

Track finish in 4th place

Track and Field grabs 7 top finishes from KCAC Championships



Photo by Miranda Clark

Cathy Lowry, soph., Falcon, Colo., and Rea Samuels, fr., Williston, Fla., sprint in the 200m dash. Many Bulldogs placed in the Conference meet and there was many new records. The next meet the Bulldogs have is at Emporia State University on Saturday, May 11.

RONALDO FILHO
Spectator Staff

McPherson College Track and Field team ended the KCAC regular season bringing home seven best performances from the KCAC Championships, at Hillsborough, Kan., including six second places that put both the men's and women's team in fourth place in the conference.

"I am very proud of how both the men's and women's teams performed. I couldn't have imagined a better overall meet," said Track and Field Head Coach Cameron Magnall.

In the first day of the KCAC Championships, Monday, May 6, the Bulldogs brought home two top spots with Garret Sharp, sr., Chanute, who grabbed the first place on high jump with a mark of 1.98m (6'6"), and Josh Dunback, jr., Wamego, who won the discus event throwing a 45.94m (150' 9"). Paul Rotering, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo., placed second in the javelin throwing a 31.87m (104' 7").

The Lady Bulldogs finished the day with Sharica Pleasant, jr., Long Beach, Calif., grabbing the second spot on javelin throwing a 37.54m (123' 2.25"), and Arryana Barton, jr., Sacramento, Calif., placing third in the long jump with a mark of 5.08m (16' 8").

On Tuesday, May 6, the Bulldogs kept the momentum when Brandon Sherier, jr., Milwaukie, Ore., won the 800m relay in 1:53.82. In the women's side, Pleasant grabbed the first place in the 100m hurdle with a time of 14.89s, while her teammate Rea Samuels, fr., Williston, Fla., finished first place in both 100m (12.06s) and 200m relay (25.53s). Barton finished second on both triple jump, 11.98m, and shot put, 12.60m. Meghan Pohlmann, jr., Deshler,

Neb., finished second on hammer throw after throwing a 43.13m (141' 6.25").

The women's 4x100m relay team also put behind all its conference rivals to finish first at 48.45s. "We still have one more meet before nationals, but I think the thing that I would highlight from the season is the quality performances that we had week in and week out. I think the weather affected our training a lot this year, but the athletes really stepped up when they needed to," Magnall said.

The Bulldogs have one last chance to clinch a berth into the NAIA Nationals, which will be in Marion, Ind., on May 23.

"We'll give everyone a few days to recover from a big meet like the KCAC, send a few athletes that are close to qualifying to Emporia this weekend to see if we can add a few more and then it'll be training as usual next week," Magnall said.

As the 2012-2013 season is finishing, the overall results show that the team has a lot of great results to celebrate, "I am very pleased with how the year went overall. Our newcomers fit in well with our returners and I think the programs are headed in the right direction. The women's team went from eighth to fourth in a year with a 100 points improvement and the men moved up from sixth to fourth with a 24 points improvement," Magnall said.

"We'll be losing some very significant seniors that have done a great job for our program, but we are bringing in another large and talented recruiting class that will hopefully move us closer to our goals of being conference champions," Magnall said.

Before Nationals, the Bulldogs will travel to Emporia Saturday, May 11 to compete at the Sam Williams Twilight Qualifier, hosted by Emporia State University.



Photo by Kyle Smith

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NEWS BRIEFS

New professor hired to lead college band

Kent Eaton, provost, announced through email on Tuesday, May 7 that Kyle Hopkins will be joining the college in the fall as a professor of music and band director.

Hopkins received his master's degree in band directing from Kansas State University. Hopkins is known for helping build the McPherson High School Band into one of the premier high school bands in the state.

Students will audition for College Singers

Auditions for McPherson College Singers for the 2013-2014 academic year will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at 3 p.m. in the Choir Room, Hess 142.

Students do not need to have anything prepared, just be ready to sing.

Auditions are expected to last less than 40 minutes.

For more information, contact Josh Norris, director of choral activities, by email norrisj@mcpherson.edu or stop by his office in Hess, room 133.

Students should schedule checkout time

Students should begin scheduling a checkout time with their resident assistant. To receive the deposit, students must follow the proper check out procedures. Students should be checked out by Friday, May 24 at 4 p.m.

Computer Services will upgrade Internet connectivity

BRITTANY WERNER
News Editor

Computer Services provides two key components for Internet experience on campus: bandwidth and wireless networking access.

Students on campus are upset with the current internet access.

"I think that the Internet needs to be drastically improved in order for students to be able to do their homework and anything else important," said Mallory Fowler, fr., Wichita.

"It's quite annoying that the connection constantly goes back and forth between working and being totally shot," said Amanda Leffew, fr., Hanover Park, Ill.

McPherson College will upgrade both elements this summer.

Current Internet access is provided

through two accounts: Campus at 10 megabytes (MB) and Resnet at 50 MB.

Leffew said, "It's a good thing that they're working on fixing it for next year because it's gotten ridiculous."

The two accounts will be combined and upgraded to a 100 MB Internet connection early this summer.

This will allow the college to have additional control and prioritization of bandwidth allocation to specific user segments based on the time of day.

During the day, educational spaces will have priority. During the evening and overnight hours, additional bandwidth will be provided to Resnet.

Fowler said, "I think the dorms should have access all day."

David Glitchell, director of computer services, said, "This upgrade will provide all users a faster Internet experience while

giving the flexibility to provide more bandwidth for classroom use than the current system allows and still provide more bandwidth for student Internet access."

Computer Services is in final negotiations with a wireless vendor for installation of new, wireless network equipment, which will be installed in all buildings on campus.

The new system should be installed and functional when students return to campus for fall classes.

This upgrade will provide students with a more robust wireless connection, which should significantly decrease the wireless disconnection issues that students have reported to Computer Services.

Students, faculty and staff will now be able to connect to the Internet in classrooms, dorm rooms and most areas in between.

Bats noticed in campus building, action taken against fungus

BRITTANY WERNER
News Editor

During the early summer of 2012, there was a notice of urine odor in Beeghly Hall.

After noticing the smell of urine, Marty Sigwing, director of facilities, contacted Critter Control to investigate. They found guano, the technical term for bat droppings, in the attic of Beeghly.

