

# Women's Basketball slow start results in loss

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The Woman's Basketball team is 5-5 in the season and 1-1 in KCAC after playing Bethany College on Nov. 29 and Tabor College on Dec. 1.

The Lady Bulldogs took the lead from the start of the basketball game at Bethany College.

The Bulldogs didn't give up a single field goal until past the eight minute mark. McPherson was in total control heading into halftime with a lead of 43-22.

Sophomore Ali Brewster, guard, had a great first half as she had 14 points on 4-of-4 from the field and 3-of-4 from the free throw line. Madison Chambers, sr., guard, scored 13 points in the first half.

The lead stayed around 20 points for the first part of the second period. Towards the middle of the half, Bethany pushed from behind into the teens but McPherson College reacted quickly and went into a 3-2 zone that controlled the Swedes. The Bulldogs finished out the game with a 67-53 victory.

Brewster said, "As a team I feel we played a lot better, and our transition up and down the court was better than previous games."

Chambers led the team for a team-high of 18 total points. Brewster finished the game with 17 points. Brewster also had four assists and 11 rebounds for her first double double of the season.

The Bulldogs then hosted the Lady Jays of Tabor College Saturday night on Dec 1. Tabor found themselves on the right side of a 66-56 score line when the final buzzer sounded.

Going just 7-of-27 from the field in the first half made it difficult for McPherson College to gain the lead; they were 2-of-9 from distance and hit on 5-of-9 from the charity stripe. Tabor College made 11-of-24 for a 45.8 field goal

percentage in the first half.

The second period was more evenly matched as the Lady Blue Jays lead stayed around the 10-point mark. McPherson was never down by more than 13 but was not able to get any closer than six points.

The Bulldogs shot the ball better in the second half but it wasn't enough to get them the game. They went 10-of-29 from the floor but again, just made two three-balls, hitting 2-of-9. McPherson was able to force 20 turnovers, stealing 11 of them. The Lady Jays out rebounded McPherson College 38-36 but gave up 15 offensive boards to the Bulldogs.

Brewster said, "Tabor wasn't missing any shots throughout the night, and we couldn't get the buckets to fall on the other side."

Cheyenne Eisenhour, soph., guard, Britany Pittas, soph., guard, and Brewster each scored double figures in the loss for McPherson. Eisenhour was 6-of-11 on the freethrow line and ended the night with 13. Pittas had 12 points on the night. Brewster scored 10 and Madison Chambers, sr., guard, had 14 boards in the game and scored eight points.

Senior Kaylee Cramer, forward, said, "Even though we had a rough start, as a team we fought till the end. Were not going to get discouraged over this one loss, because we have a lot of conference games left."

The loss moves McPherson College to 5-5 for the season and 1-1 in the KCAC. McPherson will now prepare for their next game at Southwestern College on Dec. 8. at 5 p.m.

Head Coach Cy Rolfs said, "We are continuing to focus on doing all the little things. As long as we continue to give our full effort and work to improve each day of practice, good things will happen."

Jill Ast, fr., forward



Photos by Miranda Clark

Krushanda Harrold, soph., forward, goes up in the game against a Tabor Jays defender. The Lady Bulldogs lost the game 66-56. They will now prepare for Southwestern College on Dec. 8.



Photo by Breaahna Gillespie

Men's Basketball team looks to recover after loss against Swedes

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NEWS BRIEFS

Music departments will perform at two concerts

The McPherson College Band will perform on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Church of the Brethren. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. The McPherson College Choir will perform Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Church of the Brethren. This concert will also begin at 7 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted at the door to help underwrite expenses of the concert. Both concerts feature Christmas music.

Maclin encourages campus safety

On Monday, Dec. 3, ShaRonda Maclin, dean of students, sent an e-mail to students, faculty and staff to remind everyone about campus safety. Maclin encourages students to keep doors and windows locked, even if they are inside of the room; to keep valuables locked inside a safe box; to report any broken doors, windows, locks or lights to the RA or RD. Do not lend your keys to anyone. Do not prop room doors or external doors open. This allows anyone access for any reason. Students should report suspicious activity to their RA or RD. Maclin encourages faculty and staff to report any broken doors, windows, locks or light to facilities management. Faculty and staff should also report suspicious activity to facilities management.

Students watch, read pirated material without knowing penalties

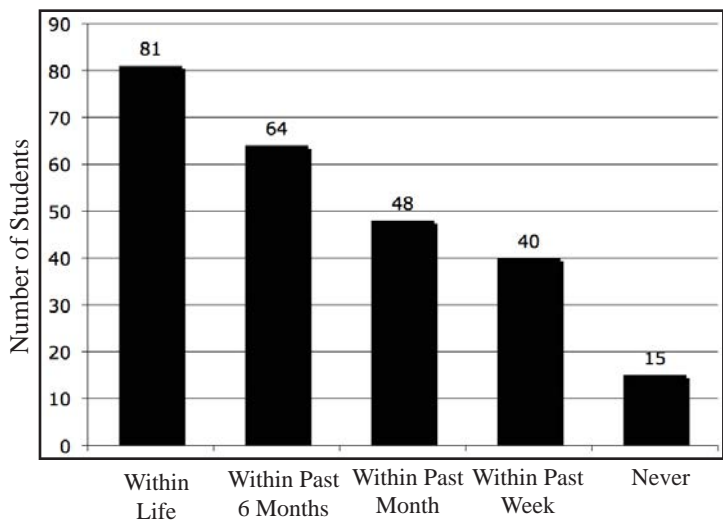
BRITTANY WERNER  
News Editor

Almost 85 percent of students have watched or read pirated material at some point of their. According to the FBI, "Federal law provides severe civil and criminal penalties for the unauthorized reproduction, distribution, or exhibition of copyrighted motion pictures, video tapes, DVDs or video discs. Criminal infringement is investigated by the FBI and may constitute a felony with a maximum penalty of up to five years in prison and/or a \$250,000 fine." This message is aired before the start of a movie, whether it is in theaters, on DVD, or video tape. Piracy is the unauthorized use or appropriation of patented or copyrighted materials, such as books, songs, television programs, and movies. There are three main reasons piracy is a growing issue, not only in the United States, but other countries as well. First, there is a low public awareness level. The public doesn't realize that piracy is a criminal activity. Second, the public often views piracy as an access to cheaper works, ignoring the effects that piracy has

