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Above: Freshman midfielder Tyler Strampel looks down the field for an open shot at the home game against Sioux Falls. Strampel joined the team from Castle Rock, Colo., Rock Canyon HS where he was part of the 4A State Championship team in 2008.

Left: Sophomore defender Michael Phillips outlasts his opponents at the winning game on September 4. As a freshman, Phillips started all 17 games, and was part of the 2009 All-KCAC Second Team.

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Photo by Rod Barlet

The Scottish bagpipes and SGA President Lane Allison, jr., Greensburg, and SGA Vice President Claire Krizek, soph., McPherson, lead the freshmen to Brown Auditorium to begin freshman orientation.



Men's soccer team beats Central, moves season record to 3-1-1

JORDAN ROQUEMORE
Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs pulled off an almost annual victory against Central Christian at a crowded home stadium on Sept. 15. Speeding off the takeoff, the Bulldogs made their rivals scramble to keep control of the ball. The shot was deflected by a defender. The Tigers quickly answered back with a breakaway a couple of minutes later. Junior goalkeeper Blake Jett was able to diffuse

the run just before his opponent was able to get a shot off. In the 31st minute the Tigers put up their first shot at goal, missing the right back by a couple of feet. After a short dry spell, the Bulldogs put up three shots nearly in a row, missing every one of them. Twenty minutes of back and forth play, and Mulford was given another opportunity for a shot with a breakaway. Once again the shot went high and another four minutes later, another open Mulford shot goes high. "It wasn't his [Mulford's] day,"

head coach Doug Quint said. "He'll bounce back though. He's there 99 percent of the time when we really need him." Defensively, freshmen Josh Aubuchon and senior Calin Strong held off the Tigers by clearing balls and eliminating chances for shots. The teams went into halftime with both sides scoreless. Early in the second half, Aubuchon saved a breakaway from turning into a shot on goal. A few minutes later, junior defender Tyler Tank took advantage of a

keeper error and pounded the ball in for the first goal of the match. Only two minutes later, the Tigers would score one themselves when a defender tried to clear the ball from the goal box. His aim was off and the ball bounced off the left post into the net. In the 57th minute, Black deflected a low scorcher by Central Christian and then attempted to chase it down to avoid a corner kick. The ball quickly got to the other side of the field, giving Mulford another chance at redemption. However, his shot once again

went high. With only 13 minutes left, the Tigers put up a shot that went over the crossbar by inches. A few minutes of pushing and shoving, and the Bulldogs were given an indirect kick right outside their opponents' goal box. The men were unable to finish it, leading to the end of the game with a final score of 2-0 Bulldogs. This puts the Bulldogs season record at 3-1-1. The team will be playing away on Saturday against Rogers State University in Okla. with kickoff at 4 p.m.

Enrollment hits 40-year high

College welcomes one of the largest freshman classes

BY SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

The college's enrollment hits a

goal of adding 250 new students to campus. A total of 257 are enrolled for the fall semester, 170 freshmen and 87 transfers. The total estimated enrollment for the fall is around 615 students. "Our admissions staff, coaches, faculty and President Michael Schneider all contributed to our suc-

cess this year," said Dave Barrett, vice president of admissions. "We all traveled a lot of miles to meet with students and their families." Many changes have been made on campus to accommodate the large number of students. Dorm

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Football game to benefit scholarship

McPherson College will waive general admission for the football game, inviting all those that attend to make a donation to the "Blake Reed MAC2MAC Scholarship."

Reed loved football and served as the McPherson high school football team manager before coming to McPherson College as manager of the football team.

Reed was a communications major. Reed passed away Aug. 3, 2010 after a life-long battle with Duchenne muscular dystrophy at the age of 22.

The Bulldog football team will take on Ottawa at 7 p.m.

Business Club to discuss future

The Business Club will be holding its first meeting of the year in Melhorn 112 at 11:30 a.m. today.

Members will be discussing the points system for this year and the trip they are planning for the spring.

Hit, run accidents in college parking

Three cars have been hit in the McPherson College parking lot in the last week. If you experience something like this contact the local police.

Scottish Festival held at Lakeside

The Scottish Festival will be held at Lakeside Park Sept. 25 and 26. The cost is \$15 to get in on Saturday and \$12 on Sunday.



Photo by Fred Miller

Construction continues on the new apartments. The apartments are scheduled to be ready for move in before interterm.

Housing progress continues

With high demand for rooms, apartments set to be finished by January 2011

BY KIMBERLI ROQUEMORE
Staff Writer

Progress is quickly being made on the new campus apartments.

"Our goal is to be putting students into the building at the beginning of interterm," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

This building will be co-ed housing and will accommodate 32 residents, sophomores through seniors.

"There will be a commons area with laundry facilities, and one of the nice pieces is that heating and cooling will be room by room," Rothrock said. "It's been 13 years

since we've built a residence facility so it's just exciting to have a new facility."

Shandi Tobias, current resident director of Bittinger Hall, will be the resident director of the apartments when all the construction is completed.

Some of the students that have already been chosen to live in the apartments are currently living in The Cedars apartments on First Street. They will move back to campus and reside in the new building when it is completed. Other students who have applied to live in the new apartments are currently being reviewed.

Three new resident directors added to resident life staff

BY LAUREN LARSEN
Staff Writer

The Residence Life staff has added three new resident directors to campus this fall: T.J. Eskildsen to Metzler Hall, Beth Krehbiel to Bittinger Hall and Brian Ortmeier to the Baer apartments.

Eskildsen and Ortmeier will also be coaching basketball. Eskildsen will be assisting for men's basketball and Ortmeier will be assisting

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Brian Ortmeier



Beth Krehbiel



T.J. Eskildsen

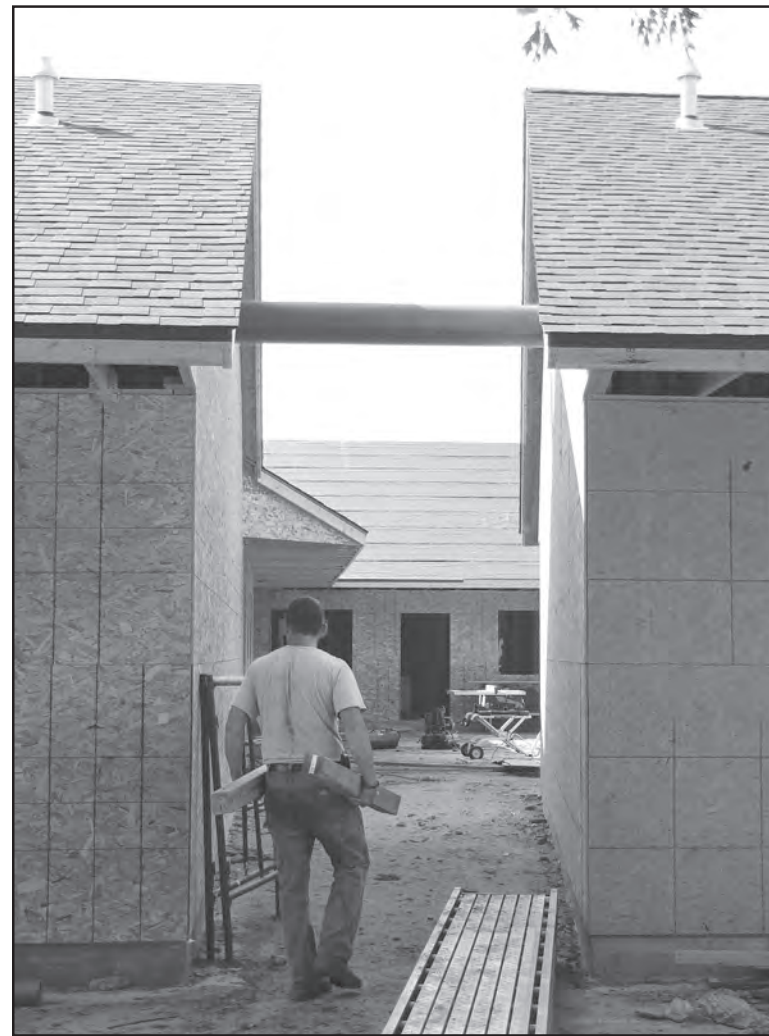


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The new apartments are located on the corner of Simpson and Lehmer near Melhorn Science Hall.

