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Poetry month project brings out hidden talents

The Poetry Month Project is going on throughout April. Submit original poems or a favorite or just read others' at <http://mcpoetry-month.wordpress.com>.

Library to host annual Poem in Your Pocket Day

National Library Week is April 12-18. Miller Library is hosting a celebration April 30 with its second annual Poem in Your Pocket day. Snacks will be served and a final drawing for \$200 will be held.

Submit photos for year-end video

To submit photos for the year-end video, e-mail them to lun-derb@mcpherson.edu by April 19. The video will be shown at convocation May 1.

Musical events to be on campus

There will be a jazz concert by McPherson-based Simply Jazz, a seven-member band. On Saturday 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the large gym.

The Hutchinson Symphony Orchestra will perform in Brown Auditorium Sunday at 3 p.m.

Choir is having a concert Sunday April 26 at 4 p.m.

Senior exhibitions displayed

Six senior exhibitions will be in Friendship Hall until May 2. The artists are James Buzard, Mariah Coberly, Kacy Smith, Carrie Becker, Nicole Clark and Tyler Miller.

A reception will be held for the artists on April 20 from 7-8:30 p.m. After this exhibition is taken down, five more senior exhibitions will be up through commencement.

Relief sale in Hutchinson

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale will be held at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson Saturday. There will be food, auctions, music and sale items. There will be free parking and admission.

Storm damages Templeton, Sport Center

Workers repair roof damage caused by strong wind storm

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

Last week, it was hard to miss the big trucks taking up all the parking spaces in front of Templeton and even harder to miss the smell of tar that permeated the buildings on the east end of campus.

During spring break, on March 23, a wind storm tore the roofs off Templeton and the Sport Center.

"The wind basically tore the gym roof off in large strips and threw it down onto the lower roof and out to the track," said Marty Sigwing, head of facilities. "And Templeton's roof it lifted, but it didn't tear it,

it just set it back down. On the gym roof, the entire top of the roof was torn off right down to the plywood deck, which will have to be replaced. The Templeton roof, it didn't actually tear it off, but it did loosen it to where we had leaks."

Shane Netherton, vice president for finance, said the total cost of the roof repairs is approximately \$240,000.

"The college has coverage for campus buildings with a deductible of \$25,000," Netherton said. "So the college will have to pay \$25,000 and the insurance will pay for the remaining \$215,000."

Sigwing said the insur-



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Workers melt tar outside Templeton last week to secure the new roof. Several days were spent on the project.

ance company does not want to deal with the gym roof's damage right now, so it has only been temporarily patched.

"Templeton's roof has been replaced and the water damage has been fixed from the leaks," Sigwing said.

Sigwing said work for replacing the Sport Center's roof will begin in the next few weeks.



Photo by Jessy Wisdom

Faculty, staff and students at Safe Zone training. The training helps those involved learn how to better help the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community

Safe zones to be more prominent on campus

MELISA GRANDISON
Spectator Staff

A small group of campus members discussed common stereotypes of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender in a Safe Zone training, hosted by Carrie Fry-Miller, a volunteer for the Brethren Mennonite Council April 7.

The group also discussed definitions, educational ideas, acceptance tools and statistics. Seven faculty members, one community member, four staff, one administrator and four students attended.

The Faculty Development Endowment paid for Fry-Miller's trip to campus. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, approved the event.

"I support events like this because we have all different kinds of students and issues on campus," Rothrock said. "So it's our job to help those students be successful by providing these kinds of educational settings."

Becki Bowman, assistant professor of commu-

MORE LGBT INFO

Additional information about LGBT issues and safe zone training can be found on the Brethren Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Interests website at <http://www.bmclgbt.org/index.shtml>.

nication and sponsor of the LGBT group on campus, coordinated this training.

"We have an LGBT community here and even though not all students are open with their sexuality, we need to take steps to assist and to be available," Bowman said. "This training provides a way to be an ally for those students."

Colleen Gustafson, resident director of Dotzour Hall, also found the training to be useful.

"I am excited to be an ally for members of the LGBT community," Gustafson said. "As a member of the Res Life staff, I also find it necessary to provide a safe

zone within the dorm not only for LGBT people, but for all individuals from all walks of life."

Jessy Wisdom, soph., Salina, student contact for the college's Gay-Straight Alliance, also attended.

"It was a nice insight to see how I could be there for all different kinds of people, including fellow members of the LGBT community," Wisdom said. "It was an interesting and eye-opening experience."

All faculty and staff were invited to the training.

"There was a lot of faculty and staff interest, but timing was a factor," Bowman said. "Any opportunity to allow Res Life staff to receive additional training on issues that our student body faces is an opportunity that I want to encourage."

But Res Life members were the only students who received invitations.

Now that campus members have received Safe Zone training, it's possible for similar sessions to happen in the future.

Business club, food safety questioned

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
News Editor

There are going to be a few changes for concession stand and temporary food sales at games after sessions by Mark Lackey of the Kansas Department of Agriculture discussed the concern of food safety from temporary food vendors such as the Business Club.

The Business Club's food sales will be affected only slightly. Members are not allowed to serve food outside, tables cannot be on the grass, anything that has been cooked must be cooked and served from inside, the grill has to be on a cement pad or plywood platform and up against the building, hamburgers and brats have to stay on opposite sides of the grill and nothing can be sold that was not made on site.

"This will force us to move into the concession stand," said Connie Kramer, Business Club sponsor.

They will have to depend on "cooperation be-

tween athletics and Business Club."

Kramer said that it should be beneficial to customers, "one stop - they can get everything they want," and that she hopes to work more efficiently since "each group will need less people."

Kramer said she found the session she attended beneficial.

"(They were) making sure everyone knows all the rules for preparing and serving food," Kramer said. "A lot of it was common sense. We just weren't following all the appropriate channels."

The three sessions were sponsored by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, McPherson Convention and Visitors Bureau, McPherson Main Street and the McPherson County K-State Research and Extension Office.

"We just need to make changes so we're in compliance," Kramer said. "We have to be more conscious and more aware, we have gloves and wash our hands more often."

Student body elects new president, vice president

KRISTEN KIRKMAN
News Editor

Election results revealed Lane Allison, fr., Greensburg, and Savannah Sievers, fr., St. John, as next year's new Student Government Association president and vice president.

The ballots were on the Internet and students voted from their own computers or in the Student Union.

"I think it was really helpful being on the Internet," Sievers said.

While many voted, very

few showed up to watch the debate. Sievers described it as "deflating."

Regardless of the poor turnout, Allison said, "I thought the debate went really well."

Neither Allison nor Sievers were aware at first that they had won. Allison was "in the lobby doing homework and Dale Schwartz (soph., Crystal Lake, Ill.) walked in and said 'Congratulations.' I didn't know what he was

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Put others' needs before your own, show kindness

This is the point in life where we learn to become adults. What does that even mean? We can vote, sure. We can buy cigarettes. We can get drafted. We can do all of these things that classify us as adults, but what does it really mean to be grown up?

Why should age have to define who we are as people? Shouldn't our actions and who we are define us and carry on with our name after we are long gone?

We think that the world is a selfish and conceited place and that it takes people with good character to change it. What does your life say to others in the world looking at you? Do you put others before yourself? Do you treat everyone with respect and don't leap to quick judgments?

We think that this college is a good place to start your journey of adulthood. One of the most important things you can learn from this place is learning to serve others before yourself.

Sometimes, helping others allows you to see how much better the world can be if everyone practices one random act of kindness. That would start a trend that would keep going and going and eventually spread all over the world.

