

Mac Bulldogs Women's tennis lose 1st round at National

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Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Women's Tennis team traveled to Mobil, Ala. for the NAIA Tennis National tournament Tuesday, May 13. This marks the first time since the 1970s that the Women's Tennis squad has made it to the national tournament.

The Bulldogs were bounced in the first round against Graceland University of Iowa. Their season ended with a record of 17 - 6.

The Lady 'Dogs started grabbed the first two doubles matches in the games. The Vorhees sisters, Brooke, jr., Riverside, Calif.; and Nikki, soph., Riverside, Calif., started the match off by grabbing the first point of the match at a score of 8 - 4. The pair of Emma Shehan, jr., Fullerton, Calif., and Britney Gourlay, jr., Riverside, Calif., followed suit and put the 'Dogs up 2 - 0 with a victory at a score of 8 - 5. The last doubles game went to the Yellow Jackets of Graceland, as they were able to gain some momentum heading into the singles play.

Shehan was unable to pick up the first singles game, fell at scores of 6 - 1 and 6 - 3. Nikki Vorhees, was also unable to get a point for the Bulldogs as she fell at scores of 6 - 3 and 6 - 4. This gave Graceland the lead in the match, but Brooke Vorhees was able to bounce back very strong as she lost the first set at 2 - 6, but came back to win it in three sets.

This tied up the Bulldogs' first round matchup in the tournament. Vorhees' win marked the last game they won for the rest of the matchup and the season, while the remaining singles games went in favor of the Graceland Yellow Jackets.

The Bulldogs ended the season with a



Photo by Robin De Young

first round exit in the NAIA national tournament. The Women's Tennis team will lose two players, as Kara Wright, Wichita and Ashley Allmon, McPherson will graduate.

Coach Jeff Benito has plenty to improve on, but still considers the season a great success for the Bulldogs.

"Although not the result we wanted, I'm extremely proud of these incredible young ladies," Benito said. "They've accomplished something that no previous McPherson Bulldog tennis team has, male

or female, and that's to reach the national tournament."

Brooke Vorhees said, "Obviously we wanted to come out with a win and a longer season, but we did really good and tried our hardest, and really that's all I ask for in a team. We are extremely proud of ourselves and ready to come back next year."

The Bulldogs are bringing back a majority of the KCAC championship team next season to compete for another title next year.

Emma Shehan, jr., Fullerton, Calif., delivers a forward hand strike. Shehan and the Lady Bulldogs made history with their first trip to national in the schools history.

M'PHERSON COLLEGE SPECTATOR

Campus Blowout gives students end-of-year activities



Photo by Laurina Hannan

Monica Ewy, fr., Moundridge, attempts to knock off another student in a battle for Blowout supremacy.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Thefts reported May 5, key recovered May 14

Thefts were reported on campus and a master key was recovered this week.

On May 5, Marty Sigwing informed campus faculty and staff offices were being broken into. Electronics and cameras were taken from offices. Sigwing asked people to bring any information they have to him, and he said the college would review security footage.

On May 14, Sigwing informed campus the college made some progress in the investigation. Facilities recovered a master key that they believe was used in the thefts. Although this doesn't reveal who the thieves were, Sigwing said in an email that it's likely the thefts will end, but to stay diligent.

No further details are available because the police are continuing their investigation.

College seeks feedback, offers "extravaganza"

The college is up for accreditation and is asking for feedback from students about the school. There is also a competition to accompany the feedback.

In order to get students to provide feedback, there is a competition between floors to provide feedback. The winning floor gets "bragging rights" and a pizza and barbeque "extravaganza." The party will be on Sunday, May 14.

Students can submit their feedback at <http://www.mcpherson.edu/hlc/feedback.php>.

Life, Light Awards honor students for leadership

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Honors Convocation isn't alone in recognizing outstanding students. This year, the Student Government Association (SGA) of McPherson College started a new awards ceremony for the Light and Life Awards.

"The Light and Life Awards are a series of awards to recognize and honor the achievements of our chartered clubs and social groups," said Jacob Patrick, student body president, sr., Elizabeth, Colo.

The purpose of the awards is to finally give recognition to more than just athletics and academics.

"These awards are for students who are the light and the life of the campus—kids who give service to our community and to our world," said ShaRhonda Maclin, SGA faculty advisor and dean of students.



Submitted Photo

The Greek motto on the McPherson College seal inspired the name for the Light and Life Awards.

"This is our way to recognize them living our college mission."

To be nominated for the Light and Life Awards, a member of the community

sends a letter of recognition and recommendation for the nominee, stating why that person deserves the award.

"I had noticed that no one had acknowledged the work of student leaders before," said Patrick. "We've honored athletes and scholarly achievements but there was little recognition for leadership. Shay agreed with me and we began planning the awards."

The name "Light and Life" comes from the McPherson College logo and the explanation is on page three of the student planners. It is a translation of the Greek motto on the college seal.

Faculty advisors and lead and executive board members of student-led organizations will attend the ceremony as well as the faculty advisors.

The Light and Life Awards were Thursday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre.

