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## Awards Galas Wrap Up Spring Semester

BY RYAN KRESKY  
SPECTATOR STAFF

There have been three student award ceremonies during the last two weeks before finals. The ceremonies were: Theatre Awards Gala, Light and Life Awards and the Bulldog

Athletic Gala.

The Theatre Awards Gala, which was held in the McPherson Opera House, started on Thursday, April 28, and went from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The event celebrated students for their excellence

in the theatre both on the stage, in the classroom and in the workshops. Students dressed up and celebrated one another as they accepted their awards.

The Life and Light Awards ceremony was held in Mingenback Theatre on

Tuesday, May 3, with the event starting at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. Everybody who attended was in formal wear and dinner was catered to by Fresh Ideas.

The event recognized McPherson College students who have represented the school's mission of scholarship, participation and service. The event was mainly to recognize student groups and leaders for their commitment to the mission and to the community. S.A.A.C., Student Athletic Advisory Committee, won the New Student Group award.

Starting at 6:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium was the Bulldog Athletic Gala on Tuesday, May 3. Students were able to enjoy snacks and beverages before the awards ceremony began, as well as take pictures against the athletic backdrop.

Every student was in formal wear with a lot of them coming from the "Light and Life" Awards. Students won awards for their achievements and, when they were announced, walked across the stage to receive their honor.

"It was cool to be honored like that and to know that people were inspired by

my story," Grant Raleigh, freshman basketball player and recipient of the Most Inspirational Athlete award, said. "I thought the Bulldog Gala was really cool and that everyone really enjoyed it."

The awards handed out were Rookie of the Year, Veteran of the Year, Most Improved Athlete, Most Inspirational Athlete and many others. There were short videos with pictures for the individual awards. The McPherson volleyball team won the Best in Show award for their positive reputation on campus and Men's and Women's Tennis won Team of the Year.

## Power Day Success Alumni and Current Students Give Back Through Donations

BY ADRIAN CARSON  
SPECTATOR STAFF

McPherson College campus took part in Power Day on April 26, an event that was created last April by the McPherson College Advancement Office and Marketing Departments.

Power Day is a timeframe in the calendar year where the McPherson College campus encourages alumni and students to give back to the college in the form of donations.

Power Day takes place

during a 24-hour period in late April, June 20 and Dec. 31, which are the key times when alumni are encouraged to donate. The event also welcomed alumni and the rest of the McPherson College community to give year around.

This year, in return for donations, the college gave out McPherson College branded t-shirts and coffee mugs.

"Power Day gives students and alumni a chance to rock that

McPherson College swag," David Barrett, advancement officer, said.

While McPherson College was able to earn \$30,000 during Power Day last year, the college raised \$33,280 this year from 135 donors.

Barrett and Karlene Tyler, the director of alumni and constituent relations, were the faces of Power Day; together they have a combined 70 years with McPherson College and its alumni.

"I think our involvement in Power Day was a natural fit," Barrett said. "I and Karlene know a lot of the alumni that would be involved, ranging from alumni in their early twenties and older."

During the course of Power Day, Barrett and Tyler went around campus taking pictures and video footage with students and staff to be posted on the campus website.

The best part about Power Day for Barrett was the outgoing of support from McPherson College alumni.

"I have enjoyed reading the notes the donors have left," he said, "and they all have been nice and showed the great community we are a part of."

Power Day is something that Barrett hopes to continue for school years to come.



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**David Barrett and Karlene Tyler remind Bruce Clary outside of his office.**



PHOTO BY MIRANDA CLARK ULRICH

**Students gather around a table of hors d'oeuvres provided by S.A.A.C. for the awards ceremony.**



PHOTO BY MIRANDA CLARK ULRICH

**Chris Rakowski, Amy Stockton, Aly Hennager and Rea Samuels, seniors, accept resident assistant recognitions at the Life and Light Awards ceremony.**



PHOTO BY MIRANDA CLARK ULRICH

**Taylor Dreiling, sophomore, and Art Hop, senior, before the awards ceremony.**



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**David Barrett and Karlene Tyler remind Ed Barr of Power Day that occurred on April 26 as a way to motivate alumni and students to give back by donation.**

