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Current Controversies Discussed on Campus

BY MCPHERSON COLLEGE INTRO TO JOURNALISM CLASS

College campuses, large and small, across the U.S. have students wanting to remove language, textbooks, statues and professors from campus in an effort to scrub the environment free of anything that might be perceived as offensive or uncomfortable.

Students seem to be taking to anything and everything that could be perceived as offensive or slanderous.

Both professors and the public have called out students as over-sensitive and too idealistic. Students are also said to take statements or actions, not meant to be malicious, and turning them into issues and campaigns for change.

Many campuses appear on the verge of action by students who have found and pushed a once ignored or unaddressed issue.

McPherson College is not immune to conflict. For the past several years, however, the college has avoided protests or calls for removal of leadership.

But the question remains if McPherson College students have the same complaints, grievances and feelings of discomfort while on campus as other colleges and have not taken them public, or if the campus community has found a way to put aside differences and co-exist.

As part of this semester's coursework, the McPherson College Journalism (CM 135) class set out to determine if the college does, in fact, have a culture of over-sensitivity among students

or if, despite our differences, everyone is able to get along regardless.

The result was an agreement that while students do occasionally say and publish rude or insensitive comments, everyone is able to rise above the conflict and misunderstandings.

"I don't think there is a culture of over sensitivity on campus," Zuriel Reyes, sophomore, said.

"Mainly due to the fact that it's such a small campus and everyone pretty much knows everyone and you just become friends with everybody."

When asked, many students on campus admitted that rude or inappropriate things are said or published online but that students were typically able to make amends or let the situation go without a disturbance.

"I think that some people take offense to words or actions that aren't meant to offend, however a lot of people on campus are pretty relaxed about things," Dominic DeLuca, freshman, said.

The McPherson College campus is a diverse landscape with a variety of ethnic and cultural background represented and brought together in the dorms, on the playing field and through

academic programs.

However, McPherson College Dean of Student Life ShaRhonda Maclin said the college works hard to foster an environment of inclusion and acceptance.

"We put our best foot forward to keep our students

have been attributed to socialization habits of Millennials.

Mindy Nicholson, mental health therapist and owner of Sandstone Bridge Center LLC, links the increase in conflicts on campuses nation-wide to a change

instinct of attachment . . .

With advancements in social media, video games and cell phone correspondence, individuals have become enabled to voice a more literal sense of view versus those interactions that benefit from non-verbal interactions (empathy, compassion, genuine concern). For example, something typed in all caps within a text message or email can be misinterpreted by the receiver. ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!? Is this person being sarcastic, angry or excited?"

Keeping the peace on campus is a group effort. College faculty and staff work daily to ensure they are continuing an environment of learning and community.

Head Tennis Coach Justin Stucky encounters diversity on a daily basis. Members of his men's team represent not only different ethnicities but different countries.

"I have to adapt what I'm saying depending on the person who I'm talking to in order for my message to be clear and for my message not to be interpreted in a negative way," Stucky said.

"The reason for that is that I have to deal with students from different cultures and different backgrounds."

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Assistant Professor of English Ami Martinez said she attempts to conduct herself and her class in professional manner at all times, but has been asked by students to adapt her content.

While she has worked to be considerate of all students, she believes adaptability is part of the college experience.

"I have been asked to adapt my program by a student before," Martinez said.

"However, students need to experience what being uncomfortable is. It's pretty much part of the learning process."

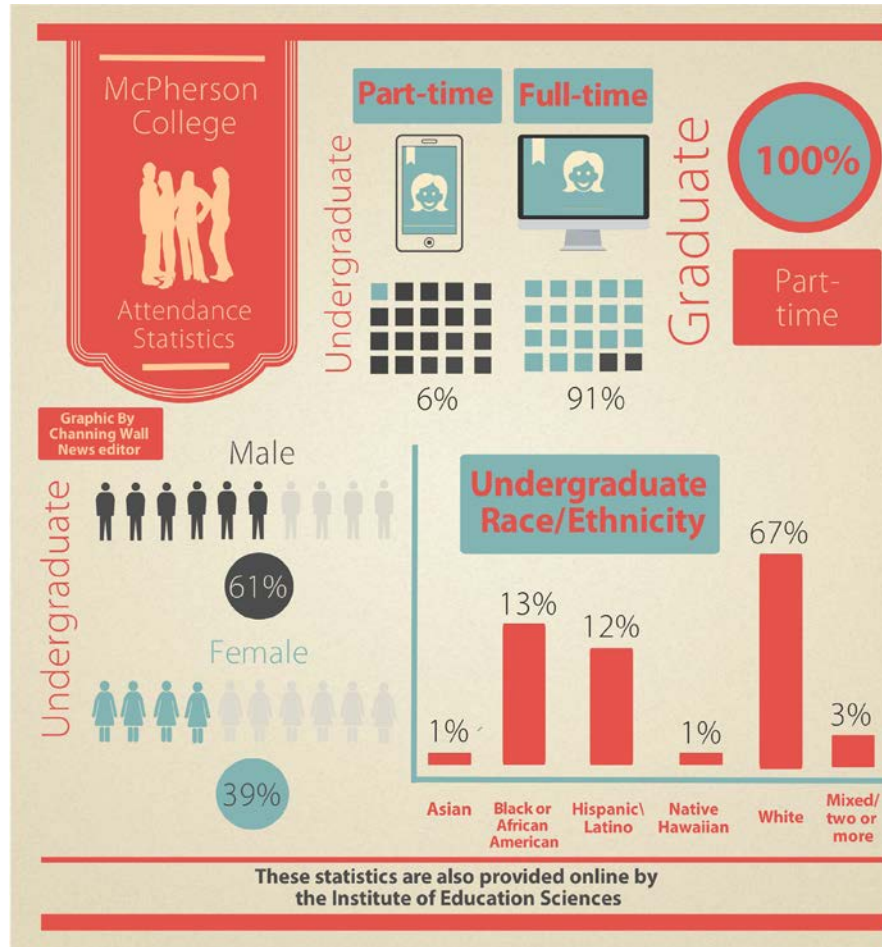
Martinez also believes technology often complicates and distorts messages.

