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Bookstore Finding Old Books New Homes

BY JORDYN LIPE
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Ten thousand books of various genres will line the shelves of a new business in the McPherson community. Owner Jessica Niemeyer plans on her store, Twice Told Tales, to be a commonplace to find community members. Twice Told Tales is a used bookstore which will pay cash for book donations.

"It has always been a dream of mine to own a bookstore," Niemeyer said. "I started (reading) at a young age and have always had a love for

books." She has worked around books her entire life including a used bookstore, which started her determination on opening her own.

Originally from Kansas City, Niemeyer and her husband moved from St. Louis to McPherson to be closer to family. The hope for this new venture is to become a community-oriented location that offers various events for all ages.

All genres are welcome in order to increase variety and attract readers both young and old.

"We fell in love with the McPherson community

from visiting and decided it would be the perfect



Jessica Niemeyer poses in front of a bookshelf in Twice Told Tales. PHOTO BY JORDYN LIPE

place to pursue my dream," Niemeyer said.

Twice Told Tales plans to also sell books online six months to one year after opening. This will enable them to accept more textbooks, which will benefit both colleges in town. Other goals for this business include open-mic nights, poetry slams and summer reading groups that invite K-12 students and college students in. Teachers of McPherson are also offered a ten-percent discount on all books at any time.

Greeting cards, pastries,

artwork and hot tea will also be offered daily and customers are welcomed to curl up with a book to decide if it is the perfect one for them.

A grand opening will be held on September 18th and 19th with pastries, refreshments and thirty-percent off books during the two-day celebration.

More information and for any questions about Twice Told Tales, you can contact Jessica Niemeyer at Jessica@twicetoldtales.net; www.twicetoldtales.net; (620)-718-5023.

Eggs May Not Be Shrinking but Supply is

BY JORDYN LIPE
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The bird flu outbreak of 2015 has affected the United States in a major way. Millions of birds have already been euthanized this year after showing signs of the disease. This epidemic has caused egg prices to sky rocket as flock after flock has been affected.

When a single bird is affected with the infection, HPAI H5, the entire flock of birds must be euthanized in order to avoid spreading the disease. Several Midwestern states have been affected by the

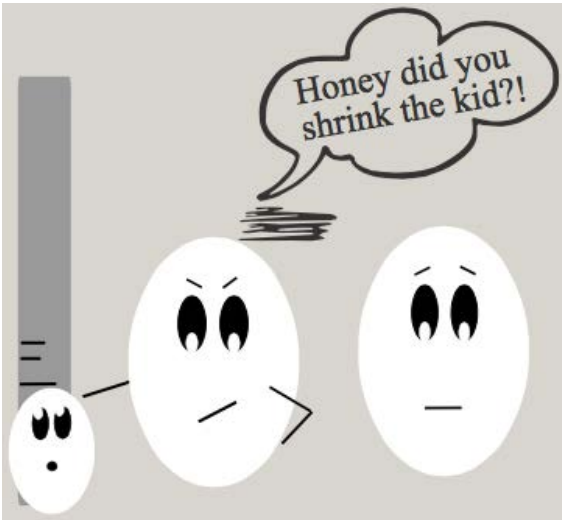
disease because of the large population of poultry farms. Between December 2014 and June 2015 cases were detected in 21 U.S. states.

For egg producing chickens, the only acceptable form of euthanasia approved by the USDA is to euthanize the birds with carbon monoxide. The birds that are not producing eggs are euthanized by using water-based foam, similar to that used by fire departments. The amount of stress on the farmers is huge as they are losing a large quantity of their farm animals, not to mention having to

witness the euthanizing.

Bird flu thrives in warm and dry weather and the bird farms harvest a disease incubator with dark, moist, and crowded conditions. Factory poultry appear to be more isolated, and with factory farm birds the disease will spread like wildfire. Some birds that are bred in a way to produce better breast meat and bigger eggs have an immune system that suffers as a result of their breeding. The bird farmers are expecting to have a major come back this fall, with a temperature drop, and are hoping for coresponding egg prices.

As of now there is no sign of the infection in humans, however similar viruses have been detected in other countries and have been accompanied by serious illness and in some cases even death. It is possible for humans to get the infection but the risk is low and CDC has given guidelines for clinicians and health professionals on how to handle possible situations regarding the illness.



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✓ Votes Are In

BY AMANDA ALLEN
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The "Chronicle of Higher Education" compiles an annual list of great places to work for public access. More than 43,000 responses are gathered from campus employees to find what makes a successful work environment. Many work places on the list share common values such as open communication so that all employees feel they have a voice.

Of the many institutions in Kansas, McPherson College is the only one being recognized as a "2015 Great College to Work For". This is an honor because the Chronicle's report also looks at issues that could affect the academic workplace in the future; things like finances and administration activity are taken into account.

Employees, as well as students, experience effects of the honors on a daily basis through advisor involvement, career services, faculty mentorship, constructive criticisms and more. By creating an enjoyable atmosphere for faculty there is a greater possibility of success from the student because there are not as

many other distractions and therefore the focus is more likely to be on the student.

Many staff members at McPherson College have been part of culture development for years and are now enjoying the benefits, one of which is Dr. Jonathan Frye, Professor of Natural Sciences.