"The vision that the board and President Schneider have had about our growth and how we're going to grow, plus the type of living experiences that we think students probably desire is really what caused us to go this direction," Rothrock said.

The building is being funded through campaign donations. More decisions will be made about additional buildings for on-campus living in the near future.

"We've got to continue to have that discussion as we grow," Rothrock said.

Hot then cold: Volleyball team on winning streak, now losing



Photos by Torey Fry

The team works together and communicates to turn the score to their favor.

DUSTY KITCHEN
Spectator Staff

After a tough loss to conference opponent Ottawa, the Lady Bulldogs fall to 0-2 in conference and 4-6 overall as they head into Saturday's match-up against Central Christian College.

To start the season the Lady Bulldogs began a four-game winning streak. However, the Bulldogs have hit a cold streak, losing their last six matches, one being a tough match against conference opponent Bethel, and another against Ottawa. Though the road has been tough, sophomore Natalie Boss feels the team

is moving in the right direction from last year.

"I feel like the season has already been a lot better than last year," Boss said. "Right now we're figuring out the right things to do and putting it all together."

The Bulldogs took the Braves to 4 games, losing the first two 19-25 and 21-25. However, the Bulldogs fought back to win 25-23. The fourth game was another close one, but the Bulldogs fell short 23-25.

Kory Hiebert, a new addition to the Bulldogs this year, led the team with 14 kills on 27 attempts with only two errors giving her a .444 kill percentage. Boss was



Sophomore outside hitter Natalie Boss keeps her head in the game, focusing on a win.

right behind her with 14 kills on 35 attempts with 7 errors giving her a .200 kill percentage. Hiebert led the Bulldogs' defense on the front row with one block, while Kelley Green led digs with 13.

On the season Hiebert leads the Bulldogs off with 97 kills. Hiebert also leads the team in blocks with 19. Brooke Wedel comes up front though, with digs with 88 followed by new Bulldog Brelynn Schloo, who has 81.

And though the Bulldogs have been on a drought of late Hiebert echoed the words of her teammate Boss.

"We've got a lot of potential on this team right now and are trying to get everything in the right place," Hiebert said. "When that happens the other teams in conference better be ready because we'll be tough to beat."

Up in arms

JORDAN ROQUEMORE
Spectator Staff

I would call myself a sports enthusiast. Playing six years of baseball, four of basketball, three of soccer, two of football, one of volleyball (I was 11 years old okay?), watching two World Cups, most Superbowls, golf, tennis and of course Sportscenter it does that to a person.

However, I hold a special place in my heart for soccer. I love the game, watching, playing, examining and cheering. I meandered into the stadium on Wednesday night, found one of the few dry seats and took out my notebook and pen. I breathed in the fresh smell of rain and watched the players warm up.

My moment of solace soon was intruded upon by our loud fans. Not that there is anything wrong with loud fans, but you throw a few drunks in there and things get interesting.

As far as the game goes, I was a little disappointed. Central outplayed us in the first half as far as ball control and tenacity. The offense was unable to give opportunities to anyone but Brent Mulford. Mulford is great player as last year's stats prove, but he wasn't able to finish anything. I don't blame him, but I do blame the rest of the offense who failed to step up and use their talent.

I felt a little uneasy, as if ghosts of last year's offensive players were running around out there. The offense seemed to be under the impression that either Mulford or these ghosts would do all the work for them. Confused? Well so am I.

Either way, the offense needs to take charge and find the net. The only real players taking charge that game were on the defense. Aubuchan did his job and Jett was there when the team needed him.

Toward the end of the game, things were getting a little nasty out on the field and the whole student section was screaming about a poor call by the ref. They were up in arms for minutes, and having been sufficiently revved up in arms, were up in arms once again for the next three legitimate calls against the Bulldogs.

The game ended in a sort of desperate chaos on the part of both teams. A good game, but with a team in need of some fine tuning.

Women's soccer builds for successful season

AUDREY SECKER
Editor-in-Chief

The women's soccer team is 1-1-2 after playing their first four games of their fall 2010 season.

Despite tallying nine shots, four on goal, the team lost their first game 2-1 against Concordia University on Sept. 1. The women scored their only goal in the 11th minute, taking advantage of a slower back line, but they failed to hold up after Concordia scored two goals in the final ten minutes of the first half.

Ana Calderon, the team's senior captain said, "The team is looking good and I think it's going to be a good season. Despite the injuries we've had, people are bouncing back well."

The women tied their second game against the University of Sioux Falls 2-2. Senior Haley Cook opened the scoring for McPherson in the 49th minute.

Freshman Kourtney Mitchell scored the second goal 20 minutes later by beating the goalkeeper in a one vs. one situation.

The team has a large number of new freshmen this year but this isn't posing a problem for the team.

"The team seems to be doing well connecting both on and off the field. We're pleased with the

leadership roles our captains Haley Cook, Ana Calderon, Alyssa Baldi and Amanda Aragon have taken on," said Coach Robert Talley. "I'm seeing upperclassmen and underclassmen bonding with each other off the field, and that's what this team needs in order to remain a tight knit group. I know any one of these ladies would stand up for their teammate if they need to."

The women had their first win of the season on Sept. 8. The team only needed one goal to secure their shutout victory against Manhattan Christian.

The winning goal was made by senior Amanda Aragon in the 50th minute, off a perfect assist from Cook.

Another win wasn't far behind for the women. On Sept. 11 they scored 5 goals in the first half to take them to the finish with a shutout victory against Briar Cliff University. Sophomore Rachel Cornell scored in the first five minutes of the game and went on to get a hat trick.

Coach Talley and the team are working hard this season in hopes of going far.

"The sky is the limit this season," Talley said. "I think this team is capable of winning a regular season conference title, a conference championship and going to the



Photo by Emilee Reinert

Whitney Smith gains possession for McPherson College in the home game against Concordia University on September 1.

National Tournament this fall. It's up to them whether or not they choose to put forth the 110% effort day in and day out in order to ac-

complish this goal. Every team we play this fall will kick the ball the same way we do, they'll run like we do and they'll shoot like we do.

Our team simply needs to make sure they do all these things better. If they do, then they should get the results they're striving for."

Coach, players step up and take victory over rival school

ASHLEY CALDWELL
Spectator Staff

September 11 the Bulldogs traveled to Wichita to play Friends University, their 2nd game out of 9 in the KCAC conference games. The team already had one win against Haskell Indian Nations University 45-0 at home the week before.

In 2009 the team set a record with nine wins and only one loss in the season, so another win was a must.

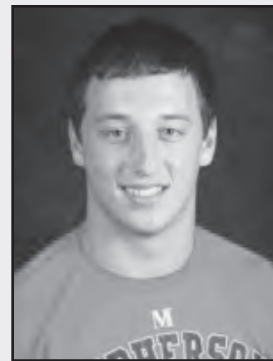
Within the first several minutes after kick-off, the Bulldogs made a touchdown, already racking up the score. By the end of the first half,

the score was 42 to 6.

The Falcon's were able to make rack up another 14 points in the second half, but the Bulldogs pulled through with another ten to win the game.

"The game went according to plan," said Will Powers, sr., line-backer. "We spent all week preparing for a good team and proved to be by far better. The score shows by far that not only were we better but also have the best recruits as they are greatly responsible for the way we play on Saturdays." This year, the McPherson

McPherson athlete recognized by NAIA



Monday, September 13th Andy Skinner, a junior football player was named offensive player of the week by the NAIA.

He broke a school record catching 8 passes for 268 yards on the road against Friends University last Saturday. in the winning game.

Skinner also set a personal best, scoring three touchdowns in the game.

Bulldogs are ranked 12th in the NAIA Preseason Coaches Top 25, their highest ranking since 2004.

These first two games bring off a good start for the

Bulldogs and many fans look forward to many more wins. The team will play Ottawa on Saturday September 18 at 7 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

Motorcycle rally to celebrate major

"Bikes on the Lawn" will be held Saturday, September 25. A barbecue lunch will be served starting at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Afterwards the public is allowed to tour the automotive restoration lab and see students work in progress until 3 p.m.

