Bulldog basketball fans showed their colors during the alumni night basketball game.

From tractors to movies
Freshman Tabetha Salisbury’s story sparks movie interest.

Winter sports recap
Athletes complete basketball, indoor track seasons.

Looking back and looking ahead
By Sally Nelson ’78
Director of Alumni Development

This issue of the Review contains a number of articles comparing McPherson College past and present. Readers will no doubt enjoy a stroll down memory lane as they recall, or even become newly acquainted with, traditions such as the tug-of-war, freshman beans, homecoming floats, senior class Gazebo drive-throughs or bagpipe processions. Perhaps you will pause to reminisce about the impact a certain professor, staff member or dorm parent had on your life. Take a look at how academic programs, instructional teaching aids, and athletic programs and equipment have changed through the years. Some changes are improvements, and some changes are just that—changes, not better or worse.

So how have things changed over the years in the alumni office? One thing that remains unchanged is the commitment of the alumni office directors and staff to enhance the relationship between McPherson College and her alumni base. The traditional alumni events such as Homecoming, Alumni Night, commencement and Alumni Weekend, and the Church of the Brethren’s Annual Conference alumni gathering each summer have continued throughout the years, but Alumni Family Days and focus group reunions are relatively new events designed to strengthen ties between college and alumni. Class letters and the Review have been longtime methods of communication with alumni. The alumni link on the college web site, as well as the recent introduction of e-Newsletters, have enhanced communication efforts with our alumni base. A new on-line alumni directory is in planning stages.

Looking forward, we encourage alumni to offer internship opportunities to current students. All these efforts build upon the past and carry us forward with a stronger connection between the college and the Alumni Association.

We turn and look back at the past. We become aware of and hopefully take an active interest in the present. It’s important to do both, for the past has shaped the college to be what it is today, and today’s actions set the foundation for tomorrow’s success. Regardless of which years we spent at McPherson College or the particular memories we have, the common thread we share is our connection to the college.

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Looking back and looking ahead
Reunion planned for NIH patients

A reunion of all Brethren Volunteer Service and Mennonite Central Committee volunteers who served as normal control patients at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), from 1953 through 1975 is scheduled for September 8, 2007, at NIH in Bethesda, Md. Anyone interested in more information regarding the reunion may contact James Conrad, 1111 N Ridge Rd., Perkasie, PA 18944 or e-mail nihcontrol@yahoo.com

JAMES CONRAD
MCC volunteer (1958-1961)

Four generations share MC experience

After reading Nolan Howell’s article “On the Job Training” in the fall ’06 edition of the Review, I decided to accept his invitation to send in family information regarding attendance and/or employment at McPherson College. The Bosserman connection to McPherson College extends back four generations, the first being William P. Bosserman who attended the College. “How many of you in here are kin to me?” he asked, and several hands went up. He told stories of his grandparents’ migrations across Kansas in the “dirty thirties” and earlier, reading selections from several hands went up. He told stories of his grandparents’ migrations across Kansas in the “dirty thirties” and earlier, reading selections from diaries and recounting his father’s stories.

To date, four great-grandchildren of William have attended McPherson College: Amy Bosserman Garrison ’98 of Peace Valley, Mo., attended two years; Jennifer Bosserman ’99 of Kansas City, Kan., Cheryl Norsworthy Kneeker ’80 of Tulsa, Okla., and Lelia Denise Norsworthy ’81 of Peace Valley, Mo.

GAIL CLARK ’63

Stafford presents 2007 Mohler Lecture

Poet and biographer Kim Stafford presented the 2007 Mohler Lecture on Sunday, February 25. Stafford is the son of William Stafford, Kansas native and former poet laureate of the United States. Kim Stafford talked about his family’s Kansas connections, including various family members who graduated from McPherson College. “How many of you in here are kin to me?” he asked, and several hands went up. He told stories of his grandparents’ migrations across Kansas in the ‘thirty thirties’ and earlier, reading selections from diaries and recounting his father’s stories.

Stafford said he admired Kansas verve and determination. For example, his father taught him that “woops!” was Kansan for “I’m sorry”—it means “let’s get over it and push on,” he said.

‘68 Camaro brings $37K at Barrett-Jackson collector car auction

Under the bright lights of the Barrett-Jackson auction block in Scottsdale, Ariz., McPherson College students watched as a 1968 Chevrolet Camaro that they helped to restore crossed the block and waited for the auctioneer’s hammer to fall. At $37,000 the car went to a new owner.

Other faculty, students and staff watched on television as the SPEED channel covered the event live on January 16, 2007. The event marked the seventh year that the college’s automotive restoration program has participated in the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction. Jonathan Klinger, director of automotive restoration development, took four students and the car to Arizona for the event.

“I am very pleased with how the car sold this year. I am even more pleased with the positive publicity McPherson College received on SPEED when our car crossed the block,” said Klinger.

“It was an honor and a pleasure to be selected to go to the Barrett-Jackson auction on behalf of the McPherson College restoration program,” said Myles Regier, sr., Henderson, Neb.

“Not only did I see many one-of-a-kind cars, but I got to meet the owners of the cars as well as the restorers. Watching a car that took thousands of hours to restore sell in a matter of minutes is very exciting,” said Clint Allen, sr., Grapevine, Texas.

Matthew Coberly, sr., Clay Center, Kan., had a very special experience. Coberly is one of the first recipients of a Barrett-Jackson scholarship, endowed by the Barrett-Jackson auction company in 2005. She found out she had received the scholarship shortly after she arrived in Scottsdale. Coberly then attended a gala dinner on the Sunday night before the auction began where she was honored by Jackson. “It was an incredible experience. I am very happy to receive this scholarship,” she said.

During the auction McPherson College’s National Advisory Board for the automotive restoration program met. The board, comprising leaders in the collector car industry, serves to advise the president of the college on the restoration industry and to help boost the program’s enrollment.

Stafford read from his father’s poems and his own, including “Asking Nickerson,” which he had written the night before in his relatives’ Kansas home. This poem says, in part:

On a long straight road where someone’s dog commands you stop, but sleims of gree high command you go where you can’t see, you ask the wind. Ask sweet light in the children’s eyes: “Will it be like that?” “Yes, yes it will.”

“We had a very positive meeting. The board is very enthusiastic about the program and continues to help us move forward,” said Chris Paulsen, project manager for automotive restoration.

Matt Treis, senior, St. Louis, Mo., summed it up: “Barrett-Jackson was a wonderful experience that showed me the car collector hobby at its best.”

Remembering Mexico City

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Participants (left to right) were: Mr. Ramirez, the guide; Delbert Hayes, Gail Snyder & his wife; Warren “Moose” Sanger, Alice Pole; Mary (Romero) Kokstad, Carol (Trovale) Page; Anne (Bean) Delford, Nancy (Rein) Langel, Leland Langel, Dr. Raymond Flory, Ruth (Strickler) Williams, Barbara Bahta, Shirley (Knackstedt) Pick and J.W. Van Hlarcum.

SHIRLEY (KNACKSTEDT) PICK ’65
Hutchinson, Kans.

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Faculty Notes

Dr. Becki Bowman, assistant professor of communication, recently co-authored research findings published in the spring 2007 issue of the International Journal of Listening: “Does Listening to Mozart Affect Listening Ability? An Experiment with Four Control Groups.” The findings supported the previously discovered Mozart Effect (Rauscher, Shaw and Ky, 1993), that listening to slow compositions by Mozart increases listening comprehension.

Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of theatre, was recently named to the board of the McPherson Arts Council.

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Interterm travelers see the world

Once interterm rolls around, students are usually preparing for their return to campus after celebrating family holiday festivities, jumping right into a month-long intensive study while anticipating upcoming spring classes. But McPherson College offers the perfect reprieve from bundling up against Kansas’ frigid winter blast while heading off to class the interterm trip.

This year McPherson College offered three interterm trips complete with education, credit hours and unforgettable experiences. Students had the option to join Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, and Dr. Jeannie Smith, professor of education, on a trip to China; Dr. Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, and Shane Kirchner, assistant professor of education, heading to Spain; or Dr. Steve Gustafson, professor of music, and Jd. Bowman, assistant professor of theatre, on a trip to New York City.

Herb and Jeannie Smith took 15 students and 18 alumni and friends of the college to the People’s Republic of China. These well-traveled instructors/tour guides brought their group on a journey to Beijing, the Forbidden City, the Ming Dynasty Wall and the Huupang River among other excursions. “The purpose of the trip was to explore the major religious and philosophical traditions of China: Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and a touch of Islam,” Herb Smith said.

