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Hovis accepts president position; training to begin spring semester

Luke Chennell

Editor in Chief

Ronald Hovis, associate professor of business, was named the new president of McPherson College at a special meeting of the board of trustees on Dec. 7.

The Presidential Search Committee selected



Ronald Hovis

Hovis as a finalist candidate from a pool of nearly 40 applicants, and after a series of interviews with the trustees, faculty, staff, and students, he was named president.

Students were enthusiastic after questioning Hovis during a series of lunches.

"I think Ron was very articulate with where the college should go... he seemed the most at ease with the students," said Dean Feasenheiser, soph., Fruitland, Idaho."

The trustees made their unanimous decision after considering the three finalists and deliberating over the decision.

"We are beginning a new period in the wonderful heritage and tradition of McPherson College with the appointment of Ron Hovis as our next president," Vincette Goerl, chairman of the board, said.

At the end of this semester, Hovis will go immediately into training and his classes will be taught by another professor. His replacement, he says, is being "actively sought by the administration."

He will assume the presidency of the college March 1. The trustees' original timeline anticipated July 1 as the start date for the new president, but that schedule assumed an external candidate would need time to finish up other commitments. The board requested that Hovis begin his term March 1, and he agreed.

Hovis said he has several general goals that he would like to pursue as

president. Among them would be the goals of providing a broad-based liberal arts education, actively helping students find their vocation, providing opportunities for participation, and fostering meaningful service opportunities.

Hovis says the college has several positive things going for it. New facilities in the fine art, the sciences, the library and computer services mean that we "have some extremely strong attributes that we need to market to students," Hovis said.

"The town of McPherson is ranked number 30 among small towns in this country," he said. "It's something that people often overlook, but it's a positive thing for us.... All of those things are necessary for admissions to talk about."

His overall message is that McPherson has good facilities, but needs more students to fill them. "Our immediate goal should be recruiting and retaining more students," he said. "We have a strong faculty, staff, board of trustees, and extended family... we need to show people that."

Hovis does believe that the college is presently headed in a good direction. Dean's scholarships, presidential scholarships, and winning sports teams all contribute to a much more positive atmosphere, he said.

Hovis does not currently have a Ph.D., often considered the norm among college presidents. He says that he will not pursue the degree for at least two years.

"It's more important that I stay here first instead of getting a degree," Hovis said.

The Hovises plan to move into the presidential home at 1000 E. Euclid, perhaps in July. They plan to keep their home as open to college students, faculty, and staff as possible.

Goerl concluded her official statement by saying, "Ron Hovis' intimate knowledge of the College, his past achievements, and his successful management and leadership experiences make him the ideal choice for president of McPherson College."

Leno's proceeds benefit students; shows he "still thinks of us"

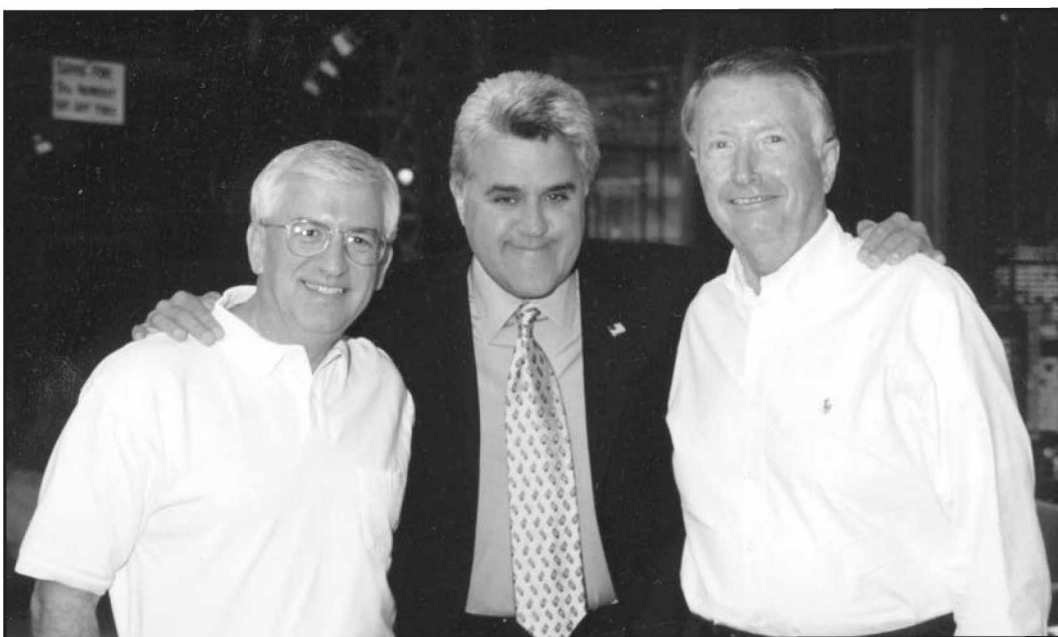


photo submitted by Bob Knechel

Bob Knechel and Neil Thorburn pose with Jay Leno, star of "The Tonight Show." Leno has made significant contributions to the restoration department throughout the past 5 years.

Kara Reiff

Spectator Staff

Jay Leno, star of "The Tonight Show," recognized McPherson College yet again with proceeds from an interactive program at the NBC retail store

The store, which has recently upgraded its operations to be more interactive with the public, is located across the street from the NBC Studios in New York City. One area replicates sets used by stars of NBC programs. Fans can go onto the set and have a picture taken as if the star is interviewing them. The program started last weekend.

NBC charges \$5 for fans to have their picture taken the likeness of the star, then donates the profit from the interactive photographs to a charity or charities of the star's choice. Leno has chosen McPherson College as his charity of choice.

"This is a sign from Jay that says he still thinks about us," said Bob Knechel, vice president for institutional advancement.

In McPherson College's five-year relationship with "The Tonight Show" star Jay Leno, it has received several gifts. Leno has teamed with Popular Mechanics to give scholarships, internship opportunities and

many contacts for the automotive restoration program and its students.

In addition to receiving the donation, the college will also receive invaluable publicity. The name of the college will be prominently displayed on the marquee as part of the promotion.

The money from Leno's latest contribution will feed into the Fred Duesenberg Memorial Scholarship, which was Leno's first gift to the college. The scholarship is for automotive restoration students.

Although the college doesn't know how much money it will receive, Knechel says that the more money given into a designated scholarship, like the Fred Duesenberg Memorial Scholarship, the more institutional money is freed up to help other students. Therefore, it will not only benefit auto restoration students, but others at the college as well.

"This is a pretty special thing," Knechel said. "With all the needs out there, he [Leno] chose to remember McPherson College."

Knechel says that the reason Leno wanted to donate this money to McPherson College is because "he believes in what we're doing."

Leno has met several

McPherson College students and has helped set up an internship with one of the restoration shops he uses for some of his cars.

Leno's interest in the college began in 1997 because of his interest in cars. He looked into the program here when he heard about it and invited Knechel and a student in the restoration program to come to the awards ceremony where Leno received an award for "Car Hobbyist of the Year." At the ceremony, Leno invited Knechel and student David Liepelt on stage to talk about the college.

That started the connection with Leno and many others involved in the restoration business. Contacts made at that awards ceremony and those made later with the help of Leno, led to the start of the National Advisory Board for automotive restoration and other opportunities to let people know about the auto restoration program at McPherson College.

"This is just another wonderful demonstration of the relationship Leno has with McPherson College. We continue to be surprised and pleased with Jay's good will toward the college," Knechel said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Leadership Forum gains positive feedback

The second McPherson College Leadership Forum took place Sunday, Dec. 8. Fifty-five students attended.