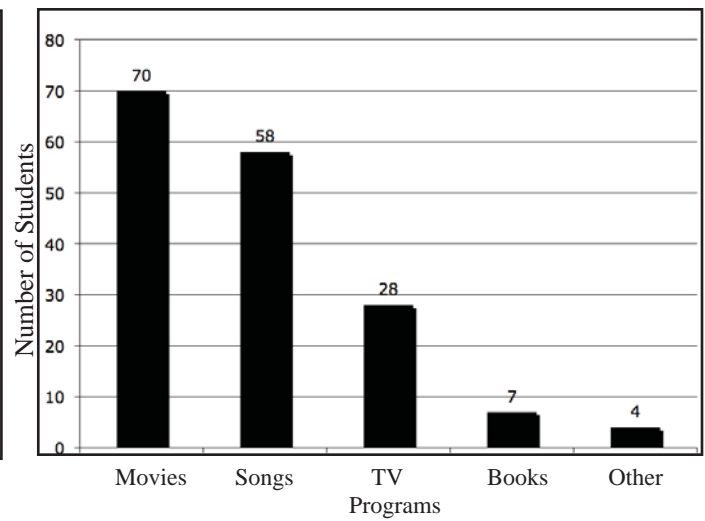
on creativity. Third, materials are often expensive to create, produce, and distribute. Since the prices are too high, people are constantly looking for counterfeit and cheaper goods. "So many people know it's wrong," said Colby Patton, so., Maize, "but we still do it because we don't think we will get caught." Piracy hurts three main groups: creators, workers and the state. Creators, such as authors and related right owners, are hurt because their income is based off the sales of their movies, songs, books, TV programs, software and other intellectual property. Workers are hurt because piracy replaces the output of products as well as employment. The state is hurt because no taxes are collected on the materials. This means there is less money reinvested into cultural development. In civil cases, according to the Copyright Act, courts may order the impounding of infringed materials. This may also include the impounding of the articles that contributed to the reproduction of the material. The infringer will also be required to compensate the right holder. The compensation is the actual damages suffered as well as any profits of the in-

fringer. The profits of the infringer are not part of the damages. As an alternative to damages and profits, the copyright owner may elect to receive an award of statutory damages from a pre-established range, which is \$750 to \$30,000 per infringed work. If the infringer proves that they had no reason to believe their acts were infringement, the court may reduce the award to \$200 per infringed work. In criminal cases, according to the Copyright Act, any property used to commit the offense and any property or proceeds obtained as a result are subject to forfeiture and destruction. Upon conviction, restitution is mandatory by the defendant. A misdemeanor infringement is subject up to one-year imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$100,000. A felony infringement is any infringement that involves at least 10 infringing copies that have a total retail value of at least \$2,500. A felony is punishable up to five years imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$250,000. The maximum imprisonment and fines are doubled for any repeat felonies. Pirating sites or methods that students mentioned include Pirate Bay, YouTube, LimeWire and mp3 converters.

Number of Students Who have Watched, Read Pirated Material



Type of Pirated Material Watched or Read



96 students were surveyed on Thursday, Nov. 29 during lunch by Laurina Hannan and Brittany Werner.

All-KCAC selections 1st team



Molly Whitwell  
Women's Soccer



Allen Colbert  
Football



Julius Record  
Football



Dusty Hague  
Football



Oscar Cortez  
Men's Soccer



Michael Phillips  
Men's Soccer

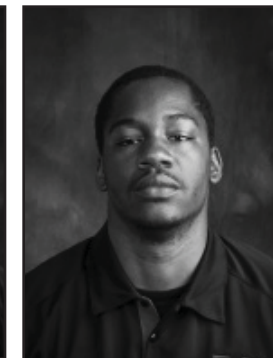
All-KCAC 2nd selections



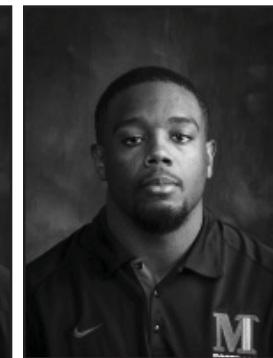
Rafael Fuentes  
Men's Soccer



Terrance Jones  
Football



Jimmy Wilson  
Football



Chris Ellison  
Football



Brooks Walsh  
Men's Soccer



Amy Stockton  
Women's Soccer



Kelsey Garrison  
Women's Soccer



Cheyna Buchman  
Women's Soccer

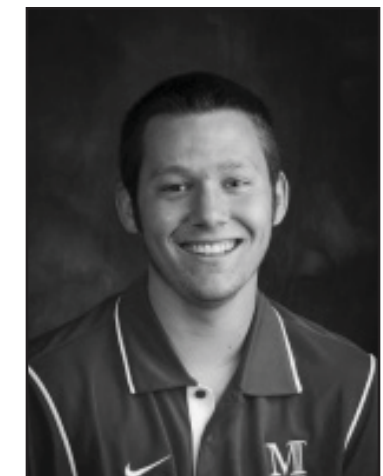


Paul Rotering  
Football



Aubre Hoover  
Volleyball

First team selection and NAIA All-American



Johnny Nuthall  
Men's Soccer

# Talley named coach of character

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*Sports Editor*

Head Women's Soccer Coach Rob Talley received the 2012 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference NAIA Coach of Character Award. The award is given for embracing, teaching and displaying great character on and off the field.

