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Hoffman to address grads

Jaymie Bickford
Spectator Staff

Seventy-three seniors will graduate from McPherson College on Sunday, May 23. The 116th Commencement ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at Brown Auditorium with a procession led by the McPherson Highland Bagpipers.

The Student Government Association senior class representative traditionally gives the welcome, and it will be no different this year with Juli Greep, Nickerson, welcoming her fellow class members. Senior class

members have spent the week voting on their choice of a faculty member to give the Homily, a short moralizing and inspirational story. However, their decision on the faculty member to give the homily was not available at press time.

President Ron Hovis will be honoring five alumni with citations of merit for their commitment and contributions to their community since graduating from McPherson College. Those five alumni are Rev. Elvin Frantz, '44; Lois Fruth Grove, '64; Jack Harter, '54; Mary Ellen Yoder

Howell, '54; and Irvin Wagner, '59.

Paul Hoffman, president emeritus of McPherson College, will deliver this year's commencement address. Hoffman was inducted as McPherson College's eleventh president in 1976, and served the campus community for 20 years.

The Senior Vocal Ensemble will perform "Be Ye Glad," a piece that was composed for the McPherson College Choir in the 1980s by Michael Kelly Blanchard. The McPherson College

Trombones will also be performing during commencement.

"Magnum Mysterium" by Jacob Handl under the direction of Larry Kitzel, professor of music.

After the presentation of class members and their honors, President Hovis will confer their degrees. Following the conclusion of the ceremony, faculty members will await the graduates outside Brown Auditorium to greet and congratulate them. A reception will follow the commencement ceremony for graduates and their families in Heaston Gazebo.

SGA visitation hour survey results in

Shandi Schomig
Editor in Chief

The survey results for the trial visitation hours are in and have been counted.

The next step in the process, said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, is that he will report back to the president's cabinet with the survey results.

Overall results of the surveys were positive, Rothrock said.

The surveys were distributed to every student living in the residence

halls.

There were nine areas that students were asked to rate from one to five with one being negative and five being positive. Detailed results can be found below

Noise level showed the least positive increase, while personal freedom, social life and hall camaraderie ranked as the most positive change.

"It would appear that at this time students are supportive of the change," Rothrock said.

SGA had collected 165 at press time.

Survey Results

How have the visitation hours changed?

averages of all responses
1-negative, 5-positive, 3-same

Shower Routine/Privacy	3.3
Personal Safety	3.3
Study Habits	3.3
Noise Level	3.2
Hall Camaraderie	3.6
Roommate Situation	3.3
Daily Routine	3.5
Social Life	3.7
Personal Freedom	3.8

Overall have the changes affected you?

Yes	59
No	102
Positive Change	48
Negative Change	5

RECORD TURNOUT FOR C.A.R.S. CLUB SHOW



photo by Shandi Schomig

Richard Dove, instructor in technology, and a Model T Club member inform spectators of the club's contribution to the C.A.R.S. Club cars show. The show took place May 1 on the McPherson College campus and well over 100 cars were entered. The feature car at this year's show was a 1929 Rolls Royce Phantom I.

Large prize opportunities at Campus Blowout

Patricia Goering
News Editor

The All Schools Day Campus Blowout, sponsored by Student Services, Student Government and the Student Activities Board, is an effort to keep students on campus the weekend before finals, said Tracy Stoddart, Dotzour Hall resident director and SGA and SAB advisor.

The campus blowout offers a number of opportunities to win large prizes throughout the day. Students, faculty and staff may pick up a ticket for each event attended and will be entered into prize drawings.

There will be five prizes worth \$100 each given away for attending specific events. For example, a large remote control Hummer and a portable DVD player are possible prizes.

Teams of six members each will compete in three events during the team competition. Events include inflatables, challenge course and mud volleyball. The winning team receives six \$100 gift cards to Wal-Mart.

There will also be a drawing for a \$100 prize for faculty and staff who attended events during the day.

From 9 p.m. to midnight there will be Casino Night in the SU basement. Random prizes will be given out every half hour and before midnight there will be a prize auction with the casino winnings.

At 2 a.m. after the movie on the lawn, SAB will draw one name for the grand prize. The winner receives a PlayStation 2, leather massage recliner and a 27-inch flat screen TV.

Winners must be present to receive their prizes.

"All Schools Day is a big event in the community and we wanted to have something on campus to tie into how special the day can be," said Stoddart.

The community events begin Wednesday evening with May Fete at the Band Shell in Lakeside Park. The program begins with the crowning of the area high school May Fete royalty and features area high school dance teams and local studio and group performances.

The same program will be performed Thursday evening.

Friday morning is the 91st annual All Schools Day parade, which attracts thousands of people from in and around McPherson.

ALL SCHOOLS DAY CAMPUS BLOWOUT SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M.	PARADE
12-1 P.M.	COOKOUT IN FRONT OF SU
1:30 P.M.	PRIZE DRAWING FOR ATTENDING PARADE
1:30 - 5:30 P.M.	TEAM COMPETITIONS
6-7 P.M.	BBQ COOKOUT
7 P.M.	PRIZE DRAWING FOR ATTENDING TEAM COMPETITIONS
7-9 P.M.	TALENT SHOW
9 P.M.	PRIZE DRAWING FOR ATTENDING TALENT SHOW
9 P.M. - MIDNIGHT	CASINO NIGHT
BEFORE MIDNIGHT	PRIZE AUCTION WITH CASINO WINNINGS
MIDNIGHT	PRIZE DRAWING FOR ATTENDING CASINO NIGHT
12-2 A.M.	MOVIE ON THE LAWN
2 A.M.	PRIZE DRAWING FOR ATTENDING MOVIE, TEAM COMPETITION WINNERS GIVEN PRIZES, INDIVIDUAL GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Students attending the parade can get their tickets for the prize drawings for the parade at the corner of People's Bank on the corner of Kansas and Main.

The McPherson College bulldog and five other students will ride on the 20-foot cake float through the parade.

Other students will walk beside the float handing out candy.

A fireworks show will be

presented at 9:30 Friday night in Wall Park.

All Schools Day buttons are required to attend May Fete, the Parade and the fireworks.

There will also be a carnival Monday through Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The Carnival is put on by Toby's Amusements and is held in Wickersham Park.

Secondary ed graduation policy changed

Dean Feasenhiser
Spectator Staff

Students in the secondary education department may notice a change in whether or not they walk with their classmates after four years of study.

Three years ago, the graduation policy changed to where those students who had six or more hours outstanding, including any hours for student teaching, could not walk across stage with their graduating class without forfeiting some of their financial aid from the college.

According to Karlene Tyler, associate dean of academic services, this policy has recently been modified to allow those students who only need to complete their secondary education student teaching to walk with their graduating class without losing any financial aid.

The Education Planning Committee made this modification after Tyler and Laura Eells, provost and dean of faculty, came to the committee with the

concerns of a student majoring in secondary education.

The only requirement that the student had left to complete was the student teaching, which would be finished in the fall of next year. This change will allow the student and others in this situation to walk with their graduating class, and not have to return to the college for graduation after finishing classes during the spring semester.

This will affect those in the secondary education department and not those in elementary education because of the fact that unlike the elementary education program, the secondary education program's student teaching is not a graduation requirement of the college. Instead, it is only a licensing requirement that the college assists the student in fulfilling.

Tyler believes that this change shows the importance of students bringing concerns to the faculty and staff, showing that their voice can cause changes to happen.

OUR LEAD EDITORIALS

Students continue to be inactive in campus leadership

Issue 1:
Student
involvement
Our
Position:
Students
must take the
initiative to
step up as
leaders.

As commencement approaches, we look back on a year filled with changes. We began the year with a larger incoming class and a new president. The soccer teams were revived and some of the residence halls were restructured and renovated. Athletes returned to find a newly renovated Sport Center and a freshly turfed

football and soccer field.

The football team was mentioned on ESPN and overall had a positive season as did the other Bulldog teams. Men's basketball entered conference play and the track team seems to be on the road to success.

Student Activities Board was added to the list of campus clubs to provide students with more social campus activities.

As the year ends, the campus says goodbye to many familiar faces, both students and faculty.

Although many memorable things are happening on campus, students won't have a formal memento of this year.

Because of low student interest, the Barker was not produced this year. Perhaps this is something that can encourage students to be more involved next year.

Student involvement in campus leadership positions seems to be rapidly declining.

