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## Grade Inflation Raises Questions

BY RYAN KRESKY  
COPY EDITOR

McPherson College has an average grade inflation rate lower than the national average. The national average in the United States within the same timeframe has steadily increased over time.

Bruce Clary, vice president of academic affairs, brought this to attention when McPherson College compiled their own list of average GPA at McPherson College

throughout the last 20 years.

When Clary looked at the data, he said it was evident that other four-year private colleges nationally were higher than McPherson College's average.

This is unusual because, while McPherson College maintained a 2.80 average GPA in 1994 to a 2.91 GPA in 2014, the national average in private schools were higher.

"It's been one of those problems that higher education has kind of talked

about and dealt with for a long time," Clary said.

When the data was gathered on grade inflation nationwide, the study was selective with the colleges and did not incorporate small colleges like McPherson College or any of the other private colleges like Bethel or Tabor.

"It's rather selective at what colleges they look at," Clary said. "They don't collect this data from all colleges and universities across the nation, especially

when looking at the four-year private college category. They are primarily looking at colleges that are more selective in terms of students that are admitted than we are at McPherson."

A few of the four-year private colleges the study looked at were schools like Harvard, Yale, Princeton and other Ivy League and Sub-Ivy League colleges. Clary, when looking at the data, has an idea of what might be happening and the reason why.

"Most of the explanations talk about why grade inflation has taken place, and that's because we moved very much towards a college education being consumer-oriented," Clary said.

Clary also mentioned that decades ago colleges were not as consumer-oriented; they were more focused on a select few students who attended college. A lot of the time older colleges

had freshmen courses that would, in Clary's words, "weed out the rest," without focusing much on the student. It was not until the last fifty years when this change in structure happened.

Even though Clary said this kind of information is important to know, there has not been a lot of research done on grade inflation, nationally and that this is the only study he found.

## Blazed Into History

Uncontrollable Wild Fires Have Destroyed Thousands of Acres

BY CHANNING WALL  
NEWS EDITOR

Acres of charred land will leave an impact for years to come. Fires raged through ranches and prairie land in Oklahoma and Kansas, leaving portions of livestock and land damaged beyond repair.

Although, the late snow assisted in containment, it is estimated that 400,000 acres of land have been torched between Oklahoma and Kansas during the Anderson Creek Fires.

Damage spreads into other states for a stunning estimated total of 750,000 acres being destroyed, making it the largest grass fire in Kansas history.

Mary Fallin, Oklahoma

Gov., has declared a state of emergency for several counties in the area. This allows emergency assistance organizations to purchase supplies needed immediately to assist with the fires.

An area of concern regards agricultural production and the livelihood of farmers in the area. Cattle are suffering health effects such as burnt utters that aren't milking as well and respiratory problems.

Katie Sawyer, Director of Career Services, and her husband Derek Sawyer graze cattle in Comanche County that was affected by the blaze.

"At the time of the fire we had a herd of mother



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DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES

Cattle on a ranch in Comanche County that was burned in the Anderson Creek Fire.

cows and new calves on the ranch," Sawyer said. "We only lost one calf to the fires but the ranch sustained major damage, losing more than half of grazing area and thousands of feet of fencing."

Although many farmers will be affected by damage, the new foliage will be more nutritious and dense than what had previously been on the ranch, proving to be one positive amongst tragedy.



The Anderson Creek Fire was fueled by high winds and dry conditions. Damage has totaled close to 400,000 acres across Oklahoma and Kansas.

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Dr. Becki Bowman, associate professor of communication, involves students for class discussion.

PHOTO BY ADRIAN CARSON

## Academic Integrity to be Reinforced Through New Policy

BY ADRIAN CARSON  
SPECTATOR STAFF

The McPherson College faculty approved a new academic integrity policy on Feb. 3. The policy will go into effect in the upcoming fall semester.

A new policy is needed because in December of 2014 the Higher Learning Commission deemed the old policy, which was called Academic Dishonesty, was not up to standard. The Higher Learning Commission felt that the old policy was too vaguely written. It did not clearly outline what constitutes dishonesty or the specific consequences for breaking the policy.

It is yet to be known how the new policy as a whole will be received by students. However, for Josh Kelly, a senior automotive restoration major, there is some concern.

"I fail to see how this new policy will change anything," Kelly said. "The policy as written is more just common sense, simply put, don't cheat."

The faculty at McPherson College have some concerns of their own.

"Faculty has been

disturbed by some cereal cheats who have graduated," Bruce Clary, vice president of academic affairs, said.

The hope that the faculty has is that the new policy will help prevent "cereal cheaters" from graduating in the future.

Clary also stressed that faculty realizes that not all students who break the Academic Integrity Policy do so intentionally.

"Faculty is very much aware that it is an educational process to learn the correct way to write down sources."

The faculty felt it was important to still allow flexibility in the policy for teachers to decide whether reporting a student is warranted or not. Teachers must, however, report all intentional acts.

Academic integrity sets intentional violations into a process, consequences determined on how many times a student has violated the policy. The first offense will have the student go through a plagiarism prevention program. The student will be dismissed from McPherson College when there have been four reported intentional violations.

