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Holthus Places First in Graphic Competition Schools Across the State Come Together for Creative Contest



Left to Right Nathan Holthus, senior, displays his personal portfolio. Holthus and Dee Erway-Sherwood at AIGA in Wichita KS on April 16.

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BY CHANNING WALL NEWS EDITOR

Hard work and dedication to graphic design paid off for Graphic Design senior Nathan Holthus on April 16.

At the AIGA Student Portfolio Forum at the Hughes Metroplex in Wichita KS, awards for numerous categories were given out.

Schools from across the Midwest, including Kansas

University and Kansas State University, gathered for the event.

AIGA is a community of design advocates that come together in order to provide a voice and influence the educational standards in design.

The organization is made up of 70 chapter and more than 25,000 members. It was founded in 1914 by a small group of designers and is now known as the

profession's oldest and biggest professional design membership organization.

Awards Holthus placed first in are Best Photography, Best Typography, Best Interactive and Best Overall Portfolio. The award has already proven to be beneficial for Holthus through the connections and networking opportunities that the event presented.

"There have been a lot of

people who have been really cool and helpful already but yeah, this type of award always validates that type of thing," Holthus said.

He currently holds a position at Atelier Design and Print on Main St. but will be looking elsewhere after graduation.

"I don't have any real specific plans, I'd like to find a job at an agency outside of Kansas," Holthus said.

The Graphic Design department requires a lot of work outside of class time but Holthus reaffirms it is worth the extra effort. Having come back empty handed after last year's AIGA competition, he understands the value of not giving up.

"My advice is not to quit after that kind of thing happens because it's a really competitive career, the people who put in the most effort and the most work are

going to succeed the most," Holthus said.

Professors can make all the difference. Dee Erway-Sherwood, Program Director of Graphic Design, started the program in 2003 and also developed Etch, the student-run marketing and design firm.

"Dee's been an awesome teacher, she's awesome at letting you excel as much as want to or have the drive to," Holthus said.



Jd. Bowman demonstrates the Cha Cha during ballroom dancing.

PHOTO BY ALAINA JOHNSON



Ken Yohn lectures about bureaucracy during American Diplomacy.

PHOTO BY MIRANDA CLARK ULRICH

Continuing to Learn Professors Discuss Benefits of Sabbatical Leave

BY ALAINA JOHNSON VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

Two professors went on sabbatical last fall to further their education and gain new experiences that will also benefit the college.

Jd. Bowman, associate professor of theatre, and Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, were the professors who went on sabbatical.

A sabbatical is a paid time off for professors. The principle of a sabbatical is to help professors stay current in their field of study by furthering their education.

Bowman spent his sabbatical in McPherson where he was able to take classes online. He is a graduate student at Drexel University of Philadelphia and is working towards

a Master's of Science in Creativity and Innovation.

Some of his work includes research on what happens to the brain when someone is being creative and proper training on brain storming techniques within groupthink and design thinking.

"It was nice that I could build my schedule around my family's schedule," Bowman said.

He also started working with the Broadway tours that came through Wichita. He helped out by being the house manager for Century II.

Next year, because of the relationship Bowman has built, he is able to bring a couple McPherson College students to usher and see the Broadway shows for free.

Yohn spent three months of his sabbatical in Lille, France, where he was a scholar and took residence at the University of Science and Technology. Yohn's project took a body of knowledge from intercultural communications and formed it into courses at the college.

"Traditional history classes don't really deal very well with the different cultures," Yohn said. "Cultures are becoming really increasingly important."

Also while on sabbatical Yohn traveled to Ireland, Sweden, Belgium and Germany. Yohn visited car museums to discuss possible internships for auto restoration students.

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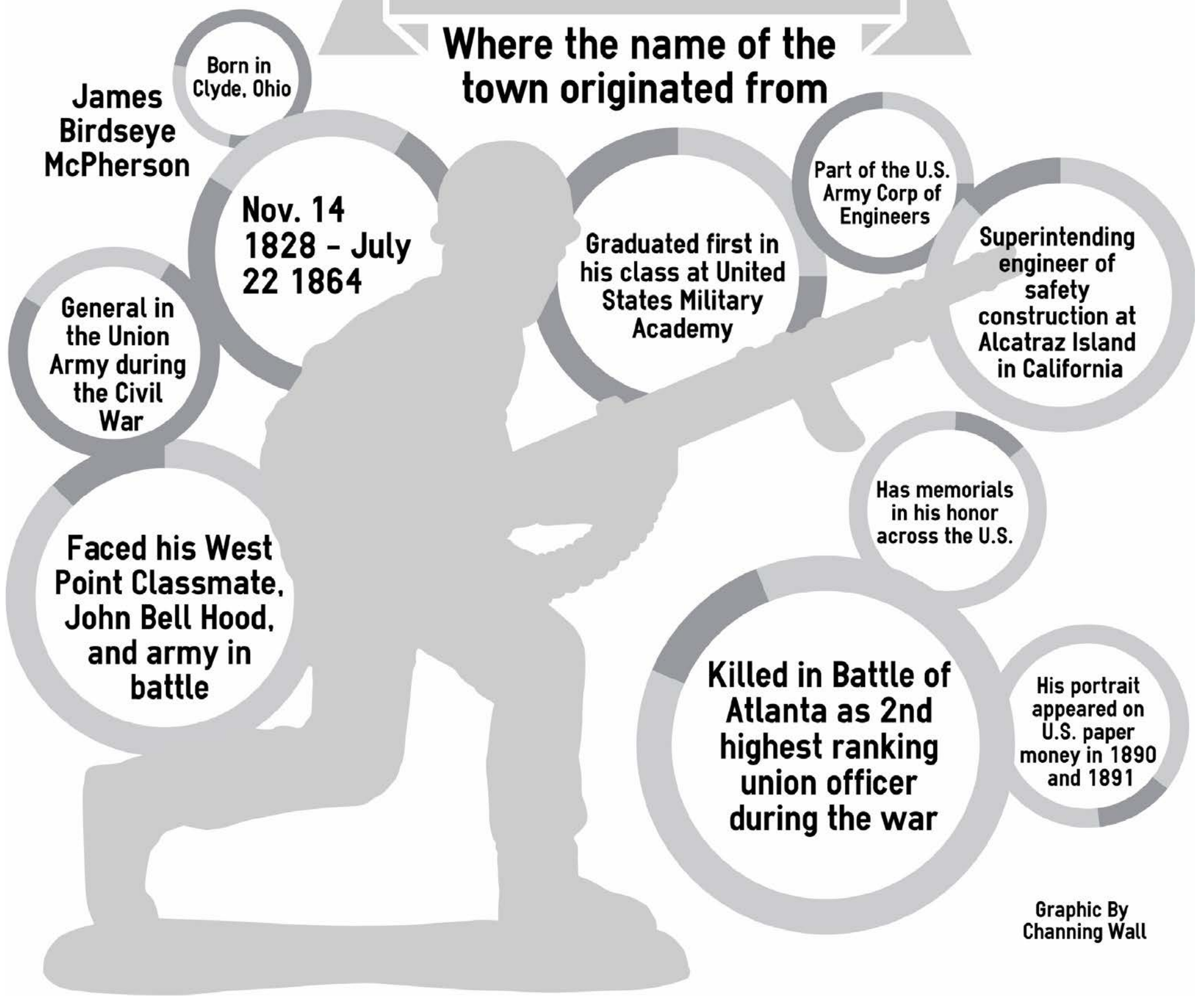
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Where the name of the town originated from