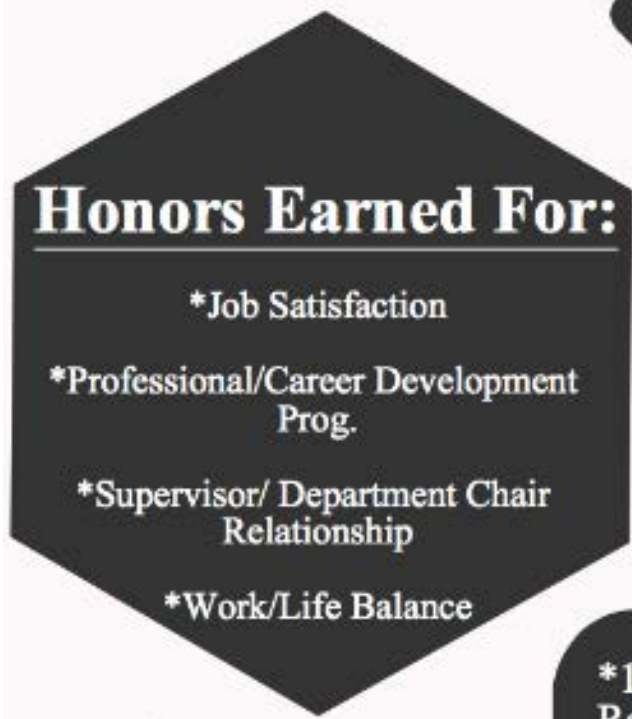
"I have been working here for twenty-three years now and I believe and my favorite part of working here at McPherson is the academic freedom the school itself allows me. I can teach Biology the way I believe it should be taught," Dr. Frye said.

Dr. Frye used the past two academic semesters on the sabbatical leave program to better his classroom by writing his very own College Biology textbook. He then plans to give to his students for free, a deed that cuts students' costs greatly. This is just one of many examples of things that adds to the relationship between faculty and students.

There is also an opportunity for students to participate in work study programs that provides them a chance to test out the work environment as well as make some

income. Student's do not receive the same benefits as faculty and staff but scheduling is likely to be more flexible for school hours and there is no commute if you live on campus.

McPherson College has earned this award for many reasons. A great work environment sets the stage for the success of faculty, staff and students and is achieved through constructive feedback and a focus on the growth of mind, body and spirit.



*10% Institutional Retirement Contribution

*Opportunity Fund for college employees to pursue new ideas

*Open feedback and critique to leadership



*Possibilities for flexible work scheduling

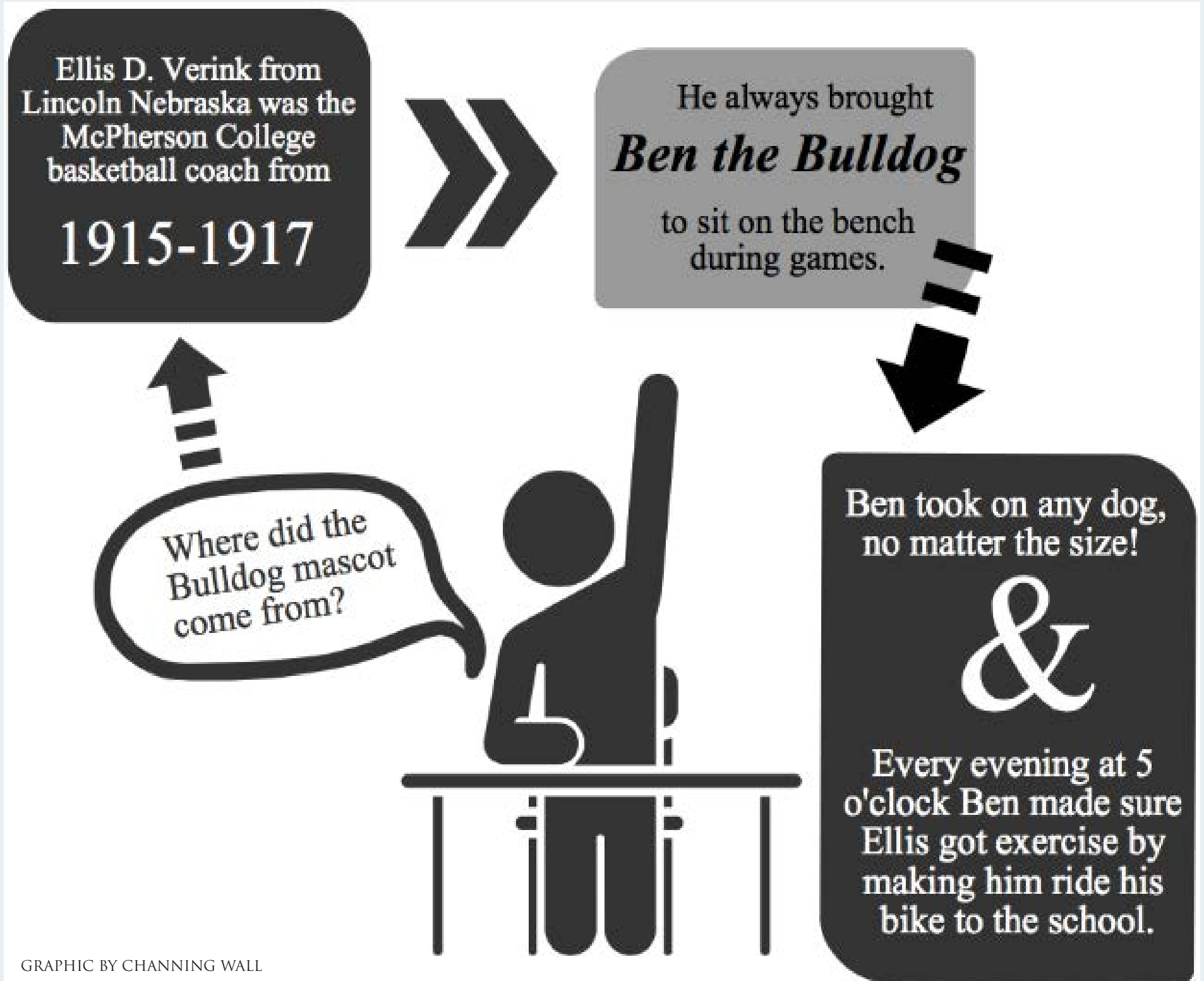
*Employee assistance program and benefits

*Cooperation between college administration and departments in planning

WONDERS OF CAMPUS

A GLIMPSE INTO BULLDOG HISTORY

BY THOMAS POTTER
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Scholarship Opportunity for Mac Natives

BY MIRANDA CLARK
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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A new opportunity has arisen for students who are planning on teaching after graduation. Bonnie Ward, a McPherson College graduate, has established a scholarship for students of McPherson College who do not necessarily major in Education, but who plan on becoming an educator

after graduation. The recipients are also required to originally be a resident of McPherson before being a student at the college.

