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Who's Who honorees named

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McPherson College is home to eight seniors selected for Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

Jaymie Bickford, Wiley Colo., Colleen Gustafson, McPherson, Bryan Grosbach, Gladstone, Mo., Amanda Keith, McPherson, Beth Krehbiel, Pratt, Lisa Sader, Augusta, Taulyn Snell, McPherson and Eric Vrtiska, Beatrice, Neb., were selected for the honor.

Bickford was unaware of the Who's Who award at the college level until she began going to school at McPherson four years ago.

"It's something I had never thought of," Bickford said. "It's a big academic achievement."

Herb Smith, coordinator of Who's Who on the McPherson College campus, said students are selected through a process, which starts with all the seniors on campus.

"Every student who is a senior who has a 3.0 or above is asked to submit a list of their activities," Smith said.

After the lists are submitted to the faculty and administration, they vote based on GPA and activities.

Smith said nearly two-thirds of the faculty normally vote.

Sader said being selected by the faculty and staff is an important aspect in the relationship she has with the faculty and staff at McPherson.

"McPherson is such a close-knit school, so it really matters that faculty and staff think highly of me," Sader said.

After votes are tallied, Smith sends the top names to Who's Who and sends the list of names to local papers for congratulatory purposes.

Bickford also reflected on the relationship she has had with faculty and staff during her four years at McPherson.

"I think it's an honor to be recognized by the people I've worked with and been taught by for the last four years," Bickford said.

Although students are selected and notified of the award in the fall, they are not awarded their certificate until the final spring convocation of the year.

Smith presents the certificates and often adds his own twist of fun to the presentation.

In years past, Smith has used his Kermit the Frog puppet and others to aid him in presenting the awards.

At some point during the year, students will choose a professor of the year who will also be recognized at the final spring convocation.



photo by Adrielle Harvey

Back row (L to R): Beth Krehbiel, Pratt, Jaymie Bickford, Wiley, Colo., Amanda Keith, McPherson and Lisa Sader, Augusta. Front row (L to R): Colleen Gustafson, McPherson, Bryan Grosbach, Gladstone, Mo., Eric Vrtiska, Beatrice, Neb. and Taulyn Snell, McPherson. These eight McPherson College seniors were selected for Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities. Honorees were selected by faculty and administration based on GPA and activities they were involved in.

There was a farmer had a chicken... BINGO was its name-o!



photo by Katie Miller

Above: Jarred Smith, soph., Wright, Matt Comer, soph., Saint Charles, Ill., and Nate McDaniel, Ponca City, Okla., play BINGO during the BINGO night sponsored by Student Activities Board. Many students showed up for an evening filled that included fun, prizes and a variety of ways to play BINGO.

Right: Ashley Mitchell, fr., Great Bend, shows her painting of a chicken during Art Fest. Art Fest was hosted by the Creative Arts Society and featured students who sang, played musical instruments, acted out short skits, showed art work and read pieces of literature. Three students were chosen as the night's top performers.



photo by Michael Jardon

Trustees discuss agenda Items announced at campus briefing

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Spectator Staff

President Ron Hovis announced items that were discussed at the Nov. 4 and 5 Board of Trustee meeting during a campus briefing last Friday, Nov. 11.

Twenty-one of 22 trustees were on campus to act on their agenda items and to meet with students. Hovis was happy with the turnout and said the weekend was "a very active sharing of information."

Hovis said the tuition increase is competitive with other private colleges in Kan. and that they the college is working hard to keep the increases to a minimum.

In addition to their action items, the board also discussed the progress of the strategic plan, initiatives to improve enrollment and retention, re-accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission, the goals and status of athletic programs, the My MC campaign and the success of internships, among other items.

These items were discussed on Nov. 4 in the three standing committees of the Board

The following action items were taken at the Nov. 4 and 5 Board of Trustee Meeting:

- ratifying the list of recommended recipients for the Citation of Merit and Young Alumni awards to be awarded in the next year.
- accepting and approving the annual financial audit.
- agreeing to increase the tuition and fees by less than 4 percent.

of Trustees: the academic affairs and student life committee, the financial affairs committee and the advancement and marketing committee.

On Nov. 5, the board met as a whole and heard reports from each of the committees.

The trustees ate dinner Friday night with a group of 28 students including resident assistants and SGA and SAB members.

"It (the dinner) accomplished what we wanted to accomplish, which was for different groups on campus to put names and faces together and to see that each group was really interested in the success of the college," Hovis said.

Rhonda Hoffert, sr., Golden, Colo., attended the student life and academic affairs

committee meeting on Friday. She also attended the board meeting on Saturday. Hoffert is not only Student Government Association president, but is also the student representative for the trustee meetings.

Two trustees attended the SGA meeting on Sunday, Nov. 6 to hear student concerns.

"They do care about how students are recruited and their experiences on campus," Hoffert said.

Much of the student interaction was a result of the trustees' requests to have more face-to-face conversation with students, faculty and staff.

Hovis said there have always been opportunities for students to meet with the trustees, but this year was about "trying to be intentional about seeing that people have the chance to meet with one another."

Dee Erway, faculty representative, and Kim Stanley, faculty chair, also attended the board meetings.

Violent protests create injustice

Did freedom of speech go too far?

Recently there was a protest held in Toledo, Ohio by so called "Neo-Nazis" against supposed "picking on whites" by the African-American community. As with every story there are always two sides, so who knows if what had really happened with blacks allegedly picking on whites is true or false.

This terrible and unnecessary incident occurred on Saturday, October, 15, 2005. A group of Neo-Nazis arrived in Toledo to help the city's whites against the "black crime" that was taking place. The Neo-Nazis were from the group officially known as the National Socialist Movement. They came to the neighborhood where Woodrow High School is located.

The march was OKed by the police department two weeks before they planned on arriving. A few minutes after 11 a.m., 10 police officers dressed in riot gear had to hold back the Toledo residents who gathered across the street from the Neo-Nazis. The group predicted that there would be violence, be-

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Tannah Janssen

cause they'd seen similar protests get out of hand.

Them knowing this makes me wonder what their real intentions were on the day of the protest. If they knew that it was going to spark violence, was it really worth all the injuries and damage? None of the protesters were injured at the protest, thankfully.

Only 14 protesters were present, two of whom were women. They stood and chanted "white-power" outside of the high school. How is chanting "white-power" going to solve the "picking on" of the whites? It's not going to do anything but upset them more and get them more riled up. The "white-power" chants were countered by "go home" from the residents, peace activists and other protesters.

The Neo-Nazi's were guarded by

12 officers while they raised their arms in the air and chanted together. This was when it turned ugly. At about 11:45 a.m. some of the residents from the back of the crowd threw wooden sticks and eggs in the direction of the Nazis and the officers.

The police canceled the march because things got out of hand from there. Just before noon, they escorted the Nazis to the cars and out of the neighborhood. The crowd made it to where the Nazis were escorted away and saw the police officers but no Nazis. This sparked even more violence than before.

The residents then lashed out at the police. They were not happy with the police department to begin with, accusing them of not being fair to the blacks and allowing the march in the first place. Police shouted in megaphones and threw tear gas into the crowds. The people in the crowd threw chunks of cement at the police, sending one to the hospital. People in the houses crammed people in their own homes to help them get away from the tear gas.

"I BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF SPEECH...BUT NOT IN A WAY THAT IS GOING TO CAUSE SUCH A VIOLENT RIOT"

Some older residents said that the protest was "much worse" than those that they had seen back in the 60s. They also reported the situation between the whites and the blacks wasn't as bad as people were making it out to be. After the riot was over, the spokesperson for the Nationalist Socialist Movement blamed the violence on the police department. He said they were the most incompetent group of people he had ever worked with, and he's been organizing these for more than 15 years. He also said nearly 80 members wanted to pro-

test and only 14 got to. Although he had many complaints he was pleased with the outcome.

Now my question is, what did they accomplish from this protest? The only thing that they did was make the blacks more angry and violent. How would that help the situation? I believe in freedom of speech and being able to voice your opinion but not in a way that is going to cause such a violent riot.

I know that our society is filled with racist and prejudice people, and it will always be a part of society, but people need to know when to butt in and when not to.

How was it any of their business going to another town and protesting? How much have they really accomplished with their protest? People need to think about the consequences of their actions, on both sides, and judge whether or not it is really worth it.

This incident, I feel, was unnecessary and should have never taken place. I know things will never be perfect, but we need to think about the consequences of our actions.

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Good Dog

Creators of the "Quiet Place."

Volleyball team:
- upset Bethel
- qualified for regionals

Men's soccer:
- had the most wins in a season
- made it to regional semifinals

"Romeo and Juliet" sold out for all four nights of the production.

Bad Dog

The nacho cheese keeps changing colors.

Whoever moved the artwork near the gazebo.

No parking spots to be seen.

We miss Elsie!

Certain professors who push their political ideologies.

Staff Editorial

Fall athletes make Mac proud

As a school, we had a very successful fall sports season. All but one of our five fall sports finished in the upper half of our conference. We had only one losing season. Athletics are definitely on the up. Even though some of our sports teams didn't live up to their expectations, we surpassed the expectations of our conference.

Football was picked to finish in seventh or lower by everyone except our players. It's disappointing finishing 5-5, but we had a young secondary on defense and a new quarterback who was learning the system. We're proud of our football team.