Communication Program Broadens with Major

BY CHANNING WALL
NEWS EDITOR

The communication department has seen growth over the last decade and is continuing to broaden options for students.

"We have created an interdisciplinary program between communication and graphic design so that students taking multimedia storytelling and interactive software will be building a skill set that can be used in a variety of contexts across a lot of multimedia channels," Becki Bowman, associate professor of communication, said.

A digital communication major will be offered this coming fall. This major will provide a communication

alternative rather than just the applied communication track.

"This last year we went to a program review for the communication program because of the increasing class sizes," Bowman said.

A recognized need for the field has made courses so popular they are reaching capacity, causing the school to adapt.

"We decided to split the program into two tracks, applied and digital communication," Bowman said.

The applied track is very similar to what the major has previously been while the digital track combines aspects of journalism with software familiarity.

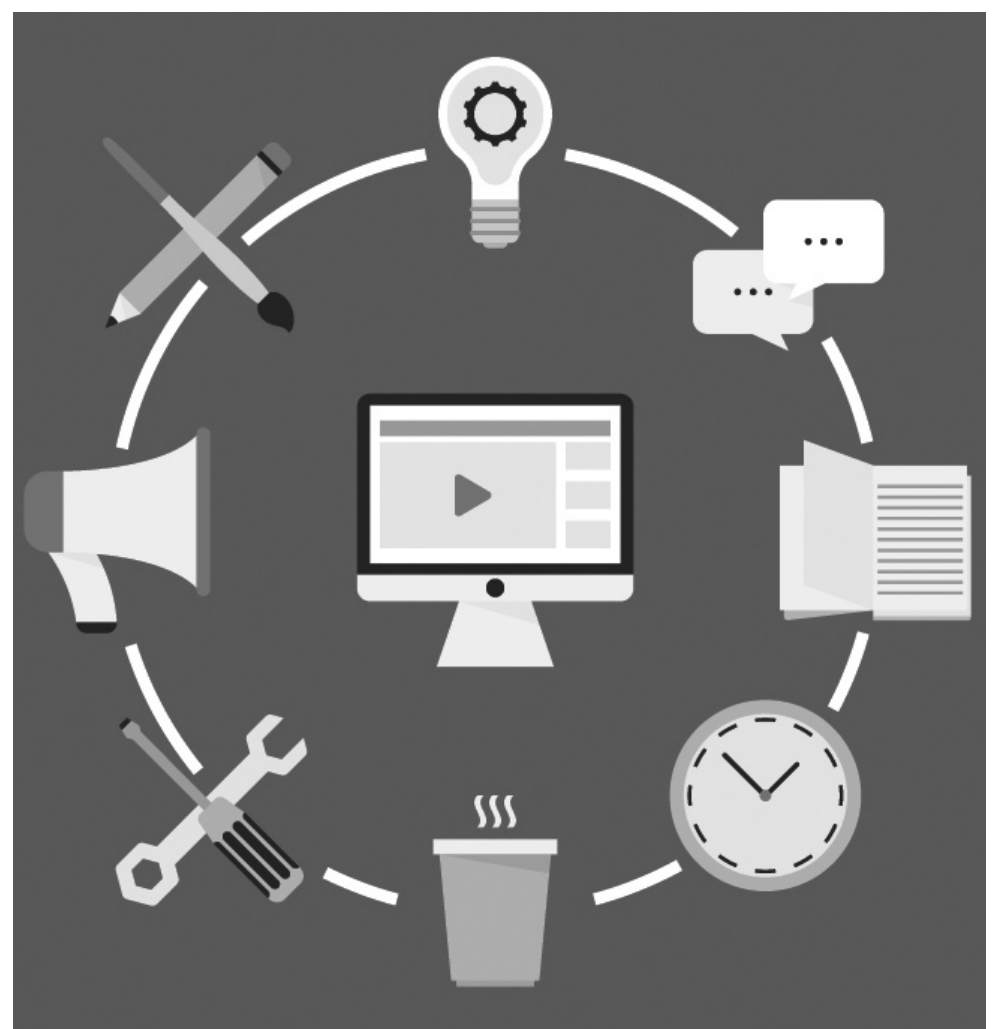
"We recognize that

anybody who wants to go into any type of journalism really need to be prepared to work in a digital context and not just the traditional print," Bowman said.