Ward's family decided to create the scholarship after her husband, John Ward, passed in April 2015. The scholarship is meant to help the community 'grow their own,' as Dr. Shane Kirchner stated. By keeping the credentials

to locals the hope is that eventually students will come back and teach in the

"This scholarship will help strengthen our relationship with the local community as we 'grow our own' future teachers."

-Dr. Shane Kirchner said
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McPherson school system. "I think the scholarship will help McPherson keep

education local and help us build a better community within us," Ivanna Moyer,

sophomore, said. "I'm thankful that Bonnie decided to create this

scholarship."

Moyer is an Education major who is a resident of McPherson, making her one of the few students eligible for the scholarship.

While attending McPherson College both John and Bonnie served terms as student council president. Both were also awarded the Citation of Merit, John in 1980 and Bonnie in

1991. Throughout their professional lives John and Bonnie both worked as educators and John achieved title of professor emeritus following his retirement. Both are known for their impressive teaching abilities and tenacity as educators.



Student observes through microscope in Mellhorn with Dr. Frye.

PHOTO BY JORDYN LIPE

Students Re-Create Cyclone Track

BY JORDYN LIPE
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Plans to re-create a version of a 1915 Cyclone board track racer began in May at McPherson College. Jacob San Martin, sophomore, Riverside, Calif., and Adam Mashiach, junior, Los Angeles, Calif., joked about building a racing motorcycle from scratch after they helped to complete the ‘Nayslayer’, a 1915 Model T Speedster which they presented at the 2015 Annual McPherson College Car Show. (What about majors?)

The 1915 Cyclone board track racer was famously known for being one of the fastest motorcycles of its kind. Originally topped at a speed of 115 mph, the cyclone gained fame and began breaking records back in 1914 with a 101 mph record. However, its production was short lived as only 300 were produced from 1912 until 1915. Since that time, only 12 have been recovered and they remain a rare bike to find, making this

build even more interesting. (Is this highlighted phrase okay to be in the paper?)

“We’ve been talking about it and researching since May, but we have been physically working on it for only a few days,” Mashiach commented about timing. Along with San Martin and Mashiach, junior, Zane Luekenga of Glenwood, Ariz., joined the team to create their own version of the famous racer. (Not sure about the ordering here.)

The original bike held one of the most technologically advanced motors for its time; however, these creators plan on using a vintage Briggs and Stratton single-cylinder engine. Parts of the body come from a heavy duty bicycle which was cut apart using a plasma cutter. The rest of the body will be made of 1 1/8” mild steel tubing along with a gas tank made of copper.

“It’ll be an experiment in sheet metal that just puts around,” Mashiach commented on their hopes of speed for the project.

Overcoming what traditionally will and will not work, the Automotive Restoration Program seems to have become a perfect place for creative students who have a love for anything with a motor to come and let their creativity flourish.

“Our main reason for wanting to do this is so that the college can use it as an example of what can be created here. Along with the reasoning behind the ‘Nayslayer’ because people have told us it will not work, we want to prove them wrong,” San Martin added.

This team of three plans to have the bike completed in four months at most, but by the end of the semester is their original goal. Once completed, the motorcycle will belong to the college and be used to showcase the potential students are given here at McPherson College.

Auto-Restoration students with their plans of re-creating the motorcycle, using a single-cylinder engine.



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Markarian Colony

BY JORDON HENDERSON
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Have you ever dreamt of being a space explorer? Have you ever wanted to travel to distant suns or explore new worlds? With the online campus game, known as Markarian Colony, now you can.

The Markarian Colony first appeared on McPherson College campus at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. The game was created by a group of friends, most of whom have graduated, as a way to get to know the college.

According to James Covell, one of the game developers, the space

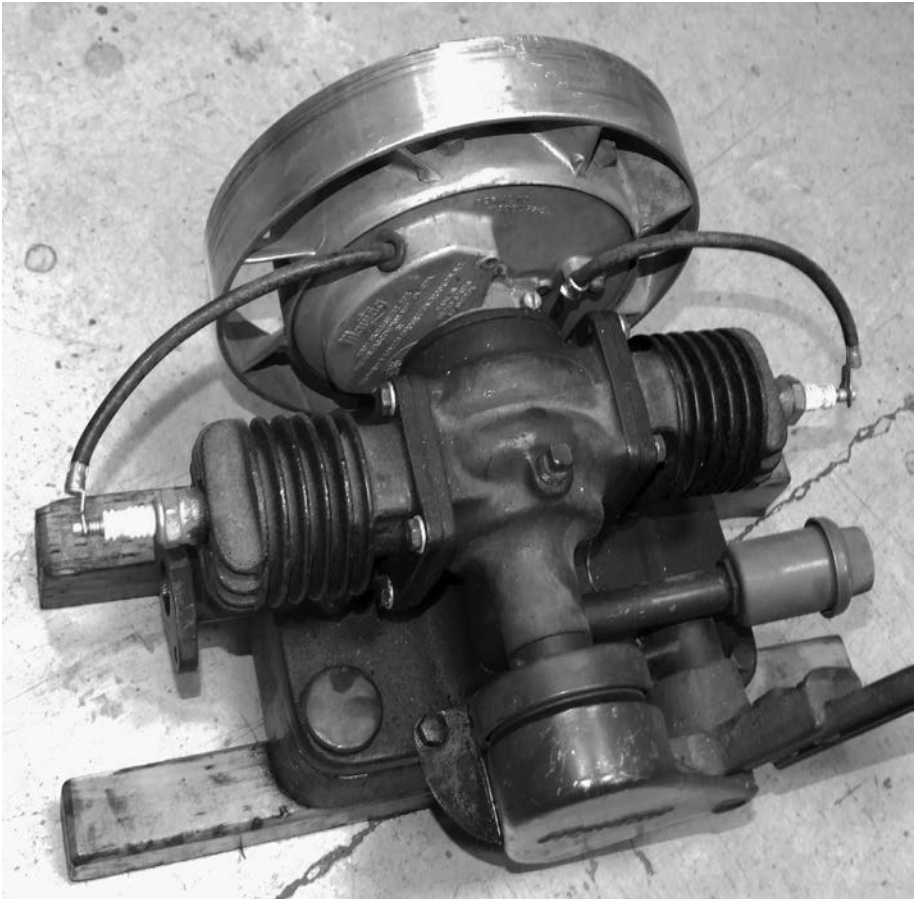
theme was actually chosen because it “fit with the college.” He and his friends spent seven months working on the game. “It wasn’t too difficult to make,” Covell said. “Just time consuming.”