Critter Control first sealed all entrances into the building.

Before removing the guano, a chemical was applied to the droppings. This killed any harmful substances in the guano. The droppings were then removed and the attic was sprayed again as a caution in case any contagion lingered. Then insulation was put into the attic.

A common contagion found in guano is a fungus known as *histoplasma capsulatum*. The fungus grows primarily in wet areas and in soil rich with nitrogen. Areas such as caves and construction sites are at most risk.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), histoplasmosis affects a person's lungs and the symptoms often vary.

After exposure, how ill a person becomes depends on the number of spores inhaled. Age is also a factor of how severe the outcome can be.

According to the CDC, "Children younger than two years of age, persons with compromised immune systems, and older persons, in particular those with underlying illnesses such as diabetes and chronic lung disease, are at increased risk for developing symptomatic histoplasmosis."

Those on campus that could have been affected by histoplasmosis were students and faculty working in Beeghly.

"We do not believe there was any exposure," Sigwing said.

In general, construction workers, farmers, gardeners, roofers and many other occupations have an increased risk of contracting histoplasmosis.

Most people infected appear to have no

ill effects or they experience mild symptoms. Most do not need to seek medical attention.

Symptoms normally occur between three and 17 days after exposure, with an average of 10 days.

According to the CDC, histoplasmosis can appear as a mild, flu-like respiratory illness and has a combination of symptoms. The symptoms include malaise, which is a general ill feeling, fever, chest pain, dry or nonproductive cough, headache, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, joint and muscle pains, chills and hoarseness.

In rare cases, histoplasmosis may cause death.



Illustration by Laurina Hannan

Softball loses first conference game

TAYLER PUTTERGILL
Sports Editor

The Lady Bulldog Softball team ended their season early. They lost to Tabor University in their last game of the year.

"This year we improved a lot on our communication and focused a lot on our batting," said Jenna Kaiser, fr., short stop.

McPherson played Friends University on Sunday, May 5. The Bulldogs came out slow as Friends was able to score 3 runs in the second inning. The Bulldogs scored 1 run in the fourth and 2 in the fifth, but the Falcons came back scoring 2 runs in the fifth as well making the score 5-3. The Falcons then scored another 3 runs in the sixth which would end the game for them winning 8-3.

Kaiser said, "We really didn't do bad against Friends we just had a bad inning."

In the second game of the day the Lady Bulldogs played Tabor College. The Bulldogs got a head start on the game scoring 1 run in the first. The Blue Jays came back scoring a run in the third. Both teams scored in the fifth with the Bulldogs scoring 2 runs and the Blue Jays scoring 3. Neither team scored in the sixth and seventh which ended the game for the Bulldogs losing 3-4.

Kaiser said, "Tabor was definitely a game we should have won. We had a three run homerun hits. We fought hard but it wasn't quite enough to come back and win the game."

The Bulldogs were 9-22 on the season. "Next year I am looking forward to some new teammates and more team bonding," said Kaiser.

"This year we improved a lot on our communication and focused a lot on our batting."

-Jenna Kaiser



Photo by Miranda Clark

Freshman Simone Donaldson, right field, throws the ball in to home plate during practice. The Bulldogs ended 9-22 on the season and 5-11 in conference.

College to host "Miracle Mile"

TAYLER PUTTERGILL
Sports Editor

On Saturday, May 11 McPherson College will host the Blake Reed "Miracle Mile." It will start at the McPherson College Stadium. The early bird entry fee is \$20 and if a person enters the day of the race, the fee will be \$25.

Registration is at 9 a.m. and the race begins at 10 a.m. If a student or community member would like to pre-register they can get a registration form online at www.macbulldogs.com or contact Anna Ruxlow at 620-242-0432. All the proceeds from this event will go towards the McPherson College Blake Reed Mac2Mac Football Scholarship.

Mitchell Leppke, sr., Marion, said, "Blake and his parents have been an amazing part of my experience at McPherson. Ronnie and Terri are some of the best people I have ever been around, they have been family to me and many others here."

Blake was an avid sports fan and loved his Bulldogs he served as the football manager for four years. Following the 2009 football season, Blake lost his battle with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and died on Aug. 3, 2010 at the age of 22.

"Blake is a huge inspiration in my life. He didn't let his condition get to him and he lived life to the fullest and was supporting us no matter what. There was no one who cared about McPherson College football more than Blake Reed," said Leppke.



Blake Reed



Photo by Miranda Clark

Junior Bennett Ratzloff, catcher, tackles an opponent heading for home plate. The baseball team this year was 20-30 overall and 12-16 in conference. The Bulldogs had three players receive honors and Head Coach Andrew Ehling received Coach of the Year.

Baseball players receive honors

TAYLER PUTTERGILL
Sports Editor

The season came to a close for the Bulldog baseball team on Sunday, May 5. The Bulldogs played Bethany College for their final game of the season.

"We made a few costly errors early in the game and didn't respond real well," said Head Coach Andrew Ehling.

Bethany Swedes came out swinging in the first inning scoring 4 runs. Neither team had much luck in the second and third, and then Bethany scored another 2 runs in the fourth. The Bulldogs couldn't come up with anything in the fifth and sixth so the score remained 6-0. Bethany scored again in the seventh making it 7-0, and then McPherson responded in the eighth finally getting on the board and scoring 1 run.

Bethany ended the game scoring 2 more in the ninth with a final score of 9-1. The Bulldogs were 12-16 in conference.

"We created an identity and came together as a team," Ehling said. "The boys won't realize it now, but how we finished the last half of the schedule will set the tone for years to come."

The Bulldogs had three players receive KCAC honors. Brendan Miller, sr., first

base, made the First Team while Jose Nossas, jr., in field, and Zach Wilson, jr., out field, were placed on the Second Teams.

Second-year Andrew Ehling was voted as the conference's Coach of the Year. The Bulldogs had a 20-30 record on the season.

"Each year brings new challenges and this team will be more prepared next year. We know what to expect," Ehling said.

McPherson County celebrates 100-year tradition

BRITTANY WERNER
News Editor

This year, McPherson County will celebrate the 100th annual All Schools Day.

According to the All School's Day website, "All Schools Day was started in 1914 as a way to celebrate the graduation of McPherson County eighth graders. Prior to that year, the superintendent had to travel to each schoolhouse to deliver the graduation certificates."