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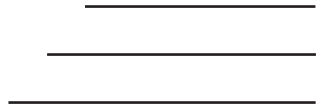
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## WONDERS OF CAMPUS

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**Andrew and his wife, Louise Whitfield Carnegie, raised \$40 million for libraries across the U.S.**

**Together the Carnegie's educated and entertained millions.**

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## Traditions Kept and Stereotypes Challenged

Fox & Ash Maintains Historical Barber Shop and Simply Vapor Moves to Main St.



Simply Vapor offers a free trial of any E-liquid flavor they carry.

PHOTO BY CHANNING WALL

BY CHANNING WALL  
NEWS EDITOR

Fox & Ash and Simply Vapor, two shops in McPherson, are both thriving and expanding. Erick Elbert, owner of Simply Vapor, moved to the space Fox & Ash had been at 312 N. Main St. and opened on Monday. Elbert carries a variety of E-liquids that are used in electronic cigarettes and offers free trials of any flavor offered. Educating customers about the product is something Elbert is passionate about and considers part of his job. "I also try to teach people about the use, how to be safe, what the product is and the general health information," Elbert said. E-liquids are used for a

variety of reasons, one being to help smokers quit. Elbert is an advocate for benefits of using a vapor pen and hopes the new location will provide a platform to continue educating people on the new trend. "The whole reason I started the business is to help people quit smoking," Elbert said. "Tobacco kills people, it's not a guess, it's what happens. I had family members that had cancer and I chewed. The electronic cigarettes worked for me and I just turned it into trying to help other people." Elbert started the business on Apr. 1, 2015, and will host a grand opening on All School's Day, May 13, and will be offering discounts as well as goodie bags for purchase.

to keep all four barbers here busy and carry on the tradition of the shop being a barber shop for such a long time," Porter said. The previous owner, Ron Wolf, ran the shop for 50 years and received the first hair cut in the new building Porter, along with co-workers

Andrew Schwartz and James Whitfield, worked to remodel. Even though the project is newly finished and a ribbon cutting is scheduled for Apr. 25, Fox & Ash will still be set up on campus for the McPherson College Car Show on Apr. 30 to give haircuts.



PHOTO BY CHANNING WALL

Taxidermy fox overlooks the barbers at Fox and Ash.



PHOTO BY TESSA SZAMBECKI

Simply Vapor celebrated an official grand opening on Monday, April 4.



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Fox and Ash Barber Shop will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 25th at 4pm. They officially opened on March 5 2016.

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## College Hosts Kansas Academy of Science

BY MARISSA PATTON  
SPECTATOR STAFF

Dr. Devin Schrader kicked off the Kansas Academy of Science annual meeting last weekend on Apr. 1 and 2. His lecture, called the "Meteorites: Past, Present, and Future," familiarized attendants of the connected past of meteorites and McPherson College, the current studies of meteorites at Arizona State University, and the future research and explorations planned to expand our knowledge on meteorites.

The first Kansas Academy of Science meeting was held at McPherson College in the 1950s. Harvey Nininger, professor at McPherson College from 1920 to 1930, spoke of his discoveries on meteorites. Nininger is known as the father of modern meteorites because of his self-taught research during a time when meteorites were so uncommon and studying them was discouraged in the 1920s.

Before Nininger's time, meteorites were melted down and used for their metal, creating objects like

tools, coins and beads. A bead made from meteorite metal was discovered that was dated 5,000 years old. More recently, a family in Tennessee used a small meteorite, thinking it was a strange stone, as a door stop.

At Arizona State University, there are 4,000 specimens of 2,000 meteorites studied in Dr. Schrader's department, the Center for Meteorite Studies. Each week Monday through Friday, the ASU Meteorite Gallery is open to the public for self-guided tours of the meteorites,

which are normally locked in the vault.

Dr. Schrader explained that the shooting stars that can be viewed at night are as small as a grain of rice and fireballs, which are very bright meteors that give off a green color, are barely bigger than a baseball in most cases.

"To make a crater, the meteorite must be greater than 10 meters wide," Dr. Schrader said.

He also said that meteorites have different factors that help them create a crater: object size, density,

entry angle and relative velocity. Iron meteorites are stronger and can make it to the ground quicker.

The event of falling meteors happens so quickly that the heat only burns the outer layer of the meteorite, which is only a few millimeters in.

"If the entire meteorite was scorched," Schrader said, "it would be useless to us."

ASU is currently studying water on Asteroid 4 Vesta and putting together early solar system chronology. They are trying to

discover the source of Earth's water by taking multiple meteorites that have different degrees of water changed by their composition and comparing that to Earth's water. They have already discovered that meteorites from the inner solar system has the same type of water as Earth.

Schrader proves that we have learned a lot since Nininger's studies of meteorites, but also stresses how there is more to learn about them.



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MARISSA PATTON

Dr. Schrader demonstrates the different angles of meteorites that could cause a crater.

## Students Given Opportunity to Earn Extra Credits

BY DESIRE AKINGENEYE  
SPECTATOR STAFF

Within a period of two weeks, from May 16 to May 27, McPherson College is offering an opportunity for students to earn credits in addition to regular fall and spring semester credits. The May session courses are expected to provide a broad range of courses in

different disciplines. From sciences, linguistics, social studies to business and so many others, students will be taught different subjects that, for the most part, are not offered during the regular year.

During summer classes, students will explore exciting and interesting topics that are rarely known by the majority of people.

