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## Curriculum revisions currently underway

**Ted Bray**

*Spectator Staff*

Changes are definitely on the way for the McPherson College curriculum. President Paul Hoffman has appointed a five-person committee (Dr. Gilford Ikenberry,professor of biology, Dr. Steve Gustafson, professor of music, Dr. Susan Taylor, professor of journalism and assistant librarian and Dr. Dale Goldsmith, vice president for academic services) to bring recommendations concerning curriculum revision before the faculty.

The need for curriculum revision is acute, according to Dale Goldsmith."The current curriculum has no educational justification. It is not closely related to the mission of this institution, and the current curriculum automatically imposes an excess workload on faculty," Goldsmith said.

The current curriculum is a political artifact of compromise among several factors, including economic, accrediting, and student pressures, Goldsmith said. He compared the result of those pressures to a track meet, where all you do is clear the hurdles of quantifiable credits, courses, etc. This, he said, is consumerism in its most blatant form.

"The agenda of secular higher education is directly against our mission statement. Competition, consumerism, and being bigger and better than the next guy are the agendas of secular education. Our mission statement of community, integrity, and Brethren Christianity are not operative in what currently exists here. As more students decide to go gain an education, we'll be forced to make some tough choices — there will only be so much we can provide." As to the content of what curriculum changes are on the way, no official word has been released from the college.

Goldsmith did reveal that there is strong movement towards reforming the general education structure of the curriculum. This proposal is being designed to move students towards becoming what is viewed as an "ideal" Mac College graduate.

When asks what "ideal" meant, Goldsmith said, "The student should be able to understand and operate at a satisfactory level in the areas of math, writing, computer science, information acquisition, speech, science, esthetics, the human condition...they should be able to look back in time and look into the future to find answers for today."

There are no new courses planned yet for this reform, but according to Goldsmith the new classes will be formed by individual professors who will take their proposals before a committee, and the committee will then vote whether or not to have that particular class. Many variables will go into the final structure of the new classes

Goldsmith did add that in order to make room for this reform, no departments or faculty would be cut. He did acknowledge that some majors will be eliminated. He also emphasized that students currently in majors that get eliminated will be grandfathered in. In addition, students will be encouraged to create their own majors, something that students can also currently do.

"I want to emphasize that these things are only a proposal. This is what our committee has been talking about. It has not been formally acted on by the president, and it is not known what the outcome will be," Goldsmith said.

*Photo by Barry McMillan*

**Melia Dell,sr., performed a solo for the Music Honors Convocation last Thursday. Others also performed in their specialized areas for the student body.**

## Student council plans events for next year

**Darci Hass**

*Spectator Staff*

The 1992-93 Student Council is getting busy on their plans for next year. The new officers and council members will be heading out to the Hesston Retreat Center for an evening of brainstorming and committee forming on Thursday, May 7.

"We hope that it is not only fun but also a very productive retreat for the council," said Kristi McReynolds,jr.

The executive council consists of President Ryan Hicks, fr., Vice President Kristi McReynolds, jr., Secretary Michelle Lohrentz, fr., and Treasurer Darren Crumrine, jr.

"One of the main goals for next year is to establish closer ties between the community and the college. We really want the community and college to become more involved with each other," said Lohrentz.

Hicks is beginning his efforts on this goal by calling a meeting by interested college members with a committee of interested McPherson residents. "I want to get things going as soon as possible, and work on planning over the summer," said Hicks.

Among other goals of the student council is obtaining an ice machine for the Sports Center. Hicks would also like to see some air time dedicated to McPherson College activities by one of the television stations. This would give the community another opportunity to become involved in college events.

The addition of a collegiate baseball team to the campus will be another priority of Hicks and his staff, and also the newly formed SIBS events will be continued through next year.

In responding to the extent of his responsibilities as Stuco president, Hicks says, "I think my job as president is to work with my council and student body as a close unit and to improve relations among students, faculty, and the community in a Christian manner."

For its first event, the new council will be hosted a farewell picnic for this past year's council on Wednesday, May 6, at Lakeside Park at 4:30 p.m.

## News Briefs

***Homecoming 1992.*** Anyone wanting an opportunity to be involved in the planning of the 1992 Homecoming next fall contact Sandra Eisele at extension 254.

***All School's Day.*** McPherson County All School's Day will be celebrated tomorrow. Schools will not be in session, and a parade will be downtown at 10:00 a.m.

***Senior art exhibitions.*** Kathryn Janzen and Michelle Walker will have senior art exhibitions on display in Friendship Hall from May 7 to May 24. A reception for the students is scheduled on May 10 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

***Senior banquet.*** The Senior Appreciation Banquet will be Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pear Tree. The banquet is hosted by President and Mrs. Hoffman in honor of the graduating seniors. Seniors need to return their reply card by tomorrow.

