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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Teacher Education Program

Students planning to be teachers in the future are invited to join the teacher education program.

Education majors will not be allowed to enroll in junior practicum until the application process is complete, and students will not be allowed to student teach until they have been accepted into the program.

Applications and questionnaires are due online March 26. Recommendations are due online April 9 and interviews will be scheduled April 19-29. All applications must be emailed to [hughesk@mcpherson.edu](mailto:hughesk@mcpherson.edu). Information can be found in the teacher education department.

#### Spring/Easter Break

Spring and Easter break will begin Saturday, March 27 and will end Monday, April 5. Classes will convene Tuesday, April 6. Missing classes the day before or after a break results in two unexcused absences.

#### Enrollment

Sophomore enrollment begins Tuesday, April 6 and freshman enrollment begins Friday, April 9. Students should see their advisors to enroll in classes for the fall semester.

#### Business Club Speaker

Business club will be hosting a speaker on April 9 in Melhorn at 11:30. Fritz Robinson will be covering topics about online marketing research as well as how marketing plays a role in job success. There will be time for questions after the presentation. Members of the business club will be awarded points for attending.

#### Choir Tour

The spring choir tour kicks off Wednesday, April 14 in Valley Falls at the First Christian Church. The choir will also be making stops in Lincoln, Neb., Adel, Iowa, Imperial, Neb., Quinter, and McPherson April 28 at the Church of the Brethren.

## SGA elections today

### Allison, Krizek run unopposed for SGA president, vice president

DUSTY KITCHEN  
Staff Writer

The year is coming to a close and as some things change, it seems that the SGA President for the 2010-2011 academic year isn't one of them. As if a sign of doing a good job, Lane Allison, soph., Greensburg, will run uncontested for the role of SGA President in this year's student elections and will return next year for what SGA advisor Shandi Tobias hopes to be yet another year of improvement for SGA.

"I am pleased that Lane chose to run for SGA president again," Tobias said. "Under his leadership the board has come a long way, which I hope will continue in years to

come."

However, one thing for Allison and his presidency will change this year. Claire Krizek, fr., McPherson, will replace sophomore Savannah Sievers, St. John, at the role of Vice President.

"As for my new running mate, I first want to thank Savannah for the tremendous effort she gave to SGA," said Allison. "She definitely took a load off my shoulders. I see the same potential in Claire as I did last year with Savannah. She is very responsible and has done a great job in SGA this year."

Krizek, who was the member-at-large this year for SGA, felt that this move would be a great learning opportunity to work with a group that is



Lane Allison



Claire Krizek

always trying to get better.

"I thought it would be good leadership experience," Krizek said. "I think the work done this year with the various activities and opportunities SGA has participated in have been a great asset to the campus."

Tobias believes Krizek has a lot to bring to the table as she moves her way up in SGA and believes with the two working together that next year is

looking good.

"Claire has been an asset to the board in many ways-she is insightful and flexible," Tobias said. "I expect Lane and Claire will continue working on ways to get SGA involved in the campus, and be excellent leaders for the board that materializes for 2010-11."

Running for other positions on the SGA board for next year are: for secretary, Kelsie Patrick, jr., Denver, Colo.; for trea-

sure is Tecie Turner, jr., Scott City; for Bittering hall representative is Kati Beam, soph., McPherson, and Callie McCaffrey, fr., Vona, Colo.; for Metzler hall representative is John Davidson, soph., Tulsa, Okla., and Andy Robinson, soph., Tulsa, Okla.; for Dotzour hall representative is Mark Dowdy, soph., Huntingdon, Penn.; for junior class representative is Shelly Brandt, jr., Divide, Colo.; sophomore class representative is Lindsey Linnebur, fr., Wamego, and Paula Carpenter, fr., Cheney and running for member-at-large is Dusty Hague, fr., Cheney.

Voting will be done today. Students may vote in the cafeteria at either lunch or dinner. SGA will also be sending out a direct link via email where students can vote online for the new SGA board.

### Start your engines

## Motorcycle track takes off



Photo by Ben Denton

A motorcycle belonging to Larry Shields, jr., Las Vegas, Nev., sits ready for repairs in Templeton. Two motorcycles have been donated to the new program as well.

AUDREY SECKER  
Editor-in-Chief

Auto restoration will be implementing a motorcycle track next fall.

"It's going to be based on the restoration classes we have now," said Chris Paulson, project manager and instructor. "There will be four extra classes specializing in motorcycles."

It will be an addition rather than a separate major. It will be built on the program already in place,

utilizing the same instructors and classes.

"It is a natural step for us, there is already such an interest in new and old motorcycles," Paulson said. "Everybody is really excited and students have already signed up."

Students in the new track will take all of the required classes for restoration as well as advanced sheet metal, advanced trim, advanced engine rebuilding and history of motorcycles.

The advanced classes will be open to all res-

toration majors, but the students will choose whether to work on cars or motorcycles.

Two motorcycles have already been donated to the program, and construction has begun to make a storage into more working space for the added program.

"We have had two motorcycles donated already, one is a late 60's Honda," Paulson said. "We'd like to have one or two more, so we are working on finding donors for them."

## Spring break service work

KIMBERLI ROQUEMORE  
Staff Writer

While most students will be relaxing at home or vacationing with friends over spring break, a few McPherson students will be volunteering time and energy to make a difference in the lives of others.

On March 27, 11 students, four staff, and one faculty member will leave

for Hammond, Ind., to serve others. This group is working with Brethren Disaster Ministries and will be cleaning out houses that were flooded about a year ago.

"It's very likely the people who live in these houses will be working with us," Tom Hurst, director of campus ministry, said. "As we work with them, get to know them and hear their sto-

ries, we'll learn how you get a lot of joy and happiness from giving."

The volunteer group is planning to stay in an old parsonage while doing a variety of physical labor such as dry walling and painting. They will return April 3.

"It's a transformational experience," Hurst said. "You go to work but you

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## Tuition increase for fall semester

Tuition rises 6.51 percent for 2010-2011 academic years

SHANNON WILLIAMS  
News Editor

At the March 5 meeting the Board of Trustees approved a 6.51 percent increase for the 2010-2011 academic year, making tuition for the 2010-2011 academic year \$19,065 or \$9,532.50 per a semester without room and board.

"A tuition increase exists to help fund increases in the cost of operations," said Shane Netherton, vice president for finance. "Increases in the costs of operations include items such as pay increases for faculty and staff, higher costs of maintaining aging facilities, increase costs of utilities, etc."

According to President Michael Schneider the tuition increase keeps the cost of McPherson College in the mid-range of surrounding area colleges. The increase is consistent with the Board's plan of sustainability.

"As a part of the plan of sustainability the Board of Trustees had agreed that we needed to raise tuition each year for three years, and this is the third year," said Christi Hopkins, admissions operations manager.

As for future tuition prices, students can prepare for higher tuition for the 2011-2012 academic year.

"We strive to raise tuition as little as possible, but given the economic situation it may need to be considered," Hopkins

said. "This will depend on fall enrollment and the success of fund-raising efforts."

Netherton also believes the tuition will increase in the future.

"As long as the cost of the college's operations increase and all other revenue sources are held constant, students will see an increase in tuition," Netherton said.

Netherton also believes the college does things to insure affordability for its students.

"From a revenue standpoint the college maintains affordability through endowment growth focusing specifically on improving investment returns and receiving new gifts, through increased efforts on fund-raising for current operations, and through better recruitment and retention of students," Netherton said.

Students struggling with the tuition prices are encouraged to see an admissions counselor or the financial aid office.

"If students have a change in family situations we ask they come and talk with an admissions counselor or the financial aid office," Hopkins said.