The topic of the forum was "Success is your Choice: Community is Unity."

At the end of the night, students were challenged to make five new contacts before the next forum, as "it's not who you know, it's who knows you."

The next forum is scheduled in February. Details will be announced at a later date.

Administration commends student morale

As the end of the semester approaches, the administration notes a significant decrease in negative campus incidents compared to previous years.

According to LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, there have only been 19 incidents this year, compared to 40 last year at this time and 96 the year before.

Rothrock feels that this has been a very positive semester. He adds that the administration appreciates how students have handled themselves thus far.

Students present senior research

Senior agriculture majors, Michele Schulz, Lincoln, and B.J. Jones, Lamar, Colo., will present their senior research Tuesday, Dec. 17 in Melhorn 112.

The public forum begins at 1 p.m.

COLLEGE CHOIR PRESENTS FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS



photo by Laina McKellip

The McPherson College Choir under direction of Steve Gustafson performs a Christmas concert for the community Sunday, Dec. 8, at the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Hovis has the “right stuff”

Issue 1:
President-elect Ron Hovis

THE VOTES ARE DONE, AND THE CONCLUSION IS IN. Ron Hovis is our new president. This ends an exhaustive process that encompassed the trustees, students, faculty and staff in a search for a new leader.

Our Position:
Hovis is a good fit at McPherson College

The choice didn't come as a big surprise. Hovis has been an active force in the campus community for the past few years, and his work here has been generally good. His strength in the business department was evident during the restructuring of that department's curriculum.

Hovis also brings a lot of experience in business and management to the table. With McPherson's new focus on career preparation, it makes sense to have a leader who knows the business world and its attendant requirements. Hovis has that knowledge.

Hovis also has the proven ability to draft and execute a plan, something that has plagued the college in the past few years. Hopefully he can lead us down the right track toward the goals we set for ourselves while still fulfilling our mission statement of scholarship, participation and service.

However, there were other candidates that had ample qualification and were in some areas better qualified than Hovis. Hovis' lack of a Ph.D. does not sit well with those desiring a more rigorous academic setting, and his weak ties with the Brethren church do not ring well among some of the religious contingent.

Still, he is more than amply qualified to lead us in a direction that should bring us more students and a better campus life as a whole. His proven commitment to the college speaks loud and true, and we wish him well.

Leadership forums build more Mac community

Issue 2:
Leadership Forum.

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF LAMONTE ROTHROCK and Michael Schneider, campus Leadership Forums have been conducted in recent weeks. Students taking advantage of these forums find that they provide a challenging atmosphere in which students are encouraged to think big about what the future holds.

College is a transitional time of life. Some students may not be clear as to what their realistic goals should be. One of the points the forum makes is that goals do not have to be realistic. Having the desire to achieve success moves goals that seem unattainable within closer reach.

The most important part of these forums is that students are encouraged to think. There is no pressure; it is a time of encouragement and reflection.

With the alterations to convocations, the current student body rarely sits together as a group and learn together. Yes, we can attend sporting events and plays, but when do we all get to sit together and share? With the implementation of these forums, we receive that opportunity.

We pride ourselves in being a campus community that provides a family atmosphere. We must encourage each other as we grow, and these campus forums foster that environment.

MAC OPINIONS

What do you think of Doghouse hours?



"I think it should be open more on Sunday afternoons."
—B.J. Jones, sr., McCleave, Colo.



"It creates a good opportunity to get new girlfriends."
—Peter Samland, sr., Edgewater, Colo.



"Being able to get drinks at 2 a.m. is terrific."
—Cory McCracken, fr., Syracuse

"It works."
—Beth Krehbiel, fr., Pratt



"They should open it more in the afternoons."
—Jenny Harper, soph., Grimes, Iowa



"I would like access 24 hours."
—Charles Young, fr., Jacksonville, Fla.



Students may direct their own opinions to LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students

Scandal or statement? Interpretations of a Greek play and Iraq

A recent letter from a theatre patron questioned the "values" portrayed in the college's production of "Lysistrata," referring to some of the overt sexuality in the play.

There were also some excellent articles and editorials printed on and off campus (one by a person who did not even see the play), which posed questions wondering what the production was really about. Was it about the gender wars? Was it just a forum to flaunt sexuality and break taboos? Was it about peace? I think clarifying the context of the play and its authors' viewpoint might help.

Aristophanes (the Greek author of this 2,500-year old play, and a man, I might note) would tell you, certainly, that it was about peace. He used the form of a satyr or fertility play to pose, what was in his society, an unpopular issue: the cessation of war. He knew he would get people's attention using sex as a device.

But Aristophanes' wit has a double-edge. He uses the gender wars as a metaphor to get his point across. In our century, we tend to view the sexuality of the play from a Puritan ethic—thus we gave warning that the play contained sexual content. We knew some people would be offended.

For the Greeks, however, sex was equivalent to fertility, which was equivalent to the survival of the species. This perspective puts the sexuality in its proper context as Aristophanes connects the theme of peace to fertility, or survival.

Also, the sexuality in the play is in the context of married partners, and is thus sacred. I think that might be considered a good value by today's standards.

The only changes we made to Aristophanes' text were those of substituting the word 'Zeus' for 'god', which would have been of



Staff
Speakout

KATHERINE PERRAULT

course what the Greeks meant, not what we might construe; and to substitute Beatles' ballads for the tiresome choruses of Greek war stories that mean nothing to a contemporary audience.

These ballads worked to level the field somewhat between the genders, with the thought that men and women really do need each other.

Digging deeper to marry the text with current history, we projected visuals of peace protests, women's rights (highlighting the voice or power Aristophanes gives to the women—very controversial in his day) and current warfare to underscore Aristophanes words, showing that not much has changed in 2,500 years.

When the cast collapses at the end after an atomic blast, the spectre of 9/11 lingers...this is our ending, not Aristophanes...and reminds us of the possibilities of devastation that exist in our world today that can be perpetuated by either "side," justified in any god's name.

While people may wish for peace, there are still those who love war more than they love life and continue to conspire to gain power or perpetuate their ideology through war and violence. Surely, we need to defend ourselves from senseless acts of terror, but how we go about responding to such violence is the subject of the debate.

Jimmy Carter recently accepted the Nobel Peace Prize. He commented, "Instead of entering a

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millennium of peace, the world is now, in many ways, a more dangerous place. The greater ease of travel and communication has not been matched by equal understanding and mutual respect," he said. "War may sometimes be a necessary evil. But no matter how necessary, it is always an evil, never a good. We will not learn to live together in peace by killing each other's children."

He urged respect for the United Nations as the international forum for solving disputes, and said the United States, as the last superpower, has "not assumed that super strength guarantees super wisdom."

The dialogue of peace vs. war is an important one. Aristophanes' text in "Lysistrata" presents it using metaphor in a certain context. He makes us uncomfortable even as we face uncomfortable issues.

But the debate is important, and in an educational environment we need to continue to agree and disagree in the context of discovery and difference—the willingness to make a difference in our world. There are no easy answers, and no easy way to ask the questions, either.

CAMPUS FORUM

Financial woes should make other students take heed

You surely remember Chris Bisceglia, a second semester senior. He was delighted to be there and thrilled to be a part of many theatre productions. For one year, he was an RA. For the last three years he worked off campus in a home for mentally challenged adults to raise enough money to attend school. The chances are, you won't be seeing him on campus much longer. He has incurred a debt of a few thousand dollars and won't be allowed to attend until that debt is paid.

