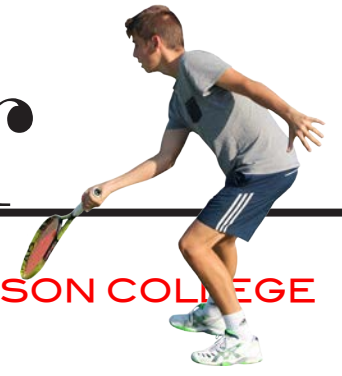


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Mascot Competition Opens Up For Entries

BY MIRANDA CLARK ULRICH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The face of McPherson College is in for a makeover, as a contest for a new design of the Bulldog mascot has officially begun. The contest is open to all McPherson College students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni. A \$1,000 prize will be given to the winner of the contest. The deadline is November 30.

The decision to update the look of the Bulldog mascot

was made by the marketing department of the college.

"It is really important to us to be as inclusive of the MC community as possible during this project, because we know how invested our students, faculty and staff, alumni and administrators are in the college," Colleen Gustafson, manager of strategic marketing and branding, said. "Who knows the college better and what it means to be a bulldog more than our own bulldog family? We think this will be

a great opportunity for our talented community to contribute and have a say in the identity of our college."

Not only are the submissions being made by the MC community but participants will also be invited to help judge and make the decision of how the new Bulldog should look. After the Bulldog Committee narrows down the entries, the top designs will be displayed so that the community can vote and enjoy all of the Bulldog designs.

Multiple entries will be accepted per artist. The entrants are not permitted to post or share their design before the judging occurs. A full list of rules can be found at www.designthebulldog.com, as well as the entry submission.

The new Bulldog mascot and the winner of \$1,000 will be announced during the spring semester of 2016, and it will begin being used around campus soon thereafter.



Teaching Awards

BY JORDYN LIPE
SPECTATOR STAFF

Bruce Clary, vice president for academic affairs, will present the Annual Teaching Award, which has 30 nominations, during honors convocation on Oct. 9.

The R.C. and Thelma Kightlinger Memorial Fund for Faculty Development is an endowed fund that provides more than \$35,000 per year for faculty development.

"Winning that award was better than winning a lifetime supply of Diet Pepsi, if you know my love of Diet Pepsi you would understand. Truly, being honored by my incredible colleagues and amazing students not only made me feel great about the work I've done thus far, but made me want to work even harder, teach even better in the future," last year's recipient Ami Martinez, assistant professor of English said.

Faculty development includes workshops and seminars available for faculty members each year.

"McPherson College has many talented faculty members committed to excellence in teaching. Often, we fail to tell these teachers that we appreciate them and their devotion to student learning," Clary said. "Once a year, however, we have an opportunity to let these professors know how much we respect them and their dedication to the art of teaching."

The recipients of the award include one tenured, one non-tenured faculty member and three students appointed by the Student Government Association.

T-Build Team Gains Experience

BY JORDYN LIPE
SPECTATOR STAFF

On Thursday, Sept. 24, McPherson College's T-Build Team left for Santa Fe, N.M., to attend the Santa Fe Concorso, an automotive exhibition featuring rare vehicles. The students were invited to perform their Model T build routine, and rub elbows with the best and most influential individuals in the automotive industry.

T-Build is a school-sponsored activity that consists of six students in the automotive restoration program, though anybody can join. The team gives an exhibition at the school car show every year, a performance in which they build

a 1926 Ford Model T from the frame up in less than 10 minutes.

This year's team consists of seniors Zachary McClure and Travis Gleich, of Mo. and Ill. respectively; juniors Austin Hiebert and Andy Fabianski, Kan. and Ill. respectively; and sophomores Nick Lechner and Samuel Harris, Kan. and Ark. respectively.

The trip was chaperoned and organized by Brian Martin, director of automotive restoration projects at McPherson College.

On Friday, Sept. 25, the first day of festivities included a seminar given by Luigi Chinetti Jr., covering the topics of Ferrari in

the United States and the North American Racing Team (N.A.R.T.) Chinetti's father was the driving force behind bringing Ferrari to the United States and started N.A.R.T.

"All of us came away with a better understanding and appreciation after listening to Luigi Chinetti speech," McClure said of the seminar. The T-Build Team gave a demonstration that evening, setting the new record of 8 minutes and 19 seconds.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the team did a build at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. This build was completed in 8 minutes and 29 seconds. "The best thing was seeing the kids get excited," Gleich

said. "I really enjoyed showing them around the T."

"The children's museum was a really fun build, and getting to see all the kids crawl all over the T and be intrigued by it was heartwarming," Harris said. Needless to say, the team members were in agreement that the build at the museum was the highlight of the builds.

The children were allowed to play on and around the Model T, exploring its various functions. One aspect of the trip that both McClure and Gleich emphasized was the thin air; because of the elevation of Santa Fe, when they were building the Model T, it was some-

what hard to breathe as they adjusted to the atmosphere. On Sunday, Sept. 27, the team got to "shadow judge" the Santa Fe Concorso, meaning that members of the team tagged along with the official judging groups to judge various cars at the show.

First the team split up and shadow judged different classes. Then, the team came together and judged using what they had learned to judge the Luxury and Exotic's class, and chose Best in Class.

Members of the team enjoyed the trip and had a great experience networking with influential people of the automotive community.

New Community Project Student Chapter

BY JORDYN LIPE
SPECTATOR STAFF

Students at McPherson College are taking initiative to make a difference on campus through the New Community Project. NCP was founded in August of 2003 with the focus of environmental sustainability and social justice, both of which are essential for a peaceful community. NCP is based in several locations in the United States; however, its work does not stop there, as people travel all over the world to make a difference.

"The idea started after we felt like there wasn't enough recycling going on campus and the unknown information on sustainable diets and food choices," Corey Long, junior and vice president of the student chapter, said.

A large part of the purpose for the student chapter is to plan events to get more students involved. Events, such as Food Knowledge Day, hope to encourage students to take a better look at what they eat and everything used in preparing it.

"Our goal and mission is to bring awareness and value in sustainable diets, recycling, using less plastics and Styrofoam and, overall, better lifestyles and awareness of sustainability. I hope to see more recycling and awareness about sustainability and making campus a healthier and a knowledgeable student body to better themselves and the community," Long said.

David Radcliff, director of NCP, came and spoke with several classes

last school year about the non-profit organization. He also discussed the logo, an upside-down Earth and its' meaning.

