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Auto Restoration students receive scholarship

Three McPherson College auto restoration students have been chosen to receive the Pebble Beach Foundation Phil Hill Scholarship. The students chosen were Jared Coho, fr., Bellwood, Penn.; Kalila Haddad, jr., Kansas City, Mo. and Casey Maxon, soph., Lawrence.

The Phil Hill Scholarship was established to honor the memory of America's first Formula One driving champion.

Helping with Global Food Crisis Fund in June

Howard Royer who manages the Global Food Crisis Fund for the Church of the Brethren is searching for participants. Participants would attend the National Gathering of Bread for the World and Foods Resource Bank in Washington, D.C., June 11 - 14.

Global Food Crisis Fund and Global Missions Partnership together are providing scholarship assistance. For more information visit <http://www.bread.org/go/gathering2011>.

Participating in Campus Blowout

There will be no classes Friday, May 13, due to All School's Day. Students can participate in Campus Blowout at 2 p.m.

Making changes to make campus safer

Additions are made to drug, alcohol policy and procedures

SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

Changes made to the McPherson College drug and alcohol policy and procedures went into effect earlier this week.

There has been one addition to the policy and two additions to the drug and alcohol procedures. The policy addition allows for the notification of parents or legal guardians of students if they are found guilty of alcohol use or possession, and/or illegal drug use or possession. The changes in the procedures include calling local law enforcement officials in cases involving illegal drug possession and allowing the K9 unit to periodically visit campus for random searches of dorm rooms and cars.

"I think we're always looking at ways to make the campus safer; we're always interested in looking at ways to help educate students with life-long skills and career skills," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. "We're trying to teach a life-long skill of why you shouldn't use illegal drugs. We've also been working with the local sheriff department because we have to work closely with them and if our policies don't match up with how they operate, then it creates a conflict between the two organizations."

The changes in the policy and

procedures were announced to residential students on Monday, May 9 in residence hall meetings.

"The actual drug and alcohol policy did not really change much, because obviously we're a dry campus, so alcohol is not permitted anywhere on campus," Rothrock said.

Many state universities have begun to notify parents if there are illegal activities involving alcohol or drugs.

If any student is caught with illegal drugs on campus, not only will their parents be notified, but local law enforce-

ment will be contacted and it will become a law enforcement issue. It falls under law enforcement's guidelines from there as far as the search and consequences for the local city and state laws.

At this point, the residence life staff will not contact local law enforcement with alcohol issues, but the college does have the right to contact them and involve them.

"None of the administration or student life staff are saying that alcohol is okay and that marijuana and other illegal drugs are not okay," Rothrock said. "We're just

choosing at this time not to involve the law enforcement in alcohol incidents."

Rothrock said that the chances of running into issues with alcohol are more likely than running into issues that involve illegal drugs. They're choosing not to involve law enforcement with alcohol because it is only illegal when consumed underage.

When a student turns 21, it is no longer an illegal substance. However, if it is found on campus, it is a violation of the college's drug and alcohol policy and the owner will face conse-

quences from the college.

The college is also allowing the police to bring the K9 unit to walk the campus periodically. If the K9 unit hits on a car or dorm room, the police will notify personnel and the campus will work with local law enforcement in contacting the owner or occupant.

Once the K9 unit hits on a vehicle or a room, it becomes law enforcement's responsibility, and they are allowed to search it. In this case, if the police department finds alcohol and the person owning the alcohol is under the age of 21, the law en-

forcement would automatically be involved and the occupant would be held to state and local laws.

"The dogs coming to campus is a safety precaution to try and make the campus safer," Rothrock said. "Students, faculty and staff need to understand they can't have any alcohol or illicit drugs in their cars."

It is possible that the K9 unit will be on campus before the end of this school year, but the campus community will not be notified when they will be visiting. The K9 unit already regularly visits Tabor College, Central Christian College, Bethany College and Sterling College.

"This isn't anything new to college campuses," Rothrock said. "We made an effort to work with the local law enforcement in how we can do a better job to make our campus safe and this is one of the things they've suggested."

Legally, the K9 unit can bring the dogs to campus without input from the college, because they are allowed to be any place where drugs could be. However, they've always worked with the college.

"McPherson is just like other places; there are illegal substances and things that are entering into the community and into the campus," Rothrock said. "We want to make this a safe place and those things don't enhance students' college experiences."

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-LaMonte Rothrock

New alumni, development event provides farewell to seniors

SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

For the first time, the McPherson College alumni and development offices hosted Senior Palooza for seniors graduating this month.

Senior Palooza was a come-and-go event in Friendship Hall from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4.

The event replaced the senior dinner. The senior dinner was a formal dinner where alumni and development could talk to the students about becoming alum of the college and giving back to the college.

"It was a better choice because it wasn't stuffy," said Anna Ruxlow, director of development. "Students don't want to sit around and have

a formal dinner. They want to have fun."

It gave departments on campus a chance to meet with seniors before they graduated. Not only were the alumni and development offices there, but the business office and career services also attended to meet with seniors.

Elliott Insurance and Real Estate, Sunflower Bank and the McPher-

son Chamber of Commerce, three local businesses, were also there to meet with students.

Seniors had the chance to sign up to win prizes. 54 seniors stopped at the event and more seniors contacted Ruxlow after the event that were still interested in participating. The alumni and development offices plan on having Senior Palooza again in the future.

Race honors student, raises money

Blake Reed Miracle Mile honors Reed, raises money for Mac2Mac Scholarship

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McPherson College is sponsoring the Blake Reed Miracle Mile Saturday, May 14 to raise money for the Blake Reed Mac2Mac Scholarship.

Over 105 participants signed up to run or walk in the Blake Reed Miracle Mile to honor former McPherson College student and life-long McPherson native Blake Reed. Blake passed away in August of 2010 and the Blake Reed Mac2Mac Scholarship was created.

The Miracle Mile will be at Lakeside Park in McPherson. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. and the race will begin at 8 a.m. Race

day entry fee is \$25.

Terri Reed, Blake's mother, helped put the event together, find sponsors and raise money.

Shane Netherton, vice president for finance, and Lisa Easter, accounts clerk/cashier, came up with the idea for the race.

The plan is to make this an annual race for the Saturday after All School's Day for years to come. The All School's Day committee has already put the race on their schedule for May 2012.

"It's to honor Blake and his family and it's to raise money for young men like Blake that want to go to school," said Anna Ruxlow, director of development.

The Blake Reed Mac2Mac Scholarship became an endowed

scholarship earlier this school year. To be an endowed scholarship it must have \$15,000 in its account. The scholarship is meant for a McPherson High School football player that comes to McPherson College to play football. If there is not a McPherson High School player available in a given year, then it goes to an existing McPherson College football player that most fits Blake's attributes.

Blake lived with Duchenne muscular dystrophy most of his life. Blake became the McPherson High School football manager when he was a freshmen and he fell in love with the game. He continued his managing when he came to McPherson College out of high school.



Blake Reed

College introduces Adopt-A-Bulldog program

AUDREY SECKER
Editor-in-Chief

The Adopt-A-Bulldog program is designed to reconnect the college with the McPherson community.

Katie Hill, director of alumni and college relations, was approached by an alumni board member during the fall semester and was told about the life-changing experience her daughter had had with a host family while attending McPherson. The board member asked Hill if it would be possible to bring a host program back to McPherson. Around the same time, Michelle Ducey, admissions counselor, was trying to think of a way that McPherson College could help students who are far from home feel more comfortable in McPherson and binning to examine the idea of pairing students with host families. Hill and Ducey put their

heads together and the Adopt-A-Bulldog program was born.

The program will pair students with families in the community based on common interests such as co-curricular activities, religion, family type etc. It will give students a place to go for a home-cooked meal, a family to do things with and someone to attend their theater performances, games and other school events. Hosts will provide many benefits for the students.

"Hosts can have the students over for dinner, come to watch the students in their extracurricular activities, fill in for seniors' parents on senior night if a family is unable to attend, go bowling together

and send the students goodies for finals week," Ducey said. "Students who like children can babysit, play with their hosts' pets, help shovel snow for their hosts, etc. If they are the same religion, they can go to church together. Hosts can help their students make contacts in the career they are planning on pursuing which will help students find internships and jobs. They can even do community service activities together. We want each pair to make it their own and decide what they enjoy doing together."