"There may be something that we can do to help. We know that economic times are difficult and want to keep students at McPherson College. The situation we fear the most is a student leaving for economic reasons without working with us first."

LEAD EDITORIAL

# Procrastination lures students into its trap

Why do we procrastinate? Every time we have a new project assigned to us we always tell ourselves that when we have free time we will open our books and do a little bit each day.

**ISSUE 1:**  
Procrastination  
**OUR POSITION:** It happens. Deal with it or do something about it.

Yeah, right. We all know that we get on Facebook, talk to our friends, text, E-mail, nap and just forget. It's not until the night before the project is due that we show any concern. Then it's all about pulling an all-nighter trying to get that project done and to at least do a decent job on it.

Why? Why do we do this to ourselves? We know the consequences of our actions because we've done this a hundred times already. Why it is so hard to get things done early?

It's all about the psyche of the college student. We want to live in the moment. Those \$2 movie nights won't last forever. Casino Night only comes a few times a year. Theatre productions are unique and don't happen all the time.

We must enjoy these things before the reality of responsibility sets in. Is it a bad habit? Sure. Will we stop anytime soon? We probably won't. So, what is the problem?

The problem is this; if we don't stop procrastinating, will we ever grow up?

When is it time to finally lay down the law? When is it time to say no to those events that hinder homework and studying?

Those projects won't do themselves. Tests will not study themselves. And we're pretty sure that theses can't be done the night before they are due.

When we get things done, we have time to do all the things we enjoy. We can finally go see that movie that we've wanted to see. We can go out to dinner. We can go on weekend trips. We can get a good night's sleep because we don't have to stay up until four in the morning scrambling to finish projects.

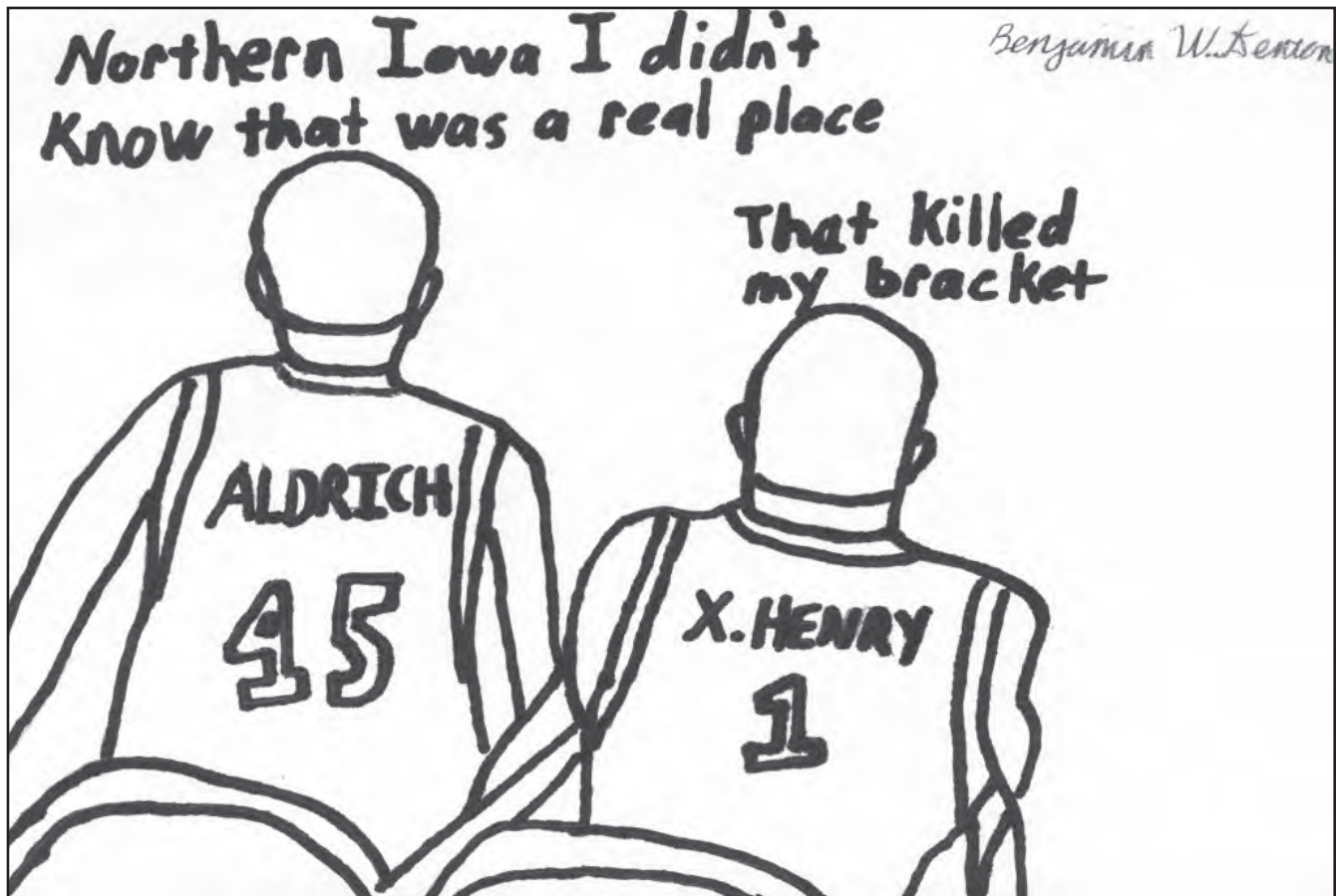
It's all about choices. But the problem is, in college, which one is the right one? Should we scramble or be prepared?

Some can argue both. Students should learn how to say no to temptation. They should learn from their choices and decide later if it's the right one or the wrong one.

We don't think this issue will go away anytime soon but it's an issue that goes on every day in the college world.

It's the college life. What else can we say?

# Not Necessarily Ordinary



# History major overcomes nerves presenting paper at Phi Alpha Theta history conference

On a misty day in Kansas City, I walked down a set of concrete stairs that led to a library in a cave. I felt like I was entering Narnia. The brightly lit fluorescent halls in the underground told my imagination differently, and so did the formal clicking of heels on tile and the papers in my hand. I was at my first history conference, the Midwest Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference at Park University in Parkville, Mo., presenting a paper I wrote two years ago, "Lakotas' Loss: The Theft of Mount Rushmore." I didn't feel ready. I was enamored with Park University, unique for the natural caves in which it has built many of its classrooms, including its



Jillian Overstake

library. The conference was held, memorably, underground. I entered the conference on a whim; not thinking anything would come of it. When my paper was accepted, I was almost embarrassed. Could I really be presenting a paper at a

conference in my undergrad years? I was, and I was thrilled. My parents and my brother made a trip out of it, as did one of my favorite professors, Marjon Ames, assistant professor of history, who was also chairing a panel. On the way down the stairs to the classroom where I would present, I got sick with nerves. The people here were so informed, so clever, so... nerdy. I stuck out like a sore thumb in my purple designer high heels. It wasn't until I got behind the podium to read my paper aloud that I found my confidence. The skills I have learned at McPherson College allowed me to write my

paper with clarity and direction, speak with a boisterous courage that I found many of my fellow presenters lacked and to conduct myself in a professional manner, but, at the same time, not to lose my unique personality. I finally felt that standing out was a thing to be proud of, especially at the end, when my fellow undergraduate presenters remembered my name and the topic of my paper. I was a product of my environment, and McPherson College has served me well. I emerged from the cave so full of confidence that I couldn't wipe the smile off of my face. Out of the darkness and into the world - I felt, and still feel, ready for anything.

