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Alumni—connected and involved

This issue of the Review includes a number of articles featuring McPherson College alumni and their vocations, special honors or recognitions received, or calls to service. Our office receives many comments from readers who tell us they enjoy reading about what other alumni are doing. I agree and personally find it both interesting and affirming to see that the college’s mission statement, “To develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service,” remains a vital part of the life of Mac students, even long after they’ve graduated.

Homecoming weekend held on campus October 12-14 is also showcased in this issue. I believe all will enjoy looking at the pictures and reading about the full lineup of events, activities and alumni recognitions that took place during the weekend. (For even more photos, log on to www.mcpherson.edu/alumni and click on Homecoming.)

While a great number of alumni returned to campus for a wide array of activities, not all were spectators. Several hundred alumni were active participants in performances and sporting events throughout the weekend. Alumni participated in the McPherson College Athletic Booster Club golf tournament on Friday and a 5K Run early Saturday morning and later that evening joined current student athletes in alumni men’s and women’s soccer games, an alumni volleyball game and ultimate Frisbee. A number of alumni participated in the career path alumni panel discussions on Friday following Honors Convocation. Nine very talented theatre alumni entertained audiences with two performances of “Noises Off” during the weekend. Homecoming weekend festivities culminated with the 75th Anniversary Choir Concert on Sunday afternoon, in which over 160 choir alumni performed with the current college choir members. We had good alumni attendance at most of the class reunions and the Gold Key and teacher education luncheons as well. I’d be remiss not to mention the participation and help from the current Alumni Board of Directors in hosting or attending class reunions and helping with registration and hospitality areas throughout the weekend.

We at McPherson often encourage our alumni to be active in the life of the college by referring a potential student; by giving of their time, talent and financial resources; by providing internship possibilities and job leads or mentoring; or by personally finding it both interesting and affirming to see that the college’s mission statement, “To develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service,” remains a vital part of the life of Mac students, even long after they’ve graduated.

Thank you to our alumni for continuing to keep participation an important part of your lives and for being active participants in the life of McPherson College!

Regards,

Sally Nelson ’78
Director of Alumni Development
Letter to the Editor

Shared memories

What a pleasant surprise I have had reading the McPherson College Review. It was great hearing about the memories of past students who attended Mac. I too have many of them, but one was truly an experience I remember with awe as I reminisce about my college days.

I went with nine other students and one faculty advisor to register voters in McComb, Miss., over spring break in, I believe, 1965. We drove to McComb, stayed in homes of black families, registered voters and were fully immersed in the Civil Rights Movement. During that time some celebrities who agreed with the movement came and sang. We all got to meet Joan Baez and go with her to a small church where she performed freely for a packed house. I can still remember the sound of “We Shall Overcome.” I even got to carry Joan’s guitar for her. What an experience! I would love to hear from others who made that trip. It was unforgettable!

That experience led me into the social justice work I do today for the homeless in Billings, Mont.

Beth (Brumbaugh) Morrow ’66

Visit exotic Thailand

January 15-24, 2008

If you have ever wanted to travel to exotic places, Drs. Herb & Jeanne Smith have just the ticket for you. Beginning on January 15, 2008, they will travel to Thailand where they will see sites such as golden palaces and temples, take motorized rickshaw rides around Bangkok, spend a night on the River Kwai Raft Hotel, see a tribal village Mon dance performance and many other sites on this 10-day trip. For more information on this trip, contact Herb or Jeanne Smith at 620-242-0533 or e-mail smithh@mcpherson.edu

Homecoming choir DVDs for sale

Homecoming alumni choir DVDs for sale: —get yours now! Listen again and again to the wonderful sounds of 75 years of voices combining into one great concert.

To order your copy, go to www.mcpherson.edu, access the alumni page and click on the link for DVD sales. If you do not have internet access, mail a check for $10 payable to McPherson College, c/o Jenny Williams, P.O. Box 1402, McPherson, KS 67460. Any donations beyond the cost of the DVD will be used to help support sending the college choir to Europe this summer to sing for the 300th anniversary celebration of the Church of the Brethren.

Do you hear me smiling?

McPherson College student callers, better known as Project Connect callers, are happy to connect with alumni to share memories with them, update information, and keep them informed of college news.

During the 2006-07 school year, student callers were able to reach 1,862 alumni households by phone. Many others received e-mails or personal notes from the callers who were unable to reach them by phone. Keeping the connection this year will be two returning callers and seven new callers.

Beginning in October and throughout the school year, our team of callers will be attempting to reach you by phone each Wednesday and Sunday evening. Be looking for YOUR call!

Unless noted otherwise, all Project Connect gifts are designated for the college’s Annual Scholarship Fund. Nearly every student receives scholarship money from this fund. Last year the college awarded over $2 million in scholarships to McPherson students. With the increase in enrollment, we expect this figure will rise rapidly.

For more information about monthly direct payment options, contact Anna Ruxlow, Director of Development, at 620-242-0432.

Project Connect Web page: www.mcpherson.edu/alumni/phonathon

For those of you with caller ID or call blocking Mac College’s telephone number is 620.245.9279.

Did you ever work for the McPherson College Phonathon? If you did please send us information about your current occupation and a photo of yourself. We are creating a “Phonathon Wall of Fame” and would love to include you on our wall. Send information and photo to: McPherson College, Attn: Anna Ruxlow, P.O. Box 1402, McPherson, KS 67460 or e-mail ruxlowa@mcpherson.edu
Summer 2008 European choir tour approaches

With the summer of 2008 approaching, plans are kicking into high gear for the McPherson College Choir Tour through Germany and Holland. Choir members are anxiously waiting to experience all of the many activities being planned for their trip. They already know that they will be participants in the 300th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Church of the Brethren in Schwarzenau, Germany.

Participants will arrive in McPherson on July 17. This will be a time for alumni and other singers to join the college choir for final rehearsals. Student participants will have already learned the music during the preceding spring. Following an all-day rehearsal on July 18, an evening potluck and concert will be held in Mingenback Theatre for family members, friends and McPherson area persons.

Prior to the group’s time in Schwarzenau, highlights of the trip will include touring the Mercedes Benz factory, visiting the German National Museum, cathedrals, castles, a visit to Buchenwald concentration camp, staying in a hostel as well as homes of German families, and many excursions planned by friends of McPherson College. In Kassel the group will take in the Brothers Grimm Museum, while Sababurg will provide a glimpse of what the Brothers described as the “Sleeping Beauty” Castle. Plans for some shopping and free time are scheduled as well.

There are still some available seats on this trip. If you have an interest, please contact Steve Gustafson at 620-242-0524 or gustafs@mcphtson.edu; Herb Smith at 620-242-0533 or smithh@mcphtson.edu as soon as possible as deadlines are nearing.

Full-time enrollment increases for fifth consecutive year to 30-year high

McPherson College enrollment increased for the fifth year in a row, with 498 full-time students enrolled for the fall 2007 semester. This is the largest enrollment the College has seen since 1976.

“Overall enrollment growth is primarily due to continuing increases in the number of returning students,” said McPherson College President Ron Hovis. “The number of new students enrolling at MC has remained fairly stable for the past four to five years, while the number of returning students has increased from about 190 in 2003 to almost 320 in 2007.”

“Having larger numbers of returning students on campus helps our new students to become engaged more quickly and more connected with our expectations and values,” said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. “Increased retention also gives a guide to our admissions office about who they should be spending their time recruiting.”

The number of new students on campus this fall is 180, up slightly from the average of the past three years, with average ACT scores for that period reaching a 30-year high.

“The college has great people in the admissions office that did a good job recruiting for this fall,” said Michael Schneider, vice president for advancement and admissions. “We made a lot of progress this fall and we are confident we can build on their good work in the future.”

As enrollment increases, occupancy in the residence halls is also rising. Currently, 387 students live on campus, which brings the residence halls to just over 90 percent of capacity.

Diversity of the student body also continues to increase. Hispanic, black, and Asian students comprise 20 percent of the student body this fall, up from 16 percent last year. About 51 percent of the student body is from Kansas; the remaining 49 percent from 39 other states.

Consistent with its mission, the college continues to stress the development of whole persons through scholarship, participation and service, with a distinctive emphasis on career-oriented liberal arts. In 2006-07, 310 students (along with faculty and staff sponsors) were involved in service projects totaling over 5,500 hours of service.

Additionally, over 50 percent of the student body participated in career related internships last year. Consistent with the past few years, the percentage of graduating seniors who completed at least one internship while at MC was about 90 percent.

“We are grateful to our students who elected to begin or continue their college studies at MC. The progress of the college related to enrollment and programming is the result of the hard work and strong performance of many people – faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors and other friends of the College,” Hovis said. “We look forward to having a great academic year in which our students continue to develop and the college builds toward a brighter future.”
Faculty Notes

Dr. Jonathan Frye has been named section editor for the international Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions. The aim of this encyclopedia is to provide the most comprehensive, cohesive and objective coverage to date on the topic of science and religion.

Dr. Frye was also named as a panelist at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) conference in San Diego, Calif., held November 17-20, 2007. The panel spoke and responded to the theme Rethinking Science, Religion, and Their Possible Relations.

On September 28, 2007, Dr. Gary R. Entz, associate professor of history at McPherson College, presented a paper before a joint session of the Communal Studies Association and the John Whitmer Historical Association. The paper, entitled “William Bickerton and the Zion Valley Colony of Kansas,” is a summation of two scholarly articles that Dr. Entz has published in Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains and The Journal of Mormon History.

Dr. Ocie Kilgus attended the 30th Annual Global Studies Conference at the University of Nebraska at Omaha on October 5, where she presented a paper titled “Things Go Worse with Coca-Cola: The Insurgent Poetry of Hólger Córdova.” The paper dealt with how his poetry exposes and challenges U.S. companies like Coca-Cola that wield enormous economic and cultural power in developing countries.

Dr. Kim Stanley participated in a book discussion series on September 18 at the Kinsley Public Library, Kinsley, Kan., entitled That’s Funny: Books That Make Us Laugh. She led a discussion on Betty MacDonald’s “The Egg and I,” a description of the author’s life as a young bride during the 1920s in the Chimacum Valley in the state of Washington.

Harnly Garden bricks available

During the past few years, many alumni and friends of McPherson College have purchased commemorative bricks for Harnly Garden, which have given this campus space a personal touch. These bricks are still available on an ongoing basis: $100 for a 4-by-8-inch brick and $150 for an 8-by-8-inch brick. The next deadline for ordering is March 15, 2008, so that any new bricks can be in place by Alumni Weekend in May.

To place an order or for more information, please contact Jenny Williams in the development office by March 15 at 620-242-0435 or williamj@mcpherson.edu

Two-day art workshop & installation

This past summer the McPherson College Art Department sponsored a two-day art workshop for high school juniors and seniors on June 1-2 at McPherson College. The workshop was held at Hess Fine Arts Center and was hosted by McPherson College art faculty Ann Zerger B.S., M.F.A., assistant professor of art, and Dee Erway-Sherwood B.F.A., M.F.A., assistant professor of graphic design and program director.

