

**Two qualify for nationals at first outdoor meet**



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## Tuition and other fees on the rise for next year

**RUTH TURNER**  
*Spectator Staff*

The average college student-or parent of the college student-is painfully aware that yearly tuition increases are a fact of life. McPherson College is no exception. However, McPherson College students will only see a small increase in tuition in 2005-06, and no increase in student fees.

Tuition for this school year was \$14,385. The increase for the 2005-06 school year will bring tuition to \$14,900.00, an increase of \$515 (a 3.6 percent increase). In addition, there will be slight increases in housing and meal plans. Housing and meals will increase by \$55 (2.35 percent) and \$175.00 (5.34 percent) respectively, for the year.

McPherson College implements increases annually rather than on a semester basis. This helps students prepare and plan for their financial responsibilities. McPherson's 3.6 percent increase is significantly lower than the approximately 8 percent increase that awaits K-State students. Some of the other ACCK schools have begun to report their increases, which range from 5-7 percent.

Increases in tuition are necessary to maintain, support and improve the col-

**COSTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2005-2006 ACADEMIC YEAR**

- Tuition will increase 3.58 percent from \$14,385 for 2004-2005 to \$14,900.
- Student fees will remain unchanged at \$260.
- Room fees will increase 2.35 percent from \$2,345 to \$2,400.
- Board fees will increase 5.34 percent from \$3,275 to \$3,450.
- Total costs for 2005-2006 will be \$21,010, an increase of 3.68 percent from 2004-2005.

lege campus and the overall experience of the college community, LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, said. This past year there have been improvements in the Hoffman Student Union and more improvements will be made in the dining hall. Students will soon see new carpet, ceiling tiles, tables and chairs, intended to make the dining experience more comfortable and enjoyable.

Adding to the college experience will be a new formal cheerleading program, which in the past has been a club supported by SAB. The new program will have a budget and a coach.

Tuition increases are also necessary to counteract the trickle-down effect. For example, the college does business with various

vendors to provide food, fuel, services and supplies. When the vendors' costs increase, they pass that increase on to the college. To continue to provide quality, good tasting food for students, the college must adjust the budget for the meal program. Thus students can expect to pay more for their meals.

"The college is focusing on trying to keep costs down," Rothrock said. "We have an excellent value."

Carol Williams, director of admissions and financial aid, said that the college will "continue to provide that quality and value to...students." Williams added that she "appreciates the commitment of the Board of Trustees and the president in keeping the cost of the McPherson College experience down"

**NEW MEAL PLAN FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS**

Along with tuition and fee increases for the next academic year, the college has developed a "community meal ticket" for all off-campus students.

A "community meal ticket" is the new meal plan that charges off-campus students \$100 per semester for a block of 20 meals. Additional meals may be purchased.

Students not living in the dorms can expect to see this new charge on their student billing statements beginning in the fall of 2005.

This change was encouraged by student complaints about meal prices for off-campus students and the favorable response to the reduced meal price instated earlier this semester, said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

Just like traditional students' meal plans, guests, such as children and spouses, can use meals from the off-campus student's ID card when accompanied by the cardholder.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Chapel takes place in the new, bright blue meeting room in the basement of the student union, last Wed.

## Meeting center built in Student Union basement

**KIMBERLY MORRIS**  
*News Editor*

Students might have noticed some construction work going on in the basement of Hoffman Student Union.

Bud Mounts, director of facility management and Jeremy Hoffman, soph. McPherson built a new meeting room where chapel can be held in the basement of the Hoffman Student Union.

The main reason for building this addition is because there has been a struggle to find a location on campus for chapel services to be held, said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students.

The decision to create a space for chapel in the basement of the student union was made last fall, Rothrock said, but the

room was put up so quickly because the Regional Youth Conference needed a room for its meetings and activities.

Students have been volunteering time to get the space ready to use and comfortable.

"I think it's good for the college because we need more rooms for people to meet," said Andrea Gonzales, sr., Elizabeth, Colo.

"I am really pleased with the size of the room and how quiet it is with the two walls," said Rothrock.

The room will provide a place for Chapel to be held regularly and an additional meeting room. People that want to reserve the room should call Marcia Smith, Alumni and Campus Event Coordinator at ext. 1283 or by email smithm@mcpherson.edu.

## New recycling program implemented on campus

**RUTH TURNER**  
*Spectator Staff*

A new recycling program is soon to be implemented on campus as a result of the hard work and planning of the Student Government Association. SGA has been researching ways to better implement a program that will reflect the values of our college community.