Stop and take a look at all of the small things that you see everyday that you could do. If there is a piece of trash sitting on the floor right by the trashcan, pick it up. It saves the cleaning crews some time and every little bit helps.

If you see someone struggling with the door, open it for him or her. People like to feel noticed and that someone genuinely cares.

Don't just walk by and pretend you don't see them. It takes a few seconds out of your life and makes a huge impact.

These things seem so small and not important. They matter.

Kindness is one of the greatest qualities a person can have. This is a quality that can be passed on and it is a gift that will never run out.

What can you do? Volunteer. Helping those who need your service is one of the greatest rewards a person can receive. You feel good about yourself and you've done something that someone will remember for a lifetime.

Join in our efforts to change the world one little random act of kindness at a time. These are simple actions that can take over a nation. Starting on this campus could lead to something bigger than we could imagine. Let's start it now.

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Not Necessarily Ordinary



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Professor's response to student's concern about lack of cultural classes offered

In "Black History Month vanishes from monthly event calendar," a thought-provoking article that appeared in the February 27, 2009, issue of the McPherson College Spectator, author Megan McKnight lamented the fact that Black History Month is not celebrated on the McPherson College campus and that the history course, African-American History, has never been offered during her time as a student.

While I share Ms. McKnight's dismay concerning the lack of Black History Month events on campus and can offer no explanations in that regard, I can address her questions concerning the African-American History course.

When I came to McPherson College in 1999, I wanted specifically to add an African-American History course in order to make the history department offerings more culturally diverse and more appealing to a broader spectrum of the student body.

Unfortunately, the students of McPherson College have never embraced the African-American History class and few have ever enrolled.

Because of this, it has been offered infrequently over the past five years. However, to make a point of correction, the course in African-American History did appear on the schedule while McKnight has been a student and was offered as recently as the 2009 Interterm.

How many students enrolled in the class? Zero! The course was offered, but not one single student

was interested enough to register. Because there was no student support, African-American History, along with a number of other history courses, have been administratively eliminated from the history offerings.

I join McKnight in mourning the loss of African-American History and other stimulating courses, such as Americanos, Native American History and Women's History, which teach ethnic and cultural diversity in an historic setting.

There are so many positive things to learn in embracing multicultural ideas and the college is a lesser place without them.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Entz, Ph.D.

Chair, Department of History & Politics

Cultural history class exists, enrollment missing

A couple of issues ago, I wrote about the lack of events for Black History Month. After the paper was printed, a member of the faculty wrote a letter to the editor that was misplaced and failed to be printed.

After speaking with this faculty member, I realized that the college doesn't see diversity as a high priority.

Gary Entz, associate professor of history, wrote a wonderful letter in regards to my article. One thing that he mentioned that really made my heart sink was that he is a recognized historian on African-American migration to Kansas. Did you know that? I didn't.

Although this college places emphasis on getting a liberal arts education, it doesn't seem to promote the special qualities about the general education requirements. The course that I wanted to

MEGAN'S CORNER



Megan McKnight

take so badly, African-American History, was actually offered this past Interterm 2009. Professor Entz informed me that not a single person enrolled for this class.

If classes were offered more regularly, I would have been able to take that class instead of a major requirement, and maybe others would have been able to also.

Entz was even invited to speak at Kansas State University about Afri-

can-American immigration. But would you have known that if you hadn't read this article?

So why isn't the college promoting these things?

All of this information blind-sided me because I believed that the college did care about diversity on this campus.

I do realize that the entire faculty and staff do not feel one way about this, but I think it's being promoted poorly or not even at all.

I want to see this campus thrive even though I am graduating this year. This school should take a serious consideration into reevaluating the way they promote activities. Entz also fears that the African-American History course will be completely removed from the schedule forever, which I hope doesn't happen.

This subject is a huge part of our history and students should be interested

in something that helped shape our nation.

Sometimes it feels like this campus completely disregards that there are minorities here.

And as I near the end of my senior research project, it depresses me to think about the handful of biracial individuals I can interview, instead of having too many to count.

I know that the people who work on this campus are not against minority enrollment rising, but it doesn't seem like they are doing anything to help it either.

And by no means am I suggesting filling the school up with black people or flooding it with tons of Hispanics, I just believe that a bigger effort needs to be placed on ethnic diversity. This is clearly an issue that needs addressing. We are already letting history class disappear, we can't let students go along with it.

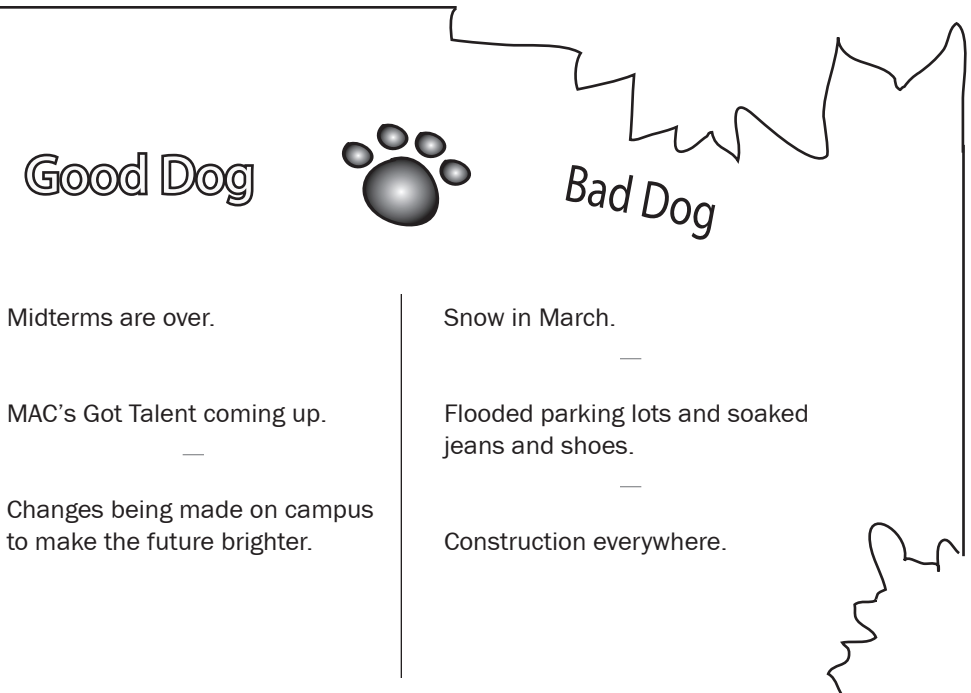
CHEW ON THIS

"A friend is one who knows you and loves you just the same."

-Elbert Hubbard

"A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down."

-Arnold H. Glasow



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Senior project provides dual benefits for student and participants

Student gets free personal training while providing data for a class project

The smell of metal, sweaty boys and rubber mats now fills my life three times a week. The weight room, a pulsating, rap-filled wonderland of muscle-pumps and dumbbells, was not where I pictured myself spending my evenings, but an opportunity cropped up that was too good to pass up.

Nicolette Rodriguez, jr., El Paso, Texas, sent out an e-mail a few weeks ago asking for participants in her senior project.

Basically, the project

JILLIAN SAYS . . .



Jillian Overstake

consists of a handful of

girls working out with set weights, exercises and a progress report at the end of six weeks. My mind goes: this is free personal training. Awesome!

Not only is this a motivator to get me in the gym, but also it's a free and extremely useful tool to weasel my way into good shape for an upcoming beach vacation. This just makes college life a little sweeter.