Eric Sader Jr., Augusta, Kan., said, “In terms of the past, our tour group not only visited, but truly experienced many of the well-known historical sites of this vast society. We did not merely see the Great Wall. We climbed to the summit. The terra cotta soldiers themselves were a wonder, but through the help of a great guide, our group was also able to meet the modern-day discoverer of this cultural gold mine. Temples, historic architecture and even rickshaw rides were around every corner.”

Campus comes alive for Bulldog Day and Alumni Night

The campus was bustling with visitors on Saturday, February 10, as alumni and perspective students visited campus for Bulldog Day and Alumni Night. Admissions staff met with 23 prospective students during the visit day.

Alumni had the opportunity to attend three different 30-minute department and program tours on Saturday afternoon. Faculty, program directors and students hosted in-depth tours and discussions of the auto restoration department, graphic design program, information technology program, internships and career services, and the service program.

Alumni and sports fans gathered in the Sport Center in the late afternoon and evening to cheer on the men’s and women’s Bulldog basketball teams as they played Southwestern College. Alumni attending the games were recognized by class year decades, and the Alumni Board of Directors was introduced during halftime of the men’s game.

Area children who participated in the morning’s cheerleading and dance clinic, sponsored by the McPherson College cheerleading and dance line teams, performed alongside the cheer and dance teams during halftime of the women’s game.

Between games Roger Trimnell, also known as “The Father of Dawg Ball,” was recognized for 25 years of service as the men’s head basketball coach. Austin Klumpe, senior business finance and management major from Madison, Kan., and member of the men’s basketball team, was also recognized as the first recipient of the Pat Noyes Men’s Basketball Scholarship. Pat Noyes was a member of the college basketball team from 1991-1993. On hand to present the scholarship to Klumpe were Noyes’ parents, Dan Sr. and Mary Noyes.

Alumni and game attendees enjoyed a chili and soup supper during halftime of the women’s game and a post-game social reception in the adjacent small gym of the Sport Center.

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Fredrickson receives state award

The Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators recently named Todd Fredrickson ’86 the Assistant Middle School Principal of the Year. He has been the assistant principal at Prairie Hills Middle School in Buhler, Kan., since 2001 and also serves as the school’s athletic director. Fredrickson started his administration career as assistant principal for McCandless Elementary School in Hutchinson in 1999. He also earned a master’s degree in physical education from Fort Hays State University.

Prior to working in administration, Fredrickson taught physical education, health and science from 1990-1993 in Macksville, Kan. He also coached football, basketball, track and weight training.

Kinnamon brothers lead teams to state

Kurt ’87 and Clint ’80 Kinnamon placed their parents in a tough spot. Kurt and Clint are both coaches of boys’ high school basketball teams, and both teams qualified to compete in the state championship tournaments held in Topeka and Manhattan, respectively. Kurt coaches at McPherson High School (5A), while his brother, Clint coaches at their alma mater, St. John (2A). Kurt hoped to add another championship banner to the 10 already hanging on the walls of the roundhouse, three earned under his leadership, but fell one spot short. McPherson brought home the second-place trophy after losing to Topeka Highland Park, a team that has been tutored by some to be among the top 15 teams in the country. Clint’s team won the first-place trophy, the first since St. John won the championship in 1982, his brother’s senior year. This all meant a lot of traveling for the Kinnamon family, although they could only make one of the championship games as they were held at the same time. Thank goodness for text messaging!

Class Agents attend workshop

Thirty McPherson College class agents attended a Class Agent Workshop weekend held on the college campus February 2-3. As class agents arrived on campus Friday evening, they joined together for dinner in the cafeteria before attending the theatre production “Urinetown, the Musical” in Bronn Auditorium. Saturday’s workshop focused on communications with class-mates, writing letters, planning class reunions, and hearing campus updates from President Ron Hovis and other key administration members. A block of time was set aside Saturday afternoon to give class agents the opportunity to call fellow class-mates at their alma home. Project Connect student callers in Beeghly Hall. The buzz of voices and laughter in the room indicated that people were enjoying making the connections with classmates.

Kevin Hadduck, director of the Center for Academic Development; Dr. Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries; and juniors Keely Walters and Charles Biederka spoke to the group in the afternoon about the service learning seminars and work experiences that freshmen and sophomores take as required course study, as well as the service and volunteer opportunities available to students. The workshop weekend concluded with a light supper at the president’s home Saturday evening.

The class agents attending the workshop ranged from the class years of 1945 to 2005 and represented 57% of the college’s class agents. Class agents attended from 16 states: Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Colorado, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, Maryland, Georgia, California, Arizona, Wyoming, Minnesota and Illinois.

Those agents who attended said that they gained so much from interacting with other class agents, from the campus updates by college administration, and from the information and ideas shared by the alumni director. The workshop takes place once every two years for all class agents and is planned and presented by the alumni office.

Choir and theatre reunions planned

The theatre and music departments are busy planning activities to commemorate their 30th and 75th anniversaries, respectively. More specifically, the theatre department is celebrating 30 years of the First Nighters’ Dinner Theatre program, while the choir is celebrating 75 years of performances.

Dr. Steve Gustafson, chair of the music department, is busy putting together a committee of alumni to plan activities for their reunion. Members of this committee include Rebecca Rothrock, Doris Crippcock, Lynn Carlson Just, Ryan Mackey and Darren Hendrick. Gustafson also anticipates inviting several past directors of the college choir, each directing select songs for the annual Homecoming concert on Sunday, October 14. Prior to the concert former choir members will have the opportunity to participate in choir musical rehearsals as well as plenty of time to reminisce with former classmates.

“Noises Off,” a play written by Michael Frayn in 1982, is a comedy that is set backstage of a theatrical production. The New York Post called the play “the funniest farce ever written.” The audience will experience what goes on behind the scenes during the performance of a play.

This production was performed on the McPherson College stage in the spring of 1992 to celebrate the 100th show produced by Dr. Rick Tyler. This show will be performed two weekends during October 2007. The curtain will go up on October 5 and 6 with current McPherson College students performing the play. The next week McPherson College theatre alumni will be on campus to take direction on movement and blocking from the student actors and then will perform for Homecoming audiences October 12 and 13.

“This comedy is extremely difficult to perform well, and the alumni are going to do it in one week. That’s pretty amazing,” says S.J. Bowser, assistant professor of theatre.

Cast members for the alumni production are as follows: Doity—Karlene Tyler ’74, Lloyd—Eric Johnson ’98, Barry—Id. Bowman ’98, Brook—Becki Bowman ’98, Frederick—Adam Smith ’94, Bridie—Katie Sue Nichols ’02 and Tim—Dustin Gregg ’01. The set will be designed by Rick Tyler ’74 and Shane Kirkner ’92. The parts of Poppy and Seldon are not yet cast.

After the alumni show, the theatre department will be hostiing a reception by invitation for theatre alumni in Mingenback Theatre. Be looking for yours in the mail.

“Enchanted April” will be another alumni production showcasing talent from the past. This show is set for April 25 and 26, 2008. Rick and Id. would like to invite alumni back to put together the technical elements of the show. Interested persons should send an e-mail to request more information about tyler@mcpherson.edu or bowmanj@mcpherson.edu.

For more information about these reunions, please call Id. Bowman at 242-0527 and Steve Gustafson at 242-0524.

Students get resident back on the road

By Luke Chen nell ’03

Instructor of Technology

On a cold January Saturday, four McPherson College automotive restoration students began working long hours to put back together a car that desperately needed some help.

One might think that these students were putting the finishing touches on a long-overdue restoration or finishing work on a class project. But this was different. The four students volunteered their time and efforts to help a woman get back on her feet.

Through Career Services, Adam Hammey, president of the C.A.R.S. Club, learned of an opportunity in which they could help one woman. He was connected with Mr. Hope Sanctuary in McPherson, a nonprofit organization that helps single mothers in McPherson make a new start and effect positive changes in their lifestyle.

Ruth Youngblood needed reliable transportation, but her car, a 1995 Pontiac Grand Am, simply wasn’t up to the task. A blown head gasket, bad brakes and a number of other problems kept her from being able to make it to the places she needed to go.

Jon Nadeau, Dylan Walker, Richard Tremblay and Brian Storey decided to take on the job. Some two hundred hours of labor and $1300 worth of parts later (paid for by the client), the car was up and running again. McPherson College provided the work space.