Focusing on sculpture and graphic design, the workshop assisted students in creating pieces to be displayed in an art installation at the Smoky Hill River Festival in Salina at Oakdale Park, held June 7-10.

The art installation at the festival took the form of a bridge constructed of colorful fiber webbing and graphic design elements. Students were nominated by their high school art instructors to be considered candidates for the art workshop and installation project. Those who participated in the experience received free passes for the weekend and were invited to a reception for numerous professional artists showing their work during the festival.
Krehbiel publishes book

Tim Krehbiel ’83 recently published his tenth book “Statistics for Managers Using Microsoft Excel,” fifth edition. Previous editions of the text are used in colleges and universities worldwide, including Stanford, Columbia, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Cornell and the London School of Economics. One or more of Tim’s books have been translated into Chinese, Russian, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. Tim and his wife Patty ’82 and their three children, Ed, Rudy and Rhonda, have lived in Oxford, Ohio since 1990.

Fowler honored for act of bravery

Rich Fowler ’93 of Glenshaw, Pa., was recently honored for his work as a patrolman by the North Hills Boroughs and Townships Police Association. Fowler works as a patrolman for the Shaler, Pa., police force. Fowler responded in two minutes to a robbery at an Eckerd drug store in January 2006 and arrested the culprit. He was a suspect in a dozen armed robberies in the North Hills area. Fowler caught the robber leaving the store’s parking lot. Fowler was also awarded a commendation after administering life-saving measures with an automatic external defibrillator after being summoned to the residence of a friend of his. His actions saved this person’s life. Fowler is now the most decorated officer in the 26-member department.

Mines publishes book

Cynthia Mines ’77 recently authored a book on Cubism, targeted to high school libraries.

Published by Lucent Press, the hardcover book features a painting by Picasso on the cover. Mines continues to own and publish the Wichita Times and Travel Kansas magazines.

Basketball camp celebrates 10 years

Roger Trimmell ’73 has lived basketball for a long time, long enough to know that it is hardly a seasonal sport anymore. So it only makes sense that Trimmell and former McPherson College teammate Don Cameron ’73 have teamed up to run a basketball camp every summer since 1998 in Buhler, where Cameron has taught and coached for the past 16 years. The idea for their Heartland Basketball Camp for Boys grew out of their participation in camps sponsored by Focus on the Family, based in Colorado. Gary Lydic ’71 was instrumental in running those camps and has been a guest speaker at Heartland. (Lydic was playing in the basketball game with Pete Maravich when he collapsed and died, an event that led to Focus on the Family starting these camps.)

Lydic was also instrumental in helping Trimmell and Cameron get their camp off the ground.

Coaches Trimmell and Cameron established Heartland to share the message of Jesus Christ in the context of a Christian basketball camp. Their camp stresses fundamentals with a daily schedule that includes individual drills, team drills, games and contests and featured speakers. Each player that attends receives recognition at the awards ceremony on the last day of camp as well as a devotional book written by John Wooden, former coach of the UCLA Bruins, and one of his assistants, Jay Carty, who also played for the Lakers. Featured speakers have included many former Bulldog players and coaches, among them David Barrett ’90, Eric Vogel ’98, Emmanuel Roland ’98 and Mel Wright.

New staff and faculty announced

McPherson College welcomes new faculty and staff for the 2007-08 school year. Joining the faculty are Dr. Alan Ayella, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Gregg Thaller, associate professor of music; and ShaRonda Maclin ’00, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction. Also teaching on an adjunct basis are Shandi Tobias ’05, English; Tom Hurst, history; and Chet Buchman ’02, economics.

New to the admissions staff since last fall are Christi Hopkins, operations manager; Amy Ward, office assistant; Judy Jacobs, assistant to the vice president of advancement and admissions; and Jamie Winter and Nicole Alvarado, both admissions and financial aid counselors.

Steve Frick is serving as director of financial aid.

Kristi Crowdis is the new assistant director of career services.

After serving as associate director of development since February, Anna Ruxlow has recently been named as the new director of development at McPherson College.

Dan Hudachek ’07 joined the advancement team in July 2007 as director of auto restoration development.

Shane Netherton ’03 has been appointed as the business manager for McPherson College.

Janelle Magnuson has accepted the position of accountant in the Business Office.

Marty Sigwing has accepted the position of director of facility management.

Facilities management is pleased to add Sofia and David Penalva, Ashley Widener and Andrew Gustafson ’05 to their staff.

Several new staff are taking on residence hall responsibilities. Joe Bettasso is the resident director of Morrison Hall and assistant football coach. Shane Britt has been hired as the new resident director for Metzler Hall and is serving as sponsor of SGA and co-sponsor of SAB. Shandi Tobias is serving as resident director of Bittinger Hall as well as a writer for the communications office.

Joining the athletic department is Marcus Hicks, new head women’s basketball coach. Dan Leddy ’80 is the new head coach for the men’s and women’s tennis programs. Anita Parks joins the department as coach for the Bulldog cheer squad.
Each year in late August, one of the largest and most prestigious car shows in the world takes place at the Pebble Beach golf course in California. Started in the 1950s by the Classic Car Club of America, this gathering, now known simply as Pebble Beach, has become the premier venue for displaying historic and significant automobiles of all types.

It also has become something of a gathering for McPherson College automotive restoration alumni. This year’s Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance, held on Sunday, August 19, had a total of 19 alumni, current students and faculty of the college in attendance. These people weren’t just there to watch the show though—they were helping to make it.

The group of 19 represented 13 different companies, ranging from major restoration shops to automotive museums to classic automotive insurance companies. Current students played a role through internships in which they’ve participated.

“It was exciting to see so many auto restoration students and alums at so prestigious an event 1500 miles away from McPherson, Kan. It was even more exciting to know that 18 of these students were there in some official capacity,” said Garrick Green ’93, restoration department chair.

Roger Morrison, a member of the restoration program’s National Advisory Board, entered a 1932 Ford hot rod originally built in the 1950s by the Berardini brothers and restored at a shop in Colorado by two McPherson graduates. Morrison walked away with the Dean Batchelor trophy, sponsored by Ford Motor Company.

“When the 17 current students and graduates gathered around the Berardini roadster, the crowd that formed to see what was so special about this group took my breath away,” said senior Brian Schippert, a former intern at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.

“Having so many students on the show field this year speaks volumes for the job the restoration program is doing in obtaining internships and employment, but Chris Wiens, director of career services, should get a large share of the credit,” said Green. “Chris has done a fantastic job of getting students matched up with intern providers as well as helping students obtain employment after graduation.”

“I was amazed that the 19 people there represented 13 different companies. I think that is a testament to the quality of graduates produced at McPherson College,” adds Dan Hudachek ’07, director of automotive restoration development at McPherson College.
Who’s Who students selected

Seven McPherson College seniors have been selected by faculty to represent the college in Who’s Who Among American Universities & Colleges for the 2007-2008 school year. Recipients of this award are: Jessica Foulke, Lawrence, Kan.; Alan Grosbach, Gladstone, Mo.; Joel Grosbach, Enders, Neb.; Victoria Salas, Wichita, Kan.; Brian Schippert, Great Bend, Kan.; Alex Tyler, McPherson, Kan.; and Travis Walker, Coffeyville, Kan.

Exemplifying the college’s mission of scholarship, participation and service, these students are involved in the gamut of activities on campus, from choir, band, theatre and Singers to soccer, ultimate frisbee, CARS Club and student government. They will be recognized at an Honors Convocation in the spring.

Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, oversees the Who’s Who selection process at McPherson College. He explained that the process is fairly simple. All seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher are asked to fill out a form listing all their activities for four years. That list of students with GPAs and activities is submitted to full-time faculty who have been at the college for over a year, as well as select administrators, who vote for the recipients. If a student’s name is on at least half of the ballots, he or she becomes a member of Who’s Who.

“All recipients of the 2007-2008 Who’s Who awards personify the trinitarian values of McPherson College: scholarship, participation, and service,” Smith said. “They were affirmed by a vote of over 50 percent of the faculty and administrators who returned their ballots.”

McPherson College reaches out to alumni through regional area events

Life experience tends to tell us that relationships are an important thing to nurture. Thus, the alumni office is reaching out to do just that. Over the past summer and fall, alumni have attended events in various locations to reminisce and just have fun together.

McPherson College alumni and family members enjoyed an afternoon of outdoor and indoor fun playing miniature golf, laser tag, go-carts, mini-bowling, bumper cars, kiddie rides, paddle boats and video arcade games at Fort Fun in Ft. Collins, Colo., on Saturday, June 9. Fort Fun is owned and operated by MC alum Jan Esgar McClure ’84 and her husband, Jeffrey.

A luncheon for McPherson College alumni and their families was held on Sunday, July 1, in Cleveland, Ohio, during the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference. Sally Nelson ’78, director of alumni development, welcomed guests and shared current alumni happenings, and president Ron Hovis gave a brief update of the college. Attendees watched a video montage of student life and campus activities from the 2006-07 school year.

Nearly 80 MC alumni and their families was held on Sunday, July 1, in Cleveland, Ohio, during the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference. Sally Nelson ’78, director of alumni development, welcomed guests and shared current alumni happenings, and president Ron Hovis gave a brief update of the college. Attendees watched a video montage of student life and campus activities from the 2006-07 school year.

Nearly 80 MC alumni and their families attended a Kansas City T-Bones baseball game in the KS Speedway and Legends area of Kansas City, Kan., on Sunday afternoon, July 8. Despite the heat, young children to seniors enjoyed a barbeque tailgate supper, visiting and the ball game together.

Members of the Gold Key Club and their spouses or guests had the opportunity to tour the Kansas Underground Salt Museum in Hutchinson, Kan., on Tuesday, July 10. Several men in the group reminisced about class field trips to the salt mines when they were in college, while others recalled days of working in salt mines at Kanopolis and Hutchinson.

The McPherson Water Park proved to be a popular place for McPherson College alumni and their families to cool off on Sunday, August 12. The hot August day drew over 135 Alumni Family Day participants to the cooling waters. Additional alums and college faculty and staff joined the group in the evening for a barbecue picnic at Lakeside Park across the street.

This fall alumni and development staff traveled to Limon, Colo., and Quinter, Kan., to host hot dog feeds at high school football games. The Limon Badgers hosted the Rocky Ford Meloneers, while the Quinter Bulldogs hosted the Rawlins County Buffaloes. Over 2000 hot dogs were served to hungry fans.
The Citation of Merit is McPherson College's most prestigious award, recognizing lifetime achievements of outstanding alumni. The criteria for selection include success within a profession, contribution to the community and outstanding service and loyalty to the college. Upon recommendation of the Alumni Awards Committee and the college’s board of trustees, three individuals were selected to be honored in 2007. These awards were presented at a ceremony held on the McPherson College campus during Alumni Weekend, May 19-20, 2007.