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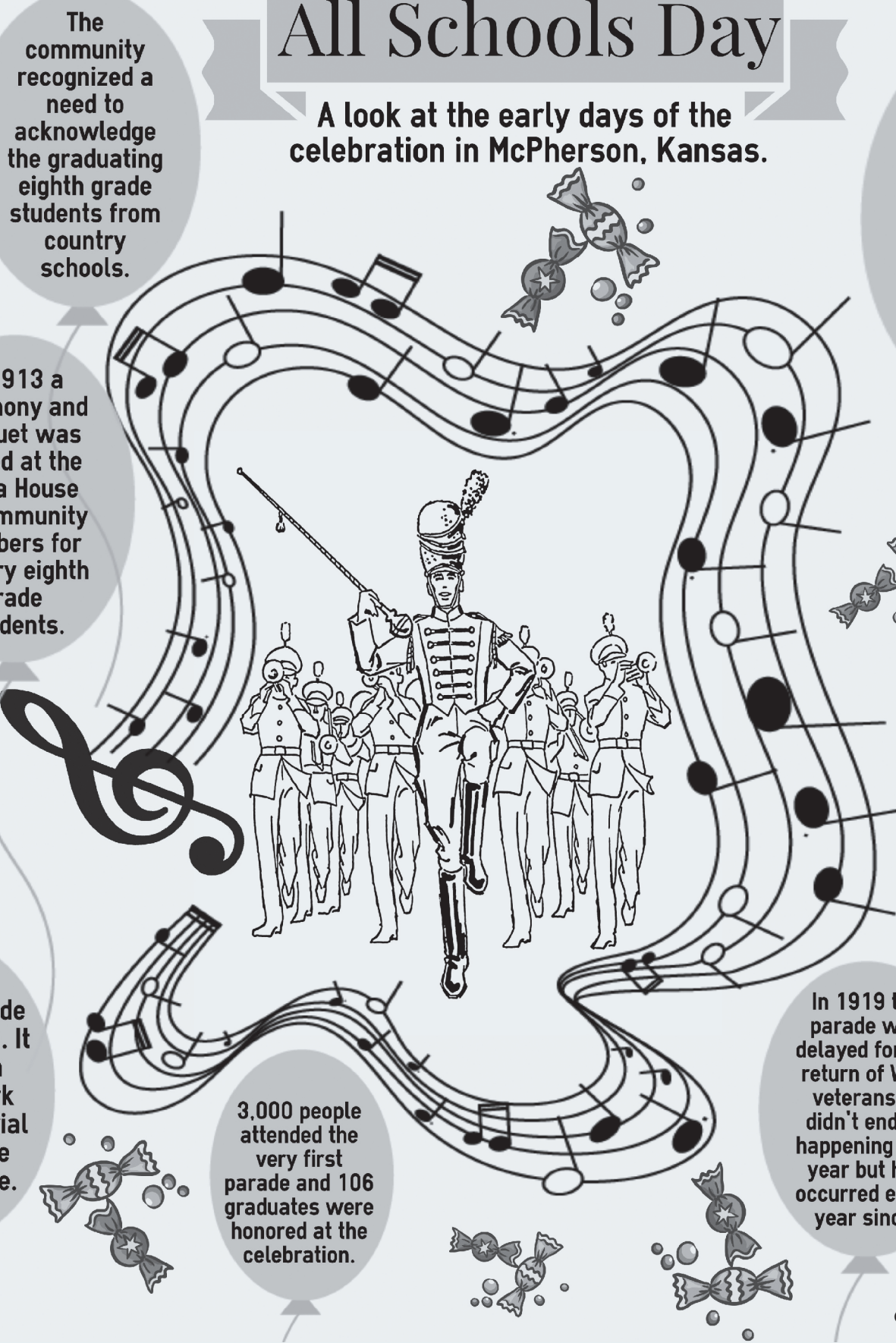
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## WONDERS OF CAMPUS

### All Schools Day

A look at the early days of the celebration in McPherson, Kansas.



McPherson County School Superintendent, I.C. Meyer, was in charge of delivering diplomas to 131 country schools.

The community recognized a need to acknowledge the graduating eighth grade students from country schools.

Themes were initially triggered by events of the time. The whole celebration is unique to McPherson and is a result of dedication and hard work from hundreds of volunteers over the years. This year will be the 113th celebration!

In 1913 a ceremony and banquet was hosted at the Opera House by community members for country eighth grade students.

After WWI attendance grew steadily. It's estimated that 20,000 people attended in 1926.

McPherson County education consisted of as many as 123 different country schools offering classes through 8th grade.

The festivities were initially held at the Opera House until the bond was passed to build the Community Building and the events moved to the new location in 1928.

The first official parade was in 1914. It went from Central Park (now Memorial Park) to the Opera House.

In 1919 the parade was delayed for the return of WWI veterans. It didn't end up happening that year but has occurred every year since.

3,000 people attended the very first parade and 106 graduates were honored at the celebration.

GRAPHIC BY CHANNING WALL NEWS EDITOR

## Recognizing Risks of Midwest Living

Student Identifies How to Respond on Campus in Case of Tornadoes



PHOTO BY TESSA SZAMBECKI

Skies turning dark as storms approached McPherson.

