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Undergraduates: The Balancing Act

By Codi-Lane Jones

When I first entered McPherson College, I felt very confident in my time management skills. In high school, I graduated with a 4.5 GPA, and still played sports along with a job of about 20 hours a week, and I slept at least eight hours a night. As I began the transition into my college classes, I realized how much harder things were about to get. My freshman year I did not have a job because I lived in the dorms, but because I wanted to live in a home with my significant other, that changed going into my sophomore year. Currently,

I go to class full-time, am a part of the cheer squad, and work a job of 20-30 hours a week. I currently have a 3.0 GPA, and only sleep about four to six hours.

Undergraduate students are expected to complete all of their assignments, do well on tests, and show up to class every day. Unfortunately, this is not an easy task by any means for a student who must also attend to other obligations. Students are expected to set aside roughly five hours outside of class on study and work for every class they take each week; a full-time student will take about 4-6 classes a semester. With

using simple math, a student will be expected to set aside 20-30 hours outside of class on school work or study. That is a part-time job, now, add in 20-30 hours of a job and roughly 6-10 hours for practice for student athletes off season, and roughly 10-20 hours devoted to the sport in season.

The result of trying to manage this tight schedule is negative. Author David DeSteno wrote, "Research Conducted by American College Health Association shows that almost 54 percent of students report feeling high levels of stress, 60 percent report feeling exhausted and overwhelmed

at times. Anxiety and depression levels are also on the rise, and as documented in The Chronicle, are taking a toll on students' well-being." These statistics are on the rise due to rapidly increasing college tuition, increasing cost of living, and stagnant wages along with other factors. Undergraduate students in our great grandparent's generation could afford to pay for college by working a full-time job during the summer. Now, parents must start saving for their children from birth and still will have to pull out a loan or two. This is detrimental for people of lower to middle

class status because some parents may not even be able to save for their children; it is very common for cost of college to be put solely on the student. This results in massive student debt. Millennials have the highest number of student debt than previous generations.

Some may argue that none of these reasons are a significant reason time-management is a problem with our generation. It is argued that social media, technology, or laziness is to blame for our struggle in making college work. While all of these can be true, DeSteno makes a point that someone who is proud

of what they are doing will devote more time and effort into that certain skill. Going to college is something most who attend are proud of doing and being a part of. This is our future.

Undergraduate students are the most misunderstood with time management due to excess responsibility. This excess responsibility causes mental health deterioration. Tuition fees rising, housing cost rising, stagnant wages, and expectation of professors are the main issues we face today.

#MeToo Campaign Continues Making Headway

By Tomi Simmons

Creating an outcry for those who had been affected by sexual assault, Tarana Burke molded the phrase Me Too in 2006. She did so to unify women of color together who had been victims of sexual assault, in hopes to make sure no one felt alone. On October 5th, 2017 there had been a statement released, regarding Harvey Weinstein and sexual assault towards several actresses. Following the string of sexual assault stories being released, actress Alyssa Milano tweeted on October 15th, "Suggested by a friend: 'If all the women who have

been sexually harassed or assaulted wrote 'Me too' as a status, we might give people a sense of the magnitude of the problem."

Around 12 million women are estimated to have participated in the online postings. All around the world women posted #metoo, in hopes to unify and shine light on the travesty of sexual assault. In December, Time Magazine named "The Silence Breakers" person of the year, this included the women who shared their stories of sexual assault and spoke out. The cover of the magazine featured, Ashley Judd, Taylor Swift, Susan Fowler, Adama Iwu, and

Isabel Pascual. However, to the right is an arm of a woman with the rest of her body hidden. It is a woman from Texas who couldn't relay her identity because of the impact it would have on her family. This was a symbol for the women who cannot say me too publicly because of the same surrounding sexual assault.

During the Women's March of January 20, The Times Up and Me Too movement were very much involved in the organization and reason to march for women. There were over thousands of signs and speakers referring to the movements and call for change with the stigma

around sexual assault.

Within the past couple of months, The New York Times has reported on specific stories that women in the spotlight have endured. In addition, during the Oscars, Jimmy Kimmel acknowledged the movements. Many who presented awards also made remarks towards me too.

Because of the New York Times perseverance to report on the Me Too movement they were awarded the public service Pulitzer Prize. Overall, the newspaper shed light on sexual assault and the amount of times it is common among women. It inspired many speak up and finally say me too.