The celebration now honors eighth grade, high school and college graduates.

"It is great to be part of a community that celebrates education and honors students the way McPherson County does," said Larry Sigle, co-chair, 2013 All Schools Day. "Not having grown up in McPherson, I'm amazed at how hundreds of volunteers work together to put on an event that brings thousands of people back year after year."

This year, there will be several events.

Award winning sand sculptors Thomas Koet and Jill Harris of Sandsational began sculpting a one-room school house. This event started on Wednesday, May 1 and will last through Sunday, May 12. This event is located at the southwest corner of Kansas Avenue and Ash Street across from the post office. Admission is free.

Toby's Carnival began Monday, May 6 and will last through Sunday, May 12. This carnival comes to McPherson only for All School's Day.

There is a "pay-one-price" option. The carnival is open Monday through Thursday evenings and is open all day Friday through Sunday. Admission varies.

Those who attend may pay \$20 to ride an unlimited number of rides for four hours. On Tuesday and Thursday, the "pay-one-price" hours are 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, the hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Discounts are given towards the "pay-one-price" with the purchase of an All Schools Day button.

On Wednesday, May 8 at 5:45 p.m., the

McPherson High School Jazz Band will perform at the Lakeside Park Bandshell. They will also perform Thursday, May 9 at 5:45 p.m. at the McPherson High School.

The May Fete will take place on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at the Lakeside Bandshell and Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at the McPherson High School. The May Fete showcases student talents from across McPherson County.

Admission to both events on both days is an All Schools Day Button.

The 100th annual parade will take place on Friday, May 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Main Street. Admission is free.

The Madathon will also be held on Friday, May 10. This is an event for 5th and 8th graders and their families. This year, the Adult Madathon returns. They will participate in several games. Uniforms make each team unique.

The Baby Crawl starts at 12:45 p.m., the 5th grade Madathon begins at 1 p.m., and the 8th grade Madathon begins at 3 p.m. This event is held at Linnea Park. Admission is an All Schools Day Button.

On Saturday, May 11, the Adult Madathon will begin at 9 a.m. at the Linnea Park. Admission is an All Schools Day Button.

Also on Saturday, McPherson College will host the Blake Reed "Miracle Mile." Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the event begins at 10 a.m. at the McPherson College Stadium. Admission varies.

Trey Stevens will be the opening act for the band Gloriana. They will be performing on Saturday, May 11 at the McPherson High School Theatre.

The first nine rows, the lower level, will cost \$60. The upper level, rows 10 through 22, will cost \$50. Students may receive a \$15 discount if they call the McPherson Opera House box office at 620-241-1952. This is the only way to receive the student discount.

Later that night, there will be a movie in the park. The movie will be "Toy Story 3." This is located at the Lakeside Park

Bandshell. Admission is an All Schools Day Button.

One event that lasts the whole week is the Button Hunt. The button is located somewhere in McPherson County on public property and no tools are needed to find it. Hints to where the button is located are found on the All Schools Day website.

A hunting license is required in order to look for the button. The license helps raise funds for All Schools Day and can be purchased from the McPherson Sentinel, Sunflower Bank and the McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau for \$5.

All Schools Day Buttons may be purchased in certain stores in Inman, Galva, Lindsborg, McPherson and Moundridge. Locations are listed on the website. All Schools Day T-shirts may be purchased at Walgreens in McPherson.

For more information, visit www.allschoolsday.com.



Photo by Miranda Clark

Sandsational sand sculptor Thomas Koet sculpts and one-room school house. This is located at the southwest corner of Kansas Avenue and Ash street across the street from the post office and will last through Sunday, May 12.

NEWS BRIEFS

Cafeteria hours change for Campus Blowout

On Friday, May 10, the cafeteria hours will change because of Campus Blowout.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The lunch menu is Walking Tacos.

The cafeteria will be closed from 1 to 5 p.m.

Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The dinner menu is hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad and watermelon.

Students ID cards will be scanned.

Faculty and Staff will pay their normal meal price for both meals.

Volunteers needed during the summer

Students who are looking for a service opportunity may be interested in M-Powered.

M-Powered is a student-led camp for middle school and high school students.

Students will mentor younger students and teach about career planning and the process of choosing a college.

M-Powered will be held from Thursday, May 30 to Saturday, June 1.

If a student is interested or has any questions, he or she should contact Aspen Ulrich at ulriasp@bulldog.mcpherson.edu.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE Spring 2013 Semester

Final Exam Time	Monday May 20	Tuesday May 21	Wednesday May 22	
8:00 a.m.	<u>12:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>9:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>8:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	
10:15 a.m.	<u>10:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>2:00 Classes</u> MWF MWR	<u>1:00 Classes</u> TR	
12:30 p.m.	<u>3:00 Classes</u> MWF MWR	<u>2:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>1:00 Classes</u> MWF MWR	
2:45 p.m.	<u>8:00 Classes</u> TR <u>3:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>10:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>9:00 Classes</u> TR <u>12:00 Classes</u> TR	
5:00 p.m.	Sophomore Seminar Classes	<u>11:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>11:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	
7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Classes	Tuesday Night Classes	Wednesday Night Classes	<u>May 16</u> Thursday Night Classes

Find the regularly-scheduled time for the class. At the top of that column is the day the exam will be given. On the left-hand column is the time of the exam. Students enrolled in appointment classes should check with professors to determine the examination schedule. STUDENTS WITH MORE THAN TWO FINAL EXAMS SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DAY ARE ENCOURAGED TO TALK TO THE PROVOST AND DEAN OF FACULTY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ALTERNATE EXAM TIME. STUDENTS WHO EXPERIENCE A CONFLICT WITH ANOTHER EXAM TIME MAY TAKE THE EXAM AT A NON-CONFLICTING TIME (CONSULT YOUR PROFESSORS). Note: Student exchange policy with McPherson College is that the priorities of the host campus take precedence. The home campus will be flexible. In case of severe disagreements or student hardships, the two deans should consult and make a decision.

Tennis ends season strong

Two members of the tennis team receive KCAC First Team Selection honors

TAYLER PUTTERGILL
Sports Editor

The Bulldog mens tennis team ended the year with two of the McPherson Bulldogs receiving First Team All-KCAC and two receiving Second Team.

