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NEWS BRIEFS

Inauguration for Schneider set for Nov. 7

Michael Schneider will be officially inaugurated as the 14th president of McPherson College.

The inauguration ceremony will be held in Brown Auditorium at 2 p.m.

'The House of Bernada Alba' to show for two consecutive weekends

The play by Federico Garcia Lorca will feature Spanish-speaking students.

It will begin Halloween weekend and continue into November.

Showings will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 6-7 in Mingenback Theater.

Fall Break gives students some down time

There will be no classes Oct. 19-20, but the cafeteria will still be serving meals.

Miller Library will be closed Oct. 17-18 and open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Bowling night changed for Fall Break

Instead of the usual first Friday of the month, SAB will host their monthly cosmic bowling opportunity Sunday from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Pizza will be provided at the bowling alley for students.

New ACCK executive director announced

Jerry Smith will begin his position as executive director for Associated Colleges of Central Kansas beginning Oct. 19.

Career workshops hosted monthly

Chris Wiens, director of career services is hosting monthly career-oriented workshops in the SU Chapel for students.

Next month's session is going to be Nov. 11 and the topic will be graduate school planning.

If you want to attend one of these workshops, email Wiens so she can prepare for the number attending.

International art show selects Conyers

Wayne Conyers one of 30 U.S. artists chosen to show work in Japan

DALE SCHWARTZ
Spectator Staff

Taking a risk is hard. Competing in an international event is even harder. Wayne Conyers, professor of art, is honoring himself, our campus, and our country by doing both.

Conyers is rarely in his office. He loves being out in the ceramics lab or the drawing studio, taking with him his signature cup of coffee and working diligently on his art. He often participates in regional and national art shows, showing his watercolor paintings. Although he has been accepted to show his work in plenty of national shows over the years, Conyers has never had the opportunity to present his

work in an international show.

A year ago, Conyers got an invitation in the mail to an international exchange exhibition that was to take place five months later at the National Art Center of Tokyo, Japan. Thirty artists from the United States were chosen out of all the applicants. Since this was Conyers' first invitation to an international show, he knew he had to do it.

There were a few guidelines Conyers had to follow. The art to be chosen had to best represent America and be no older than two years. It also had to be on a specific size of watercolor paper, a size that Conyers had no current paintings on. After clearing it with his wife, he decided to take



Photo by Rod Bartel

Wayne Conyers works on of his art in the drawing and painting studio.

on the challenge and paint an original piece in five months. Conyers takes his time on his work, so five months wasn't much time in his perspective.

"It became more of a

stressor than a stress relief," Conyers said. He normally paints at his own pace and for himself. This time around, he felt like this work was for someone else.

Conyers knew that most, if not all, of his spare time was to be dedicated to the painting if it was go-

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Two faculty honored

DUSTY KITCHEN
Spectator Staff

Homecoming weekend crowned a king and queen, but two faculty members were also given awards for the Tenured and Non-tenured Faculty Teaching awards. Those recipients were Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theater, and Luke Chennell, assistant professor of technology.

Rick Tyler has been teaching at McPherson College for 33 years. Tyler teaches in the performing arts department and won the first teacher's award when it was given around seven years ago.

After five years, Tyler was eligible to be selected again as for the tenured faculty award.

"I was actually very surprised when I was called up. After winning the first award I thought I couldn't get it again and was trying to figure out who they were talking about," Tyler said.

Fellow award winner Luke Chennell felt Tyler was very deserving.

"I can't emphasize enough how great it is to work with people like Rick. He is very deserving, and is someone that I admired much while I was a student," Chennell said.

Tyler had another surprise. A graduate he taught when he first came to McPherson College was at the convocation and congratulated him on the award.

"She said it was good to see that students today were able to experience the good teachers that she got to, and it was nice to

hear that," Tyler said.

"Rick has always been a positive person I could turn to for help on campus," said Amanda Pangburn, sr., Albertville, Ala. "He can be strict sometimes, but he always does it to help you out and lead you in the right direction. Rick is one of the professors that make McPherson College a great place to be."

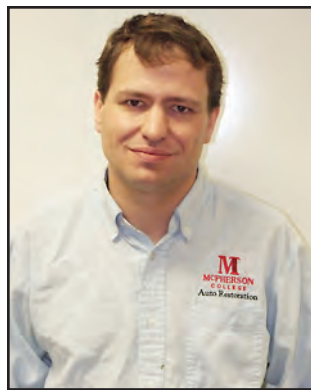
The non-tenured faculty award went to Chennell, who has been teaching at McPherson since 2003. Chennell teaches courses in the automotive department that include drive train restoration, chassis restoration, materials and processes and applied diagnostics.

Chennell was very surprised about being picked as the winner of the non-tenured faculty award.

"My heart always races a little bit when the awards are announced," Chennell said. "I feel very privileged to work with so many talented people, and it's always great to see them honored. Kent Eaton did such a wonderful job announcing. I have to say that the moment I knew was when he started talking about my boots."

Chennell finds the award a good reminder of how the career he chose was the right one.

"It's very humbling," Chennell said. "I never thought I would become a teacher, but I enjoy it more than anything I've ever done. I feel extremely privileged to work with so many people who have so much passion for the same things I do. It's incredible to be honored for doing something that



Luke Chennell



Rick Tyler

I love."

Ron Lambert, sr., McPherson, agrees that Chennell deserves the award as much as anyone.

"Luke provides valuable course content, with a great balance of providing the information while letting the students experience it in the lab setting. Luke helps us learn through our hands as well as our minds, which I think is a great way to learn," Lambert said.

The teaching awards are given to faculty members as voted by fellow faculty and students on campus. After the votes are tallied and a list is compiled, a selection board is made up of three students and some faculty members to pick those most deserving.

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Metzler gets new resident director

MELISA GRANDISON
Spectator Staff

If you're looking for Metzler RD and assistant men's basketball coach Edward Newton, you might have to search a bit.

Edward Newton, is working hard to juggle his multiple obligations on campus. "My biggest challenge is probably time, and making sure I divide it wisely so that one job does not neglect the other," Newton said.

Newton maintains a positive outlook. "Being a resident director and a coach lets you build life long friendships and relationships with the students."

Newton graduated from Rust College in 1996 with a bachelor of arts degree in print journalism. He now lives in Metzler hall with his two children, Taquise, 7, and Jarea, 6.

Newton and family lived in Memphis, Tenn., before moving to McPherson. "It was a big change to move from a big city to a small town, but it's good for my children," Newton said. My children have adopted half the campus and I think Taquise believes he's a student here."

In Memphis, Newton worked as an interim head men's basketball and men's and women's head cross country coach at LeMoyné Owen College. He also worked as a second assistant men's basketball coach and dorm counselor at Lane College in Jackson, Tenn. Then at Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss., he worked as an assistant men's bas-



Edward Newton

ketball, head cross country coach, head softball coach and dorm director.

Newton has also received awards for his previous coaching jobs. He was named SIAC Men's Basketball Coach of the Year for regular season play in 07-08 and received the award for "Most Outstanding Coach of the Conference" at the men's basketball conference tournament in 08-09.

Newton is looking forward to the upcoming basketball season. "I'm excited about the season and our players are working hard to prepare themselves. I'm anxious for them to see how hard works pays off," Newton said.

Newton also appreciates his work with head coach Tim Swartzendruber. "It's been a pleasure working for coach Swartzendruber," Newton said. "He is a good man and is allowing me to use my coaching experience to grow, teach and learn."

He enjoys his work in Metzler. "I love being an RD in Metzler," Newton said. "So far my guys in 'The Dog Pound'

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Find happiness in areas of study

Parents tell their children to be who they want to be when they grow up. Teachers tell their students to study as hard as they can in high school so that they can get a degree and make a lot of money after college. In college, professors will help lead their students in the direction of the degree they seek.

They don't tell you that after those long, four years if you aren't happy with your degree, you are stuck. All of those loans that you took out were for a degree that you don't want to make a career out of because all you thought about was how much money you wanted to make.

