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Facts of Life Brought to Light

Abortion in Relation to Hyde Amendment



By Diamond Blaylock

n the 70s, The Hyde Amendment was passed to block the federal Medicaid funding for abortion services. Citizens all over the country have been discussing this law more recently due to congress' new agenda to establish permanence for the Hyde. Most of the outrage is rooted from 15.6 million women being covered by Medicaid. Among those, 30 percent are black women, 24 percent being Hispanic women and another 14 percent are white women. Women and men that fall into the group believe women should have the

"right to choose" and are protesting that the passage of such a law or the permanence of one this strict inflicts upon the human rights given to us constitutionally. In addition, the percentage of colored women insured federally is increasingly disproportionate to those outside of the colored community.

community.
Given the already high racial tension America is experiencing due to the recent presidential election and other issues regarding criminal justice, the Hyde debate has added issues to the current situation.
Antithetical to the "right

to choose" advocates are those that fall in the "pro-life" category. These individuals are for the preservation of this law and the permanence of it as well. Their motive is to ensure the protection of unborn peoples. As a result, 2 million abortions have been prevented due to the implementation of the Hyde. And nearly every year since the rectification the argument to establish its permanence has continued. All of these opinions are argued consistently but rarely is the law explained. The Hyde was created

in 1976 by legislators

so that abortion was not completely banned but only available for those that could finance the procedure themselves unless they had "good' reason for needing an abortion. It was intended to be somewhat of a medium to please both ends of the political spectrum that make up our government. However, the amendment has been the cause of numerous political arguments. A common misconception regarding the amendment is that it puts a ban on abortions completely. This is false. The Hyde amendment puts a ban on federal funding

for abortions. People often feel that this is unjust because it does not protect those that are ill and victim to worse circumstances. Again, this conception is false. The ban is only on abortions that do not involve incest, failing health and the instances of rape. Meaning individuals that are dealing with life threatening illnesses and those victims of rape are covered. Also covered are those involved in incestuous situations. As of right now, the Hyde is not permanent despite congress' efforts this past year to make it so.

Many people have voiced

their opinions regarding legislature that will have an impact on their lives and others to come. There are multiple ways people can project their support or lack thereof. If other people do not agree with the terms and conditions of the law, they can utilize their voice and speak to a local representative. People may also choose to show their support of its passage by communicating with legislators in support of its potential permanence. Congress has not yet

Congress has not yet scheduled a vote on the abortion measure but there will soon be advancements in the future.

Preparation for the Working World

Networking Opportunities Provided Through Auto Restoration



Photo by Amanda Gutierrez

Auto Restoration Majors were able to network with professionals in the field as well as faculty and staff. The students were prepared by being given a list of attendees.

By Joyce Muhizi

Having jobs lined up for after graduation can be a big challenge for students entering the work world. Career fairs provide an opportunity for professionals and students to network and connect.

The career fair was hosted on Feb. 22 and 23 was successful for two main

reasons: the preparation that went into the event and the follow up that has been taking place. Majority of the students who attended were internship seekers and the rest were seniors.

This event has taken place in the past, providing opportunities for automotive restoration students. McPherson College has a reputation all

over the nation and several new employers approached the school and asked to be a part of the event.

The employers were invited to a dinner with the teachers and talked with the students. The next day, 20-minute interviews were held throughout the day. In that time, they had to give the employers a brief summary of their skills

based on that particular employers' needs and answer the questions that were asked.

"The administration team and the faculty helped to prepare the students by giving them a list of the employers that will be attending, what kind of shop they own and what skills they are looking

for so that they can do some background research on their own," Amanda Gutierrez, vice president for automotive restoration, said. "We also offered help with their resumes and coached them on how to present themselves as well as how to ask follow up questions."

Weeks after the turnout,

the employers that were approached confirmed they had two to three solid candidates in mind, many students received offers and some are still waiting.

"We provide the opportunity for students to succeed, but they have to step up, get the job and keep the job," Gutierrez said.