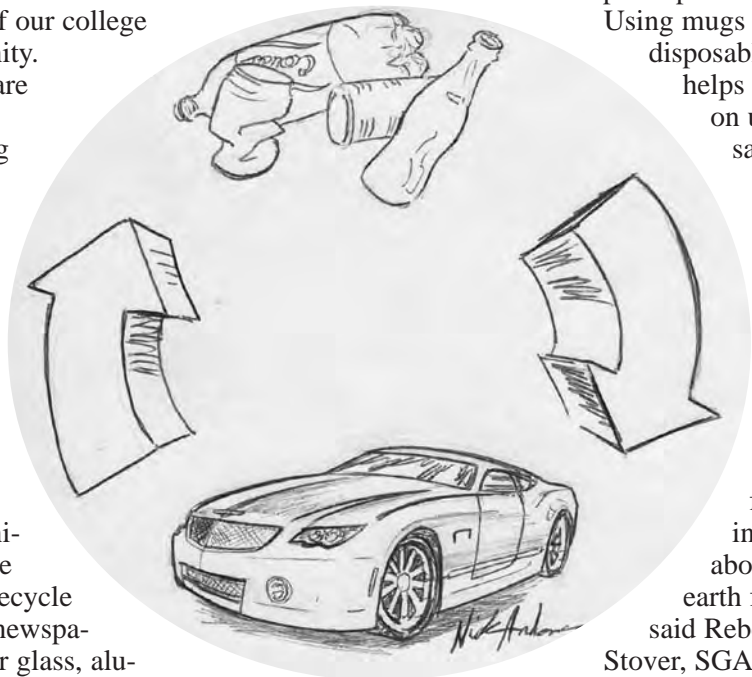
There are already recycling bins on campus for paper and cardboard, but soon the campus community will be able to recycle plastic, newspaper, clear glass, aluminum and magazines. All the computer labs will have scrap paper bins as well.

There will be a guest visiting the campus to help increase recycling awareness, said Rhonda Hoffert, soph., Golden, Colo. "David Radcliff will be here during Earth

Awareness Week in April."

Radcliff is the director of the New Community Project, a faith-based nonprofit organization. A concern of this organization is the impact people have on the earth. Radcliff will visit the campus April 17.

Look forward to fun



activities and games during Earth Awareness Week. These special activities and games will help kick off the program, and SGA hopes that all the buildings will have recycling bins by that time.

"The main recycling

center will be against the new outside wall of the chapel," said Amy Porter, fr. Quinter.

Posters have gone up around campus to remind students of the importance of being responsible caretakers of the environment. Students also had the opportunity to stop by the dining hall to pick up a free mug.

Using mugs instead of disposable cups helps cut down on unnecessary waste. "Over the next few weeks we want to slowly drown the campus in facts and information about being earth friendly," said Rebecca Stover, SGA president.

"We hope to get the students attentions slowly instead of just springing it on them."

Since this is a new program and the details are still being worked out, SGA said it would appreciate any help or suggestions.

## Trustees attend their tri-annual meeting

**TRICIA RITCHA**  
*Editor in Chief*

The Board of Trustees had its annual spring meeting the first weekend in March.

"The trustees are pleased with the implementation of the strategic plan, in particular the tremendous progress on enrollment growth and retention," said President Ron Hovis.

There are 393 full-time students enrolled at Mac this semester compared to 363 last year. Only 10 percent of the students who could return chose not to.

The enrollment status for the fall of 2005 also looks promising. The college has received a total of 80 tuition deposits, up from 46 at this time last year. Admissions will need six to eight deposits per week for the next three months to meet its goal of 200 new students.

The college is on track to meet this year's budget and the board approved the target budget for the 2005-06 school year. If admissions reaches its goal of 475 students, there is a provision in the budget for a one percent compensation increase for employees, Hovis said.

The board approved the creation of a Forgivable Loan Program for Pursuit of Terminal Degrees. That means that the college

would provide up to \$5,000 for faculty members to complete their degree in exchange for five years of service following their degree completion.

The board also approved the 3.7 percent increase in student fees, which is the lowest increase in at least five years and will likely be lower than that of most public and private colleges, Hovis said.

The upcoming HLC accreditation was a big topic on the board's agenda. The self-study report, which describes and evaluated the college, was finished March 15 and will be posted on the college website most likely during Spring Break.

The accreditation team will visit Mac April 24 to 27 to assess the college.

The board heard informational reports including an update on the athletics program. The Intercollegiate Athletic Committee is approving the team schedules for 2005-'06.

The college is trying to limit the amount of class time athletes miss and trying to reduce the distance traveled. The college wants to focus on the student part of its student-athletes because most of the athletes that graduate from McPherson College will be using their degrees, not

playing professional sports, Hovis said.

