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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Homecoming events scheduled

Computers will be set up at lunch to vote for Homecoming king and queen.

Registration for the 5K run is due today. The fee is \$10. The race begins Saturday at 8 a.m.

Honors Convocation is at 1:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. Students must bring their IDs to be scanned at the exits. Alumni panel discussions will follow. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

Club booths will be outside Miller Library from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, hosting various activities.

The football game begins at 1:30 p.m. The Homecoming king and queen will be announced at half-time.

### Saturday caf hours changed

Hot brunch will not be served in the cafeteria on Saturday. The building will be open for a continental breakfast from 9 until 11 a.m., and lunch will be served under a tent outside Miller Library starting at 11:30 a.m.

### Choir concert to be held Sunday

The choir will perform Sunday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. in the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

### National Book Awards celebrated

The National Book Awards is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. The public gets to vote for the best work of fiction out of 60 years of winners. The library has a display dedicated to the 77 previous winners. Vote for your favorite at <http://www.nationalbook.org/nbafictionpoll.html>.

## CORRECTIONS

In "Students create parking" the Spectator reported there are 800-plus parking spaces on campus. The actual number of spaces is 591.

In "Upson hired as head librarian" the Spectator reported the first book to be read by the new reading group as being "The Coroner." The actual title is "The Corner."

## Schneider focuses on relationships with faculty, staff, constituents

President continues his efforts from last year by traveling constantly in an effort to exceed the college's needs and goals.

DUSTY KITCHEN  
*Spectator Staff*

If you haven't noticed, President Michael Schneider is rarely on campus. Instead, he's traveling the Midwest spreading the word about the needs of McPherson College. Schneider is making connections that will help the college reach its goals, and go beyond them.

Schneider, who took over May 1, 2009, has been very busy since his appointment, and during the month of Sept., has rarely been in the office.

"I've been spending a lot of time out of the office with people, listening and trying to get certain initiatives off the ground," Schneider said. "The campus is spending a lot of time looking forward and making plans to raise more money, recruit more students and get better at teaching and learning."

Deb Wagoner, executive assistant to the president, has worked in the president's office for seven years. She has noticed how much Schneider is out of his office, trying to get to know many different people on campus and off.

"Michael is focused on relationships with faculty, staff, and constituents," Wagoner said. "It's what he said he was going to do, so it's nice to see it



Photo courtesy of college communications

Michael Schneider addresses faculty and staff at Lakeside Park on the first day of the new academic year.

done."

Sophomore SGA President Lane Allison is also impressed with Schneider's willingness to communicate.

Allison, who has talked with Schneider and observed many Board of Trustees meetings, has seen some of what Schneider is doing on campus.

"He's done a very good job," Allison said. "Lots of issues surrounded Board

of Trustees meetings and he's handled it very well. He has the mindset of how can we make these things better."

One of these issues includes the cutting of band and the philosophy and religion major.

Schneider put a lot of time into making sure these two programs would continue at McPherson College.

Schneider's top priority for the rest of the year is

creating a goal the college and its constituents can get excited about and having everyone work together to achieve it.

Dr. Kim Stanley, professor of English, said Schneider's intent was clear from his speech at the faculty workshop the week before school began.

Stanley said that with his speech, Schneider helped show how things were going to get better this year.

"Partly because of his

great speech at workshop, Michael has helped raise our spirits and our mood this year," Stanley said.

Schneider's official inauguration is Nov. 7, 2009 in Brown Auditorium at 2:00 p.m.

He requests the attendance of students, alumni, faculty and staff.

He would like everyone to hear his ideas and hopes to continue the school year with a positive and open mind.

## New dorm project moves forward, changes

MELISA GRANDISON  
*Spectator Staff*

A residential campus, plus enrollment numbers that have reached an all-time high divided by four dorms equals a problem.

Apartments already owned by the college have been brought into use this year as more students were enrolled than the dorms could accommodate, and moving off campus was encouraged more than in past years.

Last year, talk of a new dorm swirled about the campus. Now there is talk of a change in plans. College administrators are looking for alternative design options for the new dorm.

The options being considered will include changes in style and size in order to cut costs.

"We are looking at less expensive options," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

The original layout of the dorm was a combina-

tion of single- and two-bed rooms with staggered hallways and small community-like pods.

The new options being discussed include suites and luxury apartment-style rooms, in addition to regular residence-hall style rooms.

The location of the new dorm remains as originally planned: positioned at Lehmer and Gordon streets.

The dorm will also follow the same philosophy as the existing dorms.

"Our residence life philosophy is to mix students of all ages, interests, and activities into one dorm," Rothrock said. "The new dorm will accommodate both males and females in design."

Amanda Gutierrez, vice president for advancement, is in charge of the comprehensive campaign that will fund the dorm construction.

The campaign consists of three parts: annual scholarship and general support, endowment sup-

port, and capital support.

"As of Sept. 1, 2009, we had raised about \$7,350,421 toward the entire campaign," Gutierrez said. "Of that amount, just over \$3 million, or about 47.4 percent was given toward the capital campaign."

The capital support is to cover the cost of the residence hall and campus entrance. Advancement will have updated numbers regarding the campaign on Oct. 1.

The dorm was originally scheduled to be built by fall of 2010, but the timeline for construction now hinges on the success of the capital campaign.

"We are still in need of \$1 million gift," said Shane Netherton, vice president for finance. "It comes down to a donor with a naming gift that will dictate when we have a new residence hall."

Rothrock agreed. "The need for a new dorm is great, but we aren't getting the donations that we

want at this time."

Total costs for the new residence hall are expected to range from \$6.5 to \$7 million.

These numbers include the building and parking lots as well as green space.

Before the dorm project can move forward, changes in the original design have to be approved by the Board of Trustees. The board will discuss two or three options at its November meeting. It will probably make a decision next March.

"I feel very strongly that we'll have a new residence hall by 2011," Netherton said.

As changes in design are made internally, the new dorm still remains a topic of conversation on campus.

"I think if we finally get the new dorm, it will help attract more students," said Jacob Ryan, fr., Burdett.

Jenni Birdsall, jr., Lansing, is taking a long-

range view. "I'll be happy to see the new dorm when my kids live in it."

Colleen Gustafson, Dotzour Hall resident director, is assuming both a pragmatic and an idealistic stance.

"A new dorm is an obvious step to take with the ever-growing enrollment numbers," Gustafson said. "Realistically, I think it might be a long time coming, but I would be very interested in seeing an eco-conscious effort from the school when the time does come to break ground and build."

The college will continue to redesign and plan as it moves toward the November board meeting.

"It's a leading issue for the cabinet and board," Netherton said, "but (President) Michael Schneider is traveling as much as possible to raise the money. It's one of his top priorities, and as an institution, it needs to be one of ours."

LEAD EDITORIAL

# Homecoming: bringing students, alumni and future Bulldogs together

Homecoming is here.

Activities and events have been going on all week long for faculty, staff and students to enjoy. Hot dogs have been devoured. Blood has been shed on the powder-puff field and the volleyball court.

This weekend a whole new atmosphere will be on campus. Alumni will flock to the campus grounds to celebrate the wonderful memories and experiences McPherson College has given to many.

Students will enjoy seeing faces of those who once graced this campus and can see how McPherson has impacted the lives of those from many different generations.

As students, we take our education for granted sometimes. We forget those alumni who want to give other students experiences like they had when they were in college.

They have helped students with financial aid by donating money and time to different areas of the college. This ranges from athletics to the performing arts. What we have to learn with wouldn't be here if it wasn't for some of the alumni who give annual gifts to the school. Take a step out of your comfort zone and meet an alumni. Find out why they chose McPherson College and find out what their college life was like compared to your own. You might be surprised that it is more than likely similar to yours.

We are excited to see the events that will be taking place this weekend starting with award ceremonies for alumni and ending with beautiful song.

Of course, we can't forget a football game somewhere in the middle.

Prospects will also be on campus. A high-school visit day will take place during the weekend. We hope they too can see the joy that this place brings to those who choose to attend school here. We need to show them the impact this school can have on an individual's life.

As students, we hope that this homecoming weekend will show you how you can still enjoy the college life beyond your four years here.

