

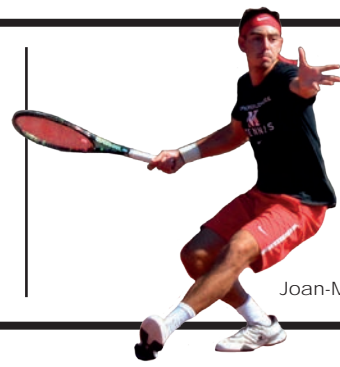
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By Channing Wall

When graphic design and music minor Lillian Oeding was hired on for Etch as a designer she knew it would be a new challenge, but one she was willing to face head on. McPherson College was recommended to her for the graphic design opportunities and when she visited Hess Fine Arts Building she was convinced this could be home for her college career.

"One of my favorite painting teachers recommended this school so I came and visited, I saw this building and it was awesome," Oeding said.

Oeding applied and interviewed for the web design and social media director but after reviewing her portfolio Oeding was hired on as a designer.

"I heard that they were having interviews but that there weren't really design positions but I sat on it a while and decided it would be good just to get into the business," Oeding said.

Since joining she has received assignments but is handling the extra load that the client work introduces. Balancing school life and work life is a task every student faces. Along with giving back to the community, Etch was designed to provide real world graphic design experience.

"I think it [work load] is very realistic to real world situations. Because in a real world work situation you're going to have your day job but at night most designers are doing freelance or their own personal art to stay creative and fresh," Dee Erway-Sherwood, faculty advisor of Etch, said.

The company was started with the understanding it would be student operated. Leadership roles and decisions are made by students, so the company has changed a little bit with each new wave of students.

"It's something that is very important, to push yourself in those different directions from what is normally required in class, because one of the most beneficial things I see from it is that it is really polishing how you use your time. It makes you stay very efficient and also the personal connections and networking that ends up happening out of this type of experience that you normally don't get from a classroom," Erway-Sherwood said.

Along with challenges and expanding horizons also comes a need for methods of stress relief.

"I'm also into fine arts, I love drawing. That's usually what I turn to for a stress reliever but as far as from a graphic design stand point I love the control. When you're painting there isn't Control+Z where you can undo a brush stroke or something, so I love that about digital art," Oeding said.

Along with commitments to Etch and classes Oeding also works on personal projects.

"I did a couple t-shirts for a couple sororities at K-State and for my old high school's marching band," Oeding said.

Part of the graphic design curriculum includes a personal branding and putting a professional portfolio together.

"Etch, especially with Dee, she really encourages personal and kind of coaxes students through that process," Oeding said.

Providing an opportunity for real-world working experience through Etch is not limited to juniors and seniors, meaning there is a chance for up to four total years of gained experience.

"I'd like to have students at the

freshman level be incorporated into Etch as soon as possible, because what it does is gives them potentially four years of client interaction versus a lot of other academic situations you may not get that type of opportunity unless you decide to do freelance," Erway-Sherwood said.

With more practice in the graphic design world comes strength in skillset.

"It kind of makes you, as a young designer, take things more seriously which in tune I think will greatly affect the quality of work in the classroom," Erway-Sherwood said.

Being student-run means that operations are constantly changing with new input. Etch will continue to expand and provide students with a valuable opportunity for personal growth in school as well as the working world.

Balancing Life and School

Etch Provides Students with Opportunity for Professional Experience



Lillian Oeding
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Philosophy Professor Welcomed

By Katie Paulson

With departure of Dr. Steven Crain from the philosophy and religion department came a challenge to find a new versatile professor to fill a vacant position. Many applicants rose to the challenge; having multiple interviews and even teaching mock classes, but only one candidate prevailed: Dr. Kirk MacGregor.

Dr. MacGregor's family, going back almost 250 years, has had ties to the Church of the Brethren. His family's history of pastoral work can be traced all the way back to Alexander Mack, founder of the Schwarzenau Brethren, the early German version of the Church of the Brethren we know today.

Moving throughout his childhood and into his school life, Dr. MacGregor recalls the particular class that got him interested in the field of philosophy and religion academically. He recalls taking a class with Dr. Edwin Yamauchi at Miami University, called "Relations Between Jews and Early Christians." Dr. MacGregor recalls that as he did his research for the class, he discovered his personal passion for the field.

"The way scholars were talking about philosophy and religion was the way I already thought about these matters," Dr. MacGregor said. He continued his studies at Miami University, graduating with a Bachelor's degree. He went on to pursue further education in the field of philosophy and religion, earning a Master's degree from Biola University and a PhD from the University of Iowa.

When Dr. MacGregor first started his teaching career, he began with taking on a heavy class schedule. He ended up teaching a total of nine classes spread out between College of Lake County, Carthage College and the College of DuPage. For his commitments to education, Dr. MacGregor received an award for outstanding faculty member of the

year at College of Lake County. Dr. MacGregor soon learned about a new teaching opportunity available at McPherson College. Dr. MacGregor said he has "waited eleven years for a chance to teach at a Brethren school." While the competition was tough for the teaching position, Dr. MacGregor showed promise as an outstanding candidate. Current head of the philosophy and religion department Dr. Herbert Smith said he had a positive feeling about Dr. MacGregor from the start.

