STUDENTS AND ALUMNI FULFILL

A MISSION TO SERVE
Moving MC forward

I recall an afternoon last June when the development directors met with Michael Schneider, vice president of advancement, to brainstorm a name for the new three-year comprehensive campaign to be launched in the fall. I don’t think any of us in the meeting realized at the time just how appropriate the name we chose, MC Forward, would be in the months to come.

It’s been a year of change and challenges. The economic downturn that has reverberated throughout the country prompted the board of trustees to take measures to safeguard the economic viability of the college by issuing a Plan for Sustainability in December that proposed trimming budgets and programs, faculty and staff positions. Students wondered if their programs would be affected. At the same time, the college was involved in a presidential search.

Emotions ran high. All stakeholders wanted what was best for their college, though not everyone agreed on what “best” was. These were anxious and stressful times… the waiting and wondering, the uncertainty. Yet in the midst of it all, one could not help but see the many good things happening at McPherson College.

This issue of the Review offers a snapshot of a number of those good things happening at MC, from a look at some of the largest growing programs/majors on campus, to record high enrollment and retention numbers of current students, to national recognition for our service program and a glimpse of unique interterm experiences that have become a norm at McPherson College.

We have come through the waiting period. A newly revised Plan for Sustainability sets the course the college will take. Michael Schneider has been selected as the college’s next president. With his energy, his passion for the college, and his ability to lead and succeed, he will take the college forward. He’d like our help!

Now, more than ever, McPherson College needs the support of her alumni and friends—by encouraging your children, grandchildren and other students to attend MC, by offering internship and career opportunities to our students, by serving on boards and committees on campus, to be a guest speaker, attending college events both on and off campus, through your financial support and certainly through your continued prayers.

Together we can move MC Forward.

Regards,

Sally Nelson ’78
Director of Alumni Development
Ron Hovis retires from McPherson College presidency

Ronald D. Hovis, thirteenth president of McPherson College, will close another chapter in his relationship with the college at the end of this school term. As an MC alumnus, Hovis attended McPherson College from 1973-77 and served on the board of trustees from 1991-2000. He joined the business faculty in August, 2000, and received the appointment as president of MC on March 1, 2003.

That appointment came, Hovis said, at a time when the college faced enormous challenges. Although the college had just completed some new buildings on campus and had renovated the athletic facility, student retention stood at a 40-year low and the bear markets of 2000-01 had resulted in a decrease in the endowment funds. The college also faced an accreditation review.

“Ron brought a whole new perspective and problem-solving approach to all of us at the college,” said Vincente Gooel, then chairman of the board of trustees. “He used his strong business and management experience to guide us to a different business model that demanded strong goals, good information and data to devise plans and make decisions, and benchmarks to evaluate our progress. He used this model not just to look at the business operations, but at the very core of our academic programs.”

The president’s approach to the problems was systematic, direct and efficient. The focus on curriculum led to a more career-oriented experience. Curriculum changes in the curriculum were enacted, with auto restoration moving from the student’s own projects to the business curriculum also grew.

“Mr. Schneider holds a master of business administration from the University of Denver and a bachelor of science in communications,” said Vincette Goerl, then president of the college. “His organizational/management skills are amazing and keeping ahead of him a virtually impossible. I have learned so much from him and will miss him very much.”

You are making an “M”Pact!

Making an “M”Pact is what you are doing.

Project Connect students have been calling you since October and finished up in April.

Since October, the 16 Project Connect students have made 5848 phone calls and been able to reach 1573 alumni. Over $80,000 in pledges has been made, reaching 80% of our goal of $100,000. Additionally, you have provided us with 51 names of potential students that may be interested in McPherson College. Another great “M”Pact.

The annual Project Connect Phonathon is a critical component of our annual scholarship fund. Each fall and spring semester, approximately 15 students call over 6000 McPherson College alumni. The purpose of each call is to verify your address we have on file, provide you with an update on current campus events, and lastly, to ask for your financial support.

The students have felt your “M”Pact every time they talked to you. And not just for the financial support, but the interest you have taken in them over the phone, and especially in making them feel good about themselves for being a part of the McPherson College experience.
Dave O’Dell

Dave O’Dell, professor of accounting, was elected as chair of the Kansas Educational Foundation of the Kansas Society of CPAs last November. This foundation is responsible for allocating scholarship monies for students studying in the field of accounting at regent’s universities and independent universities and colleges. They annually disperse between $30,000 – 35,000 in scholarship money.

Gary Entz

Gary R. Entz, Ph.D., associate professor of history was the keynote speaker for the conference “Reconnection III,” held on the campus of Kansas State University, April 17 & 18, 2009. The “Reconnection” conferences celebrate the heritage of the Kansas Exodus of 1873-1880 and the living descendents of the Exoduster migrants. Dr. Entz delivered a talk on Benjamin “Bap” Singleton and African-American colonies in Kansas.

Herb Smith

Professor Herb Smith has two publications coming out soon – a book on “Genesis” for the Gateh ‘Round biblical studies series and a review of “Imitating Jesus: An Inclusive Approach to New Testament Ethics” by Richard Burridge for Brethren Life & Thought. In addition, Smith will be giving several presentations this summer in Pennsylvania, two for the Pennsylvania Chautauqua Society including “Chinese Religions” and “Near Death Experiences: Psychological & Testament Ethics” by Richard Burridge for Brethren Life & Thought. Herb Smith’s publications include “The World’s Largest Outdoor Museum!” and “Cyberspace.”

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**Who’s Who recipients selected**

Six McPherson College seniors have been selected by faculty to represent the college as Who’s Who awardees for the 2008-2009 school year. Recipients of this award are Cody Doll of Hesston, Kan., Adrielle Harvey of Beverly, Kan., James Brandon Luter of Bayfield, Colo., Tiffany Nichepor of Ness City, Kan., Amy Parnell of Liberal, Kan., and Eric Sader of Derby, Kan. These students exemplify the college’s mission, scholarship, participation, and service. These six students will be recognized at an Honors Convocation in the spring.

**Enrollment at 30 year high**

“McPherson College begins this spring term with one of the highest second semester full-time enrollments in over three decades,” said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. “As of February 27, the 20th day of class and official enrollment day, 465 full time students were enrolled at McPherson College. The boost in enrollment was due, in part, to a 91 percent fall to spring retention rate,” Rothrock said.

The admissions office was pleased to report that 26 new students had enrolled for Interterm and spring. The Admissions staff continues to recruit students for fall 2009. According to a campus release from David Barrett, director of admissions, students accepted have increased 16 percent from last year, while campus visits are up 20 percent. Barrett also reported that deposits for fall 2009 are slightly higher than they were last year at this time.