The NAIA's Champions of Character program is designed to impart an understanding of character values in sports and provide practical tools for student athletes, coaches and parents to use in modeling exemplary character traits.

"It's up to each institution to choose a coach which best fits this criteria," Talley said.

"I was very honored this year to be nominated by my athletic department administration for this prestigious award."

Under Talley's leadership, the Bull-

dogs are the winners of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Ethics Award for the third consecutive year. This award goes to the team that best demonstrates sportsmanship on the soccer field. It is open to all men's and women's soccer teams in all divisions and associations.

"I was very honored this year to be nominated by my athletic department administration for this prestigious award."

-Rob Talley

In order to receive this award a team must go through its entire season and post season without accumulating more than

10 yellow cards and receive no red cards. "This is a great honor for a program to receive and I'm very proud of my ladies for their accomplishments," Talley said.

In addition to receiving this award at the conference level, Talley was also nominated by the KCAC for the NAIA's National Coach of Character Award.

The program has established five core values that go beyond the playing field to the daily decisions of youth. The five core values are integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership. These character values help young people, and those associated with their development, make good choices in all aspects of their life and reflect the true spirit of competition.

"The coach of character award is an award given out to coaches who promote and demonstrate the five core values of the NAIA," Talley said.



Rob Talley  
Head Women's Soccer Coach

# Track looking forward to a great year



Photo by Fred Miller

Perry Joseph, Jr., Saint Petersburg, Fla.

BRITTANY PITTAS  
*Spectator Staff*

The 2012 indoor track and field season started, and the team has been working to get prepared for upcoming events.

With many strong athletes returning, this season is projected to be a great one for McPherson College. Many individuals are looking to take home a ring and have everyone place in conference.

Last year the team had three records broke. Ashley Huizar, sr., LaPuente, Calif., beat the previous record and now holds the record in the 3000 steeplechase with a time of 12:38.50.

Derrick Toney, sr., Salinas, Calif., set a new high jump record of 2.12m (6'-11.5"). Last year Toney also was named runner-up at Nationals. This was his third time to be

named NAIA All-American.

Paul Rotering, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo., threw the javelin 60.62m (198'-11") to hold a new record. Rotering placed 10th in the javelin at Nationals.

Sophomore Catherine Lowry, sprinter, has been working on perfecting her start and preparing herself mentally to run the 400.

Lowry said, "It's not for sure yet, but I don't want the last-runner-in-the-heat pity clap."

Senior Andrew Asuncion, jumper, is working on getting stronger, faster and more explosive.

Asuncion said, "My goal for this season is conference champ and I'm staying focused and driven to accomplish that."

Senior Kylee Scott, sprinter/jumper, has been building her stamina, endurance,

speed and strength for this race.

Scott said, "My goal for the season would be to have a time close to the 60-second mark for the 400 and to win conference. I make sure I'm at practice and weights every day and try to get better every day."

Junior Megan Pohlmann, thrower, is working on getting stronger and trying to get to nationals. She has been putting extra work in outside of practice in route to accomplishing her goals.

Junior Aspen Frey, runner, has been working on increasing her endurance through longer runs. Last year Frey was named one of the 2012 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes.

Frey said, "My goal is to make it to nationals in the marathon or another event; I'm increasing my mileage and adjusting my pace to make sure I do just that."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Student receives for first award at exhibition

Casey Maxon, sr., Lawrence won the Juror's Merit Award at the Five-State Exhibition. This is the first time McPherson College has brought home an award.

The picture called "Tucked In" which features an antique vehicle at a show, wrapped in translucent plastic sheet to protect it. His second picture, which was also accepted, shows the detail of a 1970s "chopper" motorcycle which reveals dust, dirt, and imperfections.

He won out over 500 professional photographers from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado and Nebraska.

Maxon's photos will be displayed until the end of January at the Hays Arts Council.

### Residence halls closed during winter break, reopen in January

Residence Halls will close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 20 and will reopen for interterm at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013.

Students not returning for interterm may return on Thursday, Jan. 31.

Students must be enrolled in interterm to stay in the residence halls during January.

The last meal for the semester will be Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m. The cafeteria will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 5 p.m.

# Roads cause problems for students, visitors

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*Photography Editor*

While driving back to the dorms, a driver notices the ride is very bumpy. A drink sloshes back and forth in the cup holder. The car bottoms out, due to a pothole in the road.

Gordon Street, which is located directly in front of the cafeteria and parallel to Kansas Avenue, has many potholes, although repairs have recently been made.

"We had repairs done a summer and a half ago," said Brad Stucky, director of facilities.

The school owns the road, but the budget is not large enough to afford a new road.

Since local drivers also use the road and add to the damage, the City of McPherson would help pay for the necessary repairs, although the construction costs are still out of the school's budget.

Students have noticed the damages and worry what the road could do to their vehicles.

"They need to fix the road because it can mess up my car," said Tamara Holste, fr., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

"It is not good for people with nice cars. There are way too many cracks and potholes."

Shea Schweizer, jr., Plevna, said, "It's really bad on my car and could easily pop a tire."