He, like so many college students, doesn't have much in the way of collateral. Essentially, all he has is his word that he will pay off what he owes. The chances are excellent he will. He has a family history at McPherson. Christopher had two brothers who attended Mac. His mother and I are graduates of the school. He has several

aunts, uncles, and cousins who have graduated from the school. All of us are proud of the time we spent there.

Chris is leaving school and will likely obtain a minimum wage job, since he won't have a degree to help him obtain higher paying position. It will take time, a good deal of time, to pay his debt. It will take him more time to raise the funds necessary to return to Mac if he so chooses. Sadly, he is unlikely to take any courses in another institution while he is away, because he is beyond the point where those credits could be transferred to his degree program. Transfer credits usually cease once the student has passed the sophomore year.

Like so many parents, I have been unable to assist my son as much as I would like because of the smack in the wallet I have received due to national finan-

cial woes. I regret that I have been unable to assist him as much as I would like, but I am very proud of the fact that he was poised to graduate; able to perform so well in front of very appreciative audiences; and able to hold down jobs to enable him to live and attend school. I am saddened that I won't see him receive his diploma this coming spring.

I am writing this letter not to drum up a "Save Chris" campaign. I am writing to warn students, particularly seniors, that this same scenario may happen to them. Chris's dream was to graduate, teach theater arts, and possibly be involved in community theater productions. I am not sure what his new aspirations are now, or if he has any. He's coming home.

—Michael Bisceglia, Class of '69

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Tabor's cafeteria invite trashes Mac pride

Last Saturday night, Mac played Tabor both in men's and women's basketball. Unfortunately, both the varsity teams lost.

Now, what can possibly be worse than a sports loss? To me, that something worse is having the winning team gloat about it to your face.

Immediately after the game, Tabor's teams and a multitude of Tabor fans formed a line so long that it went clear out of the cafeteria doors and even beyond the Student Union doors. I approached the door and was barely allowed to pass



Nick's Niche

NICK GRIGGS

through by a rude and snobby Tabor crowd.

They disrupted our student activities in our own facilities and, it seemed, purposefully rubbed it in our faces that we lost to them. They acted like they were allowed to celebrate in our facilities.

My first inquiries are: who told Tabor that eating in our

cafeteria after a game is okay? What organization on campus would agree to that? Do they realize how competitive college students are? Do they even realize that if we hadn't lost, that still shouldn't be allowed to happen? Why would anyone allow a fellow school, a rival school no less, to do that?

Maybe the person or organization who authorized this activity didn't realize that; if that is the case, I hope that something is said that will help them to think about what having another

school celebrate in our facilities after a sports function can do to Mac's school spirit.

Maybe I am naïve about the practice of fellow ACCK bonding, but the last time I checked we haven't celebrated our victories at any other school, especially by using their facilities to do so.

What really gets to me is that this happened while we were trying to have a function for our students. Then I found out that no one knew of this: not fellow SGA members, not some of the

staff I talked to, and not anyone that I came in contact with. If they had known, I'm sure they would have had an opinion about the decision.

Why weren't the staff members who were directly affected a part of that decision. And furthermore, why weren't the student leaders a part of this as well?

We should protect our own students' morale before we take care of other schools' fans and athletes. Something like this could tear a disappointed fan or athlete apart inside. I know

that in the past, sports have not always been a high priority at Mac, but I had hoped and generally believed it was getting better.

Maybe the person or persons who authorized Tabor's party didn't know, or maybe care, about what athletes might feel about watching the opposing team flaunt their victory in their faces. If that is the case, then we should all learn as a campus to help each other be a little more sensitive to our own athletes as they move through the season.

Good taste: two corn dogs make for fine dining

Here I sit, two corn dogs in hand. By God, I love corn dogs. They're that perfect blend of processed food that really is the best of what American enterprise has brought us.

And they're all the much better because I got them from the cafeteria. I've never been particularly known as a fan of the cafeteria food, having published some rather polemical rants against our campus epicures, and generally being a curmudgeon toward them in general.

So, it's the end of the semester, and I figure it's time to take an assessment of my virtual experience so



Ramblings from a Room

LUKE CHENNEL

far this year. Overall, it's been much more positive than in the past, and I think it will continue to improve.

First off, a lot of credit should go to student services in general for revamping the meal plan options and taking the initiative to invest in the bar code scanner and the printing equipment for the meal cards.

More credit should go to the Doghouse staff, who,

though a bit shell-shocked at the beginning of the year, managed to reorganize and now offer just as many items as they did in the beginning, and those nasty shortages seem to have ended.

Dining downstairs is, in fact, now a pleasant experience. The XM digital radio has me wanting one of my own, due to the wide music selection and the quality, and SGA deserves all the credit there. I always loved good music with a meal; it just seems to make the food go down that much easier.

Upstairs, I find several positive attributes. The dishes are always well-cooked,

and having the staff serve me is very nice. Tuesday's holiday meal was a smashing success, and one that I hope will continue as a tradition. Reasonable dining environments are very nice. No longer are there chronic shortages of all the "good" items at a meal, and they are on the whole extremely pleasant and a pleasure to deal with.

The waffle iron is a useful feature; I, at least, always have a backup plan if everything else fails. And they're generally quite good (though I still have as yet to master getting one of the things out of the iron).

It's not all sunshine, of

course. The Doghouse offerings are mostly all deep fried, which, disregarding the health effects (I never cared much about those, anyway) can get a bit old after a while. Some better salad offerings or some deli-type sandwiches could easily alleviate that problem, though. It's a minor quibble at best.

Upstairs, the food is still often bland, though I have found more than a few selections that I did genuinely enjoy, and was actually willing to go back for seconds (something that had not yet happened in my four-year college career). The place is at least always

well-stocked and clean, and much of the childish behavior has disappeared, to which I must credit the behavior of most of my peers.

All in all, I can't feel all that bad about the situation. More than anything in the past, I thought the cafeteria was driven to mediocrity by the lack of choices it afforded. Now, with some more options, things are looking up, and I find it possible to (wonder of wonders) actually live on the food we serve here.

Now, if I could only do something to bring back my declining balance....

Christmas spirit isn't exemplified by tacky trees and fruitcake

Christmas is wonderful, but let's face it, some of us have taken this time of festivity and celebration and made it tacky. Let's use this year to be different. Here are some starters for putting class back into Christmas:

Shortcuts in decorating are usually a red flag that something is amiss. A perfect example of this is the net of lights that people buy to drape over their bushes and trees. These lights are passable when used in the right way, but using the lights to hang from the porch ceiling to the porch railing is not a good idea.

Icicle Christmas lights? Watch out, these little guys



Big Chief's Last Stand

ELISSA THOMPSON

are tricky. If they are a uniform color, a person is probably safe. Watch out for multi-colored icicle lights. They make your house look like K-Mart. K-Mart is nice, but do you really want to live there?

Dancing Santa Clauses are not for everyone, but I happen to think that they are nice touch to any living room, clad in Christmas

cheer. However, a Santa who twists the hip shake into a pelvic thrust is unacceptable. Santa is not about the bump and grind.

I realize that many people have resorted to fake Christmas trees. Even my parents ditched the 'ole Christmas tree farm tradition. I'm starting to think they are almost okay. Watch out though, if your fake Christmas tree is dyed purple, blue, pink, or any other non-green hue, you have made a horrendous Christmas mistake. Save your tree, your home and your reputation by disposing of this disaster before it's too late.