Picking a major solely based on a future salary isn't the way to go. Yes, you may want to be a cardiovascular surgeon or you may want to be a sales manager for a huge corporation but both of those things take a lot of schooling and take a lot of time learning from the bottom before you ever make it to the top.

You might end up learning that you really don't like what you do and that the money may not be worth it.

In college, you get a chance to explore a variety of majors by taking introduction classes to different subjects. From there, you can see all that the major offers and some of the careers in that field.

The economy is going to slowly get back to where it was a few years ago. No one knows for sure how long that is going to take. If students just sit and worry about how much money they will or will never make, they will never find what they actually LIKE to study. Most of us on the Spectator staff have picked our majors because we enjoy what we do. We enjoy going to class. We enjoy learning different concepts that will lead to us being productive in our fields. We, sometimes, enjoy doing our essays and papers to prove to our professors that we can connect every idea they have given us to a situation that we would encounter in everyday life.

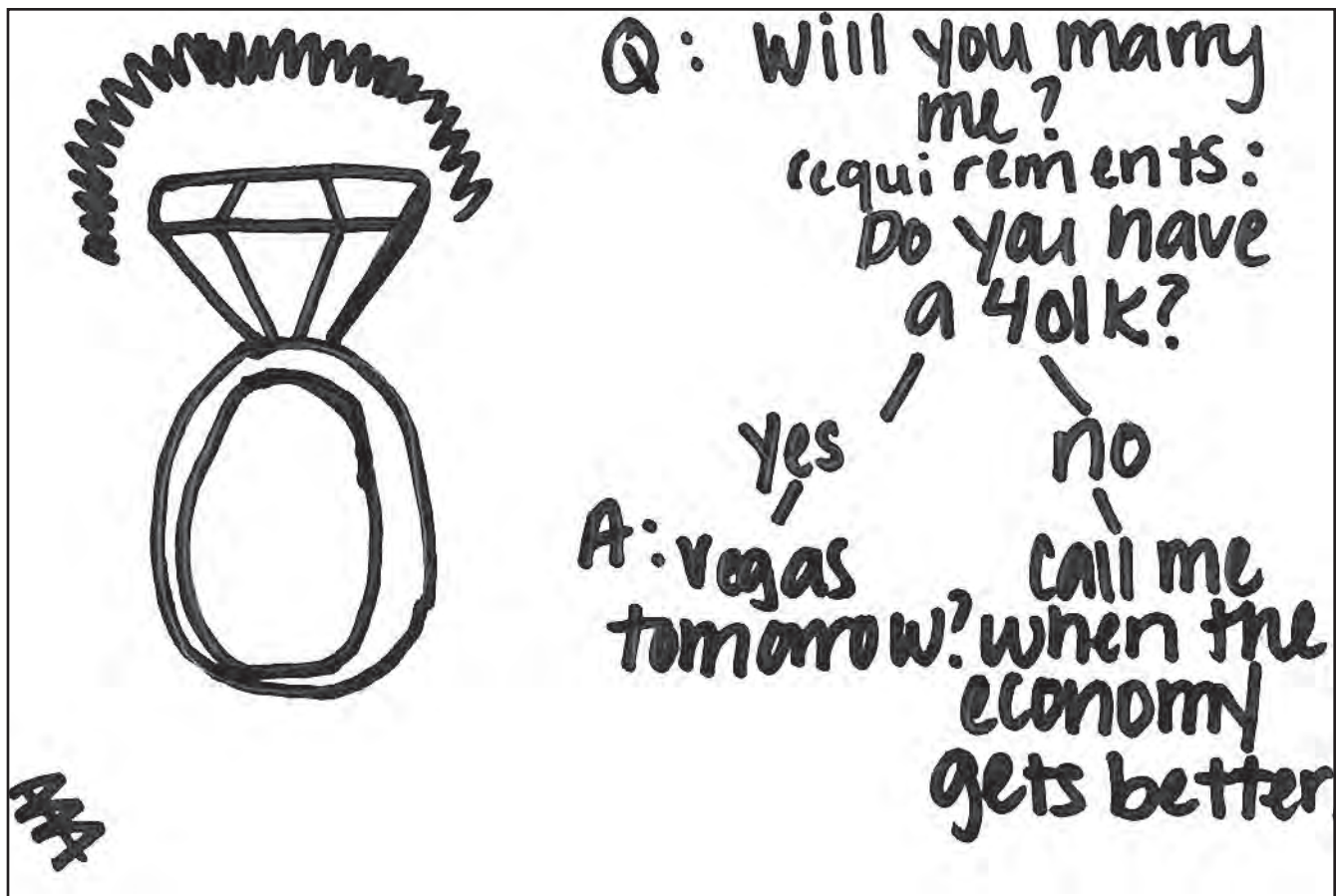
Money won't find you happiness. Discovering who you are in what you like to do will be the key for your success.

Listen to your heart and listen to what motivates you. Yes, money is motivating but money doesn't last. Living a productive life not dreading going to work everyday should be the happiness you seek.

That happiness will last. That happiness will show you that all of your hard work has paid off. Money will come to those who least expect it. Enjoying your job first and foremost should be the goal that you seek after your four years of self-discovery.

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Money vs happiness
OUR POSITION:
Don't pick major based on salary..

Not Necessarily Ordinary



H1N1 vaccine distributed to the public

Dosage, ingredients and lack of testing could be a concern to patients

Last week, the H1N1 vaccine was released for public use and most of the initial shots will be administered to workers in the healthcare industry. With the major concerns over the spread of the H1N1 virus, many people are wondering when they will be able to receive the vaccine.

John Holdren, science czar for the Obama administration, said that 1.8 million people will be hospitalized from the H1N1 flu. Where these numbers are derived is anyone's guess. The true question is why there is an alarming amount of media attention on the vaccine, but there is a general lack of information on what is actually in the vaccine itself.

In order to become more knowledgeable with the true risks and benefits of the vaccine, I decided to do some research.

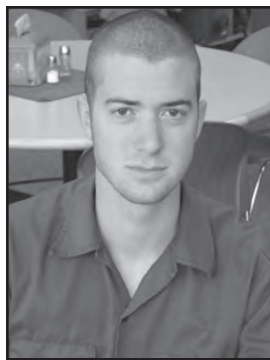
There are five different manufacturers of the vaccines that will be available in the U.S.

The company Novartis will produce 46 percent, 26 percent will come from Sanofi Pasteur, 19 percent will come from CSL, 6 percent will come from MedImmune and 3 percent will come from GlaxoSmithKline. MedImmune is the only U.S. based company that will be producing a vaccine, which is in the form of a nasal spray.

The injectable vaccine will be administered to individuals from age 9 to adults as a single 0.5mL dose. Ages 36 months to 9 years old will receive the inoculation in two 0.5mL doses spread a month apart.

Why an infant needs twice the dose as an adult is a question yet to be answered.

FIGURE IT OUT



Ryan Heller

The injectable serums will be sent to physicians as either a 0.5mL single use vial or a 5.0mL multi-dose vial. Every 5.0mL multi-dose vial contains the mercury containing preservative Thimerosal. In 2004, California and several other states banned the use of Thimerosal in influenza vaccines because of its known health risks and worries that it may be a contributing factor in the current Autism epidemic.

If this ingredient is banned, then why is it in the vaccines? The inoculation type vaccines are from other countries where there isn't a ban on such ingredients.

With the supposed need for massive amounts of vaccines for world-wide use, the World Health Organization, WHO, recommended that adjuvants be added to the vaccines. An adjuvant is used to aid in the effects of a vaccine by stimulating the immune system to respond to the vaccine more dramatically.

Two proposed adjuvants are MF59 from Novartis and AS03 from GlaxoSmithKline. Both are squalene-based, which has been linked to auto-

immune disorders. This is another ingredient never granted approval for use in the U.S.

Another oddity regarding the H1N1 "pandemic" is the fact that WHO has admitted to releasing pandemic viruses into the population in order to get a jump start on creating vaccines for the "real" pandemic. This is done, supposedly, to have more time to gain approval on that the vaccines will be needed.

The lack of testing with this particular vaccine is a cause for great concern. With such a short time to produce the vaccines, only limited testing has been conducted.