The school is also considering the possibility of adding onto the campus, which would require removal of the road entirely.

Stucky said, "We are not sure what is going to happen with the property south of Gordon Street, and don't want to invest a lot of money into the road if it is going to be removed shortly."

The road can give a bad first impression to potential students and their families.

"It's sad that the road that everyone takes is the shabbiest part of the school," said Sean Dullaghan, jr., Los Angeles, Calif. "It's the first thing that people see when they come to Mac, and it's a ghetto road."

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- Sean Dullaghan



Photo by Miranda Clark

Freshman, Sierra Ulrich, Sylvan Grove, shows the depth of the pot holes on Gordon Street. Repairs have recently been made to the street, although repairs are needed again because of potholes and cracks. The road is owned by the school but the budget prevents repairs. The school is considering adding onto the campus, which would require removal of the road.

**FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE  
Fall 2012 Semester**

Final Exam Time	Monday Dec. 17	Tuesday Dec. 18	Wednesday Dec. 19	
8:00 a.m.	<u>9:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>8:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>12:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	
10:15 a.m.	<u>2:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>1:00 Classes</u> MWF MWR	<u>10:00 Classes</u> TR	
12:30 p.m.	<u>2:00 Classes</u> MWF MWR	<u>1:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>3:00 Classes</u> MWF MWR	
2:45 p.m.	<u>10:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>9:00 Classes</u> TR <u>12:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>8:00 Classes</u> TR <u>3:00 Classes</u> TR	
5:00 p.m.	<u>11:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>11:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	Sophomore Seminar Classes	
7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Classes	Tuesday Night Classes	Wednesday Night Classes	<u>Dec. 13</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.

**Men's basketball looking for first KCAC win**

BRITTANY PITTAS  
Spectator Staff

An unfamiliar 0-2 start to conference play leaves the Men's basketball team starving for a win in the KCAC.

The Bulldogs started the conference play with a road game to huge rival Bethany College. The Swedes were looking to start the highly rated Bulldogs season off bad, and they did just that. A slow start by McPherson left the Bulldogs down

big early in the first half, however as they started getting back on track, they were able to pull the score up to 31-44 at half. The second half proved to be much better for McPherson, as they came out ready to play and show that they were willing

to fight. With just over five minutes left in the game, the Bulldogs pulled it within four, but missed free throws and some execution problems which led to the 67-74 loss.

Sophomore Brian Johnson, guard, led the Bulldogs with 13 points, but it was Senior Mason Hewitt, forward, who recorded the double double with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Junior Devirous Johnson, forward, rounded out the top scorers with 10.

After the loss, the Bulldogs looked to redeem themselves as they hosted Tabor College on Dec. 1.

Defensively, the Bulldogs started the game off right, not allowing the Jays to a field goal for the first 11 minutes of the game, but offensively they struggled and could only lead 25-21 at half.

An exciting second half by both teams let the game come down right to the very last seconds. With Tabor having the 62-61 lead with just over 10 seconds left in the game, Brian Johnson was fouled and had two shots at the charity stripe. However, two misses ultimately led the Bulldogs to their second loss at conference.

Junior Samson Shivers, guard, led the Bulldogs with 19 points on the night. Devirous Johnson finished with 10. Junior Dante Lee, guard, had five assists.

"With a lot of new faces on the team it's going to take a little bit of time for all of us to gel together," said Adam Brunner, jr., guard.

Lee said, "We have no team chemistry right now and we need to come together as one and be a team."

With still a lot more games left in the season, the Bulldogs continue to work hard and compete to defend their conference title.

The Bulldogs' next game will be in Winfield at Southwestern University at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8.

Brian Johnson said, "We want to win conference. There is still 16 games left to make a difference."



Photo by Breahna Gillespie

Brian Johnson, soph., guard, takes the ball into the hole to score a basket against the Tabor Jays on Sat. Dec 1. The Bulldogs lost to the Jays 67-74. Now their record is 5-6 on the season and 0-2 in conference.

## Comedian dishes much needed laughs to Mac students

McPherson College received a well-needed laugh from comedian Cristela Alonzo, and she did deliver.

Alonzo made her Kansas debut Monday, Nov. 26.

Showing no fear in front of McPherson College students, "Lets talk about Jesus!" was the shocking introduction the audience received.

Alonzo, a Latina raised in Texas, launched her comedic career 2005 in Dallas, Texas. She illustrated the survival strategies the average family might not consider attempting. "Cristela, taste this," followed by "We have to drink this today" is how her family took care of spoiled milk.

The comedian is successful when she exposed the sad misfortunes her family had

to overcome in a rural Latin community.

She pokes fun at being a Catholic woman, "It's like a gym membership. I'm a member, but I don't go."

Alonzo is not afraid to reveal the ugly truths about her and her family.

Although most of her material is recycled from 2009, Alonzo has the ability to keep her act fresh and blends in current examples to keep the material modern and most importantly funny.

Alonzo showed no fear in attacking racial myths in front of a predominately Caucasian crowd. "Oh, let's go tanning," is her idea of the average Caucasian female teen. Even if her set is rehearsed she still has the comedic ability to be funny and make jokes of what is presently going on in front of her.

Alonzo's ability to interact and connect with the crowd might be her greatest ability as a stand-up comedian. She owned the stage from start to finish, displaying she is in full control and making every punchline hit and every joke successful. Her timing with jokes was on point. She got the audience to reveal their joys and sorrows of being here on campus and generated laughter from it.

