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Ackowleging the Underlying Issues that College Students May Be Facing Alone December 2, 2016

#### By Channing Wall

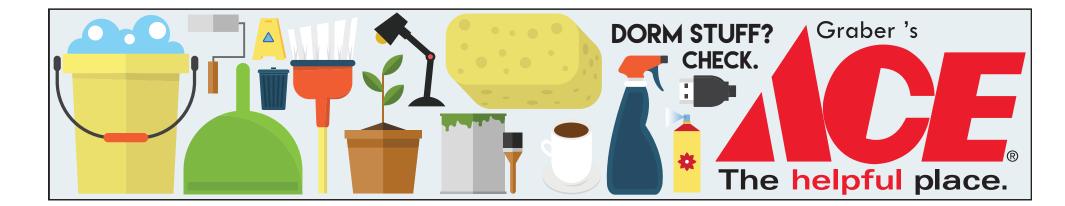
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s winter settles in and the days get shorter many are faced with another season of not- so-jolly feelings. A silent epidemic is how National Public Radio recognized the current status of mental health awareness in an education series on mental health in schools. The term mental health entails a wide spectrum of connotations. A survey done by National Alliance on Mental Illness found that one in four students have a diagnosable illness. Best Colleges published a guide for navigating some of the issues facing college students. Based on surveys the top five problems facing college students include depression, anxiety, suicide, eating disorders and addiction. According to USA Today 1 in 12 college students makes

a suicide plan and 49.5% reported feeling helpless this last year. Many programs are in place to help students but in an article by Best Colleges the percentage of students not seeking help is 40%, leaving issues to become amplified over time.

Best Colleges also found that 50% of students became so anxious they struggled with academics.

Many colleges and universities have recognized the need for some sort of mental health service and are working to make resources available. McPherson College is partnered with Client Centered Counseling, a licensed firm located downtown McPherson. Services for students are provided by the college for up to four visits per student, per academic year. For more information Student Services can be contacted.



## News



### **New Future Home for Bulldogs** City Approves Plan for Baseball and Softball Field

#### By Channing Wall

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McPherson College was approved on Monday by the McPherson City Commission for a lease agreement that will provide a new baseball and softball field for students. The new space will allow for games as well as camps and practices, some activities may be cleared individually. Features of the new location, named Bulldog Park, include a parking

lot and retention pond. The surrounding land is undeveloped and depending on funds may be used for future expansion.

The agreement, set for 25 years with an option for renewal, includes a \$100 rent collected by the City of McPherson. On Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. a public trial will be held at McPherson City Hall to provide the public

an opportunity to have input regarding 10-foot sidewalks along Avenue A and Centennial Drive that are part of the current plan.



#### **Entrance Plans Revealed** as well as the mission

#### By Jordyn Lipe

irst impressions leave a big impact in the minds of those who visit McPherson College and in years to come, that impression is bound to change. MC released plans for a new, welcoming entrance and student life center along Kansas Avenue, on Sat. Oct. 15. President Michael Schneider presented the plans during an unveiling ceremony to a crowd of several hundred who showing for the event. The ceremony was held at

the newly-finished brickenclosed garden and bench feature, the first portion of the project's first phase. Concept art was included in the unveiling and showed the first portion of the first phase as being the center and very beginning of the larger project.

Don S. Peters, vice president-investment strategy for Freestate Advisors in Wichita allowed the new plans to start in motion with his seed donation. Peters, the son of the seventh president of McPherson College, Dr. W.W. Peters, graduated

from McPherson College 1966.

The second phase of the plans includes new student activity center, more than twice the size of the current Hoffman Student Union that includes the cafeteria, northwest of the new planned entrance arches.

The new brick plaza will include not only the brick and bench setting, but also the McPherson College official emblem and arches sized to be about eight times larger than the current entrance. The arches will display the year McPherson College was founded

statement, "Scholarship. Participation. Service." There will also be a low wall in front of the garden with the words "McPherson College" on it. Along with the garden area and new student life center, a new parking lot will be finalized where there is currently a grass lot between Gordon Street and North Baer Street.