"Dr. MacGregor brings with him a very wide range of teaching experiences at colleges and universities. What made him attractive was he has both studied the Anabaptist traditions as well as many other religions." Dr. Smith said and also commented that Dr. MacGregor has continued to make progress and commended him on his precision and efficiency in attempting to recruit students to join the philosophy and religion major.

Last Monday in August marked the start of a group known as Reasonable Faith. The group, started by Dr. MacGregor, attempts to bridge the gap between faith and reason. This group asks questions about key issues in Christianity and attempts to answer them with logic and understanding. Dr. MacGregor has also made attempts to get the word out about the philosophy and religion department. He explained how he has been going to several on-campus events including major mingles.

He goes to churches to talk about issues that interest youth. Dr. MacGregor wants to get the amount of students in the philosophy and religion major up to "double-digit numbers," a dream he hopes to accomplish within the next few years. He hopes to be able to expand the philosophy and religion department as well as his Reasonable Faith group while continuing to connect with the students and campus community as a whole.

Honors Awarded at Convocation

By Ethan Winter

McPherson College has always made it a priority to honor young MC alumni each year at the Honors Convocation to help kick off Homecoming weekend. Every year, McPherson College selects a number of alumni who have graduated from MC within the last 30 years to be candidates for the Young Alumni Award. This year's honorees are: Todd Frankenberry, '91 of Benton, Kan.; Kristen Reynolds, '91 of McPherson, Kan.; and Jim Vangoethem, '91 of Galva, Kan.

Twenty-five years ago they were sitting in the exact seats that McPherson College students are using today; thinking about what they wanted to do after graduation and the future ahead of them. They may have not known then, like many students today, that

the path they were going down was propelling them towards their future careers. The path that each recipient of this year's Young Alumni Award took to get him or her to where they are in their careers today is different than those they graduated with, and were selected based on their unique individualism.

"Originally I was a business major and switched to biology pre-med," Frankenberry said. "The switch basically put me on a path to continue my education after McPherson College. It helped me determine what I wanted to continue to study after graduating." Frankenberry also talked about how switching majors affected his educational focus. He later went on to The University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry where he graduated with his

doctorate in dentistry in 1995.

Their success has resulted from their hard work and dedication as students while here at McPherson College. Kristen Reynolds works as an Occupational Therapist at RehabVisions, a healthcare center through The Cedars, a nursing home in McPherson, Kan. Jim VanGoethem, owner of Midwest Electric Service, prides himself on hard work because of how it has gotten him to where he is today.

"I'm just a normal guy," VanGoethem said. "I've always worked hard and God has blessed me with gracious outcomes."

The hard work and dedication to each of the honoree's respective goals has landed them exactly where they were striving to be 25 years ago. Not giving up and taking risks is Frankenberry's advice

to our current students here at the college as many students may have some doubts about the current path they are taking or the major they are in.

"If you don't take the chance you will always have regrets," Frankenberry said. "Always be willing to go for it, and know it is okay to change your mind midstream. Go after what interests you and what you wish to do for the rest of your life. No matter what, continue getting your education. In the beginning, it might not seem like what you are studying is very interesting, but someday you will find something that you want to do for the rest of your life and the rest will all make sense."

The Honors Convocation is taking place in Brown Auditorium at noon Friday, Oct. 14.



Photo By Micah Gilbert

Blithe Spirit will be playing Friday, October 14 as well as Saturday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Blithe Spirit

Theater Presents Second Play of Year

By Channing Wall

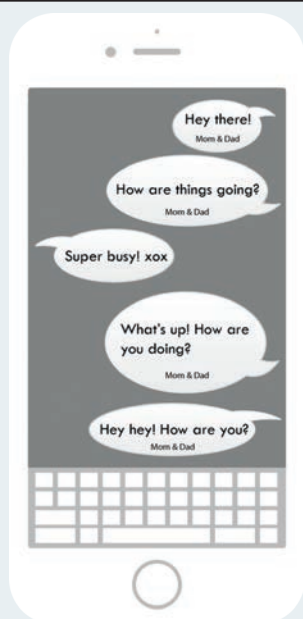
Homecoming festivities started with opening night of "Blithe Spirit" on October 7. This is

McPherson College's second of six shows scheduled over the next eight months for the theater department. Production of "Well,"

directed by Jd. Bowman, kicked off the season for the theater department.

The classic comedy from the 1940s follows the accounts of Charles Condomine, a novelist, who has invited a medium into his home in hopes of collecting content for his newest book. The medium attempts are successful but end up haunting Charles more than helping. His

previous wife is summoned and begins sabotaging his current marriage with Ruth who cannot see the ghost. After failed attempts at breaking the marriage the ghost turns to a more drastic approach but plans go awry in unimaginable ways. Students and community members can go see what happens at Brown Auditorium this weekend on Oct. 14 and 15.