Personality is what saved Alonzo. She has a tom-boy attitude tagged with a "so what" look on what may have been or are problems for most people. Students showed they were in favor of the nonchalant comedian who did not just embarrass herself for laughs. She just brought jokes.

Her material was recycled and rehearsed and some transitions were noticeable. However, these minor issues were not relevant and did not prevent Alonzo from being a hit and funny

Alonzo demonstrated composure



### LOOK LIKE A WRITER

Deon Shorter

and likeability on stage. For those who are not familiar with Mexican culture or what life is like for a Mexican family, she paints a beautiful picture of how life and the ways of the world were introduced to her.

## ON THE FLY

### What is your ideal Christmas?

"A white Christmas, lots of gifts, good food, desserts and time with close friends and family."  
Aurore Joigny, sr., Deuil-la-Barre, France



"Cooking with my family!"  
Taylor Adams, sr., Ashland, Va.



"Tearing up the twisties on my motorcycle!"  
Casey Maxon, sr., Lawrence



"Where I don't have to buy any presents."  
Zach Oller, fr., Newton



"My ideal Christmas is when I don't wake up with bruises."  
Rick Morchesky, soph., Greensburg, Pa.



"Feeling fat. Also going to my Grandma to celebrate Christmas and my Dad's birthday."  
Suzi Hamilton, fr., Kansas City, Mo.



## Library provides environments, services to help students

JOEY POWERS  
*Spectator Staff*

The personnel of Miller Library want to make sure it is a friendly environment and helpful for everyone during finals week, as well as year round.

There are different study environments available for students to choose from, at least one on each floor of the library.

On the main floor, there are not sound restrictions. On this floor, students can study in groups or individually.

The top floor is strictly a quiet area where no talking is allowed. Music is also not allowed unless others cannot hear it.

The basement is a mix of quiet and sound environments.

There are several areas in the library, as well as three rooms, available for study groups. These areas can be reserved.

Mary Hester, director of library services, helps students with projects that are due around this time, as well as helping them prepare for finals.

"If students can't get a hold of me, contact me and we can set up an appointment," Hester said.

Her office hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. During finals week, she will be available

until 8 p.m.

Her e-mail is hesterm@mcpherson.edu and her phone number is 620-242-0487.

The students that work in the library can also help others prepare for finals by finding materials and offering study suggestions based off of experience.

Last year, the library stayed open until midnight during finals week.

There were not enough students during the extra hour to make it beneficial to the two employees.

This year, hours will remain the same. The library hours are Sunday, 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Saturday.

Food and drinks are allowed in the library. The library will also provide coffee, hot chocolate and tea if students need an extra boost.

Hester explained that there are fewer distractions in the library compared to the dorms or the student union, where there is more noise.

Students find the library beneficial for studying because of the variety of resources and how quiet the library can be.

Gabriela Padilla, fr., Wichita said, "There are great resources to help you

study. Sometimes it is quiet enough where you can actually think and focus, unlike in the dorms." Padilla studies in the library once or twice a day, except on Saturday.

Jennifer Carlson, sr., Kansas City, Mo. said, "I can actually focus and get my work done." Carlson studies in the library over 12 hours a week because of finals.

"It is beneficial to study in the library because you are not tempted to be with your friends," said Allison Snyder, sr., Adel, Iowa.

Hester wants to remind students of two services that are available year round, not just during finals.

First, the Writing Center is available to help students check over papers. This can help with grammar and spelling.

The Writing Center hours are Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Second, many professors place copies of the textbook in the library incase students don't have the book, or if they forgot to bring it. Students may check out the book for two hours and for use in the library only.

## Seminar classes, internships provide jobs for students

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Over the past four years, the rate of students having a job after graduation has increased. Although over the past eight years, the rate has fluctuated because of the 2008 recession. Out of the graduating class of 2012, 54 percent of students had a job before receiving their diploma compared to the national average of 25 percent.

Chris Wiens, director of career services, started working for the college in 2004. Her goal was to see that at least half of the graduating class had a job or was accepted to graduate school by May.

The national average for students having a job before graduation is 25 percent.

In 2011, 43 percent of the graduating class had a job by May compared to 54 percent in the class of 2012. In 2011, nine students were accepted into graduate school compared to nine students accepted and four students waiting for reply in the class of 2012.

Wiens believes the percentage is so high because of the steps the college takes in the seminar classes to help students figure out their path.

"By time students are seniors, they have a clear idea of what they need to do," Wiens said. "They know how to build a good resume, write a good cover letter, and they know their strengths."

Internships are a key to landing a job before graduation. The number of student internships is declining. Wiens explains that this is because some students, such as athletes, don't have the spare time to work.

"Internships are useful because they are a way to try out a job. They also give you an idea if you would like that field," said Claire Krizek, sr., McPherson. "Internships are also a good way to get your foot in the door, especially with companies who are looking to hire."



Photo by Miranda Clark

**Freshmen, Aubrey Hunn, Peoria, Ariz. and R'Monte' Law, Raytown, Mo. use the library during world civilization. Students worked with partners to researched The Crusades, which were a series of religious expeditionary wars, as a part of their final. Once the research was completed, they were to make a 12-minute presentation. The library provides many environments and services for the students. The main floor of the library is a noisy area, which allows for discussion. The top floor is strictly a quiet area. The basement is a mix between sound and quiet environments. Two services, among many, that are offered are the Writing Center and the textbook reserve.**

# The Hot spot

BY KALA TIEMANN

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF JANELLE MILLER,  
CUSTODIAN



**Hometown:** Springfield, Mo.

**Before MAC:** I worked in a couple different dental offices and dental laboratory for about 20 years.

**Hobbies:** My family if that's a hobby. My family and then anything I do as hobbies, I don't delve into real deeply but I like to play with astrometry, and rock and mineral collection. I like to read, I like art, I love old movies, I love music. But family time, spend a lot of family time a lot of my time off is all family orientated usually. There is some groups and things I do far as volunteering, but anything I can do to get outside of myself.