## **Keeping Up With Technology** Spectator Changes Underway



By Ashton Bruner

The Spectator is working to update the student run publication in order to attract new members as well as function efficiently. A website is one of the first steps the publication is looking at. into the technology generation with starting an online website.

"We are the focusing on updating the organization as a whole and a website will make us even more accessible, which is important for a publication," Channing Wall, editor in chief, said.

Other updates include changes to the lab space where the staff has previously worked, an update to branding, possible layout change for next semester and job position rearranging. Currently the staff shares lab space in Hess Fine Arts Hall due to updates needed in the lab. "The lab space is also something we are working to update and make more enjoyable for everyone," Wall said. "I also think there's enough interest that creating some new positions on staff will really help

draw people in."

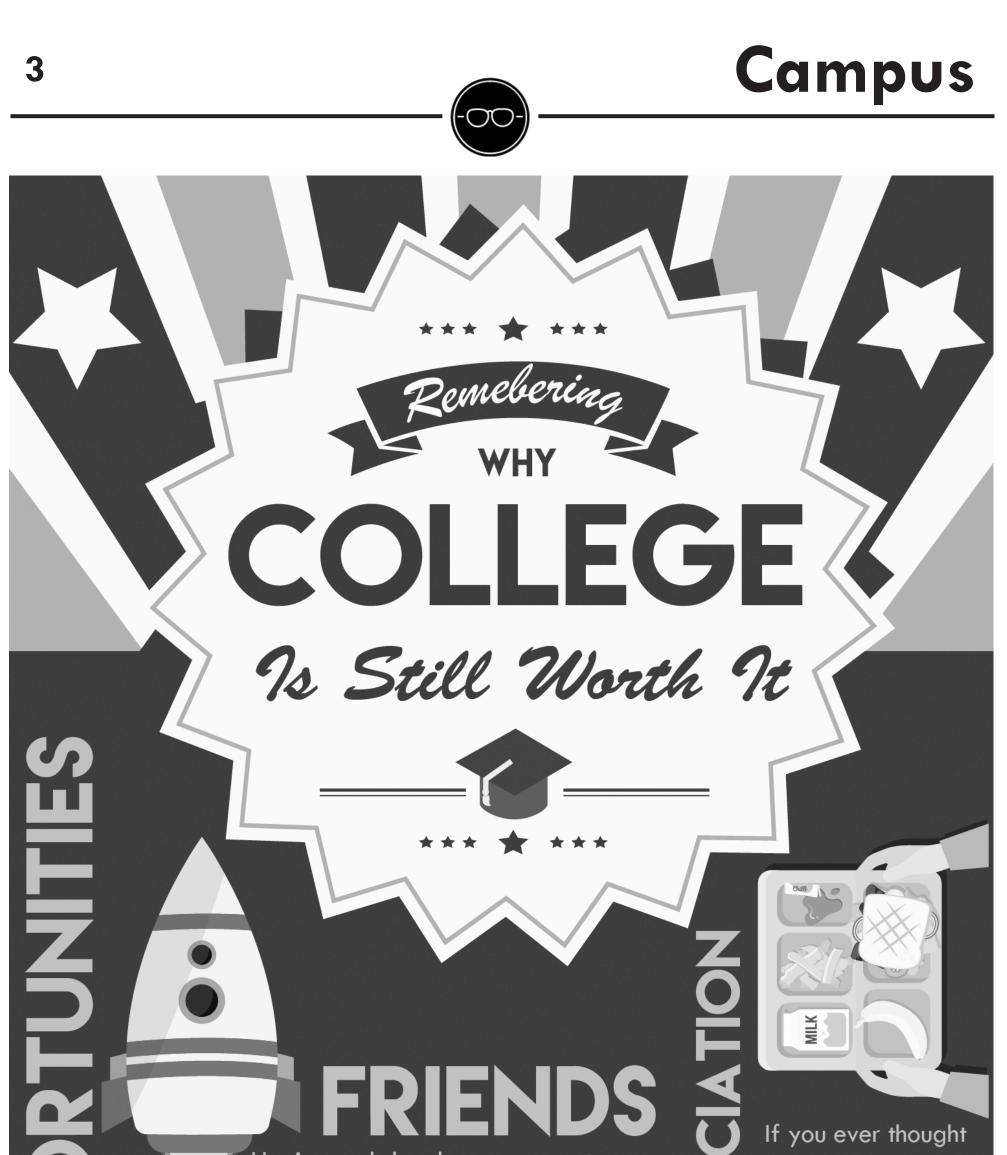
The paper is currently distributed on campus as well as a select group of businesses on main st. as well as through subscriptions.

