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Homecoming dorm cheers performed at bon fire.

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Homecoming celebrated tomorrow

NEWS BRIEFS



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The 2004 Homecoming Queen and King will be selected from six senior candidates. From left, Joe Blas, Sumner, Wash.; Rebecca Stover, Quinter; Nick Griggs, Colorado Springs; Andrea Gonzales, Elizabeth, Colo.; and Nathan Porter, Quinter. Not pictured is Samantha Bishop, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Official enrollment numbers are in

Official enrollment numbers for fall 2004 were made public on Sept. 24, the 20th day of classes. There are 480 students this year, which includes 424 full-time students and 56 part-time students. Twenty-six of those part-time students are in the R3 degree completion program.

The enrollment numbers fit with what was anticipated, said Karlene Tyler, associate dean of student records. This year's numbers matched the projected budget.

The over-all retention rate was 78 percent, eight percent higher than the retention goal set for this year.

"It is exciting to see people everywhere and feel the energy," said Laura Eells, provost and dean of the faculty. "McPherson College has a growing spirit."

-Kana Bessho
Staff Writer

Dance lessons to start shortly

Cultural dance will start next Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 5:15 to 6:15 in Mingenback Theatre.

Those interested in joining the dancers may check in at the booth at the Homecoming Fair this Saturday.

Those who plan to attend the first session on Oct. 12 should wear comfortable clothing because the group will begin dancing the first evening.

Tuesday night movies schedule

9:00 Shark Tale
An animated movie about life under the sea with a star-studded cast.

9:15 Taxi
Queen Latifah and Jimmy Fallon play undercover cops to catch some bank robbers.

9:25 Ladder 49
John Travolta plays a captain in the fire department trying to rescue one of his men, played by Joaquin Phoenix.

9:30 Friday Night Lights
A sports movie inspired by a book about the high school football craze that obsesses Texas.

Tuesday night movies cost \$2 with student ID. It includes free popcorn, Admission is not granted 10 minutes after the last showing starts.

Homecoming concert scheduled Sunday

The McPherson College Choir will open its 2004-05 season with the annual Homecoming Concert on Sunday, October 10, at 2 p.m. at the McPherson Church of the Brethren. The choir is conducted by Dr. Steven Gustafson, professor of music, who holds the Dotzour Chair of Music and is in his 25th year on the McPherson College faculty. Accompanist is Amanda Snell, a junior from McPherson.

The program presents a wide variety of American choral literature beginning with Rene Clausen's recent setting of "Softly and Tenderly." Other contemporary works include Bradley Ellingboe's arrangement of "The Lord's Prayer," Keith McCutchen's "Amazing Grace" written in traditional gospel style, and David Child's setting of "A Blessing" using the poetry of Sara Teasdale and John 14:27.

From Broadway, the choir will present "Highlights from 'A Chorus Line,'" the long-running musical written by Marvin Hamlisch. At the conclusion of the program, choir alumni will be invited to join the choir in singing "Be Ye Glad," a work composed specifically for the McPherson College Choir by Michael Kelly Blanchard.

Also performing is the college select vocal ensemble, The McPherson College Singers. The group, which recently performed for the 25th consecutive year at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival, will share various madrigals and a Scottish ballad. The program also features a trumpet trio prepared by McPherson College's new band director, Dr. Scott Tomlison.

"The College Choir has added a number of talented new singers this year while retaining almost all of the prior year's members who did not graduate," said Gustafson. "I am pleased with the balance of male and female singers and the strengths each section adds to the total sound. Our audience can expect an hour of great singing from a terrific group of college students."

Homecoming throughout the week

KIMBERLY MORRIS

News Editor

2004 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 8

1:30 p.m. Honors Convocation
Brown Auditorium
7:15 a.m. Alumni Lectures & Panels
Various Locations
7:30 p.m. Any Number Can Die
Theatre Production, Brown Auditorium

Saturday, Oct. 9

7:15 a.m. Bulldog 5K Fun Run/Walk
McPherson Stadium Track
8 a.m. Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions
Sport Center
9:30 a.m. Teacher Education Alumni Fellow Award
Jamison Center, Miller Library
10:30 a.m. Hospitality Center Open
Sport Center
Homecoming Fair and Booths
Pre-game Homecoming Coronation
McPherson Stadium
1:30 p.m. Football v. St. Mary
6 p.m. Women's Soccer v. Central Christian
McPherson Stadium
7:30 p.m. Any Number Can Die
Theatre Production, Brown Auditorium
8 p.m. Men's Soccer v. Central Christian
McPherson Stadium

Sunday, Oct. 10

2 p.m. Homecoming Choral Concert
McPherson Church of the Brethren

During the last week many Homecoming events have taken place. The dorms have been competing in different events to earn money for the dorms. Throughout the week students showed their school spirit by wearing their clothes a certain way each day. Monday started the competition with a food relay. Students wanting to show their school spirit wore thier pajamas to class. Metzler started out strong by winning the first competition.

On Tuesday was wear McPherson clothing. The competition was Tug a war. Metzler again stayed in the lead by winning again.

Wednesday was wearing clothes backwards, inside out or any other weird way. Dotzour broke Metzler's winning streak by winning the trivia competition.

Class colors day was Thursday. Freshmen wore yellow, sophomores orange, juniors green, and seniors blue. At 10:30pn the bon fire was held in the gym due to inclement weather. During the bon fire the dorms competed in cheering competitions which was again won by Metzler.

Today is twin or multiple day. Later in the day will be the obstacle course competition. At 1:30pm the Homecoming court will be

announced at convocation. Also in the evening will be a performance of "Any Number Can Die." Saturday is red and white day. The dorm decorating winner will

be decided. During the weekend there will be a reunion of education graduates. During the reunion they will include the initiation of the Dayton

Rothrock Alumni fellow. It recognizes professional educators who exemplify the goals of teacher education. Valdine Brower is this year's recipient.

Alums to receive recognition for achievements

LARA LICHTY
Spectator Staff

Three alums will be recognized with the Young Alumni Awards of 2004 at the Honors Convocation. This award recognizes the achievements of alumni who graduated within the past 25 years.

Those being honored include Craig E. Holman, Barbara Saylor, and Brad Elliot.

Craig Holman graduated from McPherson College in 1979. He immediately jumped into the world of finance. Holman served as the vice president for customer service at McPherson Bank & Trust for nine years. In 1988, he formed McPherson's branch of American Express Financial Advisors, where he presently serves as a senior financial advisor.

Outside of his career, he is on the boards of McPherson Memorial

Hospital and McPherson Industrial Development Company. He has been the chairman of both All Schools Day and McPherson County United Way. Holman was previously McPherson College Athletics Booster Club's president. He was a member of the inaugural class of Leadership McPherson and was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999. Holman has made a home in McPherson with his wife Karen and two children, Alyson and Michael. "It's humbling to be receiving this award. Just in looking at the people I went to school with, I know of several people that are far more deserving of such an honor," Holman said. "I am



Holman

pleased, however, that my alma-mater is recognizing this." Holman's partner, Glenn Snell, will present the award.

The second recipient of the Young Alumni Award is Barbara Saylor, better known as "Barbie."

Upon graduating from McPherson in 1989, Saylor went into Brethren Volunteer Service for four years. She then attended Bethany Theological Seminary and began the ministry. For the past four years, Saylor has been the co-executive director of On Earth Peace.

Saylor has been a vital part of her local church as well as the Brethren denomination. She has served on several committees for national and inter-



Saylor

national conferences and has made an impact on lives of many with her peace-making and conflict resolution ideas.

Saylor and her husband Mark live in Westminster, Md. Steve Gustafson, professor of music, will present her award.

Brad Elliot, also of the class of 1989, is the final recipient. After graduation, Elliot worked for Home State Bank & Trust in McPherson for six years. While there, he advanced to vice president. Soon, he was directed to Sunflower Bank where he served as president on two occasions. He also served as director of operations for American Traffic Systems and general manager for Koch Industries. Elliot is current-



Elliot

ly president/CEO of Equity Bank in Andover.

Elliot has served as county chairman of the United Way finance division. He is a member of Rotary Club and was a treasurer for the Optimist Club. He has also been involved as a board member for Habitat for Humanity.

"I have been blessed with a wonderful family and was fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend McPherson College," Elliot said. "I made good friends and was associated with great coaches and professors that took pride in my successes and encouraged me to expand my views of the world."

Elliot lives in Wichita with his wife Heidi and their three daughters Savannah, Megan and Jenna.

