

Football loses season opener in overtime

CALEB HECKER
Sports Editor

McPherson football lost its opener against the Bacone College Warriors Saturday, Aug. 31 in overtime with a final score of 37-31.

Both teams played sloppily with the Warriors having two turnovers in comparison to the Bulldogs' five.

The Bulldogs overcame a 10-point deficit at the end of the third quarter to force overtime. McPherson came up short in extra session.

Cornerback DeShawn Young, fr., said it was a tough loss for the team.

"We have been working since Aug. 9 with two-a-days to prepare for this game, especially since a lot of people doubted we would win," Young said. "We made too many mental errors. In the end, the game probably came down to three key plays."

The Bulldogs allowed a touchdown on the first play of their defensive set but managed to block the kick to give themselves a chance.

Their hopes were dashed, however, when a throw on the run by Quarterback Jordan Hoffman, jr., was picked off on fourth and 10.

Hoffman said it is important the team win the next game.

"We are a good team and to show we are a good team we need to get wins," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said he also expects the Bulldogs to be a top contender to win the conference this year.

"We have a great defense back and our offense has gotten much better as well as our special teams," Hoffman said. "We will be tough to stop."

The Bulldogs started the game scoring a touchdown on a four yard run by Wide Receiver Gerald Hardridge, fr.

The touchdown came after a fumble on the Bacone punt caused a turnover on

downs on the Bacone 15 yard-line.

After a quick three-and-out by Bacone, McPherson special teams gave the Warriors a second life with a roughing the kicker call on the punt.

The Bulldog defense came up big though stopping Bacone's drive in McPherson territory and forcing the second punt of the drive.

McPherson added another touchdown on a 39-yard pass from Hoffman to Tight End Paul Rotering, sr., to bring the score to 14-0 capping off an 88-yard drive.

Bacone answered with a touchdown and a field goal to pull within one score with halftime approaching.

McPherson was able to spread the lead to 21-9 going in to halftime after Wide Receiver David Anderson, jr., blocked and recovered a Bacone punt for a touchdown with just a minute to spare.

Bacone came out having made some adjustments to their game plan in the third quarter to take a 31-21 lead going into the fourth quarter.

McPherson's defense which was rock solid through the first half looked sluggish throughout the third quarter, as they gave up an 83-yard touchdown pass on the first play of Bacone's fourth possession of the quarter.

The Bulldogs clawed back with a touchdown pass of 36 yards from Hoffman to Wide Receiver Jon White, sr., that brought the Bulldogs within a field goal.

Kicker Mike Phillips, sr., tied it up with a 31-yard field goal with about eight minutes to play.

The Bulldog defense pulled itself back together shutting Bacone down in the fourth quarter allowing no points.

Bacone missed a potential game-winning field goal with 24 seconds left in the game that allowed overtime.

McPherson's next game is at home Saturday, Sept. 14 against Graceland University out of Iowa.



Photo by Miranda Clark

Top: Quarterback Jordan Hoffman, jr., throws a pass in the first quarter of the game against Bacone College Saturday, Aug. 31. Hoffman said the team will be tough to stop come time for conference games despite the loss. The Bulldogs lost to Bacone in overtime by the final score of 37-31.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Marketing in search of graphic designers

The marketing department is looking to hire one to two student workers to help with design and possibly video and photography of student events. Applicants must have experience in design and ideally be able to hit the ground running.

For more information, visit www.collegecentral.com/mcpherson

Lincoln Elementry offers internship, service hours

Lincoln Elementary School is inviting anyone wanting to make their students' day. LES would want McPherson College students to help tutor, play at recess, listen to the kids read, participate in class and just be good role models in general.

All who participate will generate service hours and teacher education and psychology and sociology majors can receive internship credit by tutoring.

Contact Colleen Gustafson, marketing and design specialist, for more information at 620-242-0426 or gustafsc@mcpherson.edu.

Facilities short-staffed, permanent cuts to services being considered

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Spectator Staff

The McPherson College facilities department suffered a significant shortfall of employees the first few weeks of the Fall 2013 semester.

Employees have been out of work due to a series of converging events including surgeries, injuries and family matters. None of these events have occurred on campus or as a result of work.

Marty Sigwing, Director of Facilities, also said that all of the absences have been necessary and not simply luxury or vacation time. However, all of the events have occurred in a similar time frame. The worst day the department faced was when eight out of 11 total employees were out of work.

"We've had to cut back on non-critical tasks," said Sigwing. Sigwing said that vacuuming, dusting and trash pick-up have been cut back in order to focus on higher priorities. He said that first priority is dorms followed by bathrooms, classrooms and common areas. These areas will continue to be cleaned regularly.

Despite the shortfall and cutbacks, Sigwing reports that they have not had any complaints so far. He also said that the administration and faculty have been "very understanding and supportive."

