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**SPECTATOR**

## Providing service to McPherson



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## NEWS BRIEFS

**Nominate staff person of year**

Applications for staff person of the year are due to Kelli Johnson, personal counselor. A brief reason of why the person being nominated must be included.

**Packaging meals Monday for Haiti**

Monday in Mingenback Theatre, students, staff and faculty will package 20,000 meals. Anyone can volunteer to help for half hour shifts in the caf during lunch today or by contacting Tom Hurst, campus minister. The meals will go to starving people in Haiti through Numana, Inc.

**Hunt for prizes**

Advancement is hosting an egg hunt Wednesday, April 20, for students. The eggs will be hidden in highly visible areas outside, not in buildings. Between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. students can collect one egg each. There will be a prize for each egg brought to the Advancement Office in Beeghly Hall. The prizes include candy, McPherson College items, food coupons and cash.

**Electing Business Club officers**

On Thursday, April 28 the Business Club will hold elections for new officers for the 2011-2012 school year. The elections will be at 11:30 a.m. in Siek.

# Beginning of entrepreneurship

## College receives a \$1.2 million gift to program

SHANNON WILLIAMS  
*News Editor*

"This is just the beginning," President Michael Schneider said, as he announced a \$1.2 million gift for the entrepreneurship program.

The gift was given by an anonymous donor and will provide funding for a number of different things. The money will pay entrepreneurship fellow Betsy Gatewood, Wake Forest University; it will hire the first entrepreneurship center executive director; it will fund new courses, as well as the new minor; it will provide money to the Horizon Fund and it will also fund the Global Enterprise Challenge, which will send a group to Haiti this summer.

The biggest part of this gift will be funding the new entrepreneurship center executive director position. One of the director's jobs will be to lead the existing programs created for entrepreneurship, such as the minor, the Horizon Fund, the Global Enterprise Challenge and Global Entrepreneurship Week. The director will also be asked to create new programs similar to. Ultimately, the director's job will be to make sure the college is doing an

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-Michael Schneider

appropriate job combining entrepreneurship with liberal arts.

"The whole idea is what we do best is liberal arts; what we're trying to do with entrepreneurship is make the liberal arts experience better," Schneider said.

Schneider announced at the campus huddle that the donor chooses to remain anonymous so that the attention will go to what the gift is going to do for the college and not necessarily the person who is providing the funding for it.

"This gift is a direct reflection of the quality of work that's been done on this campus," Schneider said. "It's the experience that our faculty and staff are creating and the results that we are seeing in our students."

Schneider believes this is just the beginning when it comes to donors for the entrepreneurship program at McPherson College. He also announced that the idea behind weaving entrepreneurship and liberal arts at McPherson College will be coined "Freedom to Jump." He described "Freedom to Jump" as a way to explain the experience McPherson College provides for students.

"Today it becomes real, and today we jump," Schneider said.

# Auto Restoration says farewell to professor

## Chennell finishes last semester at McPherson College

SHANNON WILLIAMS  
*News Editor*

A professor that made his home in Templeton Hall as a student and now has taught there for 8 years there as a professor will be leaving McPherson College next semester.

Luke Chennell, assistant professor of technology, will not be returning to his position in the fall. He said his decision not to return to the college was a "very hard one."

"My time here has been wonderful, and the cycle of the academic calendar here is very much ingrained in me," Chennell said. "It will be very strange not to return in the fall."

Chennell and his wife are moving to Lincoln, Neb. His wife will graduate medical school in May and will then begin her residency

in family medicine there.

"We have spent time apart before, and felt that it was important that we make this move together," Chennell said.

While his wife will continue her education, Chennell will do the same. He plans to pursue a doctorate in history at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Students will miss the presence of Chennell in Templeton Hall next year as their professor.

"We're definitely losing a very wise and valuable teacher, but we can only wish him the best," said Chase Ozbun, jr., Rose Hill.

Chennell will take many memories of his time here at the college with him.

"I'll miss the unique and unusual people that I meet here," Chennell said. "The college draws a very diverse group of intellectual people, and I've always enjoyed getting to



Photo by Audrey Secker

Assistant professor of technology Luke Chennell talks with students. Chennell has worked in the restoration department for eight years.

know a new crop of them every year. I'll also miss the challenges and variety of teaching automo-

tive restoration - there's hardly a day that goes by that I don't learn something new."

## Going green for Earth Day

JARED COHO  
*Spectator Staff*

In the midst of Earth Day, the Green Club works to reduce waste on campus and provides a campus challenge to encourage students to reduce their waste.

The Green Club is led by students Lane Allison, jr., Greensburg, and Tecie Turner, sr., Scott City, and faculty advisor Jonathan Frye, professor of natural science. The club's mission is to educate and promote smarter practices of recycling and conserving energy on campus. Right now Green Club is working on two projects as well as a campus challenge.

They are trying to eliminate the use of to-go cups in the cafeteria. Their goal is to replace the cups with cups students can take and then return in exchange for a clean cup.

They are also working on researching the possibility and advantages of replacing the paper towel dispensers on campus with air dryers to reduce the use of waste.

The Green Club plans on challenging the campus by encouraging them to reduce their use of energy. Monday through Thursday this week the amount of energy used was recorded. From Monday to Thursday next week the energy will be recorded. The goal is for students, staff and faculty to reduce their use of energy. Turner said next week would be an appropriate time for this because April 22 is Earth Day.

"I think this is a great way to provide awareness on energy consumption, while involving the entire campus community," said Turner.

The club was created to help with environment and energy problems.

## Keeping students informed



Photo by Shannon Williams

President Michael Schneider discusses things happening on campus with a group of students in Bittinger Hall. Schneider encouraged students to ask questions and provide input about the college.

## President shares campus happenings with students at dorm huddles

SHANNON WILLIAMS  
*News Editor*

President Michael Schneider gives students that live on campus a chance to ask questions and to learn about what's going on at the college during dorm huddles.

"I don't like big, long drawn out staff meetings, so a lot of times we have what I call a huddle, which is a two-way meeting with a lot of back and forth conversation," Schneider said.

There have been three meetings. The first meeting was for Dotzour Hall, the second meeting was for Metzler Hall, and the last was held at Bittinger Hall for the students there, as well as those that live in Morrison Hall, Harter Hall and the Baer apartments.

Schneider started each meeting

by explaining the strategic plan and the things the college is focused on right now.

"I think it's important for students to know what's going on so they can have a voice," Schneider said.

After he finished talking, he then gave time for students to ask questions. He answered questions in Dotzour Hall for two hours and spent an hour each in Metzler Hall and Bittinger Hall.

"I think sometimes students forget that they have an important role in the community," Schneider said. "Sometimes they forget that they're an important part of how we can change, so the feedback is important."

Schneider says that while he was at these meetings he looked for patterns in what issues the stu-

dents brought up, so that the college could use that information and focus on those concerns. He also said that he thinks the feedback is important while the college continues to grow.

"I think it's really important for Michael to have a relationship with students because they're more likely to approach him if they have issues," said Savannah Sievers, jr., St. John, Kan. "I think if he lets students know ahead of time what he's thinking and what's happening, then there will be less issues in the future."

As the college continues to develop a campus master plan, Schneider would like to have more meetings with the students.

"I appreciate our students and I appreciate their opinions," Schneider said.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Apply for NCRA scholarship

Seniors for the 2011-2012 school year can apply for the NCRA leadership scholarship from now until April 25. Students must provide three references, fill out an application and have a resume to turn into the Financial Aid office in Mohler Hall.