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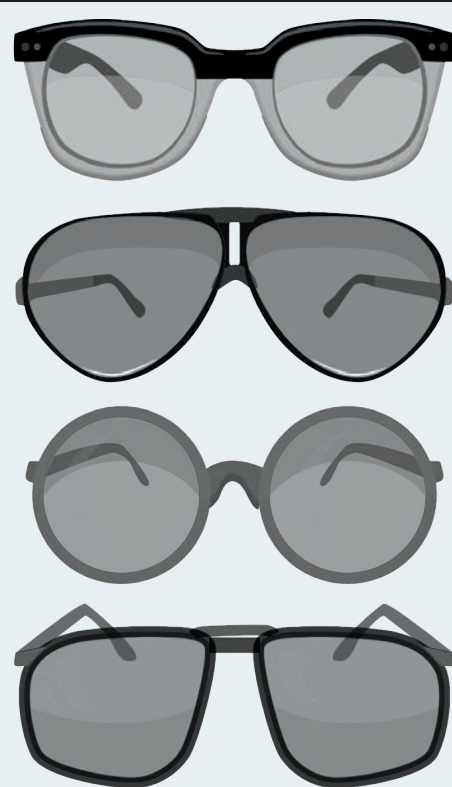
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Bulldog Madness Kicks Off Basketball Season



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By Jordyn Lipe

For the ninth year in a row, Bulldog Madness sparked excitement for the coming basketball season on Sunday, Oct. 2. Both students and community members attended the event as the men's and women's 2016-2017 basketball teams were introduced. The night started off with a dance completed by the Diamond Dog Spirit Squad, choreographed by junior Whitney Murray and senior Callie Atkins. The lady Bulldogs were then introduced, starting with forward freshman Danielle Holt from Glenpool, Okla., and finishing with head coach Gordon Reimer who rolled out on a hoverboard.

"Bulldog Madness helps build excitement for the whole student body as well as the team," Reimer said.

As soon as the lady Bulldogs were introduced, announcer Patrick Masar, senior admissions and financial aid counselor, presented the men's Bulldog basketball team. With nine new freshmen and three transfer students, the men's team has almost half of the players new to being a Bulldog, bringing a different dimension to the team and the season to come.

"I came up with this event idea nine years ago when I started coaching as an event that brought excitement for the upcoming basketball season," Swartzendruber said. "I'm glad to see that it has become a tradition on campus and it's fun to see the entire campus and community come out

to support the basketball teams."

After the teams were introduced, students were invited through the selection of raffle tickets to compete for the Dash for Cash competition. This was followed by the three-point shooting contest completed by members of both the men's and women's basketball teams. The men's team then performed their annual dance performance and split into more personal groups for a varied choice of music.

"It really brings the team together, especially because we provide the entertainment. It's one way to get to really know everyone on the team and feel more comfortable with the new freshmen and transfers," Zuriel Reyes, junior guard, said.

Following the men's dancing was the student-competed basketball version of musical chairs and the women's team dance. Junior Logan Schrag won the student-competed free-throw, layup and three-point throw competition before the men's team scrimmage and the men's team slam dunk contest.

"I believe this is the most talented team I've coached since coming to McPherson College," Reimer said, before Bulldog Madness concluded with a lady Bulldog team practice. "We have a lot of depth to every position this year which makes it more challenging for the girls and more competitive overall."



Clubs Help with Kids Appreciation Day Activities



M Club helps put temporary tattoos on the kids before the football game October 1.

Photo By Micah Gilbert

By Aysia Pryor

On Saturday Oct. 1, kids from the McPherson community were encouraged to participate in the festivities of Kids Appreciation Day. Kids 12 and younger received free admission to all of the home games such as soccer, volleyball and football. They also had the opportunity to participate in other campus events.

Prior to the football game, there were bouncy house inflatables, tailgating, various yard games, a spider exhibit and temporary tattooing which took place. Before the Bulldogs took the field, the kids were invited to join the spirit squad and form a tunnel.

The Diamond Dogs Spirit Squad held a cheer clinic in which the kids would perform with the squad at the football game. The kids

learned cheers, a halftime performance and how to show their Bulldog spirit.

"It's so wonderful to have the kids come and cheer and dance with the team," Bethany Nicholson, spirit squad coach, said. "It's a great way to get the community involved and be a part of such a wonderful atmosphere here at McPherson College. The kids really look up to the team and they get the chance to learn so many amazing things."

The student section's theme, proposed by M Club, for the day was "kids" in which the student section and M Club members participated by wearing overalls and pig tails. Kids Appreciation Day ended with the participating kids joining the stands and cheering on the Bulldogs with their families.

Students Expand Entrepreneurship Opportunities

By Jordyn Lipe

Entrepreneurship has been a focus on McPherson College campus for a number of years; however, this is the sixth year for the Horizon Fund grant opportunity for students. This opportunity is a mini grant of up to \$500 offered to students with innovative and entrepreneurial ideas. This semester's Horizon Fund applicants will be presenting their ideas to the committee board this coming Tuesday, Oct. 18.

"The Horizon Fund is where the rubber hits the road in liberal arts education," Ken Yohn, Horizon Fund committee board member and professor of history, said. "You help students to take their dreams and make them real."

Students are encouraged on campus and off to explore the entrepreneurial mindset and be creative and innovative. Being a liberal arts college, McPherson has the ability to be supportive of students and their ideas on more than just the classroom level and focus more on a campus-wide entrepreneurial mindset.

"My horizon fund idea sparked because I am a distributor of Amsoil, a synthetic high-performance oil used by many older vehicles. Many of the students here in the automotive program have older cars that use this specially engineered oil," Philip Reinhardt, sophomore automotive restoration major, said. "At this point, I would use the grant to stock up on more of it to reduce the issue of students having to wait for days before they receive their oil."