Volleyball was picked to finish sixth in conference. You would think that we'd get a little more respect after finishing the last season in fourth. Our ladies proved everyone wrong after winning seven conference games in a row and nine out of ten during the season. The volleyball team finished the season tied for third in conference and has the best fans in the conference we've been told on several occasions this year. It was exciting to hear that we also qualified for the regional tournament. Way to go volleyball.

Our only true disappointment happened to our ladies' soccer team. But how can we be disappointed when our starting goalkeeper breaks her leg the first week? It was an uphill battle for our ladies all season, but there were bright spots. Our team produced the conference freshman of the year and a keeper never having played the position, who finished the season with four shutouts. We just couldn't win a game at the end of the season. Next year looks even brighter for our ladies.

Our men's soccer team had a lot of excitement this season and a few tough breaks. Losing to Kansas Wesleyan at home was not fun, but beating them on their field in the regional quarterfinals makes up for it. Men's soccer definitely had the best soccer fans in the conference this season. Going to home games was a lot of fun. With three all conference players, two returning next season, our soccer team should be picked to finish high in conference next season.

Our cross-country team had the most runners they have had in over four years. The harriers fought through injuries and the men finished fourth in conference. The women's team is hopeful that they will have a full team next year, and the men's team is only losing one senior. If next year's recruits are as good as this year's, both men's and women's teams will place in the upper half of conference. This was overall a very successful fall sports season and there is a lot of promise for the future.

On the fly

What is your favorite part about the cafeteria?

"I enjoy the salad bar and the drinks."

-- Agnes Texido-Grana, jr.
Barcelona, Spain



"It's all you can eat!"
-- Eric Vrtiska, sr.
Beatrice, Neb.

"The little room with the TV -- it feels 'homey.'"

-- Amy Parnell, fr.
Liberal



"The ice cream machine!"
-- Ryan Gifford, fr.
Chapman

"The 'to-go' meals."

-- Tyson Prince, soph.
Honeoye Falls, N.Y.



BUSINESS CLUB PRESIDENT QUESTIONS SGA BUDGET POLICIES

Letter to The Editor

Etaf Shaban

SGA wants to know of any problems that the student body has with them. Well, here is one...thanks to SGA, the Business Club does not have the funds needed to afford the traditional small Business Club trip. The Power Dining that many students, faculty and staff look forward to, has been postponed and might eventually be cancelled.

Because of SGA's "debt," the Business Club, one of the most active and largest clubs on campus, has been cut off drastically and will not be able to enjoy the activities that it once used to.

Why should the student body pay for poor decisions that SGA has made in the past? We pay our student activity fees for the years that we are attending. We should not pay it to cover the decisions that SGA made by giving money to inactive clubs. SGA has cut the Business Club funds to less than half of what it used to be. Actually, they have cut about 85 percent of

their support from last year.

The Business Club does its share of fundraising, and is not asking for full funding, but a little more support would be appreciated.

If the debts were budgeted to be paid off in longer than three years, the cuts would not be as drastic. This is one consideration that SGA might want to look into.

SGA, you wanted to hear of any problems, and in three years when the debt is supposedly paid off, please tell the SGA officers to plan wisely and learn from previous mistakes made.

"It All Starts Here"

JENNIFER TERHUNE
Guest Reviewer

In reality, it started in 2003 with his first CD, "Where I Want to Be," but "It All Starts Here" is the aptly named title of Darren Johnson's new EP. Not that it matters, but an EP is just like an LP, only shorter--an EP has only about five songs. But with Darren Johnson, that's enough to get you hooked. It was enough to hook the whole audience at a tiny cafe in Salem, myself included, and it started a bit of a local obsession with his music.

Darren is a local artist from my hometown of Salem, Oregon. He grew up in the Pacific Northwest, but has taken his voice and guitar (which he taught himself how to play) as far as South Africa. But sorry guys--don't count on seeing him in McPherson, Kansas, anytime soon.

Darren writes the music, is the lead vocalist and plays the guitar. His brother, Brian, plays bass and provides all the back-up vocals, and their friend David Fender provides the drums, and that's it...three guys, two guitars and a drum set. But, the all-important ques-

tion: what does the music sound like? Well, his music has the feel of a sappier, not-quite-somewhat Jack Johnson (though they are of absolutely no relation), but he's not just another sappy guy who sings the same song about the same girl with different words.

Darren explores a broad range of emotions and topics in his lyrics. For instance, on the EP "It All Starts Here," his first song deals with the excitement of falling hard after a first date, and his third and fourth songs talk about an emotionally abused girl and a physically abusive boyfriend, respectively.

Each song shows off the singer-songwriter soulful quality that characterizes his music, with intelligent and articulate lyrics, that has none of the mass-produced, de-sensitized feeling of commercial pop. There are enough creative rhythms and interesting chord progressions to keep a music theory fanatic entertained and enough skill in their playing to be very pleasing to the ear. Did I mention that his voice (and his brother's) is exquisite? That doesn't hurt either.

Sure, he's probably going to appeal more to the female



Image courtesy of www.darrenjohnsonmusic.com

population than to men...but guys should check him out, too. He's great mood music to play for your girlfriend, or (even better) a prospective girlfriend (especially the last track, "Just One").

You'd be amazed with what three talented guys can do with two voices, two guitars, and a drum set...and very little studio time. It speaks volumes about the quality of a small-time local artist's music when it sounds just as good as or better than that of the 'big stars,' because they have less time and money

to spend in the studio altering their recordings. What you hear is just their talent and their skills; it's closer to hearing them live than anything else. And yes, Darren Johnson IS that good live. He sounds great in a tiny coffee shop with terrible acoustics, and he'll sound great playing in your car or your dorm room, too.

Has your interest been piqued? You can order his EP and, soon, his CD, online at www.darrenjohnsonmusic.com. But don't take my word for it...head to the site and check it out for yourself. There are audio clips of most songs from "It All Starts Here" and "Where I Want to Be," with accompanying lyrics, in the music & media section.

You can also find more information about who he is, see his photo gallery, read other reviews of his music, and hear about upcoming shows (if, by chance, you're going to be in the Salem/Portland area). He keeps a section of his forum as a journal, where he often posts the ideas that become his next hits. The best part, however, is a video clip of Darren singing and playing the guitar in his bathtub...sorry ladies, he's fully clothed.

Two spar off with pornography debate

When I was initially asked to tackle the right/wrong issue of viewing pornography, I quickly thought that of course it is wrong. However, then I started to wonder why I felt that way. My impulsive answer had no real reasoning behind it. Society had just engraved the notion into my mind. I was a bit troubled and began to wonder what I truly felt.

I am not one to just blindly accept facts as if in some religious cult, so I compiled a list of reasoning behind both sides. I found overwhelmingly that the length and weight behind my anti-pornography list far overshadowed the counter.

First off, let's look at what points I was able to uncover regarding the affirmative side of viewing pornography. There definitely weren't many.

One position that came to mind was that watching pornography is better than engaging in risky behaviors personally. Following this logic somewhat reminded me of the Roman gladiator-games mentality where bloodthirsty citizens filled their desires by watching from afar. No matter where I went with this pro-pornography argument, it unceasingly ended up insignificant and often counter-productive.

The only semi-valid point that I was able to muster was that pornography is capable of producing short-term pleasure. That's it. There is nothing more to it. No short-term high can make up for chronic lows in one's life. There are no social contributions, personal attributes being bolstered, or quintessentially any positive causation that I could find. I tried.

Now that we've seen the fantabulous benefits of watching pornography, one should

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Eric Sader

now take a gander at the other side.

Chiefly, one of the most widespread negatives of viewing pornography is the fact that it is often addictive. I don't know about the rest of you, but I certainly do not want to be seen going to Pornoholics Anonymous in ten years.

With addicted persons especially, although potentially affecting all, pornography removes emotion and desensitizes sexual behavior. Lust, not love, compiles the "content" of the films. Sex-object stereotypes are also prevalently portrayed.

In relation to the previously discussed aspect of watching pornography being superior to engaging in sex yourselves, it is important to note that frequent pornographic users are often those same individuals participating in the physical acts. Whether this is because pornography actually increases one's long-term sex drive or control of such, I do not know, but a relationship does exist.

In general, the vast majority of today's pornographic content is simply an outwardly tempting fixation that in fact is full of malevolence.

"So what, Eric? What exactly are you advocating?" I am certainly not promoting the outlaw of pornography in this nation. Pornography is admittedly not the absolute worst, most sinful thing in the world. I value individual rights as long as I feel that our society will not be overcome by those aspects I disagree with.

However, I am clinging to the hope that humanity as a whole is capable of improving with time, that people themselves will be able to make the right decisions in their lives. Will everyone? Of course they won't, but I believe through examining one's self and determining an individual code of ethics (even if it is the wrong one as I to some extent believe in a universal truth), people will progress.

As if I haven't mentioned it enough, look into what one truly believes in life. Examine your decisions, behaviors, thoughts, and emotions. Do not be led blindly by society or even religious standards. I believe all just principles are possible for one to find out quasi-independently through the God-given creation of logic. You will most assuredly be the better for it.

Taboos are a part of everyday life. So why is pornography a taboo?

At one time in history, a woman showing her ankles was taboo. Thank goodness it is not that way now. As society evolves, our taboos change. I believe that pornography as a taboo is still up for argument.