“We wouldn’t have gone this far if it wasn’t for such a worthwhile cause,” said Storey. “We just wanted to help someone who has had a hard time.” Youngblood’s response was, “If it wasn’t for these guys, I wouldn’t have a running car today. They saved my car’s life.”
Students selected as Kansas Department of Education Teachers of Promise

Two McPherson College seniors were recently honored as recipients of the Kansas Department of Education Teacher of Promise award. Abby Suiter, St. John, Kan., and Christa Blose, Stillwater, Okla., were selected by the faculty of the McPherson College teacher education department for this distinction. Both attended the 2006 Kansas Teacher of the Year award banquet, held in November in Wichita, where Suiter and Blose were presented with Teacher of Promise certificates in honor of their selection.

Suiter is a secondary education major who has completed her student teaching experience with Joan Moore, a first-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in McPherson. She plans to seek employment in the McPherson area after graduation in May 2007.

Blose is a physical education major who is seeking a teaching and coaching position after receiving her diploma in December 2006. Teacher of Promise awards are presented annually in conjunction with the Kansas Teacher of the Year award. Prior to the awards banquet, Suiter and Blose attended and participated in a workshop led by the Kansas Teacher of the Year finalists.

“With our mission statement as our guide, we [McPherson College teacher education faculty] choose students for this award who are service-oriented educators and who can blend the art and science of teaching,” stated Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, chair of the teacher education department at McPherson College. “Abby and Christa have worked hard in the classroom and outside of the classroom. They are perfect examples of future teachers who provide evidence that we, in the McPherson College teacher education program, are fulfilling our mission.”

Project Connect program reaches out to McPherson College alumni

Project Connect (formerly known as the Phonathon) is in full swing, and student callers have made contact with more than 40 percent of all alumni To date, Project Connect gifts and pledges total around $50,000. But more is still needed.

Strong alumni giving rates help McPherson College get matching gift funds from foundations and businesses. High giving participation can also help the college receive major gifts.

How you can help:
• The easiest way to give is through Project Connect. Your gift ultimately helps the college reach alumni students. Student callers spend hundreds of hours on the phone trying to reach alumni. They don’t just call to ask for money; they check e-mail addresses, provide campus updates, get student referrals and hear about the connections alumni have with the college.
• Any gift account matters—the difference between a donor and nondonor can be as little as $5.
• Recent alumni can join the Young Alumni Club (VAC), which currently has over 100 members. Any alumni who graduated between the years 1990 and 2006 can join with just a $5 gift.
• The Alumni Board created the Alumni Legacy Scholarship in spring 2006 to encourage children of alumni to attend McPherson College. This four-year renewable scholarship was awarded to three students for the 2006-2007 school year. Donations to this scholarship are always welcome and may even help fund your child’s or grandchild’s McPherson College education.
• Student callers are having a harder time each year reaching alumni by phone. Alumni can provide updated contact information, including their e-mail address, by simply logging on to www.mcpherson.edu/alumni and filling out the Alumni Update Form.
• A new online giving catalog will be available soon. This will allow prospective donors the opportunity to “shop” for the program to which they want to give. Be looking for more as this develops.

Enrollment, programs enjoy positive spring growth

The official spring 2007 enrollment at McPherson College is 453 full-time students. This is the largest full-time spring enrollment at the college in the past 30 years. College officials point to several reasons for the increase, including new and revised academic programs, strengthened co-curricular programs, career related opportunities, service initiatives and campus life. Taking into account December 2006 graduates, 95 percent of the full-time fall semester students returned for the spring semester. 30 transfer students were added for the second semester. For the past 12 years, the average fall to spring retention was just under 90 percent.

Positive report from accrediting agency

The college has also received a positive response to its interim report to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the agency that provides accreditation to colleges and universities in over 20 states in the central United States. In 2005 the college received continuing accreditation from the HLC through the year 2015. However, at that time the HLC requested an interim report that would address progress toward the college’s enrollment and financial goals. The college’s interim report described its continuing progress in these areas. The HLC response stated that no further interim reports are needed, noting “progress in full-time enrollment” and “a reasonable expectation of further progress in recruitment.” The response also cited the stronger entering ACT score as a good indicator for future retention and acknowledged encouraging progress on financial issues.

Service initiatives grow in participation

Service initiatives are the last word of the McPherson College mission, and the college has numerous initiatives to allow students to serve. “The quantity of hours that McPherson College students spend in service work in the community continues to grow,” said Dr. Tom Hurst, director of campus ministries. “Last year students engaged in 2,700 hours of service. Based on the current level of engagement, we expect a larger number of hours will be rendered this year. We hope that the impact of McPherson College students on the local community will keep growing as we continue to learn to serve those in need.”

Math competition hosts 300

Outreach to surrounding community and participation by members of the campus community were a big part of the first annual McPherson College Math Competition, MC Squared. The math and science of teaching,” stated Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, chair of the teacher education department at McPherson College. “Abby and Christa have worked hard in the classroom and outside of the classroom. They are perfect examples of future teachers who provide evidence that we, in the McPherson College teacher education program, are fulfilling our mission.”
“Art Hoch—phone call!” For some reason I was standing next to the open stairwell on the fourth floor of Arnold Hall and heard the summons from down below. Friday night—and no date—and suddenly I had a connection to the outside world! The one telephone, a pay variety, was on the first floor across the hall from dorm parents Mom and Pop Rusher and near where Gary Ross pressed a sharp crease into his Ivy League pant legs. The call was asking for a date during WPA (Women Pay All) week. A dinner and dance at the Warren Hotel next week? Of course, I said, although later on I learned I wasn’t her first choice. We double-dated because her friend’s date had wheels. None of the other three of us did.

Funny what you remember.

I had matriculated at Mac the year before, the last and youngest of four brothers. My parents and I would travel the 100 miles to watch my older brothers play football, sitting on the old wooden stadium bleachers. One of those years, McPherson College won the KCAC football championship. So, I was excited to enroll. I had a small scholastic scholarship and a “board and room” job. In those days a few athletes performed jobs on campus in exchange for their meals (all but Sunday supper) and a dorm room.

I stayed in Arnold because it was less expensive and Fahnestock was full anyway. Much of my time was spent at practice and in the old gym because my B & R job involved laundering and distributing uniforms, practice gear and whites to the athletes. Two guys shared those duties; my first partner was Don Elliott, my second, Gary Wilson. The B & R guys also swept out the stadium, by then concrete and steel, the morning after home games A kind of brotherhood evolved out of those duties. Funny what you remember.

Some football games stick in my mind. In a home game against Baker University, one of their guys hit me with his helmet down after the play was over as we were getting up out of the tackle pile. I had the worst pain ever! I missed about three or four games after that with a hip pointer. (He never even got a penalty.) Another night a defensive end from Ottawa gave me a forearm shiver that made me see stars. A local store gave a pair of shoes to the football player who excelled each week. Silas O’Neal won more than his share, I think. But he was good. One night I saw Garth Werner run down an opponent after he picked up a fumble (or was it an interception?). None of the rest of us thought he could be caught. But Garth tackled him before he scored. Some Bethany College guys burned a big “B” in the grass on our home field one night before we played them. We only beat the Swedes one time in football, my freshman year, when we dressed for the game at Lindsborg on their old gym basketball floor. Funny what you remember.

The new student union opened during my sophomore year. The building wasn’t completed yet, but the football players liked going there instead of finding breakfast at some restaurant after the early morning practices. During my junior year, my roommate, Elmer Gooding, and I moved to “Fanny.” Seemed it was easier to clean up the hall after a shaving cream fight there. Amateur barbers were in abundance also.

Home basketball games were played in the high school gym, today’s McPherson Middle School. What a snake pit! Pregame warm-ups for B-team games included a behind-the-back dropkick for a lay-up pass. Gary Metsker did it best. Usually between Christmas and New Year’s, we played a four-team tournament. When I was a sophomore, Taylor University in Indiana came and ran a precision pregame drill we had never seen before within the free throw circle. I think it psyched the rest of us out. The next year we traveled to Nebraska for holiday games. It was very cold up there, and we had “sunny bags” we pulled up over our legs to keep warm while sitting on the bench. Hey, our trunks were short then, and we played in some drafty old gyms. Funny what you remember.

It wasn’t all sports. Memories linger from old Sharp Hall. The Doghouse and chapel were in there. I had a class that last year in Sharp before it was torn down, creepy floors and all. In Farm Crops, Professor John Ward required us to be able to identify 7 weeds. Thank goodness I grew up on a farm and knew 10 or 12 beforehand. Professor John Burkholder had his Harnly Hall biology students sit alphabetically. I sat next to Pat Hoover. One day she nudged me and said, “What’s he talking about?” I didn’t know either, but somehow we got through it. I even took Human Biology the next semester. Dr. Bettenger’s Marriage and Family class was always full. His lectures were more like visits with stories. One week we practiced the “two-man carry” in Don Widrig’s First Aid class. Little did Elmer and I know we would use it at the site of a fatal accident in Galva the very next weekend. Funny what you remember.

