

*Photo by Allison Hartley*

Natalie Boss, soph., Kory Hiebert, jr., and Brooke Wedel, jr., work together to gain possession of the ball.



*Photo by Allison Hartley*

Middle hitter Amy Neufeld, jr., goes for kill in Tuesday's match.

## Win against Saint Mary puts the Bulldogs at 5th in conference

DUSTY KITCHEN  
*Staff Writer*

With just five matches left in the regular season, the Lady Bulldogs improved their overall season record to 14-11 and their conference record to 6-6 with a win over 8th-ranked University of Saint Mary's Spire, which places the Bulldogs 5th in conference.

The Bulldogs steam-rolled the Spire in three games, winning 25-12, 25-14 and 25-16.

Offensively, the Bulldogs had everyone contributing with 9 of the 12 Bulldogs having at one kill or more.

Kory Hiebert led the Ladies with 10 kills on 22 attempts and only three errors. Natalie Boss was behind her with 9 kills on 24 attempts, with 4 errors.

Defensively, the Bulldogs had five total blocks up at the net. Amy Neufeld led the Ladies with two blocks, while Callie McCaffrey, Jessica Arpin, and Hiebert each

tallied one up themselves.

In the back, many Bulldogs were contributing. Brooke Wedel and Kaylee Joseph each had 12 digs apiece, while Brelynn Schloo and Kelley Green had 10 digs apiece.

After the game, Natalie Boss seemed pleased with the performance from the team.

"Everyone came ready to play tonight," Boss said. "We did everything right and ended it quick. It's just really good to get victory where everything is working."

Coach Susan Barton was also very pleased with the team's performance and the momentum it could bring towards the end of the regular season.

"I am really pleased with our performance tonight," Barton said. "We missed only 2 serves, which makes me very happy. I feel like tonight we really stayed disciplined as a team to finish in 3 games."

"The girls are doing everything we are asking of them, they are playing with confidence and this

is really going to help us to finish strong in conference."

As the season comes to a close, the Bulldogs have two big opponents left.

On Oct. 27 the Bulldogs host number one in conference Friends University, who boasts a record 22-8 overall record and a 12-0 conference record.

On Nov. 1 the Ladies finish their season with 4th-ranked Tabor who sits with a 12-12 overall record and a 9-4 record in conference

# SPECTATOR

## 'Dogs No. 6 in NAIA



*Photo by Ronaldo Filho*

## Play Southwestern in Winfield Saturday

Flu Shots  
TODAY  
11:00-1:30  
in  
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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Flu shots available for purchase today

A health benefits fair will be held today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mingenback theatre. Flu shots will be provided for students, faculty and staff.

Shots will be free of charge to any employees and students who participates with Preferred Health Systems if they bring their health card. For students, faculty and staff that don't have Preferred Health Systems shots will be \$25. Students may also sign a request to charge the shot to their account.

## Exam required for seniors, freshmen

All freshmen and seniors are required to take the College Basic Academic Skills Exam, which is a general knowledge exam in English, math, science and social studies. Assessment day is Wednesday, Oct. 27. The assessment will begin at 8:30 students need to arrive by 8:15. Advisors will have room assignments for students. All morning classes are cancelled.

## Rotaract raises money for breast cancer awareness

The Rotaract Club is holding a fund raiser to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The club will be selling pink ribbons in the cafeteria for 50 cents during lunch and dinner Oct. 25 through the 29.

## Challenge offered to students

CURTIS MULLINS  
Staff Writer

A Global Enterprise Challenge has begun for students at McPherson College.

The goal is to create a sustainable social enterprise that will be started in Haiti. A social enterprise is an effort to use market-based strategies to achieve a social purpose, such as TOMS Shoes, a store which gives a pair of shoes to charity for each pair sold; or Newman's Own, a specialty food line that donates all profits to educational and ecological causes.

The challenge has recently gained attention nationally. Global Entrepreneurship Week USA leadership named the challenge as one of ten events out of 3,000 in the United States.

Students will sign up for this competition individually and will be assigned to teams of three on November 8. The teams will then

begin working to develop an idea for a social enterprise and will compete to win an all expense paid trip to Haiti, \$1,000 scholarship for each team member and three hours of Independent Study.

As part of the independent study, the students will work with Dr. Kent Eaton to develop a detailed plan for the enterprise and trip. The schedule for the trip will be determined by the team.

Last January, the Caribbean island-state of Haiti was hit by a catastrophic earthquake. The social enterprise will be designed to supplement the country's healing process.

Haiti's prime minister was quoted in the McPherson College blog, having said earlier this month, "The country needs more and better aid in the areas of education, health, infrastructure and agriculture development."

The college blog continues, to tell how the winning team will be

working with a relief organization and be sent to L'ile de la Tortue or Tortuga Island to help with the rebuilding. Possible projects include "helping with the development of micro-enterprises, water reclamation, fish farming, education, public health and more."

All participants will be required to attend several different meetings.

Global Entrepreneurship week will be the final week of the challenge between the teams.

During that week, there will also be four speakers. Ariel Moodie from Extreme Entrepreneurship Education Corporation will speak about how to make ideas a reality. Dr. Betsy Gatewood from Wake Forest university will speak about entrepreneurship in post-secondary education. Jessica Jackley, cofounder of Kiva.org, will speak. Then the Nick Rallis band will perform and speak about starting a band as a small business.

## Brown to present at Harter Lecture



Warren Brown

AUDREY SECKER  
Editor-in-Chief

Warren Brown, founder and owner of CakeLove, will be the speaker at this year's Harter Lecture.

Brown left his career practicing law to start his bakery in 2002. His entrepreneurial spirit has been recognized by Oprah Winfrey, the Today Show and a number of other local and national media outlets.

His organizations include seven retail storefronts in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

"Warren was chosen because of his unique story and the great example of liberal arts and entrepreneurship that he embodies," said Jenni Richardson, associate professor of business.

Brown will be speaking on the theme "Find Your Passion, Follow Your Calling."

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the lecture which will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2 in Brown auditorium and followed by a cake reception in Mingenback Theatre.

## Women's soccer breaks losing streak; hangs on to beat Friends University 1-0

RONALDO FILHO  
Staff Writer

After two disappointing losses at home, the Bulldogs women's soccer team came back in the conference with a convincing win against Friends University on Saturday at McPherson Stadium.

The Lady Bulldogs played with the necessary skill to control the Falcons' offense.

"The key to the win was the defense," said Robert Talley, women's head coach.

"We had to figure out our own shape. We tried different people for each different position. I think they are feeling a lot more positive about each other now. This is an entire new back line, and I think they found their chemistry."

The Bulldogs started in command with a good chance to score by the forward Haley Cook, eight minutes into the game.

Cook would score five minutes later, assisted by another forward, Ana Calderon. Cook completed the game with four shots out of a total of 10 by the Bulldogs.

After the opening goal, the Falcons pressured the Bulldogs' defense with six shots and two corner kicks in the first half.

In the second half, the Falcons continued to test the Bulldogs' defense, which was led by the goalkeeper Molly Whitwell.