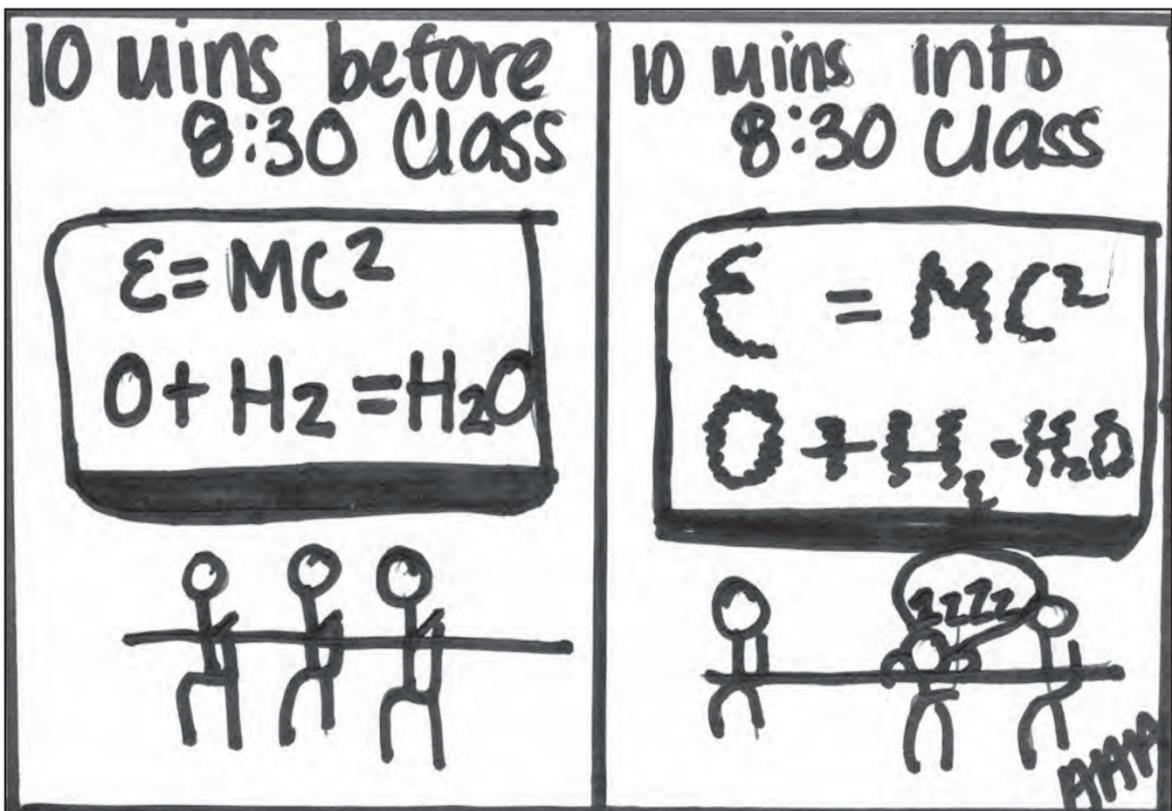
Friendships are made and held for years after you walk across that stage at graduation. You will still remember those professors who changed your life for the better. You will reminisce all the memories you made with your dorm family.

This weekend will be one full of memory-making events.

Take part and enjoy it.

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Homecoming  
**OUR POSITION:**  
Enjoy the events and people around you.

## Not Necessarily Ordinary



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students, Computer services would like to respond to the Spectator article "Wireless networks updated, internet filters increased" as some of the information provided was not correct.

Computer Services has not made any changes in the network filters. During the Spring 2009 semester, when SGA approved the purchase and installation of the 20 MB internet connection for the residence halls, computer services purchased and installed a bandwidth shaper (aka filter) that allows the college to analyze and control both incoming and outgoing Internet traffic.

At that time, computer services created the Residence Hall Internet Bandwidth Policy which set the outgoing traffic limit per IP address to 1 GB (1000 MB) in a 24

hr period. When a student exceeds 1 GB outgoing, their outgoing bandwidth is automatically severely reduced. Computer services then analyzes the traffic information to determine whether the student should be placed in quarantine. Users who have outgoing traffic that is associated with file sharing programs (Bit Torrent, LimeWire, Bearshare) are manually placed in quarantine. Computer services does not require that the computer come into our offices until the 2nd Offense. A 3rd offense places the student in quarantine for the remainder of the semester. We want to stress that we are not quarantining students who use file sharing software. We are quarantining students who are sharing files out to the internet from their

computers. As soon as students began to arrive this semester, computer services realized that some computers were not accepting the password we had publicized for RESNET. At that time, we initialized the RESHALL connection, with a password that all computers will accept. We understand that this has caused some confusion and frustration. At semester, we will be changing the password for RESNET and eliminating the RESHALL SSID. RESNET will be the only secure residence hall SSID available to students. The REGISTER SSID will remain, to provide the method to register new devices for use on the residence hall network. We would like to remind students that two wired network connections are provided in every

room, except the courts. You do not have to use a wireless connection to access the Internet. Once you have registered your device (computer, laptop, iPhone, etc) and connected to the RESNET SSID, you should be able to access the internet in your room, the SU, the library, and other locations on campus automatically. If you are experiencing problems, please email helpdesk@mcpherson.edu or call computer services 620-242-0456. Please leave voicemail if we do not answer the phone. If you are experiencing problems over the weekend, please email us; we will not get your voicemail until Monday morning.

Sincerely,  
Computer Services  
(Andy and Dave)

## Advisers guide stressful senior down the road to success

It's my senior year. What a profound statement!

When I started my college career, those four words seemed like a far-off dream, like a distant and hazy horizon. Now, that dream is a reality.

With the accomplishment of being a senior also comes a lot of hard work. I have two semesters of overloaded class hours to finish out my double major, and I couldn't complete it without the help and dedication of my advisers.

Becki Bowman, assistant professor of communication and my trusted adviser, has done everything from e-mailing during the summer about a

### JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

hectic messy semester class schedule to ease my fears about my Spanish homework.

Without her assistance and support these past four years, I know I would not be in the excellent po-

sition I am right now. Bowman has encompassed everything I imagined my adviser to be. She has made me feel as though my academic career is always at the top of her priority list, as well as treating me like a friend when I need to share my concerns.

Her wisdom and excitement for my academics has made my life so much easier.

Ken Yohn, associate professor of history and my senior thesis adviser, has helped me formulate ideas for the biggest project of my undergraduate career: a large and well-researched paper on my selected topic of female

pirates. Yohn has offered advice on a very difficult project.

For my project, finding sources and comprising a thesis has been such a treasure hunt, and I know it wouldn't be the same without Yohn's guidance.

It's hard to believe my senior year is a quarter over.

The stress, agitation and difficulties all come to a passive conclusion, however, in knowing that my greatest accomplishments are shared by a few wise individuals to whom I give more credit than they can know.

Thanks everyone, and I'll be in your offices soon.

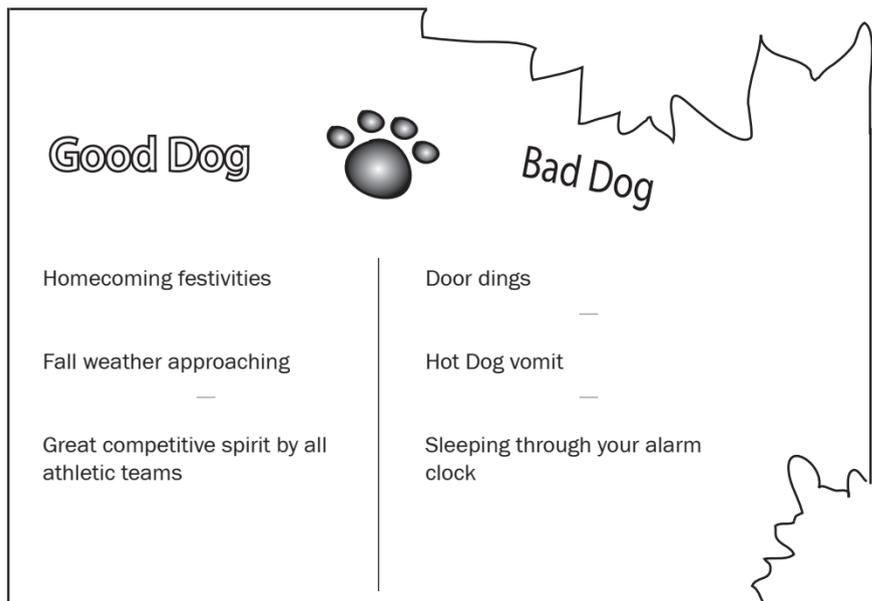
### CHEW ON THIS

"Men talk of killing time, while time quietly kills them."

