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A message from your Alumni Board president

Congratulations, McPherson College alumni. You have proven to be a continuum of your institution’s mission statement: “To develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service.”

It is exciting to witness and hear about all of the things our alumni are doing as life-long learners. Here in McPherson I see alums coming and going from the library. I read about them attending Elderhostel encounters. I hear about their participation in continuing education programs, professional growth workshops and leadership training. A large number of our alumni are pursuing advanced degrees, and without a doubt the same thing is happening in a myriad of locations. Your liberal arts education has served you well.

Please continue to let your liberal arts experience lead you in new and enlightening adventures.

Keeping connected with your alma mater is evidenced in so many ways. Each year during fall Homecoming, selected alumni bring their expertise to the current students through the alumni panel discussions. Alumni provide internships and student referrals as well as continued financial support. The Alumni Association hopes to develop a networking plan to facilitate those who desire beneficial connections when relocating, seeking employment, etc. To make that happen, the Alumni Board encourages all alumni to keep their information updated on the alumni website at www.mcpherson.edu/alumni.

Connections with the college and fellow alumni have been strengthened at the great alumni events held at the Cosmosphere, Exploration Place, Omaha Zoo, Kansas City T-Bones baseball game and the McPherson Water Park. Past affinity reunions, such as choir, theater, basketball, etc., have made connecting with other alumni fun and memorable. Other such reunions are in the works.

Please continue to participate in diverse learning, pleasure, and service experiences at the college, at work, and at play.

The McPherson community has long benefited from the front and center leadership and commitment that the faculty, students, and alumni have demonstrated in service to others. On the local level, nary a day goes by that alums are not delivering Meals on Wheels, volunteering at the Food Bank, or working at the Save and Share Shop. They can be found doing great things at The Cedars retirement campus, the local hospital, and the McPherson Museum. They are chairpersons for fundraisers, presidents of service organizations, and leaders in their church. They mentor the youth, coach teams, and tutor struggling students. And that’s just in McPherson! State, national, and international service organizations are reaping the benefits of service-oriented McPherson College alumni all around the world.

Please continue to give selflessly of your time, talents and resources to others.

Thanks, alumni, for fulfilling the McPherson College mission statement, and keep up the exemplary work.

Virginia Luty ’78,
Alumni Board President
As the Christmas season nears, we pause to express gratitude for the many blessings experienced by McPherson College. In recent years, we have seen growth in enrollment, retention, and graduation of students as well as positive outreach in and beyond McPherson through our career and service initiatives. Your gifts and support helped to make this progress possible.

In this season, we echo the message of the Christmas angel’s announcement many centuries ago, “Peace on earth and goodwill to all people.”

With gratitude and hope,
Ron and Robin Hovis
With its three-year “My MC” campaign now successfully completed, McPherson College is looking to meet the needs of its growing student population through a new $13 million campaign.

The campaign, titled “MC Forward,” entered its public phase with a launch event Oct. 11 in Mingenback Theatre. The 200 alumni and friends in attendance at the Homecoming weekend celebration were treated to hors d’oeuvres and a multi-media presentation highlighting McPherson College’s past, present, and future. Speakers included Ron Hovis, president; Tom Brubaker, national co-chair of the campaign; and Michael Schneider, vice president of admissions and advancement.

The college already has raised $6.5 million toward MC Forward’s $13 million goal.

Of the $13 million, $6.4 million will be committed to the building of a new residence hall, campus entrance, and new signage on college-owned land between Gordon Street and Kansas Avenue, the main east-west highway through McPherson. These projects will move the campus southward and give the college increased visibility.

At present enrollment levels, the college is close to capacity. Because of its commitment to providing students with a residential experience, the college needs to build a new dorm. Plans call for a three-story structure with 66 beds and room for expansion.

The project offers multiple naming opportunities.

MC Forward also will commit $2.7 million to annual scholarship funds and general support funds, and $3.9 million to endowment support.

Each year McPherson College provides institutional scholarships to students based on merit and need. Last year, the college provided more than $4 million in scholarships to make education affordable. In addition, the college has a long tradition of raising endowed funds. At present it maintains more than 200 such funds.

Making an “M” pact

That is what the Project Connect Students are hoping you will do!

Project Connect Students call alumni throughout the year as part of our annual phonathon campaign. They try to reach as many of you as possible over the phone from October through April.

Do you know who wants to be a neurologist? Or a math teacher? Or maybe, who loves Mexican food or who wishes they could meet Mother Teresa? These are just a few of the interesting things you can learn from a Project Connect Student when they call you. And they are just as anxious to visit with you and find out how McPherson College made an “M” Pact on you.

**PROJECT CONNECT STUDENT CALLERS THIS YEAR ARE:**

Amanda LeClair from Clyde, Kan., a senior majoring in business, accounting and sports administration

Emily Alexander from Salina, Kan., a sophomore majoring in elementary education

Heath McCracken from Sacramento, Calif., a sophomore majoring in communications/media TV

Jerdan Schweizer from Plevna, Kan., a freshman majoring in mathematics

Katie Doffing from Conway Springs, Kan., a freshman majoring in elementary education/graphic design

Kelly Custer from Elkhart, Kan., a freshman with an undecided major

Kelsey Hempe from Wichita, Kan., a sophomore, majoring in elementary education

Kelsie Patrick from Elizabeth, Colo., a sophomore majoring in communication

Sarah Kohler from Papillion, Neb., a freshman majoring in business and marketing

Shannon Williams from Galva, Kan., a freshman majoring in communication

Tabetha Salsbury from Pueblo, Colo., a junior majoring in auto restoration/communication

Tannah Janssen from McPherson, Kan., a senior majoring in business administration/marketing

Tecie Turner from Scott City, Kan., a sophomore majoring in biochemistry

Trent Ruxlow from McPherson, Kan., a sophomore majoring in business administration

Tecie Turner ’11
Faculty Notes
Dr. Stephanie Brunelli, Associate Professor of Music, was one of 130 teachers from 34 states selected to score the College Board’s AP Examinations in Music Theory. The teachers gathered at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for eight days in June and graded 15,000 high school exams. Dr. Brunelli continues to be in demand as a clinician and adjudicator in Kansas, having recently judged for the Wichita Piano Teachers League Concerto Competition, KMTA (Kansas Music Teachers Association) District Auditions and KMTA Music Progressions. Closer to home, this February will be the 15th year that Brunelli will have organized one of the Regional Piano Festivals for KSHSAA.

Reynolds, Smith recognized
Every year, two McPherson College faculty members are recognized at the annual Honors Convo during Homecoming weekend. This year’s honorees are Michael Reynolds (non-tenured) and Herb Smith (tenured).

Reynolds, associate professor of mathematics, is in his fifth year at McPherson College. He is known for taking a real interest in students and going out of his way to help. Being able to explain complicated mathematical processes in a simple and crystal clear manner is an art that Dr. Reynolds practices with ease. He has a delightful sense of humor and is respected by students and colleagues alike.

Students leaving Dr. Herb Smith’s philosophy or religion classes come away inspired and grateful for the rare opportunity they have had in learning from someone with such energy, passion, and humor. Herb’s delight in learning stimulates the desire in others, partly from the aspect of being an active participant in the learning process. Smith often engages students in mini-field trips around the community in which they might just find a burning bush or snake hanging out of a tree. Students and faculty frequently mention that no matter what he is doing, Herb is always available to help.

January 2009 Travel Opportunity
Travel EGYPT: Learn about Ancient Religions of the Nile
• See the Pyramids & the Sphinx
• Take a cruise down the Nile and visit these exotic cities and the temples located in or nearby: Luxor, Karnak, Edfu, Kom Ombo

For more information: Contact Dr. Herb Smith smithh@mcpherson.edu (2 h’s)
620-242-0533

Alumni children get involved
ON THE COVER: Taylor Robertson, daughter of Dave ’88 and Teri ’88 Robertson getting ready to begin the 1K Dog Dash at Homecoming ’08.

The 1K “Dog Dash” was an idea that formed this fall as an effort to involve more alumni children in Homecoming activities. While the group that participated was small in number, those who ran the Dog Dash had a great time running with members of the MC cross country team. It’s pretty neat to be five to 10 years old and have your own personal trainer/college cross country team member running along side you!

The inflatables games at Homecoming, Ben the Bulldog and face-painted paw prints, and the Alumni Family Days events held over the last couple years are other great examples of the college reaching out to alumni and their children. These events are kid-friendly and family-centered. We want to connect with these young children to let them know McPherson College is interested in them and wants them to see MC as “their” college. In addition, for the last two to three years the cheer and dance teams have sponsored a cheer clinic for alumni and community children; the football team invited area youth football teams out to run drills with the team; and the volleyball and soccer teams hosted area youth teams at a match/game this fall. These are the types of events the college plans to grow for years to come.

So kids, bring your parents to campus and join in the fun!
Alumni continue growth through world travel

For many people, world travel is a catalyst for personal and professional growth. Proof of this can be found in the life stories of Ken Landes '66 and Jerald Edwards '61.

For Ken Landes '66, a trip to China three years ago ultimately led him to take up competitive swimming. A resident of Blue Springs, Mo., Landes is a business owner and involved grandfather.

"Life has been good," Landes reported in a recent communication with the alumni office. "I have owned a business that sells decorative building materials for 27 years and enjoy working too much to quit. Good employees allow us to travel, and we have been fortunate to see much of Europe, Russia, China, the Mediterranean and Central American in the past few years.

"After wearing out climbing the Great Wall in China three years ago, I decided to start swimming again for exercise and soon got the urge to start competing again after 43 years. Last year I won the United States National Championship in the 200 yard backstroke for the 60-64 year age bracket. It was fun and a challenge to compete against two former Olympic Gold Medal winners. They beat me in the 100 yard event, but I won the 200."

A grandfather of eight, Landes enjoys water sports and makes an effort to take his older grandchildren on adventure trips such as river rafting or kayaking each year.

"This year we will go to Costa Rica for a week to help build a Methodist youth camp in the mountains and stay another week to river raft and zipline," Landes said. "Time will catch up soon, and I am trying to enjoy as much of life as possible while I can."