#### Students celebrate poetry month

The seventh annual McPherson College poetry month is underway. Poems can be submitted through April at <http://mc-poetrymonth.wordpress.com/submit-a-poem/>. The students with the top four best poems will receive Amazon gift cards.

#### Take advantage of new resources in Miller Library

The Zombie guide is officially available in the library and online or on smart phones. It was released over spring break. The Zombie Guide is a way to inform students on how to use the resources available in the library.

There is also a new resource available in the library. A language resource center has been added. It is housed on a computer station near the magazine racks on the main level of the library. Rosetta Stone Language Learning software for French is available. For details, see a library worker at the front desk.

# Career Services provides better way to build resume

AUDREY SECKER  
Editor-in-Chief

Career services has recently switched the campus over from Optimal Resume to College Central as the primary resource for building resumes, cover letters and portfolios.

"I like the capabilities of College Central," said Chris Wiens, director of career services. "All we had with Optimal was resume and cover letter and portfolio building."

College Central not only has a re-

sume and cover letter capabilities, but also the capabilities to manage job and internship searches. College Central pulls over a hundred-thousand job postings from websites such as Monster.com and Job.com as well as from a number of newspapers nationwide. It records jobs applied for and gives steps for what to do next. Along with jobs, College Central also has over 25,000 internships posted for students.

"Right now employers send us job postings and I type them up

and post them on our website and send them to students," Wiens said. "With College Central, employees can post them to our college's site whenever they want."

After students create a resume on College Central, they can allow it to be seen by potential employers on the site. Because there is such a large number of jobs and employers using the site, this can be very beneficial to students.

"Students need to be very targeted with their job search," Wiens said. "Students' searches are either

too narrow or too broad. You have to balance that and know what you're going after and what fits you the best."

College Central is a little more expensive than Optimal was, but the resume and cover letter building part of College Central is a lot better than Optimal's, ensuring more personal and professional documents.

"In its formatting, students were just copying and pasting, not changing the examples from Optimal," Wiens said. "The resume

builder on College Central gives examples, but doesn't allow copy and paste."

The portfolio portion of College Central has specific portfolio options for music, art and graphic design majors with larger capacity for large media files. The general portfolio also has a larger capacity for files and will have much better quality than Optimal.

Because College Central allows students to sign up using any e-mail account, students can use the source even after graduation.

## Breaks not included in campus meal plans

CURTIS MULLINS  
Spectator Staff

Students shared concerns regarding the cafeteria service being shut down during spring break via email

Before spring break, a campus-wide email was sent out by a student objecting to the cafeteria being closed during the break. It was replied to by several students that were also opposed to the cafe being closed. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, replied to this email with another email explaining why the cafeteria isn't open during the breaks.

The cost of meal plans is currently figured by the number of days students are required to be on campus and the number of meals per day. Rothrock said that if students are required to be here it's the responsibility of the supervisor of the program to come up with the meals.

"The bottom line is the cafeteria needs money to produce a product," Rothrock said.

Rothrock explained in his email to students that if the cafeteria

were left open during the breaks students would have to pay for the additional meals provided during that break even if they aren't on campus.

"If this issue is important to the student body, we need to sit down and look at what it would take to make this work for everyone involved," Rothrock said. "There are always ways to make your experience here at McPherson College better and I encourage you to take the time to work with our new SGA President to have these issues discussed."

Eleven years ago the decision was made to keep the

residents halls open during breaks. The main reason for this decision was the large number of out-of-state students attending, as well as students from Brethren colleges abroad. Rothrock explained in his email that McPherson College is the only private college in Kansas that keeps its residence halls open during all of the breaks. Other private colleges require that students leave the campus and are not allowed in the residence halls until classes start back up.

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*-LaMonte Rothrock*

## New SGA President brings new ideas



Photo by Shannon Williams

Current SGA member, Shelly Brandt, jr., Divide, Colo., scoops ice-cream at "Pow-Wow with Paul."

New Student Government Association President Paul Rotering, fr., Colorado Springs, and current SGA members provided a night for students to ask questions, share concerns and eat ice-cream. They called the night "Pow-Wow with Paul." At the door students received a survey to fill out, and the rest of the night SGA members were available to answer questions from students.



Photo by Shannon Williams

Paul Rotering, fr., Colorado Springs, stops at a table to explain the survey SGA members handed out.



Photo by Shannon Williams

Enjoying his ice-cream Chase Ozbun, jr., Rose Hill, talks with other students at his table.

## Receiving awards, providing service Students travel to KNEA conference

SHANNON WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Six students and one professor traveled to the K-STATE campus in Manhattan, Kan., March 25-26, for the KNEA Spring Representative Assembly.

KNEA, or Kansas National Educators Association, has two assemblies a year. This assembly included a guest speaker and awards ceremony the first night and the next day was "Outreach to Teach," which is a day for KNEA to provide service to a school in Kansas for a day.

Those in attendance included: Ben Coffey, jr., McPherson; Emily Donell, sr., Wichita; Lauren Larsen, jr., Lincoln, Kan.; Micki Wilde, soph., Macksville; Sarah Neher, jr., Rochester, Minn.; Kelsie Martin, jr., McPherson and Shay Maclin, Teachers of Tomorrow advisor and assistant professor of education.

Coffey said that he thinks this assembly will benefit his career as a teacher in the long run through networking.

"KNEA provides so many benefits for teachers to network with so many other teachers as well as people that have experience in the field," Coffey said.

The group brought home many awards from the first night of the assembly. Wilde received an award for outstanding local underclass-



Photo courtesy of Ben Coffey

**Back Row:** Lauren Larsen, jr., Lincoln; Micki Wilde, soph., Macksville; Sarah Neher, jr., Rochester, Minn.; Kelsie Martin, jr., McPherson and Ben Coffey, jr., McPherson. **Front Row:** Emily Donell, sr., Wichita and sponsor Shay Maclin, assistant professor of education.

men; Larsen received an award for outstanding student leader; Maclin received an award for outstanding local advisor; Coffey won an award for outstanding local newsletter, for the "Teachers of Tomorrow TODAY" newsletter that he creates and the TOTs group as a whole won an award for outstanding local excellence award.

The next day, Crook, Neher, Coffey and Donnell were available to stay and work for "Outreach to Teach" at Ogden Elementary

School. The school had once had a community garden and greenhouse in the past, but it had been destroyed by a massive flood. The students were given the choice to either help with the garden or do work inside of the school and they chose to help with the garden.

"Just knowing that we were there for three hours and knowing that our efforts will potentially support the community for months to come was a pretty cool feeling," Coffey said.

## Young resigns as director of food services after three years of service

AUDREY SECKER  
Editor-in-Chief

LeeAnn Young, director of food services, resigned from her position last Friday.

"LeeAnn made some decisions based on some directions that we were going that maybe she wasn't the right person," LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students said. "I want to thank LeeAnn for taking us where we were to where we've

gotten to."

Ron Derrick will be replacing Young as the interim food service director until a new director is hired.

Student services has plans to make a number of changes in the cafeteria this and next year to make food more healthy.

"I'm waiting for someone to call me and complain because the food is too healthy," Rothrock said. "That's my vision. That's what

students are expecting, that's what parents are expecting and that's what I'm expecting food service to do."

"I want to thank LeeAnn for taking us where we were to where we've gotten to."

-LaMonte Rothrock

Improving the quality of food and giving students accurate information about the calories and carbohydrates in meals is also a goal of student services.

"It may mean we have to buy some new equipment it may mean we have to move some things around in the cafeteria, stations that are serving things, it may mean the offerings shrink a little bit to improve the quality," Rothrock said.

