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Local Stores Welcome Fall With Open Houses



PHOTOS BY JORDYN LIPE

A Few Of My Favorite Things on Main St. displays new fall decor for the open house welcoming the season.



BY JORDYN LIPE SPECTATOR STAFF

Refreshments for customers at A Few Of My Favorite Things.

Last weekend, Main St. hosted its fall open house for shoppers. Fall mums decorated the streets of McPherson and downtown windows are brimming with fall décor in preparation for the season. Signs reminded people to be thankful, which means Thanksgiving is right

around the corner.

Several downtown stores celebrated the arrival of the new season with open houses just a few days shy of the first day of fall, which officially starts on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

A Few of My Favorite Things, Venable Jewelry,

Cooks Nook and Twice Told Tales, all participated in hosting an open house for community members to congregate, enjoy refreshments and browse sale items as well as new seasonal goods.

A Few of My Favorite Things offered a storewide discount and customers could enjoy spice cake, cookies and fresh iced tea while they browsed the store full of décor, purses, baby articles, wedding albums and motif, as well as many other decorative items.

Twice Told Tales, a bookstore whose focus is on making reading fun and affordable, encouraged customers to stop by to check out the variety of used books and enjoy a cup of tea or a fresh pastry.

Jewish Holiday Dates

BY JORDYN LIPE SPECTATOR STAFF

The Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur, began at sunset on Sept. 22 and lasts 25 hours. The Day of Atonement is celebrated as the holiest of holidays for the Jewish religion.

Halloween falls on Saturday, Oct. 31, when the little goblins and ghosts will be out looking for tricks and treats. A few weeks later people will be feasting on

turkey dinner as they celebrate Thanksgiving, on Thursday, Nov. 26, before charging into shopping brigade the day after Thanksgiving.

Local farmers were out in full force taking advantage of the nice weather to get their fall crops harvested before cold weather sets in.

High Enrollment Numbers

BY JORDYN LIPE SPECTATOR STAFF

This year's freshman class of 194 students is the highest number that has been seen in forty years.

Along with 71 transfer students, the year is promising and retention rate for 2015 is at 71 percent. "I have noticed an

increase in students and more crowded hallways," Hector Reyes, sr., said.

There are 617 fulltime students currently enrolled.

There are currently 12 students who live off campus but pay for housing through the college, which may continue through upcoming years.

Facts regarding acceptance of the LGBTQ community and how students on McPherson College campus are involved.

Gay Marriage

A study done by Pew Research Center found approval among millennials is at an all-time high!

70% of generation Y is accepting; up 6% from 2012!

How are we involved?

Organizations like GLOW provide a safe place for people of different genders and sexualities.

"The past couple years have been a little slow as far as activities as a group to get our name out there but this year we have a lot more ideas and are hoping to get out to the campus more."

"We are here for anyone who wants to be accepted for who they are."

acceptance

How Do We Compare?
 Generation X: 49%
 Baby Boomers: 38%

A Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing study found family acceptance of LGBT adolescents is associated with positive young adult mental and physical health.

VICE PRESIDENT OF GLOW CAITLYN BLAGRAVE, JR.

GRAPHIC BY CHANNING WALL



PHOTO BY JORDYN LIPE

Hoffman Student Union

State Fair Festivities Wrap Up For Season

BY JORDYN LIPE SPECTATOR STAFF

What started over 100 years ago continues to thrive every year as Hutchinson, Kan. welcomed the Kansas State Fair once more this September. As in previous years, the crowds drawn every year have helped to secure the up and coming performers to the Grand Stand. Artists' Three Days Grace, Sam Hunt and The Oak Ridge Boys were among those performing in front of up to 9,700 fans; Gabriel Iglesias, Little Big Town, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts and Hairball were others who drew crowds to the fair.

The fair hosts a variety of entertainment. Some shows included in the \$10 gate pass was Bruno's Wild Tiger show, with the world's only tight rope walking tiger, the Ron Diamond Comic Hypnotist and the chainsaw artist. A street vendor also performed on a 10-foot high pogo-stick and shoved his entire body through the netting of a small tennis racket while the crowd cheered him on.

Another draw to the fair is always the food.

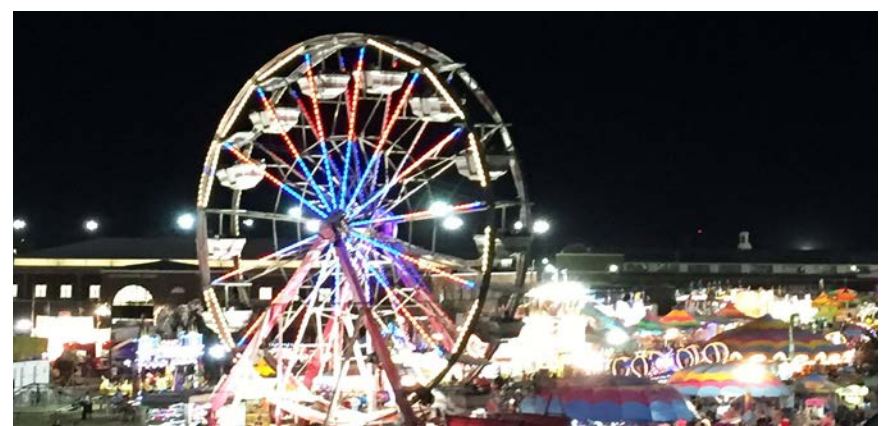


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Kansas State Fair from Sky Lift ride.

New this year were the options of pumpkin spice funnel cake, double-smoked bacon popcorn, Cap'n Crunch corn dogs, Oreo churros, chicken lollipops, deep-fried peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and jalapeno Twinkies.

The theme of the 2015 KSF was Fried n'Joy, with the emphasis being on both all of the fried goodies you could possibly eat, and having the joy of your life while attending the state fair which went from Friday, Sept. 11, to Sunday, Sept. 20.

The Pride of Kansas building houses the annual "butter sculpture," which depicted youngster devouring

pronto puts. Also located in the Pride of Kansas building was the largest pumpkin on record for the KSF, weighing in at 1,034 pounds. Alongside the largest pumpkins were watermelons, cantaloupes and a large variety of gourds.

Kansas drew many talented artists to the different contests of KSF including: professional artists, the elderly, children, adults, teens and the handicapped, allowing all to display their own personal talents. There were paintings, antiques and creations of all sorts, along with photography, paintings, ceramics, designing of shoes and boots, with award ribbons to be

handed out on the last day of the fair.