"Spectator" Staff win awards at media conference

JOEL STOCKSDALE
News Editor

McPherson College students who contributed to the "Spectator" competed at the Kansas Collegiate Media Conference. The competition involved submissions from past issues as well as editing competitions on site. Five students came away with awards, and the staff collectively received an award. The "Spectator" also won a silver commendation for overall quality.

1st Place - Ad Design:

Cord Cunningham

1st Place - Headline Writing:

Nathan Alire

2nd Place - Feature Photography:

Miranda Clark Ulrich

3rd Place - Photo Essay:

Miranda Clark Ulrich

3rd Place - Headline Writing:

Laurina Hannan

Honorable Mention - Illustration:

Laurina Hannan

Honorable Mention - Editorial Writing:

Jacob O'Gorman

Honorable Mention - Editorial Writing:

Staff

McPherson College Track, Field team to Nationals

CHRIS RAKOWSKI
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Men's and Women's teams obtained the KCAC Conference Championship in Newton on May 4. For the women, it was the first time since the 1970s and the first for the men's team in school history.

"It feels great to win conference, especially after coming so close the past four years," Anjoylus Brinkley, sr., Leavenworth, said.

The team had a last chance meet, last week with hopes of sending a few more athletes to Nationals May 22 to 24. The athletes that will be going for the men's side include Akim Muhammad, jr., Modesto, Calif.; Brandon Sherier, jr.,

Milwaukie, Ore.; Paul Rotering, sr., Colorado Springs, Colo.; and the 4X100 team. As for the women, they will be sending Sharica Pleasant, sr., Long Beach, Calif.; Taylor Smiley, jr., Sacramento, Calif.; Jazmine Alexander, jr., Oak Grove, Calif.; Neka Dias, fr., San Antonio, Texas; the 4X100 team; Dajana Gilesche, fr., Kiel, Germany; Arryana Barton, sr., Sacramento, Calif.; and Megan Pohlmann, sr.,

Deshler, Neb.

With the team preparing for Nationals, they are focused on making a statement this year with the numbers they have.

Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Sharica Pleasant, sr., Long Beach, Calif., is ahead of the KCAC pack of athletes. Pleasant was awarded Athlete of the Year by McPherson College for the 2013-2014 season.



Cheer team at McPherson Colleges relies on team captains

DEON SHORTER
Sports Editor

McPherson College cheer coach Shalayne Richmond resigned as coach April, 22.

Cheer co-captains Maddie Aston fr., Grain Valley, Mo., and Josh Korte, jr., Colby, are given the opportunity for the cheer squad to continue.

According to the Aston and Korte, Richmond was asked to resign because recruiting numbers were too low for the Bulldog Cheer squad.

Richmond arrived to McPherson College in spring semester of 2013. The Fall 2013 season was Richmond's first full season as head coach.

In Spring 2013, Richmond's cheer squad consisted of seven girls. To begin fall semester 2013 four of the girls returned to the squad. Richmond brought in seven more recruits and two of them were male. Later in the fall semester, Richmond recruited one more male to the team.

Richmond recruited three freshmen before her resignation.

Originally the cheer squad was canceled for the 2014-2015 year. President Michael Schneider offered Aston and Korte the opportunity to transform the team into a cheer club. Schneider will approve of a small budget, but additional funding will be the responsibility of Aston, Korte and the three incoming freshmen.

Aston and Korte have until Friday, May 16 to decide if they will transform the cheer squad into a cheer club.

As for Richmond, she is now the cheer coach for Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson.

Under Richmond, the McPherson Bulldog Cheer team placed second in their first appearance in the KCAC Cheer Championships in March.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Freshman cheerleader Halley Anderson demonstrates school spirit. Anderson is one of Coach Shalayne Richmond's recruits from the 2013 Spring semester.

Student builds Chevy-powered Ferrari

AMANDA LEFFEW
Copy Editor

A McPherson College student is building a car that is gaining recognition throughout the automotive industry.

Oscar Voorhees, soph., Culver, Ind., gained recognition for the project car that he works on in his free time. The car is a 1976 Ferrari 308 GT4, and Voorhees, instead of restoring it to original condition, is making major changes to it.

Voorhees opted to put in a Chevy 4.8L V-8 engine with two turbochargers instead of the Ferrari V-8 that would have originally come with the car. A turbocharger is a device that forces more air into an engine than normal to increase the engine's power.

"More air, more fuel, more power," Voorhees said. "That's what it's all about."

These are mated to a Subaru transaxle which will send power from the engine to the wheels.

Voorhees has also invested time and money into building custom 180 degree headers. These 180 degree headers are special exhaust manifolds that help with exhaust flow which in turn helps produce more power. A side effect is a noticeably different sound from the exhaust than with standard exhaust headers. These are trick modifications that he made which have turned into one of his favorite parts of the build.

Cars have always been important parts of Voorhees' life and when his grandfather told him about McPherson's automotive restoration program, the opportunity seemed too good to turn down. He credits some of his classes for help on the build.