# Graduation approaching: "I don't want to grow up."

My age says I'm an adult. No! What if I don't want to grow up yet? Well, my mom said I should go ahead and let the grown-up process begin. So, I started it in December.

Graduate school. It's scary. It's hard to get into. It's a lot of work. I finally embarked on my graduate school adventure by signing up for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). This is the test that tells you whether or not you are ready for graduate school. I figured it was a lot like the ACT, so I didn't need to study.

My advisor, Becki Bowman, assistant professor of communication, suggested that I run over to the library and grab a GRE preparation book and look over it a few times a week. I had three weeks to prepare so I knew I had plenty of time. Three weeks and one dusty prep book later, test day had finally arrived. I



Ashley Andrews

learned that when someone tells you to study, you'd better study.

I woke up at six in the morning to drive to Wichita. The test started at eight o'clock sharp. I walked into the Sylvan center and was promptly greeted by the scariest looking woman I have ever seen.

Her lazy eye was looking at my driver's license and the other at me. She then lead me to the testing

room. Three hours later, I was finished, with a good score. I entered my potential graduate schools' addresses in the computer so my scores would be automatically sent for me and I walked out avoiding all eye contact with the not-so-friendly greeter. I treated myself to Jimmy John's for lunch and made my way back to McPherson.

The process had begun. Now I had to finish all of my applications.

My mom and I sat at our table in the kitchen drinking tea and filling out all the paperwork, making resumes and putting together my transcripts. After four hours of staring at the screen on my computer, they were done.

I spent two long, agonizing months of waiting for a yes or no from the four schools. My answers came starting three weeks ago.

My mom called and told me that she had she had good news and bad news. I was accepted to the University of North Texas. The bad news, I got a rejection letter. After a few minutes of silence, I decided that I was happy. I had somewhere to go after graduation.

I'm not sad, though. I'm still waiting on another school to inform me of my fate. Until then I must decide, should I even go to graduate school?

Everyday there is a new decision to be made. I feel like my time here at McPherson has allowed me to grow and to be mature in my decision-making. Whether or not I make the right decision is a totally different story, but for now, the anticipation of what's to come is exciting enough.

To grow up or not to grow up? That is the question.

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Good Dog [paw print] Bad Dog

Spring: You have sprung. Thank you for taking the snow away.

Lies: One word starts them and nothing finishes them.

Rain: Refreshment has fallen upon us. Everything is rejuvenated.

Midterms: Late nights and early morning are for finishing those tough projects.

Spring Sports: Time to shake the dust off equipment and enjoy the outdoors.

Enrollment: I have to take three more classes to graduate, but they're all at 2:30 on Monday.

### CHEW ON THIS

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."

-Abraham Lincoln

"Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure."

-George Edward Woodberry

# Xalapa, México: Lonliness takes over student's host home experience

The decision to move out and move on allowed traveler to enjoy cultural immersion

I walked into the kitchen, sat down to a plate of steaming food and looked around. My family was nowhere to be found, again. Until now, I had worried about speaking Spanish with my host family, but never about living with them. It never occurred to me that I would struggle to call their place my home.

The Home Stay program is an immense part of my cultural learning experience. Each student lives alone with a Mexican family. The family provides a room, three meals per day and suitable drinking water, among other things. The idea of the Home Stay program is to ensure a Spanish immersion experience outside the classroom. By living with a family, we are forced to practice Spanish in everyday settings as well as participate in normal Mexican family customs in the home.

When I arrived in Mexico, I lived with an older Mexican couple in the Centro. My first evening in Xalapa, my host mother invited a "few" family members over. Imagine sitting around a table with fourteen family members, eating loads of unfamiliar food and answering various questions in an unfamiliar language. Spanish immersion was an understatement for my first Mexican family experience. I was overwhelmed.

I survived my first weeks and fell into a routine. In my host home, routine was important. My host father, a retired Matador (bullfighter) was very ill and unable to leave his bedroom. Following a set schedule was important so that the lady of the house could continue her husband's frequent care.

Also due to his care, I had a lot of free time, which was difficult to fill. Wake-up. Run. Eat desayuno (breakfast). Shower. Go to classes. Eat comida (lunch). Go to classes. Eat cena (dinner). Do homework. Sleep. In between my classes, I spent all of my time in my room. At all three meals, my mother



Melisa Grandison

served me and then returned to her bedroom to care for her husband. If I was not eating alone in the kitchen, I was sitting alone in my bedroom. It seemed as though I lived with a family that was on vacation.

At first, it I was fine. Because I am so independent, I was not aware of the dilemma I made with this pattern. It was like a less social version of college life in Mac - my own room, cooked meals and classes. I even had the freedom to come and go in the evening as I did when living in the dorms. I did not miss meals. However, it did not take me long to realize I was missing the prime reason I was participating in the Home Stay program: interaction.

I admitted I was not happy and then the real cultural learning experience began. At the beginning of the program, the directors warned that customs in Mexico are very different from our usual customs. However, no one helped draw that line between culture and individual family practice. Surely ignoring me did not exist in the realm of "culture," but how would I change the distant practices of this family without offending them? Furthermore, I had to sort through and deal with the numerous possibilities that existed for why this family did not embrace me as a student in their home.

As I battled these issues, I knew that for the first time since arriving in Mexico, the notion to become a globally and cul-

turally aware citizen was working against me. I focused solely on respecting the cultural differences and seriously ignored my personal needs. It took almost two months and multiple pleading conversations with close friends and family for me to admit that my host family was not going to change their interaction techniques and, more importantly, that I was not to blame for their rejection of me as a student, whatever those reasons may be.

During the last week of month two, the BCA group met for a check in session at BCA Director Rob's house. Everyone had multiple joys to share about their awesome family experiences. They gushed with excitement- sweet madres (mothers), funny padres (fathers), crazy hermanos (siblings). When it was my turn, I struggled with what to say. In that moment, I knew I was going to change families.

This, however, was not an easy experience either. First, I had to explain to the directors of the Home Stay program (in Spanish I might add) that my placement was not working. It is hard enough to say you are fully aware that your host family is not interested in you staying at their house. Then trying to do it without giving examples of discrepancies as not to bad mouth the family is an even greater challenge. I was extremely nervous. So nervous, in fact, that I almost kept my placement.

Finally, I informed the program of my struggles and following our conversation, we unanimously agreed that it was time to find a new family. This was a bittersweet solution. Sweet, because I felt validated my doubts. Bitter, because I had to start over and after all, one family did not work out, what if the other did not either?

After I found a new family to move in with, the hardest part of all took place: the host family conversation. The evening before moving out, I sat down

with my host mother and explained that I needed to move to a different home for personal reasons. Ever after contemplating all of the different reasons that this family acted as though I did not exist, I was still afraid of hurting their feelings. These people opened their home to me; in my mind, I was essentially telling them "thanks, but no thanks." That was painful.

I struggled through my Spanish, fought regret, reached for cultural sensitivity, smothered my guilt, pushed aside my perfectionism and prevailed. My host mother listened, comprehended and then the next morning I moved out. This portion of my cultural learning experience was certainly the most difficult thus far.

I am still not without ideas about my personal faults that may have contributed to my first host family experience. However, that is not something that I wish to spend the remainder of my time in Mexico contemplating.

With the guilt gone, I am free to experience much more positive emotions with my new host family and things are looking up. I feel as though I have started over, but in a good way. I live about 15 minutes outside of the Centro now, so my walking routine has changed. I now walk 75 minutes to reach my classes at Humanidades four times a week, but as the weather dries

out, this walk proves to be even more beautiful than before and I still talk to my empanada lady almost daily.