Jenni Richardson, assistant professor of business and economics, will present Elliot's award.

STAFF EDITORIALS

Homecoming was not well prepared for

For an institution that is trying to promote time management and advance planning in its freshman seminar classes, this college is not setting a very good example. This year's Homecoming activities have somewhat of a rushed feeling.

A detailed schedule for Homecoming week was not available until the week before the festivities began.

Spirit Week theme days were not widely advertised either. This poor promotion and communication probably contributed to the minimal participation noticeable on campus this week.

The voting process for Homecoming royalty also seemed rushed this year. When court elections are held just one week before Homecoming, it not only makes it difficult for the student newspaper and college communications to prepare appropriate publicity, but it's also unfair to the candidates and their families. Preparations for suits, dresses and hair appointments - not to mention travel for parents or grandparents who might like to attend - can be challenging, if not impossible.

The alumni lectures after the Honors Convocation is another event that has been sprung upon students and faculty. Friday afternoon classes have been cancelled so students can attend the lectures, but most students are not sure what to do. In an e-mail Laura Eells, provost and dean of faculty said we "may" attend the lectures. Michael Schneider, vice president of advancement called the lectures an "alternative" to afternoon classes, and Rebecca Stover, SGA president, said we "HAVE" to attend.

Next year when planning Homecoming, SGA and the college should take the advice given in freshman seminar: do not procrastinate.

Off-campus students left out

Some off-campus students are beginning to feel left out of the whole college experience. Not just because of the exclusion from the Homecoming activities, but because it is much more difficult for off-campus students in general to become involved on campus.

I realize that this is one of the reasons the college encourages students to live in the dorms, but for those of us who are married or have children, the non-traditional students, living on campus is an impossibility.

Because of prices in the cafeteria, most off-campus students eat elsewhere, excluding us from one of the most sociable activities.

Being involved on campus takes effort and time, which most non-traditional students do not have. If off-campus students really want to be involved, they have to put forth the effort, but the college could try to include non-traditional students more often.

Most off-campus students would probably not have had the time nor the energy to participate in the Homecoming activities, but it would have been nice to be invited.

What was your favorite Homecoming activity?

"The Dr. Pepper thing."

Alex Myers, fr.,
Garland, Texas



"The trivia game because it was exciting."

Eric Vrtiska, jr.,
Beatrice, Neb.



"The play, and yes it is a shameless play."

Jennifer King, sr.,
Eskridge



"The car wash because supporting the C.A.R.S. club is fun."

Adam Prince, soph.,
Honeoye Falls, N.Y.



"Hooliganism."

Nicholas Barrows, jr.,
Zionsville, Ind.



DOG BITES



WITH BUSH IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Corporate officials are taking over

If you have not been keeping up with national politics this year, you should be. As my favorite columnist, Molly Ivins says, "If you aren't appalled, then you haven't been paying attention." George Bush and the Republican majority in Congress have been reversing much of the progressive legislation of the last 30 or so years, and they have been doing it on all fronts, while carefully cloaking it in secrecy, or covering it over with "hot button" issues to divert attention from their more outrageous actions.

We all know by now that Mr. Bush's huge tax breaks for the richest 2 percent of the population-the multimillionaires-have turned Bill Clinton's budget surplus into the largest federal budget deficit in history. Last month, the Republican Congress approved another \$12 billion in corporate tax cuts for big business, but refused to continue the child care tax credit for families making less than \$11,000 per year. Their argument against the latter was that the budget deficit has just gotten too large, and must be controlled!

In August, Bush signed a new law that reclassifies many mid-management job titles-, including most firefighters and nurses, to name a couple-making them no longer eligible for overtime pay. This gives

the big hospital corporations what they want, in the case of nurses, and thanks to Mr. Bush and his lieutenant in the House, Mr. Tom Delay, labor law takes a huge step backward after 75 years of advancement for the American worker.

Speaking of workers, Bush has the worst record of manufacturing job losses since the disastrous Depression term of Herbert Hoover. So, what do the Bush people do? Why, they just redefine the term "manufacturing worker" so it includes all of those low-paid hamburger flippers at McDonald's.

After all, those workers "assemble" materials-beef, lettuce, mustard-into a "new product". So now the Bush people can reinvent their economic statistics and make themselves look better.

This spring, Bush signed an executive order making it easier to drill for oil and gas in our National Forests, Indian Reservations, and Bureau of Land Management acreage, without the need to consider local objections.

I read recently of an Arizona tribe's sacred land which was approved for strip mining by officials in the Department of the Interior. When the tribe appealed and challenged the decision through the Interior Department's channels, the list of Interior offi-

Guest Columnist

Peter Phillips

cialists who heard the appeal read like a list of lobbyists and former attorneys for coal mining corporations, oil companies, and copper companies-all of whom the Bush administration has appointed to high posts in the Interior Department.

Do you think the Indians prevailed? Don't make me laugh.

You may wonder why some of these stories have never made the national news. Last year, Bush appointees to the F.C.C (Federal Communications Commission) changed the media ownership rules, making it suddenly okay (after 50 years of restrictions) for the same corporation to own the largest television station, radio station, and newspaper in the same city.

That helps explain why only news favorable to big corporations gets out, and other viewpoints are stifled or simply not given air time or newsprint.

The Republican controlled Congress doesn't have the guts to overturn this blatant attempt to limit press freedom, and one of Bush's major contributors is the owner of Clear Channel,

which has a lockhold on most of the major radio stations across the country.

Bush claims to support the ban on the sale of assault weapons, but last month he lifted nary a finger, and spoke nary a word when the Republican Congress refused to extend the ban, which expired in early September. (And Bush says Mr. Kerry takes both sides of an issue?).

I could go on and on, but you get the idea. No matter what area of the law you choose, you will find corporate officials either in charge of it, or getting the law changed to suit their needs.

If you want more information on how they get away with this, while convincing the average low-paid American worker to, in effect, vote to do away with his or her job and send it overseas, I highly recommend the new book What's the Matter With Kansas?. The right-wing politicians have successfully diverted attention from their outrageous corporate sell-outs, by getting out front on a few hot-button issues, such as the pledge of allegiance or gay marriage. In this way, Mr. and Mrs. Middle America are spoofed into voting against their own economic and social interests.

Wake up, America, and be an educated voter in November!

Names are more important than they appear

When I first set foot on this campus on the day I first moved into my dorm, naturally, I had a lot on my mind. I was hoping to adjust quickly, stay open to change, but most importantly, find direction and an identity.

My time here has been a great investment in my future. I've found some direction. Though I'm only months away from graduating, I'm still scrambling to figure out what I'm going to do with myself and the knowledge and training I've acquired while studying here.

This has been a sensitive time trying to figure myself out and where I want to go after I leave. Something that has complicated my ability to think rationally about the future is the fact that I don't feel that I have established myself. I have also foolishly allowed myself to be falsely identi-

Ground level pedestal

Michael Warner



fied by some people on campus.

Let me explain.

I recognize that even at a small school like McPherson, it can be difficult to get every student and professor's name straight. However, I've had my name frequently confused with someone else who once attended McPherson, and had a last name that resembled mine. I can shrug off a few misnames. I do have patience. But when some students and faculty confuse you for another student who has been gone for two years, it takes a much more drastic emotional toll.

One of the main reasons I

chose to attend McPherson College is because of the teacher-student ratio. I felt that even though I'm of an introverted nature, I could get the attention I wanted to help me interact effectively with professors and classmates and to help me recognize what I want to accomplish as a student and public servant.

In all my efforts to make a name for myself and trying to shrug off the fact that over the past few years I have been recognized by someone who mistake me for someone who possibly had more of an impact on students and faculty, it saddens me to think that someone else has made a name for me and an identity I know is not mine.

At first, I didn't think much of being called someone else. But now, knowing how late it is in my college career, I recognize the importance of a name. It

distinguishes an individual apart from a group of people.

It's not a label that follows you and repeats itself wherever it is placed on an assignment or anything else you sign. It needs to be treated more importantly than that.

I don't mean to whine or suggest that I deserve anything more than I get for the work I do. I just don't want people to go through what I've endured. I caused this struggle to be extended because I have never told those people that they get my name wrong. Let this be important to all of you. Never just let your name stand as it is in the minds of some people. If they get it wrong, let them know. We are all important, and we should be identified as unique individuals.

Allow me to reintroduce myself. My name is Michael Warner.

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Meaningful work impacts lives

When I pull into the driveway of my house, I don't think about the hard work and many hours of labor that was put into it when it was built. I don't stop and thank the people that built it, and I don't even think about my house being a privilege for me to have. But my thoughts about that changed during my freshman year in high school.