Some members of the faculty have also stepped up to help cover some cleaning tasks. Among faculty members that have volunteered to help clean are Steve Crain, Laura Workman Eells and Anna Ruxlow. Each of the faculty has volunteered to help clean different parts of the campus.

Steve Crain, Campus Pastor, volunteered to vacuum in Miller Library. He also plans to ask the Campus Ministry Leadership Team for volunteers to help clean. Crain hopes that this can be a good project for Campus Ministry, especially after hearing a student's definition of ministry, "service in the name of your faith."



Photo by Karl Timmerman

Steve Anderson, custodian, cleans up the dorms during the school week. Although much of the facilities staff are on leave, many of the faculty have dedicated their time to pick up the slack.

The facilities department is also looking at other ways of relieving the pressure of unfulfilled duties. They have contacted temporary agencies and have begun interviewing people. Permanent cuts to some services are also being considered.

Sigwing said, "This whole experience has let us examine what we're doing." Sigwing did say that when the staff is back

up to full capacity, most of the tasks will be taken over again by facilities.

Sigwing also added his advice to students to help keep buildings clean, "Don't make a mess." He said that dorms in particular are a major time sink, and that it would be a big help for students to avoid messes, and when they do occur, to try and clean them up as best as possible.

Preseason accolades fuel cross country teams

CALEB HECKER
Sports Editor

Cross country opened up another season Saturday, Aug. 31 and with it comes the fruition of hard work.

The annual alumni race was won by Chris Le, jr., Rosemead, Calif., for the men's team and by Aspen Frey, sr., Newton, for the women's team.

Nathanael Alire, fr., Commerce City Colo., said he is ready to get the season underway.

"I find a certain joy in running," Alire said. "The more I do it, the more I enjoy it and it doesn't ever get old."

Cross country runners have been practicing for quite a while this season and still have some work to do.

"I am still trying to get in to the shape I was in at the end of last season," Alire said. "I am not even close yet and can get a lot faster."

Alire said cross country presents a few

unique challenges that other sports do not.

"Cross country is difficult because you have to go all out until you finish with no breaks," Alire said.

Women's Cross Country has been bringing in lot of preseason accolades thus far.

Savana Cross, soph., Wichita, and Frey were both selected to the All KCAC Women's Cross Country team.

"I was stoked when Coach Magnall told me I was selected," Cross said. "It's an honor, especially as a sophomore."

Cross said that, despite the award, she still has a lot to work on this season.

"I still have to prove that I am an all-conference athlete at the conference meet," she said.

The women also were given the NAIA scholar team award with all eligible returners averaging above a 3.00 team GPA.

Cross said it is important for her to perform well as both an athlete and as a student.

"I am a firm believer that I am a student before I am athlete," Cross said. "I am glad to be a part of a team, where my coach encourages us to perform well in both the classroom and on the course."

Despite the accolades, KCAC predicted the women's team to finish fourth and the men's team to finish eighth, but Cross said that is not going to be right.

"I believe both teams will finish higher in the conference than predicted," Cross said. "We have a really young team that is dedicated and ready to shock the conference."

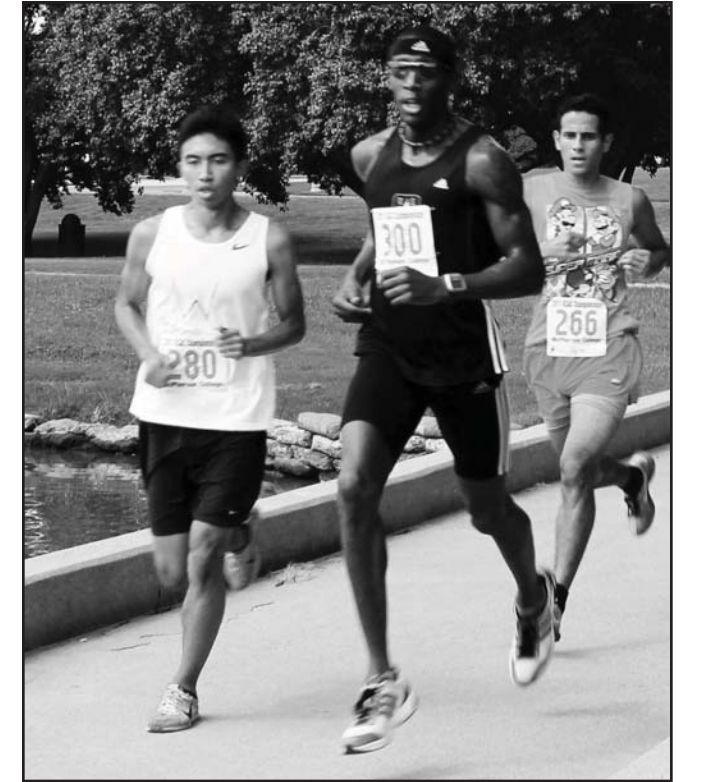


Photo by Fred Miller



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Top: Chris Le, jr., Rosemead, Calif., races in the annual alumni race with Golden Coachman, assistant coach. Bottom: The men's cross country team begins the annual alumni race Saturday, Aug. 31. Chris Le, jr., won the race for the men and Aspen Frey, sr., Newton, won for the women's race.