My new host mother is a stay at home mom and we have regular conversations throughout the day. Our favorites consist of peace and social justice topics and the social problems that currently exist in Mexico. She even invites me to watch telenovelas (Spanish soap operas) in between my classes. My host father always has interesting news to tell from where he works, and likes to hear what he calls my "states' experience" about similarities and differences. My host sister is an architect and constantly introduces me to educational concepts that differ from my own. And even my greatest desire to increase my Spanish is being fulfilled.

Few students go through the process of changing homes during the Home Stay program. Truthfully, though, I cannot say I regret doing it. That process was a learning experience in itself, one that I am not interested in forgetting. In an effort to be culturally sensitive, I still made the right decision for me, I hope without devastating my first host family.

I am thankful for their role in my Mexico experience, good and bad. However, it is definitely not a secret: I am happy to have found a place to call home again.

## SHOUT IT OUT!

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

I am a proud gay man. Don't hate.

Let the good times roll.

Where, oh where, has my little dog gone? Oh where, oh where can he be?

I hate getting strange texts in the middle of the night.

Four in the morning comes faster than you think.

I told you that I liked your hair. I lied. I'm not sorry.

Loud neighbors. Please shut up. I'm old. Deal.

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

The Harry Potter Theme Park is almost open. I'm so excited and I'm not ashamed.

I wish my car would wash itself.

What do you think about baseball on campus?

I think it's funny that McDonalds is open 24 hours and Subway is not. We should all eat healthy but the healthier places close early.

Admissions, do not allow students who hate the college to give tours to prospective students.

Too bad the campus doesn't have curling.

I've never been so ready for graduation.

I can't help but wait until you see that with me it ain't the same.

Somewhere on this earth is a place where money grows on trees. I must find it before graduate school.

There's a fine line between insanity and obsessiveness. You've crossed it.

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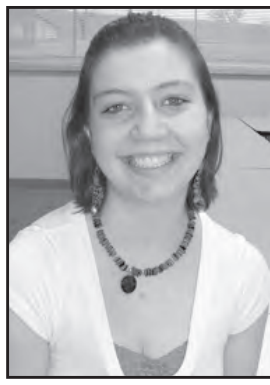
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## On the Fly

### What do you have going on for Spring Break?



"Um . . . sleep."  
*Kelsey Leiker Sr., Goodland*

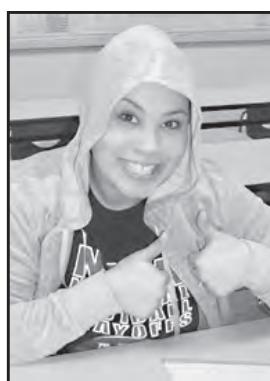


"Working and resting."  
*Mona Hale Soph., McPherson*

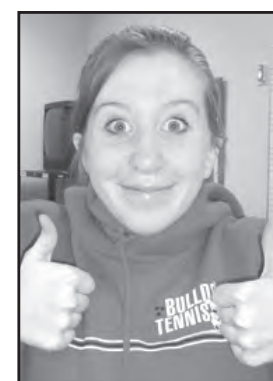


"Volunteering at a special needs school."  
*Emily Donell Soph., Goddard*

"Going to Indiana to rebuild flood victims' homes."  
*Tabatha Surveyor Jr., Moore, Okla.*



"Going to California with C.A.R.S. club and Disneyland."  
*Kelsie Patrick Jr., Elizabeth, Colo.*



"Sewing my heart out."  
*Melanie Grosbach Soph., Gladstone, MO*





Left: Adam James, fr, Moundridge, and Kelsie Patrick, jr, Elizabeth, Colo., Above: cast members collectively question God in a scene of "Spoon River".



## 'Spoon River': a look into our country's past

JENNI BIRDSALL  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College's performing arts department recently put on a production of "Spoon River Anthology," based on the poetry of Edgar Lee Masters.

Lidia Labra, sr., Garden City, had described the show as, "Poems that were put together based on people who had died in this small town."

The production was designed for an intimate setting to engage the audience.

"The stage is in your face," said Rebecca Grosbach, sr., Enders, Neb.

The stage was done in the round, where the actors are "trapped," surrounded by

the audience on all angles and sides. The stage was a simple structure: a base with three columns on three of the corners of the stage with hooks scattered on three of the corners of the stage to hang costume pieces, fitting the 1800s setting.

"I fun piecing together the characters and seeing the relationships, and I'm a huge fan of the show itself," said Rick Tyler, director of the show and professor of speech and theatre said.

Tyler also designed the stage and costumes for the show. Costuming for the show was typical of the 1800s, with the women in beautiful elaborate dress-bags and the men in classic suits. The women were wearing gorgeous prints rich in color and many dif-

ferent fabrics. The men of the show were in plaid or solid suits, all tastefully done.

Characters were shown differently based on their movements, actions and clothing: sometimes losing a jacket, changing dress length or adding or removing a hat or shawl. It was the simple changes of costumes that helped differentiate characters played by the same actors.

The show begins with a simple narration, explaining that this is the cemetery of Spoon River and the stories of the townspeople that lived there. Throughout the entire show, every actor and actress are reacting to one another and are all present on the stage.

The show is filled with adultery, murder, crooked politicians and a few honestly nice people and immigrants.

James Keith, interim professor of music, and Amanda Keith, adjunct in English, John Snell and Brian Hess made up a quartet that performed songs that were mixed in with the dialogue. Melancholy as well as upbeat songs accentuated the various moods throughout the play.

"Spoon River Anthology" is a great example of history repeating itself, and reminding the audience to live life, because if there's one thing we all have in common, it's dying.

## Mission Improvable include students in series of skits and improvisations



Photos by: Benjamin Denton

## How to...

### Buy and Sell Books like a Pro

JACOB NELSON

It's no secret that books can be a painful expense in college, but they don't have to be. It is possible to buy books at considerably lower prices than what the campus book store would charge. It is also possible to turn around and sell those books for the same price, or better yet, at a higher price than purchased. Here's how:

1 Buy books used online. Sites like amazon.com sell books for up to 50% less than the bookstore's used prices. Some books

are so cheap that the shipping can sometimes cost more than the book itself. Even so, standard shipping is around \$5, and expedient shipping is usually available for around \$10.

2 Make sure to keep books in the best shape possible. Using a book bag can actually accelerate corner damage. Use book shelves in the dorms, and carry books to class without a bag. Don't take notes or write in books either. Basically, don't do anything that

could devalue books. Keeping them in good shape can allow you to charge a higher price if re-selling them.

3 When done with the book and ready to sell it, try to get at least the purchase price. Chances are, someone needs that book for next semester, and selling it to them could reap a profit. Sell it for cheaper than the bookstore's used price, but more than the price paid for it in the beginning. To advertise books, send out campus-wide E-

mails describing books for sale. If you can't seem to sell the book on-campus you can choose to sell it at the college's book buy-back at the end of each semester. They won't give much, but you might get what you paid for them. If you want to get a better profit and don't mind waiting to get it list it on amazon or half.com where you can get a higher profit if sold.

This method is a great way to save money on books. Next semester, be book-smart, and buy and sell books like a pro.

## The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY ALLAN VAN ASSELT

TAYLOR ADAMS



**Q** Tell me about your history with the college, Dr. van Asselt.

**A** I have great-grandparents that moved to McPherson to help establish the college. My parents graduated here, I have three siblings that graduated here. My dad was a professor—we first came here in 1965. I attended the college from 1976-1980. In 2000 I came back and have been here since then.

**Q** Tell me about your college experience.

**A** I found college to be academically challenging. I was always amazed that I could live four blocks from home but never see my parents, especially since my dad was a professor. A good part of my education took place in the dorms with interaction and discussion. Studying abroad was also a fundamental experience.