There is no testing that has been done regarding the effects on women who are pregnant, people who have compromised immune systems or those who have other underlying medical conditions such as asthma.

GlaxoSmithKline is quoted as saying: "Clinical trials will be limited, due to the need to provide the vaccine to governments as quickly as possible. Additional studies will therefore be required and conducted after the vaccine is

“If this ingredient is banned, then why is it in the vaccines?”

made available.” This essentially turns everyone that is inoculated into one large pool of test subjects.

Not a problem for the vaccine manufacturers as they are protected under law from any liabilities that might incur from side effects associated with the vaccines.

Massachusetts recently passed a law that gives the government the right to administer forced inoculations and relocates citizens to an assigned quarantine facility if they refuse to receive the H1N1 vaccine. While not currently practiced, it is a possibility if deemed necessary.

With the ever-changing scope of government within our country, everyone must be vigilant as to what is taking place around them.

Arm yourself with knowledge and you will never lose a battle.

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Good Dog **Bad Dog**

<p>Fall Break trips and a break from schoolwork</p> <p>Good cafeteria food</p> <p>—</p> <p>Finding activities to do while the weather is gloomy outside</p> <p>—</p>	<p>Not parking your car in a correct spot</p> <p>—</p> <p>Rain, fog and sleet</p> <p>—</p> <p>Failing a test that you studied more than two hours for</p> <p>—</p>
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CHEW ON THIS

“Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.”

—Arnold Bennett

“If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living.”

—Gail Sheehy

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Weekly awards take a turn to the dark side

“Viruses to the community” spread negativity and hate throughout campus

Ladies and Gentlemen prepare for the second part of the Dusty Kitchen Awards.

I figured since, in the last issue, I pointed out some people on campus for doing a great job and making things better, I should also point out those groups of individuals that seem to try and bring everything down.

I will not name names because some of these people could probably beat me up and then there would be no more Dusty Kitchen awards. That would be a sad day.

So let us start off with the group that seems to do the most damage I've seen on campus.

These are the people who like to create drama. And I'm not talking about the theater drama like "The Sound of Music," though, one could consider some of those people "Nazis."

I'm talking about the

WHAT'S COOKIN'



Dusty Kitchen

people who, for whatever reason, have to start problems just so they can see things burn. They must always spread rumors about people or even just escalate the truth, which is still lying, just so they can get more attention to themselves.

These self-serving people have little care if anyone else is harmed, as long as their own agenda is taken care of.

These people are a virus to a community and can spread hate among the closest of friends.

For that they get the first award for worst people on campus and I won't say names, but you know who you are.

Actually, you probably don't.

To help you out, you're already starting to talk trash and spread angry remarks about me and this article.

The second group that really seems to bring the happy mood down on campus is the destructors. Again, I have no idea what compels this small group, but for some reason they find it necessary to break things and leave it for others to clean up.

I will say that most people blame the football players. Don't! Destructors come from anywhere, not just football. I am tired of them getting blamed for

every broken object, and I'm not even a football player.

So, for your destructive capabilities you get the second award and also an urgent please stop. There is a punching bag over in the Sport Center. Take your anger out on that.

The final group is the negative people. No matter what the good people of campus try to do to get everyone involved these people will point out something that they don't like.

They will never be happy unless they are telling someone else how they messed up. A good example was last year during sports and even a little this year. Whenever a team was having a tough time, these people would jump all over them and not even give them a chance. It's not good for a campus community and just brings things down.

So there you have it, the three groups on campus that in my opinion make things worse.

It would be nice if they would stop, which won't happen because human nature makes sure of that.

No matter how much you dislike what you're given, try to make the best out of it.

There is no point into making things worse just because you don't like how things are. Two negatives do not make a positive.

Doing and saying are completely two different things. be that difference.

When someone decides to spread negativity throughout campus, do what you can to put a stop to it. Don't add to the drama.

That's all I got for this week faithful Spectator readers.

Cap'n Kitchen, over and out!

SHOUT IT OUT!

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

I have 50 t-shirts and none of them have sleeves!

Why does the apple juice always taste like water?

Waiting in line at lunch is like waiting in line for a roller coaster. Instead of a fun ride at the end, it's a merry-go-round that ends with indigestion.

But I gotta go right now.

Thank you performing arts department. You have brought an awareness to this campus that hasn't been seen in a long time. Keep up the good work.

Thanks for holding the door for that woman. Most men your age wouldn't have even given it a second thought.

I can't wait to go home for a few days.

I'm glad Tres Amigos isn't open 24 hours. I would be there every night at midnight when I get the munchies.

Congrats MAC sports for doing so well this semester.

Hey resident assistants, thanks for unlocking my door almost everyday. Sorry I'm forgetful.

If you have an opinion about something, do some research and write an opinions article for The Spectator.

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Squirrels are harder to catch than you think.

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Midnight Madness was wild.

I wish we had a cooking class on campus.

Philosophy and religion finds hidden treasure

Last year, when the college was facing severe budget cuts and students feared for the future of their majors, it was almost sad to go to certain classes.

We were unsure of the future of those classes on our campus, and, personally, my heart ached for the future students of McPherson College. Would they ever experience the knowledge Gary Entz, former professor of history, possesses? The fun of performing arts professor Rick Tyler's "Musical of the Day?" Or the humor and passion in philosophy and religion professor Herb Smith's classes?

When the decisions were made to cut and keep, to mend and tear, the entire campus felt the repercussions. But in the midst of all the heartache and questioning, a bright star emerged. Herb Smith was informed of a monetary gift left through an estate to specifically fund the on-the-chopping-block philosophy and religion program.

Funded by the estate of Donna Allen, a retiree who audited McPherson

JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

College courses, the gift was unexpected, well appreciated, and huge.

According to a McPherson College press release, Allen's gift established "The Elsie Whitmer McChesney of Zenda, Kansas, Endowment Fund to educate students in Christian service and to prepare them for a life of Christian ministry and service." Allen gave almost \$3 million dollars specifically to the philosophy and religion program.

"Donna took, I think, every class I offered in philosophy and religion," Smith said. "She was a very dignified woman, incredibly curious. Her gift

to the college was right around \$2.7 million. My understanding is that she gave almost her whole estate."

It could be speculated that the generous gift helped with the decision to allow the philosophy and religion major to stay, but that assumption is, according to Smith, a "gray area."

It is clear that because of McPherson's ties to the Church of the Brethren, nixing the religion program as a whole was never an option.

"Deciding to resurrect the program because of the gift may or may not have had a factor," Smith said.

What is curious about this wonderful gift is the secrecy behind it. Learning of the gift was a whirlwind, Smith says, and it was vague.

By fall 2008, the college was aware of the gift but not the amount. By December, the Trustee's plan for sustainability recommended to eliminate the philosophy and religion major and adding a Christian service minor. By February, the faculty

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- Herb Smith

recommended retaining the major but without the knowledge of the huge gift.

The gift was knowledge to the administration, but that does not, however, dull the effects of the gift on the college.

"It just amazed and moved me emotionally," Herb said. "It is like, incredible. It was overwhelming when I learned of it."

Smith is excited for the future. The plans for the funds are still not concrete, but Herb has dreams of sponsoring service projects both nationally

and internationally, particularly in Ethiopia.

He and his wife, former professor Jeanne Smith, have established libraries in Ethiopia and want McPherson College students to travel there. Bringing international students from South Korea is another hoped-for project. But really, Smith just wants to enjoy his students.

"McPherson College graduates give from their hearts," Smith said. "It's because they love this place. The heart and soul of this college is in the liberal arts, and we can move peoples' heartstrings emotionally here."

Regardless of the dollar amount, regardless of the plans, regardless of the secrets, what Donna Allen did for our school is priceless.

She gave to something she believed in and enjoyed. She gave to something that changed her for the better.

That just proves that this campus changes its students mentally and emotionally.

What a blessing. What a gift.

On the Fly

Do you think the college betters your academic career?



"Some classes I appreciate and benefit from. Other classes don't meet what I need."

Sonia Mast Sr., Hesston



"My core classes are the most beneficial and do help my major."