Career Services reported that they are on target to exceed 200 internship experiences again this year. They expect more than 85 percent of 2005 grads to have at least one experience.

The Advancement department is on track to meet the annual fundraising goal of \$780,000 with about \$580,000 raised at this time.

The board approved all of the tenure and promotion recommendations. Faculty members receiving tenure include Ocie Kilgus, Allan van Assalt, Gary Entz, Ken Yohn, and Wayne Conyers. Kilgus will be promoted to associate professor of Spanish following the completion of her doctorate. Entz was promoted to associate professor of history. Yohn was also promoted to associate professor of history, and Conyers was promoted to professor of art.

The committee on trustees elected five new trustees to replace those that are rotating out.

"The board is engaged in the mission and strategy of the college and encourages all members of the campus community to remain focused on serving our students and growing the college," Hovis said.

STAFF EDITORIALS

Accreditation visit is important to life of college

The accreditation of McPherson College by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association comes, hopefully, once every 10 years to McPherson College, and this year is our lucky year. The self-study report is finally complete and submitted and the accreditation team will be on campus April 24 -27.

Accreditation is vital to a higher learning institution's reputation and in turn, the reputation of the institution where graduates earned their degree is important to the grad's status. The results of the report determine how much time, effort and money the college must put into doing studies and reports on those programs found deficient. This type of expenditure could have a negative effect on campus and faculty morale, which ultimately reflects on the students.

While on campus, the accreditation team will hold meetings with faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, committees and students. Although the team members will try not to interfere in students' studies, it is plausible that they could stop students around campus and ask a few questions. Although, McPherson College is not perfect, we have a lot to be proud of, so please be truthful if approached by an accreditation team member.

The Reality of Easter

Easter. Hmm.. We almost forget it's coming because all that's in our view is spring break. And since these two go hand in hand this year, it's easy to pass by.

What is Easter? Easter is about the resurrection, the resurrection of Jesus and our own. But it's important that we press on toward a deeper understanding of Easter because its message is clouded with myth and obscured by misunderstanding.

Easter is something that is not easy for many people to accept on faith alone. Some, of course, do not accept it, as is their right. As with almost all "Christian" holidays, Easter has been secularized and commercialized. However, since its conception as a holy celebration in the second century, Easter has had its non-religious side.

Go into Wal-Mart around the middle of February and you will already see Easter decorations and promotions on display. It's funny that "Easter" is thought about



OPINIONS EDITOR  
Courtney Roepke

so early by the commercial industries but not even by "religious" people.

What comes to mind when you think of Easter? Would it be chocolate Easter bunnies and colored eggs? What do these have to do with the true meaning of Easter and what took place over two thousand years ago? Absolutely nothing. Could bunnies and eggs be a way to pull us away from the true meaning of Easter?

We all need to think about what Easter really means to us. Does it mean spending quality time with your loved ones, or actually taking a look at what happened to Jesus?

This Easter, I challenge you to figure out what you really want Easter to mean.

What would you like to find at the end of the rainbow?

"A pot of gold to pay for college."

Justin Bacon, fr., Canton



"A new car."

Holly Helm, soph., Conway Springs



"Pot. I mean a pot. Isn't that what you are supposed to find?"

Amy Hallowell, fr., Pratt



"Gift certificates and money for shopping."

Abby Evans, fr., Council Grove



"Heidi Klum with a twelve pack."

Dan Erb, fr., Timken



DOG BITES



Bush is making rich richer, and poor poorer

If you have not been paying attention to the national political news lately, you have missed the Bush administration's handing over of your rights, freedoms, and children's future to corporate America in wholesale fashion. And when they can't hand it over to big business, then they do all they can to make the rich richer and the poor poorer, despite their "compassionate conservatism" rhetoric.

Bush's latest budget proposal is a case in point. It brings to the forefront all of the Republican stereotypes, as much as Bush and Carl Rove would like to deny it. Coddle the rich. Screw the poor. Forget about social justice-what's that, anyway?

Bush's 2006 budget makes the temporary tax cuts for millionaires permanent, despite the fact that the U.S. Treasury is running a record deficit and we are spending a \$1 billion a week to keep Mr. Bush's bloody wars going in Iraq and Afganistan. The new budget would be even more in the red if Bush's people included the cost of the war in the budget, but they cite that as an unbudgeted emergency expense, so it's not included in the calculations. How's that for honesty and straight dealings with the American people?

The budget contains cut-backs for 150 social and educational programs. The Bush administration doesn't do well if there is an educated and socially responsible populace, you see. So, adult education grants are being cut. College financial aid programs that specifically encourage minorities to go to college are being cut. Medicaid to help the poor with medical bills is being cut.