On top of that, I've been noticing around campus all of the activities that

are unavailable to the outside world. We have film nights put on by some of the various clubs on campus, free sporting events to attend, opportunities to be in some pretty cool studies - anyone else remember the interterm study with "alcohol" on campus? Not to worry, it wasn't actually alcohol. Students were told it was alcohol to see how they would react.

A few of my friends who aren't in college were talking about the benefits of Rodriguez's proposal.

They pay literally hundreds of dollars for personal trainers without the added bonus of being a part of a research group.

As members of a small campus, we must seize every opportunity given to us. It's possible to find everything from a ride to the airport, a car part, a study-buddy or even a personal trainer at Mac. Next time you see me, have me flex for you.

With Rodriguez's program, I'm sure to be the buffest thing around.

Freedom from immoral actions changes through centuries

Since writing for The Spectator, I have tried to take the unbiased approach to the issues that we deal with today. But I do feel that I must be transparent and let my heart speak. Over the course of the last couple of years, I have begun to wonder what freedom means in this country.

The Revolutionary War was fought for freedom from tyranny. The Civil War was fought to free the slaves from unrighteous people. World War II was fought to free the world from one of the most terrifying militant regimes in the history of mankind. In the 1960s, we fought for civil rights and freedom

OFF-CAMPUS RANTS



Chris Clark

from segregation. These were battles that were fought by godly, Bible believing men and women. Because of these fights for freedom, I am proud to be an American.

After almost two centuries of fighting for freedom, something changed. Abortion became legal after Roe v. Wade in 1973 and a new generation began to seek freedom to, not freedom from. Unborn children now lost the freedom from death. The 1970s said we were free to do drugs, not free from drugs.

The 1980s made us free to be greedy and many lost their freedom from poverty. The 1990s gave our leaders the freedom to lie under oath and took away our freedom from mistrust.

Now on the East Coast there is a push to give seven-year-old children the

freedom to choose their sex.

There is a battle being fought on the west coast by the American Civil Liberties Union to give 13-year-old boys the freedom to buy pornographic magazines. Iowa now gives men and women the freedom to marry someone of their own sex.

And now our current administration desires to make doctors perform abortions, whether it goes against their moral conscience or not. Is this what we Americans call freedom?

My heart rejoices in the fact that our founding fathers made Biblical values a way of life instead of

making it a political system, but my heart grieves at the fact that it is no longer our way of life.

The Bible is God's word that frees us from unrighteous, wicked and perverse ways. When will we Americans realize this? How have we lost our freedom from and gained our freedom to be in Satan's bondage?

I've joined Bible teacher Woodrow Kroll in his battle for Americans when he says, "I want to bring Americans back to the Bible. I'm willing to succeed and I'm willing to fail, but I'm not willing to do nothing."

Will you join me in being free from, not free to?

Every cent counts: saving now leads to greater benefits in the future

For me, this past summer was dedicated to work. I worked two jobs. I worked almost every day. When my mom and I sat down to do my taxes, I had made a lot more money than I originally thought. Surprised, I went and looked at my bank account to see the reward of all my hard work from the summer. Are you serious? I made \$6,000 and I have nothing close to that in my savings account?

I was shocked. What had I spent all of that money on? Where did it all go? Then I started thinking. I bought groceries, clothes, movies, snacks, club fees, party necessities and a mil-

THINK OUT LOUD



Ashley Andrews

lion other things I didn't need, but wanted.

In college, we don't think about the future. We think about all the money we need now to buy what

we want. We don't think of the loans that we are going to have to pay back, gas for future trips or a down payment on a car.

We figure that we can spend now and make up for it later. At this point in my life, I've realized the importance of saving money.

At the beginning of the year, I backed my car into a dumpster and shattered my back windshield. I called around getting quotes and pricings to see what I was looking at paying. They all ranged from \$1,000 to \$1,800. I looked in my bank account later that afternoon. Then, I picked up the phone and

called my dad crying.

"Daddy, I broke my windshield and I don't have the money to fix it!"

Three months of no allowance and \$1,070 later, my windshield was fixed. It was at that moment that I realized I needed to change my money habits. I needed to start saving for the unexpected.

I'm graduating May 2010. I need to start thinking about my future. I'm going to have car insurance to pay every month, rent, a car payment, food, toiletries and clothing. That \$100,000 a year salary isn't going to come anytime soon. Procrastination usually works out

in my favor, but I don't think it will in this case. I can't ask for an extension on rent.

Now, I've learned my lesson. When I receive money, I put part of it into my savings even if it's just 10 percent. That 10 percent adds up monthly and even yearly.

Think about all the petty things we buy that we don't really need. How much of that could you put away and save for something better in the future? Try for the next month to go on a budget and see how much money you end up with. I bet it will be a lot more than what you started with.

On the Fly

How are you feeling at this point in the semester?



"Stressed."

Haley Cook
Soph., Littleton,
Colo.



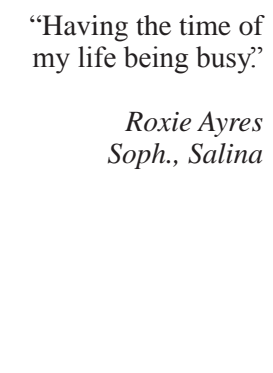
"Overworked and have too little time."

Brandon Maser
Jr., Great Bend



"Pumped."

David Ecker
Jr., Canton



"Having the time of my life being busy!"

Roxie Ayres
Soph., Salina



"Stressed but excited for summer."

Jenny Andreesen
Soph., Falls City,
Neb.



"Slightly hung over but excited for the club and the weekend."

D.J. Brown
Jr., Lees Summit,
Mo.



SHOUT IT OUT!

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

I love how our Christian school is promoting premarital sex as long as it is "safe."

Darkness! You brought this on yourself.

Our cafeteria staff is fantastic!

I love Spring because legs and cleavage are back in season.

Add baseball and save the school financially.

Thanks for shoveling the parking lots maintenance so we could park and walk to our rooms without getting stuck or wet.

Kansas is the greatest place on Earth.

Please let us know when tours are being given in the dorms. I'm tired of parents seeing me in my underwear at nine o'clock in the morning.

I'm very thankful for the cleaning teams who clean my bathroom. But I don't like the loud music at 10 in the morning waking me up when I don't have class until 2:30 in the afternoon.

Take time to befriend someone you don't know. Life is too short to ignore people. You never know what you are missing out on.

Thanks for always being available. RAs are there for you. I hope you talk to yours.

To-go containers save my life.

I wish we hosted a Special Olympics at the college. That would be a good service event.

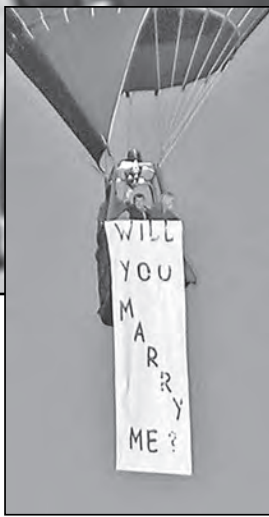
School is almost over!

I can't find a job and I am graduating in May. What do I do now advisor?

I'm the man who can't be moved. Don't try.



Top: Katelyn Lamb, jr., Hesston, sits next to her fiancé, Jared Boese, and flashes her brand new engagement ring. Right: Boese proposes to Lamb after six years of dating (they started dating after her freshman year in high school) in a hot air balloon. Lamb and Boese plan to marry on July 25, 2009 at the Hesston Mennonite Church. Lamb will continue with her education after marriage by completing her student teacher requirements in Hesston.