"Ed Barr and his sheet metal restoration class really helped because I had no experience with real, honest body work before," Voorhees said. "Trim has also

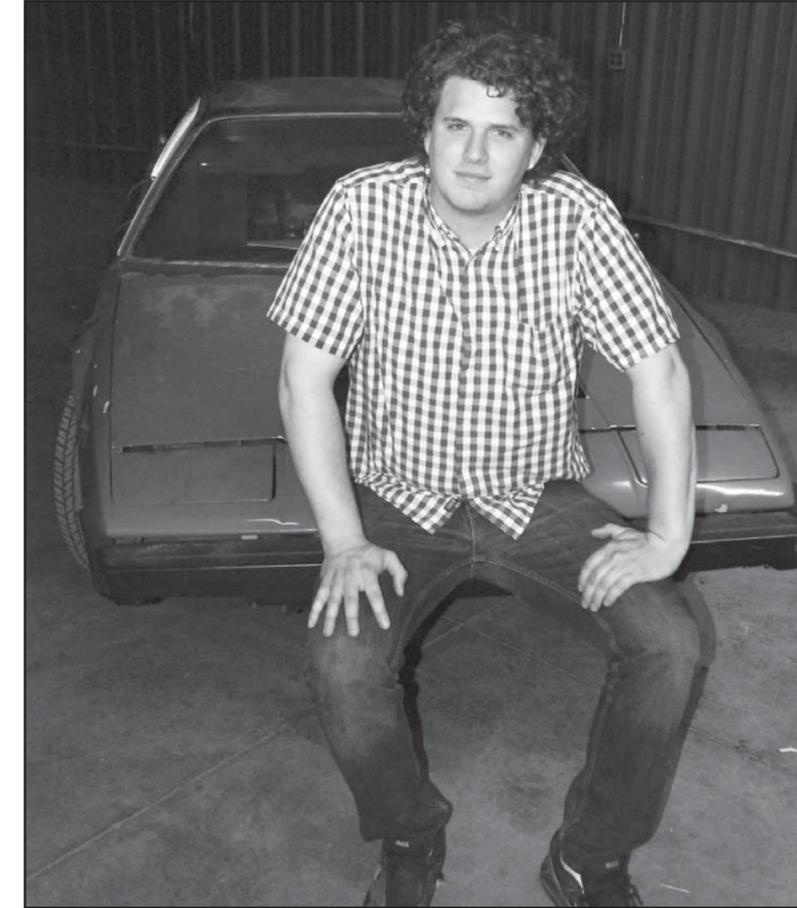


Photo by Nick Foglietta

Oscar Voorhees, soph., Culver, Ind., leans against his twin-turbocharged, Chevy V-8-powered 1976 Ferrari 308 GT4.

helped me learn to reupholster better."

He started the "restomod" (a project that is part restoration and part modification) five months ago and plans to have it done in the next year, depending on time and budget. In this short time, he has already had write-ups done on websites like

chevyhardcore.com and has been recommended for a few magazine articles.

"The build keeps progressing in my head and I just go for it," Voorhees said. The overall goal for the project is for the outside to be flawless as a Ferrari GT4 and for it to go crazy and push the limits.

NEWS BRIEFS

Students can enroll in class trip to Ecuador

McPherson College students can enroll for a trip to Ecuador during January term 2015.

Professors Sheron Lawson, assistant professor of business, and Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, are running the trip. The trip lasts 10 days and qualifies for three credits as a general education intercultural class.

The trip costs \$2500 and starts on Jan. 13. Students will travel around the country visiting natural landmarks, learning about culture, business and history and learning in some normal classroom environments.

Students interested should contact Lawson (620-242-0538, lawsons@mcpherson.edu) or Yohn (620-242-0532, yohnk@mcpherson.edu).

Quiet hours are in effect starting Sunday, May 18

Revised quiet hours go into effect for finals. The new quiet hours run continuously from 5 p.m. Sunday to 7 p.m. Thursday. Fines for quiet hours violations are doubled during this time.

Students must check out 24 hours after their last final, and can stay no later than May 23 when residence halls close. This does not apply to graduating and approved students (summer residence). Students leaving must check out with their RAs and return keys. Students who don't will face a \$100 fine. Food service during finals week lasts until May 23 at 11 a.m.

Student placement numbers for 2014 are up, down

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News Editor

Students are on a split track when it comes to placement this year. The number of students taking internships is up, but job placement for graduates is down.

Chris Wiens, director of career services, said 216 students are participating in internships this year. These students make up 40 percent of McPherson College students working in internships, meeting Wiens' target percentage. It is also a 4 percent increase in internships over last year.

Wiens also said internships among McPherson College students in McPherson County are up, too.

"So far, we've had 16,800 internship hours in McPherson County," Wiens said. Last year, students participated in 15,400 hours of internships in the county.

Wiens said one particularly successful local internship program is with the P3 mentoring program at McPherson schools has been a successful program with McPherson College students. The program pairs a college student with a student with behavioral issues from one of the local schools. They spend time hanging out once a week. Wiens said it has been a major success, reducing behavioral issues and the district wants to expand the program to the high school. College students can receive one philosophy and religion credit with this internship.