"From space, there is no up or down to planet Earth. When drawing the maps, the US and Europe are on top because we draw the maps. The choice of the 'upside-down' Earth as our logo shows our commitment to begin looking at our world and its people in a new way, with a new set of values and relationships," NCP explains on their website.

Activi by the new group on campus is an example of the McPherson College mission, Scholarship, Service, and Participation, being fulfilled.



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Corey Long, Jr. and New Community Project student chapter vice president



New Community Project logo of upside down earth.

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Sustainability

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What Is Sustainability?
Endurance of systems and processes; environment conscious utilization of resources.

A Few Terms To Know Regarding Sustainability

- Biodiversity:** Variety of all life forms and the ecosystems; they are a part of. Each species has a role crucial to the environment, which we depend on for survival.
- Carrying Capacity:** Maximum size of population the environment can withstand given the amount of necessary and available resources: food, water and shelter.
- Greenhouse Gases:** Primary causes of the greenhouse effect. *Water vapor *Carbon *Dioxide *Methane *Nitrous oxide *Ozone
- Carbon Footprint:** Total amount of greenhouse gases emitted by an event, organization or individuals. You can calculate your own carbon footprint online.

Why Is Sustainability Important?
If resources are depleted before they can be renewed, ecosystems are threatened and when species alter a role for survival it has a ripple effect on resources humans depend on.

New Community Project
N.C.P. is part of a national chapter focused on educating the importance of living sustainable and how to do so.

Campus Involvement:
A student chapter has been started at McPherson College that will be hosting events and lectures recognizing the need for awareness of living a sustainable lifestyle.

For more information on how to get involved with the New Community Project on campus contact Corey Long or Logan Schrag at longcoria@bulldog.mcpherson.edu; schraglog@bulldog.mcpherson.edu.

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Annual Fall Community 'Burnin' Down Main' A Success

BY JORDYN LIFE
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Main Street was home to a host of fun activities this past Saturday, Oct. 3. The weather contributed to the atmosphere of the day while people were cooking hearty soups, chili, caramel desserts and participating in cream pie eating contests. The rules were simple and invited people to get downtown and have a good time.

For \$5 people could purchase a wristband which gave them access to sample all of the food downtown from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Participants had a list of rules to abide by, with having the meat portion of the chili or soup cooked prior to setting up their stands. They were not allowed to serve drinks, however they could provide garnishments such as cheese, peppers, crackers and ketchup. The rules suggested that people have a minimum of four gallons of soup or chili, and that if people ran out, they would miss out on votes.

Wristband purchasers then voted for one chili, one hearty soup and one caramel dessert and the best spirit award. There were winners in every category with first

place on the chili/hearty soup contest winner bringing home \$500. Second and third place winners in the chili/soup contest won \$250 and \$100 respectively. The winners were announced based on the number of votes that their entry received.

"It was good tasting all the different chilis, but I didn't try the soup. It was nice to have this event to bring everyone together; the colleges and the community," Liz Stein, senior said.

The caramel dessert contest was broken up into two categories: one being cakes, brownie and muffins; and the other cookies and candies. The winning prize for the dessert contest was \$100 for first place and \$50 for second. The spirit award brought home \$200. The "Look Ma, No Hands" cream pie eating contest was held at 1 p.m. for those brave enough to attempt to eat a whole cream pie without using their hands. The contest was open to kids 12 years and older to see how fast they could eat the whole pie.

There was a variety of activities for children including face painting, pumpkin decorating, large construction equipment and emer-

gency response vehicles for children to explore and ask questions.

Decorations for the participants, who all paid a \$25 participation fee, were optional, but in order to win the spirit award contest, you had to have your booth brightly decorated.

Many downtown stores were open for the day's festivities and families were invited to check out the local stores and spend time with their families.

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Liz Stein, senior and Kylan Bennett, senior, (below) get wristbands for entry. Participants serve and enjoy soups, chili and dessert.



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The Band Comes Marching In

BY THOMAS POTTER
SPECTATOR STAFF

The band at McPherson College has basically been non-existent on campus throughout the college's history, but has now changed since Professor Kyle Hopkins took over the program three years ago.

The Hutchinson, Kan. native has had a successful journey teaching band programs at both Shawnee Mission High School and McPherson High School where he was able to bring both programs out of the struggling phase and into the flagship phase.

Just four short years ago, the band at the college was disbanded due to lack of students enrolled in band. President Michael Schneider noticed that a change needed to be made or to cancel the band program all together. Schneider made the decision to bring in Hopkins to reinvent the McPherson College band.

In his first year as band director, there were only eight students enrolled in band. With a lot of hard

work on the road recruiting and spreading good word to high schools all across area, Hopkins was able to grow the band to 23 students for the following year.

When asked what he did to gain so many students, Hopkins said, "I just visited high schools and gained their trust. Other college band directors didn't want to go and teach lessons at local high schools but I did."

This persistent effort by Hopkins has allowed the 2015-2016 McPherson College band to become one of, if not the biggest band in school history with 38 students.

This year's band also has a lot of variety when it comes to the students that are a part of the band.

"We have a lot of well-rounded students in the band. Students involved in the auto restoration program, athletic teams, and other clubs on campus," Hopkins said.

Along with the variety of students in the band, there is also a variety in music that will be played this year. For the first time in school

history, there will be a 16 person jazz band at the college. This is possible due to the large growth in numbers over the last few years.

"I'm really excited," Hopkins said. "Homecoming will be really special."

The McPherson College band has some very important dates coming up during this fall semester. This includes a jazz festival on November 5th that could bring up to 20 high school bands to campus. There will also be a full jazz and concert band concert on November 22nd at 4 p.m. in Brown auditorium. The band is growing on McPherson College campus, and they want you to hear about it.



PHOTO BY AUSTIN SCHRAD
McPherson College band practices before the homecoming game Oct. 10.