"If you don't know what roasted grasshopper tastes like, you need to take this course," Dustin Wilgers, assistant professor of biology, said about the Wilderness Survival Skills course. "If our tap water stopped working, do you know three different ways to find drinkable water? The clock is ticking and you have about three days

to figure it out before it's too late. This important class could be the difference between life and death in certain situations. Forget the luxuries of camping; you won't always have a sleeping bag and s' mores supplies with you. This class will teach you how to survive and then will test your skills."

Some courses will have

course trips to various areas that pertain to a specific subject.

The deadline for registering for the May session classes is quickly approaching. In order to register, stop by the registrar's office, specifically Tricia Hartshorn, which is located in the Dean's Suite on the first floor of Mohler. Be

aware that some courses are requiring prerequisites before enrolling. Students who are taking these classes can either live off campus or contact the office of student life to extend their stay on campus.

# THE CAMPUS CALENDAR

## APRIL

						1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	RED SHOE PARTY SOFTBALL VS. STERLING @ 1 P.M. @ GRANT COMPLEX
10	MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN @ 3 P.M.	12	13	14	15	HOTEL PARADISO @ 7:30 P.M. @ BROWN AUDITORIUM BASEBALL VS. STERLING @ 5 P.M. @ GRANT COMPLEX	HOTEL PARADISO @ 7:30 P.M. @ BROWN AUDITORIUM SOFTBALL VS. OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN @ 1 P.M. @ GRANT COMPLEX
17	18	19	MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. TABOR @ 3 P.M.	MUSIC ENSEMBLE TOUR SAB AMAZING RACE	21	MUSIC ENSEMBLE TOUR EARTH DAY	23
MUSIC ENSEMBLE TOUR	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	CHOIR CONCERT @ 7:30 P.M. @ BROWN AUDITORIUM	SOFTBALL VS. FRIENDS @ 5 P.M. @ GRANT COMPLEX				AWARDS CONVOCATION BASEBALL VS. BETHANY @ 5 P.M. @ GRANT COMPLEX THEATRE AWARDS GALA HARTER LECTURE @ 7:30 @ BROWN AUDITORIUM	C.A.R.S. CLUB MOTORING FESTIVAL @ 10 A.M. BASEBALL VS. BETHANY @ 7 P.M. @ GRANT COMPLEX



## Community Looks Forward to New Stadium



BY LAYNE HIGGINS  
SPECTATOR STAFF

Building a new stadium is nothing to ignore. McPherson College and USD 418 will have the upgrades to the stadium completed by Aug. 1. This is a \$1.6 million project, paid for by McPherson College that started on Apr. 1 and will continue all summer.

Other facilities have been upgraded in the past five years as part of the same project. The college has recently put in a new artificial turf, a new track surface, updated field event facilities, new lights and additional bleachers.

"The new stadium is a great image for the college and will hopefully help with student attendance at soccer and football games," Jon Williams, freshman, said about the final steps of renovation.

The final steps to the project will be a new press

box, ADA-compliant ramps, new spectator seating and improvements to sidewalks, fencing, restrooms and locker rooms. There will also be new grass on the south end of the stadium with concrete for better runoff and drainage. As a whole, the McPherson College community seems excited about the new change to campus.

"The stadium is the far north end of campus, so when people pull in from First Street it's the first thing they see," Andrew Ehling, athletic director, said. "It will be nice to get a fresh coat of paint and fix up the press box. I think there will be a sense of pride from our athletes that compete at the stadium."

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ALAINA JOHNSON

**The condition of the stadium's stairs, seats, and railing prior to the upcoming renovations.**

## Mother and Son Attend College Together

BY TERRANCE GRANT  
SPECTATOR STAFF

Lisa and Avery Goering are not your normal mother and son so to speak. They both are students at McPherson College and will be graduating together with the same degree.

Lisa graduated from Hutchinson Community College in 1996 and had brought Avery to classes as a baby during her time there. Lisa never really thought about furthering her education and becoming a teacher until she started working with kids at a youth group and church.

When she decided to come to McPherson College she was nervous because Avery was a student at McPherson and was worried about how he would react to her being a non-traditional student. Like Avery, it was awkward for Lisa and she asked for Avery's opinion, which was encouragement.

Avery is an elementary education major and started attending McPherson in the

2013. He played football his freshman and sophomore years. Avery, at first, felt that it was kind of awkward to have his mother in class, but the idea has since grown on him.

"The first semester we were together I did not let her sit at my table," Avery said. "Since then I have realized that there are worse things, and that she is a pretty cool Mom so it doesn't really bother me."

Now that they both have gotten used to being around each other on campus, they sit at the same table in their classes together, which Avery has found it beneficial at times. All in all, Lisa feels that the people at McPherson has welcomed her and Avery and she is very grateful for everything McPherson has done for her family.

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AUSTIN SCHAD

**Avery Goering, junior, Christian Johnston, senior, Lisa Goering, senior, work together as a group.**





## Maintenance Department Restores Campus Benches Wood Stain and Paint Create a Fresh Look



BY AYSIA PRYOR  
CAMPUS EDITOR

As students walk around campus they may have noticed that the benches are disappearing one by one.

The maintenance department is currently restoring the benches with no specific time frame. The benches are getting a fresh look with new paint and staining on the wood.

"I didn't notice they were restoring the benches, but I think it's cool," Lacey Garoutte, freshman, said.

"We could always use more

improvements around the campus."