Jerald Edwards '61, a resident of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., describes his status as "retired-working," but one thing he definitely has not retired from is world travel.

"I am working, occasionally, as a technical consultant in the area of License and Accreditation for three hospital laboratories in Orange County," Edwards reported to the college. "My most recent trip was to New Delhi, India, as an American delegate to the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science Congress. Even though I have traveled extensively, I was not prepared for the gravity of poverty and lack of public sanitation. The beauty and history of the palaces and temples were muted by the beggars and hawkers and the obvious failure of the country's wealth to provide an adequate lifestyle for its citizens. One week after leaving New Delhi, bombs exploded in front of the hotel (Connaught Place) where I had visited my friends from Norway after the congress and another in Karol Bahg near my hotel."

A seasoned traveler, Edwards enjoys striking out on his own.

"I organize my own travel arrangements, lodgings, car rentals and do not take tours or travel with groups," said Edwards. "I usually arrange to visit a hospital laboratory in the country, and that begins my communication with the locals. I visit a local university or school, if possible, and as many museums, art galleries, temples or churches as possible to learn of the history and culture of the people."

As well as his many travels, Edwards also enjoys competing in downhill skiing competitions, an arena in which he has qualified for the national championships multiple times, finishing as high as 11th in the USA and Canada for his age group.

Jerald Edwards '61 visits the Taj Mahal.

New staff and faculty announced

McPherson College welcomes a number of new faculty and staff for the 2008-09 school year.

Joining the faculty is Dr. Nepali Rajapakse, who teaches chemistry. Katherine Hughes is the new secretary in the teacher education department.

After working as an assistant to vice-president for admissions and advancement, Judy Jacobs '07 has assumed a role as admissions and financial aid counselor and R-3 coordinator. New to the admissions staff since last fall is Nick Glanzer, admissions and financial aid counselor.

Kathy Nicholson is as the new associate director of development. Abbey Archer-Rierson joined the Advancement Office as director of development this past spring.

Christi Paulsen '94 also joins advancement as donor relations coordinator after working as a secretary in teacher education for two years.

Jana Wingert joined the staff in August as director of marketing and communications.

Janelle Magnuson began work last fall as an accountant in the business office. Kristen Schenk joined the McPherson College staff as human resources manager in July 2008.

Facilities management has added Misty Freed, Kathryn Jordan, Patricia Naurat and Ashley Widener to its staff.

Residence life has added two new resident directors. Colleen Gustafson '06 is the resident director for Dotzour Hall. Alan Grosbach '08 is resident director for Metzler as well as assistant sports information director.

Both basketball programs at McPherson College have new leadership this year. Shelly Prescott has taken over the head coaching position after serving as assistant women’s basketball coach for three years, and Tim Swartzendruber is the first new men’s basketball coach in 25 years, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Roger Trimmell ’72.

Susan Barton is the Bulldogs’ new volleyball coach, and Rob Talley takes over the women’s soccer program as head coach after serving as an assistant to Doug Quint for both men’s and women’s soccer. Quint remains as head men’s coach.

Also joining the athletic department as assistant athletic trainer is Philip Schoenwetter.
McPherson College enrollment surpasses 500 for first time since 1976

McPherson College enrollment increased for the sixth year in a row with 509 full-time students enrolled for the fall 2008 semester, the largest enrollment at the college since 1976.

In 2007-08 MC had 129 graduates, the largest graduating class in 40 years. This was a positive achievement that the College expects to repeat regularly in future years, however it created a significant downward pressure on enrollment for this fall. The increase in enrollment can be attributed to two factors: retention and a large incoming class helped move enrollment higher. Seventy-seven percent of undergraduate students attending MC in the fall of 2007 returned in the fall of 2008. In addition to strong retention, 200 new students enrolled this fall, the largest number of new students since 1981.

“Overall enrollment growth continues to be driven by strong retention of students and a nice jump in the number of new students,” said McPherson College President Ron Hovis. “Of equal importance, the academic quality of our student body continues to improve. Also, our student body is among the most diverse of small private colleges in the great plains region.”

The incoming students also brought positive academic credentials. The average ACT score is 22.0, above both the state and national average. In addition, when the average ACT scores of the three returning classes are combined with the new students, the 08-09 student body has the highest average ACT score in the history of the college.

Diversity of the student body is significant: Hispanic, African American, and Asian American students comprise 24 percent of the student body this fall. Close to 47 percent of the student body is from Kansas; the remaining 53 percent from 40 other states.

As enrollment increases, occupancy in the residence halls is nearing capacity. Currently, over 390 students live on campus. The overall occupancy rate exceeds 95% of capacity.

“The college housing numbers have grown from 231 residents in 2002 to 392 residents in 2008,” said LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students. “It has been exciting over this time period to see our campus filled to capacity and so vibrant. This growth reinforces our strategic goal to be primarily a residential campus.”

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. According to the Annual Report of Service Opportunities for 2007-08, more than 360 students (along with faculty and staff sponsors) were involved in service projects totaling over 7,500 hours of service. Additionally, over 50 percent of the student body participated in career related internships last year and over 90% of last year’s graduates completed at least one internship while at MC. Also, about 90% of the student body participated in one or more co-curricular activity.

The college has experienced an overall growth of nearly 170 students in the past six years. The increases are most noticeable in certain academic and co-curricular programs: auto restoration, business, art, communication, and physical education have grown by over 150 students. When looking at co-curricular programs, intercollegiate athletics and the choral program have a combined growth in participants of about 150 students in the past six years.

As well as the traditional residential program for fulltime undergraduates, the college has a significant number of other students, including students in the R-3 degree completion program and part-time students, 57 of those from McPherson High School. Total enrollment in central Kansas is 595. In addition, the college expects to have another 1200 students enrolled again this year through a continuing education program for teachers in Milwaukee, Wis.

“We are once again appreciative that our students have chosen to enroll for the first time or return to McPherson College. The progress of the college related to increased enrollment and improved 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 are looking forward to having a great year together.”

CORRECTION

In an article recapping the Religious Heritage Lecture this past spring, Dr. Paul Hoffman was quoted as saying, “In World War II, 90 percent [of Brethren men] refrained from military service, opting for alternative service instead.”

Unfortunately, this was misquoted and should read, “In World War II, about 90 percent [of Brethren men] entered the military service, about 10 percent to a non-combatant post and the rest entered as combatants.”

The Review apologizes for the error and the misrepresentation of facts related to the history of the Church of the Brethren.
Visit Days

As graduates of MC, you have fond memories of your days on campus. Think back to when you first stepped on the MC campus. What did you like best? Who did you meet? What stood out and made you decide to attend MC? We at MC believe that our campus has a multitude of opportunities amongst top-notch facilities waiting for new students; we just need to get them here. Here’s where YOU, our proud alumni, can be helpful. Encourage high school students you know to visit. Or better yet, pick them up and bring them to campus sometime! A campus visit is the best way for students to get a “feel” for what it’s like to attend MC. Once they get here, we think they’ll love it just as much as you did.

The following visit days are currently scheduled for interested students, but visitors are welcome anytime. Information about visiting campus can be found on our website at www.mcpherson.edu/admissions or by calling the admissions office at 1-800-365-7402.

Thanks, and hope to see you soon!

FALL

Wednesday, December 19

WINTER

Saturday, February 7th
Saturday, May 2nd Junior Visit Day

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Saturday, February 14th.

**Important Fossil Specimen Returns to McPherson College, Got Any Pictures?**

In the summer of 1937 Professor R.E. Mohler led students on a biological and geological expedition that included a visit to the famous Agate Springs Fossil Beds in Nebraska, where the team obtained a slab of sandstone containing over seven hundred bones of prehistoric mammals.

After being on display for several years in the McPherson museum, the fossil has been damaged. The intent is to restore the specimen and return it for display in Melhorn Science Hall. Ninety percent of the bones that had been dislodged were recovered and can be reattached. A written history and pictures will be incorporated into a dynamic display for students, alumni, and visitors to enjoy and learn about this unique piece of McPherson College history.

Attempts have been made to contact as many of the surviving members of the 1937 expedition as possible in order to obtain photographs, field notes, or any other pertinent information. Unfortunately, over the years, physical records were lost or misplaced. To aid this restoration project, an appeal is being made to try and obtain any new information about the McPherson College specimen.

If readers know of any other photos, recollections, notes, or memorabilia about any of McPherson College’s early endeavors into the sciences, especially those concerning J.Z. Gilbert, Willard Hershey, or H.H. Nininger, please contact the college so they can be preserved for future generations. The students that participated in the Agate Springs expedition were Willard Brammel, Philip Davis, Alvin Goering, Alvin Lindgren, Lloyd Moehlman, Richard Mohler, Fred Nace, and Charles Wagoner.

If anyone has any notes and/or photos of the 1937 expedition, please contact Brett Whitenack (whitbre@bulldog.mcpherson.edu) or Dr. Allan van Asselt (vanassea@mcpherson.edu).
Citations of Merit awarded

The most prestigious MC award, the Citation of Merit recognizes lifetime achievements of outstanding alumni. In accordance with the college’s mission, nominees must meet two of the following four criteria: achievement and success in a chosen profession, recognized achievement in and contribution to community, unusual service and leadership to the church, and outstanding service and demonstrated loyalty to the college and alumni association.

The Alumni Awards Committee and the board of trustees recommended two outstanding alumni to receive the Citation of Merit. These persons were recognized during alumni weekend, May 24-25, 2008.

ROBERT W. KLOCKARS
Currently serving as president/CEO of the Walworth State Bank in Walworth, Wis., Robert Klockars has held several positions through the years in management, and is a certified master trainer in Leadership Effectiveness Training. After graduating from McPherson College in 1968, Klockars graduated from the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wis., in 1978 and later received his master’s degree in business administration and organizational design from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1997. In the 1970s Klockars served on several committees in the McPherson area, including the McPherson County Bankers as chair; the Lindsborg Arts Council; and the 1981 Svensk Hyllningsfest, as co-chair, among many others. He currently is the vice chairman of the Geneva Lake Conservancy, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preservation of environmentally sensitive lands, open space, and maintaining the quality of Geneva Lake. In 1975 he served as president of the MC Alumni Board of Directors. Klockars is active in the Evangelical Covenant Church and resides in Wisconsin with his wife Jane (Funk) ’67. The couple has three daughters—Kristina, Pamela and Kimberly—and one grandson.