The show is free and is open to the public. Any bike owners are encouraged to participate in the show. There will be prizes for participants

Show off talent downtown

The second annual Mac's Got Talent will be held on the plaza near the Bank of America building on October 2. All are invited to attend.

Cooking off chili on main street

The annual Downtown Burning Down Main Chili Cook-Off will be held October 2. For a small charge visitors are allowed to sample chili and soups.

Convocation

Honors Convocation will be held on Friday, October 8 at 1:30 p.m.. Classes will only meet until 1 p.m. and there will be no afternoon classes.

Fall homecoming brings many events

Fall homecoming will be held October 9. There will be many on-campus activities happening. For a detailed schedule turn to page 4.

Students learning entrepreneurial mind

Horizon Fund offers unique opportunity

BY SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

At opening convocation, President Michael Schneider encouraged students to think back to when they were kids while introducing a new way of thinking, the Horizon Fund.

The Horizon Fund is a way the college is combining liberal arts and entrepreneurship. It provides mini-grants to students that submit an application and have a winning idea of their own.

"Whether you want to explore or try an idea, whether for profit or not for profit, whether you're a business major, whether you're

a sociology major, a philosophy and religion major it does not matter. An idea is an idea," Schneider said.

Students must fill out an application to apply for a grant. If an idea is chosen, the recipients will be eligible to receive \$100 to \$500 to implement their idea. There is no stated criterion for the applications submitted.

"We decided we wanted to keep it pretty open, and not create an incredibly difficult set of rules," Schneider said. "It's simple. You have an idea? You want try it? Submit an application."

The form is available on the college Web site. There is also a link

to an example of a completed form on the application form.

Schneider said that entrepreneurship is one thing that can lift up the liberal arts that will make the college better and will help students get better quality of education. The main goal of the Horizon Fund is to combine liberal arts and entrepreneurship on campus.

"There are other schools that have funds like this, and they're having great success," Schneider said. "So the idea came up as a part of this discussion about lifting up liberal arts through entrepreneurship so we thought we'd try it. To be honest, this initiative is entrepreneurial in its nature."

Two things that Schneider believes students can't get enough of on this campus to enhance their liberal arts degree are creativity and taking chances.

"My goal with this whole thing is that students come up with ideas, they execute on those ideas, and they learn," Schneider said.

The committee that reviews the ideas submitted includes Schneider; Abbey Archer Rierson, director of development; Kent Eaton, dean of faculty; Ken Yohn, associate professor of history and Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication.

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Campus community broadens recycling efforts

BY DUSTY KITCHEN
Staff Writer

In their efforts to make campus a greener community, Student Services, SGA and McPherson Waste Management will be offering a new opportunity for students to make recycling a bigger staple at McPherson College.

From 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on every second and third Tuesday of the month, recycling trailers will be placed behind Dotzour Hall and in the circle drive by Metzler Hall. Bins will be available for office paper, two kinds of plastic containers, glass, tin and newspaper, while cardboard will continue to be collected behind the SU.

The urge to get this effort going has really come from interest from all points of the college community, LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, said.

"The idea to get this going was because of student interest to recycle and encouragement we received from the trustees to look into additional ways we can decrease waste and increase recyclable waste," Rothrock said.

As head of student services, Rothrock has worked closely with the efforts to make the college greener and has had help from Colleen

Gustafson, Dotzour Hall resident director and Lane Allison, jr., Greensburg, SGA President.

In her first year as resident director, Gustafson noticed that there wasn't an easy way for students to recycle, so she presented the idea of adding bins in the dorm lobbies to the other resident directors.

"I noticed there wasn't an accessible opportunity or facility for students in the dorms and I thought something was needed," Gustafson said.

In the first year, bins were placed out for students until full. Resident directors then would collect the recycling and give it to the Gustafsons, who would transport it to the recycling facility in town.

"As I've cleared bins in the past I've noticed lack of knowledge of right procedures for recycling," Colleen said. "I thought the e-mail would be a fun way to spark interest about the new bins being placed on campus."

Allison has also pushed hard for recycling efforts like this to occur. Coming from Greensburg, a community that is being rebuilt into a greener town, has really inspired Allison to help move the college in the same direction.

One of Allison's biggest projects last year and this year is the



Photo by Torey Fry

Payton Hartman, fr., Smithville, Mo., throws plastic bottles in the large recycling dumpster by Dotzour hall.

recycling of plastic bottles. Allison pushed to have Coca-Cola bins placed around campus for plastic bottles.

The college going greener in other ways too. The apartments being built are more environment-

friendly, including new washers and dryers that will help reduce energy waste and consumption.

"Recycling is very easy," Colleen said. "It's like separating your laundry and it helps make the world a better place."



Photo by Emilee Reubert

The 2010 team is in high spirits for their upcoming season.

One new faculty, two staff join McPherson College

BY PHILIPPA READ
Staff Writer

A new school year has started and with it are some fresh faces. In addition to one of the biggest freshman classes the college has had in years, the campus welcomes one new faculty member and two new staff members.

The new faculty members are Kerry Dobbins, professor of history, Carole Barr, associate director of the Royer Center and associate director of library services and Michelle Ducy, admissions and financial aid counselor.

Dobbins previously worked at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Barr is a McPherson native and Ducy just graduated from the college in May.

Dobbins prefers the smaller size of McPherson College over that of a state school. She wanted to find a school where teachers knew their



Kerry Dobbins



Michelle Ducy



Carole Barr

students and could build relationships with them.

"In large schools, most professors only teach a very small selection of history classes," Dobbins said. "Here I'll teach everything from American Indian history to Modern European history. That isn't an opportunity I could find anywhere else. A lot of students

come to college thinking that history is just memorizing dates and names. I really like the chance to show students that history is so much more."

Michelle Ducy was already familiar with the small size of McPherson after being a student here for two years, during which she played basketball and assisted

Dave Barrett, vice president of admissions. "When the opportunity came up to work full time for Dave, I jumped at the chance," Ducy said. "The admissions office is a fantastic place to work; it's like a big family."

Barr has gotten to know many students as well. "They have a contagious enthusiasm and energy that inspires me," Barr said. "I can see so many students have a desire to make the world a better place. I have been impressed with their desire to do good things - to help others."

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ter, before students returned to classes. She saw the position advertised and thought it was a perfect fit for her.

"I worked in disability services, student support, and library services previously, but this position was a chance to combine all those interests. It also gave me the opportunity to keep teaching, which I thoroughly enjoy," she said.

Barr has started new programs such as workshops for paper writing and note taking, as well as beginning a help center for math and Spanish.

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rooms have been added to Dotzour Hall, more space has been created in the cafeteria, a new classroom has been opened and some students are now living three to a room.

"I think our student services, facilities and our academic affairs departments have done an excellent job of preparing for the influx of students," Barrett said.

The high enrollment kept many people busy over the summer planning for all the new students.

"Class size has changed in that almost all of the general education cares are full with wait lists," said

Karlene Tyler, associate academic dean. "And, for instance, courses with labs have increased in size because we have added lab sections. Some faculty are breaking courses into two sections without additional pay just to maintain the quality of instruction."

While many things have changed, the admissions staff is already setting goals for next year.

"My hope is that McPherson College will continue to grow strategically," Barrett said. "What I mean by that is that I want McPherson College to continue to provide an experience that students, parents

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also like to add another staff member, another faculty member, a student and somebody from the local community.

Schneider says that he hopes many different students in different areas try their ideas and learn from their mistakes.

"I think that at the heart of what we do here is liberal arts," Sch-

neider said. "The idea that we're trying to create a degree program that will create more than just a teacher, more than just a lawyer, more than just a doctor, more than just a sociologist, more than just a business person. Because what will set you apart once you graduate isn't the technical training. What makes you special is everything else you got here."

Two seniors awarded scholarship



Courtesy Photo

Amy Beckman, Human Resources Recruiter for NCRA, offers \$1,500 scholarships to Katherine Hughes, sr., McPherson and Roxanne Ayers, sr., Salina. The two seniors were awarded the NCRA leadership scholarship.