"I honestly had no idea about the benches until I read my email and then I went to go look," Erica Perez, sophomore, said. "I think they did a pretty good job restoring them."

The benches in front of Friendship Hall are finished and the benches outside of Beeghly Hall will soon be completed. The maintenance crew has not specified which benches will receive a makeover first.

**The newly renovated benches in front of Friendship hall.**

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## Natural Science Professor Writes His Own Textbook

BY MIRANDA CLARK  
ULRICH  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Not only do students notice overly expensive, difficult to read or simply bland textbooks; professors often notice as well. One of McPherson College's own professors decided to take initiative and write his own textbook for College Biology I that took place during the fall semester of 2015. Jonathan Frye, a natural science professor of 23 years at McPherson College, wrote "What Is Life?" during his time on sabbatical during the 2014-15 academic year.

Frye decided to write the textbook because he felt that available textbooks were too expensive, too large to possibly go through in a semester and had too many exercises. Frye wrote 12 chapters in his textbook

instead of writing over 30 like many other textbooks.

Along with the chapters, Frye also included a reference section accompanied by the first page of every article he used. All of the articles used are available for students to look up at no cost. Frye also wrote new labs to coordinate with each lecture.

"More recently in our history it has become impossible to learn all of the facts, simply because there are too many of them," Frye said in the preface of his textbook. "Because of the rate of change in society, it has become ever more difficult to predict which facts will be valuable to know in the future."

Not only did Frye write the textbook, but he also did his own layout and formatting. The printing was done by Atelier Design

and Print on Main Street in McPherson. Each copy cost about 12 dollars to print, making them significantly cheaper than most textbooks.

The most important aspect that Frye wanted to teach his students is what the characteristics of good scientists are and to provide opportunities to practice the kinds of things that scientists do. He also wanted to teach his students about the characteristics that all living things have in common, opposed to studying the millions of organisms that exist.

"One of the most challenging educational goals is to adequately prepare students for their personal and professional lives after graduation," Frye said in the preface. "Over most of human history, living conditions changed

little from generation to generation, and so this educational goal was both realistic and achievable."

College Biology I is being taught every fall semester and Frye plans to continue using the textbook. He stated that this is the first introduction science majors are introduced and taught what scientific writing is about. Frye has considered writing other textbooks for different classes that he teaches, but believes he would only write the collective readings portion instead of the whole text and lab manual.

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**Jonathan Frye, professor of natural science.**



# MISSION FEATURE

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**Jasmine Benson**

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MIRANDA CLARK  
ULRICH

BY KATIE SAWYER  
DIRECTOR OF CAREER  
SERVICES

College is for growing, learning and discovering and senior Jasmine Benson has done just that during her time at McPherson College. The Lakewood, Calif., native came to McPherson College to run track and is graduating in May with a resume full of experiences and a plan for her future.

Benson grew up around sports and, in addition to being an athlete herself, she knew she wanted a career in the world of athletics. While attending the games of teams her father coached, Benson watched the team trainers tape the players and help them return to the game. She also shadowed trainers at California State University, Long Beach, who worked with NCAA Division 1 athletes.

So when she arrived at McPherson College as a freshman in the fall of 2012, Benson immediately paid a visit to Head Athletic Trainer Phil Schoenwetter to inquire about becoming a trainer for the college.

In the fall of 2013, she started work and has since accumulated more than 400 hours of time as a trainer for various college teams. Because the college does not have an athletic training degree program, Benson started searching for a plan B, knowing she could not immediately go to work in the athletic training field.

During her summer at home in California, Benson shadowed a sports medicine doctor who talked to her about the various career paths she could pursue after graduation.

"Shadowing gave me a different perspective on how I can help athletes,"

Benson said, who added that the doctor introduced her to several aspects of sports medicine she was not previously familiar with.

Once back at college, Benson took another opportunity to learn from a professional, this time McPherson chiropractor Dr. Brandon Trost.

"With him I saw a different approach to helping athletes," Benson said.

After her various observation opportunities and hands-on work with other athletes at the college, Benson finally decided that chiropractic school would provide her the best opportunity for helping athletes both return to full health and remain healthy while active.

She plans to graduate in May with a degree in Health and Physical Education and will begin applying to chiropractic schools in the fall. For others in her position who know what they want to do but are not sure how to get there, Benson recommends looking at all of the options before making a final decision.

Once in the professional world, Benson hopes to build a practice as a sports doctor, working with athletes of all ages and ability levels, and one day serve as the sports doctor for the U.S. Olympic team.

"That's my dream," Benson said. "I would love to work with Olympians."



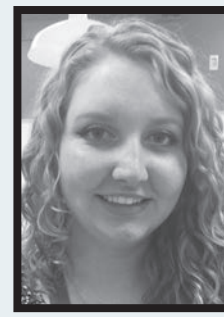
## WORD AROUND MAC : What Do You Think About The Updates Happening Around Campus?