Ran by fellow students known as Quartermasters, it is an Alternative Reality Game turning fantastical elements into real life problems to be solved. These problems are known as Missions when upon completion, students earn points. The points can be turned in during Commissary for prizes. The prizes vary from candy and pop to rolls of quarters and laundry soap.

Students can become a

part of the game by going to <http://mc.cm.cr> and following the steps provided. After joining, a tutorial is the first step, so no previous experience is needed. Following the tutorial, students can begin participating in the games that the Quartermasters have provided.

If you are interested in becoming a Quartermaster, there positions to be filled. If interested, contact James Covell at covejam@bulldog.mcpherson.edu.



THE CAMPUS CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	PATRIOT DAY 'TAMING OF THE SHREW @ 7 P.M. MINGENBACK THEATER @ 7 P.M.	'TAMING OF THE SHREW @ 7 P.M. MINGENBACK THEATER @ 7 P.M.
13	14	15	MEN'S SOCCER VS. MANHATTAN CC @ 5 P.M. VOLLEYBALL VS. OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN @ 5:30 P.M.	17	18	19
20	VOLLEYBALL VS. STERLING @ 5:30 P.M.	22 WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. MANHATTAN CC @ 7:30 P.M.	23	24	25	26 FOOTBALL VS. BETHEL @ 7 P.M.
27	28	HALF ASSESSMENT DAY @ 12 P.M. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY ACADEMIC DOWNGRADES DUE	30			

"The Taming of the Shrew"

BY MIRANDA CLARK
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The McPherson College Performing Arts kicks off the school year with their first play production, "The Taming of the Shrew." The productions are Sept. 10-12 at 7:30 p.m. in Mingenback Theater.

The plot tells the story of two sisters, one beautiful, the other known as a shrew. Because the beautiful sister was the younger, the less desirable sister had to be married first. The story goes on to tell how one brave, young man accepts the challenge of taming the shrew.

As a senior, Addie Johnson contributed to selecting "The Taming of the Shrew"

as her senior project. Johnson's focus for her project is acting in a lead role. Johnson felt that this play was a good choice for her, as she had never played a part such as Katherine Minola, the elder sister.

"This play is a really good challenge for me as an actress. The role is helping to stretch my character development because it is not the type of character that I have had the opportunity of playing before," Johnson said.

The play requires a large cast of 25 people, two of which are Johnson's parents, Eric Johnson and Michele Roesch-Johnson. The couple is playing her parents in the play. Brandt Busse, Dr. Josh Norris and Rick Tyler, the

director, are also playing parts.

Because the play is set in a pirate's cove, the costuming crew created all new costumes for the cast. The costumes were not simple, and consisted of several layers for each cast member.

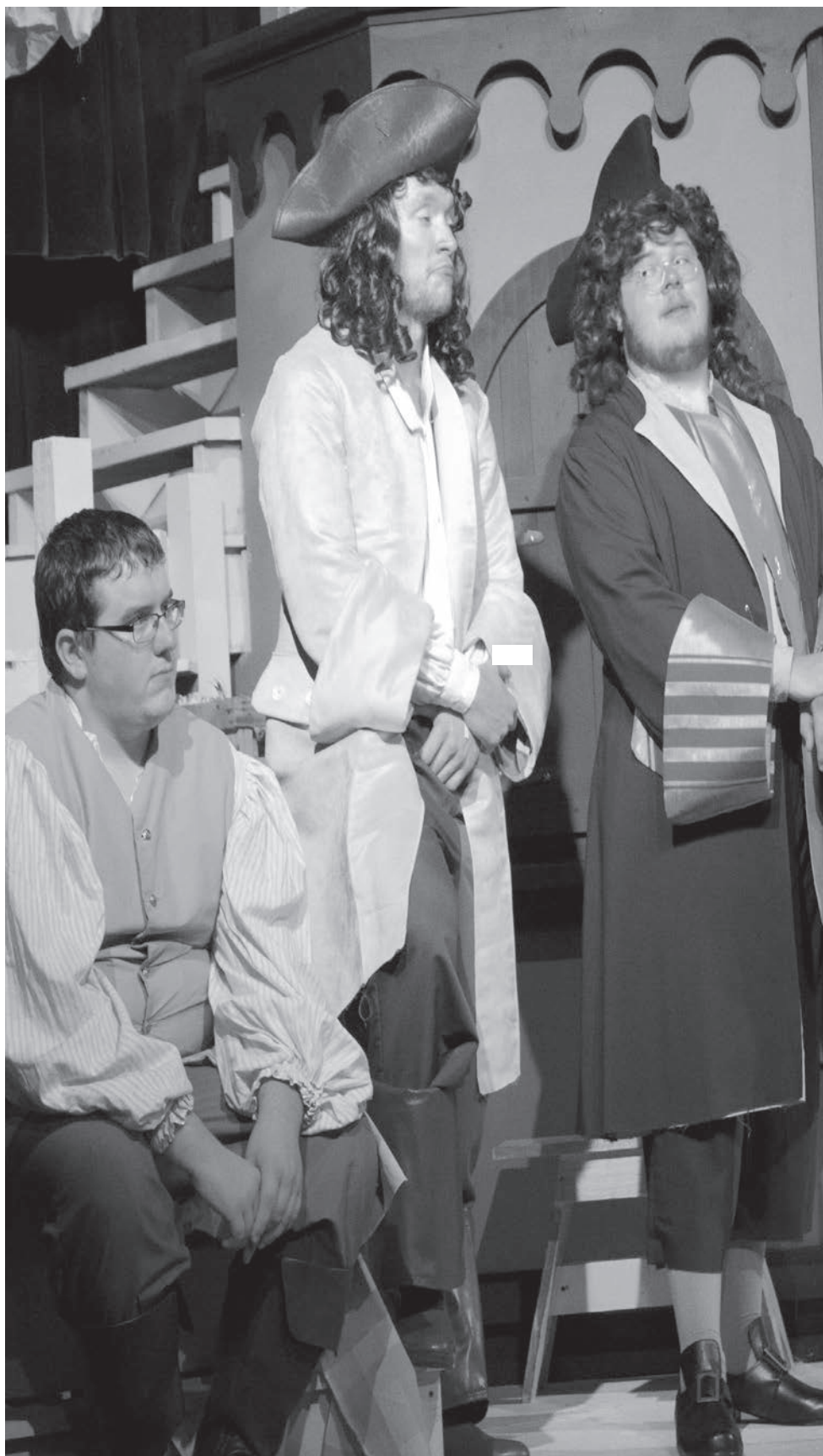
Johnson was also able to expand her portfolio in more than one way by playing the lead.