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Why the NFL is on Top

By Armond McCray

American professional football is the most popular sport in the country according to most polls and surveys that are out. With that being said I am really not surprised that the National Football League is bringing in some of the top numbers out of the sports leagues across the world. Because of the crazy number of fans there are across the world, like myself, the NFL is able to generate and bring in monster revenue numbers every year. The bulk of the NFL's national revenue comes from the league's TV deals. If you ask me, the amount that they are receiving for these TV deals is a testament to its fans and how much they watch and

support their teams. The money from those deals are split evenly by all 32 teams, but we can arrive at a total number of \$7,808,000,000 from last year. So, not only does the entire league bring in a ton of money, but each individual team does as well. Some teams obviously bring in more than others due to a bigger fan base.

The team that has had arguably the greatest influence in turning American football into one of the biggest businesses is the Dallas Cowboys, as much as it pains me to say it. The Dallas Cowboys have had a constant, annoying, support system in the fans. Despite my hatred for them, they are actually known as the "Americas team"

due largely to their wide fan base. According to the numbers the Cowboys are the most valuable NFL franchise. The franchise was valued at 4.8 billion U.S. dollars in 2017.

The average crowd number for NFL games is currently 68,331 people. While the numbers for the NBA are 17,319 people, and the MLB is at 30,023 people per game. I personally have been to NFL and NBA games and I would definitely say that the NFL game was overall the more involving and exciting experience. These factors all contribute in proving that American football is not only a sport, but also one of the biggest businesses in the country.

Air Strike on Syria

By Tomi Simmons

In April, 2017, the United States military led an airstrike in Syria in response to the country's use of chemical weapons. Friday April 13th, 2018, President Trump approved an air strike once more, along with allies Great Britain and France. All three countries also received Germany's consent to go through with this mission.

The decision for the air strike was due to President Assad's regime use of chemical weapons on a rebel base in Douma. The chemical attack caused almost 500 people to be treated for chemical poisoning and 75 people to be dead (including children). The strike that United States and its two allies pursued were three targets; they hit a storage facility and equipment storage site West of Homs and a science facility devoted to the research and development of chemical weapons in Damascus (near Douma). There were no United States casualties, and Russia has reported there were no Syrian army casualties either. There are rumors that three civilians were killed in the process.

Two weeks ago President Donald Trump had expressed his goal to begin to take American troops out of Syria; however, now he has said that the United States will intervene when chemical weapons are used in Syria. Following the

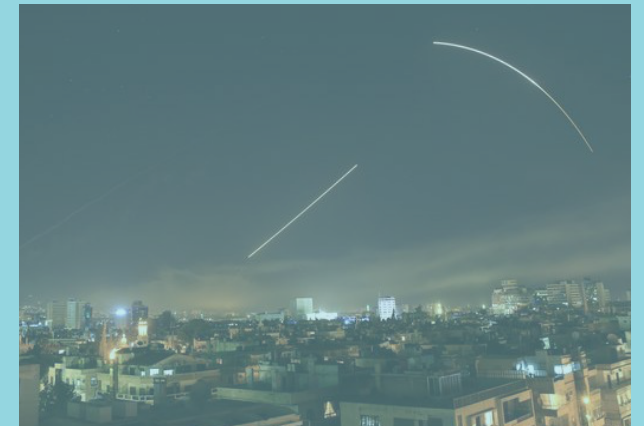


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air strike, the President of Syria tweeted, "Honorable soul cannot be humiliated." Russia also responded to the United States through Anatoly Antonov, the ambassador. He stated, "We warned such actions will not be left without consequences. All responsibility for them rests of London, Washington, and Paris."

The US Secretary of Defense James Mattis has stated that this airstrike was double the one of 2017. Around the world, there were several leaders who applauded this military action. Canadian prime minister, Justin Trudeau, supported the strikes. In addition, German Chancellor Angela Merkel believed the strikes "were necessary and appropriate." Nato Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, tweeted her support as well. In the United States reactions seems to initially be split among party lines. Republicans seemed to show more support, while Democrats wanted to question the strike and the overall outcome. United Nations Secretary General

Antonio Guterres stated in response to the strike and chemical weapons, "There's an obligation, particularly when dealing with matters of peace and security, to act consistently with the Charter of the United Nations and with international law in general," he said. "I urge all member states to show restraint in these dangerous circumstances."

