us?

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Not Necessarily Ordinary

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TRICIA FENSKY
Spectator Staff

One of the biggest, highly anticipated events on campus has finally arrived. Not only are classes cancelled for the day, but a variety of fun are in store for everyone. Seven years ago marked the first Campus Blowout.

“The Blowout really came about for a couple of reason. One, to get our students more engaged in May Day and community events, and the other was for retention reasons,” LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, said. Rothrock also stated that the college wanted to start a tradition that students would get into and look forward to. It is safe to say that this has become a very successful tradition.

“I have always loved doing campus blowout and everything that goes with it,” said Robby Tobias, sr., Conrad, Iowa.

The obstacle course challenge has become more and more popular. The first year

there were only about eight teams and now it has grown to forty-two entries. In previous years there have been challenges such as throwing eggs, eating gross food and sliding down a water slide.

“I don’t do well with food that looks inedible, so I could’ve done without that part of the obstacle course!” Tobias said.

“I remember one year we had to eat Cheetos, M&M’s, and Cheez-Its smothered in ketchup and mustard,” Armando Rodriguez, sr., Dallas, Texas said.

Other games that have been in previous courses were a blow up obstacle course, having to dress up a teammate, tricycle race and drinking out of a toilet.

My freshman year I was on a team. It didn’t matter what games there were in the course, it was just fun to take a day off of classes and hang out with everyone,” Rodri-

guez said.

Every year students make up creative names for their teams, with six people in their group. The format hasn’t changed much, but this year there are twenty events and more blow up challenges. As the tradition continues more events and planning are added to this memorable date. Some of these new additions were an evening meal at Harnley Gardens, and a graduation tradition known as “Senior Drive Through.” Student Services works hard over a couple of months planning everything,

encouraging students to sign up, brainstorming creative games and rules and contracting companies.

“The first couple of years the volunteers were only student services, now there are people from all departments on campus helping out,” Rothrock said.

Campus Blowout is indeed one of the most entertaining, unique traditions to ever develop at

McPherson. Even if you aren’t on a team, you should still come out and watch the events take place. This day will help de-stress students for finals and allow everyone relax and have fun.



Junior art seminar paints May Day mural on display at Lakeside park

CARLEY SHARP
Spectator Staff

While running around town for All Schools Day make sure to stop by the bandstand at Lakeside Park and check out the backdrop made by Mac College's own art students.

The junior art seminar students have been working off and on for the last three weeks to paint a backdrop for this year's All Schools Day.

This year's theme for the mural is "Friendship and Memories" which is characterized by schoolchildren jumping rope, coordinating with the community event button.

The tradition of painting the backdrop dates back at least 42 years according to Wayne Conyers, professor of art. Every year, he receives the year's theme and the panels to paint which have been used every year since the beginning of the project.

The All Schools Day button is used as the springboard for ideas on how the backdrop

will be painted. This year's is extremely elementary.

"The challenge this year," said Conyers "is that the button is so cartooney."

The class took the concept and expanded it to make a backdrop that consists of a school boy and girl outside of a red school. A boxed school bus and trees complete with tire swing finish out the picture.

Conyers credits Ann Zerger, assistant professor of art, as coordinator of the project. Her duties consist of getting the students together and quality control.

"This group has been really good (with participation)," Zerger said. "They're all hard workers."

Even though the painting is a required service component of the class, the students enjoyed producing the piece. Roxie Ayres, jr., Tescott, is excited to see her class's finished project on the bandstand Friday. "It was really fun to be able to give back to the community," Ayres said.

REVIEW IT!



STEPHANIE POLAND
Spectator Staff

McPherson College Performing Arts Department presented its final production *From Broadway: A Musical Review*. It was an incredible performance with the collaborations from Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of theatre James Keith, interim professor of music and Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre. The performance was held in Mingenback Theatre and consisted of two acts with a ten minute intermission. The production was full of popular musical numbers from Off Broadway shows including "Grease," "Hair," "Wicked," "Legally Blonde," "Chicago" and a new production using the band Green Day's music, "American Idiot."

To open the production, "Mama Who Bore Me" was performed by Mona Hale followed by reprise from the rest of the women cast. In an interesting twist on "Wicked's" "What is This Feeling?" names in the song were changed to the cast members names who were performing the song. This was actually a common occurrence in this production making it personal and comical.

One of the most outstanding performances was "Higitus Figitus" from "Disney's On The Record" which was full of non-sense words from different Disney songs. The song was full of tongue twisters and produced tons of energy. The cast did a fantastic job emphasizing the jumbled words. The best part of this song was when the tempo started speeding up and

the facial expressions of the actors were a perfect fit of confusion and rush by throwing music pieces everywhere on the stage, bringing more energy.

This was followed by an amazing performance of "Sail Me Away" from "Lestat" by Michael Holman, jr., McPherson. Michael created a full, beautiful sound that filled the theater, giving the audience chills. The first act ended with "21 Guns" from "American Idiot" in which the cast surrounded the audience from the above rafters along with a red lighted back drop. This was a strong ending for the first act, leaving me wanting more.

The second act contained comedy that was even more enjoyable. "Finland" from "Monty Python's Spamalot" was full of energy also with a comic addition at the end of the song. A huge highlight from this act was the Cell Block Tango from "Chicago." Jillian Overstake sr., Fort Scott, Emma Brömme, jr., San Antonio, Texas, Kenyatta Harden, fr., McPherson, Mona Hale, soph., McPherson, Kelsey Gray, jr., Golden, Colo., and Kelsey Leiker, sr., Goodland, brought this song straight off the musical. However, Spanish was used in the foreign solo rather than Czech that is used in the musical, another interesting twist to the production. The final comical twist was towards the end of the production when Bowman spoke directly to the cast about the finale and the final number.

The stage was covered in stairs with the orchestra in the middle, rising the sound up and into the theater. The background wall was covered with the musical titles that were used in the production. For each song the musical's poster was pointed out by a spotlight, which added a very good touch to the set.

Overall, I believe that the production was put together perfectly. Amazing performances by all of the actors produced great sound