VAL CHEATHAM
A 1958 graduate, Val Cheatham devoted his years to teaching. After graduating from McPherson College, Cheatham taught fifth and sixth grades in Wichita at Bryant, Martin, and McLean Schools, and then rounded out the last 26 years at OK school. After receiving his master’s degree from Wichita State University in 1965, he began teaching in a gifted classroom, where he continued to teach fifth-grade gifted students until his retirement at age 70. Throughout his years as an elementary teacher, Cheatham also taught at Wichita State and Friends University and still teaches at Baker University-Wichita campus. Among his published works are four books, countless magazine and newspaper articles, plays and operettas. Until recently the OK School PTA performed one of his operettas yearly. In 1990 Cheatham was awarded the Educational Press Association of America’s Distinguished Achievement Award. He serves as a volunteer at McCormick School Museum, is a member of the Methodist church and has served as a Boy Scout Leader. Cheatham has a son, Mark, and a daughter, Valerhy Powers.
In the 1930s, “She Drives a Duesenberg” was the catch phrase Fred Duesenberg used to market his luxurious Model T to a female audience. Of course, the gorgeous dames behind the wheel in those Duesenberg ads were never expected to wield a wrench or dirty their hands. But Verity Spencer, a Yamhill, Ore., native and sophomore at McPherson College, doesn’t mind mixing car grease with lipstick and pearls. She loves the aromas of both perfume and engine oil and is driven to make a career out of restoring classic cars someday.

In addition to the classroom and technical training McPherson College provides her, Ms. Spencer benefited immensely from the hands-on knowledge she received last summer through her internship at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn, Ind.

“I feel like I am dreaming,” Spencer said of her experience. “To see how auto restoration is applied in a museum setting has been very valuable to me. The knowledge I have gained here is so irreplaceable. This experience has been one of the best in my life, and I will take the training and the lessons I have learned with me wherever I go in life.”

Through her internship at the museum, Verity gained vast experience and knowledge while working in the museum’s curatorial and programming departments.

“Each day is different from the previous, and I like that. I learn something new each day. One day I produced videos for the museum’s Extravaganza benefit, and the next I am pulling the carburetor off a Duesenberg. This is the kind of stuff you can learn in a classroom, but you have to experience it first-hand in a museum setting to truly understand and appreciate it,” Spencer said.

“She is not your ordinary 18-year-old female,” Ralph DePaolo, museum pit crew volunteer, said of Spencer. “She loves to dive into a project and isn’t afraid to get her hands dirty. She soaks up everything we throw at her. You can tell by her enthusiasm that she genuinely loves automobiles. This is also apparent by how she handles herself in the shop, by the questions she asks and the interest she shows. There are not many young people that can relate to someone my age. She has become ‘one of the guys’ and is a pleasure to work with.”

Spencer may not drive a Duesenberg like those in the advertisements of the 1930s, but she may one day restore them for a living. In 2000, the United States Department of Labor reported that out of the 837,000 people employed as an automotive mechanic or restorer, only 12,000 of them were female.

“I have not found this to be a hard field for women to get into,” Ms. Spencer said. “The desire and enthusiasm for the cars has to be there first. I am at home in the garage and under the hood of an automobile. My hope is that I can turn this interest into a career, and I am on the road to do just that. Only time will tell!”

Photo and article courtesy of Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum

She restores a Duesenberg
That time in Fanny when

Ask anyone who attended McPherson College pre-2000 about Fahnestock Hall (affectionately called Fanny), and you’ll at least see a smirk cross their face, if not an all out grin. Memorable moments are not in short supply as was evidenced at the latest “affinity reunion” during Homecoming 2008. As more than 35 ‘Fannyites’ gathered, ranging in graduating years from ‘40 up through the late 90s, there were lots of laughs as they shared favorite memories. Oh, what went on in those hallowed halls! Following are memories that people chose to share, either at the reunion or through email correspondence.

- Flooding 1st floor Fanny to create a water-slide
- Playing frisbee in the hallways
- Frequent visits from the McPherson Police Department requesting that volume on stereos be lowered
- Making sure you yell “SHOWEr” seconds before flushing
- Finding an entire dorm room set up on the front lawn, only to have the ‘resident’ walk in, sit down and start reading in the new location
- After shooting “things” at Metzler with a homemade device using borrowed items from the science lab, finding the front door of Fanny completely barricaded with snow in retaliation
- “Stacking” rooms – returning to campus after driving back from Iowa, in the snow, all day, only to find your entire room’s contents stacked neatly in a pile in one corner of the room
- Providing a haunted house at Halloween
- Evening viewings of MASH (possibly more women in attendance than residents)
- Fanny Liberation Army (FLA) involved in takeovers of Mohler, removal of tables and chairs from the student union, infiltrating convocation, protesting college policies, and covert operations to Dotzour Hall
- Various forays into film making: SNAFU was shown at the reunion
- Using a dead snake (for two weeks) for various “surprises”
- “Borrowing” a bench from the college president’s back yard for use in the Fanny front yard, only to have him wander by and think he’d seen it somewhere before!
- Freshman Orientation – choice of the Dotzour boxer run (begun in 1986) OR tying a string around a certain anatomical part while the other is tied to a brick, tossing the brick off the roof of Fanny while you only have a pair of left-handed scissors – OUCH. No one recalls anyone ever taking the second option.
- Repositioning the whistle in Brown Auditorium to blow INSIDE just as Senator Kassebaum was addressing the student body (a doctor no less)
- The annual spades tournament (no cheating, right?)
- Playing ultimate when there were no rules, and two brothers (biological) smeared the blood from their knees across their chest like war paint for the duration of the game. The field was demarcated by the sidewalks and the end zone backed up to Mohler Hall
- The Fanny fire of 1986. It happened over spring break, and only about four people were in the building. A hot plate on the first floor melted and started a blaze that closed the dorm for four–six weeks. Residents fought the fire with fire extinguishers through the window until fire trucks arrived
- Friday steak night and cigars on the Fanny lawn
- The infamous “fanny” photo on the front lawn (use your own imagination)
- The buckets of glass balls (thank you Johns-Manville) simultaneously rolled down the tiled floor on each level of Dotzour Hall at 3:00 am; this may have been done during convo as well
- Christmas caroling at Dotzour Hall
- The “across campus” water balloon launcher
- All night games of Risk; spades; Risk and more Risk
- Disc golf across the campus
- Brainstorming each year’s Fanny t-shirt
- Creating a “Jacuzzi” of sorts out of the bathroom shower. Using the shower curtain and some bricks, we could make the door “waterproof” up to a couple of feet of water. Fill the inside with bubble bath and whatever else, and it was a great way to relax after exams.
- Cars ending up in front of Arnold Hall so the residents could not get out of the building
- Painting a pony with green paint and pushing it into a student’s room late at night
- Some studying
- A lot of good times
- Lasting friendships and memories

The editor would have dearly loved to use names to give credit to many creative individuals, but chose not to so that respected members of our society couldn’t be ‘googled’ and discovered for less than sparkling exploits. “Fannyites,” remember the stories as you wish; to those not directly involved, you can only guess as to whom responsible parties may have been.
David Butler, Brian Dennison and Roger Carswell reminisce with Lloyd Snell at the Fanny reunion.
A curious black lemur hitches a ride on the author’s shoulder in Nosy Komba, Madagascar.
I’m convinced I was born with a wanderlust gene, an innate desire to relentlessly explore every corner of our earth. As a kid I’d arise early to go on walks around town before anyone else had awakened, and I loved poring over maps to help plan our family’s summer vacations. Then there was the high school social studies report I did on the United Nations, all the while daydreaming what it would be like to actually visit all those exotic countries and the people who call them home.

And, of course, there were the Spanish and German classes at McPherson College as well as the interterm classes that took me away from campus: a geology class to Texas, a cross-cultural immersion experience in the Dominican Republic, and a Middle East Today course in Israel and the West Bank. But those were just preludes to greater adventures – longer-term Brethren Volunteer Service experiences in Washington, D.C., and in refugee camps on the Honduras/El Salvador border; Church of the Brethren assignments in the Caribbean and South America; and a brief career with American Airlines when I spent almost as much time taking free flights around the world as I did in the office.

It wasn’t long before I accepted the fact that I cared much more about peering over the next hill and peeking around the next corner and meeting the next stranger than I did about owning a home or a car or any of the other material things that most of my acquaintances prized. And I slowly began to realize that my goal of world travel was indeed possible if I was willing to forgo many of the commonly pursued comforts of life.

So, with the blessing of generous bosses who have allowed me to creatively cobble together vacation time to pursue my peripatetic exploits, I have managed to find buses, trains, trucks, camels, horses, jeeps, planes with see-through floors, boats that have sprung leaks, canoes, and of course, my own two feet, to visit the 192 countries (and a lot of their territories) that make up the United Nations. I’ve inadvertently met presidents and warlords, eaten every manner of food and been bitten by bugs that don’t have names. I’ve been treated royally by an Arabian prince, mugged by knife-wielding thieves, invited to a Ugandan teenage circumcision ceremony, interrogated by U.S. Customs officials and mobbed by children who had never seen a white person before.

But my wanderings haven’t just been about crossing imaginary international borders. The journey has been one of interacting with cultures very different from my own, and of creating my own global “family” – individuals to whom I have felt drawn and who have helped to mold my understanding of the world. It has been a journey about receiving insights from countless people representing a multitude of languages, faiths, and economic and social conditions; and one of sharing myself and my resources with those far less privileged than I. Whether providing soccer balls for kids in Djibouti, condoms for health workers in Cuba, materials for a house in Sri Lanka, health care for a woman suffering from a heart arrhythmia, tuition for a Guinean refugee or startup funds for a young entrepreneur in Rwanda, one of my goals has been to help people achieve their own goals while allowing my own biases and beliefs to be challenged.