Kids, young and old, enjoyed the rides and games along with the old fair favorites of cotton candy, lemonade, funnel cakes and slushies. The Kansas State Fair train was a hit as well as the "Ye old Mill" ride, which celebrated its 100th year at the Kansas State Fair. The 2015 Kansas State Fair ended on a loud note, with the Truck and Tractor Pull on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Money talks: Your view matters

Create a video, have a voice and win cash!

If you're 15 to 25 years old, enter the Money Talks Video Contest and share your views on the potential and pitfalls of money.

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Enter from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15. For details visit everence.com/moneytalks.



WONDERS OF CAMPUS

A Visual History Of McPherson College

1887 *Chartered*
Members of the Brethren church noticed a need for higher education and chartered McPherson College.

1888 *Starting Small*
First semester started with 60 students & 7 faculty

1891 *Christening*
Christened as "McPherson College"

1906
Supported through endowment, a Carnegie Library was added.

1921 *Official*
One of the first Kansas schools to receive accreditation.

1926 *Diamonds*
J. Willard Hershey created one of the very first man-made diamonds on McPherson College Campus.

1930's *Depression*
President Vernon F. Schwalm lead the school through economic hard times when the market crashed.

1962 *B.C.A*
Registered as charter members of Brethren Colleges Abroad.

1976 *Automotive*
Gaines H. "Smokey" Billue, a local entrepreneur, sparked the Auto Restoration Program by donating money for Templeton Hall as well as a portion of his antique and classic car collection.

1997 *Celebrity Support*
Jay Leno has helped fund the Auto Restoration Technology program since 1997 and been a member of the National Advisory Board since 1998.

2015 *You Are Here*
Spectator celebrates 100th year.
* Over 600 students enrolled.
* Entrepreneurship program continues to grow since 2010.

GRAPHIC BY CHANNING WALL

Group Of Fellows Working To Bring Entrepreneurship Into Classrooms

BY JORDYN LIPE
SPECTATOR STAFF

Passion for teaching has brought professors to McPherson College for years. A new focus brings hope for a passion in entrepreneurship. A new group on campus made up of "Fellows," professors to be exact, whose goal is to learn more about entrepreneurship and how they can incorporate it into their classrooms. The Horizon Faculty Fellowship group will use the concept of entrepreneurship to lift up liberal arts.

"To infuse a liberal arts education with the philosophy of entrepreneurship will create excitement and improve the students' experience at McPherson College," Michaela Groeblicher, assistant professor of art said, "it shows that the college cares about the students way beyond their time here on campus."

Along with Groeblicher,

Dale Hartley, assistant professor of business; Allen Van Asselt, professor of chemistry; Manjula Koraegedara, assistant professor of chemistry; Ann Zerger, professor of art; and Garrick Green, associate professor of technology, collaborate as Fellows in this new idea. Five of the ideas submitted to the Horizon Faculty Fellowship committee were selected and hope to materialize on campus.

"Regarding my proposed course, the Art and Practice of Negotiation, everyone negotiates, but few receive any formal training," Hartley said.

"I think this course will be valuable to any student regardless of major. There may also be an opportunity to interest the business and professional community in negotiation training."

The idea to use entrepreneurship to give our liberal arts education context started at the Kauffman

Foundation. The "Ideal McPherson College Graduate" (a document that was created by McPherson faculty) or IMG, was shown to a vice president at The Kauffman Foundation seven years ago. A few characteristics included in an entrepreneur are a learner who "acquires and evaluates information, thinks critically and creatively, and integrates knowledge and experience with exploration and choice of career." Since then, the transformative entrepreneurship minor has become available for students. The Horizon Faculty Fellowship is set up as a yearly program so that this year's Fellows will become mentors to next year's Fellows. At the end of the year, the goal is to recognize Fellows as Entrepreneurship Champions that are able to incorporate entrepreneurship in the classroom.

"We want to make more doers, more action-oriented



PHOTO BY JORDYN LIPE

Green shows car parts created by 3D printer that will be cast in metal.

graduates," Dustin Wilgers, professor of chemistry.

The goal is to bring entrepreneurial creativity and thinking in the classroom for the benefit of both the pro-

fessor and the students.

The group currently meets once a month during lunch and discusses literature of entrepreneurship and each other's thoughts. The group

was made so professors could be of support for each other as well as be able to build off of their ideas.

Scottish Festival Provides Weekend Activities

BY JORDYN LIPE
SPECTATOR STAFF

Lakeside Park of McPherson, Kan., attracts several thousand visitors every year when it hosts the annual McPherson Scottish Festival. The name of the town itself is of Scottish heritage and invites the perfect location for a heritage festival.

The festival is not limited to those of Scottish-heritage and is open to the public.

This year, the 2015 IHGF All American Highland Games Championship will be held during the festival with the winner going on to compete in Norway next year.

The festival also offers traditional Scottish dances, music, food and children's games and activities. This year, the festival will also be hosting the National Champion Border Collie for sheep herding in its annual sheepdog herding demonstration. Clydesdales, Scottish cattle, falcons and raptors will also

be present for the festivities. There will be a small British car show and scotch tasting, which will be held at the McPherson Museum.

Children can experience face painting, small highland games, watch fencing demonstrations and learn to play the harp. This year will be different from previous years as bagpipes will not be attending the festival.

"I think it's a great thing to have here," Laura Gibson, jr. and a Scotland native, said about the upcoming festival. "It's good that Americans are involved this way with their heritage and with the highland games."

Gibson plans on attending the festival which will start Sept. 26 and run until Sept. 27. The festival will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. on Saturday, then start again on Sunday at 9 a.m. and run until 5 p.m. There will be a charge for tickets at the entrances to the festival, but are good for all day events and activities.



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WHO?

All students — all degree areas and grade levels — who are planning to or considering applying for graduate or professional school following graduation.

WHAT?

An opportunity to learn more about the graduate school application process, determine your application timeline and learn tips, tools and resources for applying.

WHERE?

Maker's Space, basement of Miller Library.

WHEN?

Noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2.

*Please feel free to bring your lunch — No RSVP required.

Questions: Email Katie Sawyer, Career Services Director at sawyerk@mcpherson.edu.

Horizon Fund Promotes Entrepreneurship

BY JORDYN LIPE
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One thing that sets McPherson College apart from other liberal arts schools is its promotion of entrepreneurship. One of the biggest involvements for entrepreneurship on campus was started five years ago with the forming of the Horizon Fund. Since its beginning, the group has awarded grants to over 200 individuals and groups ranging from \$25 to \$500 to help with the start-up of ideas and dreams. When the Horizon Fund was first started, the goal was to give students an opportunity to take risks and explore news options.

"We wanted to give a safe place to students to explore their ideas and be creative and for them to know somebody believes in them and their idea," Abbey Archer-Rierison, chief of staff, said about the purpose for the Horizon Fund.