Watershed rehabilitation programs, which clean up polluted areas near municipal water supplies, are being cut. We certainly wouldn't want any environmental programs or educated minorities to interfere with those badly needed tax cuts for the millionaires now, would we?

One of the most severe budget cuts is proposed for one of the most useful, flexible, federal programs ever to come down the pike. This is the highly successful Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which for years has



GUEST COLUMNISTS  
Pete Phillips

been specifically targeted to benefit low- and moderate-income people only.

As a former city planning director, I have administered CDBG funds in cities for 20 years, and have seen them do a lot of good for needy people who had nowhere else to turn. These funds are used for loans and grants to make home repairs for elderly and low-income homeowners who cannot afford these costs themselves. They are used to replace leaky, corroded water and sewer mains and repave streets in neglected urban neighborhoods.

We used them to clean up abandoned, substandard homes which allowed deteriorating neighborhoods to put on a new face and start over with new investment and development. I have seen them used to fix up low-income apartment

that make?

Every European country has marvelous, clean, frequently used, government-subsidized passenger rail systems that link cities together and encourage energy savings and efficiency, but the Republicans will have none of that for the United States. It might interfere with their quarterly dividend from their General Motors or Exxon stock. Meanwhile, the Bush agenda is steadily making its way through Congress this term. It is now tougher for the working poor or those impacted by catastrophic medical expenses to declare bankruptcy, thanks to a bill passed in early March. Twenty-five percent interest on overdue credit card bills is not enough. Those credit card corporations need every last penny, so we can't have any debtors declaring bankruptcy— heaven forbid!

The so-called Bush Social Security "reforms," if passed, will turn over much of the system's invested resources to the stock market. Ask your grandparents who lived through the 1929 stock mar-

er, Dick Cheney is expected to ram through the Senate a procedural change that will seat these judges with only a 51-vote majority and no opportunity for debate.

In another socially divisive move, an effort by Senator Kennedy and other Democrats to raise the \$5.25 minimum wage was soundly defeated by the Republicans in early March. It doesn't matter that there has been no increase in the minimum wage for eight years (what has gasoline or rent or food done in eight years-stayed the same?), or that in terms of real wages adjusted for inflation, the minimum wage is now at its second-lowest level in history.

After all, when those working poor can no longer pay \$2.10 per gallon of gas, they can try and fail to declare bankruptcy, and then they can go home to their leaky, uninsulated homes in the neglected neighborhoods. And they can apply for and get turned down for a CDBG home repair loan. And their teen-aged kids don't need to go to college anyway. Do I detect a pattern here?

Thanks to Mr. Bush, we now have a new attorney general who wrote an opinion justifying the use of torture that led to the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal.

This means that the Geneva Convention, which governs the humanitarian conduct of all other countries of the civilized world during times of war, does not apply to the United States! Unbelievable! This is the same guy who supports the imprisonment of hundreds of questionable individuals at Guantanamo Bay without letting them know what type of violation they are charged with.

The Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution says that the government cannot imprison someone unless they are notified what the charges are, and given a chance to defend themselves against the charges. Now we have an attorney general who ignores the Bill of Rights.

What kind of people do you think Bush will appoint to the Supreme Court? His attorney general nominee gives one a chilling idea of what is to come. I'll be very honest: Mr. Bush and his people scare me half to death.

"Bush's policies are undeniably increasing the gap between rich and poor."

—Pete Phillips

buildings and neglected historic storefronts in commercial areas that serve poor neighborhoods. In Denison, Texas, we used CDBG funds to build an addition to an overcrowded daycare center that exclusively served the children of the working poor in a neglected minority neighborhood. If the center had to fund the addition, it would have been forced to price its services out of the reach of the parents who brought their kids there. Of course, Bush and the Republicans don't care about people and neighborhoods and problems like this, so it's an easy target for them to cut.

How many wealthy corporate chieftains ride Amtrak? None, probably. The Bush budget will eliminate any operational assistance to the national rail passenger network.

In an era of \$2.10 gasoline, a massive foreign oil dependency, and ever-increasing urban traffic jams, how much sense does

ket crash and the Great Depression of the 1930s how much sense that makes! If you think the future of Social Security is shaky now, just wait until Bush's "reforms" kick in and remove much of the funds from the trust fund system. It looks to me like an outright gift-handing America's financial stability and future over to corporate interests on a silver platter. After all, it is they who got Bush elected both times-not a majority of the citizens.

But it doesn't stop there. The Republican majority in the U.S. Senate is about to enact a parliamentary change that will allow Bush's radical right-wing Federal District and Supreme Court judges to be appointed with no chance for opposing views to be heard. Until now, Democrats could filibuster and block these appointees, or at least force the Administration to consider and address opposing views. This month, howev-

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In act I, Algernon (Nick Griggs, sr., Colorado Springs) attempts to distract Lady Bracknell (Amanda Keith, jr., McPherson) so Earnest (Jack) (Alex Tyler, fr., McPherson) can propose to Gwendolen (Lois Davidson, sr., Welda.)