**Q** Where are you from?

**A** Berkley, California. I came here in the second grade.

**Q** You are involved with the McPherson Church of the Brethren. Tell me about that.

**A** I grew up in the church, but spent most of my college years as agnostic. I have since worked my way back. I currently sing in the choir and occasionally sing duets with my wife. I am also moderator of the congregation.

**Q** What classes do you teach here?

**A** I am teaching college chemistry I and II, advanced inorganic, qualitative analysis, instrumental analysis, astronomy, geology, and seminar right now. I have taught general chemistry and biochemistry, but am not currently teaching those.

**Q** What do you think of the interaction between the college and the church?

**A** There is potential for revitalization. There seems to be interest on both sides.

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

**A** On a physical front, we have moved science buildings—an addition was built on the gym and we got a new field. Otherwise, recruiting has become more focused on getting students who fit here. I also see great things happening in the Automotive Restoration Program, as well as in graphic design and the arts.

**Q** Is there anything else you would like the student body to know about your role on campus or you potentially?

**A** I suppose I cherish the opportunity to meet students as freshmen and being with them to their graduation and beyond. It is an incredible privilege to see people really mature.



Above: Students take advantage of the warm weather to hold an automotive class outdoors. Right: Dot-zour residents decorate their walkway with sidewalk chalk. Far Right: Austin Anders, sr., Chapman, rides his bicycle through the gazebo in an effort to enjoy the on again, off again spring weather.

photos by: Benjamin Denton

## Spring is here: students look forward to warmth, sun and fun outdoors

TRICIA FENSKY  
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The first snow on a winter day is always a treat, but after months of freezing temperatures, cold winds, dead plants, slick roads and muddy slush it always feels like time for a change. Spring is finally here and there are many different activities

that students are looking forward to once it gets warmer.

"I am excited to be able to take walks and to finally play ladder golf," said Lauren Larsen, soph., Sylvan Grove. "I also can't wait to wear cute shirts again."

A lot of students are excited to walk and ride bike around town

and Lakeside Park. "I will be glad when it's warm enough to play golf again, and walk my dog, Peyton, outside," said Colby Westbrook, sr., Edmond, Okla.

When the weather gets nicer, more people take advantage of throwing Frisbees, playing baseball, drawing creative designs on the side-

walk with chalk and just relaxing in the sun.

"When it gets warmer, I am really excited for book reading in the park," said Tabatha Surveyor, jr., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Practices for sports are more enjoyable because athletes don't have to run in freezing temperatures and battle the wind. It is also nicer not just for the

athletes, but the spectators, because of comfortable temperatures in which to support the Bulldogs in.

Studies have shown that more people feel depressed in the winter because of lack of sunlight caused by staying indoors more. If you have experienced the "winter blues" your best cure is

to step outside and enjoy the weather.

It's hard to do this when it's so cold and ugly outside, but now that warm temperatures are right

around the corner, hopefully everyone will take advantage of the sunlight. If a jog around the park isn't for you, have a picnic, read or just sit and relax.

## Holman performs in 'Cats'

REBECCA GROSBACH  
*Spectator Staff*

For its first community show and fundraiser, the McPherson Opera House performed Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Cats" March 12 and 13.

Michael Holman, Jr., McPherson, was involved in the production. He was approached and asked to audition by Ray Miley, a professor at Central Christian College and also the director of the show.

"He had asked me back in October to see if I was interested in auditioning, which of course I was," Holman said.

Auditions were held in January with rehearsals starting soon after. Working in the newly remod-

eled space was a treat for the 14-member cast.

"It probably has the best acoustics in the county," Holman said. "The two balconies, artwork on the ceiling and red velvet seats make it one of the best theatres."

Working on "Cats" was a learning experience for everyone. The cast had little money to work with. Cast was in charge of their own costumes, and the orchestra parts were played by one piano player, playing constantly throughout the entire show.

The script was cut down in length to an hour, hitting the highlights, yet keeping in the famous song "Memory." Holman helped choreograph some of the scenes. The hardest

part was acting like a cat.

"The show had to be carried by cat-like movements, which required a lot of energy," Holman said.

But in the end, the show was a good experience for all.

"I had a lot of fun," Holman said. "'Cats' is a show you don't see performed anymore. I'm glad I got to be a part of it."

The next community production at the Opera House will be "The Wizard of Oz" this summer. Holman will play the part of Hickory, the farmhand who turns into the scarecrow. However, to get more involvement, the roles have been split, so Holman is only playing Hickory.



## Students attend Protocol Party



Photos by Destri Sievers and Grant Miller

Top: Michael Schneider spoke at the Protocol Party sponsored by business club. Middle: Students and Faculty enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

## Hookah: a trend of the 21st century

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In the last few years, new popularity for an old form of tobacco use has been gaining ground. Water pipes (also known as hookahs) are the first new tobacco trend of the 21st century.

Hookah has become a nationwide phenomenon with young adults, and in hundreds of bars and cafes nationwide from Washington, D.C., to Wichita, Americans are inhaling fruit-flavored tobacco through water pipes as Arab and Indian people have done for centuries.

The popularity of hookah, also known as "shisha" and "narghile," runs against the anti-tobacco trend, partly because it appeals to teens and young adults. Hookahs also are exempted from some smoke-free laws and enjoy a stereotype of being a

more culturally-based experience and safer alternative to cigarettes.

"Hookah has become part of the young American's way of relaxing," said Torey Fry, fr., Eudora. "When finals come around and stress is bubbling up inside, you need a let go to relax and hookah is a way of doing that for some students."

All across the United States, college students crave hookah. Viewed as a perfect way to relieve the stress of finals week, or to kill the time on an off night, hookah bars have popped up in various college towns, quickly developing a cult-like following.

Because of the smell, taste and smoothness of the sweetened tobacco, hookah provides a much less-irritating smoking experience. Hookahs are considered more pleasant by many smokers. As

a result, they may smoke for longer durations and inhale more deeply.

"I usually do not like smoking, but the choice of choosing what flavor you want to smoke in a hookah made me decided to try it," said Maverick Marsolf, jr., Newton. "Hookah is the only thing I smoke. It tastes good and helps me relax."

Hookah has not only made its way into popular cities, but on campus as well. Hookah smoking is commonly viewed as a social activity. Often done in groups of people who share one pipe and try different flavors throughout the evening, hookah smoking is seen as a relatively inexpensive way to get together and have fun.

McPherson has its own club known as Pow-Wow. One of the members Tabitha Joy, soph., Hill City, said hookah is a nice way to gather and hang

out with people while relaxing.

Despite the evidence that hookah smoking has health risks at least similar to cigarette smoking, the general perception is exactly the opposite: water pipe tobacco smokers generally believe that it is less harmful than cigarette smoking.

According to the American Lung Association, "a study of hookah smokers found that nicotine and continued use increased up to 250% and 120% respectively after a typical 40 to 45 minute smoking session." This form of relaxation and gathering with friends has become popular despite the problem with health risks. As studies have shown, students like the feel of risk and that is the reason why many choose to smoke with the new trend of the 21st century, hookah.

## C.A.R.S. club visits car collections in California

ASHLEY DAMERON  
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McPherson College C.A.R.S. Club gearing up for their spring break trip to Anaheim, California.

The students will be visiting the SoCal Speed Shop, Wally Parks NHRA Museum, the Peterson Museum as well as Jay Leno's car collection and a taping of "The Tonight Show."

"I'm most excited to see the Wally Parks NHRA Museum. It's going to be an awesome spring break," said Casey Maxon, fr., Lawrence.

This trip is a great op-

portunity for C.A.R.S. members to see some amazing, and expensive cars as well as meet new and important people.