-Dion Boucicault

"Until you value yourself, you won't value your time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it."

-M. Scott Peck



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# Campus population inhabited with service, humbleness and support

I'm not the smartest crayon in the box, but I like to think of myself as a good judge of character.

With that being said, I want to take a moment out of your day to tell you about some of the best people on campus.

The first is our McPherson Café food staff. Coming to campus my freshman year I heard many a horror story about food that you would have to fight to eat before it ate you. However, the new staff did an amazing job and made the café one of the best places to just sit and relax whenever you had downtime.

This year has been no

## WHAT'S COOKIN'



Dusty Kitchen

different. Though we all loved Mary at the register, I don't think anyone can say Pat hasn't done an awesome job being friendly and offering a smile to

every student that walks in.

Also, though many may grumble about some of the food options in the café I will say they have expanded their picks a little farther with some vegetarian food and turkey burgers so that everyone can enjoy. And for that, I say thank you.

The second group I would like to thank is the cleaning crews that come into our dorms every weekday and clean up all the nasty messes we all leave.

Without these great people our dorms would become something out of a horror movie or worse. I

don't want to think about it anymore.

They clean up a lot of your crap (literally) so give these people a break and whenever you find trash on a table or the floor just pick it up. I'm sure they would appreciate it.

The last group that I believe deserves the praise of the Mighty Kitchen (which might mean absolutely nothing) is the students.

Maybe I'm just getting old and senile, but I just feel like you guys are getting more involved in everything this year and it's making all events on campus a whole lot better.

A good example is the

attendance at all of the sporting events. Though women's soccer would like to see more of you out there, it's really nice to see people cheering at the volleyball and football games.

Being an athlete (okay I was the bench warmer,) I know the screams of the fans can really help in a close game. If you haven't been to any of these games, start going!

Okay, my time is up and I'm sorry if you were expecting the usual rant in the opinion section.

I wanted to show the positive side of change that many of you may not have noticed or seen.

# Required service leads to greater reward in the personal and professional world

Here at McPherson College students are required to have a certain amount of volunteer hours during sophomore seminar before they graduate. Some people think it's great while others aren't such big fans of it. College students already have sports practice, games, clubs, and school-work.

If they are lucky, there may be enough hours in the day to have a social life or date. Should we all have to do community service on top of our already hectic college lives?

There are pros and cons to community service. I think there are more pros. If you have done a lot of community service you will probably agree with me. As a freshman at

## FRESH VIEW



Emilee Reinert

McPherson, I really have not done much service on campus or in the community yet but in high school I did more community service than most people do in their lifetime.

I know what I am talking about.

I may sound like a parent when I say community service builds character, but I stand by it. I think that everyone should get the opportunity to know the feeling you get when you help people. I have done summer mission trips in the past, and they have been the most humbling and rewarding experiences of my life. As a college student, I am well aware that money is tight, but being nice is free. Lending a hand to someone in need is free. Making someone smile is always free. Free is always wonderful while in college.

I am pretty sure you clearly understand my view on community service, but there is another side of the story. Some

people do feel as if they are forced to do tedious, boring work. Why should people have to do work that they are not being paid for? Why should we have to spend our own time, which is limited, to doing stupid stuff for people who we don't even know? This is understandable.

I would rather sleep in until noon on Saturdays instead of let's say picking up debris after a storm at seven or eight in the morning. Someone has to make a difference. Why not you?

Community service isn't just about helping others out, or wasting time doing tedious work for someone you don't know. It's a great way to meet other people and it gives you a

new outlook on life. The bigger the job, the greater the reward.

Even if you think I am completely psychotic, have no idea what I am talking about and have hated every single minute of doing community service, I still have one good thing to tell you. Since you must do community service in a class to graduate McPherson College, you get the benefit to write that experience on your resume. When employers take a look at that, you have a greater chance of getting a job. In the end, it's a win-win situation.

Doing tedious work at eight in the morning on a Saturday is going to help you out in the long run, so it's worth it.

# Love it or hate it, do something to make your time here worthwhile

McPherson College will always be one of those places that people either love or despise. Is it the town, is it the school, or is it you? Throughout my four years attending McPherson, I have gone from hating it, to somewhat liking it, but I have yet to say that I truly embrace the essence of the place. The problem seems to lie in the fact that we are all from different loca-

## FIGURE IT OUT



Ryan Heller

tions and have very different upbringings.

Culture shock is defined in Webster's Dictionary as "a condition of disorientation affecting someone who is suddenly exposed to an unfamiliar culture, way of life, or set of attitudes."

So now that you realize that the problem lies within you, what can you do to change this predicament? For starters, stand up,

walk to your door, open it, and leave it open. Now that you aren't known as Hermie the Hermit and your skin is starting to regain some of its lost pigment, you can decide what to do next. This is the easy part. Do anything!

Rent a hotel room and go to Kansas City for the weekend.

Go to the dump and get an old ragged-out scooter. Go to a party, combine

your superficial clique with another one and party harder. Do something out of your comfort zone.

My theory is that if a person had to actively decide what to do every day, they would go insane. The person you are now is the result of the experiences you have had up to this point. The person you will be is the result of the experiences you've yet to have.

# SHOUT IT OUT!

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

Well, what about the other cultures at the school?

Blow grass off the sidewalks. The wind brings it into stairwells and cars. We know you own a blower.

Thank you, red team!

Dr. Pepper tastes good.

There should be a place on campus that stays open late so students can get out of their rooms, study and enjoy a nice, warm cup of coffee.

Athletic support has grown since last year. That's awesome.

Did you see that dead squirrel on Baer? Sorry.

The professor knows the material. When you present, talk to the class, not the professor.

Homecoming is exciting. It's nice to see so much participation.

Powder-puff brings out the rage in some women.

Did you know there are no penguins in Alaska and that polar bears are black not white and their fur is clear? Bet you didn't.

I wish bottled water was run through the water fountains.

You're doing a great job. Don't listen to what others say.

I wish I wouldn't have left my winter clothes at home. Mom, please bring them this weekend.

I can't wait for snowmen building.

Fall Break is almost here. I can't wait.

Look up the play "El Mort." It's crazy

You look like a puppy.

# On the Fly

## What do you like the most about Homecoming?



"The atmosphere of the campus."

Jon Neher  
Sr., Grundy Center,  
Iowa



"All the alumni coming back."

Jordan Rothrock  
Sr., McPherson



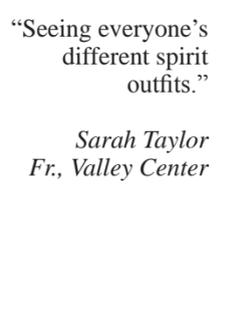
"The extra excitement on campus"

Katie Beam  
Soph., McPherson



"Spirit Week events."

Katey Taylor  
Fr., Valley Center



"Seeing everyone's different spirit outfits."

Sarah Taylor  
Fr., Valley Center



"Dorm activities and competitions."

Kelsi Sowers  
Fr., El Dorado





Above: Shannon Willams, Carol Allen, Melanie Grosbach, Savannah Sievers, Callie McCaffrey, and Danyl Chapman participate in the hot dog eating contest. Bottom Left: Two teams fight for the win in the men's volleyball game. Bottom Right: A Dotzour resident throws a pass at the powderpuff football game, to help secure a Dotzour victory.



Dennis Brown



Torey Fry

## Homecoming inspires spirited competition

STEPHANIE POLAND  
Spectator Staff

Fight, Fight, Fight! Homecoming is finally here. This is the time of year every school looks forward to.

Homecoming week is a way to show pride for McPherson College and come together as a campus in different activities, contests, and of course, the football game.