Shannon Williams Soph., Galva



"Yes. You build references with professors and can always come back when necessary."

Grant Miller Jr., St. John

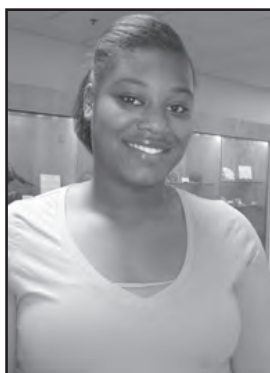
"Yes it does. My core classes help me apply new ideas to situations I've ran into in real-life."

Nathan Clary Sr., McPherson



"Overall it does support my academics even though my minor was cut. My major still fulfills my goals for graduate school."

Mallory Griggs Sr., Colorado Springs, Colo.



"Yes, but not for general education classes"

Lance Dick Jr., Hutchinson



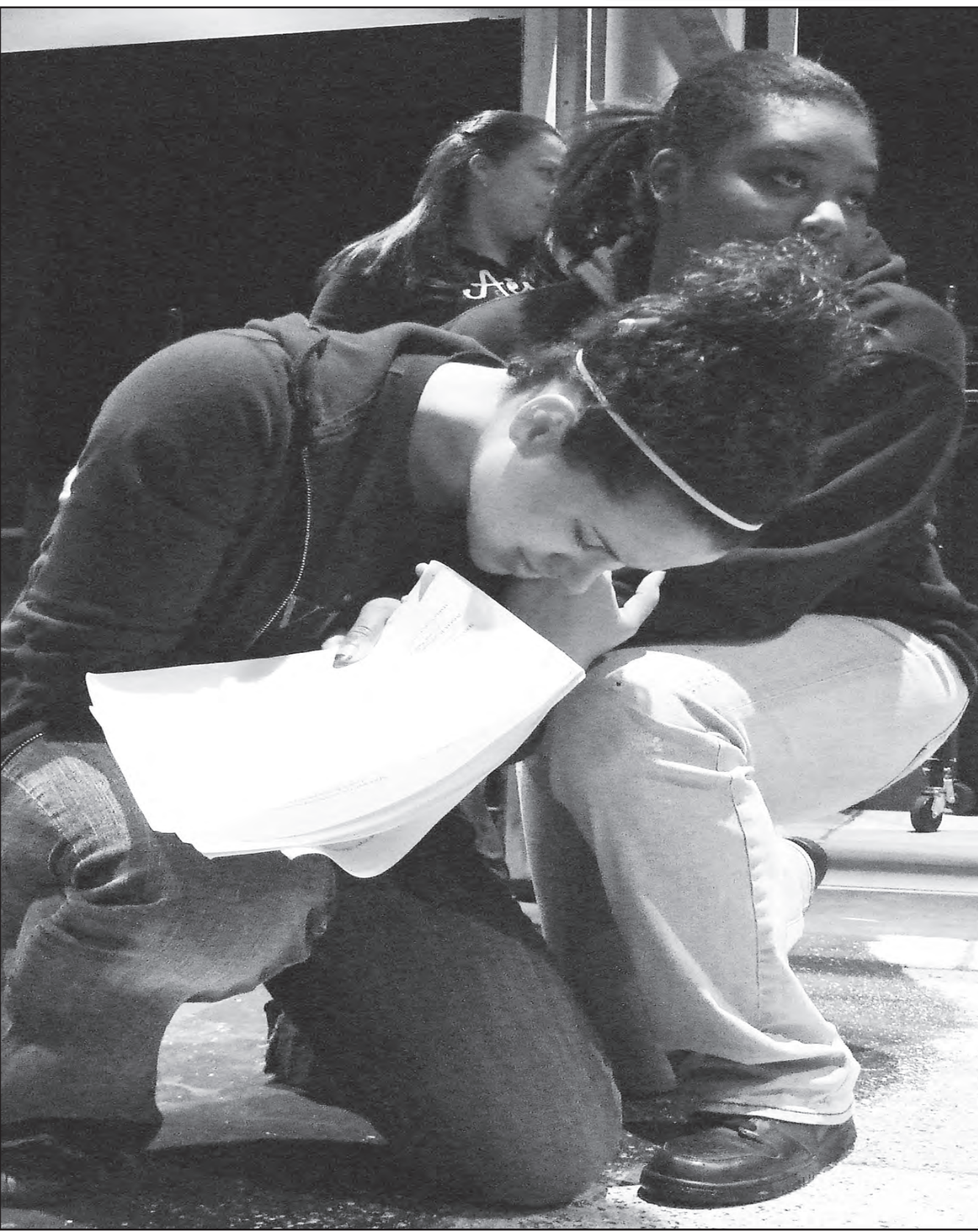
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Sarah Powell

Melisa Grandison, jr., Quinter and Mallory Griggs, sr., Colorado Springs, Colo., practice for the upcoming play.

Performing arts department to premiere first ever dual-language production

DUSTY KITCHEN
Spectator Staff

The McPherson performing arts department will open its first ever Spanish-English dual-language play, "The House of Bernarda Alba," on Halloween weekend.

The play tells the story of Bernarda Alba, a woman who has just buried her second husband and is now trying to raise her five daughters. The youngest daughter doesn't like being told what to do or how to live, and she tries to break free of her mother's rule.

The real spin for the show is the two languages. The show was written by Frederico Garcia Lorca and is performed in Spanish. Along with the Spanish dialogue, the show will have subtitles so that the audience can understand the story, but still get the beauty of the production

in its original language.

Rebecca Grosbach, sr., Enders, Neb., is the stage manager for the show. She and Alexia Hall, jr., Moundridge, began to work on a literal translation of Lorca's work last spring. Hall, who has completed Spanish courses up through Spanish IV, and Grosbach were able to finish the translation this semester with help from Lidia Labra, sr., Scott City, Labra stars as Bernarda Alba in the play.

Melisa Grandison, jr., Quinter, who plays one of the daughters in the play, finds the mix of the two languages exciting and helpful for her future.

"I appreciate that we are doing a bilingual production," Grandison said. "I'm trying to prepare myself for study abroad in Mexico next semester. This has proved to be a great opportunity to continue my

journey in Spanish in the absence of a Spanish major on campus."

Grandison isn't the only one excited for the play. First-time performer Mira Coulter, sr., Wakita, Okla. also finds the experience helpful and fun.

"I absolutely love that this play is bilingual," Coulter said. "The Spanish language has an entirely different flavor and attitude to it, and it's great to try and convey that in a play. Plus, Spanish is my major so it's nice to get the extra practice."

"The show is interesting because even though there are no male characters in the play, the women's lives are still ruled by the men in their world," said director Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of Theatre.

Bowman says this work is turning out to be a full team effort. People have to work together to help

make translations, even himself and fellow performing arts professor Rick Tyler have to work together to make the show a success.

"It's also been a truly collaborative work," Bowman said. "Rick's set design has changed a little because of the way I'm directing the show. My blocking has changed a little already because of Rick's set. The actors have all brought new views to the script, and Rebecca Grosbach's leadership has been refreshing to work with as well. It helps that she speaks and understands Spanish. I do not, so the challenge of directing actors speaking Spanish has been interesting."

The performing arts department will follow "The House of Bernarda Alba" with Rumors on Dec. 5th.

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR BOOKSTORE MANAGER LINDA BARRETT

TAYLOR ADAMS



Q You are the bookstore manager as well as the assessment secretary. What is an assessment secretary?

A As assessment secretary, I get ready for assessment days and prepare all the testing material for students.. Also three times a year after general education classes have assessments, I collect their data and give it to Shane Kirchner, my supervisor.

Q How did you come to work in the bookstore?

A I've been with the college since 1996. I started as the Resident Director of Dotzour, and after seven years I became assistant director for the adult education program. I did that for about three years and then the bookstore position opened up in fall 2006.

Q You graduated from Mac. What was your major here?

A Elementary Education.

Q When you were a student, was there much discontent over book prices?

A Well, I was not happy to pay \$200 for books per semester. I think it's similar today.

Q How has campus life changed since you were a student?