And, oh yeah, that date I wrote about during WPA week . . . . This year she (Karen Crain) and I celebrate our 44th wedding anniversary. Pretty good investment for her, wasn’t it?!”
Lessons in the big city

As both an elementary education major and a person with an avid interest in learning the Spanish language, I thought spending a semester at the Chicago Urban Life Center would be perfect. I could complete my student teaching there as well as spend time in a bilingual school teaching both English and Spanish.

Once there, I discovered that my placement in a bilingual school had fallen through. My placement ended up being a fifth-grade classroom at the magnet school Galileo Scholastic Academy of Math and Science. I was under Mr. Cupicciotti and had 34 students of mixed racial background and very mixed ability levels. Although it was not a bilingual school, this was a disappointment for me, a majority of the students at the school did speak Spanish.

Getting used to the city was interesting. Since Chicago is built on a grid, it was very easy to find my way around, even as a small-town girl. Riding the buses, as well as chasing after buses, became natural. I learned a lot from my cooperating teacher, Mr. Cupicciotti, as well. However, learning also occurs on the subway, on the bus, at the theatre and while walking home from work. You learn from people singing on the street. You learn from a lost woman who doesn’t speak English. You learn from your roommates who have gathered from all over the nation. You learn from your neighbors who secretly look out for you every afternoon at the bus stop. In the end it matters very little that my fluency in Spanish didn’t get much better. I still gained so much from my experience.

I think it would be safe to say that the most important lessons I have learned while in college have not come from a textbook. I have had chances to travel the globe, spend time in a range of schools, and now, as a student in the city. When I think about the kind of educator I want to be, I am so thankful to have been presented with such an opportunity.

Spanish students volunteer in local elementary schools

By Kerri Snell ’84

When a student’s academic pursuit meets the real world for the purpose of service to others, success usually abounds for all parties involved. Hoping to incorporate the college’s commitment to service within the foreign languages curriculum at McPherson College, students who enrolled in Spanish I and Spanish III classes during the fall semester participated in volunteer work opportunities which placed them in community public schools.

These placements in the schools were coordinated by Chau Wens, director of career services at McPherson College. The college students were paired with McPherson elementary and middle school students who speak Spanish as their primary language in the home.

Spanish I students volunteering at Roosevelt Elementary School and Eisenhower Elementary School, both in McPherson, included Laura Hoelscher, Jamie Schropp, Angelina Fiorenzi, Amanda LeClair, John Brown, Rebecca Martin and Kelsey Buffo. Spanish III students who volunteered at McPherson Middle School were William Riley, Israel Ortiz, Jose Reyes and Brandon Babcock.

All student volunteers were required to keep a journal summarizing their experiences with the tutoring project. William Riley volunteered as a tutor for a McPherson Middle School sixth grader, helping the student with math and with ESL (English as a Second Language). “The first day I was very nervous because I did not feel confident in my ability to speak Spanish. However, when I met the student, I felt better because he was nervous as well,” wrote Riley of his experiences.

During his tutoring experiences at McPherson Middle School, Israel Ortiz realized the importance of relating to the ESL students in their native language. “They like very much the idea that someone is helping them in their own language. Also, they feel better about themselves because they are doing better as class,” stated Ortiz.

The college students gained valuable experience in a field situation where their Spanish language skills were put to a practical test. “The first day was very interesting... I was very intimidated by the fact that not only was [the student] from Mexico but that he was fluent in Spanish. Yes, I understand it a little and can hold a small, basic conversation, but I am nowhere near his level of speaking,” stated Angelina Fiorenzi, a McPherson College student enrolled in Spanish I who tutored a fifth-grade student.

Most of the college students involved in the volunteer assignments embraced the service component to their work and felt internally rewarded to work with the students and their teachers in the classrooms.

“I enjoy working with the kids on an individual basis because it gives me a chance to learn their individual personalities and how to get them to focus on the task they are working on,” wrote Jamie Schropp, who tutored for Linda Ferrell’s pre-kindergarten class at Roosevelt Elementary School.

Several of the college students who participated in the volunteer tutoring opportunity as part of the fall semester Spanish classes will continue with their designated students through the spring semester. “This project has been a very rewarding experience to watch unfold,” said Dr. Ocie Kilgus, associate professor of Spanish at McPherson College. “I have noticed a marked difference in the students. Their self-esteem level is higher and they have a greater willingness to speak Spanish and accept the process of learning another language. They understand the importance; responsibility and emotional reward of serving others.”
Campus traditions remind us of the past, guide us to the future

From the day they follow the bagpipers into Brown Auditorium for freshman orientation to the day they follow the bagpipers into Brown to receive their diplomas, McPherson College students participate in campus traditions. Although current traditions may seem far removed from the formal dining, pajama parades and freshman beanies of yesteryear, they still enrich college life.

“Traditions build community and create a lively campus,” said LaMonte Rothrock ’80, dean of students and athletic director.

While under the leadership of Dr. Neil Thorburn, interim president, in 2002, McPherson College adopted the practice of having bagpipers lead the commencement processional. More recently the college added bagpipers to orientation activities. All who have attended these events agree—bagpipes fill the campus with a big, memorable sound.

“When Neil Thorburn served as interim president, he learned of the Scottish ‘affiliation’ in the community and thought it would be a really neat idea,” explained Dr. Steven Gustafson, professor of music and former provost and dean of the faculty. “They (the bagpipers) lead the entourage from Miller Library around Mingenback Mall to Brown and then pipe them in to the auditorium.”

According to Rothrock, the use of bagpipers at orientation and graduation brings the college experience full circle.

“Three years ago we started marching the freshmen in by bagpipes on orientation day,” he said. “We want them to experience what the graduates experience.”

Admittedly, bagpipes are not rooted in campus history, but they are a successful marketing tool for the McPherson Scottish Society and the McPherson Convention and Visitors Bureau.

It was in the late 1980s that local leaders began promoting the Scottish origins of McPherson’s name. The city already had an established pipe band, they reasoned, so why not take things one step further? “Scot or not,” they said, “all are welcome to celebrate the heritage.”

Another recent McPherson College tradition is allowing—even encouraging—seniors to drive their vehicles through the Heaston Gazebo during the annual Campus Blowout. Scheduled for the three-day weekend preceding spring finals, the blowout coincides with the countywide All Schools Day celebration. All Schools Day itself has been a McPherson County tradition since 1914.

The college implemented sanctioned “drive-throughs” two years ago to discourage the unsanctioned drive-throughs that had been a favorite pastime of campus pranksters since 1988, the year the gazebo was built in the center of campus. Led by McPherson College President Ron Hovis, the parade takes a swing through downtown McPherson before jumping the curb at Euclid Street and proceeding through the gazebo.

“We want to make sure that every senior, if they want to, can say they drove through the gazebo,” Rothrock said, noting that the drive-
through is becoming a rite of passage, marking the transition from student to alumn. “We’re trying to focus on creating traditions.”

Another new tradition that brings vehicles onto campus—literally—it’s the annual C.A.R.S. Club Car Show, put on by the automotive restoration students. Founded in the late 1970s, the club currently is gearing up for its eighth annual show on May 5.

Fall Homecoming remains a semi-sacred tradition in the lives of both students and alumni, with a full schedule of reunions, sporting events, a theater production and a choir concert. Just recently the college brought back the traditional bonfires and tug-of-war, Rothrock said, and instituted competitions among the residence halls.

Rothrock, who grew up around the campus as the son of Dr. Dayton Rothrock ’47, professor emeritus, remembers the rollicking good times through Homecoming, he said. “As a kid, I thought that McPherson College was a pretty cool place.”

For Roberta (Mohler) Reed ’48, campus memories include beanies, bonfires and pajama parades. “I remember the pajama parade during Homecoming,” she said. “We would form a single chain by holding hands and weave around downtown, even through the stores.”

As a general rule, students wore their flannel pajamas over their clothing, so the parade was “nothing risque,” Reed said. Students formed the chain on campus. The challenge was to hang on for the mile-long dance to downtown.

Dr. Doris Coppock ’48, professor emeritus, recalls that the dance “got kind of rough, like ‘crack the whip.’” Both Reed and Coppock participated in the freshman beanie tradition. According to Coppock, the beanies worn during her college days were green because freshmen were considered “green.” Later the beanies were red and white, the school colors.

By Dr. Kim Stanley
Professor of English and Communication

I’m a strong advocate of pen and chalk, so I may not be more “now” than Bob! But I do love the Elmos, which projects on screen anything I show it: a picture of an ancient gold and lapis harp, a model of a brain, a photograph of the river that runs through Santa Rosa. I also love projecting the Internet in class so that when a student says, “But what does an Ibo mask look like?” I can find one—zap!—and show it.

