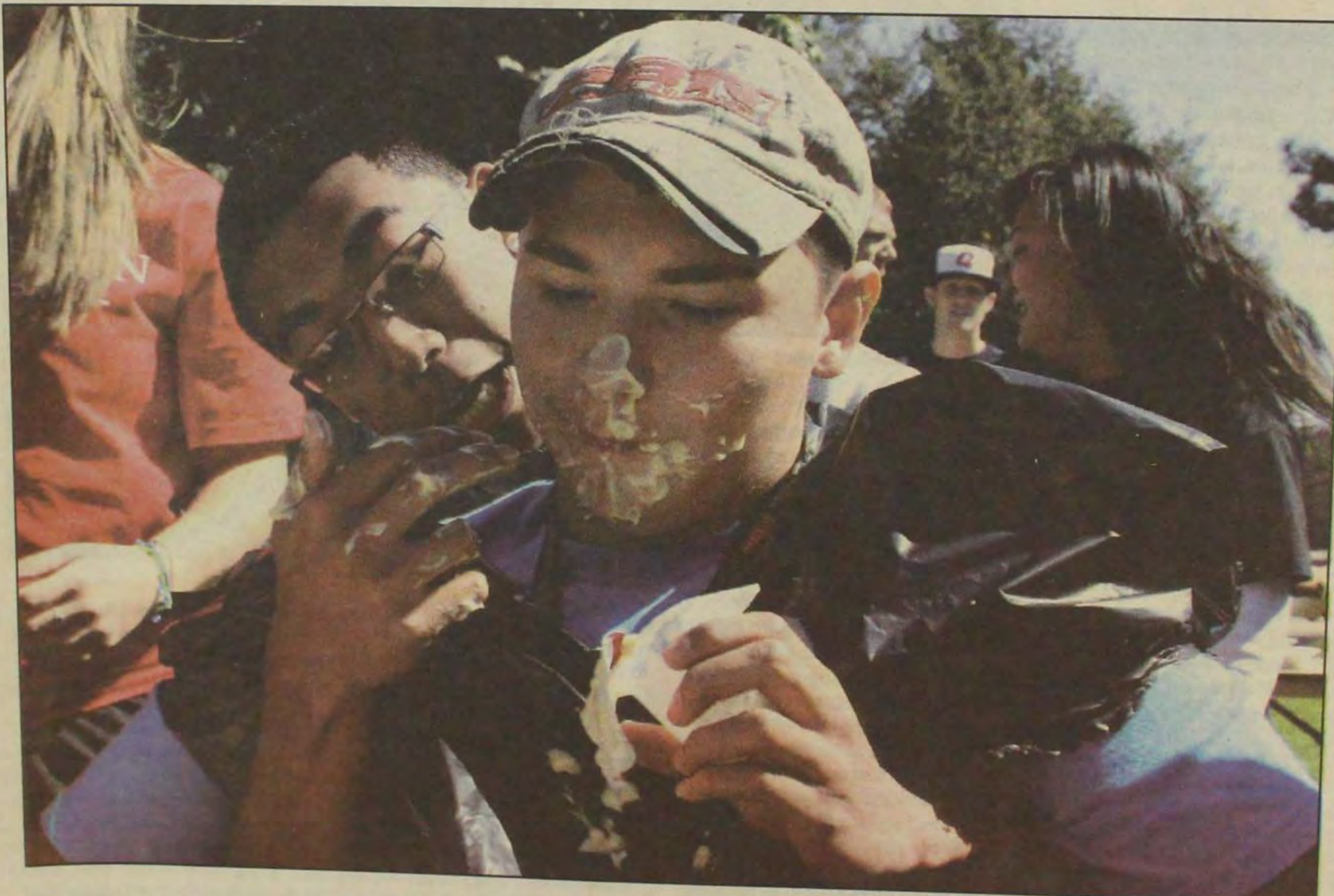


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Activities planned by dorms, apartments keep students involved during homecoming week



Andrew Asuncion, fr., Salinas, Calif., feeds Nathan Coppernoll, fr., Stillman Valley, Illi., during the food competition on Tuesday. Asuncion and Coppernoll were members of the Morrison team. Each dorm had a team that participated in different events each day. The on-campus apartments and off-campus students formed their own team for all homecoming events.

Photo by Elice Frey

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NEWS BRIEFS

Alumni discussion panels held today

Alumni discussion panels will be held today from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. immediately following Honors Convocation. Students are encouraged to attend a panel in their area of study.

The teacher education panel will be held in Miller Library, room 103; natural sciences will be held in Melhorn, room 112; business will be held in Melhorn, room 60; social sciences, behavioral sciences and humanities will be in Mohler, room 231; physical education will be in the Sport Center, room 128 and auto restoration will be in Templeton, room 5b.

Walking for hunger

There will be a CROP hunger walk this Sunday. Students had a chance to sign up for the walk at lunch this week in the cafeteria. Walkers will leave the student union at 12:30 p.m. and are scheduled to return around 1:40 p.m.

Choir sings for homecoming

This Sunday the choir will be singing at the Church of the Brethren. The concert will begin at 2 p.m. The concert is free to the public.

There are 80 students that sing in the choir and it is conducted by Steven Gustafson, professor of music. The choir will be singing five different pieces.

Encouraging healthy lifestyles

New wellness model introduced by student services on campus

KIMBERLI ROQUEMORE
Staff Writer

Student services is currently making improvements to the wellness model they have followed for several years.

"The conceptual framework is that we each have five spheres in our life: spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual and physical," said Kelli Johnson, personal counselor. "When all of our spheres are full, they overlap and we experience wellness. However, when something happens to a sphere that

causes it to shrink—such as illness, death of a loved one, a breakup, or moving to a new location—wellness is no longer present."

"An organized and thought-out wellness program will not only benefit those who take advantage of all it offers, but it will also attract more students to McPherson College."

—Tecie Turner

Student services provides emotional guidance and support through resident directors, resident advisors and personal counseling.

"Student services strives to do two things," Johnson said. "First, to provide opportunities and an environment where students have a variety of means to boost and strengthen their spheres. Second, to provide services and support should someone's sphere be re-



Kelli Johnson

duced."

For example, should a student suffer from an emotional upset and lacks a strong emotional support system, student services would work with them in an attempt to boost the other spheres. They would encourage them to exercise, eat well and get plenty of sleep, as well as provide them with tools to begin resolving their dilemma.

"I think it's really good that student services is implementing a new wellness program," said Kylie Pauls, jr., Hesston. "It's nice being on a small campus like this because you know the staff and faculty really care about you. The "

Some physical changes the new wellness model has brought include the fitness room in the basement of the Student Union and an increase of fresh vegetables, greens and legumes on the salad bar.

"We are hoping to create an area for instructional workout videos, such as yoga," said Tecie Turner, sr., Scott City. "This space will be accessible for students to organize



Photo by Torey Fry

Freshman, Erin Loeffler, Newton, works out in the basement of Hoffman Student Union. The student union was remodeled this summer to fit the exercise room in the basement. The exercise room contains many different workout machines and has two televisions.

workouts on their own, and possibly have scheduled classes to attend."

Johnson says that video workouts can positively affect all of the emotional spheres in one session.

"Some issues are the need for privacy and possibly funding, but options are being considered," Johnson said.

Other opportunities, including involvement of the community, are being considered in order to broaden the spectrum of services and activities available.

"An organized and thought-out wellness program will not only benefit those who take advantage of all it offers, but will also attract more students to McPherson College," Turner said. "Parents will feel more comfortable with their students attending a college that is so passionate about more than just the intellectual aspect of their life."

