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#### Last day to order enchiladas

Today is the last day to order enchiladas for \$10 per dozen. The Hispanic American Leadership Organization will be accepting orders until midnight.

HALO club members will make the enchiladas on the first floor of Dotzour on Sunday morning.

Orders will be delivered if the address is provided with the order. **Contact Juan Torres** at (620) 277-5511 or Orlando Dominguez at (620) 260-7696 to order.

#### Hit and run in library parking lot

Sometime between 11 p.m. on Dec. 5, and 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 6, an unknown person hit a red 1994 Ford Ranger that was parked in the lot behind Miller Library.

The perpetrator left no note. The dent is located on the left side of the bed in front of the rear wheel.

The owner of the damaged vehicle, Adam Hammer, asks anyone with knowledge of the incident to contact him with information at (201) 669-9503.

# **FEC denies** SGA request for student rep

#### JORDAN SHAY News Editor

The Faculty Executive Committee denied on Thursday Student Government Association's recent request to allow a student representative to attend faculty meetings.

While both the FEC and SGA seem willing to compromise, this sentiment didn't seem to be communicated between the two organizations until the request had been officially denied.

The FEC relayed the denial on a unanimous 5-0 vote to SGA President Eric Sader on Thursday.

"I would liked to have been able to offer some type of compromise," said Michael Reynolds, associate professor of mathematics and chair of the FEC. "I believe there are others on FEC who felt the same way. The way this whole thing played out didn't really lend itself to that type of resolution."

Sader, who would have most likely been the observer if the request was passed, said that "having direct student observation assists in the college as a whole." He also said he would be able to answer some student concerns more accurately. In addition, he said that since students are part of the various committees that report to faculty meetings, it would be more "organizationally efficient" for SGA to have a central figure attend the meetings. The FEC's decision was largely based on input they received from the Faculty Policies Committee. "When we got the request, we passed it along to the FPC, which, according to faculty guidelines, was the appropriate course of action for us to take," Reynolds

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Michael Reynolds

said

The FPC, which consists of representatives from each of the three academic divisions-humanities, science and technology and social science-asked faculty members in their respective divisions their feelings on the requests.

Although there were no formal votes, Reynolds said "every division was nearly unanimous in people expressing that they would not be interested in a student representative in faculty meetings."

Based on this information, the FPC made the recommendation to the FEC not to increasing the credibility of allow an SGA representative to be part of faculty meetings. The FEC accepted this recommendation. "When I voted to accept FPC's suggestion of declining the SGA request, I did so because it was my sense that this was the overwhelming desire of most of the faculty members," Reynolds said. Reynolds said the reason for the faculty's decision "has to do with confidentiality of things discussed there." He also said that "the opinion of some people was that they would not be as frank as they are being now if there was a student repre-



December 7, 2007

Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries, reads from "Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul" during 5 p.m. chapel time on Wednesday. No one else was in attendance.

# Chapel will return to original time

JORDAN SHAY News Editor

Chapel will return to its original time beginning in February 2008.

Earlier this semester, Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries, changed chapel from 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays to 5 p.m. on the same day. He did so in the interest of trying to increase attendance.

said

Although the change in time was aimed at getting more people to come, the results were the opposite. "Nobody's coming," Hurst said. "The idea wasn't a good one, but we didn't know that at the

time." The survey of about 150 students revealed that the majority didn't find chapel at any time or any date relevant. "Most would use the 11:30 time on Wednesday to eat, sleep or study," Hurst said. The survey also showed that some of the students who had been going to chapel earlier in the year had another reason for not attending. "There were a few students who were intimidated because a number of faculty came," Hurst said. "(The students) wanted chapel to be for themselves."

One faculty member continued to hold chapel at the 11:30 time in the Quiet Room downstairs in the Student Union.

"That's open also, everyone is welcome to participate in that experience," Hurst said.

The process of trying to increase interest and freshmen and sophomore attendance has been frustrating for Hurst. "Part of what I feel like I need to do is to try and nurture the spiritual life of students," Hurst said. "Not being able to find a way to do that is frustrating." Hurst has tried a variety of different things in chapel, including looking at slides, appreciating nature, contemplative activities, Bible study, reading stories and a traditional worship service. He has also planned an African American song festival

### 'Honk!' Auditions Tuesday

Auditions for the musical "Honk!" are Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. in Hess Fine Arts Center, in the choir room.

To audition, bring a short section of a prepared piece to sing. Piano accompaniment will be available if sheet music is provided.

Those with conflicts at this time may contact Rick Tyler, Steve Gustafson or Jd. Bowman to arrange another audition time.

"Honk!" will be presented Jan. 28-Feb. 2 with area elementary schools having private showings throughout the week.

#### SGA creates Facebook group

Student Government Association has recently created a Facebook group for SGA-related student discussion.

The group is open to anyone on the McPherson network. Find it by searching for "SGA."

SGA is asking students to share thoughts on disciplinary policy, recycling, club chartering or any issue that affects students on the McPherson College campus.

SGA will provide information on events via this forum as well as by other means.

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"Last year, very few people came," Hurst said.

Together with the Student Ministry Advisory Group, which consists of four females and four males, Hurst did a survey last spring to determine if a different day or time might increase attendance at chapel.

The group, along with Hurst, decided to try meeting on Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

"We thought we would try to catch students on their way to dinner," Hurst

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# Students more likely to miss early classes

## Contrary to popular belief, Friday afternoon classes are well-attended

#### JAMES TUTTLE Spectator Staff

The classroom is unusually quiet. A handful of students lean back in their chairs as the clock ticks closer to 8:30 a.m.

Another student lays his head on his desk, trying to catch a nap before class starts. Several seats are empty.

The teacher enters the room and scans the classroom with a puzzled expression.

The look on the teacher's

face says, "Where are all the students?"

Students are statistically more likely to miss morning classes, according to the absentee records kept by the college.

Teachers report more absences during the 8:30 time slot than in any other class hour.

More than 25 percent of all recorded absences are during 8:30 classes.

About 60 percent of all classes missed are during 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 classes.

Contrary to popular belief, 3:30 Friday afternoon classes are well-attended, as only a few absences were recorded during that time slot.

"I rarely schedule classes before 10:30, because students are not alert," said Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion.