# Mac theatre presents 'The Importance of Being Earnest'

MEGAN PETERSON  
*Spectator Staff*

Lois Davidson had a vision for her senior project, and that vision turned into the excellent production of "The Importance of Being Earnest." Set in 1895 London, this play is a witty combination of confusion and purposeful deception.

The play begins with Algernon, played by Nick Griggs, sr., Colorado Springs, conversing with Jack, played by Alex Tyler, fr. McPherson, about Jack's love interest, Gwendolen, played by Lois Davidson, Welda.

Gwendolen is also Algernon's cousin, and will be accompanied by her mother, Lady Bracknell, played by Amanda Keith, jr., McPherson, throughout most of the play.

Jack, known to Gwendolen under the alias of Earnest, Jack's imaginary brother, proposes to her and is accepted. He then struggles with telling Gwendolen the truth about his name, and in a turn of events in the country the story unravels before the audience.

At Jack's country residence, Algernon shows up impersonating Earnest, and falls in love with Jack's ward, Cecily, played by Colleen Porter, jr., Quinter. Cecily thinks that this Earnest is Jack's absent brother and in turn falls for him.

Finally, Gwendolen shows up to meet with her love, Earnest (Jack), and runs into Cecily, who is also marrying Earnest (Algernon). This dramatic love rectangle plays out in front of the curious audience and has the classic elements of both comedy



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Amanda Keith, jr., McPherson, plays Gwendolen's protective mother, Lady Bracknell, in the upcoming production.

and romance. The supporting characters, Dr. Chasuble, Miss Prism, Lane, and Merriman, played by Bryan Grosbach, jr., Gladstone, Mo., Becky Snell, sr., McPherson, Joel Grosbach, fr., Enders, Neb., and Chad Richert, fr., McPherson, respectively, add to the comedy and confusion in this delightful performance.

"It was enjoyable to put this together," Davidson said, "and I'm really proud of the cast and crew."

"The cast came together really well toward the end," said Tyler, who played Jack.

Other actors Colleen

Porter and Nick Griggs thought the performances were overall successes and are looking forward to doing two more this weekend.

"They did a great job for having so much dialogue and not a lot of action," said DJ Townsend, soph. Oklahoma City.

Two more performances of "The Importance of Being Earnest" are scheduled for this weekend. The show begins at 7:30 in Mingenback Theatre both Friday and Saturday night. Seats may be reserved through the McPherson College Theatre box office at ext. 1211.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Algernon (Nick Griggs, sr., Colorado Springs) talks to Jack (Alex Tyler, fr., McPherson) about Bunburying in the production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" which will be presented again this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

## CHENNELL APPEARS ON 'MONSTER GARAGE'

KIMBERLY MORRIS  
*News Editor*

Luke Chennell, technology instructor, got the chance to show off his car skills and win the school a \$4,000 set of Mac tools for successfully building a snow cat, when he participated on the show "Monster Garage." It aired Monday, March 7, at 8 p.m. on The Learning Channel, 43.

Chennell's team had to

turn a 1970s style T-bucket, a hot rod based on the historic Ford Model T, into a snow cat, which is used to groom ski trails. They were given \$5,000 to spend on parts and seven days to build it. It took them one day to design, five days to build, and the last day they spent testing it.

"I get somewhat uptight about people when they tear cars apart for Hot Rods, Monster Garage, I have some qualms about

cutting cars up for entertainment, but...why not," Chennell said on the show.

Chennell and his teammates made the front tires into skies. Two carburetors were added for power. They also added a roll cage and an extended rear frame for the tracks.

After building the snow cat a simulated ski slope was brought in so they could try it out. Since it was filmed in Long Beach, California, they had to put

down artificial snow. After testing it on the artificial slope, they took it to actual slopes where it worked.

The team consisting of Eric Bates, snow cat fleet manager from Heavenly Ski Resort; Norm Pedigo, Hot Rod Fabricator Austin Texas; John Schwartz, Track Vehicle Expert, Reno, Nev.; Fritz Tegatz, fabricator and horse rancher, Lake View Terrace, Calif.; and Chennell, Model T Restoration expert.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL JARDON

Students, faculty and staff congregates in the Morrison lobby to watch "Monster Garage" with Luke Chennell, technology instructor, who appeared on the show.