Christmas carols are tremendous, and there is hardly any way that they can be overdone. However, "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" is on its way out. We're sorry about the loss, fella, but you have to get on with your life.

I like mistletoe.

What about fruitcake? Maybe this falls into a Christmas tradition that I don't really understand. I never get why there is so much reference to it. Nobody likes it, and I don't really think anybody makes it either. There are probably only five fruitcakes in the entire world, but they keep getting passed on every

year.

What about the blow-up snowmen and Christmas trees that I keep seeing? Obviously Wal-Mart thought that was going to be a good idea. I beg to differ. These things belong in parades, not in front yards. The sad thing is that people will realize their mistake in spending money on them, and they will throw them where they really belong.

Earrings made of Christmas lights are not a bad idea, especially if you have a red nose and your nickname is Rudolph.

My point, and I do have one, is that we all know someone who has lots of

Christmas cheer that should probably be exercised in other creative ways. I'm not saying that we ditch lights and decorations. I'm just saying that we should use them sparingly. Chocolate cake with chocolate frosting is a good thing, but if I have too much-I feel like throwing up. Sometimes I feel that way when I look at someone who has overdone Christmas.

I guess it's ironic, in a way. We celebrate Christmas to honor a baby who was born in a stable and placed in a feeding trough. How is it that something that started out so simple has become something that is too much?

Fourth of July friendships aren't all fireworks and fun... they blow up

A subject that's been much on my mind lately is friends, and the quality of them. If you hang around me long enough, I'll probably try to tell you I think I've met every type of woman there is. Nowadays, I'm beginning to believe the same rings true for friends.

One of my friends is an extreme realist. Although I'm more optimistic than she is, she nonetheless has many wise and true things to say. One concept she related to me sounded good enough I decided to try it for myself. She evaluated every single friend she had to decide whether or not the present state of the relationship merited any further investment of her time. Those who weren't, she cut off—sharply and irrevocably. Fortunately, I somehow made the grade. To a lesser degree, and—due to my not being as brave as she is—in a more subtle and sneaky way, I have followed in her footsteps.

When you go off to college, you realize who really cares, and who matters. The friends you keep in touch with now are the friends you will have forever, or they have extremely more potential than the ones you never



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LUKE EBERLY

talk to anymore. Some people consider themselves your friend, but they view the relationship like a Fourth of July parade—they sit on the sidewalk and do nothing and you walk by and throw them candy. I have extreme, recent, and painful personal experience with this type, and the best thing you can do is give them the boot.

Don't get me wrong—not everyone who doesn't maintain a steady, growing relationship with you should get exiled. I have a few acquaintances that I rarely talk to, yet when I do it's a good time. The important thing to do is to *not expect too much*. A person can get through life with a lot less pain by not expecting too much of his fellow human beings. One can also escape a lot of pain by not trying to hold a useless relationship.

To put a more positive spin on this spiel, I have learned a lot about quality friends,

friends worth all you can do for them and more.

Son House sings "Bear this in mind/a true friend is hard to find," and he is right. I've been around for nearly 20 years, and on this planet,

apart from relatives, there are four people I consider to be the best friends a guy could ever have. They, and I, realize how important great friends are to have and what it takes to be one. We

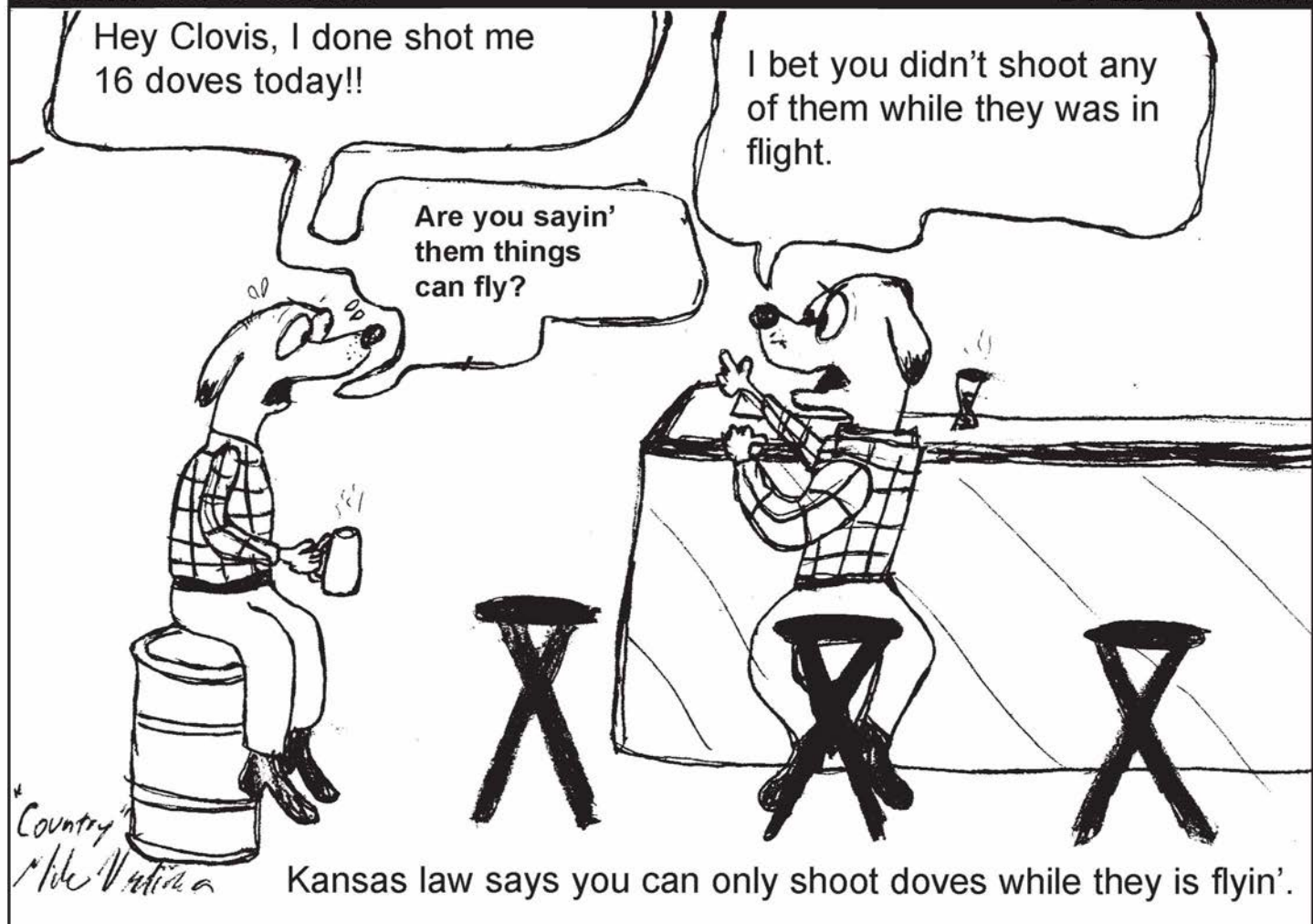
are there for each other to pass the time and to help each other when life seems like a dead end road.

There comes a time in life when you have to let go of what you used to have and

start looking for what you have ahead of you. To quote "True Grit," "Looking back is a bad habit." I am glad to have had the friendships I had. I learned much. However, I am blessed to

COUNTRY MIKE'S CORNER

BY MIKE VRTISKA



Kansas law says you can only shoot doves while they is flyin'.