Rod Gieselman, assistant professor of business, said that he noticed poor attendence at 8:30 classes.

He also said he noticed that students are not as attentive at that time.

Kevin Hadduck, director of center for academic development, oversees the database of student absences.

Hadduck said that profes-

**66** Statistically, there is a strong correlation between attendance and GPA. **9** 

Kevin Hadduck

sors have access to the database to report absences in their own classes. Teachers then submit the absences to the administrative database.

Hadduck has access to the administrative database and looks for patterns in student absences. He checks the absence reports in order to find patterns, such as which students have missed the

most classes.

"If a student all of a sudden misses a whole bunch of classes, sometimes there is a personal issue that needs to be addressed," Hadduck said.

These records are most important in the first five weeks of school. Hadduck said if a student is struggling right away, the college can intervene at the beginning of the year.

Although professors of freshman and sophomore level classes are the only instructors required to report absences, some professors who instruct higher level courses also choose to

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# VIEWPOINTS

## LEAD EDITORIAL

# SGA should pursue student representative

A request from SGA for a student representative at faculty meetings was denied on Thursday. We believe that it is appropriate for a student representative to attend faculty meetings and SGA should

continue to pursue the possibility.

Students are given an opportunity to participate in many commitdecision-making tee processes, but the college, not the students, determines the need for student input.

Issue: SGA request for student rep at faculty meetings denied. Our Position: We see few downsides to having a student rep at faculty meetings.

Being able to follow decision-making processes through the various committees has benefits for students and the school. SGA can track input from students to assure they are being considered seriously. SGA can also follow the reasoning behind various decisions. This has the benefit of increasing confidence in the school's decision-making process. This in turn makes students feel like they are of primary concern through action, not words.

Some of the faculty think that a student presence would negatively impact the openness of discussions. We recognize there are sensitive issues that students do not need to be aware of such as compensation and discipline. To solve part of this concern, agendas could be set to group these sensitive discussions so the student representative could leave during this portion of the meeting.

As to the freedom to speak their minds on other issues, we do not see why a student representative would deter open discussion. Students have no particular power over the faculty so, unless individuals are being singled out or negative generalizations are being made there should be no concern. The denial of access actually plays into the hands of those that believe students are not being fairly represented.

We do not think the faculty has anything but our best interests in mind, but we strongly urge SGA to continue to seek representation.

# Loading zones needed

Moving things from a vehicle to a dorm room can be an arduous task. With parking space at a premium, loading zones at each dorm would be a welcome addition.

# Smokey's Wacky World



Cartoon by Matt Shroye

## **CAMPUS FORUM**

The Spectator solicited comments on first semester experiences from freshmen and transfer students.

Everyone from back home asks me "why Kansas?"

I was afraid of the fact that I would be coming to a school with about a fourth of the population that I was used to. However, I don't mind the small school.

McPherson College has its pros and cons, as does any other school. It seems to be nice and fairly laid-back.

My high school was a faster pace and was always a rush. I like being able to relax at least sometimes. The people are friendlier than what I've been brought up with and I

have made many new friends on and off campus.

The first month of college was fun, since there were so many activities happening. It is a shame that there aren't as many things going on as there used to be though.

All of my teachers will offer help if asked and my auto classes are small, which allows for a lot of student/teacher time during class. The living quarters could use improvement - well, Metzler could anyway. However, these cons don't add up enough to make me not want to come back next semester. I plan on staying all four years.

Dale Schwartz Fr. Crystal Lake, Ill.

# **Events in Pakistan creating political pickle**

## U.S. struggles to balance Pakistani stability with democratic rights

Editor's Note: Since the writing of this article President Pervez Musharraf has stepped down as commander of the Pakistan army.

General Pervez Musharraf, leader of the country of Pakistan, declared a state of emergency for his country and enacted martial law on Nov. 4.



are using this situation to further their cause. Seeing the divide in their country, they can play on the hostile environment and use violence and terrorism to weaken the government.

This is something that would be disastrous. Pakistan is a democracy in a region where fundamentalist

tions. He has put many of his political rivals on house arrest and imprisoned hundreds of dissidents.

President Bush has asked Musharraf to take off his uniform and step down as commander of the army. He has also asked for Musharraf to return freedom of speech and freedom of the press to

Currently, the most convenient spaces are understandably handicapped and resident directorreserved. At the risk of a ticket, students often use these spaces or fire lanes because it is handy.

Using handicapped spaces is inconsiderate to those who need them and parking in the fire lanes puts everyone in the building at risk.

Simple rearrangement of a few spaces would allow a convenient, designated loading space for each dorm. The residence life staff could enforce a five or 10-minute time limit.

This may seem like a trivial issue, but it would provide a safe place for students to load and unload weekend luggage, groceries, laundry and other supplies. It also has the important benefit of keeping more people out of the handicapped spaces and fire lanes.

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Musharraf claims this was done to save democracy and to stop the rising tide of extremism in Pakistan.

"The extremism has even spread to Islamabad, and the extremists are taking the writ of the government in their own hands, and even worse they are imposing their obsolete ideas on moderates," he said.

His detractors would claim that this was done to keep hold on his power and stop the ever increasing protests that call for his stepping down.

leadership Musharraf's was threatened by an increasingly defiant Supreme Court, the reemergence of political rival and former prime minister Benazir Bhutto and an Islamic movement that has spread to the capital.

Musharraf seized power in a bloodless coup in 1999 and

## Dave Caddin

has since been a close ally to the United States and our war on terror.

The problems came to a head when the Supreme Court of Pakistan failed to validate Musharrafs' re-election by an overwhelmingly loyal parliament.

The Supreme Court felt that it was unconstitutional for Musharraf to run for reelection while still being in command of the army.

In order to help calm the rise in protest Musharraf allowed the former exiled Prime Minister Bhutto, to return to Pakistan. This increased the divide and has spawned larger and more frequent protests.

Seeing a chance to shatter democracy, many extremist

Muslim governments are the norm. Pakistan is an ally to the United States and assists us in the war on terror. While both these things are extremely important, the main concern that we should have about an unstable Pakistan is its nuclear weapons.