Along with Reinhardt, senior Monica Ewy is applying for her automotive photography and artwork business in hopes to help with her senior show in order to be able to sell some of her work. Senior student assistant basketball coach Jared Whitten is also applying for the grant; however, he hopes to use the grant to grow his resources for his mobile DJ-ing skills. Other students applying include the Spectator's

own sports editor freshman Micah Gilbert; seniors Corey Long and Matt Goist; and sophomores Nathaniel Buckler and Bear Breitenbucher to name a few.

"One of the things I focus on is helping students address the challenge of sustainability and be able to understand the view of if their idea is financially sustainable, socially sustainable and environmentally sustainable," Yohn said.

Sustainability is crucial

in entrepreneurship and, along with the grant, the Horizon Fund committee makes recommendations for sources and mentors to help see the ideas through to their complete implementation. The easy part is coming up with the idea, it is the implementation and sustainability aspects that make it challenging.



Using the Horizon Fund Jared Whitten, senior, hopes to further his DJ skills and add to equipment.



Photo By Jordyn Lipe

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Students Share Their Secrets Behind Surviving Dorm Life

By Griffin Thomas

1. Using biscuits as a base of a breakfast sandwich is always a good call. Don't forget though, there are also English muffins and bread located next to the toaster.
2. Though biscuits and gravy are a staple here at McPherson College, try using biscuits with their second best partner; honey. Honey can be found in the back of the condiments tray or in the morning, it is often hiding next to the blenders on the grills counter.
3. Coffee with cream and sugar is the life of some peoples morning. If coffee isn't the reason you get out of bed in the morning, try tea. It can be mixed with cream and sugar as well without the harsh, bitter flavor of the subpar cafe coffee.





President Schneider Holds Meetings to Discuss Diversity

By Jaden Higers

Students at Bethany College found a message written on their campus sidewalk last month. The message was “Make Lindsborg white again,” which was accompanied with a body outline next to the words “Rest in peace, my friend.” The message was the work of a growing white nationalist group by the name of Identity Europa, whose “activists” have been recruiting young adults at more than twenty different colleges. Bethany’s President William Jones felt personally targeted after having adopted two biracial children with his wife. McPherson College’s President Michael Schneider set aside a specific time in dorm meetings to address all students on this issue. Additionally, he called for a meeting of off-campus

students to discuss the same topic, noting that they were still a significant part of the college and campus. He noted that many participants in white nationalism hide behind freedom of speech. “It’s not. It’s hate and it’s wrong,” Schneider said, talking in-depth about treating others with respect. “McPherson is the most diverse college campus in the state of Kansas,” Schneider said. “This is a really open place... If you need something, ask.” The president mentioned that several new steps were being taken by McPherson College to promote and celebrate diversity and inclusion in campus culture, saying that these would be less initiatives or programs so much as changing the way we see and treat other people. Schneider emphasized the importance not just

of support, but of active participation in these areas. He used the opportunity to introduce the new Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students Sue Yowell. Following an introduction, Yowell talked about the president’s involvement and the values of the college and students with regard to inclusion, which was one of the things that attracted her to the job. She invited students to stop by her office in the Royer Center and introduce themselves. Students have already taken an active role in promoting diversity and inclusion. Just last month, senior Allie Hicks was featured on the cover of the McPherson Sentinel after she founded the “I Respect You” program, which focuses on understanding and accepting everyone. Hicks created a 25-minute video to kick it off, which

helps students learn about cultural sensitivity and plans to release three more over the course of the year. The initiative, among other groups on campus, echoed President Schneider’s message. “Our dorm meeting covered inclusion and diversity on campus,” Kaleena Nelson, sophomore, said. “Inclusion allows everyone to be accepted, whether it’s for something like gender or what someone is interested in like art, sports or whatever else.” The push for promotion of diversity and inclusion has been carried out by both faculty and students of McPherson College. President Schneider encouraged both on-campus and off-campus students to keep their eyes out for changes throughout the semester.