SGA elections took place and each of the candidates ran unopposed. It seems that students have no interest in having a voice on campus.

SAB hired next year's board, but not many students' wanted to step up to the role.

Students need to take time to reevaluate their roles on campus. If involvement continues to decline, students' needs will not be fulfilled.

We encourage student involvement not only to build new leaders, but also to have a memento of our time spent at McPherson College.

GOOD DOGS / BAD DOGS

GOOD DOGS

Admissions staff for nearly reaching their goals for the year.

EPC for reconsidering the summer graduation policy for secondary education majors.

C.A.R.S. Club for planning another successful car show.

Darren Hendricks for producing the multimedia presentation for honors convocation.

BAD DOGS

LaMonte Rothrock for losing his office and his robe.

Students who rolled marbles down the auditorium floor at the honors convocation.

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MAC OPINIONS

What did you learn this academic year?

"I've learned to manage my time a lot better."
Aaron Rothenberg, fr., Madill, Okla.



"Procrastination is my best friend."
Brian Veal, sr., Belton, Mo.



"I figured some new things out like self-expression."
Oriana Medina, sr., Xalapa, Mexico



"The Kansas landscape is very flat."
Matt Maxwell, fr., Garland, Texas



"Everything and a bit more about human and cat anatomy."
Jenny Harper, jr., Grimes, Iowa



"If you don't get yourself together, life will."
America Patton, sr., Kansas City

Though Jesus died for all our sins, we all must learn to repent



Guest Columnist

Matthew Ellison

No matter what our status is in life or what the title is before our name, we humans all have one common factor. No better, no worse, we're all under the same umbrella when it comes to this huge factor in our lives.

The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The common factor that every human faces is sin. I refer to this factor because it's not something to be taken lightly.

The Bible tells us that sin separates us from God, our creator, whom we were made to serve. In Romans 6:23 the word of God tells us that the wages of sin is death (or life separated from the presence of God), but the gift of God is eternal life.

Sin can be anything from lying, stealing, cursing, and having hateful thoughts in your heart. Whether we've acknowledged it or not, it's clear that we're all sinners.

I know I'm not the only one who's ever cheated on a test, lied to their parents, or thought negatively towards someone in my heart. I admit this willingly, and encourage all to do the same. God already knows your sins and shortcomings.

He just wants you to confess that He's right.

I am a sinner.

Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came and died for the sins of all men. Three days later, God raised Him from the dead with the victory over death.

When I say that I confess that I'm a sinner and I believe that Jesus died for my sins and rose three days later, I'm saying that the penalty or the price for my sin that I was supposed to pay was already taken care of by Jesus when he died for me. You don't have to work nor do good deeds to obtain salvation, as some believe.

The Bible says that we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ not by our good

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—Matthew Ellison

deeds. I once heard a man say that he did not do good to get saved, but he did good because he was saved. Salvation is not something that can be earned; it is given as a gift by faith.

Even though we are saved from our sin when we put our faith in Jesus, that doesn't mean that we can have a "sin fest" for the rest of our lives or continue in our sins.

The Bible

clearly states that we must repent (change our ways) or we will perish just as those who have not believed in Jesus Christ.

I admit though this is no easy road to travel. The Bible refers to it as the "straight and narrow."

Living a life trying to not do the very thing that your body

compels you to do is hard, but oh, the joy and the peace that surpasses all understanding that you receive when you put your faith in God. Believe me, it's well worth it. As a matter of fact don't take my word for it, try it for yourself.

The Bible says in Psalms, "oh taste and see that the Lord is good." If you believe and receive this word that I've written you, put your faith in Jesus and begin to see why Christians are always talking about Jesus.

One common factor (sin) with one common solution (Jesus).

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Hebrews 2:3: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation...!"

After serving in the Marines for a year, home becomes an awkward place



Guest Columnist

Demetree Gaines

I am a Marine Corps reservist out of Wichita. On Feb. 17, 2003, I was deployed to San Diego.

I know what you're thinking: sunny California, girls and surf. What was the big problem? Well, just about everything. Not just the being away, the temptation of the flesh, the rigorously monotonous and boring schedule or the effect that it would have on me after it was over. I can't tell you about any one thing that made it good or bad.

When I got the call that I was going, my wife and I got into an argument because she thought I was joking. I yelled at her telling her that I would never joke about that. Right of the bat, this was a great situation.

I got to the unit in Wichita and they couldn't tell me if I would stay in California or go to Iraq. This added to the stress because that was the one thing that my wife and I wanted to know the most. We didn't care about how long I would be gone if I'm going to Iraq or not.

After all the paper work and heartfelt goodbyes,

which was painful beyond all understanding, something cool happened. I met one of my favorite skateboarders on the plane. His name was Bob Burnquist. We hit it off from the start and he had me come out to his house and hang out. We still keep in touch.

It took a while to get used to the daily regimen of Marine Corps life but I adjusted eventually.

The inspections, expectations, and four-mile runs at 5 a.m. after a night of heavy drinking all become numbing after a while. One of the many things that we had to deal with that made it so hard was that we hardly had one, maybe two, air conditioners while I was there the whole time. One can imagine how god-awful slow the time went by.

I'd try to find things to keep me amused. I tried the

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—Demetree Gaines

beach and that didn't prove to be as enjoyable as you may think. Cali women look good, and they are not shy. That's about all I can say.

To keep from this type of frustration, I only went to the beach twice the whole time I was there. I started drinking- a lot. It felt like my world had been torn apart.

I got to come home quite often and I believe it was the one thing that kept me sane. In 10 months I came home four times and once I stayed for 10 days. It was refreshing, but leaving again made it harder to deal with. After my last visit home I told my wife I didn't want to come back again until I was home for good. It was too tough on my wife and me.

My world fell apart again when I came home. Home-

the one thing I dreamed about for almost a full year, the one thing that could heal all my pain and suffering and the one thing that would make everything all right, was the one place I didn't fit anymore. It hurt bad to have that taken away from me.

I started school as soon as possible, which does not help with the stress, but you have to keep going. I feel bad for those soldiers overseas who are battling stress and the fog of war. It helps me deal with my problems when I pray for them. I hope each and every one of them has as much love and support as I did to help them when they return home. They deserve it.

As for me I've learned that things will fall apart. It's what you do after that that will decide whether you can make it through or not.

Some thoughts to ponder concerning Christianity

This being a Church of the Brethren campus, and me being of the same background, the concepts put forth herein may appear to come from outer space. My parents were open-minded folk given to inspire free thought. This is the birth child of my free thought, somewhat inspired by modest amounts of Pabst Blue Ribbon and a very small amount of research. I would also like to add that I've never taken a religion course and do not attempt present myself as having any more than a passing knowledge of religions. Please correct me on any and all mistakes.

It has come to my attention that Eastern beliefs hold that good and evil coexist in a balanced manner. I knew what the Yin and Yang sign meant; however, I was not hip to the full extent of the concept behind it. Black is evil, white is good. The two exist in the same world, balanced and equal.

Western religions focus on being good and living an upstanding life. I think this



Luke Eberly

concept was cultured by people who desired some way to trick people into being good because of some hazy, little-known prize at the end.

Spending your life trying to repress evil or negative forces is unbalanced. Just let it be. Accept the fact that bad things happen and move on. I will truly feel sorry for everyone who died expecting a gate and a book of life if it doesn't happen.

What if God is angry with us? What if he just created us for the same reason people play video games? Uh-oh, what if God is just a figment of the imagination, and all that awaits us after death is a hole in the ground and a few hungry worms? What if we come back to earth as another person, perhaps even the person we hated in our previous life?

Be careful. The mind has powers and capacities beyond any man's understanding. Just because it sounds like a good idea with a big party at the end, doesn't mean it really happens.

Men wrote the Bible. People think Mormons are foolish for following Joe Smith's book, the foolishness of which was caricatured in a great South Park episode. Hello! Could Christianity be the same way? Just because it originates in a country across the big lake and more people follow it, does that make it better than a religion based in Utah? Mr. Smith said God inspired his book as well, perhaps because he saw how well that worked with Christians.