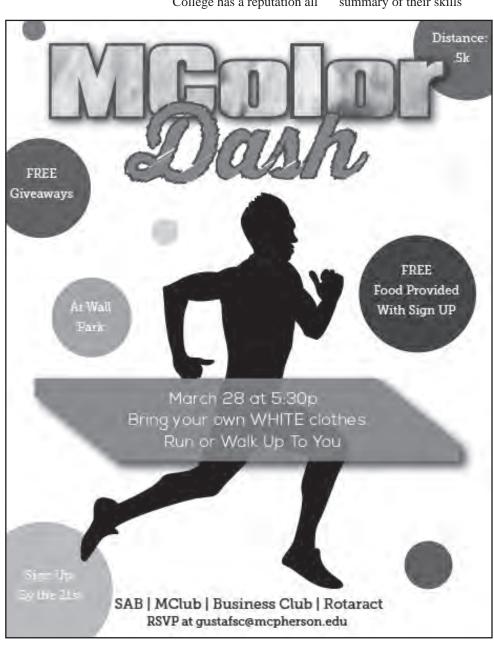
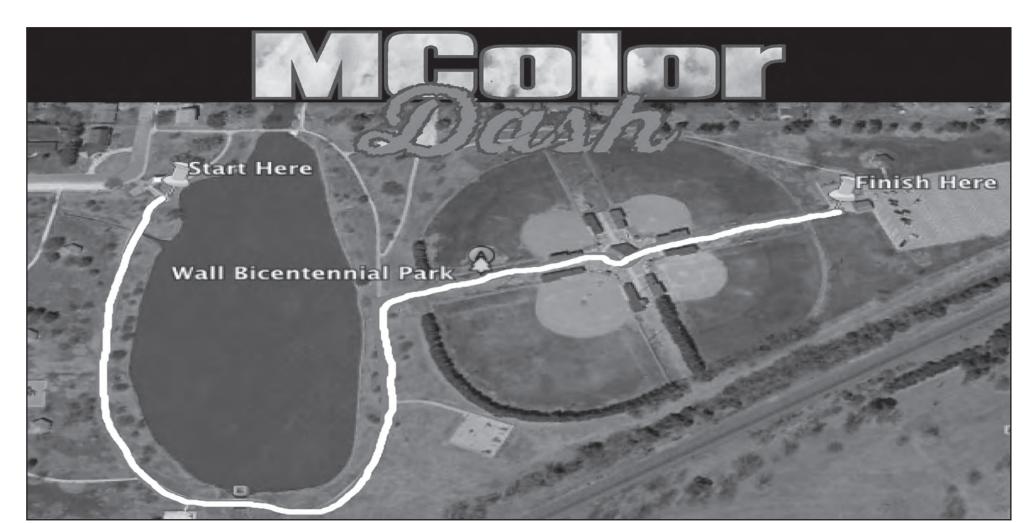




Photo by Amanda Gutierrez

Abigail Morgan and Samantha Cotell, both Auto Restoration majors, attended the career fair.





Class of 2014

By Breahna Gillespie

oming to McPherson College was one of the best choices I have made throughout my life. I came to McPherson College to play basketball with my sister. That is it! I was not coming for my education nor did I think about what I wanted to be when I grew up. All I wanted was to play basketball.

Reality set in my first semester of my freshmen year. I hated basketball! It was not like it was in high school. There were cliques on the team and I did not like the style of the coaching staff. Also, I realized I did not enjoy the major I had chosen and decided to be undecided until I could figure it out. I thought about transferring out many times. I knew I could not transfer out until after my sophomore year because

my sister transferred into McPherson College to play basketball with me. Second semester of my freshmen year I was taking Intro to Communication. I enjoyed how Becki Bowman taught and loved her teaching style. I decided to become a communication major and finally things were starting to fall into place. Although I still did not

enjoy basketball until my senior year, I decided to stay at McPherson College. I had built so many relationships with teammates, friends, staff and faculty that I could not leave. Lalso realized that I chose McPherson College for the wrong reason and did not realize what all McPherson College had to offer me. I look back on everything and I would not change my decision. McPherson College is my home! My advice to McPherson College students is to not let one thing make you leave a great place and to take advantage of the opportunities it has to offer.



Advice T-Build Team Gains Experience Auto Restoration Attends Exhibition Alumni Auto Restoration Attends Exhibition By Andrew Tamer Auto Restoration Attends To American Regine Team To the South For Concession To the South For Concession The South For Conce

By Andrew Tanner

On Thursday, Sept. 24, McPherson College's T-Build Team left McPherson to go to Santa Fe, N.M., to attend the Santa Fe Concorso, an automotive exhibition featuring rare vehicles. The people in charge of the event invited the team to perform their Model T-Build routine, and meet with the best and most influential individuals in the automotive industry.