Pakistan is one of the few Middle Eastern countries that has a nuclear arsenal and if a civil war or extremist coup took place there would be nuclear weapons in the hands of terrorists.

It is imperative that Pakistan return to a stable democracy. President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice have both expressed their disappointment with Musharraf using totalitarianism to save his democracy.

Musharraf has banned most of the media in Pakistan as well as most of the land line telecommunicathe Pakistani people.

Musharraf has promised to carry out the free elections that are scheduled for January but said it is important to keep the state of emergency intact in order to stop terrorists from starting violence.

While the Bush administration does not approve of Musharraf's actions it cannot cut off military aid to Pakistan. We have to help the Pakistani military without seeming to condone what Musharraf is doing because it is more the probable that he will be voted out if free elections are held.

We have to hope that the situation will calm down and that Musharraf will lift the martial law and we have to hope that whoever succeeds him will remain a friend to the United States.

It is a diplomacy pickle that must be played and played wisely.

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Campus staff for the wonderful dinner	The woman that left her underwear on	
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		the whole world seems composed of one thing
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interesting.	grand prize on casino night.	
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# VIEWPOINTS

# School offers holiday housing

# Not everyone returns home for break

It's that time of year again. Professor's are assigning final projects and squeezing in those last few chapters.

Soon, you will be taking the last test for each class, realizing you should have studied those few pages that you just skimmed over last night. After you put that pencil down for the last time this semester on Thursday, you realize it's the moment that you have been waiting for since you first stepped foot on campus.

It's Christmas break.

For three whole weeksnot two like last year-you are a free person. No crawling out of bed at 8:15 a.m. in time to catch that 8:30 a.m. class that you wish you never signed up for. There's no more homework and definitely no more all-nighters, which is way too common around here.



# Megan McKnight

For three weeks you get to leave campus and be a mooch at your parent's house while you can. Mom does your laundry and you and the cat sleep in every morning.

But what happens if you don't have a place to go home to? Or better yet, what if you just don't want to go home for three weeks?

McPherson has always seemed like a home away from home for most of the students around here. There were a handful of students who stayed here over Thanksgiving break, choosing to just go home or to a friend's house for Thanksgiving day itself.

Many students have jobs in McPherson and they want to spend Christmas break working and saving up as much money as they can for when they return to school.

Attending a small college has its perks. Besides having smaller classes and being able to walk across campus in less than five minutes, McPherson also lets you stay in the dorms over breaks. Bigger colleges and universities do not give their students this option.

After my freshman year, I realized that it wasn't always **66** After my freshman year, I realized it wasn't always a blast to go home all the time. **77** 

a blast to go home all the time. Besides the fact that I only live 30 minutes from McPherson, I don't have to drag all my clothes and two pets home, tell my boss that I have to skip out for three weeks or tell my boyfriend I won't be seeing him for awhile. I'll stay and work at my job here in McPherson and go home for Christmas Eve and Day.

For the students who are like me and choose to stay here over break, it's pretty much the same as when school is in session-the same rules apply.

The biggest difference is that the school will change the locks on each dorm as a safety precaution. Also, there will be one or two contact persons in case you get locked out, but there's no guarantee that they'll just be hanging around because you locked yourself out of your room when you took a shower. You should carry that key like it's a little piece of gold.

Of course there are many students who still love to go home and spend three weeks with their families and old high school buddies and that's great. But, not everyone has the opportunity to go home.

McPherson gives us a great chance to either stay or go home, so as long as no one abuses this privilege, you will find me at Pizza Hut serving hot, delicious pizza over break.



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To contribute to Shout It Out! put your shout in the submission box in Hoffman Student Union.

I want more peaches.
Stop buying that yel- low bathroom soap. It smells like crap.
Shut it up.
I love Jesus. Do you?
Can you feel the love tonight?
Ppumpernickel!
When did hair become the main ingredient in the food at the caf?
Curly is the cutest.
Don't mess with Texas.

# **Deal with your seasonal stress**

Knowing what to expect from parents and friends can make break more enjoyable

Finally! The countdown is done and it is time to put the books in the closet, pack your bags and head home for break.

Students usually can't wait to leave this little town and get back to their kingdom, see their best buds and sleep in their own beds.

So why is it that by the time break is over we have changed from counting down the days to being glad we are back?

The reason is because change-priorities, things friends, personalities, plans and interests. Maybe even your room that was once your getaway place will have changed into the new exercise room. While you have been away at college, the world at home did not stop. Going home and expecting things to be exactly the way you left them is probably the single worst thing you can do over





you will recognize is how independent you have become. You have been able to make your own decisions. It is difficult to go back home and have to abide by Mommy and Daddy's rules because you are now "under their roof." Negotiating curfew will probably be one of the first topics to come up and probably one of the first disagreements, causing disappointment and tension. We are used to staying up until 3 or 4 a.m., whether it be for studying or other college-related activities, so it just doesn't feel right going

to bed at midnight or whenever that "at home curfew" is.

The best thing to remember when negotiating curfew is that you are the one on break, not your parents. They are still going to have early mornings and no matter how much you think they will, they do not sleep well when you are out.

want to spend time with you to catch up on how school is going. Sometimes it can be overbearing, like when all you can think about is meeting up with old friends and going to the favorite hangout. Going out with friends right away probably is not a good idea because parents will feel left out and pushed away. Giving them the first day or at least a few hours, will solve most of these problems. When you finally do get to meet up with friends, a lot of stress and worries can build up, possibly causing your break to be a huge let-down. Just as you have changed, your friends have as well. All of you have made accomplishments, have a thou-

The problem is that there is never enough time and the listener does not always find your story to be as great as you thought it was. It's not that your friend isn't listening nor has no interest, but they want to get their stories in as well, sometimes making it seem like a competition for the best story.

The other problem is, more than likely, your friend is not going to know Joe who threw a flaming paper airplane off the balcony or Tom who left tomatoes in the refrigerator since August so he could smash them to the ground from third floor. The little details that make the is very high at the end of the story funny to you are going to be vacant to your friend and they may look at it differently than you. Trying to have a normal conversation instead of a "who has done what" and giving friends their time to talk, too, makes it easier to just hang out and catch up.

thing you want. A good idea when you have a long list of people is to set up a meeting time for everyone and whoever can make it, great. Whoever doesn't make it, catch up with them the next trip. This way you spend less money on gas and have more time to enjoy break.

