

# Track keeps breaking records

## Two more McPherson track athletes qualify for Nationals

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*Spectator Staff*

McPherson College Track and Field Team had two women qualify for nationals, and three other Bulldogs set new school records as they competed Saturday, April 20 at Tabor College Invitational and Kansas University Relays.

At Tabor College on Friday, April 19, Aspen Frey, jr., Newton, grabbed the second place on the half marathon with a time of 1:30.24, and secured her spot into Nationals. Meghan Polhmann, jr., Deshler, Neb., achieved the winning mark of 47.92m in the hammer throw, breaking her own school record, and qualified to attend Nationals. Pohlmann also finished the day with a personal record in the discus, throwing 33.62m. The Lady Bulldogs in the 4x100m relay finished second place with 50.69s.

Garret Sharp, sr., Chanute, jumped to first place in the high jump with a leap of 1.98m, the highest mark in the KCAC this season. Kyle Smith, sr., Junction City, finished second in the 3000m steeplechase with a time of 11:04.73.

At Kansas University on Thursday, April 18, Arryana Barton, jr., Sacramento, Calif., set a new school record in the triple jump with a leap of 11.79m, sixth best in the nation. Sharica Pleasant, jr., Long Beach, Calif., also broke a school record on the

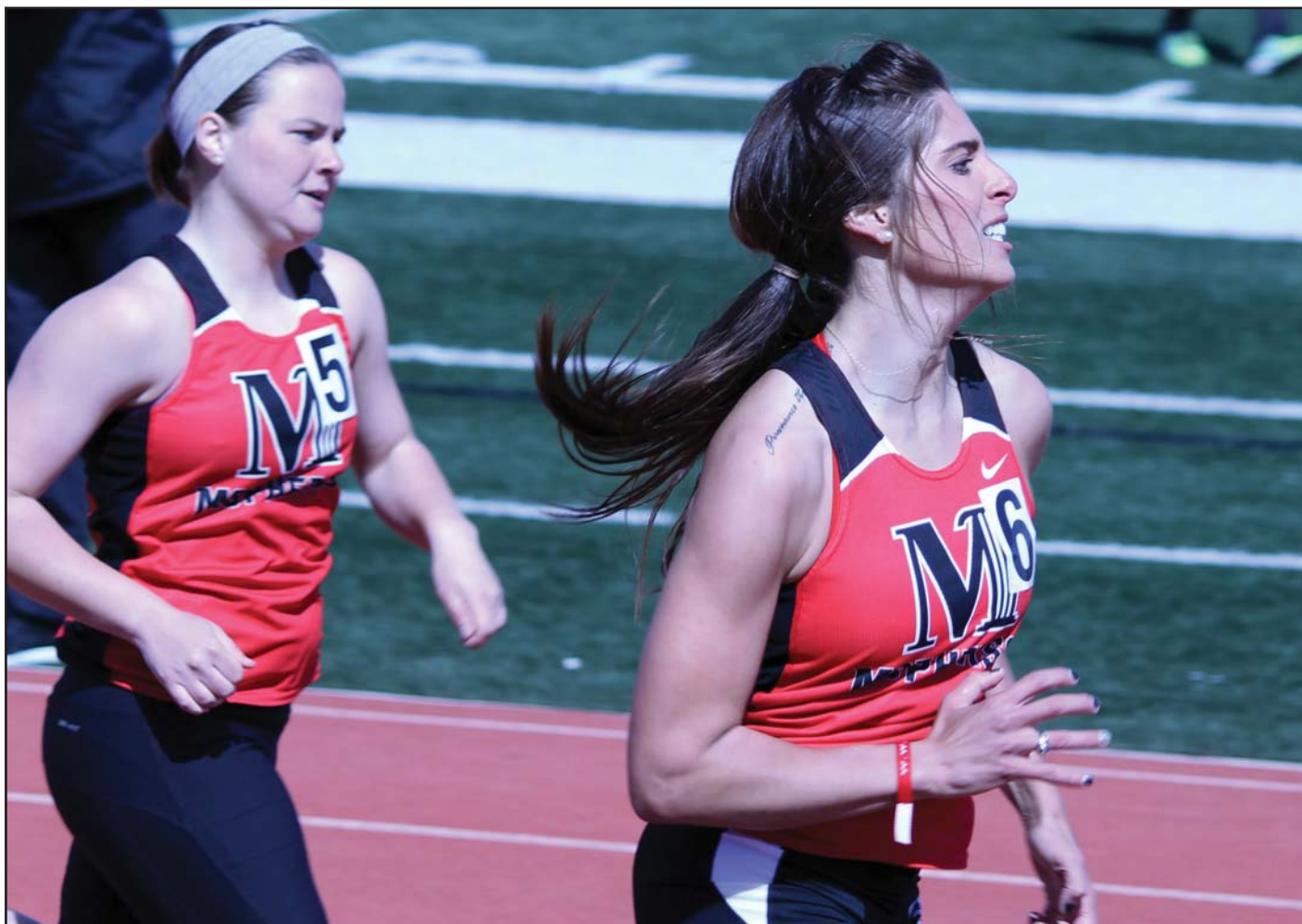


Photo by Miranda Clark

Senior Kylee Scott, Cottonwood Falls, and Amanda Fleming, jr., Formoso, race for the Bulldogs in their track meet at the Tabor College Invitational on Friday, April 19. The Bulldog track athletes have only a few track meets left. Their next meet will be on Saturday, April 27 at Baker University and then they will have their conference meet at Hillsboro on May 5.

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—Cameron Magnall

heptathlon scoring a total of 3699 points, “I was very happy with the overall performances from the week,” said Cameron Magnall, track and field head coach. “It wasn’t a week that we’re gearing up for great performance and the weather wasn’t cooperative, but we still did very well.”

Both Brandon Sherier, jr., Milwaukie, Ore., who finished second in the 800m run with a time of 1:54.81, and Paul Roterter, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo., who

had the 10th place in the javelin throwing for 57.19m, kept their number-one KCAC statuses.

Magnall said, “I think the coaching staff has done a great job pushing all of our athletes, while keeping them as healthy as possible week in and week out. This is allowing for us to maintain our training over the course of the season and peak at the proper time.”

The next meet that the Bulldogs will

have is Saturday, April 27, at Baker University, where the team looks forward to having others qualify for Nationals and improve in other events for conference standings.