Rafael Bulnes, soph., Rosmalen, Netherlands, and Slav Bukatin, sr., Moscow, Russia, both got honors of First Team Selection. Mark Mahan, jr., Fullerton, Calif., and Torsten Keil-Long, sr., Claremont, Calif., both received Second Team selection.

Bulnes said, "To earn first team you need to play a good season. First team exists of six players. So if you make it, you're top six in the KCAC."

Bukatin said, "It was nice to get recognized by the conference coaches. It means to me that all the hard work I put into this season has paid off."

Bulnes was 22-5 on the season in singles and 21-5 in his doubles play. Bulnes received First Team Selection along with Bukatin who also received Scholar-Athlete of the Year with a 4.0 and a record this year of 13-8 in doubles and 15-13 in singles.

"I feel like balancing school and sports is all about time management and commitment. I'm glad I managed to stay consistent throughout my college career and achieved the goals I set for myself," said Bukatin.

The McPherson Bulldogs played Bethany College on Friday, March 26.

McPherson started off strong with Bulnes, and Sean De Young, jr., Anaheim, Calif., won their match 9-7. Number-one duo Bukatin and Sean Dullaghan, jr., Los Angeles, Calif., lost their match 8-2 in their doubles match. Mahan and Keil-Long defeated their opponent 8-5.

"I would like to thank all the people

"It was nice to get recognized by the conference coaches. It means to me that all the hard work I put in paid off."

-Slav Bukatin

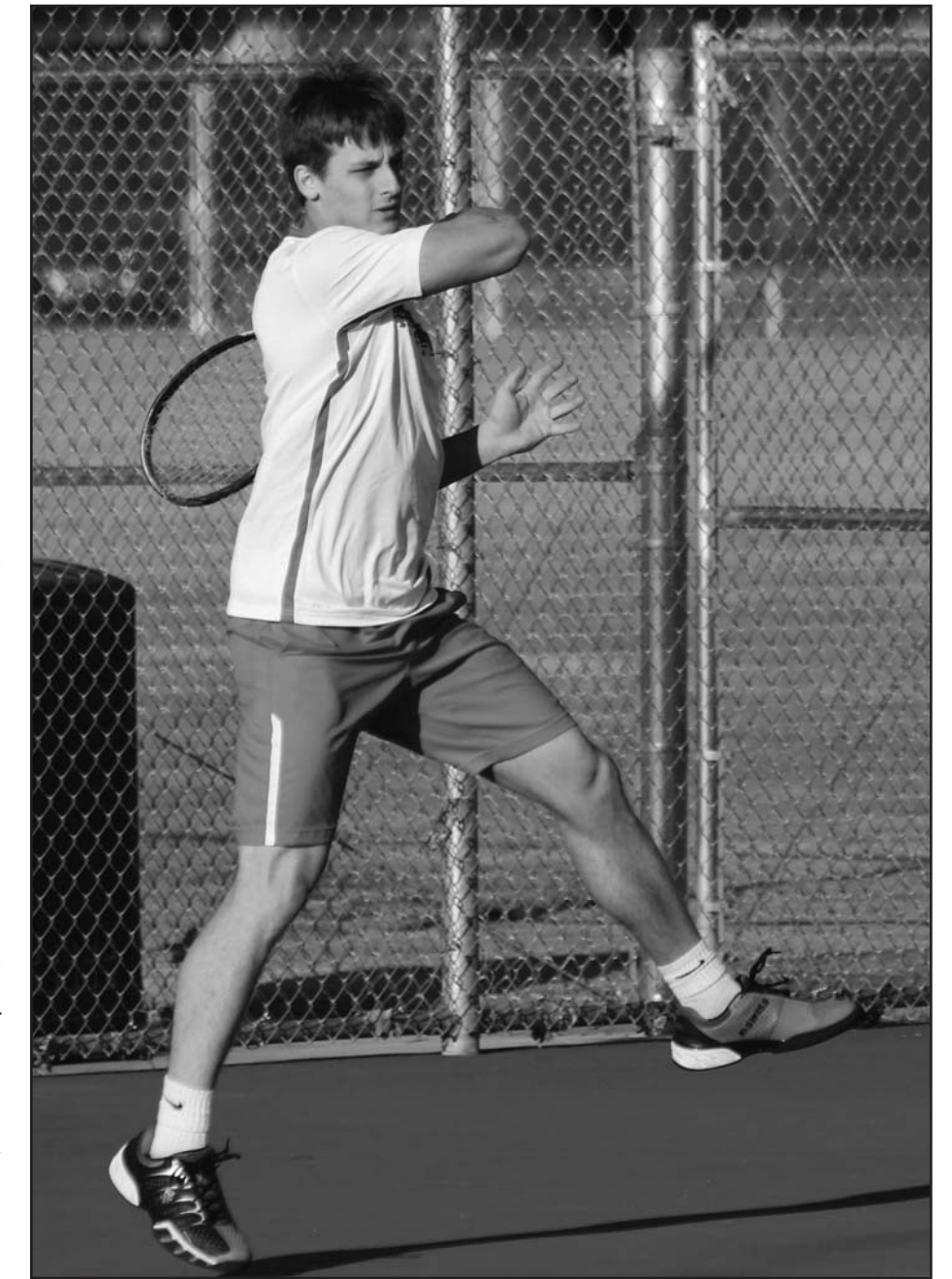
from the outside who showed their support and especially Craig Holman, who has contributed a lot to our development," said Bukatin.

In singles, the team had a hard time against Bethany. Mahan lost to his opponent 6-0, 3-6 and 6-3. Keil-Long also had a hard time with his opponent losing 6-2, 6-1. Dullaghan lost his match as well 6-1, 6-3. De Young had trouble with his Swede opponent as well ending the match losing 6-2, 6-3. Bukatin lost as well 6-4, 7-6. The only singles win the Bulldogs had of the day was Bulnes who defeated his opponent 6-1, 6-3.

"This season was probably the roughest compared to the previous ones, especially considering Paul's death. However, despite of all the bumps we hit, we still managed to stay together as a team and improve," said Bukatin. "We acted with integrity and worked hard. I'm proud of all my teammates and wish them all the best in the future seasons."