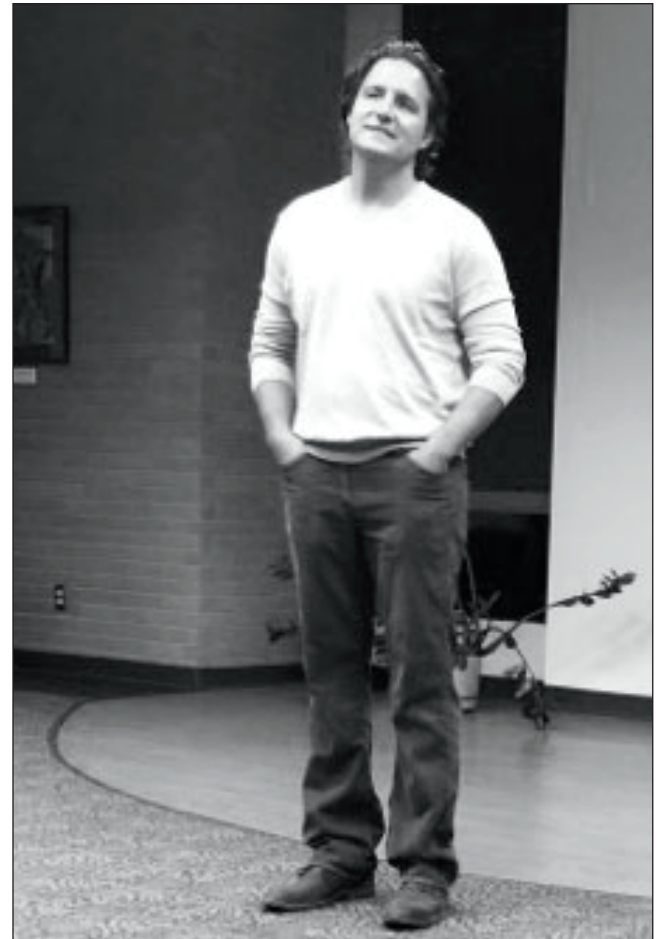


Photo By Jordyn Lipe
President Schneider discussed recent controversies regarding diversity.

Fall Break to Begin With Homecoming Celebration



Submitted Photo, Student Life Office
Homecoming court that will be presented at the McPherson football game on Saturday, October 15.

By Jordyn Lipe

An event that the alumni department of McPherson College looks forward to every year. Homecoming 2016 activities begin today, Oct. 14, with the alumni board meeting in Miller Library. The eventful weekend will conclude Sunday, Oct. 16, with a choir concert performed by the McPherson Church of the Brethren. This year, there are 12 classes taking part in reunions with a special reunion for Track and Field and Cross Country, as well as an open house for the 40th anniversary of the automotive restoration program. Students and community members are welcome to attend the annual Honors Convocation taking place in Brown Auditorium at noon. It will feature three young alumni who have been nominated for the award, including Dr. Todd Frankenberry, Kristen Reynolds, and Jim Vangoethem.

Other activities happening on Oct. 14 including the McPherson College Volleyball team will be playing Southwestern College at the Sport Center at 7:00 p.m.. Then at 7:30 p.m., the McPherson College Theatre Department will be performing “Blithe Spirit” in Brown Auditorium with a live concert at 8:30 p.m., featuring the group “Friends With the Weather,” at Craft Coffee Parlor in downtown McPherson, Kan.. Saturday, Oct. 15 homecoming events will kick off with the Art Ray 5K at the McPherson Stadium at 8 a.m. followed by the annual Pedals for Paul starting at the front steps of Miller Library at 9 a.m. The homecoming football game begins at 1 p.m. at McPherson Stadium with the halftime presentation of the homecoming court and crowning of king and queen. A full schedule of events can be found on the McPherson College website at www.mcpherson.edu.

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Behind the Scenes of Graphic Design Opportunities to Gain Work Experience Through Etch

By Jaden Hitgers

No one would argue with making a little extra money. In the artistic world, and in many other areas of business, a degree gets you an interview and a portfolio gets you a job, but your experience determines your pay. While you might have to prove you're qualified initially, it's your work that determines whether or not you'll stand out from the rest of the crowd and get a job. But when it comes time to determine your paycheck, it all depends on how long you've been working.

Artists of any kind who have had experience with commissions can tell you that clients often ask why they're paying so much when it took such little time to put together. What they don't normally get is that an artist dedicates decades of their lives to perfecting that craft. It might have taken forty minutes to make, but it took four years to learn how to make it in forty minutes.

Unfortunately, companies won't pay you extra for the number of years you've spent in school; they want professional experience.

In fact, a lot of companies will ask for one to two years of experience before they'll even hire you for a job. It's kind of a Catch 22. How am I supposed to work someplace that requires related experience, when every place in the field wants that same thing before they'll hire me?

Etch is the answer. Etch is a student-run marketing and design firm located in the office building on Main Street. While they emphasize marketing and design, there are quite a variety of positions. There's an Operations Director,

a Creative Director, a Photographer, an Account Manager, a Marketing Manager, four Graphic Designers, a Website Designer, and a Social Media Specialist. Each person is responsible for a different aspect of making Etch run smoothly.

Currently, Etch is in a transition phase with lofty goals for the future; they're looking at expanding their online presence and redefining their mission. The organization started as a non-profit for non-profits and, over time, branched out to cover clients of all

kinds, including for-profit organizations.

Imagine you're an employer looking through résumés, or even conducting an interview. If someone has just graduated college and says they've been working at a design firm for two, three, or even four years, there's no doubt you'll be impressed. Extracurricular activities are one thing, but if you really want to build that résumé, work experience and internships are your best bet.

Résumé-building is only the beginning, though.

Etch teaches students how to present themselves professionally and deal with real businesses. Furthermore, they learn things that no classroom could give them, like how to handle actual clients with different temperaments and tastes. Students also establish real-world connections with many clients who might return to one person in particular in the future for design work.

Whether you're majoring in business, design, English, or just have an interest in a professional experience, Etch is the place to be.



Unheard of Majors Still Exist

Recognizing Students in Non-Traditional Majors

By Katie Paulson

What do business, automotive restoration, and art majors have in common? They exist. By this I mean that between the aforementioned larger majors, these students make up a large percentage of our campus. These are majors that have multiple clubs and organizations. Their respective departments have plenty of funding, teachers and resources. Their voices can be clearly heard whenever an issue arises on campus, but what about the smaller majors?