Rothrock believes that food services has a lot to do with retention.

"It is why we need to hear from students all the time, it is why we need to provide healthy food," Rothrock said.

It's important for students to voice their opinions, if there is something that isn't good, or something that is really good, students should let Derrick or Rothrock know.

## Upson leaves for Emporia State University

AUDREY SECKER  
Editor-in-Chief

Matt Upson is no longer the director of library services after leaving McPherson College at the end of March.

Upson was offered a position at Emporia State University as the director of their masters of library science program for central Kansas. He will still be working with Katie Hill, director of alumni relations. Hill is the director of northeast Kansas/Kansas City area for the program at Emporia State University.

"Emporia State needed someone before the semester was over," Upson said. "We pushed it back as far as we could. Leaving mid-semester is not ideal, but I know that our student workers are capable of handling the day-to-day functions of the library along with some coordination from above."

Since Upson arrived at the college, he has facilitated a number of changes to the library.

"I think our most obvious and exciting achievement has been the new zombie guide to the library, but I hope that we've had a more fundamental impact on the attitude of students towards the library," Upson said. "If students continue to view this space with-

out anxiety or fear and want to be here interacting and learning, then we've really accomplished something. Students need to take ownership of the space and make it their own. I think we've seen a lot of that this year."

Upson has also worked hard to make the space more comfortable for students. There are still a number of things that he wanted to get done, such as a nicer coffee bar, more study group spaces and more technology.

"If students want something, make your opinions clear to those who have the ability to make the change happen," Upson said. "Don't be passive observers. Get involved."

Upson has a bit of advice for the next librarian to come in and take his position.

"Have an open-door policy. Don't think that because you have a fancy title, you have to separate yourself from the students," Upson said. "This isn't a place where there are layers of bureaucracy between the administrators and the students - they have to be ready and willing to drop whatever they are doing in order to help a student. They have to recognize that this position is a service position. We are here to serve the campus community. Don't forget that."



photos by: Betsy Shaffer

Photo Left: A Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle at the North Shore, Oahu. Photo Above: Rachel Leuthold at Paradise Cove, enjoying the beach.

## Students travel for spring break 2011

BRITTENY SHOULDERS  
*Spectator Staff*

Spring break 2011 has come and gone, but that puts us closer to the end of the school year! Students traveled all over, from the east coast and Key West to as far off as Hawaii for some fun vacationing time. Many of our fellow students went home, but some were stuck here in McPherson.

Bill Tebbets, fr., Gorham, Me., traveled to Key West with his best friend and family to enjoy some tarpon fishing.

"My friend caught a 110 pound tarpon, my dad caught a 100 pound one and I caught a 75 pound one," Tebbets said.

They also went scuba diving. There weren't plans for every day he was there.

"Days when we didn't have any plans, we just did a lot of fishing off the dock in front of the place we stayed," Tebbets said.

Some students did not have as much luck. Drew Talbott, jr., South Bend, In., had plans to visit his mom in Canada. After staying the night in Wichita for an early flight out, he discovered his passport had expired and he had to return to Mac.

Eighteen of our students traveled in separate teams to help people in need. One group traveled to Lybrook, N.M. to help Lybrook Community Ministries run vacation bible school, build a horse-training pen and build a garden for the Navajo Native Americans.

Another group went to Ashland City, Tenn. to help flood victims. Students spent their time helping families rebuild homes that were

ruined by flooding that occurred in May 2010. Working with Brethren Disaster Ministries, students learned how to lay a cinder block foundation and put up walls and roofing for a family whose home was destroyed.

"I learned that it's really not that hard to give your time, especially if you have friends with you," Matt Willis, jr., Kansas City, Mo., said. Willis participated in the effort to help flood victims in Tennessee.

Seth Williams, jr., Davenport, Ne., went home and spent time working. "I shadowed a doctor at a hospital and got to sit in on some minor surgical procedures,"

Williams said. "Then, I went and spent some time with my girlfriend in Chadron!"

Betsy Shaffer, sr., Cascade, Colo., and Rachel Leuthold, jr., Bern,

went to Oahu, Hawaii for spring break. They spent several days on the beach, did some shopping, and just drove around sight-seeing.

Leuthold said her favorite part was swimming with the giant sea turtles. They also went to a luau and ate dinner on the shores while watching traditional Hawaiian dancing. "I learned a lot of interesting things, and it was awesome to be able to visit a place so different from Kansas," Leuthold said.

Another one of our students also ventured across the ocean to visit Kauai, Hawaii.

"My favorite part was driving the entire length of the island and enjoying the view with my family," Taylor Wilkins, soph., Clearwater, said.

Brittany Van Sant, sr., Colorado Springs, Colo., had a busy spring

break. She worked for part of her break and spent the other half traveling. She made the drive to Denver halfway through the week and then flew to Los Angeles, Cali., on Friday. Once she got there, she spent most of the day driving around.

"If you don't become an aggressive driver quick, you can't really get anywhere," Van Sant said. "I had fun though. I even bought cotton candy from a guy carrying it on a long stick just walking around."

Van Sant spent Saturday at her brother's wedding and flew back to Colorado again that night. "I was still thankful to get away from school and spend a little time with my family, including my nine nieces and nephews," Van Sant said.

It sure sounds like a lot of our peers had some fun and interesting trips! Bring on spring break 2012!

# How to...

## Destress Your Life

NICOLE KEAGLE

This is the time of year when Senioritis starts to set in for many of us – even if you’re not a senior. Motivation starts to drop, effort is lacking, and summer sounds really good right about now. After about eight months of being bombarded with projects and papers, most people just need a serious break. That’s tough, though, when there’s a month left to go. Some handle it easier than others, but there are some ways to get through the stress at the end of the year.

**1** First of all, if you’re a perfectionist, just chill out for a bit. I’m not necessarily trying to suggest doing shoddy work, but if you’re getting an A in every class already, it won’t kill you to cut yourself some slack with a few assignments if that means lowering your stress level. Over-working yourself when you could receive the same grade with less work doesn’t make much sense unless you’re trying to impress someone. Now, those who aren’t

perfectionists probably should avoid this advice and just keep up a steady pace of work to avoid dropping a grade, which would just add to the unnecessary stress!

**2** Taking a few breaks from your schoolwork is another good thing to do if you’re feeling overwhelmed this time of year. Since we are only allotted a certain number of absences in each class (are we still in high school?), take advantage of any if you haven’t already! If you can afford to miss a class that is stressing you out, do it. Of course, you should make sure your work is done for the class— but we are adults, many of us with jobs, and all of us with lives outside of school— we shouldn’t have to feel bad about missing a few classes to regain our sanity.

**3** Now here’s some advice I should heed: don’t procrastinate. I know, it’s hard not to, but when

there’s only a month left, procrastination will only pile on the work that’s almost over and keep you worrying all the way up to your last final. Just take a deep breath and remind yourself: it’s almost over! Just do what you need to get done, get it over with and you will breathe again.

**4** In addition to not procrastinating, studying is a good way to ease your way to the end of the semester. Nothing sucks more than freaking out over the last big projects or tests of the year because you put off studying due to carelessness. Like I said before, just get it over with and move on.

This is my first semester as a junior and I’m already feeling the effects of senioritis. We all just want to get school over with so we can bust into the real world with our newfound skills, but the work must come first. Years fly by, and these will, too.

# The Hot spot

By: ALLISON SNYDER

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF  
TIFFINEY HARMS, ADJUNCT



**ROLE ON CAMPUS:** I teach private piano and have one voice student. I also accompany the choir and play for musical theater productions.