The Horizon Fund has helped students succeed beyond their college experience and several students have taken their initial idea, submitted to the grant-awarding program and have grown it beyond their initial expectations and limits originally set.

This fall, the program has already awarded one grant to a group of students at the beginning of

September. This particular group of students is currently working on the building of a 1915 Cyclone board track racer. One of the individuals, Jacob San Martin, soph., has received grants before from the Horizon Fund for various ideas.

"I feel like the Horizon Fund is great for the school because it gives the students freedom to explore their creativity," San Martin said. "The entire committee is really supportive and they want students to really make things happen."

As the Horizon Fund has grown every year, expectations still rise to make it even better and more efficient. Last year, the Horizon Fund received a grant from the McPherson Chamber of Commerce to expand their funds and give them more opportunity to give students the funds needed. Within the next year, the program is expecting to hear about a grant from the USDA which will allow the program to be taken to the next level.

"It will help to make more community connections and more training available for students to take their ideas to the next level," Archer-Rierison said, speaking of the grant and its meaning to the Horizon Fund. "There are only so many connections

and mentors we have here at the college, and if we are awarded this grant, it will help expand our resources for students."

Applications for the next round of Horizon Fund grants will be due on Sept. 25, to Abbey Archer-Rierison. The committee for the Horizon Fund will be meeting with applicants to interview them about their ideas on Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There is not one idea in which the Horizon Fund committee looks for, but rather ideas from any angle. Ideas in the past that have flourished and been successful include the community garden on the college campus, Bulldog Garage, and music label G-1 Entertainment, just to name a few.

Some of the ideas awarded grants this past spring semester included the incorporation of a trim and upholstery business called "Stitches," a recycling program on campus and the development of a self-charging phone case.

Ideas can be big or little as the sole purpose for the Horizon Fund grant is to support students to push their creativity to the next level and to chase their dreams to make them happen.

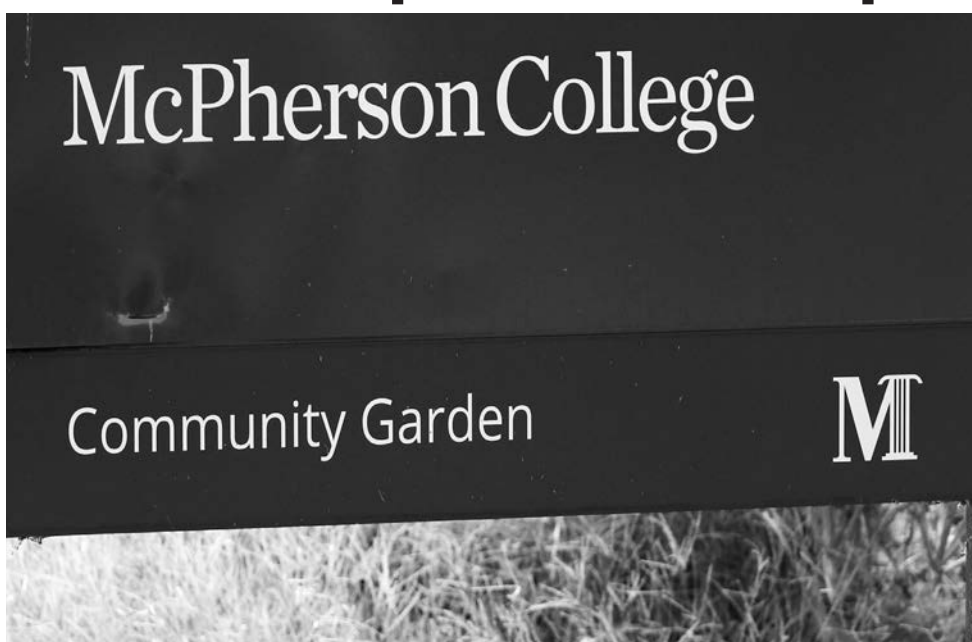


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The Community Garden was a Horizon Fund project and allows anyone who wants to garden to do so with a free plot of land.

Multiple Campus Pastors

BY JORDYN LIPE
SPECTATOR STAFF

The foundation of McPherson College has been largely grounded in the Church of the Brethren since its founding in 1887. Three men have served as campus pastor since 1983, yet none of them are currently working in the position. However, all still play an important roll on campus as they spend their time and service in the classroom. Their experiences have effected their view of today's generation as well as their sense of purpose in the classroom.

"My expectation was set because of my love for pastoral work as well as my love for working with youth and I always thought it was my calling to be a campus pastor," Steve Crain, professor of philosophy and religion, said about his realization and the start of his transition. "However, I learned that my calling was not to be a campus pastor, but rather that my calling was in the classroom."

Although they all enjoyed their time in the position, Crain, as well as Herbert Smith, professor of philoso-

phy and religion, and Tom Hurst, previous director of service, have grown in their careers as they pursue their passion. Dr. Smith has been coordinating and planning international trips with students for many years to help them experience the world through helping others. Hurst was responsible for starting up spring break service trips during his first year as campus pastor in the fall of 2006 after they had not occurred for many years. Since then, service trips are a large part of McPherson College and the current campus pastor, Jen Jensen, has taken over the coordination and planning of the trips. The 2015 spring break offered two trips for students to go on for free during the week; one to work with a Navajo reservation in New Mexico and the other to work at Heifer International in Arkansas.

"Being campus pastor means being the first person to be your cheerleader and the first person to give you a kick in the butt when you need it," Jensen said of her role on campus. "It is also to be the first person you can go to when you need

something."

Being campus pastor comes with the expectations of building relationships and working to incorporate His presence into the students. However after talking with Crain and Hurst, they agreed that it is so much more. Hurst spoke of the most powerful experience he gained from his five years in the position by seeing how the students reacted to service.

"The most satisfaction was from working with groups of sophomores who were working on projects with community agencies. This was because the students learned that when they give of themselves, they feel the joy that they share," Crain said.

Service is a considerable part of McPherson College, whether it is through collecting cans of food for a food drive, building homes for flood victims in Minnesota, or caring for the animals of an international organization. Building relationships and making connections with individuals on campus and off is the goal of the ministry and to be the glue which holds the campus together for support.