Porn has been around for centuries in one form or another. It has been depicted in art, books, film and even comics. Yet it is still a hot topic morally and ethically.

Pornography really started coming out in many forms once printing technology took off.

During the 1500s, Pietro Aretino (1492-1556) wrote graphic poetry. The Marquis De Sade (1740-1814) was arrested and imprisoned for writing stories of the pornographic nature in

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Heather Williams

the 1700s to 1800s.

One of the first forms of censorship was on pornography during the civil war. Women were sending husbands and lovers pictures of themselves, which were seen as obscene.

Then in the 1940s there was an explosion of "pinups." Alberto Vargas was one of the most recognized pinup painters of the time. His "Varga Girls", displayed in Esquire Magazine and their yearly calendar, in the early 40's earned him much fame and fortune.

During the 1970s and 1980s, there was a big pornography industry boom. Gone were the days of Vargas' mostly clad lasses, to the full T and A and money shot of cheap budget porn. The next two decades bring films like, "Debbie Does Dallas" and the skyrocketing success of "y" and "magazines."

With the advent of the World Wide Web in the 1990s, a new industry was born. Internet porn and all of its implications became incredibly popular almost instantly. Do not get me wrong, porn has caused a stir in society any decade, but with internet porn being readily accessible to children, it has become a huge topic.

For many it causes problems in relationships because one partner has a certain idea of how the other should look or be and many times because one partner finds it offensive and one enjoys it.

There have been problems with children and porn. But if

we know what they are looking at online and that sexual curiosity is normal, I think it can be kept under control.

So is it right or wrong? Some say it is morally wrong and that it leads men to have unreal expectations of the women they meet. I can see that in some cases.

Others say that it is a healthy way to explore and express your sexuality and that it helps keep child and sexual predators from attacking, raping, etc. It is a debate that has many sides. There are too many people with too many strongly conflicting points of view, for this to come to an end anytime soon.

So for me there seems to be a few rules to follow as well as using some common sense. First would have to be, anything in excess can be dangerous; use pornography in moderation. Second would be that if you are in a relationship, open communication about this as with any topic is extremely important. Each partner should feel comfortable enough to talk about it and explore what they will both enjoy, (i.e.: a steamy novel, role playing, pornographic movies, magazines, etc). Do not let porn become your main source for sexual release, or you will only create more problems in your relationship. If you are single, remember that not every person you date is going to look or act like a porn star--they're actors--duh! Thirdly, if you find you are becoming addicted, when you are abandoning other parts of your life and so on, (and it does happen), get professional help from a counselor, therapist or minister.

So in the end, porn is OK as long as you know what you are doing, you are over the age of 18, and you use your head.



What is Kansas thinking?

An educational rant

I don't like to get political. OK, that last sentence was a lie. I love to get political. Those of you who religiously scour over Facebook (yes, I'm included - the new picture function equals love at first sight) have probably read that I am "liberal." Yes, someone at McPherson College with the audacity to flaunt their "tree-hugging," "tax-loving" and "Bush-hating" tendencies.

For this reason, I have purposely strayed away from getting too involved with politics at any level. I don't really care to get involved in a two-hour debate over Bush's foreign policy--I honestly don't have that kind of time. Not to mention that I don't disagree with all of Bush's foreign policy. Nor am I completely supportive of people moving into trees to "protect" them (especially when they're already dead--this actually happened in my hometown several years ago).

Stereotypes are a dangerous thing. When finding out that I am "liberal," you may then instantly assume that I fit into some mold of the quintessential Clinton-obsessed liberal. But the truth is, I don't fit into that mold. To instantly judge me as anti-war, pro-choice, anti-gun, pro-tax, pro-porn, anti-religious would show a serious lack of judgment, not to mention that it would seriously offend me.

I don't really want to give you a list of my positions on particular issues. A) That would definitely get me some enemies, on both sides of the fence. B) It's pretty much irrelevant--you could just ask me.

With that said, I will now... get political. The Kansas State Board of Education (still on their "intelligent" design high) and chairman Steven Abrams are now brutally attacking a new school subject--English. The chairman has blasted several school districts for placing pornography on reading lists. In a column Abrams penned, he expressed mounting frustration with school district's literature policies:

"...superintendents and local boards of education in some districts continue to promulgate pornography as 'literature,' even though many parents have petitioned the local boards to remove the porn."

CONVERSATIONS WITH MYSELF



Jessica Foulke

My first reaction--laugh out loud at the ridiculous statement. My second reaction--cry a little bit about the state of education in my beloved home state. My third reaction--try to figure out what on earth he was referring to.

A little investigation revealed this website: www.classkc.org. This organization of parents is dedicated to removing literature from the likes of Toni Morrison, Kate Chopin, Margaret Atwood and Tim O'Brien, among others, in the Blue Valley School District, located in Northeastern Kansas. Don't be mistaken, just because these parents are the most vocal does not mean that they are the only ones. I will say, though, that these are among the most ridiculous "rationales" I have ever heard for what is a blatant attempt to ban pieces of renowned literature.

Included on the list is "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe--for those of you that have already forgotten, this is the novel that we read in Rhetoric II. I don't know about you, but after I read it I was not inclined to go worship several gods and drink some "palm-wine" out of my "first human head."

Another...interesting...complaint is over the novel "Song of Solomon," written by Toni Morrison. It is the portrayal of the life of a boy, "Milkman," where he comes into awareness that he can fulfill his own potential by understanding the mistakes of his ancestors as they relate to his own. The novel is no doubt graphic, with (gasp) sex and some profane language. This is what the website's authors say:

"We feel so sorry for the kids that this book is forced on. They are led to believe that...

- 1) this is how all adults conduct their sex lives and/or
- 2) this is how real black people conduct their lives and/or
- 3) all this is considered normal in society, because it has been assigned by an adult of power, who our kids have been taught from the beginning is to be trusted, respected and obeyed--their teacher."

Personally, I have read "Song of Solomon" (in my AP Lit and Comp class during my senior year, no less--that happens to be the same for students in the Blue Valley School District as well). I'm pretty sure that my mind was not twisted into believing that any of what happened in that novel was "normal," in any sense of the word. It is ridiculous to think that I, a senior in high school, could be so persuaded by a piece of literature. I was better off for reading this book, on several levels.

My personal favorite: in the page attacking the novel "Going After Cacciato" by Tim O'Brien, one of the offensive excerpts is, "Dumb as a month-old oyster fart." I know that if I read that in a novel, I for one would be permanently scarred (that was sarcasm).

I will note that there are some books that are considered OK by the classkc.org standards. These include "Romeo and Juliet" a story about two teenagers who fall in "love," have sex and then kill themselves in a matter of a few days. By the standards of these parents, this would promote premarital sex and disobeying the orders of your parents. However, miraculously, Shakespeare has outlived the wrath of the Overprotective Parents Association in Blue Valley.

I do not consider this a move by the political right to "save" the heathen liberals. I consider this a move of complete and utter stupidity. The whole thing is as dumb as a month-old oyster fart. These parents need to give their high school-aged kids a little more credit!

And what's next? Nothing is safe with the Kansas State Board of Education in town. I'm pretty sure that there are some things in history that might be considered offensive. Can we write Darwin out of it altogether? What about math? I personally find some trigonometry VERY offensive.

My advice to you--go to this website, laugh a little bit, and then find a couple of the "offensive" books to read yourself. You might just learn something, or if not, at least you didn't lose your brain cells to another night of "Real World: Timbuktu." Then give me a call, and we'll have a spirited debate on Bush's foreign policy AND the hidden elements in "The Awakening." What do you say?

- STOP PARKING YOUR 15 CARS IN THE SCHOOL DESIGNATED PARKING SPOTS! IF THEY DON'T RUN, STOP PARKING THEM IN MY SPOT!
- HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE HAS COMPLETED MY LIFE. I WOULD MARRY RON IF I COULD!
- WHEN ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HAVE DOGS IN THE DORMS? I MISS MY PUPPY!
- SOMEBODY TOLD ME THAT YOU HAD A BOYFRIEND THAT LOOKED LIKE A GIRLFRIEND THAT I HAD IN FEBRUARY OF LAST YEAR.
- THREE OUT OF FOUR PEOPLE MAKE UP 75% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION.
- I THOUGHT I SAW THE DEAN FEASENHEISER, AND I GOT EXCITED.
- IT'S SO COLD OUTSIDE...UGH.
- MY DAY IS GETTING PROGRESSIVELY WORSE, BUT ONCE IT HITS MIDNIGHT IT CAN ONLY GET BETTER BECAUSE IT'S THE START OF A NEW DAY.
- GET OFF THE PHONE, AND DO YOUR HOMEWORK!
- EVERYTHING IS A BIG DEAL WHEN YOU'RE A GIRL. EVEN LITTLE THINGS ARE A BIG DEAL BECAUSE YOU ARE A GIRL.
- IS YOUR MIDDLE NAME RENEE?
- AWKWARD...AWKWARD...AWKWARD!
- I LOVE TURKEY. HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYBODY!

Shoutout!

Hey you? then...
 Got something to say? From your voicemail, dial # then 3116
 ANYTHING? off-campus: call college, dial 1000, #, then 3116

Shout It Out callers have 30 seconds to speak about any topic they wish. Slanderous statements cannot be printed.

a McPherson College Moment...