BY LAYNE HIGGINS SPECTATOR STAFF

When living in Kansas, people should be aware that tornadoes can be a constant threat during the spring and summer seasons. Kansas is located in a section of the United States called Tornado Alley. Tornado Alley consists mainly of Iowa, Nebraska, Eastern Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Tornado Alley is where tornados are most frequent in the United States. According to livescience.com, there are around 1,000 reported tornados each year in the United States,

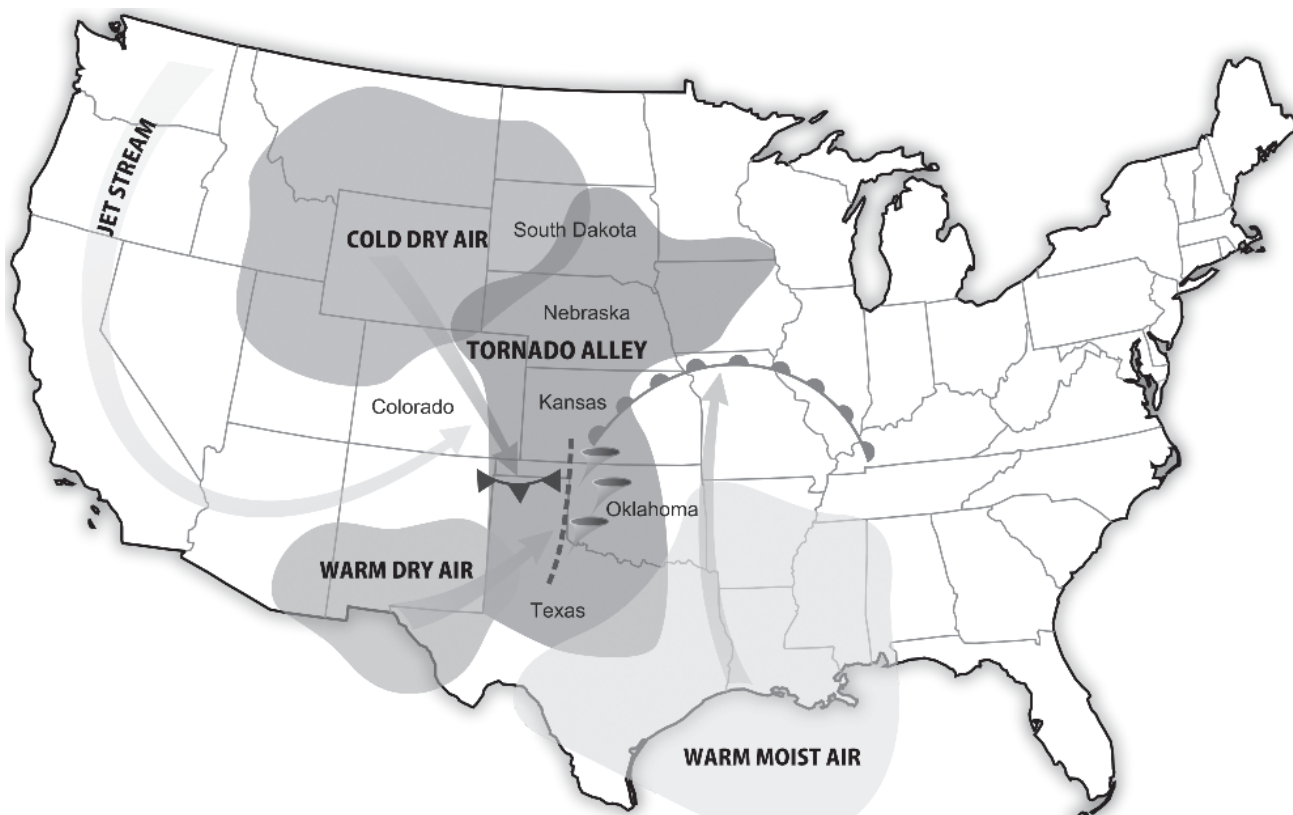
so it would be in the best interest of students to know the safety protocol of the buildings around campus.

If anyone finds themselves in Brown Auditorium or Mingenback Theatre, the shelter area is Brown Auditorium basement. The protocol for Melhorn and Templeton is Melhorn Basement. In the Hess Fine Arts Center, students should report to the basement of Hess for severe weather. For Miller Library, Mohler Hall, the Sport Center and athletic fields the shelter is the basement of Miller Library.

For Beeghly Hall, Student Union and Dotzour Hall, the place to report is the Student

Union basement. The other three dorms, Metzler, Bittinger and Morrison Hall, all have a basement so everyone living there is to head to the basement in case of a tornado.

If you live in your own house when a tornado strikes, then the best place to be in is your basement. If your house does not have a basement, then the National Weather Service suggests that staying as low to the ground as possible, away from windows and in a small room is the safest option if there is no access to underground facilities.



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Map of jet stream patterns that contribute to prime tornado weather in the Midwest.

## Circus Theme for Campus Blowout



BY AYSIA PRYOR  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Campus Blowout was held on campus last Sunday, May 1. This event allowed students to participate in various events such as wall-climbing, obstacle courses and hamster balls. This year the theme of Campus Blowout was circus and the event lasted from 2-4 p.m. "Campus Blowout was a guaranteed stress reliever," Jon Williams, freshman, said. "There were no worries about grades or school."

With the cold weather and muddy ground, students formed up in teams, created a team name and competed against each other in order to win tickets. The winner of each event won three tickets and one ticket for each opponent. The tickets were used enter in drawings for gift cards, a portable turntable and other prizes.

The winning tickets were sent out via e-mail. Teams also won prizes for best team name and best team costume.