Although internship placement is up, job placement after graduation is low this year. According to Wiens, job placement among the Class of 2014 is just 17 percent this year. Wiens was hoping for close to 40 percent.

According to Wiens, job placement among graduates "has historically been twice the national average." Since 2007, job placement never dropped below 40 percent.

Wiens also offered advice on students looking for jobs in the future.

She said that job prospects should improve in the near future. She said the economy is starting to pick up, with increasing hiring rates. According to the 2014 Job Outlook Survey, industries are looking to hiring 8.6 percent more graduates, an increase over 7.8 percent in 2013. She said that some industries that are hiring many new workers are accounting and finance jobs, service industries and the federal government.

For students planning to apply for jobs next year, Wiens said the best time to start applying is between September and December. She recommended that students start figuring out what job they're looking for and where they want to live. From there, they should do research into jobs in the area so they have a plan when applying in the fall. She said that there will still be jobs available in the spring, but that it's best to start early. She said these tips also apply to internship hunting, and she emphasized the importance of internships in finding a job after college.

For students looking at graduate school, Wiens said they should get started with entrance exams in the summer. She said that students may need to take them a second time to take it.

Wiens also said her help is available anytime.

"I'm here all summer if anyone needs help."



Photo by Arryana Barton

Heidi Lyne, soph., Lincoln, puts away money working at Applebee's where she will work this summer.

4th annual Blake Reed Miracle Mile raised \$7,000

DEON SHORTER
Sports Editor

Blake Reed Miracle Mile raised \$7,000 Saturday, May 10 on the sidewalks of McPherson College campus. This is the fourth annual Miracle Mile held in honor of McPherson native and McPherson Bulldog Blake Austin Reed.

McPherson College has been hosting the Blake Reed Miracle Mile to raise money for the Blake Reed MAC2MAC Football Scholarship.

Director of Alumni and Constituent Relations Anna Ruxlow said, "We got donations from as far away as Texas."

Reed's mother Terri Reed and her friends are the main driving force for the fundraiser. Terri Reed and her team organize and promote the event.

The MAC2MAC Football scholarship is designed to get McPherson High School football players to continue their football career at McPherson College. Candidates for the scholarship are to demonstrate leadership roles on and off the field.

In the likelihood that no McPherson

Bullpups further their football career at McPherson College, the scholarship is given to an existing College football player who demonstrates Blake Reed's leadership qualities.

Reed was an impactful icon on McPherson's campus.

Ruxlow said, "He was always smiling." Reed was the inspiration on the McPherson College sideline during games. Reed's philosophy was "No matter what, you may be tired, but you do it and with a smile on your face."

The statement "No matter what," is now

an award given to participants with difficulties in the Miracle Mile that finish the mile no matter what.

For Saturday's event, 16 alumni that went to school with Blake participated in the Miracle Mile along with the four previous winners of the MAC2MAC scholarship.

The winner of the MAC2MAC scholarship is announced in the fall semester the day of the Blake Reed Memorial game.

Softball Coach McCormick announces retirement after 15 seasons

McCormick started softball team in 1999

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Sports Editor

McPherson College Softball Coach Mike McCormick announced he will retire from coaching the Bulldogs. McCormick gave 15 seasons to the Softball Program.

McCormick started the program in 1999 as a club sport. The following year the team became a varsity sport. McCormick and his ball club won the KCAC conference tournament in 2003.

A quote from Aric Cherry's article on Macbulldogs.com said that McCormick said, "In my past 15 years, I've had the opportunity to coach many young ladies

that have graduated and moved on in their field. I am proud to have a 90 percent graduation rate and the opportunity to be a part of their lives. I will miss McPherson College and thank them for trusting me with the team."

McPherson College is currently in search of someone to take over as head coach. The college plan to make a post on the NAIA website.

Sophomore Pitcher Jenna Kaiser, Billings, Mont., said McCormick made an announced to them he will resign from coaching partly because of health issues. He made this announcement to the team May 1, before what would be his last

KCAC tournament appearance. Kaiser mentioned McCormick has had already had two heart surgeries.

According to Kaiser there has been a difference in the way practice has been flowing. She said, "From last year to this year, practice has been lax and conditioning has decreased."

McCormick has been influential to Kaisers' growth as a collegiate pitcher. McCormick helped Kaiser mature on the pitching mound.

"He kept throwing me in games," Kaiser said, "He made me confident and realize I can compete at a collegiate level."

McCormick believed in the importance

hard work to be a better ball player. Kaiser remembers McCormick repeating, "Natural talent can only get you so far it takes practice and hard work too."

Kaiser is thankful for the two seasons she has had with McCormick. She believed McCormick to be an awesome person.

"He always fought for the team," Kaiser said, "He always tried to help us out anyway he could."

Kaiser and the rest of the softball girls are open to change. Kaiser said she is excited to see what will happen for next year, but she ended her statement by saying, "I am nervous at the same time."

Students that study prove to be more confident

With finals week approaching very quickly, everyone is stressing about preparing papers they have to write and studying for exams.