I am a philosophy and religion major and I am one of just three students of this major that currently exists on McPherson College's campus. When I tell most people what my major is, the general response is, "Oh, that's a

thing?" It's very different being in such a tiny major. For starters, there isn't a philosophy and religion club as there is a business club, C.A.R.S. club and an art club. Our department has a total of three professors, compared to the six or more which most of the larger departments have.

We get very little recognition for the things that do go on in our tiny department. For example, we recently got a new professor, Dr. Kirk MacGregor. It would seem that any time a department gains a new professor it would be a big deal, right? Here we are almost two months into the school year and there has been little coverage of his employment or achievements here. Dr. MacGregor recently started a group called Reasonable Faith that meets on the last

Monday of each month and discusses issues in the gap between religion and logical reasoning. Aside from an email sent out by Dr. MacGregor himself, there was little coverage of this event during its first occurrence. This major is certainly not the biggest on campus, and having such a tiny department can post some interesting challenges.

Aside from the challenges presented by being in an almost nonexistent major, there are also some unique advantages. When you only have three majors and three professors, you definitely know everyone in the department. If you ever needed to coordinate a meeting or event among all the people in your major, having a small major is definitely the way to go. It's much easier to coordinate

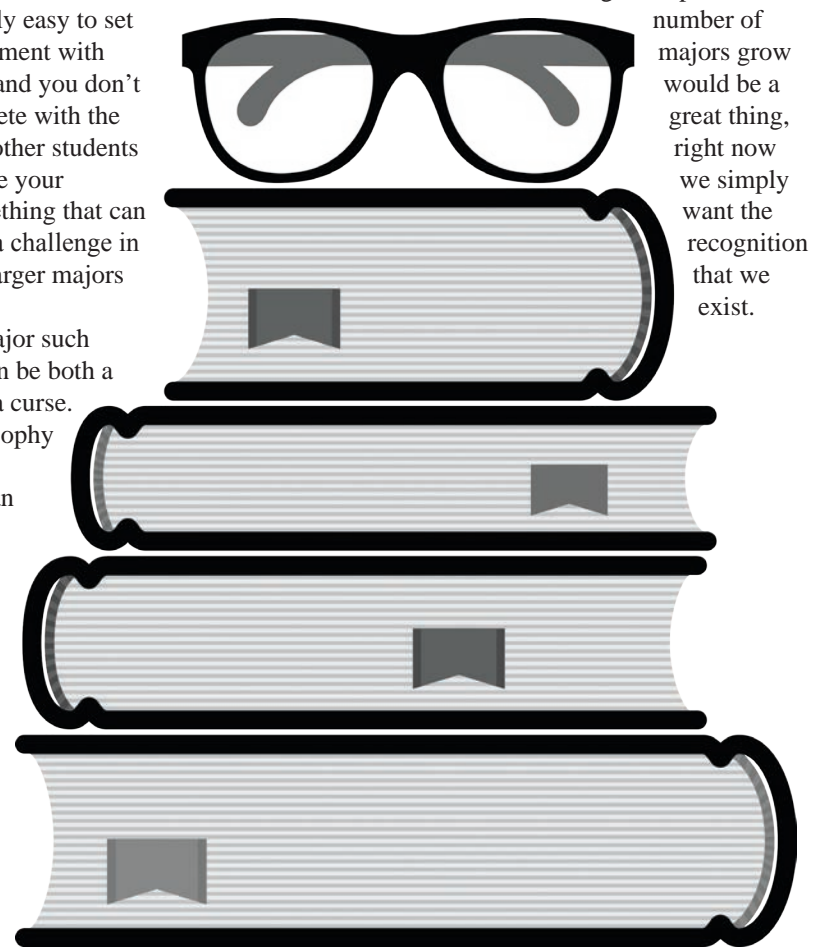
schedules among three people than it is among the twenty or more many other majors have. Another advantage is being able to have a more personal relationship with your professors and advisor. It's particularly easy to set up an appointment with your advisor and you don't have to compete with the multitude of other students to get in to see your advisor; something that can definitely be a challenge in some of the larger majors on campus.

A small major such as mine can be both a blessing and a curse. Us few philosophy and religion majors have an exceptionally close relationship with the other

students and the professors in our department as well as several other smaller majors including English, Spanish, mathematics and performing arts to name a few. On the other side, we

are definitely a minority on campus when it comes to majors. We don't quite fit in with the business majors or the artists or even the science majors. While having the philosophy and religion department's

number of majors grow would be a great thing, right now we simply want the recognition that we exist.



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Volleyball Sweeps Bethel On the Road Bulldogs Looking Strong For Match Against Southwester Saturday



Photo By Micah Gilbert/McPherson College Athletics
Emily Warner sets the ball during a volleyball match.

By Destiny Reid & Ethan Winter

Bulldogs took home a win against the Bethel College Threshers on Saturday, Oct. 8. The season sweep over the opponents put the Bulldogs at 14-7, 7-5 KCAC. In the first set the initial eight points scored were split for a 4-4 tie. Sophomore Lexi Kite recorded a double-double and finished with 12-kill, 12-dig double-double and held the lead in both categories and also posted three blocks with one being solo. Senior Sadie Atkins added four kills and Rhianna Smith, sophomore, led the Bulldogs with 12 assists. Head coach Jessica Cleveland made changes to the rotation during the match and Jamie Siess, freshman, added seven digs. Bulldogs host a pair of home matches during Homecoming Week. On Wednesday, Oct. 12,

Bulldogs went against Bethany and won. This game will be followed by a match against Southwestern on Friday, Oct. 14. Even though Southwestern has played more season games than McPherson, the Bulldogs' overall statistics are defensively better than the Moundbuilders. While the Moundbuilders have more digs under their belts, they also have played more sets while the Bulldogs have fewer errors while blocking, more assisted blocks and more solo blocks.