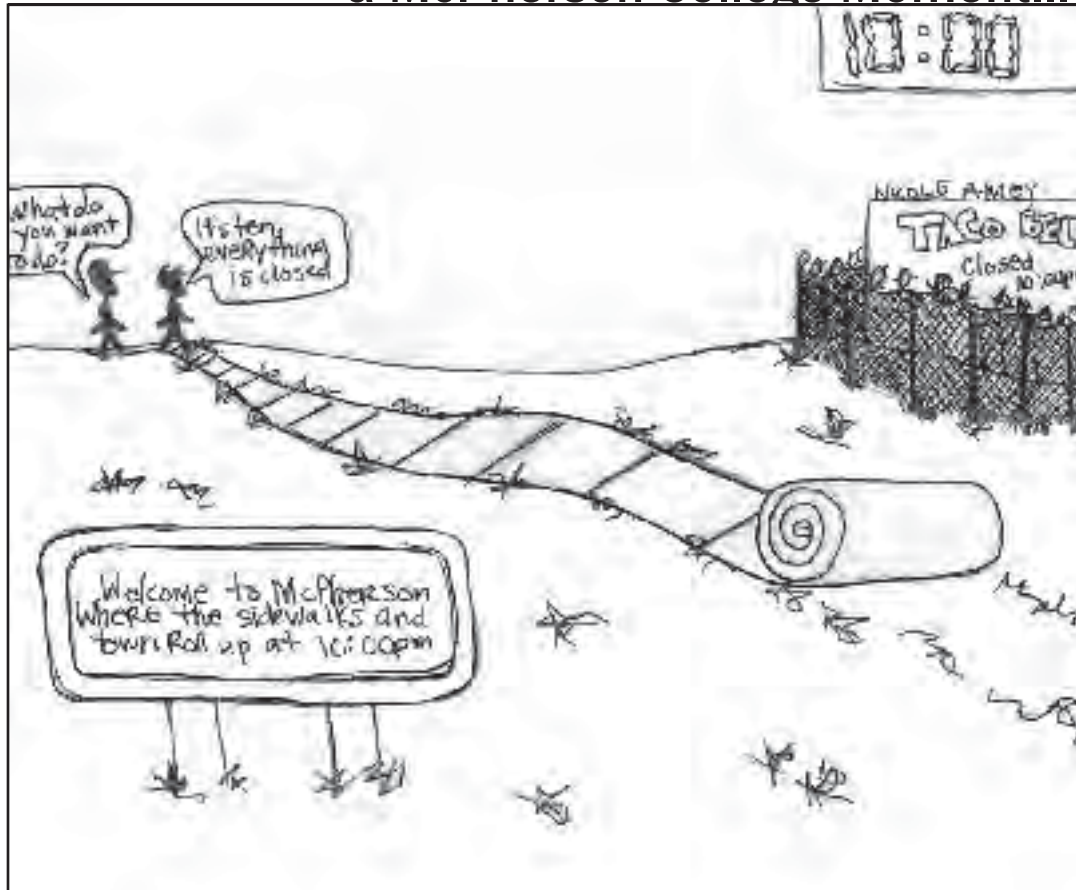




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"For saints have hands that pilgrims' hands do touch, and palm to palm is holy palmers' kiss." Brandt Busse and Alyson Holman star as Romeo and Juliet in the current theatre production.

LARA LICHTY
Features Editor

For the first time in McPherson College history, "two-star crossed lovers" crossed the stage last weekend and will cross it again tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Brandt Busse, sr., McPherson, and Alyson Holman, fr., McPherson act as the young lovers, Romeo and Juliet.

Is it difficult for two people to come together and act as lovers? Busse says a romantic role becomes easier with practice.

"In general when you're playing lovers with someone you don't really know it's hard at first, but once you settle down and become comfortable with the person it becomes easier," Busse said.

Holman agreed.

"I knew what sort of role Juliet was long before I auditioned, so I was prepared for the romantic part," Holman said. "Things were a little awkward at first, but we acted very business-like about it all. I quickly began concentrating on how to make the performance better, so it was no longer awkward."

Busse and Holman are not the only students who have been busy with the show. Thespians not only had to memorize the difficult lines of Shakespeare, but some had to learn stage combat as well.

Busse thinks the cast has done an excellent job perfecting such a difficult performance.

"The language of Shakespeare is not an easy language to speak or to understand. I think the cast has done an excellent job in the past four weeks getting ready for this production. They have put in a lot of hard work, and I feel it has really paid off," Busse said.

Over 20 students have been involved in this production.

Those in the Capulet house include the following: Capulet, Dan Hudacheck, jr., Stillwater, Minn.; Lady Capulet, Colleen Gustafson, sr., McPherson; Tybalt, Will Schneider,

soph., Chalmette, La.; Nurse, Akeisha Kaufman, jr., Moundridge; Peter, Ben Cole, fr., Farnam, Neb.; Samantha (Sampson), Jessica Foulke, soph., Lawrence; Gregory, Cody Doll, fr., Healy.

The Montague house includes: Montague, Matt Jean, soph., Santa Barbara, Calif.; Lady Montague, Ann Masterson, fr., Hutchinson; Mercutio, Alex Tyler, soph., McPherson; Benvolio, Eric Sader, fr., Augusta; Abram, Seth Schoming, jr., Davenport, Neb.; Beatrice (Balthasar), Jessica Arnold, fr., La Cygne.

Neutral characters include: Prince of Verona, Amanda Keith, sr., McPherson; Paris, Mark Tobias, jr., Conrad, Iowa; Friar Laurence, James Keith, sr., Phoenix, Ariz.; Friar John, Rick Tyler; Apothecary, Rhonda Hoffert, jr., Golden, Colo.; Watchman, Bryan Grosbach, sr., Gladstone, Mo.

Citizens of Verona, Servants and pages are played by the following students: Nicole Clark, fr., Panora, Iowa; Wendi Cloud, sr., McPherson; Alisha Gridley, soph., Clifton; Jocelyn Nealey, fr., Benton City, Wash.; Laurie Neiman, sr., McPherson.

Other major players in this show include: Travis Walker, soph., Coffeyville, stage manager; Karlene Tyler, assistant director; Laura Engquist, lights; Tyler's Tech Theatre I class, set construction; Anne and Shane Kirchner, coordinators of First Nighters.

It may be a show about the conflict between the Capulets and Montagues, but behind the scenes students seem to be having fun with it.

"It's been a real pleasure seeing everyone become their characters in the show," Walker said. "Being stage manager for the first time, it's been a challenge for myself but it's been very enjoyable working with the cast."

Director Rick Tyler feels like the show has been a learning experience for all involved.

"This show has been a strong vehicle to stretch the experienced actors out of comfort zones and yet a safe environment for new faces a chance to get their fingers wet on stage and experience Shakespeare in performance," said Director Rick Tyler.

Romeo & Juliet

Thespians perform the most famous love story of all time

Pornography flashes MAC campus

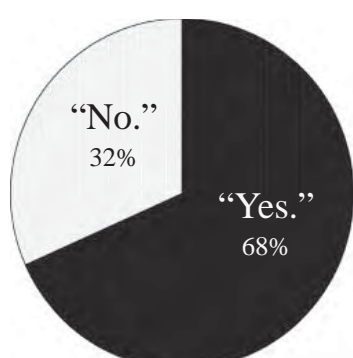


FEMALE STUDENTS

"Do you view porn?"

Survey says...

MALE STUDENTS



AUCIA FOX
Spectator Staff

An estimated \$8 to 10 billion is spent annually by Americans on pornography. This exceeds the combined gross of ABC, CBS, and NBC which is \$6.2 billion. According to the University of New Hampshire's SHARPP (Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program) the combined circulation of *Playboy* and *Penthouse* exceeds that of *Time*

and *Newsweek*. Pornography is everywhere. On the SHARPP web site, you can find information stating that twelve percent of websites are pornographic, eight percent of total emails are pornography related, and 25 percent of total search engine requests are porn-related. Ninety percent of eight to sixteen year olds have viewed porn online, most while doing homework.

Is this booming pornography industry gaining business from our campus?

The Spectator surveyed 195 people, of which 168 were students, to answer this question. A total of 47 percent of the people

surveyed claim to have viewed pornography.

Pornography proved to be more popular among our male student population. Sixty eight percent of the male students surveyed claimed to view porn while only 20 percent of the female students did. Faculty and staff results prove to be similar with 55 percent of the males and 31 percent of the females claiming to have viewed pornography.

SHARPP facts agree that the viewing of pornography is more prevalent in the male population. They say that the average age in which a man sees his first pornographic magazine is 11.

Another interesting difference between the student male and female ideas of pornography on our campus is that in looking at the females who did claim to view pornography, none of them said they viewed it more frequently than monthly while the majority of the male student pornography viewers fell in the weekly category and just as many viewers were daily viewers as yearly. Of all the females surveyed who view pornography, none think it is wrong to view it while 11 percent males who view pornography said it was wrong to do so.

In Drake Bennett's article, *X'ed Out*, in the March 2005 *Boston Globe*, different views of pornography are expressed, several of which are feminist groups against the viewing of pornography. But not all feminist are against pornography. There is a new movement of "sex-positive" feminists like Laura Kipnis and Camille Paglia, who are now getting airtime. These women argue that pornography is not oppressive but has the potential to be liberating.