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

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

This year's team consists of: seniors Zach McClure and Travis Gleich of Missouri and Illinois, respectively; juniors Austin Hiebert and Andy Fabianski from Kansas and Illinois, respectively; and sophomores Nick Lechner and Samuel Harris from Kansas and Arkansas, respectively. The trip was chaperoned and organized by Brian Martin, director of Automotive Restoration Projects at McPherson College.

On Friday, Sept. 25, the first day of festivities, included a seminar given by Luigi Chinetti Jr., covering the topics of Ferrari in the United States and the North American Racing Team, or N.A.R.T. for short. Luigi Chinetti's father was the driving force behind bringing Ferrari to the United States and started N.A.R.T.

"All of us came away with a better understanding and appreciation after listening to Luigi Chinetti speak," McClure said.

The T-Build Team gave a demonstration that evening, setting the new record of 8 minutes and 19 seconds.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the team did a build at the Santa Fe Children's Museum. This build was completed in 8 minutes and 29 seconds.

"The best thing was seeing the kids get excited," Gleich said. "I really enjoyed showing them around the

"The children's museum was a really fun build, and getting to see all the kids crawl all over the T and be intrigued by it was heartwarming," Harris said.

The team members were in agreement that the build at the museum was the highlight of the builds. The children were allowed to play on and around the Model T, exploring its various functions.

One aspect of the trip that both McClure and Gleich emphasized was the thin air: because of the elevation of Santa Fe, when they were building the Model T, it was somewhat hard to breath as they adjusted to the atmosphere.

On Sunday, Sept. 27, the team got to "shadow judge"

the Santa Fe Concorso, meaning members of the team tagged along with the official judging groups to judge various cars at the show. First the team split up and shadow judged different classes. Then the team came together and judged using what they had learned to judge the Luxury and Exotics class, and got to choose Best in Class. Overall, all members of

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

with, how would you feel if the rest of the world remained stagnant during your storm?

Uncommon, Unusual, Unwanted Cars on the Corner with Andrew Tanner



Sophomore Evan Wojtkiewicz is the owner of this 1987 Nissan Pulsar car

By Andrew Tanner

peed. Reliability. Style. Versatility. Economy. Some of these words describe the 1987 Nissan Pulsar, though I will not say which! A stylistic masterpiece to some, an utter failure to others, the Nissan Pulsar is an example of a car that was a total hit or miss-you love it or you hate it, with no one in

To some, this may appear to be a boxy, unremarkable, even mundane economy car of the 1980s; but to others, this car is a stylistic

masterpiece, and one of the most wonderfully versatile vehicles to ever drive the streets of the United States.

Evan Wojtkiewicz said this car was not exactly what he was shopping for in high school, but when he came upon it he realized it was really a neat vehicle with a surprising amount of unusual features.

At first glance, this appears to be your typical two-door lift back import with popup headlights. This is not the case as this particular Nissan Pulsar (and many others of this vintage) has

many hidden features such as T-tops, meaning that the sections of roof over each passenger are removable, essentially turning this car into a convertible.

The center section of the roof remains in order to retain the rigidity of the car in the event of a rollover, thus protecting the passengers. Not only do the T-tops come off, but the hatch is also easily removable, turning this already cool car into a unique vehicle much like the AMC Eagle Sundancer or the Toyota Celica

Sunchaser.

As if the removable hatch and T-tops is not cool enough already, Pulsars could also be had with the optional Sportback, an attachment that replaced the hatch with a station wagon-like shell, affording the owner even more cargo space. If that was not enough, the rear seat folds completely down, giving as much cargo space as one could hope for in any car of this size, even a modern

Evan's particular Pulsar is unique in that it is one of

very few Pulsars imported to the United States painted red as most were silver, white or black. Evan's car has the single overhead cam engine, which is the more common option, coupled to a four-speed manual transmission out of an '87 Nissan Sentra, though he is in the process of finding an original five-speed.

Evan is currently in the process of replacing the clutch, after which the car will be for sale in order to fund some of his other interesting vehicles.

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Confessions from a College Campus

Students send in anonymous confessions

"I find it super uncomfortable to use the bathroom in our dorm so I often walk all the way to the SU or library (if it's open) to take care of my business."

"I think that being a person of color on this campus is a rarity and often times I feel alone. Our community is small and we don't even stick together."

"The foreigners here are so attractive.