"I've learned how to do costuming, talk like a pirate and it is the first time I have done a Speakspear production."

The next play that the Performing Arts will perform is "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," which will take place the first and second weekends of October.

McPherson College students act out the play "The Taming of the Shrew," during a dress rehearsal.

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Emergency Response Get Honored



PHOTO BY ASHTON
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Emergency Response were honored at the first home football game of the season, Saturday September 5th, during halftime.

BY JORDYN LIPE
SPECTATOR STAFF

Late Saturday afternoon, a new tradition was started which hopes to reoccur in years to come; tailgating in front of the McPherson College Sport Center. The Business Club and C.A.R.S. Club joined together in an event called "Service Saturday." Burgers and brats sold by the Business Club and root beer floats offered at donation by C.A.R.S. Club combined to invite community members to come and support the first responders of the community.

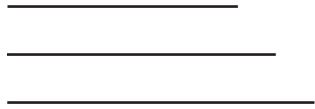
First responders and their families were welcomed to the campus and the cookout to enjoy food and fellowship. Students in C.A.R.S. Club were invited to showcase their project cars for the community to admire. Among the cars there was an Oliver tractor presented by Austin Hiebert, junior, and a Fairlane used by the college to compete in the Great Race. Along with the cars presented, a firetruck, police car and ambulance

were present to offer entertainment to the children that were present.

"Building a sense of community and bringing groups across campus and the community is what we hoped to accomplish with this event," Andrew Ehling, Director of Athletics, said. "We want to support athletics, but also support the community through fun and relaxing socialization."

The turnout for the event was better than was anticipated. Representatives from all of the first responders groups included a K-9 Unit, a 911 dispatcher, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters and police officers from the McPherson Police and Fire Departments.

After the tailgating party, the first responders and families were guests of the football game against Doane College. Following the Diamond Dogs performance at the halftime, the first responders were recognized on the 50 yard line for their work and dedication to the McPherson community.



Available On-Campus Jobs for Students



BY AYSIA PRYOR
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McPherson College offers on-campus jobs to students in various departments. These jobs could include working as an assistant, manager or even a crew member. Some of the on-campus jobs are eligible for federal work study, which helps students earn financial aid through a part-time job.

“Working on-campus has opened so many doors for me,” Rea Samuels, senior, said. “It has taught me a lot about the type of work I want to do after I graduate and provided me with the leadership skills I need to pursue that work.”

Students have the opportunity to do work in the field that they desire, which gives them the chance to see what work they plan on doing in their future.

The following positions are still available:

Rick Tyler of the Theatre Department is looking for a

McPherson College student working in the dining hall to help serve food as a part-time job.

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student that can sew. Tyler can be contacted by email at tylerr@mcpherson.edu.

Food service workers in the Dining Hall are needed. Contact Martin Porter at mporter@mcpherson.edu.

Office Assistant: Requires a person who is capable of proof-reading documents, producing creative works, moving about on campus to pick-up or deliver items, independetly complete projects, keeping confidences about student work and grades, navigating LMS, doing research, and completing basic office tasks. An average of two hours a week will be needed. Contact Becki Bowman at bowmanb@mcpherson.edu.

Ambassador: Gives campus tours to prospective students, assist with visit days, assist with campus hosted events and other admissions duties as needed. Contact Danna Gordon by emailing her at gordond@mcpherson.edu.

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Daniel May for Participation/Scholarship by Katie Sawyer, Director of Career Services

Daniel May is leaving no opportunity untouched during his time at McPherson College. As a senior, May plans to graduate in May 2016 with a bachelor’s degree in business, emphasis in finance, accounting and management, and a minor in communication and entrepreneurship. His resume includes a lengthy list of clubs, organizations and professional development opportunities, which he has used to help prepare him for the working world and provide him a better perspective of life in America.

May grew up in Venezuela and traveled to the U.S. as a high school exchange student in Linn, Kan. He earned a football scholarship to McPherson College and has spent his collegiate years studying in the U.S. and seeing family during the summer months.

At the start of 2015, May began an internship with CHS (formerly NCRA) at the McPherson refinery. Knowing he wanted and needed real-world experience, he took on the opportunity, balancing it with classes and extracurricular activities which include Business Club, SAB and the P3 mentorship program.

May continued his position as a corporate accounting intern through the summer and will remain on staff during his final year at McPherson College.

“It’s been a really good experience,” he said. “I have been treated like family. It’s been good because I’m getting the corporate experience with the small community feel.”

Finding an internship while in college was important for May because it allowed him to better understand the concepts learned in class and “connect the dots” between work and school.

However, one of the most impactful aspects of his internship has been the people he has met and connections he has established. This was especially true of an end-of-the-summer trip he made to the CHS headquarters in Minnesota. He took part in an internship experience wrap-up and met many company executives and vice presidents, including one who also grew up in Venezuela.