Volleyball starts season with winning streak

CALEB HECKER
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McPherson volleyball opened up their season with a tough win at Manhattan Christian College on Tuesday, Aug. 27. It went back-and-forth the whole game but McPherson ended up winning in five sets.

The Bulldogs came out sluggish, dropping the first set 25-18, but came back and took the second set by a score of 25-10.

Manhattan Christian College won the third set 25-14 and took an eight-point lead in the fourth set before the Bulldogs

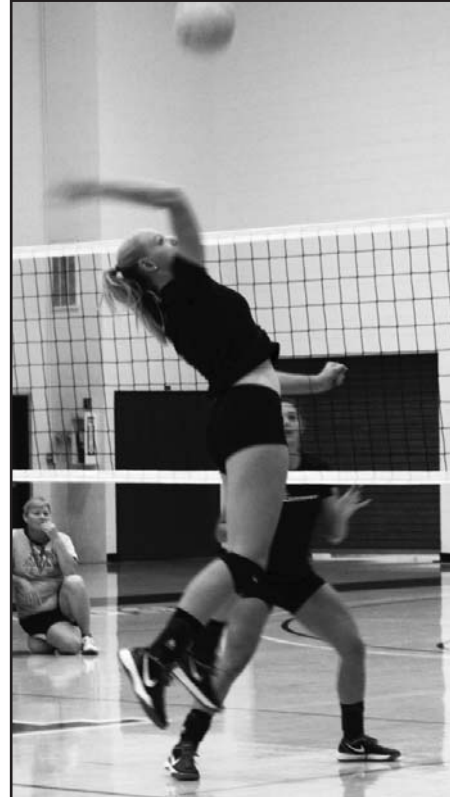


Photo by Jordyn Lipe

Middle Hitter Jill Johnson, fr., spikes the ball in practice on Aug. 29. The volleyball team won their first four games before losing to Sterling Wednesday, Sept. 4.

eventually forced a fifth set winning it 25-22. The Bulldogs won the set 15-8 to win their first match of the season.

McPherson volleyball played in a tournament in Bartlesville, Oklahoma for the weekend. McPherson won all three games they played to improve to 4-0 on the season.

The Bulldogs started the tournament against Mid-America Christian University from Oklahoma.

The Bulldogs came out firing Friday Aug. 30, winning the first set 25-15 and then came with even more intensity in the second set winning 25-11. They wrapped up the game, winning the third set 25-15.

McPherson then played their second game of the tournament against Dallas Christian College and won in straight sets, 25-11, 25-17 and 25-21.

The Bulldogs third game was against Bacone College. Bacone managed to take the only set McPherson dropped in the tournament, but still lost in four sets. The Bulldogs played their toughest game against Bacone as not a single set was won by double digits at 26-24, 28-26, 17-25 and 25-23.

Middle hitter Karis Janzen, sr., said it is essential for the team to start the season off well.

"It's important to have a good start to the season because it sets the tone for the rest of the season," Janzen said.

McPherson has four wins on the and lost their first conference game to Sterling College, 3-1 Wednesday, Sept. 4.

The Bulldogs volleyball team has an upcoming tournament in Kansas City. The Bulldogs will play Haskell Indian Nations University and Stephens College on Friday, Sept. 6 and Central Methodist University and Peru State College on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Women's soccer drops both in Texas

CALEB HECKER
Sports Editor

The McPherson Women's Soccer team opened up their season in Texas

against the University of Texas at Brownsville on Saturday, Aug. 31 and against Northwood University on Monday, Sept. 2. The women lost both games 2-0 and 1-0, respectively.

Brownsville is ranked ninth in the NAIA and offered a good test for McPherson in the season opener. McPherson played well in the first half, but could not get a goal and went in to the half tied at zero with the Ocelots.

McPherson's defense was on its heels the whole half as Brownsville

was able to keep the ball near the McPherson goal for the majority of the time.

The Bulldogs prolonged the first goal by saving a penalty kick off of an incidental handball by Samantha Peterson, sr., defender.

The Ocelots scored two goals after that to take the game 2-0.

McPherson's second game was against the Knights of Northwood University on Monday, Sept. 2.

McPherson allowed the only goal in the first half after Makenzie Smith, soph., came in as goal keeper because of injuries throughout the half.

McPherson was unable to score in the second half and lost the game 1-0.

Following the losses, the Bulldogs play at home Saturday, Sept. 7 against Briar Cliff University and Sunday, Sept. 8 against Morningside University.



