

Winning streak falters, team still pushes on



Photo by Allison Hartley

Jordan Crawford dribbles against opponent. Kansas Wesleyan tried to maintain a steady defense but the Bulldogs proved to be determined to keep their winning streak.

DUSTY KITCHEN
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The Bulldogs have earned their second consecutive national tournament as they will take on No. 6 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.) in the first round of the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship on Thursday, March 10 in Point Lookout, Mo. The game will tip at 12:00 p.m. (CST) inside Keeter Gymnasium.

Embry-Riddle proves to be a tough opponent for the Bulldogs, carrying some experience in post-season play. They come into the national tournament champions of the Sun Conference after beating Northwood University (Fla.) in a thrilling 70-69 double overtime win. Embry-Riddle hasn't been ranked lower than 10th all season long in the NAIA Coaches'

poll, and in 12 trips to the national tournament, boast a 15-10 record including a NAIA Championship in 2000.

Bulldog's guard Samson Shivers says the team just need to keep their heads up to get things done.

"This is my first year in going to the national tournament, second for the team, and it's going to be a great experience playing some very good teams," Shivers said. "All we have to do is stay positive like coach has told us and keep our heads up. Play every game hard and fight to the very end."

The Bulldogs have some momentum of their own, winning their last 11 of their 13 final games. Their only two losses were to Conference tournament Champions Sterling College including a rough 77-62 loss in the KCAC Championship game.

The KCAC Championship game

began with the two sides trading baskets going into half with the score tied at 31-31. A shooting drought in the second half proved to be the Bulldog's downfall as Sterling's Zach Goodrich put up 25 for the game and Zach Poole added 22 points. Mason Hewitt led the Bulldogs with 10 points including two late threes, but it wasn't enough to get the Bulldogs back from the Sterling run.

Shivers and forward Jordan Crawford have been named to the All-KCAC first team. Along with first team honors, Crawford was selected to the All-Defensive team, while Shivers earned All-Freshman honors. Guard Aaron Frazier also received honorable mention status.

The winner of the matchup will advance to meet the winners Northwestern (Iowa) and Warner Pacific (Ore.).

Striding it out

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Spectator Staff

The track and field team has had a busy indoor season, with a total of four indoor meets.

On February 12th, the team went to Highland Community College for the Scottie Classic, where they had many top ten finishes, and quite a few visits to the podium

On the women's side, they swept the podium for the 3000 meter run. Ashley Huizar, Jr., Distance, took 1st with a time of 11:36.87, Payton Hartman, Fr., Distance, finished 2nd at 11:51.05, and Erin Loeffler, Fr., Distnace, rounded off the sweep at 12:17.56.

Huizar was pleased with how the race finished.

"They were a little behind schedule which threw me off a little," Huizar said, "but it went well. I had a good race."

When asked about the sweep, Huizar said, "I really was surprised because I didn't think it would happen. I'm happy we were able to take the top three spots."

Other top finishers included Breanna Pendleton, Fr., Thrower, and Megan Pohlman, Fr., Thrower, taking 1st and 3rd in the weight throw with throws of 12.96 meters and 11.38 meters, respectively.

On the men's side, Javier Ceja, Jr., Distnace, and Geovanni Popoca took 1st and 2nd in the 3000 meter run with times of 8:28.78 and 8:58.95, respectively. Josh Nilles, Jr., Distnace, took 3rd in the 1000 meter run with a time of 2:49.84, Jason Amador took 2nd in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.76 seconds, and David Parry, Jr., Distnace, took 2nd in the 600 meter run with a time of 1:28.09.

Parry had nothing but good things to say about the season.

"I feel like the indoor season went pretty well," Parry said. "The whole team put in a really good effort, and it gave us a solid foundation to build off of for the outdoor season."

Derrick Toney, Jr., Mulit, tied for

2nd in the high jump, completing a jump of 1.98 meters, and Nolan Dreiling, Fr., Throws, took 2nd in shotput with a throw of 13.56 meters.

On February 18th, the team went to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the Nebraska Tune-Up, which is the last meet before the national competition.

Top finishers for the women included Huizar taking 10th in the 5000 meter run and Pendleton taking 8th in the weight throw, throwing a distance of 14.84 meters.

When asked about the season, Pendleton said, "I feel like my indoor season went fairly well. At first I was upset when I didn't qualify for nationals, but now it has just motivated me to work harder in outdoor so I can qualify there. This was my first indoor season, and I feel like it was good, but next year will be even better."

For the men's side, Ceja took 3rd in the 5000 meter run with a time of 14:56.56, Daniel Sorenson took 6th in the 3000 meter run with a time of 8:42.42, Toney took 5th in high jump with a jump of 1.96 meters, and Dreiling took 9th in shotput with a throw of 13.01 meters.

Four of the competitor's on the men's side finished well enough to qualify for the national competition, which is held in Geneva, Ohio.

Toney and Garrett Sharp, Soph., Jumps, both qualified for the high jump, coming in ranked at 20th and 22nd, Ceja qualified for the 5000 meter run, ranked in 9th place, and Sorenson qualified for the 3000 meter run, ranked in 18th place.

The national competition begins on March 3rd and runs through the 5th. Sorenson will be the first of the group to compete, starting the preliminaries at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 3rd. The finals for the 3000 meter will be on Friday, March 4th, at 2:20 p.m. Ceja will run in the finals on Friday, March 4th, at 3:10 p.m. Toney and Sharp will begin on Thursday, February 3rd, at 3:00 p.m.

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Men take second in conference



Photo by Allison Hartley

Team represents KCAC in national tournament

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Tournament t-shirts for sale

T-shirts are being sold to commemorate the men's basketball second consecutive trip to the NAIA men's basketball tournament in Branson, Mo. Orders are due to Amanda Leclair, director of athletic operations, by noon today. Payment must be made at the time of order. T-shirts will be ready on Monday.

Caf closed for supper tonight

There will be a service banquet in the caf tonight and it will not be open to students for the evening meal. Food services is giving gift certificates to Pizza Hut. Students that live on campus can pick up their gift certificate from their RA or RD. Students that live off campus can pick up their gift certificates from Karen Caylor.

Art exhibited in Friendship Hall

Friendship Hall is home to the 10th annual Central Kansas Art Educators Exhibition. There is work from 23 public school art educators and, new this year, seven retired art educators. The artwork will be up for the rest of the month of March.



Photos by Shannon Williams

Patrick vs. Rotering Results for SGA presidential election released today

SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor

Student Government Association election results are announced today. The presidential debate was held last Friday in Siek Dining Hall.