"There will be some amazing opportunities to network and make connections to help us in our future careers," said Tim Braginton, sr., Winnemucca, Nev.

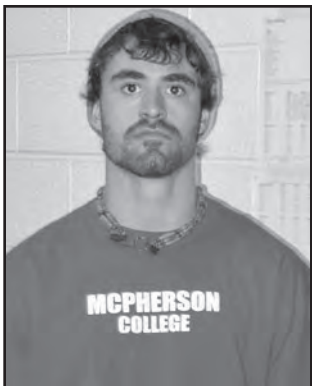
C.A.R.S. club will be leaving Saturday, March 27, and returning Friday, April 2. The trip will be chaperoned by Chris Paulson, project manager and instructor and C.A.R.S. advisor. A total of twenty-six auto restoration students are going on the trip along with three chaperones.

# Three compete at nationals

DUSTY KITCHEN  
Spectator Staff

Indoor track fought strong as three athletes found themselves competing at the indoor nationals in Johnson City, Tenn. The Bulldogs had two placers in the top twenty.

Mitch Krier led the Bulldogs with top finish at 5th in men's pole vaulting, however he wasn't happy with the finish and thought he could have done better. "I placed fifth after getting hurt during competition," Krier said. "I was very disappointed with it but felt really good leading up to that, I was jumping on the biggest pole I ever had hoping to set a



Mitch Krier



Andrea Swanson



Javier Ceja

big personal record."

Coach Joe Eby had to agree with his jumper.

"Mitch has done well all year and worked hard, and it was bad to see him get the injury there," Eby said. "I think if he was healthy it would have been a dif-

ferent story and he gets 2nd."

Also competing at nationals was Andrea Swanson in the shot put. Swanson threw 42'8", improving on her previous national's mark of 40'5.5". Swanson ended

the meet with 12th place out of 29 participants.

"Andi has been here before so it was nice to see her improve," Eby said. "I knew she had stuff on her mind it was good to see her push through adversity and set a personal best."

Last but not least was Javier Ceja who ran in the 5,000 meters. Ceja felt weird running indoors for the first time in his track career but found this a great learning experience.

"I was a little startled at first, but once I got going I found it a great time and met coaches and runners with a lot of good advice."

Though Ceja didn't finish in the top twenty of his event, Eby was still proud of his runner.

"Ceja was fighting a foot injury and showed lots of heart in his race," Eby said. "You could see moments that it was pulling him down, but he would just fight through and

kept trying climb up in the ranks. It's good to see as we prepare him for the longer races now as we get outdoors."

Now that the indoor season is over, Eby is looking for more of his team to get a shot for outdoor nationals. He hopes to have numerous athletes make it to the competition.

"These three are pretty good and I expect to see them at the nationals," Eby said. "But I wouldn't be surprised to get eight or more athletes out of our team who could set personal bests and make it, too. These kids keep putting in hard work and it's going to pay off in the long run."

## Women push hard despite losses

DUSTY KITCHEN  
Spectator Staff

The McPherson Bulldogs fell barely to the Central Christian College Tigers 4-5 at their March 11 match-up down at the McPherson City Courts moving their record to 0-2 on the season.

Despite the loss, head tennis coach Sydney Bwalya was proud of how hard this team played in the stormy weather.

"I think the women played well, though we lost," Bwalya said. "They played with a lot of energy and zeal. There were couple games that were close which I was happy for the fact that we have started looking better out there. We just need to put a couple things together now."

Central Christian's No. 1 doubles team defeated Kelsey Buffo and Ashley Andrews 8-4, while the Tigers No. 2 team posted the identical score against Shaylin King and Maddie Jackle. McPherson's No. 3 doubles team of Mallory Griggs and Alyssa Baldi grabbed McPherson's only doubles point with an 8-2 victory over Graves and Bartel.

In singles, McPherson dropped its No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 matches. Jackle won a tense No. 3 match-up while Griggs won her No. 5 singles match, and Baldi finished the line-up with a win at the No. 6 position.



Courtesy Photo

Ashley Andrews, one of the four female seniors on the women's tennis team, returns a serve during a match.

Ashley Andrews, Kelsey Buffo, Mallory Griggs, Haley Cook and Alyssa Baldi are all returners to the team from last year while new to the team are Maddie Jackle, Katie Doffing and Shaylin King. Even with the loss, Coach Bwalya believes if the Bulldogs can figure just a couple things out they have a good chance to show improvement over the season and stay com-

petitive.

"I am really excited about our women's team," Bwalya said. "I am looking for Ashley Andrews and Kelsey Buffo anchoring our team this year. I think the newcomers look to be factors for the team improvement."

Next up for the Bulldogs is Barton County on March 26 here in McPherson.



Courtesy Photo

Jordan Rothrock and Nathan Clary, the only two seniors on the men's tennis team, prepare for another round of volleys as Rothrock serves.

## Men distinguish selves in singles, doubles

DUSTY KITCHEN  
Spectator Staff

It took them two weeks, but the McPherson Bulldogs' men's tennis team finally finished their meet with Central Christian College, winning 9-0. Head coach Sydney Bwalya found it a good second meet in the season and can see things starting to look brighter for the team.

"The men played tremendously well," Bwalya said. "I really felt that we have taken another step forward as a team. I was really impressed by our preparedness in the match against Central, and how we came out in both singles and doubles. We were ready, and we jumped on them right away."

The Bulldogs beat the Tigers in doubles, however after a rain delay, the team didn't get back on the courts until a week later.

"It was frustrating," said Cody Compton, who played on the sixth spot for the men's single and defeated the Tigers' Josh Schneider. "It was hard to get into the momentum again after taking off the

week and then just starting right where we left off. But it was good to see everyone play well."

Team captain Jordan Rothrock was also pleased with the performance of the team in the first weeks of the season.

"Everyone is showing lots of improvement every day," Rothrock said. "It's great to play with a team that's always trying to get better and with two wins right now, it shows our hard work is paying off for us."

As the season goes on, Bwalya is looking on and sees that the tennis program is building nicely.

"We are looking for big things from freshman Vyacheslav Bukatin this season," Bwalya said. "Slav has some experience playing on the ITF junior circuit in Europe and that should help him win many matches at number one singles."

Bwalya also has high expectations for many of the other men's players this season.

"I think other players look to be factors right away in conference are

Ronaldo Filho, who will play at number 2 singles and Igor Guasti who will play at the number 3 position," Bwalya said. "However, in order for us to succeed as a team, this year, we will require the experience and leadership of seniors, Jordan Rothrock and Nathan Clary. Cody Compton and Kyle Toland will interchangeably play at position 6 and 7 for the men's Bulldogs."

Bwalya also believes that the team is on the right track in their season so far.

"I really feel good about the season so far especially with an addition of LaMonte Rothrock to a coaching staff," Bwalya said. "We are definitely stronger than a year ago, but the same is true of other teams in the conference. If we continue preparing correctly and continue giving our maximum effort, there's no doubt that we will be successful this season."

The Bulldogs play again against Barton County Community College on March 26 here in McPherson.



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Pitcher and infielder Katie Logan comes home from a teammate's base hit during the double-header on March 3 against Central Christian College. The team has since played 8 other games despite numerous weather-related cancellations. Their overall record now stands at 5-5-1.

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# Outdoor track starts strong

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The outdoor track season started off Saturday, March 13, with McPherson College's home track meet. Several of the athletes broke personal records, like runner Kyle Smith in the 5k.

Head coach Joe Eby said that the meet showed great signs for the first meet and the season to come looks promising.