**Hope to Accomplish:** I am a simple person and I guess it is spiritual progress not perfection. I stay in my day. I stay in my now. Yesterday doesn't matter, tomorrow doesn't matter, I'm just right here. I accomplish each day at a time, take each day at a time. That's good enough for me. I guess my goal is to live real well. Today and tomorrow is a great big vision of happiness.

**Impression of MAC:** Mac is pretty wonderful. How lucky I am! My impression of Mac is that it's one of the most close knit, small community as far as actually being able to embrace the whole body. There isn't one place on this campus that you couldn't go to, to get an answer to your question and there isn't anybody that I don't think isn't willing to sit down with you to answer that question even if it's not in the realm of what your studying or doing. Maybe it's a life matter. There is always someone available. That's not just for students, it's for staff and faculty as well. I like that fact that it is a community. There have been times in my life that they have helped me through and a community does that. And the students they help me learn! I still get to learn. Life's a learning process. If you stop learning, then it's time to go home.

**Surprise for Students:** I was the snake charmer and had a solo dance in "Annie Get Your Gun." I was Frenchie in "Cabaret." I was part-owner in an art gallery in Fayetteville, Ark. My part in that was accounting and putting up art shows. Also I work with the downtown businesses as far as the clothing stores and such. I would put on fashion shows.

**Role Models:** My Parents. I think of my mom. She is deceased. She taught me that there isn't any one you meet that isn't a stranger. I have passed that down to my son and grandchildren. If you're open to other people they are open to you.

## Rotaract Club hosts Rake N Run for community

KALA TIEMANN  
*Campus Life Editor*

The Rotaract Club hosted a Rake N Run Thursday, Nov. 29, for the community.

"We meet up with some trucks, rakes and bags," Rotaract Club President Dani Jacks said. "We drive around until we find a yard that needs to be cleaned."

So far, the Rotaract Club has cleaned three yards and hopes to clean more by Friday, Nov. 30.

Jacks explained how a few projects have been a team effort with Central Christian College. Central Christian College hosts a very similar outreach club called Resolution 58.

The short-term goal is to help someone who needs their yards to be raked," Jacks said. "The long term goal is to foster a sense of community and to cut down the fears and competition between two colleges."

"I think the Rake N Run was a really good idea, but it would have been more successful had more people gotten involved," said Leah Bullinger, soph., Canton. "Overall the Rake N Run was a lot of fun. We stopped at random houses and raked and their front yard. Afterwards we got to drink hot chocolate and talked to some of the students from Central Chris-

tian."

Bullinger said, "We were caught cleaning one yard. The person was so appreciative of what we had done for them. It was really rewarding, people were grateful, we turned a task that would take a couple of hours into one."

Jacks said that the Rake N Run as well as the Rotaract Club is open to the campus community. The Rotaract Club meets every other Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the cafeteria and 8:30 p.m. in the Library. The next meeting for the Rotaract club is Thursday, Dec. 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the cafeteria and 8:30 p.m. in the Library. The Rotaract Club discusses upcoming events, projects, fundraisers and club decisions such as T-shirts, cookies and elections.

Jacks said, "The purpose of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity for young men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities and to promote better relations between all people world wide through a framework of friendship and service."

Club announcements are sent through email by Tori Carder, vice president, or Jacks to the student body to inform students about what is going on with the Rotaract club.



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## LEAD EDITORIAL

## Leading good life starts with small actions

People always seem to be aspiring to live the good life. We buy things to make our lives better, we go out and try experiences to make our lives better and we seek education to make our lives better. All of these pursuits may preoccupy our time, but they do not lead us to the good life directly.

Everyone asks themselves at one point or another, "What is my purpose?" This is a very heavy question. Now, there are many different sources that will tell you your particular purpose in life. It could be raising a family, acquiring all the money

you can or simply partying all the time. Your idea of your purpose and your idea of a good life may not exactly match up.

Think back to your younger school years. There was always some fellow student who had the better gaming device, the new bike or the nice, new car. If these items were just given to them, chances are they were felt pretty low inside. They had more than the others around them, but they did not have to work for it. They had no sense of purpose.

On the flip side, some young kid who saves up for months, even a year, to buy

that first bicycle is going to feel good about themselves and cherish that bike and feel purposeful.

You need to give to live the good life and feel like you have a purpose. That does not have to be all your money or all your time. You start out small. Complement someone on a talent they have, make a donation at Christmas to a local charity or listen to someone who just needs to talk to a friend. All of these things are pretty easy to do. It does not take exhausting amounts of effort and it can be reciprocal, which is a bonus.

This type of giving and feeling purposeful leads to the true good life. When you are in a position to help those who need it, and you do, it makes you feel purposeful.

Next time you see someone who is down or there is a charity in need of funding, give a little bit. It is a small thing for you to do, but it will make a difference for them. When you give without expectation of receiving anything in return, you feel better about yourself. You feel like you have a purpose.

## Crushing past leads to economic concerns

Recently a bit of news I read sounded an alarm, if only in my head.

Socialist Mayor of Paris, Bertrand Delanoë, proposed a plan that would ban all cars, classic or otherwise, from the streets of the French capital by 2014. His desire is set to prohibit entry of vehicles with a manufacture date prior to 1994 and all motorcycles built before 2004.