Courtesy Photos

Wedding fever hits campus

Four brides share stories of engagements, wedding plans and the stress that comes with it

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

While college or university is an academic institution primarily founded for educational purposes, it is also thought of as a way to meet one's future partner. People have been marrying college sweethearts almost since the institution was founded and McPherson College is no exception.

With graduation rapidly approaching so are the weddings of multiple students. Studies show that the average age of a bride in the United States is 26 while the average age of a groom is 28, generally couples who have finished a college education.

Emily Flora, jr., Quinter, met her fiancé, Mat Ayres, in the Hess Fine Arts ceramics lab. They were engaged in April 2008 and will marry June 6, 2009 at the Quinter Church of the Brethren.

Flora, who is almost finished with the wedding process, joked,

"Wedding plans are stressful... just elope."

Katelyn Lamb, jr., Hesston, started dating her fiancé, Jared Boese, the summer after her freshman year in high school, six years ago. Boese proposed last October in a hot air balloon and the two have planned a summer wedding for July 25, 2009 at the Hesston Mennonite Church. Lamb will be married 5 months before she receives her degree.

"Wedding planning is so much fun," Lamb said. "It is important to remember that it is not just about the ceremony, but about the life you are getting ready to start with the person you love."

Lamb offers some advice.

"Relax, don't stress about the little things and enjoy the engagement because it flies by," Lamb said.

Amy Ziegler, sr., Hudson, Colo., is another bride who has known her fiancé for years. She and her fiancé, Jonathan Norloff, have attended school together since the

fourth grade. They plan to marry Sept. 5, 2009 at the Green Valley Ranch Golf Club in Denver, Colo.

"We are almost done with everything," Ziegler said. "We are just looking for pottery for our centerpieces."

Ziegler and Noloff have been engaged since October 2007, which Ziegler thinks allowed them to finish college without the stress of planning while still in school, and will let them become a little more prepared for real life since they will both hopefully have full-time jobs by the time they are married.

Ziegler has a bit of advice for anyone else planning a wedding.

"Plan together and make sure that what you are planning is what you want and not what other people want," Ziegler said. "You will be a lot happier if you tell people from the start exactly what you want and stick to your guns."

Jessica Arnold, sr., La Cygne, is marrying Mark Heidrick the week after

graduation.

"Mark and I couldn't stand each other in high school," Arnold said. "We grew up together and were so different that we drove each other crazy. Somehow our differences caused us to become very close friends as the end of high school approached. He went away to California because he joined the Air Force after he graduated. We kept up our friendship and grew up a lot. Then when he came home, everything just clicked."

They are quite a ways into the wedding process with only little details left to attend to - shoes, jewelry, etc.

"Planning weddings can be a lot of fun if you're excited to get married to the person," Arnold said. "I can't imagine being unsure of such a huge commitment and going along with it anyway. I would imagine it would make the planning a lot more scary. I mean, it's (hopefully) the biggest choice that you will make in your lifetime."

The Hot spot

A THOUGHTFULLY DEVISED ARRAY OF QUESTIONS FOR OUR FRESH, BRAND NEW ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY NEPALI RAJAPAKSE.

ADRIELLE HARVEY
Editor-in-Chief



Q What is your role at McPherson College?

A I teach chemistry and physics.

Q Where are you from originally?

A Ohio.

Q Do you have any pets?

A No.

Q What are some of your hobbies?

A I like to travel a lot. That's my favorite thing to do.

Q What is your marital status?

A Single.

Q Who is your dream date and where would you go?

A I think that I don't have a dream date. If I were to go, I would go to my country, which is in Sri Lanka.

Q What is your favorite season? Why?

A Spring when there are leaves on the trees and flowers are there.

Q Who is your role model? Why?

A My role model is myself. I work hard and then I want what I want and I try to achieve the things that I want. It's not like I'm following somebody who's in my family.

Q What is your favorite food?

A Normally I cook by myself, so I like to cook rice and curries.

Q If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you have to have?

A Something to communicate because I don't think I can be alone anywhere, Internet (and) Wal-Mart.

Q What political issue do you feel most strongly about?

A Let's say peace.

Q What has been one of your most embarrassing moments in life?

A I remember one back in Sri Lanka. One of my professors, she walked to the stairs and I have a friend similar to her, so I told my friend's name to her. She said, "No, I'm not. I'm your professor."

Q In one word, how would you describe yourself?

A Charming.

Q Where did you attend college and what was your major?

A I did my undergrad in (Sri Lanka), did my master's in Australia and graduate studies in Ohio. In Australia, my major was environmental management. Here, it was chemistry.

SAB hosts talent show

MELISA GRANDISON
Spectator Staff

Think you have what it takes to be deemed most talented student on campus?

Eleven students will audition prior to the 2009 Mac's Got Talent event. This audition is a preliminary run-through; each competitor advances. The final performance is April 23 at 8:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Shay Maclin, assistant professor of education, and Dave Barrett, director of admissions, are masters of

ceremonies for the evening.

The event is sponsored by Student Activities Board.

"It gets students involved and everyone seems to enjoy it," said SAB member Roxie Ayers, jr. Tescott.

She said, however, that SAB has had some difficulty this year in recruiting students for the competition.

"It was really hard for us to get participants this year even though I know there is a lot of talent on this campus," Ayers said.

But not everyone hesitates to perform.

Mona Hale, fr., McPherson, is one of the 11 contestants.

"I love to sing and it's fun to share my talent with my peers," Hale said.

Both Zack Gaddis, soph., Oklahoma City, and Tyler Stevenson, fr., Broken Arrow, Okla., look forward to participating in the show.

"I'm excited because this is a time to showcase my talents and let everyone know what I can do," Gaddis said. "Plus, we decided to do the talent show because we're both broke."

Gaddis and Stevenson

are giving a vocal performance.

Judges for the evening include Wayne Conyers, professor of art; Dee Erway-Sherwood, assistant professor and program director of graphic design; and Ann Zerger, assistant professor of art. Judges will select the top three contestants and then the audience will vote via program ballots to award first, second and third places to the winners.

Prizes totaling \$300 will be awarded to first, second and third place winners of the talent competition.



Courtesy Photo

Rebecca Grosbach, jr., Enders, Neb., Kelsey Leiker, sr., Goodland, and Mark Dowdy exchange lines in "Children of Eden."

Last play of season brings college, high school together on stage

KIM SMITH
Spectator Staff

The theatre department performed its final show of the season "Children of Eden" April 2 to 4 at McPherson High School.

This show was a match-up between the college and high school theatre departments, with an equal mix of leads coming from both. In order to produce this musical, the Mac theatre department and that of the high school decided upon collaboration and figured it would be a new and exciting adventure.

"I loved working with the high school kids," said Courtney Spangler, fr., Wichita. "It was fun chaos."

Rachel Arnold, jr., Valley Falls, echoed Spangler's feelings about performing in the show.

"I really enjoyed working with the high school students and with the di-

rector Cindy Marion," Arnold said. "I was a chorus member and my favorite part was getting to dress up in the animal costumes and interacting with the audience."

Current students, along with the high school drama department, were able to do such a production with the help of Cindy Marion, high school drama teacher, and the college's theatre and music faculty.

"Children of Eden" is based loosely on the Bible and focuses on the first nine chapters of the book of Genesis, which tell the familiar stories of the creation of the world, Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, the temptation, Cain and Abel as well as the story of Noah and the great flood.

It is a story of love and learning with a plot combining the well-known ancient stories and contemporary themes, such as

needing to take personal responsibility, rebellion and independence, that proves was a show that all ages could relate to in some way. Deeply rooted in the relationship between parents and their children, especially teens, everyone watching had the chance to learn that the hardest part of love is letting go.