A I'm not sure it has much, other than students today all have computers and TVs in their rooms. When I was a student we all crowded in the lobby to watch TV.

Q What is your vision for the bookstore's future?

A Bigger and better.

Q Your vision is bigger and better. Do you think the store will reach a point where it satisfies the vision?

A Definitely, the book store had an amazing year last year and I know it will continue.

Q What is your favorite aspect of working in the bookstore?

A I enjoy the busyness of it—everyday is a new challenge. There is always something to do.

Q Is there anything else you would like the Spectator to know about you or your role here?

A I enjoy what I do. I love seeing the students in the bookstore as well as the entire faculty.

Q Do you see yourself staying with the college in the coming years?

A I do see myself at the college for many more years to come. It's like home.

How to... Spice Up Your Dorm Room

JACOB NELSON

Need ways to make that dorm room feel more like home? Try adding personal touches to any dorm room to spice it up.

1 The most popular way to decorate a dorm room is to hang up posters. It's a very personalized way to let visitors know what you're in to. Students can cover whole walls with posters, but how? Our hand book says we can't always use the easy pushpins because they put holes in

the wall. A simple solution is sticky tack, simply stick on the paper then to the wall.

2 Another very cool way to personalize a room is to add more lighting. Rope lights come in many colors and varying lengths, and are really effective in adding color to a room. Neon signs, lava lamps or regular lamps also add a bright touch.

3 If your roommate is cool with it, add small furniture like re-

cliners, beanbags, maybe even a small couch. It adds more seating which allows for more accommodation for guests, not to mention making the room more comfortable.

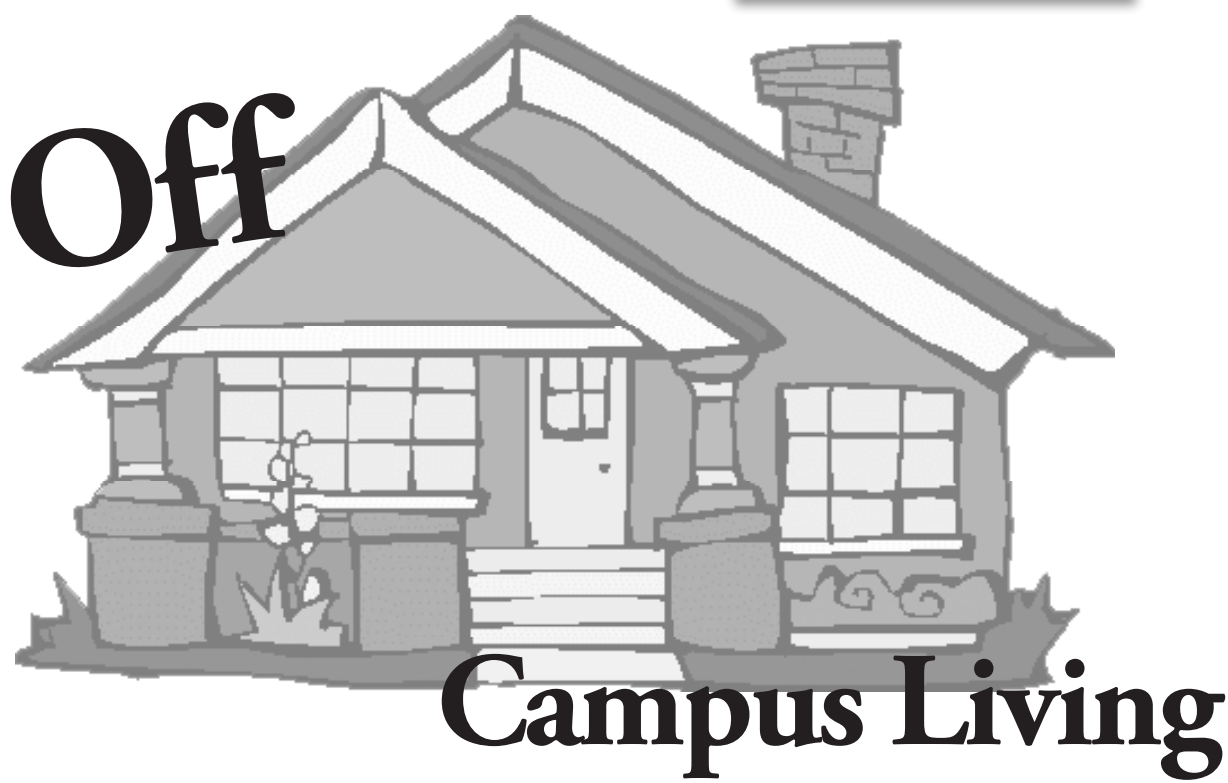
4 Feeling home sick? A great way to make a room feel like home is to put up pictures of friends and family. Use the corkboard that is provided in some rooms or use sticky tack.

5 Another way to add some spice to a room

is to use washable crayon to color the walls. Several students in Dotzour hall have already used this approach to add fast and easy color to their rooms. Not only is it a great way to add color to an otherwise boring backdrop, it's easy to take down and can be a fun project to put up.

These are all great ways to spice up a dorm and make it feel more like home. Turn your space into something cool.

Off



Campus Living

Alternative student housing: possibility or reality?

TRICIA FENSKY
Spectator Staff

Its 8:00 a.m. Your roommate's alarm clock is beeping at you to start your day. You stagger to the hall bathroom and take a quick shower to wake yourself up before class. If the cafeteria is along the way, you swing by and eat a quick breakfast.

Whether you live in Dotzour, Bittinger, Morrison, or Metzler, this is a typical morning routine for students. More than half of students live on campus, but what about those who live elsewhere?

"I ended up staying in McPherson over the summer, and living on

campus wasn't an option," said Gary Yates, sr., Coffeyville. "I found an apartment in which I live by myself and enjoy the privacy and quietness to study."

In order for students to live off campus they have to first write a letter of their request stating how it would save them money. "I lived on campus for two years and wanted to live at home because I knew it would save me money," said Abby Schlesinger jr., McPherson. "Now I don't have to pay for the whole meal plan and housing."

"I have considered living off campus so I don't have to worry about knocking on my neighbor's door to

tell them to be quiet," said Dale Schwartz, jr., Crystal Lake, Ill., who lives on campus.

"That's one thing I don't miss, loud neighbors and sharing a room," Schlesinger said.

Living off campus can also give students more freedom. "If I want to have friends over, I can whenever I want and however long I want." Yates said.

Living off campus has its pros, but there are also negative things that accompany it. Living off campus means waking up earlier. Also, if there is a gap between classes, students don't have a room to go to while waiting for the next class to begin.

"When I have a time slot in between classes, I hang out in the library," Schlesinger said. "Some things I miss about living on campus are seeing my friends every day and the community in my residence hall."

With the enrollment rising on campus, more residence halls are being filled to capacity. Crowding is sure to be an issue for the college, and more may opt to live off campus.

It doesn't matter where students live, but it is up to the individual how involved people are and to make an effort to meet new people. Wherever students choose to live, they should make the most of it.



Benjamin Denton

Katie Logan, soph., Topeka, RA for third floor Dotzour marks down which students in her hallway are leaving for fall break.

Resident Life Staff: differences from last year

STEPHANIE POLAND
Spectator Staff

Dormitories house students while attending college. When first looking at a dorm you think of multiple floors lined with rooms. Multiple worries plague freshmen who are typically unaccustomed to living in a small shoebox with another person. Lucky for these students there is always someone available if you need help in the dorms or simply someone to listen to your problems. That's right folks we're talking about resident assistants.

Resident assistants are students who help the Resident director's in the dorms. While many dorms have more than one, at least one lives on every floor in every dorm. RA's have many duties while living in the dorm they monitor noise levels, make hourly rounds at night, and help to plan fun activities for those students who live in their dorm. While all of these jobs are important the RA's most important job is to make sure everyone in the dorm is safe, as well as having a good time.

Savannah Sievers, soph., Stafford, said that her favorite part of being an RA is "taking care of a fun group of girls." Sievers is one of many new RA's, who also happen to be underclassmen.

Annie Rotering, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo., said "one of my biggest issues with being a younger RA is getting respect from upperclassmen."