**PATRICIA STAUFFER NIPPERT ’72**

Since graduating from McPherson College, Patricia Stauffer Nippert has dedicated herself to education and service. She received a master of science degree in elementary education and reading from Wichita State University in 1986. Pat has worked within three different school districts; in McPherson she was awarded Teacher of the Year by Roosevelt Elementary and given a special recognition award from the district. Among her numerous service and social activities are the Head Start Policy Council, Leadership for Tomorrow, the Kansas Association of School Boards, the USD 418 Board of Education and McPherson EMS. Pat has devoted many hours as an EMT-I on the reserve force. She is a past Red Cross board member. Very active in her church, Pat has served in numerous leadership positions. She currently works for both the Smoky Hill Education Service Center, where she serves as a reading consultant, and as a Reading First facilitator for the Kansas State Department of Education.

**CLIFTON BAILE ’62**

Dr. Clifton Baile’s extensive biomedical and animal science research has made his name internationally recognizable in the field of science. Clifton also attended Central Missouri State College as an undergraduate, where he received a bachelor of science in both agriculture and business in 1962. He then received a doctorate in nutrition from the University of Missouri in 1964. After many years of work in both education and research, Clifton retired from his job as director of research and development for Monsanto in 1995. He signed on as a professor with the University of Georgia (UGA), where he agreed to accept no salary for his work in return for the opportunity to direct his own research program. This gave him the freedom to use the university’s infrastructure to develop technological opportunities that are transferable to the private sector. Clifton has written numerous scholarly journals and abstracts and has served on numerous boards. He has received the Lamar Dodd Award and Georgia Biomedical Partnership Award and was named a Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in agricultural biotechnology. Clifton continues his research and teaching at UGA, where he has worked for 11 years.

**GILFORD IKENBERRY ’52**

After graduating from McPherson College with a bachelor of science in mathematics, Dr. Gilford Ikenberry moved throughout the Midwest to further his education and take on the role as college professor. He eventually returned to McPherson, however, where for 32 years he served as a professor of biology. Gilford holds a master of science in botany and plant pathology from Oklahoma State University (1956) and a doctorate in botany-plant development from Iowa State University (1959). During his teaching career, he participated in numerous National Science Foundation Institutes. Gilford has always remained extremely active in education as well as in his community, having established many trips for students to enhance their studies of ecology. Since retiring, Gilford and his wife, Nelda, have led an eco-tourist trip to Belize and traveled around the world conducting research. He has actively supported such groups as the Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation, among others. Gilford has remained active in the Church of the Brethren, where his numerous positions have included church board chair, member of the Deacon Board and member of the Pastoral Service Committee.

Recipients of the 2007 Citations of Merit were (left to right): Clifton Baile, Gilford Ikenberry and Patricia Stauffer Nippert.
Alumni Legacy Scholarships awarded

McPherson College recently announced the recipients of the second Alumni Legacy Scholarship: Abby Alfs, Shickley, Neb.; Erica Schlender, Burtrton, Kan.; and James Tuttle, Lewiston, Neb.

Abby Alfs, a music and journalism major, is the daughter of Tim and Marti (Grone) ’79 Alfs. She is also involved in band, choir and the Spectator and hopes to be involved in theatre during her years at MC.

“I chose McPherson College because the people here seem so friendly and I love the campus,” Alfs said. “The fact that my mom, aunts, uncles and grandfather attended MC allowed me to learn about the college, but did not directly influence my decision to come here.”

Erica Schlender is the daughter of Rick ’80 and Carole Schlender. Schlender is majoring in elementary education with a minor in music. She is involved in the business club and Teachers for Tomorrow.

“McPherson College is close to home,” Schlender said. “I felt comfortable here, and my father went here and loved it.”

Like Alfs and Schlender, James Tuttle learned about McPherson College from his parents, Marty and Mary Beth (Snyder) ’79 Tuttle. He will be majoring in psychology and is a member of the Bulldog football team. Tuttle is also a Presidential Scholarship recipient.

“I like the fact that McPherson is a small college where I won’t get lost in the crowd,” Tuttle said. “The people here are very friendly, and everyone has the opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities.”

The Alumni Legacy Scholarship is renewable for four years, provided the student maintains a full-time course load and stays in good standing with the college, and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis (admissions acceptance and deposit received).

“We’ve had a lot of support for the Alumni Legacy Scholarship and much interest in it. I believe a number of alumni are excited about this type of scholarship being available for children of alumni,” said Sally Nelson, director of alumni development. "It says, ‘We are interested in your children coming to McPherson as students, so much so that we’d like to encourage their decision to come here by offering them some financial assistance.’"

In February 2006 an anonymous alumni couple committed $20,000 to endow this scholarship with the stipulation that the Alumni Board of Directors raise an additional $20,000 for the scholarship during the remainder of the MyMC campaign.

“As gifts designated to this scholarship fund continue to come in, it is our hope that the number of scholarships will increase,” Nelson said. “Wouldn’t it be great if someday every alumni child received an Alumni Legacy Scholarship to come to McPherson?”

Minority Teacher Education Scholarships awarded

In order to fulfill its mission to develop service-oriented educators who effectively blend the art and science of teaching, McPherson College’s teacher education program is proud to announce the three recipients of its McPherson College Minority Teacher Education Scholarship.

Joining the campus this fall are Kevin Putman, Salina, Kan., history major seeking secondary licensure; Chris LeBlanc, Corinth, Texas, math major seeking secondary licensure; and Melissa Grandison, Quinter, Kan., elementary education major seeking licensure in k-5 and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

The foundation for the McPherson College Minority Teacher Education Scholarship was laid last fall with implementation and interviews underway by January ’07. Eligible students must meet criteria to qualify for this honor: good academic standing, two letters of recommendation, and responses to questions relevant to education and related personal characteristics.

Once involved in the program, teacher education students apply their classroom education in a real-life setting with student teaching and practica opportunities in area schools. These opportunities give students a chance to apply their knowledge while carrying out McPherson College’s mission to provide service to the community.

“We are pleased to have these students as part of the teacher education program,” said Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, professor of education. “Based on their academic record, recommendations and communication skills, we know they will be assets to the teaching field.”

Says Melissa of her choice to pursue a career in education at McPherson College, “Both of my parents were teachers, and I’ve always enjoyed being around kids. I guess on a subconscious and then conscious level, teaching has always been my selected profession. I’ve always known I wanted to attend a Brethren college and when I visited McPherson, it just felt like home. I love the sense of community, the extra-curricular opportunities and the friendliness of the students and staff. Then when I looked into the education program combined with the Spanish program, it was a perfect fit.”
The year was 1937. The white frame Church of the Brethren in the village of Fernald, Iowa, had a seating capacity of 100 with two white outhouses in back near the railroad track. I made my debut there as a three-year-old performing a four-line poem.

That church, with a caring Sunday school teacher and supportive CBYF (Church of the Brethren Youth Fellowship) sponsors, helped my parents mold my Christian principles. In high school I competed in original oratory, and the congregation listened to my oration the week after they heard Bob Wise present his.

In 1953 my cousin Evelyn Jarboe Mollhagen and I graduated from high school at the back door of a land grant college. We then followed Bob Wise to McPherson College.

As a freshman I was limited to 12 college hours. I read my general psychology assignments so many times that Professor Max McCauley left me leading the class when he was absent. But being in front of the class was as comfortable as facing my home church’s congregation.

When Leland Lengel lacked the partner he needed to compete in forensic tournaments, as Professor Maurice Hess required in his debate class, Dr. Hess selected me from the freshman transcripts. The following year Don Ullom drafted me to stand in until his regular partner arrived back on campus for second semester. As a junior I teamed with Lu Wise Neher in national competition at Redlands, Calif., after Anne Keim DeBord was injured in a car accident. I was a lackluster debater and a so-so orator, but such experiences, including performing my regional-winning original oration in Long Beach on the stage where the Miss America Pageant was held in those days, were humbling and character building.

During my college years, Dr. Desmond Bittinger served as president. He frequently referred to “our Mac College family.” When I was frantically turning in assignments and finishing other responsibilities in preparation for leaving for Redlands, Dr. Bittinger said, “I understand your red-headed major professor doesn’t want to release you. Shall I speak to her or just pray in your behalf?” His offer touched my heart. He prayed; I went to Redlands.

I minored in journalism but concentrated on studying home economics and served as Professor Mildred Siek’s assistant to help pay my college fees. Miss Siek’s family finance class was undoubtedly the mother lode for my lifetime focus on home and family. I learned
consumer economics points I’ve used to shop wisely for clothing and appliances, select food that is economical but healthy and nutritious, choose insurance policies, and draft contracts and complaint letters my husband, Karl, needed for the business he established and operated for 35 years.

I still wore my freshman beanie when the campus editor of the Spectator dropped out of school and I stepped up to that position. I was fortunate to interview Dan West, founder of Heifer Project International, that year.

No professor set up an internship, but reporting practicum and editing were on my transcript when I went home for summer vacation. I filled a proofreading/editing slot at The Nevada Evening Journal and returned to it every vacation, not only summers but also Christmas and spring break. While writing a weekly page for a nearby town one summer, I interviewed a quiet, salt-of-the-earth farmer. His collection of worldwide wild bird eggs, many from species that are now endangered, was recently acquired 30 years after his death by Yale University.

The summer after my junior year, the editor of the Nevada Evening Journal resigned. The publisher pushed me into that chair and took six weeks to interview and select a new editor. I heard him inform one candidate, “This is not a job for a woman,” while I was busy editing wire copy, taking photos with the cumbersome speed graphic, writing local news, counting spaces to write headlines and laying out pages. The hard-earned extra pay balanced my budget at college the next year.

During my senior year, any trace of boredom evaporated when the alumni office and Professor Sarah Vancil Brunk (Wiseman) suggested I free-lance a weekly story for The Hutchinson News, spotlighting college students, staff or supporters. Eventually I interviewed people from numerous cultures around the world, including Dr. Peter Dyck, noted organizer of the escapees and settlements of WWII Mennonite refugees, as well as innumerable missionaries, ministers and refugees. I’ve been free-lancing articles, many of them about artists for KANSAS! magazine, for over 50 years. One five-year stint was as a writer of a consumer column for the Lawrence Journal World.

While a student I performed in two stage productions, including “Deep Are the Roots,” which our cast performed at Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Mich. I turned down the summer stock scholarship I was offered afterward because seeing my name in lights was never my dream.

Marriage after high school was fairly common in the village of Fernald, Iowa. CBYFers advanced to the “adult world” after taking their vows. And so, when Bob and Lu Wise’s youngest sister, Betty Ann Wise Wenger, and their cousin, Daniel Lee Dadisman, joined Evelyn Jarboe Mollhagen and me on campus, the trend was broken for the time being. It also meant the Fernald CBYF had the distinction of being the only group with 100% of its members enrolled at McPherson College. All six of us eventually met our mates on this campus.