Too often I compare myself with other Americans who have so much more than I do and conclude that I have nothing to give, rather than seeing that I am the wealthy one in the eyes of most of the rest of the world, having plenty to offer if I only choose to do so. The lesson I have repeatedly learned is that it’s not one’s economic status that provides security and fulfillment but one’s embrace of those who are different.

And I have learned as a gay, white, American male that the warmest embrace often comes from the most unexpected corners of our globe: a meeting with a gay Muslim Iranian student who, facing the death penalty in his own country, could only dream of someday being open about his sexuality; the encounter with an impoverished Somali soldier who tearfully bid me farewell after I forgave him for roughing me up; and the anti-American Surinamese student who insulted me on a bus but later insisted I spend the night in his home. It is when I allow myself to explore the world beyond my own comfort zone that I experience the most meaningful growth.

So to this day, when friends tease me about being over 50 and having nothing to show for it, I remind myself that it’s not “things” that bring me joy but the “family” who have embraced me in the 192 countries of the globe.
After dedicating her life to the service of the poor, sick, orphaned and dying, Mother Teresa clearly identified the power of service in the following statement,

“...The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace.”

While Mother Teresa practiced service on the world stage, many McPherson College alumni have chosen a life of service that is played out in smaller communities. Their contributions, however, still impact the lives of many people in need.

As a family practice physician in Moundridge and Inman, Paul Ullom-Minnich ’89, recognizes that health care is by its very nature a service profession.

“Our commitment as health care professionals is to care for the medical and psychological needs of people,” he said. “Usually this is an honor to be allowed to participate in the lives of friends and neighbors. The concept of service is most important, however, in dealing with persons whom I might not like or enjoy, because I want to provide the same level of care to people regardless of whether I enjoy their company. I don’t choose my patients; they choose me, and they need to believe that I have their interests at heart.”

Ullom-Minnich’s service in health care extends from his own work to include volunteering time to teach physician assistant students and medical students through the family practice. He has also worked on educational lectures for colleagues and on research/review papers with the intent of improving the state of health services in general. As far back as 2004 and 2005, he was volunteering at Hunter Health Clinic, which he describes as a low income clinic serving a high need Wichita population.

His family has embraced opportunities for volunteer service, leading several high school church camps and work camps whose purposes have been “to develop a sense of service and Christian identity for youth.” The entire family has also participated in several church-sponsored work trips to Puerto Rico and Mexico, serving others by working on such projects as housing for orphans and community center construction.

By welcoming a foreign exchange student into their home, Ullom-Minnich and his family again opened up their hearts to service. He
describes their motivation for the venture: “We hosted a foreign exchange student from Denmark in 2005 with the hope and realization of fostering understanding between cultures and broadening the perspectives of our family, our community and our nation.”

In addition to serving as a McPherson College trustee, Ullom-Minnich is a member of the Board of Trustees at Camp Colorado, a Church of the Brethren summer camp.

The challenges of rural health care in Kansas have drawn Andrea Herrera, Class of 2000, to another part of Kansas to work at the Russell Regional Hospital and Physicians Clinic. The cost of medical services and access to care are important issues in many rural areas, so Herrera’s service takes on great significance to the people living in the area.

“Russell County, as well as the city of Russell, is considered underserved as far as health care is concerned,” she said. “Our clinic is a rural health clinic and serves a majority of the county as well as surrounding counties.”

Even as a medical student, Herrera answered the call to service. In her position as the community service vice-chairperson for the Family Medicine Interest Group, she scheduled students to work at a local soup kitchen in downtown Kansas City. Following the devastation resulting from Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, Herrera was also involved in seeing patients in shelters set up in Tyler, Texas.

While Russell County has a population of approximately 7,500, the Port Townsend, Wash., population figure is closer to 9,000 or 10,000. The town lies in an isolated corner of the northeast corner of the Olympic Peninsula, and it is home to Shannan Kirchner-Holmes, Class of 1992.

Kirchner-Holmes, a 2007 Young Alumni Award recipient, works as a provider in the hospital-owned clinic, Jefferson Medical and Pediatric Group. When she received the Young Alumni Award, she was a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society and participated in the Skagit Valley Peace Fellowship. The article describing the alumni awards reported that she was the recipient of a service award for her 2 ½ years of leadership of the Family Support Group of the 448th Civil Affairs Battalion of the Army Reserve.

“A free clinic does exist in town, but most of my ‘volunteer’ work happens in my clinic and in the hospital itself,” she said. “As we are ‘critical access,’ we also receive federal funding to allow us to see patients who do not have insurance. I’ve accepted many folks into my clinic who are part of this program and either are 100 percent covered or are only responsible for a percentage of their bill.”

She plans to start work with the MASH clinic that is held at the town’s American Legion Hall; she has already worked preparing meals for the homeless shelter held there during the winters.

These alumni, in answering the call to service, have settled in different areas of the United States. Their work and devotion to others illustrate the embodiment of the mission statement of McPherson College, especially with its emphasis on service: “McPherson College is a vibrant community of persons from diverse faiths and cultural backgrounds committed to its mission: To develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service.”

Volunteering in Thailand
By Larry King ’68

How special it was for our church in Arkansas to be asked to provide volunteers for a retreat for Americans who work and live in East Asia. Over 150 persons from our church provided care and activities for babies and youth while their parents attended classes, seminars and large group sessions.

Some of these young American families live in cities where they are the only white people. For many, this retreat is the only time each year they are together with other Americans. They share many hugs and tears of joy as they meet again.

My wife and I, plus 11 other grandparents, cared for babies, ages five weeks to 10 months. What a blessing it was for us when a parent would smile and say “Thank you for coming.” Although our days were nine-plus hours long, we did have time to explore the Thai culture. They are such gentle, polite, and gracious people.

For most of us, this was our first opportunity to volunteer in a culture different from ours. We all learned something about ourselves: that regardless of our age, what we have done in life or where we are now, there is a place for us to share our lives and serve others.
The McPherson College Choir shared their gift of music this summer with nearly 1000 Brethren from around the world, all gathered in Schwarzenau, Germany, to celebrate the church’s 300th anniversary.

By all accounts it was an inspiring and meaningful “once-in-a-lifetime” experience.

“It was really neat to see all the different Brethren groups come together in one place,” said Rebecca Grosbach, soph., Enders, Neb. “To see people dressed in the long dresses and black hats with beards worshiping beside someone who was dressed in jeans and a T-shirt was powerful. I am thankful that I got to be a part of it.”

According to Steve Gustafson, professor of music, the choir was invited to sing for the anniversary celebration because of the relationship established between Dr. Jan van Asselt and McPherson College Choirs and the citizens of Schwarzenau over the past 30 years. The official invitation came from the Brethren Encyclopedia Board, the group charged with planning the celebration.

“The Schwarzenau leaders representing the German side specifically asked for the McPherson College Choir to sing for the event,” Gustafson said, citing the many trips the choir has made to Schwarzenau over the years. The official invitation came from the Brethren Encyclopedia Board, the group charged with planning the celebration.

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During the celebration, the college choir performed alone, as well as with several area German choirs.

“The gift of music allowed us to share and communicate when spoken language was a barrier,” said Grosbach. “Friends and alumni of McPherson College who were present in Schwarzenau were very proud of their choir.”

Singing for the 300th anniversary, while a significant highlight of the tour, was only one of many amazing performances and experiences.

On the 19-day tour—departing from Wichita July 18 and returning Aug. 7—students traveled throughout Germany, Austria and the Netherlands. In addition to performing at the 300th anniversary celebration, the choir performed concerts in Alsfeld, Steinfurt, and Ihringshausen in Germany, and with a men’s choir in Vorden, The Netherlands.

“I was most proud of our McPherson College Choir,” Gustafson said. “Students represented us very well as they interacted culturally with their host families and each other. Performances were of high caliber as we sang to packed houses in German and Dutch churches.”

Overnight accommodations included staying in youth hostels, as well as with host families.

“I really liked being able to get to know the families on a personal basis,” said Grosbach. “They made us feel at home, and completely spoiled us with large amounts of food and gifts. I’m planning on keeping in touch with some of them.”

Other highlights of the tour included:

- hiking, walking, and shopping around Innsbruck, Austria
- visiting different churches
- impromptu singing in many different churches
- Buchenwald concentration camp
- riding in a horse drawn carriage in Holland

“I had so much fun singing in the choir,” said Grosbach. “I couldn’t have asked to be a part of a better group that got along with each other so well. All of us had a lot of fun being around each other. Seeing our audiences’ reactions to our music, even though they couldn’t understand the words, was really neat. Performing is a part of me, and I’m thankful that I got to share what I love with people half-way across the world.”
Past experience tells us that McPherson College alumni enjoy reconnecting with each other and the college, whether it be coming to campus or the college reaching out to alumni locations. In recent years, hundreds of alums have taken advantage of opportunities to join alumni office staff and other alumni at places such as Exploration Place in Wichita, Kan., Fort Fun in Fort Collins, Colo., and a minor league baseball game in Kansas City.

This summer and fall the college hosted even more events where former students and families could gather, reminisce and learn about current campus activities. Read on to see where we’ve been and keep on the lookout next summer for postcards announcing new locations.

**Alumni Luncheon at Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Richmond, Va.**

The alumni luncheon for McPherson College alumni and their families, held each year during the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, took place on Sunday, July 13 in Richmond, Va. Nearly 175 people attended the luncheon. Director of Alumni Development Sally Nelson, welcomed guests and shared current alumni happenings, and President Ron Hovis gave a brief update on the state of the college. Attendees watched a video montage of student life and campus activities from the 2007-08 school year.

**Alumni Family Day at Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, Neb.**

McPherson College alumni and family members braved the summer heat to enjoy a day at the renowned Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Neb., on Sunday, July 20. Exhibit highlights included the Scott Aquarium, Lied Jungle, Desert Dome and new Butterfly Pavilion. President Hovis, wife Robin, college staff and alumni board members were on hand throughout the afternoon to visit with alumni and their families in the hospitality pavilion.