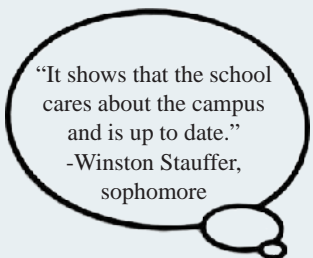
"I think it's a good change. The bleachers definitely need updated."  
-Ethan Woodcock, freshman



"I think they will be major improvements as far as campus safety goes. Look forward to seeing it completed."  
-Austin Hiebert, junior



"The stadium looks dated with the old mascot, I'm glad they are updating it."  
-Chloe Cloud, freshman



"It shows that the school cares about the campus and is up to date."  
-Winston Stauffer, sophomore



"The improvements will be costly in the beginning, but save money in the long run, plus help make campus more home-like."  
-Crystal Osner, senior



"It's really exciting and it's about time for some updates."  
-Paige Morris, sophomore



## 10 Reason Why Small Colleges Don't Suck

BY MIRANDA CLARK ULRICH  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I often hear from other students that they wish they had attended a larger college because of reasons such as better parties, more entertainment and more people to meet.

While that may be true, there are many benefits to attending a small college that many students do not seem to appreciate.

1) The professors at small colleges actually care. At larger universities the teaching is not done by the actual professor of the class. That is absolutely not the case at small colleges. Professors know nearly everyone in their classes by name, they invite students into their homes for various activities and they are there when a student needs them. I know many students who go to their professors for advice on issues, either scholastic or personal, and there is a real connection between them. At a small college your professors become your friends.

2) Being involved is easy at a small college. Students have the ability to do every single activity offered or none at all, but the choice is available. Not many people can say that they are or were a college athlete, but so many students get that opportunity at a small college. I know students who came in playing one sport and decided spontaneously to start another, and the coaches allowed them to do so. Obviously, there needs to be a level of talent, but the opportunity of involvement is as big as students want to make it.

3) At a small college the student body's voice matters. Our opinion on important matters is taken into account and we are often asked what we think.

If there is a problem, access to higher administration is not at all hard to obtain. The faculty and staff are often problem-solvers and are willing to help resolve issues students may be experiencing.

4) A certain level of freedom in each student's own curriculum is more often allowed at small colleges. The professors have more time to commit to small classes versus larger ones; so individuality is not only accepted, it is encouraged. Students at small colleges have more opportunities to grow academically through senior symposiums, papers and assignments and more one-on-one time with their professors.

5) At small colleges students do not have to compete as hard for jobs and internships. As students, we have been taught that having an internship, or some sort of experience, on our resumes is critical in getting a first job. Naturally, students take internships seriously and want the opportunity. With fewer students at a small college and helpful professors, those opportunities are not as hard to come by.

6) Small class sizes are not something to take lightly. Often at larger universities the professors do not take role or have any clue that most of the students are out of class. As annoying as it may be, professors at small colleges take role and expect students to be there as often as possible. Students at small colleges are accounted for and checked up on regularly, which makes it difficult to fall too far behind.

7) The connections made at small colleges are bountiful compared to larger schools. Each professor is another connection. All of the bosses that students might have had

simultaneously are another recommender (considering the student was a good worker.) The classmates that will someday become successful are important to keep in touch with. You never know when you will need a favor or advice. The more connections, the better.

8) There are lots of opportunities for alumni and each individual will always be a part of the college. Small colleges have a special way of incorporating alumni in both the sustainability of the college and the "fun stuff." Alumni often find themselves back to their roots and serve on boards, attend events or even work for the college.

9) With a small college comes a small campus. Walking from class to class is only a two-minute venture. Parking is rarely an issue. It is the small things that go without noticing, but make the life of a student so much easier.

10) People often say the friends you make in college will be your friends for life. At a small college it is so easy to meet a friend, live together and become completely attached at the hip. Those friends were there through some of the weirdest and most stressful times of your life. They often know you more than you know you.

I hope these benefits of a small college can be taken to heart and appreciated more.

We live in a wonderful community and there is no reason not to see that.

The people of McPherson College are here because they want to be and they care about the students.

## Accept Ownership and Take Action in Regards to Climate Change

BY CHANNING WALL  
NEWS EDITOR

When it comes to opinions, entitlement is an odd concept. Obviously everyone has their own opinion about all sorts of things, and I think they should.

However, I think those opinions should be accompanied by logical rationales.

I also understand that people rationalize differently and that's where discrepancy in opinions stems from.

What I don't understand is trying to argue with science.

The controversy about climate change has been ongoing; some say it exists as a natural cycle and deny that humans have had any effect.

Climate change has been happening forever. It is not something to believe in like Santa or ghosts.

Many debates focus on the amount humans have contributed, but all that should matter is that we are in some way.

Let us take our local Wal-Mart for example. Think of all the products and packaging separately.

Now consider the transportation it takes daily to get those items delivered and then multiply it by 5,000 because there is that many of just this one store in one country.

All of those steps, from production

to transportation and even disposal, are emitting some level of carbon dioxide.

I get a little too fired up about the oil and gas industries' contributions to climate change for this editorial, so watch for a book someday.

But I do recommend researching the very eye-opening case of the EV1 produced by General Motors.

It looks at how the big industries covered up its publicity and continued to do so in order to keep the oil and gas industry thriving.

It represents a world of greed where money has taken more of a priority than the health and well-being of our society.

The CO2 is burning holes in our ozone layer. Why are we arguing whether or not it's our fault?

It's time to not only take ownership for our part of the

damage but to start doing something about it.

Through ownership and action steps we can make a difference. So, my call to action: recycle.

It is phenomenal how much can be recycled and also devastating to find out how much of that doesn't actually get recycled.