Photos by Jordyn Lipe

Top: Mid Fielder Morgan Anderson, jr., passes the ball during practice Thursday, Aug. 29. Bottom: Defender Samantha Peterson, sr., kicks the ball away from Mid Fielder Jessica Dominguez, soph.

Opening convocation welcomes students

ALY HENNAGER
Spectator Staff

President Michael Schneider started the school year by welcoming the students at a convocation on Friday, Aug. 30.

Department Chairs of McPherson College contributed advice to for freshman and to returning students and transfers as well.

Ken Yohn, Associate Professor of History, said, "Turn your dreams into actions." ShaRhonda Maclin, Dean of Students, said, "Do you... Do right on your part; that is where the honor lies."

Rod Gieselman, associate professor of business and codirector of R3 degree completion program, said, "Success comes in cans," then raised a red cola can in the air as a reminder to himself and others.

Schneider and the McPherson College staff and faculty are here to help the students succeed and everybody reach their goals.

Schneider shared with the students how even his younger daughter, Perrin, already wishes she was in college and even attended a class that morning. Maclin even made a joke about how President Schneider is going back to school.

During convocation, students celebrated Schneider. He was recently accepted into a prestigious 22-month accelerated doctorate program. While this means that Schneider will be away from the college at some points in time, he will still be active within the campus.

Some summer student activities were spotlighted at convocation.

Three McPherson College students and Brain Martin, director of automotive restoration development, competed in the Great Race, a multistage endurance rally covering over 2000 miles of variable terrain. Etch Marketing increased their number of clientele through the help of Schneider and his colleagues.

The next convocation will be Friday, Oct. 4 in Brown Auditorium.



Photo by Monica Ewy

President Michael Schneider welcomes his fellow Bulldogs at convocation. Several other faculty offered words of wisdom to help motivate the student body.

NEWS BRIEFS

Mudhuckers order jerseys for ultimate frisbee

The Mudhuckers Ultimate Frisbee team will purchase jerseys soon. They will cost \$20 by Friday, Sept. 6 to Dusty Kitchen. Contact him at 785-424-0331 for more information.

Sandstone Bridge Center serves as mental health provider

In the wake of the personal counselor's resignation, McPherson College will use Sandstone Bridge Center as the mental health provider. Mindy Nicholson, LCAC, LMFT, will be serving the campus on Fridays and Saturday mornings as needed by students.

For appointments and referrals, contact the Office of Student Life or Mindy at 785-823-7400 or

mindy@ssbridgecenter.com.

McPherson graduates acquire jobs after graduation

McPherson College graduates have a 90 percent rate for finding their first job within six months of graduating. In the class of 2013, 84 percent of graduates had at least one internship during their

time at McPherson College.

Internationally recognized author to speak at McPherson College

Jaurina Hannan
Editor in Chief



Sister Helen Prejean

A New York Times Best Selling author will visit McPherson College campus to present at the Religious Heritage Lecture on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Sister Helen Prejean wrote her book, "Dead Man Walking" after working in a prison ministry.

She was requested to correspond with an inmate, Patrick Sonnier, convicted of killing two teenagers and sentenced to death by electric chair.

Prejean experiences as Sonnier's spiritual advisor and witnessing his death prompted her to write her book, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

"When I heard she's coming to McPherson campus, I became really excited," said Steve Crain, campus pastor. "I'm just thrilled. This is really an honor with someone with international fame coming to McPherson College campus."

Later in 2006, the book was adapted into a motion picture starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn as Sister Prejean and Sonnier.

The film was nominated for four Oscars and Sarandon received Best Actress. The work is now an opera and a play for high schools and colleges.

Since her work with Sonnier, Prejean started advocating for victims' rights and against capital punishment and continued to counsel to death row inmates.

She's credited with helping shape the Catholic Church's modern opposition to capital punishment.

While working with inmates facing their execution, she began suspecting that some of them were not guilty.

She started her second book, "The death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of

Wrongful Executions," and she's working on her third book, "River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey."

Steve Gustafson, director of planned giving and organizer of the college's annual lecture series, said he heard Sister Prejean previously when she spoke at McPherson College in 2000.

This is the 26th year in the Heritage Lecture Series.

The contributors intended that this endowment lectures series should annually be speakers of not to McPherson College campus to address contemporary issues from diverse Christian perspectives with a particular emphasis on the Church of the Brethren.

Prejean will also teach a class in Kent Eaton's, provost and professor of cultural studies, history of Christianity on Monday, Sept. 16 at 9 a.m.

New Peer Ministry helps campus

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Campus Life Editor

Peer Ministry is a new group campus and they are using their skills of empathy and training for counseling to lend a sympathetic ear.

Steve Crain, campus pastor, sponsors Peer Ministry and the group started meeting and training before school started.

"It's a counseling service that's more available to students," said Peer Minister, Sam Williams, jr., Storm Lake, Iowa. "We're an important service because we're the same age going through the same issues as our fellow students and would know how to adequately help the students who need help."