Smaller teams with big dreams

BLAINE CLARDY
Spectator Staff

This year the dance and cheer teams are experiencing many changes. One major change is their new coach, Nicole Levelsmyer. So far, this change seems to be for the better; the girls on both teams seem to be more energetic and determined.

"I'm sad that I only have one semester with her, but I'm excited because she brings a lot to the teams, and we can learn a lot from her," said senior cheer captain Roxie Ayers.

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However, the girls seem to not be letting the low numbers dampen their spirits for their goals this year. They just know

they have more to prove.

Captain of the dance team, senior Amanda Larson said, "We're low on numbers, but we are high on quality."

Both the dance and cheer teams are preparing for, and will be competing in, the NAIA National competition for the 2010-2011 season.

Levelsmyer said, "Both teams are excelling, and becoming stronger, getting into shape. They are progressing constantly, and are dedicated leaders working hard to be a top competitive team."

Both teams are excited to show off their competitive side.

"The NAIA has made cheer and dance an official sport, and made a competitive schedule just like basketball, volleyball, and football," said Levelsmyer.

The dance and cheer teams will be competing in the NCA/NDA in Daytona Florida in April, and have two regional meets in November and one nationals in December that they will be competing in to bring titles to McPherson.

With a new coach, and hopefully some more numbers to add during the season, the sky is the limit for these Bulldogs. Confidence and a positive attitude is definitely not lacking for either



Photo contributed by Kellea Allison

Dance team members this year are senior Amanda Larsen, freshman Kendra Hodges, sophomores Kellea Allison and Claire Krezik and senior Ashley Dameron. The team has shrunk in size from last year but it has been working hard to entertain and show spirit to the McPherson College fans. Watch for these girls at Saturday's game at the 50-yard line during half-time.

team.

Sophomore Jordan Cox said "I'm a transfer student and this is my first experience on a collegiate level cheer team. I'm excited to see what the school year will bring."

Larson said, "I love being on the sideline supporting our athletes and spreading school spirit."

You can help promote the teams by showing school spirit here on campus. Spirit bracelets

to anyone who is showing school spirit are being handed out.

Levelsmyer is requiring the girls to attend all home athletic events and some away to show support for the college teams.

Sophomore Kellea Allison, first officer of the dance team said, "I bring my red head swag everyday to practice. I feel as first officer that I need that kind of attitude. Go Bulldogs!"

Your 2010-2011 Cheerleaders:

Jenny Andreesen	sr
Roxie Ayers	sr.
Ashley Caldwell	fr.
Jordan Cox	soph.
Sara Gustafson	soph.
Meghann Jeffery	soph.
Myesha Kelley	fr.
Betsy Shaffer	sr
Taylor Wilkens	soph.

Sport Center renovations brings new opportunities for students, athletes

AUDREY SECKER
Editor-in-Chief

Over the summer, a number of changes were made to the Sport Center.

The new changes were necessary and much-anticipated for the whole campus.

"The changes were made because we are growing

as an athletic department," said Amanda LeCalire, director of athletic operation.

"We purchased equipment that would help athletes in the entire department reach their strength and conditioning goals so that everyone has the opportunity to perform at their peak."

With the help of some football players over the

summer, the weight room was completely cleaned out and revamped with new and improved equipment, paint and logos.

"The students are getting an opportunity to work out with extremely classy and functional environment," LeClaire said.

The old weight room equipment was moved to

the basement of the Student Union for students to use at any time the SU is open.

The new weight room in the SC will be available for students to use but only at certain times.

"The adjustment to open weight room times has been made and on any given open session there are at least 20 students working

out," LeClaire said.

Also, throughout the lobby and the north and south hallways there are now life-size pictures honoring significant athletes for each sport and their accomplishments.

There are also photos honoring teams who earned a conference championship or a trip to the national

tournament.

"We have developed the best-looking and most functional weight room in our conference and are very excited about it," LeClaire said.

Our athlete's now have the best environment to train and show the conference what we can do!

LEAD EDITORIALS

Stalking vs. dating: What's the difference?

STALKING.

What do you think of when you hear this word?

You Probably think of last year's movie "Obsessed" starring Beyonce. Or maybe you think of a woman walking down a dark alley by herself with someone following in the shadows.

ISSUE:
Stalking
OUR POSITION: Don't
do it!

The performing arts department's first theatre production "Boy Gets Girl," brought up not only stalking but the gender issues behind stalking.

Society and the media has morphed our ideas about what is acceptable dating behavior.

What is stalking? Stalking is defined by dictionary.com as "to pursue stealthily," and stealthily? Well that means secretly.

Stalking can involve calling, following, showing up at a person's home or work, or even sending flowers.

But it goes much further than that.

The internet has given everyone and anyone the ability to stalk just about anyone.

"Facebook stalking." e all do it. We sit on our computers and peruse our friends sites as well as our friend's friends sites looking for people we may know or want to know. We joke, but even "Facebook stalk-

ing" is a legitimate form of stalking.

The media has scewed our views of what is acceptable and what is not.

Women, we all know you love those romantic comedies. The ones where the girl has no interest in the guy and yet he doesn't go away, and in the end they fall in love and live happily ever after.

Men, even if you say you hate those girly chick flicks we all know that you wish you could get the girl like those guys do. So you copy his moves and tactics in hopes to win her over.

Reality check.....this is stalking! No one should be picking up the phone ten times a day to talk to someone, especially if they don't want you to.

Does it make you think?

Do you check up on someone more times a day then you brush your teeth? Do you walk a certain way to class in hopes to pass by someone?

We've all done this. But we did it with the mindset that we were 'crushing' on someone and had good intentions. But if your 'crush' doesn't know your searching them out, or does know and doesn't want you to, then you are stalking.

Does it change your thoughts about doing these things now that you know that YOU are defined as a stalker?

To contribute to *Shout It Out!*

SHOUT IT OUT!

Out! put your shout in the submission box in Hoffman Student Union.

I want to shove a sock in your mouth when you talk!

Fix the AC!

You know it's bad when even the cereal tastes bad.

I pay to go to school here, you get paid to teach me. Do it!

If it seems like I'm not listening to you it's probably because I'm not!

My mom keeps talking to me on facebook chat...

Did you choose to read this or did we persuade you?

Horizon Fund = go for it!

Is it May yet?

Why is everything fried?

Dear Thunder, please don't wake me up again. Love, me.

Freshmen are introduced to new seminar program

ACE: Academic Community Essentials becomes required course

BY SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

More than 170 new freshmen were introduced to ACE, the new freshmen seminar program this fall.

Over the summer, the name FYS, or first year seminar, was changed to ACE, which stands for Academic Community Essentials.

"I think the Academic Community Essentials committee felt that first year seminar was a bit vague and really didn't speak to what the students were experiencing," said Dave Barrett, vice president of admissions.

ACE is a required class for all freshmen. It is two semesters long, and it meets every Monday at 11:30 during the students' first year.

The intention of the class is to help freshmen adapt to a college setting and to help them excel not only in classes but also in a social setting as well.

It also helps students meet new people when coming to campus.

"It helped me get to know a lot of people in my class that I most likely might not have met right away," said Daniel Bishop, fr., Perkasio, Penn.

Many things have changed about the first-year program.

The new name explains how the class can be broken down into two different areas: learning more about academic essentials and

community essentials.

Professors are teaching these two new essentials with a new textbook that focuses more on these two essentials and also focuses on career-oriented liberal arts.

Professors leading the group are making an effort to have classes that are more consistent across the board on the academic content.

The freshmen that weren't fall athletes arrived on campus Friday, Aug. 27.

During the weekend they were introduced to the classmates in their ACE group and their mentors and leaders.

Throughout the weekend freshmen had a required set of activities.

Many ACE groups played games to help get to know each other the first night. Each group was given a bag of tennis balls to use to learn group members' names.

"The tennis ball game my group played was really helpful. We played something similar to it in one of my high school classes, and it really helped me get to know who everyone in my group was," said Ashlie Manzi, fr., Goddard.

The new class will offer a new experience to all of the freshmen.