Ducey and Hill sent out a questionnaire earlier in the spring to see how many students would be

interested in the program. They received 55 responses. About 20 of the students that responded were willing to participate in the program and 17 were interested in being a part of the spring pilot program.

Ducey and Hill arranged a pilot project luncheon for students to meet with their hosts at the end of April and to meet a few more times before the end of the school year. The pilot project will be a way for Hill and Ducey to receive feedback on the match process and give them ideas.

"In the fall, we want to kick off the start of the Adopt-A-Bulldog Program at new student orientation for both new students and current students," Ducey said. "We'd love to have all students involved someday; it's a great way for them to connect to new people in town and learn more about the community they live in."

NEWS BRIEFS

Sell textbooks

Book buyback will be in the basement of the Hoffman Student Union Wednesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior art work displayed in Friendship Hall

The final art show of the year will be the last of the 17 senior exhibitions. Seniors with artwork in Friendship Hall are Betsy Shaffer, Cascade, Colo.; Alex Toro, West Hills, Calif.; Shaun Griffin, Inman; Michelle Wienstroer, McPherson; Nicholas Shue, Pasadena, Md.; Andrew Paschall, Clarksville, Mich. and Amy Huxtable, Shawnee Mission.

Thursday, May 19, there will be a reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The exhibitions will be in place through commencement.

Celebrating graduation of seniors

Commencement will be in Brown Auditorium, Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m. Entrepreneurship fellow Betsy Gatewood will be the commencement speaker. Seniors chose Becki Bowman, assistant professor of communication, to give the homily.

There is limited seating. An overflow will be provided in Mingenback for viewing. A live webcast will also be available at <http://www.mcpherson.edu/graduation>.

Getting recognized

Students are honored at convocation

SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

Many students were recognized for their efforts and achievements Friday, May 6 at the annual awards convocation in Brown Auditorium.

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

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

Taylor Adams, soph., Ashland, Va., was awarded the Jay Leno Popular Mechanics Scholarship. Kelley Green, sr., Brighton, Colo.; Ashley Zodrow, sr., Chapman and Karissa Ferrell, sr., North Las Vegas, Nev., were all awarded the natural science merit research award for work done on their senior projects. Another awarded from the science de-

partment is the first-year chemistry achievement award. Emily Arbuckle, fr., Windom, received this award.

The Donald R. Frederick award was given to Leah Fitzjarrald, sr., Newton; the outstanding business student award was given to Madalen Plunk, sr., Liberal, Kan. The model educator award was given to both Jessica Wisdom, sr., Salina, Kan., and Katherine Hughes, sr., McPherson. Another education award, the outstanding physical education major award was given to Jessica Arpin, sr., Salina.

The Leland L. Lengel scholarship in history was divided between four students Lindsey Wedel, fr., Newton; Cody Cannon, fr., Fort Scott; Drew Thomson, jr., Vallego, Calif. and Allison Snyder, soph., Adel, Iowa. The best history and politics thesis award went to Mavrick Marsolf, sr., Newton. Behavioral sciences gave two awards to behavioral sciences students, one went to a sociology student and the other went to a psychology student. Garrett Parker, sr., Lamar, Mo., received the award for sociology and James Tuttle, sr., Lewiston, Neb., received the

award for psychology. The award for excellence in graphic design was given to Alex Toro, sr., West Hills, Calif.

Melisa Grandison, sr., Quinter, and Tori Carder, soph., Eudora, received service learning awards.

Receiving the female athlete of the year was Kristen Ozbun, sr., Rose Hill, who has played both basketball and softball at McPherson College and holds the third highest women's basketball scoring record.

Receiving the male athlete of the year this year was Antowine Lamb, sr., Great Bend. Lamb played both basketball and does the high jump in track. Last year Lamb was the national champion in high jump.

Each year the who's who students choose a professor of the year award. Two professors were chosen this year. ShaRhonda Macclin, assistant professor of education, and Jonathan Frye, professor of natural sciences were chosen as the professors of the year.

Also students, faculty and staff are asked to nominate a staff person of the year. Jessica Becker, assistant coach track and field and cross country, was recognized this year.

Hurst's position changes for next school year

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News Editor

Next fall, Tom Hurst will be leaving his position as the director of campus ministries, and be returning as director of service.

Hurst's new position will become effective July 1. This is not a new job for the college; its work is currently part of the campus minister's existing role.

The college's service program has experienced growth under Hurst's leadership during the past five years.

"What I'll be doing is continuing to record all the hours that I know of that students work with service projects," Hurst said.

This is not all Hurst will be doing. Part of his job will also be to find new efforts for service projects.

Hurst would also like to set up a service website so he can list opportunities for service that might be available to students. This would give students a chance to find service opportunities on their own. In the future, he would like to see McPherson College start including the number of service hours a student does on his or her transcript to share with future employers. He records each student's reported service hours.

Hurst is also looking forward to working with Kansas Campus Compact, which is a higher education organization in Kansas that works with service projects. McPherson College is one of twelve of the Kansas colleges or universities involved with Campus Compact. Campus Compact provides many state-wide service opportunities and resources among other things.

"Now, I have time where I can focus on that too and try and bring some resources to campus through that organization, so I'm looking forward to that," Hurst said.

Hurst has logged almost 10,000 service hours for the McPherson College campus community just this year and will help to reach that goal next year.

"I've discovered from my own life that when I freely give that it makes me happy," Hurst said. "I think as I read the comments from students that are involved in service almost 100 percent of the students reflect some kind of joy they've got from service experience."

The search for a new campus minister has already begun. Part of the job will be campus ministry, while the other part of the job will be teaching in the religion and philosophy department.

Working to improve retention, graduation rates for future years

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Editor-in-Chief

Noel Levitz was on campus May 3 and 4, meeting with cabinet, students, faculty and staff to help the college meet goals.

Noel Levitz is a higher-education consulting firm that serves over 2,700 campuses, advising them in multiple business areas. The company already works with financial aid for the college and was brought in to look at ways that graduation

and retention can be improved.

"Over the last year, the cabinet has spent a lot of time talking about graduation rate and how we want that to improve for the college," said Christi Hopkins, vice president for marketing. "In order for that to improve, we know that retention has to improve."

One of the strategic plan goals is to raise retention rates from 42%, which is where they are now, to 70% by 2016.

"I think that we really wanted to

see where our opportunities were to grow and improve," said Cari Lott, associate dean of institutional research and assessment. "When we looked at strategic planning for the college, we decided it would be a good idea to have an outside consultant come in and do a retention opportunity analysis. I think that every college, whether you want to be the best private college in Kansas, looks at that."

Panels of students, faculty and staff met with Levitz to answer

questions about the college, provide feedback and raise concerns.

"Any time you're going to be surveying people, it's always good to have someone who is not attached to the college asking the questions," Hopkins said. "When they come from an outside view, a birds-eye view, and facilitate that discussion, a lot of good comes from that discussion."

This visit was an initial analysis of some recommendations that Levitz would have for the college

to improve graduation and retention; the college may or may not contract with them. The college has to decide what can be done internally and where outside sources are needed.

"We've not decided to contract with them," Lott said. "We may decide to have them come back and help with certain pieces, though certainly not the entire puzzle. There are certainly some things that we can do within our own system."

Computer services increases internet bandwidth

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Computer services increased the residence halls' internet bandwidth by 150 percent last week to improve student residence life satisfaction.

The internet bandwidth determines how many bits/bytes can be transmitted or received in a period of time, usually per second. The greater the bandwidth, the more that can be transmitted in the same period of time. Dave Gitchell, di-

rector of computer services, said the bandwidth was at 20 Mbps (20,000,000 bits per second), and was increased to 50 Mbps (50,000,000 bits per second).

"We continually monitor the performance of the Internet connections to be able to predict when we will have to make changes, and to correct problems as they arise," Gitchell said.

Before the bandwidth was increased, incoming Internet traffic was saturating or flat-topping at a bit over 19 Mbps for most of the

day, with the exception of the time between 2 a.m. and 10 a.m. when there was little use. Saturation or flat-topping means that there is insufficient bandwidth, and that the attempted flow is greater than the capacity. This results in slower downloads, longer page load times and, overall, slower Internet.