Introducing a new major also means a new faculty addition because the position has not been filled since Bruce Clary took the Vice President of Academic Affairs position in 2014.

"When I got here, there were only four communication majors. Now we have around 40 communication majors," Bowman said.

Providing another communication major will balance out class sizes by narrowing down the courses needed to complete the program.



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R.E.S.P.E.C.T: Find Out What it Means to Us
Student Influencing Community Mindset Through 'I Respect You' ProgramBY MIRANDA CLARK
ULRICH
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A new student program has plans to start in the fall of 2016. Allie Hicks, junior, founded "I Respect You," which is a program determined to help people understand and respect others who are not like themselves.

The slogan is "Share. Understand. Respect. Grow." Hicks designed

the program in a way that allows and encourages people to share their stories so that others can understand them. She believes that as a community there is much to be learned from one another, but we miss out on a great deal by not respecting or understanding other people.

"We share our stories and we work to understand someone else's story," Hicks said, "we vow to respect them for who they

are, and we grow as an individual and a community. I truly believe we all have something to learn from one another, and all these titles we use to describe people are just that—they're just titles. No one will ever fit perfectly into one category, so the best way to understand is to understand the people themselves."

Not only has Hicks received verbal support but financial as well. Hicks

received a Horizon Fund Grant this spring to help get the program started.

"Overall, everyone has been really supportive and excited," she said. "I think the only person who has actually doubted the program is myself. Everyone else always pushes to reassure me that the program is meaningful and has the potential to do something great."

Hicks plans to produce

five videos in the 2016-2017 academic school year that will feature different students and ideas. The purpose of the videos is to create social reformation by retraining the campus community's brains to empathize.

"I am putting a local face to these ideas that are usually shadowed," Hicks said. "The program is almost educational—we're learning from each other and that

alone is beneficial."

As a junior, Hicks has started to brainstorm topics for her senior capstone project that is required for graduation.

As a psychology major and a sociology minor, Hicks believes that "I Respect You" will fit well into her project, but is unsure of what her definite topic will be.

Jazz Band and Choir Travel Midwest for Music Tour



BY ALAINA JOHNSON
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

The McPherson College choir and jazz band join together to go on the Spring Music Tour April 20-24, performing at schools and churches in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, the Spring Music Tour is an outreach concert for alumni. The tour will travel to Winchester, Kan.; Meriden, Kan.; Warrensburg, Mo.; Cabool, Mo.; Stillwater, Okla.; and McPherson, Kan.

The music tour is a way for the college to thank the alumni for their support. The music tour also gives students an opportunity to go out and perform outside of the classroom, especially the jazz band who will be on tour for the first time.

"It's important to get out there to show the alumni what we are doing," Kyle Hopkins, associate professor of music and director of the jazz band, said.

The McPherson College choir has 30 members that include 13 McPherson College student singers and 14 McPherson College jazz band members. The jazz



band is a student group that meets twice a week during the noon hour; it is not an enrolled class for credit.

"The whole band program is going through an absolute boom period," Hopkins said, "I'm just really excited because the jazz band, although it's only a portion of that group, it represents that boom that

is happening right now. It really represents that dynamic energy and growth that we are feeling in the band program."

The music selection for the Spring Music Tour ranges from funk and rock pieces by the jazz band and medieval chant to Freddie Mercury done by the choir. "I'm very excited that

our students will have the opportunity to travel around the Midwest this spring on tour," Joshua Norris, assistant professor of music and the director of choral activities, said. "I'm excited to visit some places where our current students are from and where we have alumni and other friends. I'm very excited we get to visit these

places and sing some great music."

The final concert to end the tour for the choir is back at McPherson College on April 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. The McPherson College band will have a POPs concert Monday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the band shell at Lakeside Park to wrap up their year.

PHOTOS BY
ALAINA JOHNSON

Jazz band and choir prepare for the Spring Music Tour in Hess Fine Arts Center. On the tour they will perform at schools and churches in Kansas and Missouri.

THE CAMPUS CALENDAR

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MUSIC ENSEMBLE TOUR	CHOIR CONCERT @ 7:30 P.M. @ BROWN AUDITORIUM	SOFTBALL VS. FRIENDS @ 5 P.M. @ GRANT COMPLEX	27	28	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

'Hotel Paradiso' Presented as Final Show of School Year



BY ADRIAN CARSON
SPECTATOR STAFF

The McPherson College department of performance arts presented "Hotel Paradiso," which was the last show for the department of the 2016 academic year on Apr. 15 and 16 in the Brown Auditorium.

"Hotel Paradiso" was adopted from a 1966 film of the same name. The original screenplay took place in France but a decision was made to change the location to New Orleans for the McPherson College department of performance arts adaptation. Josh Kelly, senior, attended the show opening night.

"I had a great time with it and thought they did a great job," Kelly said.

The decision to present "Hotel Paradiso" came from Whitney Jefferson, senior, who played the lead female role of Marcelle. Jefferson chose "Hotel Paradiso" as her senior project.

Logan Schrag, sophomore, enjoyed performing on the last performance of the year.

"I had a great time on stage," Schrag said, "'Hotel Paradiso' was a lot of fun to be a part of. I think Hotel Paradiso was a great send off for the academic year."