"An issue I have encountered is students not necessarily using appropriate language to express their disagreement with a professor," Martinez said.

"Also, some students will say some things by e-mail that they probably won't say face to face. I have noticed, having a Hispanic name, that people tell me things or comments that they might not have told me if I wouldn't have a Hispanic last name."

Despite the call for change on other campuses, many McPherson College students agree the ability to speak freely enables a vibrant and college campus.

"We have freedom of speech, so how can you justify not letting people express themselves?" Terrance Grant Jr., senior, said. "In all honesty being able to say what you want makes people comfortable and not afraid of confrontation or conflicts."



safe," Maclin said. "This year I have been dealing with petty issues, not very serious issues."

The college does not have policies restricting offensive language but promotes a community code intended to "allow students to grow as persons and to learn, and work to provide an environment that serves to that goal."

Campus culture changes

in communication habits among today's college students.

"(The) current generation has a tremendous technology advantage over past generations," Nicholson said.

"This advantage comes at a cost of significant decline of human interaction. The very interaction that coined humans as social beings and is necessary in our primal

Furry Friends Provide Stress Relief During Finals



Students pet Jordyn Lipe's dog after a presentation Lipe gave in Hutchinson about therapy animals and the positive effect they have on people.

PHOTO BY JORDYN LIPE

BY JORDYN LIPE SPECTATOR STAFF

College students around the world experience stress in one way or another. Despite this normal occurrence, levels generally spike when finals week arrives.

Dec. 7 is the beginning of finals week at McPherson College but plans are set to curve some stress that students may experience.

From lack of sleep to helicopter parents, struggling grades and trying to balance a job and social life, stressors can lead students to start unhealthy habits. These habits can include excessive drinking, smoking, lack of sleep and binge eating among several other habits.

These habits can cause life-changing medical conditions and can affect students long into their adult lives. According to WebMD.com, there are 10 relaxation techniques that zap stress fast.

This starts with meditation or doing an activity that you find relaxing and enjoyable.

Focusing on breathing deeply is another way to control the brain's functions.

"Deep breathing counters the effects of stress by slowing the heart rate and lowering blood pressure," psychologist Judith Tutin, Ph.D., said to WebMD.com.

Being present is the next technique, which is also present on the website, focuses more on slowing down and taking a few moments to enjoy the little things.

Reaching out and talking to others in your social network about what is going on is one of the ways which can help psychologically with stress, depression and anxiety.

Being in tune with the body and focusing on how stress affects every part of the body is the fifth technique.

Following being in tune with your body is decompressing.

Students can do this by placing a warm towel on your shoulders or using a ball to focus pressure on only one part of the body.

Technique number seven is laugh out loud, meaning to take time and laugh will help lower cortisol, which causes stress as well as boosting endorphins to lighten your mood.

If you are a music fan, the next technique is playing calm music. This is because studies have proven that listening to soothing music helps to lower blood pressure, anxiety and heart rate.

Number nine is get moving to help with stress and anxiety and this can be found through any genre of movement whether it be yoga, walking, jogging or even running. The tenth technique to zap stress fast

is to be grateful.

This technique suggests keeping a journal of all of the blessings and people or events which you are thankful for, as these can help focus from negative thoughts which can cause stress to focusing on the positive parts of your life and all that you have.

To help with stress during finals week, preparation is being made to welcome at least one dog and cat to campus, if not more.

This is because studies have shown that petting or playing with both dogs and cats can release endorphins into the bloodstream to reduce anxiety, depression and stress.

Along with furry friends visiting campus, there will be other activities and events to help ease the levels of stress among students during this anxious time of the school year.

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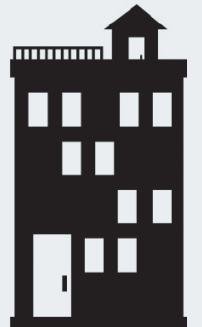
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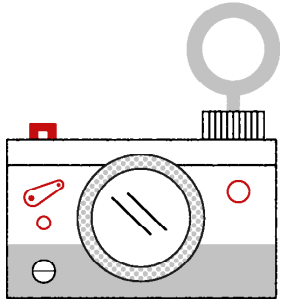
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Opportunity to Publicly Display Student Art Work at Craft Coffee

BY JORDYN LIPE
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Craft Coffee Parlor in downtown McPherson, Kan., has been displaying photography pieces from McPherson College for several months until Jan. 1.

Ann Zerger, associate professor of art, teaches both beginner and advanced photography at McPherson College and asked students in her Photography II class from last spring if they wanted their work on display.

"My pieces are actually from this summer during the Leadsled Car Show," Monica Ewy, junior, said. "Along with the car show, one of my friends from my internship this summer has a bunch of cars that I took pictures of."

Melicia Evans, senior, Nathan Holthus, senior, Jessie Neher, junior, Lora Kirmer, senior, Bailey McKinley, senior, and Adam Porter, senior, are the other students whose art is on display on the brightly-colored walls of Craft Coffee Parlor.

Some of the pieces are marked for sale at the student's choosing, though some are simply for the eyes to gaze upon.

"I was on yearbook in high school and did photography," Kirmer said.

"So I was curious to

know how to take and develop film photography and then how to properly operate a Digital Single-Lens Reflect Camera." Many of the students who have taken either Photography I and or Photography II have been spiked by a general interest in photography starting prior to college. The display of the artwork serves as a portal for the community to see what McPherson College students are capable of in various programs.

Some of the artwork focuses on automotive restoration while others focus on human nature and capture a moment of raw beauty found in a face or pigeon as it takes flight.

Jessie Neher, junior, stands by her digital photograph on display at Craft Coffee.



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Relaxing Retreat Planned for Spring Semester

BY JORDYN LIPE
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After three weeks of class, McPherson College, with the help of a few students, will be hosting a Women's Retreat just in time for the spring semester.

From Sunday, Jan. 24 to mid-day on Monday, Jan. 25, Maple Memories Craft House in McPherson will

be hosting a retreat for 12 McPherson College students to attend.