The new technologies don’t seem out of place. Some are just younger with more things to learn and with evolving machines to assist, even change, the learning process.

Carolyn Harris ’00, assistant professor of information technology, uses a smart board as a lecture aid.

By Bob Green
Professor Emeritus of English

The year was 1967 when I was hired on at McPherson College. I had just completed seven years at Central College, five as an administrator. I wrote in a “Swan Song”: “My plan is to attend Oklahoma State University, under a Higher Educational Act Media Institute, where I’ll produce materials for the most current instructional machines: overhead projectors, closed-circuit television, single-concept films, etc. I’ll begin at McPherson College teaching written communications, Shakespeare and debate. Teaching is my vocational preference.”

Evolving instructional technologies were the center of many conversations among us faculty. Our anxieties about the new met our reluctance to leave the familiar. I recall delightful discussions in the copy room (it was the warmest room on campus and smelled of ink) while we waited our turn to replicate today’s lesson or tomorrow’s test. Breakdowns were frequent, and we cursed the machine when we should have blessed it, for the Xerox was a century ahead of the spirit of formaldehyde.

By 1993 when I retired, technologies included the overhead projector, VHS, collating copy machines and chalkboards. Now I hear of computer-assisted visuals and text messaging. I would like to think I could make the shift, perhaps uneasily, to current high tech stuff. Yet for me, the pencil and ballpoint pen, simple technologies for sure, are still useful adjuncts to teaching.

What have not changed are the student and the teacher; both are learners. Some are just younger with more things to learn and with evolving machines to assist, even change, the learning process.
Dorm life still creates memories

By Travis K. Walker
Junior, Coffeyville, Kan.

Several parts of McPherson College have experienced change over its 120-year existence, and residential life is no different. Many of these changes are readily apparent with new and different buildings, while some of the changes have been in the rules governing student activities in the dorms. Even in my short time as a resident assistant, I have witnessed changes to policies and people both.

Recently I had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Elaine Fleenor ’65 and Dr. Merlin ’43 and ImoJene ’57 Frantz to discuss their experience of living in the dorms and compare it to dorm life today. In my conversations with them, I learned that while there are many differences between their dorm life and ours, there are also still similarities.

A major difference is in the contents of the dorm rooms themselves. Merlin said that students “only moved in with a suitcase,” and the only furnishings were a double bed, closet, dresser and desk. The bed would be shared by roommates! There weren’t any appliances in the rooms, and the television was a luxury, according to Elaine. “Girls also had curfews, and we had to be in by the set times, otherwise we’d greet the dorm mother.” Men did not have a curfew, but the idea was that if the women were in the dorms, then the men would not be able to get them into trouble. “The only time men could come into the women’s dorms would be during open houses, which were significant events,” ImoJene said. According to Elaine, “If maintenance men would be working on the floor, they would be announced as ‘Man on the floor!’ to which someone would add, ‘Well, pick him then!’”

Dorm visitation rules and quiet hours still exist, but they have changed quite drastically. Men and women can visit each other in their rooms during visitation hours, and the opposite sex is no longer announced when on the floor. In fact, Dotzour is now a coed dorm, which would have been unthinkable in the past!

If there is one similarity between dorm life in the past and the present, it is the community that is built by living with your peers. “It would be difficult to imagine not living in the dorms. It was where we met and were able to get to know our friends,” stated ImoJene. As an on-campus resident, you quickly get to know people when you live with them in the dorm and eat with them in the cafeteria.

All of the alumni I spoke with had very fond memories of life in the dorms, and I, too, have developed memories that I will appreciate for the rest of my life. Residential life is a vital part of the McPherson College experience. Where else can you hang out with your friends until the late hours of the night, have fun and create memories that last far beyond college?

The beanie tradition varied from class to class, but one aspect never changed. Beanie-wearing freshman were expected to grovel in the presence of upperclassmen. By 1930 the tradition had been abandoned.

Campus pranks, on the other hand, have been universally enjoyed by students and disdained by officials.

Dr. Wesley DeCoursey ’46, professor emeritus, recalled that the pranks of the late 1930s and early 1940s usually occurred around Halloween.

“Halloween, for some reason, seemed to be a time for carrying out pranks,” he said. “The boys thought that it was cool to spend the night before Halloween bringing onto the campus some manure spreaders and a toilet or two, which were in use at that time in history, and a few bales of hay or straw. I am not sure whether real farm animals were brought in or not.”

Some things never change, however, as cars were used for pranks then as they are now.

“We also got a small car, owned by a history professor, and put it up on the steps of old Sharp Hall,” DeCoursey said.

Dr. elaine Fleenor ’65

“Needless to say, we had to clean up the campus later, and occasionally some of us were called into the president’s office to explain these unusual happenings.”

DeCoursey also admits to participating in a nighttime assault on Kline Hall.

The raid took place “after hours, of course, by climbing up onto the porch and getting in the second floor,” he recalled. The raiders were turned back “by a broom in the hands of the dorm mother, Miss Atkinson, to protect the virtue of the lovely young ladies in their pajamas.”

Dr. Merlin Frantz ’43, professor emeritus, remembers a more painful campus tradition: the belt line. This involved freshman males running a gauntlet of belt-wielding upperclassmen before each home football game, he said. “The upperclassmen also used belt lines to celebrate female students’ birthdays. They would call out the name of the girl and the names of anyone who had ever dated her or even looked at her. If you tried to sneak away and they caught you, that was bad.”

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Dr. ElaIne Fleenor ’65
A different version of the belt line involved lettermen with paddles, but the resulting pain was the same. The female version of the belt line, the slipper line, was much milder and involved shoes. Even so, Frantz said, the tradition could best be described as “cruel.”

Another Homecoming tradition of that era called for freshmen to get acquainted with other students. “Chapel was three times a week and was required. More than one marriage resulted from a student getting acquainted with the person sitting beside him.”

Assigned seats also were the order of the day at chapel. “In chapel we were also assigned seats, which happened to be in alphabetical order within classes,” Verda DeCoursey said. “Chapel was three times a week and was required. More than one marriage resulted from a student getting acquainted with the person sitting beside him.”

During Frantz’s college days, couples would keep their engagements secret until the Christmas reception, a formal event involving both students and faculty. “One of the expected surprises was to see which couples would announce their engagements,” Frantz said. “That was the ‘in’ thing to do.”

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Athletes share competitiveness

By Bryan Grosbach

Senior, Stillwater, Minn.

The alarm goes off. You hit it once. You roll over and stare at your roommate and snarl. He doesn’t have to get up for an early class. You go to class all day, breaking for lunch, and then it’s time for practice.

Two and a half hours later, it’s time for dinner followed by the other activities you participate in, then maybe some homework for that 8:30 a.m. class, which came way too early this morning. You might get a few hours of sleep, but that’s only if you get the rest of your homework done in time. This is the life of a student athlete.

Dan Hudachek, a senior from Stillwater, Minn., is an example of a current student athlete at McPherson College.

Hudachek, who is a double major in historic automotive restoration and theatre, is not only a successful student in the classroom, but is one of the top track and field athletes in the country.

Dan is also involved in theatre productions, McPherson College choir, Alpha Psi Omega (honorary theatre society) and Mudhucker ultimate frisbee. In the afternoon he can be found in the college throwing rings, and many nights he is in the theatre helping Dr. Rick Tyler design or build sets for the college’s theatre productions.

For athletes at McPherson College, the likelihood of a professional career in sports isn’t great, but the dream of continuing to compete in sports you love is still there. “I did track in high school and really made it special.”

Kamla was also a member of the Science Club at McPherson College while working toward his degree in chemistry.

Even former student athletes look back at what they accomplished in college, both in the classroom and on the team. Roger Kamla is an example of a former student athlete who, like Hudachek, competed in track and field. Kamla ’74, now of Lake Charles, La., decided to participate in track and field as a young boy after watching Jay Silvester and Al Oerter throw the discus in the Olympics on television. His talent for the discus wasn’t immediately evident, however. “I didn’t discover the discus was my event in track and field until I was a junior in high school,” Kamla said.

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“The combination of setting goals and working toward them, the friendships developed with other teammates, the fun I had with them and traveling to and from meets really made it special.”

Kamla also agreed that being a student athlete helped with discipline, making him a better person. “I probably would have wandered into some type of mischief and gotten lower grades too.”