"Hotel Paradiso" was different than most of the previous shows because Mary Hughes contributed as a guest director. "Hotel Paradiso" was the second production this year with

a guest director. A guest director is something that Schrag found as a positive.

"Having a guest director was different but in a good way," Schrag said. "It allowed for a different perspective and challenged me as an actor."

Although "Hotel Paradiso" included students that have taken part in past productions during the 2016 academic year, it also included some first time McPherson College performers: Madison O'Brien, freshman; Aysia Pryor, freshman; Georgia Smart, senior; Brenda Tejero, junior; Donald Bell, sophomore; and Brett Crist, freshman.

With the curtain closing on "Hotel Paradiso," the McPherson College performing arts department will begin planning for the 2016-2017 school year productions.

PHOTOS BY
MARISSA PATTON

(Top) James Covel, senior, as Benedict Boniface, scowls his wife, Angeliq Boniface, played by Aubrey Hollinger, sophomore. (Middle) Whitney Jefferson, senior, as Marcelle Cotte, and James Covel, as Benedict Boniface, contemplate how they should go about their affair. (Bottom) Grant Tuttle, sophomore, as Maxime, and Madison O'Brien, freshman, as Victoire.



Students Given Opportunity to Participate in Activities

BY RYAN KRESKY
COPY EDITOR

Students had the opportunity to participate in the Amazing Race and will be able to enjoy McPherson's Got Talent. The Student Activities Board (SAB) created both events to let students

become more involved in campus activities.

In the Amazing Race, teams moved across campus completing tasks, much like the television show it is based on. The groups competed against each other to become the winners of SAB's Amazing Race. SAB also incorporated at

the event a group costume contest and selected the best group costumes.

The prize for first place was a \$100 gas card for each team member; for second place, each member received a \$50 Amazon card; and for third place, \$25 gift certificates, which was split among the team

members, for Tres Amigos, Montana Mikes, Pizza Hut and Imperial Dragon. The winners of the group costume contest received \$25 Hibbett gift card for every team member.

SAB and Rotract are now going to start with McPherson's Got Talent. Auditions were held on

Monday, April 18 and Friday, Apr. 22, starting at 7 p.m. in the basement of the student union. Students were invited to watch the auditions. There will be a dress rehearsal on Monday, Apr. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. The talent show will take place on Wednesday, Apr. 27 at 7 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre.

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SAB members, Rotract members, the host, Logan Schrag, sophomore, and contestants attended Monday's audition. Another audition will be held this evening at 7 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre.



Drug Testing Policy Temporarily Suspended

BY MIRANDA CLARK
ULRICH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Student athletes of McPherson College may have noticed that the random drug tests have stopped since the beginning of April. The Intercollegiate Athletic Committee, or IAC, is working to update the Substance Abuse Policy and Procedures, which will regulate how drug testing is to be handled in the future.

Until the Substance Abuse Policy and Procedures are

updated, IAC has suspended random drug testing for the rest of the school year. However, athletes could still be tested out of reasonable suspicion.

To be clear, the drug testing policy has not been permanently suspended. The IAC made the decision to temporarily suspend random drug testing while the committee works to form a new policy. The policy will also have more of an emphasis on educating students on the effects of

drugs and alcohol. The committee is also rethinking the consequences for failed drug tests, but is unsure if the consequences will be more or less severe than the ones currently being used.

Revising the drug testing policy is no small feat. All of the policies and procedures have to be legally written by the college's attorneys.

"We need to improve on the educational portion of our policy," Andrew Ehling, athletic director, said. "Students need to be

educated on the effects of drugs and alcohol."

There are four reasons why a drug test could be required: random selection, reasonable suspicion, previous failures to pass the drug tests that has been requested to retake and if a team makes it to a post-season tournament.

McPherson College is not the only organization who is making policy changes. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, or NAIA, is working to make

a more active approach for the drug policy. Classes are going to be required for all NAIA athletes before eligibility is granted.

Drug Free Sport, the administrators of the drug tests, is now working with the NAIA. The Drug Free Sport is known for working with large athletic associations, such as the National Collegiate Athletic Association, or NCAA.

McPherson College is considered a leader in the drug testing policy in the

Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, or KCAC. Other schools have been asking questions about how the drug policy at McPherson has worked in the past. KCAC is also revising their policy at this time.

"Many students perceive that the goal of our drug testing policy is to get them in trouble, but that is not the case at all," Ehling said. "Our institutional goal is to prepare students for success after graduation."

MISSION FEATURE

SCHOLARSHIP • PARTICIPATION • SERVICE



BY JOHANNA HOFFMAN
SPECTATOR STAFF

Amanda Lolling is only a freshman at McPherson College, but she is already known on campus as a service-oriented leader. She is involved in leadership of two groups: Peacefully, Simply, Together and Student Activities Board, and is also an active member of Rotract.

For her, service has always been an integral part of being active in the community.

"My story starts with the 5K-aiden Race I organized my sophomore year of high school," Lolling said. "My cousin, Kaiden Schroeder, had been diagnosed with leukemia when he was four years and he needed a bone marrow transplant. I knew I wanted to help in some way."

Lolling continued to organize events benefiting Kaiden, as well as began serving her high school through student council. Whether in or out of school, Lolling felt she made invaluable connections through serving her community. She met with board members from the city of Haysville, as well as small business owners and bank members who had as much passion for service as she does.

As she searched for a college, her final decision came down to which college placed as high of value on service as she does. Lolling decided on McPherson College and has become heavily involved in service opportunities.

"Service played a role in my decision to come to McPherson College,"

Lolling said, "because I had heard about the copious amount of opportunities to be involved in the community and the school starting as soon as I got on campus."