Magnall said, “Right now we need to focus on making each event a quality performance. This is our last week of qualifying for KCAC and we only have a few chances left for nationals as well, so we need to really take things up a notch.”

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# Not Guilty.

*On Sept. 22, 2012 Tabor College student Brandon Brown died.*

*Two former McPherson College students were charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder. One took a plea deal.*

*On April 16, the other walked free with these two words.*

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## College to host third annual "Miracle Mile"

On Saturday, May 11, McPherson College will host the Third Annual Blake Reed "Miracle Mile."

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the race starts at 10 a.m.

If a student is interested, the registration sheet is attached in an email from Anna Ruxlow, director of development.

By returning the registration sheet by Friday, April 26, students are guaranteed a T-shirt.

All proceeds from the event benefit the McPherson College Blake Reed Mac2Mac Football Scholarship.

## Students to show their talent to win prizes

The Student Activities Board will host another talent show on Monday, April 29 in Brown Auditorium.

Students will present their talents while competing to win prizes.

If a student is participating in the show, they should make sure they have reserved their spot.

If a student would still like to participate in the talent show, but has not signed up, contact Christopher Barnes, soph., Los Angeles, Calif., at barnchr@bulldog.mcpherson.edu.

Also contact Barnes if you have any other questions about the talent show.

## Teacher education program receives accreditation

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*Spectator Staff*

The teacher education program at McPherson College announced its accreditation for the master's program. This is the first master's program on campus.

This has been a two-year task for Mark Malaby, associate professor and master of education director.

Malaby was hired in 2011 to start the graduate program.

This accreditation is just one of the two needed for education degree, and the second will come in roughly a year.

Malaby developed this program and is pleased with the results so far.

"There are things here that are going to change McPherson public education," Malaby said.

He based the program around three axioms he brainstormed that define the core of education.

First, teachers must work in the service of the student in very direct ways.

The second is that the result of learn-

ing must be a change for the better in the school or community.

The third is that instructors must strive to model the behaviors they expect from their students.

Using these he created a road map that can be applied to more than just a teaching degree.

"This is not a degree that gives you static skills," Malaby said. "In all careers there is a need for higher-level thinking."

When speaking about the program, Malaby was visibly excited, but he mentioned that it has not been a comfortable process.

The accreditation process was quite nerve-racking as the program he developed did not fit the classic definitions of an education degree program. He stayed confident though, and it paid off.

"The accreditors loved it, and I have not had many good experiences with situa-

tions like that, so that was a real blessing" Malaby said.

The next big step for the program is to have an online option, which is hopefully to be up and running by August 2013.

Beyond that, the program is set to grow and hopefully become a model for other graduate programs, which Malaby made

clear, is no easy task.

Malaby explained that the process is all about solving real world problems. The program's first group of 11 students have been enthusiastic about the possibilities for change they will create.

"It's always a risk

when you shake up things like we are, but the reception from the people in the field is going great and that makes me really positive about what's happening," Malaby said.

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## Cost of tuition continues to rise, more options for next year

BRITTANY WERNER  
*News Editor*

With the daily living expenses constantly on the rise, it's hard to keep the price of schooling low.

For the 2013-2014 academic year, the prices are increasing once again, but are subject to change based on insurance, on-campus living arrangements and a selected meal plan.

"The increase is to stay up on the rising costs of running a college," said

Rick Tuxhorn, vice president of finance. "Expenses are always going up."

The total cost of tuition and fees for next academic year is \$22,890 and the cost

of standard room, board, and a standard meal plan totals \$8,010 for a grand total of \$30,900.

There are meal plan options for next year. Students may continue with the regular meal plan of 19 meals

per week per semester at a cost of \$2,326. Students may also choose a mean plan of 10 meals

per week per semester at a cost of \$1,175. The last option available that students may choose from is an unlimited meal plan at a cost of \$2,413. The 10

meals per week and the unlimited meal plans are new for the next academic year.

Depending on arrangements for on-campus housing, prices vary. For a standard

room with two people in Bittinger Hall, Morrison Hall, Dotzour Hall or Metzler Hall, the cost is \$1,680 per person. For a standard room with one person in Bittinger, Morrison, Dotzour or Metzler, the cost is \$3,360. For a student living in the Baer Apartments or Harter Hall, the cost is \$2,400 or \$2,300 respectively, per person.

Athletic insurance for the next academic year will cost \$475. Student health insurance will cost \$850. The student insurance meets the New Affordable Health Care Act.

"The college doesn't receive tax money from the government," Tuxhorn said. "Instead, we rely on gifts from alumni and friends of the college, drawing off of the college endowment, and the tuition, room and board fees. Therefore, it is important that the college gets new students and keeps the ones we already have."

## Men's tennis consistently sweeps opponents

TAYLER PUTTERGILL  
*Sports Editor*

The McPherson Bulldogs tennis team came out this past weekend to dominate Southwestern on Monday, April 15.

McPherson started off strong from the beginning. Rafael Bulnes, soph., Rosmalen, Netherlands, and Sean De Young, jr., Anaheim, Calif., won their match 8-3. Number-one duo Slav Bukatin, sr., Moscow, Russia, and Sean Dullaghan, jr., Los Angeles, Calif., won 8-5 in their doubles match. Ronaldo Filho, sr., Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Adolfo Serafin, fr., Maracay, Venezuela, defeated their opponent 8-2.

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—Jeff Benito

In singles, the teams swept Kansas Wesleyan again. Mark Mahan, jr., Fullerton, Calif., defeated his opponent 6-0, 6-1. Bulnes won his match 6-0, 6-2. Dullaghan won his match as well 6-3, 6-1. Jordan Stewart, soph., Sterling, won his match 6-1, 6-0. Bukatin and Michael Irwin, soph., Wichita, won their matches as well 6-0, 6-0, and 7-5, 6-2 respectively.

McPherson defeated Southwestern and continued another round of matches because they had another game against Tabor College.

In doubles, Bulnes and De Young defeated Tabor college number one doubles team 8-4. Mahan and Torsten Keil-Long, sr., Claremont, Calif., also defeated their opponent 8-6. Serafin and Filho won their match 8-1.

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Photo by Robin De Young

Freshman Adolfo Serafin, Maracay, Venezuela, swings at the ball during his match on Saurday, April 6. The Bulldogs will be heading to Salina on Saturday, April 27 to meet in the KCAC Individual Tournament.

berth in the NAIA National Tournament," said Jeff Benito, head men's tennis coach.