Not only is this week for current students, but also an opportunity for alumni to return and celebrate their Bulldog pride.

This week's theme, in honor of Michael Jackson, started off with "Zombie Day" on Monday. Morrison and Bittinger put on a powder-puff football game

starring Dotzour girls vs. Bittinger girls. Dotzour girls ended up winning 34 to 14 in a well-fought battle. Men's volleyball followed the powder-puff game.

Dotzour Hall sponsored a pie-throwing contest on Tuesday's "ABC...123 Day." Dean of Students LaMonte Rothrock seemed to be the target for a lot of contestants and was covered from head to toe in pie.

There was great participation at this event from both the students and faculty.

Wednesday was "Black and White Day" and the date of a hot dog-eating extravaganza.

Metzler put on its annual hot dog eating contest

won by the hosting dorm, giving them a huge jump in points.

Thursday's "80's Day" had great participation with the costumes. The bonfire was a hit with sports skits and s'mores.

Friday's Honors Convocation will spotlight young alumni, recognize students and award faculty. Students craving action can meet at the Gazebo at 10:00 pm to run through an obstacle course.

Friday and Saturday night the theatre production "The Sound of Music" will be starting at 7:30 pm.

Saturday will be the busiest day by far, starting bright and early at 8:00 am at the Bulldog 5K Fun Run and 1K "Dog Dash"

for kids under 12. Club activity booths will be open for all to enjoy at 10 am. McPherson Bulldog football will kick off against the Sterling Warriors at 1:30pm at McPherson Stadium where the Homecoming king and queen will be announced during halftime. Get there early to claim seats to help the Bulldog football team to victory.

If you want more sports action, head over to Wall Park for the 1st annual alumni softball game at 6 pm.

Homecoming is a time where a school comes together. It has started off awesome, and hopes for a memorable Homecoming are high. GO BULLDOGS!

## 'Laramie Project' to be performed simultaneously in all 50 states

EMILY JAMES  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College continues to transcend social norms through diverse pathways. Through the performing arts and the production of "The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later", the college and those who cast in the play receive a great honor by being a part of the production.

They show great courage by engaging in an activity that promotes the awareness of hate crimes still present in our society.

"The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later" tells the story of Mathew Sheppard, a University of Wyoming student who was beaten,

tied to a barbed wire fence and left for dead because of his sexual orientation.

It consists of the original monologue from "The Laramie Project" but has an additional component: it is being performed simultaneously in all 50 states, as well as London, Paris, Hong Kong, Canada and, of course, on Broadway.

The Broadway production will be connected via the internet to all of the productions around the world.

Not only does the subject matter of the production show the elevated integrity of McPherson College, but there is the additional prestige because McPherson is the only theatre in

Kansas selected to perform the play. Further, on Sept. 24 the United States House of Representatives introduced a resolution to honor McPherson College and all of the people involved in staging this project.

"I was shocked," said Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of theatre. "Our program is getting some national recognition, but mainly I'm excited for our students. If our students interested in theatre and the performing arts would have picked any other school in Kansas, they wouldn't have had this amazing experience on their resumes."

McPherson's production will feature Tim

Braginton, Alexia Hall, Melisa Grandison, Robby Tobias, Rachel Arnold, Adam James, Jessy Wisdom, Adriana Dreier, and Jordan Rothrock. The cast will also include faculty members Karlene Tyler, Luke Chennell, and Dr. Becki Bowman. The production is directed by Jd. Bowman and Kelsie Patrick and designed by Jd. Bowman and Dr. Rick Tyler.

The worldwide premiere will occur on October 12th at 7:30pm. "The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later" is a one night production only. There is a pre-show starting at 7:00pm along with a talk-back following the show at 9:00pm. All tickets will cost \$5.

# The Hot Spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR HEAD FOOTBALL COACH BRIAN WARD

TAYLOR ADAMS



**Q** You graduated Mac in 1996. What was McPherson College like when you were a student? How is it different today?

**A** Not a lot has changed. There is still great student-faculty interaction. Many of the people that helped me as a student are still here today.

**Q** What were your favorite college courses?

**A** History and religion courses were by far my favorite. I was a history major, but only about six credits away from religion.

**Q** You played McPherson football from 1994-1996. How does the football program differ from your coaching to your player days under Coach Bruce Grose?

**A** We have a lot more guys and we meet a lot more. Other than that, the only difference is that I'm a coach and not a player.

**Q** How was your relationship with Coach Grose?

**A** Great- still great. We talk once a month.

**Q** Do you ever catch yourself telling your players the same things that Coach Grose told you?

**A** We have different coaching

styles. I do model off him though. He was a big family man and never used profanity on the field.

**Q** Do your players act like you did? How?

**A** (laughs) Do I have to be specific? All the time- I was exactly like them.

**Q** How does the emotional side of the game stack up being a coach and not a player? Do you psyche yourself up for games?

**A** No. You try to measure you team's emotions and act opposite of them. If they are loud and excited I have to be cool. If they aren't energetic, I have to be all the more excited.

**Q** What values or characteristics do you look for in a player other than athletic ability?

**A** We look for someone who has a desire to succeed. They have to want a better life through education and athletics. No kid is a perfect balance before or after the program, all we can do is work to improve them.

**Q** Do you treat coaching as a job or as a passion?

**A** It's a passion of mine. Since I started here, I haven't worked a day.

## How to... Avoid the Cafeteria

JACOB NELSON

Although cafeteria food is good, convenient and paid for, maybe eating there doesn't fit into your busy schedule, or maybe you get tired of eating the same thing week after week. Here are some tips on how to avoid the cafeteria.

1 Stock up on food to cook in the residence halls. Every hall has a kitchen equipped with a stove, refrigerator, and microwave, but students will need to supply the cookware.

2 There are two main grocery stores in McPherson, Wal-Mart and Dillon's. A grocery list would include foods that are easy and fast to prepare such as Ramen noodles, Easy Mac, frozen mini pizzas, frozen burritos and Pop Tarts.

3 For an easy breakfast on the go, try a bowl of milk and cereal. If you feel like cooking, try pancakes.

4 Most dorms have grills, so a barbecue is

not out of the question either. You could also get together with several friends, split the grocery bill and have a barbecue night. It's fun, easy and very tasty, too.

5 Fast food is a quick alternative way to eat and there are plenty of choices in McPherson. Arby's, McDonalds, Sonic, Subway, Taco Tico, and Wendy's are just a few of the many fast food joints McPherson offers.

6 There are a variety of

nice restaurants in town if you want to go on a date. It would be awkward to take a date to the cafeteria: it may be the first and last date. Check the local listings in the phonebook or internet for restaurants.

These are all great ways to avoid the cafeteria on those days that the menu is less desirable, when schedules are conflicting with the cafeteria hours, or you just want to get away from the campus and have a dinner out with friends.

# Homecoming candidates announced



**John Brown**

**What is your major?**  
Business Administration: Management and Finance

**Why did you choose to come to Mac?**  
"To play football."

**What is your favorite memory of Mac?**  
"Getting dragged in the snow at 4:30 in the morning."

**What is your favorite quote?**  
"Remember your leaders who have spoken God's word to you. As you carefully observe the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith" Hebrews 13:7"

**What advice do you have for other students with the same major?**  
"Doing well in the classroom is only part (of it.) Join clubs, play sports, and get involved around campus."

**How does it feel to be a Homecoming candidate?**  
"I am truly honored to be chosen by the faculty, staff and my fellow seniors."

**What are your plans after you graduate?**  
"I am headed back home to Baldwin, attending University of Kansas for Grad School (MBA) and hopefully helping coach football somewhere."

**What don't you like about your major?**  
"Jenni Richardson, Rod Gieselman, Connie Kramer and David O'Dell (joking!)"

**Tim Braginton**

**What is your major?**  
Automotive Restoration and Business Management

**Why did you choose to come to Mac?**

"I found out about McPherson during my freshman year of college at the University of Nevada Reno while pursuing a Business degree. When I heard that I could get a degree in Auto Restoration and Business Management, I knew McPherson was where I needed to be."