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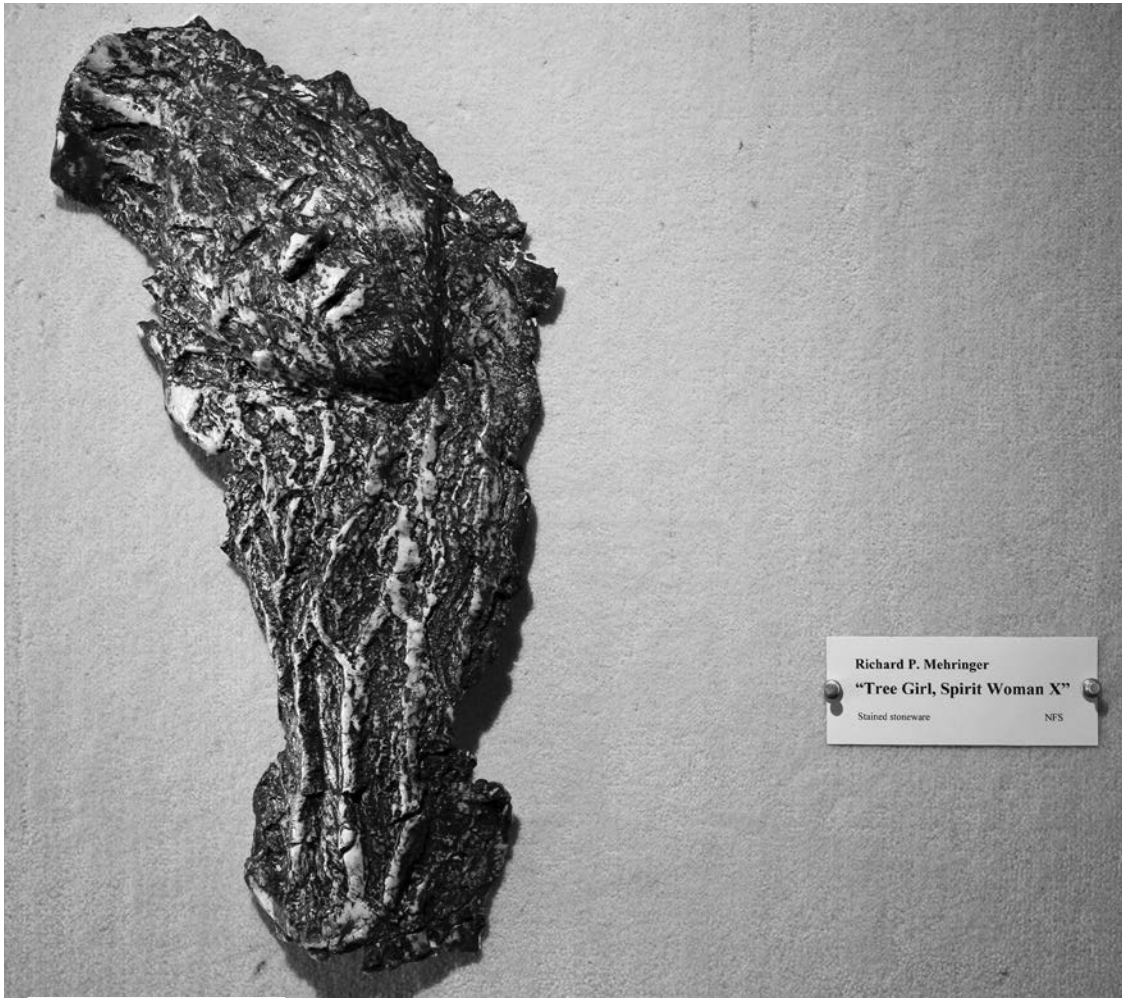
Steve Crain, associate professor of philosophy and religion, lectures a class in Melhorn Science Hall.

THE CAMPUS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 25TH - OCTOBER 29TH

4 BULLDOG MADNESS	5 HOMECOMING POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL	6 HOMECOMING	HOMECOMING MEN'S SOCCER VS. TABOR @ 4 P.M. WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. TABOR @ 6:30 P.M. VOLLEYBALL VS. SOUTHWESTERN @ 7 P.M.	8 HOMECOMING	9 HOMECOMING "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN" @ 7:30 P.M.	10 HOMECOMING FOOTBALL VS. OTTAWA @ 2 P.M. "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN" @ 7:30 P.M.
11	12	13 METZLER MYSTERY MURDER @ 7 P.M.	14 VOLLEYBALL VS. KWU @ 7 P.M.	15	16	17 MEN'S SOCCER VS. BETHEL @ 3 P.M. WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. BETHEL @ 12:30 P.M.
18	19 VOLLEYBALL VS. BETHEL @ 7 P.M.	20 DOTZOUR WATER PONG	21	22 METZLER BEER GOGGLE RELAY @ 7 P.M.	23 VOLLEYBALL VS. TABOR @ 7 P.M.	24 MEN'S SOCCER VS. OTTAWA @ 3 P.M. WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. OTTAWA @ 12:30 P.M.
25	26	27	28 BITTINGER HAUNTED BASEMENT @ 7 P.M.	29 MORRISON HAUNTED BASEMENT @ 7 P.M.	25	26 VOLLEYBALL VS. FRIENDS @ 2 P.M. FOOTBALL VS. BETHEL @ 7 P.M. CHEER CLINIC @ 7 P.M.
27	28 METZLER HUMAN HUNGRY HIPPOS @ 8 P.M.	29	30	1	2 "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN" @ 7:30 P.M.	3 WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. KWU @ 12:30 P.M. MEN'S SOCCER VS. KWU @ 3 P.M. "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN" @ 7:30 P.M.

Friendship Hall Welcomes Dual Art Exhibit



PHOTOS BY
AMANDA ALLEN

Art displayed in Friendship Hall by Linda and Richard Mehringer.

BY JASMINE HELMS
SPECTATOR STAFF

An “unintentional, husband-wife exhibition” has taken residence in Friendship Hall for the beginning of the 2015-2016 year at McPherson College. Richard and Linda Mehringer of Great Bend, Kan., are showcasing “Fused Expressions” in Friendship Hall.

Wayne Conyers, professor of art and former visual arts department chair at McPherson College, contacted Richard Mehringer about showcasing his works after Mehringer had displayed a few pieces at a show in March of 2015. Mehringer accepted the invitation then inquired about having another artist showcase their works with him. Conyers agreed to the idea, however he “never

expected it to be a husband and wife thing.” This led to the “Fused Expressions” exhibit which includes vibrant, floral and landscape photography by both Linda and Richard Mehringer, watercolor, jewelry and bronze sculpture each by Richard Mehringer. The show is set to come down Sept. 26.

The second exhibit in Friendship Hall will be installed on Oct. 1. This showing will include nostalgic photos and memorabilia of McPherson College in honor of Homecoming and Alumni events taking place in October.

According to Conyers, the showcase will be taken down on Oct. 20 and will be followed by the works of internationally-known, watercolor artist Sandra Schaffer. Schaffer’s works include still-life, landscape, Americana, contempo-

rary, and international genres. Her exhibition will come down on Nov. 21, tentatively. Friendship Hall will close 2015 featuring creations by McPherson College art students.