"I thought campus blowout was better than last year," Elizabeth Lindsey, senior, said. "My freshman year was the best. We all got to show up at the same time and compete with each other; it was a lot of fun. I hope they find the perfect recipe for the students to have the most fun."

Between the hours the events were set up, students had the opportunity to enjoy funnel cakes, hot dogs and lemonade from a food truck. Students also had the chance to enjoy cotton candy, snow cones and music underneath the Gazebo.

PHOTOS BY  
AUSTIN SCHAD

**Teams join together wearing similar costumes to compete in activities.**

## THE CAMPUS CALENDAR MAY

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## McPherson Community Visits C.A.R.S. Club Motoring Festival



BY LORA KIRMER  
SPECTATOR STAFF

The 17th annual C.A.R.S. Club Motoring Fest was held on campus last weekend, April 29 and 30. The weekend brought 230 automobiles to campus, involved many students both in and out of the automotive program and had a large attendance of community members.

The festival started on Friday night with a cold, wet cruise-in. About 20 car owners braved the weather to show off their rides. A small crowd of students, alumni and prospective students persevered through the cold weather as well to support the cruise-in.

Saturday morning was cloudy but rain free, a good sign for the Motoring Fest. A total of 230 vehicles came to the McPherson College campus to line up on the show field and wait for the judging committee to make their verdict. The show brought just as many, if not more, alumni and parents to the campus as homecoming

weekend did in the fall.

The name change from "Car Show" to "Motoring Fest" came last year to incorporate everything that happens during the weekend - the cruise-in, car show, swap meet and prospective student visit day - explained Bob Hesper, senior and C.A.R.S. Club president.

"It's not just a car show anymore," Hesper said.

Along with the club's activities, the national advisory board of the automotive restoration program met on Friday. The meeting brought key industry leaders to campus and the students had the opportunity to meet with them during round-table style discussions. McKeel Hagerty, CEO of Hagerty Classic Car Insurance, was also on campus as part of the Harter Lecture Series and to see the hard work of students in the program.

Some of the students' hard work was showcased during the Model T builds, when a team of six students assembled and ran a Ford Model T in less than 15

minutes. The automotive restoration program's T-Build teams performed twice during the day. The B-team completed their build during the morning with a time of eight minutes and six seconds. It was the team's first public performance. In the afternoon the A-team set a new record of six minutes and 52 seconds, beating their previous record of 7 minutes and 19 seconds.

It is true the festival is not just a car show anymore, as more than cars attend. Tractors, horseless carriages and motorcycles rise in numbers each year. A large influx of motorcycles attended this year's show, with 17 of them brought by the Kansas City Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club.

"If the weather were nicer, we would have had about 60 more come," Mark Bayer, president of the club, said.

The inflating rate of motorcycles in the show can be attributed to the growing interest in the motorcycle restoration track of the automotive restoration



program.

Students that are not involved in C.A.R.S. Club or the automotive restoration program were involved in the show as well.

"Getting involvement from outside of the club shows the importance of the show and how it reflects on the program," Jason Peters, senior and C.A.R.S. Club secretary, said.

Jordyn Lipe, junior, was in charge of creating the breakfast and lunch that was served on Saturday.

"It is really important for outside majors to get involved," Lipe said, "because the program is a major part of the school and the students have worked hard to get here."

Lipe had a committee of students help her prepare the menu, cook the food and serve the meals.

The Art Club approached C.A.R.S. Club to have a booth at the festival on Saturday as well. They offered sugar cookie decorating, cinnamon rolls and coffee in front of Hess Fine Arts Center. The Art

Club wanted to join the show because art and cars are hand-in-hand.

"Cars are still a form of art in their engineering, paint and inspiration," Terra Tanuis, freshman, said. "The look people have when they look at cars is the same look I have when I create art."

The McPherson College jazz band provided music over the noon hour of the event. Half of the band consisted of automotive restoration students, with the other half made up of non-automotive students and high school students. Two-thirds of the trumpet section was at a track meet, so students from McPherson High School stepped up to perform under their previous band conductor and current McPherson College band instructor, Kyle Hopkins. One member of the trumpet section was a visiting prospective student who will attend McPherson College next year to major in automotive restoration and to perform in the band.

The high school students were not the only

community members to be a part of the Motoring Festival. Caleb Porter, founder of Fox & Ash Barber Shop, had a tent set up to give haircuts during the festival. It was the second year the barbershop was a part of the show. Fox & Ash held a car show at their first opening of the shop and were asked to attend the 16th annual Motoring Fest last year.

"It helped build community with the shop and car show 'Americana' culture," Porter said.

"There's so many walks of life out here; a good, old-fashioned family event is what this is," Drew Walter, club ambassador of the KC Vintage Motorcycle Club, said. "It's just incredible."

PHOTOS BY  
AUSTIN LOOMIS

**McPherson College and the community get involved in Motoring Festival by showcasing, participating or helping on April 30.**



## McKeel Hagerty Presents "Why Passion Still Wins in Business"



PHOTO BY  
LORA KIRMER

**McKeel Hagerty explains lessons about good business.**

BY LORA KIRMER  
SPECTATOR STAFF

"How can you sell car insurance without talking about it?" McKeel Hagerty, CEO of Hagerty Classic Car Insurance, posed this question in his lecture on Friday, April 30. Hagerty's presentation, "Why Passion Still Wins in Business," was the closing lecture in this year's Harter Lecture series.