In singles, McPherson came out swinging as Bulnes won his match 6-2, 7-5. De Young and Filho won their matches as well with 6-1, 6-2 and 7-6, 6-3. Mahan defeated his opponent 6-1, 6-1 and Stewart defeated his as well 6-2, 6-2. Keil-Long

wrapped it up for the Bulldogs winning his matches 6-1, 1-6.

McPherson ended up with the win defeating Tabor in a sweep.

"We can always improve on all things, but I think the main thing for this week is just being mentally prepared," Benito said.

The McPherson College Tennis team will head to Salina on Saturday, April 27 for the KCAC individual tournament where they will try for Nationals.

"Being mentally prepared will help propel us to do well in the KCAC Individual Tournament as well as the KCAC Team Tournament," Benito said.



# Bulldogs keeps fighting for wins



Photo by Miranda Clark

Senior Jordan Slaton, Dodge City, pitches at the Bulldogs' baseball game. The Bulldogs are 19-25 overall and 11-13 in conference. The Bulldogs are sitting fourth in conference overall with their record. They have their last regular season game against Sterling College on Saturday, April 27 at Sterling. The Bulldogs have to win in order to make it to the playoffs.

ASHLIE MANZI  
*Spectator Staff*

Last weekend April 20 and 21, the baseball team played four games against the Friends University Falcons, two on Saturday in Wichita and two on Sunday in McPherson, with both sets of games being double headers. The Bulldogs won on Saturday with a 12-2 win and a 10-3 win. They lost their first game Sunday 5-3 and the second game they lost as well ending 9-7.

Saturday's game was held in Wichita at the Falcon's diamond. The first two innings were held at 0-0 with strong plays by both teams. In the third inning, the Falcons got a hit making the score 0-1. They then made another 2 runs in the fifth inning. McPherson was able to catch up and get 10 runs in the last four innings of the game, making the end score 10-3.

Zach Wilson, jr., Miliken, Colo., said, "We need to put everything together: our hitting, pitching, and defense. We can't just do two of them."

The second game started off slower than the first but with points on the board in the first two innings. Friends stayed with two points while McPherson made 10 more runs, making the final score 12-2.

Wilson said, "We played really well, and had 15 stolen bases in the two games."

On Sunday in the first game, the Bulldogs got ahead in the sixth inning with a lead of 3-1. In the seventh inning, the Falcons made good hits and caught up then got ahead making the score 5-3. The Bulldogs were unable to match their runs, making the final score 5-3.

During the second game, McPherson was down by 3 in the first few innings. Throughout the third and sixth innings, the Bulldogs were able to make 6 runs putting McPherson up 6-3. In the seventh inning, Friends made 6 runs changing the score to 6-9. The bottom of the seventh allowed for McPherson to make one more run ending the game with a score of 7-9.

"We didn't put everything together as a team. We didn't hit very good and pitchers had too many walks," Wilson said.

Their next game is on Saturday, April 27 against Sterling College at Sterling at 1 p.m.

"We are fourth in conference," Wilson said. "We control our own destiny, and if we win two games, we make it into playoffs. If we only win one game then we have to wait to find out. If we win none, then this will be our last game, so this weekend we are going to come out fighting."

## Lady Bulldogs softball struggle to get a win in conference play

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*Sports Editor*

The Lady 'Dogs had high hopes on Saturday, April 20, but Kansas Wesleyan came ready to compete.

The games started out slow, but the first to score was Kansas Wesleyan in the bottom of the fourth. They got two Coyotes to cross the home plate. McPherson didn't score at all and Kansas Wesleyan scored

another 6 runs in the sixth making the final score 0-8 in Kansas Wesleyan's favor.

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—Jenna Kaiser

In the second game of the day, McPherson started out better, scoring one run in the first inning. The Coyotes responded with six runs which made a big lead on the Lady Bulldogs. The Lady 'Dogs didn't give up but ended up letting Kansas Wesleyan score another 3 runs in the second and 1 in the third. The final score of the day was 10-1 the Lady Bulldogs losing.

Freshman Jenna Kaiser, short stop, Billings, Mont., said, "Our hitting needs to

be improved but our fielding was really good."

The Lady Bulldogs have been struggling and are 4-19 overall and 0-10 in conference.

Kaiser said, "We just need to come together as a team and work together!"

The team's next games will be at McPherson on Saturday April 27 against Southwestern College at 1 and 3 p.m. This is the Bulldogs' last game of the season.

## Resident Director takes next step in life, will attend grad school

KYLE SMITH  
*Spectator Staff*

Playing Frisbee golf around campus on a chilly night, the golfers took shelter in the tent that covered the construction of Harnley garden. It was nice and warm, even if it was a place where the golfers weren't supposed to be. Just a break to warm up couldn't hurt anything.

Beth Krehbiel's plans of living a few years outside the states and then attending graduate school to becoming a grade school guidance counselor were fresh in her mind and graduation was fast approaching.

Not long after, she had gone overseas to work with the Brethren Volunteer Service

at a peace reconciliation farm in Northern Ireland when it became clear just how draining working with kids was for her. A major daily struggle was the different pronunciations of words that she thought she knew. Even discrepancies in a simple name like Aaron caused Krehbiel enough of a headache that she was forced to reconsider her plan.

"All of us workers would go home at the end of the day just mentally sapped," Krehbiel said. "Just the pronunciation differences created plenty of headaches alone. I felt sorry for the workers who were not native English speakers."

She left the farm in Northern Ireland and moved to Germany for a few weeks, but ended up back at home with her parents.

"I was broke," Krehbiel said. "At that point, it was about a 50/50 split for who had a job and who lived with their parents for the people I graduated with."

Having no real idea what was next, Beth caught word that the resident director position was opening up at McPherson College. After being nudged by a few friends, she applied and took the job. Krehbiel has been Resident Director of Bittinger Hall since 2009.

After some time around campus, Andrew Gustafson, grounds supervisor, asked to her to help on the grounds crew.

"Growing up, I helped my mom plant flowers and did a lot of mowing with dad, but to say I had a green thumb wouldn't be true."

"I get incredibly stir crazy if I'm inside all day, so being able to do something productive outside is a huge bonus," Krehbiel said. "It can be crazy certain times of the year, especially at the beginning of the year and before graduation."