**EDUCATION:** I received my Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance from Sterling and my Master in Music Education with an emphasis in Piano Pedagogy from the University of Oklahoma.

**HOMETOWN:** Great Bend, KS.

**INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:** Music is a big part of my life and is, of course, one of my favorite pastimes. I enjoy reading books, watching movies and spending time with my friends and families.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:** I would like to help build the music program here at McPherson College. I would also like to further my own education by

getting my Doctoral Degree.

**IMPRESSION OF MAC:** I have enjoyed getting to know the students. The community atmosphere that is here at McPherson College is really great. It feels like home the moment you step on campus.

**ANYTHING ELSE:** I have one sister and an eight month old niece.

## ON THE FLY : WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE APRIL FOOLS PRANK?



“I don’t have a favorite. I’m not into april fools.”

Taylor Wilkens  
soph., Clearwater



“We owned somebody with newspapers.”

Savannah Sievers  
jr., Stafford



“We told our advisor something broke when decorating for prom.”

Lindsey Wedel  
jr., Newton



“When your teacher says you had a 6 page paper due, and you didn’t”

Rachel Leuthold  
jr., Bern



“I really don’t like april fools.”

Ashley Zodrow  
sr., Chapmen



“I like innocent ones, like the snake in a can.”

Mark Dowdy  
jr., Huntingdon, Penn.

# Advice from the minds of stressed out seniors: senior show

Ashley Zodrow, Chapman



- Presents on April 15, 4:15 pm

- Science rarely yields the results that you expect, and looking back, there are many things I would have changed to make the process more efficient.

- Consider how readily available or easy it will be to access samples. I waited for months just to get one useable sample to test. Even though microbes are readily available, the acquisition of a sample that met my project design requirements was still time costly.

Christover Lange, Oklahoma City, OK



- Presents on April 15, 2:50 pm

- Karissa Ferrell and I started in September with the actual testing, we finished at the end of January.

- The advice I would give is, have your project picked out and know what you are going to do so you finish on time.

- Don't psych yourselves out about the presentations either!! Just...practice, practice, practice!

Kelley Green, Brighton, Colo.



- Graphic Design Major

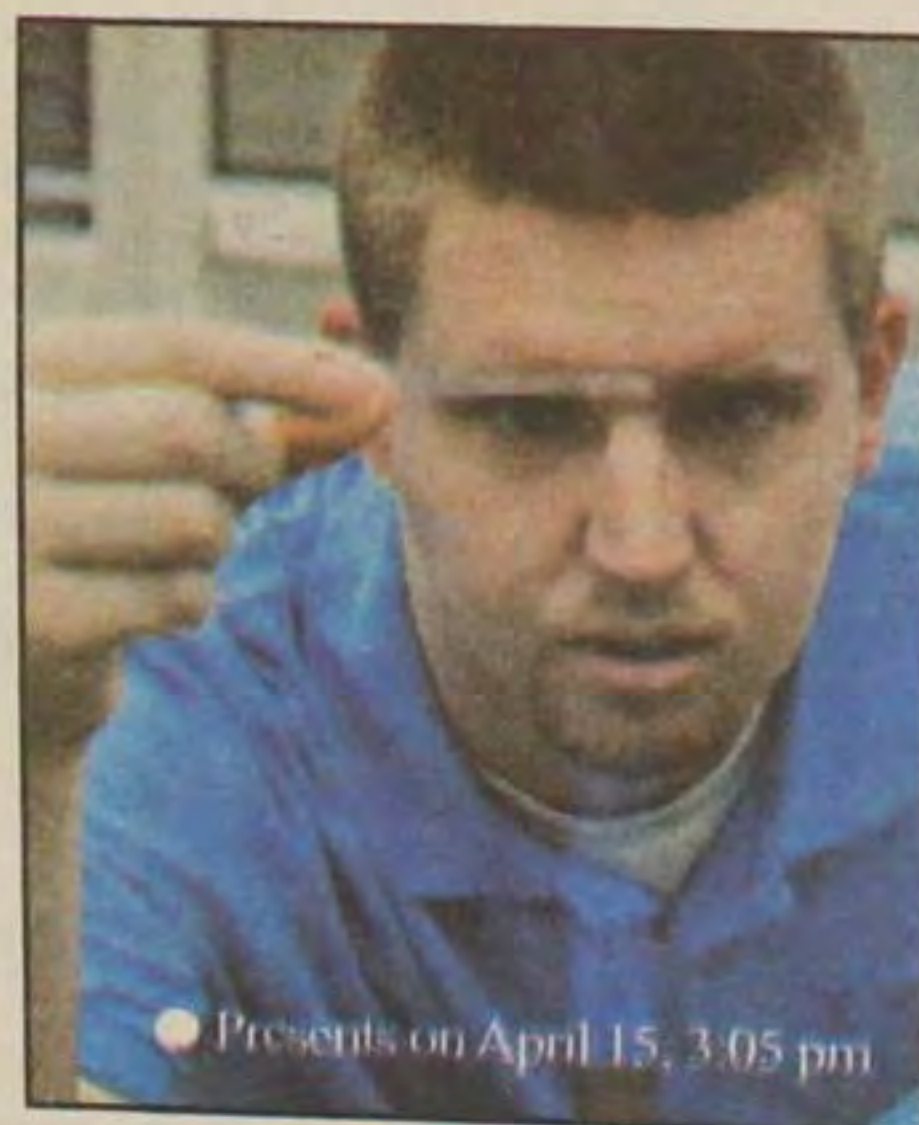
- Working on my show was difficult... especially during the parts that involved printers!

- Start on it early.

Jessica Mollhagen, Wichita



Dylan Jandreau, Greeley, Co



- Presents on April 15, 3:05 pm

Tecie Turner, Scott City



- Presents on April 15, 4:00 pm

- It certainly hasn't turned out the way I expected. I had originally planned to survey inmates at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility, but have been waiting on approval from the secretary of corrections. I am currently working on that research, but will be unable to use it for my senior research project due to struggles with timing.

- Be flexible, flexibility is certainly vital when working with others.