After being here for less than a year, she has already immersed herself into the service-driven culture. Besides her positions she has held during the 2015-2016 year, she also will be a resident assistant in Dotzour Hall next fall.

Lolling does not think that her commitment to service is extraordinary, but rather an obligation to bettering the community she lives in.

"The importance in participating in service is simple," Lolling said. "Seeing the impact it can have on someone's life is what makes it all worth it."

Although devoting extra time to serving the community can be exhausting for many people, Lolling is energized when she is able to provide support for people who could use a helping hand.

"I do it for people like my cousin, who are always so positive even in the most complicated situations. Knowing that I personally may have no idea what people are going through, but that maybe in some way I could help put a smile on their face, that's what keeps me involved in service."

Amanda
Lolling

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WORD AROUND MAC : Do You Think Random Drug Testing is Effective?



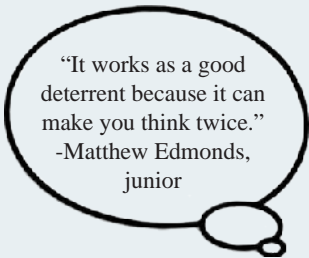
"No, it doesn't test for steroids, which could be used in sports."
-Arthur Lambadaa, junior



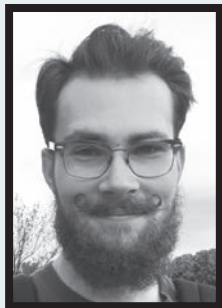
"No, because it's not really random and it doesn't effect everyone."
-Deiah Curtis, sophomore



"No, because it doesn't test for the right things."
-Nikki Vorhees, senior



"It works as a good deterrent because it can make you think twice."
-Matthew Edmonds, junior



"It has its place, but I don't think it's effective because it can be manipulated easily."
-Aly Hennager, senior



"It's effective to an extent."
-Tyler Henning, senior



Which Building on Campus is the Best Place to Hide During a Zombie Apocalypse?

BY RYAN KRESKY
COPY EDITOR

One day while every student is attending classes, doing homework in the library, performing in the Fine Arts building or eating in the cafeteria when suddenly, a bunch of zombies are chasing everybody down.

In a crisis like this, everybody needs a plan to fight the living dead, or find a small hole and wait to see if it all blows over.

This last section is a little tricky because of one thing: which building is the best place to hide.

Now everybody might be thinking they will get off campus but what if an army of zombies just surrounds the campus and prevents anybody from leaving; then what would they do?

Students need to find a building and fast, which is why there is a need to be an idea of where to go.

The first aspect I look at for a building is the mass of it. Places like the apartments and Harter Hall are out of the question when these buildings do not have enough room to swing a bat, let alone enough room in case additional survivors come in.

Beeghley is not too bad but there are better options; ones that are not close to areas where hundreds of zombies are coming from.

Another aspect is if the place is able to store a lot of food and/or has the food.

Hoffman Student Union has enough food to last

the entire apocalypse if only five to ten people are staying in there, but there are a lot of windows where anybody living or dead can see people munching on a sandwich.

Once they find the survivors, then they would have no problem breaking down the windows at the front door.

Height would be another factor because buildings that are only on the first floor are not ideal.

This means buildings like Hess Fine Arts Center and the Sports Center would not suffice, as survivors are not able to go up if all the exits are blocked.

The Sports Center is great for weapons so it is best to go there, get a bat and walk outside prepared to swing.

The same would be for Hess because a lot of instruments that can be used as weapons, especially the bell end of a trombone.

Templeton Hall and Furnas Center would be good too if anybody has the time to make weapons.

However, when there is no time to make any weapons and to only improvise, these places are best to avoid for the time being.

Anyway, mass, food and upper floors, what fits the bill? Miller Library fits, but there are too many windows, making it a risk.

Metzler, Dotzour, Bittering and Morrison would work but anybody would have to worry about other people being infected.

If that happens then anybody would be lucky to leave without getting bitten, being turned into the infected or becoming a snack.

Even if nobody is infected, there are too many windows for the living dead to go through, most of which students cannot access if they do not have a key.

The only building that I can think of that is the best place to hide is Melhorn Hall. Sure, the science building does not have a lot of food supplies, but it does have windows that are out of infected reach. The front doors are a problem, but that can be easily fixed with desks, trash dumpsters and basically anything because it would block the first pair of double doors between the second pair.

Melhorn also has enough space to swing the blood-soaked bat or broken trombone bell you just used ten minutes ago. And even if a survivor does not have a weapon, they can walk upstairs and push the infected over the edge and hope the living dead hit their heads on the edge of a side table.

Hopefully this situation will not happen because Melhorn has fewer exits with just the front and two back entrances. The upper levels will make a great place if survivors need to find a place to sleep in peace and, if possible, flag down any aircraft to show there are survivors at McPherson College.

Benefits and Negatives of Drug Testing

BY ALLIE HICKS
SPECTATOR STAFF

And here we go—one of my favorite topics of all time: The Drug Policy. First, let me give a little background on why I absolutely despised our old policy.

I had successfully evaded being drug tested for a solid two years up until the fall of this year.

As I wandered into the basement of the student union, I found myself wondering why I was the one being given the ultimatum of: show up at 5 a.m. to have your privacy invaded or never touch a soccer field again.

It was odd to me as a woman petite in stature and, on a good day, a solid five-foot-tall, I was most certainly not using performance-enhancing drugs.

After I tried to maneuver through the logic of how I could have possibly been seen as someone using steroids, the following thought ran through my head: they test for marijuana.