Now ready for the next step, Krehbiel will be leaving McPherson College. Krehbiel will be attending graduate school this fall.

"I love sitting in the lobby connecting with residents about their lives and exchanging stories. Those first few weeks always charged me up, getting to know all the new faces in Bittinger," Krehbiel said.

Deciding where she was headed was quite a task. Jokingly, she mentioned that she thought of having a Pinterest for graduate school applications would have been nice.

Having considered many options, she has decided on attending Kansas State University for landscape architecture.

"I'm pumped," Krehbiel said.

"The in-state tuition was part of the decision, for sure. But I am also very interested in the plants local to the Midwest and how they could work in landscape architecture," Krehbiel said, explaining her decision. "Whether I am on my own or part of a larger company, I also plan on creating and installing stoneware sculptures available in the designed landscape."



Photo by Kyle Smith

Beth Krehbiel, resident director of Bittinger Hall, trims a plant as a part of her part-time landscaping job at McPherson College. After graduating from college, Krehbiel lived outside of the United States for a few months. When she returned, she didn't know what she was going to do. She accepted the job as resident director and began helping landscape around campus. This led her to make the decision of attending graduate school to pursue a degree in landscape architecture.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Choir students tour Kansas, Nebraska

The McPherson College choir began their choir tour on Wednesday, April 24 at The Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson.

They will continue their tour in several other locations including the First Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Neb., the First Central Church of the Brethren in Kansas City and CityArts Gallery in Wichita.

The final performance will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at the McPherson Opera House.

### Entrepreneurs present in variety of areas

Two entrepreneurs will present how the entrepreneurial mindset applies to a variety of different fields.

On Friday, April 26 at 11 a.m. in Melhorn 112, Anne Kirchner presented entrepreneurship through the business department. Kirchner is currently the executive director for the United Way of McPherson County. She has a variety of entrepreneurial experience, including being the executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Douglas County and owner and operator of Amics Mediterranean Cafe.

On Thursday, May 9 in Melhorn 112, Andy Lowe will present entrepreneurship through the behavioral science department. Lowe is a social therapist at the McPherson Family Life Center. She co-founded the center she now works for.



## Stress can cause health problems

MAGENTA JACKSON  
*Spectator Staff*

Stress is a part of almost everyone's lives. Some students say it is the late-night study crams, while others claim it is the numerous hours of practice and rehearsals.

According to Robert Segal, MA, and Jeanne Segal, Ph.D., stress wears many other costumes aside from the typical cognitive symptoms, such as the inability to concentrate, poor judgment, negativity, anxiety, and endless worrying and emotional symptoms, such as moodiness, irritability or short temper, depression and overwhelming feelings.

Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, said, "Stress is the body's reaction to thoughts that events that are either threatening or out of our control." Johnson explained how stress is a natural aspect of our body's orderly function. "When faced with a threatening situation, our sympathetic nervous system kicks into gear and tell us to run or fight or freeze."

Kay Harrold, soph., Houston, Texas, said, "Managing my time makes me stressed because there are so many opportunities for procrastination, not to mention adding work to the juggle."

Although stress exists on campus, other students said that they experience no signs of stress.

"I just know that things aren't always going to go my way, so I just don't worry and have faith," Deon Shorter, jr., Pasadena, Calif., said.

Research shows that stress also has the ability to affect our physical behaviors and health, such as irregular sleeping and eating patterns, loss of sex drive, aches and pains, diarrhea or constipation, repeated colds, excessive use of tobacco, drugs and alcohol, isolation and nail biting.

In many scenarios, stress is a way of life because of its communal existence in the world.

People who think they are living a stress-free life are simply misled or unaware that

they have become immune to stress or just know how to use the power of stress to their advantage.

Everyone contains a personally designed limit of stress that a person can handle. Stress is thought to be motivating when the amount of stress involved in a matter is fairly equivalent to the level of ability to perform or deal with the matter.

However, it could come to a point where stress interferes with development, and that could be a problem. In this case, a person's ability level to react and perform is significantly lower than the amount of stress inquired. Whereas, not enough stress that often leads to boredom would be because the person's ability level highly exceeds the levels of inquired stress.

Unfortunately, stress isn't always that simple to escape.

Outside factors have the ability to contribute to original stress levels as well, such as the body's health. Not only is poor health a symptom of stress, but it also has the ability to cause and create additional stress under pressured circumstances as well.

"When we are tired, hungry or sick, it is more difficult for us to wisely choose health enhancing stress busters and stress preventers," Johnson said. "Take a breath, a deep, belly-sticking-out breath. We instantly engage the parasympathetic nervous system. That is our calming, rational, problem solving side."

Standing up, stretching, or taking a walk helps relieve stress as it allows blood to flow to the brain releasing oxygen. Taking care of a person's body is crucial to eliminating stress.

"Nothing we haven't heard before but find it difficult to do...eat healthy," Johnson said, explaining stress relieving activities. "Get nine hours of sleep a night, 20 minutes of sunshine on your face daily, exercise and spend some quality friend time as well as quiet spiritual time. If needed, talk to someone who will listen without giving advice... the counselor, the campus pastor or a trusted faculty person."

## Staff awarded at KCM Conference

BRITTANY WERNER  
*News Editor*

Students received awards at Kansas Collegiate Media Conference on Sunday, April 14 and Monday, April 15. McPherson College was entered in the four-year private college category and six students won eight awards for writing and other contributions to the paper. The Spectator also received an overall bronze award for the publication. Spectator Advisor Adam Pracht and three members of the Spectator staff attended the KCM conference and listened to different workshops and speakers.

1st Place	<b>Cord Cunningham, jr., Ottawa</b>	Single Ad Design
1st Place	<b>Allison Hartley, alum</b>	Feature Photo
3rd Place	<b>Miranda Clark, fr., Russell</b>	Sports Photo
Honorable Mention	<b>Miranda Clark, fr., Russell</b>	Feature Photo
Honorable Mention	<b>Miranda Clark, fr., Russell</b>	Photo Essay
Honorable Mention	<b>Becca Heeke, soph., Spearville</b>	Page Design
Honorable Mention	<b>Fred Miller, sr., Greenwood, Del.</b>	Feature Photo
Honorable Mention	<b>Kyle Smith, sr., Milford</b>	News Photo



Photo by Jacob O'Gorman  
Miranda Clark, fr., Russell, shows enthusiasm about her third place achievement in sports photography at the KCM Conference on Sunday, April 14. Spectator Advisor Adam Pracht and three members of the Spectator staff attended the KCM conference on Sunday and Monday, April 15. The students were Clark, Jacob O'Gorman, fr., Ennismore, Canada, and Laurina Hannan, jr., Wamego. Clark, O'Gorman and Hannan attended workshops and listened to keynote speakers.