**Alumni Family Day at McPherson Water Park & Picnic, McPherson**

A good number of MC alumni and their families enjoyed an afternoon of swimming and water play at the McPherson Water Park on Sunday, Aug. 17. Later, about 175 alumni, faculty, staff and family members joined together for a picnic at Lakeside Park. Guests enjoyed visiting while eating a great picnic spread provided by the college’s food service staff. Children of all ages had a good time playing on the playground equipment, learning the art of watermelon seed spitting or joining in pick-up games of football, soccer or frisbee.

**Alumni Family Day at Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, Hutchinson, Kan.**

Over 200 McPherson College alumni, faculty and staff members and their families toured the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson, Kan., on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 28. Attendees visited the planetarium, studied the history of space travel, viewed the world’s most significant collection of U.S. and Russian space artifacts, and had the option to experience a ride in a G-force simulator. Most guests viewed the showing of “The Grand Canyon” in the IMAX theatre and gathered for refreshments and visiting at the college’s hospitality area at some point during the afternoon.

**Fall Football Games – Hotdog Feeds**

McPherson College alumni, development and admissions staff were on the road throughout the fall traveling to high school football games and serving up hundreds of free hotdogs to fans attending each game. “McPherson College Night” at the hotdog feeds recognizes the number of former and current students from the area attending MC, thanks the communities for their support of McPherson College, and gives the college an opportunity to visit with potential students. Local alumni, Alumni Board members and friends and supporters of the college pitch in to organize and help cook and serve the hotdogs. A fifth annual hotdog feed was held at Quinter High School in Quinter, Kan., on Sept. 19. The second annual hotdog feed at Limon High School in Limon, Colo., was also held on Sept. 19, and the first annual hotdog feed at Montezuma High School, Montezuma, Kan., was held Oct. 3.

**Watermelon Feed - McPherson**

MC student athletes and coaches of the fall sports teams joined the advancement and admissions departments on Friday, Sept. 5, to host “McPherson College Night” at McPherson High School’s first home football game. McPherson College athletes welcomed attendees to the game, handed out programs and assisted with free giveaways. President Hovis spoke to the crowd briefly during half-time, thanking the McPherson community for its support of the college and recognizing the growing relationship between the college and the McPherson school system. The college served up sliced watermelon for fans after the game.
McPherson College celebrated homecoming the weekend of October 10-12. Preceding the weekend, students participated in a number of residence hall competitions including dorm decorating, eating competitions and an obstacle course Friday evening. Students also showed their Bulldog spirit by participating in Spirit Week dress up days.
**Bonfire**

Student Government Association sponsored the annual bonfire Thursday evening. Activities included performances by the cheer team, “roasting” a Sterling Warrior dummy, and a car bash sponsored by Morrison Hall.

**Golf Scramble**

MC Athletic Booster Club’s annual Homecoming golf tournament sponsored by Pinnacle Sports Medicine and Orthopedics brought 92 participants to Turkey Creek Golf Course Friday morning. The team of Tom Ruxlow, David Williams, Maury Hoefer and Steve Horgan won the event. Following the tournament, all teams were treated to a complimentary lunch catered by McPherson College Food Service.

**Honors Convocation**

Young Alumni Award recipients were honored Friday afternoon at the annual Fall Honors Convocation. Young Alumni Award winners were Tom King ’77, Paul Schnaithman Vincent ’78, and Dan Masterson ’83. Two faculty members also received teaching awards at the convo. Michael Reynolds, assistant professor of math, received the award for the non-tenured faculty member, and Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, received the tenured faculty award.
Members of the business club cook and serve up hamburgers and brats during the Homecoming game.
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The 2008 class of the McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame was inducted Friday evening during ceremonies in the Sport Center. Members of the newest class of inductees are Vance Carlson ’50, Roger Kamla ’74, Christy Allen ’91, and Lee Haun ’37 (posthumous), who was represented by his sons Harold and John Haun.

BULLDOG FUN RUNS

Several students, alumni and friends took part in the annual Bulldog 3k and 5k fun runs on Saturday morning. New to the lineup was a 1k Kids’ Dog Dash. The dog dash kicked off the morning. Leading the pack around the rolling terrain was Taylor Robertson, eight years of age, in a time of 5:01.9. Taylor was followed by Carson Stone, 9, in 5:17.1 and McKenzie Becker, 10, in 5:52.5.

“For its first running, the kids’ race was a big success,” said Anna Ruxlow, McPherson College director of development. “The kids really seemed to be excited, and for each of them to have one of the Bulldog cross country runners as a partner who ran the course with them made it extra special.”

Leading the way in the 5k run was former Bulldog harrier Eric Hadley ’92. Defending champion from last year’s on-campus run, Hadley finished the hilly Country Club course in 20:50.1. Hadley’s time was approximately 1½ minutes slower than his winning time on the flat in-town course run around and through the campus in previous years. The first woman to finish the long course was Shelly Prescott, head women’s basketball coach. Prescott crossed the line fourth overall with a time of 22:54.9, a mark that would have placed seventh in the varsity women’s race that followed immediately.
Two alums, Marlo Oltman ’58 and Jason Pendleton ’92, have been named as the 2008 Dayton Rothrock Alumni Fellows. The 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.

Upon graduating from McPherson College in 1958, Oltman spent five years teaching social studies in Aurora, Neb., until he got a job teaching in Buhler, Kan., where he spent the remainder of his teaching career. Oltman received his master’s degree from the University of Kansas in 1968 and has completed additional graduate work at various universities in the region. In 1995 he retired from teaching and completed a three-year ministry training program through the Church of the Brethren and is now an ordained minister.

Throughout Oltman’s teaching years, he found motivating students both a challenge and a reward when he was able to change students’ “negative attitudes toward a subject into a positive response and interest in the subject.” Oltman found his greatest success to be when he was able to “use simulations of periods of history to help the issues and challenges come alive.”

Oltman currently lives in Buhler with his wife Frances (Straka ’60). They have three grown children, one of whom also lives in Buhler, and three granddaughters.

“I am surprised and humbled by this honor. I am humbled because I know so many talented and creative teachers that received their training at McPherson College,” Oltman said. “The surprise is because I have been retired from teaching for quite a few years, and I thought the selection would be someone actively teaching.”

Jason Pendleton is a 1992 graduate of MC. He has been a teacher for 15 years, taking off two years to pursue a master’s degree. Currently Pendleton teaches U.S. history, African American history, and U.S. Government at Lawrence Free State High School. Pendleton’s strengths in teaching lie in his ability to teach “big picture” themes and the cause and effect relationships of historical events.

Pendleton’s favorite aspect of his career is “the opportunity to interact with students and see them mature into young adults and witness the development of critical thinking skills over time.”

Pendleton and his wife Jodi (Roudybush ’93) have two sons, Nicholas and Nathan, whose middle name ‘Leland’ honors Dr. Leland Lengel, former history professor at McPherson College.

“I am incredibly honored and humbled to be recognized. McPherson College has an excellent teacher education program and consequently has produced numerous outstanding educators,” Pendleton said. “To be chosen from what had to be a large pool of potential recipients is flattering.”

“It is always a special time when we honor outstanding educators,” said Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, professor and chair of the education department at McPherson College. “These two recipients embrace the mission of the college as well as the mission of the teacher education program. They have proven to be service-oriented educators who blend the art and science of teaching.”

Pendleton and Oltman were recognized Oct. 11 at the Dayton Rothrock Alumni Fellow Luncheon and Awards Banquet.

The Dayton Rothrock Fellowship was initiated in 2004 in honor of Dr. Dayton Rothrock ’47, who spent 32 years serving his alma mater as a faculty member, department chair and trustee. He was named Professor of the Year in 1984-85 and now holds the title of professor emeritus of education and psychology.
A tailgate luncheon was held Saturday noon for current students, faculty, staff, alumni and families, Bulldog Visit Day students and their parents. Due to windy conditions, the luncheon was held in the small gym, which overflowed into the large gym, where the jazz band entertained the crowd with a 30-minute program. Approximately 600 people ate the picnic style lunch.

Football Game
Despite a 0-28 loss to Sterling College, a large crowd of alumni, friends and students came out to support the Bulldogs. Half time entertainment included a performance by the dance team, introduction of Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, Young Alumni Award recipients, Dayton Rothrock alumni fellows, and the coronation of the homecoming king and queen.

Coronation
Kiara (Steffens) Rolfs (in absentia due to it being her wedding day), Dighton, and Cody Doll, Healy, were announced as 2008 homecoming queen and king during halftime of the football game.

Other members of the 2008 homecoming court included Adrielle Harvey, Beverly; Tiffany Nichepor, Ness City; Nicholas Box, Linwood, Kan.; and Brandon Luter, Bayfield, Colo.

Tailgate Luncheon
King candidate Cody Doll enjoys a moment with a friend, awaiting the halftime coronation ceremony.

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Four new members of the McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame were inducted during Homecoming weekend ceremonies. The Athletic Hall of Fame induction has become one of the highlight events and part of the formal kickoff for the college’s annual Homecoming festivities.

Christy Allen ’91 was a three-sport letter winner during her undergraduate career. Still the school record holder in the javelin at 139’3”, she was a 1989 NAIA track & field All-American in the javelin throw after placing fifth at the NAIA National Championships.

After winning the KCAC title in the discus as a freshman, Allen twice won conference titles in the javelin; first as a sophomore, then after suffering a severe knee injury her junior year, again as a senior.

An honorable mention All-KCAC selection and four-year letter winner in volleyball, Allen also lettered four seasons in basketball for the Bulldogs.

Allen graduated with a BS in physical education and a minor in biology.

Christy has served as a head high school coach in basketball, softball, volleyball, cross country and track and field. She is currently the fast pitch director for National Softball of the Texas National Youth Assoc..

Allen resides in Tyler, Texas, where she currently teaches at the high school level and is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Texas-Tyler.

Vance Carlson ’50 interrupted his education early in 1944 to enter the Air Force. After returning to campus, he earned All-KCAC basketball honors in 1947.

Carlson’s collegiate career ended when he signed a contract with the New York Yankee professional baseball club and would go on to have a 10-year minor league career.