Me being an introvert is crippling."

"AirDrop ruined my relationship with my neighbor. He accidentally sent me a picture intended for his girlfriend the other night.

Razors were invented for a reason bro. Check them out."





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Campus



C.A.R.S Club Events

Club Prepares for Spring Events

By Leighton Swearingen

S pring is almost here and that means things are about to get busy for the automotive restoration students and C.A.R.S. Club. The biggest event on the horizon is one that the club puts on every year for the whole campus and surrounding community to enjoy.

The 18th annual McPherson College Car and Motorcycle Show is set to take place on May 6. Once again the lawn around the gazebo will be filled with cars of all sorts of makes and models for students to enjoy.

Also on the calendar for the club is a trip to Evergreen Historic Automobile Collection in Lebanon, Mo. This trip will take place during Spring Break and will allow students the chance to see a prestigious collection of almost 550 cars, the majority of which are convertibles.

The students of the McPherson College C.A.R.S. Club are set to have a busy but exciting end to the school year.

Entrepreneurial Spirits Horizon Fund Updates

Here at McPherson entrepreneurship is encouraged and The Horizon Fund is there to help you start, run and grow your own business. The Fund provides mini grants from \$100-\$500 to help you carry out an original idea which can enrich the community. We sat down with 3 students who received the grant to hear from them how this fund played a role in their lives.

By Joyce Muhizi

Horizon Fund is one business opportunity that students can take advantage of here at McPherson College. Other business opportunities can only be attained after students get a degree whereas the Horizon Fund can be used. Some students have taken advantage of McPherson College's Horizon Fund as an opportunity.

didn't really have direction in terms of my art and knew I didn't want to live on the streets as a starving artist," Monica Ewy, senior in automotive design, said.

Ewy said she took a risk and started painting a few friends' personal cars and making art pieces, this has given her work more exposure and has signed up some work for her for at least the next six months.

She plans to give people unique personal pieces that they can hold on to for a lifetime. She wants to bring art in another light to this community.

Some business ideas may originate from a child hood hobby or passion as was the case for senior automotive restoration student Austin Ehret. Ehret grew up taking motorcycle rides which gave him his idea for his

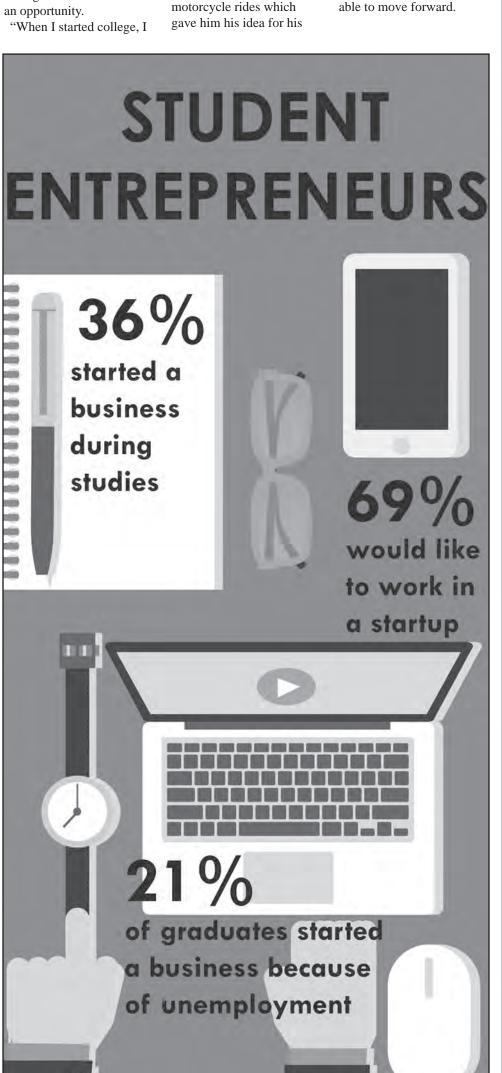
Horizon Fund concept.

"My idea was to simply start a side business focused around making custom vintage motorcycles or other modifications that are really unique using what I have learned here at school" Ehret said.

One of Ehret's teachers describes riding a motorcycle as the closest thing to flying.

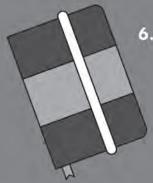
"The bikes I plan to build for my customers will be exactly what they are looking for, it won't just be a repair but a custom design. I will be making the customers dreams a reality." Ehret said.