It's interesting to me how folks of the good Christian persuasion spend so much time trying to inhibit evil and be good, when evil is going to happen just as much as good is. Even more scary is those of you who will mindlessly revolt at my ideas, which I can guarantee are not new, simply because

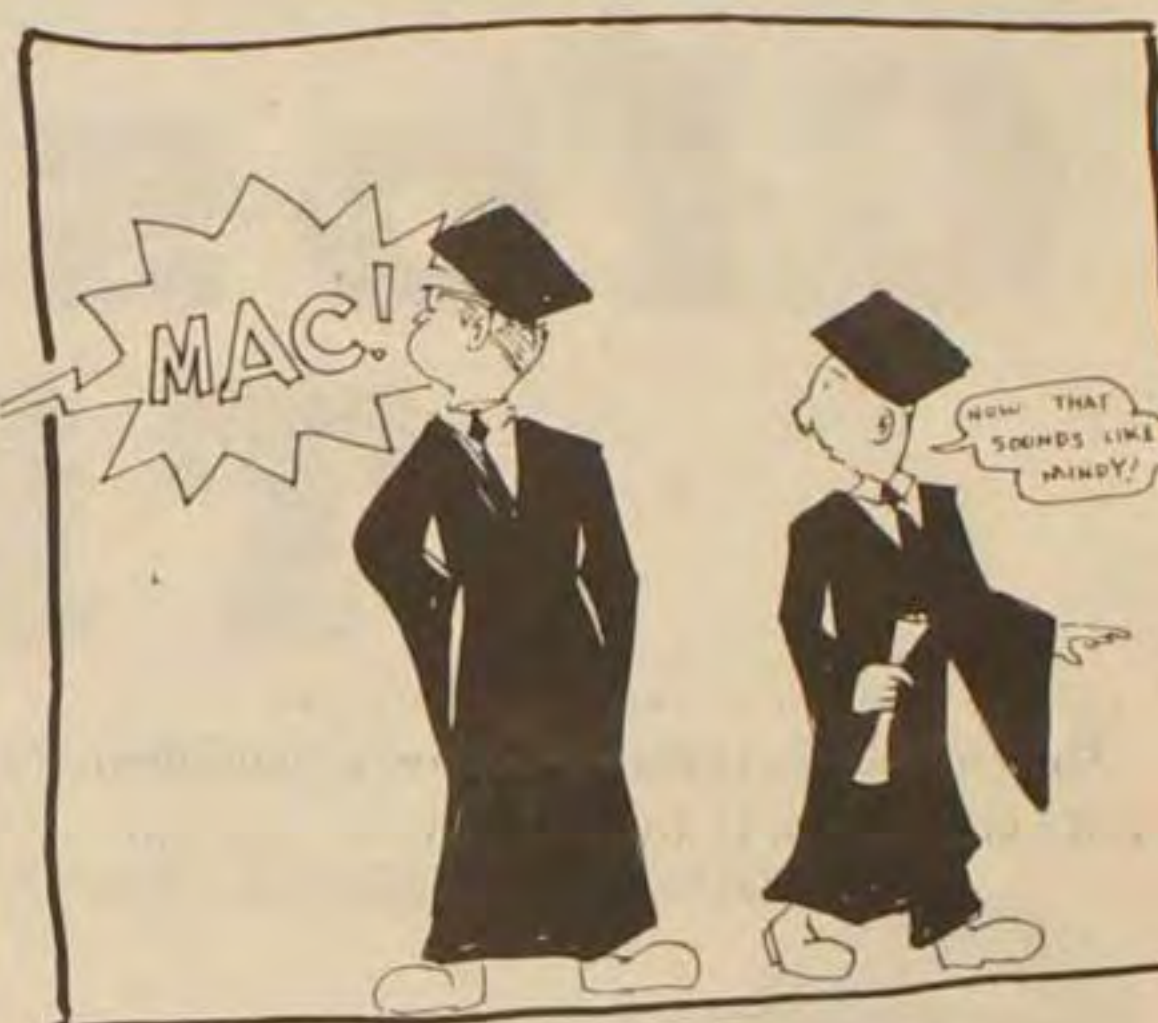
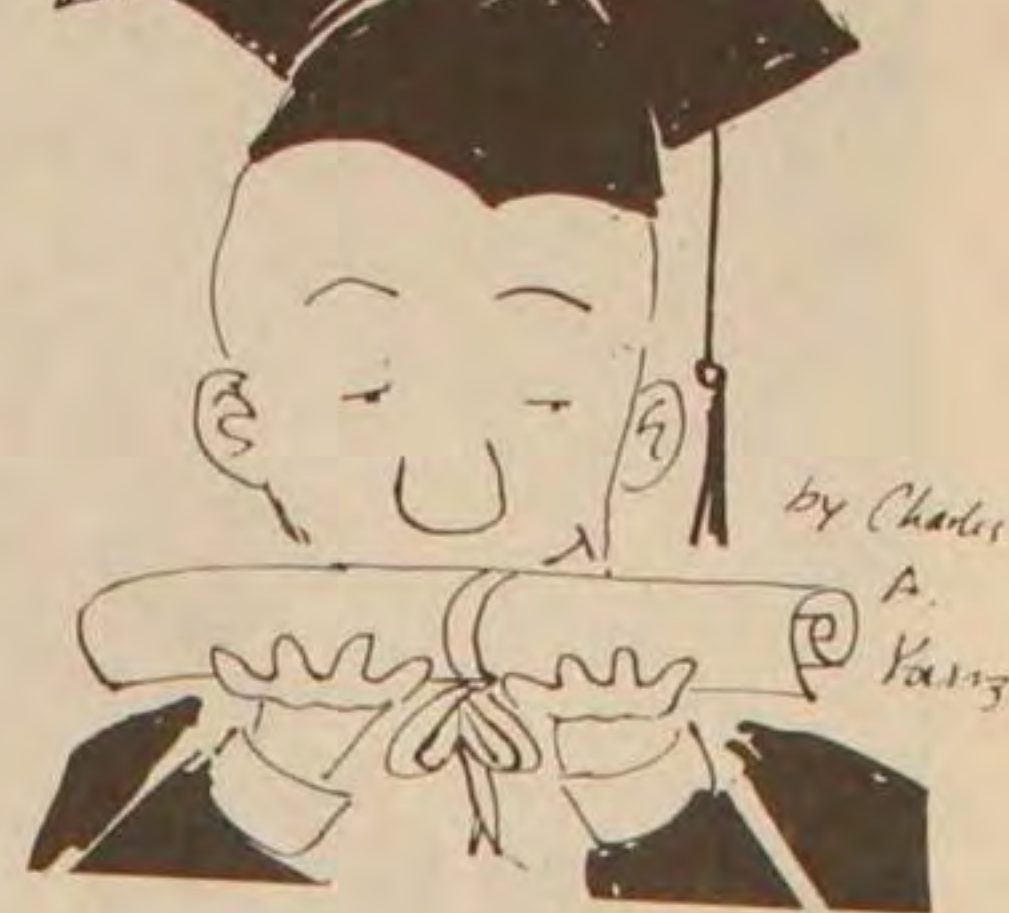
that is how your religion commands you to act.

I'm not trying to tell anyone how to live. I hate to see people do something blindly. I hate to see closed-minded people, myself not always excluded, totally reject an idea with no thought. This life is short, and it's a gamble. Do what you want, act on your gut, and I guess we'll see where the chips fall in the end. I wouldn't be surprised if God is accepting of all religions, no matter how they differ or conflict with the others.

I'll admit, even to me this sounds like a rambling, disjointed attempt to get something I thought up while drinking published in the paper. Herb, while I fear it, I also anxiously await a clinical, effective demolition of everything here that almost appears logical.

Maybe it's a plea to see the light in a convincing enough manner that I finally follow it. Each person must decide what he or she believes. This is the beginning of my decision.

MAC THE MECHANIC



Congratulations Class of 2004 From Mac and the Gang

The track team should try to stay strong

In the three years I have been part of track, I have had three different coaches. While I find it frustrating and exhausting, I look at my teammates and administrators and know that I am not alone.

Two weeks ago I had decided to sit down and write an editorial about how many great changes had taken place on this campus over the course of this past year. The more I thought about it, the more I wanted to write an article about how many great changes had taken place in the track program over the course of this past year.

Between then and now, much has happened. I learned that Coach Gray would not be coming back next year. I witnessed an uproar within the track team that set off a chain reaction of uprisings in other areas of campus. I questioned the executive decisions being made on campus this past semester. But most importantly, I did a little research to try and gain an understanding of it all.