Memorial scholarship scores

Scholarship, created in memory of former student, reaches endowment level

ANA CALDERON
Online Coordinator

Former student Blake Reed passed away this August after a long battle with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, but he lives on with a scholarship in his name.

Reed was known as a passionate football manager, who brought his love for the game from McPherson High School up to the McPherson College field.

The Bulldog Football team and Reed's family wanted to create a legacy for his commitment and have established the McPherson College Blake Reed Mac2Mac football scholarship in his honor. The scholarship has two requirements. The recipient must be a graduate from McPherson High School planning to attend McPherson College to play football. Also, the recipient must show good character by being a leader on and off the field, encouraging others, demonstrating sportsmanship, displaying commitment and maintaining a positive attitude. Many would describe Reed to be just like this.

"I've known Blake since he was little and he has always been a leader," said Anna Ruxlow, director of development. "He was

humble, poised and never afraid to ask questions."

The scholarship was started shortly after Reed's death and it wasn't long before it became an endowed scholarship. A scholarship becomes endowed when the college can earn interest on it, which is usually \$15,000 or more. Christi Paulsen, donor relations coordinator, said that it can be difficult for a scholarship to get endowed, and that the Mac2Mac scholarship is one of the fastest growing memorial scholarships she's ever seen.

This success is due in part to active fundraising. At the McPherson College football game versus Ottawa, the admission was waived. Instead, spectators were asked to donate their money to the Mac2Mac scholarship. Over \$5,300 was taken in donations.

Bracelets supporting the scholarship were also sold at the Ottawa game and are still available for purchase in the bookstore.

Now, the Mac2Mac scholarship fund has \$16,535.15 and that amount continues to grow.

"Blake was a big motivator, a coach and an inspiration," said Chris German, sr., Lewisville, Tex. "He loved McPherson College,



Blake Reed

and he touched a lot of lives and hearts, including mine."

German said he considered Reed to be the "twelfth man" on the field for the Bulldogs.

"Blake is amazing," said Joe Bettasso, head football coach. "He always showed an active interest in success. This season it shows that he's in the back of all the player's minds, and with our success he has the best seat watching this season."

New professor hired to teach natural science



Manjula Koralegedara

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Staff Writer

McPherson College is pleased to announce Manjula Koralegedara as a new addition to the natural sciences department.

Koralegedara comes to McPherson College from Wichita. She is originally from Sri Lanka. There, she got her bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the historical University of Peradeniya in 2000. At Wichita State University, Koralegedara earned her master's degree in 2008 and her doctorate in 2010.

"I prefer academia rather than industry," Koralegedara said. "That made me apply to different colleges. Since I live in Wichita and McPherson is one of the closest colleges around which had a vacancy for a chemistry/physics faculty, I applied here."

This fall she is teaching General Physics I and Chemistry II and other courses will be added to her schedule next semester.

"There are many things I like about McPherson College," said Koralegedara. "The number one thing is that everybody seems to know everyone which gives a family-like environment to the college."

She is also looking forward to the rest of her time at McPherson.

NEWS BRIEFS

Midterms held next week in classes

Midterms are scheduled for Friday, October 15. Professors are to turn in midterm grades on Wednesday, October 25 and will be available to students shortly after.

Fall break for students next week

Classes will not be held October 18 & 19 on account of fall break. Tuesday evening classes will be held on the 19th and normal classes will convene Wednesday morning.

Donate blood

On Friday, October 15 the Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive in the small gym. Students, staff or faculty interested in giving blood can contact Tom Hurst, campus minister, or sign up in the cafeteria during lunch next week.

Future teachers can apply for teacher program

Students planning to be teachers can begin the application process for the teacher education program. Students will need to complete an application and questionnaire online and email them to hughesk@mcperson.edu.

Applications and questionnaires are due October 15; recommendations are due online October 22 and interviews will be conducted from October 25 to November 5.

New opportunity for interterm 2011

SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

A new externship program will be offered to students during interterm.

"An externship is an opportunity to 'test drive' a job or career through a short shadowing experience," said Chris Wiens, director of career services. "If a student is a little nervous about making a time commitment to an internship, an externship will give them an opportunity to do a little career exploration and networking in a very short period of time."

Externships will be one to five day experiences hosted by alumni or friends of the college.

"They differ from an internship in that an internship generally lasts a semester or summer and you actually produce work rather than shadowing," Wiens said.

Some of the opportunities already available are education administration in Iowa, early childhood education in Colorado, personal finance and sales in Wichita, banking in Wichita, accounting in Colorado and mental health in Iowa.

Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA and must complete an ap-

plication to be considered for the externships program. If selected, students will be responsible for their own travel expenses.

Students that choose to do a five-day experience could be eligible for career connections credit.

Wiens plans to offer the externships again during interterm of 2012, but as of right now, there are no plans to do externships outside of interterm. She based externships off of models from two other colleges.

"For right now, I am only offering it during interterm," Wiens said.

Model T sold today



Photo by Audrey Secker

Senior Dustin Whitney, Enid, Okla., and sophomore Taylor Adams, Ashland, Va., put the finishing touches on the Model T.

Restoration department sells award-winning Model T

AUDREY SECKER
Editor-in-Chief

The automotive restoration program is auctioning off a 1923 Model T Runabout today in Hershey, Penn.

The car was donated to the school six years ago, and has since undergone thorough renovations by the automotive restoration students.

"We decided to sell it because it's in top condition right now," said Chris Paulsen, project manager and instructor. "It's been shown at the national level twice and received the top awards it can get. It's hard to keep a car in that condition for too long."

The car has won two awards from the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), the First Junior Award and the Senior Award.

"This is a big deal because of those two awards," Paulsen said.

The AACA Eastern Fall Meet is one of the biggest, most well-

known auto flea markets in the nation. The auction where the Model T will be sold is separate from the flea market, but the sale company, RM Auctions, uses the popularity of the meet to attract buyers.

"RM Auctions agreed to let us sell it through them for no charge, so it made sense to sell it there," Paulsen said.

The car is being auctioned with no reserve, but was appraised between \$18,000 and \$25,000.

"We would be very happy with anything in that range," Paulsen said. "That is a high price for your typical 1923 Model T, but it's because of the condition it's in."

The school generally sells one to two cars at auction every year. When the Model T is sold, the money will be used to cover the costs of the Model T's parts. Any surplus earnings will go to the college.

A webcast of the auction will be held in Templeton Hall room 5B on Friday, Oct. 8 at 5 p.m.

Learning on new level

McPherson College plans to offer first master's program for teachers

SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

Plans to offer a master of arts in teaching are already underway. This will be the first master's program that McPherson College has ever offered.

The motivation for the master's program came from the Milwaukee Center in Wisconsin, which is a continuing education program for teachers and ran by McPherson College.

"Part of the reason why we began to think about offering the Master of Arts is because our program in Milwaukee is built around continuing education units for teachers who want to advance in their careers," said Kent Eaton, dean of faculty. "The market is changing there, so that instead of going after more continuing education units, the teachers in Wisconsin are encouraged to work on master's degrees as the next level of attainment."

The program is specifically designed to train teachers to achieve excellence in the classroom and lead in the development of other teachers.

McPherson College is currently in the process of designing the master's program, but there are plans to start the program sometime next year.

"The concept has been approved by the faculty and the board, but the actual curricular program hasn't been developed," Eaton said.

The format of the classes will be different than that of the traditional undergrad program because the students will already be working teachers. Classes will be offered on the weekends, in the evenings and online.

"I think it is exciting to consider master's programs, but all work in this direction needs to be done cautiously as to be done correctly," said Shane Kirchner, assistant professor of education. "As my grandmother used to say, 'Any

job worth doing, is worth doing well'."