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“One campus tradition that hasn’t changed in 90 years is the use of the bulldog as the college mascot. The tradition started around 1916 with the hiring of Ellis D. Verink to coach the men’s basketball team. Verink’s English bulldog, Ben, accompanied him to practices as well as games and held a place of honor beside the bench.

Campus traditions not only encourage student involvement but they also promote loyalty after graduation, according to both staff and alumni.

Although rarely sung by current students, the McPherson College song, “O Sacred Truth” by 1902 graduate J.A. Clement, still rings out at alumni gatherings:

“We’ll hope for our MC,
We’ll cheer for dear MC,
While winds do blow,
And sunflowers grow,
We’ll long for thee, MC.”

In recent years another traditional college song, the “light” song, has fallen out of use. The band still played it, the alumni still sang it, but students didn’t know it.

That situation is now being remedied, according to Tia Leach, head cheerleading and dance coach and resident director of Bittinger Hall. This past October cheerleaders handed out copies of updated lyrics during the homecoming bonfire. In the new version, “play” has replaced “fight” and “team” has replaced “boys”.

“Play on for victory.
We’ll do the rest, team,
You do your best, team,
Never give in.
Play to the finish,
MC will win.
"Play on for MC,
MC will win.
Play to the finish,
Never give in.
You do your best, team,
We’ll do the rest, team,
Play on for victory.
Rah, rah, rah.
"The song hasn’t quite caught on among the current student body, Leach admitted, but the plan is to teach it to incoming freshmen during orientation next fall.

Could this be a campus tradition in the making?”

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MCPherson College freshman Tabetha Salbury’s story may soon become the basis for a motion picture.

At age 15 Salbury became the first female to win the national Chevron Delo Tractor Restoration Competition. With her winning 3,000-pound 1935 John Deere B tractor, Salbury has paved the way for girls to compete in a primarily male-oriented field.

Not only was Salbury the first female to win the individual competition, but she was also the first finalist to win back-to-back titles. She earned top honors again in 2004 with a restored 1928 John Deere D. She competed a third time in 2005, restoring a tractor her great-great-uncle built during the Depression. That year, she was one of the top 10 finalists.

After an article appeared in the New York Times about Salbury, the president of a New York-based production company approached her about a movie inspired by her accomplishments. “Plans are in the works for a production based on my story,” Salbury said. She signed a contract with the company this past summer.

The annual Chevron Delo competition is open to high school-aged FFA students. Students may compete as individuals or in teams. Parents and teachers may advise students in the restoration process, but the students must complete the work themselves. Each of Salbury’s restoration projects involved approximately 300 hours of work.

“I did a complete restoration of each tractor,” she said, “taking it down to the bare minimum and rebuilding it from the floor up.”

Like all competitors, Salbury was required to submit a workbook, including essays and photographs, for each of her tractors, detailing the entire restoration process from mechanical overhauls of engines, transmissions, and auxiliary systems to the external appearance of the tractors.

A panel of judges examines each entry submitted and selects the finalists, who compete at the national FFA convention. The finalists must give an oral presentation on their project before a panel of judges. “You are evaluated on your ability to present, your knowledge and your ability to answer the judges’ questions,” Salbury said.

In the competition also connected her with McPherson College. A member of the college’s Alumni Board read an article about Salbury following her 2005 win, and a college representative soon contacted her and her family.

“I love it,” she said of McPherson College. “I absolutely love it. The restoration program is great; it is everything I have wanted. I have the mechanical knowledge and know-how from the tractors. This program is giving me a new challenge to learn about the automobile and its history. I have found a new passion for the automobile.”

Salbury’s major is auto restoration with an emphasis in communication. Her future ambitions include working in publicity for an automotive-related company and perhaps operating a small restoration business of her own.

And then there is the possibility of a movie based on her story. “It is all so hard to believe,” she said. “I never would have imagined an old, rusty tractor would have gotten me this far.”
Walker presents Flory Lecture

By Dr. Elaine Fleenor ’65

McPherson College students and alumni and community members were challenged by the words of David Walker, comptroller general of the United States, on Sunday evening, March 13. Speaking on the topic “The Four Deficits: America’s Fiscal Future,” Walker noted that “although the United States is still number one in many things, the fiscal system is broken and in need of repair sooner rather than later.”

The four deficits he cited were as follows: federal budget deficit, savings deficit, balance of payment deficit, and leadership deficit. In discussing the federal budget deficit, Walker noted that our society is now paying on credit and our children and grandchildren will be paying compound interest on this debt. He said that if there is no change, the average family will have a mortgage 9.5 times their annual income just to pay their portion of the national deficit. Health care costs are a big part of this deficit. Although we spend 50 percent more on health care than other industrialized countries, we still have the highest percentage of uninsured among these countries, and health care outcomes are still not at an acceptable level.

Regarding the savings deficit, Walker reported that in 2005 and 2000 the average American family spent more than they took home. The last time this happened was during the Great Depression of the 1930s. America’s rate of saving is the least among citizens of any developed country.

America has a balance of payments deficit because more money is being sent out of our country than is brought into the country. This leads to a devaluation of the dollar and its associated disadvantages. In Walker’s opinion the leadership deficit is the most serious of the four. He noted that our founding fathers believed in citizen legislators, but today we have professional politicians, who make it difficult to make changes. He believes that we need more leaders who will face facts, tell it like it is and work together to make changes.

Walker has already given 15 states on what he describes as “a fiscal wake-up tour.” He plans more such addresses in other states. During a “60 Minutes” interview on March 4, he said that although the challenges are great, he is an optimist who believes that we can turn our country around. During the past two years, he has seen a growing concern in the country regarding the deficits. He also believes that most U.S. citizens are aware of what these deficits are and that they want leadership and truth.

The following were among the recommendations Walker made for addressing the deficits: (1) Legislators must speak the truth to citizens; (2) meaningful budget controls must be established; (3) Congress must understand the impact of new programs before they vote on them; and (4) federal programs must be reviewed top to bottom to eliminate waste.

Said Walker, “Our fiscal clock is ticking. If our next president doesn’t make fiscal responsibility one of the top three priorities, we can’t afford them.” He emphasized the importance of good leaders who work to make things better for the future. “We cannot just live for today. We must prepare for a better tomorrow.”

He noted the importance of good public servants, who can make a difference for many people. In fact, he would like to see a national public service requirement of two years for our citizens. Walker stated that leaders need courage, integrity, creativity and stewardship. Listening to his remarks, one appreciates the McPherson College emphasis upon scholarship, participation, and service.

Walker became comptroller general of the United States in 1998 and is serving a 15-year term. As head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), he is the nation’s chief accountability officer. As an independent agency in the legislative branch of the federal government, the GAO examines how taxpayer dollars are spent and advises lawmakers and agency heads on ways to make government work better.

Walker has professional experience in both the private and public sectors and has written books, articles and several editorials. He has a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Jacksonville University as well as honorary doctorates in business administration and in public service from Lincoln Memorial University.

Walker came to McPherson College through the Raymond and Rosena Flory Lectureship in Public Policy. The lecturership was established to honor the contributions of the late Dr. Raymond Flory, professor emeritus of history at McPherson College, and his wife, Rosena.

Ward to head McPherson College football program

By Carol Swenson

Director of Sports Information

Brian Ward has been named the new head football coach at McPherson College.

A 1997 graduate of McPherson College with a bachelor of arts in history, Ward holds a master of arts in organizational management from the University of Phoenix. He is currently working on an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

Ward played for the Bulldogs from 1994 through 1996 under coach Bruce Grose, earning All-KCAC honors his junior and senior seasons.

Ward has served as assistant and coordinator on football staffs at Glendale Community College (Ariz.), Wabash College (Ind.), Missouri Southern State University, and Tulsa (Okla.) Union High School.

Ward was named the 2002 American Football Coaches Association NCAA D-III National Assistant Coach of the Year while at Wabash College.

When accepting the position, Ward concluded, “I’m excited to be a Bulldog again!”

“We are really excited to get a young coach of Brian’s caliber to head our football program,” said LaMonte Rothrock, McPherson College athletic director. “He has a passion for the game and a broad experience base at the high school, junior college and NCAA levels.

“Brian is passionate about developing young men and will be a great role model for our players. He understands the role of athletics at a small college and part the play it is in the mission of our school to develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service. His goal of recruiting high school graduates aligns directly with the McPherson College athletic department’s goals.”

“I came to McPherson College in 1994 because of the people, and the people are why I want to come now,” Ward said during the interview process. “My experience as a student and coach at McPherson College made a difference in my life, and I want to provide that same life-changing experience for other young men.