"Get ahead of your peers
and start your term
papers now!"
-Unknown Professor

"Pray and Play
(the piano, that is)"
-Stephanie Brunelli

"One of the best things
you can do is find a sit-
uation that will make
you laugh very hard for
10 minutes each day."
-Coach Wright

"During the week of
finals,
1) Get plenty of sleep;
2) Avoid fighting with
your 'significant other';
3) Eat chocolate in the
mornings, then cheese
and onion sandwiches
before bed.
If this advice does not
work, you probably did-
n't study enough."
-Kevin Hadduck

"My advice is too late.
Learn it as you go...so
you don't have to
cram."
-Larry Kitzel

"Stress and panic are
your
worst enemies."
-Mary Flagg

"Remember to bring
your calculator...and
don't stay up all night
studying and then sleep
through the test."
-Robert Neufeld

"It will all be done on
Friday."
-Allan van Asselt

Straight from the
dedication in his
microbiology lab manu-
al, 'Go study.'
-Jonathan Frye

"While you are studying
and working hard,
make sure you get
enough rest...and keep
things in perspective."
-Bryan Midgley



Katherine Perrault
Staff contributor

Once you have studied, here are
some tips that should help and may
relieve stress either between or
during exams:

a) Drink plenty of water; stay
hydrated; and keep your body
happy. Stay away from caffeine
and sodas that may make you jit-
tery and more nervous under stress
and pressure.

b) If you are in the middle of a
test, haven't moved for 20 min-
utes, and find yourself getting
tense, ...STRETCH your body
from left to right to get the neuro-
pathways in your brain recharged
and energy flowing. When you are
immobile for long periods, energy

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and the brain slows down. You can
figure out the results.

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moment, breathe, try to relax and
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some exercise!**

-Katherine Perrault
Assistant Professor of
Speech and Theatre

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migraines. Wash
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in fresh lemon
and hot water
headaches and mig-
raines.

for thought?

Rebecca Stover
Features Editor

Eating will be a must through-
out this last week of school.
Three well-balanced meals a day
may be ideal, but not always
practical. Most likely, you will
find yourself lingering in the
cafeteria with friends to avoid
the work ahead, skipping meals
altogether during crunch-time
cram sessions, or perpetually
snacking on whatever munchies
you can scrounge up in your
room.

Despite the WAY you ease
those tummy rumbles, it may be
more important to think about

WHAT you will
choose.

Many studies
have examined
the physiological
and psychological
effects that foods have
on the human body. Though
effects vary from per-
son to person, select
foods eaten in
moderation may
facilitate a more
productive week
or lifestyle.

Dr. Michelle Cohen,
author of "Mood Food,"
recently reports on the ef-
fects of food. "They exert control
many of the body's functions."

In case you do need a

Eight Crazy Nights

Rated: PG-13 8:40PM

Davey Stone, a 33-year old party animal, finds him-
self in trouble with the law after his wild ways go too
far. In keeping with the holiday spirit, the judge gives
Davey one last chance at redemption—spend the holiday
performing community service as the assistant referee
for the youth basketball league or go to jail. Davey
thinks he's gotten off easy until he meets Whitey
Duvall, the eccentric, elf-like head referee. The mis-
match between Whitey's good heart and never-ending
optimism and Davey's constant troublemaking antics
soon have them both wondering if going to jail would-
n't have been easier! In this new, full-length animated
feature about basketball, old girlfriends, holiday spirits,
and the mall, Adam Sandler voices the three lead char-
acters of Whitey, Davey, and Whitey's fraternal twin sis-
ter Eleanore.

Movies Showing on Tues. Dec. 17th

007: Die Another Day

Rated: PG-13 (9:35PM)

Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Judi Dench,
John Cleese, and Rosamund Pike.

James Bond returns with the twentieth installment in
the superspy series of adventures. From Hong Kong to
Cuba to London, Bond circles the world in his quest to
unmask a traitor and prevent a catastrophic war. On his
way, he crosses paths with Jinx (Berry) and Miranda
Frost (Pike), who will play vital roles in the adventure.

Maid in Manhattan

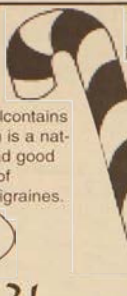
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herself gaining power
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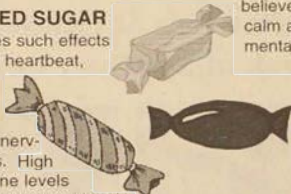
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Rated: PG

The follow-up to Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone finds young wizard Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) and his friends Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) facing new challenges during their second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as they try to discover a dark force that is terrorizing the school.

The Santa Clause 2
Rated: G
9:00

Scott Calvin has been Santa Claus for years, and his loyal elves consider him the best Santa ever. But Scott's top problem is that he's not his son, Charlie, landed on his list as "naughty." And Scott doesn't marry by Christmas Eve he'll stop being Santa forever. It's right in his contract the "Mrs. Clause." Desperate, Scott turns to the elves' new invention—a machine that can replicate anything—to create Santa II (a toy version of himself) and he leaves his double in charge. Things quickly go south at the North Pole when Santa II institutes some strange redefinitions of what's naughty and nice; worse, when Scott finally falls for a potential Mrs. Clause, she threatens to drive a wedge between him and Charlie. Christmas itself, hangs in the balance.

*"Purchase the text
five minutes before the
last class
and take the exam
blind folded."
-Herb Smith*

*"Study...and get a good
night's sleep
(if that's possible
in the dorms)
...or a good
afternoon's sleep
...or just whatever works."
-Richard Dove*

"Study in a group.
You can't do it
all by yourself.
(Just make sure someone
is in charge of food.)"
-Rick Tyler

"The thing about finals week is that you know there is an end. Work like hell and demand a lot of yourself knowing that the stress will not last forever. It will all be over soon."
-Wayne Convers

"Well my first advice
would be to start several
weeks ago...
but the only thing at the
last minute is to get a
good night's sleep."
-Ron Hovis

"Don't procrastinate."
-Nathalea Stephenson

"Don't try study for six hours at a time. It's important to take breaks. If you try to cram too much you will burn out. Believe me, I know."
-Jason Chalashtari

"D stands for diploma."
Pete Seal

*"Keep your mind fresh
and don't over do it...
or just take a present to
the professor to show
your great apprecia-
tion."
-David Snodgrass*



'Dogs earn first KCAC win

TEAM LOOKS FORWARD TO AVENGING PREVIOUS LOSSES IN AWAY GAME AGAINST SOUTHWESTERN

Jaymie Bickford

Spectator Staff

With four players in double digits, the Lady Bulldogs defeated Ottawa 66-56 in an away game last night.

"We played a great game. We cut down our turnovers and played together as a team," said Tiffany Conway, sophomore forward.

This win bolstered the Lady Bulldogs' overall record to 4-5.

Leading the Lady Bulldogs in scoring was Sharla Odham with 16 points. Erica Alvarez and Amy Gremmes each contributed 11 points while Amber Jackson added dominating under the basket.

The women travel to Southwestern College tomorrow night to play their last game before Christmas break. When the Lady Dogs met the Moundbuilders the first time last year, they came away with a 93-61 win. But the second time they met it was the Bulldogs who tallied a win, 76-67.

The Lady Dogs and Bulldogs appear to be evenly matched again this year. The Bulldogs bring in a 5-6 record, barely topping the 4-5 Bulldogs.