There are already plans to hire more professors in the education department to support the masters program. Later this year, a new full-time professor will be added to the faculty in order to develop and initiate the program. Other professors will be added as needed.

Eaton believes the program will be beneficial to McPherson College on multiple levels.

"I think it will help us better fulfill our mission as a college and help to elevate the public school system's achievements throughout this state as well as Wisconsin," Eaton said. "But in addition to that, I would say that it's going to be a step forward in demonstrating the serious academic goals that we want to attain. It will help elevate all of the academic life."

The program will begin sometime within the next year, alongside its counterpart at the Milwaukee Center.

Renovations occur in Templeton for new program

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Templeton Hall is no exception to changes on campus, after introducing a new motorcycle renovation program.

In order to create additional space for the motorcycle restoration program, old metal and wood-working rooms were combined to create a 1,500 square foot motorcycle restoration lab. A new storage facility was also added on the north side of Templeton for the program.

"These changes were started over the summer and completed just last week in time for our 'Bikes on the

Lawn' program kick-off celebration," said Joe Dickhudt, assistant professor of technology.

Templeton is now equipped to accommodate the new procedures and challenges that come with working with motorcycles.

"As you might expect, motorcycle restoration requires a special set of engine and chassis facilities not generally associated with auto restoration per se," Dickhudt said. "The new lab space allows us to house the unique equipment and facilities in one place, and allows us to keep projects and classes together."

Ed Barr, assistant professor of technology, also reported that

the disassembling of cars makes them "grow exponentially" and that "there simply was not enough room to do both cars and motorcycles in the same space."

Barr intends to tailor his sheet metal classes to be most relevant the interests of his students, be they in auto or motorcycle restoration.

Twelve students are currently enrolled in the new motorcycle program.

As always, the restoration program continues to adapt to the changing needs and interests of students so that graduates walk away with the most current, relevant skills.

Young alums awarded at convocation today

MELISA GRANDISON
Staff Writer

Today, McPherson College will present three graduates with the Young Alumni Award during the Fall Honors Convocation at 1:30pm.

The Young Alumni recipients are appointed by a committee and then approved by the board of trustees. The award serves to recognize exceptional achievement in young McPherson College graduates. This year's recipients are Paul Neher of Grundy Center, Iowa;

Wylene Lengel of Carlsbad, Calif. and Becky Ullom of Elgin, Illi.

Neher began his studies at McPherson College in 1976. In 1980, he graduated with a bachelor of science in agriculture. He now lives in Grundy Center, Iowa, where he grew up. Neher and his partner, Ronda, now raise corn and soybeans on their family farm. A licensed foster home for 24 years, they live with their seven children, five of whom are adopted.

"My favorite memories are the great times that we had in old Fahnstock Hall and the many lifelong friends I made while attending

MAC," Neher said.

In addition to his studies, Neher also participated on the cross-country team, which attended nationals in the fall of 1976.

Born in Inman, Lengel graduated from McPherson College in 1980. She earned her bachelor of arts in chemistry, and later, an MBA from Wichita State University. Her favorite memories of McPherson College commemorated the years she spent on the women's basketball team. She now resides in Carlsbad, Calif. with her partner, Doug Lengel, and their cat, Rumpelteser. Lengel works as

the director of Life Sciences for Clarkston Consulting.

In the fall of 1996, Ullom traveled from her hometown of Wiley, Colorado, to begin her career at McPherson College. She graduated with a bachelor of arts in 2000, and completed her student teaching in 2001. With a double major in English and Spanish, a minor in English as a second language, and a certificate in secondary education, Ullom is now the director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Church of the Brethren, in Elgin, Illinois.

Ullom worked for the Spectator

during her years at the college and has many fond memories.

"The laughter, junk food, and detail-saturated task of editing made for a fairly intense bonding experience with others on the staff," Ullom said. "There was also a particular flavor of satisfaction in waking up on a beautiful fall morning just after a few hours of sleep, knowing that another issue had been done well."

To learn about Young Alumni Award recipients from past years, visit the alumni page on our website: <http://blogs.mcpherson.edu/alumni/awards/>.

New website is revealed

Remodeled website hits cyberspace earlier this month

AUDREY SECKER
Editor-in-Chief

The result of extensive research and planning, the college's new, easier to use website was unveiled earlier this month. The website is only a small part of the college's current movement to embrace the advantages of today's many technological resources.

"The first phase, started in the spring, was to get a lot of the departments set up on Facebook," said Brian Lundberg, web developer. "It wasn't just about redoing the website, but about expanding our web presence."

Facebook is a tool that each department can use to communicate with students, prospective students, alumni, and the community. The school currently has more than 20 accounts.

"It's been successful. Some of the programs are active in posting," Lundberg said. "They're good tools to let the different audiences know what's happening," Lundberg researched other web

sites and met with every academic department as well as a number of students for feedback and input.

"The old site was six years old and built using older technology. It wasn't flexible enough to maintain the amount of information we're putting out today," Lundberg said.

The site now has a cleaner, updated look and is easier to navigate. It is now more accommodating to the interests of current students, with links to Facebook, YouTube and Flickr.

"One of our goals is that current students will use the site to connect to other areas and follow the information on the site now," Lundberg said.

Students are also enjoying benefits of the new website that was planned last year.

"I like the way the new website looks," said Callie McCaffrey, soph., Vona, Colo. "At first, it was a little bit confusing, but I'm finally getting the hang of it. I really like that some of the stuff is directly connected to facebook pages and other online resources."

Progress continues on new campus apartments every day



Photo by Fred Miller

Walls are added to the student apartments being built on the corner of Simpson and Lehmer. The apartments are being built by Wagoner Construction. The plan is for students should be able to move in before interterm. There will be plans for similar living areas in the future as the student body grows.



Photos by Ronaldo Filho

Above: Emilio Aguirre-Mata, tr., Mexico; Vyacheslav Bukatin, soph., Russia; Gevertson Dst., soph., Porto Alegre, Brazil; Ronaldo Filho, soph., Brazil; and other international students learn more about one another at the International student dinner.



College connects with international students

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Spectator Staff

The college held a dinner on Sept. 29 for international students at Amics, a restaurant in downtown McPherson.

This dinner allowed students from all parts of the world to meet, discuss and share stories and experiences about living and studying in another country with a different culture.

The college currently has 11 international students from eight different countries. It is looking for ways to increase this number, and the dinner was a way for it to find ways to better provide for such students.

This pioneer event was very important, not only because of the integration among international students but also because it served

as an opportunity for the college staff to listen to the opinions of foreign students about the college and American culture itself.

Through its conversations with the international students, the college showed its desire to grow and progress. The experiences shared were a great source of feedback and will be used to help faculty and staff recruit new foreign students in the future.

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, and Kenneth Yohn, associate professor of history, were particularly interested in the students' critiques about how the college supports them, how this relationship could be improved and what could be done to bring more students from other countries.

Opinions about the services offered by the college, such as the cafeteria, dormitories,

and structure were discussed, as well as the fundamental differences between cultures.

The most severe critiques were about the food and its waste, how Americans deal with career opportunities after college, and how Americans deal with time. However, cultural differences apart, Mac certainly is on the right road. The openness for international students has undoubtedly marked the start of a new age at the college.

The United States is no longer a nation concerned only about illegal immigrants who are coming for an adventure. There are people around the world who want to come to learn, help and build this country. McPherson College has realized that and is preparing to face this opportunity by becoming a college that will reach out to all corners of the globe.

The Hot spot

BY TAYLOR ADAMS

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF ADAM PRACHT
COORDINATOR OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATIONS



ROLE ON CAMPUS: In a practical sense, I tell the college's story. I represent the college to the larger community and the news, and serve the college by covering it as no reporter could. A lot of places do public relations badly. I bring the idea that we can get better coverage by making the media's job easier. I have a background as a reporter, and part of what I can bring to this job is knowledge of that other side.