"Since the upgrade we have not seen any saturation of the incoming traffic," Gitchell said. "Peak use is around 36 Mbps currently, so we have some breathing room on the Internet connection."

To give each student the amount of bandwidth they have in their homes would take millions of dollars to maintain.

"A quick and responsive Internet is what students come to expect, especially when they move to campus from a household where they had access to a broadband connection that they didn't have to share with anyone else," Gitchell said. "Moving to campus, they suddenly have to share bandwidth with 300 of their best friends, and the experience can be very frus-

trating when things don't happen as quickly as they expect."

Students that need additional bandwidth for gaming or other reasons can purchase a Cox Cable modem. Students can contract with Cox to have a cable modem in their room so that they have the same Internet experience as they would at home, and Cox would bill them directly for the service. The only limitation the college will put on such connections is that they must be wired only, no wireless connections are permitted.

McPherson College FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE Spring 2011 Semester

Final Exam Time	Monday May 16	Tuesday May 17	Wednesday May 18	Thursday May 19
8 a.m.	<u>9:30 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>10:30 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>8:30 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>12:30 Classes</u> MWF MTRF
10:30 a.m.	<u>2:30 Classes</u> TR	<u>9:30 Classes</u> TR	<u>1:30 Classes</u> MWF MWRF	<u>10:30 Classes</u> TR
2 p.m.	<u>2:30 Classes</u> MWF MWRF	<u>8:30 Classes</u> TR <u>3:30 Classes</u> TR	<u>1:30 Classes</u> TR	<u>3:30 Classes</u> MWF MWRF
7 p.m.	Monday night classes	Tuesday night classes	Wednesday night classes	Thursday night classes

Graduating seniors' future plans

Ashley Toepfer - Crescent, Okla. - I got an internship in Wedding Planning in Springfield, Missouri. I move there the week after graduation.

Mark Shelton - Lockhard, Texas. - I hope to be teaching or coaching.

Ashley Zodrow - Chapman - I am going to attend Northeastern State University's College of Optometry.

Betsy Shaffer - Cascade, Colo. - Going home to Colorado to find an awesome job in Graphic Design... or to become a hobo. Whichever happens first.

Dustin Whitney - Enid, Okla. - Internship in Orange, Calif. with Randy Ema Inc.

Jennifer Shelite - McPherson - Teaching K-6 special education for Circle Towanda school district for Butler County SPED Cooperative. :)

Billie Shuttleworth - McPherson - I will be moving to Topeka and transferring Walmart's and hopefully getting an entry level position for accounting at a place of employment.

Tecie Turner - Scott City - I plan to attend graduate school for clinical social work for an interest in counseling. I am currently undecided as to where I will go because I'm waiting to hear from a few more schools before making my final decision.

Franz Grossmann - Ebenthol - I am moving to LA to pursue a few offers regarding professional DJing.

Roxane Ayres - Salina - Working in Galva for Home Communications, Inc as their Graphic Designer/Web Developer.

Austin Brown - Lawton, Okla. - Attend Grad school at Northwestern state Louisiana and entertain my ambitions to become a football coach with my assistant GA coaching position!

Kelsey Dutton - Limon, Colo. - I am attending Oklahoma State University to obtain a second Bachelors Degree in Agriculture Business.

Kelsey Gray - Golden, Colo. - Getting married to Garret Parker the weekend after graduation.

Staying in McPherson to work.

Angie Armbrust - Galva - To hopefully teach in a city somewhere and change some lives for the better!

Jordan Roquemore - McPherson - Move to Massachusetts and begin hacking away at the concrete block of student loans that my feet are currently immersed in.

Abby Schlesinger - McPherson - I will be getting married to my fiance' Joshua Bohnenblust on May 28th! I am also planning on staying here in McPherson for the time being. I will be working at the McPherson Public Library as an assistant in the children's department.

Dale Schwartz - Crystal Lake Ill - My plan is to work for my dad's company, Schwartz Performance, restoring and modifying muscle cars. I also plan to eventually take over.

Erica Schlender - Burrton - I will be a K-6th grade Music teacher and living in western Kansas with Mo!!

Katy Clemens - McPherson - I have a job at United Country Mid West eServices, a local auction company, working as their business manager

Sean Grandin - Pleasant Hill, Calif. - My plans are to go home to San Francisco and take some more classes in Web Design to defer loans and work at a ceramic studio while I find a full time Graphic Design job.

Emma Bromme - Woodland Park, Colo. - I had a plan once. It's on hold now.

Jennifer Birdsall - Lansing - I will be a 1st grade teacher at Wiley Elementary in Hutch.

Anthony Baldi - Northglenn, Colo. - I am currently finishing up my internship at Moxie Sozo in Boulder, Colo. till september. Till then I am hoping that the internship turns into a job otherwise I am going to apply to work at marketing advertising agencies in Colorado, Arizona, Kansas, and Texas.

Jose Arenas - Cheyenne, Wyo. - I am currently an assistant soccer coach at Laramie County Commu-

nity College and also helping out with some youth soccer clubs. I will take a year off from school and then look into graduate school.

Shaun Griffin - Inman - I'm moving to Milwaukee, Wis. where I will work and build my portfolio. I intend to stay there at least a year to see if I can survive the winters. I will be taking evening classes at MIAD in painting and analytical figure drawing. I'm looking forward to drawing naked people and getting my skydiving license.

Karissa Ferrell - Las Vegas, Nev. - I applied to Physicians Assistant programs...hopefully I get in. I will also be planning my wedding to fiancee Larry Shields back home.

Ashley Luthye - Northglenn, Colo. - Well for the summer I will be in Colorado again working and coaching. Once the summer was over I will be back here in Kansas finding a place to live while I work. At some point I will be returning to Mac to get my masters in Education as well as becoming a certified EMS.

Garrett Parker - Lamar, Mo - Graduation. That's as far as I've gotten.

Thaddeus Johnson - Marion - I have been accepted to Wichita State University Graduate (Masters) program in social work, fall 2011. Areas of interest are: Mental Health, Services to the Mentally & Physically Challenged, Clinical Social Work, or Gerontology.

Amanda Larsen - Fort Scott - My plans are working as a swim specialist in Monticello, Iowa at Camp Courageous working with disabled kids and adults! Not sure how long I'll be doing that but that is the plan as of now!

Amy Huxtable - Shawnee Mission - I hope to work at a graphic design firm or screen printing company, gaining enough experience and funds to eventually open a t-shirt shop.

Tricia Fensky - Moundridge - After Graduation I am moving to

the Dallas area to start a new chapter in my life. I am still searching for a graphic design job, but will be doing freelance work.

Aaron Milam - Austin, Texas - I will be working at Jeff's Resurrections Near Austin, TX. The shop restores a verity of cars however, they are known for their restorations on classic Jaguars.

Bridgette Peterson - McPherson - Well, I had it all figured out with my dream job! And then...things fell through. So I have to find a new plan and FAST! I'm hoping to find a job in management or marketing.

Audrey Secker - Lancaster, Penn. - Going home, looking for jobs, and planning my 2012 wedding.

Rod Barlet - Elizabethtown, Penn. - Going back to Penn. and driving tractor-trailor while looking for a real job.

Chad Krivin - East Greenville, Penn. - To sum it up in a nutshell,

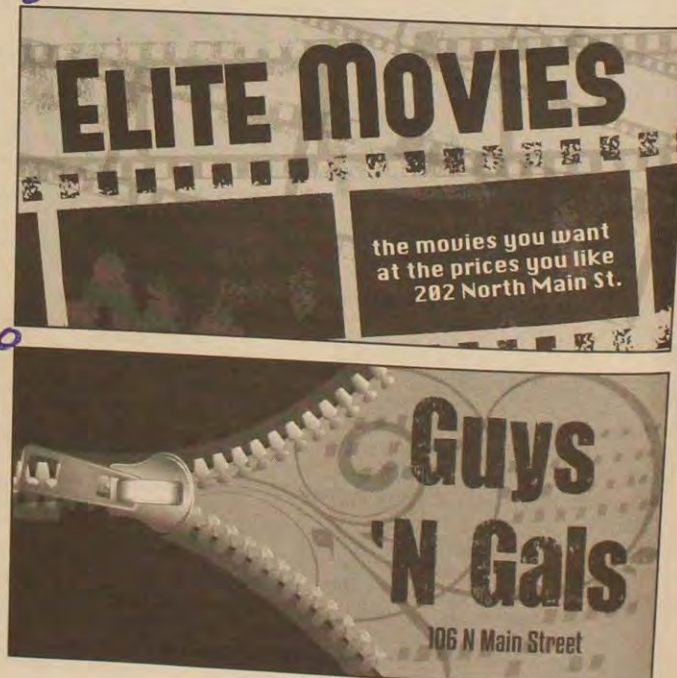
I plan to find a job that pays the bills, which will probably work out until student loans kick in. Then, I will move home with all of my junk and get another job, hopefully in my field.