Our church youth group was given the opportunity to participate in Habitat for Humanity and build a house for a needy family. When I first signed up to help, I thought that all I was going to get out of this project was a lot of volunteer hours. But what I got in return was a life-changing experience.

Guest Columnist

Sarah Mauck

When I arrived at the site, I met the family for whom we were building the house. There was a mother and her four kids, all under the age of 10. They reminded me of a normal family with the strong love bond that they shared together; the only thing missing was a home to protect them. But that was soon to change.

Our group started the house on a Saturday morning. There was a total of 42 volunteers, including the mother, working on the house. We worked from 7

a.m. until it was too dark to see. Each day we saw our progress grow and even though we were sore, bruised and battered, we kept going.

By the next Saturday, the house was finished. Although it wasn't fully furnished, Sears had donated a refrigerator and a washer/dryer combo. We also decided to build a deck in the backyard, and while we were pouring the cement for the sidewalk, we decided to sign our names in the wet cement so that the family could always remember us.

That next day we officially handed the mother her own house keys.

It was a very emotional for all of us. The mother cried because she finally

had a home, and I cried simply because I knew that I had made an impact in somebody's life.

Seeing how happy the mother and children were was an amazing point in my life. I had completed the most meaningful work that I may ever do.

Meaningful work is work that makes an impact on your life or - most importantly - somebody else's life. If I had not completed this project, I would never have known what meaningful work really is. I can honestly say that it made an impact in my life, but I will never realize just how big of an impact I made on that family. To me, I was just a volunteer, but to them I was a hero who left her mark in their hearts forever.

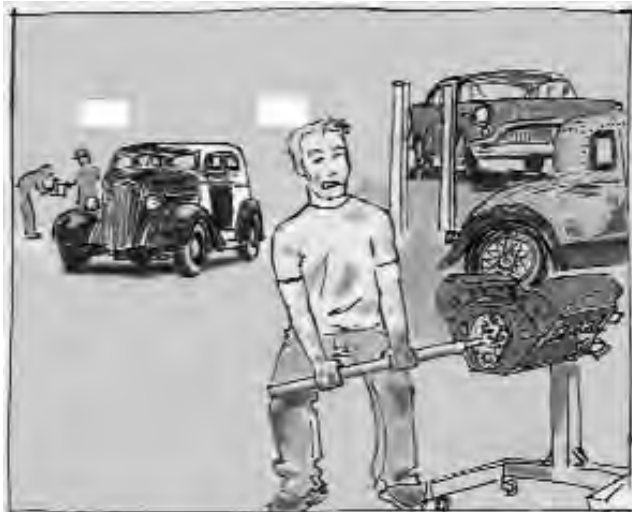


How Everybody Stays Busy Homecoming Week

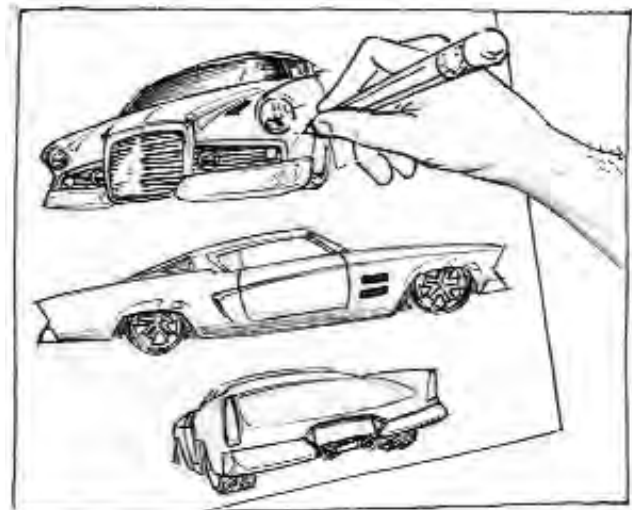
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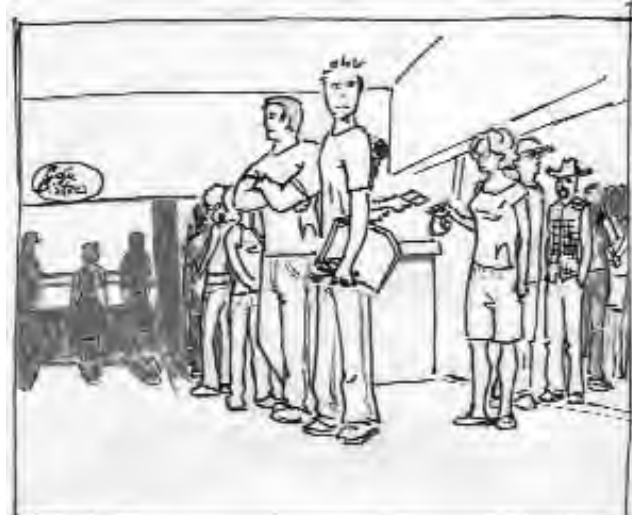
The football team gets up with the chickens to pound turf



The autorats are still keeping the shiny side up and the greasy side down.



This is what I was doing



This is what almost everyone does with most of their time



And the resident campus guardsquirrels keep it real

Kerry: the lesser of two evils

I am not a very political person yet. In my earlier days, I avoided newspapers in a concentrated effort to save myself from the depression of constant death and malaise.

However, as an adult attempting to be responsible, I'm realizing it is in my best interests to be aware of what happens in this world. I don't spend time trying to dig out little, unknown details about issues I don't agree with. I try to be fair.

Colin Powell said on Oct. 1 that he regretted "overstated, misleading, or incorrect" evidence used to get the war in Iraq going. Basically, the administration admits that it twisted the weapons of mass destruction scenario to its liking to get the American public rallied behind a war that, planned or not, was well-timed for the election. What better ace to have in your hand than Saddam Hussein? The U.N. knew from the start there'd be no weapons.

But that's a dead horse, just one of many mistakes the current leaders have made. Did I just not pay attention in the past? Has our government always been this sloppy? A federal judge in New York has

ruled part of the Patriot Act unconstitutional. Shouldn't the three self-governing branches of our government catch this?

The recent debate spurred me to look at NPR's Web site for some truly unbiased reporting. It struck me that the majority of the "debate" was about the war. Hello, candidates! True, the war is very important. However, I'd like to know a little more about what you're going to do here where I live.

Admittedly, this information can be found in reviews of the stump speeches. A lot of it is mumbo-jumbo taxes and financial talk that all sounds the same to me.

On NPR's website, I found a list of ten facts not commonly known about the debates that I think are important to everyone who watches.

First of all, it's not a debate; candidates can't ask each other questions or offer rebuttals. The Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) is bi-partisan, not non-partisan. No independent committee here. Kerry and Bush can't debate each other anywhere else on the campaign trail. Only Kerry and Bush are allowed in the debates; no

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Luke Eberly

third-party candidates can participate. The studio audience is comprised of "soft" supporters for each candidate, and is not allowed to make any noise. Extended discussion cannot exceed thirty seconds. Important issues are not discussed.

Finally, Fortune 100 companies such as Phillip Morris and Anheuser Busch fund the whole show: gambling lobbyists and pharmaceutical lobbyists run the CPD.

It is important to form your own opinions of the candidates, without input from other people.

The way I see it, Bush loves his war. Kerry is willing to finish what Bush started, but wants to include the rest of the world, get it over with, and get out. Every dominating country in the world's history that fell did so because it tried to expand its domain too far and too wide. Running rampant all over the world without the support of the rest of its

inhabitants will not work.

John Kerry appears to be all about fixing the nation's issues, first and foremost. So does Bush. To my infant political mind, there appears little difference between the two. Naturally, the same issues affect each one; whoever is President, the issues that need dealt with are the same.

Although I am going to vote, I wish there were some candidate other than these two. I don't feel absolutely positive about either one. My belief that you should fix your own house before you go fix someone else's is the only prevailing wind. I'm not sure if it applies, but Matthew 7:3-5 comes to mind: "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ... You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

I'm just a country boy who doesn't profess to know anything about anything. I just play the cards as they come to me. This is what I think.

But if you really want to know, I'm voting for John Kerry.

Off-campus students have right to participate

Earlier this week, there was a decision that caused a ripple of negativity to spread through the college. The decision was to exclude off campus students from forming a team to participate in the Homecoming challenges that Resident Life is sponsoring.