Conyers also expressed excitement about upcoming shows in the spring semester. However, he would not elaborate further. Students at McPherson College are equally enthusiastic about the upcoming exhibitions.

“I really like art, especially ceramics,” AJ Hop, sr., “So I’m excited to see what they will have throughout this school year.”



New Play to Take the Stage

BY CHRIS BELL
SPECTATOR STAFF

Coming off the great success of the production “The Taming of the Shrew,” McPherson College performing arts is producing “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown.” The productions are October 2-3 and 9-10 at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

The production features short vignettes of the six characters: Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy, Schroeder, and Sally. The plot is featured on Valentine’s Day and Beethoven’s Day and involves Charlie Brown trying to find out if he is a good man, as everyone says. At the end of the play, the audience learns that even though people make mistakes, it is important to be the best we can be.

The production is the senior capstone project for Joshua Hall. Hall contributed to the decision process, which resulted in “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown.”

“I chose Charlie Brown because it was the first musical that I ever saw that made me want to pursue a career in the performing arts,” Hall said. “It has always been a show near and dear to my heart and I have been waiting patiently for the perfect time to do it and what better time than my senior capstone. I felt it would challenge me both as an actor and a singer and be

a really good show to add to my resume.”

Anti-bullying movements have become very popular in recent years, and Charlie was often the victim of bullying. The play portrays Charlie being bullied when kicks a football and Lucy pulls the ball away. Another example is, on Valentine’s Day, the children walk up to Charlie showing off how many valentines’ cards they received, while Charlie received none.

The play uses a comic strip fashion with vignettes. The plot covers a year of Charlie’s life in a little over an hour. The set is made up of oversized office supplies, including a coffee mug, tape dispenser, and crayons, which are used to portray objects that are not the original purpose.

“You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” portrays hardships that young people often have, such as difficulty with bullying, school, and friends.

All of the cast from “The Taming of the Shrew” is in the production, and only had one day off before beginning practice for their next production, which they will have three weeks to prepare.



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MIRANDA CLARK
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Audrey Hollinger, soph., and Brandt Busse, resident director, act out “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” during rehearsals.

Metzler Hall Experience Flooding



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JORDYN LIPE

Metzler residence hall after the pipes had been fixed.

BY JORDYN LIPE
SPECTATOR STAFF

Creativity at its finest arose over the weekend of Sept. 12 and 13 for Metzler dorm residents. What appeared to be clothing had been flushed down the toilet causing the sewer to clog; this resulted in bathroom flooding on the hall's third floor.

"[It was] definitely not something that we expect to happen. Both student life and facility management did the best they could to deal with the situation," Brandt Busse, residential director for Metzler, said. "We feel bad about what happened and we hope that it does not happen again."

On Monday, Sept. 14, students roomed on the first floor

experienced bathroom flooding from a clogged drain as well. However, plumbers were unable to identify the issue because it was thought that all of the drains had been returned to their working condition.

"I came back to the dorms to see it covered in nearly an inch of water," Austin Crosby, soph., said, with frustration. "I valued everything that was wet/ruined after helping to clean up as much of the standing water that I could."

Crosby's rooms as well as another Metzler resident's room were victims of the flooding incident. Since the occurrence, everything has been cleaned and sanitized.

Exoneree Speaks on Campus

BY AYSIA PRYOR
CAMPUS EDITOR

Curtis McCarty wrongfully served 21 years in prison and 19 years on death row in Oklahoma. He is one of the 155 individuals since 1973 who have been sentenced to death and later exonerated.

On Dec. 10, 1982, Pamela Willis was raped and murdered in her home in Oklahoma City, OK., Curtis McCarty became a suspect due to his association with the victim. McCarty was interviewed by police several times over the next three years, but he was not apprehended until 1985.

Forensic analysts Joyce Gilchrist was under investi-

gation for allegedly reporting false results, which led her to re-examine the evidence. Gilchrist was then fired due to the fraud she committed. This led to investigation under McCarty's case, which then allowed him to be released. McCarty was exonerated in 2007 due to DNA proving his innocence.

McCarty is now a worldwide speaker telling his story and how he survived nearly being put to death. On Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. the McPherson community will be able to listen to his story in Mingenback Theatre.

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MISSION FEATURE

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BY JOHANNA HOFFMAN
SPECTATOR STAFF

People on campus recognize Tiffany Fraser for a number of reasons: she's a senior biochemistry major with a psychology minor, a soccer player, and a Middle School mentor for the P3 program, as well as being involved in many clubs and organizations.

What many people don't know, however, is Fraser's involvement off-campus. She has participated in YoungLife, a nation-wide Christian organization for high-school students, since her sophomore year of high school.

"YoungLife's mission is to reach the farthest-out kid – the kid you would have never seen accepting Christ. It's about blowing out the reality of who Jesus is," Fraser said.

By her junior year, Fraser was already a leader for WildLife, the middle school sector of the YoungLife organization. Now, she is a leader for Maize's YoungLife branch, and even with her busy schedule, she visits three times per week on average, because she finds relationship-building with her Friends (YoungLife mentees) to be one of the most important ministries she can be a part of.

"My leaders totally sparked how fun life can be, and being able to share my life experiences in the same way is great... Walking through life with my YoungLife girls is awesome. They have shown me a lot of little things I've forgotten to enjoy as I've gotten older," Fraser said.

To further the contact work, Fraser said she and her friends text and snapchat every day. She knows

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JOHANNA HOFFMAN

first-hand the power these interactions can have, as she still talks to her leaders from high school on a monthly basis.

She believes YoungLife has also strengthened her other relationships, as well as changing her outlook in all aspects of life. She can't stress enough how much YoungLife's focus on intentionality has impacted her.

"In YoungLife, everything has a purpose. There are little things I didn't even think about as a participant that are still adding up in my mind over time... It has shown me what being a friend is like, and how to be intentional with others," Fraser said.

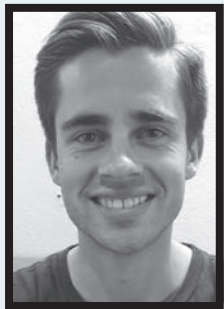
Fraser finds so much importance in the model of intentionality, that when she and her best friend, Alia Khalidi, began leading Takeover, they restructured it to be more like YoungLife. Every other Sunday night, Takeover will meet and students are invited to play games, make friends and participate in a small devotion together. It's meant to be an un-intimidating environment geared at building relationships with one another, so as to start, or continue, a walk together with Christ.

To sum up what YoungLife's goal is, Fraser uses an exercise she participated in this summer as she took her YoungLife friends to a YoungLife Camp in Colorado. They repelled off a mountain after being strapped in by their leaders.

"It's about being able to repel off the cliff, and trust that you will be fine," Fraser said.