Rebecca Stover

There is no question that noticeable changes have occurred with this year's track team. In comparison to years past, the transformation amazes me. I'm not the most skilled or dedicated athlete on the team, but I feel honored that I was a part of it. The Grays brought something to this track program that has been missing for years. Not to mention their incredible organizational skills behind the scenes with uniforms, store-rooms, and other technical aspects of the sport, these coaches brought a wealth of knowledge I have never seen before.

While giving us appropriate and smart workouts, they were always enthusiastic, understanding and encouraging. For once, I

saw the team being held accountable and in turn, showing progress in leaps and bounds. They went the extra mile figuratively by communicating with students and literally doing the workouts with us.

The changes in practice spilled over into our meet performances as well as our team unity. To put it on a simple comparison scale, last year we took one van to conference. This year, we filled a bus.

Despite these huge advances in the program, there is one detail we are left to deal with. The fact that the Grays will not be here next year is a difficult bite for some to swallow. I, like most of my teammates, am sad to see them go. They were a great coaching team. However, we must trust that the administration of our college has our best interests in mind.

I will even dare to say that in a way, I believe that Coach Gray is simply too good for this small institution. He and his wife are

fine-tuned professionals blessed with the gifts needed to create and run a large, competitive track program. Right now we are striving to rebuild a track program that will be successful and respected in our conference. Those goals are for today; perhaps our focus will broaden to larger goals tomorrow.

Until then, we must use our time wisely. I encourage my returning teammates to take an active part in the hiring process for next year's coach. I also encourage them to appreciate the efforts of Pam and Bart Gray and Coach Smith. If they created the team we speak so highly of, are we going to let it fall apart so easily? I think respect and dedication to the coach is good, but I believe respect and dedication to your team and teammates is equally important.

We have already lost our coach, let's not lose our team as well.

The perils of editing, dodging the potholes of life, all in the hopes of finding fulfillment and success

I have been waiting for this time of the year since September. Don't get me wrong, I wasn't going to sit around and keep my eyes glued to a clock for this moment to come.

I think there's still a child in me screaming for the last day of school to come. Several years ago, I'd let that kid run amuck once the final bell sounded. There isn't much for that child to get excited about now. There is no bell anymore. The school year just stops all of a sudden. Then the child has to go find a source of income far greater than any previous allowance.

Though I treated this year as just another big hurdle to pass, it doesn't mean that I let possibilities pass me by. I didn't expect to be back in this seat in the student publications office putting together the opinion pages for students, faculty and staff to see. It was my job



Michael Warner

last year, so I knew what to do when I came back, but it felt like I was living in rewind.

Some hard lessons were learned. For instance, it took a couple courses to help me realize I'm a terrible grammarian. It was demoralizing for me to realize this because I'm an editor for this publication and I am a journalism major. I look over mistakes made when I try to write or edit, and immediately I fall in a phase. I look at my mistakes and go, "Gee, I'm stupid. DUH!"

I guess this phase is common when you try to push yourself in a direction you don't feel sure is the right

way to go. I don't have a lot of time left in my college career, and I'm still struggling to figure myself out. I have found direction thanks to family, friends and professors, and right now I feel it is the way for me to go. However, I don't know if I'll find myself taking the exit ramp tomorrow with newer ambitions.

If you find yourself in this same frame of mind I'm in, remember life is tough no matter what you choose for yourself. If there are potholes on the road, dodge them. If you hit them, don't let it discourage you. The road doesn't last forever. If you don't like the road you're on, select a new destination for yourself. The highway is yours.

I don't mean to sound like a motivational writer or anything of the sort, but I know that nobody wants to be trapped in something they don't enjoy.

I enjoy writing for this publication, but there are plenty of possibilities that can make the experience unpleasant. Not only do I not like seeing the frequent mistakes I make trying to edit these columns, but the frustration and the late nights spent trying to get these pages to look eye-catching is too overwhelming at times. Right now, I can hear my bed screaming for me far louder than the scream my child within has ever produced. Accept the consequences for the decisions you make. No road is an easy one.

This summer, I am welcoming several new challenges. Once these challenges are completed, and I feel I have succeeded, I am hoping my inner child is revived and alive enough to scream with joy coming into my senior year.



Bryan Grosbach, soph., Gladstone, Mo., and Althea Harding, soph., McPherson, practice a one-act play, directed by Lois Davidson, jr., Welda to end the season.

Closing Time

As warm weather approaches and classes come to a close, students push to get things finished



Kana Bessho, Sapporo, Japan, finishes her ceramics hoping to meet the deadline.



Demetree Gaines, sr., Lyons, gives Larry Kitzel a "thank-you hug" after Kitzel's last concert, which brought a Mac legacy of 34 years to a close.



Lamonte Rothrock and Elsie enjoy their new office on the stage of Brown Auditorium after restless students relocated their office last week.

September 26, 2003
Burkholder
14 years

Lara Lichty
Features Editor
Just as McPherson College will miss several faculty members who are not returning next year, Doug Burkholder, professor of mathematics, will also be missed. Burkholder graduated from McPherson College in 1980. Later he taught at University for six years. When he not only accepted it but taught for the next 14 years. At McPherson College Burkholder has been teaching mathematics from the lowest level to the

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Major: History

Hometown: Kansas

Future plans: Going to the inner city to work in the field as an activist, a Master's degree

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Burkholder to begin trek to Hickory, N.C. after 14 years of teaching in the math department

Lara Lichty
Features Editor

Just as McPherson College will miss several faculty members who are not returning next year, Doug Burkholder, professor of mathematics, will also be missed.

Burkholder graduated from McPherson College in 1980. Later he taught at Wichita State University for six years. When offered a position at Mac, he not only accepted it but taught for the next 14 years.

At McPherson College, Burkholder has been teaching mathematics from the lowest level to the



Doug Burkholder says goodbye after 14 years.

highest.

Through BCA, Burkholder was able to spend one of his 14 years on sabbatical in Quito, Ecuador, at the Universidad de San Francisco de Quito. He

"The college remains strong in terms of student relationships. We have a really dedicated faculty."

—Doug Burkholder

looks at his sabbatical with high regard.

"The sabbatical was a great opportunity to see a different part of the world and to experience a totally different culture. It was an opportunity to learn what it feels like to be a minority," Burkholder said.

"It was an awesome experience to get down there and work with students of another culture and to see that really all students are the same."

Not only did Burkholder enjoy his teaching in Quito, but he enjoyed the other opportunities he was presented with while there. He spent much time learning about the culture as well as traveling to marvel the natural beauty of South America. He traveled to the Galapagos Islands. His tropical rainforest biology course allowed two trips into the Amazon rainforest to study at the university's research station.

Burkholder will miss the interaction with his students at McPherson College.

"I enjoyed seeing them grow and appreciate mathematics, whether they were math majors or not," Burkholder said.

He will also miss getting to know his colleagues and learning about their areas. "That's the neat thing about the college. We get to interact with faculty of a wide variety of disciplines," he said.

A job at Lenoir-Rhyne College will lead Burkholder and his wife Mary to Hickory. He plans to teach mathematics while Mary plans to participate in a variety of service jobs.

The couple is looking forward to living close to national parks and the ocean. They plan to hike and explore the history of the area.

In the past 20 years, Burkholder believes the college has held on to what's really important for McPherson College.

"The college remains strong in terms of student-faculty relationships," Burkholder said. "We have a really dedicated faculty."

One more familiar face will say goodbye to McPherson College. However, best wishes go out to the Burkholders as they begin their trek to North Carolina.

SENIOR PROFILES

America Patton

Major: History

Hometown: Kansas City

Future plans: Going back to the inner city to work in the community as an activist, and pursue a Master's degree @ UMKC

Mac Mind-set: Positive

"I think this school has taught me a lot of strategies that I will need to help me when I get out in the teaching work force," America said.

Favorite Mac memories:

"Well, I have two! The first is when I received my RA job, because it felt like I got an opportunity to display my leadership skills, develop friendships, and meet a lot of important people in the administration. Another favorite memory was when I got accepted to attend college here, because that has been a dream since high school, and not that many people make it to college where I am from," Patton said.

Best thing about McPherson college: Being able to learn from a number of professionals first hand, step by step, through practicum experiences

Favorite professor: Jeanne Smith

"She has been a mother to me since I have been away from home," America said. "She understands many of my problems. She is a good person, she goes all out trying to understand individuals' problems."



McPherson College will soon send out its graduates into the real world...

Looking at a small sample, do you think they're ready?