Freshmen presidential candidates Jacob Patrick, Elizabeth, Colo., and Paul Rotering, Colorado Springs, answered student

questions before voting occurred yesterday.

David Parry, jr., Morganville, is running for vice president with Patrick and Kati Beam, jr., McPherson is running with Rotering.

"Competition is always a good thing to have," Rotering said. "It makes you work a little bit harder."

Current SGA President Lane

Allison, jr., Greensburg, led the debate as the moderator by asking questions of his own. Students present were also allowed time to ask questions, either out loud or by texting them to a posted number. Patrick was pleased with the turnout at the debate.

"I believe it's a good forum where students can ask all their questions," Patrick said.

Patrick's main goal, if elected to the position, is to better the communication between the students and the administration. Patrick would like to hold "town hall meetings" where students would be invited to talk and share concerns and opinions before executive board meetings.

"He's very confident and knows what he wants," Rotering said. "He has a lot of good ideas. If I win I would still want him on my board and I would like to use some of his strong ideas in SGA."

Rotering's main goal, if elected, is to emphasize community service on campus. Rotering has a strong background in community service. He would also like to get more student input and more campus involvement.

"I would define Paul as a very passionate person," Patrick said. "I'm glad we both share a passion for this community and college."

Results from the presidential election and the elections of the other SGA positions will be sent today via email.

SGA works to boost club service

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Photo Editor

Student Government Association encourages other on-campus organizations to participate in Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake on Saturday, March 12.

Tecie Turner, sr., Scott City, has been involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program since she was 16.

Turner, as a Big and a member of SGA, is encouraging clubs to compete in Bowl for Kids Sake to support the organization because it is a fun and easy way to show support for the children in our chapter.

"I know that a lot of clubs search for service projects and I, personally, feel strongly about Big Brothers Big Sisters, so I brought the idea to the board to propose to other clubs," Turner said.

There is a \$250 entry fee. Each team must raise at least \$50 to participate and teams that raise \$100 for each team member will receive free t-shirts.

Several clubs have already taken the initiative to sign up for the project and begin raising funds for the program and their teams. They have a choice to participate at 1, 3 or 5 p.m.

"We suggested it to the clubs that it would be a neat service and it would help out the community," said SGA President Lane Allison, jr., Greensburg.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a donor-supported volunteer organization that makes a positive, long-lasting impact on the lives of children in our community. The program provides mentoring services to children ages six to seventeen by matching them with a role model.

Bowl for Kids Sake makes up over one-third of the operating budget for the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

Ozbun named 1st team

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In her final season, Kristen Ozbun was named to the 2011 women's basketball All-KCAC first team at a ceremony during the halftime of the men's championship game Monday night at Hartman Arena.

Ozbun received first team honors for the first time in her career as she led the Bulldogs to a 6-22 overall record on the year and a 4-14 mark in KCAC play.

Ozbun led the team in scoring average with 14.2 points per game this season. She ends her career ranked third on the Bulldogs all-time scoring list with 1,255 points in 106 games, including streak 79 consecutive starts.

Ozbun ended the season with 20 games of double figure scoring, including a school record 38 points against Bethel College on

December 9. She led or tied for the team high in scoring in 18 of the 28 games McPherson played this season.

Outside of scoring, Ozbun was second on the team with 55 assists, while ranking third in total rebounds with 130. She also tallied up seven blocks 37 steals.

Previously, Ozbun had twice been selected to the All-KCAC honorable mention squad.

Other season ending stats included Elice Frey, leading the team in blocks with 22 with Tori Verdeick behind her with 17. Frey also led the team on the year with 162 rebounds with Madison Chambers behind her with 145. Chambers led the Bulldogs in steals as well with 54, followed by Brooke Weisenburger who had 39.

McPherson's season concluded following a 57-44 loss at eventual KCAC tournament runner-up Sterling College on February 19.

Swinging forward

SHANNON WILLIAMS
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The Bulldog softball team redeemed itself Wednesday with wins against Central Christian College, after a rough weekend at the USAO February Fiesta in Chickasha, Okla.

"It's a confidence booster," said Head Coach Mike McCormick. "We played some tough games last weekend, and we have a tough weekend ahead of us."

It swept Central Christian in a double header, 9-1 and 10-1.

Junior pitcher Katie Logan started off the first game for the Bulldogs. She allowed only one run and two hits on the game. The Bulldogs drove their first win by being strong at bat.

Sophomore pitcher Kelsey Dutton handled the next game by

pitching a no hitter and helping the team seal its final win against the Tigers. Senior third baseman Ashley Luthye also hit a homerun.

"The win helped our team gain momentum for the rest of the week," said freshman second baseman Morgan Zenefski.

The Bulldogs play William Jewell College in McPherson on Thursday. This weekend it plays in a tournament at Friends University in Wichita. On Friday it plays Briar Cliff University at 10 a.m. and Central Methodist University at noon. On Saturday it plays Benedictine College at noon, Northwestern Oklahoma State University at 4 p.m. and Graceland University at 6 p.m. The Bulldogs are back at home next Thursday against MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Rough love

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The 2011 Bulldog tennis season for men's and women's started out with a few bumps attempting to hinder the season's progress.

"The loss of Coach Sydney was hard, but he left for the right reasons. We wish him and his daughter good luck," said Wrylie Finkle, Jr., Wichita, Kansas.

The temporary replacement, LaMonte Rothrock, is thought of as an ideal coach and is seen as someone with a lot of knowledge for the game of tennis.

"LaMonte is a great coach," said Jessica Vincent, Jr., Hutchinson, Kansas. "I think it's hard for him to balance his work load and be a fulltime coach. He is doing a great job."

Rothrock's efforts to be a good coach as well as Dean of Students does not go unnoticed by both teams.

"LaMonte was the assistant coach last year, so we've already worked together," said Vyacheslav Bukatin, Soph., Moscow, Russia. "So far I really like him as a coach. In the team, we are all friends with him, but at the same time, we still respect him. We all know that his is very busy being the Dean of Students, and that's why we appreciate his help even more."

Even though the loss of Bwayla was unfortunate, the teams know they need to move on and keep chugging forward.

"Sydney was a professional player," said Ronaldo Filho, Soph., San Paulo, Brazil, "so technically it is a big loss. But now we just wish him the best and the work has to continue."

Besides the loss of a great asset to the team, the weather has also been fighting against the team's productivity.

"The team has been practicing hard so far, and they show a lot of energy toward the upcoming season," said LaMonte Rothrock, head coach. "The weather was unfortunately posing a problem, but



photo by Allison Hartley

Junior Cody Compton returns a teammates' serve during practice.

we were able to make the most of it."