Even though the Bulldogs have three less sets than the Moundbuilders, they still are statistically better with a higher kill count (834) compared to the Moundbuilders (779) and the Bulldogs have fewer errors (357) than the Moundbuilders (441).



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(Top) McPherson celebrates the second set win against Bethany. (Bottom) The volleyball team plays against KWU.

Men's Soccer Barely Misses After Early Lead Bulldogs Fall Short in the End

By Shaelah White

It was a late start for the Bulldog's in both Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) games this week against two different rival teams. The men's soccer team went 1-1 in their KCAC matches this week against Tabor and Friends.

Tabor out shot McPherson 9-8 and got the first goal in the game, but that did not stop the Bulldogs. Robert Talamantez (Tabor College) sent a shot past junior goalkeeper Arthur Lamparter, for an early momentum goal for the Bluejays. However, eight minutes later Brian Cano, freshman midfield, tied up the game off a header from a corner assisted by junior midfield Edward Gomez.

"We played well," Gomez said after Wednesday's game against the Bluejays. "The win was satisfying, but we have to minimize our mistakes, and get our minds focused and motivated for the next game against Friends."

McPherson grabbed the lead just before the half with a mistake off Tabor's defense. Quentin Francis (Tabor College) fouled just inside the box, letting Nick Torres, senior forward, take a penalty kick to make the score 2-1 for the half.

Junior midfield Sean Morris scored the third goal with an untitled assist, making the Bulldog's come home with a win on the road, making the final score 3-1.

It was a back-to-back

scoring match on Saturday as the Bulldog's took on Friends University's Falcons.

"We felt relatively confident going into the game as we know how Friends plays," Christopher Kelly, sophomore midfield, said. "They put us out of the tournament last year, so we were eager to make up for that, and we knew it was going to be a hard fought game."

Leonardo Sosa Perez (Friends) gave the Falcons a 1-0 lead after a foul in the top of the box given by the Bulldogs. Perez took a penalty kick that found its way past senior goalkeeper Aaron Parrott, giving the Falcons the lead at the half.

Nearly two minutes into the second half, senior

midfield Jesus Pescador tied the game up with an assist from Kelly.

Friends grabbed the lead again with an unassisted goal by James Togbah, but the lead was short-lived as Brayam De La Cruz, senior midfield, scored off another Kelly assist tying up the match.

Sosa Perez (Friends) had the chance to give the Falcons a lead 86 minutes in after another penalty kick was issued from a handball in the box. Parrott made a huge save for the Bulldogs, keeping them alive and taking the game into overtime.

A foul outside the 18-yard box and a quick offensive play by the Falcons gave them the overtime win with a final score of 3-2.



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(Top) David Mwings looks to score against the Friends defender on Saturday, Oct. 8. (Bottom) Brayam De La Cruz steals the ball to hold off the defender from shooting on goal against Friends on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Women's Soccer Plays Hard Friends Goal Keeper Did Not Let the Ball Past Her Hands Easily



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(Left) Cydney Lewis kicks the soccer ball against Friends Saturday, Oct. 8 at McPherson. (Right) Lacy Fry looks to possess ball against Friends Saturday, Oct. 8 at McPherson.

By Shaelah White

The Bulldogs had three chances to score in the first 10 minutes against rival Tabor Bluejays. Freshman midfield Dina Der Vartanian had a shot five minutes in that ricocheted off the crossbar. Senior forward Cydney Lewis took a shot that was saved by Tabor's goalie. Minutes later, junior midfield Astrid Alvarez's shot was blocked by Tabor's Jordan Walters.

"It's tough when you play well 80% or more of the game and the few mistakes you make are capitalized

by the other team," Heather Diamond, senior defender, said.

Another chance at the goal was a corner kick by the Bulldogs turned into a counter-attack for the Bluejays. Dakota Spencer (Tabor) lead the breakaway and shot past senior goalkeeper Sheryl Evans, giving the Bluejays a 1-0 lead.

The lead doubled as Tabor's Darrian Gonzalez picked up the ball from the box to shoot past Evans. But Lewis from the Bulldogs scored a goal as she cut into the lead, giving

the Bulldogs a point on the board just before the half.

McPherson outshot Tabor 15-12, but no shots could get past Tabor's goalkeeper's hands. Senior goalkeeper Sheryl Evans had four saves, three of them being in the second half. When the game finished, Tabor College won the match against McPherson College with a score of 2-1.

The Friends University Falcons pushed their way past the Bulldogs with just less than three minutes left in the game.

A header off of Friend's

Emma Cudda gave them a 1-0 lead for the first half of the match. The lead held for almost the entire game until Emma Van Donselaar, freshman defender, launched a shot right over Friend's keeper Lauren Ferguson in the 82 minutes into the game.

Dalia Fernandez received a ball deflected from one of McPherson's players and took the final shot three minutes before the end of the game, beating goalie Sheryl Evans giving Friends the 2-1 victory over McPherson.