***Alumni Day.*** The 103 annual Alumni Day will be Saturday, May 23 during commencement weekend. Alumni will be having a banquet for graduating seniors and alumni of the college Saturday evening.

***Commencement.*** McPherson College Graduation will be Sunday , May 24 at 2:00 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. Seniors will be involved throughout the weekend with activities.

***Pieces selected.*** Paul Chilson, senior biology major, had two pottery pieces, "Hall of Two Truths" and an untitled pot selected for the Prairie Arts Exhibition on the campus of Sterling College.

A call to arms

# Undergraduates urged to speak and to act

I've often said that those students who find themselves in the college setting ought to feel the urge to express themselves.

I've heard Pendleton speak out.

I've heard Bray speak out.

I've heard Gillaspie speak out and numerous more.

These are people who have or are going through the college metamorphosis and, in the process, acquiring a "voice"—their voice, which they unreluctantly express. A voice—a stand—is part of the prize of the college exprerience.

Having a voice and engaing in meaningful dialogue is the cornerstone of American life. People have to talk about things, both the postive and negative. While dialogue is a means to change, we cannot allow ourselves to get so caught up in the exchange of words and thoughts that we never make the actual transition to change. Where words fail and end, there action and assertiveness begins. Actions speak louder than words!

The seniors are soon to join the "real world" and there they will meet their new foes and fight new battles. Some of them are leaving behind old wars which they had begun but never ended. It is imperative that if McPherson College students do want changes, changes that are not only good for the students but the college as a whole, the remaining students must pick up the battered armors of those that have stood up and taken a stand and continue the charge.

Farewell and good luck graduates! To arms undergraduates—duty awaits!

**Emmanuel Samci**

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# Senior dreams of ideal commencement

**Ted Bray**
**Staff Writer**

On August 27, 1988, I began a project that I thought was too big to overcome. Now 1,350 days later, I realize that the project wasn't that bad, and in fact it was at times enjoyable.

This project, also known as a college education, is now only 16 days from completion. Having dedicated these past four years and a lot of money to the betterment of my mind, I feel it only appropriate to wish for a few things now that it's over.

What do I wish for? For starters, the traditional graduation ceremony can be a bit altered.This year there are no lengthy speeches by nice people we don't know. There is no attempt to summarize in one speech the meaning of these four years of education. In short, I wish for a ceremony that has one short speech; 15 minutes of dialogue by some special guests; and the handing out of our diplomas. Now for some explanations.

The short speech is the first thing that happens at commencement, and is brought to us by the Director of the Career Planning and Placement office. This person brings good news—every senior who used the services this office provided was offered at least one job.

The Director also tells the massive audience how long term relationships have been built between Mac College and various industries throughout the region. The crowd hears about the existence of school year and summer internships, and how these internships have been set up with companies in all areas of study— from the sciences to journalism, from business to theater, etc., etc. All hear how the relationships between the college and these industries have promoted these internships and have allowed bright Mac College grads to become better marketed in the competitive job market.

Looking across the crowd during this speech, one can tell who the admissions people are: they are the ones with grimaces on their face. They remember back when their staff was under 30 people. Now they beg for 30 more people to help fight the heavy workload of tours, and answering the never-ending phone calls. Some of these admissions people remember a time when their staff was smaller, and the number of applications was fewer, and they wonder why the increase, but hearing this speech helps them remember, "...if it wasn't for that darn Career Planning and Placement Director marketing our graduates so darn well..."

This tremendous speech concludes, (it wasn't long), and receives a standing ovation.

Next, Sam, Norm, Woody, and Frazier come on to the stage. They raise their hands, asking for quiet as the audience CHEERS loudly. After a few minutes the crowd quiets, and the four begin a dialogue.

The theme of the discussion is on the finer things in life, and how we should hold on to them, and cherish their memory. Sam tells of his college days when he struck out thousands of world class hitters, and then moved up to the pros. Woody describes how much he admires Larry Bird's ability to get along in this world, even though he is from French Lick, and Frazer punctuates what a rush it was to memorize pages of Freud as he completed his graduate work.

Then a silence falls over the room, and all eyes turn to Norm. "Hey Norm", says Frazier inquisitively, "What thing do you cherish in life? What memory do you hold on to?"

Norm looked puzzled at first, but then sat up and said, "I know you guys expect me to say something about beer, but what's left to say? I've said it all. No, the most cherished moment of my life was the day I came to the realization that I really could take Vera out in public."

And with that statement Norm motions offstage for someone, and this woman comes out from the side onto the stage. Just then someone from the balcony cries, "It's Vera!! It's Vera!!" The audience explodes into a series of applause, whistles and chants. We here on the campus of McPherson College are the first people to ever see Vera, and it happened at my graduation.