# Soccer hosted tournament



Photos by Miranda Clark

Above: Senior Josh Aubuchon, midfielder, Rose Hill, heads to score. Right: Freshman Emily McFeron, midfielder, Loveland, Colo., plays in the spring tournament on Saturday, April 13.



Out of 16 teams, the men's soccer team won the tournament, and women's soccer took second.



# Opportunity is often missed because of stress, apathy

A year ago, I never thought I would be in college. I applied for fun, but I was not completely confident that I would be accepted. I had a good paying job, hung out with my friends and I was preparing for a career as a shop mechanic. Life was alright at home in Canada, but I yearned for something more.

On a Friday afternoon in late May, I received a letter from McPherson College. I figured it would say, "Thanks, but we're full." However, it revealed that I was accepted and I received scholarships to boot. I was ecstatic! Something that looked like a slim possibility was now a reality.

Before I left Canada, I vowed to do my best at school; I decided I would be positive and embrace all opportunities. I started out strong, but as student life became

more familiar and the newness wore off, I began to get caught up in the stress of homework, exams and classes. It started to feel like high school again, lots of work that I did not want to do. I knew I needed to change something.

I thought about the excitement of getting in to college and all the possibilities that I imagined. Where had this enthusiasm gone? I knew what I had to do to get it back; I had to change my perspective. I ended up doing a little research on motivation and perspective.

Shawn Achor, a psychology researcher, illustrates the importance of perspective in his book "The Happiness Advantage." Achor recounts his years at Harvard and the difference between the successful students and those who dropped out or did

poorly. The successful ones were able to see the opportunities in their time at Harvard and realized that the accumulation of their four years of work would pay off eventually.

Instead of focusing on the stress of homework, I thought about what I will be able to do with my degree and all the opportunities here at MAC.

Think of the big picture while you are here at MAC. This time of year is particularly stressful with piles of projects, presentations, finals and the excitement of summer on the horizon. It can be hard to stay motivated and on task through the last month of school. When that wall of stress does hit, just take

a break, breathe and remember why you are here. Find your own meaning in your work and be happy to have the opportunity that so many do not.

As Thomas Edison famously said, "We often miss opportunity because it's dressed in overalls and looks like work." Staying up late to finish a paper or studying for a big final may look like a pair of overalls, but if you hitch them up and go to work you will eventually reap the rewards.



## A FOREIGN AFFAIR

Jake O'Gorman

## ON THE FLY

### What should the tailless squirrel on campus be named?

"Lacking, because it has no tail."  
Kayla Snead, fr.,  
Las Animas, Colo.



"Busta"  
Chris Weyand, sr.,  
McPherson



"I have not seen it yet."  
Jason Raiffe, jr., Warren, N.J.



"Gibraltar"  
Tyler Holloway, sr.,  
Hiawatha



"Fluffy"  
Wes Anderson, soph.,  
Valparaiso, Ind.



"Fuzzy Wuzzy"  
Kelsey Stucky, jr., Cimarron



# Former student found not guilty of murder, another plead no contest

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Spectator Staff

In connection with the death of Tabor student, Brandon Brown, charges were brought against former McPherson College student. The trial ended on April 16 with a not guilty verdict. Another student plead no contest to a lesser charge.



Alton Franklin, former student, Dallas, Texas, was arrested on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012. Franklin was charged with aggravated battery after investigation led McPherson detectives to believe he was involved in the death of 26-year-old Brandon Brown, former Tabor College student, from Sacramento, Calif.

Soon after 4 a.m. on Sept. 16, McPherson police officer responded to a loud music and disturbance call. They found Brown, 26 years of age, lying on the ground, unconscious and unresponsive.

A week after the incident, at 10:16 p.m. on Sept. 22, 2012, Brown was pronounced dead. Because of his death, Franklin's charges altered to aiding and abetting second degree murder within a matter of hours.

Four other football players were called as witnesses for McPherson County Attorney David Page. Those students were: Torry Hamill, fr., Anthony; Taajon Richardson, fr., Arlington, Texas; D'Andre Sampson, jr., San Diego, Calif., and DaMarcus Trotter, sr., Kansas City, Mo., DeQuinte Flournoy, soph., Dallas, Texas and Ilai Eteaki, a Tabor College student.

On Wednesday, Sept. 26, potential witness Flournoy was arrested, charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and suspended from McPherson College.

Shay Maclin, dean of students, said that the Campus

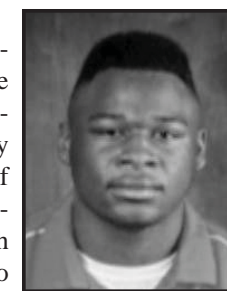
Hearing Committee decided that anyone arrested in connection with the altercation would be suspended. "Any student found not guilty would have a hearing to be reinstated as a student."

Franklin and Flournoy's trial was set for Monday, Jan. 28, 2013.

On April 2, Flournoy entered a plea bargain presented by Page, who prior to the hearing discussed the matters with

said in court that they noticed a knife in Brown's hand as they were pushing them on after he was beaten said Rolf Potts of "Sports Illustrated".

According to witness statements, Trotter went outside with intentions of confronting Eteaki. The house party transformed to a yard full of commotion. Testified by Richardson, the confrontation with Eteaki quickly progressed into a strictly verbal, yet aggressive argument.



Alton Franklin most four times the legal limit to drive.

"It began like any other college party, with alcohol."  
-David Page,  
McPherson County  
Attorney

Hamill said he saw Franklin punch Brown. Flournoy mentioned that it wasn't until he saw Brown attempting to get up and reach for his knife that he gently pushed his head back down onto the ground demanding that he stay down.

Flournoy said, "I presumed he was going to pull out a knife... I assumed if I pushed him down, it would not escalate."