Bulnes said, "I think that we need to remember that we lost a great Bulldog last semester and that we did a great job honoring him this season! We deserved it to go to the nationals but unfortunately we didn't make it."

Bukatin said, "I enjoyed getting out there and representing Bulldog nation. I also believe teammates support each other like nobody else, I will definitely miss that."



Photos by Geli Chavez

Senior Slav Bukatin, Moscow, Russia, swings to score against his opponent. Bukatin received First Team Selection KCAC and Scholar-Athlete of the Year. He maintained a 4.0 through his four years at McPherson College.

Experience, patience creates beautiful photographs

Focusing ever so slightly, trying to stay still, taking a deep breath and holding it. The shutter clicks, moving the shutter speed and the f-stop ever so slightly to let in just the right amount of light. Focusing, trying to stay still, taking a deep breath and holding it. The shutter clicks, the photo appears on the screen, looking much better than the first. Looking for my next subject; perfect lighting and dramatic composition can be a slow process.

Popping the memory card into the computer, I open different windows. A series of rapid clicks follows. Viewing my photos on a bigger screen brings their flaws out. Slowly, I start weeding out the ones that are not up to the expectations or are blurry. Finally happy with my select few photos, it is time now to touch up. Open

Photoshop edit here and there, tweaking the color ever so slightly.

Photography can seem so simple at times, especially with the use of Photoshop. Patching photos here and stitching photos together there. Photoshop can help one make a great composition, and even help bring great ideas to life, but where is the challenge?

Why not try to produce photographs without using Photoshop? Photographs can be produced without having to use Photoshop. One can produce photographs worthy of being claimed as "Photoshopped" with patience and creativity.

Photography is more than just patience and creativity; photography is composition, lighting, a lot of fiddling, bracketing the shutter speed or the f-stop and more.

So how do all of these individual parts of photography help to achieve Photoshop statuses?

Each individual process of photography is like building blocks with the flag at the top being a Photoshop status. Each process or block must be perfectly set or aligned just right in order to become "the perfect photo." Lighting, shadows, angle of the camera, back ground, focus, stability of the camera, shutter speed and f-stop has to be just right or near perfect to be Photoshop status.

Sounds a bit more challenging, now doesn't it? Yes, photography can be challenging, but isn't that

what makes photography an art? Being able to make the choices and of lighting and composition on the spot makes photography a challenging art.

Photoshop can be an easy way out of the challenging art of photography, so with spring finally here, and the campus as lively as ever, why not pick up a camera and challenge yourself.

CREATIVE CHAOS

Kala Tiemann



ON THE FLY

What are your plans for summer?

"I'll be at an auto restoration company in Valley Center."
Tyler Henning, fr., Sedgwick



"Putting the 'R' back in Washington."
Casey Maxon, sr., Lawrence



"Kicking it at the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center."
Wes Anderson, soph., Valparaiso, Ind.



"Living the dream, one day at a time."
Richard Morcheskey, soph., Greensburg, Pa.



"Living in a camper, reading books and drinking beer."
Taylor Adams, sr., Ashland, Va.



"Back to France!"
Aurore Joigny, sr., Deuil-la-Barre, France



Students receive various awards

GRAHAM MAHANNA
Spectator Staff

Several students and staff members received awards at the Awards Convocation on Friday, May 3. Some awards came with plaques, checks or other prizes.

A video recapping the year was shown. Mike Rhodes, soph., Perrysburg, Ohio, won the Jay Leno/Popular Mechanics Scholarship.

Taylor Adams, sr., Ashland, Va., won the first ever Paul Russell Award for Excellence.

Claire Krizek, sr., McPherson, won the Outstanding Business Student Award.

Casey Maxon, sr., Lawrence, was awarded the History and Politics Best Senior Thesis Award.

Whitney Zimmerman, fr., Valley Center, and Ashley Frankenbery, fr., Benton, won the CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award.

Emily James, sr., Westminster, Colo., Taylor Roop, sr., Moscow, and Amanda Baxter, jr., Pueblo West, Colo., were awarded the Burkholder Research Award.

Torey Fry, sr., Wichita, and Kasey Miller, sr., Derby, received the Merit Research Award.

Students who work for The Spectator received various awards from the Kansas Collegiate Media Conference.

The Spectator won the Bronze Medal overall at the KCM Conference.

Cord Cunningham, jr., Ottawa; Heath Helmer, sr., Shawnee; Evan Heibert, jr., Goessel; Danna Jacks, soph., Stafford; Aurore Joigny, sr., Deuil-la-Barre, France; Maxon; E.h. Petropulos, jr., Larkspur, Colo.; Jacy Porter, jr., Little River; Emilee Reinert, sr., Lincoln; Sarah Schowengerdt, jr., McPherson; Shela Spencer, sr., McPherson; Kala Tiemann, soph., Lewis, and Derrick Toney, sr., Salinas, Calif., were awarded with Excellence in Competitive Exhibition Awards.

Apen Frey, jr., Newton, received the Female Athlete of the Year. Toney received the Male Athlete of the year.

Miller, Helmer, Jacob Snodgrass, sr., Derby, and Byron O'Rourke, sr., Holcomb, received the Capital One Academic All-American Awards for sports.

Molly Whitwell, sr., Plano, Texas, won the Outstanding Physical Education Major Award.

This year's Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are: Adams, Vyacheslav Bukatin, sr., Perm, Russia; Jacee Coberly, sr., Gove; Fry, James, Joigny, Krizek, Maxon, Miller, and Erik Steffens, sr., McPherson.

The Who's Who students awarded Laura Workman Ells, associate professor of sociology, as the Professor of the Year.

Carole Barr, director of library services, was awarded as the Staff Person of the Year.

Several students dedicated many hours to community service. Those students were: Laurina Hannan, jr., Wamego; Michael Himilie, fr., Harmony, Minn.; Becca Heeke, soph., Spearville; Jacks, Isabelle Moyer, fr., McPherson; Elizabeth Newby, jr., McPherson, and Colby Patton, soph., Maize.

Sarah Neher, sr., Rochester, Minn., and Allison Snyder, sr., Adel, Iowa, were presented with the Senior Award for Distinction in Campus Ministry.