I returned to the village of Fernald this past December. The frame building that housed the church of my growing-up days was torn down about 1960, but the seeds of Christian values that rural congregation instilled in its youth are ever enduring.

As a student at McPherson College, I studied home economics and qualified for my teaching certificate but majored in extra-curricular activities. Those activities nurtured my self-identity and continue to enrich my life. As I look back, I not only am grateful but also feel lucky for the way this church-supported college in the Heartland provided me a multitude of opportunities for experiences and skills to cope with my physical restriction, contribute back to my community and aggrandize my family’s experiences in life. McPherson College’s focus on Christian service will continue to circumscribe the globe—the result of the lives of its students, alumni and their families.
Working for my hometown government of the city of Salina this past summer was certainly not something I planned out years in advance but undoubtedly was worth it, regardless.

In fact, after temporarily giving up my vision of lone-wolfing it around the globe, interning in Washington, D.C., was next on my radar. Nonetheless, backup plans are typically a staple in my book, and so seven mouse clicks and an online application later, I landed a job as an intern for General Services for the City of Salina following a forced postponement of my tenure in D.C.

Realistically, all I really knew at the time was that the job emphasized solid waste management, of which an EPA Web site summary fully comprised the extent of my knowledge, and that written and verbal communication skills were a must. Little did I discern that this seemingly hokey job would in actuality inundate my mind with more facts and varied experience than one could imagine.

My summer quickly threw me into a whirlwind of independent thinking and problem solving. The first week I was exchanging my polo and khakis for a pair of Wranglers to help sandbag the city from multiple imposing floods. Additionally, as General Services Director Mike Fraser was serving as interim public works director, even more was thrown onto my plate.

A flashback of summer would show countless hours of reading and research regarding landfills, composting facilities, hazardous household waste, recycling and sanitation; hundreds of pages of reports impacting real people and decisions; weekly supervisor meetings, focusing chiefly on the 87-employee Department of Public Works; a handful of special sessions, such as with FEMA; and finally, but not conclusively, quite a few random mail runs to city hall and field trips to various sites.

There is little belief in my mind that a position in Washington, D.C., would have given me the same respect, influence, responsibility and trust as General Services in Salina bestowed upon me. I had personal jurisdiction over special projects and worked hand in hand daily with the director, going over issues that directly impacted (and believe me, we’d hear about it) the residents of Salina as well as the county at large. Whether it was exploring inequity in the cost and administration of recycling, better understanding road surface material benefits, or even reviewing the organizational layout of the department, I tended to have a part in it all.

Though perhaps not my summer dream job of constant high-profile excitement and adventure, working for the City of Salina proved valuable in that I learned much about a specific field in addition to general public administration and management know-how; made clear, positive impacts on the organization; and lastly, was able to better explore career possibilities to which I may not have previously given much thought.
Former Bulldog receives Denver Broncos award

One could say that Tim Gribben ’83 has done good things at Idalia High School in Colorado. Not only has he served as superintendent, principal, athletic director and football coach, but his teams have amassed an amazing record of 49-1 during the regular season. Under Gribben, who was also a 16-year assistant at Burlington where he had a hand in other titles, the Idalia Wolves, after completing the 2006 season, owned Colorado’s top winning streak at 23 games. Gribben’s career record is an astounding 64-3, 15-2 in the postseason and 4-1 in championship games. Not only did Idalia win their second consecutive state championship in six-man football in 2006, but Gribben was also named as the Denver Broncos Coach of the Year. Along with the Denver Post players of the year, he was honored at a Broncos game in December 2006.

The six-man game is a lot like one found in the sandlot. All players are eligible to receive a pass, and Gribben’s teams were an offensive juggernaut. In 2006 the Wolves had games in which they scored 92, 78 and 76 points. The Wolves also played rival Kit Carson in the state semifinals that year, winning a 24-23 decision. Gribben told The Denver Post’s Neal Devlin, “It was one of the greatest games in which I’ve been involved. In the end it came down to defense and an extra point.” In the finals Eads was no match for the Wolves, who claimed the championship with a 69-6 victory.

Gribben was recruited to McPherson College by then-assistant coach Steve Jackson in 1979. He was from Holyoke, Colo., a school with fewer than 100 students. He arrived on campus as a 155-pound linebacker but with a heart of a lion and wound up starting for his final three years. Unfortunately, it was during a time when McPherson College football wasn’t highly successful. He played for three coaches in four years. “I tell everybody that it was a good experience and it helped build character,” Gribben said.

Among Gribben’s college teammates was Gerald Henderson, who went on to become the school’s all-time leading rusher and member of the McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame. “He was a great athlete and an even better person,” Gribben said. “He could have played at a level a lot higher.”

Also playing for the Bulldogs during that time were Bart O’Dwyer and Carlton Williams. O’Dwyer was about 245 pounds and a standout offensive lineman, while Williams was a 220-pound defensive lineman. “That shows how much the game has changed,” Gribben said. “Bart was one of the biggest guys who played, and now he’d be small. Carlton was also a great player.”

Gribben came back for Homecoming on a couple of occasions and was impressed with the improvements made to the college since his time at McPherson, when there was no Sport Center, no artificial playing surface and no state-of-the-art weight room. Back then, there was the “Microdome” and the stadium field, which by about midseason was worn down and chewed up from all the play. “It’s amazing what they’ve done,” Gribben said. “They’ve put a lot into the place.”

After graduation, Gribben served as an assistant coach at Syracuse, Kan., for a year. He then moved to Burlington, Colo., where he served as head basketball coach (having played for one year for Bob Fairbank at McPherson) and was an assistant football coach for 16 years. In 2000 he jumped on the opportunity to coach at Class A Idalia, which plays six-man football and has about 20 boys annually in its student body.

Last fall’s championship game was Gribben’s last football game, however, as an illness simply won’t allow him to continue. He was diagnosed two years ago with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, known commonly as Lou Gehrig’s disease. There is no known cure, with the symptoms being the weakening and finally the shutting down of motor neurons. The life expectancy after diagnosis is generally three to five years.

Gribben, who retired in June, admits he has his good days and bad days. He has a lot of weakness in his arms and legs, and his speech is starting to be affected. But he holds out hope that he’ll live long enough to see the day when a cure somehow, somewhere, will be found for this terrible disease. For now he is focusing on spending time with his family and trying to keep a positive attitude, making a difference any way he can.
Carine Ullom ’84 and Steve Foulke ’86 lived in Germany years ago when Carine was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. Recognizing the impact this experience had on their lives, they decided that they wanted to provide this same opportunity for their own children.

In January 2007 they were able to make that dream a reality when Steve accepted a teaching Fulbright Scholarship in the department of English at the University of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. He is currently an assistant professor in the department of history and political science at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kan.

Steve was one of 18 Kansans selected to receive a Fulbright Scholarship. As part of the application process, an individual chooses the country in which he wishes to work. Macedonia appealed to him, Steve said, because it is an emerging nation not in the European Union. At the time the family moved to Skopje, Ullom’s brother and his wife also lived there.

“There were three McPherson College alumni living there at one time,” Steve said. “It was a new part of the world for us; that was also part of the appeal.”

The couple and their two boys, Schuyler, 15, and Stefan, 8, spent a full semester in Macedonia while Steve taught two courses: Life in Contemporary America and Introduction to American History. Steve was surprised by the fluent English spoken by his students and was very gratified by the experiences in the classroom there. “Students come motivated to learn,” he said. “They took it seriously; they were ready for work and always engaged. I found it exhilarating.”

Most of his students were training for international careers, but the bleak economic situation in Macedonia has placed restrictions on the availability of visas, and students have very few places they can go. The government is unwilling to allow its young citizens to leave, fearing they will disappear and not return.

“I worked with the students, teaching them about the American culture and American ideas, but it was with a kind of bitter sweetness, knowing they will not be visiting America in the near future,” Steve said.

When Steve began seeking the Fulbright Scholarship, officials at OU were also supportive of Carine, who is the coordinator of instructional technology. “It’s unusual to get a semester leave,” Steve said. “The university was extraordinarily supportive and allowed my wife to accompany me and still keep her job here.”

Carine described her job as one in which she is not tied to a specific physical space. She maintains and supports Ottawa University’s online education program, something she was able to do in their Macedonian apartment. She completed her work via the Internet between 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. Macedonian time.

Steve learned to speak a little of the Macedonian language “on the fly,” but most people in that country understand some English. Carine,
however, actually took lessons to learn to speak Macedonian, enrolling in both private and group lessons. "It was more of a social occasion for me," she said, describing it as her opportunity to leave the apartment.

The Foulke children attended an international school in Skopje, with a curriculum very similar to that of American schools. At the time the family left for Macedonia, both Schuyler and Stefan were very hesitant to make the move. However, according to Steve, when the term ended in June and the family had to leave, both boys were saddened that the experience was over.

The family attended orientation sessions in Washington, D.C., before they left the United States and in the American Embassy upon their arrival in Macedonia. In these sessions they learned about the Macedonian culture. As they had been told, they found Skopje to be an extremely safe city for them and their children.

Carine described the Macedonian culture as one that promoted group activities especially for youth. Because of that, the couple allowed Schuyler to travel on his own at night to attend youth activities in coffee shops, discos and clubs. The young people also organized a league to play American football and participated in paintball tournaments.

"It was a bit strange and a bit scary," Carine said, "but we always made sure he had an English-speaking taxi driver. Cell phones also helped in the sense of closeness. Five or six years ago, I don’t think I would have agreed to let him go."

During their six-month stay in Macedonia, they did not have a single scary experience. "It is a different atmosphere, open and free," Steve said. "It is safe there, extraordinarily safe."

The family spent several holidays in Macedonia, but one of the most memorable for Carine was the celebration of International Women’s Day in late March. She said it was somewhat similar to Mother’s Day, but it is a community-wide celebration recognizing all women.

The family’s time in Macedonia provided many opportunities to travel throughout the area on weekends. Their destinations included Yugoslavia, Serbia, Croatia, Istanbul, Italy and Greece. Carine described the visits in Croatia and Greece as some of the most memorable. "Croatia has an extensive coastline," she said. "The beaches are rocky, but it was beautiful. They also have beautiful old cities there."

Steve described the political situation in Macedonia as turbulent due to ethnic differences. The citizens can be divided into two groups, ethnic Albanians, who are Muslim, and ethnic Macedonians, who are Orthodox Christians. However, he sees the real challenge in the country as economic.

"The problem is the low income levels, especially in the public sector," Steve said. "It is very common for workers to receive late paychecks or even to miss paychecks. The situation is precarious and bleak."

Macedonia was once a Yugoslavian country and in that era, the economy was comparatively good. "Many citizens pine for the good old days," Steve said.