The question now is what comes next? Can that military action cause for Syria to stop their use of chemical weapons on its people? As of right now Assad has failed to change his behavior even when military forces are used in response. The United States will retaliate again if chemical weapons are used, however many question if it is worth the resources and people. When it comes to conflict and resolution between these leaders, the biggest adversity to get through is pushing another to change even when they are not allies.

Fake News: Recognized

By Greg Roller

On Wednesday April 11th the Newton Public Library came to McPherson College to give a lecture on fake news. Fake news is something that is spread like wildfire around social media. This lecture

helped students recognize fake news, and ways to find out if the article has any credibility. The lecture was very helpful. The library showed multiple news stations and where they align themselves on the political spectrum. The

partnered pair also gave students multiple websites to check the credibility of articles, such as snopes.com. The lecture was a success. Many students showed up eager to learn, others showed up for extra credit possibilities I personally feel like this lecture was very useful. I have definitely shared fake news on my social media page, and this has showed me what fake news is and what to look out for. More students need to take a lecture to spot fake news, because it is spread like wildfire.





“I Can Only Imagine” Movie Review

By Joyce Muhizi

We go to movies to be entertained and very rarely do I find tears a fitting part of that experience, of course I don't always have a choice. This was one of those moments for me. “I Can Only Imagine,” directed by Andrew Erwin and John Erwin, was based on a Christian band, MercyMe’s hit single “I Can Only Imagine.” The movie depicted a young boy growing up being abused by his father and then coming back from a church camp to find that his mom

had abandoned him. Life wasn't the easiest for him and all he had going for him was football. The thrill of the game came to a halt when he was injured and couldn't play anymore. He found himself in a music class where he was forced by his teacher to lead a musical play. Embarrassed to tell his father about it, he secretly became a success in his school and his town. After realizing that he had a shot at music he pursued it and didn't turn back until he decided to go make things right with his dad. This movie took a turn when he returned

to find his father a changed man. Forgiveness and death of the father are what shortly followed. The change he had witnessed as well as the absence of his father brought him to tears and inspired the song that became the best Christian selling hit single. This song sold 2.5 million copies and went double platinum. Overall, what started out as a typical Christian movie, ended up being one of the moving movies I have seen. I just wanted to hug my loved ones after seeing it.

2018 Retirees of Mcpherson College

By Emmy Goering

McPherson College celebrates the service of Dr. Rick Tyler, Coach Gordon Reimer, and Professor Wayne Conyers.

Dr. Rick Tyler will be retiring as the department chair of the Performing Arts at the end of the 2017/2018 academic year. Tyler, a professor of Speech and Theater, has left his mark on the department in a plethora of ways, including his founding

of the “First Nighters Dinner” which is unique to the state of Kansas, and his excellent handiwork on stage through construction and set design.

Coach Gordon Reimer retires from his role as head coach of women’s basketball on May 1st. Reimer joined the McPherson College staff in 2013 from a decorated coaching career at Kansas Wesleyan University. During his time in McPherson, Reimer coached multiple

players to All-KCAC honors.

Wayne Conyers is retiring as an arts professor and retiring this year. He has been teaching here for thirty-five years; and nineteen of those years, he was the chair of the Visual Arts Department. His watercolor paintings have been featured on local, regional, national, and international levels. With retiring, Wayne is deciding to focus on his art work.



Dr. Rick Tyler



Coach Gordon Reimer



Wayne Conyers

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Brilliant Bulldogs McPherson Shows Off Their Talents

By Deiah Curtis

On Wednesday, April 18th, McPherson College was booming with brilliance of all different types of talents, and boy was it a talented night. SAB (Student Activities Board) hosted the annual campus competition ‘McPherson’s Got Talent’ for all faculty, staff and student body to compete in.

With nine acts to get through, McPherson’s Got Talent was one of the most exciting shows they’ve had yet with a rock-out-band, a rockin’ red dress and three

rad judges, this show brought down the house in style.

Judging the evening’s talented selection was veteran judge, Jd Bowman, along with new comers, Christi Hopkins and Rod Gieselman. Hosting the night’s brilliance was none other than the hilarious Tanner Trigg, making sure to keep the audience and the show rolling with his hit and stage charm.