The Lady Dogs have only hosted two games this season, the first of which was a 75-62 victory against York



Amber Jackson drives to the basket under heavy Tabor defense on Saturday. The Bulldogs fought hard, but were unable to keep up with Tabor. Last night, the Dogs traveled to Ottawa and received their first KCAC win, 66-56. They will travel to Southwestern tomorrow.

College on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Later last week, the Bulldogs traveled to Bethany College to take on the Swedes. The outcome of that game was not as favorable, a 79-63 loss for the Bulldogs. Though Alvarez led the team in scoring with

14 points, overall offense was weak. The Lady Dogs shot only 29 percent.

The women hosted Tabor College last Saturday. Again, the Bulldogs couldn't answer Tabor, losing by a final score of 43-62. Offense was again a weak-

ness as the Bulldogs averaged a turnover a minute in the first 20 minutes.

The win against Ottawa is fuel that the Lady Dogs can use to burn out the Moundbuilders tomorrow.

"We have the potential to be a really outstanding

team, but we still have a few things to work out," said Christa Blöse, freshman forward.

After Christmas Break, the Lady Dogs will play Hastings College and Newman University in the Sterling Classic.

Soccer plans underway

Elissa Thompson

Sports Editor

After reviewing 48 applicants for the head coach of the new soccer program, Dan Hoffman, athletic director, has narrowed the field to four. Prospective coaches will be on campus this week and next week.

"It's my first choice to have separate coaches for the men and women," Hoffman said.

Hoffman sees downfolding only supplying one coach to two teams.

"One coach would have to bring in 30 players. That's a lot for one person to do," Hoffman said.

Hoffman also said there is a potential for one team to feel slighted without its own coach.

On the student recruiting side, LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, has contacted prospective players already.

Rothrock feels that McPherson looks attractive to players because of the new facilities that will be finished next year.

"We have their attention," said Rothrock. "Now they are waiting to see who we hire."

The new coach or coaches will be hired by the first of the year. They will be busy recruiting immediately.

Construction of the new soccer facilities will be underway this spring, as the football field is upgraded to accommodate the program. The college is also exploring the purchase of new uniforms and goal posts.

"I'm excited to have soccer come back," Hoffman said.

'Dogs slip in 79-76 overtime loss at Ottawa, hope to break losing streak at Southwestern

Nick Griggs

Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs fought their way through overtime, but they could not stop Ottawa, falling 79-76 in overtime.

Freshman Jamaal Norris fired in 27 points, a commanding leader for the Bulldogs. Kenny Romero and Jose Morales followed with 12 points each, and Bryan Hooks and Roy McDonald contributed 10 each.

Offense proved a Bulldog strength as the Dogs led near the end of the second half. Unfortunately, Ottawa drained some three-point shots that earned them a second chance in overtime.

"It was a hard-fought game," said head coach Roger Trimmell. "I was disappointed we couldn't hold them off and win."

Coming off last night's loss, the Dogs travel to Southwestern tomorrow to play at 7 p.m. The Moundbuilders are 7-4 overall and 2-1 in the KCAC. They were on a four-game winning streak, until they suffered a 76-68 defeat to Sterling.

"In this conference it's always difficult on the road," Trimmell said. "We have a big challenge ahead of us on Saturday."

"We've just got to run them. They are bigger and stronger than us, but we are faster, we just have to use our speed to win," said Jamaal Norris.

The Dogs hope to burst out of their recent slump. They fell to Bethany on Dec. 5, 75-78 and Tabor on Dec. 7, 92-69.

"The Bethany game was



Freshman Lee Gustafson snags a rebound and attempts another shot under the goal against Tabor Saturday.

indicative of how most of the conference games will be this season," Coach Trimmell said. "I think that we played a good game on the road."

Despite an optimistic 34-37 first half, the Bulldogs could not stifle Tabor on Sat. Dec. 7.

"Overall it was disappointing to not overcome the mistakes after a pretty good

first half," Trimmell said. "When they came out for the second half, Tabor had put up a couple of unanswered drives, resulting in the Bulldog's 0-2 KCAC record."

Romero led the Tabor game with 14 points and 13 rebounds, but he was stifled early, sitting down in foul trouble after only 24 minutes of play.



Gustafson soars to execute a shot against Tabor.

Other contributors were Morales with 13, Hooks with 12 and McDonald with 10. Freshman Tim Cox came off the bench to drain nine points. Though the Dogs were 41 percent from the field, Tabor out-shot them, making 55 percent of their attempts.

"We didn't play with heart. It was a gut check, and we didn't step up to the plate," said Bryan Hooks.

"Communication has got to play more of a part of this team's defense," Trimmell said.

Hoffert recognized as Academic All-American

Senior Wes Hoffert was recently recognized by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) as an Academic All-American for the 2002 cross-country season.

Hoffert, a chemistry major from Golden, Colo., has maintained a 3.63 cumulative GPA (on a 4.00 scale). Following his junior year at McPherson, Hoffert was named to the KCAC academic all-conference.

"We had fought hard to reach the qualification time (for NAIA academic all-american) early on in the season," said McPherson College head coach Pete Seal. "But a pulled groin set him back right when he was on the verge of achieving the necessary mark."

Still, Hoffert pulled out a time a few seconds faster than he needed to earn the award at the conference meet.

"We've worked hard on the roads and in the classroom. He really deserves this honor," Seal added.

Hoffert was McPherson's top finisher at the 2002 Tabor Invitational with a 12th place finish. He led the Bulldogs to second place, their top team finish of the season. After earning All-KCAC honors with his 13th place finish at the conference championships in 2002, Hoffert placed 18th in the 2003 conference race with a season best time of 28:26.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Head coach Roger Trimmell selected Jose Morales to be this week's athlete of the issue.

Originally from Turon, Morales attended Fairfield High School. Jose is a 6'3" senior, majoring in Business Management.

Transferring from Pratt in his junior year, Morales is the only Bulldog senior on the basketball team.

"We look to him for leadership," Trimmell said.

Playing guard for the



Morales

Bulldogs, Morales leads in three-point shooting. He is also averaging 15 points per game.

The Wright Touch

Former All-American player
passes along values as coach

Elissa Thompson
Sports Editor

Teaching class in a black warm-up suit, Mel Wright appears to be the all American teacher and

coach. But Wright not only seems all-American; in fact, he was named to All-American teams in baseball and basketball his senior year at Oklahoma State

University.

Wright remembers his years of collegiate sports fondly. A two-sport star, Wright played baseball and basketball at OSU from 1953-1957. He says that sports have given him "a foundation to develop his life's philosophy."

"I had coaches with good morals and a good ethical code," said Wright, who played under legendary basketball Henry Iba. "They taught ethics on purpose."

Looking back at his own career, Wright remembers two specific shots from his basketball days. He recalls draining a desperation shot from near half court to beat the KU Jayhawks, led by famed basketball star Wilt Chamberlain, at the buzzer.

Wright became an instant hero. The game was broadcast over a military wire and Wright got calls all through the night. To show their enthusiasm, students had a walk out the following Monday.

"It was a really dramatic thing," Wright recalled, shaking his head. Another of Wright's memories is stealing the ball with 10 seconds left against Houston and failing to sink a lay-up.

The two memories exemplify what Wright believes are the most valuable lessons gained from sports: learning how to handle success and failure.

At the end of his senior year, Detroit recruited Wright to play pro basketball, but he chose to play centerfield for the Kansas City Athletics instead.

Wright had made somewhat of a name for himself in baseball in the first game of the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. From right field, Wright snagged an over-throw and aimed to throw to third. However, an excited first base coach ran onto the field, and Wright's launch met the coach's head. The incident is documented on a plaque in Omaha for everyone at the national baseball tourney to see.