Alumni Inducted Into Hall of Fame



BY JORDYN LIFE
SPECTATOR STAFF

On Saturday, Oct. 10, Roger Trimmell and Jonathan Coachman will be inducted into the McPherson College Athletic Hall of Fame. Trimmell attended and graduated from McPherson College in 1973. During his career as a student, he played and was point guard and captain of the men's basketball team. Trimmell still holds the record at McPherson College for the most assists in a game; which he set at 16 during the 1971-1972 season. Trimmell's tie to McPherson College did not end with his graduation as he later returned to coach the men's basketball team. He did so for 27 seasons from 1982 until 2008. Trimmell has the most victories in KCAC men's basketball history and he was twice named Coach of the Year for KCAC. "I am

extremely proud of my husband. I know Roger enjoyed his time as head coach and worked hard at recruiting top students and athletes for the basketball program,"

Vikki Trimmell, Trimmell's wife, said. "McPherson College has meant a lot to our family over the years, so this award is very special to the Trimmell family." V. Trimmell is also the admissions receptionist and office assistant at McPherson College. Coachman, also known as "The Coach," graduated from McPherson College in 1995. He played basketball for Coach Trimmell's team all four years at McPherson, lettering for three years. Coachman was named an All-KCAC First Team member and was the Player of the Year twice. Coachman made a name for himself during his time as a student and basketball player at McPherson College. By the time Coachman had graduated, he held records

for point's scored, total rebounds and assists. After graduation from McPherson College, Coachman entered the sports entertainment world and after a few jobs at local television stations, he joined the World Wrestling Entertainment as a color commentator for nine years. Coachman began his "dream job" in 2008, when he went to work for ESPN. At ESPN, Coachman has numerous talk shows and also serves as an anchor for the flagship show called Sports Center. Coachman has been known at McPherson College as the perfect McPherson College Ambassador. During his time on campus and even after, he has always represented pride in being a Bulldog. Saturday's activities begin with a brunch at 9 a.m. and the Induction into the Hall of Fame of McPherson College to begin shortly after. Trimmell said Saturday will be "a great day to be a Bulldog."

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Roger Trimmell (left) and Jonathan Coachman (right).

THE CAMPUS CALENDAR OCTOBER

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| HOMECOMING MUSIC CONCERT IN MINGENBACK @ 2 P.M. | SELF-DEFENSE CLASS IN MELHORN 87 @ 6 P.M. | 13 | VOLLEYBALL VS. KWU @ 5:30 P.M. | 14 | FALL BREAK | FALL BREAK |
| 18 | FALL BREAK | 19 | VOLLEYBALL VS. BETHEL @ 5:30 P.M. | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | VOLLEYBALL VS. ST. MARY @ 7:00 P.M. | 29 | TRUNK-OR-TREAT @ 6-8 P.M. |
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Students Establish Automotive Body Shop

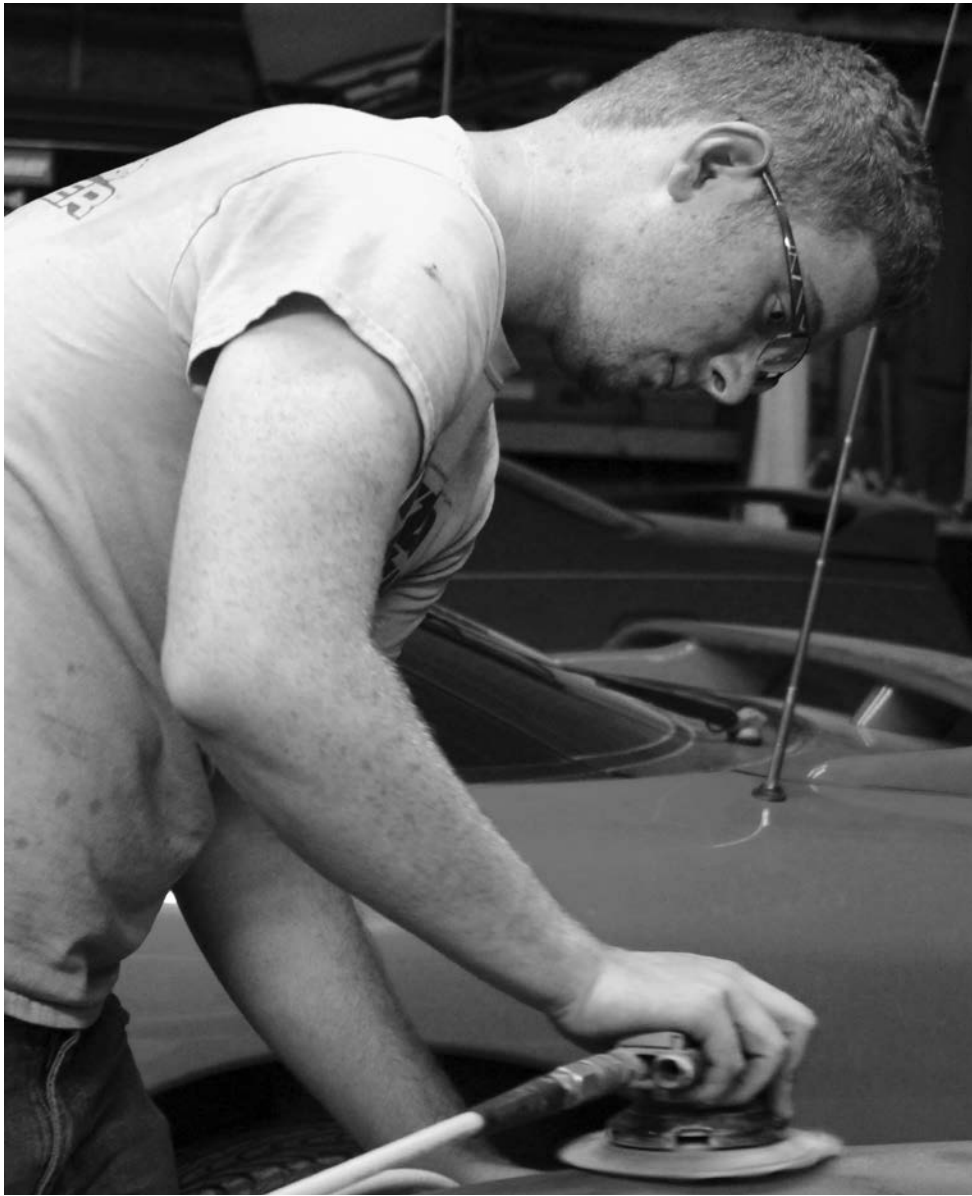


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JORDYN LIPE

Automotive restoration student, Ellis Wardall works in his and Matthew Murphy's off-campus body shop, M&W Automotive.