Lastly, Dr. Kim Stanley comes to the podium to call our names and we collect our diplomas. This final wish is one that hopefully does come true. You see, my freshman year I had Written Communications with Dr. Stanley. One day, Dr. Stanley simply forgot to come to class to teach us. That was very early in my college life, and since then Dr. Stanley has become one of my favorite college profs. This last wish is simply that Dr. Stanley doesn't forget to call my name.

Thank you McPherson College for a great four years.

# *It's time to analyze U.S. democracy*

**Emmanuel Samci**
**Editorial Editor**

For the past semester we've had two columns running in the issues of the Spectator, one representing the Right Opinion (Republican Party) and the other representing the Left Opinion (Democratic Party).

With the aid of these parties governmental policies are dictated and executed here and abroad. The Republican party and the Democratic party constitute the greater portion of America's democratic process.

Yet, as we follow recent events, one has to ask, does the Democratic system of government still work? There's been commotion about unfair campaign funding, cries against powerful pressure groups/interest groups/lobbyists, excessive rhetoric and politicking, abuse of priviledge and abuse of power by office holders.

All these and much more are espoused by a Democratic candidate for the presidency, Jerry Brown. Brown blames not only the Republican party for the ineffectiveness in Washington but also sees his party as a contributor to the status quo. According to Brown the system does not work—"The emperor has no clothes!"

According to Benjamin Franklin, "When you assemble a number of men, to have the advantage of their joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble with those men all their prejudices, their passions their errors of opinion, their local interests and their selfish views. From such an assembly, can a perfect production be expected?"

Perhaps it's time to clean up the U.S. government and disregard patisanship. Perhaps it's time to analyze the political game and the political structure. Perhaps it's time to return power back to the people rather than leaving it in the hands of a few men who are themselves victims of a runaway system. It's time for true leaders, statesmen, and social catalysts to stand up, not "politicians."

## Wally's World

## CAMPUS FORUM

### Student rhetoric is constructive

This year the pages of the Spectator have been witness to a number of controversial dialogues, most notably the publicity involving the athletic program, the subject of co-eds' safety, and questions about the efficacy of the job placement office. When student writers initially expressed these concerns, some people perceived their comments as attacks directed toward certain individuals or even the institution as a whole, and responded negatively. In truth, the students' efforts are actually the ultimate compliment; each article and editorial is proof that McPherson College students care about the institution.

Once before the beginning of a class, a few of us were discussing one of the school's policies when someone commented, "If you hate this place so much, why don't you leave?" She didn't understand. If students despised the college, they wouldn't care about creating progress. We appreciate the opportunities and education offered by the institution, and we want to improve the college experience for everyone possible.

If students like Jason Pendleton and Ted Bray "hated" McPherson College, they wouldn't have put themselves out on the line and made the effort to write such articulate and meaningful commentaries. Other individuals did not participate in the atheletic forum or author Spectator editorials because of a personal vindictiveness or animosity toward the college. Simply said: If you value something, you don't throw it away because of imperfection. You try to make it better.

One hopes this spirit of responsible expression will not die out with the year's last edition of the Spectator, and will be joined next year by a campus ready to take the issues off the pages and create an atmosphere of reform. And one hopes those involved on both sides will remember the positive motives of improvement, rather than creating more difficulties with reactions of defensiveness and antagonistic conflict.

**Cindy Ewy**

# King verdict typical of justice system

## The Right Opinion

**Troy Unruh**

Staff Writer

Last week three L.A. police officers were found innocent of police brutality in the Rodney King trial. The charges against a fourth, Officer Powell, resulted in a hung jury. Soon after the verdict was made public, people took to the streets to denounce what seemed to be an evident miscarriage of justice in light of the supposedly all-telling video tape.

Everyone wondered how the jury could render anything but a guilty verdict at least against officer Powell, who struck Mr. King the most. But our criminal justice system is very complicated and set up to favor those on trial, leaving the burden of proof to the prosecutor. Burden of proof states that the prosecuting attorney must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defenders are guilty. This task was much more difficult than it seemed in this trial. The four police officers had good records, while Mr. King had a very considerable criminal record and was drunk and on probation at the time the high speed chase occurred that resulted in the video taped beating of him.

Mr. King also had two fellow passengers in his car who did not resist the officers and were subsequently cuffed and put in the patrol car when Mr. King began to resist arrest. Mr. King refused to be frisked and began to act belligerent. It was at that time that one of the officers warned him that he would be shot with the Tazer darts if he failed to comply. This is where the tape actually picks up.