## Patriotism: an idea whose time has gone

Can anybody explain to me the underlying reasoning behind teaching children to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the "Star Spangled Banner" daily, long before they understand anything more than "the Donzerly Light?" Patriotic anthems, hymns, recitations, and filmstrips are drummed into young students' brains prior to the

time that they have learned to think with that organ. Why does no one complain about this blatant brainwashing of youth?

Obviously, many people feel that patriotism is so important that it must be stressed very early and very strongly. I find that a dangerous line of thinking, Patriotism can be the most hypocritical of emo-

tions, one that congratulates immigrants on believing that this place is better than the one from which they came, yet criticizes disillusioned people who find another land more suitable to them than this one. I also believe that blind faith in one's country has been one of history's biggest problem causers. Today's children must learn to understand

unity and pride on a much broader basis.

Patriotism's major function is to promote not unity, but division. Every country in the world has something to teach another and something to learn from another. National pride is too often the force that prevents us from recognizing what we have to give and to learn.

Right on Sista! I applaud her for expressing her opinion.

-Rhonda Hoffert

Patriotism is obsolete for our time. Our best option is to begin thinking like citizens of the world if we hope to survive.

Carolyn Lengel

This was an editorial in the Sept. 21 edition of the 1979 Spectator. The 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 tracksters open outdoor season

## Hudachek, Cavenee qualify for Nationals



PHOTO BY JEN MARQUETTE

Sophomore Dan Hudachek qualified for Nationals at the Bethany Invitational on March 12. Hudachek finished first in the discus with a throw of 154'10".

### NICK JANZEN

*Spectator Staff*

The McPherson College track team opened its outdoor season on March 12, when team members traveled to Lindsborg for the Bethany Open.

Sophomore Dan Hudachek and junior Seth Cavenee were the highlights, as they both qualified for Nationals. Hudachek threw the discus the winning distance of 154'10", and Cavenee ran the 100-meter dash in 10.84, placing him third. Both performances earned them the right to compete in Nationals at the end of May.

Spectators watched in amazement as junior Tim Cox kicked his way from 7th to 2nd in the final lap of the 1500-meter race, crossing the finish line with a time of 4:20.67.

Sophomores Kris Smiley, Seth Cavenee, senior Sean Eason, and freshman Geoffrey Davis ran the legs of the 4x100m relay. They achieved a time of 43.49, finishing the race in second place. The 4x800m relay team of freshmen Andrew Paull, Chad Richert, Zack Kimble and sophomore Jeremy Hoffman, pulled together for a third-place finish.

Senior Rebecca Stover's triple jump of 31'10" placed fifth and the women's 4x100m team of freshmen Crystal Thomas and Ashlee Douglas and sophomores Kelsey Hendricks and Christina

McPherson also finished fifth.

Mac will host its only home meet of the season this Saturday, events begin at 11 a.m. Head coach David Smith would really appreciate any help in running the meet. Students interested in helping can contact him at smithd@mcpherson.edu or at ext. 1253.

Other Results from the Bethany meet include: Men - 100m Dash, 4. Seth Cavenee 10.84 PNQ, Brooks Reale 11.30; 400m Dash, 8. Richert 55.86, Nick Janzen 55.88; 800m Run, 5. Zach Kimble 2:07.31, 8. Andrew Paull 2:08.71, Jeremy Hoffman 2:16.09; 1,500m Run, 2. Tim Cox 4:20.67, 7. Jacob Merrick 4:38.42; 5,000m Run, 4. Merrick 19:23.01; and 110m Hurdles, Zane Walker 17.20; 4x100m Relay, 2. McPherson 43.49 ; 4x400m Relay, 8. McPherson 3:45.31 (Chad Richard, Andrew Paull, Tim Cox, Nick Janzen); 4x800m Relay, 3. McPherson -8:45.23 (Andrew Paull, Chad Richert, Hoffman, Zack Kimble); High Jump, 3. Cox 6-01, 6t. Walker 5-09; Long Jump, Stacy Cavenee 19-10, Walker 19-08.25; Shot Put, 8. Chavez 42-00; Discus, 1. Hudachek 154-10 PNQ, Chavez 112-06; Hammer, 8. Hudachek 122-04; Javelin, Jacob Walden 131-06. Women - 100m Dash, Princess



PHOTO BY JEN MARQUETTE

Junior Seth Cavenee ran the 100-meter race in 10.84 at the Bethany meet, qualifying him for Nationals to be held May 26-28.