Nick Griggs & Lara Lichty
Spectator Staff & Features Editor

Abida Hamud-Socoro

Major: Biology

Hometown: St. Louis

Future Plans: Medical School in the Caribbean

Feelings of Mac: Neutral
"It's a little small, which is good, but I'm ready for a change"

Favorite Mac Memories: Freezing people's underwear, putting people's clothes in the fridge.

Admired Mac Professors: Larry Kitzel, Karrie Rathbone & Kim Stanley
"They interact with students and treat them as equals," Abida said.

Lessons learned at Mac:

1. Stay far away from dogs.
2. Don't drink espresso at night.



Jonathan Klinger

Majors: Business, Auto Restoration

Hometown: Winnebago, Ill.

After Graduation Plans: Go home and attempt getting a job as a management trainee in the manufacturing industry

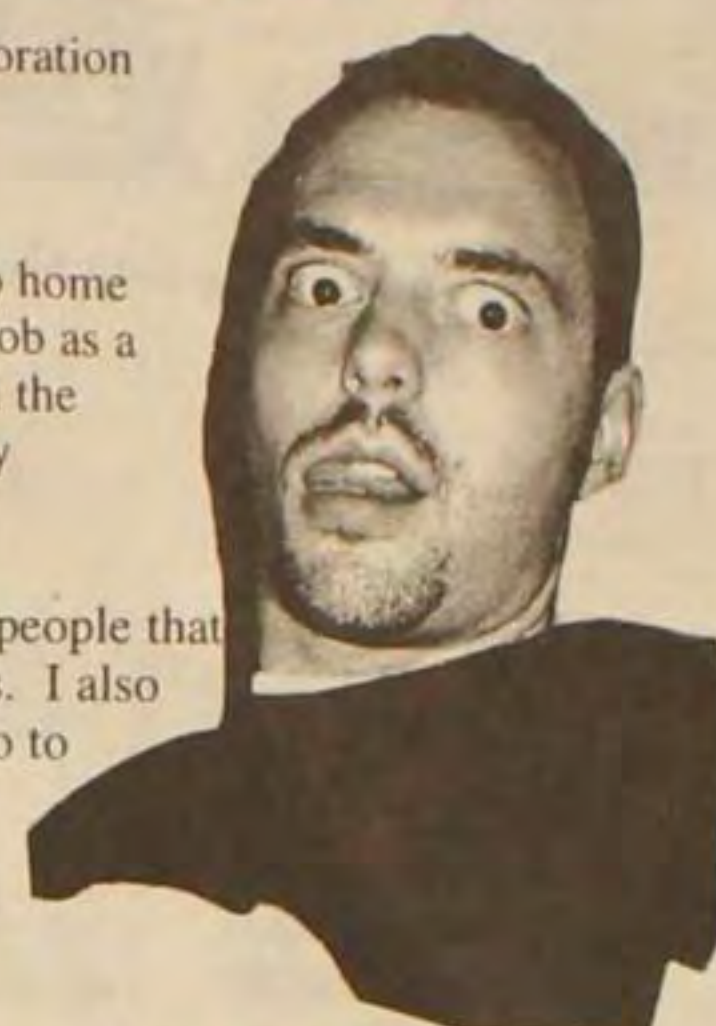
Outlook on Mac: Positive

"I've met a lot of interesting people that will be lifelong friends. I also enjoyed that I got to go to school for four years, and got to play with cars for two of them," Klinger said.

Favorite Recollection of the past four years: A road trip to Nevada to the Bonneville Salt Flats to watch the historic auto races with friends.

Mac Role Model: Roger Stout

"That man can solve any problem with a flashlight and a pocket knife," Klinger said.



Juli Greep

Major: Physical Education

Place she goes home to: Nickerson

Plans after the 23rd: Working for the Universal Cheer Association, taking life one day at a time

Feelings of Mac: Positive
"I met a lot of nice people, and friends, and it was easy to adjust to from high school."

Best College Memory: Winning the softball conference last year
"Our team really showed what it took to come together and play as a team, and fix the problems we were having in the past," Greep said.



Corah Coleman

Major: Music, emphasis in piano pedagogy

Home village: Chase

After graduation plans: To look at graduate schools

Feelings of Mac: Positive
"I met a lot of people here, and I have grown a lot as a person," Corah said. "I have made a lot of connections and feel that I have a lot of resources to fall back on."

Favorite Mac Memory: Mooning the cafeteria when dared by Lindsay Gribble

Mac Role Model: LaMonte Rothrock
"I think LaMonte is my role model because we have a lot in common, HA HA HA! Gotcha!" Corah said.



Eddie Monte

Major: Biology

Place he calls home: Austin, Texas

Plans for the future: To attend UT San Antonio to get certified to teach
"I started out wanting to go to med school, then I decided to teach (high school)," Eddie said.

Mac highlights: Running through Dotzour naked, driving through the Gazebo
"Driving through the gazebo used to be the cool thing to do," Monte explained. "I think graduation will be one of my best memories just because I've waited for it for so long."

Favorite Professors: Karrie Rathbone and Ken Yohn

How Eddie thinks he will be remembered:
"I won't be remembered," Monte said. "If they do remember me, I'll be the class clown or something."



"We hope to be in the hunt for the KCAC championship in November and to do that we need to get off to a fast start in September."
-Coach David Cunningham



Kenny Romero stuns opponents from Bethel on his way to 2,000 career points, a McPherson College record.

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

Football

Under less than ideal circumstances, the 2003-2004 football season finished 6-4, tied for third place in the KCAC for the second straight year. Not since 1988-1989 has McPherson posted back-to-back winning seasons. The Bulldogs overcame a sixth-place ranking in pre-season KCAC polls, a 1-2 start, and the loss of All-KCAC quarterback Erik Johnson to a broken hand during the third week of the season.

Down 19-7 in game four against St. Mary with untested freshman Chris Johnson at the QB position, it seemed an unlikely time for the 'Dogs fortune to improve. However, with their back against the wall, McPherson scored on four of its next five possessions on the way to a 62-34 win. In his first start, Chris Johnson threw four touchdown passes, while running back Lamar Jacobs set a single-game rushing record for McPherson College with 305 yards in 34 carries.

Riding the swing in momentum, the Bulldogs rolled off a string of five wins, breaking a long drought of losses on the road carried from the previous season with victories at Southwestern and Sterling. Clearly the highlight of the season came at Homecoming, when the Bulldogs beat up rival Kansas Wesleyan, 21-11, holding the Coyotes to less than 200 yards offense.

Jacobs finished the season totaling 1,429 yards rushing, breaking the previous school season record by 313 yards. He was a unanimous All-KCAC first-team running back. Several players earned 2nd team honors, including Todd Davis at the offensive line position, defensive back Dallas Blacklock, Jason Henry at defensive line, and Jared Ratzlaff at linebacker. Darrell Cole was named KCAC "Offensive Player of the Week," while Colt Knigge twice earned the "Defensive Player of the Week" recognition in 2003-2004.

Head coach David Cunningham sights "high goals" for 2004-2005. "There has been some turmoil and turnover at the top

of the league while we have been pretty stable. With 15 seniors returning next year we should have a great nucleus of leadership," said Cunningham. The biggest change for next year's team may be the new uniform. "This may seem like a small thing but our players are very excited about them. Excited players tend to work harder and have better attitudes so that is always a positive," said Cunningham. "There will not be many changes offensively or defensively, only a few wrinkles. Hopefully we will have more depth and be improved at every position," said Cunningham, sighting an off-season training program during the summer in which 20 players are expected to participate. "We hope to be in the hunt for the KCAC championship in November and to do that we need to get off to a fast start in September," Cunningham said.

Volleyball

2003 marked a "big step forward" for the McPherson College volleyball program, head coach Nathalea Stephenson said. Failing to mount a threat in past years, the Bulldogs added 14 freshmen to the team to earn the most wins since 1985. With an 18-13 record, the team placed sixth in the conference and qualified for the KCAC post-season tournament for the first time in school history.

A season highlight occurred on Faculty Appreciation Night, on which the Bulldogs beat top-ranking Friends, topping the Falcons from the number one spot in the KCAC. As the season dragged on however, fatigue set in and the team began to lose communication. They lost six of seven matches down the stretch, including

a loss to Friends in the first round of the conference tournament.

Seniors Erica Alvarez and Lisa Salazar earned KCAC honors, with Alvarez winning unanimous votes by conference coaches for first team All-KCAC recognition and Salazar earning selection to the honorable mention squad. Alvarez and Kendra Stephenson were named "Player of the Week" in the KCAC during the 2003 season.