“My vision is to lead a football program that impacts the lives of young men and leads them to better opportunities by furthering their education and athletic careers and laying the foundation for ideal lives after their college careers conclude. This is accomplished through hard work, team building and accountability to each other and our community. That will lead to great accomplishments on the field.”

“The key is to find the right young men, those committed to the program and to getting their degree. I believe I can do that. I’ve been part of McPherson College.”

“I know the importance of building a program with a local recruiting base, retaining those students for four or five years, and seeing them graduate. To be successful you need juniors and seniors who have been part of the program for three or four years.”

At the conclusion of his playing career at McPherson College, Brian served as defensive coordinator and special teams coordinator under Grose for the 1997 season. Under his direction the Bulldogs set a school record with 12 blocked passes and ranked second in the NAIA in pass defense and eighth in total defense while finishing with a 6-4 overall record. Ward also coordinated the Bulldogs’ recruiting in Arizona.

From 1998 through 2000, Ward was the defensive coordinator at Glendale Community College in Glendale, Ariz. Ward served as assistant head coach, special teams coordinator, secondary coach and strength and conditioning coordinator at Wabash College (NCAA D-III) in Crawfordsville, Ind., for four seasons (2001-2004) under former Ottawa University head coach Chris Creighton.

In 2005 Ward was named associate head coach and defensive and special teams coordinator at Missouri Southern State University (NCAA D-III) in Joplin, Mo. After serving as recruiting and strength coordinator for MSSU during the spring and summer of 2006, Ward spent this past fall as the defensive coordinator at Tulsa Union High School.

Active in his community, Ward has directed Special Olympic fundraisers, “a Football Reader Fridays” program in the local elementary schools, a community-wide youth football day, and toy and canned food drives for the Joplin Salvation Army. Ward is married to the former Amy Brandseth. They are the parents of two young children, Travis and Ellie.
FLYING TO PARTS UNKNOWN
By Janette Hess ‘80

Flying to parts unknown, Tom Mason ‘81 has been a part of the MAF support system.

“It is one of the most exciting times to be in aviation,” Mason said. “There are places where it takes literally weeks to travel 30 or 40 miles. There are also areas where people live that are hundreds of miles from the nearest road or navigable river.”

The founders of MAF, many of whom were pilots in World War II, knew that aviation could open up new frontiers in the mission field.

“We have to have a plan in place in case of any emergency,” Mason said. “Our mission is to overcome the barriers that hinder the spread of the Gospel. We specialize in serving remote areas where there are no other, or good, options for transportation. Traditionally our primary users have been missionaries working in remote areas.”

In addition to its work as a Christian airline, Mason said, MAF is now “moving along the lines of technology and communications.”

Tom and Diana (Pierson) Mason ‘84, joined MAF in April 1995 as short-term assignment workers. “We went to Venezuela in January of 1996 and served three years, returning in January 1999,” said Mason, who was an aircraft mechanic by trade. “We then took the year of 1999 to transition from short-term assignment to career staff.”

The Masons returned to Venezuela in 2000 and served there until February 2006, when MAF put its Venezuelan operations on hold because of political uncertainty. At present the Masons and their youngest son, Joshua, are attending language school in Colombia, to learn Russian for an upcoming assignment in Siberia.

“There’s no flight program there yet, but there’s a tremendous need,” Mason said. “We’ve talked over what the need is, what we can do and how we can proceed. We’ve spent a lot of time in prayer looking for the Lord’s will. All we can do is keep moving and let Him move us where He wants us.”

Although the mission in Siberia is still being defined, there’s a good chance Mason will end up teaching aviation English to Russian speaking pilots. “MAF tries to match people up with areas where their abilities would fit a need as well as send people who are capable of dealing with the stresses unique to each different country,” Mason said.

The transition from a McPherson College graduate with a degree in animal science to a world-traveling mission worker took place over a period of 15 years. After graduation Mason returned to Iowa to farm. In 1982 he married Diana.

“In 1985 we decided to leave farming and move to Colorado, where I earned my aircraft mechanic certificates,” Mason recalled. “I then worked for a small aircraft repair facility for eight years. Diana worked for Continental Airlines during most of that time.”

These were busy years for the couple. Their two sons, Anthony and Joshua, were born, and Mason earned a private pilot’s license. In the meantime, the family began attending a church in Broadview, Colo., and realized that God had an interesting plan for their lives.

“God started acting in our lives in new ways,” Mason said. “We grew in our walks in Him and became convinced that we should be more active in our church as well as more active in reaching out to those who don’t know Him yet. During this time I read an article in Flying Magazine that mentioned MAF, and as time passed that article kept coming back to me. Eventually we decided to investigate helping MAF out with mechanical issues.”

One thing led to another, and soon they and their sons were headed to Venezuela to work with MAF ground support. In addition to the expected duties with aircraft, they assisted with communication systems and provided hospitality for visiting missionaries and workers.

Because Anthony and Joshua spent a big part of their lives in Venezuela, that country “almost feels more like home than Colorado does,” Mason said. “They do adapt to being in the United States quickly so they don’t stick out too much, but they have a little different idea about things than most kids their age do. They both attended a boarding school in the middle of the Orinoco Basin that was one hour and 45 minutes by plane from the end of the road and almost a three-hour flight from the nearest quality hospital.”

One highlight of the family’s Venezuelan assignment was the opportunity to attend the dedication of a newly translated film about Jesus. “There were hundreds of people there,” Mason explained. “Some had traveled days to see it. We were a part of that effort both from a technical aspect and in transporting the translators to and from the villages where they learned the language, doing the translation checks with the villagers and then verifying the content of the film [to make sure it] matched the Bible. That movie has resulted in many coming to know Jesus.”

MAF assignments have taken Mason to Indonesia and Pakistan as well as Venezuela. “I was fortunate to be allowed to spend one month in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, helping with the tsunami relief efforts,” Mason said. “We [MAF] provided internet access to the relief workers through a VSAT satellite connection.”

In the summer of 2006, the Mason family—minus Anthony who was working a summer job—spent several months helping with a flight program in Kabul, Afghanistan. “The flight program there is unique in that it is operated by a humanitarian affiliate of MAF,” Mason said, noting that overtly Christian organizations aren’t allowed into the region.

This past fall Mason began arranging financial support for his family’s upcoming trip to Siberia. For him, “supporting pastors and working with them to share the Gospel” is extremely rewarding, as is cultivating friendships within local populations. One such friendship brought Mason an invitation to attend a Muslim wedding in Indonesia. That friend now signs his letters “May God Bless You.”
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL POSTS WINNING SEASON

The Lady Bulldogs’ 2007 basketball season came to a close when their upset bid of Tabor College, the NAIA’s 13th ranked team, fell four points short in the KCAC quarterfinals.

But the season was not without its high points as the Bulldogs doubled their win total of last season. In their second season under Coach J.D. Gravina, the Bulldogs’ 14-13 final record marked only the third winning season by the McPherson women in the last 25 years, and their 14 wins equaled the fifth highest single season win total in school history.

The Bulldogs opened their season with five straight nonconference wins and stood 6-1 entering KCAC play. Picked to finish seventh and eighth in the coaches’ and media preseason polls, the Lady Bulldogs were the surprise of the conference’s first round as they posted a 6-3 KCAC mark, which included road wins over Bethany and Southwestern Colleges and Kansas Wesleyan University and losses at the hands of the KCAC’s nationally ranked and preseason top three picks.

Starting their second trip through the conference with a 12-5 overall record, the Bulldogs found themselves on the recruiting end of everyone’s best effort of the season. The result was a 2-8 record down the final stretch—but one that included a season sweep of Bethany.

A tough 77-74 loss at Friends University concluded the Lady Bulldogs’ disappointing sixth place, 8-10 KCAC season, but avoided the play-in round of the KCAC postseason tournament. “Our win-loss record fizzled out the final month of the season, but I still believe we were improving and playing better (than the first half of the season),” said Head Coach J.D. Gravina. “I believe those two losses [at Friends and Tabor College], showed we can play with anybody in the conference, at home or on the road.”

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Recruiting for the 2008 season started out with a bang as Gravina inked 6’4” Whitney Peggum, former Big 12 Conference Newcomer of the Year at Oklahoma State University.

“We graduate four great leaders [Abby Suter, Sheila Bevan, Jamie Harvey, Renee Hall], but the foundation is being laid to move up the conference,” said Gravina.

MEN’S BASKETBALL FINISHES 14-15

The McPherson College men’s basketball team opened the 2007 season going 10-5 overall and 4-2 in conference play after putting together a four-game win streak around the holiday break.