With his college eligibility ended, Carlson began officiating while completing his degree. He would go on to be known as one of the top referees in collegiate football, working 270 major college games and 15 major bowl games, including two Orange Bowls. He served as referee for three national championship games as well as the 1971 Thanksgiving “Game of the Century” between the universities of Oklahoma and Nebraska. Carlson would also officiate in two NAIA national basketball tournaments.

After 27 years as a collegiate football official, Carlson was enshrined in the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2003. Named to the Kansas Baseball Hall of Fame in 1988 and Kansas Collegiate Officials Halls of Fame in 1992, Carlson is a former member of the McPherson College board of trustees. In 1984, he received the College’s Citation of Honor. Vance is retired to Hays, Kan.

Lee Haun ’37 (posthumous) lettered four years in football and track plus twice in basketball. Haun never played organized football prior to college, but went on to be named to the 1936 All-Kansas Conference first team after being named to the second team in 1935. He earlier earned honorable mention honors as a freshman and sophomore.

In 1936, Haun was named to the All-State second team, a team made up of players from the 18 four-year colleges and universities in Kansas.

Haun set a school record in the pole vault in 1935, clearing 12-feet on a bamboo pole for a record that would stand 21 years. He tied for first in the vault at the conference meet as a freshman, and then won the title outright as a sophomore before placing second his final two seasons. A versatile athlete, he competed in the high jump, long jump, 100-yard dash, and high hurdles, as well as running on relays and throwing the discus and/or shot. In 1934, he was part of a school record 440-yard relay.

After earning a BS in secondary education/industrial arts in 1937, Haun taught and coached both boys and girls sports until his 1977 retirement.

At the age of 80, Haun placed second in the discus, fifth in the shot, and seventh in the high jump at the 1993 National Senior Olympics. He would continue to compete in senior track and field at the state and national levels until 2000.

Lee died in 2004.

Roger Kamla ‘74 led the NAIA with his school record discus throw of 188’8” throughout his senior season before concluding his final collegiate season with a third place finish at the NAIA National Championships.

After qualifying for the 1973 NAIA National Championships as a junior in the discus, he opened his final collegiate season by placing sixth at the NAIA National Indoor in the shot.

A four-year letter winner, Kamla is still the McPherson College record holder in the shot put and discus. He won three KCAC discus and shot put titles, sweeping those events his sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

Following his summa cum laude graduation from McPherson with a BS in chemistry, Kamla competed for the Houston-based Gulf Coast Track Club and placed fifth in the discus at the USATF National Championships.

Between 1986 and 1995, Kamla was a multiple USATF Masters Track & Field All-American. In 1995, he placed second in the discus and fifth in the shot at the World Veterans Games.

Kamla currently resides in Lake Charles, La.
ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Following the football game, several students and alumni participated in the annual Alumni Ultimate Frisbee game at Lakeside Park. Approximately 10 students and 10 alumni took part in the game.

ACTIVITY FAIR

Thirteen clubs and organizations took part in the annual activities fair sponsored by Student Government Association. Clubs provided alumni, current students, and prospective students with interactive experiences, including finger painting, music, a photo booth and fortune telling, to name a few.

BULLDOG VISIT DAY

Over 50 prospective students participated in an interactive campus tour experience. Students had the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff, tour campus, discuss internship opportunities and campus life with students, and participate in Homecoming festivities.

“The ability to combine Homecoming with Bulldog Visit Day is a great opportunity for us to show the campus to interested students and give them a sense of our heritage and a glimpse of our future,” said David Barrett, director of admissions.

CLASS REUNIONS

The classes of 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003 celebrated class reunions at various places in the community. While several classes had smaller numbers in attendance, all said they enjoyed visiting with old friends. Sixty alums who graduated 50 or more years ago gathered for the Golden Key luncheon Saturday noon. They enjoyed a program by the MC flute ensemble.

FANNY REUNION

A Fanny Reunion for all former residents of Fahnestock Hall was held in the small gym Saturday evening. LaMonte Rothrock, dean of students, hosted the event. Over 50 people attended the gathering, which included watching a video and ending with a traditional pastime of “spades.”

CHOIR CONCERT

The weekend culminated Sunday afternoon in the annual choir concert at the Church of the Brethren. The choir and singers performed several numbers, ending with its invitation to alumni to sing its anthem, “Be Ye Glad.” Three vocal students—Mark Shobe, Galva, Kan., Lidia Labra and Amanda Kennedy, both of Scott City, Kan., performed solo pieces as part of the program.
Young Alumni Awarded

Homecoming weekend brought special honor to three McPherson College alumni as they returned to campus Oct. 10 to be recognized as the college’s 2008 Young Alumni Award recipients.

Those honored were Thomas B. King ’77, Daniel J. Masterson ’83 and Paula (Schnaithman) Vincent ’78. King, Masterson and Vincent received their awards from President Ron Hovis during the college’s Fall Honors Convocation. Each was introduced by a faculty member and then made brief comments.

Tom King began his education at McPherson College, transferred to the University of Kansas to continue his studies and then returned to McPherson for his junior and senior years. He received a B.A. in chemistry from McPherson College and an M.B.A. in finance from the University of Kansas. He has served as president and CEO of Alexza Pharmaceuticals, Palo Alto, Calif., since 2003. From September 2002 to April 2003, he was president and CEO of Cognetix, Inc., a biopharmaceutical development company based in Salt Lake City.

From January 1994 to February 2001, King held various senior executive positions with Anesta Corp., a pharmaceutical company also based in Salt Lake City. While at Anesta, King received national recognition for his involvement in the development of Actiq, a product designed to help cancer patients control breakthrough pain.

In addition to his career accomplishments, King coaches a community girls basketball league, participates in several community-based charitable organizations and has served as a member of the board of trustees at Rowland Hall St. Mark’s School.

King and his wife, Liz, reside in Atherton, Calif., with their two daughters, Sofia and Paulina. King’s mother, the late Joyce Smith King, and two uncles, Gene Smith and Bill Smith, also graduated from McPherson College.

King lettered in basketball at McPherson College and was a basketball walk-on at the University of Kansas during his brief stint there. A musician through and through, Dan Masterson has made a career of teaching music to students of all ages.

After graduating with a bachelor of arts in music education, Masterson taught music at Inman USD 448 until 1987. In 1989 he received his master of music in piano performance from Wichita State University. Masterson then served as adjunct music professor at both McPherson College beginning in 1991 and Central College beginning in 1992, until 1995, when he began doctoral studies at the University of Illinois. While in Illinois, he was a piano instructor at Central Illinois Music Conservatory. In 1999 he received his Ph.D. in piano performance, and in 2000, he returned to Kansas as assistant professor of music at Bethany College. In 2006, he was named chair of Bethany’s music department.

Masterson serves on the McPherson Area Piano Teachers League, which he helped found, and has held positions on the Kansas Music Teachers Association Board. He is scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 120 in Lindsborg. Masterson has also held various positions in the Church of the Brethren, including minister of music in the McPherson Church of the Brethren. He was the Annual Conference pianist in 1982 and has been a volunteer musician at various other churches.

Masterson has taught private piano lessons for all but five years since his college graduation. In addition, he is actively involved as a clinician, director, adjudicator and performer at the local, state and national levels. He and his wife, Carolyn (Spate) Masterson ’84, are parents of two sons, Aaron and Paul. His mother, JoAnn (Bowman) Masterson, graduated from McPherson College in 1954.

Paula Vincent, a resident of Iowa City, Iowa., currently serves as superintendent of the Clear Creek Amana Community School District, a position she had held since July 2004. From October 1998 to June 2004, she served as associate superintendent of the Cedar Rapids Community School District. Vincent has spent her career in multiple positions within the field of education, starting out as a teacher at Shawnee Elementary, Overland Park, Kans., in August 1978.

Vincent holds a B.A. in elementary/special education from McPherson College. She continued her education at the University of Iowa, earning a master’s degree in secondary/special education in 1983 and a doctorate in educational administration in 1994.

Heavily involved in her community, Vincent sits on the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and is the chair of the Grant Wood Regional Chapter of the Red Cross. Vincent has also served on several other boards within her current and prior communities, and is an ordained elder and deacon in the Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church in Iowa City. In 2007 she began a term on the McPherson College Board of Trustees.

Vincent is the fourth generation of her family to attend McPherson College. Her great grandparents, grandmother, and mother all attended, and her mother served on both the alumni board and the board of trustees. She is married to Steven Vincent ’76 and is mother to Aaron and Aurora.

Instituted in 1994, the Young Alumni Awards typically honor three alumni each fall during homecoming weekend. The purpose of the awards 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 college board of trustees. All alumni of the college are eligible for nomination, with preference given to those celebrating 10-year to 30-year class reunions during Homecoming weekend.
While many in the campus community used the summer to relax, Dan Hudachek, director of auto restoration development and several students represented the MC auto restoration program at various car shows around the U.S.

The summer kicked off with “Back to the 50s” at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, which is “one of the biggest car shows you will ever find,” states Hudachek. Put on by the Minnesota Street rod Association, there were nearly 12,000 street rods, hotrods, and restored classics in attendance. MC took two display cars—a ’29 Model A Woody and an 1886 Benz Patentmotorwagon.

August took Hudachek and students to Monterey, Calif., for the annual Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance. “With more than 20 students and alums on site for the Sunday morning Concours, and at least three vehicles worked on by our graduates receiving class or special awards, this was one of the college’s best showings yet,” Hudachek said.

Following Pebble Beach, Hudachek had the honor of being a judge at the Rocky Mountain Concours d’Elegance. “Despite only being their second year, this event is on track to be one of the premier concourses in the country,” Hudachek said. “The spectacular location, the hospitality of The Broadmoor, and an impressive field of automobiles and motorcycles made for an enjoyable weekend for everyone who attended.”

The Glenmoor Gathering of Significant Vehicles in Canton, Ohio, also used Hudachek as a judge. The weekend was celebrated by the culmination of student Tabetha Saltsbury’s internship with the Concours. Tabetha spent most of her summer shadowing David Shultz, executive director of the Glenmoor Gathering, learning all of the minute details involved in putting together a show of such high caliber.