**McPherson College announces retirees**

It’s hard on families when students go away to college. It’s also hard when family members go away from college. So it is with this year’s five retirees from McPherson College. They have been part of the college family for so long, they will surely be missed. The college would not have been the same without them.

For the past 30 years, Dr. Susan Taylor has been a part-time English and journalism instructor, head librarian, director of the Learning Center, full-time professor, acting registrar, assessment coordinator, associate provost and dean of academic resources, and journalism professor. During her tenure, she received the Tenured Faculty Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching and Service to Students in 2004-05 and McPherson College Board of Trustees Citation of Merit Award in 2001.

To me the heart of McPherson College has been its ties to the Church of the Brethren and thus emphasis on service and social justice issues, and its emphasis on the liberal arts and lifelong learning,” Taylor said. “We cannot educate students for all the careers they might have in the next 80 years, but we can teach them to think critically, to write, and to know how to find and evaluate information.”

Donna Swenson has been a employed by MC since 1981. She first served as secretary to vice-president for administrative services, switched to financial services, after which she worked in the office of communications. In between two stints in the advancement office, she also served as secretary to the president. Donna will leave her current position as advancement assistant at the end of June.

Her husband, Carl, has been with the college nine years. He came to the college after a 32-year career in public education. “Swen” served first as director of annual giving and sports information director at the college before moving full-time into the position of sports information director. One of the most important perks of his job, he said, was working in the same building as Donna and being able to have lunch with her on a regular basis. “We’re looking forward to still remaining part of the college community in the future,” says Carol.

Roger Trimmell is leaving after 27 years at McPherson College. During his tenure, Roger served as head men’s basketball coach for 26 years and as an assistant professor of physical education since 1982. Says Trimmell of his time at MC, “I always viewed the Sport Center as a classroom. Athletics offers a unique opportunity, in an emotional atmosphere, to intentionally teach the qualities of teamwork, cooperation, responsibility and sportsmanship. It has been very rewarding to see our basketball players grow and mature during their time at McPherson College, graduate and move on to their own successful careers.”

Also leaving the physical education department is Mel Wright. Wright came to MC in 1995 and coached the women’s basketball program for 10 years. He also taught in the physical education program and continued with that for the past four years.

**Homecoming alert**

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming ‘09!

**October 2-4, 2009**

Reunions of 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004, will take place during Homecoming ‘09. Watch the website for more information this summer. www.mcpherson.edu/alumni/homecoming
The Paul Harris 1932 Ford Tracknose Roadster

McPherson College recently received a generous donation to the auto restoration program. The gift is a 1932 Ford Tracknose Roadster and was graciously given by noted Salina, Kan., car collector Roger Morrison. This car is unique due to its “tracknose” design and extensive documented history.

In 1948, Paul Harris built the car with the sole intention of racing it at the Bonneville Salt Flats. In August of 1950 he made it to Bonneville and managed to get the car up to 131.19 miles per hour before the rear axle gave out. In the following years Harris raced the car successfully at numerous tracks around California. Some of the car’s most notable achievements during that time were breaking the closed course speed record at the San Jose Speedway in 1951 and winning the 1951 California Roadster Show.

Mr. Morrison has been a long time supporter of McPherson College and currently serves as chairman of the automotive restoration program’s National Advisory Board. Guests are welcome to view the car at the McPherson College campus.
Two McPherson College seniors have been honored as recipients of the Kansas Department of Education “Teacher of Promise” award. Katelyn Lamb of Hesston, Kan., and Erica Shook of McPherson, Kan., were selected by the faculty of the McPherson College teacher education department for this distinction.

“With the skills and dispositions that Katelyn and Erica display, they serve as excellent representatives of the high quality educators we produce,” said Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, professor of education at McPherson College.

Katelyn Lamb, who also serves on the teacher education board, is working on elementary education licensure with English as a second language endorsement. She anticipates student teaching next fall. Says Shook, “The thing that I look forward to most in teaching is seeing my passion for literature passed onto my students...to show them that reading can be enjoyable instead of tedious. The amount of pedagogical knowledge the professors in the McPherson College teacher education department have is astounding. They, as well as all of the other Mc professors that have contributed to my liberal arts education, are giving me an incredible base to begin my teaching career with.”

“The mission of the teacher education program is to develop service-oriented educators who effectively blend the art and science of teaching,” adds Kimbrell.

Both Lamb and Shook were acknowledged at the teacher of the year banquet which is sponsored by the KSDE (Kansas State Department of Education).

A good class is one in which students can take the lessons out into the real world. It’s a great class when the world is the classroom.

Forty-seven students from McPherson College and 30 others, including three instructors, a couple of spouses, and alumni and friends, had that experience over Interim. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, took two groups to Egypt. Ann Zerger, assistant professor of art, and Kenneth Vohn, assistant professor of history, took a group of 28, including 21 students, to Italy.

Vohn and Zerger taught two courses on campus in the first half of January, Vohn on ancient and modern Italian history and Zerger’s on art history. They then took those students to Italy for a firsthand experience of what they had learned in the classroom.

They flew to Rome, where they spent two days, then traveled north by charter bus to visit the medieval town of Orvieto and an overnight stay in Sienna. Then they visited San Gimignano and on to Florence for a day. On the way to Venice, where they spent two days, they stopped at Pisa. On the return to Rome, they stopped at the Basilica of Assisi, home of St. Francis. They arrived back in McPherson nine days after departure. A full schedule, indeed, but the professors built in some flexible time, too.

“We worked hard to provide structured learning opportunities such as museum visits and local walking tours,” Vohn said. “But at the same time, we made sure that the students were given ample opportunity to leave the beaten path of a packaged program and follow their own natural curiosity and interests.”

All the travelers had their own list of highlights, but Vohn was absolutely floored by Rome. Looking around inside the Colosseum, the Forum and the ruined Palace of Caesar, and then to step into Saint Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican left me stunned with a sense of awe and beauty,” he said.

Besides all the historic sites, the group saw the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican museums, and galleries, such as the Uffizi in Florence. It took Zerger’s art history course to a completely new level.

“This was the first time that I could teach about the art and then have the students experience the art they had studied,” Zerger said.

“It made a huge difference in how the students perceived art and its importance.”

The trip worked better than either professor had imagined. Both give the students much credit for the success of the trips.

“We knew that we had a really great group of students and, given the opportunity, they would discover things that would create a truly personal learning experience and leave them with a sense of achievement, confidence and thirst to learn on their own terms,” Vohn said.

“I find it one of my highlights of teaching—watching the students experience such great art and architecture,” said Zerger. “It was a wonderful experience, and I hope to do it again.”

Smith is an old hand at student trips; he’s taken students on 18 trips to various places around the globe.

“Egypt is No. 1,” he said. “Everything is four-star.”