Whitwell made five saves and was named KCAC Defensive



Kourtney Mitchell, fr., fights to gain possession in the game against Bethel. The Lady Bulldogs tied, 0-0.

Player of the Week for her performances against Friends University and Bethel College.

The defensive efforts resulted in eight fouls committed by the Bulldogs in the entire game.

Midfielder Stachea Perea and defender Richelle Mascaro brought consistency to the Bulldogs' midfield line, which controlled the possession of the ball at the end of the game.

The victory improved the Bulldogs' record to 2-2-1 in the KCAC and 5-6-2 overall.

Wednesday's game at Sterling and Saturday's game at Lindsborg will decide for the chances of qualifying for the KCAC playoffs.

The women now are in the fourth place.

Both opponents have the best scoring players in the KCAC this season: Kylie Yates of Sterling College with 17 goals, and Megan Xavier of Bethany College, with 10 goals. They will be a challenge for the Bulldogs' defense to stop its opponents' fire power.

"Back line is going to be ready against Sterling on Wednesday," Talley said.

"Injuries can be an impact, but I cannot tell who is injured now and how big those problems are. Since I arrived here, we have always finished the conference in the top three. So, I'm trying to finish in



Senior forward Haley Cook passes to a teammate in Saturday's game against Friends University that the Bulldogs won 1-0.

third place. That's my motivation."

Despite the defense's inspired performance, the offense is still a concern for the coach.

"We are starting to figure out our attack. We played Haley [Cook] in the offense, and we know she is doing great so far," Talley said.

The Saturday victory was a sign

that the team is ever improving now, at the critical point of the conference.

"I'm very proud of them, because most teams at this point are starting to crack, and they are starting to find their peak in the right moment," Talley said.

Next game is tomorrow in Lindsborg against Bethany, 1:30 p.m.

**global** ENTERPRISE challenge

*Important dates to remember*

## NOVEMBER

8	14	18	19	20
Participant will learn their teams will begin brainstorming ideas.	Workshops from noon- 4 p.m. At 4 p.m. Ariel Moodie of Extreme Entrepreneurship Education will speak.	Teams will give a ten minute presentation. Dr. Betsy Gatewood will speak.	Winners will be announced at 11:30 a.m. at convocation. Jessica Jackley will be the speaker.	Nick Rallis band will play and speak about starting a small business.

## FROM THE SIDELINES



Jordan Roquemore

## Ramblings of an eccentric elbow-eater

Everyone's got an opinion about sports, from the kindergarten soccer moms to the ex-players-turned-commentators on Sports Center.

The stream of opinions is unquenchable and never-ending. There is always something else to throw in to the mix, whether it be hateful, loving or indifferent.

I suppose I was struck this week by how much people are seriously not thinking by saying what it is they're thinking. With that being said, I love talking to coaches after

a game. If I ask general questions about the game, they usually give vague and optimistic answers. If I address particular elements, weakness, strengths, etc, they usually give particular answers.

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that if you know what you're talking about, people will listen and respond at your level.

I know what you're thinking now, reader:

"Who does this idiot think he is, writing an opinions column about the overflow of opinions?" First

of all, I resent your insolence at referring to me as an idiot in my hypothetical question. Why can't you just keep those kinds of opinions to yourself?

Sheeeesh. Second of all, don't deceive yourself into thinking that I am against multiple viewpoints. I appreciate opinions the way that a fisherman loves lakes: they are full of possibilities. What I don't enjoy listening to are uneducated, generalized viewpoints.

You don't hear me spouting off my policies for economic growth

(I suppose realistically you don't hear me at all...hellooooo...echooooo...) or giving a testimony about how Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life.

I tell you what I know and leave it at that. Take a lesson, my friends: do not become an eccentric rambler with nothing to say.

Attempting to talk about something you don't know is like trying to bite your elbow: you never really get it. Get your butt educated or shut up. There is no real middle ground.



# Bulldogs remain undefeated in conference game against KWU

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Sports Editor

The Bulldogs had a proud victory over the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes last Saturday: the 56-42 win will put them at 6-0 (5-0 for KCAC).

KWU had an early touchdown and the Bulldogs only had a 28-20 advantage at halftime, but the long game, with 1,189 total yards in 169 plays, seemed to fare well for McPherson when it was finally all over.

Many players displayed top performances in the game; wide receiver Andy Skinner had three touchdowns and over 100 receiving yards on nine catches, having a season total of 831 yards for 44 receptions and 10 touchdowns.

Joe Middleton, another receiver, had a 68-yard touchdown streak in the second quarter, along with 147 yards on four catches.

Aaron Lafitte, running back, now has a team best of 13 touchdowns, three from last Saturday's game. Against KWU he had 22 carries for over 100 yards.



Photo by Emilee Reinherth

**Quarterback Shane Mascarenas, sr., prepares to pass down the field for a touchdown in Saturday's game against the Coyotes.**

Defensive linebacker J.L. Gomez had 14 tackles respectively keeping the Coyotes out of the end zone, Gomez set a team high of four tackles for loss Saturday.

The Kansas Collegiate Athletic conference (KCAC) named two Bulldogs Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week from this past game against Kansas Wesleyan.

Shane Mascarenas, sr., threw for four touchdowns, setting a season best of 498 passing yards and even had a touchdown of his own.

Mascarenas is currently ranked in the top 10 nationally in passing efficiency. For the season, he is at 64 percent, 122-of-192 attempts for 1,995 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Will Powers, defensive linebacker, earned this award for the second time in three games, leading the defense with 15 tackles, one for loss and nine solo stops against KWU. He has a season total of 45 tackles, 28 solo.

The Bulldogs will travel to Winfield to play Southwestern Saturday at 1:30 p.m.



Photo by Ronaldo Filho

**The Bulldogs begin one of many plays against KWU in the winning Saturday match-up.**



Photo by Ronaldo Filho

**Offensive Lineman David Kraft, jr., gets ready to put the ball in play in the game against Kansas Wesleyan University last Saturday. The Bulldogs won, 56-42.**



Photo by Ronaldo Filho

**Seniors Chris Lang and Aaron Lafitte communicate in Saturday's game against KWU.**

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Trick or treating held in Dotzour

Dotzour hall is inviting children to trick-or-treat for Halloween. It will be held on Oct. 31 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All children from the McPherson community are invited to attend.

## Enrollment begins for spring classes

Students should see their advisors about enrolling in classes for the 2011 spring semester. Enrollment for seniors began yesterday and will go through Monday. Junior enrollment begins Tuesday of next week and the last day will be Thursday. Sophomore enrollment begins one week from today and will end Wednesday, Nov. 3. Freshmen enrollment begins Friday, Nov. 5 and will end Monday, Nov. 8.

## The Well invites students to concert

The Well on Main Street will be having a concert Sunday night. Mutual Kumquat will be performing at 7 p.m. bring your ID for a free drink.

## Sign up for global enterprise

Students can sign up for the Global Enterprise Challenge online at [www2.mcpherson.edu/gec/](http://www2.mcpherson.edu/gec/). Students will be assigned for teams of the three for the challenge on Nov. 8 and from there will be able to work as a group preparing an idea.