This decision caused rage to spread through those of us who do not live on campus. Many of these students at first thought they were excluded from all the Homecoming activities. The misunderstanding was soon set right, but there was still resentment burning in the hearts of many off-campus students.

One of the questions running through some of our minds was this: Did any of the money we pay for tuition, specifically the student activity part of our tuition, go to pay for this activity? If it did, then don't we have a right to participate?

I decided to take my questions to the Dean of Students, LaMonte Rothrock. I made an appointment, but he was unable to talk to me so I talked with Janice Haldi,

Guest Columnist

Tiffany Barry

administrative assistant to the dean of students. I asked Haldi about the money that funded Resident Life. She said the money that funds Resident Life programs comes from student service' operating budget, which is funded in part by our tuition, but the money that funds Homecoming activities is from sanctions imposed on students who have broken the rules in the dorms.

Haldi went on to tell me that the college had been planning the Resident Life Homecoming activities for a long time, and the off-campus students were always welcome to join in the activities, but we had waited too long to form a team.

After meeting with Haldi, I reflected on what she said. One more question occurred to me. Was this a decision that was made by SGA, or by the administration, or by both groups? I don't know the answer to

this question, and I am not sure if I will ever find out the answer.

I have talked to off-campus students and non-traditional students about this decision, and I think I am safe in saying that I am able to speak for them and tell everyone on campus how we feel. The decision has cast a black cloud over the Homecoming festivities for us. We feel that if we are unwanted at one activity, then we are unwanted at all the Homecoming activities—a Homecoming that many of us in the Curriculum and Instruction Department were really looking forward to participating in.

The most important message being sent to the non-traditional, off-campus student is that this is not a campus that respects diversity. In one decision the campus has gone from a whole community into a campus that is split into two different groups - one of the groups feeling undervalued and in a sense segregated.

Many of us chose McPherson College because it is a small college, and believed we

would be appreciated for our input. In the two years that I have attended the college, I have felt that I was appreciated. This week for the first time I do not feel like that.

I feel that the main reason the school wants me here is for the tuition that the school collects. I, like many other non-traditional off campus students, feel that I have been deceived. I feel like I am a number now, and not a person. If I wanted to be a number, I would have gone to a bigger state school where tuition is less expensive.

Yet, being the person that I am, I always try to look at things in a more positive way. My mind landed on one word: TOLERANCE.

Tolerance in short means open-mindedness. Maybe there is a lesson we as a campus can learn through this experience. For off-campus, non-traditional students: We should have the tolerance to put up with rules that we may not understand. For SGA and the administration: You might want to have the tolerance to understand how certain decisions affect all members of the college.

Homecoming Royalty

2004 Homecoming court comprised of well-rounded students active on campus and in the community

COURTNEY ROEPKE

Spectator Staff

Twelve McPherson College students have been honored by their peers, who have selected them to represent their classes on the 2004 Homecoming Court.

The freshman, sophomore, and junior classes each selected one male and one female for the court. The senior class selected three men and three women as candidates for 2004

Homecoming King and Queen. The student

body voted earlier in the week to determine who will be King and Queen. The results will be announced and the winners crowned in a ceremony preceding the Homecoming football game.

The six senior candidates are Joe Blas, Nick Griggs, Nathan Porter, Sam Bishop, Andrea Gonzales and Rebecca Stover.



Blas

Joe Blas is originally from Guam and now lives in Sumner, Wash. His major is biochemistry. He is a current member of the Bulldog football team and is President of the F Phi F Fraternity. Some of his hobbies include playing football and cooking. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

Blas said his selection as a king candidate was "quite unexpected. However, it humbles me to think that I have been chosen as one of the three candidates out of the entire class. It is also very humbling to be in such company as I am with the quality of past candidates and the quality candidates of this year's homecoming. It is an exciting event to be a part of."

LEE GUSTAFSON Junior Attendant

Junction City is the hometown of Lee Gustafson, the male attendant selected by the junior class. Gustafson is a member of the Bulldog basketball team and enjoys playing all types of sports and relaxing. Lee likes to watch movies, hang out with friends and sleep. He dislikes reading and doing homework.

"I was kind of surprised," to be nominated, Gustafson said, "but real honored."



Griggs

Nick Griggs is from Colorado Springs and attended Harrison High School. He is majoring in music education and is involved in football, student government, choir and theater.

Nick likes to play and write songs on the piano, as well as sing them. He likes to be involved in many activities, as he is, and he doesn't like people who speak about things they do not like and do not know about.

"I feel grateful and privileged to be nominated by so many of my peers," Griggs said. "I am up there with two really respected individuals, I am just honored to have my name next to theirs."

JAYMIE BICKFORD Junior Attendant

Jaymie Bickford is the female nominated to represent the junior class. Jaymie is from Wiley, Colo. She is a business administration major with an emphasis in finance and a minor in accounting. She has been involved in cheerleading and Business Club. She is also a resident assistant, and student ambassador.

Jaymie likes to watch movies, hang out with friends and shop. Drinking orange slushes, playing in the snow and eating Chinese food with friends are favorite pastimes.



Porter

The final senior male candidate is Nathan Porter.

Nathan comes to McPherson College from Quinter and is a philosophy and religion major. He is involved in activities such as SGA, Mudhuckers, PST, campus ministry team, Church of the Brethren youth group advisor, theater, choir and cross country.

In his free time, Nathan plays guitar and ultimate frisbee. He likes basset hounds, board games and unicycles. Nathan was surprised to be picked and he thinks that Homecoming is lots of fun.

MATT HERBER Sophomore Attendant

Matt Herber, the male representative of the sophomore class, is from Grand Island, Neb. He is majoring in chemistry. Matt plays soccer and works for student services as a resident assistant.

He enjoys hanging out with his friends and family, playing soccer and basketball, fishing, hunting and playing Playstation.



Bishop

Sam Bishop is from Fort Worth, Texas. She is majoring in sociology and psychology. Sam is a member of the soccer team and of the Morning Star Church.

Playing sports is Sam's main hobby. She likes people and dislikes bad windshield wipers. She said that she is very excited to be nominated.

JAMIE SCHROPP Sophomore Attendant

The sophomore class chose Jamie Schropp of Salina to be its 2004 female Homecoming representative. Jamie's major is biochemistry. She is on the Bulldog softball team and is a member of Tri-Beta.

Some of her hobbies include playing sports and hanging out with her friends. She likes music and traveling. She dislikes cold weather and slow drivers.



Gonzales

Andrea Gonzales is from Elizabeth, Colo. She is a business administration major, captain of the Bulldog volleyball team and a member of concert choir. Andrea likes to spend time outdoors.

"Something like this has never happened to me before so it is an honor," Andrea said about being selected as a queen candidate. "To be honest, at first I thought they were kidding when they told me."

MATT HOFFMAN Freshman Attendant

Matt Hoffman is the male representative chosen by the freshman class. Matt is from McPherson. His major is secondary education. He is involved in football, choir and Church of the Brethren.

Matt spends his spare time playing farmer on the John Deere computer game, hanging out with his friends and beating everyone in NCAA football. He enjoys sports, ketchup, the Indiana Hoosiers and the Movie Without A Paddle. He dislikes chick flicks, cold winters and lasagna.



Stover

Rebecca Stover is also from Quinter. Her major is art education. She is involved in SGA, which she has served as president for two years; Mac Singers Select Small Ensembles; track; Spectator; cultural dance; PST; campus ministries; Habitat for Humanity; Creative Arts Society; theatre; and Alpha Psi Omega. Rebecca enjoys playing piano, taking pictures, and over-extending herself.

"As far as being picked as a candidate, I feel honored," Stover said. "After four years at Mac, I've seen a lot of people come and go. It makes me feel good to know that I've been able to make connections with them."

AMY PORTER Freshman Attendant

Amy Porter is the female freshman representative. She is from Quinter. She is leaning towards business as a major area of study. She is involved in student government and is a member of the basketball team. Her hobbies include eating, exercising, spending time with friends and family and playing Maui Maui with her friends.

Amy loves to travel, act dumb with her friends, and eat cheese and mint ice cream.

McPherson throw back

McPherson Throwback is a regular feature in this year's Spectator. Each issue reprints a news item from Spectators dating from the early- to mid-1900s.

McPherson Throwback is researched by Spectator staff member Rhonda Hoffert.

"ORDINANCE BARS BARES"

No nudes good nudes
to city council
By Brent Peterson
April 1974 Spectator

It was just by chance that I happened to pick up a recent edition of The McPherson Sentinel while I was in the library. There! Right in the middle of the front page was an article that struck home. In reading it, I found out that city

fathers had been in need of something to do, so they decided to pass a city ordinance.