Writer Jon Caird of "Les Miserables" and Stephen Schwartz, "Godspell" and "Pippin," created the script and musical score for the show. With a distinctive match-up of talent comes a story of new age versions of classic stories from the Bible. The show presented itself as a joyous and inspirational musical about parents, children and faith, not to mention centuries of unresolved family business.

The production crew included Marion as director, Steve Gustafson, professor of music, provided

musical direction, and college students were directed by Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre. The college students created the costumes and the high school students built the set, animal costumes and masks.

"The elements of the show - lights, set and costume - really came together," said Kelsey Leiker, sr., Goodland.

College students with named characters were Jeremy Hoffman, sr., McPherson; Jessica Arnold, sr., LaCygne; Michael Holman, soph., McPherson; Mark Dowdy, fr., Huntingdon, Pa.; Mark Shobe, sr., Galva and Kelsey Leiker. Storytellers were Mona Hale, fr., McPherson; Emma Bromme, soph., Woodland Park, Colo.; Emily Donell, fr., Wichita; Courtney Spangler, Rebecca Grosbach, jr., Enders, Neb.; and Adriana Dreier, fr., Newton.



Photo by Betsy Shaffer

Mike Everhart, talks to students about the "Oceans of Kansas"

Everhart speaks on 'Oceans of Kansas'

BETSY SHAFFER
Campus Life Editor

At one time, Kansas was a completely different world, covered with water and teeming with sea creatures. Mike Everhart, adjunct curator at the Sternberg museum in Hays, appeared at McPherson College on April 3 to talk about this subject. A lifelong digger for fossils, Everhart's speech "Oceans of Kansas: A Fossil Treasure" covered many aspects of the ancient underwater world during the final stages of the age of the dinosaurs.

Everhart explained that at one point Kansas was covered by the Western Interior Sea and that during this time the Smoky Hill chalk of today was deposited in the middle of that sea. Today, paleontologists find fossils that tell us of the past in that very chalk, in fact Everhart has personally found several fossils in that region.

Of the many fossil-rich areas in the world, Kansas is considered one of the best places to find Cretaceous marine fossils from the Mississippian Period. Starting with Professor B. F. Mudge, and expeditions of Professor Marsh's Yale College students, fossils have been found

in Kansas for more than 130 years, and yet there are still thousands of feet of marine sediments under the soils of the state.

"I went because I love fossils and the subject interested me," said Sean Grandin, jr., Pleasant Hill, Calif. "I always knew that part of the U.S. was an ocean, I just did not know the life that was there. I found it very interesting. I liked it a lot."

So while Kansas is often considered one of the most boring states, with miles and miles of endless plains, it is exactly this feature that makes it so special. For under the miles of open space lies the remains of extinct animals that lived in the late Cretaceous Period and were buried at the bottom of a shallow marine sea.

"The presentation by Mike Everhart was very informative and enjoyable," said Brett Whitenaek, sr., McPherson.

"It is amazing that a sea once covered Kansas and that sharks and other sea monsters swam here. Kansas is famous the world over for its abundance of fossils of these animals and they are represented in every major museum. It is a heritage Kansans should be proud of."

Dickhudt included in "Who's Who in America"

TRICIA FENSKY
Spectator Staff

For more than 100 years, the Marquis Publication Board has been publishing "Who's Who in America."

The Who's Who family of directories has grown to include the biographies of millions of leaders and achievers from around the world who have shown excellence in their careers and contributed to the betterment of the society.

Recently, Joe Dickhudt was included in the 2009 edition publication for the brilliant engineering and computer systems work he completed.

Before Dickhudt came to



Joe Dickhudt

McPherson College as an instructor in the automotive restoration program, he worked as an electrical systems engineer. This 40-year career included designing and building computer systems for various

agencies of the U.S. government.

"I designed the military jet aircraft flight test systems used by both the U.S. Air Force Flight Test Center in California, and the U.S. Navy Naval Air Test Center in Maryland," Dickhudt said.

Those two designs are just a sample of what Dickhudt accomplished. He also designed maritime-vessel tracking systems for the U.S. Coast Guard, implemented a worldwide command and control system for the U.S. Air Force Military Airlift Command and contributed to the design of flight test systems for the NASA X-33 air

and space vehicle. He also led the design of ground-based systems for the Air Force B-2 Stealth Bomber program.

"My work was recognized with a Presidential Freedom Award in 1994, and with a NASA Inventions Award in 1998," Dickhudt said.

Dickhudt has also been the vice president of Computer Sciences Corporation, which is one of America's Fortune 500 companies.

The first edition of Who's Who was in 1899, and featured 8,602 people. This year, there are over 100,000 individuals nationwide.

Attempts to gain enrollment for African-American History course fall flat as Entz leaves college

JESSICA ARNOLD
Spectator Staff

For the last 10 years, Gary Entz, associate professor of history, has offered a course entitled African-American History. However, student enrollment in the course has gradually declined until this interterm, when there were no students enrolled at all.

"The course hasn't been very popular," Entz said. "I designed this class 10 years ago. The first time it was offered, there were about 10 students enrolled - not bad for an elective history course. From then on, it just dropped."

The course has not been offered every year, although Entz stated that many students have professed interest in a course on African-American His-



Gary Entz

tory. Even with the proclaimed interest, however, the course continued to be unpopular until it died out.

Entz said he was unsure why the class failed to gain enrollment and explained that it could be the perception that he's a difficult instructor, "which I totally understand," Entz said.

While some in the student body claimed to be

unaware of the course, Eric Sader, senior history major, Salina, explained that he simply didn't have the time to fit it into his schedule.

"I knew the course was offered, I just couldn't take any history electives," Sader said.

Entz has a great deal of knowledge on African-American history, especially in connection to Kansas history. He has works published in several books, including "Organizing Black America: An Encyclopedia of African American Associations and Portraits of African American Life Since 1865," and is scheduled to speak on the subject at Kansas State University on Saturday for Reconnection III.

"When I first came to McPherson College, it

was criticized for having too narrow a focus - white-bred history, dead white males version, whatever you choose to call it," Entz said. "I tried to change that and now it seems like it's headed back that way."

To prove his point, he brought up the lack of courses dealing with minorities and women, with more cuts to come. For instance, Women in America, taught by Ocie Kilgus, will no longer be offered. There is no one to teach it, as Kilgus, along with Entz, is leaving the college as well.

"It has always been a very popular course, about twenty five students enrolled each time it was offered," Entz said. "And now it's gone. It's a sad thing that courses dealing with minorities and women are being taken away."

SGA MINUTES: APRIL 1, 2009

Opening: The regular meeting of the Student Government Association was called to order at 11:30 a.m. on April 1, 2009 in SGA Meeting Room by Kelsey Hempe, President.

Present: The regular meeting of the Student Government Association was called to order at 11:30 a.m. on April 1, 2009 in SGA Meeting Room by Kelsey Hempe, President.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved. Tiffany moved to approve. Randall seconded. Motion passed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March 18, 2009 were approved March 20, 2009.

C. Treasurer's Report

Following club budget money and other expenses, we have \$7,384. Kim is going to see where all the club accounts sit, so we will know if any will be in debt at the end of the semester. SGA will then decide how to proceed with campus blowout ideas.

D. Rep Reports- None

E. Exec. Reports- None

F. Old Business- None

G. New Business

We will be handing out petitions to fill all open positions. Petitions are due April 9, with elections being held April 16th. Petitions are being handed out: Thursday lunch by Tiffany and Kiley and dinner by Randall and Preston, Friday lunch by Kim and dinner by Jamie, Monday lunch by Kelsey and dinner by Liz, Tuesday lunch by Amanda and dinner by Lane. Petitions will be on Mary's stand. Please wear SGA shirts!