Most of the men and women's players also agree that practices have been beneficial.

"Our practices are very hard and productive," said Thiago Silva, Fr., Novo Hamburgo, Brazil.

Though the practices have been constructive, the time has been limited.

"I feel practices have been really good so far," Finkle said, "I just wish we would have had more of them before our first match on Saturday."

Despite the hardships, all players anticipate the upcoming season.

"I'm looking forward to our

tournaments, but I'm dreading the long bus ride with the stinky boys!" Vincent said.

"I am looking forward to getting to travel and play against some tough teams to make us better," Finkle said.

All in all, both teams want to improve their game and come out hitting hard. This can be accomplished with Rothrock's help.

"My goal is to help make all the players better by the end of the year," Rothrock said. "They need to feel like they gave everything they had."

The first tennis tournament of the season is this Saturday at Emporia at 12 P.M.

Couple of 'dogs' making it big

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Mascarenas throws a pass. Started every game as quarterback. Completed 35 touchdowns during 2010 season.

Two Bulldog football players, Shane Mascarenas and Travis Eason, signed with the Wichita Wild of the Indoor Football League (IFL).

Hard work, determination, and a drive to succeed allowed these two players to further their careers in football beyond the D2 college level.

"I think what qualifies them is their production this season and their ability level," said Joe Bettasso, head football coach. "To be playing for a team like the Wild, you have to be identified as a very talented football player that used your tools."

Mascarenas and Eason have worked hard to be where they are today.

"I'll go out and kick before anyone else is out there," said Travis Eason, Senior, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

However, being the best on an IFL team isn't going to come easy.

"I think they will face the same challenges that incoming freshman face when they come to college," Bettasso said.

"There is an adjustment to the speed and the level of competition that will have to be made. They also have to get used to how indoor football is played. The field dimension are different and the rules are slightly different."

With the increase of game speed and level of competition, Mascarenas and Eason will have to step up to meet what is expected of them being part of the Wichita Wild team.

"All it takes is one look at them to know that they spend time physically working hard," Bettasso said. "They both need to continue

two athletes to their goals.

"I would tell them to keep working hard," Bettasso said. "They have to look at it like this: every player on every team they play against now has the talent level to be 1st team KCAC performer or better, so there will be plenty of ups and downs this season."

"They will also have talented football players challenging them for playing time on their own team. They need to constantly be looking forward. Don't be satisfied with your success, build on it. And don't dwell on your failures, learn from it," Bettasso said.

With encouragement from friends, family, and coaches, Eason and Mascarenas will enter the Wichita Wild IFL with heads high and mentally set on going out and doing what they know how to do – play the game of football.

"I hope they both use this opportunity as a way to create more opportunities in their football careers," Bettasso said. "They have earned an opportunity that a very small percentage of college players get, a chance to continue their football careers and hopefully get noticed."

Eason and Mascaaranes are practicing three days a week in Wichita.

The Wild's first game is March 7th in Nebraska at 7:05 p.m. The first home game for Wild at Hartman Arena will be March 12th at 7:05 p.m.



Eason kicks a field goal in a 2010 season game. Big things are expected of him and Mascarenas as they train for the Wild. Travis was named one of the Five Wild Players to watch in the Wichita Eagle.

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Professor's art displayed at Lindsborg gallery

Wayne Conyers, professor of art, is showing one of his largest works displayed at the Birger Sandzen Art Gallery in Lindsborg during the months of March and April. His exhibition includes 52 works of art and is titled "I Think I See A Pattern Developing Here." There will be an opening reception this Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

Enrollment shows increase for spring

From Spring 2010, there has been an 11 percent increase in full-time students, 25 percent increase in part-time students and a 13 percent increase in headcount. The college currently has 550 full-time students and 109 part-time students, which makes a total headcount of 659 students.

College hosts math competition

400 students from 23 different high schools attended the fifth annual math competition at McPherson College.

Michael Reynolds, professor of mathematics, came up with the idea for the math competition in 2007. It is also a good recruiting day for McPherson College.

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Dorms vandalized BB gun breaks glass door, damages windows in dorms

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Students preparing to begin a Bible study in the Bittering Hall lobby last Wednesday were interrupted when the glass of the front door shattered.

The shattered glass was caused by a BB gun that was confiscated by LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, later that evening. Windows were also damaged on the west side of Bittering Hall and on the north side of Morrison hall.

"The BB that hit the door caused the glass to crack, splinter and eventually fall out," Rothrock said.

Bittering Resident Assistant, Savannah Sievers, jr., St. John, was one of three people in the lobby when the glass from the front door shattered.

"I called the RD and made sure that no one walked in who wasn't aware there was glass," Sievers said.

The student in possession of the BB gun will experience disciplinary consequences

"In situations like this it is typi-



Photo by Betsy Shaffer

Students stand in the Bittering hallway while glass is cleaned up in the lobby.

cal if people work with residence life repairing the damages and then they will have other potential consequences," Rothrock said.

BB guns are among a list of items not allowed on campus. Pellet guns are also included on this list.

The glass in the door was replaced the next day.



Photo by Betsy Shaffer

Savannah Sievers, jr., St. John and Allison Snyder, soph., Adel, Iowa, inspect to see what caused the door to crack. There were several windows damaged with BB guns in both Bittering Hall and Morrison Hall.

College hires architect to conduct space study

SHANNON WILLIAMS
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During the fall semester and throughout interterm, architect Chip Parker conducted a study on campus to see how the college is using the space available.

Parker has done studies for large corporations such as IBM. At McPherson College, Parker was trying to see how McPherson College uses the space it has.

The study was split into two sections. During the fall semester,

Parker did what President Michael Schneider called the "hard study." "Our architect goes around and measures everything," Schneider said. "He looks at everything and assesses the facts and the plans currently placed."

During January and February, Parker conducted the "soft study", going around and gathering feedback from the campus community.

Parker prepared a report for the college that included the college's current conditions, his general

findings and observations, campus issues and a summation with suggestions for what the college should do as enrollment continues to grow.

"We've got good space and we need to find good ways to use it and better ways to use it," Schneider said.

In conjunction, the board and the campus will decide how these needs should be met and how they fit into the fundraising context. From there, they will prioritize and figure out how the updates

will be paid for and how funding will be taken care of in the next fiscal year.

"We'll share our initial findings with the board and we will be talking with him [Parker] to engage in the campus and create a campus master plan for us to work towards for the next five to ten years that will change depending on how we grow," Schneider said.

The board will discuss the master plan and how the space study fits in it this weekend at its meeting.