“The connections and networking are so valuable,” May said. “I have met several people who have been helpful and provided really good advice.”

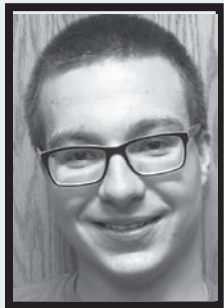
May believes his internship will better position him for a job after graduation and provide him with unique opportunities that others will not have.

“Internships are a great way to develop yourself and find out how you will fit into the real world,” he said. “You learn how to work with co-workers and the more experience you have the better positioned you are to get a job.”

After graduation, May hopes to work in merger acquisitions/investment opportunities, helping a company identify and plan growth opportunities.

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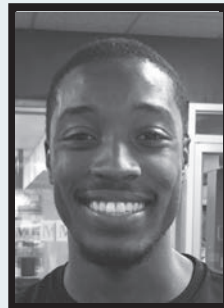
What do you think about the high number of students on campus this semester?



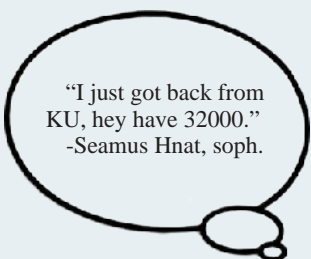
"We need more chicks, we should have a nursing program." -John Bubnis, jun.



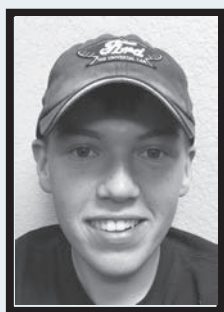
"I think classes are too crowded." -Paige Morris, soph.



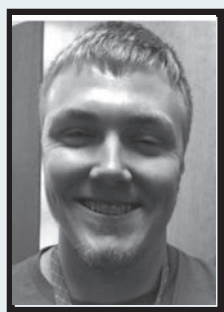
"Amazing, because more poeple build a larger Mac family." -Jawaun Stuart, sen.



"I just got back from KU, hey have 32000." -Seamus Hnat, soph.



"They need to update the facilities to fit the class sizes." -Ethan Winter, jun.



"A lot busier, its hard to get use to." -Jasmine Helms, jun.



Look Back On What You've Accomplished

BY BAILLEY MCKINLEY
SPECTATOR STAFF

As part of freshman year we all take seminar. Part of this year's freshman seminar is a book called "This I Believe". This book basically contains a series of short stories that are written by everyday people and detail something that they believe in. People choose to write about almost anything from believing in being kind to believing in patching clothes. As school starts to get into full swing and

people start stressing out, I would like to share something that I believe in. Hopefully this will help you gain perspective over your stress filled lives and feel accomplished in what you do.

I believe in taking time to hike a mountain. Anyone who knows me knows I'm not very athletic; I honestly can barely throw a football, but there is something relaxing about taking time to get in a nice hike.

This past Labor Day weekend I got the opportunity to go hike my first

fourteener in Colorado. For those of you who don't know what a fourteener is, it is basically a mountain that meets or exceeds an elevation of fourteen thousand feet above sea level. It is an intimidating feeling to look up at this mountain and tell yourself that you're going to make it to the top.

I will be honest with you all and tell you I didn't make it all the way to the top, but I got high enough to look down into the valley and see what I had accomplished and, I was in awe. I might

not have got to the top but in that moment when I was looking out over the valley I was proud with what I had accomplished. All the effort I had put in had gotten me to this spectacular view. It gave me a sense of accomplishment to see what I did complete. I knew in that moment that the next time I hike a fourteener I will make it to the top.

The point of this though is that sometimes you can't fully accomplish what you want to. Sometimes it's just not within your current lim-

its. Just like the mountain I tried to hike. When you think you have failed, look back and see what you have accomplished. It might not be the ultimate goal you were striving for, but always look back and notice that you have accomplished something.

Stress often gets the best of us especially as projects start to pile up, but in my opinion you have to take a second and look back to see what you have accomplished. Notice that you have one less project, paper

or chapter to read for one of your classes. By looking back then you notice the headway you are making through your studies. You feel less overwhelmed.

I never made it to the top of that mountain, but I looked out over the valley and knew that I gave my best effort. I never got to see the valley from the top of that mountain but I was proud of what I was able to accomplish. So look back and see what has been accomplished and be proud.

Advice for Freshmen

BY TIM COUVILLON
SPECTATOR STAFF

Let us start with the basics; last year you were seniors at a very familiar place with lots of people you knew. This year is different; you are freshmen again. You are no longer upperclassmen and you can't hold onto that attitude.

It is important to be confident and outgoing, just don't act like you own the place. With transition comes change, remember you don't

have to be the best on the field you have just begun studying.

The best way to learn is to make a few mistakes, so don't be afraid to come out of your shell and be a little crazy. When you do, and I really hope you do, remember to take responsibility for it.

This doesn't mean spreading around rumors, this means admitting you did something wrong and doing what is required to make it right.

Situations may seem terrible or life shattering at the time but it is not; everyone does it and it is part of being an adult. When you mess up, stand tall and face it head on. It is not the challenges we face or the mistakes we make that define us, it is the way we react to them that determines who we really are.

You only have four years at McPherson College. Right now it seems like a long time, but it will go by much faster than you think. Do not

be afraid to do everything you had planned on doing in college and then some, as soon as you have the chance. If you wait too long you might not be able to.

Time management is key. Get your homework done early, do your papers on time and use the rest of your time here to make your college life as great as possible. See the world around you and use your extra time to travel and grow yourself as an individual.

Do not procrastinate writ-

ing your papers the night before they are due. Start by at least noon the day before. It makes a big difference to start as little as an hour earlier each time. Do not let the excuses lead to making the situation worse.

Focusing on other people is important. You might make some friends by telling them about how great you are, but you will make a lot more by getting to know people. Being awesome might help you make friends, but making people

see how awesome they are will make you many more.

Learn from the people around you. You might come from an amazing place and have some great stories, but you're not here to spread that around. You are here to learn other people's stories. Most of your professors have amazing stories and plenty of wisdom to share with you so soak it up.