Several McPherson College students were invited to be special participants at the Barrington Concours d’Elegance as part of the entertainment for the weekend festivities. Davis May, Canton, Miss., Nick Koehn, Canton, Kan., Miles Birch, Lewes, Del., and Jim Gorel, Shelton, Conn., took a completely disassembled Ford Model T and in only 45 minutes had it completely assembled and in driving condition. As a special treat, they were provided with the opportunity to drive the completed vehicle across the awards stand as part of the awards presentation.

In addition to traveling across the U.S., Hudachek traveled with the choir to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Church of the Brethren this past summer. While in Germany, the entire choir was able to visit and tour the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center where MC has been sending students for internships for the past seven years.

“Having just seen the impressive display of vehicles at the museum, the entire group was excited to visit the shops,” Hudachek said. “Even though many of the people in the group did not have a strong automotive background, most of them had probably seen an SSK, pre-war Grand Prix car, or a 300SL Gullwing before, and possibly even heard them run….but most had never had the opportunity to see those beauties ‘naked’ and partially disassembled, so to take a tour of the shops where those vehicles are resurrected was a special treat.”
2008 FALL SPORTS REVIEW

By Carol Swenson
Sports Information Director

CROSS COUNTRY

An infusion of newcomers has given the Bulldog cross country program a lift this fall.

Fall workouts began with the Bulldogs looking for someone to step in and join returning All-KCAC performer Brent Bailey, Limon, Colo., and junior Shaun Griffin, Inman, Kan., at the front of the Bulldog pack. With 2007 KCAC champion Israel Ortiz having exhausted his eligibility, freshman Oliver Williams, Salt Lake City, quickly made his presence felt. Williams has been the first Bulldog to cross the finish line in each of the Bulldogs’ six meets leading up to the conference championships. Williams’ move up the Bulldogs’ all-time 8-kilometer list has also been rapid as he now stands as the #2 individual, with the #1 time, just 17.5 seconds behind Ortiz’ list-leading mark. Twice this fall, Williams has been honored as the KCAC “Male Cross Country Runner of the Week.”

With Williams, Bailey, and Griffin leading the way, and all three capable of earning All-KCAC honors, the Bulldogs’ other scoring positions have generally been filled by sophomore Matt Brown, Bothell, Wash., freshmen Josh Nilles, Goddard, Kan., David Parry, Morganville, Kan., and junior transfer Leterius Ray, Wichita, Kan.

The men’s best team finish came Homecoming weekend when they won the McPherson Invitational behind the one-two finish of Williams and Bailey. Peaking at the right time, all ten of the Bulldogs competing at the Southwestern/Mid-States Classic clocked season bests. The KCAC Championships held November 8 at Lindsborg also served as the NAIA national qualifier. Williams placed ninth overall and Bailey tenth, with the best times of their collegiate careers also serving as the NAIA national qualifier. Williams’ move up the Bulldogs’ all-time 8-kilometer list has also been rapid as he now stands as the #2 individual, with the #1 time, just 17.5 seconds behind Ortiz’ list-leading mark. Twice this fall, Williams has been honored as the KCAC “Male Cross Country Runner of the Week.”

The next two weeks saw McPherson drop a disappointing 30-28 decision to the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth before returning home and falling in front of a Homecoming crowd to Sterling, 28-0.

Week six found the Bulldogs on the road for their lone non-conference game, and the change of scenery was good as McPherson handled Haskell Indian Nations, 43-14, in Lawrence and evened their season record at 3-3. A highlight of the Haskell win was senior Dwight Hale, Colorado Springs, Colo., rushing for 102 yards on just three carries and catching seven passes for another 153 yards.

Injuries, turnovers, and untimely penalties played major roles in McPherson Stadium for their season finale against a Bethel team that had spent most of the season ranked in the NAIA national polls. Disappointed with their performance at Tabor, the Bulldogs bounced back and wrapped up a second consecutive season with a 28-23 win over the Threshers. Following the Bethel win, sophomore kicker Travis Eason was named the NAIA National “Special Teams Player of the Week.”

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Senior Gary Cox ended the regular season leading the NAIA in all-purpose yards, averaging 175.1 per game. Cox’s total yards have come on 62 pass receptions for 902 yards, 28 kickoff returns for 680 yards, including one for a school record 100 yards and a game opening touchdown against Ottawa, and another 164 yards on 14 punt returns.

Jeff Paulson ranked seventh among all NAIA defenders with an average of 11.9 tackles per game. Against #6 ranked Friends, the Limon, Colo., junior totaled a career high 17 tackles and garnered two pass interceptions, returned for a total of 70 yards.
**Men’s Soccer**

A five-match winning streak, including a school record three consecutive shut-outs, closed out the regular season for the Bulldog men and propelled McPherson into second place in the final KCAC standings. The second place finish was a school record for the highest regular season finish.

Thanks to their second place finish, the Bulldogs received a bye into the semifinal round of the KCAC post-season tournament, which the Bulldogs entered with a 6-2-1 KCAC mark and a 9-7-1 overall record.

Of the Bulldogs’ seven losses, five came to teams which are currently ranked among the NAIA’s top 25 or are receiving votes in the national poll.

Six Bulldogs received All-KCAC honors in a vote by the conference coaches. Junior Armando Rodriguez, Dallas, Texas, and freshman Tyler Tank, Austin, Texas, were named to the All-KCAC first team. Named to the second team were senior Jose Rodriguez, Dallas, Texas, junior Anthony Baldi, Arvada, Colo., and sophomore Calin Strong, Manhattan, Kan. Junior transfer Chris Plooster, McPherson, Kan., received honorable mention All-KCAC recognition.

The Rodriguez brothers, Armando and Jose, both received KCAC “Player of the Week” honors during the regular season, the first time in recent conference history brothers had received the honor the same season.

**Men’s Soccer advances to National Tournament**

The McPherson College men’s soccer team defeated Kansas Wesleyan 3-2 for the championship of the KCAC Post-Season Tournament. With the win, McPherson earned the conference’s automatic berth in the 50th NAIA Men’s Soccer National Tournament. The tournament title is McPherson’s first outright KCAC regular season or tournament title in 30 years.

“This is what we’ve been playing for,” said McPherson men’s coach Doug Quint. “This has been a long time coming! I’m so proud of our guys and this program. This win was for everyone that has been involved or a part of McPherson College soccer over the years.”

With the win, the Bulldogs (11-7-1) earned the right to travel to Oklahoma City for a Nov. 22, opening round match against Oklahoma City University, the tournament’s top seeded team.

The winner of the McPherson-OCU match will then advance to Fresno, Calif., for the final bracket play beginning Dec. 1.

Quint concludes, “We have worked hard for this moment. This program has improved every year and finally the pieces have fallen into place! What a great and well deserved feeling!”

**Women’s Soccer**

Five times during the regular season the Lady Bulldogs played overtime minutes, four of the matches going the maximum double-OT. The Bulldogs were 1-1-3 in the extra period matches, yet completed the regular season with a 9-5-3 overall record.

With a 5-3-1 record in conference play, the Lady Bulldogs finished the KCAC title race in third place. By virtue of their regular season finish, the Lady Bulldogs opened KCAC post-season tournament play on their home pitch where they defeated Sterling 3-1 on penalty kicks after tying 1-1 through two overtime periods. The Lady Bulldogs’ season came to a close in the semifinal round when they dropped a 2-0 decision to host Ottawa University.

Five of the Lady Bulldogs received All-KCAC honors in a recent vote by the conference coaches. Named to the all-conference first team were junior Whitney Williams, Salt Lake City, and freshman Anneliese Rotering, Colorado Springs. Recipients of second team All-KCAC honors was the Littleton, Colo., duo of Andrea Swanson and Haley Cook. Nicolette Rodriguez, Fort Worth, Texas, was named to the all-conference honorable mention squad.

**Volleyball**

After opening the 2008 season with wins in two of three matches at the McPherson Invitational, the volleyball season has been one of frustrating losing streaks broken by occasional wins.

After splitting their first two KCAC matches, the young Bulldogs, who list only two seniors and two juniors on their roster, slipped into a nine-match losing streak before a home court, a straight set win over Southwestern snapped the streak.

Another six-match losing streak followed before the Lady Bulldogs closed out their regular season with a Senior Night win.

Carrying the momentum of their win over Ottawa into the play-in round of the KCAC post-season tournament, the Lady Bulldogs pulled the upset of the tournament by bouncing third-seeded Friends in Wichita, 3-1, to move into the semifinal round. Playing with a world of newfound confidence, McPherson gave Kansas Wesleyan all the Lady Coyotes wanted before falling and ending the Bulldogs’ first season under coach Susan Barton.

Junior Kiley Loesch, Raymond, Kan., was named to her second straight All-KCAC first team following the season. She has established herself as one of the top players in the conference as she ranked fourth nationally in kills and led the KCAC most of the season with an average of 4.6 kills per game, and in hitting percentage at 0.328. She also ranked third in service aces. Sophomore setter Destri Sievers, Stafford, Kan., was twice named the conference “Setter of the Week” and currently leads the KCAC in assist average at 8.23 per game.

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Les Shenefelt ’69, Denver, Colo., retired April 1, 2008, as Controller of the State of Colorado with tributes given by both House and Senate of the state of Colorado something never before done. His wife Bonnie (Harwick) ’69 and family were also in attendance. Several weeks later Les received an Outstanding Alumni award from Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Virginia Luty ’78, McPherson, Kan., now retired, serves as a docent on the McPherson Convention and Visitors Bureau Trolley Tour. She is also a board member of the McPherson USD 418 Education Foundation, and currently president of the McPherson College Alumni Association.

Stephen Newcomer ’78, West Hollywood, Calif., reached his goal in July 2008 of visiting all 192 UN member countries. He noted this to be “the most educational and culturally rewarding journey imaginable.”

Dave Romo ’78, Albuquerque, N.M., recently retired following 30 years of teaching and coaching. He continues to volunteer as a youth coach and referee for the Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Department.

Craig Holman ’79, McPherson, Kan., was recently appointed to the Chairman’s Advisory Council of Ameriprise Financial.