Acts included: Grant Tuttle singing ‘I’ll Be’ whilst playing the accompaniment on the guitar, Tomi Simmons giving the audience a mov-

ing piece of original slam poetry, Micaila Curtis, singing ‘Make You Feel My Love’ by Adele whilst playing the accompaniment on the piano. As the evening progressed, more acts took the stage like; Neema Mataboro singing ‘For Your Glory’ in a stunning red gown, Coach Ramos breaking it down with an original song/rap, followed by Toni Snyder who brought down the house with his own take on a musical number from the Broadway play ‘Shrek.’ For the eighth act, Seamus Hnat

performed a skillful piece on the organ, followed by Sam Arrant (electric guitar), Winston Stauffer (drums), and Jacob San Martin (base) who ended the show with a blowout band performance.

At the end of the night, Grant Tuttle took home 3rd place, Coach Ramos snagging 2nd, and Arrant, Stauffer, and San Martin rocked away with 1st place. Toni Snyder took home people’s choice awards, and the rest of us where giving an evening of excitement, incredible talent, and brilliant bulldogs.



New RAs Chosen for 2018-2019

By Tyler Dunn

McPherson College has reached that point in the year where new RAs have been hired. It was a long process with criteria in place to ensure that every hire is someone that will positively impact those who will come to them. They are the people that we come to in

our time of need.

The RA serves as a positive role model to residents and peer staff members. The RA enforces the rules and policies of Residence Life, Housing and Dining Services and the College. The RA acts as a liaison between residents and the College administration. This means dedicating hours to something bigger

than yourself. It’s not just a job, it’s a demanding lifestyle that comes with costs to the person tasked to bare that responsibility.

A senior RA who wishes not to be named states that “It is a lot of work, but it has let me meet great people. One of the biggest things it taught me was how to deal with people, I am pursuing a

career in which I can take the skills I have had to learn here and use them. I wouldn’t change what I have done for anything, because it has helped shape who I have become today.” The senior was proud to say that the people who have been chosen for the next year’s positions will be great additions to the RA team. One of those additions

being Desmond Grayson, who is doing this to not only help students but to help his parents out, stating that “This is a source of income so that my parents don’t have to send me money. This way I am reducing school fees and I am impacting the school and making a good name for myself. I want to leave a legacy here instead of just

being another student that went here.” And just like his fellow students, he has a long road ahead of him, along with the support of those who hired him in good faith to do a job that they believe he can do.

“Far Away” by Caryl Churchill, Final Show of Theatre Season

By Emmy Goering

The McPherson College Theater department presented their final show of the

school year, “Far Away” by Caryl Churchill, on April 13th at 7:30pm in Mingenback Theatre. Although the play was only thirty minutes long,

a large cast of 34 presented the show on the secondary stage in Mingenback Theatre. The play consisted of three scenes and a parade with a

brief talkback after the show. The show’s thought-provoking content left a number of scenes up for interpretation by not only the audience, but

also the actors. Liz Thornton, a thespian and Sophomore at McPherson College, reflects, “I thought we had a really successful season. We

received amazing feedback. This is Rick Tyler’s retirement year, so it was important that we made it special.”



Senior Drive-Thru Keeping Traditions Alive

By Tyler Dunn

Graduation is upon us, and with this time comes many changes. Sports players playing their final games or clubs electing new leaders, this period comes with constant change and transitions. Many people get caught up in the stress of these last few moments, and the school starts advertising de-stressing events, but the one event that everyone is looking forward to besides graduation is the senior drive through.

An event that has been a tradition as long as anyone can be remembered, with many different stories on how it got started. Some say that it was an Auto-Restoration thing that students hopped onto and made into a trend, others say it was a prank that students did late at night to cap their time

here and the college instead of trying to stop it, made it into an event that bonded staff and student, essentially bridging the gap between generations. In a celebration of “We made it!” from professor to student.

No matter the origin we know that students here at McPherson are looking forward to participating in something that has lasted the test of McPherson just like them. It has been something for them to look forward to since they became McPherson Bulldogs. In a way it gives a sense of identity, making the process of leaving college behind something real. Life continues, and people move on but tradition makes them see what they

belonged to, and this is vital because it symbolizes the family that the seniors have made here at Mac. No matter how much we want things to stay the same, life is all about change. Sometimes change is for the better, and if the seniors go forward with open minds and put their experience to good use they will be fine and will claim the success that they have worked hard for.