This peer-to-peer service can be advanced

because it allows for flexible meeting times and a peer to talk to who is closer to a current problem.

Even though they aren't fully trained to handle professional-level counseling problems, they are trained and have connections to professionals and can refer when necessary.

Peer Ministers

- Melicia Evans-Off Campus/Non-traditional: 620-345-4603
- Laurina Hannan-Bittinger, 107: 785-458-1357
- Dani Jacks-Bittinger, 620-278-6477
- Isabelle Moyer-Bittinger, 620-755-1735
- Amanda Leffew-Dotzour, 610-906-5699
- Sam Williams-Dotzour, 620-480-0614

Conversations with peer ministers are confidential.

Students can find the peer ministers to talk to them on campus immediately or students can set up an appointment.

If a student has questions about Peer Ministry, they may contact Crain. If a student is interested

in joining Peer Ministry, training will begin in early spring for the next semester.

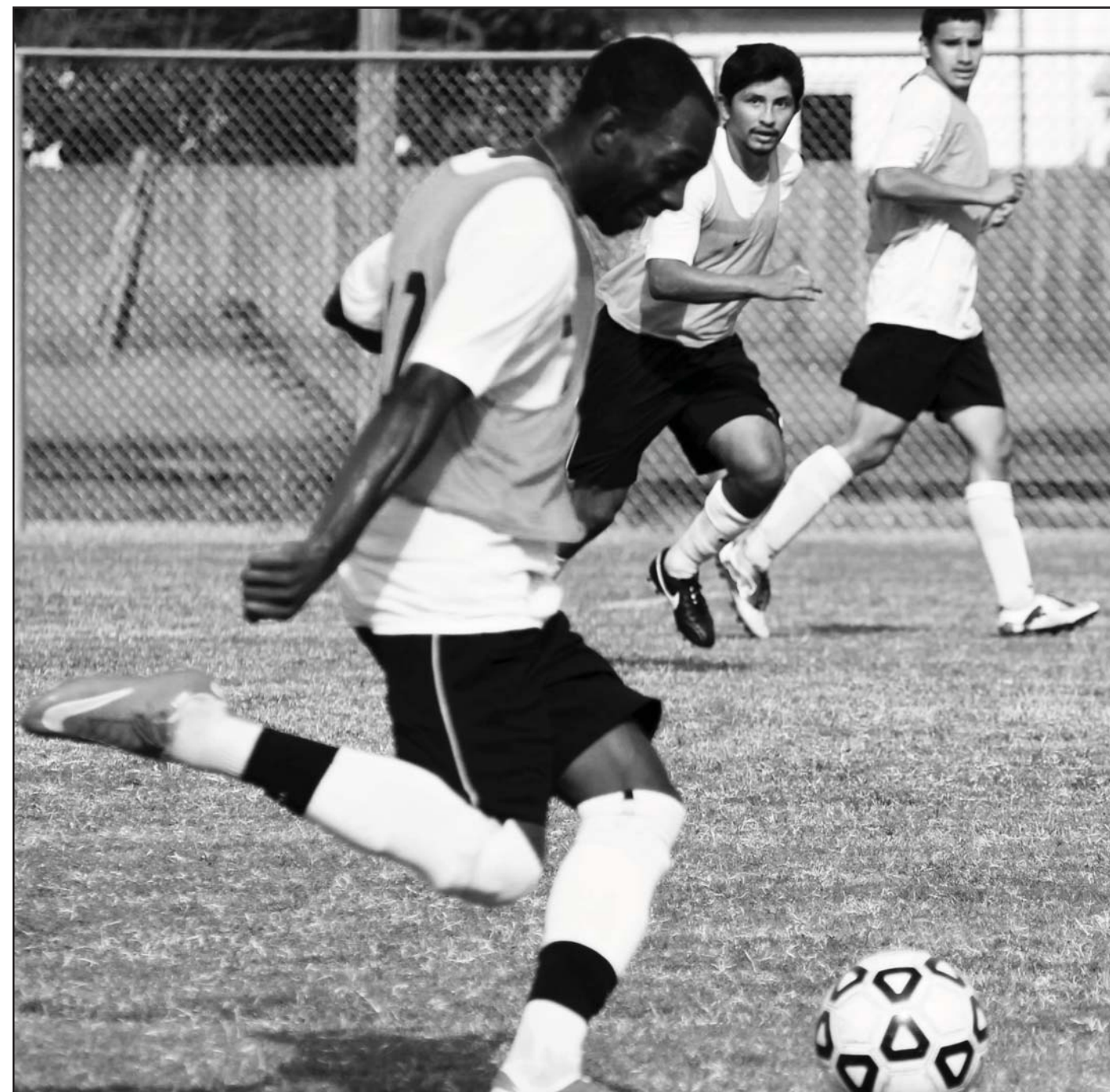


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Sam Williams, jr., Storm Lake, and Melicia Evans, jr., McPherson, talk about procedural logistics for the Peer Ministry program. The volunteers have made themselves available to students seeking counseling services.