**What is your favorite memory of Mac?**  
"My most memorable moment would be the day Luke Chennell called me into his office to tell me that I won the Jay Leno/Popular Mechanics Scholarship but that I couldn't tell anyone."

**What are your hobbies?**  
"I am the President of the CARS Club, play ultimate frisbee, have performed in two plays and will be in another soon. I am also a member of APO (theatre honor society)."

**What advice do you have for other students with the same major?**  
"I would tell them to take advantage of all the great teachers and activities this school has to offer. Take a Dr. Becki Bowman class and get involved with the theatre. College is all about the experiences you have and the people you meet, so go out and do everything you can!"

**Nathan Clary**

**What is your major?**  
Business Marketing/Management

**Why did you choose to come to Mac?**

"With my dad working here, I grew-up on this campus and I knew a lot of the students, faculty and staff so I felt really comfortable here."

**What are your hobbies?**  
"I play on the tennis team, I am in band, I am active in the Theatre department, and I enjoy hanging out with my friends"

**What advice do you have for other students with the same major?**  
"I think that everyone should study abroad. I had such a good experience in England that I think that it should be a requirement. If you have the opportunity to study abroad, please take advantage of it!"

**What are your plans after you graduate?**  
"Right now, I'm not sure, but I am looking into moving back to London after graduation."

**What don't you like about your major?**  
"I like just about everything. But some of the classes I didn't really care for much."

**Looking back, are you glad you came to Mac?**  
"Yes, the college has provided me with different experiences that I am very grateful for."

**Kristen Ozbun**

**What is your major?**  
Physical Education / Pre-Physical Therapy

**What is your favorite memory of Mac?**

"Too many good memories to pick just one and I'm sure there are more to come!"

**What are your hobbies?**  
"Running, playing tennis and frisbee, water skiing, and attempting to play guitar"

**What is your favorite quote?**  
"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, is therefore, not an act but a habit." - Aristotle

**How does it feel to be a homecoming candidate?**  
"I feel honored to be nominated. I definitely didn't expect it so I am very shocked."

**What are your plans after you graduate?**  
"After I graduate from Mac I plan to attend grad school and get my doctorate in Physical Therapy."

**What don't you like about your major?**  
"I don't like having to take classes that talk about becoming a teacher when I don't have any interest in teaching."

**Looking back, are you glad you came to Mac?**  
"I'm glad I chose to come to Mac. There are many advantages of going to a small school and I like getting the chance meet just about everybody."

**Kiley Loesch**

**What is your major?**  
Graphic Design

**Why did you choose to come to Mac?**

"I liked the friendly atmosphere and wanted to play in a conference that was close enough that my parents could make it to the games, since they are my number one fans!!"

**What are your hobbies?**  
"Hanging out with friends, sports, traveling, experiencing new things!"

**What is your favorite quote?**  
"There's a time and a place for everything, and it's called college." -- Chef from South Park"

**What advice do you have for other students with the same major?**  
"Get your work done on time! Don't get behind!"

**How does it feel to be a homecoming candidate?**  
"It's priceless."

**What are your plans after you graduate?**  
"What don't you like about your major?"

**What don't you like about your major?**  
"You spend night and day in the graphics lab!"

**Looking back, are you glad you came to Mac?**  
"Of course! I've met some amazing people and have had a lot of fun, I would never take it back!"

**Rebecca Grosbach**

**What is your major?**  
Applied Communications major, Spanish minor

**What is your favorite memory of Mac?**

"European Choir Tour in the summer of 2008. We went to Germany, Austria, Lichtenstein and the Netherlands for 3 weeks."

**What advice do you have for other students with the same major?**  
"Keep up with your reading, and take advantage of every opportunity that you get. Get to know your professors personally and never be afraid to ask questions."

**How does it feel to be a Homecoming candidate?**  
"I feel very honored and humbled."

**What are your plans after you graduate?**  
"I'm getting married next July, so plans are underway for that. As far as a career, I don't know yet. I would like to do something with youth ministries."

**What don't you like about your major?**  
"The only thing would be is that it's so broad. I know that there's a position in any field that I choose, but because there are so many directions one can take with this major, it's hard to narrow down. At the same time it's very encouraging in this economy."

## Theatre opens with a classic: Sound of Music hits the McPherson stage

DUSTY KITCHEN  
*Spectator Staff*

In only 20 rehearsals, the performing arts department opened its first show—"The Sound of Music"—on Sept. 25. "The Sound of Music" is the story of a young woman named Maria who wants to become a nun. After the nuns decide Maria is not ready, they send her to the Von Trapp estate where she will be a governess to the Captain Von Trapp's seven children. Jd. Bowman, one of the directors of the performing arts program, chose the musical for the program's first production for several reasons. "Since this is the first year for the new department of performing arts, we wanted to kick off the year with a bang," Bowman said. "The Sound of Music"

is also celebrating its 50th anniversary since debuting on Broadway, another reason Bowman saw it as a perfect fit. The show stars Esther Jacobitz, fr., McPherson, as Maria and Mark Shobe, sr., McPherson as Captain Von Trapp. Jacobitz, who had only auditioned for the job of a technical assistant back stage, was surprised to land the lead role. She had been in plays before, but the role of Maria is her first musical performance. The short rehearsal period for opening weekend was tough for Jacobitz. But she said getting into her character helped. "I love that Maria isn't me. Her attitude and way of looking at things are near opposites of my own. That I got the opportunity to stretch my acting muscle this way was really cool."

Though she likes the role of Maria, Jacobitz says her real passion in the theatre department is back stage. "I love the technical aspect of theatre, so you're more likely to find me working on sets than in the spotlight." Jacobitz wasn't the only one who had to fit into a role she didn't expect. Rebecca Grosbach, sr., Enders, Neb., auditioned for the role of Maria but was instead cast as the Baroness Elsa Schraeder. "It felt very weird at first because I couldn't go back to the little kid attitude that I've put in so many other roles," Grosbach said. "However, the more I worked with the character of Elsa, the more fun it got. Now it's very natural." Grosbach has acted in six plays in her time at McPherson and plans to

perform in more before she graduates. She will be stage managing her first show, "The House of Bernarda Alba," at the end of October. Overall, Bowman was impressed with all the work the actors and backstage personnel did for the short time they had. "It was an amazing three weeks of work," Bowman said. "Students really worked together. The set was built by a lot of folks and some of our upper-level students really pulled through to make this a great experience for all involved." The show plays tonight and Saturday. Next for the performing arts program is "The Laramie Project" the second week of October, followed by "The House of Bernarda Alba" the final week of October.

## Freshman seminar groups volunteer at Scottish Festival

REBECCA GROSBACK  
*Spectator Staff*

A freshman on campus may not have expected kilts to be part of their college experience. Then they experienced the annual Scottish Festival at Lakeside Park. Four freshman seminar groups had the opportunity to volunteer at the Festival. Seminar leaders Allan Ayella, Becki Bowman, Ken Yohn and Bruce Clary all volunteered their seminar groups. Bowman said one reason she chose the Scottish Festival was because it "allows freshman to get a first-hand look at something that is happening in our community." The freshman seminar groups worked on both Saturday and Sunday, doing a variety of things. Veronica Mendez, fr., Sublette, helped Saturday morning with the kids' games by helping them fill out their participation certificates. She also helped blow up balloons and handed out medals to the kids. "I like working with kids

so I enjoyed it," Mendez said. Lindsey Linnebur, fr., Wamego, worked with the kids blowing up balloons on Saturday. A service project is required for all freshman seminar groups, and it helps to instill the importance of service at McPherson College. The community heavily supports the college. "Our communities support us," Bowman said. "The community here comes and watches athletic events, choir concerts, theatre events, and attends the car shows. They give money to this institution so that the students can have a meaningful experience. It's important that we acknowledge and thank the community by giving back." On top of giving back, helping at the Scottish Festival led to new experiences as well as learning about a new culture. When asked her opinion of the Scottish festival, Mendez laughed. "It was an interesting experience. I never thought I would see so many men in kilts!"

# Bulldogs crush cross-town rival

## Rolling on through

TYLER STEVENSON  
Spectator Staff

The men's soccer team hopes to continue their three-game winning streak tomorrow at Ottawa University. The Bulldogs are averaging two and a half goals per game and recently defeated cross-town rival Central Christian College 4-0.