EDUCATION: I went to the University of Kansas—don't hold that too much against me. I have a B.A. in Spanish and a B.S. in journalism. I did that in four years and graduated in 2004. I worked on the satire page called "Tongue and Beak." I was copy chief, campus editor, and night editor. I got married just before graduation. At a certain point we just said, "Let's go home." We moved back and took the first good jobs we could find. I was still trying to do some writing. I did some freelance stuff—didn't pay much, but kept me fresh. I had an eye out, saw this in the paper and thought it would be a good fit. I love telling the stories of a college that is booming, growing and not content to stay

still. Writing about a college that is content with the status quo is boring. It's exciting to be a part of something innovative.

YOUR NEW POSITION: I think they were looking for someone to take ideas, crystallize them and present them in a way that is compelling and makes sense. This position is really about taking ideas and information and bringing attention to the college. We've got a great story to tell.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE: There is a lot of exciting stuff in the pipeline that will keep coming out over the coming months. Going forward, I am really trying to get attention to what we are doing and where we are going.

ANYTHING ELSE: I can only be as good as my sources. Anytime anybody thinks they have an interesting idea, let me know. On a personal level, I am a certifiable nerd—a label I take on with much pride. I'm big into science fiction, fantasy and writing. I've been married for six years and have two children. I'm very happy to be here. It's nice to carve out my own space.

GLOW reaches out to students

Raises awareness on campus

TRICIA FENSKY
Spectator Staff

The college has many clubs and organizations that help students meet others with similar interests and get involved with the community. SGA, SAB, Cars Club, and the Business Club have made their mark on campus, but there is always room for new, fresh groups, such as GLOW.

GLOW (Gay, Lesbian, or Whatever) was previously known as Gay Straight Alliance. Stephanie Johannes is the president, accompanied by vice president Jessy Wisdom, secretary/treasurer Autumn Nieman, and the members at large: Mathew Watkins, Emily James and Dawn Williams.

"Our goal at this time is to create a positive, safe environment for members of the LGBT [lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender] community and its allies," said Johannes, sr., Salina.

"GLOW was prompted in part by the growing amount of LGBT students on this campus, as well as the support from faculty and staff," Johannes said.

Every week, GLOW sponsors

Safe Hours where students are welcome to an open area to hang out.

"As open-minded as our campus seems, there is still a lot of negativity towards the gay community, although not necessarily in a hateful way. Our group would like to make our campus friendlier so people can feel safe to be themselves," said Wisdom, sr., Salina.

GLOW is planning an LGBT awareness week for October and has plans for other events throughout the semester.

"Hopefully through the awareness week and campus-wide discussion we are planning, students on campus will be able to understand what it's like to be different, and, if not, appreciate those individuals more at least, and give them an environment where they can be safe," Wisdom said.

Since this group is in its beginning stages, it is mainly focusing on trying to get the word out and let students know there is somewhere they can go if they are questioning, or confused.

If you are interested in this group, check your campus email for more information about when Safe Hours will be held.

How to... Stay Healthy on Campus

NICOLE KEAGLE

Between class, homework, activities, a job, and trying to have some sort of a social life, it's hard to find time to really focus on your own well-being. For many students, choosing which foods are healthy in the caf and fitting a workout into their busy schedule simply get put on the back burner. Here are a few tips to help keep you happy and healthy on campus this year.

It's no secret that cafeteria food isn't the best for you. After working in the caf for a couple years, I've learned that the menus are designed to offer you a balanced meal of protein, carbs, and nutritious vegetables, but the ingredients and preparation often defeat the purpose. However, you don't have to resort to salads and cereal every day. Though a lot of the meats are fried, you can avoid it by simply removing the fried skin or breading. If an item is drenched in sauce, scrape some of it off to reduce unnecessary calories. People at

McPherson College love mashed potatoes and gravy, but honestly, it tastes just as good without all that gravy. As far as veggies go, opt for the ones in the salad bar; the vegetables on the hot line are usually slathered in liquid butter alternative, not even real butter. Kinda scary, isn't it?

While healthy eating will help your body perform better, getting into a regular exercise routine will provide a much needed energy boost. McPherson is the perfect town for biking and walking at any time of day or night. Participating in a group activity like Ultimate Frisbee might be the physical outlet you're looking for. In a couple of months, when the weather turns harsh and biting cold, you may want to move your workout indoors by taking advantage of the school's gym or investing in some fitness DVDs. If you're into that, try out P90X, a 12-DVD series incorporating weight training, cardio, and martial arts. It's fun, it's intense, and

it will seriously kick your butt.

Physical health is important, but it's important not to overlook mental health, too. One of the easiest ways to improve your mood is socialize. Humans are interactive creatures, so take time to just let loose and have fun. Also, study! Waiting until the last minute to study or just wingin' it on a test will probably stress you out, and bad grades aren't the best mood elevators. Good grades and praise make people confident and happy, give it a try. Lastly, don't forget to also have a little alone time. Sometimes a long, warm shower, some music, and your bed are the best medication.

Some of this may seem like common sense, but in a hectic lifestyle, sensibility can fly out the window. In all that you do and all that you have, never forget to tend to your most valuable asset - yourself.

REVIEW IT!



MICHAEL HOLMAN
Spectator Staff

Directed by Zack Snyder, creator of movie legends such as "300" and "Watchmen," "Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'hoole" promised to be a dazzling thrill ride. Glorious visuals, action, and

an epic story... centered entirely on owls. The first thought in my head was, "Can they pull this off?"

Young Soren, a barn owl, has a Don Quixote-like love for the stories about the Guardians of Ga'hoole, legendary owl warriors that defended the weak in days of old. As Soren and his brother Kludd learn to fly for the first time, they are kidnapped by the mysterious Pure Ones.

The Pure Ones immediately sort the latest batch of owlets by race. The Tyto species, which the Pure

Ones declare to be superior, are elevated and made soldiers, while the other classes of owls are forced into labor. Soren escapes this concentration camp and embarks on a quest to find the Guardians of Ga'hoole.

Did "Legend of the Guardians" manage to keep me in my seat? Absolutely. The fact that they're owls doesn't detract from the story. It enhances it. The very nature of the plot is archetypal, and that's part of what makes it interesting.

Throughout the movie you're waiting for the next familiar role to pop up, and they're all there—the hero, the warrior, the joker, the sidekick, the benevolent king, the traitor, the hero of old. There's even a scene where a prophet char-

acter literally outlines the whole group.

The story is also familiar. The villains, while not being as terrifying as Voldemort or Sauron (but then, who is?) make you cringe more because of their ideas and aspirations.

The Pure Ones are much like Nazi Germany, where the Tytos are the Aryan race and the other owls are undesirables. The story differs from World War II in the Guardians themselves. Ga'hoole is a Camelot, and the Guardians are the Knights of the Round Table. Imagine King Arthur squaring off against Hitler, and you've got the feel of the story. The refreshing quality of it all is that Soren's blind faith in the Guardians them-

selves is actually realized—there is no letdown or disappointment. Soren journeys through more than he's ever dreamed to find that the Guardians are just as awesome as he's always believed.

Visually, the film is a masterpiece! You could hang any frozen shot of this movie on your wall in a golden frame. The level of detail and realism that the film achieves with the feathers, the scenery, the rain, the subtle textures of their armor, is incredible. And the 3D! The opening shot is one of looking up at the stars, and I swore the screen was six miles deep. It's the best I've ever seen.

Overall, Four stars. In other words, was this movie worth seeing? Absolutely! I'm going again!