Men's soccer has rough road trip

CALEB HECKER
Sports Editor



The Men's Soccer team opened up its season on the road with two games in Cedar Hill, Texas.

The Bulldogs lost first to the University of Texas at Brownsville 3-1 on Friday, Aug. 31 and then to Northwood University 1-0 on Monday, Sept. 2.

The Bulldogs opened up the season by scoring first on a goal by Defender Doug Williamson, jr.

Brownsville, a team just outside the NAIA Top-25, then scored their first goal just before the half to tie the game.

McPherson could not score another goal in second half and gave up two more goals to the Ocelots to lose 3-1 in their first game in Texas.

McPherson's second game was against Northwood University on Labor Day.

The Bulldogs came out slowly in the first half—rarely threatening to score and giving up the only goal of the game to Northwood.

McPherson managed to put more shots on goal in the second half, but did not manage to tie it up and lost 1-0.

After losing both games in Texas, McPherson hopes to bounce back with wins at home games Saturday, Sept. 7 against Briar Cliff University and Sunday, Sept. 8 against Morningside College.

Photo by Jordyn Lipe

Forward Kevin Aka, jr., passes the ball during practice Thursday, Aug. 29. The Bulldogs lost both soccer games in Texas, but look to pick up their first win at home against Briar Cliff University on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Education isn't something to scoff or scorn

You won't read this anywhere else. The thread leading to this particular rant started a few years ago in a conversation I had with my wife, Beth. She's an educated and accomplished woman, but she described how her family makes fun of educated people. Her family is generally composed of hard-working tradespeople with high skill levels and good long-term jobs. They have a long list, however, of why it's dishonorable to go to college, hold a white-collar job, or work in management. Maybe you've heard the litany: people that go to college are pompous, conceited, elitist and condescending. Simultaneously, according to the sages in Beth's family, they are vacuous, overdressed, under-accomplished non-achievers. I started wondering where this working-

class folk wisdom originated. It must have originated with people who benefit from continuation of anti-education mythology. Then it hit me: those who benefit are the very people that the mythology demonizes! Think about it. If you believe you have a competitive edge in society, and you don't want others to have the same advantage, how can you protect your position? One way is to convince potential competitors that it's somehow dishonorable to pursue education, higher-paying jobs and positions of responsibility. It sounds like a crazy strategy, but it worked in Beth's family. And probably many others. If my hypothesis is correct, who are the fearful perpetrators of the story that education is dishonorable? I can't point to anyone in particular, but I'll refer to the

people who allow (or promote) the continuation of the anti-education myth as "Them" and "They." What else do They want, given Their fear of economic competition? They want you to talk like a Country Hick. They want you to talk Black. They want you to proudly proclaim yourself as a slacker. They want you to eschew educational achievement and economic accomplishment. They want you to be more interested in Frisbee and hacky sack than attending class. They want you to think you'll be a pro athlete and don't need an education. They want you

to stand out in the crowd as someone who couldn't possibly compete for Their job. They are afraid that if you wanted to, you could replace them. So They do their best to derail you. I know this sounds like a crazy conspiracy theory. Maybe it is. But if it strikes a chord of recognition, a spark of familiarity, what are you going to do differently?

OLD IRON

Scott Versaw



ON THE FLY

What do you think about the personal counselor position being refilled 1 or 2 days a week instead of full-time?

"If they're qualified, I don't have a problem with it."
Yasmene Journo, fr., Littleton, Colo.



"Less people won't be able to have someone to talk to."
Corey Long, fr., McPherson



"I think that they should refill the position because if its one or two days a week, I don't think that's enough assistance for the campus."
Mallory Fowler, soph, Wichita



"It's pretty much inconvenient for the people who need to see her."
Austin Russel, sr., Victoria, British Columbia, Canada



"I don't know. It doesn't really bother me too much. It probably sucks for the people who went to her for problems and stuff."
Brandon Pecinovsky, sr., Decora, Iowa



"I think it's bad. Students would go to Kelli. They knew where her office was, but with one person on call for Friday and Saturday, it limits appropriate counseling for students."
Sam Williams, jr., Storm Lake, Iowa



Increase in automotive applicants exceeds expectations

GAVIN MALM
News Editor

The automotive restoration program is at capacity for the first time in years thanks to publicity by a popular restoration expert and his television show.

In recent years, the automotive restoration program has been using many different tactics in trying to target prospective students. It was May of 2012 when the program gained the exposure it had been looking for when Wayne Carini, restoration expert and dealer, visited the campus.

Carini later featured the program on his show Chasing Classic Cars on Velocity Channel the following October and that is when admissions had a rush of inquires about the program.