Mr. King withstood two shot of the Tazer darts, each packing over 50,000 volts of electricity. Officers are instructed to suspect that any one who withstands the Tazer is on some sort of drug, probably PCP, which tends to give its users incredible tolerance to pain and extraordinary strength. The video tape clearly shows King rushing Powell with flailing arms, after he was Tazed. At this point Powell delivers a blow with his baton to Kings shoulders. King falls, tries to get back up, and is struck again. This is where the portion of the tape that the media was so fond of showing picks up. So there is definitely more than meets the eye to the video tape and to the trial. The prosecutor also made his job harder by not calling King to the stand, effectively taking him out of the trial.

Once one looks at all the facts, one can see how a good defense attorney could raise several doubts about the prosecution's case, and only one is needed for an acquittal. But most of the people in the streets didn't wait and spend the time to consider this verdict. They instead called it a miscarriage of justice, a conspiracy. But these are the same people who have made our justice system the way it is, a system too accomodating to the needs of the accused, something we conservatives have been trying to change for years. My message to them is simple: justice can't be changed just to fit individual needs. We either change it all together, or it stays the same.

Many of these same people were giving concilliatory remarks about the rioters, saying it is because of this grave misdeed that they have lost all human decency and respect for life and property, that it's just their way of protesting the trial. These statements are a grave injustice themselves. This kind of behavior cannot be excused. This is not civil disobedience but rather an act showing no respect for the law or the lives of others. Governor Wilson should have mobilized the National Guard at the first sight of this trouble and sent them in immediately. A state of martial law would not be out of order when citizens deny the rights of others flagrantly. These actions will undoubtedly have a backlash which will speed further decline in race relations. How could they not? This action more than anything else shows us that our society is on the fringe of social and civil chaos, especially in our inner cities.

While you may not agree with the verdict, it is the way our justice system works. If you disklike it, vote for legislators who promise harsher penalties and reform. Let's not forget that most police officers don't abuse their power. These men and women are doing an important job and get neither the pay nor respect they deserve. They often times hold the thin blue line between and against the forces of chaos, those same forces we saw in action in L.A. They have a hard job and face dangers every day. What would you have done if 6'4" 250-plus pound man charged at you? I think all of our actions would have been similar in the face of personal danger. That's my opinion and that is the RIGHT OPINION!

# All white jury too blind to deliver justice; saw only racist image portrayed in media

## What's Left!

**Jason Pendleton**

Staff Writer

The prosecution against the four Los Angeles police officers in the Rodney King trial had what they believed to be foolproof evidence—a video tape showing King getting beaten into submission. What the prosecution didn't realize was that the jury, predominantly white and middle class, would be unable to understand how the police could beat someone without a reason. Thus the jury was led to believe that King somehow deserved his beating because he was a suspect felon and was acting aggressively to the police.

How could the jury do this? They saw the video tape just like everyone else. But the jury saw something much different than what many people did. They saw a black man, who everyday on the news is depicted as a drug dealer, a gang member, a criminal. They saw in their minds someone they perceived as much more dangerous to them than the police could ever be.

So the jury took what they saw, a dangerous black man, and rationalized that those armed police officers were in danger and defending themselves. "Rodney King was in control and dictated the entire situation," is what one anonymous juror said on CNN. She saw the video, but decided that despite Rodney King getting pummeled by the police, he was at fault.

The problem with her thinking is that it was shared by 11 others on the jury and by millions in the U.S.

Once again black Americans are relegated second class citizenship and are blatently treated as such. What is truly depressing is that the "system" is not a computer console, but people—people who ignorantly perceive themselves as superior. America wake up! Ignorance is not bliss, especially if you're on the opposite side.

# A LOOK BACK

## A Retrospective of the 1991-92 Year in Pictures

*Photos by Barry McMillan*

*Top,* Leann Johnson, president of Stuco, and Kristi McReynolds, president of SAB, have put forth tremendous effort this year in their leadership positions. Leann has led students in dealing with campus issues such as the athletic concern, and Kristi has organized many activities including bowling nights.

*Above,* Ishmael Kimbrough and Denise Kelly were selected as candidates for Homecoming King and Queen.

*Right,* Ana Della Costa and Willie Marshall participated in Students in Brotherhood and Sisterhood (SIBS) week. This successful week paired incoming freshmen and returning students to introduce freshmen to the campus.

*Photo by Barry McMillan*

*Left,* Daniel Johns, jr., and the McPherson College Bulldogs played rugged defense throughout a season that saw them finish third in the KCAC and qualify for the District 10 playoffs for the fourth time in five years. The team completed the year with a 16-12 record. Senior Chris Starks was a unanimous first-team All-KCAC and unanimous All-District 10 performer. Robb Collins and James Nelson received KCAC honorable mention.

*Photo by Barry McMillan*

*Above,* Stacy Nunn and Greg Clinage were a part of the student panel at the Racism Seminar on April 14. Faculty of the college put together the conference as a response to racial vandalism to a student's car.