Once again, I found this odd. I had never witnessed an athlete use marijuana before a game/meet/match and succeed, and to the best of their ability, perform their sport, so why is this a part of the drug test?

I actually just wrote a paper on this topic in one of my classes this semester. A few of my favorite lines in this paper were, "At what point are we protecting the beauty and purity of competition, and at what point are we 'parenting' our student-athletes?"

If we need to tell our student athletes that you cannot play sports and do drugs, we have done something seriously wrong with regards to educating our students on the effects of drugs and overall health."

I think the point was well understood as to why: one, are we testing for non-performance enhancing drugs; and two, why are we punishing one student athlete for the possible actions of another?

With all of that being said, I completely support suspicion drug testing. If an athlete is attempting to

take a shortcut to success, it should not be tolerated, and our coaches should honor pure athleticism.

Another thing that is absolutely wonderful about our soon-to-be policy is the online drug and alcohol education course. Fantastic!

Thank you, NAIA, for taking steps towards educating our student athletes on the effects of drugs and alcohol.

Rather than invading the privacy of 10% of our student athletes, we will now be educating them and possibly reducing the percentage of students who experiment with drugs in the first place.

I think that is much more effective and valuable, and will most certainly have the praise of the poor students who have had to urinate in a cup with someone watching.

Education is our greatest strength and I applaud our school for implementing an educational and effective drug policy. I wholeheartedly believe it will be successful.

Top 5 Netflix and Chill Shows

- 1) Breaking Bad
- 2) Arrested Development
- 3) West Wing
- 4) Mad Men
- 5) Orange is the New Black

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Baseball Starts to Struggle Late in Conference

BY CAITLYN BLAGRAVE
SPORTS EDITOR

McPherson baseball struggled to put runs on the board against Kansas Wesleyan April 9-10. Out of the four games they played they were able to win one.

Game one saw a final score of 24-6. Until the top of the sixth inning the game was close at 5-3, then the Coyotes scored six runs in the bottom of the inning.

The Bulldogs continued to fight and found three more runs in the seventh inning. This was not enough for the Bulldogs as the Coyotes answered with three runs in the bottom of the seventh and then another ten in the bottom of the eighth.

In game two, the Bulldogs lost again with a final score of 19-0. The Bulldogs were able to record two hits and drew three walks.

Game three was closer but the Bulldogs still recorded the loss with a 10-6 final score.

McPherson was able to find the lead in the top of the first inning then another two in the third inning. They were able to pull ahead after scoring runs in both the fourth and fifth innings then another four in the seventh inning.

The Bulldogs found a win in the fourth game and held the Coyotes to three runs.

After the first three innings the Bulldogs

were up 6-1. In the sixth and seventh innings the Bulldogs scored another three runs.

April 14 and 15 saw another set of losses, this time to the nationally-ranked Sterling College Warriors.

In the first game the Bulldogs came out hard and took a 2-0 lead after the first three innings. Sterling was able to come back in the fourth inning and scored four runs to take the lead. The 'Dogs were able to put another run on the board to tighten the game to 4-3 but the Warriors were able to find two more runs in the sixth and ninth innings to record the win at 6-3.

Game two was not as close, as the Bulldogs recorded a loss with a score of 8-1.

The Warriors were able to pull ahead with five runs in the first three innings. Reily Martin, sophomore outfielder, was able to score for the Bulldogs in the sixth inning but they were not able to find the home plate again after that.

Both games on April 15 were recorded as losses for the Bulldogs with scores of 6-3 and 12-0 respectively.

The next games for the Bulldogs are set for today and Sunday, April 24 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. against the nationally-ranked Tabor College Bluejays in Hillsboro, Kan.



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Darrian Moss, junior outfielder, slides to the base during the game against Central Christian College on March 15.

Softball Continues to Search for Win Conference Play

BY RYAN KRESKY
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The McPherson softball team played against Southwestern College and Oklahoma Wesleyan University last week with the games played on April 12 and 16 respectively.

During the first game against Southwestern College, the Moundbuilders were ahead by three points after the first inning. McPherson came back within the second and third innings with two runs each, and then came in the fourth inning with another run, putting the score at 5-3.

The Bulldogs were able to hold onto their victory for the fifth, sixth and seventh innings until Sydney Lang, freshman pitcher; Katie Holmes, junior catcher;

and Azaria Romero, junior outfielder, tallied a hit and a walk. Romero and Lang were both hit by a pitch, while Holmes got on base due to a ball. Later, four other players recorded hits.

Through the entire game, pitcher Lang allowed three runs on seven hits and only one walk in the last seven innings, winning the game with 5-3.

During game two, Southwestern got a run in the first inning while Cassandra Moreno, senior first baseman, hit a triple, which later turned into an inside-the-park homerun, and gained three runs in the second.

Later on, McPherson made an error which Southwestern took advantage of and scored three runs, but McPherson

came back with four in the fourth inning, making the score 7-4.

Both teams had one run in the sixth inning and then Southwestern made four runs in the seventh inning. Shelby Maycumber, junior second baseman and outfielder, and Katie Usdansky, freshman pitcher and first baseman, had two of the eight hits while Moreno; Amanda Darrow, senior catcher; and Alex Yeoman, junior third baseman and outfielder, recorded three hits and were hit by one pitch.

Usdansky pitched the first six innings, giving up five runs on nine hits and a walk. Lang then came in the seventh, picking up the loss at 9-8.

Later on April 16, McPherson began its first

game against Oklahoma Wesleyan (OKWU) losing 1-0 score all the way into the sixth inning. This is where OKWU had some hits and walks, enough to get two runs.