The student run newspaper for McPherson College is working to update the newspaper in order to attract new people to keep the program going on for years to come. Channing Wall says, "I think it is important in order to be taken seriously and get more people involved." Meetings for Spectator are held every other Monday at noon.









Having pals has been proven to be beneficial to health in a number of ways; it's even been proven that life expectancy

is extended by having friends.

the cooking at home was bad, it is likely you have a new found appreciation for home cooked meals.

A survey done by National Survey of Student Engagement found that success is directly linked to student success. Make it worth while!

# CONNECTIONS

The employment rate for young adults with a bachelor's degree or higher is 89% compared to young adults with some college, which is 76%

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Developing interpersonal communication skills will come in handy for networking, which will help get jobs in the future.

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## Campus



# Happy Holiday Crossword

Botanical Christmas By Adam Pracht

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Please travel safe! Watch for motorcycles and don't forget to brush your teeth.

# Campus



### **Seniors Featured in Art Show**



Ivanna Moyer checks out a card deck design by Jacob Krivin.

### **SAB Hosts Christmas Bingo**

By Micah Gilbert

Christmas Bingo was held Wednesday, Nov. 30th in the student union. SAB hosts bingo every month with different themes. Their October theme was BFF bingo. For Christmas bingo they were told to wear their ugly sweaters. The top three ugly sweaters got a Walmart gift card.

"I just wore my Christmas sweater not knowing there was a contest, and I walked away with a Walmart gift card," Layne Patrick, freshman said.

Also included in bingo night SAB included cookie decorating and a hot chocolate station in front of the student union. Prizes included a 32inch stockings filled with prizes, a Christmas tree and many more prizes. As part of the Christmas spirit, SAB held a toy drive where students could donate a new toy in exchange for an extra bingo card.

"Christmas bingo had a great turn out as it was much more successful than BFF bingo," Aysia Pryor, sophomore said. Aysia is a board member on SAB.



#### Finals Snacks SAB Provides Finals Week Snacks

As finals week approach, stress levels may rise. Student Activity Board will be providing snacks each evening as a finals destresser. Take a break from studying, and enjoy the snacks and free admission.