# Being safe on campus

## Alleged on-campus assault makes students more aware of safety provided on campus

AUDREY SECKER  
Editor-in-Chief

New this year are security cameras installed in and surrounding Metzler Hall and in the basement of the student union, as part of a trial for new security precautions.

"We chose to try security cameras in Metzler Hall as more of a measure to use as a safety precaution," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. "They don't stop something from happening, but somewhat deter it. We're going to see how things go. In the end it comes down to resources."

# 52%

of students said there should be on-campus security.

244 students were surveyed

rounds and secure the doors at midnight, and we work very closely with the police in town," Rothrock said. "There was a time when we had a person responsible for security, but it took them as long as the professional police."

When something does happen, it is important for students to report it.

"If students won't report it, don't report it, we can't do anything," Rothrock said. "The response is be smart, be careful, try to always be with somebody. We tend to get lax, too comfortable with safety."

The campus crime act requires

KIMBERLI ROQUEMORE  
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After an alleged battery of a female student on campus, safety concerns have come more into focus.

The police department advises that if you are assaulted, you should call 911 immediately.

"We cannot force you to make a report, but if you choose to report these events, call 911, and we'll have an officer meet you in a safe location," said Ken Gent, McPherson Assistant Chief of Police.

Gent said that victims should preserve anything that police can see as potential evidence.

"You don't want to go shower, you don't want to change your clothes, because you lose evidence when you do those things, and we will need all that," Gent said.

The police department recommends trying to remember as many details from the attack as possible.

"Height, weight, smells—did they smell like they had been drinking?" Gent said. "Did the person have an accent when they spoke? All of these things are important to pay attention to, because it will help us later on to determine if we have caught the right person."

colleges to report crimes on and adjacent to the campus.

Gent also suggests trying to remember in what direction the attacker fled.

"If we don't get [the direction the attacker fled] our officers could possibly pass the suspect on the way to the scene," Gent said. "So we need to have as much description on the suspect as possible."

Many schools around the country feature safety protocol pages on their websites. These sites walk students through safety tips and procedures to prepare them for the unexpected. However, this feature is missing from

McPherson's website.

According to <http://www.dps.sdsu.edu/personal-safe.htm>, students should

### If assaulted or attacked:

1. Call 911 & go to a safe location
2. Preserve the evidence
3. Remember details
4. Know your rights as a victim

avoid walking alone at night, call the police to report suspicious persons or activities, avoid dark, isolated areas, walk purposefully and with confidence, and have their keys ready to use (not buried in a backpack).

The McPherson female who was attacked has chosen to not press charges.

"There are so many support systems out there now to help the victim get through the situation that we encourage them to report the incident," Gent said.

"Crimes on campus are related to police investigations where they



rock said. "If something is stolen it, doesn't show up if they only report it to us. If the room was broken into, that is what causes it to be on crime stats."

Each dorm has a resident director and several resident assistants to keep students safe while in the dorms.

"Every RD and RA has a cell phone. They have to be willing to post the phone numbers of who is on duty," Rothrock said. "Students have to be able to call or text them."

Safety is the college's number one priority.

"We've put new lights on campus to give more light," Rothrock said. "We've looked at updating the locks in the resident halls. We could spend \$10,000 on the dorms. It still doesn't stop students letting people in."

If a student loses keys, their RD is notified and the core lock of their door is replaced for a fine of \$50. If they find their keys they will not have to pay the \$50. The new dorm will have priority locks.

The college's safety committee is charged with looking at safety on campus. The group works on safety in every aspect, including weather-related.

"It's a proactive planning group to see what procedures are in place," said Kate Fisher, human resource manager. "We have a pretty good commitment to safety."

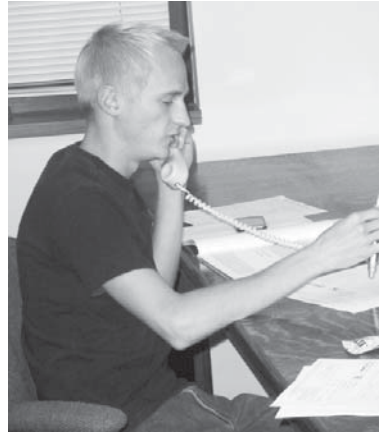
Currently the committee is working on a crisis plan for taking action in the aftermath of an incident.

"If there are students interested in safety we would like input," Fisher said. "Contact anyone on the safety committee if you would



# Phonathon kicks off

SHANNON WILLIAMS  
News Editor



Aaron Milam

This year, student callers are not only working to fund raise for the annual scholarship fund, but are helping the college in other ways. “Students aren’t just focused on raising money, but connecting with the alumni and getting good addresses, emails and prospective student names,” said Kathy Nicholson, project manager and associate director of development.

The callers’ goal was increased by \$25,000 this year, which puts them at a goal of \$125,000 in total donations. They also have a goal to obtain email addresses for each alumni that they contact, which will help the alumni department of the college.

“I enjoy talking with the alumni and hearing stories from their college years, as well as updating them on how the college is continuing to grow,” said Aaron Milam, sr., Herford, Texas.

The student callers are in stiff competition amongst themselves to get the most donations overall and be named the “golden caller.”

“I got the golden caller last year,

and people have already started the competition for that again,” said Amber Novinger, jr., Greely, Colo.

Project Connect was started in the late 70s. Back then, the callers consisted of alumni board members instead of students. Students began calling off-campus in the 90s, only working for about two weeks at a time. Today, Project Connect student callers work to contact alumni every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday between October and April.

# SWOT analysis helps college

Survey taken by participants related closely to college provides information about strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats

MELISA GRANDISON  
Staff Writer

Last spring, the strategic planning committee distributed an online survey to students, faculty, staff, church representatives, trustees and community members. This survey, a SWOT analysis, stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. It reports on all four of these categories to the college from the survey taken by people related to the college.

The survey results outlined eight main priorities and then described individual objectives under each priority. Among the top priorities were improving academic rigor and working toward deliberate program development.

During the week of Oct. 4 to Oct. 8, four focus groups were held on campus to verify the results of the survey.

“We held focus groups in an attempt to see how accurate the survey results were and to confirm

the findings,” said Dr Kent Eaton, dean of faculty. “It was a necessary step to insure integrity.”

Eaton worked with Tom Brown, a strategic consultant, to conduct the focus groups comprised of campus community members.

“We brought in an outside source so we wouldn’t have an inside bias,” Eaton said.

In two of the focus groups, faculty members met to discuss the priorities.

“The group focused on the eight priorities outlined for the institution and we were asked to rank them in order of importance,” said participant ShaRhonda Maclin, assistant professor of education. “By having a mixed group it was intriguing to hear different perspectives from the various areas of the campus.”

In the other two focus groups, students were asked about possible improvements for the college. Audrey McTaggart, sr., Wellsville, attended one of the meetings.

“They gave us a list of possible attributes that we might want to see at our college and then asked us to rank their importance.” McTaggart said. “Multiculturalism was one of them. They wanted to know how important this attribute is to the students so they know what to work on.”