While the underclassmen are definitely the majority on the resident life staff this year there were still a

few upperclassmen found returning to the job.

Metzler RA Josh White, jr., Stockton, said "What I enjoy most about being an RA is my leadership role, and to be able to organize activity's for my floor."

Another returning RA Melisa Grandison, sr., Quinter said she finds the social aspect most enjoyable because she gets to know everyone in Dotzour and gets to help them get involved in campus activities.

While there are a lot of new resident life staff this year they are not the only new addition to the dorms for the 2009 - 2010 school year. Health and safety inspections have also been added and RA's like Grandison think they are a good idea for the safety of the residents.

"Not only will the dorms stay safer" Grandison said, "but we will have fewer problems with smells, animals and keeping an eye on amenities that are not allowed."

While many students feel like there have been a multitude of changes most of the Resident Life staff do not feel this way.

Ashley Luthye, soph., Northglenn, Colo., said "I do not feel like the rules have really changed, I just have a better understanding of what they are this year. We all have a better idea of why the rules exist.... That way we can be more considerate of them."

Your RAs are here to help you when you have problems. If you have suggestions for a fun dorm programming activity let them know, they are more than willing to help.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Right: Charles Moore, sr., San Antonio, Tx, dunks a basketball with the help of an astonished Shireana Robinson, DeBerry, Texas, at midnight madness. Moore was one in a long line of Men's Basketball members to practice their basketball abilities at the end of the evening.

Bottom: Moments after Moore slams the basketball in the photo to the right students and team members rushed onto the court to congratulate him.



International students find differences in American lifestyle

REBECCA GROSBACH
Spectator Staff

Seven students from around the world have taken the opportunity to spend their academic year at McPherson College. Education, sports and culture all played a big role in the decision these international students made in choosing McPherson College.

Aurore Joigny, a freshman from Deuil-la-Barre, France, came here for

very specific reasons.

"I wanted a small college with a great art program. McPherson was perfect," Joigny said.

Ronaldo Fihlo, a freshman from San Paulo, Brazil, was connected to McPherson through his tennis coach.

Students have noticed differences in both the education system and the culture. To Fihlo, the biggest educational system difference is living in a dorm.

"I was not used to living on campus," he said.

Doreen Tanga, a freshman from Kampala, Uganda, noticed how everything here is customized to each student.

The largest adjustment for Tanga is that in Uganda, there are over 48 different cultures all with their own language and way of doing things. Here, things are more uniform.

For Joigny, the largest cultural difference is the

traffic.

"There is no traffic here compared to Paris. Nobody honks at you because you started two seconds after the stoplight turns green, instead of one second or less," Joigny said.

Even with the differences, the students are making themselves at home. Fihlo is a member of the tennis team. Joigny, who was an exchange student at Cunningham High School in Cunningham,

Other international students include:
Shaun Blenkinsop (England), Vyacheslav Bukatin (Russia), Peter Fisher (Canada), and Franz Grossmann (Austria).

Overall, the students are enjoying their time in McPherson. They are very appreciative to the hospitality and support they have gotten.

"I really appreciate everyone for making me feel welcomed and at the same time making me feel at home," Tanga said.

"All people are being amazing and are supporting me. I really appreciate all this help," Fihlo said.

Kansas, is using this semester to settle in, and is planning on getting more involved in the spring.

Cross country gains local glory

ALEX STILLWELL
Spectator Staff

The McPherson cross country teams swept the McPherson College Open last Saturday and is now getting set for action Oct. 24 for the NAIA Mid-States Classic. This meet is usually very challenging and a great test for the teams.

"Both sides have been running very well in practice and meets up to this point," said head coach Joe Eby. "I hope that this weekend will be a good confidence boost for us."

"It's going to be a good, big race," said Kyle Smith, fr. "The team is definitely ready for it."

This past Saturday the team hosted a smaller meet at the McPherson Country Club. Bad weather made for challenges for all competitors, but the Bulldogs came out with the win.

Sophomores Brittany Delker and Katie Logan finished in the top five, leading the women's team to an overall tie with Bethel for first place.



Photo by Mira Coulter

The men's cross country team kick off their meet Saturday Oct. 10 at the McPherson Country Club. Both men's and women's competed against Bethel, Sterling and Mid-America Christian. The men received first place overall along with the women who tied Bethel for first place in their division.

Senior Shaun Griffin finished first in the men's division, followed by freshmen Kyle Smith and Mike Baxter in second and fourth. The men's team also received first place, beating out Sterling, Bethel and Mid-America Christian.

"I would say our conference ranking of 4th on men's side and 6th on women's are accurate for this point during the season," Eby said. "I still feel both can place higher when Nov. 7 comes around."

The KCAC Championships will be held in Wichita on Nov. 7. Qualifiers from that will compete in the NAIA Championships which will take place Nov. 21 in Vancouver, Wash.



Photo by Emilee Reinert

Senior forward Armando Rodriguez drives the ball around a KWU opponent during the game on October 10. Rodriguez scored within the first six minutes of the match, giving him nine goals for the season and 22 for the year.

Men live up to pre-season expectations; take the lead in conference play

DUSTY KITCHEN
Spectator Staff

The men's soccer team took control of the KCAC by being the only team undefeated after four games. After beating rivals Kansas Wesleyan 2-1, the team looks forward to another win tomorrow against Friends.

Head coach Doug Quint is happy with the big win and where the team sits in the conference, but also knows the season isn't over yet.

"This was a good result for us today and puts destiny in our own hands," Quint said. "There's still a lot of soccer to be played and some tough games ahead. We just need to stay in the moment and focus on one game at a time."

The week of Oct. 5-11, the Bulldogs took both KCAC "Players of the Week." Offensively, junior Brent Mulford had two goals and one assist in two separate matches. Defensively, freshman Michael Phillips was the main point in defense that



Phot by Emilee Reinert

Junior Lance Dick and senior Alex Toro run back to get on defense in the game here on Sat. against Kansas Wesleyan. The Bulldogs beat the Coyotes 2-1 to secure the top spot in the conference.

helped the Bulldogs give up only one goal in two matches.

"Defensively we continue to play soundly, having only conceded 6 goals in 10 games is really pleasing," Quint said. "Offense puts fans in the stands but defense wins championships. We did a good job against Kansas Wesleyan of keeping their play in front of us and limiting

them to long range shots."

Senior mid-fielder Shaun Blenkinsop feels this team can go far.

"The season's going really well and that's because guys are working a lot to improve every day in practice," Blenkinsop said. "The win over Kansas Wesleyan shows what we can really do if we put our minds to it."

"There's still a lot of soccer to be played and some tough games ahead. We just need to stay in the moment and focus on one game at a time."

- Doug Quint

Women's soccer exceeds .500 mark

Women improve their record by consistent victories in past three weeks

KIMBERLI ROQUEMORE
Spectator Staff

The women's soccer team is set to play October 17 at Friends University with kickoff at 8 p.m. Their record has been improving in recent games, something the whole team would like to keep going.

The women faced off against Bethel on Wednesday. According to head coach Robert Talley, they can be unpredictable.

"Their record doesn't reflect their potential," Talley said, "We can't take them lightly."

Last Saturday, the Bulldogs walked away from their duel against Kansas Wesleyan with a draw, leaving the game with a score of 1-1 in double overtime.

The team now holds a record of 2-1-1 in the conference and 5-4-2 overall.

"Even though we didn't win against Wesleyan it was a big victory for us," Talley said. "It gives us a lot of momentum to carry into the conference."

In a game against Tabor, the women scored two goals in the last 20 minutes of the game, claiming victory with a score of 3-2.

"This season is better



Photo by Emilee Reinert

Senior defender Courtney Castelli hustles to the ball for a throw in at the game on October 10th against KWU.

than the last because the team is evolving as a team a lot quicker than last year," Talley said, "We have a legitimate chance of winning out the rest of conference."

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Players turn into coaches

Basketball team members volunteer to coach in community league

LANGSTON RHYNES
Spectator Staff

The basketball team has been helping inner-city youth by coaching for a fall basketball league. Sixteen of the 19 basketball players are participating, with two players coaching each team.