Here are some astonishing facts about recycling that I hope will get you as pumped as I am about sustaining the one home we all share.

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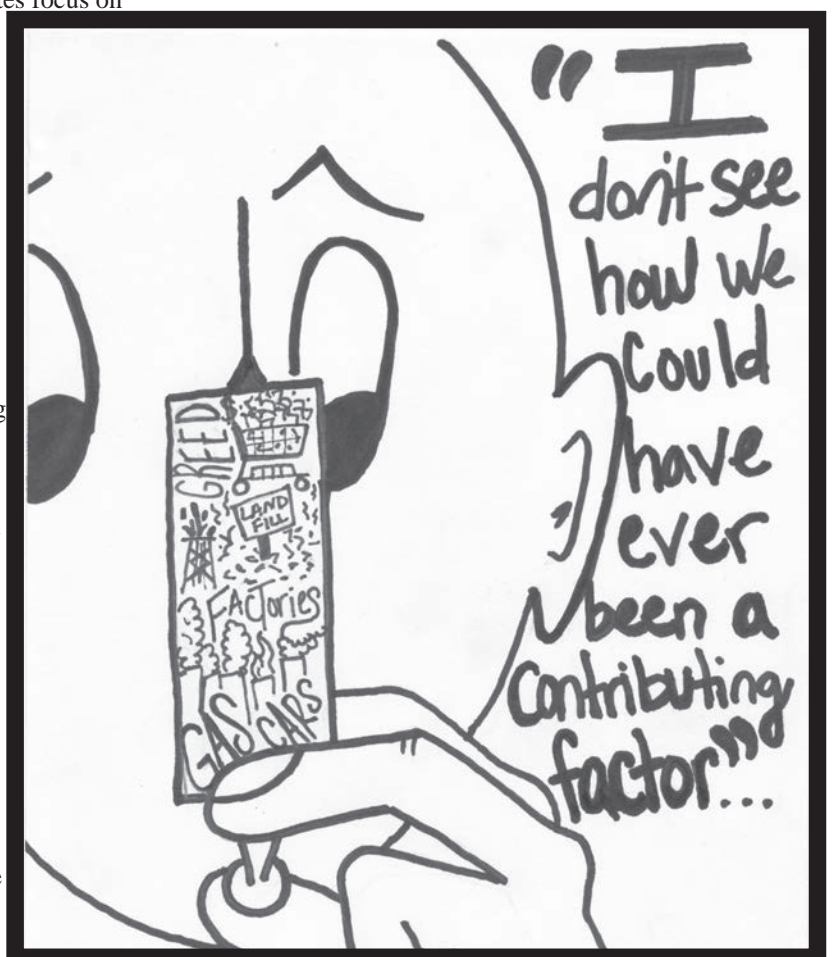


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## Baseball Continues Turning Heads in Season

BY TYLER BAILEY  
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The McPherson College baseball team has been turning heads recently. Coming off of an eight-win season last year, the Bulldogs' current record of 18-21 is a huge turn around.

Kasey Guinty, assistant baseball coach, said he is "extremely proud of the hard work these guys have put in from day one. Our goal this season was to shock the conference and we have definitely achieved that, but we are not satisfied yet."

The Bulldogs have definitely turned many heads this season but their ultimate goal is to make the KCAC post-season tournament.

"It's been a pretty fun season so far," Blake Ware, junior pitcher, said. "We've beat some good teams and played pretty well. I think we are good enough make the tournament."

Ware leads the Bulldogs in a 2.70 ERA, five wins and six saves. Accompanying Ware are Dylan Klava, junior utility, and Colter Streck, senior pitcher, who

have a combined five wins for the Bulldogs.

Leading the McPherson offense is the previously mentioned Klava, Trent Smith, freshman infielder, and Matthew Bryan, senior offensive. All three sluggers have batting averages north of the .300 mark. Klava leads the team in a .394 average .394, five home runs, and 42 RBI's. Smith leads in stolen bases with 15. Bryan leads the team in walks with 20.

The Bulldogs recently split series with receiving votes Oklahoma Wesleyan and Friends. In game two against Friends, the Bulldogs were down two runs in the bottom of the sixth when Riley Martin came through with a homerun that tied the game. In extra innings, Jackson Goodmiller hit the walk off single that ended the game. The Bulldogs' conference record is 8-12 and that lands them in sixth place in the KCAC. Their next upcoming series will be at Kansas Wesleyan in Salina. The games will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 9 and Sunday, Apr. 10.



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**Evan Willow, sophomore catcher, gets into position to receive a pitch during the game against Central Christian College on March 15.**

## Softball Struggles to Find Win in Spring Break Games



**Brittany Childs, freshman catcher, looks to throw to first base during the game against Hastings College during the McPherson Tournament on March 12.**

BY CAITLYN BLAGRAVE  
SPORTS EDITOR

At the start of spring break, the Bulldogs set off to Langston, Okla., to play Langston University. The Bulldogs ended up splitting the series with the Lions.

McPherson found a pair of runs in the top of the first inning. Unfortunately, the Lions were able to come back in the bottom of the first inning and put six runs on the board, taking the lead from the Bulldogs.

Increasing their lead, the Lions scored four runs total in the third and fourth innings, putting the score at 10-2. Although the Bulldogs were able to come back in the top of the fifth inning and score one more run, they ultimately fell to the Lions 11-3.