But the second half of season saw offensive struggles plague the Dogballers as they went 3-9 to finish out the regular season and fell into a tie for sixth place in the final KCAC standings. This, however, was still a step up from the ninth place finish predicted by both the conference coaches and media. “We let a couple of games get away in late January to put ourselves in a hole, and then we had to face the top three teams in the conference in the final three games of the regular season,” observed Bulldog Head Coach Roger Trimmell. “The Bulldogs won their play-in round contest of the KCAC post season tournament, but fell in the conference tournament quarter-finals to NAIA national tournament qualifier Friends University over time on the Falcons’ home floor.

“I felt we played some of our best ball the final two weeks of the season, it just came against some very good teams; two of which qualified for the NAIA tournament. Still, those games and our wins over Bethany were nice,” said Trimmell.

Two Bulldogs received All-KCAC honors following the season. Cody Dickerson and Shawn Young, both seniors, were selected to the All-KCAC honorable mention and All-Defensive teams, respectively.

Scott Bradley, a junior transfer from Chickasha, Okla., finished the season as the Bulldogs’ leading scorer, averaging 12.8 points per game. Alumni Night on February 10 was highlighted by the recognition of senior Austin Klump as the first recipient of the Pat Noyes Men’s Basketball Scholarship and Roger Trimmell for his 25 years as head of the Bulldog men’s basketball program.

“At Austin being our only senior this year, the pieces should be there to make a move up the conference ladder [next year].”

TRACK & FIELD WINS UP INDOOR SEASON

Indoor track season in Kansas is always a challenge as Mother Nature generally wins out. Workouts for the Bulldogs in the track and jumping events are dependant on being able to get outside, and the throwers can get only so much good from throwing into a net indoors. When the weather doesn’t cooperate, it is tough to make significant strides in improvement.

Even with limited training facilities, the Bulldogs were able to put together solid performances when competing on the 200-meter or larger tracks at Kansas State University, the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska. The squad was then scheduled to participate in three combination indoor-outdoor meets (throwing events and vertical jumps indoors with running events and horizontal jumps outdoors) at Bethany College, but cold weather twice forced cancellation of the outdoor portion of the meets. To avoid a forecast storm, the outdoor portion of the third meet was advanced a day, only to encounter hammering winds.

Still, the Bulldogs qualified two individuals for the NAIA National Indoor Championships, held March 8-10 in Johnson City, Tenn. Senior Dan Hudachek threw the 35-pound weight 52’2” at the second Bethany Indoor-Outdoor to qualify for nationals the second straight year. Junior Zane Walker cleared 6’6” in the high jump at the KU Jayhawk Invite to earn his first trip to the national meet.

“We use the indoor season as basically preparation for the upcoming outdoor season,” said McPherson Head Coach Dave Smith. “We had hoped to get a couple more qualified for nationals, but between the weather and a few of the folks not being here for interterms and missing opportunities to compete at K-State and KU, they just weren’t ready when their best opportunity was there.”

The Bulldogs will open the official outdoor season on March 24 with a trip to Lindsborg for the Swede Invitational at Bethany. McPherson College will host its only home meet of the season on March 31 with the running of its annual Bulldog Invitational.
390s

400s
Doris E. Coppel '48, McPherson, Kan., was named employee of the Year in 2006. Included in the 2007 edition of Who's Who Among Women.
Robert E. Keim '49, Tuscan, Ariz., was named Employee of the Month in June 2006. He recently retired from teaching after 27 years at Hillsboro Community Senior Citizens’ Endowment Trust Fund.

500s
Ward F. Ferguson '53, McPherson, Kan., returned as McPherson municipal court judge after 17 years. John G. Nettleton '54, Moorhead, Minn., was recently named vice president for the Minnesota Utilities Investor Association.
Galen Stucky '57, Tuscan, Ariz., was recently named vice president for the Minnesota Utilities Investor Association.

600s
Charles S. Horner '66, Fort Morgan, Colo., recently retired from teaching after 27 years and worked as a bank chemist during the 2006 Sugar Beet Campaign for Western States.

700s
Kenneth Van Blaricum '67, Glen Rose, Texas, has been elected to serve on the board of the Smithsonian Institution. He recently retired from teaching after 27 years at Hillsboro Elementary School.

800s
Rudney L. Caster '72, Bloomington, Ill., accepted a position as vice president for management and administration for the University of Illinois at Chicago. He also has a leadership role with the university's role with Illinois' congressional delegation and federal agencies in Washington, D.C.
David A. O'Dell '72, McPherson, Kan., recently joined the Sunflower Bank board of directors. Carol Stone Hinken '75, Belle Plaine, Kan., accepted a position as a human services supervisor in the Winfield and Newton SRS offices.

900s
Jayry S. Serrador '75, Mexico City, Mexico, is the president of victory marketing and administration for Bango Sartain.
Dan M. Lichty '76, McPherson, Kan., has joined the medical practice of James Prescott in McPherson.
Lyne C. Sift '78, Silver Springs, Md., is employed in the Heartland Hospice and Homecare chaplain office in Belville, Md. Ruth Van Roekel Bowman '77, Eden Prairie, Minn., received her doctorate from the University of Minnesota in educational policy and administration.

2000s
Paul S. Keim '77, Flagstaff, Ariz., recently delivered lectures at Oxford University. He also toured sites in Europe and the Sanger Genome Center in Cambridge, England.
Jeffrey Bach '79, Richmond, Ind., has accepted an appointment as director of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies.

3000s
Darrell D. Ames '80, Honolulu, Hawaii, retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of active duty.
Alan J. Guinn '83, Mount Pleasant, Mich., directed and contributed to “The Choral Musician's Director's Cookbook: Insights and Inspired Recipes for Beginners and Experts.”
Daniel Biscare '85, Elizabethown, Ky., is deployed for his second tour in Iraq.
Pamela Azline Shoemaker '86, McPherson, Kan., was recognized as a 2006 McPherson County Woman of Distinction.
Todd J. Fredrickson '86, Hutchinson, Kan., was named Assistant Middle School Principal of the year by the Kansas association of Middle School Administrators.

1990s
Stephanie Hill Miller '93, Wichita, Kan., accepted a position as cost accountant for the Contractor Division of Star Lumber and Supply.
Jeremy J. Bernhardt '98, Garden City, Kan., is the program counselor for Kansas kids at GEAR UP; he works with foster-care, adoptive-care and low-income students to improve their academics.

2000s
Valerie L. Ebersole '02, Wichita, Kan., recently completed her master of arts in liberal studies at Wichita State University.

Marriages
Linda Butler '83 to Steven Britttingham, Quenemo, Kan., October 15, 2005.

Arrivals
Billy and Sarah to Brian and Joanna Suellenkopf Bousek '07, Shawnee, Kan., November 27, 2006.

Grace Lyne to Matthew '04 and Shandi Schominger '04 Tobias, Utica, Neb., December 17, 2006.

2000s
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Madison Jennie to Brian '02 and Tara Huffner '05 Veal, Peculiar, Mo., February 8, 2007.

Interim trips
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Ken Yohn and Shane Karchner toured with their group of 10 students and four alumni to Europe, where they explored modern-day Spain and learned how it is the crossroads of Africa and Europe; Islam, Christianity and Judaism. “The students were especially impressed, and brought along a strong thirst to experience all that Spain had to offer,” Yohn said.
Ericka Viehman, soph., said, “The architecture in Spain was amazing. I felt that every part of the town told its own story (or maybe it was the tour guides). It was interesting to me to walk through the towns I felt as though I was living through history.”
Steve Gustafson and Jd Bowman took their group to New York City. Participating students were enrolled in Foundations of Musical Theatre and received three credit hours. The students each saw about 10 different theatrical shows, which included both Broadway and Off-Broadway productions, and also toured sites such as Rockefeller Center Times Square and St. Patrick’s Cathedral.
“I am grateful every day for the opportunity and all that went into taking this trip,” Jessica Foulke, jr., said. “It was probably one of the most exciting, best experiences of my life. There are times now when I’m in a ‘New York state of mind,’ and I sigh with happiness and reflect momentarily before begrudgingly getting back to my work.”

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April
11-15 Choir Tour – Kansas, Missouri, Iowa

May
5 Pat Noyes Golf Experience and Sports Memorabilia Auction
5 CARS Club Auto Show
20 Commencement

June

July
1 "Meet and Greet" Alumni Luncheon at Annual Conference
8 Alumni Family Day – Kansas City
TBD Alumni Board of Directors Summer Social & Retreat

August
12 Alumni Family Day – McPherson Water Park & Picnic

September
7 Limon, Colo., Football Barbecue
14 Quinter, Kan., Football Barbecue
30 Alumni Family Day – Wichita

October
11-12 Alumni Board Meetings

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