During their time in Macedonia, the family experienced very favorable weather. The weather was too mild for the ski resorts to open, but it was perfect for the family to walk and explore the city. The family was never shut in on the weekends.

According to Carine, the food in Macedonia was different from American food, but it was meat-based. The Macedonians also serve salads, using mostly cucumbers and tomatoes. They raise fresh cabbage to serve with their meals. One dish, a kabob or meat roll, stands out in Carine’s memory.

The city of Skopje features approximately 20 mosques and several churches, with one very large church to serve the Orthodox Christian community. The services were quite different from Christian services in America. Carine said the people stand during the services, which were marked with much singing and chanting in the Macedonian language. The churches were filled with beautiful wood carvings and icons of the saints with inlaid gold.

The couple says the six months the family spent in Macedonia has changed them. "I would go back in a heartbeat," Carine said. "The chance for international travel, to meet people beyond a superficial level, is a wonderful blessing, a dream come true."

Steve agrees. "Every day in class was a pleasure," he said. "The whole experience in Macedonia was a life-changing event, a life-affirming event."

Currently on the board of trustees at McPherson College, Carine holds a master’s degree in German from the University of Wyoming. Steve also earned his master’s degree in American studies there and then was awarded a Ph.D. in geography from the University of Kansas in 1998. Prior to beginning his tenure at Ottawa University in August 2004, Steve taught in upstate New York at Clarkson University in Potsdam and at St. Lawrence University in Canton.
Crystal Banz ’07 is pretty excited about her first job out of college. That’s because, you could say, she’s in the movies—or at least her computer animations are.

Banz works as an animator for Rule Productions, based in Wichita, Kan. In her current position she “works with Hollywood every day” on films including “John Hancock,” “Ironman,” “Get Smart,” “I Am Legend” and “GForce.” Upon her hire, the company had just released the motion picture “Transformers.” They will begin work on the sequel and the three-quel, back to back, in the coming months.

Banz attributes much of her current success to the training she had in the graphic design program. “We pull all-nighters two or three times each week to meet strict deadlines, much like my nights in the McPherson graphics lab,” Banz said.

Banz also learned of an online program called Animation Mentor from McPherson staff member Brian Lundberg while she was a student. AM is a program taught by top animators from companies such as Disney, Pixar and Dreamworks. Banz immediately enrolled. “While the art training that I learned from McPherson was beyond amazing, AM is tailored to a more specific aspect of my desired field,” Banz said.

As a student Banz spent the summer of 2006 interning in California and plans to relocate there in February. “California is my true calling,” Banz said. “Hopefully this job will get me a foot in the door to this industry.”

As a student Banz was attracted to McPherson College due to the soccer program, in which she was involved for four years. In accordance with her chosen field, she designed and created projects in the communications office. She also worked as a Project Connect caller.

Something to believe in

“Everyone should believe in something,” says Gary Sacks ’68. “I believe I will go fishing on the Marica II.”

Having retired from school administration in 1998, Captain Gary Sacks spends his days doing what he loves: fishing. Sacks, an elementary education graduate, leads fishing groups on the Chesapeake Bay in his boat, the Marica II.

Sacks’ education background is evident to his tourist groups, as he spends much time talking with them about Chesapeake Bay history, marine life, waterfowl and environmental issues. “Once a teacher, always a teacher,” Sacks says. According to his Web site, his teaching background also shines through in the patience and understanding he has for kids as well as adults.

As a student at McPherson College, Sacks was involved in football, Men’s Council, Young Republicans, Dorm Council and Circle K. After graduating he was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as an elementary teacher on the Navajo reservation, where he spent one year. He then moved to St. Mary’s County in Maryland so he could hunt and fish. He spent four years teaching elementary school and then worked as an elementary and middle school administrator.

You can learn more about Gary and his business aboard the Marica II at www.MARICAII.com.
For Mike Horner ’99, a puppet show is more than just entertainment. It’s a world where he can lose himself and can hopefully find the audience as well.

Puppetry is a career that Horner has been interested in since childhood. It is not a career, however, in which he expected to be offered a position, assuming that he would have to start out as a freelancer.

Horner has been a professional puppeteer with Paul Mesner Puppets in Kansas City since November 2006. Although Horner has only been working with Mesner for the past year, his first encounter with the puppeteer was when Mesner visited Horner’s elementary school for a week-long residency.

“I had been doing puppets already at this point, as my parents had started a puppet ministry in our church when I was three,” Horner said. “Paul was one of the first ‘outsider’ puppeteers I had seen.”

Horner says he works primarily as a puppeteer doing group and solo shows as well as shows with Paul Mesner himself. He also works behind the scenes building puppets and scenery, writing scripts, designing publicity materials, leading workshops for kids, sweeping the floor and changing light bulbs.

“All of this really falls under the title “puppeteer,” since puppeteers usually work alone and have to do all those things anyway,” Horner said.

While Horner enjoys all aspects of his job, he says he enjoys performing the most, especially for kids.

“Kids are some of the best audiences to have because they are brutally honest,” Horner said. “If they like the show, you’ll know right away.”

Horner’s degree in German played an important role in leading him to his current career. After graduating from McPherson College, Horner spent a year and a half as a graphic artist at the Hutchinson (Kan.) News. He then entered Brethren Volunteer Service, where he spent six months at a Catholic Worker House in San Antonio, Texas, and then transferred to Hamburg, Germany, where he worked with refugees.

While in Germany Horner saw many puppet shows and met many puppeteers. After returning to the United States, Horner worked in Lincoln, Neb., developing his own puppetry skills on the side.

Horner credits some of his success to his liberal arts degree from McPherson College. “Puppetry itself really comprises all other art forms; acting, writing, sculpting, painting and performing music are part of puppet theater. People often become puppeteers because they enjoy doing all those things,” Horner said. “Attending McPherson College allowed me to do all those things as well. I built props and sets for the theater department, acted in plays, played trombone in various ensembles, took creative writing classes and designed cartoons for the Spectator. All of this contributed to my interest in puppetry as well as to my becoming a well-rounded individual.”

Horner hopes to one day start his own puppet company, but for now he is “glad to be employed doing the thing he loves.”
HOMECOMING '07

By Shandi Tobias '05
McPherson College welcomed alumni back to campus October 12-14 for its annual Homecoming weekend. Leading up to the weekend, current students participated in activities including theme dress days, tug-of-war at Lakeside Park, food relays, a challenge course and the annual bonfire.

Alumni, current students, prospective students and community members took part in many activities throughout the weekend. Highlights included the choir reunion, alumni theatre production and Bulldog Visit Day.

Golf Classic
The weekend started early Friday morning with a record 22 full teams taking the course for the seventh annual McPherson College Golf Classic, sponsored by Pinnacle Sports Medicine of Hutchinson, Kan., and the McPherson College Athletic Booster Club. Although the weather caused some delays, participants enjoyed the morning.

Honors Convocation
Students and alumni attended the 2007 Fall Honors Convocation Friday afternoon. Three alumni were honored with Young Alumni Awards: Doug Lengel ’82, Dr. Shannan Kirchner-Holmes ’92, and Jenny Stover-Brown ’97. Teaching awards were presented to Dr. Becki Bowman ’98, non-tenured, and Dr. Steve Gustafson, tenured.

The two faculty members were nominated for the honor by their colleagues and students.

Hall of Fame Induction
Three former McPherson College athletes were honored Friday evening during the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Glenn Anderson ’75, Jan Foley Monahan ’75, and Dr. Mark Melhorn ’75 comprised the 2007 class of inductees. McPherson College staff, faculty, the honorees’ former classmates, and all current student athletes attended the induction.

“I was very excited to see all three of these alumni back on campus. Growing up in town, I saw each of them compete and thought they were amazing. They did a great job demonstrating our college’s mission of scholarship, participation and service for our current student athletes,” said LaMonte Rothrock ’80, athletic director. “You could see the impact these alumni had had not only on the court and field, but also with their teammates. I think this may have been the largest group of alumni attending the Hall of Fame event to see their friends receive their recognition,” Rothrock said.
Approximately 165 choir alumni returned to campus for the 75th anniversary of the McPherson College choir. Attendees participated in activities beginning Friday evening, including a reception and rehearsals for the concert held Sunday afternoon. Participants enjoyed the conducting by former directors Dr. Doris Coppock ’48, Dr. Stephanie Graber, and Dr. Alan Gumm ’83 as well as current director Dr. Steven Gustafson. “Without question, the mass choir concert Sunday afternoon was a highlight of the reunion,” Gustafson said, “The energy, enthusiasm and positive response of alumni throughout the weekend was incredible.”

Theatre Production

In celebration of 30 years of First Nighters dinner theatre, as well as Dr. Rick Tyler’s accomplishments as professor of theatre, nine theatre alumni were on campus during Homecoming week to rehearse the show “Noises Off,” which they performed for larger-than-usual audiences Friday and Saturday nights. Current students who performed the show the weekend prior spent time helping the alumni become familiar with the staging of the show. Alumni performers included Karlene Morphew Tyler ’75, Michael Irwin ’75, Eric Johnson ’89, Adam Smith ’94, Jd. Bowman ’98, Becki Dilley Bowman ’98, Sarah Stover Sackett ’00, Dustin Gregg ’01 and Katie Sue Nicklos ’02.

Patrons of the theatre were also treated to an exhibition of Rick Tyler’s work: more than 30 years of set drawings and design elements, costumes, and photos of past productions artfully displayed in Friendship Hall.
McPherson College is pleased to announce two alumni, Harriet “Bunny” Hill and Cindy Pressnall, as the 2007 Dayton Rothrock Alumni Fellows. This award honors professional educators who exemplify the goals and model the mission of the teacher education program by effectively blending the art and science of teaching.

**Harriet “Bunny” Hill**

Harriet “Bunny” Hill graduated from the college in 1970. Hill has served as dean of students, head of upper school, and head of middle school at Wichita (Kan.) Collegiate School. Her areas of expertise include diversity education, learning disabilities, gifted students, classroom management, excellence in education, college prep programs and adolescent development. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools in 2005. Other honors include the University of Kansas College of Liberal Arts and Science High School Teacher Recognition Award and the Wichita Eagle All-Star Teacher Award.

“I have always been very student centered. I believe in pushing students to excel and find that they love the challenge. I believe boredom is the death knell for most students who stop loving to learn,” explained Hill. “I was well prepared at McPherson to teach, and Dayton Rothrock was the head of the department and my practice teacher coordinator while I was there. I am honored and touched to receive this award. A career in education has given my life meaning and fulfillment.”

**Cindy Pressnall**

Cindy Pressnall graduated magna cum laude from McPherson College in 1994 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and special education. She has been with the McPherson public schools (USD 418) for 22 years. Currently a kindergarten/first-grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary, she has experience in teaching both general education and special education. Pressnall has served as USD 418 Curriculum Coordinating Council chairperson and as a special education representative to that council. She has presented at in-services and workshops on topics including quantum learning, Boys Town social skills, six-trait writing, behavior management, best practices, and portfolio assessment at the school, district, college and state levels.