Photos by Elice Frey and Allison Hartley

1) The Bitteringer mud volleyball team devises a strategy within their huddle. 2) Tyler Tank, jr., Austin, Tx., plays chubby bunny at the food competition. 3) Brandon Pecinovskyy, soph., Mo., eats a raw Jalepeno. 4) Savannah Sievers, jr., Stafford, participates in the peanut butter popcorn throw.

Everyone's a suspect in 'Design for Murder'

AUDREY SECKER AND BETSY SHAFFER
Editor-in-Chief and Campus Life Editor

The performing arts department's second show of the year, "Design for Murder," will be put on in Brown Auditorium tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

"Rick and Jd. picked the show to add to the variety of shows done as senior projects," said Mary Hughes, guest director and 2008 graduate.

The play is a comical murder mystery set in an old mansion on the Hudson River.

"Design for Murder' is being

done as a 'period' show, which means we're producing it as it would have been seen in the 1930s," said Kenyatta Harden, soph., McPherson, as Aunt Martha. "At times it was hard to maintain a balance between the reality of that era and the humorous melodrama of the script."

Mona Hale, jr., McPherson, plays Celia Granger, a woman attached to traditions and her late husband's house.

When Kathy, Celia's young maid, is violently murdered, a mysterious detective is called in and suspicion begins to fall

on every member of the cast. "Watching the cast create their characters was my favorite part," Hughes said. "The hardest part for me is all the decisions a director has to make. I try to think through each decision. I'm not a person who makes decisions quickly as a general rule, I told the cast that I reserve the right to change my mind, but I always had the end product in mind, so I guess I thought about how that decision would affect the overall picture of the play. I really enjoyed working with the cast and I'm going to miss them!"

The play is running for its second week, having opened on Oct. 1. Though the players faced some challenges on opening night, the show was a great success.

"It was my very first college play and it was a whole new experience for me," said James McCullough, fr., Hill City, who plays detective Dan Carlin. "The funniest part would have to be when I fell down the stairs during my serious scene on opening night."

Shelly Brandt, jr., Divide, Colo., said "I enjoyed the show. I would not describe it as a fast paced, energetically enthralling

show, but it allows you to think and unite with your inner skeptic. I found myself constantly wondering who is the killer, and looking for flaws that would pinpoint the culprit."

Other members of the cast include: Isaac Levin, soph., Dighton, as David Granger; Tabatha Surveyor, sr., Oklahoma City, Okla., as Luisa; Sarah Schowengerdt, fr., McPherson, as Mrs. Hamilton; E.H. Pertropulos, fr., Larkspur, Colo., as Norah Taylor; Ashlie Manzi, fr., Goddard, as Kathy; and Zachary Winkle, fr., Goddard, as Moreno.

Homecoming candidates announced



Antowine Lamb

What is your major?
Graphic design and business management

Why did you choose to come to Mac?

"To stay close to my family and because I love the friendly environment of the campus and community."

What is your favorite memory of Mac?

"Bringing back a nationals title!"

What are your hobbies?

"Video games, chilling with friends, basketball, track and women."

What is your favorite quote?

"I'm the greatest" ~ Cassius Clay aka Muhammad Ali

What advice do you have for other students with the same major?

"Pay attention, have fun and BE ON TIME!"

What are your plans after you graduate?

"Make too much money."

What don't you like about your major?

"It's time consuming."



Tecie Turner

What is your major?
Biochemistry

Why did you choose to come to Mac?

"I chose Mac because it provided the possibility to be involved in a wide variety of activities."

What is your favorite memory of Mac?

"When I ate eight hot dogs during the hot dog eating contest!"

What is your favorite quote?

"A person's a person, no matter how small." ~ Dr. Seuss

What advice do you have for other students with the same major?

"Switch to a bio major so you don't have to take quantitative analysis! No, just stick in there because it's all worth it in the end, and get to know the professors well because they all have interesting life stories."

How does it feel to be a Homecoming candidate?

"It feels great to be a candidate. I just wish it meant I could be on the field during the game, not just at half time!"



Lance Dick

What is your major?
Business finance and management

Why did you choose to come to Mac?

"I originally came to Mac to play soccer."

What is your favorite memory of Mac?

"Winning 2 KCAC championship rings. Hopefully make it three this year."

What is your favorite quote?

"Its T-Shirt Tiiiiiiiiimmmmmmmeeee!" ~ Pauly D

What advice do you have for other students with the same major?

"My advice to students in mymajorwouldbetolistento Rod because he is the man."

How does it feel to be a homecoming candidate?

"I didn't even know there were Homecoming candidates lol."

What don't you like about your major?

"I hate lectures. I like learning from doing. Throw me into a situation and let me figure it out, I don't wanna be told what i can and can't do."



Melisa Grandison

What is your major?
Applied communication and Spanish education with a minor in philosophy and religion and licensure in ESL

Why did you choose to come to Mac?

"I originally came for the Spanish education program. The support of the campus community and church is what keeps me here."

What is your favorite memory of Mac?

"My first hide and seek game with Lucy Bowman on campus during lunch hour. She hid and no one could see her so everyone thought I was counting to myself outloud and really slowly."

What are your plans after you graduate?

"Im going to do Brethren Volunteer Service in Jos, Africa."

What don't you like about your major?

"I'm embracing my majors because I chose them. It wouldnt be beneficial to focus on what I don't like. Plus with three majors that leaves little time to think about that. It's all about what I need to get done next."



Joshua White

What is your major?
Engineering / mathematics

Why did you choose to come to Mac?

"Football."

What is your favorite memory of Mac?

"Killing Friends at home last year!"

What is your favorite quote?

"If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live." ~ MLK, Jr.

What are your hobbies?

"Football, hanging with friends"

What advice do you have for other students with the same major?

"Make sure you lay out your schedule ahead of time. Don't get behind in what classes you need to take."

What are your plans after you graduate?

"Continuing my schooling with engineering."

Looking back, are you glad you came to Mac?

"Yes! I like the small atmosphere and one-on-one you get with teachers."



Ashley Luthye

What is your major?
Biology education

Why did you choose to come to Mac?

"The community/family like campus and softball."

What is your favorite memory of Mac?

"Going to sporting events"

What are your hobbies?

"Sports, friends & movies."

What advice do you have for other students with the same major?

"Don't slack, get on your work and ask for help. It's a tough major but you can do it!"

What are your plans after you graduate?

"Hope to get a teaching job and go to school to be an EMT."

What don't you like about your major?

"It's a hard major and it doesn't leave time for other classes you might want to take."

Looking back, are you glad you came to Mac?

"I would do it all over again!"

courtesy

Alumni know true meaning of Homecoming

Another fall is quickly making its presence felt as it descends upon McPherson College with its brisk cool mornings and chilling temperature shifts in the late evenings.

The new school year is steadily underway and the typical signs that summer has come to an end are ever apparent.

A chill is in the air, and tank tops and shorts are gradually being exchanged for clothes that will keep out the cold.

Only the most daring and hardy of us will defy common sense and forgo warm appendages, in an attempt to promote school spirit and Bulldog pride.

For many of us there is no time more appropriate for fashion antics, painted faces, and self-inflicted humiliation than Homecoming and the accompanying Spirit Week.

College Homecoming looks different than high school Home-

SHANE SAYS...



Shane Dresser

coming. There are no limos, fancy dresses, or a hormone filled gym with awkward dancing. Just student of past and present coming together to celebrate what McPherson College means to us.

To one person it is where they scored the winning run, where they

met their significant other, where they are stressing about that project due tomorrow, or where they figured out what they are going to do with the rest of their life.

To everyone McPherson is where they made choices, made friends, and made memories.