Holly Bate, McPherson



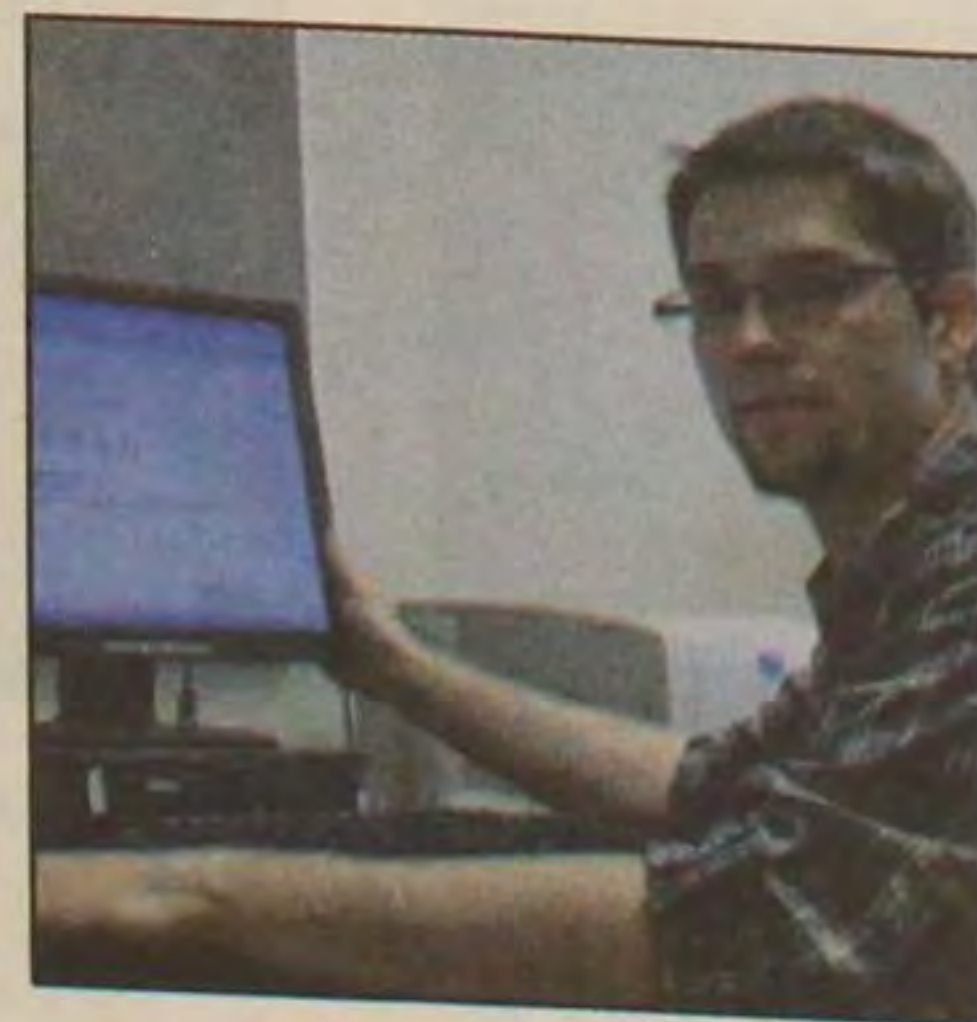
- Graphic Design Major

- Creativity is what it's all about. Don't be afraid that your ideas are silly, we are all silly from time to time. Plus, it's the silly things that make the best projects!

- I just want people to like it. Hopefully, through my show pieces, people can get a good idea of who I am.

- I underestimated how much time I actually needed, from re-printing to executing, to putting it up, I ended up being at the school until about 2 o'clock every night.

Zachery Hlad, Ellsworth



- Presents on April 15, 3:30 pm

- I chose a project that pertains to the job I have had for the last few years. It also pertains to my future career which makes it much more interesting and enjoyable.

- Definitely do not wait until the last minute to start. Choose a project that is enjoyable and visit with your advisors. They are extremely intelligent and willing to help.

Amanda Aragon, Thornton, Colo.





# participants of the month of April

● Presents on April 15, 2:20 pm

● Start it as soon as possible, don't wait to the last minute because things don't always turn out how you expect.

● Do some practice runs before you begin the actual research. It saves you time if you already know what you are doing!

● Last take it seriously, it's a chance for you to explore your interest and the professors (in the science department) try to help you out tremendously so don't waste their time!

Karissa Ferrell, North Las Vegas, Nev.



BETSY SHAFFER  
Campus Life Editor

The dreaded senior project. Students spend hours agonizing over it, working, researching, planning, designing, and while it seems like four years is a long time to prepare for one little bitty project the actual presentation seems to leap out at you, over in a flash. This month senior art majors will display their work in Friendship Hall while senior science majors prepare for a presentation that will end the long hours they have been spending preparing research. Here is the advice of the twelve seniors who will capstone their senior courses this month.

Austin Froese,



● Graphic Design Major

● It was very time consuming. I felt like I was working a full time job on top of my part time job and classes. But it payed off. I got done a week early!

● You are your worst critic. I had the hardest time remaking my own portfolio.

● Learn time management

● I want it my show to express me and the love I have for graphic design and art.

Laura Hendricks, McPherson



● Graphic Design Major

● I'm really excited for the show, for everything to be finished so people can see it!

● The whole process was very stressful, if I could give a piece of advice to younger art majors it would be to take good care of your projects so you don't have to re-execute them for the show... and to start working on it early!

Alyssa Baldi, Denver, Colo.



● Presents on April 15, 2:05 pm



photo by Allyson Snyder

## Choir Tour travels to the Windy City

BRITTENY SHOULDERS  
Spectator Staff

Seventy-one members of the choir recently toured across the Midwest. The choir began their tour April 6th, and returned to McPherson on April 10th.

The choir first traveled to Warrensburg, Missouri. The next destination was Elgin, Illinois, and after that it was off to Iowa for three performances one in both Waterloo and Council Bluffs before completing the loop back to Kansas, where the choir performed their last show in Baldwin City. Overall the choir had five performances.

"We have worked our tails off," Emily Donell, jr. Wichita, said. The choir stayed busy on tour with a long to-do list before each performance. This includes setting up and taking down risers, unloading luggage, rehearsals, dinner, and dress.

At each stop, the choir was given unique experiences with the community. "Every night we break into

small groups and spend the night with host families,"

Joey Staskowski, soph., Oriskany Falls, NY said. Some of the families were Mac grads.

"Sometimes we get lucky and the church will hold a potluck for us," Cody Taylor, soph., Springville, IA., said. "As for down time, we get a decent amount of freedom. For instance, we have some free time in Chicago to look around and see the sights. It should be a good trip."

Lane Allison, jr., Greensburg, said that he was excited to go on the choir tour for the first time. "I haven't sung in an organized group since elementary school, and I am really glad that I have joined the choir this semester." He is also looking forward to participating in the choir in the future. "We have a very strong group and I am proud to be a member of it."

The choir will be performing in Mingenback Theatre on Sunday, April 17th at 4:00 p.m., so come out and support our fellow students.

# Sojourner in a civilized life: Lessons from mis-haps in work, life

The 190 SL, which I have spent most of my internship on, came back from the sandblaster this week. It's rough and I think it's great.

This is my ninth week of twenty-eight at the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center in Irvine, Cali. I will dive deep into the car's restoration as the summer progresses.

Mercedes-Benz produced the 190 SL from 1955 to 1963 as a low-cost alternative to the 300 SL. Of the 25,881 units produced, 10,361 were imported to the U.S. All have a 1.9 liter four cylinder, two Solex carburetors and a 4-speed manual transmission.

Every day I work on or around the car. I don't personify it; it's a hunk of metal and has no feelings, but it is my project. And it's great to have that freedom.

My work has taught me the importance of transparency. In me-

chanics, the cleaner your work is, the easier it is to find a problem should one arise. In journalism, your story is solid if your attributions are thorough.

I make mistakes at the Clas-

one day know better. Being bolder in my mistakes than in my perfect work is ridiculous, but I have learned

## LETTERS HOME

Taylor Adams



sic Center. I reckon interns often make mistakes. Through my mistakes I have realized that transparency transcends perfect work; in an internship, transparency is often success. A good cover-up of a bad mistake is the worst form of deception. It cuts off any hope to

from it.

Still, I swallow pride like a horse pill. "Don't worry, Taylor, all this work we do is just a pit stop between the factory and the junkyard," a technician told me. "There's nothing you can mess up that I can't fix," another said.

I hear these things so often. My goal here is not to do perfect work. Rather, it is to resist frustration, to practice patience and to ask questions. I consider perfect work a dependent variable in this massive experiment. Work ethic, patience and curiosity are independent variables. This article is my journal, my log.

I wonder if the Greeks or the Romans had a god of perfect work. If they did, he or she would be blind, visit people of all kinds and spew his or her blessing haphazardly.

A business must finish projects to stay afloat. This seems quite obvious, yet I have not wholly grasped it.

I have talked to several graduates who never saw a car finished in their time at McPherson. I have rarely seen McPherson stress over a deadline. McPherson stresses a skill set. I can't think of a better

way to do it.