"What do I care?" you may ask yourself. That's the same question I asked myself with answers flooding in.

Paris, when I visited in 1994, was bustling with traffic, choked by the new cars then, which are the "old" cars now. There were "old" cars then as well dating from the '70s and '80s and as far back as the '50s and '60s. Paris appeared as many of the other European have-to-see cities as the quaint, dirty, rustic and fast-paced metropolis it is. I didn't go there with the expectation that it would look new and modern.

The measure, if approved, would make it harder for middle to low income earners to work and live in the city as they would have to purchase a newer vehicle or take public transportation, a viable option for some occasions, but perhaps not for all. Really, who wants to bring home a five-foot ficus tree on the Tube or the bus?

According to Henry Samuel, column writer for The Daily Telegraph, a UK publication, "The Socialists insisted they would introduce 'social' measures to help families and businesses update vehicles, including state subsidies to scrap old cars for new ones—a move experts dubbed unrealistic given the huge cost of such a measure at a time of austerity."

That hasn't ever happened, has it?

In 2009, in an attempt to help the Detroit Big Three, President Obama passed the bill Cash for Clunkers. This fundraiser managed to take over 677 thousand cars off the road and the \$3 billion allotted

for the program took about one calendar month for consumers and car dealers to use.

Good or bad, and there was both, it happened. Troubling to see was the countless YouTube videos of vehicles that were in very good condition both mechanically and cosmetically that were destroyed by this measure. Good engines had a silica-based gel or liquid put in them and then revved until the gel solidified, seized the engine and spilled the remainder of contents from whichever crack in the block provided the quickest exit.

If President Reagan had enacted the same

GTOs and other sought-after cars of the '80s.

Given that we have already gone through our first round of crushing our future classic cars, will Paris and other cities have the same ideas? Will we be soon enacting bans in our cities of cars that are "too old," "too loud," and otherwise seen as ill-fit in "modern" society? It seems unlikely. We're smarter than that, right?



## THE FINE PRINT

Shane Dresser

# Get through finals with simple tips, strategies

Finals are coming up quicker than any of us would like to admit. During past semesters, finals week was the worst. I would see so many stressed students trying to cram in studying time, pull all-nighters and even students who drank the night before the big test to take some of the stress away.

I have to say that all-nighters, cramming for a final and even drinking the night before is not the answer to get rid of the stresses of finals week. So, I found four helpful tips on how to be stress-free for the dreadful finals week.

These specific tips are from debtfree-scholar.com. Although I found many sites that contained good information, this site seemed to be a little more specific on how each tip is to help you get through finals week.

Tip number one is to exercise, eat healthy and sleep. Brief exercise can be bike riding, a brisk walk or any sport you love. Exercising is important for finals week because it helps to get rid of extra energy, rid anxiety and focus back to studying. Eating healthy doesn't mean you have to be a vegetarian or watch exactly what you eat. For finals, eating health would be making time to sit down and eat a full meal, without junk food. This full meal is supposed to help increase concentration and retention. Planning for a full eight hours of sleep may cut into study time, but it will mean you are well rested and ready to retain all the information to pass those finals.

Tip number two is taking short study breaks. Taking short study breaks helps to retain the information you want to re-

member. For example, this could work as studying constantly for about 20 or 30 minutes at a time then taking five to 10 minutes between each study break to relax a little.

Tip number three is to choose your environment very carefully. While trying to study for a business exam you don't want Call of Duty screaming in the background. You will never be able to retain any of the business information. So the best thing to do is find a nice quiet place, with minimum distractions to study. Trying to multitask only causes you to take longer to study and makes your studying time longer.

Tip number four is to become aware of time and priorities. Sometimes it is easy to forget how much time you

have wasted socializing or playing video games. Being aware of your time and how it is spent should be a constant reminder of your priorities. Do not become a hermit and cut every social aspect out of your life for finals. Just take into consideration how much time you spend socializing.

Don't forget to double-check your final times and prepare for dreadful finals week!

## CREATIVE CHAOS

Kala Tiemann



# Letters to the editor

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Letters may be edited for grammar, spelling, content or length. The newspaper staff reserves the right to refuse publication.

All letters should have a point

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# Comedian visitor brings much laughter to campus

KALA TIEMANN  
*Campus Life Editor*

Famous comedian, Cristela Alanzo, performed for McPherson College students on Nov. 26.

Alanzo related well with the student body that attended her stand-up comedy. She covered or made fun of many areas such as MTV, Ancestry.com, Rosetta Stone, Facebook, "being fake" and herself.

"I go to a lot of colleges and I always have to ask 'What is the mascot?'" Alanzo said during her show. "Your mascot is better than what mine was when I was in school! Mine was a Gorlock, a mythical creature half German Shepherd and half leprechaun!"

"She was really funny, down to earth and something different for the students to entreat with," said Dusty Kitchen, student activity director and sponsor. "We would like it to happen more, but we need more people to come out this way, as well as suggestions from students."

Isaac Kahl, sr., Manhattan, said, "She was funny and appealed well to college audiences and should do well on her show."

Alanzo is from McAlan, Texas. Alanzo has been visiting colleges for three years to entertain students. Aside from visiting colleges, Alanzo was featured on Comedy Central and Conan. She recently signed with 20th Century Fox and will be starting to work on her own show that will be featured on ABC Family next year.



Photo by Miranda Clark

Cristela Alanzo preforms for students in Brown Auditorium.

# Students attend Zumba for dancing, laughs, enjoyment

## Popular demand allows Graham to continue teaching Zumba classes

JOEY POWERS  
*Spectator Staff*

Zumba classes are back by demand for another month.