Happy Birthday, 'Spectator'

BY MIRANDA CLARK
ULRICH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As we celebrate the 100th volume of "The Spectator," you may notice many changes to the newspaper. The design, for one, has been entirely redesigned in order to give "The Spectator" a fresh look. Another change is that the newspaper is now being printed at

the "Salina Journal" rather than in Hutchinson. These changes should not only save money, but also to make "The Spectator" a more enjoyable newspaper to read.

The biggest design change to "The Spectator" is switching from a tabloid to a broadsheet layout. The broadsheet allows the page designers more flexibility.

Each section of the news-

paper has a section editor, who lays out stories and pictures. The tabloid style was more restricting because the pages were not as large.

However, the overall size of "The Spectator" has not changed. Before the redesign "The Spectator" had 16 pages. Now there are eight pages, but each page is approximately twice the size, making the overall size about the same.

The new design includes a new flag (the name of the newspaper at the top of the front page), a referral section, a calendar and general overhaul of the newspaper's look. "The Spectator" will also include a "Mission Feature" each issue. This will focus on a student or students who live out some aspect of the college's mission: "Scholarship, Participation, Service." Each issue

will also include a "Wonder of Campus," where you can learn something interesting about the college that few know about.

The timing was good for a new design and broadsheet layout because we are switching printing companies this fall. This change should save money and help the environment because the per-copy cost was lower and we have the option to print

fewer copies than the 1,000 minimum in previous years.

We at "The Spectator" hope that the McPherson College community will appreciate and enjoy the changes. We encourage anyone who wants to get involved to contact Miranda Clark Ulrich, Editor-In-Chief, at clarmir@bulldog.mcpherson.edu.

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Bulldogs Can't Hold On Against Ranked Tigers

BY CALEB HECKER
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With the 2015 season beginning, the McPherson College football team is experiencing a completely new start. A roster of mostly newcomers and a new Head Coach, Paul Mierkiewicz, allows for a year with new expectations from last year.

Wide receiver, Michael Ramos, senior, said that the team's youth is a little bit of a concern at the beginning of the season.

"We are young, and it might take a while for the young guys to settle in and realize it's not high school football anymore," Ramos said.

The roster consists of 47 freshmen coming in to the season, so youth is going to be a concern. However, wide receiver, Justin Fagan, junior, said that will not hinder the team's success.

"We all need to polish our techniques and put in the extra work," Fagan said. "We're young and thin, but that doesn't mean we can't be successful. We just need to get to work on and continue to grow as a team and a fam-

ily." The Bulldogs opened their season September 5 against the Doane College Tigers. The Bulldogs lost 54-7 to the Tigers, who are ranked No. 22.

Despite the struggles in the first game of the new season, Fagan said it is not who the team is and that the loss had nothing to do with the youth of the team.

"The score of the game didn't represent who we are as a team. Our coaches recruited guys who come every day and bring relentless effort," he said. "With an attitude and approach like that, age doesn't matter, we'll be just fine."

Coach Mierkiewicz had good things to say about the effort put forth by the Bulldogs in the loss.

"We played a really good team, but we never gave up and we fought for all four quarters," Mierkiewicz said. "We had a lot of correctable mistakes that can be fixed as we clean up our execution."

Quarterback RJ Garza, freshman, said



the team showed great tenacity throughout the loss.

"We were backed into a corner, but the team never gave up," Garza said. "We didn't quit and kept fighting through all four quarters."

Garza said the team's

success does not necessarily depend on winning.

"Obviously every team wants to win a conference championship, but it would be nice if we can grow and bond as not just as a team, but as a family as well," Garza said.

Fagan said in order for the team to be successful, they want to compete every week.

"The league and media picked McPherson College Football to be near the bottom of the conference this year. That's not the team we see ourselves

as, so for it to be a success, we just have to prove to everyone that they picked us wrong," Fagan said. "We are going to compete with every team in our conference regardless of their name or personnel, and they are going to say they didn't expect us to be as competitive as we played."

After a week off, the Bulldogs next game will be September 19 against Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan.

Center photo: Dalton Whitfield, sophomore, makes a tackle for the Bulldogs.

Bottom photo: Joseph Mooney, junior, attempts to tackle Tigers quarterback.

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STERLING



BY HUGO BALL-GREENE
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The McPherson College men's soccer team, currently ranked No. 24 in the nation, begin the 2015 season with two harsh losses. The Bulldogs fell against Benedictine College on Sept. 3 with a score of 2-1. They also lost to the University of Science

and Arts from Oklahoma, No. 18, on Sept. 5 with a score of 3-0.

During the game against USAO, the Bulldogs conceded two goals in the first five minutes of the first half.

The Bulldogs did have a few chances with some shots that were on target from Kevin n'Dongo, Nick

Torres, and Brayam De La Cruz. However, their attempts to find the net did not succeed.

In the second half, USAO increased the lead at the 68th minute, making it 3-0. With only about 20 minutes remaining, the Bulldogs' chances of coming back into the game were made almost

non-existent

With a lot of key players gone and an important amount of newcomers in the team, the Bulldogs do need some time to understand each other and to find the right formation and tactics.

"It's a learning process for everybody, especially for the freshmen who need to

adapt to the level of college soccer. The team overall has potential to compete against top ranked teams, yet still needs some time for the chemistry to install itself," Captain Kevin Ndongo said.

Similar to the past year, the men's soccer team started their season with two losses. Although, in

2014 this helped them to get back on track and to be on a winning streak during four straight matches.

"Since it's only the beginning of the season, the team still needs to play more games in order to get more experience, and for things to get along well," Ndongo said.

	McPherson	USAO
Shots Taken	12	23
Shots On Frame	4	12
Corner Kicks	1	11
Saves	9	4
Offsides	1	2

Men's Soccer Falls to Top 20 USAO



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Top photo: Captain Kevin Ndongo, senior, dribbles through two University of Science and Arts players to give the Bulldogs an opportunity on goal.