*Photo by Barry McMillan*

*Left,* Pete Hanson and Bret Bowman helped to build houses in Guatemala along with seven other students and three faculty. Students received college credit and a cultural experience during their participation in a work camp with Habitat for Humanity during Interterm '92. The trip was organized by Corinne and Monroe Hughbanks and David Valeta.

# Kimbrough qualifies for nationals in the long jump

By Tim Woodcock

*Sports Editor*

The KCAC conference meet at Sterling proved to be a place to leap for joy as Mac's own Ishmael Kimbrough, sr., took home the gold in both the triple jump and the long jump.

His long jump mark of 24'1" was the more important of the two as it qualified him for the national meet in Abbotsford, Canada.

"I was happy that I could finally get a qualifying jump and think it will be a great experience getting to travel to another country to compete," Kimbrough said.

Kimbrough's winning jump of 45'1" in the triple jump came on his last attempt and was one of the many performances that spurred on the men to a fifth place finish overall in the meet.

Frank Clinage, sr., who has already qualified for nationals in the 100 M dash was looking to do the same in the 200 M dash. His time of 21.94 was good enough for the gold, but came up short of the qualifying time. He still has the district meet to try to get his time down to 21.4.

In the javelin, Pat Queen, soph., earned the silver with a toss of 167'0". Travis Van Gothem, soph., was right behind him in sixth place with a throw of 161'10".

Garth Werner, soph., had his best leap of the year in the triple jump. His jump of 44'2" finished him in third place.

Steve Walters, sr., also had a personal record in the long jump and brought home fourth place with a leap of 21'10 1/2".

Also scoring fourth place finishes for the men were Clinage as he rolled to a time of 49.76 in the 400 M dash and Benny Rice, soph., who pole vaulted 11'0" despite a bad back.

Harold Chaney, jr., set a personal record with a sixth place throw of 129'11" in the hammer and the final points for the men were by the 4x100 M team of Rice, Kimbrough, Werner, and Clinage. They took sixth with a time of 43.98.

On the women's side, the highlight of the meet came in the preliminary races as Karme Clark, sr., set the school record in the 100 M dash with a time of 12.29 and the 200 M dash at 26.08.

Clark, of course, qualified for the finals in both of these races and finished third in each one. Clark also had a second place finish in the 100 M hurdles with a time of 15.95.

Camille Base, soph., brought home the only gold of the day as she defended her title in the 400 M low hurdles with a time of 66.02. She was just 3/100 of a second from breaking the school record.

Base took fourth in both the 100 M hurdles with a time of 16.2 and the long jump as she leaped 15'8 1/2".

Judy Hake, sr., turned in a personal best performance in the triple jump as she took second with a leap of 34'8 1/2". On one of her last jumps she tore up her knee and was forced to sit out the rest of the meet. Her presence was greatly missed.

On the distance side, Konni Nanninga, jr., captured a fifth place finish in the 3000 M with a personal record of 12:36.15. Katrina Husong, sr., despite running with a strained back, still finished sixth in the 5000 M with a time of 22:07.4.

The women's 4x400 M relay team of Base, Marce Clark, sr., Denise Kelly, sr., and K. Clark, ran a 4:38.0 to finish in fifth and keep the women in fourth place overall.

The Mac teams split two weeks ago between the Southwestern and Sterling Invites.

The day proved to be a great one for the jumpers at Winfield as they helped jumping coach Karen Walters earn her pay. Hake had a personal best in the long jump leaping 17'1/4" and snaring second place. Base was right behind in fourth with her own personal record of 16'5".

In the triple jump, Hake once again bettered herself to take home the silver with a jump of 33'8 1/2". M. Clark finished fifth with a personal best of 30'8".

In running events, K. Clark finished fourth in the 100 M dash with a 12.5 and the 200 M dash with a 26.3. Clark also had a fifht place finish in the 100 M hurdles.

Base ran the 400 M low hurdles in 1:07.5 to bring home fourth and also picked up a sixth place medal in the 100 M hurdles with a time of 16.3.

On the men's side, Clinage had a personal record day in the 400 M dash taking first with a time of 49.4. Clinage picked up a sixth place finish in the 100 M dash running it in 10.7.

Rice brought home the silver in the pole vault with an 11'0" vault.

Kimbrough had a leap of 23'1" in the long jump which was good enough for fourth.

Van Gothem finished out the scoring with a sixth place toss of 158'2" in the javelin.

Over at the Sterling Invite, Queen was setting a personal record of 171'1" in the javelin to bring home the bronze.

Tim Bruton, fr., finished third also in the hammer with a toss of 109'5" which happened to be a personal best.

Greg Thomas, fr., finished fourth in the 400 M hurdles with a time of 65.3.

Eric Harmon, soph., picked up a fifth place finish in the shot put with a 39'8" put.