BY ANDREW TANNER
SPECTATOR STAFF

McPherson College has one of the most prestigious automotive restoration programs in the United States, and thus it is no surprise that current students are getting an early start in the field. Juniors Matthew Murphy and Ellis Wardall are doing exactly that with their off-campus body shop, located in the storage sheds, that is temporarily named M&W Automotive. Murphy and Wardall are both automotive restoration majors with a deeply seated interest in automotive technology. Murphy is a native of Topeka, Kan., while Wardall comes from Taylorville, Ill. Both students, like many others in the program, heard of the school online and decided it sounded like a good fit. Across the street from the school is the Mustang Properties storage facility. This is a relatively low cost facility that rents storage units, outdoor storage, indoor garages and mechanic's bays to eager students. Many students from McPherson College have rented spaces there, used for storage of and repairs on their project vehicles. Murphy has had an indoor garage for the past couple of years, which

he uses to do a process called "flipping" cars. This is where he purchases a damaged or otherwise non-functioning vehicle for a price that he can afford and makes the necessary repairs to get it functioning back at 100%. He does his best to keep his costs low and sells the repaired vehicle in order to turn a profit. This started approximately four years ago. "A coworker asked me if I would be interested in purchasing her car," Murphy said, adding that the vehicle could be had for little because it needed repairs. He fixed the vehicle and sold it for a small profit, and has since flipped 20-25 more vehicles. Murphy has been doing this, plus repairing vehicles for friends and classmates ever since, which is why this year he decided he might as well go into business. Last school year, Murphy found himself swamped with work and in order to lighten the load, he partnered up with Wardall, who had previous experience working in a body shop. Together they share a four-car garage and run M&W Automotive out of that space. Currently, the duo is putting a new engine in a 1995 Mitsubishi 3000GT, a vehicle that Murphy purchased from a friend. Murphy also bids on cars in salvage auctions that he

thinks he can repair and sell for a reasonable profit. Both Murphy and Wardall are performing body repair on a 1998 Honda Accord that Murphy acquired through such an auction which, in addition to the Mitsubishi, will be sold for profit once completed. Together, the students perform minor mechanical maintenance and all kinds of body repair services. They urge other McPherson College students to keep M&W in mind for all of their vehicular needs.

Bring on the Bulldog Madness



BY PARKES WOLTERS
SPECTATOR STAFF

Family, friends and students flocked to the McPherson College Sports Center last Sunday night, Oct. 4, as the men and women's basketball teams put on a night of entertainment open to the campus and community. Fans lined up outside the door well before the doors opened at 9 p.m. to receive their free t-shirt along with donuts and refreshments. The building was packed with fans, all donning neon glow-in-the-dark necklaces illuminating the dark gymnasium.

The men and women's teams entertained the large crowd with a number of uniquely and well-planned

routines. These routines played off the crowd's energy and were a big hit. The teams also showcased their talents in a couple of short, inter-squad scrimmages. Each team's best sharpshooters faced off in a three-point contest, and the high flyers on the men's squad participated in a dunk contest. Bulldog Madness is meant to get the Bulldog fans excited for the upcoming season. This was accomplished not only by displaying the team's talents with scrimmages, but also getting the crowd involved in many of the routines and also some games and activities. Students participated in games in which they won prizes and money donated by local businesses. They played games such as dash

for cash, musical chairs and a basketball shoot out. "My favorite part of Bulldog Madness was the combined dance with the boys, because we stole their ending and pulled it off," Sunny Smart, senior on the women's basketball team, said. "I think it promotes the basketball teams by letting the students know what the teams are capable of this year." Bulldog Madness was organized by the Bulldog Madness committee with help from the Student Activities Board, and the cheer and dance team. The first game for both the men and women's teams is scheduled for Oct. 31, in Lawrence, Kan., where the Bulldogs will take on Haskell Indian Nations University



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JORDYN LIPE

(Left) Friends, family and students gathered in the stands watching entertainment provided by the spirit squad, men's basketball, and women's basketball teams. (Right) Brady Eberhart, sophomore guard, takes the ball to the hoop during the men's basketball team scrimmage during Bulldog Madness.

MC Chapel Returns to Students



BY AYSIA PRYOR
CAMPUS EDITOR

Many years ago, the MC Chapel was required for students to be involved in every week. After that it evolved into chapel/convocation. It went away for a few years and is now coming back but it is not required for students to attend. The MC Chapel is a student fellowship which allows students to be involved in spiritual life. Various churches from the area come and join the fellowship giving students an insight of the different types of worship. Chapel gives students the chance to worship with other students and to create an enjoyable experience. Students are urged to get involved with chapel because it opens their eyes

PHOTO BY MIRANDA
CLARK ULRICH

to all types of fellowship instead of the type of church that they are used to. They have the chance to meet with different people from the community and go to different types of churches in the area. "I'm just trying it out, trying to bring it back," Jen Jensen, director of spiritual life and ministries, said. "Research shows that this generation doesn't get Jesus or religion from the pulpit, it's from relationships and it's different, so I don't feel the need to do it as a weekly thing, but just offering another opportunity for students who do need it." Jensen gives students the opportunity to lead this and choose when they would like to have chapel. By having chapel not being held in a specific building, it is up to the students where they worship and each time will vary. "If they want to have it

on a rooftop, they can have it on a rooftop. I just want it to be varied and up to the students. I'm only one person and I can't reach everybody, so if we have different people coming in from the community, chances are is that they'll be able to reach someone I can't." The first MC Chapel was held Oct. 4; students can contact Jen Jensen (jensenj@mcpherson.edu) in order to attend the next chapel.

Homecoming Festivities Week

BY JASMINE HELMS
SPECTATOR STAFF

McPherson College has been busy with Homecoming activities throughout this past week. To kick off the week, Bulldog Madness took place on Sunday night, welcoming the start of the 2015-2016 basketball season. The women and men's teams were able to showcase their skills on the court and dance floor with team scrimmages and choreography. The cheer and dance squad also demonstrated their talents in a lively Hip-Hop routine at the beginning of the night. Students were also able to take part in the "madness" by participating in musical chairs and shooting contests throughout the evening. Monday ushered in spirit week with "Dress like Your Favorite Professor Day." As instructed, students wore the attire of their favorite professors. However, a phenomenon occurred where some faculty members dressed up as their favorite students. Jen Jensen, director of spiritual life and service, chose to dress up as Jawaun Stuart for the day. "Honestly, I wanted something easy," Jensen said. "At first, I was going to wear sweats and a hoodie to dress up like 75% of students! Then, I saw Jawaun that morning wearing his pajama pants and decided that was it!" On Monday night, the ladies of the campus suited up for Pink vs. Purple powder puff football in support of Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness. Dorm Wars began on Tuesday evening with Balloon Toss hosted by Dotzour Hall. Tuesday also brought forth Superhero Day in which