Head basketball coach Tim Swartzendruber started the fall league two years ago.

"We started the fall league for a good experience to help some of the inner city players to get ready for their upcoming seasons," Swartzendruber said. "It will help build a relationship with some of the area players, and maybe even give them the push to want to play for us".

The program is giving back, promoting campus athletics and creating a new perspective for the players who have volunteered to become coaches for a season.

"I feel it will help give positive exposure in the community for the basketball team and help the city come and support the team even more," Swartzendruber said. "It will help the basketball players think about the game in a different way, as well as give them a different outlook if they're playing the game".

The league began last month and lasts for two months total. Antwine Lamb, sr., is a coach in the league and believes it's a



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Junior Franz Grossman speaks to one of his high school players during a game. He is one of the sixteen coaches for eight different teams made up of local, pre-college players.

great experience to be in a coach's role.

"The league helps me just help out in the city and help out some young players get better and give back to them like someone did for me when I was young," Lamb said. "Doing this just helps me be a positive role model for the inner city youth play-

ers and for the community. It really helps kids around Kansas group up with teams, play and learn the game even more than they do now."

Freshman D'onte Hall said, "The fall league has been a great opportunity and a great outlook on the game."

The players from the

previous fall league have come to home games and get a better look at the campus as well. The fall league is not only beneficial for coaches and players, but is a great way for the city of McPherson to see that the basketball team and the college want to give back to the community they're a part of.

Guest speakers inspire team

ASHLEY DAMERON
Spectator Staff



Ken Yohn

Part of the college experience is meeting people and making connections. Sometimes, it's these connections that get students where they want to be, and it's the insight from an outsider that really makes a difference. That's why head football coach Brian Ward has started a tradition. He invites people to be guest coaches for a day.

The guest coaches are normally a professor on campus, alumnus who used to play for McPherson or a community member. Every one of them has something to share with the team, whether advice or a story about their football days, it's always motivating the team toward something positive.

"I think it is great for our players to meet people in the community that have an interest in them," Ward said. "I believe that it is also beneficial for members of our campus and community to be a part of our program and experience what game day is all about. All come away with a better appreciation for what goes into preparing 95 student-athletes in the game of football, and why the bonds that are made within a football

program are so thick."

But it's not just the coaches that think it's a good idea. The team is responding well to the idea, too. Coach Ward believes that the effect goes even further than the team.

"I think for some of the professors who never had the chance of being in the locker room or playing football, it excites them and helps them see all the small things that we as football players put into the program outside of academics," Ward said. "It helps them realize the commitment each student-athlete makes is a big one."

Several of these former guest coaches for this season include Michael Schneider, Dave Barrett, Tom Hurst, Ken Yohn, and Rod Gieselman.

"For those who played here in the past, I don't know how many times I've heard them say 'It's just good to be back in a locker room full of football players. I even miss the smell of it,'" Ward said.

Looking to lengthen win list

Volleyball team attempts to expand on what's working for them.

ALEX STILLWELL
Spectator Staff

McPherson volleyball has had a rough start, but seems to be coming together the second half of the season after winning in three sets Monday night against Kansas Wesleyan.

Coach Susan Barton has faced some line-up changes, but hopes to expand on what is working for her team this season.

"One of our biggest positives is our passing this season," Barton said. "It has been fantastic and it has made things easier on everyone by having the ball passed where we need it to be. We are quick and very scrappy and that frustrates our opponents."

After beating Kansas Wesleyan, senior player Danna Gordon can also see the team changing for the better.

"We are really starting to come together and play as a team," Gordon said. "Our win against Kansas Wesleyan is a good way to start off the second round of conference play."

"I'm glad I have all the girls there to help me get through."

-Callie McCaffrey

The Bulldogs have had tough times this season, but Coach Barton is proud of the women who keep giving their all.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Senior Danna Gordon attempts to spike the ball on her KWU opponent at a home game on October 12.

"Our young kids have stepped in and filled spots and have done a great job, as well as some of our older girls playing positions they didn't play last year and being successful at it," Barton said. "It is refreshing to have some girls that are willing to do whatever it takes to help make our team better."

Freshman Tiffany Rooker is one of the younger players on the team, yet she helped lead the team offensively Monday night with 14 kills and three errors on 28 attempts.

"I think we really stepped it up tonight and we all played as a team," Rooker said. "We communicated well and it finally came together"

Freshman Callie McCaffrey admits that the team is struggling, but continues to take pride in her teammates.

"It's been a rough year," McCaffrey said. "Definitely a big change from what I'm used to. I'm glad I have all the girls there to help me get through. We'll get through the rough spots together."

Building season brick by brick

Football team adds to winning record by beating Sterling and Saint Mary.



Photo by Sara Powell

Junior quarterback Shane Mascarenas hands the ball off to junior runningback Aaron Lafitte in the homecoming game against Sterling. The Bulldogs shut out their opponents 21-0, putting their record at 4-1 overall and 3-1 in KCAC Conference play.

LAUREN LARSEN
Spectator Staff

After beating nationally ranked Friends University, it was clear that McPherson College's football team was off to a great start. Now, the Bulldogs are coming off two big wins: a shutout 21-0 against Sterling and a whopping 58-13 victory against the University of Saint Mary.

The next two hurdles are games against Kansas Wesleyan, away tomorrow, and Southwestern, at home on the 24th.

Last year the team was handed an unfortunate loss

against KW with a score of 38-10. KW recently lost to Bethany and is, statistically, a team that can run the ball effectively and, realistically, a team looking for a comeback.

"Expect a hard fought game," said defensive lineman Drew Griffin, sr. "They are a good running team and have a lot of returning players."

The team is also looking forward to the next home game against Southwestern, motivated to repeat or best their 41-7 win over the Spires last year.

"They have a good running back and will be hungry for a win," said Joe

Battasso, defensive coordinator and linebacker coach. "It is important for us not to misjudge what Southwestern might have in store for us this year."

"Both teams are pretty good and we are expecting a victory from both," Griffin said.

The Bulldogs only have five more conference games left and they hope not only to keep but to improve their winning record. Their overall record currently stands at 4-1 with their KCAC Conference play record at 3-1. Their only loss was to Ottawa at an away game September 19.

Student services focus on safety

SHANNON WILLIAMS
Spectator Staff

Student services encouraged students to be safe, healthy and lock things up by using the month of September to focus on safety.

"The number one issue parents have when sending their child to college is safety," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

"One of the things we focus on in Student Services is keeping things safe so students can be successful with the learning process, which is why they're here in the first place," Rothrock said. "That's one of the main reasons for students to be safe, and obviously their parents or parent have entrusted us with their safety."

One of the main campaigns for safety month was the "Jiggle Campaign." Student services walked through the residence halls and jiggled door handles.

If the door was locked,

the students received a coupon for \$2 movies on Tuesday night. If the door was unlocked, the students were given a piece of paper that said "You've been robbed!"

The campaign was a way to reward students who are locking their doors and to encourage those who weren't to do it more often.

"We always try to think of new ways that we can make people aware of safety issues," Rothrock said. "The number one issue for us that students actually have control of is locking their doors, both on their cars and in their rooms. We tried to think of a creative way to make people aware of that issue and to thank people for doing what we ask them to do, even when they're in their room."

The prevention of theft was the key to the "Jiggle Campaign," proving just how easy it is to "rob" an unlocked dorm room.

"We'd rather be the ones jiggling their doors to teach them to lock it

than have someone else do it," said Kelli Johnson, personal counselor.

Student services also promoted health and safety through programming in the residence halls.

"The biggest thing that we were focusing on was the locking up of things," Rothrock said. "We do lots of programming activities because from a safety standpoint, the more that we know each other, the more likely that we're going to take care of each other. We kind of tied all the personal health and safety issues in there with H1N1 and putting the hand sanitizers up."

Student services is making the campus safer for students by keeping the trees trimmed high, hanging mirrors at corners and improving the lighting, but students are still encouraged to be safe.

"Lock doors, be aware of surroundings, keep car doors locked, use a buddy system and report things that look suspicious," Johnson said.