Sunday Cookies and milk in Miller Library at 9 pm Monday

Pizza in Miller Library at 9 pm

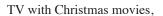
### Tuesday

Free admission to \$2 Tuesday movies

#### Wednesday

Donuts and juice in Miller Library at 9 pm





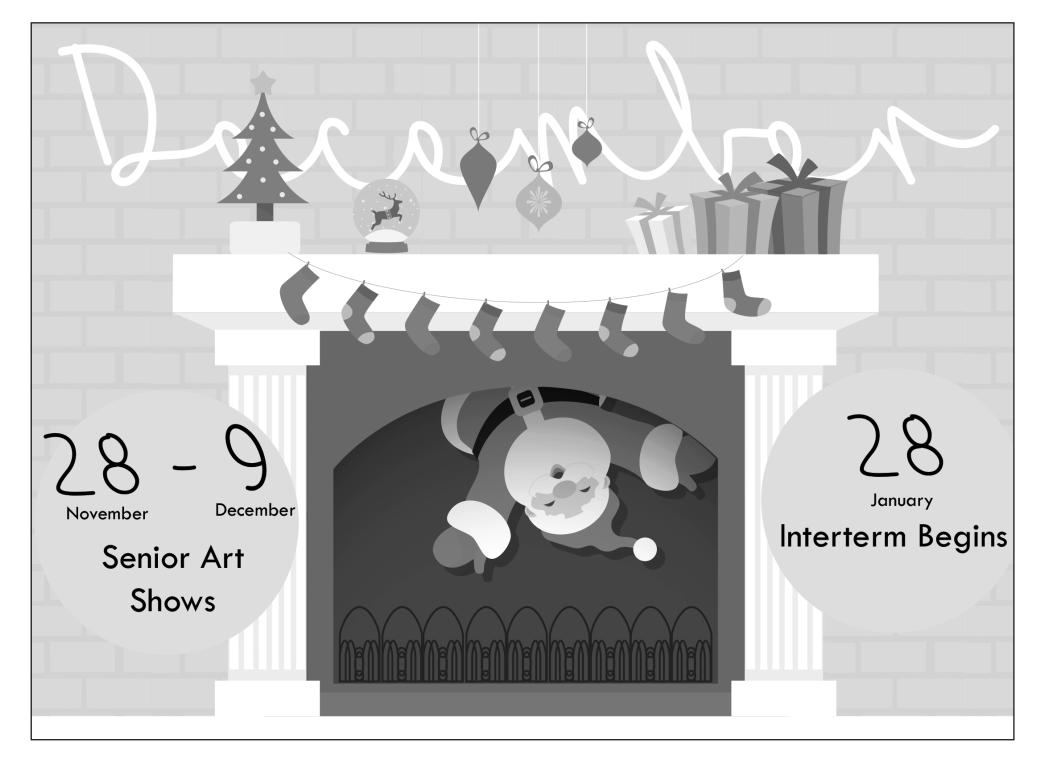


Layne Patrick, freshman, one of the three ugly Christmas sweater winners.

#### **Choir Presents Annual Christmas Concert**

By Nate Buckler

Christmas Concert, offering an escape from the studying for finals week. The concert was held in Mingenback Theater and represented students who participate in the men's, women's, and McPherson singers choir program. Jennifer Jacobitz, junior Alto, said the choir put together a concert with the variety of songs that "anyone can enjoy,"offering a source of holiday cheer. Everything from the traditional christmas songs to ones that are comical in nature, and even a song in french. Chanler Bell, senior, were highlighted in the concert by directing a piece with the whole choir singing 12 Days After Christmas. Other highlights included solos by Lilian Oeding, freshman, on the flute and Dr. Jonathan Frye, professor of natural science, on the violin. With all that is going on, the Christmas Concert offered a way to relax and sing along to some favorite holiday tunes, and maybe even learn a few new ones.





# Viewpoints

## The Reality Is No Laughing Matter

The Relevancy Of Axienty Understood By Todays College Students

By Jordyn Lipe

nxiety means more Athan just a word to me, it's something I feel and have known to be a part of my life for years. It's not something to be afraid of and it certainly isn't something to be ashamed of. According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, over 40 million adults suffer from some form of anxiety disorder with 75% of them having experienced their first episode of anxiety by the age of 22. Those numbers sound daunting when looking at the bigger picture that out of the approximately 26 million 18-24 year old in the United States, almost all of them will experience anxiety

between now and 2020. Now is the age of pictures and memes, pictures with words, describing how people feel that are constantly shared on social media. However humorous they may seem, many of the laughed-at posts speak the truth that hides deep down within people. One image I have seen countless times is a picture of a goldfish in a bag of water that has holes which are leaking, stating "This is what anxiety feels like."

For those who know what anxiety feels like. it is so much more than simply feeling like the world around you is going to disappear. It's an inner cry that won't come out and feelings that you can't explain. For those

who don't know or don't understand, there are jokes to be made of how they 'think' it feels or what they 'think' it is like to feel an anxiety attack. When the attack occurs, there seems like there is nothing that can help you when that invisible weight is on your chest and your mind won't stop running in circles or sit still and be quiet. When all the while, from the outside, it seems as if nothing is going on, as if a war of chaos wasn't commencing at that moment in time.