Of course, all of this may not even be a problem for you if you end up getting sick right before or during break. It seems to never fail that when we finally have time to relax and be away from school, we end up getting sick and spending our days in bed.

Johnson said this is usually because our stress level semester, which causes our immune system to be low and prone to sickness.

hours later...thanks for picking up your phone.

Four Alltels and Five

Don't write for our

proper English.

paper unless you know

I'm addicted to Viagra.

Why have a smoke free building when smokers smoke right in front of the door so the building smells like smoke?

sand great stories and want to tell them all to each other.

Families are also going to

break. "Expect to find things have changed," said Kelli Johnson, personal counselor. "Even though (you) are missed, things change."

One of the biggest changes

With so many friends and family to see in such a short time, it can be difficult to include everyone or do every-

Getting away from the campus is great refreshment. That way you can come back ready to go again in January. There are a ton of stresses that can occur at home that can cause you to be glad you are back at school. Don't let these things get you down and make your break less enjoyable.



Why do campus lunches cost so darn much?



Wouldn't it be nice if professors were actually around during office hours?



Why is the caf not open the Sunday at the end of break?

RAs, unlock the dorms.

Observers need to randomly come to evaluate profs, as they act and teach TOTALLY different.



Country music blows.

I need sleep!

candy.

Me want Christmas

Wind blows!

I really enjoy a bit of chocolate cake and vanilla ice cream.

What's up with the arctic blast from the ice cream machine?

# On the Fly

# What do you want Santa Claus to bring you for Christmas?

66Snow. ??



Beckie Bowman Assistant Professor of Communication



**66**I want all my freshmen to pass. ??

*Kim Stanley* Professor of English and Communication



**66**I want him to bring good health to my mom. **??** 

Dave Barrett Associate Director of Admissions & Financial Aid

66June. **99** 

Chris Paulsen Project Manager & Instructional Assistant



**66**A convertible. **??** Rod Gieselman Assistant Professor of **Business** 



66An endless supply of Starbucks Sumatra. ??

> Wayne Conyers Professor of Art



# CAMPUS LIFE



Smoking is a concern to some of the students here on campus, while other students simply do not see the problem.

# Smoking concern to some

#### Ashley Andrews Spectator Staff

Some say it's a hard habit to kick. Others say do what you want, it's your life. Some people are totally opposed to the idea.

Smoking is a habit that is sweeping the nation and it is currently an issue with students on campus. The college allows smoking outside of the buildings and residence halls and has put up waste bins for used cigarettes.

"It's not a big deal to me as long as it is kept outside," said Kelsey Buffo, soph., Valley Center. "It's their life and if they want to ruin it by smoking then I say do it. It's not bothering me any."

A survey conducted of 85 McPherson College students said 35 percent of those polled don't care about the smoking on campus. Another 45 percent of those polled said it is an unhealthy habit that affects everyone, not just the smoker. Twenty percent said they smoke everyday or on occasion and they think others should be okay with it as along as the smoker puts trash away and keeps it to themselves.

"People on campus are judgmental of smoking," said Pamela Clements, sr., Wichita. "Sometimes I just need a cigarette to relax and I have someone walking by and eyeballing me. If it's a choice that I make to do to myself, I don't need anyone else looking at it badly if I haven't done anything to harm them personally."

Many student smokers feel the same vibe that Clements feels from non-smokers. "Students are given the freedom to smoke on campus," said Jacob Holderread, soph., Austin, Texas. "How do I know this? Look around. Do you not see the butt bins and the ashtrays outside of the dorms? Some RAs even smoke."

To some, smoking is seen as a bad habit and that it doesn't just affect the smoker; it also affects the environment. Angelina Fiorenzi, jr., Robstown, Texas, thinks the same.

"It isn't just their lives at stake; it's the whole campus, even the whole world." Fiorenzi said. "The smoke goes into the air after they are done smoking. That air travels all the way around the world. Think of how many people there are that smoke. That is a lot of air pollution,"

Of the 85 people that took the smoking poll, 12 said

this is a problem that should be directed to the dean of students. The other 73 said this is a personal issue that should not be put into someone else's hands.

"If I want to smoke, I will," Holderread said. "Some jobs have to allow smokers the few minutes they need for a cigarette so why would a college even think about taking smoking away?"

Yes, the students' personal choice is a risk, but one concern with students is that it is an health issue.

"Think about all of the oxygen you take in a day," Fiorenzi said. "Now think about how much of that is polluted. Now do you see a problem? It's a personal choice, I understand that. That's why I think students have decided to not voice out to the school board or deans."



A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW BITTENGER RESIDENT DIRECTOR SHANDI TOBIAS.

> Adrielle Harvey *Editor-in-Chief*



Where did you attend college and what was your major?

Hastings first, then University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and finally Mac where I graduated with a degree in English.

Do you have any pets?

Daisy, a yellow lab who lives with my parents right now because she isn't allowed in Bittinger Hall.

What is your role at McPherson College?

I am the Bittinger RD, I write press releases for the communications department and I also teach a freshman rhetoric class.



What is your favorite holiday? Why?

What is your biggest pet peeve?



Broadening

## Students prepare for Interterm trips

#### KRISTEN KIRKMAN Spectator Staff

There are two Interterm trips for 2008: one to Thailand in Southeast Asia, and one to Ecuador, located at the dividing line of the northern and southern hemispheres.

Students going to Thailand will learn about the religions present there, while those going to Ecuador learn Spanish or Latin American history.

Quito, Ecuador, is also home to a Brethren Colleges Abroad site, La Universidad de San Francisco. This is the first time an interterm class will travel to Ecuador. Gary Entz, associate professor of history, and Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of modern languages: Spanish, will supervise the trip.

"I am looking forward to the intense study of the language," said Victoria Salas, sr., Wichita. "I have an interest of learn about the people there as well."

Students will also have a three hour class five days a week. The class will take place in the morning, leaving the afternoons free for excursions or free time. Excursions will include visiting the museums Banco Central de Ecuador and Museo Guayasamin and a village named Otavalo. The class will spend three weeks in Ecuador at a cost of \$1,823.70.