Katie Naccarato, sr., Valley Center, was presented with the Outstanding National Society for Leadership and Success Member Award. Coberly and Taylor Wilkens, sr., Clearwater, received the Ivy Newton National Excellence in Leadership Award.

After the awards were handed out, Shay Maclin, dean of students, introduced Student President Jacob Patrick, jr., Elizabeth, Colo. Patrick thanked the student body for his re-election.

Toney was the winner of the MyMC Contest for his photo collage.

President Michael Schneider thanked the faculty and staff, thanked the seniors for a wonderful year and asked the rest of the students to come back next year and make it better.

Maclin considers health clinic

JOEY POWERS
Spectator Staff

The college is looking into providing a free health clinic for students on campus.

Shay Maclin, dean of students, is working on getting McPherson College a free health clinic on campus.

The goal of this clinic would be to have a part-time nurse practitioner on campus for students to see for health problems the student may experience.

This person would oversee the wellness of the student body.

Maclin has been working with the Sterling College Health Clinic as a model. She is thinking about having the free clinic in the student union. The plans are not finalized, therefore there are no times set up as of press time.

Maclin is very enthused by the idea of the clinic at the college.

"With the raise in health care cost and insurance needs, one of my goals is to look into providing a health care service for our students," Maclin said. "This would be a step in the right direction for the preventative health care and wellness for our student body."

Since the plans are not finalized, many students are unaware of the health clinic.

Trachell Wilburn, sr., Houston, Texas, welcomed the idea. She said, "It depends on how all it would help the students, but I believe it's a good idea since some students can't afford the doctor, and it will be more convenient."

Fred Miller, sr., Greenwood, Del., was very interested in the thought of a free clinic. He said, "It would be very helpful, because some of us have worries and it would be good to just know without spending hundreds of dollars and find out nothing is wrong at all."

Convenience is a key to having a free health clinic on campus. For instance, some students were unable to bring vehicles with them to college and have difficulty finding transportation to meet their medical needs. Some students have busy schedules and can't find time to go to the doctor.

Allison Snyder, sr., Adel, Iowa, said, "It'd be nice to have a clinic to help with people's worries if something weird was going on and not knowing what it is. I had some health problems this year."



Photo by Arryana Barton

Laura Workman Ells, associate professor of sociology, gives a hug to Who's Who students after she received her Professor of the Year Award at the Awards Convocation on Friday, May 3. Several students received awards through various departments. Some awards came with plaques, checks and other prizes.

The Hot spot

BY: AUBREY HUNN

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF T.J. ESKILDSEN,
RESIDENT DIRECTOR METZLER HALL,
ASSISTANT COACH OF MEN'S BASKETBALL



HOMETOWN: I am originally from Davenport, Iowa. I kind of moved around a little bit when I was growing up. I lived in Massachusetts up until my junior year of high school and then I moved to Iowa my junior year. I went to college in Iowa and I've been in the Midwest since then.

EDUCATION: I have a bachelor's degree in sports management and a master's degree in athletic administration.

WHY MAC: I chose to come to MAC to become the assistant men's basketball coach here, and then also the dorm director at Metzler. My coach at Iowa Wesleyan knew coach Swartzendruber somewhat well, or they knew of each other. So I applied for the job and got an interview through that process. When I came out here, I really like the school, really liked the campus, really liked Coach Swartzendruber. I ended up getting offered the job and I accepted it. I've really enjoyed it since I've been here.

IMPRESSION OF MAC: I think

that it's a very good school, in terms of athletics. That's obviously what drew me here. Since I've been here I've been really impressed with the people in general. There are a lot of really good people at this school, a lot of people who really care about you and it's just a really good environment to work in.

FAVORITE PART OF MAC: My best experience so far has been as the assistant basketball coach just because we've had quite a bit of success since I've been here. Coach Swartzendruber is a great coach to work for. He does an excellent job and he's really given me a lot of support since I've been here as his assistant. I really appreciate the opportunity that he gave me.

HOPES AND DREAMS: My goal is to eventually become a head coach at the college level. I really enjoy the small college level because I feel like you can develop really good relationships with your players and the students. I know people outside of our program and our team on campus and it's really nice to be part of a close-knit community. So my ultimate goal is to become a head coach at a small college.

IF MONEY WASN'T AN ISSUE: I would still be a basketball coach. Basketball's my passion. My dad was a college basketball coach and I grew up around him my whole life. I wouldn't change what I was doing. It would be a lot less pressure on me. I could live comfortably, but I would still be doing what I'm doing. I just love coaching basketball and I love being around the game, and being around student athletes and being able to develop relationships with them and seeing them grow.

Students, staff donate blood

KYLE SMITH
Spectator Staff

The Red Cross came to campus on Monday, April 29 for the semi-annual blood drive. Students and staff were able to donate 28 units of blood.

Tom Hurst, director of service, organized the blood drive in the basement of Hoffman Student Union. He has been organizing these blood drives for many years because he sees it as a small way that students can help a larger community of people in need.

This year, as well as years past, was plagued by a recurring problem: the dreaded wait. The Red Cross workers did their best to stay on schedule, but it just didn't happen. The early afternoon appointments were the worst, as some of the students said they waited up to three hours to be called up.

There were also other problems, which prompted Tom Hurst to send out a survey of the donors. The survey was to make sure all the problems were documented and handled in the proper way.

Some donors were unfazed. Among them was Kelli Johnson, personal counselor.

"I have been giving blood for years, a little wait isn't going to stop me now," Johnson said.

Regardless of how smooth the process went, McPherson college students made

a positive difference in the community by taking part in the campus blood drive.

Of the students and staff who donated, 17 were first-time donors. Only three people were deferred from attempting to donate.



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Kelli Johnson, personal counselor, gives blood on Monday, April 29 in Hoffman Student Union. Johnson said that she was an experienced donor.

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Finding positives in challenges foster success

Growth, opportunity can be found in failure

Life can suck. Yeah, it really can. And you are going to fail, sometimes. After a long week of setbacks and stress it can feel like nothing will ever go right.

People tend to get in a negative mind-set after failing or dealing with hardship. Unless this mind-set is broken, the negative will show its ugly head everywhere. To break this mind-set, a positive outlook has to be embraced fully to learn from the challenge.