students and faculty donned the garb of their favorite superheroes. The middle of the week was brimming with events. Inhabitants of the campus could be seen wearing wacky patterns and prints on Wednesday in accordance with "Pattern/Mismatch Day." A special guest was in Brown Auditorium for the common hour; Curtis McCarthy came to speak to the campus community about his experiences on death-row. Dorm Wars continued that evening with Wacky Twister in front of Dotzour Hall. It was also a big night for McPherson College sports as men and women's soccer hosted Tabor College, and the volleyball team took on Southwestern in the Sports Center. Students raced against the clock in the Iron Chef Cook-Off on Thursday. This event concluded the Dorm Wars for the week. The dress code for the day included bow ties. Self-proclaimed bow tie geek Nick Greenway was "absolutely ecstatic about 'Bow Tie Day.'" He said that he was immediately excited when he heard there would be a "Bow Tie Day" for Spirit Week this year. "It's just a good way for everyone to dress classy for the day," Greenway said. Thursday's activities also included the final voting for the King and Queen of Homecoming 2015. The nominees for king are Geoffrey Pugh, Daniel May, Jawaun Stuart, Christopher Rakowski and Michael Ramos. Rea Samuels, Alia Khalidi, Bailey Brown, Miranda Clark Ulrich and Ashley Frankenberry Long are in the running for Homecoming Queen 2015. Friday's events include Honors Convocation at 12

p.m. in Brown Auditorium. Later in the evening, Brown Auditorium will again become home to the musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." This is the final weekend that the musical will be performed this year. On Saturday, the campus will embrace the McPherson community by hosting Pedals for Paul, the Art Ray 5K, the 1K "Dog Dash" for children 12 and under, inflatable games, carriage rides, the Student Activities Fair and a tailgate luncheon. The main event for the day will be the McPherson College football team taking on Ottawa University at 2 p.m., with the presentation of the Homecoming Court occurring during halftime. Homecoming Week will draw to a close on Sunday, Oct. 11 with a Homecoming Service at the Church of the Brethren and a Homecoming Concert performed by the McPherson College Choir at 2 p.m. "I just love Homecoming and seeing all of the Alums," ShaRhonda Maclin, dean of students said. "It is also fun for the students and a great way for us to come together as a community."

(Top) The pink powder puff team celebrates after winning the game on Oct. 5. (Middle) The purple team takes a team photo after putting up a fight against the purple team. (Bottom) Whitney Murphy, sophomore, and Tara Gladding, sophomore, participate in the balloon toss on Oct. 6 at the dorm wars competition. The students were competing for their dorm. Bittering.

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MISSION FEATURE

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BY KATIE SAWYER
DIRECTOR OF CAREER
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Savana Cross may have spent her summer at home but she returned to school with connections that span the country. As a business major, with emphases in marketing and management, and a minor in psychology, Cross has dreams of joining a boutique market research firm after graduation and begin a career in research and analytics. She is set to graduate this December, a semester early. This summer, she took advantage of a unique internship opportunity with the Hagerty Education Program and spent her weeks out of the classroom collecting, organizing and formatting data from various institutions within the automotive restoration industry. She knew she wanted a professional experience to not only help build her resume but to also have a better understanding of the industry and experience, first-hand, the roles and responsibilities of a market research professional. The opportunity with Hagerty Education Program helped Cross better refine many of the skills and concepts she learned in class while building her resume. "I worked a lot with Excel, which was something we had really just touched on in class," Cross said. "It's fun to be able to use your knowledge outside of the classroom through hands-on work." She also walked away with new connections that will hopefully assist her in finding a full-time position in the market research field when she graduates from McPherson College

in December. "I definitely walked away with connections that I will be able to use in the future," Cross said. "I met lots of people I would have otherwise never worked with." For an industry as small and well-connected as market research, that is an invaluable piece of the overall internship experience. She has already begun reaching out to her new contacts and network as she begins the job search process. Outside of the classroom, Cross is involved in many aspects of McPherson College life. She is a member of the track and cross country team, Business Club and serves as an academic tutor. She has worked for various departments on campus and is employed as a part-time sales associate by The Clayworks at Disability Supports of the Great Plains, where she has also had the opportunity to put some of her market research knowledge to use. Cross said she recommends all students participate in an internship as part of their time at McPherson College. "Do it or you're going to regret it," Cross said. "There are many jobs that want some level of experience and that has to come from outside of the classroom."

WORD AROUND MAC :

What are you looking forward to most during Homecoming week?



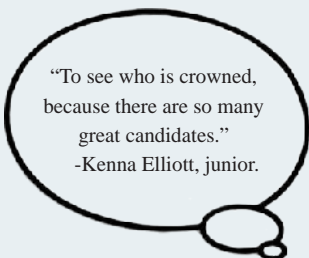
"Dressing up for spirit week."
-Lora Kirmer, senior.



"Cheering at the game, I like interacting with the crowd."
-Susan Forgie, freshman.



"Tailgating."
-Adrian Carson, senior.



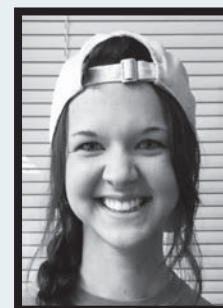
"To see who is crowned, because there are so many great candidates."
-Kenna Elliott, junior.



"I can be a complete idiot and no one will judge me... much."
-Austin Crosby, sophomore.



"Going to the game and seeing all the alumni."
-Ashley Venable, freshmen.



Celebrating a Day of Acceptance

BY CAITLYN BLAGRAVE
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On Oct. 11, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning and Asexual/Agender youth all around the United States will be celebrating National Coming Out Day.

This day is used to celebrate people of different sexual orientations and different gender identities. It is recognized every year on Oct. 11.

Though the name implies you have to "come out" on this day, that is not really the case.

National Coming Out Day is used to raise awareness of the LGBTQA+ community

as well as the civil rights movement.

This day is celebrated in many different ways, including rallies, parades and participants wearing pride symbols, the most common being the rainbow flag.

Starting in 1988, Oct. 11 was chosen to be the date because it is the anniversary of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

Although only 18 states participated in the first National Coming Out Day, it continued to grow and flourish. In year two, headquarters were moved to Santa Fe, N.M., and with that move three more states decided to participate.

Today, all 50 states participate, along with nine other countries: Australia, Canada, Croatia, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Human Rights Campaign sponsors all National Coming Out Day events in the United States, generally providing resources for LGBTQA+ youth, their families, individuals, couples and even children.

The main goal of National Coming Out Day is to promote awareness of LGBTQA+ families living open and honest lives.