"What pornography is trying to do is create, using real bodies, a fantasy of a kind of idealized and perfectly abundant pleasure," said leading pornography theorist Linda Williams, a film studies professor at the University of California at Berkeley. "What others might see as basically a masturbatory aid was cast instead as a genre of utopian social criticism. As for the anti-porn crusaders," Williams adds, "really, who are they to tell us where our sexual imaginations should go?"

Does our campus think it is "wrong" to view pornography? The survey said that 44 percent of faculty marked "yes, it is wrong to view," while only 29

percent of students thought it was wrong.

Twenty-eight percent of those surveyed said it is wrong "sometimes" to view, most of which said it is wrong "sometimes" when it features children or is used to degrade, force, or victimize someone.

SHARPP statistics state that the child pornography industry makes \$2 to 3 billion annually. Two-thirds of child scenarios in magazines are sexual and/or violent, mostly involving children from ages three to 11; with 80 percent of children being actively involved.

Others on campus surveyed believe that viewing pornography is wrong "sometimes" when it is hurtful to relationships with others.

Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, fell in this category. "Pornography is like many other things; people can use it for good or in a way that is unhealthy," Johnson said.

"If people are in a loving relationship and they both want to view it and find it sexually arousing, then there is nothing wrong with that," Johnson said. "The problem is when one becomes addicted to it."



Right: (clockwise from top left) Mariah Coberly, Kacy Smith, Jessica Hentz and Kat Realmuto are the four record-breaking females in the auto restoration program.

Bottom: Kacy Smith sews during one of her many classes, Automotive Trim.

“Planes, ‘Janes’ & automobiles”

Four girls break record as the largest female population in history of the auto restoration program



photo by Lara Lichty

JESSICA ARNOLD
Spectator Staff

At McPherson College, auto restoration plays a big part on campus. When one thinks of working on cars, however, women in the field rarely come to mind. This year at McPherson College, four girls are giving the guys a run for their money in the auto department. The brave few include Kacy Smith, fr., Milford, Jessica Hentz, fr., Independence, Mo., Mariah Coberly, fr., Clay Center, and Kathleen (Kat) Realmuto, sr., Minneapolis, Minn.

Just how did these lovely women become involved in auto restoration? Hentz gives her father the credit.

“My dad took me for rides in his ‘67 Fury all the time. I’ve known ever since that auto restoration is what I wanted to do,” Hentz said.

Smith knew early on that restoration was for her.

“I’ve wanted to do it ever since fourth grade. I just love cars,” Smith said.

Coberly said getting interested in auto restoration wasn’t planned at all.

“To be honest I just sort of fell into auto,” Coberly said. “The guys who work at our auto body shop back home needed some extra help detail painting, so I started working with them and later helped restore a ‘65 Impala.”

Realmuto became interested in auto restoration by working on her 1950 AMC Rambler.

These ladies aren’t all about cars. In fact, they have many other hobbies. Smith loves swimming and is the manager of the volleyball team. Coberly said that everyone was surprised when she went into auto

restoration instead of music, art or taking care of little kids. She’s played the flute for nine years, and she’s an exceptionally good artist. She especially loves to paint, which is, oddly enough, what got her into auto restoration in the first place. Realmuto likes to do ceramics and fish in her free time.

When asked if it was a lot of work, the girls focused on the positive.

“It’s fun,” Hentz said. “It doesn’t matter how much work it is; it doesn’t seem like it because I’m doing what I like to do.”

Smith agrees, saying that it is fun but challenging.

The question is, how does it feel to be so outnumbered at MAC? Realmuto says it isn’t bad.

“I feel welcomed here,” Realmuto said. “It’s most pleasant.”

Although she doesn’t feel intimidated here, she admits that there’s more pressure as a female in the industry itself.

“You have to rise above the pressure to perform perfectly the first time,” Realmuto said.

Rather than the girls being intimidated, Hentz thinks it’s usually the other way around. She says that sometimes the girls intimidate the guys so the guys work harder, so “they don’t get beaten by a girl.”

Coberly is practical about the situation. She said in high school she had two guys in auto shop and welding who harassed her about being a girl since she was the only one. She said there’s always the danger you’ll run into those people.

“I just out do them,” Coberly said. “Their downgrading becomes my drive, so really they never gain anything.”

What do the guy auto majors

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-BRIAN SCHIPPERT

think about females in the auto restoration program?

“They perform just as well as the males,” Brian Schippert, Great Bend, said. “They have the right to pursue whatever they enjoy. More power to them.”

Jon Toland, sr., Plano, Texas, agreed.

“Girls in the program rock. They’re my favorite; there’s really no difference in how they perform,” Toland said.

Garrick Green, instructor of technology, said there have never been this many girls enrolled in the program at one time. Danita Bartlett, the first woman in the program, enrolled in 1991. Heidi Reichenborn enrolled in 1993, and both women graduated in 1995. Thus female auto restoration majors were born at McPherson College.

Smith’s advice for upcoming female auto restoration majors is this: “Don’t be intimidated!” Hentz’s advice is practical, if not joking. “Don’t show up late to class,” she said with a smile. “They hate that.”

What are their plans after school? Realmuto said that she’s going to be working in a shop painting or doing metal fabrication. Regardless of where they go after, the women auto restoration students will know how to brave it in a predominantly male field.

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEvised ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ATHLETIC TRAINER: ROB AZELTON

TOLAN LICHTY
Spectator Staff

“Saturday Night Live” or “Madd TV?”

I love “Madd TV.”

Where did you attend college?

I got my undergraduate from Central Methodist College and my masters at horrible and awful Southwestern.

Chinese or American buffet?

Chinese. Come on now, Golden Dragon baby!

If you lived in the 1800s, would you rather go to the beach or the village general store for fun?

The general store, hands down.

James Bond or GI Jane?

James Bond

Subway or Mr. Goodcents?

Mr. Goodcents

Could you see yourself on Broadway within the next ten years?

Yes, 4th row back and on the right.

Do you have any advice for scholars wishing to major in athletic training?

Have fun with it, and enjoy it. That’s it.

If you had a child and your wife insisted that you name it Zanzabar, what would you do?

Not name it Zanzabar! I would tell her how it is and then probably get thrown out of the house.

On that note, are you married?

Yes.



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The Throwback

Researched by Rhonda Hoffert

1930s - days of being proper?

October 11, 1934 *Revenge - and How*

Boom! Crash! Bang! Such was the conglomeration of noises as the boys from Fahnestock stampeded to Arnold Tuesday evening after the girls left to attend the installation services at church.

Beds were reciprocated; some drawers were out of parliamentary order, and lights were annihilated.

When the girls returned they were greeted by flying trapezes which, after they landed proved to be paper sacks filled with H2O.

November 22, 1934

The girls of Arnold Hall have asked us very nicely to make the announcement that Arnold Hall isn’t the boys’ dorm. You may get the significance of this - we don’t.

December 13, 1934

The boys in Fahnestock have taken to stacking rooms again. Just this week, Bollinger got his room neatly fixed by enterprising friends. The language he used when he found his door unfastened and his belongings scattered around is not exactly fit to print.

January 17, 1935

How do we account for the beer bottle sitting in Sink and Kauffman’s window? And after that speech in chapel by Dr. Schwalm - tsk tsk.

February 14, 1935

It seems as tho a prominent faculty member happens to accidentally (?) catch a romantic young couple spooning in the protecting darkness of one of the rooms of Sharp Hall. The resulting embarrassment to all concerned and the resulting remarks are neither necessary nor suitable to print. Someone in on the knowledge might be able to enlighten you.

Volleyball qualifies for regionals

ANGELINA FIORENZI
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs finished their season last night with a loss to number one seeded College of Saint Mary in regional play. The Lady Bulldogs fell in three games.

The ladies' overall record is 13-5 in KCAC play and 19-14 overall, finishing tied for third in the KCAC.

The team finished the season with a five game winning streak, defeating Sterling College 3-0, Ottawa University 3-1, Bethany College 3-0, Friends University 3-0, and Southwestern College 3-0.

After all their hard work put in during the season, four of the Lady Bulldogs were granted all-conference honor.

Juniors Jennifer Marquette and Kendra Stephenson were named to the 2005 all-KCAC women's volleyball first team.

Junior Kelsey Crist and sophomore Jessica Miller were named to the all-KCAC second team.

Marquette was named to the KCAC first team as a middle hitter, after being named to the first team in the KCAC in 2004. Marquette was also ninth in the KCAC in kills per game, killing 2.60 per game during the regular season. She finished with 68 solo blocks and 61 assists blocks giving her a season total of 129 blocks, which led the team.

Stephenson named to the first team in the KCAC as a setter, compared to last year being named with an honorable mention. Stephenson led the KCAC in assists per game, averaging 10.11 a game during the regular season. Stephenson was also named KCAC Setter of the Week twice this year.

Kelsey Crist, jr., was named to the all-KCAC second team as a libero. Crist finished with only 15 errors of her serve reception, completing 96.87 percent. She is also ranked 3rd in the KCAC with 427 digs during the regular season.

Jessica Miller, soph., was named to the KCAC second



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The Lady Bulldogs huddle up during their game versus Ottawa. Coach Nathalea Stephenson gives her players final instructions before they hit the court.

team as an outside hitter. Miller finished the regular season with 303 kills, which led the team, and was second on the team in digs. Miller also led the KCAC in ace serves with 70 during the regular season.

This season's 13 conference wins and third place in the KCAC is the highest finish in school volleyball history.