Game two of the series ended with a win for the Bulldogs. Although the Lions came out strong in the opening inning, scoring four runs, the Bulldogs were patient and scored their first run in the third inning. This streak continued for the Bulldogs into the fourth inning where they scored four times and into the fifth inning where they scored twice more, pushing their lead to 7-4.

The Lions scored a run in the sixth inning that McPherson was able to match in the seventh. McPherson recorded a win with the final score at 8-5.

On Mar. 23, the Bulldogs saw the start of their KCAC season in Leavenworth, Kan. McPherson fell in both games to the University of Saint Mary Spires.

The Bulldogs managed to hold the Spires from getting any runs in the first and second inning but ultimately fell in the third inning when the Spires scored five runs. This was ultimately the deciding inning of the game, with the Spires getting the win 5-0.

In the second game the Bulldogs had a hard time getting hits and were unable to score until the fifth inning. Scoring in three runs in the second, third and fourth innings, the Spires went into the fifth inning with a 9-0 lead. Although the Bulldogs were able to find two runs in the top of the fifth inning, the Spires scored one more run in the sixth inning, ending the game by enforcing the run-rule with a final score of 10-2.

On Mar. 29, the 'Dogs were matched up against the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes. The Bulldogs were unable to find a win in these two games.

In game one, the Bulldogs fell behind 2-0 in the first two innings. Cassandra Moreno, senior first baseman, was able to cut their deficit in half in the

third inning but it ultimately was not enough. The Coyotes scored another two runs in the fourth inning and then four more runs in the fifth. Later on, the Bulldogs recorded an 8-1 loss in game one.

Game two did not start any better for the Bulldogs. The Coyotes were able to score five runs in the opening inning. The Bulldogs were able to find their first run in the third inning and found another in the fourth to put the score at 7-2. McPherson was unable to find a run in the fifth inning, the Coyotes found seven more runs in the fifth inning, ending the game with a score of 14-2.

"The last few games we've been struggling at the plate a little bit," Amanda Connell, sophomore, said. "We have been mixing up our lineup and working more in practice to prepare for the rest of our conference games."

Things turned around for the Bulldogs in York, Neb. On Mar. 31, McPherson was able to split the series with the York College Panthers.

The first game was slow for both sides in the first five innings. McPherson had just one base runner and although the Panthers were not able to do much either, they were able to score two runs.

The sixth inning saw a surge for both teams. The Bulldogs took the lead with four runs and Katie Holmes, junior center, logged a three-run homerun.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs were unable to hold onto their lead as the Panthers logged four runs of their own putting them up 6-4 ultimately recording the win.

The Bulldogs came out strong on the offense in game two. Both teams were able to find two runs in the opening inning but it was the Bulldogs who came out on top. Scoring four runs in the second inning, three runs in the third and then four more in the sixth recording the win 13-3.

The Bulldogs were unable to find more wins during their games against Ottawa University. McPherson dropped the first game 8-0. The second game was much closer as the 'Dogs gave the Braves as much as they could but fell 6-5.

"We have a lot of great hitters and I know the second we find the balance of having great games with both offense and defense we are going to be hard to stop," Jourden Masero, junior, said.

The next two games for Bulldog softball have been set for Apr. 9 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. against Sterling College at Grant Complex in McPherson.

## Men's Tennis Split Games During Spring Break Trip

BY DESIRE  
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The McPherson College men's tennis team never got a break as they were playing the conference games during spring break. In Kansas City, Mo., the Bulldog's performance proved to be enough to give them an overall successful trip against tough opponents. They lost two and won two matches.

"I liked the spring break trip because we had a few matches in a row and I think that it helped me to get used to college tennis," Timo Hoelzmann, freshman, said. "I really appreciate the whole team because it's unusual to have team spirit in tennis. Normally you are playing just for yourself."

The tournament was not an easy one, as the Bulldogs faced the NAIA II and the two upper division's team.

From Apr. 2 to 3, the Bulldogs were playing the pre-conference games of the regular season and hosting Ottawa University. They got a tremendous win as they beat the Braves 9-0. The 'Dogs did not drop a single set against the Braves.

Ottawa played with just

five players giving the 'Dogs a 2-0 lead from the start.

The two doubles teams defeated the Braves with ease, Ahmed Lahlou, freshman, and Hugo Ball-

Greene, sophomore, winning 8-2 and Timo Hoelzmann, freshman, and Kurt Burton, freshman, winning 8-6.

"It's been a solid season so far," Robert Burrows, freshman, said "We've been

practicing very well and it's definitely showing in our matches."

However, the team has dropped down one spot in to twelfth position on the NAIA coach polls vote according to the current NAIA national rankings. They still have to keep up the hard work to defend their championship and qualify to the national games as they are heading for the conference games starting this April.

"It's looking very promising as we head into conference. On Monday we have Kansas Wesleyan away, which is the perfect opportunity for our spring freshmen to mold into college tennis and hopefully to show Kansas Wesleyan and the rest of the conference that we are the team to beat."

The Bulldogs will play the Coyotes at 3 p.m. in Salina, Kan. on April 9.

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**Hugo Ball-Greene, sophomore, hits the ball back to his opponent from Ottawa University on April 2.**





## Track and Field Set 20 New Personal Records



BY CAITLYN BLAGRAVE  
SPORTS EDITOR

April 3 saw many personal records set for the Bulldogs at the Hutchinson Community College Night Relays. Twenty Bulldogs were able to set new personal records at their second outdoor meet of the year.