Adjournment:

Jamie moved to dismiss the meeting at 11:42 a.m. Randall seconded. Motion passed.

The next general meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2009 in SU Basement at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Elizabeth Krehbiel

Approved by: SGA Executive Board

SGA SPRING BUDGET

Alpha Psi Omega:	\$250.00
Behavioral Science:	\$100.00
Business Club:	\$700.00
American Marketing Association:	\$300.00
C.A.R.S.:	\$1,300.00
Graphic Design:	\$100.00
Rotoract:	\$350.00
Student Activities Board:	\$14,000.00
Spectator:	\$937.00
Teachers of Tomorrow:	\$500.00



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Rachel Leuthold, fr., Bern, pole vaults at the Bethel Track meet on April 10. Leuthold currently holds the school record in pole vault at 10 feet, 6 inches.

Five take first place honors in ACCK championships

CHRIS PLOOSTER
Spectator Staff

The track and field team has been busy this past week competing in two meets in the last five days, with some members headed to the Kansas Relays this weekend.

"The meets were all scheduled before I got here," said new head track and field coach Joe Eby, "(but) the team did fine with the schedule."

The Associated Colleges of Central Kansas Championships on April 10 saw five Bulldogs take home first place honors in their events. On the men's side, Jordan King, jr., Limon, Colo., won the 110-meter hurdles with a season best time of 15.26 seconds, only one-tenth of a second off the provisional national qualifying mark. Shaun Griffin, jr., Inman, won the 10,000-meter run, and Antwine Lamb, jr., Topeka, out-jumped the competition clearing 6

feet, 2 inches in the high jump.

In women's action at the ACCK meet, Melisa Grandison won the javelin with a throw of 122-9, and Rachel Leuthold picked up the win in the pole vault clearing 10-0.

The team took part in the Tabor Invitational on April 15. Lamb cleared 6-5 in the high jump to take first, while Grandison won the javelin with a throw of 115-5.

This weekend, Andrea Swanson, soph., Littleton, Colo., will compete in the shot put and Lamb will compete in the high jump at the Kansas Relays in Lawrence.

"Our goals for KU are to go and compete the best we can and get some great big meet experience to prepare us for nationals," Eby said.

The full Bulldog track and field team will be back in action on April 25 at the Bethel Invitational, the team's final meet before hosting the Kansas Collegiate Ath-

letic Conference Championships on May 1 and 2.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Jesse Jackson, fr., Crete Neb., runs in the 100-meter dash at the Bethel Track meet on April 10. First place honors were taken home in the 10,000 meter run, high jump, javelin, 110-meter hurdles and pole vault.

Athletics minimally affected by budget cuts

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

With all the budget cuts being made in academics and in other places on campus, it is a surprise to see that the athletic teams are not seeing much of that same heat.

Susan Barton, head volleyball coach, and Joseph Eby, head track and field coach, are both new this year to their teams and don't know the exact numbers from last year, but both know that not much is going to be different next year.

The Plan for Sustainability requires that the cost of athletic competitions be reduced by limiting the number and cost of non-conference competitions.

"We got our playing dates cut back," Barton said. "How many dates that we can play I believe it's 22 dates. Most peo-

ple play up to 30 playing dates. Last year we played only 22 so we're not actually losing anything because of the coaching change. We added another tournament this year, but I do camps and things over the summer and the girls help and we work extra hard to make some extra money to pay for that."

Barton has also purchased less this year than in seasons past. "I haven't ordered anything this year," Barton said. "All I need are flags for judging so I'm not going to order balls this year, I saved from back from last year. I've really tried to watch what I do."

The athletic uniform budget of \$15,000 is being completely eliminated for the fall of 2009 and will be reinstated at \$10,000 in the fall of 2010. The equipment budget is being cut by \$40,000 for the

fall of 2009 and will be increased by \$10,000 in the fall of 2010.

Because Eby just recently joined the program, he is unsure how the track and field program might change from years past.

"Coming in part way through the year, I don't know what they had last year," Eby said. The only thing that I heard is that I am not allowed to order any more equipment for this year. We ordered new uniforms this year, we ordered a lot of stuff this year so it wouldn't be on next year's budget so I shouldn't have any major issues."

Both volleyball and track are seeing cuts in extra spending, uniforms and equipment, but the overall changes in their divisions are minuscule compared to the other changes happening around campus next year.

Women's tennis wins match against Central Christian, while men continue to seek first win

BRY DANIELS
Spectator Staff

The men and women's tennis teams have had four matches so far this school year, and they only have five left before they finish up the 2009 season.

Coached by Dan Leddy, the majority of the players seem to enjoy their time on the court.

"I've always wanted to play and just never got the chance," said Ana Calderon, soph., Lone Tree, Colo., "And now that I'm playing, it's something challenging and fun. I only have myself to depend on during a match, so it's a different kind of focus for me than soccer is."

Two other soccer players joined the women's tennis team this season, sophomore Alyssa Baldi from Northglenn, Colo., and sophomore Haley Cook from Littleton, Colo. The rest of the women's team consists of

juniors Ashley Andrews, Oklahoma City; Kelsey Buffo, Valley Center, and Mallory Griggs, Colorado Springs.

For the women's side everybody is an essential player for the team, while on the men's side the key players include Jordan Rothrock, jr., McPherson; Nathan Clary, jr., McPherson, and Hermo Benito, Barcelona, Spain.

"I'm hoping to finish up in fifth or sixth place with the boys, and sixth or seventh place with the girls," Leddy said.

In order to do so, both teams are going to have to step up their competition. Overall, only the women's team has won a match so far, which was against Central Christian College on April 3. During their matches against Bethel and Tabor, neither of the teams won in the singles or the doubles. Cook was the only player to win her singles match on April 13,

which still results in an overall loss for the team.

Since this year is Haley's first to play for the bulldogs, she is pretty excited about it.

"I wanted to try something new," Cook said. "They needed some girls to join and I figured it would be a good opportunity for me. The atmosphere is a great one and all the people are excited to be here and play. Plus it helps when everyone is positive and helping each other. I love it!"

This kind of attitude is exactly what Leddy is looking for in his players.

"My goals for the rest of the season are simple," Leddy said. "I'd like to finish as high as we can and as best as we can. Plus I'd like everybody to become better on and off the courts. And I'd like all of my players to be respectful and have good sportsmanship on and off the courts as well."

McPherson High alum Frazier signs with Swartzendruber for basketball

McPherson College has announced the recent signing of Aaron Frazier of McPherson, and Barton County Community College to a basketball letter of intent for the 2009-10 school year.

Frazier played this past season for Barton County Community College in Great Bend, under coach Craig Fletchall.

The 6'0", 180-pound Frazier was a first team All-Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League and second team Class 5A All-State selection as a senior for McPherson High coach Kurt Kinnamon, after averaging 14 points, five assists and three rebounds per game as a senior.

As a junior, Frazier had been named to the All-AVCTL second team.

"I am extremely pleased that Aaron has chosen to continue his education and basketball career at McPherson College," said McPherson College head coach Tim Swartzendruber. "Aaron is a class act."

"Aaron is an excellent student. He will represent our basketball program and college with pride both on and off the floor. He is just a fine young man and will be a great fit for us."