While Stephenson admits that senior leadership will "be missed greatly," she feels confident that the returning players "will step in and continue to lead our program in a positive manner." In terms of recruitment, the volleyball program will continue to add a long list of new players in the 2004 season. "We have signed some young ladies that I believe will come in and help us right away. These young ladies have come from very successful programs and we expect they will help us as the season goes," Stephenson said.

Men's Basketball

The 2004-2005 men's basketball team will try to improve on one of the most successful seasons in McPherson history. Despite losing to the Southwestern Warriors in the second round of the conference tournament, the '03-'04 team won 20 games for the first time in ten years, coming just one game short of tying the school record of 21 wins set in 1959.

Head coach Roger Trimmell earned his 300th career win at McPherson College on January 19 against cross-town rival Central Christian College. Trimmell led the Bulldogs to a top-three finish in the KCAC for the eighth time in '03-'04.



Left: Lamar Jacobs runs towards a season total of 1,429 yards, surpassing the previous school record held by Rudolph "Turtle" James.

photo by Michael Jordan

Below: Erica Alvarez scores one of 388 kills accumulated during the 2003 volleyball season.

photo by Tracy Stoddard



Soccer

After a two-year absence, the soccer program returned to McPherson with a fresh roster of players, in time for the updated Sport Center and the new artificial playing surface. Coach Doug Quint was appointed to the helm of both the men's and women's squads in 2003.

Despite losing the first two games on the road, the new men's team earned its first win against cross-town rival Central Christian, 1-0. Following the ice-breaking win, the Bulldogs struggled through a seven-game string of losses. In desperation, coach Quint and staff introduced the Zonal flat-back four defensive pattern with immediate success. "We were giving up far too many goals and it was because we were spread out all over," Quint said. "The zone keeps us compact and together." Noting the team's success in learning this defense, Quint said, "I plan on using this system as long as I'm the coach of the Bulldog soccer program, which I hope is for a very long time." Employing this strategy, McPherson won five of six games, finishing the season tied for seventh at 6-12 overall and 3-6 in the KCAC.

Austin Bray and John White earned KCAC "Player of the Week" status, while Ryan Souter was named "Goalkeeper of the Week." Bray was also named the KCAC "Newcomer of the Year," receiving All-KCAC first team recognition. John White and Brett Livijadavis were named to the second team All-KCAC, and Danny Carman found a spot on the honorable mention squad.

The revived women's program endured six games of punishment before Tawni Camarillo finally scored the team's first goal against Concordia College. Unfortunately, the losing spell continued until the season's twelfth game, beating Sterling 2-0 on October 11. They built a two game streak, winning over Bethel 2-1 in the following match. This was their last win of the season, as the squad finished 2-15 overall and 2-7 in the KCAC (eighth place). Mandy Harvey, named to the 2nd team All-KCAC squad, was the only Bulldog to receive post-season conference honors.

Onward and Upward

Fall teams reflect on the past season and look forward to the next

Graduating forward Kenny Romero completed last season scoring 2,000 points and 920 rebounds in four years at Mac. He set school records for individual scoring and rebounding, surpassing the marks set by Jonathan Coachman in 1995. Having led the conference with an average of 20.8 points per game during his senior season, Romero was unanimously elected to the All-KCAC first team.

Although the team loses Romero for '04-'05, "a strong nucleus of players will return next season," said Trimmell. Roy McDonald and Brian Hooks both earned All-KCAC recognition for their junior seasons, with McDonald tallying 1049 career points and Hooks finishing with 929 in '03-'04. The Bulldogs will continue to rely on starters Cody Riersen (7.9 points per game) and Lee Gustafson (5.2 points, 4.9 rebounds), as well as reserves Tim Cox, Art Soto, Jamar Turner, Austin Klumpe, Brandon Pitts, Justyn Shaw, and KCAC All-Freshman Jordan Carter.

"We also have a healthy list of recruits who will join the team next season, each of whom should make strong contributions," said Trimmell. "If we continue to work hard this summer, we are looking at a good season next year."

Women's Basketball

After a 7-1 start, expectations were high on behalf of the 2003-2004 Lady Bulldogs basketball squad, as it appeared the team would be strong contenders for the conference championship. It was not to be, however, as the team's health declined significantly following Christmas break.

"Every game we had a few casualties to injuries," said head coach Mel Wright. "That kept us from being able to condition as usual." Furthermore, the loss of key players left the team undersized and lacking the depth needed to contend with strong inner-conference competition. This culminated in a six-game losing streak to end the season with an 11-16 record.

Despite the disappointing team finish, senior Erica Alvarez earned first-team All-KCAC honors, finishing her career with 1,509 points. Alvarez set school records for points scored in a season with 484 (sophomore year) as well as career and season free throws. She led the Bulldogs in 2004 averaging 15.7 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. In addition to Alvarez, the ladies will be without the strong play of senior Andi Wilder in 2004-2005, who averaged 8.6 points per game despite playing out of position most of the season. Wilder set a school record with six three-pointers in a game on Feb. 12.

Returning players include Crystal Richardson, who averaged 11.1 points and 6.1 rebounds last season. Richardson is on track to score over 1000 points during her collegiate career. Brenna Schierling (9.6 points per game) will also be a key force in next season's team, as will Christa Blose (8.2 points) and Ashley Kline (4.5 points).

"We really need to work on our point guard position for next season," Wright said. "We have some players, such as Abby Suiter, who we think we can develop into that position." So far, the squad has signed five new recruits for next season who promise to contribute to next season's success.

Gray resigns, search begins to fill position

Walker Phillips
Sports Editor

Bart Gray, athletic director and track coach, recently resigned to pursue coaching opportunities elsewhere. Rothrock will serve as the interim athletic director for McPherson effective June 30. Nathalea Stephenson will continue in the associate athletic director position.

The college is continuing to pursue applications for the head post of track and cross-country teams previously coached by Gray. Rothrock said over 20 resumes have been accepted for the coaching positions.

Other changes in athletic personnel include concluding the search for head athletic trainer. Sheryl Peters was recently hired to assume the role following the resignation of Amanda Wolf. Peters will replace Wolf, who resigned in February, during the middle of August.

"We will begin the search for the assistant trainer immediately now that we have our head trainer," said dean of students LaMonte Rothrock. Peters currently is an athletic trainer at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park.

Romero, Alvarez named Athletes of the Year

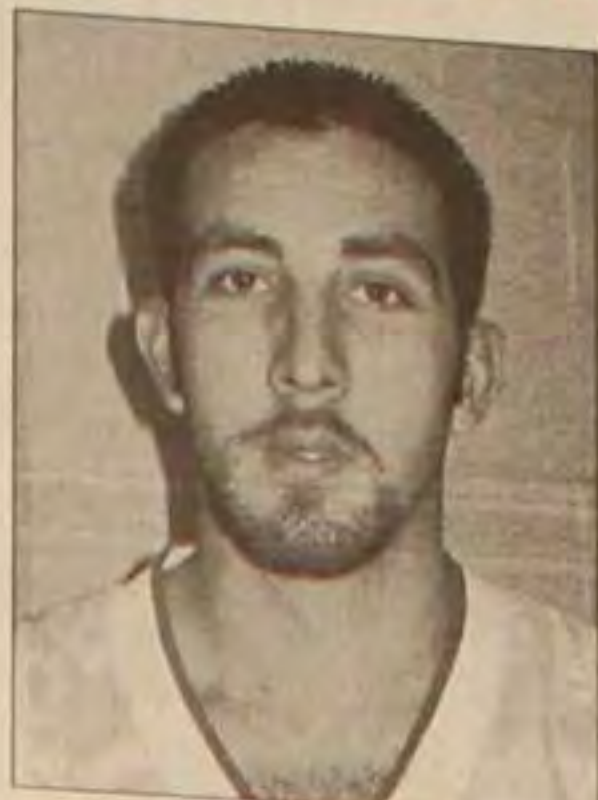
Seniors Erica Alvarez and Kenny Romero were each honored as "Athlete of the Year" for 2004 by McPherson College. Selected by the school's head coaches, Romero and Alvarez were recognized at the college's annual Honors Convocation on May 7.

A graduate of Rivera High School in Brownsville, Texas, Alvarez completed her final season of collegiate eligibility by being named to the All-KCAC first team in both volleyball and basketball.