Amanda Gutierrez, vice president for automotive restoration, has been pleased with the exposure going as far to say "It was gold for us, it was absolute gold," when referring to the show. Josh Hubin and the admissions department suddenly had more applicants than they had ever seen before and managed to follow up with all of them to select the best candidates for the program.

The show had the resources to target the perfect demographic of car enthusiasts who wanted more than just to go to a technical school. The students in the automotive restoration program are much more than your typical car people but rather car people that are motivated to be some of the best restoration craftsman in the world. It has been noted by faculty that the program as a whole has an incredibly focused and passionate group of students enrolled.

"Every one of them seems really focused

on what they want to do," Gutierrez said. "They want to be here and they want to learn as much as they can. Those are the students we want to recruit."

The program has received so much interest that many applicants have been wait-listed, some students have been admitted but won't actually have restoration classes in their schedule until later semesters. It is the first time that the program has truly been at capacity compared to years past. The numbers of students admitted simply for the sake of number has never been the focus of the program. Receiving this attention from individuals who want a career in the restoration industry is more than welcomed by the faculty Gutierrez said.

The program still remains the only school in the world to offer a bachelor's degree in automotive restoration.



Jared Buckert, sr., Warshaw, Ill., speaks on upcoming C.A.R.S. club events. The club has seen a increase in members for the up coming school year.

Photo by Monica Ewy



Restoration students meeting in Templeton Hall for C.A.R.S. club. including new students who heard of the school by watching Chasing Classic Cars,

Photo by Monica Ewy

The Hot spot

BY: LAURINA HANNAN

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF STEPHANIE KIERSEY,
LIBRARY ASSISTANT



WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO READ: A mix of popular fiction and older English lit. Right now I'm trying to read a lot of the books people say I should have read as an English major but I'm only reading the ones that sound interesting. I'm not going to force myself to read them.

IF MONEY WASN'T AN OBJECT, WHAT WOULD YOU DO: I think I'd probably want to be a book editor. That was my original goal, but it's hard to get into and it's becoming less prevalent. I'd also continue into library science because it's something I enjoy.

TRAVEL: I'd go to the U.K. My husband is a huge soccer fan and we could visit all of his favorite teams. And I'd want to see the English country side.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: Use the library more. A lot of them don't realize all the resources we have like 8,500 e-books that are current and relevant that they could use. They could help them. We have things that would help them as a whole.

IMPRESSION OF MAC: There really is a sense of community for those who started out on campus and stay on campus. That's something I'd tell someone who was looking at this school. As a transfer, you don't have that. The sense of community is like a family. You find out things in a formalized way, not just through word-of-mouth

HOMETOWN: Almena, Kan.

SCHOOL: I went to Fort Hayes for two years and I transferred here because I got married. I like the smaller class sizes. I did a lot of my major classes. Now I'm going to Emporia and it is a lot of theories, so here I have a lot of practical applications. And I can use Mary as a sound board to see if what I'm learning is just trending or something more practical.

KEPT HER HERE: Mary said I couldn't leave. I'm going to grad school for library science and the library here needed an assistant. It was an easy transition. It was a win/win for both of us.

WHAT DO YOU DO AT MAC: I'm Mary's assistant, so I do anything she wants me to do. I do the inter-library loans and cataloging and I supervise the student workers.

HOBBIES: When I have time, I like working on our house remodeling with my husband and, of course, reading. And we have two yorkie puppies so I spend a lot of time with them.

"Marigolds" hits home

JUSTIN DEAN
Campus Life Editor

"The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" was performed in Midgenback Theatre Aug. 28-30.

The bulk of the show was about the trials and tribulations of Beatrice, played by Sarah Schowengerdt, sr., McPherson, and her daughters Tillie and Ruth, played by Kristie Gutierrez, sr., Quinter, and Alyse Crist, sr., Quinter.

The show addressed topics like child rearing and understanding how one could thrive in harsh conditions like the flowers in the show's namesake. Beatrice is a forceful personality that lords over her sheepish and studious daughter Tillie, who excels in science despite her mother neglecting her gifts. On the other hand, Ruth

has background of mental health issues and she tries to find a balance.

The show also included Kathryn Whitacre, class of '81, as Nanny, a hospice patient of Beatrice. Whitney Jefferson, soph., Katy, Texas, played Janice Vicary, Tillie's science fair rival.

J.d. Bowman, associate professor of theater, said, "I think my favorite part of this process is seeing an experienced actress like Kathryn interact and act with younger actresses and teach them by example."

In Midgenback Theatre, the close proximity brought the audience into the living room of a converted flower shop that was the home for the actors.

The next show in the theatre season is "Moon Over Buffalo" playing Sept. 27 and 28 and Homecoming weekend, Friday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 5.



Photo by Fred Miller

The family in "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" lives in an unkept home. The show was three students' senior show.

LEAD EDITORIAL

A company by the name of 23andMe created a way for anyone to find this information out. In three simple steps, anybody can find out about family traits and health conditions from all generations of his or her family.