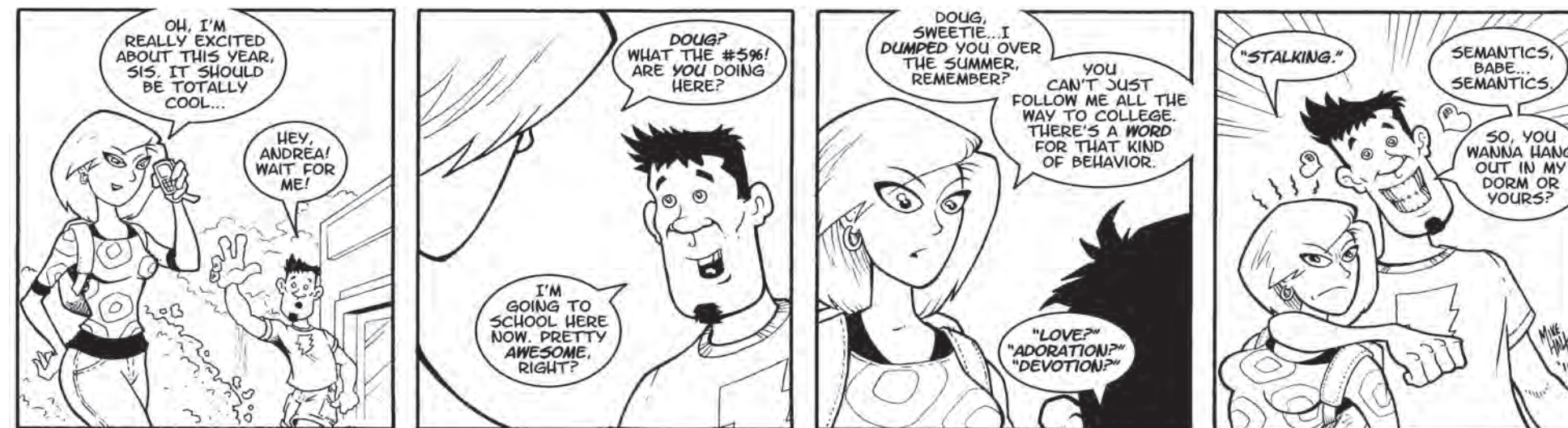
"We want to provide a class that integrates freshmen into a safe and healthy community of learning that encourages spiritual and personal growth as well as helping them develop social and academic skills," Barrett said.



Photo by Rod Barlet

The freshman class takes its first walk together to Brown Auditorium. The class will do the same thing after its graduates from McPherson College in 2014.

EduMACated by C. Michael Hall



Resident directors: find their place at McPherson College on the Resident Life Staff

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for women's basketball.

Eskildsen graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College where he majored in sports management. He then received his master's degree in athletics and activities administration from William Woods University.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to be a member of the McPherson College community," Eskildsen said. "I'm looking forward to a great year."

Krehbiel is a McPherson College

graduate who majored in history, philosophy and religion.

Ortmeier graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Nebraska in 2009. Last year, Ortmeier attended Virginia Commonwealth University Center for sport leadership and will be graduating from VCU this December with his MED.

"The opportunity to become the assistant basketball coach here is the main factor in what brought me to McPherson," Eskildsen said. "The recent success of the men's

basketball team made it a great opportunity."

The decision to return to McPherson College as a resident director was easy for Krehbiel. She said she loves being at a school that is community-oriented.

"This job really fits my personality, and I love the opportunity to support Mac," Krehbiel said.

Krehbiel hopes after a few years she will be able to attend graduate school at Arizona State because they have a program in environmental social science that she's

interested in.

"McPherson College presented a great opportunity to continue coaching basketball at the collegiate level, and I felt like the overall culture of McPherson would be a natural fit since I grew up in the Midwest," Ortmeier said.

Ortmeier chose McPherson because he was offered the opportunity to coach basketball at the collegiate level and he said he is eager to see what the year has in store for him.

"Everyone I've met so far on

campus and in McPherson have been extremely helpful and friendly," Ortmeier said. "I'm very lucky to be here."

Shandi Tobias, former Bittinger Hall resident director, will be serving as resident director of the new apartments when they are finished in January, while Colleen Gustafson continues to serve as the Dotzour Hall resident director and Joe Morgan, who replaced Joe Bettasso last spring, serves as the Morrison Hall resident director.



Photo by Rod Bartlet

Emily Donell, jr., Wichita engages in activities with her freshman Academic Community Essentials group.

Freshman class reacts to campus

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

With over 170 members, the new freshman class has more students than can fit in Mingenback Theatre at one time. With such a large population, the 2014 class is more diverse than McPherson has ever seen, and its members are skipping the formalities and jumping straight into college life.

"So far, college has been a lot easier and more relaxed than high school," said Estrella Medina, fr., Wichita. "Being able to call my professors by their first names is really weird!"

Heath Hewitt, fr., Sterling, agrees, saying that there is a lot less class and more free time built into the college experience.

"Classes are great and the teachers are awesome. They bring a lot of excitement to the room... it's not some boring old speech from a book," said Paul Rotering, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo.

"College life is different, because you don't have classes eight hours a day, everyday, and you're completely independent," said Ashley Caldwell, fr., Littleton, Colo. "You learn to have discipline, because

you don't have your parents telling you what to do constantly. Time management is big when you enter into college."

But time management is not the only challenge confronting new freshmen.

"It has been a big culture shock coming to McPherson. I noticed that I am the only Hispanic in most of my classes," Medina said. "My high school was made up of Hispanics!"

Cody Cannon, fr., Fort Scott, takes it one step further, saying, "The first two weeks here have forced me to grow up a lot in a short amount of time."

One part of adjusting to college life is learning to live with another person in a strange place away from home.

"The dorms are small," said Kevin Lewis, fr., "I wouldn't bother having my own room, but it's cool having someone else there that can help if you need them."

"At first my roommate was shy, but after one night of laughing and talking we started talking more and more... of course we get along!" said Megan Pohlmann, fr., Deshler, Neb.

Brittany Coxsey, fr., had a differ-

ent reaction to dorm life.

"I don't mind having a roommate that much. I just hate that the hall lights are so bright. They should be dimmed at night!"

The cafeteria is always a hot topic among students. Whether their opinions are good or bad, it's definitely something to talk about, and for the freshmen it's no different.

"They feed you a whole lot in there, and it's pretty dang good," said Sarah Schowengerdt, fr., McPherson. "I love the variety... the free access to confectionery delights is both a blessing and a curse, and I love being able to grab a cappuccino, tea, or ice cream cone and just jetting. Pure awesome."

The freshman class is certainly making its mark.

"I think the freshman class is making their mark on campus in a positive way," said David Barrett, director of admissions and Academic Community Essentials coordinator.

"They have a lot of energy and enthusiasm, but when any person steps into a new environment there's a learning curve. This group will be heard from!"

There are a lot new faculty

The Hot spot

By: TAYLOR ADAMS

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF
CAROLE BARR, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ROYER CENTER
AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES



ROLE ON CAMPUS: I am the associate director of library services and the associate director fo the Royer Center for Academic Development.

GOALS FOR THE ROYER CENTER: We are hoping to do more workshops in specific disciplines to develop academic and writing skills.

HISTORY: We came from Pennsylvania after [husband] Ed got the job in auto restoration. I used to be an art history professor, but I also had worked in student and support services. I loved books—in college and graduate school I worked in libraries—and I saw this position. I interviewed for a few others, but McPherson definitely looked the best.

BACK AT MAC: My husband, Ed Barr, graduated from the auto restoration program, so we were pretty excited about coming back. The East Coast life was not for the Barrs. The faculty and students are awesome. I have already met some great people from all over the place.

CHANGES ON CAMPUS: Things have changed... lots of expanding. There are a lot new faculty

and staff. President Schneider is new along with Dr. Eaton. There is a renewed vigor, an excitement for the future. It's been really fun to be a part of that. There's a Brethren spirit of peace, getting along, diversity. I like seeing the peace pole every morning. I'm excited to cultivate those ideas around campus.

HOMETOWN: I'm not originally from Kansas. I was born in Indiana, and have been all over—Wisconsin, California. I lived in Japan when I studied in graduate school.

EDUCATION: My undergraduate degree is in sociology and social work. I worked in mental health for quite a while. Then I went to graduate school for art history. I have two master's degrees, one in Asian art history and one in Western art history.