"I think you are getting quite a bit of slack from the state."  
-William Lyle,  
Judge

However, Flournoy said that he watched the verbal altercation between Trotter and Eteaki. Once Eteaki rapidly ran away from the property, he turned around to witness Brown lying on the ground with Hamill, who was holding a large wooden board, and Franklin standing by his

Dr. Todd Murphy testified, "Brown's was one of the most severe cases of this condition I had ever seen."

On April 16 around 2 p.m., the jury returned and announced the verdict "not guilty."

Flournoy's sentence is set for June 3, where he could face up to 136 months in prison and a fine not to exceed \$300,000. However, Page said in court that Flournoy has no previous criminal record, so probation would be an option for him and he should not be fined.

Judge William Lyle appeared rather disturbed as he told Flournoy, "Someone died... I can't imagine being involved in something like that. I am sorry for the family. It's sad. They sent their son to college, and the next this family knows, they are at a funeral because of the actions of a few individuals, and you are one of them... I think you are getting quite a bit of slack from the state."

Bryce Worley, soph., Hutchinson, said, "What happened shouldn't have happened, but I was glad it all worked out the way it did... After this happened it was like a huge wake-up call."

"The alcohol-fueled events that led to his death have further heightened our focus on substance abuse prevention..." Maclin said. "We have also updated and implemented a strict code of conduct for student athletes. This code includes strong disciplinary actions for any alcohol-related incidents, whether on or off campus."

In testimony, Hamill said picking up a large board when he was inside the house, but added that the board wasn't used to attack Brown.

It wasn't long before the police arrived to the scene. Hamill, Franklin, Flournoy and others ran from the party after hearing someone yell "Police!"

Defense Attorney David Harger argued that the actions of Franklin and Flournoy were self-defense.

The greatest of injuries were to Brown's

Brandon Brown's family, who accepted the terms of Flournoy plea.

The plea stated that Flournoy would plead no contest to the charges, which were later decreased.

Flournoy agreed to testify against Franklin as part of a plea agreement.

Flournoy made the decision to accept the terms of the plea arrangement.

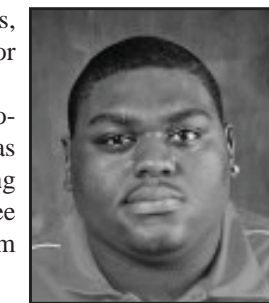
Page began his prosecuting argument. By describing the events prior to Brown's beating, "It began like any other college party, with alcohol."

The night began at Brick's Bar where, Flournoy, Franklin, Brown and others engaged in civil conversation. Once the bar shut down, they went to a house party thrown by Trotter.

Fuimaono left the party before anything happened. Early Sunday morning, Flournoy asked Brown and Eteaki to leave because of their loud and disruptive actions.

Upon refusal, Flournoy and Richardson attempted to shove Brown and Eteaki out.

Flournoy and Richardson



DeQuinte Flournoy



## The Hot spot

By BRITTANY WERNER

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF VIKKI TRIMMELL, ADMISSIONS RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASSISTANT



**IMPRESSION OF MAC:** I think that MAC gives students a good foundation for education and gives students great career opportunities after students graduate. There are also great people in place to help students. I love the family-friendly and small-town feel.

**FAVORITE PART OF MAC:** My favorite part is working with my admissions team. My other favorite is the first day of freshman orientation. Also, graduation is another favorite. I get to see students grow throughout the time that they are here at MAC. I cry at every graduation because I get attached to a lot of them, especially when they work in the office.

**HOPES AND DREAMS:** After I retire, I would like to finish writing my children's books that I'm currently working on. My brother is going to illustrate them. I'm hoping I can publish a children's book. My daughters live in Kansas City and we would like to open up some kind of boutique for women who work and have problems with how they look. We would like to help them.

**SURPRISE FOR STUDENTS:** As of July 1, I will have been here for 30 years. I have worked for five MAC presidents. I have seen six buildings torn down. I have also seen a street between the campus closed. This allowed for more of a small campus feel.

**HOMETOWN:** Haven

**EDUCATION:** I have associate of arts, Hutch Community College in journalism and communication. I also have received some hours from McPherson College.

**BEFORE MAC:** I was in the banking industry. I worked for a couple of banks before coming to MAC.

**WHY MAC:** The reason why I came was because my husband, Roger, was hired as the men's basketball coach. He was here for 27 years and retired about five years ago.

**HOBBIES:** I like to work out. I'm a walker and a bike rider. I also like calligraphy and gardening.

**FIRST JOB:** My first job was to write obituaries for Hutchinson News.

## Students and faculty share spiritual insights

VERONICA MENDEZ  
*Spectator Staff*

A student and faculty panel was held Thursday night, April 18. The panel was sponsored by Campus Ministry. Held in the cafeteria, the student and faculty panel addressed a topic that not many college students take the time to discuss.

The panel was used as a question and answer about different religions and perspectives of life. The panel was made up of four students and one professor. The students were Kaitlin Kendel, fr., El Dorado, Amanda Leffew, fr., Hanover Park, Ill., Ethan Quinn, jr., Muskegon, Mich., and Nicholas Wilde, sr., McPherson. Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication was the professor on the panel.

The meeting began with each of them explaining their backgrounds and the beliefs that resulted from them. After introductions were done, the panel started taking questions. Any question was acceptable to ask of any of the panel members. Many different questions were asked. For those who felt too uncomfortable to ask a question aloud, those in charge came up with an idea to keep things rolling.

Steve Crain, campus minister, made his cell phone available as an avenue for ques-

tions to come in via text messaging. While there were a few questions that people asked aloud, there was an equal amount, if not more, that came in by this cellular method. Questions varied in topic from morals to specific people's values in life.

Some people asked for advice on their life journeys. One question that really got the panel thinking was the question "What is your opinion of the saying 'Everything happens for a reason?'" While some of the panel was a bit stumped by this question, others knew their answers. Every person's answer was different. Some said that they could see how things that happened in the past opened opportunities for today. Stanley answered with a simple, "They don't. Things just happen." Kendel finished the conversation in her answer, "Things happen. Deal with them and move on."

The night was not entirely as seriously that, though. Fred Miller, sr., Greenwood, Del., asked a question that had some people giggling. "What is the ultimate answer?" Stanley jumped to answer "42!" as a reference to the comedic film "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

The night concluded with this final question via text message, "Do you think that if we pray hard enough, Jesus will turn the caf water into wine?"