Meet Your New SGA Reps

By Taylor Cunningham

On Thursday, April 19th, 2018, the Student Government Association held elections for the following school year. An email was sent to all students with a link to vote. SGA elections closed Thursday night, and Advisor Ben Coffey sent an email out with results around 9 p.m.

SGA has been restructured for next year. The new

structure includes six executive board positions, and six senator positions. Executive board consists of President, Chief of Staff, Budget Coordinator, Publicity Coordinator, Events Coordinators, and Historian. These positions were filled respectively: Brandt Wolters, Amanda Lolling, Rinaldo Gagiano, Diamond Blaylock, Taylor Cunningham, and Grant Bar-

rett. The senator positions included Residence Hall Senator, Apartments Senator, Off-Campus Apartment, Student Athlete Senator, General Student Senator, and Auto Restoration Senator. Those positions were filled respectively: Billy Muhizi, Sydney Lang, Ilanna Moyer, Jake Tiernan, Courtney Weesner, and the AR Senator position is unfilled.

Opportunities on the Horizon

By Kylee Martin

In October of 2010, our college President Michael Schneider, announced the entrepreneurial program here at the college. The Horizon Fund allows entrepreneurs to expand their ideas with a little financial help. Every year there are two sessions to apply for the grant, one per semester. Over 200 students have received this grant in continuing their idea in some way. The Horizon fund is open for anyone with an idea no matter how developed the idea is.

The entrepreneurial ideas are widely ranged, from marketing businesses, car related businesses, and businesses that help the environment. More recently in the spring of 2018 session, some of the ideas that were presented included a motocross photography business, an iPhone repair business, and a mental health awareness business. To complete the application process, the students first had to submit an application including summaries of their idea, a target market, how their business is different from similar

businesses, and then a plan of what they would do with their grant. Then, after the applications were reviewed, the students would give an elevator speech, or a roughly two-minute speech explaining the main parts of their idea to the Horizon Fund committee. The committee would challenge the students with questions about their business and also give some advice with how to better advance their business.

This semester there were ten ideas presented to the Horizon Fund committee. Emily Whitley came up with one of those ideas. Her idea was to create a family friendly YouTube channel, called “Emily’s a Hoot,” that would follow her life in college and at home. Her weekly posts would range from anything serious like her basketball career to the adventurous moments of her life. Whitley says, “I like the business set up of the Horizon program and presenting to the committee was fun because they take my idea serious.” Whitley also explained more about presenting to the com-

mittee, “The committee gave me ideas on how to advertise and reach out to potential subscribers, which I never really considered.” The horizon fund grant will help Emily start her vlog channel on YouTube and help her purchase a better camera for filming.

Another idea was presented by Judith Salazar. Salazar has already started her side business as a Sengence consultant and is currently selling her products. Sengence is known for their smudge-proof long lasting lipstick, a makeup line, and skin care. While it is hard to keep a full stock of product, this grant will help Salazar purchase more product to have on hand and help her better the advertisement for her business. The Sengence products make great gifts for anyone.

If you think you have an idea, apply for the Horizon fund grant next fall. No matter how big or small the idea, the Horizon fund grant can help you expand your idea and boast your confidence in your entrepreneurial skills.

New Spectator Editor-in-Chief for 2018-2019: Tyler Dunn





A Diamond Dusted Goodbye

Sayonara Seniors

By Tyler Dunn

The McPherson Baseball and Softball teams will be saying goodbye to the 2018 seniors. These Dogs have graced the Diamond, making friends, memories, and a lasting impact on so many. They will be missed but they will not be forgotten, many moving on to bigger and better things, like Amanda Connell's acceptance into Law School.

Now that the time has come for them to move on, many took time to reflect when I talked to them about this final year. Reily Martin said that he will miss the little things like "Lifting with teammate Dom Ramos," but mainly he will miss "Going out and doing what he loves most with his teammates." Softball player Valerie Romero also felt sentimental about her time here simply saying, "It'll be

sad but I'll keep in touch," and she hopes that her teammates and classmates alike take away that, "Hard work pays off" because the things you do in college simply set you up for the next chapter of your life. For Treyton Devore the senior day was special because he got to start on the mound for Baseball, pitching incredibly well throughout the game. You could see the excitement and dedication in his eyes, because he was playing for something bigger than himself, he was playing for all the times he had been looked over, and because of this he played with a fire that lasted him throughout the game. When approached Devore said: "It was great being able to throw one last time as a Bulldog, I am thankful for everyone that came and supported us

seniors in our last home game. Seeing people I met here to support me made me think of why this has all been fun, and that's because we are building friendships longer than baseball." This was a common feeling among the seniors as they graced the field together, taking photos and sharing laughs with the family they have made over their years here.