Hagerty Insurance was founded in 1984. The firm was in deep trouble when McKeel Hagerty stepped into his father's role as CEO in the 1990s. Even though he did not possess a background in business, the son brought his family's insurance company back into the competition.

So how can one sell car insurance without actually talking about insurance? Hagerty answers this question with a list of lessons he learned when he took over his family's insurance firm.

Lesson one was, "Be a challenger," which Hagerty means that winning

companies pose themselves as a challenger against all competing companies, even if that company is already on the top. One of the first things Hagerty did to shift Hagerty Insurance into a challenger role was to use humor in their advertisements. The insurance firm had limited funds, so they used their resources creatively. For example, they turned their ads horizontally where all of their competitors were vertical.

"Seize the high ground," was Hagerty's second lesson. Hagerty learned this lesson at a dinner he attended where Jay Leno awarded the first Fred Duesenberg Memorial Scholarship to a McPherson College student who excelled in the automotive restoration program. When Hagerty learned more about McPherson College and its program, he saw the passion the students had for classic cars, a passion he carried too. The year after the dinner, Hagerty joined the first advisory board of

the McPherson College automotive restoration program and the Hagerty Education Program began supporting students and endeavors in the program.

Lesson three was a lesson that Hagerty Insurance took to heart: "Be a great place to work." The company made Fortune Magazine's "Top 25 Places to Work" list last year.

"We hire nice people, people who want to be there," Hagerty said.

Employees of Hagerty Insurance smile because they feel engaged and that their work has a purpose, he went on to explain. The company seeks out interesting and engaging people who can learn to appreciate classic cars as they work.

Hagerty spent a measured portion of his lecture on lesson four. "Don't invent passion, celebrate it." He used the history of the automobile to explain that the automobile was an invention that connected our nation. It was a creation of the industrial age that

society still uses and improves upon constantly. Hagerty learned to celebrate what has already been made and to unearth the emotional connections that already exist with the product. The feelings attached to classic cars did not need to be invented by an insurance company.

The last lesson was, "The spirit of..." a lesson Hagerty learned from Nike. The Nike brand carries the spirit of sports with it; and Hagerty Insurance embodies the love of the automobile. While it is an insurance firm, they do not talk about insurance.

Hagerty ended his presentation with companies he felt were "doing it right," companies that showed their passion in their representation and products. One of the companies was McPherson College, because he believed that the automotive restoration program and its students were "a jewel the whole place can hang its hat on."

## Students Showcase Talents in "McPherson's Got Talent"



BY LACEY GAROUTTE  
SPECTATOR STAFF

This year's McPherson's Got Talent was a major hit. Try-outs were held on April 18 and 22 for the student body, and the contestants were picked and notified on April 23. Dress rehearsal was held on Monday, April 25, and the talent show was held on Wednesday, April 27.

The show consisted of eight performers: Vincent Watts, freshman; Lea Striegel, freshman; Crystal Osner, senior; Michael Ramos, senior; Deiah Curtis, sophomore; Grant Tuttle, sophomore; and the duet of Callie Atkins and Tara Gladding, both juniors.

Logan Schrag, sophomore, was the humorous MC of the night. The panel of judges consisted of Shay Maclin, Jen Jensen and Ken Yohn, who gave their entertaining and enlightening input to each performer. At the end of all the acts, the audience got engaged and voted their

fan favorite; Watts with his own original rap.

Curtis came in third place and received \$50 with her cover of "Hollow" by Tori Kelly. Tuttle took home second place and \$100 with his own original song to his girlfriend on their anniversary. Atkins and Gladding brought home first place and the grand prize of \$200 with their rendition of "How Can It Be" by Lauren Daigle.

"I wasn't expecting to win at all actually," Gladding said. "Callie and I threw a song together last minute. It was a great experience and I'm glad we were able to show something Callie and I are both passionate about -- music and faith."

PHOTOS BY  
MARISSA PATTON

**(Top left) Grant Tuttle, sophomore. (Middle) Crystal Osner, senior. (Top right) Deiah Curtis, sophomore. (Bottom) Tara Gladding, and Callie Atkins, juniors.**

# MISSION FEATURE

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BY KATIE SAWYER  
DIRECTOR OF CAREER  
SERVICES

When James Covell walks across the graduation stage next week, he will be completing only part of his academic career. Covell will receive his bachelor of science in political science on Sunday, May 15, and on Monday, May 16, will begin work as a graduate assistant in the Wichita State University Masters of Public Administration program in Wichita, Kan.

During his senior year, Covell decided to pursue a career in government. He worked in the political world as a summer intern and decided he wanted to stay on the bureaucratic side. Knowing his undergraduate degree was largely theory, he made the decision to enter the MPA program to learn the technical skills that are required for government and managerial roles.