Now, with the regular season over, all that remains for the Bulldogs is the district meet this Saturday in Lawrence where several people still have a chance to qualify for the nationals in Abbotsford, Canada.

As a team the track squad didn't do as well in the standings as they would have liked to, but there were some great individual performances.

" I really feel it was a very good year for everyone. I'm very happy for the ones going to nationals and also for all the personal records set this year," coach Deb Moore said. "It was a great year."

*Photo by James Chaney*

**Ishmael Kimbrough, sr., reaches out for some extra distance in the long jump at the conference meet last Friday. Kimbrough qualified for nationals in Abbotsford, Canada, with a leap of 24'1".**

# Mac netters looking to next year

By Tim Woodcock

*Sports Editor*

The tennis season came to a close May 1-2 as the KCAC tennis meet was held at Riverside Park in Wichita.

The Bulldog netters were eliminated in the first round in the competitive KCAC. Bethel ended up winning the tournament on a close one with 122 as Bethany was right behind at 121.

Head coach Roger Trimmell, who was the director of this two-day tournament, was pleased overall with the year.

"We are young this year and it showed, but we got a lot of experience and that will be valuable going into next year's season," said Trimmell.

"It was a real good season compared to last year," said James Harris, soph. "We can just keep getting better and better."

"Next year we'll have some of that valuable experience that we all needed this year and we'll look to give some of the other KCAC teams a run for their money," said sophomore Robb Collins.

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# Wondra and Busse selected Mac College athletes of the year

By Tim Woodcock

*Sports Editor*

Brown Auditorium was the location at Honors Convo this morning as acting Athletic Director Dan Thiessen presented the male and female Athlete of the Year Awards for the 1991-92 school year.

This year, not unlike many others, offered many outstanding candidates for the coaches committee to choose from. After much deliberation, senior Michelle Wondra, Great Bend and senior Ted Busse, Goodland, were selected.

Wondra was a standout athlete in two sports, tennis and basketball. She earned honorable mention All-KCAC in each of these two sports. Her leadership in each was invaluable.

"The tennis team had somewhat of a down year, but Michelle helped hold it together," said McPherson women's tennis coach Dr. Doris Coppock.

Wondra was the basketball team's second leading scorer and played an instrumental role in leading the Bulldogs to consecutive trips to the District 10 playoffs.

Busse is regarded by his coaches and peers as an outstanding hard worker.

"Hey, you've got to love this guy's work ethic," said Bulldog basketball coach Roger Trimmell.

Busse this past season was the epitome of a total role player for Trimmell's roundball Bulldogs while supplying excellent leadership as one of only two seniors.

Busse's work ethic also was evident on the football field where this past season Busse played defensive end after successful seasons as a tight end. "Ted possessed an incredible amount of heart and determination," cited one loyal supporter.

Both Wondra and Busse are involved in other activities besides athletics at McPherson College. These two are successful in the classroom and in addition both are resident assistants. Wondra is the intramural director and Busse was a fall Homecoming candidate.

This year's Athlete of the Year winners are exceptionally well rounded individuals and represent Mac College well.

# KCAC tournament ends golfers' season

By Tim Woodcock

*Sports Editor*

The 1992 KCAC golf tournament was held last Tuesday and Wednesday at the Hesston Municipal Golf Park.

The golfers got two picture perfect days in which to play and some incredible scores came in from the two-day tournament. Kurt Cummins from Southwestern won the meet with a 74/70-144 and Southwestern as a team won by 34 strokes and set a new par 71 KCAC record with a total of 602.

For the Mac golfers, the most impressive performance of the tournament came from Brent Paul, soph., who carded an 85/79-164. That total put him on the KCAC All-Conference second team.

"I'm just glad I could turn things around this last meet. Hopefully, I'll be playing this well at the start of the season next year," said Paul.

Jeff Middleton, jr., who was Mac's number one golfer for most of the year, shot 87/79-166 and was just two strokes from being on the second team.

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Middleton was the only golfer to travel to Terradyne Country Club in Wichita for the District 10 championship. Terradyne, which Middleton compared to St. Andrew's in Scotland, is a long and tight course with huge greens and thick rough.

Middleton shot 84-89 on the tough layout. "It was the toughest course we've played all year," said Middleton. "If you didn't hit the ball in the fairway, you were in trouble."

On a whole, the team came up short of its goals, but still had a good year.

"I feel pretty good about the season as a whole," said veteran coach Doris Coppock. "With Jeff, Brent, Tim as a base, we should bring in some new talent and have a solid team next year."

*Photo by Barry McMillan*

**Freshman Jonathan Coachman looks to park one in the annual intramural double elimination softball tournament. The Simpson's Farewell Tour captured first place.**

# Simpson's Farewell Tour takes it all

By Tim Woodcock

*Sports Editor*

It looked to be a battle to the finish at Wall Park field as the Simpson's Farewell Tour took on the Cubs for the championship of intramural softball.