Smith took two groups on a 10-day trip. The first group of 30 included 26 students from Mac College; the second group of 22 had one student. Non-student participants included, among others, a former professor of art at Yale and Harvard universities, and a professor of medieval history at Pugst Sound University in Tacoma, Wash.

Smith said he designed the trips as an introduction to ancient Egyptian culture, focusing on the temples, and how it may or may not have influenced Judeo-Christian thought.

The groups visited the pyramids of Giza, underground tombs at Saqqara, temples at Karnak and Luxor, temples on the island of Philae, the pyramids and horse-drawn carriage rides, and they danced wearing native costumes.

Smith finds that “Egypt is an incredibly engaging culture” and the Egyptians exuberant. He’s noticed a lot of changes in the Islamic nation in the past 15 years, though. Almost all of the women now wear veils, which was not the case previously, and there are calls to prayers five times a day.

If you didn’t make any of these trips, not to worry. More are in the works. Vohn and Zerger hope to repeat their art and history journey, and Smith is planning a trip to Turkey next January.
Student life has traditionally been a selling point of McPherson College. Be it Homecoming or All Schools Day, students have been finding ways to keep the campus alive with activity for years.

LaMont Rothrock, ’80, current dean of students, and Dr. Bruce Clary, ’77, associate professor of English, remember several activities that helped to define MC.

Much like today, students enjoyed several Homecoming traditions on campus. Rothrock remembers the tug of war across the lagoon, as well as a Homecoming parade downtown with floats that were then displayed around the college track.

Many of Clary’s memories of MC come from the Mac Shack, a gathering place for students which was located where Templeton Hall currently sits. Clary remembers the Mac Shack as a “wonderful old two-story house, painted white, with a covered porch and an external staircase, kind of like a fire escape up to the second floor, which had served in previous years as a second-hand clothing exchange for students.”

In the coffeehouse atmosphere that the Mac Shack provided, students enjoyed listening to music and playing games, like chess, or the most popular—spades. Clary remembers spades tournaments sponsored by the Mac Shack attracting so many students that they occasionally had to be moved to the Student Union.

“After my freshman year, our warm and welcoming old house was razed to make room for Templeton Hall, and for two years those of us who missed that alternative gathering place did fundraisers to raise $3,000 to match money provided by the college for the construction of a new Mac Shack—the red and white equipment shed that still stands north of Melhorn Hall,” Clary said. “We managed to open it during my senior year, but the cold metal shed with the colder concrete floor couldn’t begin to compare with the memories of our old house, and after all our efforts to get the Mac Shack back, it folded in a matter of months.”

Convocations were, in the past, an outlet for student activity with a tradition of pranks over the years. Rothrock remembers several pranks in Brown Auditorium, including the chairs being pushed to the stage, marbles being rolled to the front. “Fancy” residents dressing in academic regalia and sitting in the front, and more recent pranks, such as his office furniture being placed on stage.

Much like events today, students also participated in pool and ping pong tournaments. Clary remembers winning one of those pool tournaments. Another event that resembles SAB’s current “Mac’s Got Talent,” was the MC version of The Gong Show.

“The Gong Show shared much in common with American Idol,” Clary said. “It was essentially a talent search, but any member of the student body panel had the prerogative to cut the performer’s act short by banging a gong with a big mallet.”

Students also participated in a quiz show, where Clary remembers faculty teams including Lee Lengel and Wes DeCourcy participating to “provide formidable competition and lots of laughs.”

Traditions remain and change

Today campus is still abuzz with student activity, and while some traditions remain, many have changed.

MC continues to strive to be a place where students are offered a wide array of opportunities outside the classroom. Through residence life, athletics, co-curricular clubs, and campus activities sponsored by Student Activities Board (SAB), students are kept busy both on and off campus.

“Eighty percent of a student’s day is spent outside the classroom. Student Services’ job is to create the environment and meet the students’ basic needs so they can be successful in their academic endeavors,” said LaMont Rothrock, dean of students. “So healthy food, good sleep and study environments, fun and physical activity are very important to assist in attaining the ultimate goal of graduation and career placement.”

Perhaps two of the most popular events are weekly Tuesday night movies and monthly Friday night bowling, both sponsored by Student Activities Board. SAB also tries to offer two other activities per month to give students a chance to be active both on and off campus.

“I love to think of new ways to get everyone on campus to mix with one another,” said Megan McKnight, SAB president. “It takes a lot of dedicated time, but it is worth it.”

Students enjoy winning prizes at events like Bingo and Casino Night, as well as a talent show planned for the spring. Comedy troops and an occasional hypnotist brought to campus are fun events and well attended. Off campus excursions include trips to locations in nearby cities such as Wichita and Salina. “Mac always seems to have something going on, whether it is $2 movies, bowling, late night donuts at Druber’s, or random competitions throughout the campus. There always seems to be something that everyone can participate in and have a blast doing,” said Emily Donna, ’07, Goddard, Kan.

Not only are students active around campus, the residence life staff is committed to building relationships within the residence halls by providing activities for students to interact with and get to know others in the hall better. “Activities provide a time for the students in the residence hall to interact with each other and to provide time for bonding,” said Ashley Andrews, jr., Oklahoma City. “It’s a time to escape from the stresses of school and just enjoy each other’s company, a vital piece of being a dorm family.”

Not unlike traditions in the past, one of the biggest and most looked forward to events is Campus Blowout, which takes place on All School’s Day. Students are encouraged to put together teams and participate in afternoon competitions. There are also activities and prizes throughout the day for those who want to come and watch.

“Campus Blowout provides a campus wide event in the middle of a busy academic period. It brings students together to have an awesome time with great weather,” said Melissa Grandison, soph., Quinter.

“What is better than hands on activities with your friends and a little competition for bragging rights? Not to mention awesome prizes.”

All School’s Day downtown allows students to get out in the McPherson community by attending the annual All School’s Day parade. “This is a way in which the college connects students with a tradition that the community of McPherson has had for many years,” says Rothrock.

Students and alumni are also given a chance to interact during this celebration with the annual Senior Drive-Thru (the gasho), hosted by the alumni office. The drive-thru is a “rite of passage” for seniors making the transition from student to alumnus. “Part of improving our retention is creating traditions that students, staff and faculty look forward to,” adds Rothrock.

Outside of campus activities and clubs, students participate in other co-curriculars, including athletics, choir, band and theatre. These co-curricular events allow students to get to know others outside of their typical class day and residence hall. In fact, students agree that these groups allow them to form the friendships that they most value on campus.

“As a freshman I wasn’t sure what to expect but I soon realized that I could be as involved as I wanted to be in the theatre department,” Donell said. “As a senior I was able to be in the first play of the year, stage manager of the second, and now I am working on the choreography for the musical. It all depends on what you choose to be.”