The game against the Tigers on Sept. 23 pleased head coach Doug Quint as the men took the field with a powerful three goals in the first half.

"We played extremely hard," Quint said. "It was a great effort offensively and defensively."

The team dominated the opening half, putting up 22 shots, 12 of which were on goal, to Central's two.

The first two goals came from junior forward Brent Mulford. The game was scoreless in the 20th minute before Mulford received a pass from freshman mid-fielder Alex Toro, and scored, breaking onto the scoreboard. A few minutes later, Mulford scored again on a penalty kick courtesy of a yellow card a Central player received for taking down junior mid-fielder Trent Lawrence, in the penalty box.

In the 35th minute, freshman forward Sam Tucker added a goal to make the score 3-0, capping off an

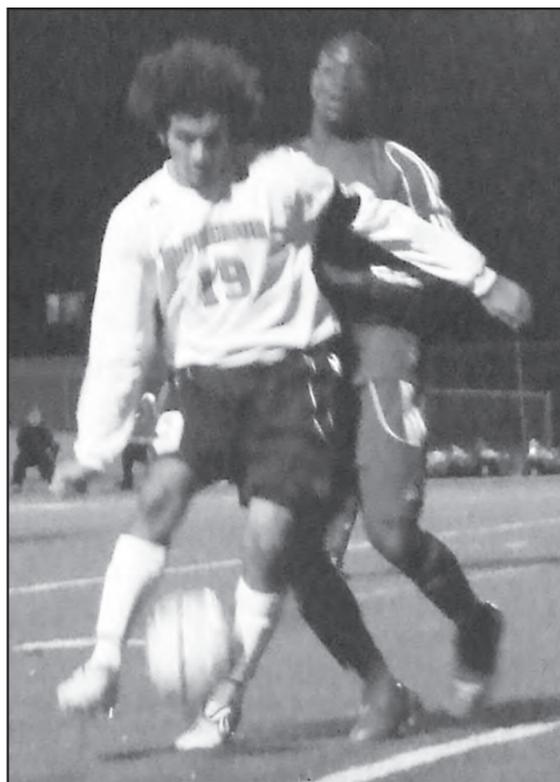


Photo by Leterius Ray

Senior Jose Arenas shields an opponent from the ball as he attempts to navigate around for a shot on goal during the game against Central on September 23rd at home.

amazing first half.

The only goal in the second half came from senior forward Armando Rodriguez in the 60th minute, making the score 4-0.

Along with the great offensive effort, a great Bulldogs defense played a role. Goalkeepers Blake Jett, soph., and John Godfrey, sr., held clean sheets, allowing no goals. This was the fourth shutout of the season for the Bulldog

defense. The Bulldogs' season record stands at 6-1, their only loss being to Mid-America Christian on September 16 with a 1-2 score.

"We're committed as a team to hold our opponents to the least amount of points as possible," Quint said. "The first two weeks we only worked on defense, so it's good to see it being rewarded."

## Knocked down, up again

ALEX STILLWELL  
Spectator Staff

The Bulldog women's soccer team will be traveling today for a game versus the Ottawa Braves, the same team that knocked them out in the semi-final game of the conference tournament last fall. The team is coming into the game with confidence in their even 3-3-1 record, hoping to make a statement to the KCAC by beating them.

The women Bulldogs are coming off two shut-out wins, one against Manhattan Christian and the other earned in double overtime against cross-town opponent Central Christian last Wednesday. Head coach Robert Talley believes the game against Central was hard-fought and that the victory was earned with endurance.

"I've had the opportunity to coach against Central Christian College for the last five years," Talley said. "One thing I can tell you is you can never fully prepare for what they bring to the game field."

The team was able to control the tempo of the game, but neither team was able to find the net in regulation time. A nail-biter with hard hits, exciting plays, and



Photo by Sarah Powell

Freshman Cheyna Buchman fights for the ball against a Central Christian opponent during the game on September 23rd. The Bulldogs won 1-0 in double overtime.

two overtime periods, the women came out with the win and bragging rights for the year.

The game-winning goal came when freshman forward Alexys Hendrickson crossed the ball into the six-yard box and freshman mid-fielder Breana Jones volleyed it into the net off the goalkeeper's fingertips.

Jones believes the team is beginning to work well together as they work towards accomplishing their goals.

"We are starting to get the flow of each other and

the game," Jones said. "We are doing very well and I am excited to see what the season brings."

Last year the Bulldogs finished third in KCAC Conference play with a 5-3-1 record. Two of the women were named all-conference first team, two were named to the second team and one to the honorable mention squad. The 2009 team hopes to do even better this year by starting off strong with a win in their first conference game against Ottawa tomorrow.

## Bold hopes for season ahead

Cross country team competes at higher level to gain entrance into conference and possibly national championships

LANGSTON RHYNES  
Spectator Staff

The cross country team will be traveling to Stillwater, Okla., for the Oklahoma State University Cowboymore. A good performance may help launch them not only in the KCAC, the national stage as well.

"We are just trying to get the program to a national level and put some of the members of the team on a national level in cross country," said head coach Joseph Eby. "Brittany Delker [soph.] could really break out in this meet, but the whole team could help put McPherson on a national stage, as well as show the conference what is to come in conference championship."

Eby also said that junior Matt Brown and sophomore David Parry could show something in this meet. However, two athletes will not be competing due to injury.

Freshman Paula Carpenter believes that the upcoming meet will show what the team is made of.

"This meet will show how well the team will do in the KCAC," Carpenter said. "As well as maybe getting a new personal record for myself and give me a lift for the KCAC championships."



Photo by Leterius Ray

Sophomore Katie Beam practices September 29 for upcoming meet.

The team will be ready to contend for a conference championship and hopes to get some of their runners into the national championships for the ultimate competition.

"The theme this year for our team is success," Eby said. "Basically the expectations for our team, for every meet is to get better and do the best of your abilities. That's all we want out of our athletes and all we can ask for."

## New spin on intramurals

LAUREN LARSEN  
Spectator Staff

Intramurals are a great way to get involved and have fun. If students like playing sports and being active, then intramurals is the place to be involved.

This year head volleyball coach Susan Barton has taken over the program and is looking forward to success in the program.

The year starts with soccer and flag football

games, followed by a volleyball tournament. Students should start picking teammates now: the signups are to be completed Oct. 19 and games begin Sunday, Oct. 25.

Other things to look forward to this year are three-on-three basketball over interterm, five-on-five men and women's basketball in February, and pool and ping pong tournaments in March. Be ready for the dodge ball tournament in April

and also softball in May. So if you didn't have time to get a team together for soccer or flag football, you have many more opportunities to be involved.

For intramural updates, check the bulletin board in Hoffman Student Union. Students are also encouraged to give input.

Ideas for games or sports for the rest of the year can be emailed to Barton.

Students who want to



Susan Barton

get out of dorm rooms and have a good time can pick teammates and join any or all intramurals.

## Hall of Fame inductees vary in talents, careers



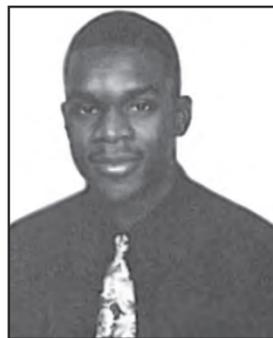
Gerald Holman  
Tennis Coach

Holman coached the men's tennis team for 12 seasons, retiring with a record of 80 wins and 71 losses. He coached eight winning seasons and won the ACCK Championship twice. He has also served as the director of development and is the father of Sheree Bowman, a 1999 Hall of fame inductee.



Janice Cordell  
Mertes '78

"Sam" Cordell won letters in volleyball, tennis, basketball and track. She competed in three different championships in various sports and graduated from Mac with a B.A. in physical education. She spent 28 years as P.E. teacher and coach and currently resides in Colwich with her husband.



Ishmael  
Kimbrough '93

Kimbrough won letters in both track and football. He is the current record holder for the long jump at 24'2 1/4", and was the conference record holder for 19 years. He graduated with a degree in history and got his M.A. from Emporia State. He teaches at Bakersfield College in Bakersfield, Calif.