This is not something that someone should know at the age of 21, or in my case, at the age of 13, when my first episode took place. It's not something you can tell by looking at a person as it is something internal for those

who suffer. Dealing with anxiety is something I have had to do on a daily basis.

Reminding myself to breathe and take a step back when I feel like I have overwhelmed myself. Learning your triggers is the first step in understanding your own anxiety; the second is learning how to stop them before the attack happens. Anxiety isn't something everyone experiences, though it's not something to overlook. Anxiety is what kills the mind from challenging your true capabilities and knowing your worth. Self love and understanding can lower the worrisome numbers of those who suffer and save those who are suffering now.



**New Adventures Revealed** Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them Reveals Secrets of Magical World Before Harry Potter



By Jadens Hilgers

David Yates (The Legend of Tarzan, Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows Part 2) returns to J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World to direct Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them after also leading the final four films in the Harry Potter series. However, he was one of few familiar faces, with an all new cast. Eddy Redmayne, who won Best Actor at the 2014 Academy Awards for The Theory of Everything, plays Newt Scamander, a self-named Magizoologist who travels the globe in search of rare beasts. Fantastic Beasts takes place in 1926 New York, introducing a range of new magical institutions including MACUSA (Magical Congress of the United States of America) and Ilvermorny School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Newt Scamander travels to the U.S. seeking a rare creature for his collection. After running into aspiring baker Jacob Kowalski (Dan Fogler), Newt's

case is opened and several beasts escape, forcing him to employ the help of Porpentina (Katherine Waterson) branch of Rowling's and Oueenie (Fine wizarding franchise. Frenzy) Goldstein. Newt and Jacob's "No-maj" (the Amerisearch for missing beasts is generally can equivalent for muggle or non-wizard) Henry Shaw, Sr (John of the trailers. After Voight), meanwhile, is concentrated on his an hour and a half of son's election, taking an interest in the starts. And when the prospect of witches livmovie picks up, it ing among them after really picks up. The receiving flyers from at a heart-breaking a young boy Credence (Ezra Miller). Percival Graves (Colin Farrell) of MACUSA investigates the destruction caused by the beasts and functions as the main antagonist throughout the film. Despite a slow beginning necessary for the introduction of so many new characters. this Harry Potter prequel captures a magical storyline in an equally-Dumbledore will be magical time period. In Rowling's first original screenplay, she uses humor much more Tom Riddle will also often than writers in be attending classes. any previous adapta-Rowling confirms that tion of her work. Don't each movie will take place in a different city, expect a consistently

light theme, though. Darker overtones and violent deaths didn't go away with this new

but Fogler and Redmayne's other primary co-stars are expected to return, if only for smaller roles. The series will conclude in the year 1945, the same year in which Dumbledore defeated Grindelwald in a duel, suggesting a change of focus as more movies are released. Rowling plays a lot of her biggest cards in terms of creatures in the opening film, promising that the emphasis will be more on characters in the four sequels. Fantastic Beasts is ultimately full of expected events intertwined with a few unexpected twists. The pacing forces viewers to stick around to the second half if they're hoping for the drama and magic that hallmarked the Harry Potter films. Rowling effectively sets the stage for the series and hopefully captures an even wider audience with creative humor and storytelling, plus revelations and Potter connections for existing fans.



predictable, especially if you've watched any hunting, the real action finale makes an attempt death, but underdeveloped characters made it difficult to relate. What is perhaps the movie's biggest moment is the reveal of Gellert Grindelwald, played by an unexpected A-list actor who will join the series at the primary antagonist in the four sequels. Potter fans will be interested to know that in the Fantastic Beasts time period, a younger teaching Transfiguration at Hogwarts, while

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## Men's and Women's Basketball

By Ethan Winter The McPherson College The McPnerson Con-Bulldog basketball teams were in action over Thanksgiving break competing in several games. McPherson College Lady Bulldogs took on Oklahoma Wesleyan University on Nov. 22, where they would end up taking the victory in a battle against the Eagles, 65-60. Danielle Holt lead the Bulldogs with 13 points and six rebounds. Other statistical leaders were Brooklyn Coe with three

assists, Amanda Allen with two steals, and Kristina Battle with one blocked shot. With the win against the Eagles, McPherson College moves to 6-2 on the season and a 2-1 conference record. The women's team is showing much improvement thus far in their 2016 campaign as during the Bulldogs 2015 season now they held a record of 3-6.