This record ties the 1985

squad that finished 19-18, in college all-time list of wins. The Lady Bulldogs were seeded fourth for the KCAC tournament and went up against Ottawa University in the quarterfinals.

The Lady Bulldogs defeated Ottawa 3 games to 1, moving on to KCAC Tournament Semifinals where they met the number one seed Bethel College.

The Lady Bulldogs upset

Bethel in four games.

They then moved onto KCAC Tournament finals against Tabor College. Unfortunately, the girls fell 1 game to 3, but were able to qualify for the regional tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs tied the record for most wins in a season with 19 and will graduate no seniors this season.

Team Leaders:

as 11-16-05

Kills: Miller 328, Marquette 295
Assists: Stephenson 1115

Aces: Miller 75, Mayhan 52, Morgan 50
Digs: Crist 468, Miller 307

Blocks: Marquette 68 (61 assists)

KCAC Final Standings: Volleyball

- Bethel 17-1
- Tabor 17-1
- KWU 13-5
- MAC 13-5**
- Ottawa 9-9
- Friends 9-9
- Sterling 6-12
- Bethany 3-15
- Saint Mary 3-15
- Southwestern 0-18

Football finishes season with 5-5 record after disappointing loss to Southwestern

MALLORY YUNGBERG
Spectator Staff

With a hopeful victory in mind, the football team had a devastating loss on their last game of the season against Southwestern College on Saturday.

With a 5-5 record overall and 4-5 in KCAC play, the team had their times of struggle throughout the season.

"The season did not turn out as anticipated," said Troy McBroom, sr. "There were games that we lost that I thought that we could have won."

The loss against Southwestern was hard on many of the players as the injuries still seemed to haunt the team through the whole season.

"When we lost our quarterback, it hurt us offensively. The turnovers hurt us also. However the special teams stepped up to help out," said Head Coach, Dave Cunningham.

"I wish the seniors could have left their final game with a victory. But I am proud of the whole team," Cunningham said.

Even with a loss at the end of the year, the team still had many uplifting and encouraging highlights throughout the season.

"Our come-behind win over Bethany and our win over Ottawa were some high points in the season," Cunningham said. "Also our win on Homecoming against Friends."

It had been since 1968, since the Bulldogs were able to beat Ottawa on their home field.

"Brendan Netherton's (soph.) interception return for a touchdown against Bethel and Kris Smiley's (sr.) fumble recovery also against Bethel were both turning points in our season," said Lamar Jacobs, sr.

Injuries seemed to just keep coming around each week. On the other hand, many players

were able to overcome the injuries and even when the team lost a game, they were able to learn and know what to expect for the next game that came a long.

"Our season did not go as expected. We were better than our record showed. There was at least three or four games that we should have and could have won," Jacobs said.

"I thought that the Bethel game was a turning point for the whole team because then our record was 1-1 not 0-2 to start the season out," McBroom said.

As the season progressed there were many injuries that occurred that hurt the team.

However, there were many improvements along the way that helped the team overcome the injuries.

"Patrick Luz (jr.), our quarterback, improved as the season went on. Brison Gray (fr.), our kicker, stepped it up along the way also. And there were some young guys who worked their way up to play," Cunningham said.

For some of the Bulldogs, it was their final appearance in the red and white and as a Bulldog.

"Despite how this year turned out, I wouldn't change anything because I have met a lot of great people. I am also grateful that I got the chance to play football here. I have made a lot of good memories while I was here," Jacobs said.

"It has been fun being a Bulldog. I have made a lot of great memories and I hoped everyone has enjoyed watching me play," McBroom said.

For the seniors it was a tough season. But as their final year comes to a close, they will soon appreciate everything that everyone has done for them and everything they were able to accomplish while being a Bulldog.



photo by Brian York

Lamar Jacobs, sr., walks into the end zone untouched during the Bulldogs' game versus Southwestern College last Saturday. Jacobs rushed for 72 yards and caught two passes in the lose to Southwestern.

What to Watch for:

TODAY

Men's Basketball @ Southwestern College Classic (TBA)

Women's Basketball @ Bethel College Classic (TBA)

SATURDAY

Men's Basketball @ Southwestern College Classic (TBA)

Women's Basketball @ Bethel College Classic (TBA)

MONDAY

Basketball vs Central Christian College 6/8 p.m.

TUESDAY

NO SCHEDULED GAMES

WEDNESDAY

NO SCHEDULED GAMES

THURSDAY

THANKSGIVING DAY

FAREWELL TO FALL SPORTS



Left: Jared Ratzlaff, sr., (46) and Brandon Luter, fr., (97) make the tackle on the Southwestern running back during their game last Saturday.



photo by Shandi Tobias

Top: Jacob Merrick, soph., competes in the NAIA Region IV championships.



courtesy photo

Left: Megan Meyer, fr., finishes her first collegiate meet in early September.



photo by Tannah Janssen

Top: Jessica Miller, soph., serves during their quarterfinal match versus Ottawa.

Left: The men's soccer team gets fired up before their game. This shows great team unity.

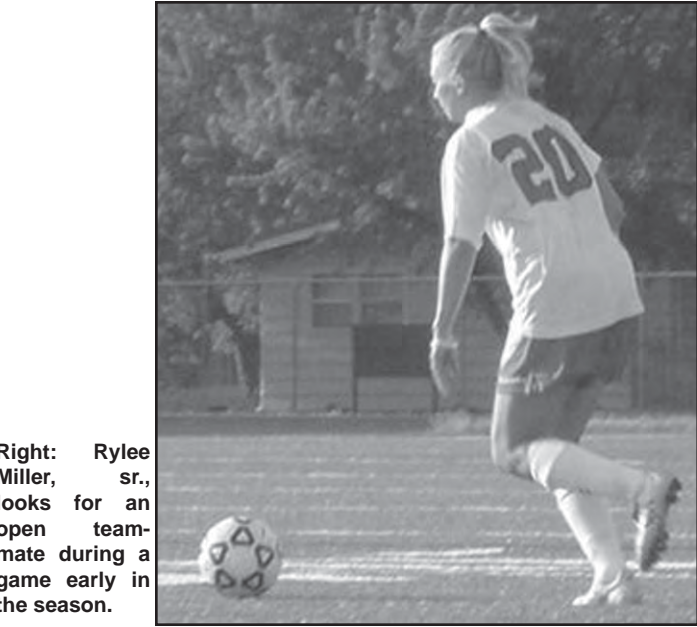


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Right: Rylee Miller, sr., looks for an open teammate during a game early in the season.

Men's basketball heating up

BRYAN GROSBACH
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team has had an up and down season so far after only five games. The team will play its first conference game at Sterling College on Dec. 1. In their first five games, the team has two wins and three losses. In the two wins, the team is shooting over 50 percent for the game.

The team's last game was on Tuesday at Hastings College in Hastings, Neb. The Bulldogs played solidly as they went into halftime only down three points, 33-36. Hastings shot over 60 percent from the floor in the second half, handing the Bulldogs the 74-61 loss. Leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Lee Gustafson, sr., with 15 points and Art Soto, sr., with 13 points. Gustafson also led the team with six rebounds, three assists and three blocks.

Last Saturday the team had their home opener versus Haskell Indian Nations University. The Bulldogs put up 48 points in the first half and went into halftime with a 48-31 lead.

The second half was very similar to the first half as the Bulldogs put up 41 points in the second half giving them the 89-68 victory. Leading the way was Cody Dickerson, soph., who led the team with 14 points, seven assists and three steals. Soto chipped in with 13 points and Gustafson had nine points and five rebounds for the game.

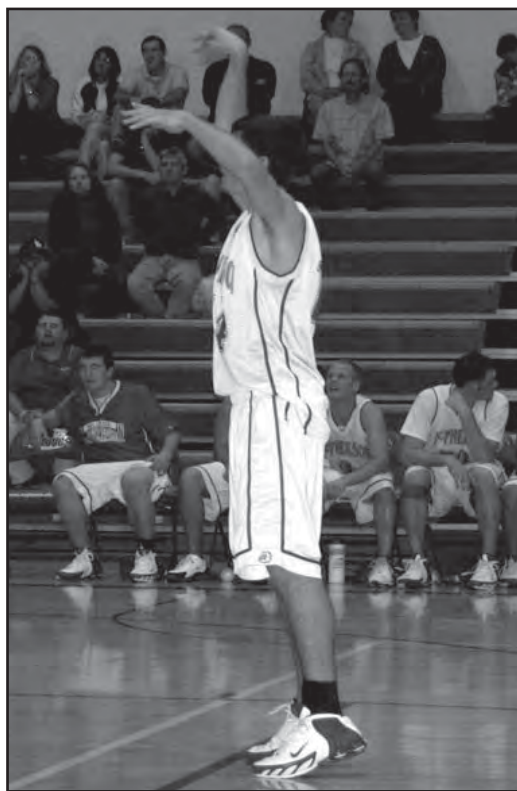


photo by Katie Miller

Cody Dickerson, Soph., shoots a free throw during the teams game versus Haskell.

Women's basketball playing tough

ALAN GROSBACH
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs will be traveling to North Newton this weekend for the Bethel Classic where they will take on Newman University, Friday 6 p.m., and Oklahoma Wesleyan, Saturday 4 p.m. The team plays its home opener against Central Christian College on November 21 at 6 p.m.