"I am very excited about visiting a completely different place from what I am used to," said Shaylin King, soph., Wichita. "The buildings, scenery, mountains, people, food and more."

Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, is leading the 10-day trip to Thailand. Prior to leaving for Thailand, the class will study the religions of Thailand.

The trip costs \$2,295 and will include visits to the cities of Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Ayudhya and the Kwai Noi River.

Places of interest are Bang-Pa-In, a floating market, the Doi Inthanon National Park, and the Wachiratharn Waterfalls and Chedis built in honor of the current royalty in power, King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit.

Gary Yates, jr., Coffeyville, said he wanted to take the trip to get the experience of visiting a foreign country.

"The college is throwing so many great opportunities at me and I have to take them while I've still got the chance," Yates said. "I'm looking forward to just being in another country and experiencing the different culture. I'm excited to try the different foods in Thailand."

# Market visits McPherson

**Alternative Christmas** 

BETSY SHAFFER Campus Life Editor

Every year stores overflow with returned gifts - things you already have, duplicates and the everpopular ugly sweater from grandma that you just can't say no to.

This year McPherson community and college students ditched the regular presents for alternative ones. Instead of opening a box to find Rudolph's face embroidered on a present, imagine finding a special card saying that those less fortunate have received a gift in your name.

The Alternative Christmas Market helps people do just that.

"The ACM provides an opportunity for us to give Christmas gifts to those in our country and world who need it most in honor of our loved ones," said Jeanne Smith, who organized the market.

Those who attended the market on Dec. 1, in Mingenback Theatre browsed between many booths while listening to catchy carols and learning about the many places in our world that need our help.

"I really enjoyed the Alternative Christmas Market," said Nick Grummert, sr., McPherson. "I always have trouble finding good gifts for my family, so this just seemed right. The few things I did buy are going to mean a lot more knowing that the money I spent went toward the bettering of this world and not cater to our materialistic mindsets. Christmas is about giving and knowing that I gave in someone else's name for a good cause is what this holiday is all about."

The market came to McPherson in 2005 as part of a yearlong hunger emphasis. Today the market is an annual event that kicks off the Christmas season for many living here in McPherson.

"This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the different projects the Church of the Brethren is working on," said Rebecca Grosbach, soph., Enders, Neb. "You also can find out how you can help improve somebody's life on the other side of the world."

This year's third annual Alternative Christmas Market offered seventeen charitable opportunities for alternative presents. Not only will purchases turn into presents for friends and family, but 100 percent of donations will go directly to the organizations specified by those who purchased these commodities.

"The ACM generated 17,000 dollars today, all of which will be used for worthy, charitable causes to make our world and community a better place to live," Smith said. "I can't think of a better Christmas gift than that." Matt's birthday so I can get him what he wants and he won't bug me for at least a day.

My husband?
What do you enjoy most about your job?
What do the girls in my residence hall. They are awesome.
Boxers or briefs?
Boxers.
Do you have any hidden talents?
Do you have any hidden talents?
Maybe, but I'll keep them hidden.
What do you do in your free time?

Play with my daughter Grace, read.



# **Sports**

# Ray resigns as assistant football coach

### Athletes, coaches will miss Ray's motivation, leadership as they begin workouts for 2008 season

JACOB CUSTER Spectator Staff

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Bob Ray came to McPherson College for an assistant football coaching job. Despite resigning from his duties after just one season, Ray made an impact on the program, other coaches around him and most certainly on his players.

"There was just something about the guy that made you want to learn from him," said student assistant defensive line coach Mike Silva, Vacaville, Calif. "I worked with him for just a handful of months and he has had an impact on me that will last a lifetime."

Players and coaches know

that finding a replacement for Ray will be tough.

"He held us to a high standard, but respected us the entire way," said Brad Queen, soph., Hotchkiss, Colo. "He knew what it took to get players to do the right thing and brought out the best in everybody he worked with."

In August, the senior football players had a bonding experience as they climbed Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs, Colo. It was a 14mile hike and the group completed it together.

Student assistant running back coach Matt Maxwell, Garland, Texas, had an experience going up the mountain with Ray that he will never forget.

"I was struggling to get up the mountain and Coach Ray stopped in front of me and told me to grab onto his shoulders," Maxwell said. "For the last two miles of the hike he literally dragged me up the mountain. At some points I don't think that any part of my body was touching the ground."

Actions like this were not rare for Ray. His ability to lead and gain respect from the people around him is something special that not every coach has.

Ray said his experience at McPherson College was also something special.

"Watching my players and fellow coaches grow and form the program was the



**Coach Ray** 

best thing for me," Ray said. "Sometimes people have to learn that it is not only about the wins and losses, but it is about the relationships and the foundation that is laid." Student assistant tight

ends/assistant offensive line coach Renieri Moreno, Los Angeles, Calif., said there is not a better guy to work with.

"He taught me so much in the time he was here," Moreno said. "The best part was just working side by side with him and making myself better."

Ray shared that his "next step is going to be work and taking care of my family. I have a lot of respect for everybody involved in the program. Now that the program is there the coach isn't the main thing anymore."

With the workouts for next season already in full swing the Bulldog football team will go at it without the motivation of Ray to push them.

"His presence and determination for things is something that makes everyone want to work hard," said Joe Morgan, sr., Palm Desert, Calif. "I played hard for him because he worked hard for me."

Ray is encouraged by what he has seen from his start at McPherson College to his finish at McPherson College.

"After watching the players and system grow from spring ball last year to the season this year I know that the program is on the right track," Ray said. "I'm going to miss the guys, but I know that they will be okay without me."

# First indoor track meet Saturday

NICHOLAS BOX Spectator Staff

During December and the colder months of the year, many people would prefer to spend time indoors sipping hot chocolate, lying under countless blankets and singing carols.

However, one dedicated group of men and women chooses to brave the cold winter weather and train in conditions that many people would fear.

Even though the McPherson College indoor track team has its meets in gymnasiums equipped with heaters, these athletes train every day running outside all over McPherson.