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Men's Tennis Goes to Nationals Perales and Rodriguez Take Their Second Trip to Nationals

By Destiny Reid

The KCAC championship last month determined for junior Hector Carrillo Perales and senior Joan-

Marc Fajula Rodriguez that there would be one more opportunity to compete before the season officially finished. The pair are competing at the ITA

Oracle Cup from Thursday, Oct. 13, through Sunday, Oct. 16, in Surprise, AZ. The Bulldogs left for the tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 11, to make the

check-in for the athletes on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Freshman Igor Zapparoli speculates that his teammates will do well in the tournament.

"They have been working really hard on hitting and returning," Zapparoli said. "Both of my teammates have a lot of experience and are able to apply strategy

well to the game." Spectators are able to watch the two compete through ITA tennis' live stream.



Photo By Jasmine Helms

(Left) Joan-Marc Fajula Rodriguez and Hector Carrillo Perales pose for a picture before they head to Nationals. Doubles team consisting of Jr. Hector Carrillo Perales and Sr. Joan-Marc Fajula Rodriguez compete in Tennis Regionals.



Photo By Dustin Wheeler/Head Tennis Coach

Football Loses Momentum in the End Bulldogs Worn Out in Fourth Quarter

By Destiny Reid & Ethan Winter

Bulldogs are looking to bounce back strong after a close loss to the Braves. The Ottawa University Braves were able to outscore the Bulldogs in the final quarter causing McPherson to lose their 38-28 lead. The Bulldogs were able to catch several interceptions in the fourth quarter; however, this was not enough for the team to seal the win in a tough loss of 55-52.

The Bulldog football program has lost three of its last four games, and is hoping to use Homecoming against the Friends University Falcons as

momentum to help turn the rest of the season around. The Bulldogs will have a tough fight before them when they play Friends University on Saturday, Oct. 15, at McPherson College beginning at 1 p.m. Even though the Falcons have a current record of 3-3 wins on the year against McPherson College's 1-5 current season record, the season statistics of the Bulldogs' tell a different story. The Bulldogs have lost one more conference game than the falcons and are 1-3 in conference play. The McPherson College Bulldogs hopes to continue a trend of defensive success in the take-away column.

McPherson had seven interceptions on the season compared to the Falcon's interceptions totaling to zero. The Bulldogs also have forced more fumbles (5), against opposing offenses than the Falcons (3). Offensively, the Bulldogs past game has been strong, which the team hopes will continue. The Bulldogs have thrown just over 400 yards more (1,248) than the falcons (800). With 11 touchdown passes on the season the Bulldogs passing game shows to be much stronger than the Falcons (2).

Both teams have played and defeated Southwestern University, predicting

an interesting game to be played Saturday at McPherson Stadium. The Falcons have also defeated Sterling with a solid win of 48-32. While the Falcons have more in the wins than the Bulldogs, there are few teams that the two teams have both played. Kansas Wesleyan has defeated both the Bulldogs and the Falcons. Even though the Bulldogs have had a rough time finishing late in games to seal the win, they will look for support from the excitement of the homecoming crowd behind them.

Part of the reason is linked to the young age of the McPherson College

football team. With only 16 upperclassmen compared to the Falcon's 51 upperclassmen. The team is young and with nearly double the underclassmen as the Falcons, the Bulldogs will have to play with maturity to pull out a win on the field.

"There is such a big difference between young, 18-19 year old guys playing against 21-24 year old guys. Not only is it physical but also there's a mental component," Collin French, senior on medical suspension, said.

Diverse Cross Country Team

By Destiny Reid

McPherson College has the most diverse men's cross country team in the KCAC. The Bulldogs boast runners from eight different states, making our team not only the most diverse by age, but also by recruiting from all different states in the nation in the KCAC.

The closest team that follows behind the Bulldog's team with students from eight different state is new comer York College with students from seven states. Not only are there runners from different states, but also there are runners from different age brackets.

"Running is for anyone, at any age," Cameron Magnell, head cross country coach, said.

Both men's and women's teams competed at Fort Hays in the largest race of the season to date. The Bulldog's goals for this race were to start out with a solid first mile, and keep up the pace. The lady Bulldogs were using this race to gauge what the competition was like for all of the KCAC teams, since this was the first time meeting several runners from our conference.

Overall, the men's team ended up finishing sixth, and the women's team ended up finishing 16th. Junior Jonathan Dominguez led the Bulldog team, finishing 14th. Senior Michael Janzer was his closest teammate and he finished in 43rd place. Junior Lauren Wankum led the women's team for McPherson, placing 18th overall. Laura Gibson finished second for the McPherson Women's Bulldog team, she placed 84th overall at the event.

On Oct. 22, the cross country teams will be competing in the Mid-State Classic, in Winfield, Kan. The coach's goal for the cross country team will be looking to continue to improve their times with every race and use this race to gauge how well they will be competing at conference.



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(Top Left) Braden Bush, Defensive Back makes a tackle against KWU on Saturday, Oct. 1. (Top Right) Quarterback, Ed Crouch breaks free of the defensive line Saturday, Oct. 1 against KWU. (Bottom) The bulldog defensive unit taking on the offense of KWU on Saturday, Oct. 1.