At McPherson, a project's alto-relievo is skill development. At the Classic Center, a project's alto-relievo is often a deadline. No customer wants to wait for a technician to develop a skill set. A customer wants his or her car fixed.

I spend my days at the Classic Center and I spend my nights at home. I think it's all fun – work life and home life – but I think a lot of it is work. I have never thought that work and fun are opposites.

I can't believe how short the days are. At 8 p.m. every night the house cats climb up to my room. Their names are Liberty and Freedom – those names don't suit them. I usually call them by any one of the seven deadly sins. I say, "Hello Gluttony," or, "Get out of here Sloth." This seems to suit them fine. It's all fun and a lot of it is work.

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## LEAD EDITORIAL

# Take a break once in a while

THE SCHOOL YEAR IS FAST COMING TO AN END. Students are rushing to finish projects that were assigned months ago but were shoved to the back of the pile because they weren't due for so long.

This time can be stressful. The anticipation of summer, finding jobs, graduating or just wondering whether it can all get done in just a month, can get to you and wear you down if you're not careful.

It's important during times like these to take a break and smell the roses. It's spring. The weather has been gorgeous and the flowers are in full bloom.

Sometimes it feels like there isn't a spare minute in the universe to take a potty break or get some much needed break from homework, let alone smell some dumb roses by the side of the road. But it's a figure of speech.

Take a few minutes, walk down to Lakeside Park, watch an intense Ultimate Frisbee game or maybe even join in the excitement for an afternoon.

Sometimes that short period of just hoping you can catch the flying frisbee versus worrying about your research paper being due can mean the difference between just being busy and actually having full blown anxiety attack that

even chocolate won't fix.

If your health conscious and don't want to devour pounds of chocolate to cope, fresh air will do the trick. Dorm rooms, computer labs and the library can be a bit stuffy, especially if you spend an entire day in the same spot staring at the artificial light of a computer screen.

With no more snow on the ground or rain pouring down, there are no more excuses for going outside and enjoying pure oxygen.

Anxiety attacks are unnecessary. Just take the time to breathe in, breathe out, and smile; You will be fine

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear concerned voters,

Everything is going to be okay. It's not like Paul was voted the president of the world after all. If that was the case, I would be worried too.

Being the president's sister, I think I have a pretty good understanding of who this kid is. Paul honestly is one of the most caring and headstrong people that I know. When I say 'headstrong', many may be worried, but I mean it in the best way possible. When Paul has an idea, he figures out how to accomplish it and follows through with it to the end. He has been this way since birth. Trust me, I know. He is also very creative when it comes to bettering an environment he is part of. While he was president of our high school, he was constantly looking for ways to get students more involved and ways to keep the support of the surrounding communities.

Many may say that I am completely biased when it comes to this matter, but honestly I know all of Paul's flaws and his redeeming characteristics. Now I'm not going to air his dirty laundry or anything like that, but I will give you insight into his tornado-like personality. When Paul says he is "a tornado" I'm sure that he's just trying to be like Will Ferrell's character Ricky Bobby and create an awesome slogan of some sort. He doesn't literally mean that he has come to tear the school apart. He is a people person and knows how to make people cooperate in ways that I have never seen before. He can fire up crowds of bored individuals and catch the attention of everyone in the audience with the way he speaks. Now many of you are probably thinking, "Yeah, he's pretty loud and obnoxious." But, when he is the lead man on a job and he's being loud to make sure that the

ideas of the student body are actually being heard for once, I'm sure that all of you will be glad he is this way.

Now I know that predicting the future is pretty impressive, and Kristie was right in saying that Paul cannot make the assumption that he would have been elected in the fall if he wasn't elected this spring; but did she not also predict the future by saying that Paul is "a tornado that will destroy everything that SGA has worked so hard to build"? I'm sure that some people are worried about how Paul will handle this role, but give the kid a chance. He has worked hard to be where he is today, and now that people have lit a fire under him this will only make him want to prove those doubtful individuals wrong.

Sincerely,  
Anneliese Rotering  
Nominee for Sister of the Year 2011

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## REVIEW IT!



## HANNA

## Action-packed thriller wins three stars

MICHAEL HOLMAN  
*Spectator Staff*

The film opens with an edgy, cold, quiet scene that turns into one of blood and violence— which, incidentally, is a good representation of the entire movie: cold, edgy, and bloody.

It follows a 15-year-old girl who has been raised in the arctic wilderness by her father, who, unbeknownst to her, is a special agent— much like Jason Bourne of *The Bourne Identity*. She is brutally trained to hunt, fight, and think on her feet.

One day her father gives her the choice to change her life; but that change means subjecting herself to being hunted by her father's old enemy, Agent Marissa Viegler.

This movie was well done, and star studded— Cate Blanchett did

an excellent job of being a conflicted, cold-blooded killer with a strange maternal instinct, and Eric Bana was very believable. Even though he is always a good guy, he still feels dangerous.

The fighting was crisp— they didn't use shaky camerawork to hide bad choreography. Instead, the choreography excelled.

There were things about this movie that didn't need to be in there: for one, a sadistic murdering man in eyeliner and a tight warm-up suit who kills people with pens.

Also, a few cliché moments, such as the bad guys killing people for no particular reason, just to be bad, or killing people after they interrogate them.

You never understood Marissa's motivation— was she trying to be Hanna's mother, trying to possess her as a weapon, or try-

ing to kill her?

You never find out. Hanna herself is also confusing.

In your first impression of her she's a cold-blooded killer, and then later she turns into a naïve, innocent child who doesn't want to hurt anybody.

On the whole it was made well. The actors' skill made it believable. It took you to places most movies don't usually travel, like Morocco and Spain.

But the movie doesn't make you feel good, isn't triumphant at the finish, and when the credits roll, you think, "Is that it?"

It opens with a gunshot to the head, and concludes with one as well. If you don't like lots of blood and killing, this is not your movie.

Three stars, for the sake of the actors, locations, and well-made fight scenes.

# Hating America: The new cool thing to do?

It seems these days it is easier than ever to find people that promote the hating of America.

Choosing to hate America has become a glorified sport. It's the new cool thing to do.

You're in with the 'it' crowd if you fancy any form of apathy or desecration towards the American ways. You get to be 'one' with our Hollywood elite as they attempt to best each other in their efforts to demonize this country, its leaders, both past and present, while defacing our name, both here and abroad. To side with those that perpetuate self-hate is to wear a 'Hate America Badge' on our own chests.

In fact, it feels as though to still be proud of this country and to publicly express patriotism for it has become an unredeeming quality that puts a person on the outskirts of modern thinking, and in direct opposition with the majority opposed.

We are told that 'everyone hates us,' with such conviction that it seems that the speakers can only be encouraging us to hate America as well. If only tolerance for all meant tolerance for Americans too.

In the same breath that one evokes the ideal that Islamic extremists tarnish the work of the peaceful Muslim community at large, and that the population of peace-loving Muslims should not be held responsible as a whole for the work of death

outer skin right down to the core; and the seeds within must surely bear more rotten fruit.

Hmm, I'm not buying it. It's like a parent that tells us of an

## SHANE SAYS

Shane Dresser



administered by a rogue faction, the same logical thinking, for whatever reason, cannot be applied to the U.S. military as a whole when a small group of soldiers torture the rights of prisoners while humiliating them.

Yes, I said the rights of prisoners, not prisoners. Aren't we told that there are a few bad apples in every bunch? Oh, no, I forgot, that latitude can not be extended to us, for the U.S. military is just a bunch of bad apples, rotten from its green

older sibling who has tarnished the family name, and then tells us that we should be ashamed for it and hang our heads in disgrace as we mope around the neighborhood.