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Student services promotes self-help website

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McPherson College is planning a campaign to encourage students to use the website www.ULifeline.org as first-line self-help during emotional crises.

ULifeline is an online resource full of information on emotional health and ways for students to get help if they need it. Its primary goal is the prevention of teenage suicide.

“What WebMD is to people who are sick, ULifeline is to people who have emotional or life issues in college,” said Kelli Johnson, personal counselor.

Johnson has taken it upon herself to bring ULifeline resources to campus in her office and through her publications.

Johnson hopes that a readily accessible internet resource will be able to help a wider number of students, especially at times of day when other support systems

may not be available. It could be beneficial to students who feel too shy to visit Kelli’s office.

“Sometimes these issues are hard to talk to someone about,” Johnson said. “I understand that as much as anybody.”

ULifeline offers a wealth of articles, tips, stories, polls, statistics, and other information to help promote stress management and emotional well-being.

“My favorite part of ULifeline is the self-evaluator,” Johnson

said. “Anyone can log on and take the test.”

The test, designed by the American Psychological Association, evaluates risk factors that could be contributing to a person’s emotional distress, and suggests possible courses of action. Because McPherson College is signed up on ULifeline, the doctors and counselors the test recommends are all local as long as the student indicates that they attend Mac.

The self-evaluator is completely

anonymous and confidential, and can be taken for yourself or for someone else. Johnson already uses it regularly for diagnostics in her office.

“I have the greatest confidence in its ability,” Johnson said.

If you or someone you know is having an issue, don’t hesitate to seek help. ULifeline.org has resources to assist you.

“We’re making a big push for everyone to go and check it out,” Johnson said.

College hires first entrepreneurship fellow Gatewood joins college staff

SHANNON WILLIAMS
News Editor



Betsy Gatewood

it comes to developing entrepreneurship programs at colleges and universities in the United States.

“She has a vision for what we can accomplish for a smaller setting like McPherson College,” Eaton said.

President Michael Schneider said that the faculty respects her and he believes that she is a good addition, since McPherson College needs more leadership in this area.

“She brings a passion to lift up liberal arts in a unique way,” Schneider said.

Gatewood is looking forward to working with McPherson College students, staff and faculty to enhance liberal arts and entrepreneurship at the college.

“Dr. Gatewood is key to the success of entrepreneurship in education at McPherson College,” Schneider said. “Bringing her knowledge to campus will help create an incredible student experience.

ial education in the country, and we wanted to have the best person,” Eaton said.

Gatewood will be working with Eaton on establishing curriculum, coordinating faculty development, leading networking and fundraising for entrepreneurship and recruiting students. She brings a large amount of experience when

K9 unit may visit campus

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Editor-in-Chief

An accident on Gordon street involving two students forces student services to invite the K9 unit on campus periodically after one of the students was arrested for possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and no proof of insurance.

“The police were given a tip that there might be other items in the car that they should be aware of,” said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. “The police brought in additional officers and the K9 unit.”

Illegal substances on college campuses are becoming more prevalent, and Student Services is being forced to deal with.

“It’s important students understand that it’s our job to prepare you for your career, and some of the choices students make are not life-long choices,” Rothrock said. “I’m open to the idea, and I think after visiting with the residence life staff, we’re open to the concept of the K9 unit coming to campus. If you’re making the right choices

it’s no big deal. If you’re making the wrong choices, yes, you probably get nervous about those kinds of things.”

Currently Tabor, Bethany, Sterling and Central Christian College all use the K9 unit. It is a service that the state pays for, so there is no additional cost to the college.

The police department bringing the dogs on campus doesn’t require the college to turn students in.

“If we bring the dogs on campus and they hit a car, or they hit a room, what are our policy and procedures going to be in terms of dealing with it?” Rothrock said. “We can turn it over solely to the authorities. We can deal with it ourselves. There are lots of options.”

Discussions are going to be taking place within the next couple of weeks with administration, cabinet members and other members of the campus community.

“When we change policies and procedures, it’s important that everybody understands why we’re doing it, where we’re going with it, and how we’re going to handle it,” Rothrock said.

Baseball team off to a sluggish start

RONALDO FILHO
Spectator Staff

Despite the frustration of four losses during the weekend, the baseball team got back on its feet.

“We felt proud of ourselves, we put the ball on game, the team played a good defense and the most important, we competed equally,” said Josh Barnett, assistant coach.

The first couple meetings against the Hillcats on Friday, the Bulldogs suffered a 7-0 and a 14-4 upset. Caleb Hartman, Jr., from Moundridge, Kan., pitched 2.1 innings allowing six runs on six hits, and Jared Reed, Fr., from Mansfield, Texas., pitched 3.2 innings allowing just one run while striking out one opponent during the first game.

First basemen Chase Evans, Fr., from White Oak, Texas., finished the game with three doubles, a runs-batted-in (RBI), and a run score. Designated hitter Steven Paramore, Soph., from Mansfield, Texas., got the other RBI for the Bulldogs on Saturday’s opening game finishing with a double loss of 5-3 and 11-1.

“We definitely played a good team,” said catcher Ian Richards,

Soph., from Dallas, Texas, “but we did well for the first time in the field as a team. The biggest rival in the conference is going to be Tabor. We expect to win, we are a big family, we expect a lot more than a first year team’s program should expect.

The offense is a concern for the Bulldog’s coaching staff. The baseball team scored only eight runs in the four games against Roger State University. Although offensively the team may struggle, the defense is already a great weapon.

“I think if we figure our offense, go there and play, put the strikes on, we can compete well,” Barnett said. “We don’t have a lot of depth on pitching. We need to work on that, but I’m really excited because this weekend they really showed they can play solid on defense.”

The new athletic program of MAC seems to be on the right track towards a successful future.

“We have a good group of kid,” Barnett said. “They stick together and work hard. I think this weekend was kind of a learning point for us. We don’t have a field yet. We are still hitting in the cage, but we are going to get better by practicing in the field.”

Looking forward to the beginning of conference, the new group shows confidence.

“We have two games and the rest of the week off,” Barnett said. “We have to continue playing solid defense and just go do the right thing.”

The Bulldogs play Sterling college today, March 4th, home at 5 p.m.



Photos by Amy Huxtable

Bulldog catcher prepares to receive baseball. The transition from gym practices to field games required some adaptation from the players. Even though the team is off to a rough start, the performance shows promise for a more success in later games.

New movies not worth student's time, money

Here at McPherson College we have the opportunity to have \$2 dollar Tuesdays. To all who make that possible, thank you. It is appreciated.