One piece of advice Ehret wanted to share with people is to focus one step at a time and people should be



Tips to Surviving Midterms By Kody Bowden 1. Stay Hydrated- Drinking plenty of water ensures that you won't get dehydrated, which can cause you to lose focus and increases feelings of exhaustion. Notecards- write out your vocabulary or important ideas on notecards and have a friend quiz you. Notecards can help you memorize essay, multiple choice, and fill-in-the-blank questions. 3. Take Breaks-Taking a short twenty to thirty-minute nap every hour of studying will give your brain a rest and allow you to stay more focused also stretching can reduce your chance of getting a pinched nerve, and help you relax. 4. Enjoy some caffeine- Consuming coffee orenergy drinks in moderation can help you to stay mentally alert, but don't over-caffeinate, as it can cause a sugar/caffeine crash and you won't be able to focus.

5. Location, Location, Location- Picking a location to study is very important.
Switch up whereyou study and if it's too loud, busy, or even if you don't like the temperature, move spots. Go to the library, your room, a coffee shop, a park, a friend's room – anywhere you and get your study on.



6. Stay Organized- Keeping a clean workspace helps eliminate stress and give a clean outline of what there is to study and the tools you have to assist you.

Exercise- If you do a fifteen-minute workout every
day the week of midterms, you will
boost your brain power and have
lower levels of stress and anxiety.

8. Sleep is Vital-Pulling an all-nighter won't help if you can't remember what you studied. Making sure to get at least eight hours of sleep each night is vital during a test week. If you need to study, wake up earlier in the morning and avoid staying up late.



Spring Break Provides Competitive Opportunity for Tennis



Photo By Micah Gilbert/McPherson College Athletic Communicatio Senior, Ahmed Lahlou competes in number one singles at home on Saturday March 4th.

By Diamond Blaylock s Spring Break approaches, the majority of students will be traveling home or going on different vacations but the college's break will be yet another week of training and competition for the men and women's tennis teams. Nationally-ranked, the McPherson Bulldogs on both tennis teams are preparing for the road and will be headed west. The men and women's tennis teams have been training for their upcoming matches this spring. With daily practices and

competitive meets against neighboring colleges, they are getting a preview of what their season is going to look like.

The men's team, ranked No.18, and the women's team, ranked No. 20, won against Baker University at the Jayhawk Tennis Center earlier in February, giving the men their first dual win. The men's team scored straight victories with their singles and the women's team took home a win with their doubles match. Since Baker, they have traveled and competed with other colleges, however,

most of them are excited for their West Coast matches this spring. Both teams will be facing Cypress College, San Diego Christian College and Westmont College in Southern California this Spring Break.

Before heading to California for their matches, both teams are going to compete against Missouri Valley College here in McPherson on March 14. The location will be announced closer to the date on their website and twitter.



Sophomore, Lea Streigl competes in number one singles at home on Saturday March 4th.



Photo Provided by Madison Hoffma

(From Left to Right) Junior, Deiah Curtis and teammates Freshman, Bessa Bwalya, Freshman, Brittany Zipf, Sophomore, Madison Hoffman, Sophomore Lea Stirgel and, Sophomore, Zoe Bouwmeester

March Madness Arrives with High Expectations

By Diamond Blaylock s many basketball seasons throughout the nation come to a close, the much anticipated March Madness arrives. March Madness is the nickname for the NCAA Men's basketball tournaments. The national championship is contingent upon these tournaments. These matches bring out the most spirited of fans and the infamous brackets known to award millions. Josiah Blackwood, a freshman guard, for McPherson College's men's basketball team plans on participating in the bracket tradition.

"I'll definitely be filling out a bracket, every year I come close to having a perfect one," Blackwood said. "It's hard to tell who will take home the championships without looking at stats but I'm hoping to see Syracuse go far."

Teams get selected on what the NCAA calls 'Selection Sunday," this day is important for those fans that are weary about their team's chances of advancing to the tournaments. Teams that are considered for qualification but have not secured their spots are considered to be "in the bubble." Some of the team's victims to the bubble this March are Wichita State, Northwestern, Virginia Tech and Vanderbilt. All of which pose a threat to brackets if given a bid when recognizing each one of the team's histories. Take for example the Wichita State Shockers, people often call them underdogs that have not gotten much spotlight for the upcoming

tournaments yet still pose a threat when acknowledging their prosperous 2013 journey to the final four. Josiah Blackwood believes that the Shockers will make the tournament but will experience struggles advancing due to their comfortability with a weak conference.