"If we can continue to build on the improvement we've made so far, we should be very competitive," said Coach Gravina.

The Lady Bulldogs opened their season last week with games at Avila University and Hastings College.

After a long bus ride the team took the court against a tough Avila team. Avila jumped out to a quick five point lead, but the Lady Bulldogs battled back quickly with a couple of scores by April Woody, Soph., and Jamie Harvey, Sr.

The game stayed close until about five minutes left when an Avila three-point play stretched

the lead to ten points. The Lady Bulldogs battled back going on a 10-4 run to end the first half with a score of 39-32.

The second half was another tough one. Avila came out hot and stretched their lead to 17 point. The Lady Bulldogs fought hard, with three scores by Woody, but were unable to cut into the lead. The final score ended up 80-61 in favor of Avila.

"We played pretty hesitant and definitely had first game jitters," Gravina said.

Even though the game ended in a loss, it provided some positive starting points for the Lady Bulldogs season. Woody led the team with 14 points, followed by Shelia Bevan, Jr., with 10. The smaller Lady Bulldogs were able to rebound the taller Avila team 49 to 46.

"That's one thing we have been focusing on and I'm excited to see improvement in that area," Coach Gravina said. "After getting off to a really bad start we kept our composure and battled back."

After a week of practice the Lady Bulldogs took another long bus ride up to number five nationally ranked Hastings College in Hastings, Neb.

"They [Hastings] are known for creating an insane amount of turnovers," commented Coach Gravina.

Hastings took off right out of the locker room going on a 14-0 run to open the game. The Lady Bulldogs were able to hold Hastings to only 37.5% shooting from the field, but Hastings went 13 out of 14 on their free throws. Hastings took the halftime lead 41-25.

The second half was much better for the Lady Bulldogs.

"We really handled their pressure defense well and limited our turnovers," Coach Gravina said.

The team played hard and cut the lead to seven points. But the game did not end in the Lady Bulldogs favor, with Hastings on top 74-50.

The team is looking for its first win of the season this weekend.

Men travel to semifinals

BRYAN GROSBACH
Sports Editor

After losing to Ottawa in the semifinals of conference tournament, the Bulldogs earned a spot in NAIA Regional IV playoffs.

Going into post-season play, the team was looking for revenge as they were matched up against region number four seed Kansas Wesleyan University, who beat the Bulldogs at home 1-0 earlier in the season and were the conference regular season and post-season champions.

The Bulldogs got the ever-important first goal on a penalty kick by John White, jr., in the twentieth minute in the first half. The team went into halftime with the 1-0 lead and the momentum.

Eleven minutes into the second half, Nicholas Box, fr., headed home a corner kick from Tyler Lawrence, jr., which gave the team the 2-0 lead. This was enough as Michael Davis, soph., came away with 11 saves and the shutout in the victory.

The next test for the team was in the semifinals versus number one seed Park University. Park University was ranked ninth in the national going into post-season play.

There was not much the Bulldogs could do as Park scored three goals in the first half.

Things looked like they would go downhill. But the team stepped up in the second half, shutting out Park and only losing 3-0.

Even with the loss, the Bulldogs won ten games during the season. The ten wins is a new school record for Bulldog men's soccer.

THE BOX SCORE

Football (5-5, 4-5)

MAC 7 14 0 0 = 21
Southwestern 14 0 21 14 = 49
LEADERS:
Passing: Luz 10-14-1-177 (2 TD),
Rolls 5-15-0-64
Rushing: Jacobs 17-72 (1 TD),
Receiving: Smiley 5-119 (1 TD),
McBroom 5-56 (1 TD)

Volleyball (17-12, 13-5)

Quarterfinals - Conference
MAC 30 30 30
Ottawa 19 25 22
LEADERS:
Kills: Morgan 12, Marquette 9,
Douglas 9, Miller 8
Assists: Stephenson 35
Aces: four with 1
Digs: Crist 13, Miller 9
Blocks: Marquette 3 (3 assists)

Semifinals - Conference
MAC 30 30 18 30
@ Bethel 28 22 30 23
LEADERS:
Kills: Marquette 14, Douglas 12,
Morgan 11
Assists: Stephenson 40
Aces: Douglas 5, Miller 4
Digs: Miller 17, Mayhan 16, Crist 14
Blocks: Marquette 4, Douglas 3

Finals - Conference
MAC 25 30 20 16
@ Tabor 30 26 30 30
LEADERS:
Kills: Marquette 12, Miller 12,
Mayhan 10
Assists: Stephenson 39
Aces: five with 1
Digs: Crist 14, Hall 7, Miller 5

Blocks: Marquette 3

Men's Soccer- Regionals

Quarterfinals
MAC 1 1 = 2
@ Kansas Wesleyan 0 0 = 0
LEADERS:
Goals: first half- White
second half- Box (Lawrence)
Saves: Davis 11

Semifinals
MAC 0 0 = 0
@ Park University 3 0 = 3
LEADERS:
Saves: Davis 2

Men's Basketball (2-3)

MAC 34 46 = 80
@ Central Christian 24 29 = 53
LEADERS:
Points: Gustafson 14, Rooks 12,
Hadachek 13, Allen 10
Rebounds: Carter 7, Rooks 6, Cox 4, Kimble 4
Assists: Carter 4, Hadachek 4,
Nixon 3, Soto 3, Rooks 3
SHOOTING:
Free Throws: 8/12 66.7%
3-point FG: 6/18 33.3%
Total FG: 33/60 55.0%

MAC 28 28 = 56
@ Haskell 33 28 = 61
LEADERS:
Points: Gustafson 15, Hadachek 12,
Dickerson 7
Rebounds: Nixon 9, Rooks 8
Assists: Klumpe 4, Soto 3,
Gustafson 2
SHOOTING:
Free Throws: 12/19 63.2%
3-point FG: 6/28 21.4%

Total FG: 19/68 27.9%

MAC 25 23 = 48
@ Avila 34 44 = 78
LEADERS:
Points: Gustafson 14
Rebounds: Cox 5, Rooks 5, Allen 4,
Gustafson 4
Assists: Carter 3, Klumpe 2
Steals: Soto 2
Blocks: Allen 2
SHOOTING:
Free Throws: 11/16 68.8%
3-point FG: 7/22 31.8%
Total FG: 15/45 33.3%

MAC 48 41 = 89
Haskell 31 37 = 68
LEADERS:
Points: Dickerson 19, Soto 13,
Hadachek 9, Gustafson 9
Rebounds: Gustafson 5, Allen 4,
Nixon 4
Assists: Dickerson 7
Steals: Dickerson 3
SHOOTING:
Free Throws: 13/23 56.5%
3-point FG: 14/30 46.7%
Total FG: 31/60 51.7%

MAC 33 28 = 61
@ Hastings 36 38 = 74
LEADERS:
Points: Gustafson 15, Soto 12,
Hadachek 8
Rebounds: Gustafson 6, Nixon 5,
Cox 4
Assists: Gustafson 3
Blocks: Gustafson 3
SHOOTING:
Free Throws: 7/11 63.6%
3-point FG: 8/29 27.6%
Total FG: 23/58 39.7%

Women's Basketball (0-2)

MAC 32 29 = 61
@ Avila 39 41 = 80
LEADERS:
Points: Woody 14, Bevan 10, Blose 8
Rebounds: Bryley 7, Bevan 6, Kline 6
Assists: Bryley 5, Kline 4, Woody 3
SHOOTING:
Free Throws: 7/12 58.3%
3-point FG: 2/15 13.3%
Total FG: 26/74 35.1%

MAC 25 25 = 50
@ Hastings 41 33 = 74
LEADERS:
Points: White 13, Woody 13,
Harvey 7
Rebounds: Harvey 4, Bevan 3,
Kline 3, Woody 3
Assists: Harvey 2, Kline 2
Steals: Woody 3
SHOOTING:
Free Throws: 8/14 57.1%
3-point FG: 4/17 23.5%
Total FG: 19/53 35.8%

Cross Country

NAIA Region IV Championships (McPherson)

Jacob Merrick 28:48 17th
Toland Lichty 29:14 20th
Brent Bailey 29:33 24th
Bryan Grosbach 31:34 54th
Ben Cole 34:23 66th
team: sixth out of eight teams
top 15 medal

LeAnne Schmidt 22:30 43rd
Ashley Mitchell 23:48 66th
Megan Meyer 24:16 72nd

HDS regional director listens to food concerns at Mac College

LARA LIGHTY
Features Editor

The regional director for HDS Services met with faculty and students on Wednesday, Nov. 16 to discuss current concerns regarding the food service at McPherson College.

Rich Wilck, regional director of operation for HDS Services met with Ashwin Shrinivas, HDS director of food service, Deb Wagoner, executive assistant to the president, Michael Schneider, vice president of advancement, and LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, as well as students who had concerns for a food expectations meeting.

Rothrock said the number one issue brought to the table during the food expectations meeting was the idea of allowing more flexibility for the students.

One concern of students is the current inability for visiting guests to eat off of their meal plans.

Rothrock said HDS Services is looking into a program in which that would be possible.

One solution they are looking at is the idea of "flex dollars" which could

be used for meals in the cafeteria or, if possible, the vending machines.

This program is something the college would like to see developed, but HDS is looking into how much it would cost the college to do so.

Another student concern is being forced to buy a 19-meal plan. Students would like to see other options offered. Rothrock said the college looked into a 14-meal plan, but that the choice of the 19-meal plan was for the benefit of the students.