When someone runs in to a problem or they fail, they go down one of three paths, as mentioned in the book "The Happiness Advantage." The first being

"total catastrophe." They failed and think that everything is worse off than before. The second is "no worse for wear." After trying and failing, nothing has changed: back to square one. The third and most productive path is "learning from your mistakes." After seeing what went wrong they look for ways to avoid the same mistake or even find opportunity in it. This could also be called the path up.

The path that should be taken is the third one. From this path, growth can be obtained. Failing is not a bad thing. In modern society failure is seen as a crime. If someone makes a mistake then they

must be incompetent, lazy or unfit for the job. The problem with this assumption is that if no one dares to make mistakes then what will be gained? If there is no stepping outside of one's comfort zone, no growth can happen.

Take college for example. We are here to learn, grow and come out better than when we came in. If we do not ask questions, push ourselves to figure things out and take risks then our time here is pointless. We could just go read a textbook with the answer key so we would not be wrong.

It comes down to maturity. When mis-

takes are realized and learned from, a bit of wisdom can be gained. As Thomas Edison is credited as saying, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that don't work."

This quote illustrates the importance of learning from mistakes. Everyone makes mistake or fails now and then: that is life. But persistence and a positive outlook will take a person much further in life.

Next time the world feels like it is falling apart and nothing is going right, look for the third path: the path up.

It may take some courage and persistence to take the suck out of life.

Going outside increases vitamin D, friends

The recent power outage across the McPherson Community prompted a very wonderful thing. People went outside.

This should not be a significant event, nor should it have to be prefaced by some internet catastrophe. Sunlight gives a person vitamin D, which is an essential vitamin to the human body.

According to Carol Wagner, M.D., FAAP, professor of pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina, evidence

of vitamin D deficiency in infants and children of all ages as well as adolescents and adults is growing over the last 5 years.

The infancy argument is not the point of this article. Many time infants lack vitamin D because their caretakers make the assumption that the child will get the necessary nutrients from the milk or formula they are being fed. So I will leave that alone. It's not like I am an expert on babies anyway.

But for the adults, the research shows we are at just as much risk. Here at McPherson College, we students have good chances of being vitamin D deficient. I say this because we spend most of our hours in classrooms with the blinds closed and we don't have the proper diet to maintain adequate levels in our systems. Plus, many of the students spend far too many hours in the closed-off graphics lab, or in a dorm room staring at a computer, or the worse yet—in a dark bar dancing with people they really shouldn't. Stop it.

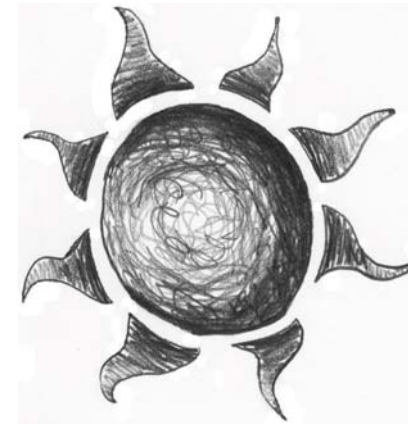
But there is something you can do to

help. According to the Mayo Clinic website, adding fortified foods such as milk and yogurt and fatty fish such as salmon, trout, tuna and halibut to your diet can supplement the necessary vitamin D. The fatty fish is obviously not a big staple of the cafe food which the vast majority of us eat, and most students I see aren't big fans of gulping milk by the gallon at every meal.

So this brings us back to the point of this article, go outside and get your vitamin D. Put down this paper and spend some time out in the sun. It's good for you. If you find yourself with a

vitamin D deficiency, you will likely have thin, brittle and misshapen bones. Nobody wants that.

So find a bench in the park and read a book. Play catch with your favorite ball or disk of choice. Maybe go on a bike ride or walk. But whatever it is you choose to do, choose to make it part of your routine, not something that only happens when the power goes out. Or maybe the power should just go out more often: your choice.



WHEELIN' AROUND

Kyle Smith



Use what you pay for or spend it somewhere else

I'm a newbie, just ending my first semester. I've been impressed with the enthusiasm of the faculty and the dedication of the staff. For the most part, I've also been impressed with the upbeat attitude of the students.

Of the roughly 100 students that I share classes with, about 95 eagerly accept delivery of the product they are purchasing from this college. It seems that they needed a product (education) so they chose a vendor (McPherson College) that could best meet their requirements. They paid a premium to get what they want. Having paid the price, now they want to receive as much product as they can get.

It's like buying lunch at a Chinese buffet when you're hungry for Chinese food. After paying the advertised price, you eat

your favorite dishes in whatever quantity suits you. If you're hungry, you eat a lot. If you love kung pao chicken, you get seconds on kung pao chicken. You buy what you want, you eat what you like. Makes sense, right?

However, it seems that a small number—five percent at most—of students I know have chosen the restaurant, traveled a great distance to get there, sat down at the table, placed their order, waited patiently for food to be served and paid the check... but then walked out without eating anything, leaving the food on the table.

Doesn't make sense, does it?

I can't figure it out. You get to choose the restaurant. You get to choose what you want to eat. You don't have to sit around waiting on food you don't want. You don't

have to pay for anything you didn't order. Would you drive to Wally's Burger World, place an order, pay the tab, wait for delivery...and then theatrically throw your bought-and-paid-for food in the dumpster? Of course not! Alternatively, how about waiting until the food is almost ready then walking out before you get it, forgoing the dumpster drama? Nope, still stupid.

If Wally's doesn't serve what you want, just don't go there. If McPherson College is not meeting your needs or expectations, don't stay here. Nobody is making you stay. Nobody is making

you learn. Nobody is making you pay. And you are paying, a lot. Even if you're on a scholarship, you're paying plenty. At the very least, you're losing income you could be earning.

You're in charge. Act like it.



OLD IRON

Scott Versaw

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Peer ministry to begin Fall 2013

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The Campus Ministry Leadership Team has begun putting together a new group of people for a project next year. Peer Ministers will begin working next fall. The purpose of these peer ministers is to help, listen or give advice to students as they want it.

Danna Jacks, soph., Stafford, a member of the Campus Ministry Leadership Team, said, "We want students to know they'll have the freedom to call someone and talk to someone at any time of day." Jacks hopes to be a peer minister, herself, saying, "I like being able to listen to my friends and helping them talk through things without trying to offer solutions or judging them."