Photo by McPherson College Communications Department

Aaron Frazier (center) joined by his parents Ernie and Renee Frazier and McPherson College head coach Tim Swartzendruber (back) recently signed to join McPherson's basketball team. Frazier will come to McPherson from Barton County Community College. At McPherson High School, Frazier averaged 14 points, five assists and three rebounds per game.

"Aaron played in a tremendous high school program for a great coach, Kurt Kinnamon. The fact he has been well schooled will make his adjustment here very smooth. He had a chance to be part of an outstanding team and program at Barton County. I think the fact he has one year of college experience under his belt will allow him to be an impact player for us next year. I couldn't be more excited about a recruit."

Atwo-sport athlete, Frazier was named the MVP of the AVCTL in both basketball and soccer as

a senior for the Bullpups of McPherson HS. He set a school record in soccer with 67 career goals.

Frazier received first team Class 5A All-State honors in soccer as a senior after being named second team Class 5A All-State as a junior. Frazier was named to the All-AVCTL first team in soccer as both a junior and senior after receiving second team honors as a sophomore.

Aaron is the son of Ernie and Renee Frazier of McPherson. He plans to major in business management.

Donor-funded renovations hoped to be completed in four weeks

AUDREY SECKER
Sports Editor

"The college accepted these donations knowing that these funds would not have been given for any other project."

- LaMonte Rothrock

Renovations on the tennis courts started April 15.

"The courts are going to have a new four-inch post tension concrete, new color coating, new fences, new net posts and nets," said Lamonte Rothrock, dean of students.

The renovations are going to cost approximately \$125,000 and are being paid for completely by donors.

The primary donor is Doris Coppock, and the rest of the funding is coming from friends of Coppock and McPherson College.

"The college was approached by Dr. Doris Coppock to renovate the courts for the college to help out the tennis program, physical education program and just general exercise activities for students," Rothrock said.

Coppock started the

Tennis team in 1975 and coached it until her retirement in 1992.

"The college accepted the donations knowing that these funds would not have been given for any other project. We are also excited to be able to recognize Dr. Coppock for her commitment and passions to the college and the students."

Rothrock said the college hopes to have the renovations complete so people may play on them within four weeks, weather permitting.

A formal dedication of the courts will take place during Homecoming weekend, set for October 2 and 3, 2009.



Photo by Jessuca Monaghan

Shaylin King, jr., Wichita, swings a pitch during a home game against Southwestern on April 7. The team won the game 11-7 making it the 12th win of the season.

Softball heads into last five games with 14-13 record

KELLI FOWLDS
Spectator Staff

The softball team is heading into its final games. Along with the Sterling Invitational, the team has also played Tabor, Sterling, Southwestern and Friends.

After its win against Tabor, the team finished the Sterling Invitational with three wins against Central Christian College, the University of Sioux Falls and Langston University. The Bulldogs lost to the College of St. Mary and Bellevue University. The first game in April was a loss against Sterling. But the girls were able to rack up a win three days later against Southwestern. The team then played Friends on April 10, which ended in another loss. The team won two games over Kansas Wesleyan University on April 15.

With a good portion of the season over, the team is still struggling to find its niche.

"We have a lot of talent, but we're just still figuring out the best way to use that talent as a team," said Amy Ziegler, sr., Hudson,

"We are working out all the kinks that we have had in recent games, working more on batting and most of all, working on our communication," said Kelly Custer, fr. Elkhart.

-Kelly Custer

Ziegler said, "We are going to have to come out thinking that we need to work hard to win it and not that it's going to be an easy win."

The Bethany game is also the team's senior night. The seniors this year are Katie

Sorensen, sr., Gunnison, Colo.; Erikka Viehman, sr., Gunnison, Colo.; Ziegler, Taylor Parsons, sr., Westminster, Colo., and Amanda Gray, sr., Prairie Village. These women have given much to the team and have helped teach the underclassmen many important aspects of the game.

"I have learned that even if you screw up or do something wrong to keep trying and do better next time," Custer said.

Green said she has learned to stay positive and practice hard.

"I will miss their attitude and creativity to make practice fun," Green said.

Colo.

In these last few games, the Bulldogs are working to tighten up certain areas of the field.

"Our defense is good minus a few errors and our hitting is good, but usually only for one or two innings," said Sadie Green, fr., Hutchinson. "If we could hit the whole game, it would help."

Ziegler agrees there are just a few timing errors with the hitting that other teams are capitalizing on, but the team is working to improve this.

The next game is Saturday at 1 p.m. against Bethany College. In order to prepare for the game, the Bulldogs are really focusing on cleaning up the small errors.

Football team training hard to improve KCAC standing

JAMES TUTTLE
Spectator Staff

After a four-win season last year, the Bulldogs are working hard to improve their standing in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The football team will hold its annual 60-play spring scrimmage at noon on Saturday. The offensive and defensive squads will square off in a full-pad scrimmage.

"The guys have been working hard in the weight room and out on the field, doing a lot of conditioning and training," said Junior Talutau, jr., Mali, Hawaii.

Last season, the Bulldogs had an up-and-down year. They won two of their first three games, handily defeating Bethany College and Southwestern College. However, in their final seven games, they won only twice.

Part of this inconsistent play may have been due to the fact that the team lost their first and second string quarterbacks in the first game of the season. One of the keys to a successful season next year will be staying healthy.

"They've just got to stay healthy," Talutau said. "If they stay healthy, we should be able to make a good run next year."

However, Talutau himself is out with an injury and will not be participating in the spring game.

"I'm getting ready to come back this summer," Talutau said.

The Bulldogs will return many key contributors from last year, but they will lose Gary Cox, sr., Glendale, Ariz., who led the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in all-purpose



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Football team practices on April 16 for its scrimmage on Saturday April 18.



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Shane Mascarenas, jr., Glendale Ariz., practices searches for a wide receiver during a scrimmage.

yards, averaging 175.1 yards per game. Chris Lange, soph.,

Midwest City, Okla., believes that the 2009 team will be more successful

than they were in 2008. Lange said this year's team is "a lot more disciplined."

"We know we can be a serious contender this year," Lange said.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs will be able to show to themselves and everyone else what they have been getting up early in the morning for.

"(We feel) excitement to get out there on the field and hit somebody," Lange said.

The public is invited to the scrimmage and is encouraged to come out and watch a preview of the 2009 Bulldog football team.

The scrimmage is a chance for the team to improve weak areas and maximize areas of strength.

"If anybody is around, they should come check it out," Lange said.

The Bulldogs first regular season game is Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence. The team's first home game will be against Friends University on Sept. 12. at 7 p.m.

McPherson beat Haskell, but fell to Friends last season.

Lamb, Leuthold set new high jump, pole vault records

LETERIUS RAY
Spectator Staff

The statistic has become the gauge for success in athletics. Whether it is yards on the grid iron or points on the hardwood, the more the better. People often use statistics to compare teams and athletes of different eras, but evolution of size and game speed has limited those comparisons.

There is one sport where the measuring stick has remained constant. That is the world of track and field. Measurements of time and distance have transcended generations. So there is little argument to be made when marks fall, because the stats do not lie.

McPherson College has witnessed the fall of two school records during the 2009 track and field season. The first came on Jan. 17, at the Kansas State Invitational. Rachel Leuthold's, fr., Bern, pole vault of 10 feet, 6 inches ranks her first on McPherson College's all-time record list. The former record was a 10-2 vault from Terra Simoneau in 2003.

While happy with her record of 10-6, Leuthold is aiming for 11 feet.

Leuthold has been vaulting for 7 years.

"My dad use to vault in high school and now he coaches," Leuthold said. "He got me started with the sport."