Stephen McCrate - Cape Girardeau, Mo - Graduate, and work until I can find my way to Fairbanks Alaska....then eventually return home to the Mississippi delta, and pursue business....maybe restore a car or two on the side

Jessica Monaghan - Haviland - I plan on teaching Spec. Ed. in a small country school and farming with my Dad.

Brittney Regier - McPherson - My future plans are to continue looking for a job and hopefully finding a teaching job for the fall. Also known as: I have no clue!

Elijah Neher - Rochester, Minn. - I will be going to the United Bicycle Institute in Portland Oregon to become a Certified Bicycle Mechanic.



How to...

Survive Summer in McPherson

NICOLE KEAGLE

Finally! The end of the school year — our much deserved break is practically here. Summer approaches; actually, it seems to have arrived early! The warm weather and last days of classes have everyone eager to just get out, relax, and have fun. While most students have homes in other cities to go to, there are quite a few staying in McPherson. After several months of living here, you probably know what there is to do and you might welcome the long, lazy days ahead or you might dread them for fear of nothing to do or nowhere to go! Here are a few ideas.

1 Besides camping, barbecuing, and just being outdoors, getting in the water is probably the most sought-after activity during Kansas' hot, humid summer days. McPherson's city pool and water park is a cheap and fun place to go any sweltering afternoon. They have slides and a lazy river and are usually open well into the evening. Lindsborg also has

a nice pool with a big twisting slide and a high-dive. Hutchinson's Salt City Splash Aquatic Center is fun too; it's located in Carey Park. If you are up for a little road trip going west on I-70, check out Lake Wilson — it is one of the clearest lakes in the state and a popular recreation area.

2 The month of June is rather uneventful in this area, but July is a little more exciting. McPherson puts on a fireworks show at Wall Park for Independence Day, but my favorite fireworks show is at Kanopolis Lake! Everyone either sits on the grassy dam or goes out onto the big lake to watch a fireworks display that is usually pretty impressive. It's one of the better ones in the area, trust me. The 30 minute drive is worth it. On the last Friday night in July, the shops downtown have an event called Shop the Night Away. All the stores stay open much later than usual and have food, entertainment, and prizes! Lots of people

come out for this, even if they're not shopping. In August, United Way hosts a Triathlon and the airport hosts a BBQ contest — offering food, airplane rides, and parachute jumps.

3 Even though there are things to do here, summer break is always a great time to start something new. Living in McPherson over break will likely allow you to do just that, since there isn't an overwhelming amount of things going on! You could set a goal for the three months like learn an instrument, get in the best shape of your life, see how many cows you can tip, whatever you're into.

4 One of my favorite things to do in the summer is drive out into the country at night when the farmers burn their fields and find one that's ablaze — it's pretty awesome to see right up close. Seems pretty simple, but the pleasures found around here are just that. Have a great summer!

Oral history project underway

Students learn qualitative research methods

ALLISON SNYDER
Spectator Staff

Conscientious objection can a difficult concept to grasp in our patriotic world.

Becki Bowman's Research Methods in Communication class has taken this semester to spend time with people who were conscientious objectors during WWII and learn about what it means to choose peace during wartime.

The Oral History Project was intended to teach qualitative research methods to the class. Each student was partnered with a member of

the McPherson community that was either married to a serviceman or a conscientious objector during WWII. "I wanted to teach the students to learn how to do research, put it in an interesting format and learn about our history and about the people," Bowman said. "Church of the Brethren youth are out of touch with the sacrifices these people made. It's important for them to know."

This research was then compiled into legacy stories for the interviewees and their families so that they would have a physical reminder of

what was important in their lives.

Most students involved, regardless of what they knew or how they felt about conscientious objection, had eye-opening experiences and have gained lifelong friends from this experience.

"It taught me that everyone's not just a face," said Emilee Rienert, Soph., Tipton. "They all have a story and a history that needs to be told."

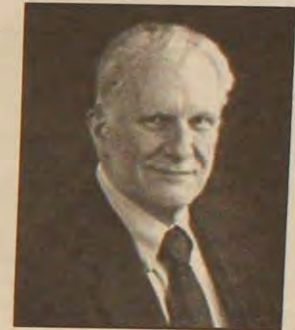
"I enjoyed going out and getting to know a member of the community that really does have some fun history to share," said Mark Dowdy, Jr., Huntingdon, PA.

The Hot spot

BY ALLISON SNYDER

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF JOE DICKHUDT
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF TECHNOLOGY

ROLE: I am an instructor. I have been here for seven years. Before coming here, I was an electrical engineer so I teach many of the electrical and automotive engineering classes here that tend to be the most frustrating to students.



EDUCATION: I received my B.S. from Count Polly and my masters from the College of William and Mary.

WORK HISTORY: I worked special effects for movies. I also worked with the Apple Company to get them on the internet and tested planes. Also, I worked with the Coast Guard to set up the Vessel Tracking System. Finally, I worked with spy satellites. When the satellites were still new, they were so secret that they couldn't be done by radio so there was a 35mm camera that was used. They would be shot out of the satellite in a little tube and when they entered the atmosphere, a parachute would deploy. Then pilots would go out in planes to catch them. Sometimes, they missed and the information would end up at the bottom of the ocean.

NASA: It was a fascinating and wonderful time. I worked in the Apollo Program and worked on Apollo 1. No one knew if it was going to work or not. It pretty much did. There were a few accidents but the problems worked themselves out. I helped study boiler plate floatation. If they crashed in water, it needed to be right side up so that it would be safer. We would pick the boiler up with a crane and drop them

in a giant pool. One of them was dropped before reaching the pool, but overall, it was successful. We found that putting balloons on top of it would flip them back over. Mostly, I worked on computers. They were still new and no one knew what they were doing.

IMPRESSION OF MAC: I didn't know what to expect. It has been marvelous and most wonderful.

The students are wonderful and the faculty is great.

HOPE TO SEE IN THE AUTO PROGRAM: I would like to see more recognition of the Auto program and recognition that the students are not over-glorified mechanics but as professionals. Also, if this school could serve as a model for others that would be great. We don't have to be the only ones in the world.

ADVICE: Remember to try to take advantage of this opportunity in life. Branch out, get to know yourself and have fun. Take classes that are outside of your major and learn as much as you can from them.



at the CAR show

BRITTNEY SHOULDERS
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College C.A.R.S. Club hosted the 12th annual C.A.R.S. and motorcycle show on Saturday, May 7th. It took place on the college campus from 10a.m. to 4p.m. This year the show also featured a cruise downtown, which stopped at the McPherson Opera House for a showing of the classic Arthur Ripley's 1958 film, "Thunder Road." There were cars here from all over the country.

The day of the show was filled with scheduled events. 10a.m. the show began!

At 11a.m., there was the first Model T build that featured a group of the C.A.R.S. club students. This has been a very enjoyable thing to watch throughout the year. At 11a.m. until 2p.m. the club hosted tours of Templeton, the college's automotive building. Another Model T Build happened at 2p.m. There was an awards ceremony for the owners of a few cars at 3p.m. The cruise to Main Street happened at 5p.m., and

the feature film at the opera house was at 7p.m. Students received free admission to the movie! Plates of food such as bratwurst, chips, and soda were sold for \$5 at the opera house.

Ryan Polson, fr., Chester, NJ, who was a judge at the show, said, "I think the coolest part was the variety of cars. I don't know of any other show that you can see '58 Impala's on the same field as Brass era cars and Packard's."

Patrick Pilip, so., Portland, OR, asked, "Why is every Bullitt Mustang in Kansas?"

There were a few different Bullitt's at our show of different years and styles.