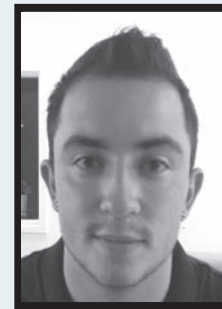
WORD AROUND MAC : If you could create any invention what would it be?



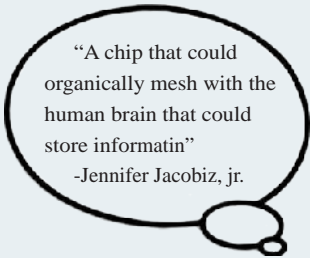
"An internal combustion engine that runs on water."
-Austin Loomis, jr.



"A patch that would make you feel like you got 8 hours of sleep when you only got a few hours."
-Destiny Reid.



"A teleporter, so I can get from point a to point b."
-Chris Rawkowski, jr.



"A chip that could organically mesh with the human brain that could store informatin"
-Jennifer Jacobiz, jr.



"Something that would mltiply food to feed the hungry."
-Micah Waugh, soph.



"An app on your phone that would tell you where the nearest cat is."
-Jo Hoffman, jr.



Why Fear the Four Year Rush?

BY CHANNING WALL
NEWS EDITOR

I am sure most of us have been here: over textbooks, done with cafeteria food, and confused as to what life skill our homework is applicable to.

I get it. I was over it so I packed two bags, bought a one way ticket to Oregon and was convinced I was going to live the ultimate college hippy dream.

The first week of my adventure was a nightmare. I definitely did not conquer public transit and learned that free public restrooms were more of a Midwestern hospitality.

I was lost until 10 p.m. on the first night, ended up in a

residential area with no businesses, no restrooms and not well lit.

I cried as I continued to try and find my way back to where I was staying and tried to keep in mind it was the bad that makes us appreciate the good.

After about two weeks of tossing and turning on living room floors and realizing I was getting desperately low on resources much sooner than planned, I decided it was time to come home.

Of course I was devastated the plan did not work out, but the adventure was well worth it. I had gotten enough taste of the real world to know that school suddenly sounded like heaven on earth.

Being home was therapeutic, I enjoyed walking my dog again, seeing the Kansas sunset stretch over miles of flat land and smelling the scent of home.

I was fortunate to have met Kim Stanley before my adventure to Oregon and she helped point me in the right direction to get started.

McPherson College graciously accepted me into the community at the beginning of last spring semester and I immediately felt more accepted than where I had been attending (thank you to everyone).

While many valuable lessons were learned through the business administration courses I took, secretly a profession incorporating

creativity is where my heart had always been.

I had it in my mind that anything involving creativity was so fun that there would be too high of a demand for me to compete in the area.

This may sound silly to some of you, but someone out there has a light bulb turning on. The pressure had been on to pick a major if I wanted to graduate in four years.

"Stop, why does it matter?" This is what finally dawned on me and changed my whole perspective.

It does not matter. In fact, take a second to think about all the people in your life who have told you any story about college.

I would be willing to bet

that, by the end of the story, a majority of them had a daydreaming look in their eyes wishing they could go back. Some of my friends, who graduated one year early, are already wishing they had not rushed to the real world.

If you do not enjoy what you are studying in school now, what is going to change when you graduate?

Do not let the pressure of four years push you into "just picking."

My dad told me to think of some of my happiest days and what it was I had been doing. After doing so, I decided to add graphic design to my degree even though it meant adding another year of school.

It is worth it to me to have a skillset I am confident in rather than stumbling around feeling like I am lost.

The next time you are staring at your wall wondering what all of this is for and wishing you could just be part of the real world, ponder this Dr. Seuss quote: "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

Know that the broke college kid life will someday be the good old days you long for, so do not rush it.

Entrepreneurship Creates Opportunities

Student Learns Through Doing with Help of Horizon Fund

BY JORDYN LIPE
SPECTATOR STAFF

Entrepreneurship has been a huge part of my life since I started college here at McPherson three years ago.

In fact, entrepreneurship is what brought me to be here after I competed at the 2013 annual Jump Start Kansas competition my senior year of high school.

I competed with my idea of running "The Joyful Bakery" out of my home, for the chance of \$5,000 to try and

make it happen.

I did not win, however, I was introduced to and fell in love with the campus.

Starting my freshman year in the fall 2013, I began working on a new idea, The Dog Bowl LLC.

My plan was to open a coffee and pastry shop on campus, someplace where students could go and get something to snack on or some caffeine to pump them up before class.

I learned so much through the process of simply trying

to open a business.

After seven months, I finally had my coffee shop and we opened for business. Like many new businesses, it was a rough start as we tried to get the word out.

In Sept. 2014, I held a grand opening and invited the mayor of McPherson to come, as well as many community members.

Even after trying to bring out new products, extend hours, offer lower prices, and try to re-market it, The Dog Bowl LLC was offi-

cially closed in May 2015.

Although I was saddened to let go of my dream, I learned so much from it. More importantly, however, I know I could not have done it without the help of McPherson College.

I became so involved in the network here and met so many people through opening my business.

Utilizing the Horizon Fund, the many resources on campus, talking to mentors, and really getting to know people all helped me to be a

better entrepreneur.

I am currently in my third entrepreneurship class for the Transformative Entrepreneurship minor and I have absolutely loved the classes.

The professors teaching them have been phenomenal at making students think more creatively and push themselves outside of their box in the sense of solving problems.

I would recommend any student that is taking any major to minor in entrepreneurship because wherever

you go and whatever you do, being able to think creatively will make you not only a better employee but a better person overall.

As for other opportunities involving entrepreneurship, the Horizon Fund is offered to all students for any idea big or small.

Although my idea didn't turn out as hoped, I know that I learned so much about owning a business, being a manager, and how to be effective and efficient in business.

High Enrollment Brings Larger Groups to Campus

BY ALAINA JOHNSON
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

High enrollment numbers have been the buzz around campus. With enrollment being the highest it has been in 40 years, groups around campus are starting to grow rapidly. It is quite exciting is

it to see groups such as the Diamond Dogs spirit squad, the McPherson College band and the Auto Restoration program flourish.

According to Dr. Steve Gustafson, the band is at its highest number in 36 years. There is no evidence or record prior to that time.

The spirit squad started last year with seven members and ended their year with four. This year they are starting out with 16 members and are expecting to continue growing throughout the year.

The Auto Restoration program had gotten so big

that there is a waiting list for classes. Several students who are considered Auto Restoration majors and not in any of the major's courses.

This says a lot about our Auto Restoration program, because even though the students are unable to take the

classes they were hoping for, they still made the choice to attend McPherson College.