Sophomore runner David Parry received first in the 800m at the home meet while sophomore Javier Ceja finished second overall in the 1500 meters. Other men placing at the meet included freshman Garret Sharp with sixth in the high jump, freshman Ben Barker who finished eighth in the 100 and 200 meter dash and freshman Grant Miller with an eighth place finish in the hammer throw. The men's 4x100 meter relay team took third place.

On the women's side, junior Andrea Swanson managed a third place finish in the shot-put while freshman Shireana Robinson finished fourth in both the women's 100 and 200 meter dash. Sophomore Rachel Leuthold also took third in the pole vault.

The team had another opportunity to compete on Saturday, March 20, at Tabor. However, due to certain circumstances, Tabor decided to switch their meet to a different date



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Track team members lift weights as a part of their practice schedule. The entire team, runners and field competitors, have their own specific workout plans designed by the coaches.

that the teams will not be able to attend. However, they are able to go to a meet at Cowley College

“The season has been a frustrating year so far. The group is working so hard in practice but has not had many chances to test where they are.”

— Track Coach Joe Eby

so hard in practice but has not had many chances to test where they are.”

Spring break is also affecting the team and

breaks them up in the middle of season. Scheduling and giving the athletes a chance to compete has been a hard feat for the track team this season. Still, the program managed to send three to indoor nationals.

Injuries have also been a prevalent problem with the track team this season and have become a growing concern. Freshman Torrey Fry, who is suffering from knee injuries, says the majority of the injuries have been with the girls teams although both have struggled. Other runners such as Paula Carpenter and Brittany Delker have also endured serious knee problems.

“I think that everyone has stepped it up in order

to make up for the injuries that we've had,” Fry said.

Despite scheduling hardships and injuries, the team is looking forward to upcoming meets, conference and nationals where they hope to place as high as they can. They have already had three athletes compete at indoor nationals, Javier Ceja in the 5k, Andrea Swanson in the shot put and Mitch Krier in pole vault, where he was named an All-American. Eby is hoping to add a few more people to the group for outdoor nationals hoping to be able to place very high at conference.

“Both the men and the women teams have an opportunity to place higher then they have in school history,” Eby said.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Grant Miller throws the hammer during practice to prepare for the home meet on March 13.

## Post-season ends with 13 point loss

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In a hard finish to an amazing season, the men's basketball program lost to No. 7 Dakota Wesleyan University in the first round of the NAIA national tournament. The final score stood at 79-66 although the Bulldogs managed to come within five points of the lead in the second quarter.

The loss, however, is a win for the school, as it is the program's first appearance in the national tournament in school history. Returning team members are excited about what this means for next year.

“Hard work during the pre-season paid off in the

long run,” sophomore Michael Darden said. “And next year is gonna be that much better.”

The team ended their season with a 20-9 overall record, significantly besting last season's middle-of-the-road record of 16-13.

In the game against the Tigers, sophomore guard Aaron Frazier led the team with 18 points while senior guard Charles Moore managed 11. Senior forward Antowine Lamb only brought in six points but made up for it with a game-high 10 rebounds.

Both teams played well in the first five minutes of the game, but DWU began an 11-5 run that led to the Bulldogs being down 43-34 at the half. Strong



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Students gather in the cafeteria to watch the men's basketball team take on the number 7 Dakota Wesleyan University on March 10. The Bulldogs lost 79-66 in a tight game.

defense in the second half led to the Bulldogs sneaking up to 54-58. The Tigers, however, went on to go for a 15-3 run and sealed victory for themselves with minutes still

left on the clock.

Out-shooting the Bulldogs, the Tigers put up 55.3 percent from the field and 40 percent from the three-point range. Four of the Tigers also managed to

shoot in double-digits.

The basketball program has seven seniors graduating this year but still have 13 possible returning players for next year. Junior Dylan Jandreau believes

that the program will do well next year even with the seniors leaving.

“I really enjoyed our success this season,” Jandreau said. “I'm hopeful about next season.”

## Bettasso to fill winning shoes of former coach

ALEX STILLWELL  
Spectator Staff

After the resignation of head football coach Brian Ward, assistant coach Joe Bettasso stepped up and took Ward's position.

Coach Bettasso has a background in the sport as a player and a coach. He played football in high school, and in college at Missouri Southern State University from 2001 –

2005. In 2005 he played for Coach Ward and in 2007 he received a call from Ward asking him to come help coach at Mac.

Bettasso began as the linebacker coach and later moved up to defensive coordinator. Coach Bettasso has experience winning in McPherson and he plans to keep the tradition going. When asked about the getting the opportunity to be head coach, Bettasso

responded with great enthusiasm.

“I'm excited,” Bettasso said. “I wasn't expecting this so soon in my coaching career, but I'm happy to be the head coach here at Mac.”

Coach Bettasso said that he is not only coaching the young men but he is also helping to shape a lot of their lives on and off the field. He plans to put as much time and energy as

he can into the program.

Coach Bettasso brings a lot of experience and energy to the program with his upbeat and personable personality. Bettasso also hopes to bring stability to the program because all the players already know him from last year.

“I was lucky enough to learn from Ward,” Bettasso said. “I plan to incorporate some of those things into my coaching.”

Coach Bettasso said there will be some changes to the program but they will be small, and will be seen in the long run. He wants the players to be involved and active in the community.

“I believe that the players need to be closer to the city they are playing for,” Bettasso said. “They aren't just playing for themselves, but for the community as well.”



Joe Bettasso

## Students give back with service

# College earns spot on honor roll

DUSTY KITCHEN  
Staff Writer

Service is a strategic part of the McPherson College learning experience. When the college received the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the second straight year in a row, many were proud of the involvement of the college community.

The President's Honor Roll started in 2006 to annually recognize institutions of higher education for their commitment to and achievement in community service. The President's Honor Roll increases the public's awareness of the contributions that colleges and their students make to local communities and the nation as a whole.

Tom Hurst, director of

campus ministries, explained the process of getting the award is based on criteria such as overall percentage of students who participate in service and service learning projects, overall percentage of faculty and staff who participate in service and service learning projects, quality and scope of the projects and other factors.

McPherson met these criteria with many hours of work from students and faculty alike. In the 2008-09 Academic School year, the year that the Award was given, McPherson College had 84% of its students involved in service and service learning projects. 419 students and 65 faculty and staff were involved with 134 service events with 68 different organizations and programs. In total, the col-

lege completed 7,168 total hours of service: 1,105 hours of service were provided to the college itself, 5,025 hours were given within the city of McPherson, 645 hours were given in other parts of Kansas and 393 hours were given in service outside of the state.

One of the projects that McPherson has done and is still working on is the Ethiopia Reads project. The mission is to create a reading culture in Ethiopia by connecting children with books. Through an individual student initiative fall 2008 and a sophomore seminar project in spring 2009, McPherson College students collected almost 4,000 books to help create libraries for children in Ethiopia.

More than 700 other higher education institu-

tions have also received this award, but Hurst says there's a bigger meaning than who gets a prize.

"What the Award means is that we have successfully met the standards set in the United States for higher education community service," Hurst said. "And, for this, we should be humbly proud."

McPherson is honored and has done a lot for the community and others, but Hurst believes that the college and students can do more.

"McPherson College needs to develop ways to integrate service and service learning into the very fabric of higher education on our campus," Hurst said. "The activity of serving needs to become as normal to us as brushing our teeth and doing homework. Begin to see ser-



Photo by Ben Denton

Sophomore seminar group member Kati Beam, McPherson, stands next to her "Soles 4 Souls." Beam's group plans on collecting 300 pairs of shoes for their project. Seminar is a required class for students to graduate.

vice and service learning as not an 'add on' to the primary expectations of classes, clubs and teams, but as an integral component of the activities undertaken and expectations of these groups."