It is the end of the year and I am ready for it all to be over. Last year, I was definitely stressing out for my finals. Working hard to do well on your exams pays off in the long run.

Most students I asked said that they think that all of their finals will be tough and they will need to fully prepare in order to do well. I hate studying for any exam, but finals are the most important exams of the semester.

I am using the free time I have to study with no distractions, in hopes that I will do well. Before last week, the time I had to study was limited because I had softball

every day. Now that softball's over, I have a lot of free time to study.

Finals week consists of one full week of testing.

One disadvantage of having a full week set aside for finals, would be if you didn't even start until Wednesday or Thursday. Then students couldn't head home until Friday, but then again, at least you get time to study.

I have noticed that there are students from out of state that have wanted to move up their finals so that they can get them over with to go home early.

I understand why they would want to do that, but it is not fair.

Everyone has to take them during finals week.

This makes it easier for the professors

to have all the finals to grade at once. I think that everyone is anxious to get finals over with.

Some finals are cumulative, but other professors decide to do the last couple chapters that were studied.

A cumulative final would be harder because it covers more information and students might not remember material that was from the beginning of the semester.

I will be relieved when all of my finals are over on Thursday. It will be a good

feeling and I am excited to be a junior. I am ready to meet new people next year and am sad I'll already have two years of experience here at McPherson College.

Overall, I think that most students dislike finals, but everyone has to do them in order to graduate.



STUDY HABBIT BUILDER

Mallory Fowler

ON THE FLY

In your opinion what was the best event during Campus Blowout?

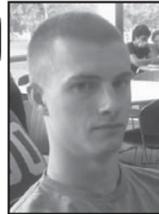
"The best event of Campus Blowout was when we had to fight to take the chicken head off our opponent." **Gianluca Lentino, fr., Mar Del Plata, Argentina**



"The waterslide where you had to run and slide down into a pool of water at the end." **Megan Pohlmann, sr., Deshler, Neb.**



"My favorite part of Campus Blowout was the obstacle course. That was really fun." **Dominick Sardo, fr., Boston, Mass.**



"I didn't really have a favorite event during Campus Blowout, but I loved running around in my costume and just having fun." **Kyle Stewart, sr., Topeka**



"I really enjoyed the entire day Campus Blowout was planned very well." **Julian Nagata, jr., Salinas, Calif.**



"The waterslide was my favorite part, but what really made it come together was how competitive everyone was." **Chris Le, jr., Rose Mead, Calif.**



Takeover cancels May 11 sky lantern ceremony

LORA KIRMER
Spectator Staff

The Takeover worship and fellowship group planned a lantern releasing ceremony for Sunday, May 11. They had to

cancel the event because it is against city ordinance to release lit lanterns into the air within city limits.

Christopher Barnes, sr, Los Angeles, leader of Takeover, planned the lantern release as an event to mark the end of the

year. "I think we need an event like this one to mark the end of the year and departure of the seniors," Barnes said.

Next year, Takeover plans to hold an end of the year event.

"A candle light ceremony or something of that nature would be good," said Barnes.

The group will either hold it out of city limits or get special permission from the city.

McPherson College FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE *Spring 2014 Semester*

Final Exam Time	Monday May 19	Tuesday May 20	Wednesday May 21	Thursday May 22
8:00 a.m.	<u>10:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>8:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF	<u>12:00 Classes</u> MWF MTRF	<u>9:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF
10:30 a.m.	<u>12:30 Classes</u> TR <u>2:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>1:00 Classes</u> MWF MWRf	<u>8:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>11:00 Classes</u> MWF MTWF
2:00 p.m.	<u>11:00 Classes</u> TR	<u>9:30 Classes</u> TR	<u>3:00 Classes</u> MWF MWRf	<u>2:00 Classes</u> MWF MWRf
4:30 p.m.				
7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Classes	Tuesday Night Classes	Wednesday Night Classes	Thursday Night Classes

The Hot spot

BY: FONZI CUREAU

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF
HUNTER NOLEN, COMPUTER SERVICES ASSISTANT



WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Ruidoso, N.M. It's a ski resort town, a big tourist trap. It's in the northern mountainous part of New Mexico with a lot of natural beauty. The snow peaks and the Colorado pine trees, I loved it and miss it.

HOW DID YOU END UP AT McPHERSON COLLEGE? I followed my partner who was offered the job as the new choir director, and low and behold the position came open for computer services, which was the same position I held at my last job making it a great fit and opportunity.

WHAT GOT YOU INTO COMPUTERS? I'm completely self-taught. My degree is in music actually, but I was tired of making \$12,000 a year just gigging and giving clarinet lessons. So I started temping, and the ladies at my job were always having computer trouble. So I would mess around till I

could fix the certain issues they were having. As you can imagine, it developed into a skill.

HOW HAVE YOU ENJOYED YOUR TIME IN McPHERSON? It's been extremely welcoming, and I really enjoy the sense of community that the smaller town environment provides. I look forward to becoming even more sewn into the McPherson and surrounding communities' fabric and have no definite plans of moving. I can see myself staying here a while.