This will be a relaxing time for women to rediscover the bonds of sisterhood through various crafts, activities and a movie night.

This will serve as an opportunity for students to reconnect after a hectic and fast-paced interterm before

the beginning of the spring semester.

Some of the activities involved will be room decoration crafts, spa night, movie night, and many more.

Dinner and breakfast will also be provided during the stay along with snacks to munch on throughout.

If you or someone you

know may be interested in attending, keep a look out for an invitation email and sign up for the event in the Office of Student Life when it becomes available.

Maple Memories Craft House where the retreat will be held.

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JORDYN LIPE



Students Take Advantage of Low Gas Prices

BY THOMAS POTTER
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CHANNING WALL

Gas prices in McPherson, Kan. seem to be dropping uncontrollably as some local convenience stores are selling cheaper than the national and state average.

This is good news for anybody who drives a car. The national average of gas prices was previously \$2.07 which is roughly 80 cents lower than last year's average at this time.

The state of Kansas has an average price of \$1.92 on

unleaded gasoline which is 78 cents lower than the average around the same time of year.

"I have to fill my car up twice to drive the four hours it takes me to get home to Oklahoma and I am always looking for the cheapest gas prices," Tyler Lambert, senior, said.

With the holidays quickly approaching, students are preparing to travel to see their relatives. With travel-

ing comes spending money on gas.

Here in McPherson there are numerous places to find gas as cheap as \$1.75.

One place is the Kwik Shop which is located off of Kansas Ave., next to Sonic. At the Kwik Shop, which is located just minutes from campus, students can find unleaded gas for \$1.75.

These prices are also posted at the Phillips 66 convenience store located

on the corner of First St. and Maxwell and also at the new Love's convenience store located across interstate 135 next to Hardee's.

College students are definitely benefiting from the low gas prices.

"Paying for college is already costing me a lot of money so low gas prices are definitely something that I am glad to see around McPherson," Shon Pinard, senior, said.

Unfortunately, studies have shown that gas prices typically rise around the holidays, but that does not seem to be the case as of yet.

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Global Entrepreneurship Week of 2015



BY JORDYN LIPE
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Andrew Lindstrom, senior, displays his motorized bicycle at the Entrepreneurship Fair.

Global Entrepreneurship Week of 2015 was a large event on the campus at McPherson College. Along with the Global Enterprise Challenge, the campus welcomed over 140 students along with their mentors from all over the state on Friday, Nov. 20. Across the globe, however, the themes for the week followed

GEW Capital Competitions, Investors, Women, Youth and Startup Cities.

Students who competed in the Global Enterprise Challenge for the 2015 GEW, which was based around Haiti Medical Project, were Miranda Clark-Ulrich, senior; Channing Wall, senior;

Andrea Kadeba, sophomore; Madison Hoffman, freshman; and Rhianna Smith, freshman. Along with these students were the winners Ste'fon Walker and Jasmine Benson, both seniors, who presented their social media campaign using the hashtag "#TogetherWeWill."

Walker and Benson had also set up an account on GoFundMe for the Haiti Medical Project nonprofit and raised \$150 during Global Entrepreneurship Week as well as applied for several grants and posted a promotional video. The team encouraged the audience during their presentation that even though we are just college students that the campus can still make a difference.

According to the Haiti Medical Project website, "Beginning in 2015 a new focus on meeting long term health needs in related communities is a significant part of the Haiti Medical Project. A Community Development Team and contracted nurses will address issues in midwifery training, pre and post-natal education of pregnant women and nursing mothers, establishment of small community dispensaries operated by local volunteers and a new emphasis on enabling communities to secure clean drinking water." Along with the Global

Enterprise Competition, on Friday, Nov. 20 McPherson College hosted the Youth Entrepreneurs Visit Day where guest speaker Beth Tully, owner of Cocoa Dolce, spoke to the visiting students, as well as an entrepreneurship fair where faculty and staff along with students could show off their endeavors and projects. The E-Team entrepreneurship professors and staff members were represented as well as the Entrepreneurship Minor along with the E-Fellows group. Students such as Logan Schrag, sophomore, presented his group Resurrection Duo, which he started with Scott Christ who graduated in May 2015.

The visit for the Youth Entrepreneurs started with a game that allowed the students to form groups and come up with a business setup based off an envelope given to each group with a goal of money needed for their company as well as various variables needed. Their task then was to go around the room and pitch their idea to potential

"investors" who were given envelopes with various amounts of fake money. The end goal was for each team to have successfully raised the funds needed for the startup of their company. The students were able to be challenged to learn how to pitch their idea effectively to various investors as well as work as a team with students they may not have known.

A lunch panel was also a part of the visit as six McPherson College students were asked questions about their involvement with Entrepreneurship. Some of the questions asked what the students' hardest challenges were as well as some of the easiest challenges. Clark-Ulrich; Wall; Schrag; Jordyn Lipe, junior; Blake Janes, freshman; and Amanda Fleming, freshman, made up the lunch panel, as all are involved with entrepreneurship on a number of levels. Global Entrepreneurship Week was one of the ways McPherson College is able to showcase the entrepreneurship which is present on and off campus.



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(Right) Nathan Holthus, senior, Kenna Elliott, junior, and Corey Long, junior, talk to a high school student about Etch, a student-run design and marketing company. (Left) Adam Porter, senior, talks to a student about winning the Global Enterprise Challenge last fall.

THE CAMPUS CALENDAR DECEMBER

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Interterm Trips Planned

Students Given the Opportunity to Travel

BY JORDYN LIPE
SPECTATOR STAFF

McPherson College has two interim trips planned for this coming January 2016. Dr. Jonathan Frye, professor of natural science, will be leading a trip of 10-12 students to Puerto Rico on Jan. 6 for the "Field Experience in Puerto Rico." Students have been saving their money and contributing towards the cost of the \$1,800 trip that is 15 days and 14 nights long. Students will spend time in the rainforest at part of the El Yunque National Forest, hiking through a cloud forest to the summit of Mt. Britton where they will go through the rainforest on their way to

a waterfall.