Whether the event is new or has been happening for years, MC is traditionally dedicated to making sure students are offered every opportunity to be active. From residence halls to $2 movies to co-curriculars, MC activities will continue to thrive and allow students opportunities to expand their horizons and build lasting friendships.

Alive with Activity
When new students arrive on the MC campus, most are entering a new chapter in their lives, ready to meet new people and try new activities. At the same time, many are apprehensive leaving home to come to campus. Luckily, each student has developed a relationship with one staff member throughout the previous few months—his or her admissions counselor.

The recruiting staff includes four counselors, Nick Glanzer, Judy Jacobs, Matt Pfannenstiel, and Matt Tobias, and director of admissions, David Barrett. Each counselor works to recruit students to McPherson College from his or her pool of students—typically divided by geographical location: Barrett, however, works primarily with transfer students, and Jacobs is the early awareness counselor working with high school sophomores and juniors, as well as recruiting for the R3 degree completion program.

“The most rewarding part of the recruiting process is seeing our students walk in formation with the rest of the freshmen on Orientation Day with the bagpipes blaring,” Jacobs said, “and seeing their teary-eyed parents with proud smiles on their faces, who know that in just four years their children will be ready to take on the next stage in their lives.”

The admissions process consists of several traditional methods, such as bulk mailings, phone calls, college fairs and high school visits, but each counselor has his or her own method of getting students to campus. “My recruiting philosophy is a lot different than what I was taught while in school. I text message, Facebook, and call students to provide them with an experience that they enjoy being a part of.”

Matt Pfannenstiel says, “I feel that if I can get the student to visit campus and see what McPherson has to offer, then they will be here in the fall.”

Glanzer agrees that once students get to campus “the people on campus (faculty, students, and staff) and our facilities sell themselves.”

MC offers several types of campus visits, including the traditional one-on-one visit, as well as a number of opportunities to interact with other students interested in MC, such as Bulldog Visit Days and one-on-one visit, as well as a number of opportunities to interact on campus (faculty, students, and staff) and our facilities sell themselves.”

Pfannenstiel adds, “Any time we can get students on campus it helps strengthen that relationship, therefore we encourage students to visit both one-on-one, as well as participate in a visit day or scholarship activities.”

Visit days are designed to allow high school students to meet others considering McPherson College and interact with different faculty, staff, students, and alumni, through an interactive campus tour, while scholarship days involve students in a rigorous day of auditioning for MC’s most prestigious scholarship. On scholarship days students come to campus and are involved in the regular visit activities, such as a campus tour and meetings with faculty and staff, but they also write an essay and participate in an interview and roundtable discussion. “It is exciting on visit days and scholarship days to watch my group develop as friends and begin to ‘click’ as a group,” Glanzer said.

Both types of visits allow the staff to get to know the students on a personal level, which the counselors agree plays a vital role in their job, both with students and parents.

“The relationship building is so important,” Jacobs said. “We help these students make out of their most important decisions as they transition from being an adolescent to an adult. Many times our jobs not only focus on the ‘process’ but rather as genuine counselors for the students as well as their parents who may be anxious about their ‘empty nest.’”

While the staff is busy trying to meet their goals for the fall, they also realize it is important to keep the big picture in mind. “Transparency is always important in our role because we don’t just focus on meeting numbers, we focus on giving the students the information that will help them make their own decision, in the hopes that they will end up at a college that ultimately fits their needs,” Jacobs said. “Retention is important—we want students to come here not only focus on the ‘process’ but rather as genuine counselors for the students as well as their parents who may be anxious about their ‘empty nest.’”

Though the process may be demanding, each counselor feels that the rewards the job brings are worth it. “Seeing the new and returning students on campus in August is the one time each year that we can pause to enjoy the fruits of our labor,” Barrett said. “The returning students provide us with encouragement and that we did our part in providing them with an experience that they enjoy being a part of.”

Pfannenstiel echoes Barrett’s comments, “When we see students hanging out in the cafeteria together having a fun time on campus, going to events, stopping by to say ‘hello’ on their way through Meldler Hall, and graduating—all those in my mind are rewards.”

By Janette Hess ’80

At McPherson College, “service” is an ideal of such great importance that it rounds out the school’s mission statement: “To develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service.”

During the 2007-2008 school year, the most recent period for which complete statistics are available, 366 McPherson College students and 50 sponsors gave 7,490 hours of service to 106 events. Many of the hours were logged by sophomores involved in seminar projects.

Sophomore Seminar is all about service and career development,” explained Chris Wiens, director of career services. “Through service projects, the students not only learn the importance of giving back to their community and working as a team, the projects give staff an opportunity to explore with students the career potential in the non-profit arena.”

For non-traditional student Erica Shook ’10, involvement in a Sophomore-Seminar project that benefited a neonatal intensive care unit was especially meaningful.

“Our project was designed to raise funds to purchase new digital cameras with printer docks and new glider chairs for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita,” Erica said. “I approached (Campus Pastor) Tom Hurst with this particular project because three of my five children were born prematurely and spent time in the NICU at Wesley.”
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Already Jessica has decided to “re-up” for the 2009-2010 school year. “I want to see my kids graduate and head off to school,” she said. “I’ll be spending another year serving at College Forward. After that, I hope to enter law school in the fall of 2010, armed with knowledge and experience of working with undocumented students. I want to help those kids. Immigration law seems to be the way that I can empower churches to become the hands and feet of Jesus at work in the world.”

The ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) requires a year-long internship between the second and third years of seminary training, according to Nathan, and it was during an internship at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church in Littleton, Colo., that he was first introduced to the Haitian Timoun Foundation. The HTF encourages mission-driven organizations to partner with Haitian-based charities to create a “culture of hope and a conduit for change.”

HTF’s many Haitian partners include St. Joseph’s Family Ministry, St. Joseph’s Home for Boys, Wings of Hope Disabled Children’s Home, Trinity House, Trinity House School and Grace Children’s Hospital. All seek to have a positive impact on the destinies of Haitian children.

While at a former pastorate in Nebraska, Nathan made two trips to Haiti. Now that he’s completed his first year at St. Stephen, he’s gearing up for week-long trips in July and October.

“When I take people to Haiti, the common, unifying experience is that the people of Haiti give us more than we give them,” Nathan said. “The trips give people who are sick on ‘affluenza’ a chance to connect with people in the poorest nation in the western hemisphere. They take away a deeper sense of humanity.

“We travel there to strengthen our relationships and connections with Haiti. The relationships we build are the foundation for all that HTF does. We cannot fix Haiti, and we do not build any structures while there, because we do not wish to take jobs from the Haitians who need them. By traveling to Haiti, we are able to walk with our partners.”