Teresa Graham, teacher of the Zumba classes and student services administrative assistant, said that November was her first time of teaching Zumba classes and all the students seemed to enjoy them.

Graham decided to have classes on Dec. 6 and 13, for all experienced Zumba goers and people who just want to give it a try.

"The feedback has been really positive and a lot of the participants from November were excited to continue into the December classes," Graham said.

The classes are scheduled for 6 p.m. in Melhorn Science Hall in room 87.

The class will normally last for less

than an hour.

There are about eight to 10 people signed up for the December classes, most of which are students.

The room for Zumba has a new floor made out material used for dancing floors to reduce impact and reduces pressure on joints.

So mats will not be required for the classes.

Colby Patton, soph., Maize, said,

"She's doing great. She is super fun and takes time to motivate us and learn our names. She makes the class fun for everyone."

"I look forward to the Zumba class each week," Patton continued. "A lot of girls from Bittinger go together, so it's a great way to connect with my neighbors and dance and make fun of ourselves! It doesn't even feel like a workout at all."

## Students make delicious holiday goodies to share

### Learning to make candies from scratch brings happiness

LORA KIRMER  
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Sugary sweet scents filled the Seik Dining Hall Monday evening. Under the supervision of Sandy Brown, Forrest Martinez, head cook, and thirteen people learned to make holiday treats such as peanut brittle, fantasy fudge and dipped Oreos truffles.

"Holiday treats are a tradition for me and my family," Brown said, "I made them all the time with my children and I want to

do it with my grandchildren, too." Brown wanted to share her holiday recipes with the college because she "thought it would be fun for the students to enjoy." The class brought together not only students, but some staff as well.

Ashley Sinness, fr., Wichita, said, "I think the class is a good idea. It lets me meet a lot of new people."

The class was full of teamwork and group effort as everyone executed specific tasks for each recipe. There were three dif-

ferent stations for all to try their hands at.

The first station consisted of creating peanut butter treats such as peanut brittle, peanut butter fudge and crunchy peanut butter balls. The second station spent the class time making fantasy fudge. At the third station two crock pots were full of melted almond bark in which the participants dipped pretzels, Oreos truffles and peanut butter balls.

The class demonstrated how holiday joy could be brought by simply spending time

making goodies to share with friends and family. Micki Wilde, sr., McPherson, said, "I went to the pie making class and was excited to come back for this one."

The students and staff who participated in the candy making process were full of smiles and laughter as melted chocolate was drizzled on pretzels and marshmallow cream was added to the fudge. Brown hopes her personal recipes will not only be shared among the campus, but will make it into the homes of students over break as well.



Photo by Lora Kimer

Jenna Kizer, fr., Billing, Mont., Sydney Lipton, soph., Wellington, Sandy Brown, and Daniel Holman, soph., Southlake, Texas are in the process of making chocolate drizzled pretzels.



Photo by Lora Kime

Jenna Kizer, fr., Billing, Mont., and Sandy Brown melt butter as a candy ingredient.



Photo by Fred Miller

Actresses Micki Wilde, sr., McPherson, Veronica Mendez, sr., Sublette, Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication, Kristie Gutierrez, jr., Quinter, Allison Snyder, sr., Able, Iowa, E.H. Petropulos, jr., Larkspur, Colo. perform a scene in "Love, Loss and What I Wore."

## Women relate sorrows in readers' theater production

SHANE DRESSER  
*Spectator Staff*

McPherson College will host the Kansas premier of the play "Love, Loss and What I Wore" Dec. 5 through 7.

The play features an all-women cast and is a collection of monologues about mothers, daughters and brides. The show is reader's theatre, which means the actresses will have the script with them on stage. Also, different actresses will filter in and out to play different characters throughout the weekend. The same actress may not play a character each night.

In the play, each actress will perform a monologue that will center on an article of clothing and the memories that coincided in each woman's life as they wore

the garment.

Written by Nora Ephron, who wrote memorable romantic comedies such as "Sleepless in Seattle" and "When Harry met Sally," "Love, Loss and What I Wore" features performances that focus not the clothes as fashion pieces but what the clothes really mean to the women who wore them and how their identities are intermixed with the particular items of clothing.

The play debuted in October of 2009 and has run over 1,000 shows at the Westside Theatre in New York City. The last show was performed on March 25, 2012. The show received the 2010 Drama Desk Award for Unique Theatrical Experience and well as the Broadway.com Audience award for Favorite New Off-Broadway Play.

E.H. Petropulos, jr., Larkspur, Colo., a musical theater major, was the costume manager for the show.

"We went out and went shopping with the cast," said Petropulos. "We were looking to find articles of clothing that would look good on our actresses and they would feel comfortable in."

The monologues, performed by actresses who are portraying a myriad of women in various stages of their life struggles, sorrows and achievements are particularly poignant.

"It is less of a focus on physical acting than it is on vocal acting," said Petropulos. "It's more about listening to the actors voices which tells the story."

Guest speakers who will fill in and do monologues will include, Carol Barr, director of the Royer Center for academic

development, Karlene Morphew Tyler, associate academic dean and associate professor of theater, and Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication.

Carol Barr said, "I think it's going to be fun!"

Barr has two different roles and a couple smaller roles during the play. Barr explained the show "is a universal story portraying different times through clothing, telling a story any women can plunge into."

The performance will be in Mingenback Theatre beginning at 7:30 each night. Students will be able to get in free with a fee of \$5 for non-students, however seating is limited. Tickets may be reserved by emailing theatre@mcpherson.edu or calling 620-242-044. The show's running length is 1 hour and 15 minutes.