Tracy Ikenberry ’79, Richland, Wash., a Certified Health Physicist (radiation protection scientist), has been named to the 2008 Fellow Class of the Health Physics Society by Dade Moeller & Associates.

1980s

Renee S. Schowengerdt ’81, McPherson, Kan., is a medical technologist at the Hutchinson Clinic, Hutchinson, Kan.

Lisa Brooks Linn ’83, Grove, Okla., was named Teacher of the Year for Ketchum Public Schools.

Marie Neher Neher ’83, Rochester, Minn., teaches fourth grade in Rochester and recently completed training to be a grade level reading specialist.

Brad Payne ’83, Olympia, Wash., is employed as the employee health care manager for the City of Olympia.

Galen Reeves ’83, Wichita, Kan., recently sang with the Wichita Grand Opera during their 2007-2008 Season in “A Masked Ball”, “La Bohème”, and “Faust”.

Lloyd Snell ’83, Ames, Iowa, received a master of science degree in Biosystems Engineering from Iowa State University, summer of 2008, and is working to complete his doctorate in summer or fall of 2009.

Jeff Crist ’84, McPherson, Kan., works as a real estate agent for Four Seasons Realtors.

Patty Sargent ’84, La Vista, Neb., is now program and volunteer coordinator for a nonprofit that serves the elderly population.

Jeff Thill ’84, Orlando, Fla., was recently named volunteer of the year for Shepherd’s Hope, Inc. Physicians volunteer their time at Shepherd’s Hope, providing health care for those without adequate insurance coverage.

Russell (Rusty) Allen ’85, Hillsboro, Kan., was recently named vice president for athletics at Tabor College.

Andy Sargent ’86, La Vista, Neb., now serves as a technical consultant for Philips Healthcare.

Sheri Elser Bragg ’87, Garner, N.C., works as a branch manager and assistant vice president for North State Bank.

Sue Six ’87, Wichita, Kan., has published a book of short stories, “Fish Tree Tales: Stories from Japan.”
1990s

Ted ‘92 and Leslee Reimer Bray ’92 and family moved to southeast Asia, specifically Singapore, this past summer for Ted’s work with Abaya Corporation.

Terrill Bruton ’92, Burrton, Kan., serves Burrton USD 369 as a K-8 physical education teacher, head coach of both football and track, and assistant athletic director.

Cheryl Pauls ’92, McPherson, Kan., has accepted a teaching position at Moundridge Middle School, Moundridge, Kan.

Karín Brunk Madrigal ’93, Marshalltown, Iowa, coordinates professional development for Head Start, Early Head Start, Family Development staff for five counties and Marshall County child care providers. She also interprets for Mid Iowa Community Action, Inc., interprets and translates Spanish/English for the Substance Abuse Treatment Unit of Central Iowa as well as tutoring adults in Spanish.

Robin Morgan ’93, McPherson, Kan., is employed as a senior microbiologist at Hospira.

Trudy Stephens ’93, Geneseo, Kan., is a Logistics Manager at CertainTeed Corporation, McPherson, Kan.

Brett Bowman ’94, Wichita, Kan., is employed as finance director for Don Hattan Chevrolet.

Catherine Blache ’95, Paris, France, works as an international policy and communication counselor for the French Publishers Association.

Jonathan Coachman ’95, Stamford, Conn., is employed by ESPN as a sportscaster.

Bruce Lolling ’95, Haysville, Kan., recently completed a master’s degree in U.S. history from Emporia State University. He currently teaches history at Campus High School in Haysville.

Francis W. Dutton ’96, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is owner/operator of the Smokin’ Bonz BBQ Company which specializes in competition BBQ and catering. Smokin’ Bonz placed first in the Rib Division and 6th in Chicken Division at the 2008 Nevada Kiwanis BBQ Championship.

Emilita Huston Poling ’96, New York, NY, presented a workshop entitled “Children’s Literature in the Adult Education Classroom” at the Adult Basic Education Conference in NYC in May.

Teresa Cruzan ’98, Asheville, NC, completed her masters in communication science and disorders and is working as a speech-language pathologist for Carolina Pediatric Therapy in Asheville.

Pete Herrera ’98, Russell, Kan., is the new head boys’ basketball coach in Russell.

Marie Vacura Lopez ’99, La Junta, Colo., is employed by Colorado Mental Health Institute-Pueblo as a License Clinical Social Worker. She works in the Circle Program, a dual diagnosis residential treatment program for people struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues throughout the state of Colorado.

Christine Sheller ’03, Des Moines, Iowa, is a student at Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, Ind., and also works as a night supervisor at Orchard Place, a psychiatric medical institute for children in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mike Vrtiska ’03, Fillie, Neb., is employed by Campbell’s Nursery.

Emily Tyler ’03, Glendale, Ariz., teaches music and choir in Peoria to grades K-8.

Juli Greep ’04, Clarks Summit, Pa., recently accepted the head softball and head volleyball coaching position at Keystone College in La Plume.

William Kumble ’05, Cooper City, Fla., is the director of product development and quality assurance for Maxiforce, Inc., in Miami.

Josh Laney ’05, Billings, Okla., is employed as a teacher and head women’s basketball coach at Billings High School, Billings, Okla.

Tim Benyshek ’06, Cherryvale, Kan., works for American General Financial Services as a loan officer.

Todd Davis ’06, Mesa, Ariz., recently completed a master’s degree in management and human resources from the University of Phoenix.

Bryan Grosbach ’06, Wichita, Kan., teaches theater at Goddard High School.

Rylee Miller ’06, Colorado Springs, Colo., is employed as a graphic designer for Axio Design.

Vanessa Fleming Unruh ’06, Wichita, Kan., is employed as a marketing assistant for David Singleton, Premier Insurance Agent.

Eric Vrtiska ’06, Omaha, Neb., has accepted a job at Auburn Hospital as a physical therapist. He will graduate in May 2008 from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Christina McPherson Beard ’07, Olathe, Kan., works as a graphic designer for GlynnDevins Advertising & Marketing.

Jesse Beard ’07, Olathe, Kan., is employed as an ipod technician for iResQ.

Sheila Bevan ’07, Emporia, Kan., is working on her masters in mental health counseling at Emporia State University.

Renée Hall ’07, Geraldine, Ala., is teaching second grade at Geraldine Elementary School and also serving as assistant volleyball coach.

Victoria Salas ’08, Lenexa, Kan., is attending graduate school at the University of Missouri/Kansas City studying public administration.

Brian Schippert ’08, Acton, Mass., is employed as an automobile collections manager for the Collins Foundation.

Marriages

Byron J. Welch, Jr. ’65 to Sara A. Welch, Chariton, Iowa, August 9, 2008.
Wayman Smith, III ’73 to Vanesa Freeman, East Stroudsburg, Pa., June 24, 2006.
Michael Hill ’06 to Kimberly Hernandez Hill ’05, Garden City, Kan., June 3, 2006.
Jeff Krehbiel ’08 to Elizabeth Wagoner ’09, McPherson, Kan., June 14, 2008.
Ashley Mitchell ’08 to Thomas Stanley, Great Bend, Kan., June 14, 2008.

Arrivals
Leah Rachel to Jeff and Stephanie Loar Bartlow ’95, Topeka, Kan., March 1, 2008.
Kayana Leigh to Amy and Jonathan Coachman ’95, Stamford, Conn., June 26, 2008.
Cooper Emerson adopted by Shawn ’97 and Gina Railsback McGowan ’97, Ellsworth, Kan. Cooper was born April 7, 2008.
Hannah Grace to Pete ’00 and Sara Landes Brubaker ’02, McPherson, Kan., April 17, 2008.


Anniversaries
Kenneth ’49 and Irene Richards Jarboe ’51, Westminster, Colo., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 24, 2008.
Roland ’56 and Patsy Schechter Wray ’58, Keota, Iowa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 23, 2007.
Dale ’57 and Donna Rhoades Shenefelt ’59, Council Bluffs, Iowa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 8, 2008.
Marko ’58 and Frances Straka Oltman ’60, Buhler, Kan., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 2, 2008.
Jim ’70 and Judith Dealh Lunkley ’69, Canyon, Ariz., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary August 18, 2008.
Vikki and Roger Trimmell ’73, McPherson, Kan., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary August 12, 2008.

In Memory
Carroll E. Koons ’34, Des Moines, Iowa, March 1, 2008.
Christian Johansen ’37, Urbana, Ill., April 27, 2008.

Maurice E. Clark ’45, Newton, Kan., May 9, 2008.
Alice Flory Hornbaker ’54, South Hutchinson, Kan., August 4, 2008.
Miles A. Tyler ’54, McPherson, Kan., May 18, 2008.
Rollyn E. Wall ’63, McPherson, Kan., March 26, 2008.
Doris Lewis Abbott ’80, South Hutchinson, Kan., August 14, 2008.

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COMING EVENTS

December 2008
- Michaela Groeblacher (MC alum) art exhibition
- Bulldog Visit Day
- Theatre production: Stop Kiss
- McPherson College Band Christmas Concert
- McPherson College Choir Christmas Vespers
- Bulldog Visit Day

January 2009
- Michaela Groeblacher (MC alum) art exhibition
- Theatre production: Rabbit Hole

February 2009
- MC student art exhibition
- Theatre production: Rabbit Hole
- Alumni Board of Directors meetings
- Bulldog Visit Day
- Alumni Night
- Presidential Scholars Visit Day

March 2009
- Theatre production: ‘Art
- Spring Break

April 2009
- Senior Art Exhibition
- Theatre production: Children of Eden
- Spring Choir Tour in KS, OK, TX and CO
- COB Regional Youth Conference
- Choir Spring Concert

May 2009
- Senior Art Exhibition
- Auto Restoration (AR) Technology Reunion
- 10th Annual C.A.R.S. Show
- HS Juniors Visit Day
- Pat Noyes Memorial Golf Tournament
- All Schools Day - Campus Blowout
- Alumni Weekend – Class Reunions of 1974, 1969, 1964, 1959, 1954, 1949, Gold Key; Citation of Merit Awards
- Commencement

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