"The MPA program is hands-on technical focused," Covell said. Adding that those are the skills city and county government leaders need to be effective.

Covell said his time at McPherson College has helped prepare him not only for graduate school but also for the workplace.

"McPherson College gives you a set of communication skills that have given me a little of extra opportunities," Covell said, adding that he attributes that to the familiar environment on campus.

As a student, Covell completed two internships, one with a state senator in California and the other creating online content for

the New Free Thinkers organization. He was also awarded the outstanding senior thesis award for his essay on the positives of military coups in Thailand.

Covell's involvement on campus extended outside of the classroom. He was active in the theater program and other extra curricular activities on campus.

In the end, Covell said his semester studying abroad in Thailand was the most impactful as it opened his eyes to how others in the world live.

"Studying abroad changed my entire world view," Covell said. "I learned just how great we have it here."

In preparation for graduate school, Covell said he needs to begin shifting his mindset from theory to technical skill sets and also a different type of learning and studying environment.

"I will need to learn to pick up those technical skills and use a more quantitative approach," he said.

Long-term, Covell said he wants to travel and work in different locations but also maintain steady employment. He likes the idea of working in city management but is still open to other ideas.

James  
Covell

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KATIE SAWYER

## WORD AROUND MAC : What Are You Looking Forward To This Summer?



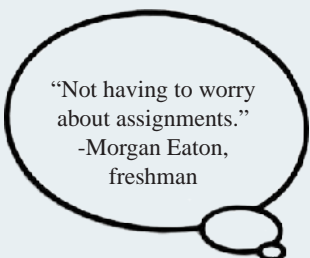
"Working full-time in the shop."  
-Tim Couvillion, junior



"Free time."  
-Jasmine Regehr, senior



"Swimming and hanging out with my sister."  
-Justin Cochran, freshman



"Not having to worry about assignments."  
-Morgan Eaton, freshman



"Making money."  
-Jordon Henderson, freshman



"Going home to my fiance and going to rocklahoma."  
-Brittni Cain, senior



## Final Words of Wisdom Senior Fairwell Note To All

BY ALAINA JOHNSON  
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

With every beginning there is an end. Now how many times have we heard that one? Yet, as cheesy as it might be, it has truth behind it.

I never seem to realize how important something is to me until it is coming to an end or it is already over.

So here we are seniors. We did it! We have made it through all the stay-up-writing-till-4 a.m. papers, we are done last-minute cramming for exams and we do not have to throw together any impromptu presentations because we happened to forget, even if we have known about it for 3 months.

Oh, but it was all worth it, everyone survived, and what a great, final year we had. So before we all go our separate ways for the summer, here are some last

words of wisdom I will leave everyone with.

Do not be afraid to try something new. Go out of your comfort zone and get involved in clubs and different groups. Meet people, as many as you possibly can, and most importantly, be you. College is the time where we all find ourselves. We discover what we want to do with our lives, where we want to go and what dreams we want to chase.

As most twenty-aged adults graduating from college, feeling like we need to have the rest of our lives planned out is a common theme amongst us. But, I assure you, if you are one of these people that think this but are in the opposite situation, you are not alone.

I was given some inspiring advice that helped me take some stress off my shoulders, as I was

frantically searching for jobs and overwhelmed with final projects.

I had a co-worker ask me about how my senior year was going then tell me, "No one can take your degree away from you. No matter where you are at or what you are doing after graduation, just do not forget all that hard work, time and effort you poured into your education. You should be proud of yourself."

So to all seniors who do not currently have a job lined out or maybe you do have a job but it is not your dream, be patient and do not stop working hard to chase your dream.

To all those that will be back next year, I wish you all the best of wishes on your upcoming adventures here at McPherson College.

Just always remember, what a great day it is to be a Bulldog.

BY CHANNING WALL  
NEWS EDITOR

The end is near and most of us are in the same state of panic. Finals are just around the corner, but the anticipation of summer is definitely a teaser. I have decided to treat this summer like New Year's.

Although, I wish this meant reverting back to the carefree shenanigan-filled days that summer consisted of growing up, it is not what I actually have in mind.

Just like making a New Year's resolution, I'm going to set some goals. The reality of how close the real world job hunt is has me equally terrified and motivated.

We can all relate to the feeling at the start of the semester, you know the one where you are going to dominate every assignment and blow every test out of the water, only to find

that after a couple weeks you have just about lost it entirely and are already behind.

I want to try and change this pattern for myself this next year and I challenge anyone in the same boat to do the same.

While I know personal motivation can be one of the hardest things, I believe in us as a student body.

Do not let all that you have worked for throughout the year go to waste, and I do not mean just book smarts.

While it might come in handy to actually write a sentence or read a book every once in a while, the real wisdom comes from everyday experiences and interactions.

Do not forget the moments that made you cry, but embrace the ones that made you laugh so hard it hurt.

Analyze what you can do better in situations, but give yourself credit for coming this far. If there are things you need to make right, do it. If there are things you need to let go of, do your best.

If you have a passion, immerse yourself in it. If you have not found one yet, let yourself explore.