"There were more vendors than last year," said Karissa Ferrell, sr., Las Vegas, Nev. "Also, I appreciated the award ceremony being at 3p.m. instead of 5p.m. like last year. With that I enjoyed the cruise afterward!"

The show consisted of cars that covered the central lawns of the college. The cars were sectioned by era and type, including an area for motorcycles. There were people sitting

all around the cars with chairs hanging out and having fun. Trophies that were made out of old car parts that were painted different colors were given out to the winners of the judging categories. The C.A.R.S. club sold t-shirts and food for spectators on campus, and also held a raffle. People had the chance to win a variety of different items, including a purse pin-striped by Frankie Von Dell, jr., Kansas City, MI. She was also impressed at the wide variety of cars. "That's what sets our show apart," she said.

If you missed out on the show this year be sure to attend next year's show! "People should look forward to the show as an opportunity to witness some gorgeously restored antique automobiles and bikes displayed across the McPherson campus. The show brings supporters and potential students from across the country and is an excellent way to promote the college and the work done by the automotive restoration students," said Casey Maxon, so., Lawrence, KS.

May 12, 2011

CAMPUS LIFE



Sojourner in a civilized life: Traveling and expansion is a natural thing for humans to do

People are a traveling bunch. The Mercedes-Benz Classic Center, where I have spent three months as an intern, employs more technicians from out of state than from within.

There are technicians and supervisors from every corner of the country. And now, for a moment, we are all together.

I watch the lunch conversation cross this golden state's borders. We talk about Charlotte, N.C., and Bristol, Tenn., (one of my coworkers raced stock cars for years). We talk about Mercedes-Benz in Sindelfingen, Germany, and the spring in Virginia.

We rarely talk about fruits and nuts, even though this is the land thereof. Sometimes I wonder where we get our traveling bones. We are affected by such a great number of things – within and without – that we move readily. We move in straight lines or

change direction like elbows in plumbing, or travel in great arcs like that thing in St. Louis. As soon as we take root we begin to shoot branches off in wild directions. Orange trees are as transient as we are. Though originally from

years, but the species has existed for more than 10,000.

Today I live in Orange County and my neighbors and I mimic the stress. I'm



LETTERS HOME

Taylor Adams

China, they found California in the mid 1700s. They first crossed the oceans with Christopher Columbus and with Ponce de Leon. The Giant Sequoia, which can live for over 2,000 years, is also unsettled. They have only grown in their present locations for about 4,500

not from here and am not sure I belong. I rise early and go about growing in a foreign land.

McPherson displays this in earnest. College is perhaps the finest aggregator, and thus, perhaps the most fervent exhibitor of diversity. But those displays stop near

the semester's end. April and May build a levy that contains any inclination we have toward outside correspondence. All academic and social focuses are fenced within McPherson.

May's end will breach the levy and send forth the flood. The water will be given back to the soil from which it evaporated; the students will leave for the summer. But we reach our ports of call and long for the furlough's end. We are wont to moisten the soil and evaporate again. By early September we will be the raincloud bursting over some new harbor.

John Masefield wrote, "I must down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied." You see, every sailor not only needs a port of call, but also "the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking."

So, we are pushed or we push ourselves from our easy chairs. We become objects in motion and are often compelled to change direction or speed by forces impressed upon us.

I think Isaac Newton would agree.

Movement and impression are the stuff of improvement. To work within the confines of one's own mind can be productive, but it is hardly progressive.

I reckon we are shortsighted for so easily growing restless. But even Henry Thoreau, who lived as a hermit in the woods of Concord, Mass. for two years and two months, was not content to sit still. He daily retired his world for those he found in books.

Literacy may offer finer transportation than today's fastest jet. And I think human company offers better transportation still.

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Thanks for a great year

AS A EDITORIAL STAFF WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF.

This has been another wonderful year to put under our belts. Looking back over issues, it is easy to say our campus is a lively one.

We would like to share some of our favorite stories we have covered this year.

One exciting, but dangerous story was about the mercury spill in Dotzour. It may seem like ages ago, but it definitely opened our eyes to the dangers of dorm living, and toxic chemicals. It was like a real life chemistry class.

Oh and who could forget the mythical campus stalker that had ladies running scared across campus, and prompted us to think about our campus safety policies. Sometimes good things really do come out of shady situations.

Our sports editors had a great time being able to report on all the winning games from all of our athletics. Especially from football and basketball, good job guys!

This year our college took many steps forward in implementing an entrepreneurship minor. Our whole campus was buzzing about the micro-grants that the Horizon Fund gave stu-

dents. Many recipients of these grants are seeing success in their businesses, and we are all rooting for them!

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone who represented our paper at the KACP conference. You all deserve the awards you received, good job!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful, and exciting year. Between the campus activities, late night excursions, and excellence in the classroom we can all look back at this year with pride.

Have a great and safe summer!
-Spectator Staff

Saying goodbye for the summer is hard

Well ladies and gentlemen, the year is coming to an end. Nothing is as difficult as leaving those friends that you've spent so much time with. Whether it's the group of friends that you spend most of your time, or your girl or boyfriend. No matter who it is, you know you will miss the hell out of them.

It's funny how relationships work, how people fall in and out of them and move on with life. I can remember people telling me that when I graduated high school I would go out, make new friends, and forget about the ones at home. The only problem was, I didn't want to forget, and with the technology we have now it's easier to keep in contact and re-kindle the flame of friendship.

Yeah you will lose some of the friendships you gained, but the re-

ally important ones will stick with you. College doesn't have to be any different, you can stay connected. I for one am the worst at keeping contact over long distances, but if it is important enough you will keep contact.

Seniors, when you graduate keeping in contact may become even more difficult, considering that there will be a lot more crap thrown your way and juggling it all may become a hassle. Letting go of freindships and relationships does not have to be an option. Keeping in contact has become easier in the past years, and is getting even easier.

Communication is always there for the taking, and the opportunity to re-kindle old relationships will pop up in the most random situations. Whether you are just close friends or in a relationship with

someone, those titles may fade away, but it will never be to late to re-kindle an old relationship.

Those last few moments are the ones you will remember no matter where you are. Whether it was the last drink, cruise, meal, party, or kiss, it will be imprinted in your memory forever. Plus, the last moments are usually the most extravagant, considering that when people know that they won't see each other for awhile. They take that chance to say they will miss

you, even if it means being ridiculed because it sounds childish. They muster up the guts to finally say what's been on their mind. I don't care how big of a person you think you are, or how independent you want to come off to others, taking the chance of showing a little emotion won't kill you. It takes more guts to admit that you have feelings than it

does to just hide them away.

Guys, saying you will miss your friends is not girly or demeaning in any way, it just shows that you do truly value the friendships that you have. If you are truly afraid to say it, then throw in something manly like a fart or burp. Call each other bro or dude, maybe it will smooth over the process of saying goodbye.

Ladies, I don't really know how you say goodbye to each other, but I'm assuming it's easier than the guys because you don't let your ego get in your way.

I realize that my articals are usually comedic, and maybe you can find some comedy in this one, but if not, well that's just too darn bad. Anyway, I hope that the summer brings nothing but good things to all of us.

ISAAC'S OPINION

Isaac Levin



REVIEW IT!

Prom: high school drama gets three stars

MICHAEL HOLMAN
Spectator Staff

Certain time restrictions prevented me from seeing *Thor* in time to write this review, but let's just say this will make for a good alternative if *Thor* doesn't look like your kind of movie.

Prom begins with the usual high school cliché: everybody is getting ready for the big day, drama is exploding left and right, people are asking each other out in ridiculous ways.

Then, just when all the prom decorations are finished, the storage shed they were in gets burned down.

Nova Prescott, the preppy senior in charge of the Prom committee, is left abandoned when all of the committee members bail out.

Then, to make matters worse, the Principal assigns Jesse

Richter, the school punk, to help Nova get the Prom decorations re-made with only three weeks left.

Prom surprised me. I always start out a movie at three stars in my head and let it go from there, and for me this movie started going down right at the beginning. It was so full of high school cliché silliness that Disney is so expert at portraying that I found myself a little bored.

None of the characters interested me.

But then, after about forty-five minutes, the characters suddenly came alive.

Nova's parents stepped out of the 'parent' role and actually made some decisions that affected the characters, other characters developed extremely well, the acting improved, and by the end the balance that they achieved between four different storylines

actually worked and left me feeling happy about the story.