The men's team also picked up a win on Nov. 22, against Oklahoma

Wesleyan University, 81-73. Chris Crook lead the Bulldogs in their victory against the Eagles with 20 points. Grant Raleigh picked up five rebounds and four assists. Reed Rowell and Grant Munsen were tough on defense taking the ball away from the Eagles offense as Rowell had 2 steals and Munsen blocked a shot. During the Thanksgiving break the men's team competed in the Hastings College Thanksgiving Classic. On

Nov. 25, the Bulldogs took on Hastings College and picked up the win 81-75. However, on Nov 26 the efforts of the Bulldogs were just not enough as they fell to Doane College 58-90.

At the end of the Thanksgiving break, the men's record stands at 6-3 and are 1-2 in the KCAC. At this point in the men's 2015 season they were 4-5. The Bulldogs' men's and women's teams looked to continue their successes on Dec. 1, 2016, as the

Bulldogs traveled to Bethel College to take on the Threshers. The men's team of Bethel College matches the record of the Bulldogs at 6-3. McPherson College looks to match the success it had against the Threshers last season. In the 2015 season, the Bulldogs were too much for the Threshers at this point of the season taking the win 75-63. McPherson College's women's team also took the win in the early season meeting against the

Threshers, 68-58, and will look to repeat this year against a Thresher team that is 1-5 so far on their 2016 season. After winning its first game BC's women have lost the last five games and are 0-3 in conference play. The Bulldogs return home on Saturday, Dec. 3, as they take on Sterling College in the Sport Center. The women will tip off at 5 p.m. and the men at 7 p.m.









(Top Left) Senior, Chris Cook, dribbles into a Centeral Christian College defender Wednesday Nov. 9th. (Top Right) Sophmore, Grant Raleigh dribbles around a Centeral Christian College defender at home Wednesday Nov. 9th. (Bottom Left) Sophmore, Brooke Zimmerman rams into Bethany defender at home on Thursday, Nov. 17th. (Bottom Right) Freshman, Cami Richardson passes the ball to a teamate agaisnt Bethany at home on Thursday, Nov. 17th.

## Four Bulldogs Receive NCAC Honors

#### By Micah Gilbert

The McPherson Bulldogs had four volleyball players receive KCAC honors this season. These volleyball players have been recognized by the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC), which announced its all-league selections Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>. The four McPherson college volleyball players that were awarded this award include, Sophomore Lexi Kite was named to the All-KCAC First Team, while senior Jessica Sanders was named to the Second Team. Fellow seniors Jocelyn Cochran and Emily Warner received honorable mention from the league's coaches. "It felt really good to get this award. I was honored that I was able to receive something in the KCAC. This award means a lot to me because it shows the success and accomplishments of my team and that I worked hard," Senior, Jocelyn Cochran said. Cochran is a transfer student to McPherson and this was her first season receiving a KCAC award for the McPhersons Bulldog's volleyball program. Cochran believes that she achieved this goal this year because of the hard work she put in as an individual and the hard work her teammates and coaches put in over the course of the season and off-season. She believes this was a great way for her to end her senior year, after accomplishing a new record of most wins in a season.



(Left to Right) Senior, Jocelyn Cochran, Sophmore, Lexi Kite, Senior, Emily Warner and Senior, Jessica Sanders receive NCAC Honors.

Photo By Micah Gilbert/McPherson College Athletics

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# **Sports**



### Individuals Attend Cross Country Nationals

By Micah Gilbert

Three Bulldogs, Lauren Wankum, Jonathan Dominguez and Micheal Janzer compete at the NAIA Cross Country Championship Saturday, November, 17 at the North Farm Cross Country Corse in Elsah, Illinois.