Role models with passion are the best kind and know that when you come back next year, you will have a whole new group of students looking up to you and counting on you for a positive influence.

Summer can be a great opportunity to recharge and reflect.

No doubt, have fun and do summer stuff but keep in mind summer break can be used for productivity as well, and many working adults would be pumped on a similar opportunity.

## What Was Your Favorite Part About Working for the *Spectator*?

"I loved the blasting music and silly headline ideas we would come up with late at night. Overall, I have enjoyed my time as an editor on the *Spectator*. It was a great experience and I was glad to be part of the staff for volume 100."

-Alaina Johnson, Viewpoints Editor

"The *Spectator* is near and dear to me. I'm thrilled that I had the chance to be Editor-In-Chief and hope that I made a difference that will last for years to come. Good night, volume 100."

-Miranda Clark Ulrich, Editor-In-Chief

"Seeing our progress as a staff."  
-Channing Wall, News Editor



The *Spectator* editorial staff, Alaina Johnson, Miranda Clark Ulrich, Channing Wall, Aysia Pryor, Caitlyn Blagrove and Ryan Kresky

"My favorite part about working on The *Spectator* was getting to know the amazing editors."

-Aysia Pryor, Campus Editor

"The quote wall."  
-Caitlyn Blagrove, Sports Editor

"All of the fascinating conversations."  
- Ryan Kresky, Copy Editor

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## Baseball Ends Season Against Bethel College



BY CAITLYN BLAGRAVE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bulldogs had an unfortunate end to their season losing three of their four games in their series against the Bethany College Swedes. This year the Bulldogs were able to completely flip their record from last season, which was 8-44, and come back this season to have a 20-35 overall record for the season.

“As a team we had a great season,” Evan Willow, sophomore catcher, first baseman and right fielder, said. “We have dealt with a lot this year both on and off the field, but as a team we were determined not to let all the politics drag us down.”

Although the Bulldogs had a 2-1 lead after the third inning during their first game they could not hold on and the Swedes were able to come back and find four runs in the fifth inning to put them ahead. The Bulldogs were able to find two more runs in the sixth inning to try to close the gap but a high scoring seventh, eighth and ninth inning secured the win for the Swedes. In the ninth and final inning the

Bulldogs were able to find two more runs but it was not enough with the final score being 19-6.

Game two was a much closer with a final score of 5-2 loss to the Swedes. Right away the Bulldogs found a run to take the lead and held their 1-0 lead going into the fourth inning. They were not able to hold on as the Swedes’ found two runs in the fourth inning and then another three in the fifth. Although the Bulldogs were able to put four runners on the bases, only one was able to find the home plate and ended the game recording a loss.

The only win of the series recorded for the Bulldogs came in game three where they were able to find one more run than the Swedes.

Right from the start the Bulldogs came out strong and was up 4-1 in the opening inning. They carried their lead until the seventh inning when the Swedes capitalized on their mistakes were able to take the lead.

In the final inning the Bulldogs were able to find what they were missing and rounded the home plate seven times taking the final

score to 12-11 and recording the win.

In the final game of the series, as well as the final game of the season, the Bulldogs recorded a loss with an 8-3 final score.

Bulldog baseball will graduate six seniors this year; Shon Pinard, infielder; Matt Bryan, outfielder; Corey Taylor, pitcher; Brant Rhoades, pitcher; and Colter Streck, pitcher.

“We were lead by a group of seniors and upperclassmen that have the right A.C.E. (attitude, effort and concentration) to be able to help mold the younger guys for the years to come,” Willow said. “All in all, I thought we had a great season. Tying the all time school win record was a huge.”

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**Matt Bryan, senior outfielder, bats for McPherson on May 1 against the Bethany College Swedes. The Bulldogs won one of their four games against the Swedes in their final series of the season.**

## Softball Falls to No. 25 Friends in Final Series

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Bulldog softball finishes their season with two losses against Friends University, both having the run-rule enforced.

In game one the Falcons came out hard against the Bulldogs in the first two innings and finding an 8-0 lead. McPherson was able to find a couple of hits throughout the game but was unable to find any home runs. In the fourth inning the Falcons found two more runs and, after holding the Bulldogs to a scoreless game, were able to enforce the run-rule after five innings, closing out the game. The game ended with a 10-0 loss recorded for the Bulldogs.

Game two once again came with a strong start from the Falcons who scored five runs in the opening inning. The lone run for the Bulldogs came from Chelsea Conrad, freshman, in the first inning. There were no runs in the following three innings but in the fifth inning the Falcons scored another five runs once again enforcing the run-rule with a final score of 10-1.

“This year was a great year of growth having so many talented freshmen,” Micaela Dimitt, senior outfielder, said. “Though our record didn’t change much, I believe we have so much

talent and that once we build that confidence all will fall in place.”

Bulldog softball ends their season with a 9-39 overall record and a 4-18 conference record. There are six seniors graduating this year; Simone Donaldson, outfielder; Samantha Harranty, outfielder; Cassandra Moreno, first baseman; Amanda Darrow, catcher; Dimitt; and Emily Davis, second baseman and outfielder.