OKWU then went on to get a run in the seventh inning. Brittany Childs, freshman catcher, and Katie Holmes, freshman catcher, were able to get two hits. Lang; Samantha Harrity, senior outfielder; and senior second baseman and outfielder, each had a walk while Maycumber reached on OKWU's error.

Lang pitched seven innings for McPherson while allowing three earned runs on nine hits and two base hits. She also struck out seven and walked one, with McPherson losing 4-0.

McPherson, later in the

second game, was losing 2-0 into the fourth inning, which later turned into eight runs and a couple of walks, making the score 10-0. It was the bottom of the fifth inning when McPherson had two runs, which was not enough to prevent the run-rule. Lang, Childs, Usdansky and Romero had a combined four hits, Romero's hit being a double.

Usdansky pitched four innings and gave up 10 runs, closing the game for McPherson with a strikeout and two assists in the fifth inning, with McPherson losing 10-2 in the fifth inning due to the run-rule.

The next two games softball will be playing are in Lindsborg, Kan., on April 20 at 5 p.m. against Bethany College.

Men's and Women's Soccer Hosts Annual Tournament

BY T.J. GRANT
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Every year McPherson College soccer hosts their annual six vs. six soccer tournaments. Teams from all around Kansas, including former alumni from McPherson College, come and participated with the current players in the tournament.

All of the money earned from the tournament goes to each of the respective teams.

In the women's tournament, the current players played well and were able to get some needed game time before taking off on summer break.

"The tournament went really great," Heather Diamond, junior defender, said. "We dominated most of the teams and were able to put several passes and runs together to score endless goals. We actually put up a good fight against a D2 school in the finals."

Although the women's team did not win the tournament, they did play well overall and the team coaches were proud of the work they put in.

The ladies scored upwards of 20 goals in their first three games. Following their first three games, the women beat Sterling College 5-2 in the semifinal match. They ultimately lost in the final to Emporia State University 6-2.

The men's tournament was just as intense. The tournament had approximately 12 team sign ups with two McPherson alumni teams and two teams from the current McPherson College soccer team.

"My team played a total of three games," Kevin Ndongu, senior forward, said. "We won our first game by forfeit, lost the second by one goal, the third to central by one goal. We still were able to advance for the second round because we did not lose by much compared to the teams in our bracket. But the team, thinking there was no way possible to advance, packed its stuff and players went their way. Then later on we were announced, we moved up but we were replaced because we weren't present at the pitch."

Overall, Fort Hays State University won the tournament on the men's side and Emporia State won on the women's side.



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Katie Usdansky, freshman pitcher, pitches against Graceland University during the McPherson Tournament on March 12. The Bulldogs lost 11-0 after six innings.

Track Continues to Shine in Outdoor Season



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Erika Doty, junior, runs for McPherson at the Enduro Classic hosted by Friends University.

BY PARKES WOLTERS SPECTATOR STAFF

The Bulldog track and field teams competed in Wichita, Kan., on April 8 at the Enduro Classic hosted by Friends University. This was the third meet of the year for the Bulldogs and with it came numerous personal records, several new school records and a few more NAIA national qualifying marks.

For the Bulldogs, there were many great performances on the women's side, but none greater than senior Rea Samuels', senior, record-breaking day. Samuels broke the school record in both the 100m and 200m dashes with running times of 11.96 and 24.94, respectively. Good enough for gold in the 100 and silver in the 200, both of these times qualify Samuels for the national meet.

Megan James, junior, also brought home some hardware placing third in the pole vault, with a vault of 2.80m, which is just over nine feet.

Chantelle Theron, sophomore, also had a career day in Wichita as she leapt to a new personal record in the long jump, with a mark of 5.17m, or almost 17 feet.

Jasmine Benson, senior, and Aspen Anderson, freshman, each placed fifth in their respective events, with Benson jumping 10.74m in the triple jump and Anderson clearing 1.50m in the high jump.

The men also fared well in Wichita; Brandt Wolters, freshman, set a personal record in the javelin and won the event with a toss of 60.34m or 197 feet 11.75 inches. Though Wolters

had already qualified for nationals, this throw put him into the "A" qualifying standard and ranks him as second in the NAIA in his event.

Hunter Sury, freshman, and J'Moi Penn, senior, also qualified for the national meet. Sury finished his 100 meters in 10.53, an "A" standard mark, and Penn crossed in 10.73, a "B" standard qualification. Sury placed second in the event and J'Moi was seventh.

The men's 4x100m relay of Penn; Ronnie Floyd, sophomore; Austin Smith, freshman; and Sury, also punched their ticket to the national meet after running a time of 41.53.

Christopher Linnin, freshman, and Marlon Clayton, sophomore, each stood atop the podium in their respective events. Linnin cleared 2.05m, 6'9", in the high jump, and Clayton jumped 13.88m, 45' 6.5", in the triple jump.

Art Hop, junior, cleared 4.52m, 14' 10", in the pole vault and placed third.

Dixon Cooney, senior, finished fourth in the 1500 after running a time of 4:11.77, and he finished fourth along with Casey Zimmerman, freshman; Felix Cervantes Lopez, sophomore; and Gavin Hightower, sophomore, in the 4x800m relay with a time of 8:09.28.

Samuels and Wolters were also name KCAC and McPherson College Athletes of the Week following their stellar performances at Friends University.

The next meet for the Bulldogs will be the Tabor College Invite held in Hillsboro, Kan., on April 23.