The Simpson's won the final game 9-7, but it took extra innings for them to come back and win it.

Both the Cubs and Simpson's breezed through this double elimination tournament until they met each other in game number 10. The Cubs proved they were a team to be reckoned with as they won 10-9 and sent captain Tadd Holliman, sr., and company to the loser's bracket.

The Simpson's had no problem getting to the championship game though, and it was a great one.

The Simpson's were the visiting team and scored two quick runs in the first due to the hitting of Robb Collins, soph., and Chris Starks, sr. The Cubs came right back and scored three runs with the help of softball extraordinaire, Robin Morgan.

The Cubs held the Simpson's scoreless in the top of the second and then added two more in the bottom to take a 5-3 lead.

That was all the Cubs would score in regulation as the Simpsons scored three more runs to the Cubs zero. Kent Wine, jr., was very instrumental in this rally as he got two RBI's and also saved the winning run in the bottom of the fifth. The game was tied 5-5 at the end of the fifth.

In the extra inning the Simpson's had the chance to strike first and did so in a big way scoring four runs and getting a couple on some costly errors.

The Cubs weren't through. Tammy Bunk, sr., walked and then Morgan scored Bunk and himself as he planted one deep and reached home on one error.

That was all the Cubs could manage as they lost this exciting game 9-7 and the Simpson's Farewell Tour left in style, claiming their last intramural T-shirts as a team. When asked how it felt to finally be a winner, Collins replied, "It feels great."

Intramurals will be capping off the year by having a Spring Fling on May 17 from 9 until 5 p.m.

Two of the main events of the day will be co-ed lawn volleyball and co-ed tennis. There will be no entry fee for these two events and sign-up sheets will be posted in the cafeteria and the gym.

Other exciting events to be held on this day will be frisbee golf, ultimate frisbee football and a driving contest in golf. These and other events will be posted with their times and locations at a later date. Everyone is encouraged to take a break from all their studying and come out and have some fun.

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# Campus buildings to be renovated this summer

By Patsy Smith

*Spectator Staff*

While many of us will be out enjoying our summer vacation from school, several campus buildings will be going through renovations.

At its March meeting, the McPherson College Board of Trustees authorized limited expenditures this summer for some of the capital projects that were included in the Design for Excellence campaign,said Mr. Jim Dodson, vice president for financial services. Specifically, the board authorized funds for limited work in Miller Library, Brown Auditorium, and Friendship Hall, Dodson said.

Architect David Haines from Wichita has been retained to do the architectural work for these projects. Haines has been the architect on campus renovations for the past six years. Harold Schlender is the contractor for the work to be done.

An estimated $195,000 has been allocated for the renovations in Brown. Some of the proposed areas to receive attention are the lighting and electrical systems, the sound system, stage curtains and classroom improvements.

In Miller there is approximately $85,000 allocated for renovation. Under consideration is remodeling rooms 101, 105, and 106; creating a larger room for the Brethren Collection (which consists of historical documents, books, and records about the Church of the Brethren), and making the ventilation system more efficient. One thing Dodson was sure of was that half of the money will go for a new roof.

Suggestions for updating-Friendship Hall include major work to change wall material, to improve exhibit lighting, to create a modernized reception area and upgrade furniture and display fixtures.

There are two renovations committees currently working with the architect in completing the renovation plans. The committees held their first meeting on April 22 and will continue to meet weekly for a four to six week period.

Members of the Miller Library committee are Dr. Susan Taylor, Ms. Cheri Miller, Mr. Merrin Godfrey, Dr. Dale Goldsmith,Prof. Lowell Flory, Dr. Kim Stanley, Ms. Karlene Tyler and two McPherson College students, Michele Dalton, soph., and Ryan Hicks, fr.

On the committee studying renovations in Brown and Friendship are Prof. Wayne Conyers, Godfrey, Dr. Steve Gustafson, Ms. Sharon Knechel, Miller, Dr. Bob Nuefeld, Prof. Rick Tyler, Hicks and Dalton.

# Senior presentations conclude with relief and satisfactions

By Melissa Holdereed

*Guest Writer*

At this time of the year, many students are hurrying to finish up last minute details in classes to wrap up the semester. A particular group of students, however, are truly breathing a sigh of relief and satisfaction. These include seniors in various disciplines who have been working to complete a final senior project.

In the music department, this means a senior recital. "For many students, this is the first opportunity to plan and perform in a solo recital. This is a very different experience from a program in which other students take part," said senior Anita Mast.

Seniors perform an hour long program. The performance may be vocal or instrumental depending on the specific emphasis of the individual. There were performances this year by Anita Mast, Melia Dell, and Donna Richert. Donna Richert's, however, was a junior recital.