This campaign believes no one should ever have to hide who they are and is com-

mitted to making everyone feel comfortable with themselves.

Growing up, I always heard young girls around me talking about how cute some boy was and how they want to find a boyfriend.

I never felt that. In about first grade, I remember thinking my best friend at the time was the cutest girl I had ever met.

Now that doesn't sound like much but to my little six-year-old mind she was the cutest person in my life. Then I figured that would be something to deal with another day.

Flash forward about seven years, and I'm a socially awkward 13-year-old with

probably two friends. At this time, I was really starting to actually notice girls and realize I wanted to date girls.

A part of me was still sort of in denial about it and still tried to date boys, but dating boys just didn't feel right.

I got to the point where I knew who I was as a person, but I didn't know how to tell my family. Instead, I decided to tell my friends first, which in hindsight was a better decision.

People are constantly growing and even when you think you may know who you are, things can change and you can figure things out more.

My first year here at McPherson College I real-

ized that I identify as gender fluid.

In 2013, during National Coming Out Day, I decided to announce on Facebook that I identify as gender fluid. Not because my family wasn't supportive, they were and still are, but it really prepared me for when I decided to tell my parents.

In my life, I have been very fortunate and incredibly blessed to have nothing but support surrounding me.

Not everyone has that kind of support like I do, and that is why National Coming Out Day is so important. So people know that no matter what, there are people that support them for who they are.

Auto Restoration Program Provides a Positive Experience

Student Provides Insight About the AR Program

BY SEAMUS HNAT
SPECTATOR STAFF

The McPherson College Auto Restoration program is one of the most well known AR programs in the country.

What is different about the AR program is that the graduates earn a Bachelor of Science degree with an emphasis in Automotive Restoration. Minors are also available to students who are

interested.

One of the best aspects of the AR program is the connections that are provided and available to students.

These connections are not only abundant in the AR program, but there are plenty of other opportunities around other parts of the campus. Katie Sawyer, as one example, is very helpful with getting students internships.

The academics of the AR program vary greatly because of the many different ways that the students are educated.

To no surprise, most of the classes are hands on. There are also several classes that are book based. These classes are intriguing because the professors require articles that are very interesting and make you think.

The professors do a great job of lecturing and keeping the students interested, even though it is a lecture. They also let the students give their own perspectives, which is nice to hear once in awhile.

One of the downsides of the AR program is that even though I am a sophomore, I have yet to work on a car in the program.

The issue is that a lot of

students come in without very much experience. This causes the professors to have to start at the very beginning.

I have also noticed that some of the professors tend to play favorites towards some of the students who come in with more knowledge than other students.

The professors tend gravitate towards those students because they want to teach

them as much as they can.

The students all get to focus on their own personal, smaller projects in the classroom, which students seem to enjoy because it is something that is their own. The experience is very hands on.

The AR program has its upsides and downsides, but overall I am satisfied with what have and what I will get from the program.

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" In Review

Musical Production Entertains For a Second Weekend

BY ALY HENNAGER
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You're a Good Man Charlie Brown is the current show playing at McPherson college in Brown Auditorium and will finish its production this weekend.

The show features snippets of Charlie Brown's everyday life. The cast is

made up of six characters from the peanuts: Charlie, Lucy, Schroeder, Linus, Snoopy, and Sally. Josh Hall stars as Charlie Brown in his senior show.

The show starts off with all the characters telling Charlie "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." Although Charlie doesn't believe this about himself, his friends

have faith in him.

Throughout the show the characters tell Charlie and show him how he is a good man. By the end of the show you can see that Charlie truly believes he is a good man.

Addie Johnson, senior, plays Lucy in the musical. She said, "Only having two weeks to rehearse was crazy,

but I'm very proud of everyone and very happy with the way the show turned out!" Johnson's favorite part was being able to act like a kid on stage.

All of the actors and actresses have to find their inner child and sing as if they were around age 6-8.

So far the show has been a hit for all ages. After the

show on Saturday, Oct. 3 a little girl came up to the cast and asked for their autographs. This was a touching moment that the cast was able to enjoy.

This favorable children's musical entertains again this weekend Oct. 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss it!

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Football Continues To Look For a Win

BY CHRIS CROOK
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The McPherson College football team has a tough game coming up against the Ottawa Braves this Saturday, Oct. 10. The Bulldogs will also have to show that they can play since it is Homecoming weekend.

During halftime of the football game, Roger Trimmel and Jonathan Coachmen will be inducted into the hall of fame. Roger Trimmel was the McPherson head basketball coach for 27 years and also coached Mr. Coachmen. Jonathan has had a good career with being an analyst for ESPN. This Hall of Fame induction will probably be one of the most exciting inductions that the school has ever had just because of the people that are getting inducted.

The struggling Bulldogs are looking for their first win of the season. It is not going to be easy, as the Braves are looking to keep the ball rolling as they are coming off a two-game winning streak. They have put up 40 plus points in two consecutive games and they do not look like they are slowing down.

"We have to fight through it," Jaelon Barnes, junior offensive lineman, said. "Most of the offensive line is new so we have to just find ways to work together."

The Bulldogs have shown glimpses of how talented they can be in the past games against Bethel College and Kansas Wesleyan University.

"We just have to continue to get better," DeAvonte Doucet, sophomore running back, said. "We have continued to progress every single day. We have had a good weeks of practices and I can see the progression. The defensive side of the ball has been playing well these last couple of weeks."

"We have to be assignment sound on defensive," Charles Boosa, junior linebacker, said. "We also have to learn to mentally prepare for games a lot better. I feel like if we do that, we will have a better outcome."

The Bulldogs will have a lot of luck around them with all the alumni that are going to be there and are hoping for a large crowd.

"Since its homecoming, there will be a different energy in the stadium that day," Doucet said. "With it being so many former football players here, we are going to have to go out there and just play hard."

The game will start at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday against the Braves.

Joseph Perry, senior running back, runs with the ball during the home game against Bethel College. The Bulldogs lost to the Bethel Threshers 28-14, but not after putting up a fight during the second half of the game.

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CLARK ULRICH



Men's Soccer Can't Get Past K-Dub

BY CALEB HECKER
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Starting the season ranked in the preseason poll and coming off a KCAC conference title, the expectations were high for the McPherson College men's soccer team. Although, the Bulldogs have only won three of the first nine games of the season.

The men's soccer team has had a tough schedule thus far, facing off against two ranked opponents and last year's co-conference champions, Kansas Wesleyan, within the first nine games.