Many of the participants on the indoor track team also participate on the cross country team that just finished a successful season, recording personal bests for many runners and qualifying two for nationals. The track team also added several new members to their ranks including freshmen Patsy Burns, Lakin, Tiffany Poet, Flagler, Colo, and Verity Spencer, Yamhill, Ore. Indoor track differs slightly from its outdoor cousin in that it is run on an indoor 200-meter track. This helps many runners to begin the changeover from cross country to outdoor track while at the same time allowing them to compete at a high level against quality opponents and teams, including many Division I teams and athletes. "Indoor track helps our runners to get into shape for the outdoor season and improves the team bonding so that we mesh better together when we're training and when we're in a race," said Jacob Merrick, sr., Clearwater. The Bulldogs are returning nine experienced team members including Brent Bailey, jr., Limon, Colo., Merrick, Israel Ortiz, Limon, Colo., and Ashley Mitchell, sr., Great Bend. "Indoor track is all about running against better competition that can help you improve personally while at the same time getting you ready for outdoor," Bailey said. The Bulldog runners are looking forward to a successful indoor season and will begin competition at Kansas State University on Dec. 8. The season will continue after Christmas break on Jan 4-5

# **Bethany College 67-62**

Lady Bulldogs defeat

# 1-2 in KCAC, 6-3 overall

KIMBERLY MORRIS Spectator Staff

As the basketball season continues, there is only one game left before Christmas break. The McPherson College women's basketball team will host Kansas Wesleyan University Saturday at 5 p.m.

With a current 6-3 record, the team hopes to leave for Christmas break with a home court win.

"I feel that on Saturday if we just play a full 40 minutes, then we should have no problem," said April Woody, sr., Tescott.

A win against KWU would support the team's season goals.

"One of our goals is to go undefeated at home," said head coach Marcus Hicks. "The key to conference is to get wins at home and then get some wins on the road." Hicks is encouraged by the team's performance thus far. He said the women's defense is solid. They are contesting shots and playing together. "I think we've got a good group of ladies," Hicks said. "If you haven't seen them, you should."

66 ...If we just play a full 40 minutes, then we should have no problem. 🤊

struggle with staying focused and intense throughout the entire game and with making free throws.

McPherson did pull off a 67-62 win against Bethany College Thursday night.

The Lady Bulldog's played an exhibition game at Fort Hays State University on Dec. 3. Fort Hays defeated the Bulldogs 73-45.

Angelina Fiorenzi, jr. Bishop, Texas, Jamie Brewer, jr., McPherson, and Woody, led the Bulldogs in points with 12, 10 and 9 points respectively. Despite the loss at Hays they out shot Hays in the first twenty minutes of the game. McPherson had 40 percent accuracy scoring 10 of 25 shots, while Hays only scored 13 of 39 recording a 33 percent accuracy.

April Woody



The team does seem to

The team's next game is on Jan. 4, against York College at 5:30 p.m.

Photo by Brandon Stephensor

April Woody, sr., Tescott, shoots over a Bethany College defender Thursday night. McPherson went on to defeat the Swedes 67-62. The Bulldogs will take on Kansas Wesleyan University on Saturday before heading into Christmas break. They will return to play York College at home on Jan. 4.

# Men's basketball team looks to senior experience in conference play

After game against Kansas Wesleyan Saturday, team to have break in schedule until Jan. 4

JACOB CUSTER Spectator Staff

The men's basketball team will play the visiting Kansas Wesleyan University Coyotes on Saturday in the Sport Center. To beat the Coyotes the team will need leadership from the seniors.

With only one senior gone from last year and 10 returning seniors on the roster for this season this feat should not be a problem.

Seniors Cody Dickerson, Crescent Okla., and Shawn Young, Colorado Springs, Colo, are the only returning All-Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference performers from the 2006-07 season. They have continued to impress through the first three games of KCAC play.

Last year, the team finished the season with a record of

14-15. Currently, the Bulldogs sit 6-4 overall and 2-1 in KCAC play.

"I'm pretty excited for this season," said Jordan Carter, sr., Scott City. "After taking last season off I'm hoping to help out this year."

McPherson beat Bethany College Thursday night, but the score was unavailable.

The Bulldogs defeated Tabor College 64-57 on Dec. 1. Young led the team in scoring against the Bluejays with 13 points. Tyler Stewart, sr., Burlington, followed with 12 points. Mark Johnson, jr., Healy, led in rebounding with 10 and Zach Kimble, sr., Mulvane, had 7.

McPherson's KCAC loss was to Sterling College 49-62 on Nov. 29. Young led in scoring for the night with 12 points. Young and Dickerson both led in rebounding

**66** My goal is to win a conference championship. **77** 

Jordan Carter

with five boards each. Chris Dean, fr., Midwest City, Okla., scored 10 points.

The win against Tabor was a test of the team's endurance and a preview of what it will take to be successful in conference play.

"My goal is to win a conference championship," Carter said. "If we are going to do that it is going to take a lot of hard work."

After the game against Kansas Wesleyan the team will not play until Jan. 4 when they will host York College.



Photo by Brandon Stephenson

Tyler Stewart, sr., Burlington, dribbles around his Bethany College opponent on Thursday night.

The next conference game versity of Saint Mary in will be Jan. 10, at the Uni-Leavenworth.



Photo by Angelina Fiorenz

Nate Soto (left), sr., Rio Rancho, N.M., has spent much time practicing with his teammates Charles Moore II, soph., San Antonio, Texas, Gary Cox, jr., Glendale, Ariz, and Dwayne Thomas, soph., Houston, Texas, but has yet to play varsity minutes.

# Sticking it out

# Athletes devote four years to college ball despite little, no playing time

#### MALLORY YUNGEBERG Spectator Staff

When most kids enter college on an athletic scholarship, most expect a decent amount of playing time. For some this does happen. However, for others it doesn't always go that way.

Knowing that you are spending a lot of time working out and practicing with your team and not getting that much playing time can and will be frustrating to most athletes.

At some points, it is and can be really hard to deal with.

For some people, playing at the college level has always been a dream for them. And if they do get that chance, most students

embrace the opportunity to help better themselves.

But there are some people that will never have the same opportunities to play varsity sports at the college level.

"I hadn't given it too much thought until during a game my senior season, the opposing coach came up to me and said that if I continued to work hard I could play at the next level," said senior football player Darin Donaho, Englewood Colo. "I think that was the turning point."