I then ask myself, who says we can't have a little fun in competition between ourselves?

Whether we joined in the shopping cart races, stuffed our faces in the hot-dog eating contest, or participated in other challenges, we accrued points for our dorms with pride (and let's face it, a little embarrassment) all in the name of fun!

With Spirit Week drawn to a close, we turn our attention to the Honors Convocation and the inspiration we can gain from those that have preceded us here at McPherson and gone on to achieve excellence in their chosen field.

Homecoming here at McPherson

allows us to reflect on where we are going as we meet and acquaint ourselves with the alumni who come back to campus to remember their years here. To see what is how they remember it, and what is new and exciting on campus.

There is no better way to catch the warm spirit of a small college campus than to jump in with both feet as we experience and support the events and antics of Spirit Week and Homecoming weekend.

For many of us it takes a bit of effort to let go of some of our reservations and join in on the fun.

That's OK though. There are many students and alumni from local towns and students from various parts of this country and the world. Homecoming activities are a great way to meet new people and experience something different.

Soon we will all disperse on our own ways, and like the alumni that came before us, we will mark our

time here as some of the best years we ever invested in ourselves.

Before you know it, you will be the alumni that comes back to experience all the Homecoming festivities you may have been reluctant to participate in.

With all the efforts we put into late-night studying and early morning practices, let's not forget that some of the best ways to make a memory are the pure acts of silliness and fun times we get ourselves into.

After all, aren't those the times that stand out the most in our minds?

Lets all cherish these moments that we can let loose, and maybe make a fool of ourselves.

These opportunities are limited to four years. Then, its time for the real world where you have to go on reality TV shows to do embarrassing things.

Make some memories you can think of when you're and alumni.

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Not Necessarily Ordinary by Sarah Schowengerdt



Double stuffed: college experience overwhelming, but worth it

Professor support helps student struggling with demands of a double major

All college students know that mastering one major is a lot of hard work. Between work, classes and maintaining a social life, keeping up with class work and making the grade can become a tiring and stressful chore.

Imagine doubling your work load, senior projects and stress in the four years of college. This is the life of a double-major student and I'm sure that my fellow double-majors can relate.

I am currently a sophomore double-majoring in English and history.

When I arrived as a wide-eyed freshman last year, I started as just an English major. I had thought

WORKING GIRL



Allison Snyder

about being a history major but changed my mind during my senior year of high school. Halfway through freshman year, it came to my attention that I could do both and that is what I have decided to do.

These two majors have a lot in common. English and history are both bachelor of arts degrees, so the requirements of the classes are similar. There are suggested courses, like Spanish, for example, that overlap. This year, I am taking American Literature and American History.

I have found a second home on campus in the second floor of Mohler. English and history classes

take place in Mohler, often in the same room. I have two classes in the same room this semester. The offices of the English and history teachers are also in Mohler and I spend a lot of time with them.

Kim Stanley and Ken Yohn are two of the greatest people I have ever met and I feel honored to have them both as advisors. I have spent many hours with them both to figure out my schedule.

All students should find one professor that they absolutely cannot live without: the teacher that you can go and talk to about classes, your week, personal problems, and anything else. I am fortunate to have two wonderful advisors

willing to lend a helpful hand and listen to me when I am in need.

Kim, Ken and I have had discussions about my senior projects. I have heard about the amount of work that goes into one senior project.

Just thinking about doing two sometimes makes me cringe.

The question of what comes after this has come up a lot. "What are you going to do with English and history?" I've heard that many times and the answer is always the same. I don't know. There are many things that I can do but I don't know what work I want to go into. I have time to decide. I'm not worried about it.

ON THE FLY

What was your favorite Homecoming activity?



“Food relay was freaking amazing!”

Ashley Luthye
Sr., Northglenn, Colo.



“Hotdog eating contest!”

Hailey Kinney
Jr., Kansas City



“Mud volleyball because we were the champions”

Grant Miller
Sr., St. John

“Cart race. Its competitive.”

Steve McCrate
Sr., Cape Girardau, Mo.



“Shopping cart race, it's the only one I did.”

Bill Tebbetts
Fr., Gorham, Maine



“Food relay, I dominated the Mt. Dew chug.”

Joe Sumpter
Fr., Osborne KS



LEAD EDITORIALS

Free speech: where is the line?

General Andrew Shirvell has openly professed, via blog, his obstinance of recently elected Student Body President of Michigan State University, Chris Armstrong.

Why, you might ask, is he taking time to protest a college student?

Andrew Shirvell believes that Armstrong is a devil's advocate on the student council that is promoting a radical homosexual agenda to the student body because he is the first openly gay student to be elected as president.

Each American has the right to free speech, but where is the line that keeps free speech from becoming harassment?

How is something like creating a hate blog that posts swastikas

a person considered free speech? Especially in a case that involves someone who is supposed to be upholding our liberties, not testing them.

Obviously he is not an adequate Assistant Attorney General if he can't even identify when he is breaking laws like Cyber Bullying, which by the definition of the state, is someone who uses technology to harass, embarrass, intimidate, or stalk someone else.

The other disturbing part of this controversy is the idea that is acceptable to have the hate protests or discriminating actions when someone uses the excuse of religion.

Shirvell is quoted on CNN saying that he is just a good Christian American. This isn't the first time

explain why some hateful actions were done. From the witch hunts to the murder of Dr. George Tiller, all was in the name of Christian values.

In a country with so many different denominations, why is one allowed to use their religion as a valid excuse for hate?

Would America allow a Muslim American to protest a Christian American that is elected to office and is promoting a "radically Christian" agenda?

The point is, you have the right to free speech, but you also have the right to be educated, tactful, and respectful. Presenting an issue in a mature fashion never put anyone's job in jeopardy.

Keep in mind, that while everyone has the right to free speech, no one has the right to discriminate with speech.

ISSUE 1:
Hate Blogging
OUR POSITION: How
far is too far?

SHOUT!
IT OUT!

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

Bike Thief: I saw you. I know who you are. Put the Schwinn back in the Mohler rack, and I won't report you.

A full-time student who lives on campus should not be charged or scanned just to get a drink!

50 piece nugget meal... You are my Everest.

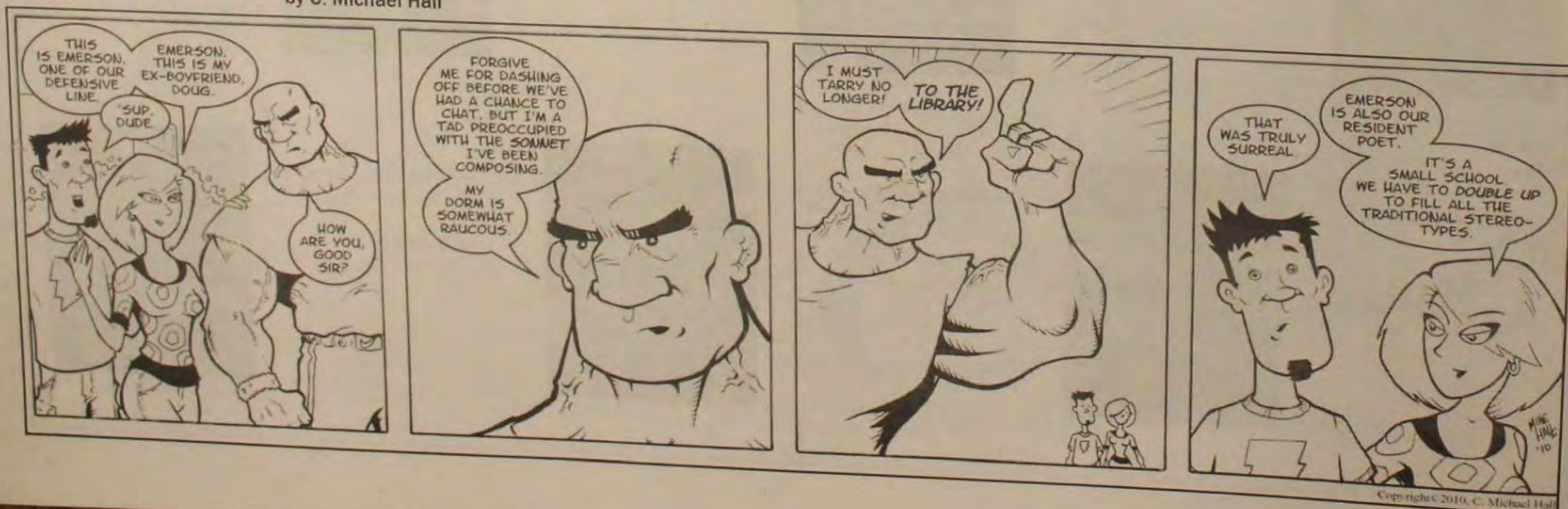
Sidewalk spit is nasty.