U.S. Christians sometimes gain a bad reputation in the mission field because they operate out of a position of power – we will do this for you – rather than out of a position of partnership, Nathan said, emphasizing, “We (HTF) are empowering Haitians. We are not coming in to set up a white man’s operation in a foreign country. We are involved in investing, partnering and growing with human beings. This enriches us, and we hope it enriches them. We are in this together. I believe very strongly that we all belong to God.”

DR. JEFF THILL

A graduate of the University of Iowa Medical School, Jeff received his urology training at the University of Florida. In 1993, he joined Winter Park (Florida) Urology Associates and began a general urology practice that included laproscopic procedures and kidney transplant surgery. In 2004, he began performing robotic-assisted laproscopic prostatectomies and kidney reconstructions.

For the past 13 years, Jeff has donated time and medical expertise to Shepherd’s Hope, a faith-based, volunteer-driven medical organization. His wife, Karin (Button) Thill ’84, has volunteered as a nurse with Shepherd’s Hope in the past.

“Shepherd’s Hope provides health care to the ‘working poor’ in central Florida,” Jeff explained. “I have volunteered since its inception.”

Founded by a Methodist minister, Shepherd’s Hope serves patients with “income at or below 200 percent of the poverty level, are uninsured and are not eligible for government-assisted health care programs.” The organization operates eight medical clinics and a chronic care program.

Last year, the Primary Care Access Network of Central Florida honored Jeff as a “Volunteer of the Year” for his work with Shepherd’s Hope. Shortly after receiving the award, Jeff told Central Florida Doctor magazine that he enjoyed becoming personally involved in the mission of Shepherd’s Hope.

“It’s easy to give money to something, and there are lots of great charities that I believe in,” he said. “But while I’m not going to Nepal for the Heifer Project to teach people how to raise rabbits, this has given me something that I can do for people locally. It gets you out of the grind of everyday practice.”

He explained that “patients here are typically uniformly grateful. All the usual hassles with insurance billing are out of the picture. They realize you’re volunteering here, so they’re very grateful.”

Central Florida Doctor shared this story about Jeff: “One gentleman had a recurring pain that turned out to be a tumor on his kidney. While in a hospital emergency room, he hemorrhaged two units of blood in an evening. The patient needed surgery, but had no insurance to cover it, so was given pain medication and sent home. He found his way to Shepherd’s Hope, where Dr. Thill diagnosed the problem. Removing the now-cancerous tumor, he saved the patient’s life and enabled him to walk his daughter down the aisle at her wedding.”

For Jeff, volunteering with Shepherd’s Hope just makes sense: “I just feel everyone should try to do something to make a positive difference in someone else’s life,” he said.

VOLUNTEERING IN RETIREMENT

With her teaching career behind her and the prospect of many years of volunteerism ahead of her, Vida (Werner) Snively ’65 relies on the simple encouragement of a children’s choir song to describe her desire to serve: “I’m the kind that likes to be a volunteer. If God’s doing something big, I want to be there. Nothing’s more exciting or rewarding or inviting than to join the ranks and be one of His volunteers.”

Vida and her husband, George ’67, are two of a multitude of McPherson College alumni who, after retirement, unquestionably have “joined the ranks” of retired-but-active volunteers. Residents of Elizabethtown, Pa., the couple have made multiple trips to the Gulf states to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Four years after their post-retirement stint with Brethren Volunteer Service, Larry Kitzel ’55 and Sandre (Hoover) Kitzel ’55 continue to make themselves available for disaster relief projects from their home in eastern Colorado.

And in McPherson, Elva Jean (Harbaugh) Naylor ’46 makes her volunteer presence known at the local hospital, McPherson Memorial, and in the local retirement community. The Cedars. Across town, retired educator Carl Kasey ’47 continues his 40-plus years of involvement with Churches United in Ministry. These six alumni share a common commitment to service.

GEORGE AND VIDA SNAVELY

Reflective of their habit of volunteerism, George and Vida Snively both have served McPherson College as class agents for their respective graduating classes.

George spent the final 16 years of his teaching career as an instructor of residential construction at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, Lancaster, Pa. He still works part time for his son, a contractor. Vida spent the final 14 years of her career as an English teacher at Elizabethtown Area High School.
When Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf coast in late August 2005, the Snavelys—already veterans of relief efforts following hurricanes in Florida and Iowa—knew just what needed to be done.

“George and I have been involved heavily in volunteer work within our church and community on an ongoing basis,” Vida said. “Our first ‘relief efforts’ came while we were still teaching.”

From 2000 to 2008, the couple made a total of four relief trips to Mississippi and Louisiana to participate in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Since then, George has helped with relief efforts following floods in Minnesota and Indiana.

“George is the disaster relief coordinator in our church,” Vida explained, “so not only does he go on disaster relief trips, but he also organizes large groups from our church—and sometimes outside our church—to respond.”

The Snavelys’ trips to the Gulf coast after Hurricane Katrina left them with many stunning memories.

“Our first response to Hurricane Katrina was Gautier, Miss., in February 2006, just six months after Katrina,” Vida said. “All of us had seen pictures of the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina. However, that did not prepare us for the mile after mile of leveled homes and gutted buildings.”

While in Gautier, the Snavelys and fellow disaster workers slept in sleeping bags on the concrete floor of a church activity center. Later, 17 members of the Elizabethan Church of the Brethren, including the Snavelys, became the first volunteer church group to work on the St. Bernard Parish Project in Louisiana.

With additional relief trips always in the offing, Vida finds motivation in her faith.

“The days are long, the conditions are not always the best, and the work is demanding,” Vida said. “However, the group is always well cared for by the (Church of the Brethren) disaster response directors on site. The cohesiveness and camaraderie of the group grows as we work together and as we gather each day for devotionals and reflections. By the final day, the smiles and words of appreciation from the homeowners ring in our ears, and I think, ‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.’”

For Vida, the obvious continuation of the verse from Matthew is, “My home was destroyed and you responded.”

LARRY AND SANDEE KITZEL

In 2004, Larry and Sandee Kitzel embarked on a year-and-a-half adventure with Brethren Volunteer Service. When they signed up for BVS, Larry, a newly retired McPherson College music professor, and Sandee, a newly retired Church of the Brethren pastor, had no idea that their desire to serve would lead them to a long-term assignment with Brethren Disaster Ministries.

“Upon retirement from pastoral ministry,” Sandee explained, “I decided to go into Brethren Volunteer Service with Larry, of course—something we had hoped to do upon graduating from college—but life took a different turn at that point. We were interested in disaster response but didn’t think we had the skills needed to do that for a whole year. During (BVS) orientation we were approached by the director of disaster response. I believe we were drawn to consider this project over any other, partly because it is sponsored by the Church of the Brethren but also because it was something that we could do in shorter time commitments later—after BVS.”