Student Ministry Advisory Group to begin multiple projects on campus

AUDREY SECKER
Editor-in-Chief

Seven students have embraced the service aspect of McPherson's mission statement by joining together to help with projects throughout the community as well as the rest of the world.

The Student Ministry Advisory Group (SMAG) meets every other month with Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries, to discuss and choose various service projects to involve themselves and the rest of the campus in.

"It's a group of students to join me to select what campus ministries will do this year," Hurst said. "It's not a group of students that come up with things themselves, but students can give ideas about what they want to do." The group has

a number of projects in progress for the year and have participated in the CROP walk, a 'See You at the Pole' prayer service and the International Day of Prayer. One of their on-going projects is Kiva micro-loans.

"We started that [Kiva micro-loans] last year," Hurst said. "We got over \$700 that we use through Kiva to help individuals around the world by giving them loans. We are then part of a group of individuals who make loans to these people to help them start a business."

"We're doing a blood drive for spring break and we plan on doing a service project," said Kelsie Patrick, jr., Elizabeth, Colo. "I think it's great, I enjoy it. It's something else to be involved in on campus and I like the activities

that we have planned."

SMAG has a number of ideas for projects throughout the year including blood drives in November and April, meeting with Habitat for Humanity, a booth at the alternative Christmas market, a possible spring break service trip to Hammond, Ind., and more. The group will also sponsor a "Justice Week" in February when Rev. John Fife will be on our campus to speak in classes and to the college at convocation.

Hurst encourages students to talk to him about joining the group.

"Anybody is welcome to come in and talk to me about this group. It's not exclusive, it's meant to be inclusive. Students can give ideas about what they would like to do," Hurst said.

Faculty: awards presented at honors convocation

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Kent Eaton, vice president for academic affairs, said the turnout for voting for the awards was sadly low, but he believes that the two faculty members that were chosen had earned the award.

Tim Braginton, sr., Winnemucca, Nev., an auto restoration major and Melanie Grosbach, soph., Kansas City, Missouri, a participant in theater, backed up each of their respective professors.

"You really couldn't

ask for a more deserving professor," Braginton said. "Luke is an incredible asset to the college both in and out of the classroom. Just this week he performed in his first ever McPherson theater production. Luke is an incredibly passionate professor who dedicates long hours to helping his students learn all they can. I mean, how many people can name off the top of their heads the exact torque specifications of every nut and bolt on a

Model T?"

Grosbach felt the same about Tyler. "Rick is amazing at what he does and he definitely deserves that award," she said.

Tyler had a word or two about the awards given.

"It's always good to see faculty given gratitude for their abilities, but my favorite award is the young faculty. Building and supporting young faculty like Luke is always more exciting than older tenured professors getting their awards."

Newton: balancing time with campus and family

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are great, especially my RAs. I don't think I could have asked for a better group of guys." Overall, Newton is pleased with the college. "It's a close-

knit, family orientated college," said Newton. "So far we have seen nothing but warm hearts and smiling faces. It has made the transition of starting a new job and

new school for my children really easy."

Newton's work will be appreciated both on the court and in the dorm.

C.L. Lindsey returns to educate students about Internet safety

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
News Editor

"Convocation" and "fun" are not typically words students use in the same sentence. C.L. Lindsey may change that.

Lindsey, the Oct. 23 convocation speaker, is a lawyer who primarily works on college student cases. The convo is sponsored by Student Services.

Lindsey spoke at the college two years ago and was asked to come back because he got "such a good response," said LaMonte Rothrock,

dean of students. Lindsey addresses "what students need to know as far as their rights go."

The goal of the convocation is to educate how the law affects students, particularly when it comes to what students put on the Internet. The presentation has "expanded to go along with texting, Twitter," Rothrock said.

Lindsey will also talk about "sexting," which has become the topic of many lawsuits among young adults.

Electronic media have grown substantially in

the past few years, and along with all the good, there comes a lack of privacy, especially on the Internet.

Two years ago, Lindsey began the convocation by showing pictures of students he found on the Internet doing things employers might not like to see, such as parties with alcohol.

Students who have heard Lindsey before expect an interesting and informative time.

"This will probably be the best convo of the year," Carol Allen, jr., Oskaloosa, said.

Conyers: Traveling to Tokyo in April 2010

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ing to be finished in time. During last year's spring break, Conyers got the final touches done on the piece in his home studio. The art had to be submitted by the beginning of April. He had very little time left. After hiring a professional photographer to take digital pictures of his completed work, he sent it off to be reviewed and considered.

Another five months went by before Conyers got any notice. He didn't yet know if he had been one of the thirty American artists chosen.

"Usually letters of acceptance into a show are thick because they have all of the information inside of them," Conyers said.

The letter he received in the mail was very thin. He opened the letter, and all it said was that his work had been chosen to show in Tokyo.

"It ended up being worth the ten months of stress," Conyers said with a smile.



Photo by Rod Barlet

Wayne Conyers recently mounted an exhibit of his work in Friendship Hall along with his colleagues from the art department.

The show is taking place in April 2010, and Conyers is travelling to Tokyo for the first week.

His colleagues are happy for him and the precedence this gives to his work and the college.

"Anne [Zerger] and I

are very proud of him," said Dee Erway-Sherwood, assistant professor and program director of graphic design. "This is a huge honor for all of us, and it really shows the level he is at in his career."

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

STEVE BUTCHER
Spectator Staff

Student government association is coming up with ideas to fill the empty space in the basement of the student union. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, talked to SGA president Lane Allison about adding more storage in the Sport Center.

A plan is to take the cardio equipment out and to use the cardio room as a storage room. The equipment would be relocated to the basement of the student union as well as the addition of new equipment.

"I would really like to see something done with the basement," Allison said. "Not only to show the students that SGA supports them, but also for the older students who have been waiting for something to be done with the basement for the last 4 years."

Laramie Project: Ten Years Later brings a crowd to Brown Auditorium

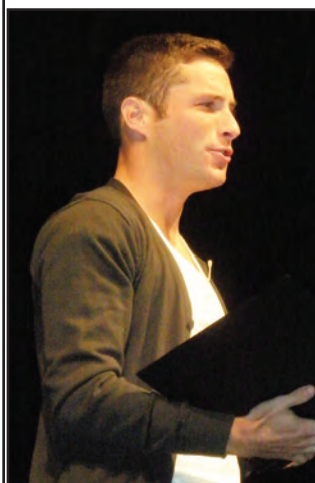
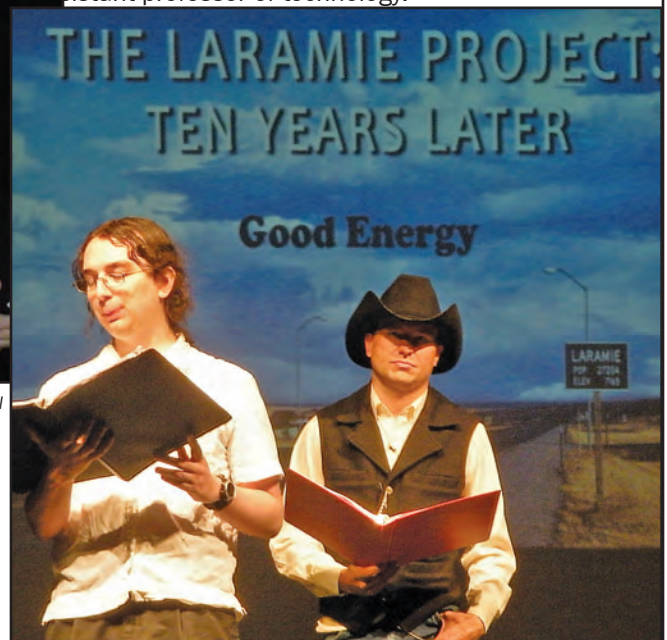


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Above: Jordan Rothrock, sr., McPherson, practices his lines for the October 12 showing of the play. This new play was performed nation-wide at the exact same date and time.

Below: one of the backgrounds from the play with Adam James, fr., Moundridge, and Luck Chennell, assistant professor of technology.

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