White (unat) 16.04; 200m Dash, 3. White (unat) 27.56; 1,500m Run, Bethany Lobmeyer 6:34.87; 5,000m Run, Mandi Shobe 24:56.97; 4x100m Relay, 5. McPherson 58.86 ; Long Jump, 8. Stover 14-06, White (unat) 13-01.5; Triple Jump, 5. Stover 31-10; Shot Put, 8. Kelsey Hendricks 34-11, Sheila Bevan 33-06, Rebecca Bratcher 32-02; Discus, 6. Douglas 99-09, 7. Sheila Bevan 97-04; Hammer, 6. Bratcher 88-04; Javelin, 8. Douglas 93-07.

# Lady Bulldogs split with Central Christian

### MALLORY YUNGBERG

*Spectator Staff*

The Lady Bulldogs have compiled a 6-7 record through the early weeks of the spring season. Most recently, they split a double-header against crosstown rival Central Christian College on Wednesday, March 16.

The Bulldogs are in action again this weekend, March 18 and 19, at the Sterling College tournament. The Bulldogs are scheduled to play Bethany College at 10 a.m., Friends University at 1 p.m., and Peru State College at 4 p.m. on Friday. They play York College at 10 a.m., Oklahoma Wesleyan University at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Lady Bulldogs are leaning on seniors Tappy Collette, Crystal Richardson and Tara Loyd to provide leadership. But the newcomers are contributing, too.

"This is the best freshman group I have had since I've been here," head coach Mike McCormick said. "The two pitchers, Sarah Mauck and Mallory Yungeberg, are doing an excellent job at throwing. Mandy Yungeberg is doing a good job in the outfield, and Abby Evans is improving each day since her knee surgery."

In game one of the doubleheader hosted Wednesday by Central Christian College, the McPherson Lady Bulldogs took to an early lead when Crista

Blose hit a single, and ended up scoring later in the inning. Keeping their hitting streak alive, the ladies scored two more runs in the second inning.

The Bulldogs scored once again in the fourth and fifth inning off hits The Bulldogs still rallied till the seventh inning when they scored three runs on a single by Mauck, doubles by Collette and Richardson, and another single by Jamie Rodriguez, defeating the Tigers, 8-2

The following game was a little rough for the Lady Bulldogs as Central jumped out to take the lead in the bottom of the first inning, by scoring two runs. In the second inning, it started off with a couple of singles by Loyd and Helm. Loyd ended up scoring off of a sacrifice hit by Hill. Just when the Lady Bulldogs thought that they had cut the lead by half, the Tigers ended up scoring four runs in the bottom of the second inning. The Bulldogs still fought back in the top of the third when Mauck, Miller, Collette, and Loyd all had singles, but could only score one run.

The Lady Bulldogs were able to, limit Central to one run in the third. Singles by Abby Evans and Mauck were all the Bulldogs could muster in the fourth. But the defense dropped when the Tigers ended up scoring three more runs in the third, making the score 10-2.

In the end the ladies were forced to take the shortened run-rule game as a loss.

Last weekend, March 11 and 12, the softball team traveled to Salina to play in the Kansas Wesleyan University tournament. The Lady Bulldogs took on Rockhurst University in the opener. Putting up a good solid defense, Mac had no errors and Mauck only allowed three hits to take the win. Miller was driven in by sophomore Jessica DeCavelle for the winning run in the top of the eighth to make the score 1-0.

The Lady Bulldogs then faced Dana College from Nebraska. The Bulldogs put up a good fight, but ended up taking a 1-4 loss.

Miller led the Bulldogs' offense with two singles. The only run McPherson scored was in the top of the seventh when DeCavelle scored off sophomore Katie Hill's single.

Saturday, March 12, the Bulldogs started by playing Missouri Valley College, defeating them 7-3. Miller, Richardson, and Collette all had a pair of hits, and Richardson and Collette each batted in two runs. Richardson also had a triple and Mauck had a double.

Lady Bulldogs were then scheduled to play Avila University, who humbled them in the McPherson Invitational the preceding week. The Bulldogs hit better, but still left runners strand-

ed. The Bulldogs were led by Miller with three, and Collette and Loyd, each with a pair.

The final game of the weekend was against Graceland College. Graceland hit the Bulldogs hard, collecting 17 hits, while limiting McPherson to four hits.

The Lady Bulldogs hosted a 10-team tournament on March 4. McPherson defeated NCAA D-II, Rockhurst University, 4-3.

McPherson took the lead, when juniors Darci Davison and Miller scored. But Rockhurst took the lead when they scored one in the third, and two in the fourth inning. McPherson came back and evened the score when Mauck and sophomore Jamie Rodriguez both hit singles. At their final at bat, sophomore Jamie Schropp singled, stole second, was sacrificed to third, and then scored the winning run on a passed ball.