Unfortunately, the amount of homework due is not the only factor that affects whether I attend or not.

More often than not I have noticed that even with such an economical deal, there are weeks that go by when there isn't a movie interesting enough to warrant the time spent watching, no matter what the amount of savings are.

The last time our nation was charging only two dollars for movies was around 1975. A great movie came out that year, "Jaws." Some very suspenseful music, trick camera work and well, very realistic (for its time) sharks were used to scare the wits out of movie-goers.

Hosts of people were quite reluctant to wade into the water after seeing a Great White have more than a mouthful of tender white-meat for lunch.

SHANE SAYS



Shane Dresser

We can look back on it today and laugh, but in all honesty, it was money well spent. If you really want to know if it's still got that fear factor, try showing it to a young nephew or niece the night before you take them to a water park, the younger and more naive the better.

For any opposed to watching the top of our ocean's food chain bested by a scrawny scientist, rest as-

sured, only neoprene sharks were killed in the making of the film.

Other movies for 1975 were "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and "One Flew Over the Coo-koo's Nest," each classic in their own right.

One classic in particular that can be heard quoted out of the mouths of babes and AARP card holders alike is "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Who hasn't smiled upon hearing someone murmur the lines 'bring out your dead' or 'It's just a flesh wound'?

As Hollywood continues to vie for our business, I notice depictions of heroics that continue to stretch the limits of possibility. It's a major discrepancy that I see inflicting many of our movies as the disregard for realism seems to rule the screen.

Our heros emerge from plunges into icy rivers after dropping from high bridges, dodging bullets underwater and breathing from old tire air to make it to shore with little signs of hypothermia, or even the shivers; somewhere in there

the laws of thermodynamics gets snubbed in exchange for unbelievable heroics.

Maybe a heroin jumps from a highway overpass onto moving trucks, or a car flies from an overpass landing violently on its roof while the occupants merely moan about whether they have insurance or not.

It seems as funny or exciting as these movies can be that perhaps the director slept through that part of Physics class when Newton's Laws were being explained.

I often wonder which movies of our days will stand the test of time to be remembered 30-some years from now.

Summer blockbusters are by now almost tradition, but it doesn't necessarily mean they contain the greatest amount of quality.

A great movie that delivers thought provoking suspense with futuristic predic-

tions of our obsession with perfection (sans ignoring physics) is the movie "Gattaca."

It's an unpredictable mind-bender, which, for me is always a great sell.

Also, check out "Good Night, and Good Luck." Communication Majors and anyone who has ever felt a need for dissention will appreciate this one.

At the very least, watch The Holy Grail, and look for the 'violence inherent in the system.' Some movies are worth watching even at the full price.



Photo by Shannon Williams

Students moved into new apartment-style dorms located north of Melhorn Science Hall in January. The dedication for Harter Hall will take place today at 10:30 a.m.

Harter Hall dedicated this morning

AUDREY SECKER Editor-in-Chief

Harter Hall was completed in time for students to move in on before interterm classes began and will be dedicated today.

At 10:30 a.m., a dedication will be held for the new dorm. President Schneider and Craig Little, chair of the board, will speak at the event. The dedication will be followed by a tour through one of the two-bedroom apartments, one

of the four-bedroom apartments, the RD apartment and the commons area.

Moving into the dorms went smoothly, and there have only been a few minor problems reported since the move in during the month of January.

"We haven't built a residence hall in 13 years," said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. "There may be some little things we missed. We realized fairly soon that the students really want the windows

covered. We thought maybe they'd want their windows wide open. Hanging venetian blinds is part of the process."

There have also been heating and cooling issues and issues with the handicap showers' water flowing in a straight line to the floor. Modifications are being made to fix the issues.

"The responses I've heard from students is that they just really like this space," Rothrock said. "We haven't had any real negatives."



Cari Lott

Lott welcomed as associate dean for assessment

AUDREY SECKER Editor-in-Chief

The college is adding a new dean position to the college. Cari Lott will be joined the college Tuesday, March 1 as the associate dean for assessment and institutional research.

Lott will collect data on both academics and student life and help to implement goals based on those results. She will be a critical part

of the accreditation process for the college in 2015.

"We've wanted this position at the college for over ten years, but we haven't had the resources," said Kent Eaton, dean of faculty.

Lott will have the job of helping the college assess everything done on campus, assess how the college is doing and help with develop very specific plans for improvement. Much of Lott's position is about finding out how to improve

Board meets today

SHANNON WILLIAMS News Editor

The Board of Trustees will meet this Friday and Saturday to discuss important plans for the college.

Committees will meet Friday. On Saturday, the board will cover items from the strategic planning committee, the financial affairs committee, the admissions and advancement committee, academic affairs and student life committee and the committee on trustees. President Michael Schneider said that strategic planning will be the main focus of this board meeting.

"We have been doing lots of things focused around graduation rates and improving our liberal arts program and looking at our facility study and looking at our next comprehensive campaign, so now it's time to put all that together in the context of our strategic plan so we're all on the same page," Schneider said.

The board will be discussing a master plan for the college to carry out for the next five to six years. They will take the space study done by independent architect, Chip Parker, into consideration for the master plan.

Things that it will discuss that directly affects the students are the addition of an entrepreneurial minor to campus, tuition and fees for the Fall 2011 semester and the

Board will review

- Endowment spending rate & expense
- Operating budget & 3-year plan
- Annual Review & investment policy
- Master Plan
- Acceptance of management's response to audit findings
- Trustee Elections
- Young Alumni Awards
- Faculty tenure, promotion, emeritus status

government budget cuts.

This is the board's second and final meeting for this school year. Annually, it meets once every semester and once for a training retreat during the summer. The board will be in session most of Friday and Saturday morning.

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'Putman County' to be performed as McCullough's senior project

ALLISON SNYDER
Spectator Staff

Spell "acouchi". That is just one of the words that competitors of "The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee" will have to contend with. This musical comedy will be performed in Mingenback Theatre on March 10-12th.

This play received rave reviews from its first showing on Broadway, receiving two Tony Awards, and has been produced in high schools and colleges around the world. It is now time for McCullough College to try their hand at this entertaining play.

At first glance, "Putman County" appears to be just an ordinary spelling bee and a hilarious comedy, but as the play progresses, the audience will learn that there is more to it than meets the eye.

This play is highly interactive. The whole audience will be encouraged to participate. Director Tabitha McCullough, jr., from Hill City, says that this makes the play different and more interactive.

This is the first play that McCullough is directing.

"This has been a good learning experience and a challenge before my senior project," McCullough said. "I have never been involved with musical theater and improv but this has been fun."