FAMILY: We have three boys and three dogs, which require a lot of attention. I did a lot of dog rescue in Pennsylvania.

ANYTHING ELSE: I would like to thank my students for making this semester such an experience. You are a motley crew but that's what kept me going to work everyday.

Don't judge a book, or a play, by its cover

Show's message lost, audience couldn't see past costumes, characters of actors to see real meaning

On Sunday, September 12 the freshmen seminar groups were invited to a special showing of our school's first theatre production of the year.

This play was a Senior project for one of the performing arts department's majors and the school felt that there was an important message in it that needed to be shared.

The show was to run three nights, Thursday through Saturday. The fourth showing of "Boy Gets Girl" was not put in the schedule ahead of time so the cast and crew willingly gave up that day for the incoming class.

The cast was greeted by cell phone lights, catcalls, and zero re-

MONA SAYS...



Mona Hale

spect from a select number of stu-

dents that were in attendance.

Consequently the performance had to be altered to compensate for the immaturity of the audience.

Obviously the full meaning of the show was lost since it wasn't feasible to present it accurately.

On behalf of the cast and crew I would like to sincerely thank all of the students that behaved appropriately during the performance. Even if you didn't take anything away from the show you gave it a chance and that the most important thing.

Beyond the fishnets and the big hair was an issue that every single one of us faces every single day.

The theme behind this play went much deeper than stalking.

This show was written to pinpoint the issue of gender roles and how men and women view each other. This is an applicable lesson both inside and outside the workplace.

Since all of us are in college I believe it's safe to assume that we all want some kind of career.

Every career out there is going to force us to deal with the opposite sex at one time or another and it's much easier to acquire a job if it's obvious that you can be worked with.

Unfortunately this is a lesson that a few of you missed out on because you weren't willing to learn. In order to learn you must respect the person that is trying to

teach you.

It doesn't matter whether it's a professor, a classmate, your roommate, or your little brother. Learning is only possible if you want to.

Every single day for the next four years there will be an opportunity for you to learn something. That's what you're here for, right?

It doesn't stop after college either. Opportunities to learn something new can present themselves at any time, and place, and the will. For the rest of your life.

Be ready to learn, be respectful, and take the lessons you learn here to heart. The sooner you learn to learn, the better off you'll be when you leave this place.

ON THE FLY

What are you most looking forward to this year?



"The auto restoration program."

Cody Turnbull
Fr., Rushville MO.



"The musical productions."

E.H. Petropulos
Fr., Larkspur Colo.



"Old cars"

Rusty Anderson
Fr., Hastings, Minn.

"Campus Blowout."

Sam Tucker
Soph., Denver, Colo.



"Winning a ring for soccer."

Mike Phillips,
Soph.,



"C.A.R.S. club show in May."

Jared Buckert
Fr., Hamilton, Ill



Behind the scenes: student's job sheds light on café

WORKING GIRL



Allyson Snyder

I like my job. The perks of working in the school cafeteria outweigh the negatives. This statement is not influenced by the fact that my boss reads this paper on a regular basis.

This job, much like the food we serve, has its ups and downs. But, the student workers endure it all for a rather nice paycheck. With bills to pay and books to buy, that paycheck is a big incentive to working in the café.

The café provides more hours than any other job on campus. If you happen to see me on payday, you may bear witness to my "I have money" dance. That is all thanks to the many hours I spend in the café.

Money isn't the only draw to working in the cafeteria. I'm a picky eater. There are some things I refuse to eat. Working behind the line means that I can pick out the food I don't like from the dishes we serve.

While on the topic of food, I can

vides many opportunities to be social. I would not know as many people if I didn't work in the café. Many of the people I work with are my friends and I meet a lot of people. That doesn't mean that you know who I am. If someone you don't know, knows you, it's probably me.

However, there are times when I wonder if the wonderful paycheck is worth the headache and countless hours that go into working in the cafeteria.

Have you ever counted the number of rings in a stump to figure out the age of a tree? Well, if you count the number of beverage rings on a table, you can figure out who sat there, and those are not fun to scrub off the tables.

also say that the cafeteria produces a lot of food. A lot of this food never sees a student's plate. Some of these leftovers, especially desserts manage to make their way into the student workers' dorm refrigerators. My friends love it when I bring my work back to the dorm with me.

Also, working in the café pro-

I realize that the food is not always the best or the way Mom made it but don't get mad at me about it. I am not responsible for the production or portion size of the food served.

One thing I am responsible for is the cleanup.

Quite recently, I have had some disgusting experiences in the café. There are times when things refuse to come off the floor and I have had to scrape them off and that is not fun.

There were three instances just in the last week that were extremely gross.

The most recent was gum, which would seem gross. However, the first instance was one of the most disgusting things I have come across in my semester working in the café. I'm still not completely convinced that it was food. It was the color and texture of fried vomit and clung to the floor until I was forced to scrape it off with my fingernail.

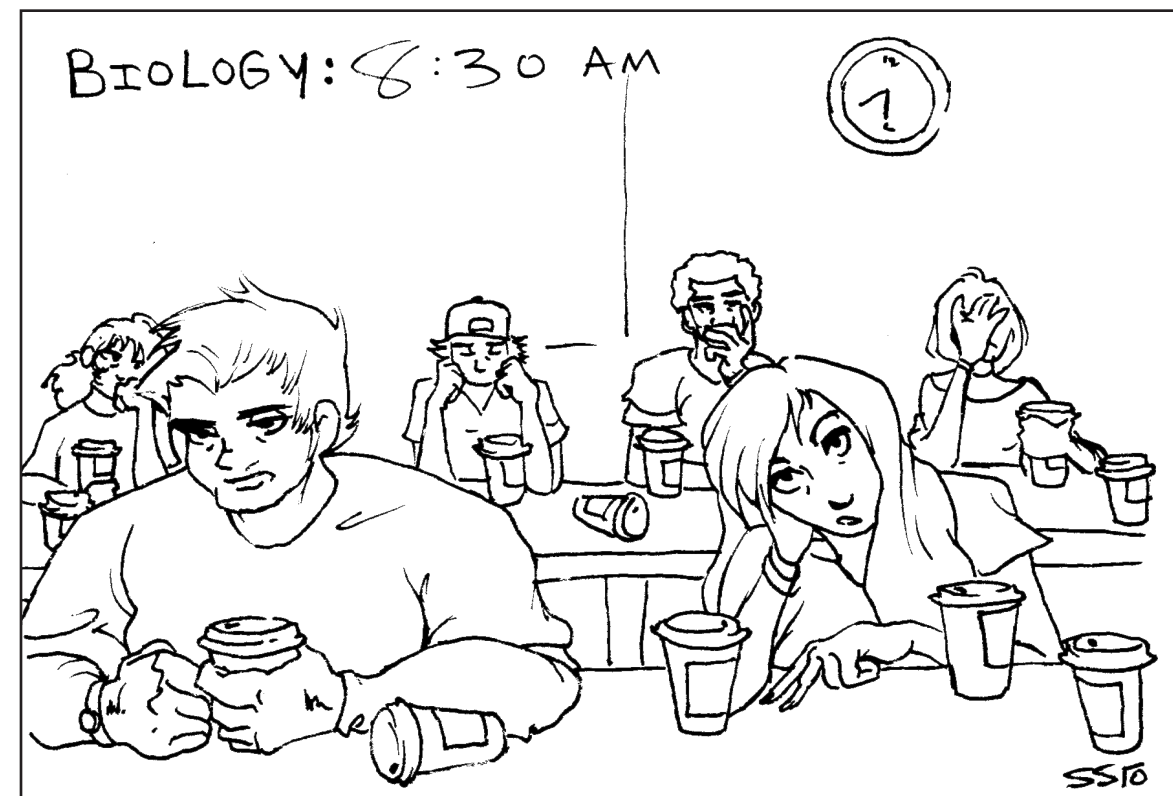
My final instance for this last week did not involve any scraping but was disgusting. It involved a bagel of a questionable age. I couldn't tell what kind it was or how long it lay, hidden under the cereal bar, but when it was swept from the depths from which it came, it varied in color from black to white and seemed to be growing before my eyes.