"You really don't save any money by going with the 14-meal plan," Rothrock said. You save roughly \$75 per semester. That's just not good use of the students' money. We were looking out for the students when we designed that."

Rothrock would also like to see more monthly theme meals like the formal dining experience that took place on Monday.

Considering all the remodeling that took place before the semester began, no big changes with the facilities will be taking place other than the replacement of specific kitchen equip-

ment.

The committee discussed an alternative to the current dishwashing system. The idea is that a quicker, cleaner alternative can be found for the pile up of trays that often exist during traffic meal times.

Shrinivas says student awareness can be a temporary solution to this problem.

"We've tried to make it so that students can help us out by simply putting disposables in the trashcan," Shrinivas said.

A few students expressed their concerns at the meeting with Wilck and Shrinivas. Wilck and Shrinivas plan to address some of the major concerns stated at the meeting.

Several students were upset with the continual shortage of juice, milk and Dr. Pepper. Shrinivas plans to switch beverage vendors to eliminate this problem.

Pizza crusts will also be rotated so different preferences can be met and more variety in carbohydrates will be served.

Shrinivas also plans to work on staff training in regards to customer service.

Wilck stated how important



photo by Adrielle Harvey
Ken Yohn, assistant professor of history, serves Adam Prince, Jr., Honeyoye Falls, N.Y. during the fall candlelight dinner. Faculty and staff host the dinner annually for students. The dinner took place Monday evening, Nov. 14.

customer service is to HDS Food Service and offered advice to students.

"If you experience poor customer service, please

see Ashwin," Wilck said. "You should always have a positive experience; that's our goal."

NEWS



Future students participate in scholarship day

KIM MORRIS
Spectator Staff

Fourteen high school seniors from across the United States visited McPherson College for Presidential Scholarship Day on Saturday Nov. 12. The students participated in different events to determine how much scholarship money they will receive from the college and were also given a chance to meet current students and tour the campus.

To be eligible for the Presidential Scholarship, students must obtain a 25 or higher on the ACT and have at least a 3.6 GPA. Before participating in the Presidential Scholarship Day students are required to

submit two applications, transcripts, an essay and two recommendation letters.

Those students who participate in the scholarship day are finalists who have been selected by their previously submitted applications.

During the day, students are required to write a spontaneous essay in one hour. Upon arrival, they are given a blue book and an essay topic. At the end of the hour, the essay is graded by faculty on campus.

After having some time to talk with current students, students move to a round table discussion that is moderated by a faculty person. Three evaluators observe their poise, ability

to articulate their thoughts and their participation in the discussion.

Changes to this year's scholarship process have been made. This year, the essay and recommendation letters that were submitted prior to the scholarship day carry as much weight as the day's events and a service portion has been added to the process as well.

"We are looking at students based on our mission to develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service," said Carol Williams, director of admissions and financial aid.

Rather than awarding a Dean's Scholarships for the 2006-07 year, Presidential Scholar-

ships will range from \$6,000 to \$12,000. This takes the competition out of the day, because all of the students now receive the presidential scholarship; the amount each student receives just varies.

Before, the school only gave 10 presidential scholarships a year based on the scoring criteria.

"We really felt good about the process this year because we want these students to be special and to be of a special caliber," Williams said. "I'm very proud of the Presidential Scholars and the Dean's Scholars that we have on campus and the leadership they provide on campus."

Williams said that compared to last year, the admissions team is ahead with student recruitment.

"I am guardedly optimistic about our future numbers," Williams said. "We have a hefty goal and I feel really good about this team and our ability to meet our goals."

In order to reach their goals the counselors are making more personal contact with prospective students, traveling to more high schools and the alumni and faculty are getting involved with the recruiting.

McPherson College will be hosting another scholarship day in Feb. which will focus on specific interests and majors.

Schneiders hope to return to Louisiana soon

JEN MARQUETTE
Spectator Staff

It has been over a month since the wrath of Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana, as well as hitting close to home for a few McPherson College students.

Louie Schneider's family relocated to McPherson after the hurricane destroyed their home. Schneider, a senior at Mac, said his family adjusted well to the change in lifestyle.

"They love McPherson and everything that everyone has done for them" Schneider said. "It's not New Orleans, but they have gotten used to the small country lifestyle."

Schneider has a younger brother, Will Schneider, who came to McPherson College for the fall semester. W. Schneider attended Loyola University of New Orleans until it closed for the fall semester because of the hurricane. Louie's parents, Louis and Linda Schneider, are currently in Louisiana looking for a home so W. Schneider can return to Loyola for the spring semester.

About five weeks ago the Schneider's were able to return to their home.

"The only things we really could save were glassware, silver and porcelain objects," L. Schneider said. "Everything else was totally destroyed."

L. Schneider said such a tragedy can really change a person's perspective in life.

"You really realize what is important in life," L. Schneider said. "All those possessions are just things that can be replaced. I find that my family is a lot closer since the hurricane hit. Now we talk more about the memories of our family and friends."

The Schneider family hopes to be living in another house in Louisiana by January.

"I hope that we can move back to the New Orleans area again and start our lives over the way they were before," L. Schneider said.

The hurricane destroyed fellow senior Alan Childress' house as well.

There was eight inches of mud

in the house and all of the doors and windows were broken. Belongings that were kept in the attic were unharmed, but the house was too weak and unsafe to walk through to recover the belongings.

Childress' parents found a new apartment in Lafayette, La. and will be moving in on Monday. Both parents were able to return to a somewhat normal work schedule, which helped them in adjusting back into a normal lifestyle.

Childress has a sister who attends school at University of North Carolina and a brother who lives in Connecticut with his wife. Childress is the only family member who has not been back to their home.

"I'm going back next week for the first time," Childress said. "They were not able to even get into my room because the door was broken in a way that they were unable to get in, so I have no idea what my room looks like."

Childress said the most important thing is that everyone

is safe.

Senior Todd Davis' family is also trying to recover from the destruction of the hurricane. Davis' father has purchased land in South Carolina and is hoping to start over there.

Many students and families of McPherson College have donated to the relief efforts of hurricane Katrina.

Personal counselor Kelli Johnson's freshmen seminar group set up boxes for spare change outside the cafeteria and at a home football game. The slogan was "Spare Change to Change Lives."

The group raised \$150, which will be put in the general McPherson College relief fund. Spare change can still be dropped into a donation box located in Johnson's office.

"I have been impressed with the genuine care and concern shown by my awesome seminar group," Johnson said. "It wasn't a service project so much as it was a desire to give what they could to make a difference."

SGA Budget

The SGA budget has been approved by SGA, but has not been approved by the dean of students.

Semester 1

Spectator	\$10,000
Movies	\$10,000
SGA Salaries	\$4,100
Club Allotments	\$2,600
Debt	\$2,500
Bowling	\$2,000
Club Assistance	\$1,500
Last Year Expenses	\$1,310
Homecoming	\$1,200
Training	\$845
Student Activities	\$500
Misc. Expenses	\$500
T-Shirts	\$340
Copying	\$50

Total \$37,445

Semester 2

Spectator	\$10,000
Movies	\$10,000
SGA Salaries	\$4,100
Debt	\$2,500
Club Support	\$2,500
Copying	\$50

Total \$29,150

Year Total \$66,595

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Gorbachev arrives in Lindsborg

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Mikhail Gorbachev, former president of the Soviet Union, and international chess champions, Anatoly Karpov and Susan Polgar met in Lindsborg on Saturday, Oct. 29 to promote the Chess for Peace campaign.

The campaign was started by Dr. Mikhail Korenman of the Karpov International School of Chess in hopes of teaching young people to play chess and to live life in a chess-player's way; seeing the world through their opponent's eyes.

Alan Murray, assistant managing editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, asked Gorbachev his opinion of current political affairs and to reflect upon his time spent in office drawing the hostile reign of the Communist Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) to a close.

Among other accomplishments, Gorbachev shut down the one-party system, ended state censorship and in opening industries to the public, he relinquished the state's monopoly over the production of goods.

The Chess for Peace campaign, which promotes diplomacy and tactfulness, included festivities that lasted all day in Lindsborg.

The activities started at 10 a.m. with a chess parade, which included both of the international chess champions, Karpov and Polgar, as well as Gorbachev. Karpov, Polgar and Gorbachev are all students from Korenman's School of Chess.

Gorbachev sat in on the first of six games played between the two chess champions, Karpov and Polgar.

Karpov, aside from founding the first of 14 International Schools of Chess in Lindsborg in 2003, he has won over 140 chess tournaments in the first-place position, making him the most successful chess player of all time.

Polgar is the first woman to earn a men's grandmaster title in chess. By the time she was 15 years old, she was the number one rated woman chess player worldwide. Even though she considers Karpov her largest inspiration and mentor, she fought vigorously in the six matches of the day.

Despite Polgar's vigor, the matches ended in a tie, with two matches going to Karpov, two matches going to Polgar and two draws.

Following the games, Lindsborg hosted a black-tie dinner for the three visitors to meet local officials and politicians.

Also present were the presidents and vice presidents from America's leading foundations for chess.

Chess for Peace plans on bringing 2,000 young people from all over the world to Lindsborg, Kan. in 2006 to "experience the journey of a lifetime through chess."

For more information on the organization, go to <http://www.chessforpeace.org>.