Activities that are planned for students include kayaking on the night of the "new moon," camping on the island of Vieques, snorkeling in the Caribbean Sea, research projects, spelunking (cave exploring) at Cueva Ventana along with numerous other activities. The cost of the trip includes the meals, lodging, transportation and admissions to the various places visited.

The second interim trip planned is to go to Costa Rica with Dr. Sheron Lawson, assistant professor of business, and 12 others, including 10 McPherson College students. Dr. Lawson and her group will

fly out on Jan. 12 for nine days for intense hiking and walking several miles per day as they explore during one of the best months to visit Costa Rica. Adventures that are planned for the group start off with a Costa Rican cooking workshop followed by the travelers dining on the meal they have prepared.

The \$2,000 cost of the Costa Rica trip provides the transportation, lodging, most meals and select activities. Some of the various sites that the Costa Rican adventurers will see are the National History Museum in San Jose' Poas Volcano National Park and Coffee Plantation, a Salsa dance lesson and a tour

through a banana plantation, along with many other activities. The Costa Rican group will have one free day where they will have the opportunity to take surf lessons, do parasailing, whitewater rafting, horseback riding, kayaking, waterfalls tour and several other activities.

This trip provides both an escape from the Kansas cold winter as well as an educational opportunity to discover the world. This is the third class trip to Puerto Rico with Dr. Frye, though this will be his 10th trip to the islands. Dr. Lawson has tried to pick a different location every year, as last year she led a group of students to Ecuador.

Fresh Ideas Chef to Take Over Director Position

BY JASMINE HELMS
SPECTATOR STAFF

Lisa Quested, the chef and production manager for Fresh Ideas, is preparing to move up in the ranks. Martin Porter, director of dining services, will be leaving McPherson College at the end of this semester.

Quested is a native of Gosport, England, and has worked in the food service industry since she was 14. She earned a degree in hotel restaurant management with an emphasis in culinary arts at City Plymouth College. Quested was also able to take part in an exchange program that allowed her to practice culinary arts in Germany.

"I came to the States when I was 20," said Quested, "And after I was married, I owned my own restaurant for four years and managed it for two years."

Later, Quested dabbled in healthcare food service. She worked as a dietary manager for Riverview Estates in

Marquette, Kan. Quested stated that she was looking out for positions when she saw the advertisement for Fresh Ideas. She contacted the company and "the rest is history."

"I love it," Quested said when asked about her experience at McPherson College. "Busy is an understatement."

For Quested, healthcare food service was rewarding because she was helping the sick and the elderly. "Working for Fresh Ideas is also rewarding because students make it fun," she said.

Regarding her position change, Quested said that not many changes would occur within the cafeteria. However, she will continue to stick to what the students want. Quested asks that students feel free to speak with her and have their voices heard. She can be contacted via email or in person at the student union.



Students and Fresh Ideas staff celebrate with Martin Porter at his reception held on Monday, Nov. 30th.

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Mondays, 12pm: It's Your Faith! Own It! - weekly in the basement of the Student Union.

Tuesdays, 9:45am: Women's Bible Study - weekly at Craft Coffee Parlor (beginning October 20)

Tuesdays, 12pm: Prayer and Meditation time - weekly at the Church of the Brethren Sanctuary (campus church behind Dotzour Hall)

Wednesdays, 9pm: Student-led Bible Study - weekly in the basement of the Student Union

Thursdays, 8pm: Men's Fellowship Group - weekly in Siek Dining Hall at the Student Union

Sundays, 10am: Walk to Worship - weekly at the flagpole outside the Student Union to walk to the Church of the Brethren together

Sundays, 5pm: Takeover - bi-weekly outside the Student Union on the lawn

Financial Workshop Offered to Seniors

BY AYSIA PRYOR
CAMPUS EDITOR

It is common that seniors stress over how they will handle their personal finances after graduation. They find themselves wondering how they will create a personal

budget, when to invest in a retirement plan and what kinds of investment plans are available.

Seniors will have the opportunity to have these and other financial questions answered. A personal finance workshop will be held in the board room of

Miller Library on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

Glen Snell, a private wealth advisor at Ameriprise Financial and a McPherson alumnus, will be conducting the workshop. Sign up in the student life office prior to attending.

Art Exhibition Displays the Artwork of Graduating Seniors

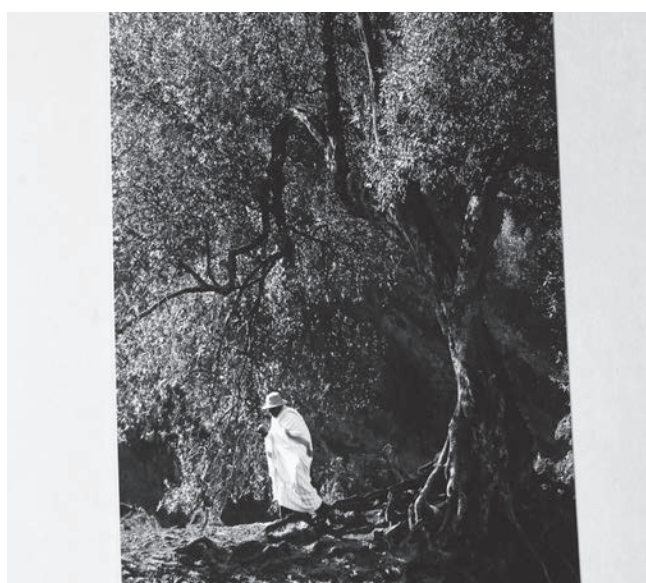


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BY RYAN KRESKY
COPY EDITOR

Art piece displayed in Senior Art Exhibition. The exhibition is open now through Dec. 11 in Friendship Hall.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, the Senior Art Exhibition unofficially opened in Friendship Hall and is filled with the works of graduating seniors.

An undetermined amount

of artwork can be viewed by McPherson College students and the community. The artwork varies in media with photographs, clay sculptures, paintings, graphic design and a tea painting. The exhibition unofficially opened because some of the work that was going to be shown was still under production at the time and will be placed in Friendship Hall before the reception party.