Now ordinarily I wouldn't mention something so trivial as a city ordinance of good ole McPherson, but this one merits special attention. It seems that McPhersonites need a clearer definition of what is "lewd and lascivious behavior." The current fad of streaking has caused the commissioners to make an attempt at keeping McPherson safe for mom and Apple pie.

The definition states that the "willful and intentional exposure of the private parts of one's body in a public place in the presence of other persons" will be considered as an infraction of our new ordinance. So if you are looking for room and board for the summer, may I suggest that you try streaking down Main Street on All Schools Day. For you see, violators of this new ordinance can be fined \$100 or be thrown in the clink for up to three months, or if you are lucky, you may get both.

I took some time to visit the City Municipal Building on Kansas Ave. I wanted to see if this ordinance was still in the books. It turns out that it is. I had a little talk with the "man in charge of the books."

I brought up the "Fanny Run," a traditional streak around campus. He seemed to agree that this was one reason the ordinance was put into action.

-Rhonda Hoffert



Left: Sarah Mauck, fr., Wichita, Tawny Brown, fr., Mt. Bethel, Penn., and Zach Hicks, fr., Hope, struggle to uphold Dotzour's reputation at the mud tug of war competition.

Lower: Dan Erb, Timken, fr., sings the Morrison cheer while Jarrod Zerr, jr., Lyndon, Matt Hoffman, fr., McPherson and Richard Gottschalk, sr., Little Rock, Ark., support him with back-up vocals.

Money Wars

Throughout Homecoming week, students competed against other dorms in games and activities

Throughout the week students participated in fun activities to celebrate Homecoming. The activities consisted of a relay in the cafeteria, tug of war in a mud pit, a trivia contest, a cheer off, a dorm decorating contest and an obstacle course race. The resident life staff sponsored all the events.

Dorms earned points each day in respect to their placement in that day's events. At the end of the week, the dorm with the most points will get \$900 to use to enhance their dorm. The Spectator captured some of the embarrassment. We will let the pictures say a thousand words.

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TEXT BY SARAH VERMILLION



Above: Tyler Brown, fr., Caldwell, is hardly recognizable with his face covered in pudding after the pudding-eating portion of the relay.



Right: Jordan D. Belcher, soph., Silt, Colo., cheers and dances for Metzler Hall in the cheer competition.



Above: Tomi Saldana, jr., Purcell, Okla., and Amy Porter, fr., Quinter, gasp for air during the pudding-eating contest. La-Monte Rothrock struggles to stay away from the mess.

Left: Sheila Bevan, soph., Macksville, performs that Bittinger Hall cheer.

Right: Colt Knigge, soph., Caldwell, Idaho, Damien Sanders, fr., Arlington, Texas, and Tyler Brown, fr., Caldwell, Idaho, get down in a sideline dance for Metzler Hall.



Bethel Threshers end Lady Bulldogs' winning streak

The McPherson College Volleyball team holds a 6-4 KCAC record and sits at 13-11 overall. The Lady Bulldogs had the opportunity to defeat the number 2 ranked Bethel Threshers on Oct. 7 but weren't able to pull away from the Threshers, suffering a tough 3-2 loss.

The Bulldogs came out strong in the first two games defeating the Threshers 30-20, 30-22.

"In the first two games we played awesome. We talked, we moved well and we had great passes that we were able to set up for our hitters," Stephenson said. "We completely controlled the tempo in the beginning. However, in game three when we were tied at 20 we began to make mental mistakes. If we had been focused we would have been able to finish the job."

Sophomore Chandra Mayhan led the Lady Bulldogs with 12 kills, she also had 3 solo blocks and 2 ace serves. Senior Andrea Gonzales put down 11 kills, 3 ace serves, had 7 digs and 3 blocks. Sophomore Jennifer Marquette and freshman Jessica Miller each had 9 kills. Marquette posted 3 solo blocks and Miller had one solo block as well. Freshman Ashlee Douglas had 5 kills and 2 blocks. Sophomore Kelsey Crist led in backrow play with 26 defensive digs. Sophomore Renee Hall had 9 digs while Senior Alexis Garcia had 7. Sophomore Kendra Stephenson posted a double-double with 37 assists and 10 digs.

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, the Lady Bulldogs stepped onto their home court to face the Southwestern Moundbuilders. The ladies swept Southwestern in three straight games, 30-18, 30-18, 30-17. The victory over the Moundbuilders gave the Lady Bulldogs their fourth consecutive win.

Although Southwestern still stands without a victory, Coach Stephenson said she was concerned about the game. She said she hoped her girls didn't overlook the game, knowing that teams with a record like Southwestern could sneak up on them.

Gonzales led the Bulldogs with 11 kills and had six digs. Mayhan added nine kills as well as nine digs. Junior Julie Wondra had seven kills and two solo blocks.

Sophomore April Stos and Marquette had six kills apiece. Marquette had two solo blocks as well. Crist had 12 defensive digs. Stos put down two ace serves on the Moundbuilders.

Stephenson put in a good night



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Senior outside hitter Andrea Gonzales goes up for a block as sophomore middle hitter Jen Marquette looks on.

with 34 set assists, four ace serves, eight digs and two kills.

The ladies traveled the short distance across town to face the Central Christian Tigers on Monday, Oct. 4. For the second time this season, the Lady Bulldogs swept the Tigers in three consecutive games, 30-26, 30-20, 30-24. Although the match was a non-conference game, the ladies still improved their overall record to 12-10.

Mayhan and Stephenson both finished the night with double-doubles. Mayhan posted 17 kills and 12 digs, and Stephenson, 44 assists and 11 digs. Stos and Marquette put down eight kills apiece and Marquette finished with six solo blocks. Crist had 23 digs.

Coach Stephenson said she was pleased with Mayhan's solid play as well as the team's passing capability off of the serve receive.

Saturday, Oct. 2 the Lady Bulldogs hosted KCAC rivals Bethany College for an 11 a.m. match up and came away with the win in four games, with scores of 30-27, 27-30, 30-20, and a come-from-behind 30-28 win in the fourth game.

"The Swedes are a much improved team, and with teams like that you always need to be on your toes and ready to go," Coach Stephenson said. "They come at you with different people, and we have to be aware of where they are on the court at all times."

"In the final two games, we worked on passing the ball better because we know that we have the hitter to put it down," Coach Stephenson said. "If we can get the ball to Kendra (Stephenson), she will put it where the hitters

want it, and we will be successful"

Crist had 42 digs, while Garcia posted 24 of her own. Stephenson had 59 set assists. Gonzales led the Lady Bulldogs with 18 kills, Mayhan followed with 14 kills and 23 digs, Marquette and freshman outside hitter Jessica Miller had 13 kills for McPherson. Marquette posted four solo blocks and two assisted while freshman Ashlee Douglas had two solo blocks. Stos put away 4 kills with zero hitting errors.

"April Stos is doing a great job of serving and playing front row for us," said Coach Stephenson of the 5'7" sophomore from Hoisington.

Thursday, Sept. 30, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Leavenworth to take on the University of Saint Mary, winning for the first time at the KCAC rival's home in four games, with scores of 30-27, 30-21, 22-30, 30-19.

Mayhan led the Lady Bulldogs with 14 kills and 12 digs. Marquette had seven kills and eight blocks, five solo and three assisted. Gonzales had 11 kills and five digs, and Stephenson had 44 assists and 17 digs. Crist finished with 22 digs and Garcia had 11 digs to add to the Lady Bulldogs' totals.

"I thought we did an awesome job against Saint Mary. We came out ready to play and were so focused," said Mayhan.

On Tuesday, Sept. 28 the ladies took a disappointing home court loss to Tabor College, dropping three straight games 13-30, 19-30, 21-30.

"After playing hard this past weekend, I didn't feel we put forth the same effort tonight," Coach Stephenson said. "I was disappointed in some of the effort put forth, and felt they didn't step up. It was like we were going through the motions. Knowing how they can play, and seeing how we played tonight was disappointing."

For the Lady Bulldogs, Mayhan once again led with five kills, Stephenson had 14 assists and three ace serves, and Crist had 10 digs.

Friday, Sept. 24, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Olathe for the Mid-America Nazarene Invitational tournament, and on the first day of the two-day tourney, the Lady Bulldogs were matched up with tough non-conference competitors, going 0-3.