Leuthold is the only pole vaulter on the track team.

"I had a lot more people vaulting with me in high school," Leuthold said. "It's weird being the only one."

A second record would fall at the McPherson College Invitational, when Antowine Lamb, jr., Topeka, rewrote history in the high jump.



Antowine Lamb



Rachel Leuthold

"I didn't have any goals," said Lamb, "I just wanted to jump."

His clearance of 6-9 1/2 broke the school record, qualified him for the national championships and currently stands as the second best in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The previous McPherson College high jump record was held by David Bader, since 1989.

"I (set the high jump record) in middle school, and I don't think anyone has broken it still, but breaking a record in college, at my first collegiate meet, that feels good," Lamb said.

Both athletes achieved their records setting marks in their first track meets of the season. Lamb opened up his season at home in the McPherson Invitational, after spending his first half of the year playing for the men's basketball team.

Peace pole new addition to Harnly Garden

JILLIAN OVERSTAKE
Spectator Staff

On a cold, April morning, a group of faculty, students and onlookers gathered at Harnly Garden. A tall, freestanding wooden pole gathered the attention of the group that included members of Phi Alpha Theta, a history honors society. This group is responsible for the newest addition to campus, a Peace Pole.

Started by the World Peace Society in 1955 by Masahisa Goi of Japan, the Peace Pole Project spans 190 countries and worldwide has placed over 200,000 poles. The idea is to spread a message of peace through different languages on each side of the geometric poles. McPherson's eight-language pole reads just as the thousands of other poles worldwide, "May

Peace Prevail on Earth." This pole joins another on campus, a four-language pole near Miller Library as well as one near the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

Phi Alpha Theta decided to give the campus this piece of harmony at the suggestion of advisor Gary Entz, associate professor of history. Entz spoke at the ceremony, recalling that years ago he hoped to place a Peace Pole on campus. His urgency for the project was made clear through the announcement of his resignation early this semester.

"It is time for healing to begin on this campus," Entz said at the ceremony. "This Peace Pole can remind us of that."

Phi Alpha Theta President Eric Sader, sr., Salina, along with the rest of the group, chose the



Photo by Benjamin Denton

Phi Alpha Theta members, faculty, students and community members gather in Harnly Garden on April 8, for the Peace Pole ceremony. The Peace Pole has eight different languages on it selected by Phi Alpha Theta members.

eight languages to be put on the pole. Each pole is unique, and with over 100 languages to choose from, the group had a difficult decision to make.

"Selecting languages was certainly a fun and appealing aspect to Phi Alpha Theta," Sader said, "with contemplating both the historical and contemporary cultural landscape of the United States and the global environment at large."

The group wanted to

choose languages of historical importance and also different languages than the pole at Miller Library and the church. The final decision was made just a few weeks before the installation of the pole. With the help of Entz, the group decided on Arabic, Latin, Hebrew, English, Lakota Sioux, Korean, Hausa, Sanskrit and a Braille plate.

"Phi Alpha Theta wanted a diffused language set to help represent all

peoples, especially those sometimes not recognized as prominent to our everyday lives," Sader said.

Phi Alpha Theta member Chris LaBrie, sr., Newton, N.J., said he felt the Peace Pole was an "appropriate addition" to the campus.

"With the languages of the Middle East and the major world religions together, it might inspire others to work towards peace around the world," LaBrie said.

The dedication cer-

emony itself lasted only a few moments, perhaps because of the cold. Entz gave a brief history of the project and spoke of why each language was chosen. Tom Hurst, director of campus ministry, led a prayer. The members of Phi Alpha Theta gathered for a photo. Although a cold wind swept the ceremony, the trees in Harnly Garden were starting to bud, leaves, greening, leaving evidence of spring – a season of peace.

Professor Mounts retires

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Laura Ells, provost and dean of the faculty, announced on April 6 via e-mail, the retirement of professor Alice Mounts.

Mounts currently teaches mathematics courses part time.

"This semester will be the completion of my third year at McPherson College," Mounts said. "I enjoy teaching all of my

classes, but the Calculus II class is my favorite."

"She is a great teacher," said math major Carol Allen, soph., Oskaloosa. "She was always very polite and easy to talk to."

Mount's favorite teaching memory is "having a student say that they now understand some mathematical concept."

After retiring in May, she plans on helping out her husband.

"My husband has a



Alice Mounts

small remodel/construction business," Mounts

said. "I have already been helping him during the summer months. I will enjoy having more time to visit with our children and grandchildren. I also want to travel to some additional states that I have never been to."

Mounts hopes to travel on her Gold Wing motorcycle with her husband when the weather is nice.



Photo by Kelsie Patrick

Intern Queen Lauren Berger answers more questions for students after her presentation on internships.

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talking about at first."

Sievers had a similar experience.

"I was in my room talking to my roommate, and Kelsey Hempe (soph., Wichita) walked in and said 'Congratulations VP.'"

Both Allison and Sievers immediately called their parents to tell them the news.

Some of the things they plan on doing with their leadership, starting this spring, are gaining better control of meetings, having executive officers attend training for parliamentary procedures, e-mailing campus the budget and posting it monthly in *The Spectator*, providing something people can see SGA represented in, going to meetings for the clubs whose budgets they provide and cooperating with the administration more.

They want to be visible to the student body as well as approachable. There have been questions about what exactly SGA does and Allison and Sievers plan on showing it.

In previous years, SGA functioned as both the student government and what the Student Activities Board currently does. After separating, there were fewer things that were visible markers of what SGA did for the students. Regardless of this, the new SGA president and vice president have the determination to make SGA visible to the campus.



Photos by Benjamin Denton

Top: Snow covers cars on Euclid after Spring Break.

Center: Jenni Birdsall, soph., Lansang, and Andrew Paschall, jr., Clay Center, play in the snow.

Photo by Erica Shook

Left: Firemen untangle the flag outside of Dotzour.



Spring snow storms, wind cause mixed feelings for campus

Intern Queen speaks, students listen, learn

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"You gotta go in there with passion and excitement," said Lauren Berger to a room full of students on April 7.

Berger, known as the Intern Queen, took her own advice during her four years of college and landed 15 internships.

"When we want things, we don't like to take no for an answer," Berger said. It was this same initiative that Berger used to secure internships in writing, entertainment and public relations firms such as Fox, NBC, MTV and BWR Public Relation.

Berger also worked at Us Weekly, which was her dream job.

"I took a risk and I had my dream job," Berger said.

While working at BWR Public Relation, Berger found a business card for Kevin Baker, who was the editor of Us Weekly at that time. She decided to drop Baker a line by e-mail and after a few months, Berger was on her way to Barbados on assignment for Us Weekly.

"That's what a risk can do," Berger said. "The worst they can do is say no."

Berger, who graduated from the University of

Central Florida in 2006, now resides in Los Angeles. After realizing she had already worked her dream job, she decided to "be the bridge for students" and internships, and started Intern Queen Inc.

Berger's company is a website, internqueen.com, that provides internship listings and internship advice.

Berger said internships will help a student realize whether they're on the right career track by providing an answer of "A, I love this or B, I hate this."

Berger contacted Chris Wiens, director of Career Services, about coming to speak at McPherson during her 2009 College Tour.

Wiens had no doubt that Berger was the right person to speak with McPherson students.

"The fact that she did 15 internships in four years really caught my attention," Wiens said.

Wiens also said that many of the college's speakers focus on the business and auto restoration departments, so she liked that Berger's interest was in the communication field.

"I thought she had a lot of really good info," Wiens said. "She confirmed a lot of things I tell (students) in class."