Aaron Parrott, junior, said the difficult schedule was all to prepare the team for a run at a conference championship again.

"Coming into this season I was expecting a tough schedule to help prepare us

for our conference and for a title defense," Parrott said.

Omar Perez, junior, is still confident in the team's chances to repeat last year's success.

"We have been playing better every game and once we get our first conference win, we will be hard to beat," Perez said. "Once our team gets going it will be difficult to defend against us."

The team lost their first conference game of the year to Kansas Wesleyan on Oct. 3; the score was 1-0. Kansas Wesleyan was regular season co-champions with the Bulldogs and runner-up in the conference tournament last year. Missed chances to score was the story of the game and has been something Perez said the team needs to work on moving

forward.

"As a team we need to work on getting the final pass down to have opportunities on goal," Perez said. "We also need to capitalize on the opportunities we have."

McPherson had 14 shots, five of which were on goal, in the game against Kansas Wesleyan, however, none of them were able to find the back of the net.

Parrott said that despite the loss the team can still play better moving forward.

"As a team we said that our goal was to repeat as conference champs and make it back to nationals and get farther than we did last year," Parrott said. "We haven't quite hit our stride yet, and the best is yet to come."



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Tyler Minney move the ball towards goal for the Bulldogs in the Sept. 30 game against cross town rivals Central Christian College.

Lady 'Dogs Fall to Central Christian

BY HUGO BALL-GREENE
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Two thrilling games resulted in two losses for the Lady Bulldogs. The team conceded five goals in the same week and only scored one against Central Christian on Wednesday.

Although the namesake of our college complements the name of the town, it is in the cross-town rivals, Central Christian's women soccer team, who took ownership of the game. McPherson College's women soccer team kicked off their 2015/2016 official season with a strident loss. The reds' efforts were valiant, which the statistics showed because they had 57% of the ball possession, however, they failed to claim the victory, with the final score being 3-0 for the away team.

The Lady Bulldogs do show some impressive statistics with a total amount of 118 shots, to 96 for the opponents. However, only 12 of those shots finish at the back of the net. Nevertheless, the team will be able to count on some of their key strikers, such as Cydney Lewis, junior, who currently is the top scorer of the team with four goals, and Breelyn Petty, senior, who found the opponents' net twice so far this season.

Petty also is the one to deliver the most assists for

her teammates. The squad has re-enforced itself for this fall, with four new arrivals. Bereniz Velazquez, who is an experienced midfielder, has joined the reds and will provide them with her experience. Another major element is the goalkeeper that just arrived, Sheryl Evans. Both of these players, as well as others that are making their debuts at McPherson College, will be essential to the team on the pitch and outside of the field as well.

The Bulldogs have now been defeated twice in a row. However, with these two severe losses on their mind, it should help them improve and continue to work on their team chemistry.

"We underestimated a decent team and just couldn't finish," Amy Stockton, senior, said. "The game was a team effort. Each player had an important part in the goals that took place."

After defeating Tabor College 3-1 on Wednesday night the Lady Bulldogs will travel to Sterling College for a match at 1 p.m. on Oct. 10.

Tiffany Frasier looks to pass the ball forward against Central Christian College on Sept. 30.

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Tennis Makes Nationals

BY OMAR PEREZ
SPECTATOR STAFF

This fall, the men's tennis team headed to Nebraska for the ITA Central Regionals Championship. The men's team did well throughout the tournament with many of the players getting wins. There were three men who made it to the semifinals in singles. "We are a force to be reckoned with," Justin Stuckey, coach of the men and women's tennis team, said. The doubles team of seniors Rafael Bulnes and Joan-Marc Fajula Rodriguez won the final for the second consecutive time in the past three years.

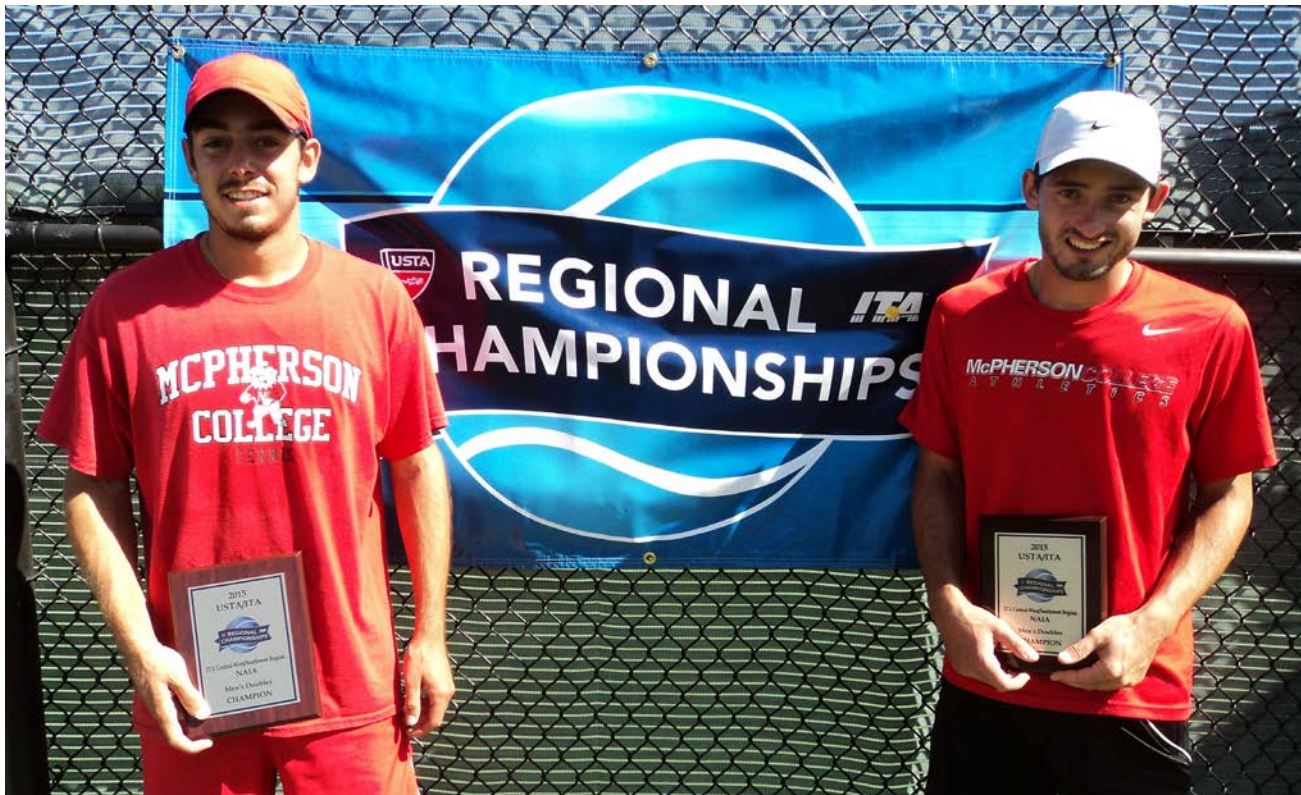
During an interview, Bulnes said that his goal is to be in the top 15 in the nation individually and the top 10 as a team. "We are really deep as a team," Bulnes said. "We have a lot of guys who can compete on the highest level and we make each other better every practice. Off the court we support each other and it feels like a family." Regarding his recent vic-