This we must resist to do as we would resist any person shaming us into turning our backs on our own family. I believe it to be a fine endeavor indeed to encourage the youth of today to promote peace in the circles they will find themselves in during the tomorrows to come.

However, we don't need

speakers who tell us how to feel about ourselves and our country based on how others feel about us and our country.

That is not the standard to which we should subscribe. We don't need speakers that tell us how America is hated by 'everyone', pausing for affect, and dangling in front of us a carrot of self-loathing. What are we to become, if we join with the rest of the world to hate America, but citizens filled with hate for each other?

What we really need are motivational speakers who encourage our American youth to promote America, to promote the good ideals that we individually and collectively believe that America is and can achieve.

And what is America? You are America. You, my young black brothers and sisters are America, with your proud minds and resilient ways.

You, my young Hispanics, whether you were born here or are immigrants teetering in the turmoil of citizenship or allegiance to home.

You, my young white youth that are made to feel ashamed of

yourselves for simply being white.

You, my newly arrived African, European, Asian, or Middle Eastern, or whoever, who aren't yet citizens, but who feel that this country could offer you a better opportunity for the same amount of your effort and struggle that went to waste under the oppression of your previous cancerous government.

Our country is not perfect and no one should promise you that it will be. To live under such delusions is to remove the power from the freedom that this country's declarations allow you. We must offset this trend of 'Hate America' by rejecting that attitude and embracing the positive thinking of ourselves and our country.

We need to shed the belief that one bad leader, or one set of soldiers, or one small group of any kind can stand as a complete representative for an entire country or military. It's the standard the world offers for itself, why not us?

That, my young generation, is a badge worthy of its efforts to attain. Scouts Honor.

## Think before you speak? Who's it really hurting?

As some of you may know from a column I wrote last year, I have a sister with an intellectual and developmental disability. She is the most amazing, kind, loving, interesting, and determined person I know. She has a strength and ease about her that I could only imagine. All of this in spite of her difficulties with seizures, limited speech, countless medications, and worst of all ignorance and unawareness of others.

If you watch the Colbert Report you probably have seen Tim Shriver talking about the "R-Word Campaign". The R-word is the word retard.

Many organizations such as the Special Olympics, ARC and actors Johnny

Knoxville and John C. McGinley (Dr. Cox from Scrubs) have joined the campaign to bring awareness to our country about the effects of the r-word.

So many people say this word without even thinking twice. Not ever thinking it hurts anyone, but it does.

This is not a campaign to force you to change. Mr. Shriver said it best, when he said "You are allowed to be humiliating, degrading, and hurtful. I am allowed to petition you to be aware and give you the option to stop."

I'm not asking you to stop I understand it can be hard to change your everyday language.. I just ask that you be open considering if it is really something you need

to say. For so many years I have sat by and not said anything to even my closest of friends and family about how awkward and hurt I feel when they use this word even in casual comments referring to how stupid an assignment is, or how annoying the person in line was.

It hurts to think that a word that medically describes my sister, is used to describe something as

negative or undesirable.

It hurts to know that people think of my sister as sub-human, not smart, and scary. The r-word brings all of these emotions up.

It beyond hurts to know that my sister knows when someone is making fun of her, or treating her unfairly.

## KELSEY'S KORNER

Kelsey Gray



cause of her differences, but she can't tell them.

I proudly claim that I am a part of this movement. Not only because it hurts me, but because I have a voice when my sister and so many others don't.

I just ask you to be aware. You never know who is around you, and could be truly hurt by your statements.

I know I sound like an "everybody love everybody" sap. Ok so maybe we can't love everybody, but wouldn't it be great if we could at least try and understand and respect everybody?

Check out [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org) for more information and [www.diction.com](http://www.diction.com) to expand your vocabulary.

# Falcons fly away under bulldog's pressure

SARAH EHRLICH  
Sports Editor

The McPherson softball women's team picked up a majority of losses alluring the Arizona tournament during spring break. There were a few close games against Hastings college (L 7-12, L 3-4, L 5-6). They did, however, pull a win against Calvin College 9-3.

Following the break, University of Saint Mary's proved to be no problem for the women, defeating them 5-2. By the second game, St. Mary came back with a win of their own defeating the Bulldogs by 1-5.

Softball split the next two games against Southwestern (L 1-11, W 6-2) and Sterling (L 0-1, W 12-4).

Their last game on April 9 versus friends was the boost the team needed, winning both games (6-4, 12-4), the softball team stepped up and played to their potential.

"We swept friends," Taylor Medler, jr., outfielder said. "Mac hasn't beat them in over five years and they have never been swept in a conference game before. It was awesome."

As long as the team stays focused and plays at the level they can, there should be more wins on the board.

"We have so much potential" Medler said. "If we come together and work hard no one will be able to stop us. However we are our own worst enemies sometimes. It needs to be us against the world. We would be unstoppable!"

Like most sports, it can be difficult connecting as a team at times.

"Attitudes need to change," Ashley Luthye, sr., third base said. "We have certain people on the team that aren't team players."

Certainly, playing as a team is vital for success.

"I would like to see us come together more as a team," Medler. "Sometimes we are too focused on ourselves and on individuals rather than the team. If we come together, no one would be able to compete with us."

This attitude will carry the team through the rest of their season. With things shaping up, wins should be stacking up.

The Bulldogs face Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina at 1 p.m. on April 16.

"It shouldn't be difficult to pull a win at all," Luthye said. "We are at a great place as a team and I can feel it going well the rest of the season."



Photo by: Emilee Reinert

Bulldogs take Friend's victory with heart. Even though they struggled against St. Mary, the team learned from their mistakes to take on their next competitors.

## Soccer tournaments show promise for next season

BRITTANIE ROSAS  
Spectator Staff

At the Butler County Community College, the McPherson College Men's soccer team defeated Neosho County Community College 9-0. They lost to Bethany College 1-2 as well as to Dodge City Community College 4-5.

The team ended the BCC tournament by defeating Allen County Community College 1-0.

During the McPherson 6v6 Spring Challenge, the men's soc-

cer team defeated the Salina Cougars Men's team 15-1.

"This is a tournament that we have run for eight years now and it's really one of the more popular tournaments around" said Doug Quint, men's head soccer coach.

"The field includes four year and two year colleges, alumni teams, and men's open teams. It's a good, diverse group."

"I personally always look forward to it because our alumni guys come back on campus to compete. It's always nice to see those guys

again!"

The Bulldogs pulled a couple more wins against Kansas State University (7-2) and Sterling College (8-3).

The team then faced Bethany College in quarterfinals, eliminating them from the tournament with a win of 9-2.

They moved to semi-finals challenging the Wichita Mafango men's team for a spot of the finalist bracket. However, the men fell two points short of victory. The final score was 1-3.

Even though the men's soccer team couldn't win the tournament, the McPherson alumni team finished as the tournament's runner-up.

"Our college team competed very well in the last two tournaments" Quint said.

"We had a chance to win every game and as a coach that is what I expect! It's good to see our group of returners compete and improve."

"We have one more tournament left and then we will finish things

up for the spring with our fitness testing".

With the returnees doing so well during their off season, the fall 2011 season is expected to only grow from where it left off.

"Right now, we have signed 13 players for 2011" Quint said.

"We really hit the junior colleges heavy this year. Overall, this class is as talented of a group we have ever brought into McPherson"

"I'm really excited to see this group mesh with our returners. Should make for a fun year!"