Once signed with the Athletics, Wright went to school in the fall for his master's degree and played baseball in the spring and summer. Wright started in class C and worked his way up to double-A ball before discontinuing his baseball career.

A team sport teaches you about winning, losing and keeping priorities straight. You have to bear down when things get tough

-Mel Wright



Mel Wright is in his eighth year at McPherson College. He is currently teaching several classes and head coaching women's basketball.

he has become. He commented that the values he learned from team sports are transferable to other areas of life.

"A team sport teaches you about winning, losing and keeping priorities straight," Wright said. "You have to bear down when things get tough."

After taking a break to work in financial services, Wright desired to get back into the atmosphere of a small college. Now, Wright is completing his eighth year at McPherson as the women's head basketball coach, freshman seminar advisor and a professor of health, methods of physical education and the history and philosophy of physical education.

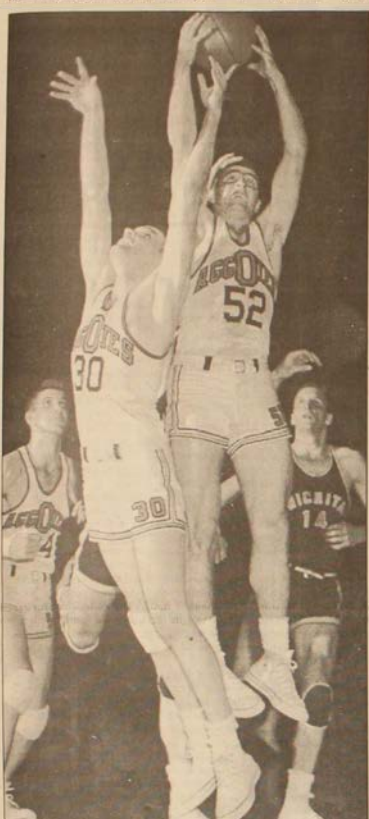
"He's very understanding," said Erica Alvarez, one of Wright's starting players for the past three years.

Alvarez said that Wright does a good job of scouting and getting the team men-

tally prepared for games. She also said that the team respects him because they know he identifies with how it feels to be an athlete.

"He knows. He was in a D-I program, and he knows what it takes to be successful," Alvarez said.

Wright says that team sports have contributed much to who



Wright jumps for a rebound against Wichita State.



Wright

BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball (4-5)

Haskell Indian Nations	W 86-62
Baker University	L 76-81
Oklahoma Wesleyan	L 88-91
Haskell Indian Nations	W 82-44
Central Christian College	W 98-90
Mid-America Bible	L 81-94
Southwestern Christian Ministries	W 88-75
Bethany College	L 75-78
Tabor College	L 67-92

Women's Basketball (3-5)

Oklahoma Wesleyan	L 58-60
Haskell Indian Nations	W 60-59
Central Christian College	W 78-57
York College	L 55-70
University of Science and Art	L 69-87
York College	W 75-62
Bethany College	L 63-79
Tabor College	L 43-62

College takes next step in athletic facility plan

Elissa Thompson
Sports Editor

Plans for the college's new track and synthetic football field progressed this week, College officials heard presentations yesterday from five different contractors, three for the field and two for the track.

The next step is for the contractors to put out a bid, and for the college to then select the products and contractors it wants to work with.

"We'll start work on the field by the first of May," said Don Hoffman, athletic director.

Demolition of the press box and remodeling of facilities under the stadium will begin yet this winter. Bud Mounts, in-house con-

tractor and professor of technology, will oversee those projects, in addition to the raising of visitors' bleachers on the east side of the stadium.

Footers for the Sport Center enhancements will be poured in the spring.

"We'll probably give up the gymnasium May 1," Hoffman said. The gymnasium will be re-surfaced with a floating floor system that will have more give for the athletes.

This floor should decrease injury and increase verticality, Hoffman said.

Another benefit of the new Sport Center addition is that all coaches will be in the same location.

"We've never had that," Hoffman said.

Bulldog Dance Off



Playing the Bulldog mascot last Saturday, Gad Jacobs dances with a Tabor fan.

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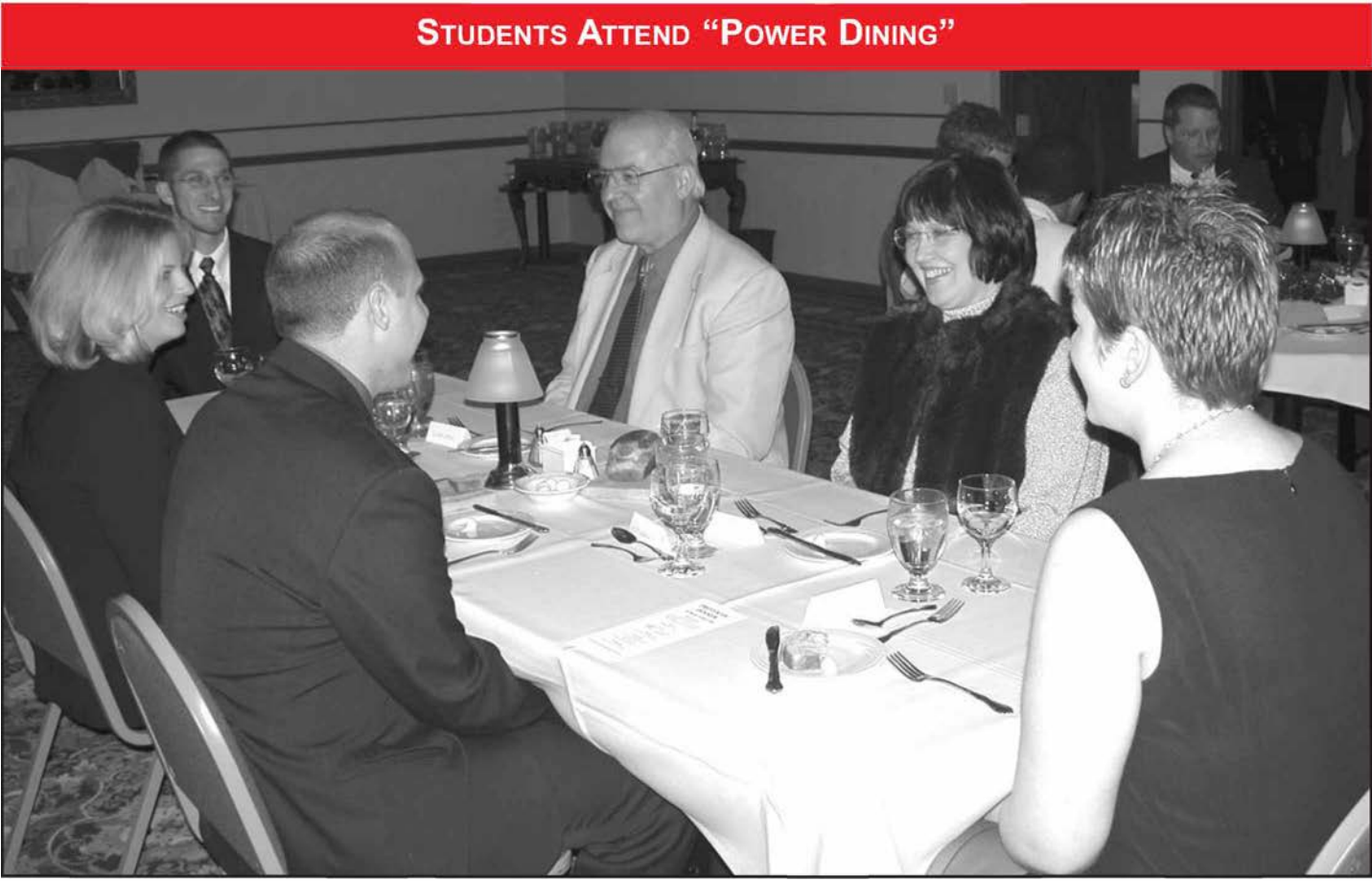
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The Business Club in partnership with career services sponsored a “power dining” event at the McPherson Country Club Wednesday, Dec. 4. Over 50 students, faculty and staff attended. Pictured around the table are Scott Musgrave, sr., Wray, Colo.; Tricia Laughlin, sr., Wray, Colo.; Brian Veal, jr., Kansas City; Dave O'Dell, associate professor of accounting, and his wife Jaymie, McPherson; and Emily Tyler, sr., McPherson. The purpose of the event was to prepare students for fine dining experiences. They were served a five-course meal in which they learned the proper etiquette of business dining, including how to use chopsticks, where to put the napkins while eating, how much they should speak with the waitress and where to put their silverware when finished.