Photo by Kiara Mathis

**Nicholas Wilde, sr., McPherson, and Ethan Quinn, jr., Muskegon, Mich., answer student's questions about their spiritual and religious views on Thursday, April 18 in Hoffman Student Union.**



### LEAD EDITORIAL

## Acts of humanity, compassion found in chaos

### Attacks in Boston highlight strength of American people

On Monday, April 15, two explosions rocked the Boston Marathon finish line. Chaos and confusion filled the streets as runners and spectators alike scrambled to find family and friends. This attack on the Boston Marathon was meant to terrorize and spread fear, but spread hope instead.

When an attack such as the one in Boston happens, questions of faith in humanity start to arise. How could someone do this? Why would someone do this? How did we let this happen? What is the World coming to? These questions will slowly be answered over the coming weeks and months. However, there should be a focus

on what the attack in Boston reinforced: the resilience and strength of the American people.

When the bombs went off, spectators did not simply run away and let the police take care of it. They ran into the chaos and did their part. Pictures and video came out of the Boston only minutes after the blasts showing regular people picking up the injured and carrying them to ambulances and paramedics.

One man who has been hailed as a hero is Carlos Arredondo, a resident of Boston, who ran in to the maelstrom to help. Arredondo helped a young man who lost

both his legs in the first explosion. By tying tourniquets around what was left of the man's legs he stopping the bleeding long enough to sit the man in a wheelchair and push him to a medical tent, which was setup for dehydrated runners.

Another story of strength to come out of Boston was found on NBC Sportsnetwork's Twitter page. "Reports of Marathon Runners that crossed finish line and continued to run to Mass General Hospital to give blood to victims #PrayforBoston." This tweet cemented the strength that ordinary citizens displayed after the attack. Even though they literally just

ran a marathon, the strength to help was found.

Stories like those of Carlos Arredondo and of selfless marathon runners show that there are good people in this world. There will always be times when questions of faith in humanity are raised. Instead of only focusing on how many people were killed or injured, look at the compassion and strength that is displayed by the American people. The only message that should be taken away from Boston is that the American people are stronger, tougher and more resilient than ever before.

## Customer service zealot has local businesses in his sights

A I'm a customer service zealot. I'm also a dedicated fan of buying local. Unfortunately, I've found it hard to be both in McPherson.

My disappointment is not universal; there are plenty of places in town where I receive good, even great, service. But my opinion of McPherson customer service has been tainted by a few bad experiences, so my zeal for buying local has waned a little.

Normally, I'll even pay more to buy local. I did just that when I bought some gear at the local welding shop. I spent almost \$100 more than I would have for the same products on eBay or Amazon. I expected that the premium price would buy me some personal, helpful service. But along with the purchase came more disservice than service, from a braggadocio who also gave me incorrect information. I later found out that even the Auto Restoration program is hesitant to buy from that store, for the very reasons I experienced.

One of my experiences involved show-

ing up at a Main Street restaurant at 1:35 on a Saturday afternoon, only to be chased away because they were closed. I understand you have a closing time, but the sign said it was 2:00, not 1:30! I guess I'm just supposed to know it's wrong.

Bad customer service is not always so blatant. If I'm in a hardware store at 6:45 p.m., and the employees are huddled in an excited conversation about going home in 15 minutes, I consider it poor customer service. At least one of them should be greeting me and offering to help me find what I need.

When I order hot tea at McDonalds, I don't want to be told that the guy who was supposed to buy the tea bags on his way home last night didn't do it. Really? From McDonalds I can throw a rock and hit a store that sells tea bags.

Closing times are a sore point with me. I've started to go to Hutchinson and Salina for the hope of finding places that are open when I want to buy their product. Like a Sunday afternoon when I want a

coffee and a wireless connection. I don't like the drive time or the gas expense, but I'll do multiple tasks while I'm there to make it worth my time. I stopped at a hardware store in Salina last weekend, and not only was the staff not standing around, but the store manager himself took pains to help me find what I needed. He didn't have the item on hand, but he gave me the stock number so I would have an easier time buying it somewhere else! Thanks, Mike! I was so impressed that I ended up buying four items before I left. Next time, I'll try Mike first.

Retailers, please note that while I was in Salina last weekend I decided to see a movie. In other words, the McPherson movie theater lost a sale because the McPherson coffee shop was not open,

and a McPherson restaurant didn't stay open until their published closing time, and the guys at the hardware store were more excited about

going home than they were about earning their pay, and the guy from McDonalds who was supposed to buy tea bags on his way home just didn't bother.

It's simple, really. Open and close when you say you will. Match your store hours to customer needs. Greet me with a smile when I walk in. Help me if I need it. If it's on the menu, have it available. Suggest better ways to address my needs. Show me that you know I have other options, and that you appreciate my choosing your business. Do all that and I'll come back time after time.

### OLD IRON

Scott Versaw





# Cafeteria selection is nothing to complain about

## Student claims cafeteria food is better than home

Basically, I think everyone really needs to quit complaining about the food provided by the cafeteria. It is

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Miranda Clark



a fabulous job in my opinion. Not only do they often mix it up, but they provide something for everyone to enjoy for each meal, including the vegetarians.

The cafeteria is always clean, too. I never have

really not that bad. There is a huge variety: hot meal, hot sandwich, sandwich bar, salad bar, pasta bar and pizza. What else could there be? Not to mention the huge variety of cereals and delicious cookies which are always available. The cooks do

to look around and avoid a dirty table, because they do such a great job keeping them all cleaned up.

Not only that, but there's always a surplus of clean dishes as well. I have never had to wait for them to clean more plates

before being served.

Breakfast is probably my favorite. Freshly fried eggs; it just doesn't get much better than that. Not only are they straight off the grill, but they also cook them in any style you want. I'm also a huge fan of the oatmeal and cream of wheat. I don't know what it is about their hot cereal, but I honestly eat that stuff every day. We also have the fluffiest bagels I have ever seen.

Lunch is great, too. It seems to always be something different. The taco mix is my personal favorite lunch menu. There's everything! It's so yummy. Even when the hot meal isn't really what I'm feeling, the hot sandwich is. They never fail my cravings.

There is nothing to complain about regarding dinner either. It is the greatest satisfaction ever to go in there after a hard practice and regenerate my energy with a good meal.

The best part is I never have to wait in line. Maybe I just go at the right time, but it's definitely nice to be handed a hot plate of food right away.