"I was a bit leery," Wayne Conyers, professor of art, said. "With the sheer volume of works, I wasn't sure if there would be enough room to fit all of the artwork."

Much of the work done by seniors Dani Jacks, Arelyn Fallis and Adam Porter filled Friendship Hall was created within the past year.

Conyers said that two of the students, Jacks and Fallis specifically, added narratives to their works.

This is unique to the show because "students don't always do it." The narratives are below the work itself along with the name of the artist, work and medium used.

Jacks' artwork consists of studio art, mainly paintings, clay artwork, photographs and the tea painting. More specifically, the tea painting was made by discoloring the paper by experimenting with different shades of tea. As mentioned before, Jacks' works feature narratives, each giving a story to her artwork as to the creation, inspiration and message. The tea painting, however, Conyers said shows a scripture from the Bible in the description below her work, which gives more contexts to the painting.

The photographs that Jacks took all have a theme to them called "reflections." The photos present images

in mirror reflections through different reflective surfaces like, for example, puddles of water. Conyers said that these photos spark "philosophical thought" with the way these photos were taken and the narratives written below.

In Fallis' artwork, her main theme in the exhibition is "risk," especially risk regarding the creation of art. Some of her works are considered incomplete but are shown in the show with a narrative explaining the reason why. Even with her other works that have been completed, it still tells a story about the complications of creating it. Conyers said that the reason why Fallis decided to do this was to illustrate to the audience what is unknown regarding her experimentation and overall risk of producing the work. Much of the artwork

produced by Porter is a combination between photos, web and graphic design. His web and graphic design mainly pertains towards company branding, which Porter wants to present to people what he can do. Porter does not have an overall theme like the other seniors but he does have photos that he took in Ethiopia that he was able to experience and take photos of the country.

"It was nice to take more than 200 photographs and to only use two to three percent in the show," Porter said.

Dec. 11 will be the last day the art exhibit will be open and will be taken down at the end of the semester. On Friday, Dec. 4, the reception party for the exhibition will be held. Anyone is welcome to attend. The reception is held from 7-8:30 p.m.

Automotive Restoration Program Receives Recognition

BY MIRANDA CLARK
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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

One of the most prestigious automotive restoration programs is right here at McPherson College. As the only school that offers a four-year degree in Automotive Restoration, McPherson College graduates receive a lot of opportunities after graduation. The well-known name of McPherson College just became a lot bigger in the automotive restoration world.

The McPherson College Automotive Restoration Department won the International Historic Motoring Awards 2015 Industry Supporter of the

Year. After being nominated for the award, Amanda Gutierrez, vice president for automotive restoration, and Paul Russell, chair of the program's National Advisory Board and owner of Paul Russell and Company in Essex, Mass., attended the ceremony in and gala dinner in London at the St. Pancras Renaissance Hotel.

"I think it's great that this program is getting some pretty serious recognition because it's a really good program for guys like me who enjoy cars and want to preserve history through cars," Andrew Tanner, sophomore, said. "Those of us who are in the program will take even more pride now than before knowing

that the program has received such a prestigious award."

Not only was receiving the award a huge honor, but simply being in the running against some of the other finalist says a great deal. Those finalists were Hagerty, Jaguar Land Rover Special Operations, Porsche Motorsports North America, and Royal Automotive Club.

The International Historic Motoring Awards celebrates 14 categories of awards each year. The program has been taking place since 2011.

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Kavoderic McIntyre

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SPECTATOR STAFF

Kavoderic McIntyre is a senior from Dallas, Texas. He expects to graduate in the fall of 2016 with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting.

After only playing football his senior year in high school, he earned a football scholarship to McPherson College. Once at McPherson, he redshirted his freshman year, took a few snaps as a redshirted-freshman and then became starting cornerback for the team his sophomore and junior years. In the fall of 2016, he will work hard to earn the starting position one last time, when he came back for what would be his last season of collegiate football.

As one of the captains of the football team, McIntyre's philosophy was to lead the team by example. "We were all in it together," McIntyre said. "As a unit, we all wanted to succeed. Being a captain taught me how to help others, how to properly deliver advice to the younger players and how to motivate all my teammates. We all have different ways to get motivated, and as a captain, I feel it was my job to find ways to help the team overcome the obstacles we faced every day during the season."

McIntyre believes that being a student-athlete teaches you how to effectively manage time. He said "without great time-management skills, a student athlete will not be able to succeed on and off the field." McIntyre's time management skills were put to the test a year ago when he was blessed with twin girls. He said "it has been a challenge to balance my time between school, football and family; however, I think that being a student-athlete has helped

me because I was already used to having a lot of things to do in a limited amount of time."

For McIntyre, being a student athlete means to hold oneself accountable in the classroom as well as on the field. It means to always have in mind that you are not only representing yourself when wearing the team's uniform, but you are also representing the school as a whole. McIntyre believes that the most important thing he has learned from being a student-athlete is how to develop relationships with others. He said "the better you know your teammates, the stronger the unit will be."

One of the aspects of being an athlete that McIntyre believes will be helpful once he finds a job is the team-oriented mentality.

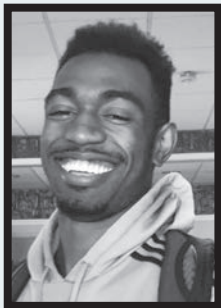
"As a team," McIntyre said, "you share a common purpose with your teammates and you work together with them to reach that goal. It is the same within a company. The company has certain goals that need to be met and I will need to collaborate with my co-workers to be able to succeed at my job and help the company reach its objectives."

McIntyre recommends that any high school athlete who is thinking about becoming a college student-athlete to remember that firstly you are a student and secondly an athlete. "I've seen a lot of talented people not playing because they failed to understand that school comes first," McIntyre said.

After graduation, McIntyre plans to move back to Dallas with his two daughters and girlfriend. He wants to use the knowledge obtained at McPherson College to become a financial advisor in the Dallas area.