The Lady Bulldogs kicked off the tournament against Baker University, losing the game with scores of 21-30, 23-30, 32-30,



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Sophomore setter Kendra Stephenson sets up junior middle hitter Julie Wondra. Stephenson posted 34 assists in Tuesday's match against the Moundbuilders while Wondra put down seven kills.

and 15-30. Next up for the Mac Spikers was Evangel University, ranked fifth in Region IV.

Evangel won the match in three games, with scores of 21-30, 12-30, and 18-30. Tournament host Mid-America Nazarene took on the Lady Bulldogs for the final match on Friday, taking a tough loss, with scores of 19-30, 22-30, and 17-30. Mid America is ranked third in Region IV.

"This was a good tournament for us because we saw different teams and teams that are ranked in Region IV," Coach Stephenson said, "These teams come at you with different looks, and for our team to know they can play with them really gives us the confidence we will need to play the rest of our conference games."

Mac had two more matches for the second day of the tourney on Saturday, going up against William Jewell College, and St. Xavier University of Illinois. The Lady Bulldogs lost the match-up against William Jewell with scores of 29-31, 30-20, 17-30, and 26-30. Next up, the Bulldogs had a fifth place match with St. Xavier University, coming away with the victory in five games

with scores of 30-23, 28-30, 30-25, 26-30, and 15-7.

"I was very proud of the way the girls stayed focused and didn't completely lose control in a couple of games," Coach Stephenson said. "Most of the tournament we had to come from behind, but we were in most of the games. As badly as we played at times, we were only a couple of points down until the 20-point mark."

Statistically, Crist had 51 digs before injuring her ankle. Gonzales had a total of 48 kills and 25 digs, along with eight aces. Marquette had 38 kills, and eight solo blocks, and was named to the all tournament team. Mayhan had 36 kills, and eight aces, and Miller had 36 kills for the Lady Bulldogs.

Douglas had 25 kills, and Stos had 26 kills. Garcia had 44 digs and eight aces. Stephenson had 174 assists and 12 aces to round out statistics from the tourney. Stephenson set a Mac record for assists in a match, with 63 against St. Xavier University.

Monday, Oct. 11 the girls will travel to rival Kansas Wesleyan University for a KCAC match up.

Lady strikers looking for first KCAC victory

McPherson women's soccer to face Central Christian for Homecoming contest Saturday evening at 6

ALEX MEYERS

Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs traveled to Hillsboro on Wednesday, Oct. 6, to take on the Tabor Lady Blue Jays. Not only were the ladies faced with tough competitors, they had to battle steady rain and strong winds. In the end, the ladies suffered a 1-3 loss. The Lady Strikers now stand at 0-3 in the KCAC with 1 tie against Southwestern.

On Oct. 4 the team fell to Sterling College on the Warriors' home field. The Lady Bulldogs endured a one-point loss to Sterling, finishing the game 2-1.

Head Coach Doug Quint said he was upset with the numerous mental errors made throughout the game and that he was thankful the women had suffered only a one-point loss in a game that could have easily been a four- or five-point loss.

Early in the first half the Warriors took advantage of Mac's lack of focus, putting their first point on the board. The score remained 1-0 until the second half

when freshman mid fielder Kate Deputy found sophomore mid fielder Laura Engquist, who tied the score 1-1. However, late in the game the Warriors were able to score once more, defeating the Bulldogs 2-1.

The Lady Bulldogs faced Ottawa University on Saturday, Oct. 2, on Mac's home turf, hoping to improve their record to 1-1-1. After putting forth a great effort, the ladies ended the game with a disappointing 1-0 loss.

Showing immense effort, Lady Bulldog keeper, Lindsey Latham was able to make tremendous saves against the Ottawa kickers, allowing only one solo point to get past her.

In Quint's eyes the game was a victory for the Lady Bulldogs. He said he was proud of the team's effort and felt that their passion and hearts were in the game. The women missed some opportunities in the second half to tie the game, Quint said, but he was nonetheless proud of the 90 minutes of effort the women showed. The Ladies' defense again



PHOTO BY ALEX MEYERS

Kate Deputy moves around a Southwestern defender in the KCAC home opener in Sept. 25. The ladies tied the Moundbuilders 2-2.

showed remarkable effort against Oklahoma Baptist University.

Early in the second half, freshman forward Brittany Fentress passed the ball off to junior mid fielder Becky Amiot, who found the back of the net to tie the game

at 1-1. The Oklahoma Bison scored another goal on a counter attack against Mac, and from their 2-1 lead the Bison went on a 2-0 run, finishing out the game with a 4-1 victory.

"We did our best, and most of them were from Brazil," said freshman team captain Kate Deputy of her teammates' effort and the tough competition.

The Ladies traveled to Salina on Sept. 28 to face the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes. Although the ladies weren't able to dominate as the men had, they were still able to create some great plays during the game. Despite their efforts, however, the women fell to the Coyotes 2-1.

The Bulldogs were down at halftime, but after an encouraging halftime speech, they came out and Deputy was able to put away a goal in the first 20 minutes of the second half. With 10 minutes left in the game, the referee awarded the Coyotes a penalty kick, which they capitalized on, posting the final score, 2-1.

Quint said he was disappointed

in the call made in the second half in favor of the Coyotes. He felt it was a bad way to lose and one more reason why his teams cannot leave the game up to the referee.

The Lady Bulldogs played their home conference opener against Southwestern. The women were down 0-2 with 12 minutes left to play before they were able to score. Deputy went on a run for the goal scoring a remarkable goal on the Moundbuilder's goalie. Deputy duplicated the run five minutes later, but this time, before she had time to shoot, a Southwestern defender fouled her in the box. Deputy was chosen to take the penalty kick and she put it home. The women tied up the game and took it to two additional overtimes.

"The girls have been working hard and have been in every game," said coach Quint.

For the 2004 Homecoming contest the Lady Bulldog strikers will face the Central Christian Tigers Saturday evening at 6.

Mac defeats long-time rival Bethany College, 14-13

Bulldogs to face University of Saint Mary for Homecoming at 1:30 Saturday afternoon

DERRICK MEAD
Spectator Staff

The football team takes a 2-2 record into Saturday afternoon's Homecoming game against the University of Saint Mary. Coming off a dramatic 14-13 win last week against rival Bethany, Mac seeks to post its first back-to-back victories of the '04 campaign. In St. Mary the Bulldogs face a squad that has only one win this season, but that win came against defending KCAC champion Ottawa University.

The Homecoming game is significant not only because it is the final Homecoming affair for this year's seniors, but because it could also be a turning point in the season. A win would give the 'Dogs a winning record through five games and would keep them in the hunt for the conference crown. Kickoff is slated for 1:30 Saturday afternoon, for what figures to be an excellent game.

The 'Dogs stepped onto their home field for their week four game against rival Bethany College on Oct. 2. It had been six years since McPherson had defeated the Swedes in 1998. Mac started the scor-

ing early with a long opening drive capped off by senior running back Nick Griggs' touchdown run from one yard out, giving the Bulldogs a 7-0 edge that would last until after halftime.

The 'Dogs struggled in portions of the game to move the ball through the air, as senior quarterback Erik Johnson was playing with a sore shoulder and ribs. However, Griggs came up big with a career-high 155 yards on 31 carries.

Despite his career day, Griggs was the consummate team player when asked about his performance. "All the game Saturday really meant to us was to beat Bethany. Thanks to God we did."

Meanwhile, the Swedes opened the second half with a scoring drive of their own that resulted in a field goal, cutting the score to 7-3. Two plays into their next drive, Bethany scored on a 73-yard touchdown pass to take their first lead of the game. Another Swede field goal midway through the fourth quarter gave them a six-point lead.



PHOTO BY SHEILA BEVAN

Mac's senior slot back Sean Eason attempts to move the ball past a Bethany defender in Saturday's victory.

Johnson re-entered the game and came up with two gutsy completions to sophomore wide receiver Deke Belcher. The 93-yard scoring drive was capped off by yet another Griggs run, this time from eight

yards out, and senior kicker Ziya Gunay calmly added the extra point to give the 'Dogs the lead for good with 1:37 to play in the game.

In addition to the impressive scoring drive, the Mac

defense proved to be just as worthy, as freshman defensive back Geoffrey Davis stepped up and picked off his third pass in the last two games on the ensuing Swede possession to seal the Bulldog victory.

"There are all kinds of hype going around every week that we have to win or the KCAC hopes for us are over. Coach Cunningham and the staff have been trying to keep us from focusing on that, because all it is a distraction. If we find that same focus that we did last week, we can turn right around and beat the University of Saint Mary this week as well," Griggs said. "We played very

well. Our guys never gave up, and believed that we would win the game," defensive coordinator Bill Minard said. "Our mentality has always been that no matter where the opponent's offense gets the ball, it is our job and responsibility to keep them out of the end zone. They showed a lot of heart on that field Saturday."