## Enrollment numbers hit 40 year high

SHANNON WILLIAMS  
News Editor

High retention and large enrollment numbers for the spring semester help McPherson College reach a 40 year record high for on-campus enrollment.

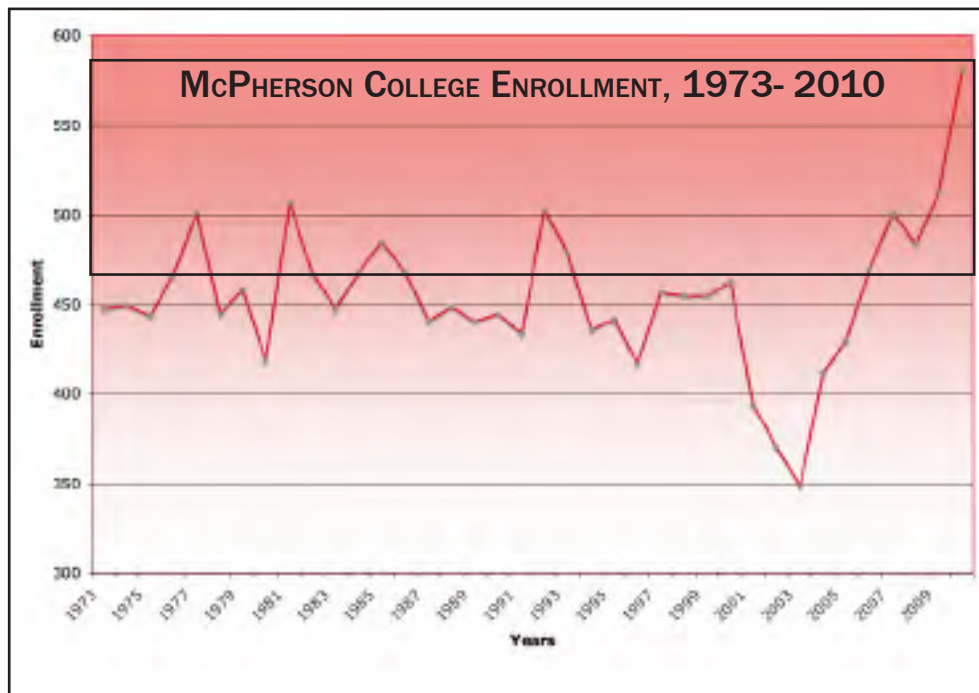
Currently there are 494 full-time students enrolled and 87 part-time students, which gives the college a head count of 581.

Last year at this time there were only 465 full-time students enrolled on campus, and the year before only 436 full-time students.

The retention for students from the fall semester to the spring semester this year was a high 91 percent.

"It took faculty, it took staff and it took students selling their quality experience to other students," said Dave Barrett, vice president of admissions. "Our current students play a very important role in the recruitment progress when they are able to share a positive experience with other students, that has a tremendous value."

Not only do students play an important role in increasing the enrollment, but students could benefit from the high number of



enrollment.

"We're excited about the enrollment increase and hopefully our students are excited to have more students to account for a different diversity and enhancing the learning experience," Barrett said.

Diversity among the student population isn't the only benefit that comes with the enrollment increase.

Barrett says it gives the college an opportunity to do many different things with regards to students, faculty and staff.

"Hopefully, the enrollment increase will pro-

vide a larger endowment for the college and give us some options as to what we want to do," Barrett said. "The biggest thing we want to emphasize is reinvesting in our students."

The admissions department's goal for next fall is to add 250 new students, including transfers and freshmen, to campus. Barrett realizes that with retention high, adding that many more students to campus could cause conflict with housing and other factors for consideration.

"At this time, there will need to be some changes

made if the admission office meets their goals," Barrett said. "It's always good for an institution to have a 'plan A' and a 'plan B' when it comes to enrollment."

"We've done very well over the past three years with our enrollment so we need to have a plan in place to take care of our residential students."

Barrett says student faculty and staff can play a vital role in the admissions department reaching their current goal.

"We are excited about where we are and we're excited about where we're going," Barrett said.

## Safe zone training provides safer campus

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News Editor

Safe zone training was held in Hoffman Student Union Friday, March 26, for McPherson College students.

Safe zone training is an option for students who choose to be LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer/questioning) allies. The training is a way for stu-

dents to better understand the issues being LGBTQ and how to effectively empower and provide a safe space for individuals to be themselves.

Kristen Freed from the Brethren Mennonite Council presented the Safe zone training. She taught the students many ways to make other feel safe.

"[Students can] make others feel safe by us-

ing inclusive language, refusing to tolerate statements like 'that's gay,' or refusing to allow people to make derogatory remarks about LGBTQs," said Kelli Pfau Johnson, personal counselor.

The training had sixteen participants of students, faculty and staff. Johnson said the discussions were great and that she learned a lot from the training.

"I encourage anyone

interested in the topic to attend, we hope to have another one next year," Johnson said. "At student services we want all students to be safe and healthy. Part of that is creating safe spaces on campus. People may have noticed 'SAFE ZONE' stickers on doors around campus, it is a statement that gender preference and gender identity will be respected."

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get a lot of satisfaction in getting to give to others."

The Rotaract club will also be dedicating their time and energy in May to the underprivileged in their efforts to help the children of LyBrook, New Mexico. The potential for manual labor is also a possibility for them.

"The children are very deprived so allowing them opportunities to be creative, think and play

is a gift to them," Nicole Sampson, sr., New Enterprise, Penn., said. "Plus, we will be bringing with us a number of art, sports and craft supplies to help build up the resources at LyBrook."

Rotaract in tentatively set to travel to New Mexico sometime in May. The last time this trip was made, thirteen individuals from McPherson College attended. The number at this time has not been determined.

## Ames pursues fellowship

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Dr. Marjon Ames, assistant professor of history, will be leaving her post at McPherson College to pursue a Postdoctoral Fellowship in British Studies at Appalachian State University in North Carolina.

Ames has only been at McPherson for one year, but has decided to further her expertise in a specialized subject.

"I'm very excited," Ames said. "It is a really interesting opportunity that will enable me to pursue research in my field by working in their special collection of British history books and manuscripts."

Ames was selected for the Rhinehart Postdoctoral Fellowship in British Studies, but will also be teaching classes in English history while at Appalachian State University. The courses she is teaching will be directly related to her research for the fellowship.

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Ames has earned her bachelor's from the University of Missouri, a master's from Sussex University in Brighton, England, a master's from the University of Missouri and a doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

## Morgan takes over

### Joe Morgan fills position as Morrison resident director

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coach, after Ward's resignation.

Morgan will balance his duties in the football program with his new role in residence life.

"He will be a great addition to the residence life staff," said Joe Becker, jr., Plainville. "He fits Morrison very well."

Morgan is well liked at the college, as well as in the football program, according to Becker. "We call him 'Dumbo,'" he said.

Morgan has been well received among students, according to Dusty Kitchen, soph., Oskaloosa. "He is learning fast, and is a great addition to the residence life team," he said.

Recruitment will keep Morgan busy in the coming months. His recruiting has been concentrated in Colorado, Nevada, and Dallas, Texas.

Joe Morgan, 2009 graduate and offensive line coach for the football program, has replaced Joe Battasso as Morrison Hall resident director.

"I look forward to having the opportunity to work with residence life, student services, the admissions staff and the students on and off the campus," Morgan said.

Morgan first came to McPherson in 2006 to play football under David Cunningham and Brian Ward. He was a student assistant for the football program in 2008, and was promoted to offensive line coach and equipment manager this year.

Battasso, Morgan's predecessor, is now the football program's head

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