Admissions goals prove successful

Karen Leiker
Spectator Staff

While student population is lower this year than in years past, next year has a promising outlook. The admissions office is showing a 250 percent increase in applications from prospective first-time freshmen compared to the number of applications received at the same time last year. The office is also experiencing a 290 percent increase in students accepted for admission. What changes from years past account for the sharp increase in

McPherson College? The entire admissions office is enthusiastic and committed to reaching their newly set goals, according to Carol Williams, director of admissions. The admissions department created a written plan at the beginning of the year stating their goals for the year. A second change is that the admissions office is doing more face-to-face visits. The admissions staff has visited many high schools, talked with numerous counselors and prospective students, and attended several college

fairs. “The staff has truly gone above and beyond the call of duty many times, and I’m sure their hard work will pay off,” Williams said. To attract more students, Mac is offering fine arts and journalism scholarships along with the current sports scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic year. Also, Mac is trying to attract more students with the Presidential Scholarship program. The Presidential Scholarship is not new, but the college is trying to attract more students that meet those qualifications.

The retention of students is another concern. A retention committee has been established to help keep students at Mac. This committee takes into consideration what current students want and need to continue their education. As the end of the academic year draws closer, McPherson College admissions counselors continue their efforts to attract students to campus. Williams believes the key is hard work, commitment and an increase in personal contact with prospective students.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE				
Final Exam Time	Monday Dec. 16	Tuesday Dec. 17	Wednesday Dec. 18	Thursday Dec. 19
8:00 a.m.	10:30 Classes MWF MTWF	8:30 Classes MWF MTWF	2:00 Classes MWF MTRF	9:30 Classes MWF MTWF
10:30 a.m.	9:30 Classes TR 4:00 Classes MWR	1:00 Classes MWR	10:30 Classes TR	2:00 Classes TR
2:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. TR	11:30 Classes MWF	11:30 Classes TR	3:00 Classes MWF MWRF
7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Classes	Tuesday Night Classes	Wednesday Night Classes	Thursday Night Classes

Mac grad lands Mercedes-Benz internship in Germany

Luke Chennell
Editor in Chief

Nate Lander, '02, returns from Fellbach, Germany, today with some interesting stories to tell. Lander spent six months interning at the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center. The internship was set up as a part of a relationship that the college maintains with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America's educational foundation. Lander expressed interest as a sophomore restoration student in going to Germany to work on older Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Brian Gunning, director of the educational foundation, and Robert Vaughn, director of restoration technology, worked with the Classic Center and secured the internship for Lander. While in Germany, Lander worked on expensive and

historically significant automobiles, ranging from 1930s models to a modern replica of the first automobile that Karl Benz ever produced, the Benz Patent Motorwagen. “The cars and the people that come through here are amazing,” Lander said. “I’ve gotten to know more interesting people since I’ve been here than ever before.” The Motorwagen became Lander’s pet project. The Classic Center has undertaken a project to replicate the historic vehicle and sell them to interested car nuts. Automotive technology being what it was in the 1880s, however, means that each Motorwagen requires a lot of maintenance. That’s where Lander came in. As an intern, he traveled around, teaching owners how to maintain and operate their historic toys. He held seminars across the United

States, instructing owners and prospective owners on the proper care, maintenance and operation of the three-wheeled trike. “Imagine sitting on top of your car and driving,” Lander said, speaking of the operation of the vehicles. “A lot of people hang on for dear life the whole time the thing is moving.” Top speed is about 20 miles per hour. The trikes aren’t cheap. At \$52,000 each, only a privileged few own the vehicles. The current production is estimated at 100 vehicles, and after that the company may opt into a contract to produce more, though the future is uncertain. Lander hopes that the internship opportunity at the Classic Center will continue. “It’s going to be a lot easier for the next person.” He says his experiences at McPherson College allowed him the skills and the con-



Nate Lander, '02, helps Mercedes-Benz buyers learn the operation and maintenance of a replica of the 1886 Benz Patent Motorwagen.

nections to start him on his career. “If it wasn’t for Mac, the chain of events wouldn’t have started,” he said. As a part of the internships at McPherson College, Lander’s is just one, says Vaughn. “We see internships as a major part of our program here... Nate is a very focused student. He did great.”

Curriculum changes underway

Shandi Schoming
News Editor

McPherson College is in the process of changing curriculum to help the campus become more student-friendly. The Educational Planning Committee has been committed to the general education proposal, while the Strategic Planning Committee has been discussing a new degree completion program. After recently passing “I believe it will allow our college to be more competitive in student recruitment and will provide a general education background that’s relevant to today’s student.”

-Laura Eells

The proposal for a new general education system, departments and divisions are in the process of writing new general ed goals. The new general education requirements will have positive effects on both returning and incoming students, according to Kim Stanley, professor of English. She says the requirements will be easier for incoming students to understand. “I’m very excited over the possibilities it opens up,” Laura Eells, dean of faculty, said. “I believe it will allow our college to be more competitive in student recruitment and will provide a general education background that’s relevant to today’s student.” The basis that the committee worked from was “What do we want our graduates to look like and to know when they leave?” This was also the basis of the last re-evaluation of the program, but has been revisited. “There was nothing necessarily wrong with our old system,” Eells said.

“Periodically, we need to re-evaluate programs. It was time to re-evaluate the general education curriculum.” A change in the general education requirements will also bring change in the convocations system. Convocations will become a part of seminar classes. A sophomore and junior seminar will be added to the schedule. These seminar hours will count toward graduation requirements whereas convocations have not. The Educational Planning Committee is exploring ways to put these seminars into the curriculum. The general education curriculum will have a positive impact on transfer students as well. It will be easier for students and their advisers to match classes from other institutions. Eells feels that students will be pleased when they see the new program. A main focus of the general education curriculum is career preparation and ethics. It also focuses some of its goals in the area of service. “It will prepare students better to enter a competitive work world,” Eells said. “I, for one, look forward to implementing the program.” Another curriculum change in process is the development a degree completion program. A proposal to officially move ahead with implementing the program will be before the Educational Planning Committee at EPC’s next meeting. The Higher Learning Commission, which is the college’s accrediting body, defines a degree completion program as one that is specially designed to meet the needs of working adults who have more than 60 credit hours and are returning to college after an extended absence. The degree completion program will be presented to the full faculty for final approval Tuesday.