Since the week of focus groups, the strategic committee has yet to reconvene.

“I think it will be interesting to see what happens with the information shared in each of the groups, and how it will contribute to the strategic plan in the future,” Maclin said.

According to Eaton, the college will have the results of the focus group meetings by Monday, October 25. Following the submission of Brown’s report, the committee will meet and work to formalize the priorities.

“[The focus groups] were exciting and wonderful to observe,” Eaton said.



Photos by Emilee Reinhert

Junior Blake Jett defends the McPherson goal last Saturday in the game against Friends. The Bulldogs lost 1-2 in overtime play against Friends. The team is currently at 7-6-1

# Cyber security: Computer services cracks down on copyrighted material

DUSTY KITCHEN  
Staff Writer

Imagine sitting at a computer doing a normal everyday routine. Download some music and some missed television shows. Suddenly, the page flashes orange and the computer becomes quarantined.

Many students, old and new, have already found themselves quarantined because of violations of McPherson’s copyright infringement policy.

Andy Ullom, assistant director of computer services, says that in the past few years the problem has been getting worse.

“We’ve seen an increase in illegal downloading of file-sharing programs such as Lime-wire this

year compared to the last few years,” Ullom said. “The biggest reason is students’ first real warning. When they connect to the College’s Wi-Fi many students just blaze through the pages of the copyright infringement laws not realizing that if they do it, there are consequences.”

Once a student breaks the policy, their computer is quarantined.

The student can easily remove the files and talk with computer services to get their internet back the first time, but breaking internet policy at McPherson College is a “three strikes, you’re out” system.

After the first offense, the user can regain internet access by uninstalling the file-sharing software, and, if notified of a copyright in-

fringement, removing the copyrighted material from their computer. After removing them, the user can contact computer services to get their internet access reinstated. In the event of a copyright infringement notification, the dean of students will also be notified,

for possible further discipline. After the second offense, the user will be required to bring their computer in to computer services so that they can confirm that all file-sharing programs have been removed correctly and that any copyrighted material involved in a reported infringement has been removed from the computer. The dean of students will be notified of the second excessive outgoing traffic offense and/or copyright infringement notification.

After the third offense, the dean of students will be notified. All devices registered to the user will be placed in a rate limited group for the remainder of the semester. The rate limits will be a maximum of two Mbps incoming and a maxi-

mum of 50 kbps outgoing.

Ullom believes the main problem for students breaking the internet policy is their lack of knowledge about how file-sharing programs work.

“Most students don’t realize that all file sharing programs continuously run,” Ullom said. “You can download them, say, at The Well downtown for instance, and come back to campus and not use it once. However, the programs are always sharing data and cause a problem that the students don’t even realize is there.”

This lack of knowledge allows computers to send the excessive limit of outgoing traffic or breaks copyright infringement, resulting in quarantine.

“We’ve seen an increase in illegal downloading of file-sharing programs... this year compared to the last few years.”

—Andy Ullom



Senior Michael Phillips prepares to pass off to a teammate in overtime against Friends.

# Men’s soccer falls to Friends in overtime play

DUSTY KITCHEN  
Staff Writer

The McPherson Bulldogs sit with a record of 3-2 in conference and 7-6-1 overall, placing them fourth in conference behind powerhouses Kansas Wesleyan, Ottawa, and Friends University.

The Bulldogs’ latest match was a heartbreaking loss to Friends University, in which the Bulldogs held the lead until late into the second half.

When the Falcons forced the game into overtime, they knocked the Bulldogs off the scoreboard with the winning goal.

Early on, the Bulldogs took a

quick lead in the game after a Lance Dick corner in the 14th minute led to the first collegiate goal of Michael Phillips, putting the Bulldogs up 1-0.

The Falcons came out in the second half, with an offensive push that the Bulldogs held off until the 74th minute.

A foul set up a free-kick for the Falcons, where they scored and tied the game 1-1, forcing the game into overtime.

In overtime, another costly penalty on the Bulldogs set up another free-kick and goal that would end the game.

Coach Doug Quint is disappointed in the game that he was

sure was the Bulldogs would take, but is still pleased with the talent that his team is showing through all the tough times this season.

“We started the season with 28 guys,” Quint said.

“We are now down to 17 who can actually play. But with all the injuries we’ve sustained and adversity this team has faced, I’m still saying we could be 11-1-1 right now.”

“This is a very talented squad of guys, but we have to just stop beating ourselves in games just like Friends.”

“We make dumb moves that lose us the game and that’s something we just have to eliminate.”

As the Bulldogs look at 6th place Bethany on Saturday, two other changes have occurred to the Bulldog roster.

Mid-Fielder Paxton Lanning, who has put in quality minutes for the team this season, even starting some games when others were injured, is out for the season with a knee-injury.

But all is not bad news. Starting forward Brent Mulford, who had to sit out two games for a red-card violation, will be back in action to help jump-start the Bulldog offense in the upcoming games.

The next match-up will be against Bethany at Lindsborg with a start time of 4:00.



## LEAD EDITORIAL

# Maintain academic rigor at Mac

I DON'T THINK IT IS NEWS TO ANYONE THAT OUR POPULATION HAS GROWN THIS YEAR. Where did all these students come from? What changed in our recruiting process? We think we have started recruiting a different type of student.

ISSUE:  
Admissions  
OUR POSITION:  
Choose a path,  
and stick to it.

McPherson has opened its doors to more and more student athletes.

The standards have changed. As our teams become more and more successful on the field,

we attract more and more amazing athletes.

Where do we draw the line between recruiting successful McPherson students that can excel in the classroom and recruiting to make our teams better and our campus bigger?

If a student is amazing on the field but can't hack it in the classroom, who is benefitting?

It's not the student, who is paying thousands of dollars to fail.

It's not the students who have to spend even more time trying to help a fellow student succeed, and less time helping themselves succeed.

It is definitely not the athletic teams that can't allow their prize players to compete because they can't make the grades.

It must be the institution. It is still getting its money as long as the student keeps paying to come here.

Every student deserves an opportunity to go to college, but don't they deserve an opportunity to go to a college they can succeed in?

In the past, McPherson College has been an institution with a reputation of academic rigor. Scholarship is a part of our mission. It was a privilege to go here, and an accomplishment to receive a degree with the McPherson seal.

Where has that prestige gone in the classroom? We don't understand how lucky we are to have the caliber of professors that we have. We need to allow them to do their jobs.

Part of that is providing them with students who are here to learn. Not students that they have to dumb down the content for, or continue to provide support for students who can't commit to doing their homework or showing up for class.

Are we sacrificing this by blurring the admissions requirements for "certain" students?

McPherson is on the brink of big change. It is time to make a decision.

Do we ignore our mission and standards and become a place for everyone, no matter what their grades are to expand our population? Or do we continue a history of academic excellence, with a small population?

McPherson is an amazing place to be, both socially and academically. Let's keep it that way.

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

If you pay 50¢ you won't have to scan your card.

Why don't squirrels poop on our heads, but birds do?

Am I too old to trick or treat for candy?