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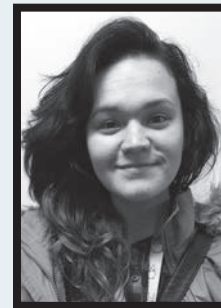
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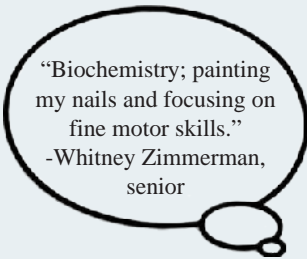
"Editing; I'm not a very stressful person."
-Marlon Clayton Jr, junior



"Intro. to Business and Financial Accounting; listening to music and working out."
-Katie Paulson, freshmen



"World Literature; taking time to relax by myself."
-Jasmine Regehr, senior



"Biochemistry; painting my nails and focusing on fine motor skills."
-Whitney Zimmerman, senior



"Getting all my projects completed in time; chilling on the couch with my dogs."
-Lisa Goering, senior



"Biology I; listening to music."
-Nicholas Powell, freshmen



Attacks in Paris Hits Close to Home

BY HUGO BALL-GREENE
SPECTATOR STAFF

"Let's make two things clear: ISIS is not "Islamic." No religion condones the killing of innocents, and the vast majority of ISIL's victims have been Muslim, and ISIL is certainly not a state," President Barack Obama said in September 2014.

I do agree with him. The Q'ranQuran does not state that every non-believer should be exterminated.

Rather, it says that if one individual kills another one, then that person has killed the whole humanity.

According to statisticbrain.com, ISIS has conducted 9540 operations in 2013.

ISIS truly has elevated since then, and became an even bigger threat on a worldwide level.

Recently, a mass shooting erupted in a University in Kenya, causing a numerous

amount of people to die and injuring a significant amount of others.

In Lebanon, just a day or two before the recent Paris attacks; one of these so-called Islamic believers' soldier blew himself up in the middle of a busy street, killing at least 43 people and injuring approximately 239 people.

What we will remember about France, and Paris more particularly, is that the year began just the same way as it is ending, in chaos and horror, leaving the whole country, if not the whole world, in mourning.

What really strikes me and makes me furious today, is why was nothing done in January after the Charlie Hebdo attack?

The government had to wait for such a gigantic, apocalyptic catastrophe leaving 130 dead and about 350 injured to occur to finally realize that something needs to be done. This is outrageous. Right

after the attacks, France went into their territory and dropped 20 bombs.

The president has stated that we are at war with ISIS.

However, it is a very complicated situation since ISIS is almost invisible and is always a step ahead of every one else.

Not only that, but how can a war be won, or even conducted against people who do not even care about their own lives?

Also, never has a war been won in the whole history of mankind by simply bombing places. Some ground operations have to take place.

Others believe that war is not the solution, but instead, diplomatic solutions will solve the problem.

Now, those words sound extremely charming and attractive to my ears, but what are the diplomatic situations that we have today?

I have not heard any of these individuals answer this

question.

No one knows any better solution, as of today, other than war.

These people, or I prefer calling them cowards or monsters, are beyond craziness.

There is no way that we can argue or talk to them; their goal is to simply kill everyone who does not believe in their "cause."

I personally strongly oppose the death penalty or torture.

However, I believe that in some cases such as these, these two horrendous methods are the only ones we can employ if one of them is ever caught alive.

Imagine that a bomb is set up somewhere and is about to end hundreds of innocents' existence, and one of the killers is caught, and then the only way to make him or her speak is by torture.

Another factor that sickens me is these people evoking the name of God,

or Allah, when causing such crimes.

This is what used to be people, do not have any religion, they have absolutely no right to blame their acts on Islam.

It is more than a disgrace for the millions of true Islamic believers that have, in no means, anything to do with all of this.

The purpose of these people is to install fear, and to spread terror all over the world, but we will not let them to do so.

Terrorism has been around for a very long time now, nevertheless, it has never represented such a threat until today.

This is so because people part of this group come from all over the world, white, black, Arab, Asian; it just does not matter, it can be anyone.

What ISIS is now doing, is indoctrinating people in their early years as soon as possible.

ISIS is extremely wealthy,

since it has oil and gas on its territory, but they also stole military material that was left by the Americans for the Iraqi army.

Those resources included: tanks, missiles, guns, trucks and so on. It is believed that Saudi Arabia and even Qatar is another financing source for this organization.

I would like to thank everyone who asked how my family, relatives, friends and myself were doing or feeling right after this inhuman act took place in Paris, my home.

This magnificent city, with such a rich and intense history, is one of the most charming cities in the world, which attracts millions of visitors every year. It sincerely is a tragedy.

Together, let us just enjoy life, let us show smiles on our faces, let us be happy, and express positive feelings; this is one of the first steps towards victory against terrorism.

Effects of Media on College Campuses

Journalism Class Investigates McPherson College Views on Controversial Topic

BY KATIE SAWYER
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The media, in all of its forms, has undoubtedly played a role in creating and exploding many of the conflicts and crusades currently playing out on college campuses across this country.

The large campuses have made national headlines but hundreds of colleges of all sizes are dealing with a range of issues brought to light by students and the 21st century technology that allows them to push their messages far and wide.

When the Yale University

and University of Missouri conflicts between students and administration made national headlines, students in McPherson College's journalism class decided to not only investigate their own campus culture but discuss how these conflicts came to be and what role the media played.

Today's social media channels have upended the way we communicate and spread news.

Platforms like YikYak and Twitter can broadcast a message to thousands of followers and Instagram can help spread the word of a campaign or push for change with a single image.

But both can also amplify a message that ignites a fire or sets off a crusade.

Social media can help spread positive change but it can also turn a small disagreement into a campus-wide issue.

Traditional media sources, meanwhile, have been on campuses to document the events and provide visual proof of actions and circumstances that have played out.

With a click of a button, those images, videos and words have spread across the country and brought new eyes and energy to the efforts on each campus. Some, like the president

of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, have used the media to share their side of the story.