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conference.

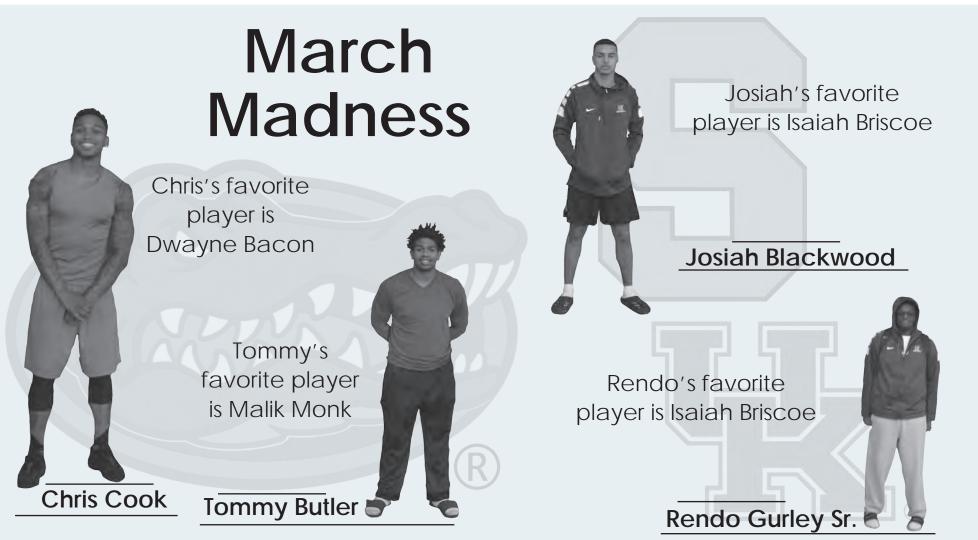
"They're going to make the tournament despite them being in the bubble but I wouldn't expect them to make it past the second round." Blackwood said. "Their team in 2013 was actually pretty good. Three players went to the NBA but this year they are nowhere near as successful"

The selection and planting of the college basketball world's most-awaited tournaments is taking place March 12.



Photo By Taylor Hires-Caulk

(From left to Rrght) Rendo Gurley Sr., Tommy Butler, Josiah Blackwood and Chris Cook are looking forward to this coming March Madness season.



Track Begins Outdoor Season

Indoor season comes to a close at Nationals

By Diamond Blaylock

The track and field teams ▲ at McPherson College are coming into the spring with momentum and have an optimistic mindset on their forthcoming outdoor season. The teams are coming out of their winter indoor conference tournament where the men's team won the conference championship, and the women's team came in fourth and was just half of a point away of being in the top three.

The time in between the indoor conference tournament and the beginning of their outdoor season is an important time for the athletes on the track and field team because

it is the time where they need to practice, grind out the workouts and hit the weight room so they are at their best for the upcoming season.

"Between seasons is where you put the glue together to make it to the end of the season," Robert Spies, head coach of track and field, said. "When you get to the middle and late parts of the season you want to be in maintenance mode." The coaching staff faces the challenge of making sure that practices are programmed well, and that they are setting up workouts and trainings that will better the athletes. But from there on, the work falls on the athletes themselves to make

sure they are getting in the weight room, training well and taking care of the little things.

The track and field season has the longest season of any other sports at McPherson College; and because of that, it is a challenge for the team to make sure they are progressing to where they need to be. This is to maximize their abilities for the conference tournament and to help those who qualify for nationals.

"That's really the name of the game," Spies said, talking about his wanting to see more personal best times out of his athletes. He also wants to focus on getting his athletes to do

their best when it comes time for the conference tournament. Spies is hoping to get his men's 100-meter relay and 400-meter relay to a national championship and hopes to see three athletes from the distance side in the marathon make it to a national championship. His overall goals for this upcoming season are to win another conference tournament for the men's side, and for the women to place in the top three. He has faith in both of those goals coming to fruition and is looking forward to a nice season.

The track team begins their outdoor season on Thursday, March 16, at Southwestern College.



(From Left to Right) Freshman, Amy Braimbridge, Sophomore, Christopher Linnin Jr, Coach Spies, Senior, AJ Hop, Senior Jasmine Helms and Senior Marlon Clayton compete at the indoor National Track and field meet



Senior AJ Hop competes at his last track and field meet in his college career.