Senior basketball player Tim Bremerman, Tescott, said despite the disappointment, he continues to play

trying hard to get playing time on varsity," Bremerman said, "but I have come to a conclusion that I came to college to play college ball and not very many people can say that. And I do understand some of the reasons why coach doesn't play me, but I still work hard in practice and hope that I can get in sometime."

Some college athletes stick it out for four years, some quit and some wonder why they have persisted for so long.

"I mostly stuck to it here because my best friends have come from the football team and that team camaraderie has been helpful throughout the years," Donaho said. "I also thought it was a good reason to bring

me back to McPherson College every semester so I can finish up school."

Though frustration and disappointment comes in many different ways with these college athletes, it could change their life in a negative way or perhaps a positive way.

"To those that don't get that much playing time like they think they should," Bremerman said, "they should stick it out if they really do love playing the sport because you never know what could happen during the season that could bump you up to varsity or get more playing time. Those who want to play will stop at nothing to keep trying, is what I believe should be in a true athlete of a sport."

# **Kimble awarded Pat Noyes Scholarship**

#### MALLORY YUNGEBERG Spectator Staff

McPherson College announced this year's Pat Noyes Scholarship recipient in late October.

Senior forward Zach Kimble, sr., Mulvane, is the second recipient of the Pat Noves Scholarship.

"Zach is tremendously deserving of this award," said head men's basketball coach Roger Trimmell. "He is a good representative of McPherson College. He is a blue-collar kind of guy. He does all of the dirty work. We call upon him to play strong defense and get rebounds."

Every year, a member of the men's basketball team is chosen to receive the Pat Noyes Scholarship. Pat Noyes was part of the McPherson College basketball program from 1991-1993. After that, he became involved with the Oklahoma State men's basketball program. In 2001, Noves was killed in a plane crash with nine other members of the Oklahoma State program.

Since 2002, many contributions have been made to create the Pat Noyes Men's Basketball Scholarship Fund at McPherson College.

A committee that consists of family members, friends and coaches, are the ones who select the most deserving player for this award. Trimmell also has some in-



Kimble

put on which player will be selected for the scholarship.

The scholarship fund is given to a player who most resembled Noyes as a student and basketball player.

Staying focused on and off the court plays a key role in all student athletes. Kimble demonstrates this.

"Zach is an excellent student," Trimmell said. "He is very strong-minded and is always doing the right thing. He's quiet, but he is a good role model."

Kimble will be recognized between the Bulldog women's and men's basketball games on the Bulldog Alumni Night on Feb. 9. The Bulldogs will host the University of Saint Mary that night.

For more information on the Pat Noyes Scholarship Fund, contact David Barrett, associate director of admissions and financial aid at barrettd@mcpherson.edu or (620) 242-0412.



his hardest.

"It is a little frustrating because I have spent so much time practicing and

# Bailey, Ortiz compete at nationals

KRISTEN KIRKMAN Spectator Staff

Two of McPherson's cross country runners really stood out this season.

Israel Ortiz, sr., Limon, Colo., and Brent Bailey, jr., Limon, Colo., were named to the 2007 All-Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. This honor was mostly due to their performances at the KCAC Championships on Oct. 27.

Ortiz, who transferred to McPherson last year from Pratt Community College, won the KCAC Championships with a time of 26 minutes, 8.5 seconds, leading the men's team to a second place finish of seven teams. This individual title in cross country is the first McPherson College has seen in 30 years and is the best team finish since 1976.

Ortiz also qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Championships, where he placed third in the Region IV Championships, in Omaha, Neb., on Nov. 3. Bailey also qualified for the NAIA Championships and placed 11th at the Region IV Championships.

The women's team finished seventh of nine teams at the KCAC Championships

Senior Ashley Mitchell, Great Bend, was named a Daktronics-NAIA Cross Country Scholar-Athlete this season.

students eligible The for the Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete award are required to have a 3.50 minimum grade point average, be a junior or above academically and must have attended the nominating institution for a minimum of one school year.

At the Tabor Invitational on Sep. 22, she ran her season and collegiate best of 22 minutes, 13.6 seconds.

This is the first year in several that the girls have had enough people to compete as a team and not just individually.

"I was really excited to finally have a full girls team my senior year," Mitchell said. "We were blessed with another season with verv minimal injuries and able to run a full team at almost every meet. Team camaraderie was high, something the team hasn't had before."

Another runner Megan Meyer, jr., Beloit, said, "I've had the most fun this year with cross country. It was the first time we could actually be ranked as a team."

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# Tennis court questions answered

News

#### TRACEY ROBERTS Spectator Staff

The condition of the tennis courts is a concern for those involved in the tennis program.

Large cracks could create a danger for players and the sub par conditions have caused the tennis team to practice at the city courts.

However, the high cost of repairing the existing courts is not the college's top priority.

"Frankly, when it comes to spending, the biggest issue right now is the new resident halls and the student union," said LaMonte Rothrock, athletic director and dean of students.

The cost of repairing the existing courts is \$143,000, which includes new nets, posts and surfacing. This amount does not allow for lights or any extras. Leasing from the city costs \$4,000 per year and the arrangement works well for the college, Rothrock said. "To use the city courts,

we go to the city council to lease them for the fall and spring," Rothrock said. The college gets yearly

approval from the city and has a reserved time to prac-

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sentative present."

A memo from the FEC to Sader said "faculty need a confidential forum in which to discuss such issues as individual student performance, faculty salary and benefits, faculty hiring, tenure and promotion issues, etc."

Sader said that SGA was willing to compromise "and even leave at certain points at which confidential matters were being discussed."

"None of those options were presented to us by the faculty," Sader said. "We were pretty willing to work around the different concerns they had."

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LaMonte Rothrock

tice on the courts from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

"Working with the city and the school district on dates and times for meets has been relatively easy," Rothrock said.

The current situation may only be temporary, as the city and the college

are looking at a bigger goal of having a 12-court complex built at the high school or the most logical site.

The estimated cost of the project is \$700,000 without lights, bathrooms and sewer, or \$800,000 with everything included, Rothrock said. The college would be a major lessee of the site. The high school has already included the plans in a two year fiscal budget

The complex would serve over 200 people in the com-

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Eric Sader

Sader felt that SGA should have been informed throughout FEC's process of deciding whether the request would be accepted or denied.