Colorado "gurls" know how to spell girls!

Why does the water taste like sewage?

Do bed bugs migrate? I hope they don't decide to move westward.

I love cards with checks in them from family!

Am I really about to be a Kansas resident? Oh no!

Who the hell is Justin Bieber? I thought it was an Aaron Carter comeback...

I'm ready for Christmas.

AAAAHHHH! That's just how I feel.

Is it weird that I just sat in the caf for two hours talking to friends? Cuz I love doing that!

Boo! It's almost Halloween, I love it!

Does the caf know that chicken isn't supposed to be red in the middle?

We are 1/4 done with the year!!

## Donating for cause



Photo by Emilee Reinert

Junior, Kaylin Cooper, Seaside, Ore., gets prepared to give blood, while Veronica Mendez, soph., Kansas City, Mo., sits ready to escort her to the canteen and provides moral support.

The Red Cross blood drive was held on Friday, Oct. 15 in the small gym in the Sports Center. Students giving blood signed up for times prior to the blood drive. The Red Cross was in the gym from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. taking blood from willing donors.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### SGA approves \$2,500 for OrgSync

SHANNON WILLIAMS  
News Editor

SGA met for their weekly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 20. New business they discussed at their meeting included helping fund a program for the campus called OrgSync. OrgSync would create a calendar of events for organizations on campus, such as Business Club, CARS Club, SAB and SGA. It will allow a total of 10 organizations to post events.

The program itself will cost a total of \$8,000 and SGA was asked to pay the basic fee of \$2,500. The basic fee will be paid for the program each year. The motion was made to pay \$2,500 this year for OrgSync and it was passed.

"I think it'll be beneficial for students to access all the different events going on," said SGA President, Lane Allison, jr., Greensburg.

SGA also scheduled team building for Friday, Oct. 29. The activity and the time are undecided.

Four SGA members are attending the National Leadership on Student Government this weekend. They left for St. Louis, Mo. on Thursday morning and will be returning Sunday evening.

## Technology in the Classroom



Photo by Torey Fry

Shane Kirchner, assistant professor of education, uses the Smartboard in the introduction to education class.

## Dean of faculty pushes professors to be tech-savvy

SHANNON WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Technology is changing every day and can be an incredibly beneficial asset to a college student, both inside the classroom and out.

Kent Eaton, dean of faculty, is encouraging more professors to use technology in the classroom. Eaton would eventually like to hold workshops as an academic community to help increase the awareness of the benefits of technology in the classroom and keep professors up to date.

"I would say our use of technology right now is sporadic and dependent on the skill level and the interest of each individual professor," Eaton said. "I think we are well-equipped with smart boards, computers, internet access, and projectors, but I can't say we make maximum use of that level of technology at all times. It's dependent

upon the familiarity and methodology of the individual professor."

Eaton believes that the use of technology in the classroom can be a huge asset to students and the whole campus.

"I think it will increase [students'] understanding of what can be achieved with technology as they move into their careers," Eaton said. "It will have an immediate impact on being able to offer more sections and keep class size at an optimum level and I think it will help students with their schedules. They'll have options for taking courses and making use of the late afternoons or evenings , whereas now there is not that much activity on campus unless you're involved in sports or other extracurricular activities."

Eventually, Eaton would like online classes to be offered at McPherson College. He is hopeful that online courses will already be

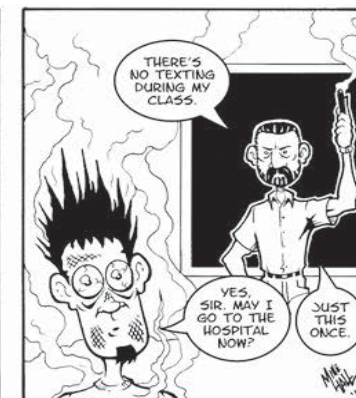
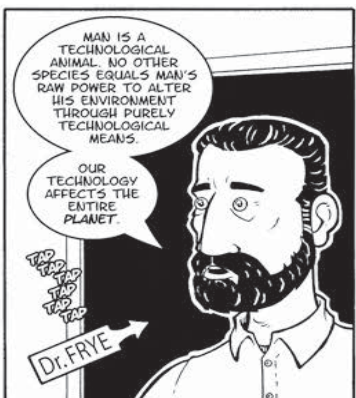
available to students this coming summer, and believes in the fall of 2011 students will have the option to take classes online through the college.

"I think that it would attract some non-traditional students, as well as students that would not be able to attend college regularly," said Patrick Barton, soph., Moundridge. "It would give others an option for school and working because they wouldn't have to worry about being at that class at a specific time."

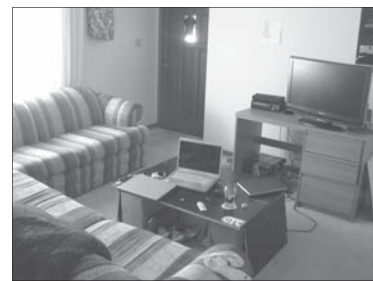
Eaton's main goal for using technology in the classroom is simple.

"I think it is all about serving our students the very best possible way that we can," Eaton said. "I see it as a means to achieve greater excellence in the classroom and to help you all as students to be successful and to be familiar in navigating a world that is so dependent on and driven by technology."

## EduMACated by C. Michael Hall







photos by: Torey Fry

Left: Eddie Rodriguez and Garrett Sharp show off their kitchen. Right: Photos of students living room, the Cedars retirement home sign, and a view of the students apartment.

# Stress sends senior searching for strength

It's eight weeks into my senior year, and already I can tell my last year is in no way going to be the easiest.

The difficulties that I'm facing may leave me with the most valuable lesson of my four years: life CAN be fair.

A few weeks into the semester I dropped my first class, then last week, I dropped a second.

Starting college in the Spring of my freshman year made it crucial that I take 16 hours every semester in order to graduate on time. Until this year, this was not going to be a problem.

These last two semesters of my college career were supposed to be good ones.

With only one or two required classes to take each semester, I have the opportunity of taking a number of electives.

I walked into two of these classes with an interest and an excitement

## AUDREY'S ATTITUDE...



Audrey Secker

to learn. After the first few classes I realized that I wasn't going to learn anything. Worse, I couldn't understand what was going on in the classes.

Then I took the first tests. I

failed. Miserably. In both classes. Anxiety took over. Just thinking about going to class sent me into panic attacks.

I wasn't the only one having problems in the classes, but I was the only one who thought that there was something that could be done about it.

So I spoke with my advisor, the department head and the dean of faculty. The general consensus was to confront the professor. At that point my anxiety hit an all-time high. I couldn't do it.

Confronting people face-to-face about things is normally something I have no problem doing and would rather do than go behind their backs. However, confronting someone in higher authority is a lot harder and a fear of mine.

When another professor offered me an alternate course, I jumped at the chance. Being able to drop one of the two classes and not lose the

hours took a huge weight off my shoulders.

But, I still had the other class. After another class period, of not learning anything and plans to have a test the next class period I realized that me talking to the professor would most likely make things worse rather than better for me as well as for the whole class.