She continued, "I hope that the peer ministers can provide a friendship, someone to truly express their feelings to."

Jacks believes that this new ministry will be beneficial to students, "It'll help reduce stress. It'll help people feel more connected."

Individuals will be trained at the same time as the resident assistants are trained. They will be on duty to help those who need someone to listen to, or those who are facing difficult decisions and may need advice. Also, they will help bring people out from any shyness they may possess and help them find their place at McPherson College.

Steve Crain, campus minister, is putting

together the proposal.

"I'm very excited about the prospect that a number of our students would receive training in how to be careful, compassionate listeners who can reach out to their peers when they are hurting and need someone to talk to, or are having difficulty fitting in, or maybe are facing a difficult decision," Crain said.

One peer minister will be available for each dorm. One person will also be specifically distinguished as the person to talk with for off campus students. Crain envisions anywhere from eight to 12 students filling these roles.

"Eight have already responded just to help me write the proposal. In fact, two of these eight came to me with the idea of starting a peer ministry program in the first place. This is very encouraging!" Crain said.

Another key factor that Crain would like to emphasize is the ministry piece. He does not want people to think that only students of ministry are capable of either seeking out a person to talk to or becoming a peer minister.

While those who are of religious background are more than welcome to practice their beliefs, others will not be forced to partake.

To this topic, Crain showed excitement in the possibilities.

"In fact, I'm hoping that we have a peer ministry team that in terms of religious belief and in other ways reflects the diversity of our campus," Crain said.



Photo by Arryana Barton

Danna Jacks, soph., Stafford, Amanda Leffew, fr., Hanover Park, Ill., and Kaitlin Kendel, fr., El Dorado, discuss plans for the new peer ministry program.

Coming soon: Campus Blowout

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Campus Life Editor

Excitement is in the air on campus as the end of the 2012-2013 school year draws near. For some students, this excitement is in anticipation of the annual Campus Blowout.

To officially kick-off this year's Campus Blowout, the seniors will have the opportunity to drive their cars through the center of campus, underneath Heaston Gazebo, as is the tradition. This will be Thursday, May 9 at 4:30 p.m. Then, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., teams will participate in their first Campus Blowout event at the Groove in Mingenback Theater.

Festivities will resume on Friday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m. with the All Schools Day

Parade in Downtown McPherson. From 2 to 5 p.m., teams will compete in events on the campus lawn. The final destination of Campus Blowout will be Brown Auditorium, where Comedian, Pete Lee will perform and awards will be given out.

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The events of the 14th annual C.A.R.S. Club show carried on, although the unseasonal weather forced some to wear heavier coats than usual.

Events included many different options for both students and the public alike. Starting on Friday, May 3, the students were treated to discussion panels with industry professionals and advisory board members. These panels allowed student to ask questions pertaining to the work they might want to do after graduation or looking for current internships.

Friday evening was the annual "Evening With Automotive Restoration" dinner. This year's speaker was Corky Coker, the president and CEO Coker Tires. His speech emphasized what he saw as some of the good and bad things happening in the classic car industry currently. He also used this time to give some advice to the



Photos by Kyle Smith

(Counterclockwise) Cars line the campus lawn at the 14th annual C.A.R.S. Club show Friday, May 3. A Cadillac with a Flying Lady Hood Ornament glistens in the May overcast. The Desoto Adventurer by Stellar Restorations reflects the scene of the C.A.R.S. Club show that surrounds it in its glossy paint.

students in attendance, focusing on how to use their youth in the industry to shake things up.

The show, which took place on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., included tours of Templeton Hall and faculty demonstrating restorations techniques. A special section of the show was dedicated to cars of Carroll Shelby as a tribute to his life and influence in the car industry.

Another standout was the Hagerty Operation, Ignite! youth judging program. This program allowed youth to get close up to the cars and talk with the owners. The youth then take their newfound knowledge of the cars and pick a car to award the youth judges' award trophy.

Because of cold and rainy weather, the majority of the feature cars were placed inside Templeton Hall during the show. One of the cars placed inside was the featured 1907 Tincher, which won the coveted Best in Show. It is thought to be the last of its kind.



Photos by Miranda Clark

Torey Fry, sr., Wichita, Kyle Toland, Chris Rakowski, fr., McPherson, Lindsey Wedel, jr., Newton, Rissa McNichols, fr., Concordia, and Liz Stein, fr., Spearville, laugh as they enjoy the performances in the Student Talent Show on Monday, April 29. Kylan Bennett, fr., Healy, and Evan Hiebert, jr., Goessel, perform their winning number which earned them \$50 vouchers that can be used at any locally-owned McPherson business. Liz Loeffler, soph., Hesston, shows off her musical talent in the Student Talent Show.



Students showcase talents

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Photography Editor

An original singing duet won the Student Talent Show Monday, April 29.

Seven acts performed a variety of talents such as singing, poetry and playing musical instruments.

"I thought it was funny and sentimental at the same time because there was a lot of different acts," said Sierra Ulrich, fr., Sylvan Grove. "For a Monday night, it was good entertainment."

A winning act and a runner-up were announced at the end of the show. Kylan Bennett, fr., Healy, and Evan Hiebert, jr., Goessel, took home first place by singing

a duet that they wrote themselves. The runner-up was Trent Reif, jr., Great Bend, who read three poems that he wrote.

"I had a lot of fun being on stage and sharing something I'm passionate about with others," Reif said. "I love to write and it makes things all worthwhile when I get the chance to relate to others in a way that is meaningful. There were a lot of talented people who performed and I'm glad I was a part of it."

The show was hosted by Deon Shorter, jr., Pasadena, Calif., and was judged by a panel of three judges.

The judges were Shay Maclin, dean of students, Carole Barr, director of student success, and Matt Wagner, jr., Castle Rock,

Colo.

"It was exciting and exhilarating to watch all the acts that performed," Wagner said. "They did a quality job performing excellent talents. I thought judging was a lot of pressure, but it was pretty fun at the same time being on stage and judging with Shay and Carole who were excellent judges."

SAB organized the event and provided the prizes to the winners.

Each winner received a certificate for \$50 that can be spent at any business in the town of McPherson. The other participants received McPherson College water bottles.

SAB hosted the event in Brown Auditorium