In their second game against the Central Christian College, Tigers the Bulldogs had to come from behind again. The ladies took the lead early, scoring two in the bottom of the first. But in the top of the second, Central came back to tie it. A single by Helm, a Christa Blose walk, and a triple by Collette, put the Bulldogs back in the lead, 4-2. Central retook the lead when they scored in the fourth and fifth to even it, then two more runs in the sixth to make it 6-4. The Bulldogs took

back the lead in the bottom of the sixth when Mauck, Blose, Schropp, and Richardson all singled before Mandy Yungeberg hit a double to end the rally and take the win, 8-6.

The Lady Bulldogs then took on Morningside College, who jumped to take the early lead when they scored twice in the second, and also in the fifth to make it 4-0. But with Miller hitting a double and Richardson a triple, the Bulldogs cut the lead in half. However, that would be as close as the ladies would get as Morningside scored two more runs to make it a final of 6-3.

On the second day of the tournament Mac took on Haskell Indian Nations University. The Bulldogs took the win, by a forfeit 7-0.

For their last game of the tournament, the Lady Bulldogs faced Avila University of Kansas City, Mo. Avila grabbed the lead in the first by scoring twice. The only run the Bulldogs were able to score, were in the bottom of the third when Rodriguez got on with a fielder's choice, then got home on a Miller double. The Bulldogs loaded the bases in the bottom of the fifth, but were still unable to score as Avila took the win on a run-rule.

"We played pretty well as a team for the first Tournament," McCormick said. "The pitchers did a real good job, and the defense was good."

# Wright resigns; makes great impact on Mac

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For the past 10 years, McPherson College has been blessed with a positive role model, dedicated basketball coach and an enthusiastic educator. Mel Wright has made quite the impact, not only on the young ladies who have gone through his athletic program but on his students, fellow faculty and staff members as well.

Ten years ago, when Coach Wright began coaching at Mac, the women's basketball program was definitely in need of some leadership.

"The program was at rock bottom when I got here," said Wright. "The team had only won two games during the previous two years before I came."

Wright feels very good about

the progress the program has made under his leadership. Although Wright didn't reach his goal of a conference championship, he felt the teams were able to make improvement during his tenure.

Coach Wright announced his retirement to his players before their game against Sterling College during the last part of the season. However, Coach Wright said, "I probably used the wrong terminology when I decided to step down as women's head coach. I should have said that I was resigning, instead of retiring. I don't ever expect to retire. God has blessed me with good health and enough common sense to live a healthy lifestyle, so there will never be a reason for me to retire. When you love what you do, retirement will only make you miserable."

Although coach Wright has resigned as head coach, he will still continue as a physical education professor.

When reflecting on his positive experiences at Mac coach Wright said, "The most positive experience came from getting to share my life with many outstanding young people. It was very exciting each year to face the challenges and opportunities that came from preparing for a new season."

Just like anything else, there is always a lesson to be learned or knowledge to be gained from any experience. "My 10 years at McPherson College have been very enjoyable. I have had the privilege of working with some of the most outstanding young ladies in the world. I will be grateful for the opportunity to be here. I would like to express my grati-

tude to Dr. Paul Hoffman and Dan Hoffman for giving me the opportunity. I guess the thing I learned the most about myself is that I am not a good loser," Wright said.

Women's assistant coach, David Barrett began his work alongside Coach Wright two years ago.

Barrett had known coach Wright for 10 years before he began coaching with him, and felt he gained a tremendous amount of knowledge from Coach Wright.

"The most important things Coach Wright taught me were compassion for the players and humility," said Barrett, "I have so much respect and admiration for him as a man and how he lives his life."

"He taught me that the game of life is bigger than the game of basketball. He will be greatly missed," Barrett said.

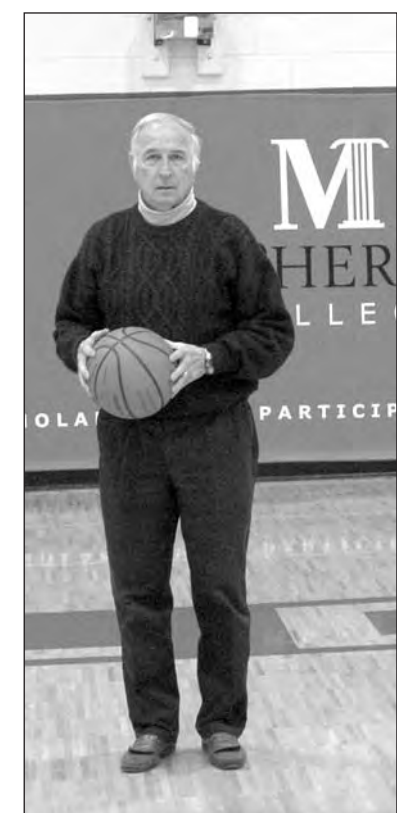


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