Brethren Disaster Ministries, sometimes referred to as Brethren Disaster Response, seeks to restore “hope for the most vulnerable disaster survivors by engaging volunteers to repair and rebuild storm-damaged homes, and by providing grants to support the disaster recovery efforts of faith-based partners,” according to the organization’s website. As it turned out, Larry’s pre-BVS disaster experience may have had some impact on the couple’s later assignment with Brethren Disaster Ministries.

“I responded to four disasters in the summers while I was teaching,” Larry said, “so the experience in Brethren Disaster Response felt like a ‘homecoming.’” Larry felt as though he was already familiar with the Brethren volunteer work ethic and culture and thus was able to hit the ground running.

According to the Kitzels, their time with disaster ministries was filled with memorable experiences.

“As we came to start with a new homeowner,” Larry said, “I would not be the homeowner could not believe that we would rebuild his house without pay, but after the project was completed, the homeowner had become our friend and had sometimes even been involved in much of the work with us. We saw large changes in attitude and hope.”

Added Sandee, “Every week different volunteers came to the site where we worked as ‘long-term’ volunteers. During the year we were serving, we worked with over 400 volunteers and project directors—also volunteers—who stayed for a month at a time. One really gets to know people well when living and working together for a whole week.”

For the Kitzels, volunteering was—and is—a natural extension of what they sought to accomplish during their working careers.

“I had careers in teaching, accounting, and ministry,” Sandee said. “In all of them I felt like I was helping people. I really believe there was something special about taking a longer time frame—a year for us—to be primarily concerned about something outside of oneself—to live as simply as possible and putting others needs before our own. Although we had lived in careers in which we served, this year of volunteer service gave us new insight for life. We continue to try for more simple living and more helping others wherever we can.”

Added Larry, whose career at McPherson College spanned 34 years, “I picked a career that I felt served the needs of others. I have always enjoyed ‘helping’ people’s experiences can be easily translated by responding to the needs of the storm survivor.”

ELVA JEAN NAYLOR

In 2006, McPherson College honored Elva Jean Naylor with a Citation of Merit for her “extraordinary leadership and selfless service.” Since that time, Elva Jean has continued to add her almost dizzying list of volunteer experiences.

After majoring in sociology in college, Elva Jean spent years working with people of all ages in jobs ranging from tractor saleswoman to program manager. From early on, Elva Jean used volunteerism as a means of connecting with people. A Church of the Brethren pastor’s wife, she moved with her husband, Kent Naylor ’47, as he served churches in Nebraska, Missouri, Ohio, Iowa, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

“After the children were in school, I began volunteering,” said Elva Jean, a mother of three. “Each time we moved, I volunteered at the local hospital. That was my way of getting acquainted with the community.”

In 1993, two years after retiring with Kent to The Cedars Village, Elva Jean began serving as coordinator of volunteers at The Cedars. She held that job—which, not surprisingly, was a volunteer position—for five years. Although Elva Jean has no longer serves as coordinator of volunteers at The Cedars, she still finds herself in a position to help.

“I am presently co-chair of the Cedars Guild, which means being in charge of organizing volunteers for times of need,” she said.

Elva Jean’s history of volunteerism at Memorial Hospital dates back to 1991, the year she moved to McPherson. Although she took a “time out” from hospital work during her years at The Cedars, she’s currently a very familiar face there.

“I have volunteered in the business office, emergency room information desk, lobby desk and surgery waiting room desk,” she said, noting that she also spent several years on the Hospital Auxiliary Board and served one year as president of that organization.

Multiple other community organizations have benefited from Elva Jean’s penchant for service. At the McPherson Church of the Brethren, she often can be found helping in the church office. At her alma mater, she’s donated time as a class agent and Alumni Board member.

For Elva Jean, volunteering is all about being helpful.

“If I see a need,” she said, “I want to help.”

CARL KASEY

In 1968, Carl Kasey volunteered to represent his church, the McPherson First United Methodist Church, at a meeting of area churches interested in coordinating their local service efforts. Now, more than four decades later, Carl remains active in the resulting organization, Churches United in Ministry (CUM).

From its original core of eight churches, CUM has grown into an organization through which 21 area churches serve persons in need. It also owns and operates a successful thrift store, “Save ‘N’ Share.”

“I started doing volunteer work at this store in April 1991, spending nearly four hours there each day on Monday through Thursday,” Carl said. “I averaged fourteen hours each week as a volunteer worker helping to receive the donated items and preparing them to be displayed in the salesroom. At times I was the acting manager when the regular manager was gone on vacations or tours.”

At present, Carl is on a leave of absence from Save ‘N’ Share, but he has many fond memories of working with dedicated volunteers in support of a shared purpose.

A retired public school teacher, Carl attended McPherson College from 1940 to 1943, served three years in the U.S. Navy and then returned to McPherson College to graduate in 1947 with a degree in chemistry. Carl is the only member of the CUM Board to have served since the organization’s inception. He also serves on the organization’s executive committee. At age 80 he remains active in his church and the local American Legion. In addition, he makes deliveries for Meal on Wheels and serves with the American Legion Honor Guard.

“I get satisfaction in helping other people, and it adds a purpose to my life now that I am retired,” he said.
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SUSTAINING THE FUTURE

In fall 2008, with widespread decline in investment markets, the McPherson College Board of Trustees took action to respond to the college’s declining endowment and board reserves. In December, the board presented a “Plan for Sustainability” to the college campus which laid out a plan and a recommendation for balancing the budget and creating future growth for the college. The McPherson College faculty was given the opportunity to submit alternate proposals to the board’s plan. The faculty spent the month of January preparing their alternative plan and submitted it to the board at its spring trustee meeting. In March 2009, the McPherson College Board of Trustees adopted a revised Plan for Sustainability which included numerous changes from the plan presented in December.

“The board was very impressed with the time and effort that the faculty exerted to prepare their proposal, and agreed with much of its contents,” said Craig Little, board chair. “In addition, there were numerous members of the staff who provided input throughout the process regarding changes in administrative practices and co-curricular programs that will improve college operations. The result of this input from faculty and staff is a new and dramatically improved sustainability plan for MC, one which recognizes both the challenges facing the college and the efforts to pursue the college’s mission.”

As a result of this process, many new changes in academic departments will be taking place on the McPherson College campus. The following is a summary of these changes:

First, a combination of donor designated endowed funds will allow MC to continue and enhance a variety of programming related to philosophy and religion, peace and Christian service. The position of campus minister will also continue. Herb Smith, department chair and professor of philosophy and religion commented, “I am very pleased that the board has decided to continue the philosophy and religion major. With the addition of the recently proposed Christian service component, I look for exciting possibilities, both locally and perhaps even internationally, as we redesign the program.”