In the men's 8-kiometer race Jonathan Dominguez got 235<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 26:59.50 in front of teammate Micheal Janzer who got 289th place with a

time of 28:00.90.

"Running at nationals was definitely something that I never would have expected! It was a lot of fun but a lot harder than I thought it would have been," says senior Lauren Wankum. Wankum finished 252<sup>nd</sup> out of 334 runners in the 5k women's championship race with a time of 19:54:96. This time was not her best time but she was proud of it because of how many girls were in her race,

as she ran the first half of the race in a pack of over one hundred runners. Wankum went into this season not expecting much but by focusing at practice, running all of her mileage, and listening to coach Wankum made it to Nationals. Although Wankum did not get the time she was hoping at Nationals, she walked away with a ring on her finger as Micheal Janzer proposed to her at the finish line after

the race.

"From the beginning my goal was to qualify for the national, become all conference, and get scholar athlete. I manged to attain all those goals simply by running more than I have ever ran in my life," explains Junior Jonathan Dominguez. Dominguez placed 235th with a time of 26:59.50 in the men's 8-kiometer race. Dominguez did not run as he was hoping

to but the experience of running in Nationals out weighs slower times as it was a building block for Dominguez to become greater in the future as he still has another season as a Bulldog.

Senior, Michael Janzer also ran at Nationals placing 289th with a time of 28:00.90 placing behind teammate Dominguez.

This year the NAIA named 556 cross-country athletes 2016 Daktronics-

NAIA Scholar Athletes. In order to be eligible the athlete must hold a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status to qualify for this honor. This year McPherson had four students achieve this academic award, Lauren Wankum, Jonathan Dominguez, Erika Doty and Gavin Hightower.





(Left) Team poses in front of the finish line at North Farm Cross Country course. (Right) Senior, Micheal Janzer, Senior, Lauren Wankum and, Junior, Jonathan Dominguez pose at the finish line of Cross Country Nationals on Saturday after their race at North Farm Cross Cuntry course.

### **McPherson Wins Over Top Ranked Team**

#### By Shaelah White

Tt was a game that had fans on their feet with how much intensity struck the field. The McPherson College men's soccer team fought their hearts out, but saw their season come to an end.

The KCAC (Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference) final game was between the Friends Falcons and

Wichita, Kan. The game was one to look forward to as the Bulldogs took a loss to the Falcons earlier in the season in an overtime of 2-3.

"It's unfortunate what happened, but I leave and finish my career knowing that I've accomplished many things in this program," Chris De La Cruz, senior midfielder, said. "I'm

people I've met and the wonderful friendships that have come about."

The Bulldogs were down 2-0, but saw adrenaline when De La Cruz scored two goals within minutes of each other to tie the game up. De La Cruz was assisted himself for a free kick and then later assisted by senior forward Nick Torres. The fans barely had time to reseconds later sophomore midfielder Christopher Kelly scored the third goal for the Bulldogs.

With 13 minutes left on the board, the Bulldogs only needed to defend off the Falcons for that long in order to punch in their ticket to the national tournament. The Falcons were able to equal the score off of a set piece. This sent

overtime, which was still scoreless at the end of both of the two 10-minute overtimes. After two 10-minute halves, the regulation ended and both teams were to take their top five players to shoot in a penalty kick shootout.

"You can only control so much of the fate when going into penalties," Edward Gomez, junior midfielder,

penalties; we just came off the downside of the result."

The Bulldogs went into the final game against the Falcons beating the number one team in the nation (Oklahoma Wesleyan) just a couple days before. This was a major upset and it was also the first time that any McPherson program has won over a top-ranked NAIA team.

McPherson Bulldogs in

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Photo By Micah Gilbert/McPherson College Athletic

Photo By Micah Gilbert/McPherson College

(Left) Senior, Brayman De La Cruz and teamate press Friends University at Championship game in Wichita Saturday, Nov. 12th. (Right) Senior, Trent Keller celebrates after a teamate goal against Frineds University Saturday, Nov. 12th.



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