Too bad fall break is too short to go home.

Meat eaters like vegetarian options, too. Especially when the meat isn't cooked

EduMACated

by C. Michael Hall



Injuries set women back, new strategies in place for Homecoming game

KIM BRUNER
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs' record fell to 0-1-0 in conference play and 3-5-1 overall after a loss to the University of St. Mary in Leavenworth on Saturday.

The Spires built up an early lead, scoring three unanswered goals.

Later, Haley Cook smashed in a goal, putting the Bulldogs back in the game, and earning her second goal of the season.

Ana Calderon brought the Bulldogs even closer when she scored in the 87th minute. Sadly, it was too little too late for the Lady Bulldogs.

Molley Whitehill performed five recorded saves, playing the full 90 minutes in goal. When asked how the season was shaping up, she said

"The season is not having a good start with a loss to St. Mary's, but I think now that we are getting all our players back from injuries and that the team is getting more comfortable playing together, we will have much more success in the games to come."

"Many of our players are younger," Whitehill said. "So the transition from high school soccer to college has been tough, but we can work through it and have a successful season."

"We may move a couple of players into new positions for our game against Tabor," Coach Robert Talley said, when asked if he would be making any changes in his strategy for the team's next game.

The team has a few tricks up their sleeve and a few new strategies in place.

As far as strategies, I have faith in my team and how we're currently playing. If we were to play



Photo by Emilee Rainert

Ana Calderon, senior, gains possession of the ball in the game against St. Mary. The women lost 2-3.

St. Mary 10 times during the season, I feel we would win 9 out of 10 times. Our loss was the wake-up call we needed. We need to make sure we're prepared mentally as well as physically for every game."

"We've had numerous players step up when needed this fall," Talley said. "I would have to say Stachea Perea has been a work-

horse in the midfield this fall and she's been our most consistent player in games, in practice and in our fitness sessions."

The Lady Bulldogs led 1-0 at halftime Wednesday night at Tabor College, winning with a final score of 1-0.

Looking ahead, the Lady Bulldogs will play Ottawa University at 5:30 Saturday for Homecoming.

Ultimate team to play alumni Saturday

JORDAN ROQUEMORE
Staff Writer

The ultimate Frisbee team traveled to Kansas State University on October 2 and 3 to participate in a tournament. The team played four matches on Saturday and two on Sunday, all against top collegiate teams in the area.

"We are a very young team," Dusty Kitchen, jr., said. "About half of our team had never played in a real tournament before last weekend."

The team was unable to win any of their matches.

They played against a number of teams which included K-State's A and B teams and Missouri State University.

"All of the colleges we played against were much larger than ours," Kitchen said. "The first day was hard, with our team learning just how good these other teams are. The second day we had a lot more fun, as the teams we played [Tulsa and Drury] were about our quality."

Evan Hiebert, freshman and new player on the Ultimate Frisbee team, had only played with friends

before he joined the squad.

"I wish we could have done better, but it was the first time playing in official games for a lot of us," Hiebert said. "The games on Sunday were better than the ones on Saturday. Saturday felt like just playing Frisbee and it wasn't so



Photo by Dusty Kitchen

much about the competition."

The team's next match will be the Alumni game for Homecoming tomorrow.

The team also encourages anyone interested in playing Frisbee to join them in a practice session held at Wall Park.

As the team does not always have a precise practice schedule, emails are sent out when practices are coming up.

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Bulldog volleyball falls against Tabor; 4-4 record places team at 5th in KCAC

DUSTY KITCHEN
Staff Writer

The Lady Bulldogs have vaulted their season to an overall record of 11-8 after winning seven of their last nine matches and are in fifth place in the KCAC with a conference record of 4-4.

The latest match for the Bulldogs was a tough fight with conference opponent Tabor College, whose win put them two games ahead of the Bulldogs at fourth place in conference.

The match started with a close game that had to be decided with extra points, Tabor pulling out the first win 28-30. The Ladies then slipped 11-25, but roared back with a victory 25-19. However, the Ladies lost another close one to end the match at three games to one when they lost 22-25.

The Bulldogs' offense was led by Callie McCaffrey, who had seven kills on 15 attempts with zero errors, giving her a kill percentage of .467. Brelynn Schloo also had a good night offensively, getting eight kills on 18 attempts with only one error, giving her a kill percentage of .389.

Defensively, at the net, Kory Hiebert led the Bulldogs with three blocks, Amy Neufeld right behind her at 2. Schloo and Natalie Boss also recorded one block a piece.

Defense in the back row was led by Brooke Wedel, with 14 digs and Schloo with eight digs.

Though the Bulldogs lost, good things are



Courtesy Photo

Junior Amy Neufeld, prepares at the net in the match against Tabor College.

starting to show and Coach Susan Barton is happy at what she sees.

"These girls are so terrific and I am enjoying this season so much," Barton said.

"They all work so hard and work very well together. I believe our best volleyball is still

to come. We are working to put it all together and I believe it will come together at the right time and our full potential will be reached when it matters most. We are toward the top in the conference and we cannot let up at any time."



Courtesy photo

Brelynn Schloo sets for her hitter.

The Bulldogs are nearing the second set of conference games as they will play number two ranked Bethel College for the second time away Monday night, then Ottawa University Thursday night.

Three to be inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

AUDREY SECKER
Editor-in-Chief

Alumni Josh Alexander, Valecia Kelly and Pete Petrovski will be inducted into the McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame at ceremonies today.

Established in 1999, the Hall of Fame honors those who displayed athletic excellence and service to the community. Inductions are made every year during Homecoming and being recognized

there is one of the highest honors a McPherson athlete can receive.

Josh Alexander, class of 2000, was an All-KCAC first time selection twice, and in 2000 he became the only second player in men's basketball history to be named to the NAIA First Team.

Alexander graduated in the spring of 2000 with a B.S. in sociology, holding the men's basketball team's record for the most points (1,283), rebounds (498) and steals by a two-year athlete. Currently Al-

exander works as an owner-agent for Shelter Insurance. He remains active with the college's basketball team, not only as a supporter, but also as an athlete. He regularly participates in the Bulldogs annual alumni scrimmage.

Valecia Kelly, class of 1984, was a four-year letter winner in volleyball, basketball, and track and field, while being named the McPherson College Female Athlete of the Year three times.

In total, Kelly tallied nine indi-

vidual Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference championships. A two time All-KCAC women's basketball and volleyball selection, Kelly graduated from McPherson College in 1984 with a bachelor of science in physical education. She is currently a seventh grade PE teacher.