# Struggling to gain ground



Hunter Abercrombie, jr., winds up at home plate.

Photo by: Emilee Reinert

SARAH EHRLICH  
*Sports Editor*

The Bulldog's dropped a double-header against Ottawa University on April 12, bringing their overall record to 0-28 and their conference record to 0-20.

The team previously faced University of St. Mary on April 9 and 10. The first day proved to be a challenge as the Bulldogs fell 7-24 and 0-23.

However, the team put up a fight against St. Mary again losing only 4-5 and 3-6.

Even though the McPherson men's baseball team continues to fall just short of snatching a win, the team pushes ahead.

"The team took a step forward during the 3rd game against St. Mary when we came from behind in the last inning to tie the game" said Steven Paramore, so., first basemen/pitcher.

The team, although chock-full of many talented athletes, still struggles with playing to their full potential.

Most of the problems lie with being a brand new team, never plated together before, and being composed of young players.

Over 65% of the baseball team is freshman alone. Another 20% are sophomores, and the few left are juniors.

With such a young team, the development of the program will not sky rocket as some may wish. Inexperience may be their biggest enemy.

However, improvement can be seen as the gap in final game scores shrink.

"Our biggest competition, most of the time, is ourselves; we make so many mistakes or do things to hurt ourselves that causes us to lose games" Paramore said.

"If we can just play mistake-free on both sides of the ball for an entire series, we should come out with at least one win."

Bulldogs play Central Christian next on April 19th home at 7 pm.

# Hopeless tales of the noble underdog

FROM THE SIDELINES



Jordan Roquemore

So dear readers, obviously I was not the winner of the school bracket competition since I since the newest game console I own is a Nintendo 64. I do congratulate the winners of the competition, even though deep down I really despise them. Okay, I'm not really upset, but seriously, I am.

It's not like my bracket was horrific. I just chose the top-rated teams and was proven wrong by strong showing from the underdogs. I should have rooted for the underdog. Honestly though, apart from watching Rudy and Miracle, it's hard to learn that lesson when you've been through my life in sports.

Example #1: In the last game of our regular season, my high school soccer team faced off against an undefeated opponent. We played our hardest and managed get ahead 1-0. In the last thirty seconds of the game, our goalie was so excited about winning that he jumped in the air to punt the ball.

Needless to say, he miss-kicked and fell over. A guy on the other team jumped on the opportunity, kicking the ball over our downed keeper tying the game. They went on to win in over-time and the lesson for me was that underdogs don't win, they have stupid goalies.

Example #2: During my senior year, my high school football team had an exhibition game against a colossus team (Their quarterback was Arkansas starter and now NFL draft-ee Ryan Mallet). My very hopeful vice-principal was speaking to the team before the game and approached me about writing a pre-game story in which our team wins.

I took the bait and spent hours writing this incredible story of underdog achievement in which our heroic team pulled out a narrow victory in a David vs. Goliath triumph. The team was ecstatic, believing they could win. The coach even cried when he was thanking me for writing such an inspirational piece (I am not lying).

They went out on the field that night pumped for a victory. It was obvious after the first two plays that the reality of the situation would be very different. They got their butts handed to them 62-14 and no one mentioned the story I had written again.

As much as I love rooting for the underdog, my life experience begs to differ. However, don't let me dissuade you from your hopeful ways. Just don't ask me to write any stories about them until after they've actually happened.

# Huizar breaks record for women's steeplechase



Photo by: Fred Miller

Daniel Sorenson, jr., finishes the last leg of the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Antowine Lamb won the high jump individual title, still defending his national champion high jump title. Geovanni Popaco placed first in the 5,000 meter.



Photo by: Fred Miller

Lizette Guzman, junior, grabs baton from Erin Loeffler, freshman.

AUDREY SECKER  
*Editor in Chief*

Junior Ashley Huizar set the McPherson College women's 3,000-meter steeplechase record at the Enduro Classic on April, 2 at Friends University. Huizar crossed the finish line at 13:06:61, over a minute faster than the previous record.

Senior Antowine Lamb, defending national champion high jumper, won the high jump individual title with a clearance of 2.01 meters. This gives him the chance to defend his title at the NAIA National Outdoor Championships in May.

Individual titles were taken by junior Javier Ceja in the men's

5,000-meter, Daniel Sorenson in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase and freshman Joseph Sumpter in the 400-meter hurdles.

The men's and women's teams finished third and fifth at the 2011 ACCK championships hosted by Bethany College Saturday.

The men were led by junior distance runner Daniel Sorenson who opened the day with a win in the 3,000 meter steeplechase before coming back to win the 800-meter run. Sorenson's time of 9:34:52 was a season best and nearly one minute and 30 seconds faster than the second place finisher.

Senior Geovanni Popoca won the 5,000-meters and freshman Joseph Sumpter remains undefeated in the 400-meter hurdles.

In the field events, junior Derrick Toney set a new season-high of 2.06 meters to win the event and senior Antowine Lamb cleared 2.01 meters to take second. Junior Andrew Asuncion won the men's triple jump on a distance of 13.12-meters.

Junior Ashley Martinez and freshman Erin Loeffler finished first and second in the 10,000-meters. Freshman Breanna Pendleton took second in the hammer throw with a season best of 39.16, while senior Melisa Grandison finished third in the javelin.

McPherson's next meet is the KT Woodman Invitational today at Wichita State University.



## Learning plays, playing ball, helping others



SARAH EHRLICH  
*Sports Editor*

Spring ball is "basically an intersquad football season where the defensive players compete against the offensive players," said Garrett Parker, sr., defensive end.

The McPherson football team did not remain undefeated throughout their last fall season by taking it easy. Each recruited athlete is allowed the opportunity to come out for spring ball.

During spring ball, which is simply pre-season, the athletes come out to learn new plays and perfect their performance, much the same as regular season.

"Same as fall, we have meetings and watch film so we can 'install' our plays and evaluate how well we did at each practice," Parker said.

The athletes are not the only ones who benefit from the football-oriented pre-season. Coaches keep their eyes open for visible improvement among the players for a preview of next regular season in fall 2011, among other things.

"This allows us to teach our players what we will be doing on defense and offense in the spring," Coach Joe Bettasso said. "It allows guys to compete for positions and gives us coaches a good idea of what the depth chart looks like prior to fall camp."

By learning offense and defense plays, the team gets a jumpstart on their fall season. More time can be focus on perfecting the numerous

plays rather than memorizing each one.

"All the players are picking up the technique and scheme very quickly and that is going to give us a huge head start on the season," Parker said.

Despite all the hard work, the team finds enjoyment out of the practices and film sessions.

"I think the players enjoy spring practices," Bettasso said. "We can spread it out over the course of a month so it's not too bad of a grind and they are getting to play some football."

Not having to do running and lifting all the time also brings a sigh of relief to the football players.

"It is the only part of the spring that the payers actually get to do football oriented activities and are not confined to the weight room and straight conditioning" Parker said.

There have been around 70 returning athletes the past two years. Having many familiar teammates continuing their football career together makes it easier to progress on from the previous season.

"I think we definitely have the talent to lay well next year- it's just a matter of putting it all together," Bettasso said.

"Defense is just as good as last year if not better. The offense has not changed too much, but improved if anything," said Paul Rotering, fr., tight end. "We are going to have another smashing season!"

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Top left: Football team runs defensive drills.

Middle left: Defenders work on blocking strategies

Bottom left: Team works on offensive drills with quarterback action.

Bottom right: Josh Fliedner helps with Brush up Mac. A community event that takes place yearly and provides opportunities for the football team and others to give back by helping clean up yards and houses.