Left photo: Defender David Nobo, junior, heads the ball away from University of Science and Arts player Stephen Owusu to deny a goal scoring opportunity.



Women's Soccer Loses To Ranked Team

BY OMAR PEREZ
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The McPherson women's soccer team this year has had several changes. Doug Quint has stepped down from the Athletic Director position to take on a new role as the Head Coach for both men's and women's soccer teams in an attempt to better last year's women's record.

The Lady Bulldogs have also gained a new Assistant Coach, Mark Olsen, who has a great array of soccer knowledge due to his coaching career with various teams including some roles with squads that were affiliated with the Sporting Kansas City Organization.

The Bulldogs have 16 returners from last season, but have also been revamped with four new signings for this year's season. From the four newcomers, there are transfers from junior colleges, Belen Villegas, Bereniz Velazquez and Sheryl Evans, and have one lone incoming freshmen, Alexis Lynn.

The Lady Bulldogs

started their season this past weekend with a 2-0 loss to the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. The match was very physical and although the Bulldogs played hard and were organized defensively, they could not overcome some discipline issues on the field. Two players, Heather Diamond, junior, and Cydney Lewis, junior, received yellow cards. Lewis ended up with a double yellow, which turned into a red and was ejected from the game.

Sheryl Evans, junior, played well even though she was scored on twice. She recorded 14 saves in the match. The Bulldogs look to turn it around and have their second game of the season on Labor Day, which means no days off for the women's team as they travel to Nebraska to face Grace University.



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CLARK ULRICH

Left midfielder Alexis Lynn, freshman, plays the ball upfield for a Bulldogs opportunity towards goal against University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

VOLLEYBALL BESTED BY BETHANY



Jocelyn Cochran plays the ball for McPherson against Bethany in Volleyball's last home game.

BY JOHANNA
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SPECTATOR STAFF

Each year, college teams go through changes with players graduating and transferring to different schools. For the McPherson College volleyball team, however, the number of new players outnumbers the returners, as the 2015 season begins.

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, McPherson hosted Bethany in the first KCAC Conference match of the season. The team lost three games to one, but had many personal highlights. One of these was from hitter Taryn Lee, senior, who had a career-high of 24 kills spanned over the four games.

Lee contributed her success to the excitement of the start of conference play, as well as her responsibility of helping to lead the team as one of only three seniors on the roster.

"I knew that it being our first conference game, and Bethany bringing a completely different team, I had a job to put the ball down. When we were struggling, I knew I had to step it up even more," Lee said.

Early in the season, these women are looking to work out the kinks before they get deep into conference play. Lee is optimistic that the addition of the new players will ultimately benefit the Bulldogs, even if it takes a while to get into rhythm.

"Having so many new players that have good

experience and great volleyball skills are going to benefit us more than McPherson College has ever seen," Lee said.

Part of getting comfortable with each other comes with experience and playing lots of matches. Weekend tournaments, though exhausting, can help speed up this process.

On Sept. 5 and 6, the team went to Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kan. and played a total of 15 games over matches with four different teams. They lost both Saturday matches in three games each, against Montana Tech and Peru State College.

On Sept. 7, McPherson won their first match 3-1 over Bacone College, and lost their second match of the day 2-3 to Southwestern Christian University. The final game of the match against SCU ended with McPherson losing by just three points, 12-15.

Lee says they will not back down from the challenges ahead, concluding that the team is getting better each day and ready to show they can improve on the team's 2014 record of 11-19.

"When the chemistry comes together, we are capable of beating whoever we want," says Lee.

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ALLEN

RUNNERS TAKE OFF WITH GOOD START

BY PARKES WOLTER
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For the Bulldogs, the 2015 Cross Country started off in Iola, Kan. as Allen County played host to seven men's and five women's teams at the Kings Sandwich Classic on Friday, Aug. 28th.

Both men and women teams competed well, given that this was only the first race of the year. Typically, at the collegiate level, men's races are 8K races while women's races total 5 kilometers, however that was not the case at this meet. The men and women's team ran a shorter distance than normal, running a 5K and 4K, respectively.

The 'top dog' for the men, at the Allen County meet was Michael Janzer, junior. He finished with a time of 16:33.52, placing him ninth overall. Janzer had this to say about his season debut, "I felt pretty confident, we've been training pretty hard, and I felt pretty strong coming back into this season."

Dixon Cooney, senior, was the next runner to cross

the tape, stopping the watch at 16:58.95. Behind Cooney, Jerod Fuller, freshman, and Felix Cervantes, junior, finished in close proximity to each other posting times of 17:24.93 and 17:28.89, respectively.

Kurt Katzdorn, junior, was the final runner to round out the five man scoring team. Katzdorn posted a time of 17:37.65. Filling the rest of the eight-man team were Gavin Hightower, freshman, (17:56.46), Gustavo Pelayo, freshman, (18:27.81), Jonathan Dominguez, sophomore, (18:31.40), and Karl Timmerman, junior, (22:34.16).

On the women's side, it was Miranda Clark Ulrich, senior, who paved the way for the rest of the runners as she crossed the finish line 14th overall with a time of 17:04.96.

Not long after Clark Ulrich crossed the tape, Taylor Dreiling, sophomore, also finished, with a time of 17:17.01, which placed her within the top

twenty runners. The third runner to cross the finish line was Laura Gibson, sophomore, finishing with a time of 17:37.89. Lauren Wankum, sophomore, and Savana Cross, senior, finished within a second of each other, with Wankum running a time of 17:53.32 followed closely by Cross' time of 17:54.19. Rounding out the eight-person team was Erika Doty, junior, (18:49.49), Amanda Lolling, freshman, (20:49.76), and Damaje Markham, junior, (22:23.15).

The runners will enjoy a break as they are not scheduled to race again until Sept. 12. They will compete at Sterling, Kan. in the Sterling College Invitational.

New personal records are expected throughout the season as the team will compete at many flat, fast courses in preparation for the flat course that will be used for the KCAC Championships hosted by Tabor College in early November.

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CLARK ULRICH

Kurt Katzdorn runs for McPherson in Kings Sandwich Classic.