Pete Petrovski, class of 1997, was an offensive player for the men's soccer during his undergraduate career at McPherson College. He was a four-year letter

winner and at the time of graduation held the all-time record for total career goals (24), assists (18) and points (66).

Petrovski was twice named to the all-conference first team and a four-time member of the All-KCAC team. Pete graduated from McPherson College in 1997 with a bachelor of arts in business. Following graduation, he took a position with LKP Engineering and is now currently the company's vice president.



Photo by Tabethe McCullough

Senior defensive players Drew Griffin and Shelton Thigpen, watch the Bulldogs score a touchdown. The Bulldogs have gone undefeated in the season thus far.

Football still undefeated: maintaining season goals

KENDRA HODGES
Sports Editor

The Bulldogs had a bittersweet victory last Saturday at Sterling. The game didn't pan out to be quite what the team was expecting—perhaps they had underestimated their opponent, the Warriors.

Despite the flaws McPherson fans could spot from the stands, Head Coach Joe Bettasso had great things to say about his offense.

"On offense, the combination of Andy Skinner and Joe Middleton has proved to be explosive

at times," said Bettasso. "Andy is averaging 128 yards a game receiving and Joe is averaging 104 yards a game. Obviously Shane Mascarenas is the guy getting them the football, and he is having another great year. It would be wrong of me not to give credit to our offensive line as well. Everything starts up front."

Defensively, corners Austin Brown and Shelton Thigpen are playing the best football of their careers. Will Powers, linebacker, was named KCAC Player of the Week for his performance in the Sterling game, and it looks as though Scott Jones, defensive line, will have another all-conference year. "He is just one of the many guys that cause problems for offensive lines in the conference," Bettasso said. "That whole unit is what makes our defense good."

Ginikachi Ibe is also playing very well in the secondary, allowing little gain for our opponents on the turf.

The team has some big games coming up. Homecoming this weekend against the University of St. Mary will be exciting for both the Bulldogs and their fans.

"We are very excited for our homecoming game against St. Mary, it's always a great atmo-

sphere and it is nice to see the alumni come back." Bettasso said. He also mentioned that they like to treat every game as "the next big game."

Kansas Wesleyan comes to town on the 16th. They could very well be undefeated and 15th in the nation when they show up, but of course the Bulldogs' next game is the focus for now.

The players know they're 4-0, but winning isn't all the team has accomplished in just the first month or so of their season. Coach Bettasso says that the team has really come together and been looking out for each other.

The team's number one goal is to win the conference championship, which hasn't been accomplished in McPherson since 1952.

"We would also like to prove some things nationally as well, but for now we will focus on step one," Bettasso said.

Intrigue, game love, in your face and the even switch

FROM THE SIDELINES



Jordan Roquemore

My dear readers, I had a difficult time coming up with something substantial enough to write about this week. This little predicament has forced me to write a conglomeration of things I have deemed column-worthy and/or I just feel like writing about it. Unconventional, you say? Well, I say look at the microwave—or our Elvis-haired president, for that matter, and tell me, what is wrong with unconventional?

To kick off this mixture, (which reminds me, oddly enough, of doing a grade school collage with old magazines and Elmer's glue) is the intrigue I find in football this year. Our team, with its perfect record so far (cross your fingers) has once again proved itself to be pretty dang good. Beating Sterling was enough to prove to me that the team has held it together, despite losing a great head coach. I therefore give props to both players and coaches for a nice introduction to a new season and for saving themselves from a severe scolding had they blown it this year.

My next random snippet is dedicated to the men and women making up our Ultimate Frisbee Team. I attended one of their practices last week and I just have to say, they run, they throw, they love. This odd group of athletes doesn't play for scholarships or school prestige. They play because they love it, and they love it because it is theirs. It's a tear-jerking, beautiful thing to see athletes loving their sports and doing them.

In reference to the statements in my previous column concerning the need for more "team offensive" strategy and less "depend on Brett Mulford to score all the goals" strategy, I have to say I was right. The stats from the last five men's soccer games prove that when Mulford is shooting and scoring, the team is winning. When Mulford is shooting and missing, the offense is lacking. I do have to give due credit to Tarek Khalidi, Gevertson Ost and a few others who have started putting some shots on goal. That is what we need, people! Make some opportunities happen and start proving why the men's soccer program is one of the best in the district.

For the final piece of my wide array of sports opinions: women's soccer and volleyball. They have essentially switched places record-wise compared to the previous season. With eight or so games left, the women's soccer team already has the same amount of losses so far as they did at the very end of last season. The volleyball team, on the other hand, has won more games so far than they did their entire last season. Good for one, but bad for the other, these two teams have reversed spots as far as their win/loss percentages go. We shall see what the end of the season brings for these two.

Men's soccer working hard to hold rank in NAIA



Paxton Lanning, fr., receives a pass in a pre-season scrimmage to prepare for the season.

Photo by Emilee Reinert

DUSTY KITCHEN
Spectator Staff

Every team, no matter what sport they play, faces its share of adversity. Injury, player conflict, and countless other challenges can affect a team's game for the worse. Yet it's only the best teams that can pull through those tough times and continue to win.

The McPherson men's soccer team so far is proving to be that team with an overall record of 4-4-1 placing them third in the conference standings behind two veteran teams: Kansas Wesleyan and Friends University.

Coach Doug Quint has seen his share of tough seasons, through all the player changes, injuries, and tough non-conference opponents his team has faced this year.

He even has a proud tone in his voice when he talks about how hard this team has fought to get where it is as it starts conference play.

"This team has dealt with more adversity than any other team I've coached, yet we continue to battle to improve," Quint said.

"We feel like the adversity and tough non-conference schedule has prepared us for what we are going to see in conference."

And, if anything, the first conference match against the University of St. Mary Spires showed that the Bulldogs are ready to prove what they have in conference, winning a one-sided victory of 4-0.

The Bulldog offense assaulted St. Mary's defense, putting up 38 shots with 19 on goal.

Forward Brent Mulford led the way, with two goals being assisted by Geverton Ost and Jared Keintz.

Quickly after Mulford's next goal at the 71st minute, Ost added a goal of his own to the mix when a Spire's handball in the box earned him a penalty kick. The final goal came on a Spire own goal in the 89th minute.

Defensively, the Bulldogs only allowed 11 shots, four of which were on goal and saved by goalie Blake Jett.

The performance in their opening conference match helped the Bulldogs sweep the weekly KCAC conference awards with Mulford getting Offensive Player of the Week and Jett Defensive Player of the Week.

The award meant a lot to Mulford, who has struggled the last few games, but says this is a good place to get things started again.

"The Player of the Week award was a nice honor for me, especially after I failed to finish a few key opportunities in the previous two games," Mulford said. "I've been getting chances to score; I just haven't been able to find the back of the net. But hopefully this is a sign of good things to come, and I can continue to build off this success."

More importantly, this win is the spark the team needs to begin a tough conference schedule with.

They have faced a lot of tough things on and off the field this season, but Mulford believes the team is ready to keep fighting.

"The win at St. Mary's was big for our team," Mulford said. "It is extremely important to get off to a good start in KCAC play. We've had an up and down preseason, but conference play is all that truly matters. As a team, we've had to overcome numerous injuries and a couple of tough losses, including a pair of heartbreaking losses in Oklahoma against two quality teams. We played really well in both games, but just didn't make the most of our opportunities."

Mulford also said, "The losses were hard to swallow, but I feel we learned a lot about the character of our team moving forward. Things are finally falling into place, and things are really starting to click for us on the field. We're going into conference playing our best soccer, and I'm confident we have what it takes to make another championship run."

The team won 3-2 against Tabor College Wednesday night and will face Ottawa Saturday night of Homecoming after the football game.