One thing is certain, they will be missed, but they have left a lasting impact

on those they leave behind, opening eyes and creating memories and friendships to take with them on the next step of their journeys.



Senior Spotlight



Amanda Connell

By Logan Hartman

Amanda Connell is Music and Business major and also a member of the softball team here at McPherson College. Connell grew up in Wichita, Kansas and is a graduate of circle high school in Towanda, Kansas. Connell first fell in love with baseball and softball when she was younger and would spend days at the ball park watching her older brother play. From a

young age she began playing t-ball and continued to play through for twelve years into college where she made the commitment to play college softball for McPherson.

Connell began her academic career as a music education major, but after realizing she had other aspirations, decided to take advantage of McPherson College's interdisciplinary major program and changed her major to music and business. Connell has

applied and been accepted to two different law schools and has yet to decide where she would like to attend. Changing her major came from her realization that she didn't want to be a teacher, but still wanted to be involved in music. She one day aspires to be become a lawyer representing musicians.

Connell is thankful for the faculty here at McPherson college, "the faculty has been super supportive of everything I have

been trying to do with my interdisciplinary degree, especially for someone like me who made such a drastic shift from music education to wanting to go to law school." Connell leaves her peers saying, "Try every experience you even remotely are interested in because you meet the most incredible people... take risks and don't get set in one thing because life will throw you curveballs."



Senior Spotlight



Kyle Wedel

By Logan Hartman

Kyle Wedel is a physical education major and a member of the baseball team at McPherson College. He was born in Wasco, California and transferred to McPherson after talking with the coach. Wedel was attracted to McPherson because of its small town feeling which reminded him of home.

Wedel has played baseball

since he was around 3 years old and has been at it since. He has played both 2nd and 3rd base for the team at McPherson and is currently at 3rd base.

After graduating, Wedel plans to move back to Wasco where he will substitute teach while attaining special education certification. After receiving certification to teach special education, Wedel plans to get a masters

degree in occupational therapy.

Wedel is thankful for the one-on-one time available because of the smaller community. "The one-on-one experience I get through talking with my professors is phenomenal, the relationships you form with your professors are priceless. I was a kid at my junior college that would miss class, but here I'm motivated

because of my relationships with my professors." Wedel would like to leave his peers with saying, "give McPherson a shot, once I gave it a shot, I loved the relationships I formed and the community because they support each other, don't be so close minded to a small town."

New Coach – New Squad

By Toni Snyder

The Diamond Dog Spirit Squad closes its 2017-18 season with the announcement of new head coach Ashlee Annis! Annis is transferring to McPherson College from previously coaching our across town rivals, the Tigers of Central Christian College. Annis has an impressive background in cheerleading dating back to when she was the age of 4 and ending her senior year at Tabor College. Since beginning her contract in March, she has already shown her commitment and hard work to the Diamond Dogs by quickly returning them to a consistent practice schedule and announcing their registration to cheer camp for the summer of 2018. The team will be traveling to Wisconsin

Dells, Wisconsin for a UCA camp beginning in late July alongside with known NCAA squads like the University of Kansas. At camp, the team will be trained and evaluated



on things such as their stunting, pyramids, fight song, and overall game day spirit.

With Annis' arrival, the squad has high hopes for an amazing upcoming

year full of excitement and new skills that are sure to brighten the game day experience, as well as bring higher placements at competitions in the spring for the bulldogs. Under the new direction of Annis, the squad is excited for the upcoming changes they are beginning to encounter for the coming year and can't wait to show what the new and improved diamond dogs are able to accomplish by next fall!

If you are interested in being a part of this growing team, tryouts will be held on Saturday May 5th in the MC Sports Center. Registration will begin at 1:30pm, with tryouts

starting at 2:00pm. More information can be found on the "McPherson College Spirit Squads" Facebook page, or on Twitter @MACSpiritSquads!