In the end I ended up liking who I was supposed to like, and enjoying it when the 'villain' got what he deserved.

Basically, if you aren't in the mood for *Thor* this movie is still there, and is pretty good.

If anything else, this movie is a chance to remember our own high school experience. To look back at all the drama that surrounded our own proms, and let us compare ourselves to the over-dramatized characters of this movie.

Whether we remember prom with good or bad memories, we all know that it is a significant experience of adolescence. Which is why they make a movie like this every year or so.

In the end though I give this movie three stars.



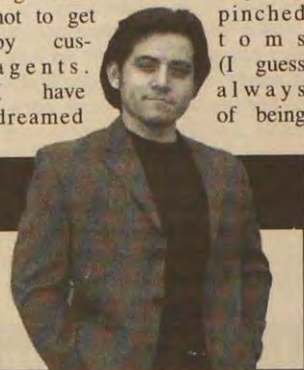
Destination themed songs and music

I have had the privilege to live in McPherson now for the better part of a year. I arrived last August in a convoy of trucks with cars in tow. I still remember the amount of raised eyebrows I received as I told my clients, friends and others that I would be pursuing an education in classic car restoration but that I was moving to Kansas to do it. Of course, stereotypical puns and quips ensued and continued to build in accelerated degrees until my departure. Many were sure that I was voluntarily deciding to enter into a whirlwind of daily tornadoes, engulfing dust bowls, and Wyatt Earp type lawlessness. "They carry guns on their belts ya know," was a major reason for alarm for them. I comforted most of them by pointing out that in New Jersey most people carry their gun under their belts, and most don't ask for permission. Pick your poison wisely.

By October of last year my phone calls back to my friends took on a more "boots on the ground" type of explanatory tone. "No, I haven't seen a tornado," and "no, not everyone is "strapped," was my standard theme for most calls. Some of my friends showed signs of re-

lief that I had not met with disaster while others sounded disappointed for me that I hadn't become a witness to some real-TV-type hysteria. Thrill seekers, aren't we? It was amusing to hear their concerns and in some small measure speak on behalf of Kansas weather

some slyly hidden form of verboten contraband tucked away in a bag while trying not to get pinched by customs agents. I have always dreamed



THE FINE PRINT
Shane Dresser

and the Kansas gun-toting citizens by dispelling a few slightly exaggerated misconceptions.

As I always do whenever I travel or move to a new place, I listen to as much music as I can find that gravitates around the area I will soon apply a bit of living to. When I flew to California for the first time for a quick winter weekend getaway, my playlist included Arlo Guthrie's "Coming into Los Angeles" (pronounced Los Angeleeze, in typical Guthrie fashion), a great song about flying into L.A.X. with

the smooth criminal.) Also there was The Notorious B.I.G., The Mama's and the Papa's, TuPac, Dr. Dre, The Beach Boys, and a little Led Zeppelin to smooth out the set list of California oriented songs.

For the big move to Kansas, there just wasn't that much to select from. I wore the lungs out of digitized Glen Campbell making him sing "Wichita Lineman" on my CD player. "Kansas City, Here I Come," sung by a number of legends filled the air over Interstate 70, as did most songs from

the group Kansas. They offered a form of surrogate support in the absence of songs truly about this state. You do the best you can with what you have, right?

Coming full circle, (well, nearly) I have absorbed as many questions and conjecture that stereotype New Jersey from the citizens here as I did from fellow Jerseyans and their general idea of Kansans. I've at times felt like some liaison between two groups of people that will probably never meet each other. Who knows, maybe that's for the best? But I have found some new and good music to enjoy from some of the new friends I've made here, one of my favorite ways of getting to know people better.

In less than a few weeks, after the all-nighters we'll pull, after the last drips of caffeine, the tests, the papers to write, the stress, the excuses, both good and bad, we'll have another opportunity to head out of here with visions of places we feel most comfortable in. We'll pack our bags, fill up the dumpsters with perfectly good and senseless items to throw away and get ready to get out of Dodge.

We transplants will make a last stop at the edge of town for a large

64oz of liquid sugar, a full tank of gas, some munchies for the miles ahead and then off to follow that broken white line that leads home. From pole to pole we'll go until we reach our destinations.

Once there we will meet up with friends and family for home-cooked meals, some good buddies that know us by names less reputable, and hopefully gain some quality time off. Some of us will be back in the fall while others of us may grow roots in another place before we ever find ourselves back here again.

For me, I'm heading back to Jersey. It'll be Springsteen all the way this time. Atlantic City. Jungleground. The pounding wind at the edge of the water will remind me of the constant companion the wind is to basically every season that Kansas has. I'll fill my friends in to the progress report of my time here, the Kansans, the weather, the wheat. It's been good. No need to complain.

Thank you to all that have made this the experience it has been. Don't forget to thank the ones that made this time here special for you, and don't forget to chirp your tires on your way out.

Kill some time during finals week

Summer theme word search

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- BEACH
- SHORTS
- BIKING
- SOCCER
- GOLF
- SUNBURN
- HATS
- SUNSCREEN
- HOLIDAY
- SUNTANHOT
- SWIMMING
- HUMID
- VACATION

Track team places 2nd in conference

SHANE DRESSER
Spectator Staff

Last week, Southwestern College hosted the annual Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships in Winfield, Kansas. McPherson's men's track and field team earned second place, a feat that hasn't been achieved since 1988.

Daniel Sorenson, jr., Lakewood, Calif., scored more than any other individual on the team with 32 points.

He gained a pair of titles in the 3,000m steeplechase with a time of 9:15.30 and 3:58.84 in the 1500m race.

He also scored points with a third place in the 5,000m in a time of 15:22.90 and fifth place in the 800m event with a time of 1:58.08.

Collectively, our Bulldog team swept the three medal positions in the 1,500m with Sorenson placing first, Javier Ceja, jr., Pico Rivera, Calif., placing second with a time of 3:59.56.

David Parry, jr., Morganville, Kan., achieving a personal best finishing in a time of 4:00.53.

Ceja also won the 5,000m with a season-best time of 14:52.49 while Parry took second in the 800m with a time of 1:56.33.

Geovanni Popoca, sr., finished third in the 10,000m at 32:45.19 and fifth in the 5,000m with a personal record best of 15:29.44.

When asked about the events, Ginikachi Ibe, sr., San Jose, Calif., said, "it was pretty good, it was definitely a different kind of experience, it went straight down to the end. Everyone was 'in it.'" "Everyone was supportive of the rest of their teammates."

Joseph Sumpter, fr., Osborne, Kan., earned a second place finish in the 400m hurdles.

He also completed the event in a personal record time of 53:21 seconds.