In Volleyball, Alvarez finished the regular season ranked third in the KCAC in kills per game (3.37) and recorded a conference high 388 kills in 2003. Erica also ranked ninth in aces, scoring 48 in 115 games. Her 92 percent serve success rate placed her third among the KCAC's top ten servers. Alvarez was one of four unanimous selections to the 10-person first team. Furthermore, Alvarez was named the KCAC's "Co-Player of the Week" on Oct.



Alvarez



Romero

20, after leading McPherson to wins over Sterling and Bethany, and a second-place finish in the St. Louis College of Pharmacy Invite.

The 2004 basketball season ended with Alvarez also making her second appearance on the All-KCAC first team. The 5'11" point guard led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring and rebounding, ranking fourth in KCAC total points and fifth in total rebounds during the regular season. During her senior season, Alvarez averaged 15.7 points and 7.9 rebounds per game, despite

being double and triple teamed during most games. Erica will graduate as McPherson's number two all-time scorer with 1,509 points, a career average of 14.1 points per game. She holds the single season record for points scored with 484 (2002) and free throws made with 116 (2002), as well as the school career records for free throws made with 335 and games played with 107.

Six-foot-five, 205-pound Kenny Romero, Pueblo, Colo., will graduate as McPherson College's all-

time leading scorer and rebounder, finishing his collegiate career with 2,000 points and 920 rebounds. Romero was a unanimous first team All-KCAC selection this past basketball season. He led the KCAC in 2004 averaging 20.8 points per game. Kenny was second in the KCAC for individual rebounding, pulling down 8.6 rebounds per game. He completed his senior season hitting 56.4 percent of his total field goals attempts, ranking third in the KCAC, and was twice named KCAC "Player of the Week" during the 2003-2004 season.

Romero's top offensive performance came against York College of Nebraska, where he scored a career-high 35 points. He also set a new single season school record for field goals made in a season with 244.

Both athletes will graduate on May 23. Alvarez will receive her degree in physical education and Spanish while Romero will receive his degree in sociology.

'Game Over' for intramural softball

'Game Over' defeats 'Rock Bottom' in title game



Cody Rierson tees up for a home run during the intramural softball tournament. Rierson and "Game Over" teammate David Dunn combined for eight home runs on their way to the 2004 title.

Nuss receives KCAC & NAIA honors

McPherson College's LouAna Nuss was named the NAIA's "Region IV Pitcher of the Week" for the week of April 19-25, 2004. During that week, the senior right-hander went 3-0 with two wins over Ottawa University and one over Tabor College. In the three games pitched, she gave up only one run and 10 hits while striking out 12 and walking four. Her earned run average for the week was a miniscule 0.47.

Against Ottawa on April 19, she won the opening game of the doubleheader, 4-0, and gave up four hits while striking out six and walking three. She then came back to pitch one inning in relief in the nightcap and was credited with the Lady Bulldogs 9-8 win

when she shut the door on the Lady Braves in their final at bat. On April 24, Nuss came back against Tabor and pitched a six strike-out, one walk, complete game while giving up six hits in earning the 4-1 victory. The win was her tenth of the season.

Last season, Nuss received first team All-KCAC and NAIA Region IV post-season honors. A 2000 graduate of Abilene High School, Nuss transferred to McPherson College from Neosho County CC in the fall of 2002.

Nuss' region honors are the first of 2003 for the Lady Bulldogs. Nuss and Matapony Collette were named the KCAC's "Pitcher" and "Player of the Week" for the week of April 19-26.

Track shines at Championships

Limited squad to compete in "Last Chance" at Emporia State

Though McPherson didn't come home from the 2004 KCAC Track and Field Championships with gold medals, the men placed in 14 of 21 events and the women placed in nine, the best all around showing by a Bulldog squad in several years. Mac's men finished in sixth place with 40 points while the Lady Bulldogs were eighth with 14.

The Emporia State Last Chance meet on Saturday will give athletes one more shot at national competition. The NAIA National Outdoor Championships will be held May 27-29 in Louisville, KY.

Preston Taylor led Mac at the conference meet by placing second in the 100

and 200 m, as well as the triple jump, an event he had never competed in. "Preston really had a great meet," said McPherson head coach Bart Gray. During the 200 m race, fans were "lining the track from start to finish, cheering (Preston) on. He was one of four athletes in the running for the meet's Most Valuable Male Performer," Gray said.

Tim Cox placed in three events. He broke the two-minute mark in the 800 m for the first time this season to place fourth, then was sixth in the high jump and eighth in the triple jump. The conference meet was the first time Cox had participated in the triple jump this spring. "The (men's)

800 (meters) was one of the highlight races of the meet. There were four quality young men really fighting it out, and Tim was right in the mix. We still hope to get him an opportunity in the next couple of weeks to run an 800 with fresh legs," said Gray.

Eddie Chavez earned a fourth in the shot put and sixth place in the discus with a season's best toss. America Patton ran a season best in the 200 meters preliminaries, before finishing fifth in the finals. Brandt Busse was able to sore arm the javelin to a fifth place finish. Both the men's 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relays placed sixth, running with altered lineups due to the

absence of short sprinter Seth Cavenee, out with a strained hamstring.

Klayton Keesling was seventh in the pole vault, while Stacy Cavenee, Bryan Grosbach, and Scotty Phillips wrapped up the men's points with eighth place finishes in the long jump, 10,000 meters, and hammer throw. Grosbach's time in the 10-kilometer race knocked almost a minute off his previous best. Scotty Phillips notched a five-foot improvement in his season best in the hammer throw.

On the ladies side, Gerylyn Hale placed in the 100 m, 200 m, and triple jump, 100 and 4 x 400 relays topped by her fourth place finish in the 100 meter. She

set a season best time while placing fifth in the 200 meters, and rounded out her conference meet with an eighth place finish in the triple jump.

Beth Krehbiel also placed in three events, topped by her fourth in the 400 m hurdles. She was sixth in the short hurdles and eighth in the high jump. Deidre Frager was fifth in the javelin while Rebecca Stover contributed a sixth place in the triple jump when she bounced to a season best. Sheila Bevan's eighth in the shot put rounded out the individual production for the Lady Bulldogs.

"We had several step up and compete in events for

the first time this spring this weekend. The conference meet is the one meet all year we ask the kids to go beyond themselves and go after team points. With Seth (Cavenee, who was out with an injury), the men probably would have scored another 15 to 18 points. But, injuries occur and everyone else has to step up in order to fill the gap."

McPherson took a limited number of athletes to the Bethany College Open last Saturday in an attempt to meet national qualifying standards. Two highlights of the meet were Tim Cox's cruising to a sub-two minute clocking in the 800 meters and Beth Krehbiel's high jump of 4'10".

Kilgus named Professor of the Year

Tiffany Barry
Spectator Staff

Ocie Kilgus, professor of modern languages, was named the Who's Who Professor of the Year at the annual honor's convocation last Friday, May 7.

President Ron Hovis began the convocation with a short introduction highlighting many of the recent changes on campus.

Following President Hovis' introduction was a multimedia presentation titled: "A Year to Remember" produced by Darren Hendricks, director of communications.

There were many smiles, gasps, and laughs as students, faculty, and staff watched a parade of pictures flashing across the screen.

President Hovis concluded the convocation by congratulating the awards recipients and encouraging more student activity involvement next year.

Other awards are as follows:

Adam Martin, sr., Bloomington, Minn., received the Business Department Outstanding Student Award.

Emily Tyler and Chad Kirkman both received Model Educator Awards. Both Tyler and Kirkman

have accepted teaching positions in the Wichita school district.

Two types of history awards were presented. Katie Hill, fr., Alma; Beth Krehbiel, soph., Pratt and Janelle Thomas, jr., Wiley, Colo., received the Leland L. Lengel Scholarship in History. Thomas, as well as Philip Michael, sr., Iola were inducted into the Phi Alpha Theta national History Honor Society.

Two automotive restoration students received awards.

Kelly Ratzlaff, soph., Newton, was presented with the Julian H. "Pop" Rice Craftmanship Award while Matt Treis, fr., Creve Coeur, Mo., received the Jay Leno / Popular Mechanics Scholarship.

Robert Ullom, sr., Wiley, Colo., received both the outstanding senior chemistry major award and the Natural Science Burkholder Research award. Callie Crist, fr., McPherson, was named the CRC Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Award winner.