As a whole, McPherson College is at full capacity. When walking around campus one cannot help but notice the large amount of new faces. The school nearly seems as though it is

a whole new place. Not only that, but the campus has a sort of "liveliness" that was not as apparent last year.

As a part of "The Spectator," I am enjoying having new writers and photographers to help us enhance the newspaper.

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Bulldogs Fall Hard After a Big Win



BY HUGO BALL-GREENE
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After having won against Manhattan Christian College 5-0 on Sept. 16, the McPherson College men's soccer team received a taste of their own medicine on Saturday, Sept. 19 losing 5-0 to Mid-America Christian University on the opponent's field.

In the first half on against MCC, the Bulldogs found the back of the net four times, leaving little chance for their opponent to come back into the game. In the second half, the home team added another goal to the count. The players who scored were: Jesus Pescador, jr., who scored the first goal; Brayam de la Cruz, jr., Christopher Kelly, fresh., who scored at 31 minutes and at 49 minutes, and lastly Greg Roller, jr., who netted one and had two assists. Omar Perez, jr., also played an important role by assisting his teammates twice.

However, the Bulldogs faced a harsh loss against MACU in the next game, McPherson did have some

opportunities to score the opening goal of the match. The opposing team scored a minute before the end of the first half. Ten minutes into the second half, the situation became worse after the Evangels doubled the lead making it 2-0. Then a landslide of goals struck the Bulldogs between the 75 and 79 minute markers making it 5-0 for the home team. The Bulldogs' hopes of coming back in the game were destroyed.

Registering their past losses, the Bulldog's record is now four losses and two wins. The team's inconsistency could be explained due to some of the key players either being injured or not at their best level. Another explanation could be due to the fact that the freshmen still need to acquire some experience as well as enough confidence to perform great in matches. The team is currently ranked 24 nationally but have to step up their game in the upcoming matches in order to keep their position.

The next match is sched-

uled for Sept. 27 against Jamestown University in Omaha, Neb., at 3 p.m. This gives the Bulldogs a decent amount of recovery time to work on tactics at practice in order to be ready for their next challenge. A win could help the squad's moral to become positive again.

Q: "The team lost 5-0 on Saturday, what do you think about their performance?"

A: "Second half was ugly. We had some big errors that played right into their hands and they took advantage."

Q: "The team won 5-0 on Wednesday, then lost 5-0 on Saturday, how would you explain that inconsistency?"

A: "Injuries and internal issues we are dealing with. At the end of the match on Saturday we had six starters on the bench or out."

Q: "A lot of important players left, and some key players are injured, do you feel like there are difficulties?"

A: "We as coaches are looking for consistency with the players and right now are struggling to find that."

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BRUNER

Greg Roller, jr., plays the ball upfield for a Bulldog opportunity on goal during the game against the Manhattan Christian College Thunder. Roller had 50 percent of his shots on goal and played 70 minutes of the game.

Scholarship to be Awarded at Football Game in Honor of Blake Reed

BY CHRISTOPHER CROOK
SPECTATOR STAFF

The McPherson College football team is coming out of a tough loss against Southwestern College. The bulldogs look to bounce back on September 26th at the home football game against Bethel College at 7 p.m.

The Bulldogs have high hopes to make a comeback after having two losses in a row to start the season.

"We have to put aside everything and get on the same page while we are out there playing," DeAvonte Doucet, soph. running back, said.

The Blake Reed Mac-2Mac Football Scholarship will also be presented at the football game on Saturday. Blake Reed was McPherson High School student with a huge love for football. He went on to attend McPherson College and participate on and off the field as the football manager.

"Blake was exposed to MAC College when he was a senior in high school," Rodney Reed, Reed's father, said. Blake began his legacy in 2006 with a scholarship from the college.

"Blake never missed a

practice," R. Reed said. "If it was 100 degrees outside or 20 degrees, he was out there with the team. If there was practice at 5 a.m., he was there, and even if it was at 9 p.m., he was there. His heart for the game was very noticeable."

B. Reed passed away on Aug. 3, 2010 after fighting his disease, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

After the passing, B. Reed's parents decided to create a scholarship for McPherson College football players. The name of the scholarship originally was the Mac-to-Mac scholarship, and was later changed to the Mac-to-Mac Blake Reed

Scholarship. The scholarship is for students that attend McPherson High School and want to play football at McPherson College. When the scholarship first started, there were no students from McPherson High School to receive the scholarship.

"It's hard to give it to a high school student athlete because most of them want to go somewhere else to play," R. Reed said.

The scholarship is now being given out to a McPherson College athlete that is a senior football player that exemplifies characteristics and traits similar to that of Blake Reed.



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ULRICH

(Left) Joe Mooney, jr., blocks on defense during the game against Doane College. (Right) Charles Boosa tackles a Tiger during the game. The Bulldogs lost to the Tigers 54-7.



Volleyball Can't Find a Win

BY CALEB HECKER
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After winning the first two games of the season, excitement was high for the McPherson College volleyball team. Despite losing 12 of their last 13 games and heading into the third week of September, the Bulldogs still have high spirits as they move deeper into the season.

Maci Schlehuber, jr., said the team needed some time to build some chemistry and that the team is close to putting everything together.

"We need to come together and work hard for each other so we can execute and finish games," Schlehuber said. "We are a very good team, and we have taken a lot of good teams to five games."

Part of being able to take a lot of teams to five games is because this team has a lot of strengths. Emily Warner, jr., said the team's greatest strength is how well rounded the players are.

"I feel our greatest strength is our versatility," Warner said. "We have so many girls that can play any position on the court, and that is valuable."

Taryn Lee, sr., said she sees the team needing to work on similar things in order to keep improving.

"We need to play to win, not to not lose and to not keep letting teams get up

on us and going on scoring runs," Lee said.

Jocelyn Cochran, jr., said the volleyball team needs to work on their mentality as the season gets deeper into the conference.

"I believe that we have struggled lately in finishing games due to a lack of mental toughness," Cochran said.

Cochran added that the team does a good job of helping pull each other through tough times. Some of that evolved when the team went to Denver for the Johnson and Wales Classic.

"On the trip to Denver our team bonded and became stronger in our relationship as a team," Cochran said. "I feel our team's greatest strength is the support that we have for each other."

Despite the struggles of late, Lee said she had high expectations heading into the season and that nothing has changed during the slump.

"I was expecting us to be the top of the conference," Lee said. "We have the ability; it's just a matter of wanting it."

Cochran said to expect big things from the team moving into the later stages of the season.

"Getting deeper into the conference, I expect us to avenge our losses and win the rest of our conference games," Cochran said.

With high hopes and expectation still on the team,

Lee said she hopes people still believe in the team.