tor in the regional tournament, Bulnes said, "It felt really good. After winning it last year, everyone wanted to beat us this year. We played a great team in the final; it was very close the whole match but we pulled it out."

He later said he appreciated all of the support and hoped that the team can make McPherson College proud with a good result at nationals.

"For this season the goal is to be in the top 10 in the nation in singles and top 4 in doubles for the whole season," Fajula Rodriguez said. "Also to go undefeated in doubles."

Later, he said, "Our strength is that we know each other so well and I know what he is going to do and where he is going to be all the time. We also always have positive energy. Winning regionals for the second time with Rafa felt really good because it's the last year I can play with him since he is a senior and because we will be able to



improve our result in nationals from last year. I don't think we have any limits this year because we know that if we play well there isn't

anyone in the nation that can beat us. Therefore, we are going for the national championship."

The men's tennis team

performed well at the KCAC Individuals Tournament, which was held the week after the Regionals Tournament. The men won

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three championships, two in singles and one in doubles.

Cross Country Can't Be Stopped

BY JORDYN LIPE
SPECTATOR STAFF

On Saturday, Sept. 25, McPherson College cross country men brought home a win after running at the Tabor College Invitational. Their meet win was the second win for the Bulldogs this season, with the previous win happening on Sept. 12 at the Sterling College Invitational.

Dixon Cooney, senior, placed second with a time of 27:58.58 as he led the men Bulldogs to their victory. Michael Janzer, junior, followed promptly with a time of 28:08.68. The other three top finishers that finished in the top fifteen were: Felix Cervantes, junior; Jerod Fuller, freshman; and Jesse Freeman, freshman, with finishing places of ninth, eleventh, and thirteenth respectively. With a score of 33, McPherson

College men beat the college's all-time rival, Friends University, to win first place at the meet.

The Lady Bulldogs pulled through to finish fifth as a team overall out of the nine teams present. Laura Gibson, junior, fought her way to fourth place with a time of 19:55.50. Next in the pack to cross the finish line was Miranda Clark Ulrich, senior, with a time of 20:57.82, placing her 18th of the 73 competitors. Taylor Dreiling, sophomore, crossed at 21:49.94 to finish 37th and third to cross for the Bulldogs.

"I thought that we did pretty well at the Tabor meet, especially since we were racing against the other conference teams," Dreiling said. "I think that we will be a little better at Fort Hays because we have had another race under our

belts and it's a tougher meet."

"I was very pleased with how both teams ran at the Tabor Invite. They overcame some tough course conditions and had strong finishes on both sides. Our meet on Oct. 10 should be a fast race with a lot of strong competition from both KCAC and from the junior college programs in the region. It'll be a good test for us to see how we stack up with the rest of the conference," Head Coach Cameron Mag-nall said.

Expectations are high as the cross country team will travel to Hays, Kan., to compete on the fast course in Victoria, Kan. and hosted by Fort Hays State University on Saturday, Oct. 10.

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(Left) Lauren Wankum runs for the Bulldogs Cross Country at Tabor Invitational Sept. 25. (Right) Gustavo Pelayo finishes his run strong for the Bulldogs in Tabor Invitational on Sept. 25.



Volleyball Finds Three Wins

Lady Bulldogs Double Their Win Record Within the Week

BY JOHANNA HOFFMAN
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Volleyball is a sport that requires mental toughness, which can create many ups and downs for a team. For the Lady Bulldogs, it seems the necessary resilience may be coming together as their season reaches its halfway mark.

The first round of conference has been rough for the Bulldogs so far, but it looks like the streak could be waning. For the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 5, the team went 3-1 and doubled their win count, improving overall record to 6-15.

The week started out with a win as the Bulldogs travelled to the University of Saint Mary. They won the first two sets and then dropped the third. Although they battled into extra points, the team came up short with the score reaching 25-27.

However, the Lady Bulldogs came out and won the fourth set 25-13, securing their first conference win of the 2015 season.

This helped contribute to Emily Warner, junior, receiving the title of KCAC Defender of the Week. She felt extremely honored to be given this praise.

"It's always awesome to

receive honors like Defender of the Week," Warner said. "Our whole team played so well these past three games, and it was just a really fun week for us."

It is an especially exciting season for Warner personally, as she is on track to set a new career best season

in digs and potentially a McPherson College record as well.

For the team, this new burst of success brings hope for post-season play. Warner spoke particularly to the importance of conference wins now to ensure their season does not end early.

"Getting in every conference win we can is crucial," Warner said. "This matters in whether or not we make the conference tournament as well as our seeding for post-season play."

Then, on Saturday, Oct. 3, the team went across town to Central Christian College

to face the cross-town rivals for the second time of the season. There, the Bulldogs went 2-0 against Central Christian and the College of the Ozarks.

Molly Kelley, junior, was optimistic about the team chemistry after winning these games.

"Everything on our team is clicking right now," Kelley said. "Our chemistry together is very strong. It's a lot of fun to play with these girls."

The perfect week of play wasn't meant to be, however. The Bulldogs travelled to Ottawa on Oct. 5. They came up short against the conference leaders, losing in three sets to the Lady Braves.

Volleyball will begin round two of the conference against Bethany this coming Saturday. The team is excited to clear the slate and begin round two, according to Warner.

"We're really excited to start the second round," Warner said. "It's a chance for us to redeem ourselves against teams we've previously lost to."

The Lady Bulldogs will be hosted by Bethany College on Saturday, Oct. 10, and then have a home game the following Wednesday against Kansas Wesleyan University.

Jocelyn Cochran dives for the ball against the University of Saint Mary on Sept. 30.

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