These occurrences aren't frequent. However, the fact that they happen at all is a testament to how much respect you all have for the café and the people that work there.

Even when I am not scraping unidentifiable substances from the many surfaces of the café I always feel the need for a shower after work. The café produces a weird smell that, after hours of working in the café, gets on you no matter where you are.

I do enjoy my job. On the days that I hate it, I remind myself how lucky I am to have such a job because not everyone does.

Not Necessarily Ordinary



SGA welcomes new members for 2010-11

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

Student Government Association has a long-standing record of representing the student body to the overall campus and community. With the 2010 elections six new members were added to the SGA ranks.

"I am excited for the possibilities SGA brings to campus this year. The combination of new and seasoned members should be an asset to the student body," said SGA advisor Shandi Tobias. "It is important SGA continues being an active part of campus as enrollment numbers continue to rise."

Shelly Brandt, jr., Woodland Park, Colo., joined SGA in a rather unconventional way.

"Rebecca Grosbach grabbed me by the arm one day as she was handing out petitions, and said 'Shelly you would make a great junior rep.'"

Cody Compton, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo., was elected as member-at-large, while Chris German, sr., Dallas, Texas, was elected Baer Complex representative.

"I overhear other people talk, and I personally feel that there is a lot that can be changed for the off-campus apartments," German said. "So I decided that instead of complaining to no one, I wanted to become the voice myself."

Paul Rotering, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo., and Elias Sanchez, fr., will work together as the class of 2014's freshman representatives, and Bittering Hall will take its concerns to new representative Aspen Ulrich, fr., Sylvan Grove.

"This will be my first experience on any form of student government board. I want to be able to make sure the words and aspirations of my peers were heard," said Ulrich.

This is also a first time experience for Patrick Pilip, soph., Portland, Oregon, who will be representing the off-campus students.

When SGA President Lane Allison, jr., Greensburg joined the student government ranks, he was also a newcomer to the association.

"I was surprised when I was elected president in the spring of 2009, and didn't really cope with how important and exciting it was to gain the position," Allison said. "As I began to grasp what happened I was very excited and was more than happy to be re-elected last spring and am still enjoying the position very much."

"We have added the new equipment and activities in the basement of the Student Union, and will be following through with our plans for developing a stable recycling program. We will also be brainstorming and working with the college's new emphasis on entrepreneurship."

SGA returner Tecie Turner, sr., Scott City, has had experience in several SGA positions and is excited for several SGA projects throughout the year.

"We are going to continue to provide changes to the basement of the Student Union and to transform the environmental committee into a club on campus in order to allow all students the opportunity to participate," Turner said.

Turner wants to let students know that the SGA responsibility of representing the student body is not one that stands on theory alone.

"I hope that if members of the student body have ideas for campus, they know that they are certainly welcome to bring such ideas to any of the SGA board members, or sit in at our meetings, which are currently Wednesdays at 11:30."



Photo by Fred Miller

The motorcycle restoration program shows off two of its bikes. A bike rally celebrating the launch program is planned Saturday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on the campus lawn.

Motorcycle restoration plans kick-off

BRANDON BARRY
Spectator Staff

With the beginning of a new year come many new changes, new faculty, new students, and of course, new academic programs. This semester a new motorcycle restoration program is being unveiled with its first official class: TE 206 Motorcycle History and American Society.

The program will emphasize historical and technical restoration, as well as include courses on motorcycle engines, power trains and suspensions.

"I'm stoked! So far I am in Motorcycle History and am looking forward to taking more classes," said Ian Donovan, a sophomore in the program. While academics are the back-

bone of every program, the motorcycle restoration professors aren't stopping there. Bikes on the Lawn, a show put together by Brian Martin, director of automotive restoration development, will celebrate the start of the new restoration program.

The show will be held on campus on Sept. 25 and will include historic motorcycles, tours of the facilities and a barbecue lunch. Owners of both antique and modern bikes are invited to participate in the show. Antique motorcycles and historical artwork will also be on display.

The motorcycles will begin arriving at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.. The new program will be officially unveiled at 1 p.m.. Afterwards, guests will

be invited to observe student work in progress until 3 p.m.

"It is exciting that we can cater to this aspect of the industry. The interest has always been there, and now we have the resources," says Taylor Adams, soph., Ashland Va., when asked what he thought of the new Motorcycle Restoration program.

The new program has obtained two new motorcycles for student's academic use: a 1965 Honda 305 Dream and a 1970 BSA 250.

Joe Dickhudt, assistant professor of technology, will be heading up the new motorcycle restoration program. His personal garage holds everything from 1968 Triumph Bonneville to a 2004 Harley-Davidson Ultra-Glide FLHTCUI.

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Horizon Fund opens new opportunities

AUDREY SECKER
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At his opening convocation on Sept. 3, President Michael P. Schneider the establishment of a fund that gives students the opportunity to apply for small grants to fund their entrepreneurial ideas.

The Horizon Fund will grant amounts ranging from \$100-\$500 to help students explore ideas for businesses, service projects or any other ideas they may have.

Mark Dowdy, jr., Huntington, Penn., plans on applying for a grant to make the campus greener by possibly purchasing solar panels to put on buildings.

"I like the idea of branching out and discovering new things I have a passion for and didn't know I enjoyed," Dowdy said.

Bridgette Peterson, sr., McPherson, thinks the fund may motivate students to try out their ideas.

"The Horizon Fund is a great opportunity for students to better their community and get a head start on something great," Peterson said. "It's also a good incentive for students to open

their minds and get creative. I plan on applying for the grant and am quite excited about the opportunity to make something happen."

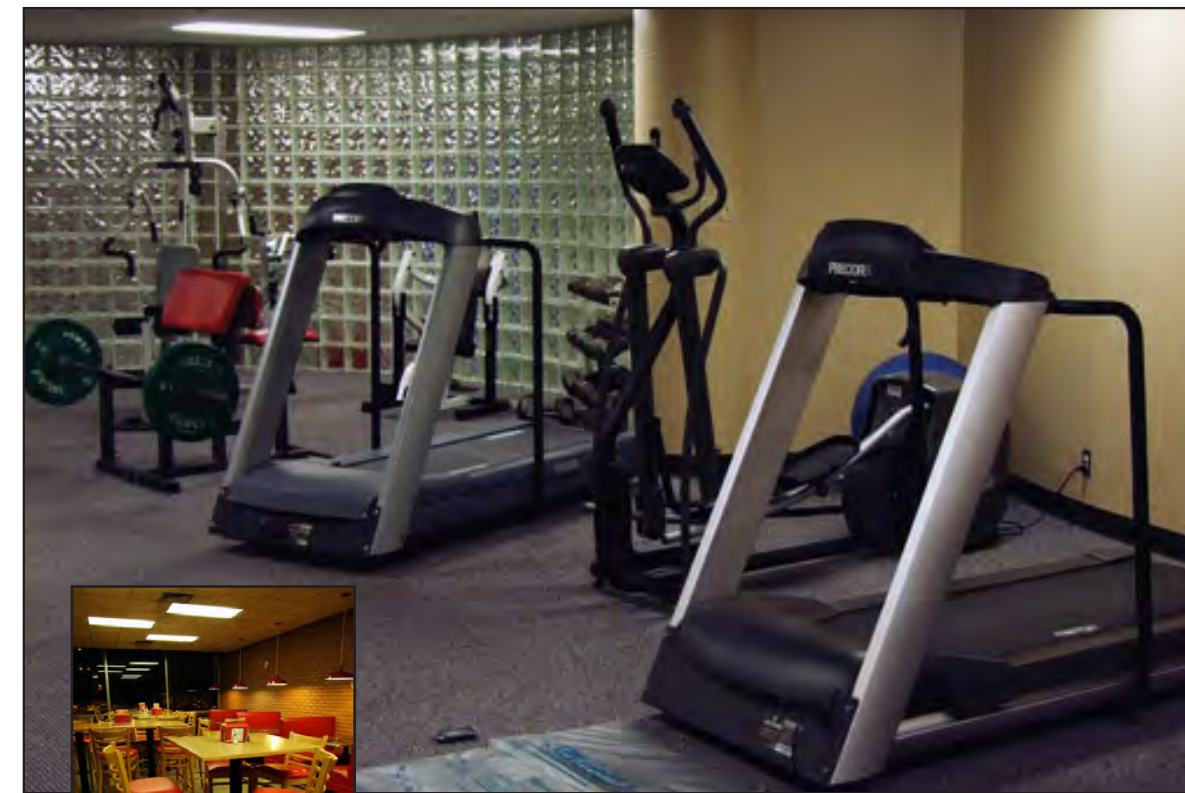
Brittney Shoulders, fr., Rialto, Calif., said, "People should apply for it because you never know where your idea can go or where it can lead."