Jack Vetter  
'42

Vetter lettered four years in track and football. He was awarded first team All-Kansas Conference honors twice and put on the Kansas All-Star team. He then signed on with the Brooklyn Dodgers for a year and enlisted in the Marine Corps. He received the rank of captain and served honorably in WWII.

# Cheer team earns bid for nationals

DUSTY KITCHEN  
Spectator Staff

Thanks to some high-ranking performances over the summer the cheer squad has a chance to go to the National Cheer Association Nationals Competition in Daytona Beach, Florida.

"It is an exciting opportunity to be going to Florida for nationals, especially as this is my senior year," senior Ashley Noll said. "I have cheered at Mac for four years and this will be my first opportunity to participate in a National Cheerleading Competition."

Anita Parks, head cheerleading coach, was excited about the bid and what it means for the team.

"This is a huge opportunity not only for the team, but for the college as well," Parks said. "This is the first McPherson cheer team to ever receive a bid to nationals since the squad was first formed."

The cheer team received the bid to competition after earning blue ribbons

for three judged camp routines and a spirit stick at a summer camp located at Kansas University. These honors helped the team meet bronze medal requirements needed to qualify.

"We did extremely well at cheer camp," freshman Ashley Southards said. "We really bonded and grew as a squad. It was the first time we were all actually together and it gave us a chance to get to know each other."

"I am looking forward to nationals," freshman Taylor Wilkens said. "I have never cheered before and cheering here has been a lot of fun. I really enjoy it but it takes a lot of hard work and dedication."

The team still has a lot of work ahead of them, including fundraising for the trip. They will be selling bulldog t-shirts at home football games for ten dollars each.

"We are working hard to fundraise for our nationals cost by selling black Bulldog shirts at all of the football games, we will



Photo by Benjamin Denton

The Bulldog cheerleaders practice part of their routine for half-time at the Homecoming football game tomorrow. The routine is to a Michael Jackson remix meant to match the overall Homecoming week theme.

be continuing this all year long," said Jenny Andreesen, jr. "I am very proud of all the cheerleaders this year for working so hard at camp to earn a bid to

nationals. This is a huge accomplishment for our squad. It is what we have been working so hard for these last few years."

"Winning first place in

the intermediate co-ed division was a great accomplishment," said Roxane Ayres, jr. "We were practicing past midnight for this bid to nationals.

Hopefully us going out and receiving three blue ribbons, a spirit stick, and a bronze bid will gain the cheerleaders a hardworking reputation."

## Underdogs wreak havoc

Volleyball team upsets Bethany and Ottawa and pulls itself out of a losing slump

DUSTY KITCHEN  
Spectator Staff

The volleyball team has improved its record to 4-8 overall and hopes to get another win tomorrow at 2:00 in Sterling. Having had an up and down season so far, the young team has gotten a lot of much-needed experience.

The last four matches, the team has lost to Friends and Tabor, but bouncing back strong to win against Bethany and Ottawa.

"We've won some key games, but we've also lost some key games," head coach Susan Barton said. "The team has learned so much and has improved so much, but now we are in must-win game situations if we are going to make our goal of finishing towards the top."

Switching up player rotations seemed to help the women Wednesday night when they defeated Ottawa in four games. The Bulldogs were led on the offensive by senior Kiley Loesch who had 23 kills with six errors on 45 attempts. Loesch was



Photo by Jordan Rothrock

The Bulldog cheerleaders practice part of their routine for half-time at the Homecoming football game tomorrow. The routine is to a Michael Jackson remix meant to match the overall homecoming week theme of the school.

backed by fellow senior Danna Gordon and freshman Natalie Boss who both had 10 kills.

"This is the best group of girls we've had in all four years that I've been here, not only in the realms of athleticism but personality as well," Loesch said. "Coach has done a great job in bringing in players that can help the team because they're players that

will continue to dominate the conference in the years to come."

On the season, assist leaders include junior Kelley Green with 191 assists and freshman Lindsey Lennebur with 162 assists for the year. Defensively, sophomore Amy Neufeld holds a total of 22 solo blocks and 14 assisted, while sophomores Savannah Sievers and Brook

Wedel hold 189 and 117 digs from the back row.

"We're doing nothing but excelling our game every time we go out on the court," Loesch said. "With the way the season is going so far, I know we can finish in the top of the conference. We've upset so many teams already, and I can't wait to see what we can do during the conference tournament."



Photo by Jordan Rothrock

Sophomore Kyle Toland lets loose his intense serve against a teammate at tennis practice last week.

## Fall training

JORDAN ROQUEMORE  
Sports Editor

Tennis will kick off its new season on March 5 here in McPherson. Despite the five months between now and then, the team has been competing in practice meets and preparing under the guidance of new coach Sidney Bwalya.

Bwalya believes that the team is starting to look good and need to stay excited about practice.

"We will be taking one practice, one day, and one match at a time," Bwalya said. "Our goal is to get everyone at the same level before the spring season. We certainly need to be physically ready."

The women's team currently has three seniors who all began together, Kelsey Buffo, Ashley Andrews and Mallory Griggs.

All have been positively adjusting to Bwalya's coaching style.

"His coaching style is a little different, but it's effective," Griggs said. "He has great people skills, great coaching skills and he's very nice. He cares about winning, but he cares more for the well being of the team."

Bwalya has also been working with the team on consistency and individual confidence on the court.

"Coach is completely different from our previous coach, he is intense and very driven," sophomore Cody Compton said. "Coach's regiment is way more intense than what we are used to so there are tensions, but pretty much everyone on the team is willing to participate and be involved. Personally I'm working on my consistency."

## Homecoming preparations

ASHLEY DAMERON  
Spectator Staff

It's homecoming week, and the football team is pumping up for tomorrow's game against Sterling at 1:30. The Bulldogs are hoping to redeem their 0-28 shut-out loss against the Warriors last year and continue to build their winning record.

Last week, the Bulldogs traveled to Ottawa to lose their first game of the season in a hard-fought game. Mac dominated the field the first half of the game, however after two turnovers during double overtime, Ottawa made a 25-yard field goal, ending the game with a score of 41-44.

Despite the hard loss, the Bulldogs are still confident and driven. Head coach



Photo by Emily Reinert

The Bulldog football team hold their helmets up during kickoff at the game against Friends on September 12 in a tradition meant to pump up the kickoff team.

Brian Ward believes that the team will be success-

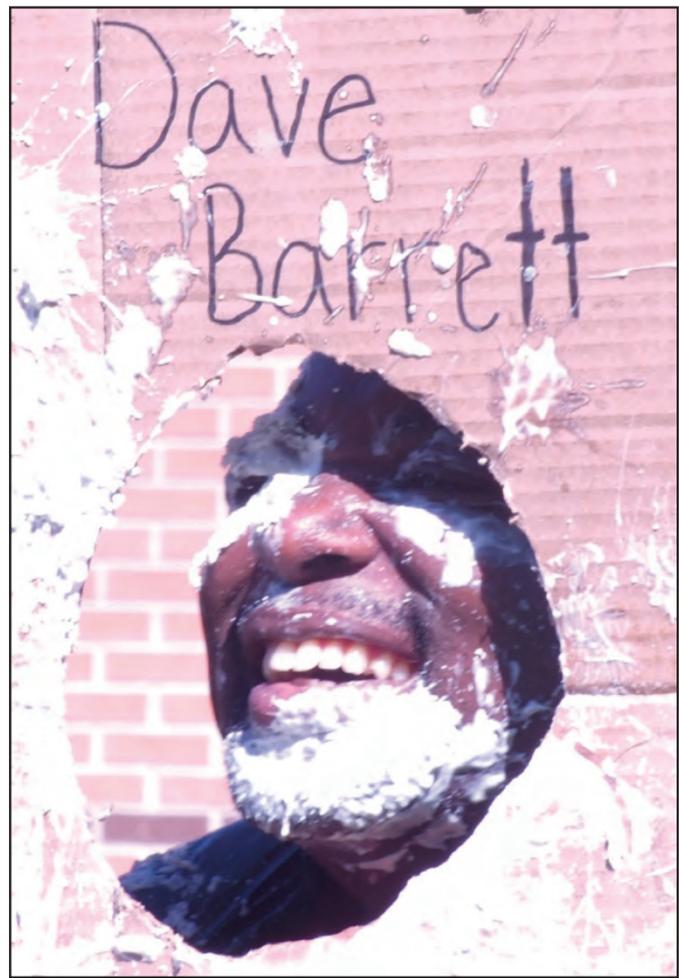
ful the rest of the season. "We expect to win ev-

ery game and we work hard and prepare hard so that expectation comes true," Ward said. "We have to take advantage of opportunities when they are presented, and we didn't against Ottawa. We will have many opportunities in tough games throughout the rest of the season, so we are working to make sure it doesn't happen again and we are successful in the upcoming weeks."