I HEAR YOU'RE MUSICALLY TALENTED, ANY OTHER INTERESTING FACTS? I am. I've been playing clarinet for several years now and actually help out with the school's band. Another thing is I'm a kind of a language nerd. When I was younger, studying foreign languages was a huge passion of mine and still is, so that's a quirky little thing about me.

Automotive students use car show to showcase work

AMANDA LEFFEW
Copy Editor

The annual C.A.R.S. Club Car Show was on May 3. With over 200 cars on display, this show easily topped last year's in entries and attendance.

Throughout the day, spectators could view different categories of automobiles, be given tours of Templeton Hall and see two different teams build a Model T. Ed Barr, assistant professor of technology, also gave a sheet metal demonstration.

The members of C.A.R.S. Club had been working since October to get the event advertised and all aspects ready for the show to be as successful as it was. The club utilized all of its members and formed committees that focused on aspects of the show that often go unnoticed, such as signs and parking.

This forum allowed McPherson College students to show off and gain recognition for their project cars that they work on. With around 60 student cars at the show, the auto restoration program was able to show off what their enrollees work on. Nick Foglietta, sr., Dallas, Texas, brought his 1968 Karmann Ghia to the student section for the day. While still a work in prog-

ress, Foglietta felt that it was still worth it to show it off, even if he had to push it.

"It's a rolling portfolio," Foglietta said. "It helps me showcase my talents and works as a conversation starter. It is good to show it now so people can see an evident change when I show it again next year."

While being taken seriously as an event, the car show maintained a diverse and laid-back feel throughout the day. Different categories were featured, such as tractors, foreign, trucks and custom, while also splitting cars up by the year they were manufactured.

Many people also did not experience the added stress of getting their car ready as they would for more famous showings.

"This one?" said Wes Anderson, jr., Valparaiso, Ind. "I dusted it. This isn't Pebble Beach."

Overall, most people were just happy for the time they got to spend with the people who came and the cars that were brought.

"It really gets the community together and can show non-auto kids what we do," Anderson said. "It brings our kind of fun to campus and lets everyone show off their passion."

Photo by Laurina Hannan



LEAD EDITORIAL

Life, Light Awards recognize leaders of school activities

Students that have worked hard and shown leadership skills in all aspects of student life saw their hard work and dedication to go the extra mile finally pay off.

When it comes to acknowledging the general student population, some of which truly live to the McPherson College mission scholarship, participation, and service, in the past the school may have overlooked some students achievements.

The student body needs to be recognized for the hard work and dedication to clubs and activities outside of athletics and academics.

Yes, these are very important, but those who live as a light to the campus and

community need to be honored.

The recognition of students who live the college mission will hopefully help future students of McPherson College in several ways.

This award is not meant for students to strive for an award but this award will give every McPherson College student motivation to get more involved with campus and hopefully this award will encourage the students to act as better ambassadors to the surrounding community.

It is important for the students who pull more than their share of the weight to be honored because it is done selflessly and never done for recognition. These students should be recognized because when they do go far beyond expectations.

The award makes the students extra efforts seem like it was even more important.

Contrary to popular belief, the awards ceremony is a new concept for students that gives recognition and honor the "movers and shakers" of McPherson Colleges chartered clubs and social groups.

The president of 2013-2014 Student Government Association, Jacob Patrick initiated the idea of a student award ceremony that honors students for their "Light and Life" and passion to always go the extra mile.

The Light and Life Awards idea derived from the meaning behind the College seal.

Patrick said, "That the idea came from

an initiative to honor student leaders that live the to the colleges mission. In the process of creating the awards ceremony, they went with the college seal rather than the athletic Bulldog because of what the seal represents.

"The Life and Light Awards are not a reward system to encourage students to do more. It is to recognize the students that always go far beyond what is expected of them and don't think of what they will get in return."

For the students who are already being recognized for going above and beyond, keep leading and going the extra mile.

It will never be known whose life is touched by what is accomplished, so never think what is achieved goes unnoticed.

Learning new skills may get employers attention during interview

Recently, I bought a motorcycle.

I know nothing about motorcycles except how to put gas in and ride.

I do not even ride very well, either, but the purpose of this example is that I want to learn a new skill, and I think every student should learn new skills.

Taking a class in graphic design, or engines or entrepreneurship can be scary or feel like a waste of your time. But honestly, it is not.

Employers are looking for "jacks of all trades," or people who have skills in a variety of areas.

Maybe you've taken one course in computer software, went on a service trip with Habitat for Humanity and had a summer job as a lifeguard.

These all provide an advantage for you because they show that you have a pletho-

ra of skills in different areas.

Taking the time to develop a passion for something and spending time learning about it can also provide a new path in life for you.

Some people come into college not knowing what they want to do, and some come in with a set goal.

Being flexible and willing to try new things can change your goal for the better or give direction for those that are unaware of what they want.

Students should never be scared to take a risk.

Yes, it is intimidating and sometimes you might think you've bitten off more than you can chew.

However, it will turn out alright in the end.

You think it might make you look like

a fool?

Who cares, you're doing what you want!