I talked to another professor about the class, and she reinforced my feelings that I shouldn't have to put up with this.

She sat down with me, thought up a course and added a one-on-one independent study to her already overloaded schedule so that I could drop the other course.

This is one of the many reasons that I love being a student at a small college.

The professors (well, at least some of them) are genuinely interested in me as a student, my education and my wellbeing.

During one of my many breakdowns during this time, a friend of mine tried to convince me that life isn't fair and we just have to deal with it. We shouldn't and we don't.

It might seem like I gave up by dropping the classes, but I put up a fight. I talked to the people that can change things, and then I made a statement by dropping the classes.

What I've learned is that even though as a student I don't feel like I have a say in what happens, I really do.

Just because life isn't always fair doesn't mean we can't make it fair, at least some of the time. You have to pick your battles, and when you do, fight them hard.

If we stand up for our rights: the right to learn in a class that we pay for, the right to be happy and healthy, etc., we can not only make life fair for ourselves but forge a path for others to do the same.

## ON THE FLY

### What are going to be for Halloween?



“A super sexy vampire.”

Cody Taylor  
Soph., Springfield, Iowa



“A fairy.”

E. H. Petropolous  
Fr., Larkspur, Colo



“Jurassic Park staff shirt.”

Zach Winkle  
Fr., Wichita

“A sexy pirate.”

Joey Staskowski  
Soph., Utica, N.Y.



“I don't know, but it is my favorite holiday.”

Bill Tebbets  
Fr., Gorham, Maine



“A ladybug.”

Joe Sumpter  
Fr., Osborne KS



# College gets creative when solving housing shortage problems

ALLISON SNYDER  
Spectator Staff

With the increased size of the McPherson College student body, it has become increasingly difficult to offer housing.

Construction is now underway on the new apartments, which are expected to be done at the end of the first semester.

In the meantime, temporary housing has been provided for the students that could not fit in the dorms or campus apartments.

Fortunately, there were apartments available— at the Cedars, a retirement home on First St. in McPherson. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of stu-

dents, said that “basic necessity” called for the decision to house students in the Cedars.

“We looked at everything else and the Cedars were the best option,” Rothrock said.

The “everything else” Rothrock spoke of included hotels and other apartments.

Students were chosen to live in the Cedars if they had voiced an interest in off-campus living or if they simply did not have a room.

Pat Knapp, soph., Basking Ridge, N.J. and Garrett Sharp, soph., Chantute, did not receive the room that they had reserved in Morrison and found out when they got to campus that they would be living in a retirement home.

Financially, the students staying in the Cedars pay the same as traditional students living in the dorms. Where it differs from dorm life is the number of roommates and, of course, the situation.

Some of the students are living up to five people per room. The rooms are different and bigger than dorms. Some apartments have a living room or a modified garage that can house the students.

Jake Snodgrass, soph, Derby, said, “It's larger, more spacious and has a full kitchen so it's a bit nicer.”

“The guys have been incredible,” Rothrock said. “One of their neighbors said that they were worried about them because they were

too quiet. She thought they had a gas leak.”

Rothrock voiced his surprise at how well the male students adjusted to living in a retirement home.

“Our living here differs in the sense that we really do need to keep the volume down, not out of fear of the R/A writing us up, but out of courtesy for our neighbors who turn in earlier than us,” Knapp said.

Their elderly neighbors appreciate how nice and quiet the college students have been and have showed their appreciation through a welcoming dish of peaches and an ice cream.

Off-campus students are at a disadvantage when it comes to cam-

pus activities. Rothrock said that he was proud of the Baer/Cedars team for winning the Homecoming Competition, beating out Dotzour, Morrison, Bittinger and Meztler, in that order.

“They worked hard, and the RA and RD got people excited about it,” Rothrock said. “They had the highest percentage of supporters.”

When the new apartments are finished at the end of the year, the students that are now living in the Cedars will move back on campus.

For now, the Cedars are their home away from home, and the people there have made them feel welcome.



# Student realizes simple pleasures at Mac College

WORKING GIRL



Allyson Snyder

The entire McPherson College campus breathed a collective sigh of relief as fall break finally started. I heard it; I was part of it. It's that time of year that the fatigue starts to set in. The sugar rush of Halloween is fast approaching and the turkey-coma of Thanksgiving is not long after that.

It's nice to have a few days free of the responsibilities of college. It is about this time, that many students start to realize that college isn't all about the parties and the sports games and the beer.

There are classes too and they are hard. Midterms serve as a not so subtle and sometimes painful reminder that hitting the books wouldn't be that bad of an idea.

My midterm week consisted of staying up way too late and working on essays that I couldn't really focus on. Thank you, my study group! We weren't very effective, but it was fun.

I took one test, although it couldn't be considered a midterm,

and I aced it, which came as a complete shock to me.

Living within close proximity to so many other people is exhausting to me. Growing up with two brothers and an attitude makes me unused to sharing. It seems that my space bubble is invaded on a regular basis and I don't know how I feel about it. Dorm life can

be challenging, especially to a social recluse like me. I get cranky if I spend too much time with the same people and this break was much needed.

When I first started school, I told myself that I would never miss living in Iowa, but I have found this to be untrue. I miss the quiet of the Iowa countryside.

In McPherson, the sound of the trains and traffic intrude on my quiet. The people of small-town Iowa are unique. Every time I go home, I am reminded of that. My church and my home are always excited for my return. They're not the only ones. Every time I see the city limits and the one stoplight of Adel, it feels like the whole town is welcoming me back.

My family is interesting. You would have to meet them to know because there are no adequate words to describe them. I always look forward to seeing the tear-drop driveway with MY house sitting there, welcoming and, well

homey.

That means that my family won't be far behind. They waited up for me on Friday night. I got home at 11 at night and my dad and brother had to wake up at 6, but they were awake when I got home and it was really nice.

Café food is fine but there are times when it just isn't very satisfying (You can read my full opinion in my earlier article). Home cooking is amazing! Lots of home cooked food is even better. That is why the potluck at my church made my fall break.

I drool every time I think about a potluck and I was lucky to find that my church was having one the weekend of fall break. You should have seen my excitement! My friends didn't understand and I got weird looks from them.

I've asked myself a hundred times why I decided to come and stay here when I could have gone to a school in Iowa. Then I remember how awesome Mac is and all

makes sense to me again.

Plus, it's that time of year when my enthusiasm for anything starts to lag. I like fall but not winter. Fall, for me, is a reminder that winter is on its way and this makes me sad. I shall enjoy fall while it lasts.

The leaves change their color and the festivities of Halloween and Thanksgiving make this time of year different than any other. McPherson College makes this time of year fun. Dotzour is hosting the kids of the college for a night of trick-or-treating which is sure to be fun.

So, enjoy this time. Fall break gave us a breather so we should all be ready for the last half of the semester. Halloween gives us the chance to dress up and act like kids and when Thanksgiving rolls around, we can stuff our faces to our hearts content. I would say, that this is a great time of the year!

## Not Necessarily Ordinary

By Sarah Schowengerdt



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# How to...