Others, like the communication professor at the University of Missouri, did not want the media involved in their struggle.

Through our class discussions students acknowledged both the good and the bad the media brings to these types of circumstances, with everyone taking a slightly different view of the net positives and negatives.

But what we could all agree on, however, was the necessity of the media to cover the events and allow

the outside world a look at life on these college's campuses.

In addition to community newspapers, we realized campus papers, like The Spectator, must also do their part to document what happens on campus.

Not as a means of fanning the flames or providing momentum for a cause, but as a vehicle of putting into print – and history – the events that shape McPherson College and its student body.

Fortunately, through our conversations with faculty, staff and students in the journalism class found that McPherson College has created and maintained an

environment of friendship, family and resolution.

Media often takes the blame for emboldening and exploding events and issues but it is a necessary part of our culture and our country.

In some cases, members of the media deserve the criticism they receive.

But without the prying eyes of reporters and photographers, Americans would not enjoy the freedoms and liberties that make our country the greatest place in the world.

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McPherson Ultimate Frisbee Hosts Tournament

BY MIRANDA CLARK ULRICH
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An untraditional sporting event took place on Saturday, Nov. 29 at Grant Fields in McPherson, Kan. The ultimate Frisbee tournament brought in six total teams, including the McPherson College Mudhuskers.

The teams came from the Wichita area, Kansas City and Sterling College. There was also an alumni team with previous Mudhusker members.

The tournament lasted the majority of the day, beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding at 4:30 p.m.

The tournament was played in a round robin format, in which each team played each other. Each team played five games in total. The games were approximately one and hour and 10 minutes in length. There were three fields ran at the same time and only about five minutes in between each game.

Each game played to 13 points. There were seven

players playing on each time at a time. The Mudhuskers played with a team of nine, leaving them with two substitutes.

Sterling College took the gold and the Mudhusker Alumni team finished in second place.

"We play the game to have fun, even if we lose, it's about enjoying the sport," Mudhuskers Captain Josh White, junior, said. "The tournament well really well and everyone had a good time from what I saw."

To conclude the day, the Mudhuskers went out for a team dinner at Pizza Hut.

The Mudhuskers practice approximately twice a week, but have practiced less since the cold weather has set in. They are currently selling Frisbees in order to raise money for future tournaments, disks and jerseys. If interested in purchasing a Frisbee for \$10.

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Participants of the Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at Grant Field compete throughout the day.



Bulldogs Look to Move Up From Fifth Seed

BY CHRIS CROOK
SPECTATOR STAFF

The Lady Bulldogs basketball team is currently ranked fifth in the KCAC

Conference and look to move up even more. In January, seven out of the eight games are conference games.

"I feel like we have to

play under control when we play against Sterling," Whitney Jefferson, senior guard, said. "If we play hard on defense and relax when get on the offensive end, then we will have a good chance of winning that game."

The Bulldogs currently rank in the top five in field goal percentage on defense.

The next notable conference game will be on Jan. 27 when the Lady Bulldogs host Kansas Wesleyan. The Lady Coyotes are receiving votes to clinch their spot to be in the top 25 in NAIA.

(Left) Brooke Racette, freshman, dribbles the ball up court for the Bulldogs on Nov. 11 against Central Christian College at home. (Right) Bailey Brown, senior, moves past a Central Christian player toward the Bulldog basket on Nov. 11. The Bulldogs won 106-49.



"Watching film over them, I can tell that they are a very discipline team," Ashton Bruner, senior post, said. "If we make it hard for them to run their offense then we will be in pretty good shape, but we will also have to do our part on the offensive end."

To round off the January games, the Bulldogs will be facing another team that are receiving votes to be a top 25 team, Friends University. The Lady Falcons are contenders for the conference championship every year.

"We have to find ways to score against the 2-3 zone defenses that they play," Bailey Brown, senior guard, said. "We cannot be rattled by their full court press. If we just take our time and find the open spots on the court then we will be fine. This will test us mentally because Friends is a very

emotional team."

The Lady Bulldogs look to have a stellar season because they know that someone is watching over them. Bruner's father, Calvin Bruner, passed away earlier this semester unexpectedly. In the remembrance of him, the whole team is wearing black wristbands during their games.

"I feel like by us wearing the wristband, it shows Ashton that we support her and are here for her through this hard time in her life," Jefferson said.

"This really lets me know that the team is behind me," Bruner said. "I know my dad is looking down proud of us."



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MIRANDA CLARK ULRICH

Track to Start Season With Coaching Change

BY MIRANDA CLARK ULRICH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This track season is beginning with an unexpected change. Cameron Magnall, the current head cross country coach, recently stepped down from the position of head track coach. He will now play the role as assistant track and field coach, and as well as continuing as the head cross country coach. Robert Spies, former assistant track coach, is now the head coach of the track and field team.

"There's not much that's going to change about the program because the same coaches are coaching the same events," Spies said. "The changes that have been made will allow the coaching staff to work more efficiently in regards to recruitment and communication on the team."

The decision to split the programs was made by the college administrators earlier this semester.

"Another positive thing that is going to come from

(Left) Michael Barrett, senior, throws for the Bulldogs at Doane College on Jan. 17, 2015. (Right) J'Moi Penn, senior, runs ahead of the pack at Doane College on Jan. 10, 2015.

the coaching changes is that Ermelinda (assistant track coach) has become more involved with the team," Spies said. "The changes in her coaching responsibilities have allowed her a little more involvement with recruiting and team development."

The track team began practices in September and has been awaiting their first indoor meet, which is Jan. 16 at Doane College in Crete, Neb.

"On the women's side we are a little bit shy on numbers, which is going to be a challenge this year as we look towards the end of the season," Spies said. "We have a lot of a good talent this year and we are working hard to get better every day in practice."

Ivanna Moyer, sophomore thrower, said. "We all pretty much get along as a team and I think that will help us in the end because we will all be cheering each other on in every event. I am really looking forward to competing with the team and seeing what we can do."

"On the men's side we have a very solid program right now and we should be very strong towards the end of the season as conference rolls around," Spies said.