“The connection the college has with the school district is a unique one in resource availability of both instructional materials and great teachers,” explained Pressnall. “The Associated Colleges of Central Kansas offices located in McPherson also provide the opportunity to take special education classes. I came in with experiences but needed to build a knowledge base of education, and McPherson College helped me do that. I am excited to receive this award and know that what I have done is appreciated.”
BULLDOG 5K

Twenty-six runners and walkers joined in the annual Bulldog 5-kilometer Run/Walk Saturday morning. Former Bulldog Eric Hadley ‘93 crossed the finish line first, closely followed by Shane Netherton ‘03, also a former harrier and McPherson College’s current business manager. Participants included students, alumni, faculty and staff members.

BULLDOG VISIT DAY

Admissions hosted 60 prospective students for Bulldog Visit Day. Students and parents took part in an interactive campus experience, touring the buildings and grounds and meeting periodically with current students, faculty and staff. Student guests were given “Mac Bucks” that could be used as cash anywhere on campus during the day. In addition, students brought by alumni were entered in a drawing for an iPod, the winner of which was announced at the football game. Prospective students and their families stayed on campus most of the day, attending various activities such as the football game, alumni volleyball scrimmage, alumni soccer scrimmages and theatre production. “The day was outstanding,” said Michael Schneider, vice president of advancement and admissions. “Our staff did a nice job of bringing prospective students who are a good fit for McPherson College to the campus.”

REUNIONS

Reunions for the classes of 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002 were held at various locations in the community. For their 25th year reunion, the class of ’82 took the honors of having the most attendees with 30 people, 14 of them classmates. The reunions were coordinated by class agents with assistance from other class members. The Gold Key group, for alumni from the class of 1957 and prior, had 52 attendees and was held at the Church of the Brethren. The McPherson Children’s Art Council Choir provided entertainment; they also sang the national anthem at the football game that afternoon.
The Athletic Hall of Fame induction has become one of the highlight events and a formal kickoff for the college’s annual Homecoming weekend. The 2007 class of the McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame was inducted during ceremonies on Friday evening, October 12, in the college’s Sport Center. Members of this newest class are Glenn “Oop” Anderson ’75, Jan Foley Monahan ’75, and Dr. Mark Melhorn ’75.

Glenn Anderson earned NAIA All-American recognition, All-District 10 and All-KCAC honors as a defensive end for the Bulldogs in 1973 and 1974. Following his senior season, Anderson was a unanimous All-District 10 selection after leading the Bulldogs with 219 defensive points, including 69 unassisted and 36 assisted tackles, five passes broken up and seven fumble recoveries. He was later signed to a free agent contract with the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League after also receiving overtures from the Packers, Lions, Patriots and Falcons.

A four-year letter winner in both football and basketball at McPherson College, Anderson led the Bulldog basketball team in scoring and rebounding in 1974. He still holds the Bulldog single game rebounding record with 37 caroms against Tabor College during the 1973-74 season.

In the spring of 1975, Anderson was named McPherson College’s Male Athlete of the Year and received his bachelor of arts degree in physical education.

Anderson currently resides in Raytown, Mo., where he works as a department supervisor for the Department of Homeland Security.

Jan Foley Monahan participated in tennis, basketball, track and field, volleyball and softball during her time at McPherson College, earning 20 varsity letters. She twice won the KIAW number two singles title (1972 and 1974) as well as the 1974 ACCK number one doubles title when she teamed with Laura Sundahl Smysor ’75, a 2001 Hall of Fame inductee. Jan posted a 35-12 record in four years of singles play as well as a 31-9 record as part of doubles teams.

Monahan was the ACCK high jump champion in 1975 after being runner-up in the high jump as a freshman and then placing in four events (high jump, shot put, discus and 440-yard dash) at the ACCK track and field championships her junior season.

Monahan helped lead the Bulldog basketball program to a 41-23 record during her four years at McPherson. She averaged a career high 9.8 points per game as a junior.

Following her graduation from McPherson College with a bachelor of arts degree in biology, Monahan went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering from Colorado School of Mines in 1982. She currently resides in Denver, Colo., where she works as a reservoir engineer for McElvain Oil & Gas.

Dr. Mark Melhorn was an All-KCAC honoree in both football and tennis.

As a senior Melhorn was the 1975 KCAC tennis champion at number three singles and teamed with 2006 Hall of Fame inductee Steve Burkholder to win the KCAC number one doubles titles with a perfect 15-0 conference record. In 1974 the same duo placed second in the KCAC tournament after winning the ACCK title, which was Melhorn’s second ACCK doubles title. During his four-year collegiate career, Melhorn was All-KCAC and All-ACCK each year and won 93 percent of his collegiate matches. He was 25-5 in singles play his final two seasons with only two conference losses.

In 1974 Melhorn was named to the All-KCAC football first team as a linebacker. He was credited with 53 unassisted tackles, 27 assists and three recovered fumbles.

After earning his bachelor of science degree in chemistry from McPherson College, Melhorn received his doctorate in medicine from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and did advanced study in orthopedic surgery at UMKC-Wichita. He also studied as a Boyes Fellow at the University of Southern California. Melhorn has served as clinical assistant professor in orthopedic surgery at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita.

A 1997 recipient of the McPherson College Young Alumni Award, Melhorn currently resides in Wichita, Kan., where he is an occupational orthopedic physician, specializing in the hands and upper extremities with The Hand Center in Wichita.
Sally Nelson, director of alumni relations, concluded, “Regardless of the size of turnout, if those who gathered together enjoyed visiting and had a good time, then the event was a success.”

ACTIVITY FAIR
More than 15 clubs and organizations accepted the invitation to showcase themselves at the Activity Fair Saturday morning on the mall in front of Miller Library. Clubs provided alumni and prospective students with interactive experiences, including a cakewalk, photos with the medieval cutouts, kicking a soccer goal, funnel cakes, authentic Mexican food and a bake sale. “Organizations were able to give out their information to prospective students, while alumni were able to see what the current students are up to,” said Shane Britt, Student Government Association advisor.

FOOTBALL GAME
The Bulldogs lined up against Haskell Indian Nations University from Lawrence, Kan., while alumni watched and reminisced. The Bulldogs always enjoy the larger-than-usual crowd that Homecoming provides, especially when it helps spur them to a win. This was no exception as the Bulldogs prevailed, defeating Haskell 41-23.

ALUMNI GAMES
The volleyball and men’s and women’s soccer teams welcomed alumni back for games on Saturday evening. Twenty alumni men and five alumni women participated along with prospective students in the soccer games. The games gave the recruits on campus the opportunity to meet both present and past players. “It was a very positive weekend,” Coach Doug Quint said. “Bringing back the alumni really ties the past in with the present. It’s important to remember where you’ve been.”

Nine of the 11 graduates Coach Nathalea Stephenson has worked with during her years at McPherson College participated in the alumni volleyball game. “[The alumni game] is a chance for current team members to visit with old friends and for the new players to meet the alumni who helped our program begin moving up in the conference,” Coach Stephenson said.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE
Several students and alumni met at Lakeside Park after the football game for the annual ultimate Frisbee game. Around 13 alumni took part in the game, outnumbering the student group. Parents and other alumni also attended to watch the game as well as to get reacquainted with old friends.
Homecoming weekend held special meaning for three McPherson College alumni as they returned to campus October 12 to be recognized as the 2007 Young Alumni Award recipients.

Those honored were Doug Lengel ’82, Shannan Kirchner-Holmes ’92, and Jenny Stover-Brown ’97.

Instituted in 1994 the Young Alumni Award is typically given to three alumni each fall at the Homecoming Honors Convocation. The purpose of the award is “to recognize achievement and potential for accomplishment of McPherson College young alumni.” Recipients are recommended by the Alumni Awards Committee and approved by the board of trustees. All alumni of the college up to and including the 30th class reunion year are eligible for nomination.

**Doug Lengel**

Doug Lengel holds a bachelor’s degree in history from McPherson College and a master’s degree in economics from Wichita State University, Kan. He resides in Carlsbad, Calif., with his wife, Wylene Gaeddert Lengel ’80. At present he is secretary to the pastors at the Carlsbad Presbyterian Church.

Lengel served as an instructor at McPherson College for the 1985-86 academic year before accepting a position as an assistant bank examiner with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. From 1988 to 1990, Lengel was an associate professor of business at Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind. From 1990 to 1993, he served as a visiting professor of business at Tri-State University, Angola, Ind.

Lengel returned to Kansas in 1993 and joined the staff of Sterling College as an associate professor of business. From 1996 to 1998 he served as associate academic dean. In 1998 he and Wylene moved to Seattle, Wash., where Lengel worked first in sales at Barrier Motors and later as education director for the Master Builders Association.

Several years ago Wylene’s work in the pharmaceutical/biotech field required the couple to relocate to southern California.

“Wylene and I decided a long time ago that we couldn’t follow two careers simultaneously,” Lengel explained. “We decided that it made more sense to follow her [higher-paying, more difficult to find] jobs than for me to try to work my way up in the education/service field. That choice came most obviously to the fore in 2002-2003, when she worked 65 to 70 hours a week and I stayed home to take care of the house or volunteered at the church. I have been very happy with the small college/association/church positions I have held, but am glad we don’t depend on the non-profit sector for most of our income.”

Through the years Lengel has edited multiple club and church newsletters and served on many academic, church and service organization boards. The Lengels gifted a seminar room in McPherson College’s Melhorn Science Hall and are listed on the college’s Heritage Roll of Honor.

Lengel is the son of Dr. Leland ’56 and Nancy Keim ’57 Lengel. Leland Lengel taught in the history department at McPherson College from 1963 until his untimely death in 1998. Doug and Wylene also contributed to the naming of a classroom in Mohler Hall in memory of Dr. Lengel.

**Shannan Kirchner-Holmes**

Dr. Shannan Kirchner-Holmes, Port Townsend, Wash., holds a bachelor’s degree in biology from McPherson College. She graduated in the top 10 percent of her class from the University of Iowa College of Medicine in 1996 and completed a family practice residency in Boise, Idaho, in 1999. She is board certified by the American Academy of Family Physicians. At present she is associated with the Jefferson Medical Group in Port Townsend.

Kirchner-Holmes and her husband, Nathan Holmes, have a son, Samuel David Holmes, born in January 2005, just three months before Nathan’s year-long deployment to Iraq.

Kirchner-Holmes served as commencement speaker at McPherson College in May 2000. During her address she told the audience, “We’ve all heard the slogans ‘Carpe diem’ (‘Seize the day’) and ‘Follow your bliss.’ Before I even entered college, I was filled with idealistic expectations about medicine and caring for people in need. Then I started my medical training. The word bliss is not one I would use to describe the experience. I also found that the objectivity that we are taught in medicine can be a slippery slope into cynicism and hardness of heart. Luckily my patients have saved me, and though medicine isn’t always blissful, it continues to bring me joy.”