Improv is an important part of this play. The four audience members add a variation to each night and the cast of the play needs to interact differently with each of them. "You can't prepare for the improv," says Alyse Crist, fr., Quinter.

The kids competing in the spelling bee are very different from each other. Crist described her character, Olive Ostrovsky, as "a shy girl from an empty home." Other characters include a boy with a touchy personality and the "Magic Foot", an overachiever that is tired of winning, a young, political activist with two gay fathers and a boy scout that hits puberty at the most inopportune time. Mark Dowdy, jr., Huntingdon, Penn., plays Leaf



photo by: Rod Barlet

Ashlie Manzi, fr., Goddard, Alyse Crist, fr., Quinter, Mark Dowdy, jr., Huntingdon, Penn., and James McCullough, jr., Hill City practice for the production of 'Putman County' which opens March 10 at 7 p.m., contact the box office for tickets.

Coneybear, "a kid with severe ADHD who delights in the world around him."

McCullough, Crist and Dowdy all agreed that this play will leave the audience with stitches in their sides and that it will be a good time. However, there is more to it than comedy. There is some sabotage, love interests and sadness intertwined into the plot as well.

"Its funny until you think about it, and then its kind of depressing," Crist said. Crist sings a song about Olive's best friend the dictionary and Dowdy's song is about Leaf's family's doubts about his intellect. The songs are funny but sad at the same time. Although the characters are children, McCullough describes this play as an "adult comedy" and an "adult perspective on

adolescent puberty."

"Each character has their own problems outside of the bee," Dowdy said. The play develops into a non-traditional coming-of-age story about the participants in the spelling bee. Each participant will come out of the bee knowing something about themselves and the audience should as well. "Turn back your clock to that time in your life and

you will find that you can identify with at least one person in the Bee," Dowdy said.

This play will be performed in Mingenback so seating is limited. Tickets may be reserved in advance. So mark your calendars, study up on your spelling and get ready to laugh. The 25th Putman County Spelling Bee is about to begin.

A sojourner in a civilized life: New place: new experiences, new faces

LETTERS HOME



Taylor Adams

The Classic Center has a unique niche. It serves as an original parts dealer, a restoration shop, a museum and a service center. Its large mission statement invites color into the workplace.

Woody, who sells parts, has a mustache that grows straight down and stops abruptly at his upper lip. It looks like a cattle pusher on an old train. The bridge of his nose is so wide that his glasses center over his eyebrows.

Anders, a technician, has a Danish accent. I have never actually heard a person use the phrase, "In the old country..." until meeting him.

James, a panel beater, is in graduate school. "I can be 35 with an MBA, or 35 without an MBA," he told me.

Scott, the center's painter, learned his trade from his father. He is a worn man, having done the same work for so long.

These stories are history, yet

they are not taught to us. While "Deep Throat" ratted on Richard Nixon - while the Vietnam War festered - Scott was holed up in some garage with a box fan and a spray gun.

I imagine his eyes were bright then, but I'll never know. There is

no footage; no one wrote a first-hand account. We reserved that coverage for the important things.

I am working with a 190 SL slated for completion in August. I am responsible for its disassembly, parts organization, body work and reassembly.

At this point, the car is disassembled, belly-up and being stripped in preparation for metal work. I teeter back and forth being daunted and being terribly excited.

It is amazing that the center can restore a car in less than a year. A technician complained to me last week that his project's body took two months to turn around. It is a pleasure to work with those who are better than me.

To work for Mercedes-Benz is to advance an existing paradigm.

I am employed by a public image which the center's technicians work unknowingly to further. Like so many companies, Mercedes-Benz is a slave of its production.

I don't necessarily think this is a bad thing. The public's perception helps to ensure that the center does good work. The center is employed by its customers.

The hands that guide the company are not from within. In order to see them, I have to leave work, turn around and look from a distance. From the shop floor, they are invisible.

On Feb. 19 the Classic Center hosted the 190 SL Club for their Winter Technical Session. My coworkers gave lectures on paint and body work, transmission rebuilding and engine diagnostics to club members from across the country.

I hardly know my coworkers - we have spent so little time together - but in these lectures I saw something familiar.

Mechanics, panel beaters and painters have specific, predictable methods. I have met many, and each swears that his or her methods are the correct ones. A good

technician has developed a set of skills that work for them.

There is no shortage of experience at the Classic Center (and there is no shortage of pride).

But as students, we should have neither. What we should chase is youth, the protectorate of ambition. Once lost, we are flung into its long, elliptical orbits, and are constantly in its view.

College teaches quantitative analysis, but schooling cannot teach a person to see through the eyes of a child, which are much more valuable than experience.

I met a neighbor the other day - Richard - who is a junk collector. He never holds on to things for long; he sells his surplus from his front yard. He told me I had a fine aristocratic name, which is ridiculous.

I let him keep that perception of me. He will soon sell it from his front yard with the rest of his junk.

ON THE FLY

What are your plans for Spring Break?

"I have no idea."

Mira Coulter
sr., Wakita, Okla.



"Going to Colorado to see my mom."

Ann Marie Burk
jr., Aurora, Mo.



"Probably just read."

Adam James
soph., Bellingham, Wash.



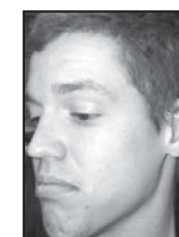
"Padre baby!"

Josh White
sr., Stockton, Mo.



"Going to Table Rock."

Chase Ozburn
jr., Rose Hill



"I'm following Black White to Padre!"

Shelton Thigpen
sr., Wylie, Texas.



LEAD EDITORIAL

Participation key to success for the future

THE MISSION OF MCPHERSON COLLEGE IS "TO CREATE WHOLE PERSONS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP, PARTICIPATION, AND SERVICE."

While each aspect of our mission is equally important, there is an obvious push for students to get involved on campus.

Obviously, this ideal is being embraced by students. According to recent numbers, ninety percent of our students are involved in some kind of extra or co-curricular activity.

What are the benefits of partici-

pation in college?

The most obvious benefit is the experiences activities provide. When we graduate into the real world, our bosses will be looking for us to get involved in our organizations.

The activities offered to McPherson students offer great opportunities to practice those skills that we will need to survive on the job market.

We have the opportunity here to practice working with others, ac-

complishing goals, be passionate, and help shape the environment around us.

Beyond all of this, getting involved in activities can help you make college fun. College is not just about learning in the classroom. This is the time of our life that we get the to learn about ourselves, expand our interests, discover new talents, and explore new career paths.