The theatre and music departments will combine to form a new performing arts major with three full-time faculty. Students will be able to emphasize in music, theatre or musical theatre and dance courses will be offered. “The theatre department will continue to produce shows throughout the school year for the community while providing students with excellent on-stage and behind-the-scenes theatre experience. The college choir and McPherson College Singers will continue to be popular classes and co-curricular programs; however, the instrumental music program will be discontinued. “We have a long history of good working relationships in music and theatre which will certainly continue here at McPherson,” said Steve Gustafson, professor of music and department chair. Rick Tyler, department chair and professor of theater added, “The exciting thing is what we can now do with the collaboration of courses, and how much we will be able to teach students about performance through this new program.”

In addition, the history department will offer a more compact major while still providing an opportunity for teacher licensure. “The department will continue to be staffed by two full-time faculty positions – a full-time historian and a position that teaches courses in support of multiple programs, including history.”

The auto restoration department will add a new motorcycle restoration emphasis to its offerings. The motorcycle restoration courses will be offered starting in fall 2010, but interested students can begin their program by taking general restoration courses in fall 2009.

In light of significant economic issues, some more difficult financial decisions were necessary. The Spanish major will become dormant, but the college will continue to offer up to 12 hours of Spanish language courses each year. In addition, a reduction in adjunct staffing will be made in several academic areas including business and behavioral science and one half-time position in physical education will be eliminated. Two other staff positions will be eliminated in the library and academic dean’s office.

Jenni Richardson, chair of the business department and one of the faculty members who presented the faculty’s plan to the board commented, “I appreciated the board’s willingness to allow for faculty input into the Plan for Sustainability. While every part of the plan wasn’t adopted and there are clearly some disappointments, I believe there is enthusiasm for the opportunities that we now have before us, and faculty will move forward to implement the academic pieces that have been adopted.”

On the following pages, find out about exciting things happening in all of our academic departments at McPherson College:

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ACADEMICS?

HUMANITIES

ART

Enrollment continues to grow! We are looking now at how to expand our graphics design lab.

Graphic design students are required to do an internship as a “capstone” experience toward the end of their senior year. Many GD students do multiple internships to make themselves more marketable.

Art education candidates for teaching licensure do student teaching. Graduates go on to work as graphic designers, some do freelance.

Art education students are teaching at various levels. Some studio majors go on to be professional artists.

ENGLISH

Students love the Creative Writing course! Examples of what graduates are doing: graduate school, teaching English as a second language, at Harvard working with disadvantaged children, publishing a novel, working in the public library system, as an educator for On Earth Peace, as development coordinator for the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship.

Many English majors write for the Spectator (college newspaper).

COMMUNICATION

During Interterm, the public relations class created a marketing campaign for the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition. They designed a...
website, brochures, public service announcements, display boards and a new logo for their organization to encourage businesses across Kansas to become breastfeeding friendly.

Graduates work in news writing, web design and college admissions, as well as public relations or go on to law school.

**Performing Arts**

A joint musical production with McPherson High School of “Children of Eden” was performed in April. Faculty also worked with a group of local middle school students on a show about bullying that was presented to the middle school and all four elementary schools. In the theatre department, professionals are invited to campus to be part of productions and students are offered internship credit to work with them.

Graduates are working in professional theatre, counseling, teaching music or theatre, church music leadership and going to graduate school.

Many students across campus are involved in College choir, McPherson College singers and theatre productions.

**Philosophy/Religion**

Two different groups traveled to Egypt during interterm, one comprised of students and one of alumni and friends.

Favorite courses include Intro to Philosophy, Intro to New Testament and World Religions.

Graduates go into counseling, youth ministry, teaching and mission work.

**Science/Technology**

**Natural Sciences**

Highest number of majors in 30 years! Focus continues to be on the allied health professions. A seminar series every semester to give presentations to the campus community on a current scientific issue has been revived.

Graduates go on to graduate school for medical and allied health professions. Recent examples of these are osteopathy, dentistry and physical therapy.

Science students can join a national biology honors student club called Tri-Beta.

**Math**

Third annual MC Math Competition held in February brought over 400 high school students to campus.

Nearly half of graduates go on to teach math at middle school or high school. Others find work in an analytical field.
Auto Restoration Technology

New paint booth installed this year is capable of baking the finished paint. Motorcycle restoration has been added as an emphasis. Great publicity this year, you could find us in The Restorer magazine, Wichita Channel 3 News and TV’s "World’s Greatest". Find links to these on our website.

Graduates find work all over the country and abroad in general restoration, museums, classic car insurance and private collection management.

Social Sciences

Business

The business club plans an annual field trip this year traveling to Chicago.

Graduates work in a variety of industries including insurance, accounting, management, politics and banking. A majority of business students do internships.

Curriculum/Instruction

A "Smartboard" was installed in teaching classroom to enhance teaching methodology.

Students are out in schools during the sophomore and junior year for practica; seniors are student teaching.

Health/Physical Education

Favorite courses include Sociology of Sport, Introduction to Rhythm and Dance, Human Sexuality and Psychology.

All students get a senior experience which may include student teaching or working with the YMCA or in a hospital.

Graduates work as teachers, in law enforcement or with special populations.

History

A trip to Italy was taken during interterm. The Kansas History class went to Topeka in April to visit the Capitol, the Kansas History Museum and the Brown v. Brown Historic Site.

A quarter of graduating seniors go on to graduate school; others become teachers; many work in the private sector.

Behavioral Sciences

Forty-four declared majors - largest number since 2000!

Graduates have found work in case management, probation work, non-profit sector, education and marketing; many go on to graduate school.

The department now has a Behavioral Sciences Club which hosts movie nights on campus. The department also hosts a "full-moon" party every year.
BULLDOG ATHLETIC REVIEW

By Carol Swenson
Sports Information Director

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
The Lady Bulldogs’ 3-21 season ended with a 10-point loss to intracountry rival Bethany in the play-in round of the KCAC tourna-
mament. With only one senior, Angelina Fiorenzi, and three juniors on first-year coach Shelly Prescott’s squad, this was a season of growing up for the Bulldogs. Sophomore Kristen Osburn, the only other player with significant varsity experience, returned from last year’s medical red-shirt season to earn All-KCAC post-season honors.

While injuries, both nagging and season-ending, and illness took a toll on the young squad, the Lady Bulldogs competed hard and were in every ball game. Only twice did they suffer losses by 20 or more points, both at the hands of nationally ranked teams, while seven losses were by nine or less points. With a year of experience, time in the gym and weight room, and a full year of recruiting, the future for the women’s program looks good.

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Preseason picks to finish at the tail end of the KCAC under first year head coach Tim Swartzendruber, the Bulldog men were one of the surprises in what would be an unpredictable year in the 10-team conference. The Dogs ended the season in a tie for sixth place.