In the high jump event, Derrick

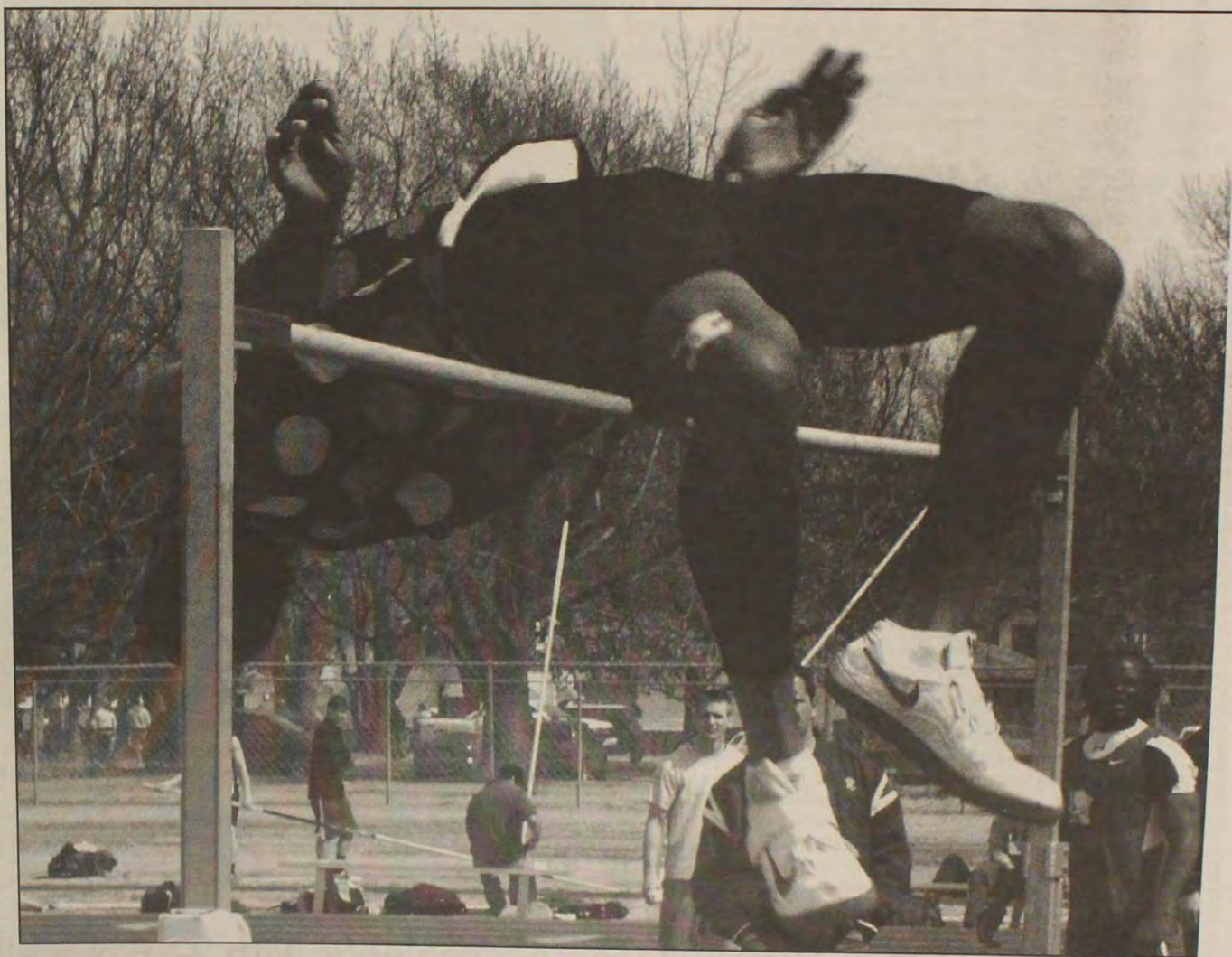


Photo by Fred Miller

Antwine Lamb, sr., finished second by clearing his jump 6'5", while Derrick Toney took first with a clearance of 6'5". Daniel Sorenson, jr., scored 32 points during the meet which was the most individual points scored for the MAC team. Overall, the men's track team won three medals in the 1,500m race. Breanna Pendleton and Ashley Huizar represented the women's side by placing in shot put, discus throw and 5,000m.

Toney, jr., Salinas, Calif., took first place with a clearance of 2.06m (6'9"), while Antwine Lamb, sr., Topeka, Kan., finished second with a clearance of 1.96m or 6'5". Garrett Sharp, so., Chanute, Kan., took third place jumping 1.91m or 6'3.25".

Toney also took third in the long

jump at 6.82m; 22'4.5"

The Bulldogs two additional individual championships were by Mitchell Krier, sr., Sterling, Colo., in the men's pole vault at 4.55m or 14'-11" and Paul Rotering, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo., in the javelin at 57.49m; 188'-07".

On the women's side, Breanna

Pendleton, fr., thrower, Bakersfield, Calif., was MAC's top women's field athlete coming in at fourth place in the women's shot put with a throw of 10.86m or 35'-7.75".

She also took sixth in the women's discus throw at 35.74m or 117'-03".

Ashley Huizar, jr., LaPuente, Calif., took fifth in the 5,000m with a time of 19:29.54 and 10,000m coming in at 40:06.06.

The Bulldogs compete once again on May 14 at the Emporia State University Sam Williams Twilight Qualifier.

Men make a "racquet" placing 2nd in conference

DUSTY KITCHEN
Spectator Staff

The Tennis season has come to an end as the Men lost a tough 5-0 decision to Bethany to finish second in the KCAC Conference tournament for the first time since 1980 yet improving two spots from last year's fourth place finish.

"We went from fourth to second." Interim Coach Lamonte Rothrock said. "A lot of credit has got to go to Sydney Bwalya for bringing in the players he did and I think we put a scare to Bethany in the finals with some tough matches. I think this makes our program legitimate in qualifying for the tournament last year to now finishing second."

The Men started the tournament with a Semi-final victory over Friends University with a score of 5-2. The match began with Bulldogs falling behind early, dropping two of three doubles points to the Falcons.

The lone Bulldog's double victory came with Vyacheslav Bukatin and Thiago Da Silva defeating Colton Heinrich and Cory Cockrell, 8-5.

However, McPherson came back to sweep the top four singles positions, with wins by Bukatin, Ronaldo Filho, Silva, and Igor Guasti lead to the 5-2 victory.

This placed the McPherson Bulldogs in the finals against a tough Bethany Swede squad.

In the finals, Bethany took the first three points of the match with 8-2, 8-3 and 8-3 wins in the three doubles positions.

The Swedes maintained their momentum into singles play with wins at No. 2, 3 and 4 to earn the match victory.

Bukatin was victorious against Matias Leal-Jofre, 6-4, 6-1, but the match ended after Bethany had picked up the decisive point, so it did not count in the score total.

Though disappointed in the loss, Filho is very proud of his team.

"We knew going into the match it was going to be tough," Filho said. "We went out and played our best, but it wasn't enough.

"However, I'm very proud of how hard our team played and ready to see what we can do next year," Filho said.

The Men's team has all starters returning for next year.

On the women's side, the team fell short in making it into the KCAC conference tournament, but Rothrock was very happy to see the improvement over the year.

"Our goal at the beginning of the year was to be able for the team to say they had become better tennis players by the end of the year, and I think all the women can say they are," Rothrock said. "Our goal for next year is to make the tournament and place fourth and build up the program, much like the men's team has done."



Photo by Allison Hartley

Vyacheslav Bukatin, recently named National player of the week and NAIA player of the week, finished the tennis season strong with a personal win despite the overall team loss.

Returner Jessica Vincent also feels like after this first year with the team, that next year has some good things ahead.

"I feel like as the year went on we came together as a team and that really helped with our improvement and I'm really excited

for next year," Vincent said. "I feel like we have a lot of potential to be very good for next year and we know what it takes."

Falcons outplay bulldogs, season ends with 2-36 overall record

AUDREY SECKER
Editor-in-Chief

The baseball team finished its 2011 season losing its last four games and moving their overall record to 2-34 and 2-24 in KCAC.

The team played Friends University on Saturday, April 30. Friends got a run in the first, and three in the third, taking control of the game early on. Four runs in the

fifth by Friends made it impossible for the Bulldogs to catch up.

The Bulldogs did score four runs in the sixth, but could not overcome the Friends lead.

The second game went much like the first with Friends taking an early lead with a three-run first and one-run second.

Friends then had a seven run third, blowing McPherson out of the water.

The Bulldogs managed to get two runs at the top of the fourth but couldn't catch up.

The Bulldogs only tallied hits in five innings.

The team wrapped up the season on Sunday, May 1 in a double loss against Friends. McPherson fell behind early in the game but was able to catch up and take the lead, 5-4, when shortstop freshman Daxton Deal hit a single into

centerfield to score freshmen outfielder Sam Duke from third.

The Bulldogs scored one more run before Friends scored nine runs on five hits in the top of the seventh.

The team scored two more in the bottom of the seventh but failed to catch up to Friends lead.

In the second game, Friends scored four runs in the top of the first and seven in the third. The

Bulldogs were unable to score.

However, sometimes the score does not show the effort put forth by the athletes.

There was great talent and hard work, but unfortunately, the scoreboard refused to show such actions.

With a new coach and new recruits, McPherson awaits next season with anticipation.

2011-12 head baseball coach named

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Andrew Ehling

Stability is key when securing and progressing a team from a struggling program to a successful team. With stability comes consistency in practice, players, and coaching staff.

The first year baseball team began with an under-qualified coach who was quickly removed from the program. Stepping up to bat from the assistant coach position, Roby Wilson became interim head coach immediately thereafter while Josh Barnett became the new assistant coach.

"We felt the timing to search for a permanent coach wasn't right," said Doug Quint, athletic director.