Senior Features

with McPherson Athletes **Azaria Romero Blake Ware**

By Daniel Hartman

Blake Ware is an environmental science major here at McPherson College and is also a member of the men's baseball team. Ware is an avid outdoors man and enjoys hiking, fishing, trout fishing, skiing, mountain biking and other outdoor activities.

His favorite places to be outdoors and around wildlife are Denver and Steamboat in Colorado because it is more open and there are more opportunities to be active. Ware attended Allen **County Community** College for his first two years and, upon his second year at Allen, heard about McPherson College

through recruiting that was being conducted by McPherson College staff.

After graduating, Ware hopes to "get his foot in the door," to hopefully become a park ranger one day.

"I have gained a lot of knowledge and understanding about how the world works and what you need to do to be good at being organized and tackling everyday life activities," Ware said.

He also mentioned learning how to work hard and stay on top of his studies. If he were to give any advice to current students and incoming students, Ware said, "don't put off your work, do it as soon as you get it."

By Daniel Hartman

zaria Romero is a Aphysical education and health major with a minor in biology and part of the women's softball team. Romero was born in Clovis, N. M., but has lived in McPherson since she was eight years old and calls McPherson her home.

Romero attended Kansas Weslevan University her freshmen year of college, but after one year transferred to McPherson College because she missed her family. Originally, Romero wanted to pursue physical therapy when she was in high school, but after having knee surgery and spending a lot of time in the athletic training room, she realized that athletic training was something she was interested in and soon changed her profession.

After graduation, Romero will be working at the Central Kansas Mental

Health Center with children who are between the ages of 8 and 17 who have mental disabilities. She also plans to pursue another degree in psychology and eventually hopes to get her Ph.D. in psychology to one day be involved in social work.

Because the softball program is a rebuilding program, Romero feels that it has helped her to stay strong, keep her head up and be a role model for her teammates, which for her also transfers over to the classroom. Romero wanted to give a message to current and incoming students.

"Manage your time, have a social life, be smart and if you play a sport, step out there every time and give your 100 percent all the time," Romero said. "Be the best person you can be and don't let anyone else determine who you are and what you can be."

Brain Works

Sports Psychology with Morgan Little

By Morgan Little

 Δ s talented people, what do we focus on: our strengths, accomplishments and knowledge, or is it weakness, technicality and humility? What should

we focus on? Being an athlete, performer or involved in any aspect of contesting, we are drawn the

areas that we know we can have the most success. Though being humble about our strengths, and even about our weakness, is not something we often find ourselves doing, it needs to become a part of your course to betterment.

When analyzed, do you take an activity on as a challenge, or does it bring you

down in testiness? A band director I had in high school always said, "Don't get mad, get even." You must take the emotion that arises from this criticism to do better, to be better. If it becomes selfishness, rage or greed, you will not flourish. If you

think you are the best,

there is always room for improvement. As cliché as that statement is, it's not as cliché as what you will find when you really look into finding ways to improve.

When weakness is found

in the game or in any part of people's life, what happens? When an obstacle has been brought to your attention,

you cannot

go around it; you must go through it. You cannot crumple it up and throw away as you would a piece of paper, you must draw it out, as you would in the writing process: brainstorming, researching, drafting,

editing and getting feedback are favorable to find what is holding back your progression. Finding humility in

you to ask for help is necessary. You cannot do it alone. You cannot become the best alone. You are not who you are today as a competitor because of what you have done alone.

Are you doing what is necessary to make the best version of yourself?

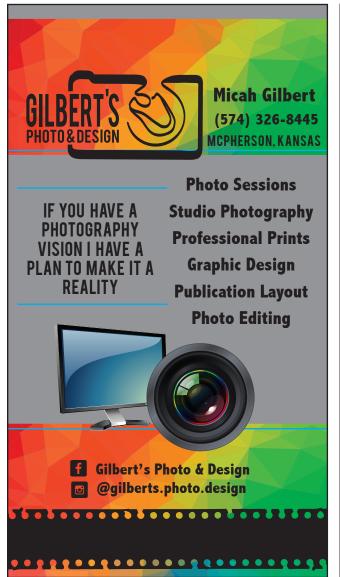


Senior, Blake Ware and Senior, Azaria Romero.



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