Gwen Mattson, jr., Sterling, received the Excellence in Competitive Art Exhibition Award.

Bruce Clary presented Kansas Associated Collegiate Press Awards to

Charles Young, sr., McPherson; Patricia Goering, fr., Moundridge; Kara Reiff Cromwell, sr., Hope; and Shandi Schomberg, sr., Davenport, Neb.

Music awards were presented to Corah Coleman, sr., Chase; Matt Tobias, sr., Conrad, Iowa; Andrew Gustafson, sr., McPherson; and Shandi Schomberg, sr., Davenport, Neb. Becky Snell, sr., McPherson received the Donald R. Frederick Music Award.

Lisa Salazar, sr., Brownsville, Texas received the Outstanding Physical Education Major award while Erica Alvarez, sr., Brownsville, Texas and Kenny Romero, sr., McPherson received the Athlete of the Year awards.

Cindy Rundle received the Staff Person of the Year award.

Theatre awards were awarded later Friday night at the annual Theatre Awards Banquet. Winners were as follows:

Lois Davidson, jr., Mont Ida, received the Outstanding Morale Award and the Una R. Yoder Outstanding Theatre Student of the Year Award.

Becky Snell, sr., McPherson was named Best Production Crew Member.



photo by Sheila Bevan

Herb Smith, professor of religion and philosophy, along with his alien friend, presented the Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities students with their awards.

Dan Hudachek, fr., Stillwater, Minn., received the Best Achievement in Design Award.

Nathan Porter, jr., Quinter, received the Team Player Award.

Best Achievement in Performance awards were given to Amanda Snell, soph., and James Keith, sr.,

both of McPherson.

Akeisha Kaufman was named the Una R. Yoder Outstanding Rookie of the Year.

"Steel Magnolias" was named the Best Ensemble Performance while "The King and I" took the award for First Nighters' Best Performance.

Search to fill academic positions continues

Jennifer Marquette
Spectator Staff

Beginning in February searches for new personnel took shape. Although some of the positions have been filled, interviews are still being conducted to find persons for the positions left to fill. Various academic positions are being replaced as well as changes being made in advancement.

All of the positions will be filled by next fall. Currently, interviews are being conducted to find personnel to replace Larry Kitzel who is retiring at the end of the year. The college is also searching for a person to fill Robert Neufeld's position in the mathematics and computer

science department. A search is also taking place to fill a technology position.

Shane Kirchner has been hired to fill Barbara Cole's position in the curriculum and instruction department. Kirchner is the current Spanish teacher at McPherson High School.

To better serve business students' needs an additional business position was created. A marketing emphasis is being added to the current business major. The new position will cover the teaching of the marketing emphasis class and other general business classes.

Anne Zerger of Moundridge will replace Kelly Frigard in the art department.

Admissions expects to come close to enrollment goal

Patricia Goering
News Editor

As of April 26, Admissions is projecting 125 new freshman and 40 transfer students for next fall.

These figures are based on the number of applications and accepted students so far, said Angie Gribble, admissions operations manager.

Last fall 135 first-time freshmen and 45 transfer students arrived on campus. Gribble said that the enrollment projections are similar to last year at this time.

Gribble said she expects to get close to the goal of 155 first-time freshman and 60 transfer students and the projections are looking good.

"We are not expecting less than last year," Gribble said. "And we're working hard to

FALL '04 PROJECTIONS	
FRESHMAN	125
TRANSFER	40
FALL '03 NUMBERS	
FRESHMAN	135
TRANSFER	45
FALL '04 GOALS	
FRESHMAN	155
TRANSFER	60

get more."

Because of the jump in enrollment last fall, Gribble said they must have been doing something right. They are still fine tuning enrollment strategies but are not trying to make drastic changes.

Admissions counselors are focusing on the prospective students, Gribble said. They are trying to keep in contact with them almost daily.

Alumni nominated for Citation of Merit

Patricia Goering
News Editor

Five McPherson College Alumni were nominated for a Citation of Merit award, which will be presented at the commencement ceremony May 23.

The Citation of Merit award honors alumni for their contributions to the community, the church and the college.

Irvin Wagner received his B.S. in music education in 1959. Wagner was also a professor at MC for four years. He was the Mohler lecturer in 1978 and performed at the McPherson College Centennial Concert.

Wagner is a widely known musician. He is a former member of the Wichita Symphony, the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra and currently performs with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mary Ellen Yoder Howell attended McPherson College for two years before

receiving her B.S. in biology from Kansas State University in 1954.

Howell received the Kansas State Bankers Association Soil Conservation award in 1993, the McPherson County Master Farmer and Master Farmer Homemaker award in 1995, and the Kansas State Master Farmer and Master Homemaker award in 1997.

Jack Harter received his B.S. in mathematics from McPherson College in 1954.

After graduation, Harter got involved in home construction with his father and is now the retired chairman, CEO and president of the Pacific Graystone Corporation.

Harter received the Distinguished Service Award from McPherson College in 1987 and has been a trustee with the college since 1975.

Lois Fruth Grove graduated from McPherson College in 1964 with a B.S.

in education and psychology. She was a teacher and a missionary for the Church of the Brethren General Board in Nigeria for six years.

Grove has been active in the community. She is the coordinator and a volunteer with the local Hospice organization, a Brownie leader, a member of the community chorus, and a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, Kiwanis and the Church of the Brethren FEMA disaster response program.

Grove and her husband are Heritage Roll of Honor Members.

Elvin D. Frantz is an ordained minister. He received his B.A. in history from McPherson College in 1944.

Frantz was deeply involved with CROP and retired following 32 years of service.

Frantz and his wife, Rachel, are members of the President's Associates.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Final Exam Time	Monday May 17	Tuesday May 18	Wednesday May 19	Thursday May 20
8:00 a.m.	8:30 Classes MWF MTWF	2:00 Classes MWF MTRF	9:30 Classes MWF MTWF	10:30 Classes MWF MTWF
10:30 a.m.	1:00 Classes MWR	10:30 Classes TR	2:00 Classes TR	9:30 Classes TR 4:00 Classes MWR
2:00 p.m.	11:30 Classes MWF	11:30 Classes TR	3:00 Classes MWF MWRF	8:30 Classes TR
7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Classes	Tuesday Night Classes	Wednesday Night Classes	Thursday Night Classes

NEWS BRIEFS

Davidson directs one-act play

Lois Davidson, jr., Mont Ida, is directing the one-act play, "Where Have All the Lightning Bugs Gone?" on Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16.

Cast members of "Where Have All the Lightning Bugs gone?" include Althea Harding, soph., Lawrence and Bryan Grosbach, soph., Gladstone, Mo.

The production is to take place in Hamly Garden at 2 p.m.

In case of bad weather the play will be moved to Brown Auditorium, but will still occur at 2 p.m.

RAs for next fall announced

Resident assistants for next fall have been hired.

Kelsey Crist, fr., Bennington, will be the RA for Bittering Hall.

Aaron Stanford, jr., Saint John, will take over RA duties for Morrison Hall.

Resident assistants for Dotzour Hall include Jonathan Rothrock, soph., McPherson, Alex Holtry, fr., Nampa, Idaho., Brandt Busse, soph., McPherson, Rylee Miller, soph., Rangely, Colo., Jaymie Bickford, soph., Wiley, Colo., and Andrea Gonzales, soph., Elizabeth, Colo.

Metzler Hall resident assistants include Matt Herber, fr., Wood River, Neb., Mike Miller, fr., Bennett, Colo., Kris Smiley, fr., Houston, Texas, Ryan Lander, fr., Shawnee, Okla., and Dan Hudachek, fr., Stillwater, Minn.

Seniors display art

Seniors Heather Cole Elrod, Kansas City, Kan., and Taylor Demesmin, Boca Raton, Fla., are currently featured in the Friendship Art Gallery.

The exhibition is part of the senior concentration course, which encourages students to increase professional proficiency in the area of art.

Elrod's work demonstrates her ability to take the art form of music and give it visual meaning in both paint and clay.

Demesmin introduces the concept of random visual motion intensified by relationships between positive forms and negative space. His work includes acrylics on canvas and clay wall configurations.

The exhibit runs through May 23. Friendship Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Keith to present vocal recital

James Keith, sr., McPherson, will perform at an informal recital Sunday, May 16 at 5 p.m. in Mingenback Theater.

Keith is double majoring in music performance and auto restoration.