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**Sydney Lang, freshman pitcher, pitches against the nationally ranked Friends University Falcons. Lang pitched for the Bulldogs in all five innings. She pitched in 42 games for the Bulldogs this season. The Bulldogs lost both games in the series against the Falcons, ending their season. Bulldog softball ends their season with a 9-39 overall record and a 4-16 record in the KCAC conference games.**



## Men’s Tennis Wins KCAC Conference Championships

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The McPherson College men’s tennis team finished its conference tournament this week. It was a long and tough race during the course of the spring semester. The Bulldogs won the conference championship

and qualified for the national games starting on May 17 in Mobile, Ala.

They achieved this after beating the Friends University Falcons 5-0 during the semi-finals, followed by a 5-3 victory in the final games against Bethany College. The two teams were neck-to-neck on

the ranking and each team wanted to represent the Kansas conference in the national games.

The team has gotten outstanding experience during the lineup games and they have improved their single games scores. As the team captain, Joan-Marc Rodriguez, junior,

emphasized that they are ready to go for the finals with a goal of performing better than last year’s games. He also said that the new teammates are getting used to the team’s chemistry.

“I think they improved so much through the season,” Rodriguez said. “They played great against Bethany

and handled the pressure well. I’m confident that they will do even better in nationals.”

The victory against Bethany College was a great achievement for the Bulldogs because it will help to raise their score in the next NAIA top 25 coaches’ poll.

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**The McPherson College men’s tennis comes together with their coaches to hold up the KCAC Conference Championship banner.**



## Track and Field Dominates Before KCAC Championships



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(Top) Daniel May, senior, throws the javelin for the Bulldogs during the Tabor College Invitational. (Bottom Left) Aspen Anderson, freshman, performs in the high jump at the Tabor College Invitational. (Bottom Right) Rea Samuels, senior, competes in the 200M dash at the Tabor College Invitational

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Students had the chance to watch McPherson College track and field perform at Tabor College and Southwestern College.

The Tabor College Invitational was on Saturday, April 23, where multiple records were shattered by athletes.

On the women's side Rea Samuels, senior sprinter and this year's Female Athlete of the Year, set a new dash record in the 200m dash with her time of 24.72 and came in third at the event. Jasmine Helms, junior jumper, also posted a new personal record during the triple jump with a leap of 11.50m (17' 3.5") during the event.

For the men's side Ronnie Floyd, junior sprinter, placed first in the 400m dash with a time of 49.51, his best time so far. Art Hop, senior pole vaulter, also placed first with a height of 5.02m (16' 6") in his event. And Dixon Cooney, junior distance runner and this year's Male Athlete of the Year, came in second place during the 800m dash with a time of 1:57.02.

At the Southwestern College Relays on Saturday, April 30, McPherson College track and field participated in their last meet of their regular season.

On the women's side Samuels had a victory

in the 200m dash with a time of 24.80. Helms also set a new personal record in the long jump with 5.27m (17' 3.5"). Distance runners Lauren Wankum, sophomore, and Miranda Clark Ulrich, senior, set new personal records with times of 5:24.66 and 5:33.58 respectively.

On the men's side Chris Linnin, freshman sprinter and jumper, took first place in the 2.00m (6' 6.75") high jump, second in the long jump with a distance of 6.89m (22' 7.25"), and sixth in the triple with 13.02m (42' 8.75"). Cooney also broke a personal record with his finish in first place in the 800m dash with a time of 1:54.14. Brandt Wolters, freshman javelin thrower, threw the javelin 55.44m (181' 11") and Jerod Fuller, freshman distance runner, had a time of 10:08.73 in the 3000m Steeplechase event.

"I am really thankful that I had the opportunity to join the track team this semester," Wolters said. "I know that Friends will be tough competition at Conference, but I know we have the guys on our team to get the job done and win."

McPherson College will next compete in the 2016 KCAC Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships on May 5 and 6 in Wichita at Friends University.



## Women's Tennis Wins KCAC Conference Championship

BY DESIRE AKINGENEYE  
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At the Riverside Tennis Center the McPherson College women's tennis team defended its championship title and won the KCAC Conference Championship. The women's team took over Ottawa University during the final game with 5-1.

The Bulldogs also have beaten Kansas Wesleyan University in the semi-finals with a score of 5-2. It was a do or die game, as the Bulldogs needed to win the game to move on in the tournament.

"We were regular season conference champions and so we could taste nationals," Zoe Bouwmeester, freshman, said. "Of course, we still needed to win the tournament. But the spirit, support and chemistry in our team is what helped us stay focused and achieve our goal."

The team will go to Mobile, Ala. with the men's tennis team to compete in the national tournament. The tournament begins on May 17.

The men's and women's tennis teams were honored at the Bulldog Gala on May 3 with the award of Team of the Year.



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The women's tennis team comes together with their coaches and athletic trainer, Jody Ehling to hold up the KCAC Conference Championship banner and plaque. This is the third year in a row the Bulldogs have been champions.