An indefinite amount has been set aside to fund students' proposals.

"This was an excellent idea and is a great opportunity and inspiration for students to step out of their shells to develop and market their ideas and dreams," said Lane Allison, jr., Greensburg. "This is an excellent starting point for the shift towards entrepreneurship the school is taking and will give students the right mindset to start thinking in that direction."

"I am very excited because I want my idea to be evident and carried on at McPherson after I have left Mac, and this is a great chance for me to test my abilities and implement my career plans into this project."

Jenni Richardson, athletic director, said, "I want students to make President Schneider open his checkbook this year."



Photos by Betsy Shaffer



Above: The new fitness center is located in the basement of the Hoffman Student Union, giving students a central location to work out. Left: The former Siek Private Dining Room has been opened up to allow for a greater amount of student seating for the college's growing population.

Hoffman Student Union remodeled

Cafeteria seating expanded, fitness room added

TRICIA FENSKY
Spectator Staff

Since arriving on campus in 2007, the senior class has heard talk about remodeling the basement of Hoffman Student Union for years. Yet months went by and nothing seemed to change.

SGA wanted ideas for improving the building and making it more of a place where students could hang out.

Students began to wonder if the changes would even happen before 2011 graduation, but after the changes made over the summer, it is now clear that changes are well underway.

For those students who worked out last year and have gone to the Sport Center wondering where the fitness room went, it has moved to a new home right under the cafeteria where the computers used to be.

Amy Huxtable, a senior from Shawnee summed up the new changes, stating, "Now I can

work out, and check my mail all in the same building!"

The new fitness room has two flat screen TVs, a treadmill, and elliptical, bike and EFX machines. Unlike the old room, it has a carpeted floor and more space. There are also more dumbbells and weight machines that LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, had moved from the weight room.

The fitness room is great for students who are non-athletes and faculty since the weight room in the Sport Center is purposed more strictly towards athletes.

"I love the new fitness room," said Anneliese Rotering, jr., Falcon, Colo. "It's nice to have all that equipment away in a little room for students to use. The variety of cardio equipment is great! I think it would be cool if there was a place to do workout videos too!"

Other changes in the basement of the SU include a pool table and additional computers.

Shelly Brandt, jr., Woodland

Park, Colo. said, "I think the SU basement has drastically improved. It provides students with the opportunity to have a centrally located environment to work out, whether they are athletes or not. It also gives faculty and staff a place to do yoga and fitness before or after work."

In addition to the basement, the cafeteria has also been remodeled. "I like how they divided and expanded the cafeteria," Armando Rodriguez, sr., Dallas, Texas, said. "Even though it is still crowded, it is better than last year and looks nicer."

Since enrollment is higher this year than in the past, the added space and seating in the cafeteria were needed. Even though the line still seems long, the cafeteria staff have developed a more efficient serving process.

"I think it's a great improvement, and it will be interesting to see how it works out this year," Brandt said.

Homecoming Theme: Reality Check!

MONDAY

Spirit Day:
Jersey Shore Day

Event:
Powder Puff (girls)
Volleyball (guys)
Sponsored by Bittinger

TUESDAY

Spirit Day:
Bachelor /
Bachelorette Day

Event:
Food Relay
Sponsored by: Dotzour

WEDNESDAY

Spirit Day:
Choose your
favorite reality star

Event:
Hot Dog Eating Contest
Sponsored by: Metzler

THURSDAY

Spirit Day:
Survivor Day

Event:
Egg toss Sponsored by Baer
Bonfire (south of SU/
west of parking lot)
Sponsored by: Student Services

FRIDAY

Spirit Day:
Bulldog Day
(red, white and black)

Event:
Obstacle Frenzy
Sponsored by:
Student Services

'Sex Signals' returns to MAC

KENDRA HODGES
Sports Editor

Freshman Orientation for the class of 2014 included "Sex Signals," a presentation on dating, sex and consent put on in Brown Auditorium. Visiting actors Lindsey Pearlman and Chris Beier represented their respective genders by acting out different situations that could possibly lead to sexual assault.

Issues covered on the stage were false pretenses, expectations and misconceptions a suspected college student may have about dating and relationships. The duo captivated the freshman class with their extemporized comedy, having them interact in the role play by holding up their "Stop" cards when either actor was going "too far" and the other might be in danger.

It was a humorous experience for the whole auditorium, especially the suggested pick-up lines from the floor: "Are you from Tennessee...?" and "Hey, Shorty." We'll stop there, assuming you know how out-of-hand or uncomfortable these scenes may have gotten.

Chelsea Sanders, fr., Derby, said, "It was funny for a while, but then it just got awkward."

All of the awkwardness, nervous laughter and blushed cheeks were part of the learning and awareness of the program put on by Catharsis Productions out of Chicago, Ill.

According to their Web site, "The presentation has been performed over 1,600 times (since 2000) at over 400 colleges throughout the country and dozens of military installations around the world."

Overall, the freshman class and other audience members reacted positively.

Sabrina Lee, fr., Estancia, N.M., said, "For the most part, I enjoyed it. It was funny with a serious message."

There was a lot of laughter in the room, but the audience learned to recognize several signs of danger and, most importantly, how to look out for one another in sketchy situations.

The room as a whole was a respectful, attentive audience representing our school well. Our freshmen are well-informed and ready for a safe, great year on campus.

How to...
Get to Know McPherson
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Growing up in McPherson, my friends and I were always foiled by the question, "What do you want to do now?" For many incoming students, this same question rears its head after school's activities end and the day winds down. Fortunately, our options are not limited to late night Walmart prowls or dragging Main (all two miles of it).

If you like to camp, fish, or just hang out around a bonfire with some friends, the place to do it is Maxwell Wildlife Refuge. Located about 20 miles northeast of McPherson, this lake offers hiking trails, secluded fishing docks and best of all, free camping. Don't even think about swimming there, though; the strong undertow is pretty hard to fight. If you really want to swim, head up to Kanopolis Lake, 35 miles northwest of McPherson. This state lake not only lets you enjoy its water to your heart's content, it also has long trails leading to canyons, bluffs, and caves. Although it's

farther out of the way, the drive is easy and surprisingly scenic.

Not into roughin' it in the great outdoors? You can still enjoy the scenery without getting dirty. About 15 miles north of town you can find Kansas's rendition of a castle on a mountain. McPherson College students who have been there know that it's not exactly a castle and the mountain is more like a big hill. Nonetheless, Coronado Heights is a cool place to see, and on a lazy Sunday afternoon, you may have nothing better to do.

For those who would rather stay in town, sometimes getting a bite to eat is your best option. McPherson has several locally-owned restaurants and coffee shops, all having great menus and cozy atmospheres. There are the well-known ones, like The Well, but my personal favorite is Kettle Creek, in the strip mall on north Main Street across from Dairy Queen. This relaxed little café

not only serves up some of the best coffee drinks in town, they also have breakfast and lunch menus. They provide Wi-Fi and feature local musicians, so you have somewhere new to hang out on any given week night.

If you're into performing arts, see what shows are going on at the Opera House on Main Street. History buffs and artists can take a short walk down Euclid for a tour of the McPherson Museum, which hosts more than just antiques and prehistoric fossils. Don't forget the annual Scottish Festival held at the end of September, and the All School's Day parade and festivities every May. It actually looks like McPherson has more going on under its quiet surface than most people think.

McPherson's rural setting may come as minor culture shock for some, and while having fun in a small town like this requires some imagination, there are plenty of lesser known and out-of-the-way places worthy of your spare time.

How would you flip for
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Video it and
Send it in by the
24th of September