"The goal was to perform a national search and have Coach Wilson go through the process at the end of the season like everyone else."

"Coach Wilson did some good things in managing the team," said Quint, "and he brought some stability to the program during a rough transition."

As the summer approaches, the hiring staff has been accepting and reviewing potential applicants for a more permanent head baseball coach. The hiring committee consists of Allan Grosbach, Amanda LeClair, Shay Maclin, Kent Eaton, Scott Hooker, Phil Schoenwetter, and Doug Quint.

As the staff went through over 90 applications, they searched for key qualities during the elimination process. These key qualities

include stability, coaching philosophies, experience, and values for discipline. Most importantly, the hiring staff evaluates the applicant's values on life in general.

"The coach needs to understand it's not about the wins or losses or the sport itself," Quint said, "that's the bi-product. It's bigger. We use sports to teach life lessons and to be successful in life."

"The interview process is very intense and time consuming but the committee values choosing the right person. The bottom line is we owe it to the players to give them a first-class experience"

"A permanent coach will add sheer stability and direction with measurable goals to accomplish," Quint said.

Andrew Ehling fit the descrip-

tion.

Monday morning, Quint announced that Ehling would be the new head coach for next season.

"I'm pleased and excited about our committee's decision in the hiring of Andrew," Quint said. "He is a high class individual, who we feel confident will instill a tradition of excellence in our baseball program both on the field and in the classroom. I look forward to working with Andrew as we build that tradition on McPherson College."

Ehling spent the last three seasons as the pitching coach at the University of Central Missouri, three seasons as pitching coach at Hutchinson Community College (Kansas), one year as an assistant at Odessa College (Texas), one year as a student assistant at Kansas State, one summer season as head coach of the Hutchinson Monarchs Baseball Club (Kansas), and had some managerial stints with the Edmonton Prospects Baseball Club (Alberta, Canada) and the Salina Blue Jays (Kansas).

As a student athlete, Ehling played two seasons at Butler Community College (Kansas) before finishing out his college career at Kansas State.

"I'm excited to become a part of the McPherson community and McPherson College baseball," Ehling said. "It's a rare opportunity for a coach to get a chance to build a program and I look forward to helping McPherson build a tradition of excellence in baseball."

Spring game, banquet finish out season

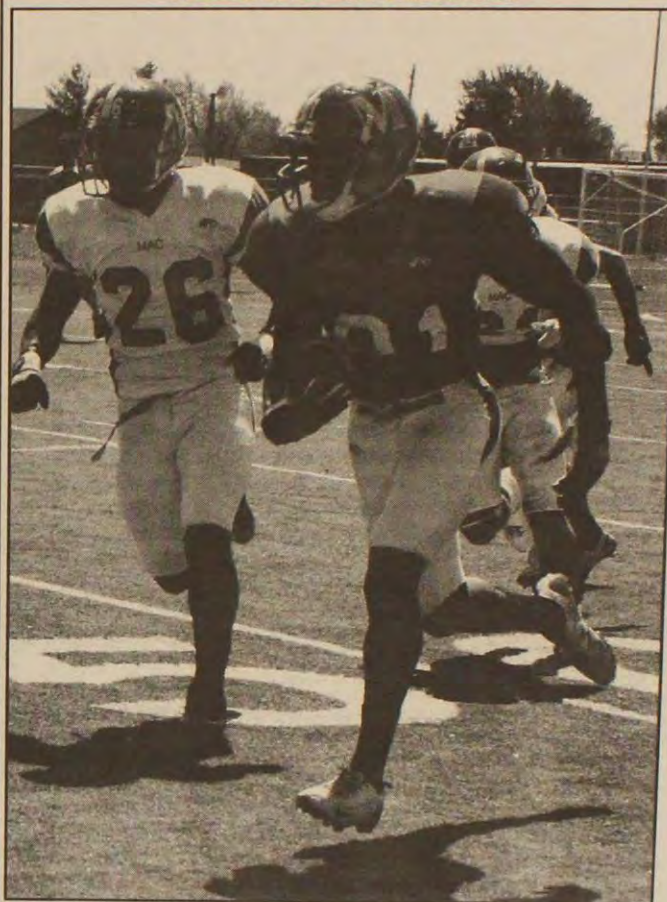


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The Bulldogs played their spring game April 30. This allowed them to show off what they had been working on during practices. That evening, the team celebrated their conference championship at a dinner with family. Over 200 people attended. The team received their rings, awards, and other recognitions.

Student-athlete retention high, coach retention low

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This 2010-2011 athletic season has gone through many changes. These changes do not fall short of just new players.

Many sports have seen changes in coaching staff as well, whether it be the head coach or assistant coach position.

Tennis, volleyball, baseball, and track experience such changes.

"Really, Sydney left tennis because of family," Doug Quint, athletic director, said. "Eby resigned because his wife got a great job opportunity which had a residency requirement. With baseball, the first coach was just not qualified for the position and never went through a formal hiring process."

To prevent so many changes within the athletic department for the following season the level of intensity of interviews will increase.

Coaches who understand the importance of education and training understand the value McPherson College firmly believes in.

"A lot of people play a vital role in the success of student-athletes,"

Quint said. "The more people holding students accountable the more likely they will succeed."

Last year, the retention rate in athletics was the highest it's ever been in MAC history.

"Coaches do a good job of recruiting student athletes," Quint said. "Our incoming ACT/GPA is the highest its ever been."

Once stability is added teams

can only grow from there, it's just a matter of maintaining that stability.

"We are working hard on trying to find coaches that fit MAC colleges goal settings and value standpoint," Quint said "Athletics are a secondary role, being a student is first."

Softball season ends on positive note

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As the softball season came to a close, the women's team stood strong against day two's KCAC tournament competition.

During day one, fifth-seeded McPherson faced fourth seed Southwestern College right off the bat. The team slammed past the Builders with a game score of 12-4.

Following Southwestern, the Bulldogs faced Bethany. The team put up a fight against the Swedes but fell short during the nine innings 5-6.

Despite the loss, Bulldogs stepped it up a notch, securing a victory against Kansas Wesleyan 4-3. The two wins out of three allowed the Bulldogs to advance to Day two of the KCAC bracket.

"We hit the field ready to play and dominated against Southwestern," said Andrea Falk, jr., pitcher. "After a five hour break, we came back ready to beat Bethany and we played them really tight, but fell short in nine innings. It was amazing how hard we battled against Bethany. They were nervous, but sadly, things just didn't fall into place. Our last game was against KW. We were really tired, but still managed to pull ourselves together and hang onto the win."

Advancing into Day two, the Bulldogs faced Ottawa University. The team had several key moments, but couldn't outplay their opponents.

"We performed just like a team should," Falk said. "We all had each others back. We were making the plays and getting hard hits. Ottawa saw a completely different team than they did during the season, but they hit holes at key moments of the game and we just kept hitting at people."

Softball ended with a 1-2 loss versus Kansas Wesleyan, but there were many changes seen throughout the season.

"I think the major differences

from the beginning of the season until now is how we came together as a team," Falk said. "Throughout the season, we had always been a team, but this last tournament everyone, the bench, the starters, the coaches, put everything they had out on the field and said we are going to conquer this challenge ahead of us together. That's what we did. We were finally the team we needed to be all season."

"We've had our ups and downs but we always overcame the let downs and continued to get better and play better to have one of the best seasons the softball team has had in a while here at MAC," said Ashley Luthye, sr., third base.

There was no word on how the recruiting is going so far for next season. However Falk has some words of wisdom and advice for the incoming athletes.

"Play with everything you have every game because four years go by really fast and when its over, its over," Falk said.

With the few, yet valued, seniors graduating, the team is left pretty much the same. This will enable them to continue growing from where they left off.

"The team is going to have a very strong foundation to build off of because they are only losing a few seniors," Falk said. "I know that next year, they can take conference and the tournament if they remember this last week. If they can remember to never quit fighting, to play like a team, and to play with that level of intensity every game they will be a force to be reckoned with."

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Right: Jamie Gilber, sr., infielder/outfielder, swings at pitch thrown by opposing team. Hits during the tournament were strong, but had a hard time finding the holes on the field. Never the less, the Bulldogs kept swinging in hopes of putting runs up on the score board. The team's field play was strong and consistent