“Through my patients I have been allowed to be the first person to hold a brand new life, to watch a healthy child grow, and to be present as someone’s life ends with grace and dignity.”
In 2002 Kirchner-Holmes returned to campus to participate with other alumni in the theatre production of “The Octet Bridge Club.”

With the exception of an eight-month stint in Sitka, Alaska, in 2000-2001, Kirchner-Holmes has practiced family medicine in Washington state since 1999. She is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society and participates in the Skagit Valley Peace Fellowship. She is the recipient of a service award for her 2½ years of leadership of the Family Support Group of the 448th Civil Affairs Battalion of the Army Reserve.

A member of the Church of the Brethren, she volunteers her professional skills as needed and when able.

Along with her father, David Kirchner, and brothers, Shane ’92 and Shawn, Kirchner-Holmes gifted the choral rehearsal room in Hess Fine Arts Center in honor of their wife and mother, Carol Christy Kirchner ’65.

**Jenny Stover-Brown**

A stellar high school athlete, Jenny Stover-Brown holds a bachelor’s degree in secondary English education from McPherson College. She received a master’s degree in social welfare from the University of Kansas in 2001. She resides in Wichita, Kan., with her husband, Chris Stover-Brown, and daughters, Molly and Clara.

Since 2001 Stover-Brown has served as a school social worker with the Sedgwick County Special Education Cooperative. Her current placement is at the Valley Center (Kan.) Middle School, where she created a Reading Buddies program. The program sends lower-level middle school readers into kindergarten or first-grade classes to read to younger students.

“Both parties benefit,” Stover-Brown said.

As a volunteer with Brethren Volunteer Service in the late 1990s, Stover-Brown spent one year in Atlanta, Ga., as a kitchen manager, case worker and volunteer coordinator at Café 458. She spent a second BVS year at the Church of the Brethren General Offices, Elgin, Ill., where she assisted with Youth and Young Adult Ministries as well as the newly organized Church of the Brethren Collaboration on Admissions program.

While working toward her master’s degree at KU, Stover-Brown held various internships and assistantships in northeast Kansas.

Stover-Brown has strong family ties to McPherson College. “I was a fourth-generation family member to attend McPherson,” she explained. “[My] great-grandfather, Burton Metzler, was a longtime religion professor. Three grandparents attended, as did both of my folks (Philip ’72 and Katy Albright Stover ’72). There is a flower bed dedicated to my mom on the campus.”

While in college Stover-Brown spent three summers serving as a McPherson College counselor/ambassador to camps in six states. She served on the McPherson College Alumni Board from 2003 to 2005.

Active in the Church of the Brethren at the local and district levels, she sings in her church choir, serves on the Fellowship Committee and provides children’s stories as needed. She is a former Sunday school teacher as well as a trained disaster childcare provider through the Church of the Brethren Children’s Disaster Services program.

Footnote: Clara Whitney Stover-Brown was born on Monday, October 15. Our thanks to Clara for waiting until after Homecoming.
2007 FALL SPORTS REVIEW

By Carol Swenson
Sports Information Director

With second-place KCAC finishes, women’s soccer and men’s cross country led the way for the Bulldogs during the fall sports season as McPherson College took steps to climb the KCAC ladder.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

The women’s soccer program finished second in the KCAC regular season with a 7-2 conference record while setting a school record with 11 regular season wins, including nine shutouts.

The Lady Bulldogs advanced to the championship game of the KCAC postseason tournament, where they fell in a shoot-out to regular season conference champion Kansas Wesleyan University after a 1-1 double-overtime tie.

In NAIA regional postseason play, the Lady Bulldogs defeated the College of Saint Mary to advance to the Region IV semifinals. Meeting Kansas Wesleyan for the third time this season, the Bulldogs fell 1-0, ending their season with an overall record of 13-6-1.

Individually, freshman Haley Cook set a new school and single season scoring record with 20 goals and 43 points. Freshman goalie Andrea Swanson set school records for most wins by a keeper and most shutouts in a season.

As a team the Lady Bulldogs set school records for most wins, most goals scored, fewest goals allowed, most consecutive wins and most shutouts in a season.

Honors received during the season went to freshman Andrea Swanson. She was named NAIA Region IV Defensive Player of the Week and KCAC Defensive Player of the Week after Bulldog wins against Manhattan Christian College, Tabor College and Ottawa University.

Swanson also led in postseason honors as the KCAC Goalkeeper and Co-Defensive Player of the Year. Joining Swanson on the All-KCAC first team were senior Victoria Salas, sophomore Whitney Williams and freshman Haley Cook. Sophomore Nicolette Rodriguez was named to the All-KCAC second team and freshman Ana Calderon received honorable mention recognition.

With Salas as the only senior on the squad, the future of Lady Bulldog soccer is promising.

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

Highlighting the 2007 men’s cross country season was senior Israel Ortiz. He brought home McPherson’s first individual KCAC cross country title since 1977, when McPherson College Athletic Hall of Famer Dave Burgess ’78 turned the trick.

Led by Ortiz’s front running, the Bulldog men placed second in the team race, the highest team finish by a McPherson squad since the Bulldogs’ runner-up finish of 1977, following titles in 1975 and 1976.

Joining Ortiz on the All-KCAC first team was junior Brent Bailey, who recovered from a fall around the one-mile mark of the champi-
All-American in 2006) for the entire postseason, he had already scored 16 goals and 37 points to extend his school and career records in both categories. After breaking these records in the Bulldogs’ win over Bethany College, Rodriguez was named the NAIA’s National Player of Week. He was also selected as NAIA Region IV Player of the Week (twice) and KCAC Player of the Week (twice).

Rodriguez was also named to the All-KCAC first team and recognized as the KCAC’s Offensive Player of the Year. Joining him on the All-KCAC first team were seniors Paul Burke and Trenton “Deno” Bell. Senior Mike Davis received second team all-conference recognition and was named KCAC Defensive Player of the Week after Bulldog wins against Manhattan Christian and Tabor.

FOOTBALL

The Bulldog football program came under new direction this fall as former Bulldog linebacker and McPherson alumnus Brian Ward ’97 took over as head coach.

Seventeen seniors wrapped up their Bulldog careers with a thrilling 13-6 win over Tabor, breaking a seven-year losing streak to the Bluejays. That home finale win left the Bulldogs with a 4-5 overall record heading into their final game at Bethel College, which was ranked 16th nationally.

Two Bulldogs received national recognition during the season. Freshmen kicker Travis Eason and defensive back Austin Brown were named National Players of the Week by Hansen’s National Football Gazette and the NAIA, respectively, for their play in wins over Haskell and Ottawa. Other honors received: Austin Brown, NAIA National Special Teams Player of the Week and KCAC Special Teams Player of the Week; sophomore Aazaad Artis, KCAC Offensive Player of the Week; Travis Eason, KCAC Special Teams Player of the Week; junior Jeff Paulson, KCAC Defensive Player of the Week; and junior Ripp Harrison, KCAC Special Teams Player of the Week.

Gary Cox was a unanimous pick for KCAC honors as kick returner while teammate Aazaad Artis was named second team running back. Earning honorable mention recognition were Cox as receiver; Travon Anderson, running back; Joe Morgan, offensive line; Austin Brown, utility; Jeff Paulson and Shelton Thigpen, defensive backs; Zach Hicks and Ronald Morris, linebackers; and Jacob Custer, defensive line.

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Bulldogs’ four-year run of 18+ wins came to an end in 2007 as McPherson battled valiantly, but had trouble finishing games and matches and ended the season with a 6-20 overall record.

The highlight of the season came in front of a large Sport Center crowd during the second round of conference play when the Bulldogs handed intra county rival and KCAC-leading Bethany its first loss in conference play, a straight set, three-game defeat which knocked Bethany off the top of the conference heap.

Among weekly honors received this fall was the naming of senior Nikki MacKay as NAIA Region IV Libero of the Week following the win over Bethany. Sophomore Kiley Loesch was selected to All-KCAC first team while MacKay was named to All-KCAC second squad.
Gold Key 1st row (L to R): Donna Bowman Burkholder, Roberta Mohler Reed, Doris Crumpacker Morse, Rowena Frantz Fiory, Arlene Fiory Kough, Dayton Rothrock; 2nd row (L to R): Jo Ann Bowman Masterson, Mary Ellen Yoder Howell, John Ward, Bonnie Martin Ward, Stephen Stover, Mary Spessard Workman, Dean Cotton; 3rd row (L to R): John Burkholder, Wesley DeCoursey, Verda Grove DeCoursey

1930s
Laurene Schlatter Selack ’39, McPherson, Kan., was recently named the 2007 Chaplain’s Volunteer in conjunction with her work at The Cedars.

John Bower ’38, McLouth, Kan., was recently recognized by the Jefferson County Historical Society for his tenure on the board. At 95, John is the oldest serving board member.

1950s
Betty Jo Baker Johns ’53, Garden City, Kan., was recently inducted to the Garden City Community College 2007 Athletic Hall of Fame.

1960s
Paul Ediger ’63, McPherson, Kan., was recently recognized for his 40 years of service to Home State Bank & Trust. He joined the bank in 1969, then was elected to the bank’s board of directors in 1979 and elected president and CEO in 1990.

Dona Hutchison Johnson ’64, Arnold, Neb., recently retired after 30 years of teaching.

Richard Deemy ’66, Hemet, Calif., is currently the pastoral life minister for the San Jacinto Assembly of God church.

1970s
Steven Layton ’71, McPherson, Kan., served as the official speaker at the annual Memorial Day service in Derby, Kan.

Prentis Porter ’71, Woodland Park, Colo., and his wife, Susan, are teaching English in Donguuan, China. The school is run by Quality Schools International.

Gordon Tolle ’71, Grants, N.M., is employed as part manager at Corley Ford-Lincoln-Mercury Sales.

Lila Kolbe Markanovich ’72, Tigard, Ore., works as a customer service representative for Portland General Electric.

Robert Rosales ’72, Rio Grande, PR, works as an administrative assistant for International Education Development Services.

Glenn Stevens ’72, Moneta, Va., graduated from Andersonville Theological Seminary in May 2007 with a doctorate in ministry.

Linda Keim Velazquez ’72, Tucson, Ariz., is teacher and director of an at-risk preschool program for the Sunnyside School District.

David Yoshida ’72, Nampa, Idaho, is the owner of Dave’s Quick Lube.

Caroline Harnly ’73, Pacifica, Calif., is employed as a librarian at San Francisco State University and is the director of the SFSU handbell choir.

Caroline Goertz Dietz ’74, McPherson, Kan., recently opened her own online unfranchise business.

Rick Tyler ’74, McPherson, Kan., was recently crowned Miss CASA 2007 at the second annual Men in Tights Under the Lights. The fund-raising event was a benefit for CASA: A Voice for Children, Inc., held on the McPherson College campus.