"It is a tremendous amount of work leading up to the preformance, and then the recital is kind of a release, senior Melia Dell said, "It is a culmination of all that I have learned the four years I have been here, and it really changed the way I look at music."

"It is a wonderful opportunity to perform in public and to be completely responsible for putting together and performing a program of music," said Mast.

Another group of seniors anxious about senior presentations are psychology students. Psychology majors are required to design and perform an original experiment. This is usually presented at the Great Plains Student's Psychology Convention which has participants from Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and sometimes Colorado and Oklahoma.

"The senior research project represents the culmination of a student's college education," John Burden, professor of psychology said, "In my view, the senior thesis should reflect not only proficiency in the student's major area, a command of the literature, research methods, and so on, but it should reflect the total liberal education."

Senior psychology majors this year include Stacey Bruton, Michelle Crago, Donald Hobson, and Ron Engler. For various reasons students were unable to present at the convention this year. Stacey Bruton, however, did her project and presented it last year. She will be receiving the Outstanding Pyschology Student award this year.

The last group, and largest this year, that has worked to complete a senior project are those seniors who have majored in the natural and physical sciences. Similar to psychology majors, they are required to research, design, and carry out an original scientific experiment. They present here at McPherson College, and did so last Friday.

"One of the important goals of the senior research project, is to show students how scientific research is central to what science is. In most classes, students learn about science, but here they are doing science," explained Dr. Gilford Ikenberry, professor of biology.

Seniors who presented projects this year include Ngoc Le, Shannan Kirchner, Pete Hanson, Eric Hadley, Brian Kruschwitz, Jodi Weddle, Donnella Merkey, Alan Leffew, and Darren Carter.

"I learned that research is more than just getting results," said Ngoc Le.

"It gave me great respect for the commitment of scientific researchers and showed me how frustrating it must be for them," Shannan Kirchner commented, "I think it is an essential part of our program here because it gives us a chance to do some of what we have been learning about."

"It was a lot of hard work and late nights but it is an experience that I am sure will help me when I get to graduate school," added Eric Hadley.

"It is not so much what we did but how we did it that was important," Brian Kruschwitz siad,"This and the process of planning and implementing the entire project."

# Trustee to resign chair

By Heather Williams

*Spectator Staff*

McPherson College recently said good-bye to one of its oldest and dearest friends. For the past 20 years, H. Paul Jewell has been Chair of the Board of Trustees. He is retiring the chairmanship this spring but is remaining the board.

Jewell is considered to be a renaissance man of many talents. In addition to being a professor at Kansas City Mansas Community College for the last 40 years, he also has earned extensive community recognition.

Besides academic assignments at KCKCC, Jewell has been assistant football and basketball coaches, Director of Student Activities, sponsor of the Student Government, and was named the first KCKCC "professor emeritus," an honor for outstanding retired teachers.

Over the years Jewell has turned down several administrative positions to avoid losing contact with his students. In Mr. Jewell's opinion, the ultimate compliment is to be considered "a good teacher."

Jewell received his honorary doctorate from McPherson College and has never lost touch with the college.

Dr. LaVon Rupel will succeed Mr. Jewell as chairman of the board. Along with holding the Chair position, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell have encouraged and supported the college, not only financially, but also emotionally.

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE
## 1992 Spring Semester

| TIME | Saturday May 16 | Monday May 18 | Tuesday May 19 | Wednesday May 20 | Thursday May 21 |
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| 9:00 a.m. | All Written Communications Basic English/ Expository Writing Classes | 10:30<br>MTRF MTR MW<br>MWF MRF WF R<br>MTF TRF M<br>T TR TF | 8:30<br>MWRF MTF TF<br>MWF MRF WF<br>MTR TRF M R | 1:30<br>MTRF MTR MW<br>MWF MRF WF<br>MTF TRF M<br>T TR TF | 9:30<br>MTRF MTR MW<br>MWF MRF WF<br>MTF TRF M<br>T TR TF |
| 1:30 p.m. | 12:30<br>MTRF MTR MW<br>MWF MRF WF R<br>MTF TRF M<br>T TR TF | 2:30<br>MTRF MTR MW<br>MWF MRF WF R<br>MTF TRF M<br>T TR TF | All Wednesday Classes | 7:30<br>MTRF MTR MW<br>MWF MRF WF<br>MTF TRF M R<br>T TR TF | 11:30<br>MTRF MTR MW<br>MWF MRF WF<br>MTF TRF M R<br>T TR TF |
| 7:00 p.m. | 10:30<br>MTRF MTR MW<br>MWF MRF WF R<br>MTF TRF M<br>T TR TF | Monday Night Courses | Tuesday Night Courses | Wednesday Thursday Night Courses | |

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