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MIRANDA CLARK ULRICH

AJ Hop, a senior pole vaulter, was the only male to make nationals last outdoor season and is an NAIA All-American.

"This year I hope to keep improving as a member of the program and to try improve on my

accomplishments at the national level," Hop said.

"We have a nice group of kids that are learning a lot more about team chemistry and how to be a better person in general as they work towards graduation," Spies said.



New Athletic Club Builds Camaraderie

BY JOHANNA HOFFMAN
SPECTATOR STAFF

One of the perks of being at a small institution like McPherson College is the opportunity to fill many leadership roles. A new way for athletes to get involved is through the Student Athletic Advisory Committee.

The SAAC is comprised of athletes from each team on campus. It was started in order to create bonds between the teams and

enhance the camaraderie within the sports community on campus.

Each athlete on the committee is selected by their coach to be a representative for their team. This way they can act as an advocate for their team's needs, as well as be known as role models for their teammates. Aaron Bachura, sophomore, represents the men's basketball team and appreciates being selected to be a part of SAAC.

"Having the SAAC allows student athletes' voices to be heard," Bachura said. "Your coach puts you up for the position, so it's not something to take lightly. It's an honor."

In its first semester, the SAAC has already begun the process of integrating teams with each other. There have been many mixers between the teams. Examples include the volleyball and baseball teams getting together to play flag football, or the

track and field and football teams joining together for a pizza party.

Jasmine Helms, junior, who represents the women's track and field team, likes the opportunity to build community with other athletes she might not otherwise know.

"The purpose of SAAC is to create a healthy environment within the sports community at McPherson College," Helms said. "These events are geared toward building

camaraderie and respect among sports teams."

Among other events, the committee is in the process of planning an athletics banquet for the end of the school year. Modeled after the ESPYs, athletes will dress up, share a meal together and receive various awards. Helms is eager to see how this event goes.

"I think it is really cool to be a sort of pioneer," Helms said. "I'm incredibly excited for the sports banquet."

The SAAC also strives to

emphasize service within teams and encourages teams to volunteer to help clean up after other sporting events. This way they can both serve and support the other athletic events happening on campus.

"We're helping improve facilities and building each other up," Bachura said, "which can do nothing but improve McPherson College athletics."



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SAAC leaders pose together in the Gym for their official photo led by president Allie Hicks, junior.

Men's Basketball Falls in Close Game



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Reed Rowell, junior, dribbles the ball past a defender for a Bulldog shooting opportunity. Rowell recently became injured and will not play for several weeks.

BY CAITLYN BLGRAVE
SPORTS EDITOR

On Nov. 28 the Bulldogs fell to No. 12 College of the Ozarks. Although the Bulldogs were down against the Bobcats, they kept fighting and played hard through the whole game.

The Bulldogs went into the locker room at half time trailing 42-33. Keeping the resilience we know them to have, the Bulldogs came back to trail by only a basket.

After another push the Dogs were able to tie the game at 63 all. However, they were never able to gain the lead. After the final buzzer sounded the game

fell in favor of the Bobcats, 76-73.

Chris Crook, junior, led the Bulldogs in points with 18. Crook made all six free throws and had nine rebounds. As a whole, the team had 46 rebounds, 12 assists, eight turnovers, three steals, and a pair of blocks in the game.

Dee Roberts ended the game with 16 points, just behind Crook. Ryan O'Hara, junior, and Ramon Martinez, junior, each had 11 points and seven rebounds.

The Bulldogs are averaging 75.4 points per game and are sitting second for team defense in the

KCAC. Sitting at 16th in the NAIA and second in conference the Bulldogs are making 75.1% of their free throws.

Crook leads the Bulldogs with a 14.6 scoring average. Roberts is a close second with a 14.5 point scoring average.

The next game for the Bulldogs is slated for Dec. 5 against Friends University, at home. JV starts at 3 p.m. and varsity at 7 p.m.

Cross Country Shows Well at Nationals

BY PARKES WOLTERS
SPECTATOR STAFF

The Bulldog cross country season came to an end on Saturday, Nov. 11, in Charlotte, N.C. The Bulldogs qualified three runners for the NAIA National Championship meet, which is the highest number of qualifying runners in recent history of the program. Both races had over 300 runners in each category, and more than 30 teams. There were 19 conference qualifiers on the women's side and 30 on the men's.

Representing the men's team were Dixon Cooney, senior, and Michael Janzer, junior.

Cooney was the frontrunner for the Bulldogs and ran close to his best time of the year, 26:20.9, placing him inside the top half of the field at 112th place, and within the top seven conference runners

behind the six University of Saint Mary's harriers, which is the same spot that



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he finished at the conference meet on Nov. 7 at Lake Marian. Janzer crossed the tape over a minute behind Cooney with a time of 26:30.7. He placed 258 of the 360 runners and tenth of KCAC runners.

"Running at Nationals was a crazy experience because I was running with so much competition," Janzer said. "I feel like I did well, considering how crowded the race was, although I would have liked to have done better."

After the race, the Bulldogs all mentioned how the field was very crowded in parts of the race and all three of the runners were stuck multiple times. Janzer mentioned that he didn't feel like he had any room until the fourth mile, and the men's race is right at five miles long. Because there were so many runners and the course

PHOTO BY JONATHAN ULRICH

was narrow, the runners were forced to slow down, undoubtedly effecting their



times.

Junior, Laura Gibson was the lone runner representing the Lady Bulldogs in Charlotte.

She ran close to her best time of the year, pacing herself to a 19:43.4 The time was good enough to place her 198 out of 321 runners. Congratulations to the Bulldog cross country team on a successful season.

(Left) Michael Janzer, junior, leads a pack at the first cross country meet of the season hosted by Allen County Community College on Aug. 28 (Middle) Laura Gibson, junior, leads the race at the Sterling Invitational on Sept. 12. She placed second at the meet. (Right) Dixon Cooney runs with a large pack at the Mid-States Classic hosted by Southwestern College on Oct. 24. All three runners made the NAIA National Meet.

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