If you find yourself sitting in your room watching the fifth rerun of "Teen mom 2," get up, get out there, and get involved in something.

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Pizza hut gift certificates.

Closing the caf.

Baseball season starting soon!

Hot and cold, hot and cold.

Asking our opinion on food services..

Not taking our suggestions in the caf..

Loan refund checks.

Federal funding cuts.

SHOUT IT OUT!

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

It's times like these I'm glad I live off campus.

The spring break trips rock

You're leaving at the end of the year. I want you to know my feelings have always been real.

What's with the vandalism these days?

Watch out for moldy bagels!

GLOW is awesomeness!

I don't care what they look like, leggings are NOT pants.

Turn the light switch on in yo head.

I'd give you the shirt off my back if you asked.

Alcohol always seems to make my lips magnetic.

Hot...cold...dang weather!

Just because you know the answer, doesn't mean you can ruin everyone else's learning experience!

I believe pro-life doesn't stop at birth.

Get better food! I don't like eating cat food!

Be about it or be without it.

Johannes participates in DRSP

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor



While the art form of writing letters is becoming a thing of the past, there are still a select few who forego e-mail, text messages, and phone calls in favor of sending a letter the old fashioned

way. One organization that does exactly that is DRSP, the Death Row Support Project. This project allows individuals to become penpals with someone on death row. Stephanie Johannes, jr., Salina, became one of these individuals when she saw a flyer for the program on inside the Church of the Brethren.

Johannes applied and was paired with an inmate in January. The program allows participants to disclose any information they want to, within the boundaries of comfort. "I'm very blessed because he is very open," Johannes said. "In his first letter, he told me I could ask him anything I wanted. However there are restrictions on what I can send him or can send me, because the prison reads everything."

While most people are used to a private mail system, this is not the reality for the letters which Johannes sends her "pen pal" in prison.

"I told him I was doing this article but I don't know if I'm allowed to send him a newspaper, especially if there is a picture," Johannes said. "I figure I'll send him two copies, one with the picture and one with the picture cut out. Hopefully they'll be able

to give him one of them." Johannes says that this is her first time participating in a program of this kind. "I've never done anything like this before and I don't know if I'll do it in the future," Johannes said. "It's an amazing experience, but I think when the day comes that he is no longer on this earth, it will be hard to start up that relationship again. I like to think I would do it again."

"For me it is an extremely powerful project," Johannes said. "I'll probably never meet him. I only know what he tells me, but at some point I know he'll send that last letter."

In one letter Johannes's "pen pal" wrote to her, "I never understood the death penalty. Nothing is really gained, except more brokenness, more death, more turmoil, suffocation etc... their justice, our grief. I have no fear of death, only the spirit of determination."

How to... Have a Successful Road Trip

NICOLE KEAGLE

Finally, Spring Break is almost here – a much needed break from winter, school, and McPherson in general. If you're not flying somewhere, chances are you're going on a road trip. Whether you're staying in-state or journeying far away, here are some basics to having a successful, stress-free road trip.

1 First of all, know your route and some possible short-cuts. Be aware of the roads that have no services. I won't admit how many times I've run out of gas or broken down on a long stretch of highway in the middle of nowhere and had no idea the only services I'd find were on some old lady's farm. Save yourself the embarrassment and time by finding out beforehand which roads you need to take and when you need to fill up the gas tank. Sounds like common sense, but it's easy to space out when you're out cruising around.

2 Of course, you can't forget to stock up on snacks. My favorite road trip snack is Puppy Chow (Chex cereal covered in chocolate, peanut butter, and powdered sugar). It's easy to make in bulk and a nice change from typical gas station munchies like chips and mystery-meat hotdogs. If you want to eat healthy on your trip, bring some cut up fresh veg-

gies, almonds, and string cheese. Luckily, you can find those items in gas stations, too.

3 Now, one of the most important things to have on a road trip is a large selection of music. Load up your iPod with as much music as you can. You're going to get sick of hearing the same thing over and over. It will probably help keep you awake on the drive, especially if you're driving through western Kansas – the most boring drive ever.

4 Finally, don't forget to take advantage of those weird road-side attractions. They're everywhere, and honestly when you've been driving for hours, sometimes seeing the World's Largest Prairie Dog will be the highlight of the day, even if it is made of wood. Places like these make the best photo-ops. Just remember – it's the journey, not the destination!

REVIEW IT! I AM NUMBER FOUR



MICHAEL HOLMAN
Spectator Staff

If you heard anything bad about this movie, don't believe it. It's not the absolute best movie I've ever seen, but if you expect that every time you walk into the theater, you're obviously going to be disappointed.

Number Four is the main character, obviously. He's an alien who escaped the destruction of his planet, along with a small contingent of others. Even on their planet

they were special – they had powers. Once on Earth they obviously split up, and the evil aliens who destroyed their planet are now after them, killing them one by one. Number four is next.

That's how it begins, essentially. However, the relatively supermanesque storyline is counterbalanced by the fact that he's trying to hide, new powers keep popping up right in the middle of class, and if he gets shot he can die.

It seems, nowadays, that almost everything in the theatre is a book adaptation. I had never even heard of this, but the style and the little structure plays in it reminded me of a novel, so I looked it up. Sure enough, it's the first in a continuing series by bestselling author Pit-