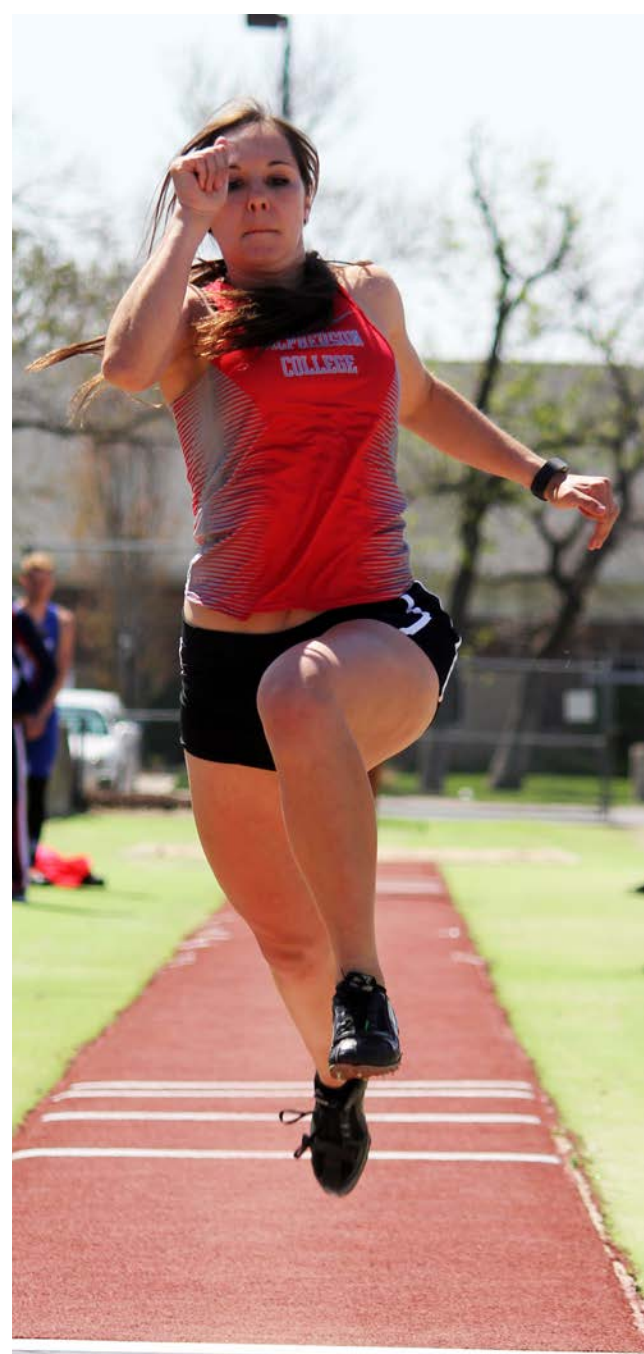


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Rebecca Hawkinson, freshman, jumps for McPherson at Enduro Classic hosted by Friends University.

Women's Tennis Continue to Dominate in Conference Play

BY DESIRE AKINGENEYE SPECTATOR STAFF

The McPherson women's tennis team is looking forward to close up the conference regular season.

Within the course of these past weeks, the Bulldogs have attained victories as they have beaten Bethel College, Oklahoma Wesleyan and Friends University, all with a final score of nine to zero.

Leading the current conference ranking, the women's team is contesting

its last games in the regular season to qualify for the upcoming conference tournament.

"Right now it is the home stretch for our conference matches," Justin Stuckey, tennis head coach, said. "We have played a really tough schedule of games against division one, division two and nationally-ranked teams in the NAIA. I think it has paid off because we are in position to win conference regular seasons titles for both teams."

Having the upper hand

to win the regular season, the team is buckling down to defend the championship as well as a chance in the national games.

The 'Dogs are 7-0 for the conference season with one game left. If they win their final match of the conference season they will once again be the champions of the KCAC conference.

The next game for the Bulldogs will be Saturday, April 23. They will face off against Bethany College at noon at home in their final match of the regular season.

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Nikki Vorhees, senior, hits the ball across the net back to her opponent from Tabor College on April 20. The Bulldogs won 7-2. If the Bulldogs win their final game against Bethany College they will be KCAC conference champions.



Men's Tennis Split Games During Spring Break Trip



BY DESIRE AKINGENEYE SPECTATOR STAFF

The Bulldog men's tennis team played several matches in the past couple weeks. It was a battle from start to finish, as they were trying to keep the record in their favor for the conference championship. They have kept the clean sheet with three wins in a row.

The Bulldogs defeated Oklahoma Wesleyan University and Bethel College nine to zero in both games. They also got a victory of six to three against Friends University.

The team is hoping to qualify for the conference tournament that will take place on Apr. 29 and 30 for semifinals and finals respectively. The tournament will host the first four teams in the conference and the winners

will qualify for the national games that are projected to happen in May.

"We've been playing well so far. Haven't lost one match in the conference. As a team we are constantly improving our chemistry," Hugo Ball-Greene, sophomore, said. "We are very excited and motivated about our match on Saturday against Bethany, which will be vital for the conference title. It is very important to all of us to win this match and I think all of us are aware of it. We are really looking forward to it!"

Ball-Greene was awarded his first Athlete of the Week honor. He won each of his five matches

Currently, the Bulldogs are leading the conference and is ranked 12th in the regular-season edition of the NAIA Men's Tennis Coaches' Top 25 Poll.

"I think we are in the right

path to become conference champions of the regular season, we only need to keep focus and give our 100% these matches that we have left and then focus on the conference tournament" Joan-Marc Fajula Rodriguez Pate, junior, said.

The final conference game for the Bulldogs will be held on Saturday, April 23 against Bethany at noon. This will be the final home game for Bulldogs men's tennis.

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(Left) Timo Hoelzmann, freshman, hits the ball back to his opponent from Tabor College on April 20.

(Right) Ahmed Lahlou, sophomore, prepares for a hit from his opponent from Tabor College on April 20.