"Beating Bethany was a great win for our program and our seniors, but that has passed and we must be focused on Saint Mary. They have a very good offense, and we must be both mentally and physically prepared to stop them," Minard said about McPherson's Homecoming match up.

On Oct. 25 the Bulldogs took a 1-1 record to Newton to face the Bethel Threshers. However the Bulldogs weren't able to pull away from the Threshers, falling 27-17.

The Threshers shook up the Bulldog defense early with a hurry up offense, and jumped out to the early lead. With the impressive Thresher passing attack and some bad penalties hurting the Bulldogs, Mac was never able to take control of the game.

The most promising moment in the game came when Johnson connected with junior wide receiver Troy McBroom for an improbable 93-yard touchdown pass that apparently put the 'Dogs with four, 21-17. But a Bulldog penalty nullified the play and shifted the momentum back to Bethel after a McPherson punt.

Mac harriers continue to improve in KCAC

COURTNEY ROEPKE
Spectator Staff

The McPherson harriers competed at the annual Oklahoma State Cowboy Jamboree, in Stillwater, Okla., on Saturday, Oct. 2. Although the weather was cool and the hour was early (8 a.m.), four of the seven Bulldog participants ran season bests at what was one of the toughest collegiate meets of their season.

The Bulldogs leave campus on Homecoming, Saturday, Oct. 9, to participate in the Kansas Wesleyan Invitational at Bill Burke Park in Salina.

"It's good to run in conditions like these early in the season because they might have to face them in the very important races," head cross country coach Dave Smith said about the Oklahoma State Jamboree.

Leading the way in the 8K race for the men's team was junior Bryan Grosbach. Grosbach finished in 29:06, a new season best by 1:13, and close to his career best of 28:57. Just behind him was freshman Jeff Ford, who also ran a new season best of 29:12. Freshman Jacob Merrick just missed his personal best by 13 seconds, clocking in at 30:08. Freshmen Andrew Paull and Chad Richert ran 30:53 and 32:13, breaking both personal bests, by 15 seconds and 1:18.

In the women's 5K race, sophomore Bethany Lobmeyer finished just ahead of senior Mandy Shobe. Both girls ran improved by at least 30 seconds with times of 25:40, and 25:55. "We are at

"We can be a factor in the upper half of the conference by KCAC championships"

—Dave Smith

the point of the season where whoever is 'on' that day will shine, but personal bests will become a little harder to come by because times are so good already," Smith said. "We reacted well to the large number of runners, and will be better as a team because of the experience."

Nearly all of the runners posted season best times, on Saturday, Sept. 25. The Harriers traveled to the Marion Reservoir, in Hillsboro, at the Tabor Invitational meet.

Although McPherson doesn't have a women's team, both

females brought in season bests while four of the men improved their times to earn a sixth-place finish behind KCAC

teams Friends and Tabor.

The leader of the Bulldog pack was Jeff Ford. Ford finished 31 with a time of 29:41.9. Right behind him was Jacob Merricks, who came in 38th. His time was 29:55.5, a 1:18 improvement. Bryan Grosbach ran a time of 30:19.3, which put him in 41st place. Andrew Paull finished 51st in 31:45.9. Chad Richert made the greatest improvement time wise, taking 4:33 seconds off his previous time, clocking in at 33:31.1.

"The men's team ran together better than they have this season,

and as individuals they are learning to run off of each other," Smith said. "As far as runners doing well, I would single out the whole team as to their effort and attitude as well as their work ethic."

Lobmeyer finished in front of Shobe for the first time this season with a time of 25:14.4 to Shobe's time of 25:28.6. Both women showed dramatic improvement over the previous meet.

"If we continue to improve like we have shown this past week, we can be a factor in the upper half of the conference by the KCAC championships," Smith said.

The conference championship will be held at Ottawa University on Oct. 30 the race will begin at 10 a.m. that morning.

Men's soccer stands 3-2 in KCAC

VICTORIA SALAS
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College men's soccer team is off to a good start in conference play. Although the Bulldogs have a 4-8 record overall, they now stand with a 3-2 record in the KCAC conference with victories against Kansas Wesleyan, Sterling and Southwestern. The Bulldogs take on Central Christian College at 8 p.m. in McPherson Stadium in a Homecoming match-up.

Battling constant rain and winds at Wednesday's game against Tabor College, the Bulldogs found it difficult to defeat the Blue Jays. In the end the Bulldogs fell to Tabor in a tough 0-1 loss.

info about game will go here along with statement from player or coach

The Bulldogs came away with a 2-1 victory over the Sterling Warriors on Oct. 4. The road victory improved the Bulldogs' record to 3-1 in the KCAC.

The game didn't pick up much until the second half, as the score at half time

remained 0-0. Soon after the half, however, freshman forward Talon Tripp found sophomore mid fielder Matt Herber who put the ball in the back of the net, putting the 'Dogs on the board.

Shortly after that, Sterling broke through McPherson's defense, tying the score 1-1. With just a few minutes to play, junior forward Austin Bray made an attempt but was blocked by Sterling's keeper. Freshman forward Alex Meyers recovered the ball off the block to put it past Sterling, completing the 2-1 victory over the Warriors.

The Bulldogs suffered their first conference loss on Oct. 2 to Ottawa University on Mac's home field.

The game was decided by defensive strength. Halfway in to the first period, Ottawa broke through McPherson's defense and pulled away with a 1-0 lead. In an attempt to tie the score, the Bulldogs played top heavy offensively, exposing a lesser defense. With 2:10 left to play, Ottawa capitalized on the opportunity to hand

McPherson College a 2-0 loss.

Statistics showed that the Bulldogs actually out-shot the opposing team. "We just have to finish those up top," Coach Quint said about the statistical fact.

The men took on Oklahoma Baptist University, ranked No. 24 in the latest NAIA poll, and lost 4-1. Anyone who saw the game knows it wasn't a landslide defeat. A majority of the OBU players were recruited out of Brazil, Zambia, and Kenya, making for extremely tough competition.

Thirteen minutes into the first half, the international team earned its first goal. There was 18:25 left until half time, and OBU scored two more goals with a minute and a half in between. The Bulldogs finally scored with 9:25 left in the second half. Chris Sweatman floated a ball into the box off of a free kick to junior forward Austin Bray to make the score 3-1. The score was finalized 4-1 with six minutes left to play due to a defensive mistake.

"We were just outclassed by that team," said Bray of the tough loss.

Despite the score, Coach Quint and the team were pleased with their performance and determination that night.

The Bulldogs grabbed a win at Kansas Wesleyan's field on Sept. 28. The men dominated the Coyotes to end up with a 7-1 result. The 'Dogs slammed 46 shots at the KWU keeper, putting McPherson College up 7-0 at half time. However, the men lost the second half, allowing a KWU goal and not capitalizing on any of their opportunities.

"For the last week we have done nothing but offensive training and tonight it really paid off," said Coach Quint.

In their opening KCAC match of the season, the Bulldog men defeated Southwestern 1-0 at McPherson Stadium. Robert Magana-Garcia, who passed it to Myers, started the goal. From the corner flag, Myers crossed it into Bray to score the lone goal.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Crist Named KCAC Libero of the Week

Sophomore Kelsey Crist receives 2nd KCAC Honor

Ratzlaff Named KCAC Defensive Player of the Week

Senior line backer honored for defensive effort

Two McPherson College athletes were recognized for their efforts in the KCAC this past week.

Sophomore Libero Kelsey Crist received her second honor of the season while senior line backer Jared Ratzlaff was rewarded for his defensive efforts against rival Bethany in last Saturday's game.

Crist averaged 6.73 defensive digs per game against Tabor, University of Saint Mary, and Bethany. With her 74 digs in these three games she helped her teammates win two of the three matches.

Ratzlaff was credited with nine solo and ten assisted tackles in the one-point victory over Bethany College last Saturday.

Head Coach David Cunningham is pleased with Ratzlaff's defensive efforts over the past two years when he transferred from Coffeyville Community College.



Kelsey Crist



Jared Ratzlaff

Mac students sing at Renaissance Festival

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Renaissance Festival provides fun and education for musicians

Eighteen McPherson College students traveled 200 miles and 500 years back in time, on Sept. 26. They leapt out of 2004 and stepped into the world of 1504 at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival.