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Ann Thomas Bucci '75, Orrtanna, Pa., works on the National Geriatric Nurse Association task force for the national campaign Advancing Excellence in America’s Nursing Homes.

Celia Stover Hansen '78, Stanwood, Wash., is employed as kitchen manager at the Warm Beach Christian Camp and Conference Center. The year-round facility serves approximately 275,000 meals yearly.

Dexter Leach ’78, Minneola, Kan., recently accepted the position of high school principal and athletic director at Minneola High School.

Anne Erisman May ’78, Warrensburg, Mo., graduated with a master’s degree in library science from the University of Central Missouri in May 2007.

Mary Beth Snyder Tuttle ’79, Lewiston, Missouri in May 2007.

Barbara Ramsey Wagoner ’79, McPherson, Kan., was recently named McPherson’s Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year.


Glen Snell ’83, McPherson, Kan., currently serves on the McPherson County Community Foundation board.

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1980s

Brad Johnson ’81, Wichita, Kan., received the Good Apple award for spring 2007 from USD 259 in Wichita.

Brent Koehn ’81, Wichita, Kan., is senior vice president of commercial lending with the Kanza Bank.

1990s

David Maxey ’90, McPherson, Kan., is employed as a science teacher at the McPherson Middle School.

Tracey Hughes ’91, Kansas City, Mo., is employed by the University of Missouri in Kansas City as the dental instructional resources librarian.

Patti Koestel Peterson ’91, Lee’s Summit, Mo., is a licensed professional counselor, certified substance abuse counselor and an EMDRIA certified therapist in private practice.

Karen Winter ’91, Omaha, Neb., was recently selected for membership in the Metropolitan Who’s Who.

Anita Mast Christian ’92, Americus, Ga., is a co-pastor of the Americus Mennonite Fellowship Church with her husband, Matt.

Eric Hadley ’92, St. Louis, Mo., is serving as the 2007-2008 science regional instructional facilitator for the St. Louis region.

Jon Andrews ’93, Wakarusa, Ind., is a youth and missions pastor at the Wakarusa Missionary Church.

Kevin Snyder ’93, Wichita, Kan., recently accepted a position with Mid Kansas Cooperative Association as field marketer, serving the Lindsborg area.

Sherry Coopple Hoagland ’94, Westfield, Mass., graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences with a master’s degree in physician assistant sciences in May 2007.

Heiko Scholz ’95, Frankenberg, Germany, recently started a public relations firm entitled SCHOLZ PR. He also works as a freelance journalist.

Sandra Hanes Steinmetz ’95, Thornton, Colo., is currently working for DR Horton in new home sales in Denver.

Sylvia Kun Carter ’96, Manhattan, Kan., is employed by the Riley County Police Department.

Mike Epps ’96, Cambridge, Iowa, works as a wine maker at White Oak Vineyards.
Kyoko Nagaya ‘96, Round Rock, Texas, is employed as the operations manager for a Japanese manufacturing company specializing in semiconductors.

Elvira Stehling Bowman ‘97, East Wenatchee, Wash., is employed as a school psychologist.

Patrick Crowdis ‘97, Hutchinson, Kan., was recently named assistant principal and activities director at the McPherson Middle School.

Heather Healy ‘97, Wichita, Kan., is employed as a telecommuting developmental editor for Human Kinetics Publishing Company in Champaign, Ill.

Clay Tarpley ‘97, New Port Richey, Fla., works as a general contractor for residential remodeling.

Becky Rausch Unruh ‘97, Kansas City, Mo., works as nurse manager in the cardiac intensive care unit and cardiac rehabilitation center at North Kansas City Hospital.

Amy Gaumer Erickson ‘98, Tecumseh, Kan., recently completed a doctorate in special education from the University of Kansas.

Erik Vogel ‘98, Ft. Collins, Colo., is employed as accounting manager for Ventria Bioscience.

Ryan Wenzel ‘98, Zurich, Switzerland, founded a biotechnology company based in downtown Zurich called CovaIX. He recently stepped down from playing national league basketball in Switzerland.

Michael Boughman ‘99, McPherson, Kan., is the owner of the McPherson branch of The Mortgage Company.

Carol Langley Williams ‘99, Storm Lake, Iowa, is the director of international services at Buena Vista University.

Marko Nanias ‘00, London, England, graduated from Cornell University with a doctorate in physics and is working as a quantitative analyst at the London branch of JP Morgan Chase Investment.


Adam Bryant ‘01, Stockton, Kan., is employed as a police officer in Stockton.

William Sroufe ‘02, McPherson, Kan., is employed as an English teacher at McPherson High School.

Preston Switzer ‘02, Henderson, Neb., is employed as an auto body technician at Autocraft Collision and Graphics in York.

Marie Rhoades ‘03, Putney, Vt., graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree in May 2007.

Amanda Wells Samland ‘03, Denver, Colo., recently graduated with a master’s degree in library and information science from the University of Denver.

Erica Alvarez ‘04, Oklahoma City, Okla., is employed by Rose State College as a Hispanic initiatives recruiter.

Luke Eberly ‘05, North Manchester, Ind., is an administrative specialist in Kirkuk, Iraq.

Demetree Gaines ‘05, Lyons, Kan., is currently performing with the touring Kansas Army National Guard Band.

Nicholas Griggs ‘05, Lawrence, Kan., is employed by the Perry-Lecompton school district as the choral music director. He also serves as the minister of music at the First Regular Missionary Baptist Church.

Robert Kline ‘05, Wichita Falls, Texas, is a fighter aircraft engine mechanic at Sheppard, AFB.

Justyn Shaw ‘05, Tulsa, Okla., is employed as a forge operator for Norris Sucker Rods of Tulsa.

Maribeth Turner ‘05, Emporia, Kan., graduated from Emporia State University from the School of Library and Information Science in August 2007.

Chad Engle ‘06, Westminster, Colo., works as a commercial mortgage specialist for Interbay Funding LLC.

Rylee Miller ‘06, Broomfield, Colo., is employed as a graphic designer for Twist Design Group in Denver, Colo.

Louis Schneider ‘06, Chalmette, La., is employed as an accountant II at Tulane University’s School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, department of epidemiology.

Vanessa Fleming Unruh ‘06, Wichita, Kan., is employed by Dillard’s as an Origins Cosmetics counter manager.

Crystal Banz ‘07, Wichita, Kan., is employed by Rule Productions, working in animation and media development.

Sheila Bevan ‘07, McPherson, Kan., is employed as a nanny.

Brandt Busse ‘07, McPherson, Kan., appeared in the Lindsborg Broadway RFD summer theatre production of “Damn Yankees.”

Laura Engquist ‘07, Reno, Nev., is currently working at the University of Nevada as a strength and conditioning coach.

Abby Suiter Hoffman ‘07, McPherson, Kan., teaches first grade at Lincoln Elementary School.

Dan Hudachek ‘07, McPherson, Kan., was recently named director of automotive restoration development at McPherson College.

Ryan Lander ‘07, Los Angeles, Calif., is employed as a collection technician for The Peterson Automobile Museum.


Tracey Hughes ‘91, Kansas City, Mo., celebrated a commitment ceremony with partner Liz Johnson, April 21, 2007.
Nathan Porter ’01 to Stacie Murphy, Olathe, Kan., April 14, 2007.
Seth Good ’02 to Renee Guistwite, Carlisle, Penn., August 4, 2007.
Daniel Butler ’05 to Alisa Enochs, Eldora, Iowa, April 21, 2007.

Arrivals
Benjamin Tae was recently adopted by Kevin and Diana Shenefelt McHenry ’84, Fort Collins, Colo. Ben was born in South Korea.
Sisters Helen and Laura were recently adopted by Marla ’87 and Paul Ullom-Minnich ’89, Moundridge, Kan. Helen and Laura were born in Ethiopia.
Preston Doyle to Alison and Jon Andrews ’93, Wakarusa, Ind., November 11, 2006.
Matthew Jason to Jason and Penny Huffman Callantine ’93, Pocatello, Idaho, March 8, 2006.
Ian Mackenzie to Brian and Sylvia Kun Carter ’96, Manhattan, Kan., December 1, 2005.
Adalyn to Pete ’98 and Andrea Weaver Herrera ’00, Tyler, Texas, June 2, 2007.
Elijah Steven was adopted by Levi and Sarah Hooton Torrison ’99, Mesa, Ariz., in June 2006. Elijah was born April 3, 2006.
Tyler Calvert to Jeremy ’01 and Emily Flagg Hackleman, Lebanon, Pa., July 13, 2007.
Amelia Ruth to Bryan ’03 and Elizabeth Stover Lucone ’03, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, January 4, 2007.
Jentry Anne to Travis ’03 and Katie Sherman Sears, McPherson, Kan., May 19, 2007.
Ethan Lane to Andrew ’05 and Colleen Porter Gustafson ’05, McPherson, Kan., March 24, 2007.

Anniversaries
John ’35 and Elrae Carlson Andes ’35, Tempe, Ariz., celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary June 2, 2007.
Donald ’55 and Velva Wagner Butler ’54, Grundy Center, Iowa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 19, 2007.
Carl ’59 and Doreen Lafferty Ediger, McPherson Kan., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 6, 2007.
Forrest ’58 and LaVonne Albin Kruschwitz ’61, Nevada, Iowa, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in June 2007.
Roger ’65 and Emilee Bender Solomon ’65, Zillah, Wash., celebrated their 45th wedding Anniversary September 1, 2007.

In Memory
Alvin “Al” Goering ’37, Neodesha, Kan., March 14, 2007.
Wanda Naomi Hoover King ’37, Maryville, Tenn., May 12, 2007.
John Mason ’43, Moulton, Iowa, April 6, 2007.
Keith L. Miller ’70, Waterloo, Iowa, April 15, 2007.

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December 2007
2 Christmas Band Concert
9 Christmas Choir Concert

January 2008
6 Bryce Luty and the Salt City Big Band

February 2008
1-2 Theatre - “Honk!”
9 Alumni Board meeting
9 Bulldog Visit Day and Alumni Night
10 Religious Heritage Lecture: “300 Years of History and Heritage: What will the next 100 years look like?” panel discussion
29-Mar 1 Theatre - “The Retreat from Moscow”

March 2008
7-8 Theatre - “The Retreat from Moscow”
18 Spring Band Concert

April 2008
4-5 Theatre – “Fuddy Meers”
6 Mohler Lecture – “War, God and Inevitability”, Dr. Andy Murray, Juniata College
13 Spring Choir Concert
25-26 Theatre – “Enchanted April”

May 2008
3 Pat Noyes Golf Tournament
3 Bulldog Visit Day
3 9th Annual CARS Club Car Show
11 Band Pops Concert
18 European Choir Tour Concert
23-25 Alumni Weekend and Commencement

October 2008
10-12 Homecoming