"SGA found it regrettable that the faculty government chose not to really involve us in the process until it was over," Sader said Thursday. "It would have been nice to have input



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Long cracks snake their way across the college tennis courts. The tennis team currently practices at the city courts, which the college leases from the city.

complex is that it would have surfacing superior to concrete.

"The city is constantly having to re-do the courts because of shifting asphalt," Rothrock said.

What is the future for the McPherson college campus

and collaboration sometime before "we we were told no today."

The FEC did make some suggestions to Sader if SGA is interested in pursuing the issue.

"We suggested he submit a written request, which was not done," Reynolds said. "Also to put some very solid reasons for why this would be beneficial for SGA or students in general."

Sader said that SGA will most likely start the process over by submitting a formal proposal to the FEC.

"We will try to go through this again with more rationale," Sader said.

While the request for student representation is denied for now, Reynolds said by denying the request courts?

"We may be taking a look at three nice courts here for the long term," Rothrock said.

The men's and women's tennis programs are in their second year after being re-instated.

"we weren't closing the door on this forever."

At the same time, Reynolds said that while faculty members are interested in trying to involve students in the process, "the wish of nearly every faculty member I talked to was for there not to be an SGA representative at meetings. I don't recall talking to anybody who really wanted one. There might have been some that would have allowed it, but I didn't talk to anyone that was in favor of it."

Sader and SGA will continue to work for student representation at faculty meetings.

"In some ways it seemed as if internal faculty politics have inadvertently hurt our chances," Sader said.

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that included piano playing and singing.

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Hurst said a possibility for the future is moving upstairs to Siek Dining Hall in the student union and "not necessarily call it chapel."

"We would focus more on moral, philosophical, ethical and spiritual issues," Hurst said. "These would be issues which people do have opinions about."

The change in chapel time came to light earlier this year when the Educational Policies Committee was concerned when Hurst did not notify them of the change.

"The administration, the EPC and the Scheduling Committee work with scheduling for classes," said Rod

**G** I do not want to spend time planning for chapel every week that nobody wants to come to.

- Tom Hurst

Gieselman, assistant professor of business and chair of the EPC. "There is a builtin time for committees to meet, a time dedicated for student groups to meet and a time for chapel."

Hurst spoke to the committee at its meeting in late October, where the EPC said it supported Hurst's efforts to increase attendance, but needed to be informed of any changes made in the scheduling.

At the meeting, Hurst explained his reasons for changing chapel time.

Gieselman said the EPC supports Hurst's experimentation with different times.

"We want to make it clear that this wasn't a big, controversial issue for the EPC," Gieselman said. "We simply have a role in scheduling and need to be in the loop if any changes are going to be made." Gieselman said he thinks the word "problem" is an overstatement concerning the possible change of chapel time. "We support Tom and want to work with him to make (chapel) more successful," Gieselman said. "We tried to convey that to him at our meeting." Hurst calls the issue with the EPC a misunderstanding and said he is now aware of the need to inform the EPC of changes. "Any frustration I'm currently feeling has to do with myself," Hurst said. "I'm frustrated that I have been unable to find a way to interact with students in a way that is spiritual. Finding a way to interact with students in helpful ways will be an ongoing challenge that will hold both success and failure within it."

#### The McPherson college team consists of 12 to 15 players. Another benefit to the

munity who are utilizing

the tennis courts, including

two to three adult teams,

the general public and the

school teams.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Cracked pavement and potholes make navigating Gordon Street difficult.

# Pothole problem

## College plans to rezone and replatt Gordon Street

#### ABBY ALFS Spectator Staff

Driving down Gordon Street, which runs south of Hoffman Student Union, one might find it hard to avoid the growing number of potholes.

"Right now we're going through and evaluating all the streets and sidewalks," said Marty Sigwing, director of facility management. "We're responsible for and preparing a report for the college administration with recommendations for repairs on Gordon Street."

The college is currently in charge of two streets and numerous sidewalks.

Because the college owns a majority of the houses on Gordon Street, the town passed the responsibility of fixing it to the college.

"Right now they're looking at rezoning and re-platting that part of the property," Sigwing said.

Some students have noticed the poor condition the street is in. "I don't like driving down that street," said Cody Giboney, soph., Columbia, Mo. "It's really bumpy."

The number of cars parked along the side of the street makes it nearly impossible to miss a majority of the potholes.

With the winter approaching, another concern is the ice and snow that could build up on the street in the next couple of months, because the parked cars make it difficult for a snow blower to get through.

The college makes sure that Gordon Street is not icy due to liability issues.

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#### report.

As of Nov. 5, 1,318 absences were reported to the database.

On Sept. 14, there were 100 student no-shows. Why have so many students missed class?

"(I've missed class) mostly because I slept in on accident," said Cody Hagler, fr., Panama City, Fla.

However, sleeping in does not explain all of the absences. One-fourth of student absences take place during 1:30 and 2:30 classes.

These absences could possibly be explained by tougher classes during those hours. Cody **66** (I've missed class) mostly because I slept in on accident. **99** 

– Cody Hagler

Hayes, fr., Mustang, Okla., indicated that sometimes he skips his most difficult class, which happens to take place in the afternoon.

"Statistically, there is a strong correlation between attendance and GPA," Hadduck said.

Hadduck said students who attend class regularly learn better, get better grades and are able to get more interested in the subject.

# FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

	Final Exam Time	Monday Dec. 10	Tuesday Dec. 11	Wednesday Dec. 12	Thursday Dec. 13
	8 a.m	<b>12:30 Classes</b> MWF MTWF	9:30 Classes MWF MTWF	<b>10:30 Classes</b> MWF MTRF	8:30 Classes MWF MTWF
	10:30 a.m.	<b>10:30 Classes</b> TR	2:30 Classes TR	9:30 Classes TR	1:30 Classes MWF MWRF
	2 p.m.	3:30 Classes MWF MWRF	2:30 Classes MWF MWRF	8:30 Classes TR 3:30 Classes TR	<b>1:30 Classes</b> TR
	7 p.m.	Monday Night Classes	Tuesday Night Classes	Wednesday Night Classes	Thursday Night Classes