## Get involved this Halloween

NICOLE KEAGLE

1 Corn mazes, crunchy leaves, and fall break – no wonder this time of year is a favorite among many. Most exciting, though, is Halloween. I love it because it's the holiday devoted to being as creative or shocking as you want. It's also the best time to get in touch with all things scary, creepy, and weird. So, here are some ways to get creative and really freak yourself out this Halloween.

2 The most anticipated part of the holiday is the costume. Unfortunately, a lot of people settle for whatever they saw someone do last year or the trashiest version of Alice in Wonderland available. It can get much better than that. Everyone knows characters are scarier when they've turned into zombies. Throw on some fake blood, strategically applied makeup, and a messy wig and suddenly your Michael Jackson costume becomes more interesting. Want to dress up as a sexy Dorothy? Why not Dorothy ravaged by a tornado? Cute and it makes sense. You could even include a disheveled Toto. Girls

can turn any male costume into the feminine version by substituting a skirt for pants, a corset for a shirt, and getting really into accessories and face paint. Obscure TV and movie characters make good costumes, as long as you don't mind if no one "gets it". Have fun with it, there's no reason to look like everyone else at the party.

3 Halloween attractions such as the Forest of Horrors in McPherson are totally worth going to because nothing gets your heart racing like a chainsaw wielding maniac chasing you through the woods. This "haunted" forest pulled off an impressive act last year and are sure to deliver even more nightmarish thrills in 2010. Even if you're not a fan of Halloween, you can't deny the spirit in the air on this holiday. If you're up for a road trip, head to Stull Cemetery, 10 minutes outside of Lawrence. This infamous graveyard has been the subject of devilish legends and supernatural happenings for years. Another allegedly haunted

cemetery lies 15 miles east of McPherson. It's called Jones, and there is not a person who's gone who hasn't sensed an undeniably strange presence there. In fact, a few McPherson College students went there a couple years ago on Halloween Eve only to see the batteries of their phones, cameras, and flashlights all drain and die upon entering the cemetery gates.

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# The Hot spot

BY: TAYLOR ADAMS

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF KERRY DOBBINS  
 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY



ROLE ON CAMPUS: Many students come in – and their experiences with history have been memorizing names and dates. That's not what historians do. I view my job as the real work of history.

HOMETOWN: I was raised in Duxbury, Mass., but I came here from Madison, Wis.

EDUCATION: I did my undergraduate work at Skidmore College, which wasn't as small as McPherson, but it was a liberal arts school. I knew after graduate school that I wanted to come back to a small liberal arts college. I did my graduate work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

EARLY MODERN ENGLAND: I was always obnoxious in history class. I was interested in politics and the United States' government. I always wondered where we got these ideas. I was told Locke and Rousseau – but that wasn't good enough. Finally, I

was told, "Kerry, we got it from England." I'm just interested in how people govern themselves.

McPHERSON COLLEGE: I am really enjoying it. It feels a lot more like Skidmore and a lot less like Madison. I was tired of being lost in a sea of people. I get to know all my students here – it's just the little things.

ANYTHING ELSE: I'm always happy to talk. There is usually always a historical background behind the movies, stories and television that students take in. It may not be what they expect, but I'm always happy to talk.

## MacPC: new political group provides outlet for students to raise awareness

TRICIA FENSKY  
 Spectator Staff

A new political group is taking shape on campus. McPherson Political Club, or MacPC, had their first meeting on Wednesday where discussion was held about when future meetings should occur.

The founder of MacPC, Kelsey Gray, sr., Golden Colo. said the goal of MacPC "is to act as a political outlet for students who are

opinionated, confused, needing answers, want to get involved, and to raise voter awareness."

MacPC has no specific political affiliation.

"To see students from all backgrounds, opinions, and beliefs, this is what makes us see who is in our world and how we can make it work for everyone," Gray said

During the '08 elections, some faculty held debate viewings and other political events on campus,

but Gray said the turnout was "dismal at best."

College is a time for education, and not just in the classroom.

"I like to see students on this campus have a chance to be educated and start to think about what they can be passionate about," Gray said.

"Our government is an integral part of our everyday life," Gray said. "Our founding fathers gave us the right to vote for a reason; it is a privilege to be able to have a

say in how our government is run." Future plans for MacPC include getting involved with the city and possibly volunteering with election booths, as well as running a campus voter registration project.

If students find themselves asking questions such as "How do I want my taxes spent?", "How much do I want to pay for taxes?" "What do I want my society to look like?" "Are all my rights being upheld?" or "Do I feel that everyone else's

rights are being upheld?", then the McPherson Political Club is the place to get involved and at least have a say in what they want our country to look like.

"Anyone and everyone should look at joining," Gray said. "All are welcome. The first thing we have to do is educate ourselves. This is a club to help students accomplish that and is a stepping off point for how to get involved and view politics for the rest of their lives."



# Looking into the Horizon Fund

By TRICIA FENSKY  
Spectator Staff



**Name:** Kalila Haddad

**Year:** Junior

**Hometown:** Kansas City, MO

**Project:** My project is trying to promote the automotive field to young women and men through my business and the school. I do automotive pinstripping and I have a 59 chevy. I plan on making highschool trips and setting up at local events to promote my business and also the auto program as an option for young adults. I also want to get into education down the road so I am hoping to set up workshops with the school. I essentially want to be a positive role model for young people who want to get into the field but may be intimidated or unsure through my business ventures and to show that anyone can do whatever it is they want career wise.



**Names:** Lane Allison & Tecie Turner

**Year:** Junior & Senior

**Hometown:** Greensburg & Scott City

**Project:** We are beginning the "Give It Back to Mac" program, dedicated to reducing waste and separating all recyclable material. With the bins, we have been able to collect plastic bottles and aluminum cans from students and from fans at sporting events. So far we have collected over 5,000 containers. With the Horizon Grant, we are developing a project to offer small recycling bins with a logo including McPherson College and our "Give It Back to Mac" phrase, and offer to pick up their recyclable material if they will host our bins with our information. This will provide advertising for our cause and for the college, while providing effective recycling for those participants. We are in the proce of selecting business that would be possible participants, and will be going to ask if they would like to join our cause and host a recycling bin.

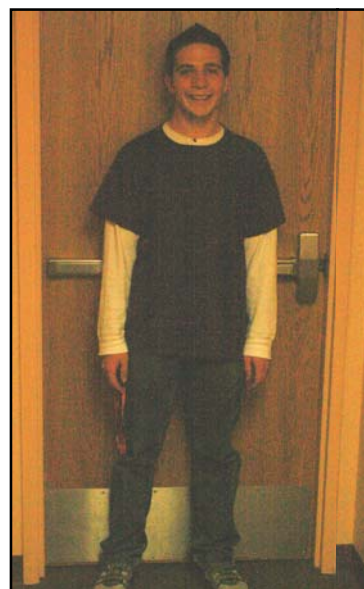


**Name:** Andrew Paschall

**Year:** Senior

**Hometown:** Clarksville, MI

**Project:** I want to create an advertising agency focused on small business. My grant is to help support the creation of a business plan and hopes he can help the businesses in McPherson with more publicity.