Jumping Into Big Things

By Ronnie Floyd

The McPherson Bulldogs pulled out some strong wins during their indoor season this winter. Jordan Windholz did exceptionally well this past season as a triple jumper. He placed third in the conference overall. He leaped 13.43 meters at the conference meet in Pittsburgh, Kansas. Originally attending Barton Community College, Windholz transferred to McPherson College, and has made a difference on the track team.

Windholz said, "I came into this season with the

goal on improving my performances within indoor, and I think I really have done that." Overall the McPherson Men's track team placed third in conference this year.

Windholz is a senior this year and has been jumping since high school. He's originally from Hays, Kansas and when asked about his past performances he said, "high school really taught me that I wanted to do this at a collegiate level." In addition to track he has also played basketball for much of his life and even at a college level for a couple

of seasons. However, in the end he decided that track and field was more of his passion.

This spring marks Windholz's final outdoor season for his track career. When asked about it he said, "Just expect big things this coming up season. I'm going to be leaving it all out on the track." Keep an eye out as Jordan Windholz jumps into big things.

**Congratulations to all
Bulldog athletes on
your accomplishments
this school year!**





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

By Andrew Tanner

If you were to venture out into the storage units at Mustang Properties just across Baer Street from the College, you would find a vast assortment of student-owned vehicles in varying states of repair. These cars range from fully restored, to fully disassembled. One vehicle has just finished being put back together after spending two years in a state of extreme disassembly, and that is Leighton Swearingen's 1993 GMC Sierra. Swearingen arrived at McPherson College in the fall of 2015,

and at that time his Sierra was his preferred and only method of transportation. A native of Topeka, KS, Swearingen has a special bond to his truck, as it was his first vehicle. He originally purchased the truck from a friend of his dad's, who enjoyed watching the upgrades Swearingen made to the truck. Some time around New Year's Day in 2015, the original 4.3-liter V6 engine seized up so he decided it was time to make a change. He opted to install a 5.3-liter GM LS V8 engine out of a newer truck and an NV4500 5-speed manual transmission.

At the same time as he was making these modifications, he also decided to lower the truck three inches in the front and four inches in the rear. Swearingen decided that to complete the look, he needed different wheels, so he installed factory wheels off of a 1990s Chevrolet 454SS pickup. It was this configuration that many college friends have fond memories of Swearingen cruising around with. In March of 2016, Swearingen was visiting home in Topeka when he entered an intersection and collided with another vehicle

that had run a red light. Though he wasn't injured and it wasn't a high-speed impact, serious damage was done to his beloved GMC. The frame was bent, hood and fender crushed, and the bed made contact with the cab. Now he

is reassembling the truck into what he says is "the truck I always wanted." Since the accident, Swearingen has put the cab and bed on a new frame, lowered it two more inches all the way around and completely rebuilt the

suspension. He sold the 5.3 V8 and bought a 454 GM big block V8 to install instead. He hopes to have the 454 and the NV4500 transmission installed soon and to have the truck running by summer.



New Defensive Football Coach Leaves Big Shoes To Fill

By Armond McCray

This month the McPherson College football team has been hit with some pretty surprising news about one of their staff members. It has been confirmed that Coach Peterson, the defensive coordinator, has resigned from the team. That's right

Coach Peterson has decided to leave McPherson College and has actually taken a new position at another college in his home state Iowa. I just want to start off by saying that although McPherson will miss him and what he did, I wish all the best of luck to him in his new tenure. I have heard around that he made

this switch as a family move. Like I mentioned he is in fact from Iowa and wanted to get closer to home. So, when he got the opportunity to take a new job that would bring him closer, it was an opportunity that he could not pass up.

On the bright side though, Coach Peterson has already been replaced on the staff. We

don't quite know if this new coach will be able to replace all that Peterson did, but at least the job position has been filled already, by the newly hired coach Mitch Leppke. He is a McPherson College Alumni, having graduated in 2013, which means that he was indeed a part of the last championship team we had

here at Mac. After he graduated he spent some time a few schools gaining the experience that got him to where he is now. I even know that he is actually coming off of a job at Wyoming College, which is a Division I program, which is quite impressive. So far from what I have heard the man has some pretty

good experience for the short amount of time that he has been out of school. He has some pretty big shoes to fill but as long as his experience translates to his new role here I really think this might work out alright.

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