Junior fullback Raashun Payne believes that the homecoming game is no different for the team than any other game.

"We're preparing for homecoming like any other week," Payne said. "We prepare hard and go hard all the time. Our biggest strength is our dedication."

# Students participate in Homecoming week events



Photos by Emilee Reinert

Above: Outside the Student Union at 12 p.m. on Tues. Sept. 29, students get pies ready to "cream" volunteers Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, Karen Caylor, administrative assistant to the dean of students, LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, Tim Bruton, facilities management technician, Joe Eby, track & field and cross country head coach, Scott Hooker, head athletic trainer, Dave Barrett, director of admissions, Brian Ward, head coach, football, and Robert Talley, head coach, women's soccer.

Left: Dave Barrett, director of admissions gets a cream pie to the face for Homecoming week. Students paid 50 cents to pie a favorite member of staff in the face.

## Freshman class numbers an increase, not a record

KIMBERLI ROQUEMORE  
Spectator Staff

One hundred and forty first-year students walk the campus this year.

While the class size does not set an all-time record, it does make a positive impact on the school's continuing development.

There was a big push in the past years for new student enrollment and retention.

Dave Barrett, director of admissions, attributes the student population success to a tremendous staff and faculty that have been doing great throughout the admissions process.

"This is the fifth year in a row that our freshman class has increased," Barrett said. "Overall we have 543 current students and it's the most we've had in twenty-plus years."

Despite rumors, the

2009 freshmen are not the largest class ever to come to McPherson College. According to past enrollment records, the year 1969 brought in 242 first-time freshmen.

"It was during the Vietnam War," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. "People couldn't be drafted if they were enrolled in college."

Students also seem to appreciate all the new

faces around campus. "I think it's good. I hope the retention rate stays," said Kelsey Gray, jr., Arvada, Colo.

Torey Fry, fr., Wichita, also looks favorably on her large class.

"It's kind of comforting to have that many people coming in," Fry said. "We can stick together because we are all getting adjusted to this."

## Ambassadors take new approach

SHANNON WILLIAMS  
Spectator Staff

Student ambassadors changed this year with the addition of teams to help create an active image on campus.

"Instead of just giving tours to prospective students, we've split the group into five different teams," said Matt Pfannenstiel, assistant director of admissions.

A lead team consisting of four people is in charge of training ambassadors and revising the tour script.

"Each member from the lead team is in charge of

their own team," said Savannah Sievers, soph., Stafford.

The additional teams include service, advertising, alumni, and recruitment teams.

The service team is in charge of developing a service project for all ambassadors to participate in.

The advertising team is in charge of creating yearly t-shirts, keeping the ambassadors updated on visit days and alumni events and doing local advertising as needed.

The alumni team works with the advancement and

admissions offices for different alumni events and gatherings.

The recruitment team is in charge of helping recruit new ambassadors.

"People know what ambassadors are so it's important for us to create an active image on campus," Pfannenstiel said.

The process in becoming an ambassador this year was different from the past.

"It was harder to be hired as an ambassador this year because we had a lot of returners," Pfannenstiel said. "The beginning of the fall, I sent out

an email and they had to fill out an application why they wanted to be an ambassador. They had to hand it in on time and do an interview."

The new recruits are required to shadow other ambassadors on tours and go through training.

Twelve new ambassadors were hired this year in addition to the returners.

"Overall, the changes that have been made are important because a campus tour is the first impression a prospective student gets," Sievers said.

## Metzler remodeled, commodities added

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The last few years have seen some major changes in Metzler Hall including carpet, windows, paint, furniture and heating and air conditioning.

"Colleges usually don't have good heating and air conditioning," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. "Nor do they have nice carpet, activity rooms, and wireless internet. Oh and did I mention that here we have cleaning crews work their butts off for us?"

Metzler beds are being traded to the adjustable height frames. It is a goal to change out 75 mattresses on campus each year. Also being traded out are desks and chairs. New couches and televisions in the lobbies are a noticeable change, but the heat-



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Doug Cooke, facilities management technician, works on repairing the seal on a window outside Metzler Hall.

ing, air conditioning and windows may not be as obvious. On the north side

of Metzler is a compressor that replaced the old water pipes which used to

heat and cool the building. The windows were all replaced over the last two years.

With all the individual projects added up, Metzler is almost new. Another project on the table is a restroom remodel. Without giving a date, Rothrock said the restrooms will be gutted and completely rebuilt on all three floors of Metzler. This project, however, will depend on funding. Dotzour Hall recently went through the same thing, which cost \$400,000. When the cost of the Metzler's restrooms is estimated and funds allocated, new restrooms will follow.

Also of note are recent commodity updates including a ping pong table, and Xbox 360s and DVD players that are available to check out.

## SGA elections fill board with 10 new members

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There are many new members who will bring fresh ideas to SGA this year.

"The new members on the board add both energy and fresh input to the SGA board," said Shandi Tobias, SGA advisor. "We can already see within the group what I hope will soon be visible to the student body."

"I am more than excited for all the new members, mainly because this means that our board is full," said SGA vice president Savannah Sievers, soph., Stafford. "Filling the board was one of my top stressors for SGA this year, and it has already been done! Secondly, I am more than excited about the group that we got in. Each one of them has something good to bring to SGA and will be a huge help. We also have a very diverse group which gives the student body's voice a better chance at being heard."

**Cody Compton**, soph., Colorado Springs, Colo., sophomore representative: "I ran pretty much because they needed people but I also wanted to become more involved with the college. I'm pretty happy I received the position, I've never ran for anything before, so winning on my first try was rewarding. What I plan on contributing is a new face, new ideas and a new view point."

**Sam Tucker**, fr., Denver, Colo., member-at-large: "I ran because my friend Mike Phillips and I heard about SGA at the freshman activities fair and thought it would be a cool way to meet people and get involved within the school. I'm pretty excited to be a part of SGA, I hope to contribute by starting to get more involved here."

**Callie McCall**, fr., Vona, Colo., Bittering representative: "I ran for this position because I was involved in my high school student government and it was one of those things I really didn't want to leave behind.

Getting this position is an awesome opportunity. I plan to contribute some really good ideas to make this year better than last year."

**Andy Robinson**, fr., Tulsa, Okla., Metzler representative: "I ran for this position because I think that I'm a great candidate for that position I want to make a positive impact on the people who go to McPherson as well as the community. Being a freshman in SGA is a big thing for me, it shows I'm dedicated to my school and I'm willing to do anything to help the McPherson community. I plan on contributing a lot of my time helping do school activities and service projects for the community."

**Stephanie Poland**, sr., Arvada, Colo., off-campus representative: "I ran because I wanted to do something I have never been a part of any type of student government before. I thought that the experience would be great and that I would learn a lot. I was super excited when I found out that I got the position, it was just a different feeling of accomplishment. I plan to bring a different outlook and opinion to SGA."

**Jessica Bewley**, fr., Tulsa, Okla., Dotzour representative: "I ran for SGA because I wanted to make sure that the student's voices were being heard, to make a difference. I felt great to have people stand behind me and help me get what I really wanted. I plan to contribute by making sure everyone's voice is heard and let everyone in Dotzour know exactly what is happening so they don't miss a second of fun."

Other new members elected this year are freshman class representatives Lindsey Linnebar, fr., Wamego, and Dusty Hague, fr., Cheney, member-at-large Claire Krizek, fr., McPherson, junior class representative Kelsie Patrick, jr., Elizabeth, Colo., and Morrison representative Blake Jones, soph., Melvern.