To uphold a 25-year tradition, the McPherson College Renaissance Troupe, consisting of the McPherson College Singers and a trumpet trio, traveled this year to a celebration of a time long ago. They had four separate performances, singing and playing for hundreds of festival-goers throughout the day.

Between performances and at the end of the day, the group had time to explore the different features the festival offers,

including shopping, eating and other musical and theatrical shows.

Rebecca Stover, sr., Quinter, is one of several students who has performed at the Renaissance Festival for four years. She says she has looked forward to it every year and that each year has been a completely different experience.

"It's fun to get all dressed up in character," Stover said, referring to her favorite aspect about the trip. "It's not just a performance. We become a part of history."

Steve Gustafson, professor of music at McPherson College, organized the trip. He agrees that it is a great opportunity for students to experience the costuming, food, crafts and arts of the Renaissance period.

"It pushes the group to be ready for a public performance earlier than normal," Gustafson said, "and with



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Seth Schoming, Rebecca Stover, Joel Grosbach, Jeremy Hoffman, Lara Lichty, Althea Harding, and Lois Davidson singing at Renaissance festival.

multiple performances, the improvements can be easily seen."

The annual trip serves as a

bonding experience, as well, Gustafson said. It can be a way for students who do not know each other

well to become closer and solidify the group for a better sound.

THE WEEK OF THE WOMAN SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF OCT. 18

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The Week of the Woman, a time to focus on the spirit, energy, creativity, and beauty of being a woman, has been scheduled for Oct. 18-22, said Kelli Johnson, personal counselor.

Johnson said she hopes to increase awareness among women about physical care, breast cancer, what women's bodies really look like and how they work, birth control, personal hygiene, skin care and just about anything that comes with being a woman.

"I am very amazed at how uneducated young women are about themselves and their bodies," Johnson said.

Johnson said she hopes to increase women's awareness of themselves and to

increase men's awareness of women's issues. Men can get breast cancer, too, she said, and often it is the man who first finds a lump in the woman he loves, so it is important that men do not ignore these issues.

"They may be women's issues, but women's issues affect everybody," Johnson said.

The week will include give-aways for the women on campus. The week will culminate with a pajama party for women on Oct. 22. There will be door prizes, bracelet making, hand massages, a movie, maybe a guest speaker, and of course good food.

The grand prize is a large gift certificate to Creative Hairlines for a makeover or pampering.

Degree completion program grows to 30 students

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Although McPherson College is primarily a residential college for traditional age students, the college is in its second year of offering a degree completion program for non-traditional students.

McPherson's R3 program is for the adult learner who is looking to complete his or her bachelor's of science degree in business management. The program's name is a reference to its marketing tagline, "Return for your degree. Reinvest in your goals. Revitalize your community."

To be eligible for the

program, students must already have an associate of arts, associate of science degree, or 64 college semester hours. The classes are offered on the McPherson College campus and on the Hutchinson Community College campus.

New classes begin every five weeks, making it convenient to start the program at any time.

The students take a class that lasts for five weeks, usually earning three credit hours. After the five weeks are over, students begin a new class that lasts for another five weeks.

This program takes less than two years to com-

plete the degree if a student enters the program with all other requirements satisfied.

McPherson College had four graduates in the Degree Completion Program on May 23, 2004. These students were Howard Wayne Blue, McPherson; Stephanie Valentine, Hutchinson; Terri Ridge, Hutchinson; and Heather Baker, Chase.

Currently 30 students are enrolled in the program, but only 26 students are actually taking classes this five-week period, said Jessica Brown, director of the R3 program.

Replogle completes ministry team

AMY GEORGE

Spectator Staff

Winds of change are blowing across the McPherson College campus—new students, new dining room options and new faculty just to name a few. Campus ministry also has a new look to accompany the unchanging philosophy behind the program.

Campus ministry programs continue to offer support and encouragement to students as they grow in spirituality and service. That part of the ministry has not changed. What has changed is the current three-person team approach that will hopefully better serve the students both personally and spiritually.

Lamonte Rothrock, dean of students, who oversees campus ministry programs, said the changes only bring improvements to an already important program. The new three-person approach evolved from three major factors. "Creative ways of handling budget issues, utilizing resources already available, and keeping the Brethren connection" all contributed to the change to the program, Rothrock said.

Ideally, Rothrock said, the changes will lead to an enhanced relationship with the Church of the Brethren both locally and nationally, a larger portion of students being involved with spiritual activities, and the entire

student body taking advantage of the service opportunities that the ministry offers.

Historically, the Brethren church and McPherson College share a connection which made Shawn Flory Replogle, co pastor at the McPherson Church of the Brethren, a natural choice to be involved in the ministry.

Joining Replogle on the ministry team are Kelli Johnson, who provides counseling and support, and Tracy Stoddart, who coordinate service opportunities for students.

Being involved with the campus ministry team is simply an extension of what she already does, Johnson said.

"I have always offered counseling and support, and when students bring up the subject, spirituality becomes a very important part of our discussion," Johnson said. "In that sense I am not doing anything new."

What is new, says Johnson, is her contribution to the weekly chapel services offered on campus, and consequently her interest in finding an actual location to hold chapel services as students have expressed their desire for one.

"I got this job and have been repeatedly blessed, allowing me to be available to students for a wide range



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Shawn Flory Replogle, a member of the new campus ministry team, enjoys planning and implementing creative worship services. In this recent sermon at the McPherson Church of the Brethren, Replogle spoke as the Apostle Paul, writing his followers from prison.

of needs," Johnson said. "There is no doubt in my mind that this opportunity to part of the Campus Ministry team is a continued part of where God wants me to be."

Stoddart said she is hoping the service opportunities and activities that she directs will help students find their own paths by helping others.

"For me, my faith is defined in large part by service," Stoddart said. "Being a part of the campus ministry team and providing opportunities for students to grow and develop their own faith and spirituality through service is something I'm passionate about. I am thankful that I have the opportunity to help the campus community in this way."

Among other opportunities that Stoddart has in the works is a trip to Nebraska in October to help a small community devastated earlier this year by a tornado.

"Some other hopes I have for this year include building a relationship with the local Habitat for Humanity and coordinating an alternative spring break, which would be focused on some service for a week's time," Stoddart said.

Replogle and the other team members expressed their desire to help the student body in any way they can. They encourage students to contact any one of them with their needs and concerns -or just to talk. The team wants students to know that there is someone here for them.

NEWS BRIEFS

Students warned of "burning rubber"

LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, notified students via email of a problem with people spinning out their tires on campus property.

It's not a big problem, Rothrock said. This issue was actually raised by officials in the auto restoration program because of the poor reflection it causes, even though the culprits are not always auto restoration students.

Burning rubber on campus is considered vandalism, Rothrock said. The black marks left on the streets and sidewalks make visitors question the kinds of activities that occur on campus.

If caught, offenders can choose to either clean the marks themselves or pay a fine so campus employees can clean it.

"It's not a big issue, but we wanted to address it so people know up front what is expected," Rothrock said.

Tornado recovery trip scheduled for Oct. 15

A service trip is planned for Oct. 15 and 16 in Hallam, NE to help the community recover from an F-4 tornado that nearly obliterated the town on May 22.

Only seven of the 170 homes in the town are able to be repaired. Hallam is 20 miles south of Lincoln.

The rest have been condemned and have to be totally rebuilt. Most of the families affected earn below the median income and are underinsured.

A group of students will be leaving Friday at 5:30pm and returning Saturday night.

To help it costs \$30 and there are only two spots left at this time. Special skills are not required to help out.

Pilates offered every Monday starting Oct. 18

Memorial hospital and Hess fitness center are offering free pilates classes for anyone that is interested.

They will be held in the little gym on Mondays from 6:30-7:15 starting Oct. 18.

Those that go should wear comfortable clothes. There will be mats provided.

Replogle starts E-Prayer Web

In response to the number of prayer concerns that have surfaced on campus, Shawn Flory Replogle, campus pastor, has started the McPherson College E-Prayer Web. "This would be a quick, easy way to let persons who are willing to be in prayer know about situations of concern of joy/hope related to those of us on campus," Replogle said.

Those "connected" will generally be praying for tests and exams and the safety of athletes, Replogle said. Prayer requests directly relating to the students, staff and faculty of McPherson College are encouraged but those falling under a more trivial category should be avoided.

Students with prayer concerns can send them to Replogle at replogs@mcpherson.edu or shawn.replogle@sbcglobal.net and he will forward them to "connected" individuals.