I have taken spills, killed the engine unintentionally, ran out of gas on the road and have even been unable to get the bike going for 15 minutes just because I let go of the clutch too fast.

But I dusted off my jeans, picked up my spirits and hopped back on.

So what if someone saw?

Maybe my determination in learning something new will inspire them to take that course or buy that project that has been intimidating to them.

Risks can and nearly always will lead to something great.

SKILLS COACH

Lora Kirmer



Civil responsibility disarms racial slurs in society

In a previous editorial, I expressed my intolerance of white students using the n-word.

I've struggled with hearing it used by black students, too.

Not all black students, of course, but enough that I hear it almost every day.

The mere usage of the word by blacks comes across as rebellious, aggressive and in-your-face.

That's completely acceptable to me. I believe it's in the job description of every teenager, at some point during their teen career, to be rebellious, aggressive and in-your-face.

In addition, I believe that contact sports require their players to be over-the-top aggressive.

So I'll allow that using the n-word may actually be required for black teenage ath-

letes.

I am also coming to understand that it's more than rebellion; it's a willful act of changing the emotional impact of the word by simply using it, over and over. By using it, you take ownership, and with ownership, you can change the meaning. You can downgrade it.

You can make it just a noun, not an epithet.

If someone hurls a noun at you, no big deal, right?

You've disarmed them.

Here's what I need to say: I believe that when you use the n-word, it sounds to white people like you're disrespecting yourself.

Not to all, but at least to those that remember that in 1960s America, people died so that you wouldn't have to hear the

word again.

Most of the casualties of the civil rights movement were black. But northern white kids, and even southern white kids, did their part, too.

They believed, they acted on their beliefs, and they suffered for it. Black and white, southern and northern.

If you won't accept that the word still reeks of disrespect, then put my assertion to the test. Just call your grandmother the n-word, and then ask her how she feels about it. If you

can't do it with your grandmother, try your grandfather, or a clerk at the grocery store, or a minister.

It's not an easy choice. It's not about using the word with your friends; it's whether you use the word in front of people who hear it as disrespectful. On one hand, you're obligated to disarm the word to prevent it being used against you and your family. On the other hand, you don't really want to show disrespect for yourself or your family.

But you've got to choose one.

OLD IRON

Scott Versaw



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McPherson students get in free at Carnival Night



Photos by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Sierra Ulrich, soph. Sylvan Grove (left); Bailley Mckinley, soph., Derby; and Laurina Hannan, sr., Wamego get ready to ride the slide at the carnival. The first 125 students got in free courtesy of McPherson College.

BLAIR DARSCH
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Carnival Night was held on Monday, May 5, from 10 p.m. to midnight. The carnival in McPherson is held annually for the All-Schools week in the month of May. It takes place on Kansas Avenue on the west side of town next to the First Christian Church.

Dusty Kitchen, director of student services, announced that the first 125 students to arrive with their McPherson College IDs got in free courtesy of the college.

"I really enjoyed the fact that we got to experience the carnival for free," said Nick Foglietta, sr., Dallas, Texas. "It was a good opportunity to actually spend time with a good chunk of the campus community while being off campus."

This year 162 students showed up to the carnival and were treated for free.

"I think it went great. It is a good way for everyone to get away from school. And this year we had the perfect weather for it," said Kitchen.

Also noted was the friendly carnival staff enjoying the night's activities with the students.

There were many rides to be enjoyed and many games to be played on the carnival grounds. One of the more memorable activities was watching the milk jug baseball toss. The object of the game was to knock down the milk jugs with a baseball.

While the game is notoriously rigged for the house to win, the McPherson College baseball players were having at it. One player, John Feaster, Gastonia, N.C., kept winning the game for most of the night.

Comedies planned for next years theater season

5 shows coming for 2014-2015

LAURINA HANNAN
Editor-in-Chief

Light-hearted comedies are the focus of the 2014-2015 McPherson College theater season.

With a larger performing arts class graduating this year, next year's season will be only five shows instead of six shows like in recent years' past.

"Next year's season has its challenges for our students," said Jd. Bowman, associate professor of theater. "I'm looking forward to seeing new student leadership in the season, but I'm also looking forward to getting new students involved."

"The Heir Apparent" by David Ives, adapted from the play by Jean-Francois Regnard, is the first show of the year. Set in 1708 Paris, Eraste is competing with his uncle to marry Eraste's fiancée. Multiple strands of the plot are comically unraveled in the French classical comedy.

"We are so lucky to earn the rights to this show immediately following its successful off-Broadway run," Bowman said. "This has happened to us with a few shows, and those shows never disappoint our audiences."

"M!scast: Our Broadway Musical Revue" is the homecoming show. Students will performs songs from the shows like, "The Book of Mormon," "The Lion King," and "Once" along with songs from classics shows like "Kiss Me, Kate" and "Guys & Dolls." This will be a collaboration with the instrumental, vocal and mu-

sical theater branches of the performing arts department.

"This is the third staged revue I've worked on for the college," said Bowman. "Each one challenges our students to work on songs they wouldn't normally work on—whether because they wouldn't be cast in that role or because we don't have the ability to produce the given show. The reviews allow us to explore new works or look at classic works in new ways."