**Name:** Jacob Patrick

**Year:** Freshman

**Hometown:** Elizabeth, Colo.

**Project:** My project is to have a 4 day leadership camp for high school students across the state of Kansas. The conference will center around my leadership curriculum that I am developing and will be primarily facilitated by McPherson College students instead of expensive leadership handlers that can't really relate to the student perspective of leadership. My project has become a partnership with the college to put on the conference.

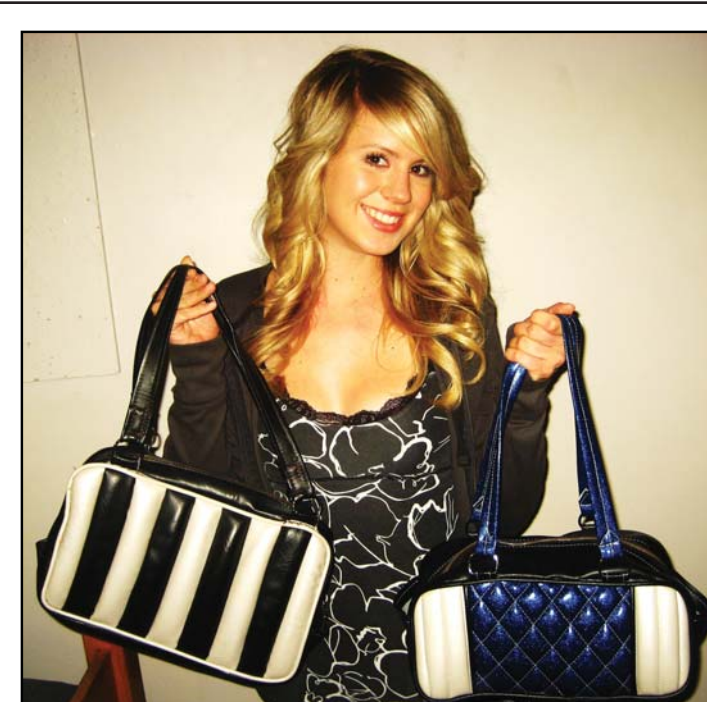


**Name:** Audrey Secker

**Year:** Senior

**Hometown:** Lancaster, Penn.

**Project:** My plan is to start a day care co-op on campus. Instead of paying for day care students, faculty and staff with children would donate their time to babysitting other people's children. I am a senior but I hope that I can make the day care sustainable so that it will be here for a long time. I am still working on finding a room for the day care and finding students who would be interested in helping with the project. I hope to have the day care up and running by January.



**Name:** Brittney Shoulders

**Year:** Freshmen

**Hometown:** Rialto, Calif.

**Project:** I received my grant for making retro purses. The purses are a classic inspiration from the 40s and 50s that have a place in modern day fashion. They are a great accessory to many styles from classy and chic to fun and bright. They are made from a strong vinyl material that comes in a wide variety of colors including metal flake (glittery vinyl). Currently, I am waiting on some parts for the sewing machine that will make the process of the purse making easier. As of right now I am designing a flier that will help advertise. I am also drawing out some sample designs so people can get an idea of the many different choices that are going to be available. I am going to be ordering a book that has a bunch of sample vinyl for people to look through and chose from. I am also going to create a website. I am looking forward to seeing where these purses take me. Right now I am just excited to be making them for everyone, and seeing the different designs and combinations that people suggest. It is going to be a fun experience, and I am looking forward to seeing my purses around.



## REVIEW IT: SECRETARIAT



Determination breeds new type of horse movie

Secretariat was one of those movies which had a trailer that was completely accurate in communicating its feel. It's a movie that you can tell is a true story by its feel and plot structure.

It begins when Penny Chenery gets a phone call that her mother has died. That's what brings her back to her father's ranch and rekindles her interest in horses and horse racing. At first it doesn't seem that she's the hard-as-nails character that's shown in the trailer, but that's soon dispelled when she uncovers a hint that her father's trainer might be double-dealing with another ranch and fires him on the spot.

Eventually, by fighting through financial difficulties and the protests of everyone around her, especially her brother and her husband, she finds herself the owner

of a new colt that they name Big Red, who is eventually known as Secretariat. Though one difficulty after another is piled onto her, be it six million dollar inheritance taxes or losing touch with her family, her sheer force of will helps push Secretariat on towards winning the Triple Crown.

This movie had some interesting elements to it. There were some things that they tried to tie together that, in my opinion, weren't affecting each other at all. I'll explain: Penny is the most determined and driven character I have ever encountered in film or in a book. She is flirting with blind, senseless determination for most of the movie. Near the end they try to make the case that it is her determination that is driving Secretariat, and that if he were owned by someone else he wouldn't have run as fast. I didn't believe that. Secretariat would have destroyed the competition no matter who owned him. Penny's determination was inspiring most of the time, but there were a couple of times where I wanted

to grab her and tell her to wake up and think. The methods she employed to ensure her success worked, but they were extremely far-fetched and reckless. It was indeed a movie that didn't let me guess correctly about what was about to happen next.

Personally, as horse movies go, I thought that Seabiscuit was better. The core of this story was determination, determination, determination. Secretariat himself was a smaller piece of the plot, although he was extremely important. The story was about Penny, and I didn't think she learned very much as a character. Her belief that her own will would see her through anything was reaffirmed. Seabiscuit had more heart to it. It was about the great change that the jockey and the horse went through together. That's not to say I didn't enjoy Secretariat, or that it wasn't good. I just didn't feel very much for the characters. Then again, my dad was tearing up next to me at the end, so maybe I missed something.

## Costume trends for Halloween 2010

ASHLEY CALDWELL  
Spectator Staff

Trick or Treat, Trick or Treat, give me something good to eat!

It is that time of the year again, where the pumpkins are set on the porch, the candy is set out, and the costumes are put on. Even college-age students enjoy dressing up during this fun "pretend" season.

What are some of the college students dressing up as this year? What is popular?

Seth Williams, Jr., Davenport, Neb., said "dressing up as a Spartan is a popular choice", while Jordan Cox, fr., Leon, on the other hand claims that the "Snookie

look," with big poofed-up hair, heavy dark makeup, tall heels, and a tight black dress is the best way to go for Halloween.

Senior Amanda Larsen claims that "boys always create homemade costumes that cost little to nothing, and girls spend fifty dollars on outfits that barely cover anything."

From the popular Lady Gaga look, to characters of recent movie releases such as Avatar, to even dressing as a vampire to join the Cullens, most of this year's Halloween costumes are based off of the media— what we listen to on the radio, see in the theaters, or watch on television. The most pop-

ular Halloween costumes this October are inspired by what is popular with the teenage generation.

We will see how the MAC college students will dress up this year, and see what is popular in their opinion.

Some may go and spend fifty dollars on a cheaply made revealing ensemble, and some may throw together an outfit found in their dorm room that is free.

However they may dress, Halloween costumes not only represent what interests they have or what they like, but reflect on their character and creativity. So McPherson students, show your creativity this Halloween season!