For Swartzendruber, this was a season of blending together six returning players with limited varsity experience, which included just one senior, with an incoming class of seven transfers and four freshmen.

As they entered the Christmas/New Year’s break, the Bulldogs were tied for the conference lead with a 3-1 kCAC record and 8-4 finish 8-10 in the conference.

With Cameron and Mark Johnson the only seniors on the 2009-10 Bulldog roster, the team led the conference in three NCAA D-III top 10 national championship team finishes, topped by a third place finish in 2006. In 2006 and 2007, both the Allegheny men’s and women’s teams qualified to the NCAA national championships where they had 3 All-Americans. Eby also coached at DuPauw University and holds a master’s degree from Indiana State University. Eby received personal All-American and All-Conference honors at MUC, and was named D-III’s top-ranked runner at 1,500 meters. With a personal best of 3:45.30 at 1,500 meters, Eby was shy of the school record.

These are the first of two coaching adjustments the Bulldogs would make this winter.

On February 2, Joe Eby took over the reins as head coach of both the Bulldog cross country and track and field programs. His bio follows.

Coach Eby
Coach Eby is a 2004 graduate of NCAA D-III Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. Eby has spent the last 2 1/2 years as assistant coach at NCAA D-III Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. During his time at Allegheny, Eby helped direct the Gators’ cross country program to three NCAA D-III top 10 national championship team finishes, topped by a third place finish in 2006. In 2006 and 2007, both the Allegheny men’s and women’s teams qualified to the NCAA national championships where they had 3 All-Americans. Eby also coached at DuPauw University and holds a master’s degree from Indiana State University. Eby received personal All-American and All-Conference honors at MUC, and was named D-III’s top-ranked runner at 1,500 meters. With a personal best of 3:45.30 at 1,500 meters, Eby was the 2005 USATF Club champion.
Edward Blankens ’81, Germany, is a product manager for Micros, INC, the world’s leading developer of enterprise applications. The company serves the hospitality and specialty retail industries exclusively.

Robert Linn ’82, Grove, Okla., and wife Lisa Brooks ’83 are youth leaders and members of the Peace and Worship Team at Grove Christian Center.

Deb Retelle Geissert ’82, Hope, Kan., teaches language arts at Herrington High School.

Brad Payne ’83, Olympia, Wash., is an employee of Healthcare Manager City in Olympia.

David CSCaro ’85, Elizabethtown, Ky., returned from his second tour to Iraq with 31D and is currently assigned to Ft. Knox as chief instructor for the pre-master paratrooper course. He also serves as NOCIC of the Mobile Training Team.

Sue Six ’87, Wichita, Kan., has published a book of short stories, “Fish Tales: Stories from Japan.”

Craig P. Henderson ’91, Fruita, Colo., won re-election and retained his position as County Court Judge in Mesa County, Colorado.

Erike Wotwiach ’92, Hamburg, Germany, is working at Computer-Garbsburgisches Centrum Filmforschung, the research center for German film history.

Robin F. Morgan ’93, McPherson, Kan., is now teaching ceramic sculpture titled “Offering.”

Springfield, Mo., Museum of Art for her ceramic sculpture titled “Offering.”

Vanessa Fanning Unrath ’86, Park City, Kan., was named to a third term as marketing assistant to David Singleton, Prudential Insurance.

Chystal Banz ’07, San Diego, Calif., is a graphic designer for PR Off-road division.

Jessica Foulke ’08, Austin, Texas, works with College Forward, an organization that assists motivated economically disadvantaged students to get into college.

Brian Sippert ’08, Acton, Mass., works for the Collins Foundation as its automobile collections manager in Stow, Mass.

Marriage:

Robert Nauche ’70 to Jennifer Benjamin, April 28, 2007, Raymond, Calif.

Byron J. Welch, Jr. ’65 to Sara Carlson, August 8, 2007, Chantlar, Iowa.

Laura Morgan ’02 to Mike Childs, October 8, 2008, Hugo, Minn.

Omar Miclees ’04 to Isabel Garza, July 26, 2008, Roma, Texas.

Michael Davis ’08 to Ashley Kline ’06, Piedmont, Okla., August 9, 2008.

Cy Rolls ’08 to Kira Stevens ’08, October 8, 2008, Natonna, Kan.

Arrivals:

Ahram Conner to Carl ’95 and Sheri Engler Schmidt ’94, Marion, Kan., January 16, 2009.

Carleah Grace to Kevin and Anita Huber Morrison ’95, Plymouth, Ind., November 6, 2008.


Addison Grace to Emanueld Roland ’98 and Jennifer Williams Roland ’96, Wylie, Texas, October 29, 2008.


Eva Martin to Stew ’00 and April Sanders Boone ’00, Topeka, Kan., November 11, 2008.


In Memory:

S.G. Hoover ’42, passed away on March 1, 2009, Plattsburg, Mo.

Dr. Harold Brunswick ’46, passed away on December 7, 2008, Greley, Colo.

Helen Noel Fisher ’47, passed away June 14, 2000, Green Valley, Ariz.

Bernice Linstorfs Loshbaugh ’49, passed away February 20, 2009, Lake Stevens, Wash.


John Nettleton ’54, passed away recently, date unknown, Moorhead, Minn.

LaFughn Hubbard Hancock ’55, passed away March 26, 2009, Ellensberg, Wa.


Charles Clark Coleman, Jr. ’63, passed away March 27, 2009, Scottsbluff, Ne


Connie S. Andes ’64, passed away March 2, 2009, Kansas City, Mo.

Bette Jane Quiring ’64, passed away November 28, 2008, Topeka, Ariz.

Raymond H. Jams ’60, passed away November 1, 2009, Arman, Jordan.

Alums Chris '96 and Christi Paulsen '98 pose with daughters Abbey and Elley for the Horses and Carriage Gazette photographer, using costumes from the McPherson College Theatre Department. This photo appeared on the cover of the January/February issue of Horses and Carriage Gazette.

COMING EVENTS

May
1 Mohler Lecture – Mr. McKeel Hagerty
   President, Hagerty Classic Insurance
1-2 Auto Restoration Technology
   alumni reunion
2 10th Annual C.A.R.S. Club Show
   Pat Noyes Memorial Golf Experience
22-23 Alumni Weekend – Heritage
   Roll of Honor dinner
   Citation of Merit Awards Luncheon
   Farewell reception for President Ron and Robin Hovis
24 Commencement

June
28 Alumni Luncheon at Church of the Brethren Annual Conference – San Diego, Calif.

August
16 Alumni Family Day – McPherson Water Park & Picnic

September
20 Alumni Family Day – Des Moines, Iowa

October
1-2 Fall Alumni Board meetings
2-3 Homecoming weekend