The 2014 Fall directing class will direct "California Suite" by Neil Simon. This farce is made of different stories. Each of the four drastically different story takes place in the same hotel suite.

Second semester will start with "On the Verge; or, The Geography of Yearning" by Eric Overmyer. Three Victorian female explorers set out in a new land and find they're also traveling through time.

Addie Johnson, soph., McPherson, will direct "The Foreigner" by Larry Shue in April as the last show of the season. Charlie is spreading a rumor that he is a foreigner and doesn't speak English at a Georgia fishing cabin to promote solitude. However the locals want to help educate him.

"I, personally, miss not producing a tragedy or even a piece with deep reflective layers in the plot, but I've been told that some people like theater to just entertain and not be too heavy," Bowman said. "We'll see how audiences respond to this light-hearted season."

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Hot weather, cool shirts blow students away at Campus Blowout

ROBIN DE YOUNG
Campus Life Editor

Campus Blowout, which took place on All School's Day, Friday, May 9, ended the spring semester with a bang. Events included bungee run, two man joust, tug n' dunk, Jacob's ladder, twin peaks, 20 foot slide, slip and slide, wrecking ball, rockwall, gladiator dual, 68 foot obstacle course, land mine, corn hole, fill the bucket, team legged race and the shaving cream Cheetos toss.

The feedback from students and faculty suggest one of the most successful Campus Blowouts ever.

ShaRhonda Maclin, dean of students, said, "This was the most organized Blowout ever."

Carole Barr, director of student success, said that the event went much better this year compared to last year. Last year, intoxicated students were a major safety concern at Campus Blowout.

Barr said, "People were acting more responsibly before going to the games this year. Last year, some teams didn't even get started."

Although this year's Campus Blowout was deemed "successful," there were still a few glitches that need to be worked out for next year, Maclin said. One problem was the amount of time the first wave of competitors took. They were so occupied

with the activities that they used the entire two hours, which was designated for both the first and second waves. Although surprised, Maclin wasn't put off by the unexpected glitches.

She said, "It was so stress-free, it was surreal. It felt like people were really having fun."

According to Maclin, next year the event will have a competitive bracket, which will compete first and allow the people who just want to go out and play to do so without a time constraint.

Another problem Maclin encountered was the absence of the planned photo booth station. Administration forgot to send in the contract, so the booth never came. But it was a blessing in surprise, Maclin said. Students probably would have spent a lot of time in the booth and because it was planned to be set up as a station, it would have slowed the pace of the competition down.

Teams were timed, in seconds, at each event. For fastest time, Puff the Magic Johnson won first, Goon Squad won second and USA Drinking Team won third. Best Costume went to Captain's Crew and Best Sportsmanship went to Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies for having fun, being courteous and accepting a new teammate last-minute. Because there were so many great T-shirts at Campus Blowout, Maclin decided to add a Best T-Shirt category, in which TuneSquad won.



Photos by Laurina Hannan

Isaiah Murdock, fr., Wichita (top-left); Micah Murray, fr., Dallas, Texas (above); and Douglas Williamson, Los Angeles, Calif., (left) participate in Campus Blowout water slide and Jacob's ladder events. Each team competed in timed events. Teams competed in waves, which gave students who weren't competing a chance to come out and play in between and after competing teams.

Pops music showcased at concert

3 McPherson vocalists featured at event



Photos by Fonzi Cureau

Brittni Cain, soph., Wichita Falls, Texas; Collin Wright, soph., Montezuma; Tim Couvillion, fr., Thousand Oaks, Calif. (left to right) perform in Mingenback Theatre for the Pops Concert. Many selections played were from movie classics.

FONZI CURAEU
Spectator Staff

More than 100 people listened to the McPherson College band in their "Pops Concert" in Mingenback Theatre Tuesday, May 13.

With musical numbers that were immediate crowd pleasers, each one received laughter and applause as soon as the songs concluded. The concert had selections such as John Williams movie classics including bits from "Jurassic Park" and "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" and Quincy Jones's "Soul Bossa Nova."

Many were impressed and had Kyle Hopkins, director of bands, pleased with the performance, said, "It went great. We had to put out more chairs, and nearly ran out of programs. I'd call that a step in the right direction."

Mixed in with the five tunes played throughout the night were vocalists from the college's choir, including E.H. Petropulos, sr., Larkspur, Colo.; Becca Lichte, fr., Salina;

and Josh Hall, soph., Kansas City.

"Bringing in the vocalists had a lot to do with how well our attendance was," Hopkins said. "But on top of that, the band played great, and I'm so pleased with how far they've come."

This marked the last concert of the year for the band. The college, for the first time in some years, hired Hopkins as a band director full time and granted him academic scholarship money to recruit students, which he says is already paying dividends.

"They realized if we're going to build this thing, we need to make a commitment, so they brought me on full time, and I've gotten a commitment of funding and support, and it's put out the vibe that some great stuff is happening at McPherson college, kids are already taking visits, and getting excited," Hopkins said.

With no graduating seniors, the director is optimistic for the band's future.