Rea Samuels, senior sprinter, led the women's team, finishing second in the 200m dash and first in the 100m dash at 25.30 and 12.10 respectively, setting a new personal record in the 100m and qualifying for the NAIA Nationals.

Laura Gibson, junior

distance runner, crossed the finish line in the 5000m run at 19:54.07 taking second place followed by Miranda Clark Ulrich, senior distance runner, who ran fourth and also set a personal record, crossing the finish at 20:13.20.

The lone victor for the women's squad was Jasmine Helms, junior jumper, coming in first for the triple jump at 10.97m. Helms also set a new personal record in long jump at 4.95m.

Helms was not the only jumper to set a new personal record. Erin Hudson, freshman jumper, set a

personal record in long jump at 5.01m and triple jump at 10.31m.

Rebecca Hawkinson and Aspen Anderson, freshman jumpers, both set personal records in long jump and triple jump respectively.

On the men's side, Art Hop, senior pole vaulter; Brandt Wolters, freshman javelin thrower; and Chris Linnin, freshman jumper, all won their respective field events.

Dixon Cooney, junior distance runner, and J'Moi Penn, junior sprinter, were the highlights of the track events. Cooney finished second in the 1500m run at 4:02.27 and Penn ran a

21.89 in the 200m dash.

There were seven runners who also set personal records. The runners were: Hunter Sury, freshman sprinter; J'Moi Penn; DeShawn Pfeiff, freshman pole vaulter and sprinter; Felix Cervantes, junior distance runner; Michael Janzer, junior distance runner; Tyler Weller, freshman distance runner; and Jonathan Dominguez, sophomore distance runner, all set new personal records in their respective events.

The next meet for the Bulldogs will be the Enduro Classic, hosted by Friends University, on Apr. 8 and 9.

Rea Samuels: 100m Dash - 12.10  
Taylor Tiani: 400m Dash - 1:04.01  
Taylor Drieling: 800m Dash - 6:02.26  
Miranda Clark Ulrich: 5000m Run - 20:13.20  
Erin Hudson: Long Jump - 5.01m  
Triple Jump - 10.31m  
Jasmine Helms: Long Jump - 4.95m  
Rebecca Hawkinson: Long Jump - 4.81m  
Chantelle Theron: Triple Jump - 10.31m  
Aspen Anderson: High Jump - 10.02m  
Hunter Sury: 100m Dash - 10.82

J'Moi Penn: 200m Dash - 21.89  
DeShawn Pfeiff: 400m Dash - 51.1  
Felix Cervantes: 800m Dash - 2:01.93  
Michael Janzer: 800m Dash - 2:02.12  
Tyler Weller: 800m Dash - 2:08.48  
Jonathan Dominguez: 1500m Run - 4:19.67  
Michael Barrett: Hammer Throw - 43.82m  
Discus - 38.38m  
Jon'Charles Williams: Long Jump - 6.03m  
Art Hop: Pole Vault - 5.00m  
Christopher Linnin: High Jump - 2.11m

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(Left) Erin Hudson, freshman, performs in the long jump competition where she set a new personal record. (Bottom) Brandt Wolters, freshman, throws the javelin for McPherson at Hutchinson Community College Night Relays. Wolters came in first with a distance of 53.20m.



## Women's Tennis Had Tough Competition Over Break

BY CAITLYN BLAGRAVE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Over spring break, the Bulldogs went out to Kansas City, Mo., and went 2-2 in their games. The Bulldogs were unable to win against two NCAA schools but were about to defeat both NAIA schools they were matched against.

They started with a match against Rockhurst University, an NCAA D-II school. The Bulldogs lost 8-1 with Zoe Bouwmeester, freshman, being the lone Bulldog to win her match.

"We were tense at the beginning and lost all of our doubles," Bouwmeester said. "Yet, we came together as a team and by stepping it up we won in the end."

On Tuesday, Mar. 22, the Bulldogs were matched up against NAIA Graceland University Yellowjackets. The Bulldogs won 7-2 with Lea Striegel, freshman, and Deiah Curtis, sophomore, winning their singles and doubles matches.

Later in the day, the Bulldogs found themselves matched against University

of Missouri-Kansas City, an NCAA D-I school.

McPherson was unable to come out with a win in these

games.

The final match for the Bulldogs was in Marshall, Mo., where they met

Missouri Valley College.

Although the Bulldogs lost two of the three doubles they won all but two singles

earning a final score of 5-4.

On Apr. 2 the Bulldogs were matched against Ottawa University and

came out with a 5-4 victory. Although the Bulldogs fell behind after losing three points in doubles, they were able to regroup and come back to win five of the six points for singles.

Sunday, Apr. 3, McPherson fell to NCAA D-II Washburn University 8-1.

"Sunday was not only a game against the opponent, but also against the wind and ourselves," Bouwmeester said. "We fought hard but it didn't go our way."

The next match for the Bulldogs is set for Saturday, Apr. 9 at 3 p.m. The Bulldogs will face off against Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kan.

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Zoe Bouwmeester, freshman, hits the ball back during a game on March 21 against Rockhurst University in Kansas City, MO. Bouwmeester was the lone Bulldog to win her match.