Talk about "yum." I honestly think the cafeteria does a better job cooking than my own mother, and that's saying something. Whenever I go home for the weekends, I honestly look forward to coming back to school because of the cafeteria. Maybe that is an "eater" thing. I do like my food.

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## SAB presents Family Feud at MAC

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The Student Activities Board brought the popular game show Family Feud to campus on Wednesday, April 17. Thirteen teams of five students gathered at 8:30 p.m. to hear the rules of the game show, and then began to play at 9 p.m.

The game was played in a similar fashion as the real game show, but with some changes to accommodate more teams. Whichever team buzzed in first was allowed to answer the question before the other teams. If they didn't choose the top choice answer, the opposing team was given a chance and was able to guess at the rest of the answers. The game started with seven answers per question, but was reduced to five as the game went on.

The team who called themselves "A.M. Lumber" was proclaimed the winner at the end of the night. The members included Kasey Miller, sr., Derby, Jake Snodgrass, sr., Derby, Taylor Roop, sr., Moscow, Kan., Dusty Hague, sr., Cheney, and Dan Hoffman, associate professor of physical education.

Kaite Naccarato, sr., Valley Center, said, "Even though my team lost in the first round, it was still a lot of fun. There was a good turnout of people. It was smart to have it during fourth meal. They should do it again.

The first place team was rewarded with 20 Commerce Dollars for each team



Photo by Robin De Young

Katie Naccarato, sr., Valley Center, helps to host Family Feud night in Hoffman Student Union. Naccarato waited to hear the correct answers from student competitors who participated in this college gamenight put on by SAB on Wednesday, April 17 at 9 p.m.

member. The money can be used at local businesses. The second place team was rewarded with 10 Commerce Dollars per member.

Dusty Kitchen, Resident Director, and Torey Fry, sr., Wichita, did most of the planning for the event.

"One thing we would change would be doing an on-campus survey of the questions we wanted instead of finding them online," said Fry.

Kitchen and Fry went as far as finding host to conduct the show, Angus Kwan-Yin Leung, jr., El Monte, Calif.

"It was an experience," said Kwan-Yin Leung. "That was my first time doing something like that. I got to talk to a lot of people."



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# Central Kansas League Art Festival

GRAHM MAHANNA  
*Spectator Staff*

For the third consecutive year, almost 100 high school students gathered on campus on Wednesday, April 24 to participate in the Central Kansas League Art Festival.

The activities started out by the high school students putting up their artwork on display in Friendship Hall. Each school brought about ten students, and each high school student brought three pieces of work. At the end of the day, the work was judged, awards were given and the artwork was taken down.

After the students put up their artwork, they went to a workshop taught by a professional in a particular field. There were six different workshops, including graphic design, painting and 3-D body wrap sculpting.

The workshops were pre-determined for the art students. They had signed up for their first preference of workshop, and chose a second, in the event that the workshop filled up.

The students arrived, they went to their workshop, took a short break for pizza in Mingenback Theatre, and then went back to the same workshop. But that wasn't how it used to be, said Wayne Conyers, professor of art.

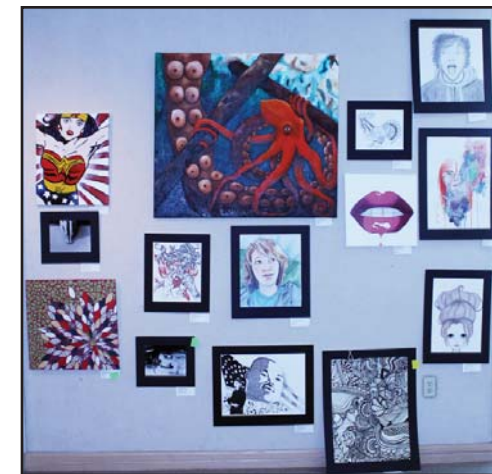
"In the past, it used to be two workshops, then lunch, then back to a different workshop. The problem was, you could never really get anything done in that time."

Many of the students left at the end of the festival with full body wrap sculptures and other new pieces of art: souvenirs of their various workshop experiences at McPherson College.

*Photo by Miranda Clark*  
High school students attend the Central Kansas League Art Festival at McPherson College. They explored new methods of creating art on Wednesday, April 24.

*Photo by Miranda Clark*  
(Left) Students from high schools across Kansas display their skills in ceramics at the Central Kansas League Art Festival.

*Photo by Miranda Clark*  
Kansas high school students' art hangs on the walls of Friendship Hall waiting to be judged in the 2013 Central Kansas League Art Festival.



# Three seniors conclude their education in 'God of Carnage'

VERONICA MENDEZ  
*Spectator Staff*

McPherson College theater finished its season in a performance that said goodbye to three seniors. "God of Carnage" was performed on the weekend of April 19 and 20.

The show included a four-person cast composed of three seniors, Kenyatta Harden, sr., McPherson, Isaac Levin, sr., Dighton, and Grahm Mahanna, sr., Hoxie. Also joining the cast was alum and staff Colleen Gustafson, marketing and design specialist.

The show portrayed two families that came together in order to resolve a mishap between their children. The meeting began with these people acting as completely

normal people and ended in an emotional roller-coaster. Each person began broadcasting their spouse's problems and by the end of the story each person was showing their true colors.

As the last show of the season, there were great expectations for the audience turn out for "God of Carnage," and turn out they did! For those who could not attend the normal showings that weekend, the final dress rehearsal on Thursday night was made available for showing. That final dress rehearsal became just like another showing with almost 50 people in attendance.

Harden played one of the leading roles as Annette. When asked about the what was the best part of the show she responded saying, "Definitely working with Isaac

and Grahm as well as Colleen! These three people are hilarious and this is the most fun I've ever had putting a show together...but the puke is pretty awesome too!"

One piece of the play done by Harden involves a scene in which she vomits on stage after feeling ill.

While these three actors shared their senior show together, they each brought something different to the show.

Harden said, "We're all approaching comedy differently, but I think we complement each other well, and will represent the department in good fashion."

This being her senior show, Harden gave a unique response when questioned about her plans after graduating. Harden intends to "Start crossing things off the bucket-list!"



*Photo by Arryana Barton*

Isaac Levin, sr., Dighton, and Grahm Mahanna, sr., Hoxie, sit in "God of Carnage" in Brown Auditorium on April 19 and 20.

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