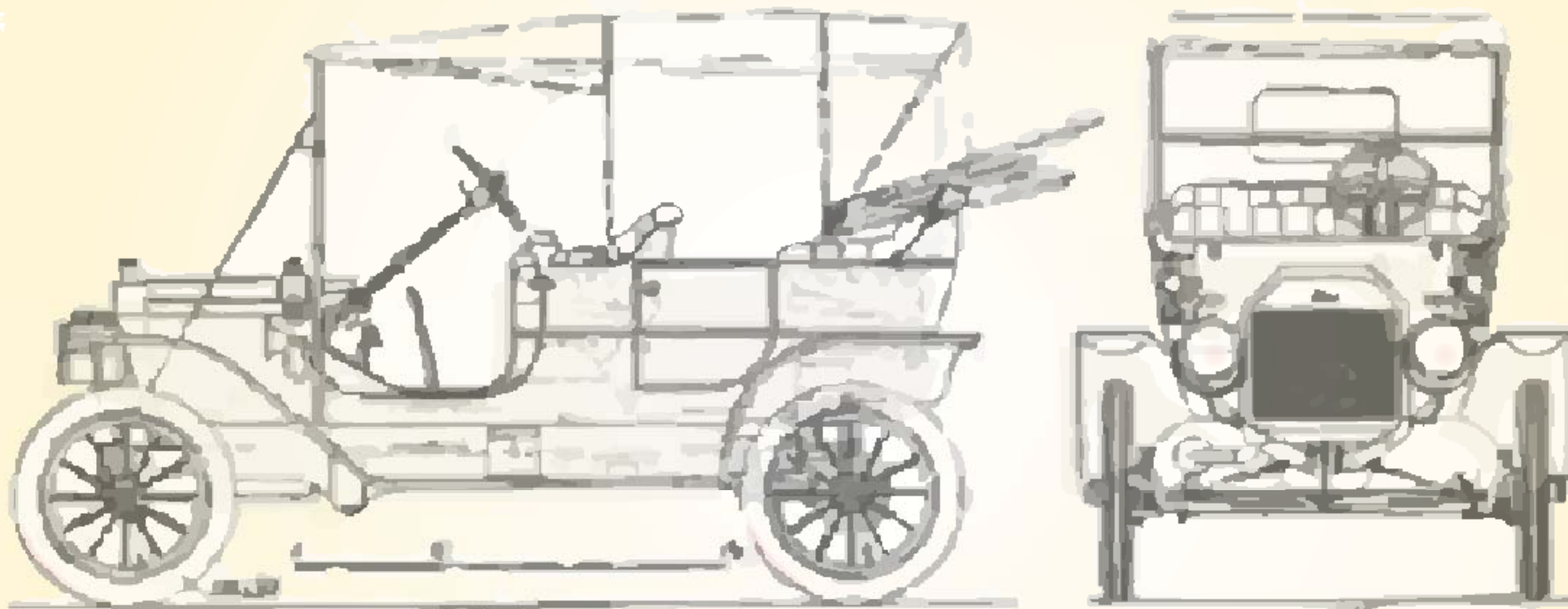
tacus Lore. But it seems that the movie industry is on the right track in searching for their material, because books tend to make good movies.

What makes this movie is, partially, the special effects. Even though we've seen it a hundred times before, there's still something really cool about a laser gun battle, especially since, in this universe, the lasers actually cause heavy damage when they hit something. Not to mention that, at the end, the aliens can pull Matrix-like acrobatics to avoid them. Alex Pettyfer, who will also be playing the main character in upcoming *Beastly*, does a plausible job, and so do the other characters. The bad aliens aren't as scary as I would

like, mostly because they've got big teeth and stuffy noses, and the only weak link acting-wise is the girl. She's interesting, when you first meet her, but she appears to be putting up some sort of wall. I can't really describe it, but you'll know what I mean. Except that even when she gets romantic with our hero, she still sounds like that wall is still there. It's a little confusing. Unfortunately, in a play right out of the Stephanie Meyer handbook, he's got some alien thing where he only falls in love with one person, and that's her.

Aside from those little things, and a couple plot points here and there that leave you wondering a bit, it's a fun show. I recommend it, and give it three and a half stars.

Model T rapid assembly team attends Kansas city car show



AUDREY SECKER
Editor-In-Chief

The Model T rapid assembly team will be making an appearance this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Greater Kansas City International Auto Show.

"The show is held every year at Bartle Hall and will be home to over

500 new vehicles brought by the major manufacturers such as Ford, Chevy and Chrysler," Casey Maxon, soph., Lawrence.

The team takes their time disassembling the Model T as to keep all the parts organized. Taking it apart takes 20 to 30 minutes. The team then assembles the car as fast as they can.

"We first start by assembling the

frame, shackles, and wheels. We then drop the engine in, exhaust and hook the torque up. After that the radiator, wires, and body goes on," said Jared Coho, fr., Bellwood, Penn.

Putting the car back together takes half the time of disassembling it.

"We have it from a pile of parts to a running automobile in 15 minutes or less," said Jared Bucket, fr., War-

saw, Ill. "At the Starbird Exotic Car Show in Wichita in January, we had it together in 10 minutes 27 seconds. We're hoping to have it under 10 minutes before the end of the school year."

The crew attending the show this weekend will be Brandon Pecinovsky, soph., Brandon Hill, Mo., Bill Klienes, soph., Akron, Ohio, Maxon,

Coho, Buckert, and Joey Staskowski, soph., Oriskany Falls, NY.

"When I started out we had to practice a couple of times before the show," Buckert said. "Now that we've all done it awhile, it just takes once to know the cobwebs are off and get everybody refreshed. Our 'practice' consists of maintenance on the car, because when parts are bro-

ken they're harder to take apart and get back together quickly."

The show is frequented by thousands of people each year. The team hopes to draw some visitors to the car show in May.

"The opportunity to build the T in front of such a large audience, should help immensely in drawing people to our car show in May," Maxon said.

The Hot spot

By: ALISON SNYDER

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF BRUCE CLARY
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

ROLE ON CAMPUS: I sometimes refer to myself as a utility infielder for the faculty because I teach in three different programs. I teach in English, Communication, and through the Web Design course that I teach, I am also teaching in the Web Design and Graphic Art program. I do a lot of different things; literature, journalism, web design.



EDUCATION: I attended Cabool public school throughout my elementary to high school years. I came to McPherson College as a freshman in 1973 and graduated with a BA in English in 1977. I finished my master's degree at Wichita State in 1985. Then I finished my PhD from Kansas State in 1998.

TIME AT MAC: I came to McPherson College thinking I would spend two years here and would work my way up to Editor-in-Chief position in the spring semester of my sophomore year. Then I thought I would transfer to the University of Missouri School of Journalism to be a journalist. But my experience with the Spectator taught me that I didn't deal with deadlines very well. The constant pressure to meet deadlines was not a good fit for me. I started taking English courses and became the student assistant to Harley Stump, head of the English department at the time, I switched my major to English and assumed that I would become an English teacher.

AS A STUDENT: One of the things I was really involved in was an alternative gathering place for students. When I came, there was an old two-story house that

had been converted into a homey environment, called the Mac Shack, where we would play all night card games. However, my sophomore year, that disappeared because of Templeton Hall. All three years after my freshman year, I worked on getting another Mac Shack. My senior year, we got a metal building on a concrete pad that lacked the hominess of the former Mac Shack. Students lost interest and maintenance got a really cheap shed.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE: With the courses that I'm teaching, I'm involved with new technology and one of the biggest challenges for me is keeping up with how things are changing, particularly in communication and journalism. Other than that I plan to enjoy watching my oldest son get married. I'm looking forward to becoming a father-in-law and watching Evan in his last three years of college. Watching the family grow is probably the best part of life.

ANYTHING ELSE: In my 28 years here, I've probably never been more optimistic about the future of McPherson College.