"We haven't lost hope in each other," Lee said. "We

hope that people haven't lost hope in us."



PHOTO BY AMANDA
ALLEN

The volleyball team huddles for a breakdown before the first serve against the Oklahoma Wesleyan Eagles. The Bulldogs lost after five sets on Sept. 16.

Spirit Squad Starts Season Fresh

BY ALAINA JOHNSON
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

Bethany Nicholson is the head coach of the cheer and dance team, known as the Diamond Dogs Spirit Squad. Though this is Nicholson's second year here at McPherson College, this is her first official full year.

Last year the Diamond Dogs started out with seven members in the fall and were down to four members in the spring due to spring sports

and activities.

This year the spirit squad has 16 members and Nicholson is expecting more members to join in the spring.

"We are definitely a diverse group of people," Nicholson said. "I have girls that are on the basketball team, in the band, theater and singers, all different areas of the spectrum of McPherson College in one team. They come together and share one interest of being spirit-full and excited

to learn new things."

Currently the Diamond Dogs perform at the home football games and will perform at the men's basketball games. They also perform dance routines during the half-time shows.

A future goal Nicholson has for the Diamond Dogs is to split the team, which is both dance and cheer, into two separate teams; one for cheer and one for dance. Nicholson would also like to travel with the football

team, and start cheering at the women's basketball and volleyball games.

On Friday, Sept. 25, the Diamond Dogs will be hosting a cheer and dance clinic for K-8th grade students.

During the third quarter at the McPherson College football game on Saturday, Sept. 26, the students that took part in the clinic will help

the Diamond Dogs cheer on sideline.

Saturday, Sept. 26, is Kids' Appreciation Day at the McPherson College football game. Kids ages 13 and younger will receive free admittance to the game at the McPherson College Stadium. At 5 p.m. an inflatable bouncy house for kids will be available and at 6

p.m. burgers and brats will be sold.

Kids are invited join in the spirit tunnel on the field with the Diamond Dogs.

Streamers will be passed out prior to the game, and the squad is asking that those interested in participating in the spirit tunnel to meet on the track no later than 6:45 p.m.

(Left) The Diamond Dogs Spirit Squad holds their final pose at the end of their first half-time performance at the first home football game against Doane College on Sept. 5. (Right) The team cheers on the football game through their tough loss.

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ASHTON BRUNER



Another Stellar Performance for Cross Country

BY PARKES WOLTERS
SPECTATOR STAFF

After a great start to the season at the King's Sandwich Classic, the McPherson College men and women's cross country squads followed up their performance well at the Sterling College Warrior Dash in Sterling, KS on Sept. 12.

The men's team finished first with six runners placing in the top 10 spots. The women's team did not disappoint, as they took second in the meet with their first four runners crossing the tape within the first 15 spots.

Finishing first for the Bulldogs and first place overall, Dixon Cooney, jr., stopped the watch at 27:21.9. The finish was good enough to earn him KCAC Athlete of the Week and McPherson College Athlete of the Week honors.

"I would like our team to qualify for nationals and maybe even take a shot at the conference team title," Cooney said.

On the heels of Cooney, Michael Janzer, jr., crossed the tape in second place for both the team and overall for the meet with a time of 27:29. Finishing third overall and finishing in the top three position sweep for the Bulldogs was Jesse Freeman, fresh., who finished with a time of 27:51. Felix Cervantes, jr., came in at 28:18, placing him fifth in

the meet. Rounding out the Bulldog's top five with a sixth place finish was Kurt Katzdorn, jr., with a time of 28:20. Jerod Fuller, fresh., was the next athlete to complete the course finishing in eighth place with a time of 28:31. Gavin Hightower, fresh., (28:49), Gustavo Pelayo, fresh., (28:55), Jonathan Dominguez, soph., (29:02) and Casey Zimmerman, fresh., (29:04) all finished within the top 15 spots for the Bulldogs. Layne Higgins rounded out the Bulldogs with a time of 31:07.

On the women's side, Laura Gibson, soph., lead the charge for the Bulldogs. She finished in second, only five seconds out of first place with a time of 20:01.

"[I] felt 100 times better than last week; I ran a much better race than I did at our first meet," Gibson said.

The second Bulldog to cross the finish line was Miranda Clark Ulrich, sr., who stopped the clock at 21:25, which placed her at ninth within the top 10 overall. Placing 13th overall was Lauren Wankum, soph., followed closely by 14th place finisher Taylor Dreil-

ing, soph., with their posted times of 21:58 and 22:11 respectively. Rounding out the top five was Savana Cross, sen., with a time of 22:22 and a 16th place finish. The final four runners on the women's team finished as follows: Erika Doty, jr., (23:10), Molly Gehringer, fresh., (24:30), Damajae Markham, jr., (25:05) and Amanda Lolling, fresh., (26:40).

The next meet for Bulldog Cross Country is the KCAC preview meet, hosted by Tabor College, at the Marion Reservoir on Sept. 26.



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ULRICH

Laura Gibson runs for the Bulldogs at the Sterling College Warrior Fest Invitational on Sept. 12. Gibson managed to stay in the top two spots throughout most of the race. She missed first place by about five seconds.



Lady Bulldogs Make It a Streak

BY OMAR PEREZ
SPECTATOR STAFF

The McPherson women's soccer team traveled to Oklahoma City, Okla., this weekend to play against Mid-American Christian University. The game was back and forth, with both sides having chances at the goal in the first half. The second half was also split in possession with both teams fighting for control over the midfield.

With just a few minutes left in the match, the Lady Bulldogs were given a penalty kick from a foul caused inside the box by MACU. Belen Villegas, jr., took the penalty and kicked the ball to the net, but the Evangels came back and scored a last minute goal to tie the game. During overtime, Cydney Lewis, jr., scored the final goal with an assist by Kayla Faust, jr., which ended the game at 2-1 and giving the Bulldogs another win.

"I thought MACU was a good team that had good ball movement, but we put

up a good fight and overcame by playing smarter," Lewis said. "It's awesome to be the one rushed by the team after putting the ball in the net when the game is on the line. The fact that we worked together synced in the first minutes of the overtime period proved that we have come a long way as a team."

Some key stats in the game included eight saves by Sheryl Evans, jr. The Lady Bulldogs had seven shots on goal to opposing MACU's nine.

With McPherson women's soccer now having a record of 4-1 overall, the team is on a three-game winning streak.

"This season has started better than the past years I've been here," Lewis said. "We know we have to work harder and with purpose to be successful. This team has also matured in a short period of time which makes me feel happier as a team."



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Tessa Armstrong goes for the ball to give the Bulldogs an opportunity towards goal during the game against Manhattan Christian College on Sept. 22.