To start go to 23andMe.com and order the DNA kit from the online store. A customer sends a saliva DNA sample and 23andMe will decode and analyze a person's genetics and will prepare a report.

This is a good idea for everyone because health predispositions can be addressed early.

Say a family has generations of a history of breast cancer. The current generation could find out early and start taking preventative measures.

Some people may not want to know anymore private detail about themselves

than they already know. This may be because they might discover bad genetics but medicine is advancing and some of these bad genetics can be fixed. Some people may find this information as a useful tool that may save health and prevent disease. Test-takers won't be caught by surprise by some devastating health news. Armed with knowledge, a person can have a longer and more pleasurable life.

To succeed in this goal, go to the site and register. Each person who registers will have an easy to access account with their information. Each account also has multiple levels of security measures to keep your personal information safe.

People should find out more about themselves. This service is a good way to do so. Many illnesses can be treated

early. It is important to stay open minded about future DNA services and tests is also important.



Student section starts off strong but dies quickly

School involvement promotes well-being

On Saturday, Aug. 31, the football game started with a lot of people in the student section cheering for the team. The student section was better than it had been for a while. This is good because it helps the team on their journey to victory. However, by half time, the student section was half of its original size.

We started off strong with a group of students getting painted up for the game with the help of M-Club. The group of painted guys and girls met with students who were already in the student section and were ready to cheer for the Bulldogs. The students in the front rows of the bleachers started chants that went throughout the student section. By half-time, there were only a dozen or less of us yelling with

voices half-gone and legs growing tired but we stayed strong to support the team.

As students and athletes, we should all be attending the football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball, baseball games, cross-country meets, tennis matches and any other sporting events. Student participation is important and helps the players in their events. Games are free for students so we should attend all the home games. Go out and support fellow athletes in whatever sport they play.

Cheering for fellow students demonstrates essential school spirit that will create life-long memories. And it's fun!

But students shouldn't stop at just attending sporting events. Students should also get involved with their campus com-

munity. They should join clubs, attend lectures, volunteer time and anything else they can find on campus.

There are service projects around campus such as helping at PETS in Moundridge. This is a project where students help assemble hand-operated wheelchairs to send

internationally. People should join service projects such as these put on through the Rotaract club. Another upcoming event that everyone should participate in is the blood drive. This event is taking place on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Students can donate their time and more as part of this.

RUNNER KID

Karl Timmerman



Fall into the clubs with the start of school

Early involvement in college can mean a head-start on lifelong friendships. Becoming a part of one of the various clubs and organizations on campus has the capability to positively affect ones social life. M-Club, Business Club, GLOW Club, TOTS, C.A.R.S. Club, Student Government Association and Ultimate Frisbee are some of the student-ran organizations that students can choose to be a part of.

M-Club, also known as the pep or spirit club, is dedicated entirely to bring the student body together and support McPherson College through sports and other various events. The Business Club is made up mainly of, but not limited to business major students who have the opportunity to participate in school functions in order to gain points towards the yearly

business club trip. The past few years, the Business Club has taken trips to Las Vegas and New York to tour and visit with successful companies. Gays, Lesbians, or Whatever (GLOW) is a group dedicated to uniting students, gay or straight, in a judgment-free zone. Teachers of Tomorrow is an organization created to help Secondary Education major students connect and grow as potential teachers. C.A.R.S. Club is the group in which auto restoration students can be a part of. This club holds an annual car show as well as various other automobile-related events throughout the school year. The Student Government Association, also commonly known around campus as SGA, is the student ran government on campus. Representatives are elected each year by students in

order to have peers to stand for their beliefs and concerns. SGA sets meetings to discuss various building plans, budgeting, and student-related issues on campus. Ultimate Frisbee has become a rather popular club to join on the McPherson College campus. Games are played almost every day at Lakeside Park.

Student involvement at McPherson College is something that is emphasized in all academic paths. Becoming a part of any group on campus can help students feel more at home. Getting involved early is the key to having the best college ex-

perience possible and this year's freshmen class is able to do just that. Being bored on campus is a common issue for students that can readily be cured with the joining of McPherson College student-ran clubs.

CUPCAKE LADY

Jordyn Lipe



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Great Race schooled by Mac students

LAURINA HANNAN
 Editor-in-Chief

Three students, one staff member, nine days and 2,100 miles.

A McPherson College team won the X-Cup the Great Race June 22-30. It wasn't about being the fastest. It was about being exact.

The X-Cup is a class primarily for educational and younger groups.

Competitors are scored based on how close they the contestants come to a specific checkpoint.

It comes down to navigating, calibrating the speedometer and following it closely.

Tony DiValentin, jr., Fort Myers, Fla., and Brian Martin, director of automotive restoration development, were the two drivers for the McPherson College team. Joel Stocksdale, jr., Richmond, Ind., and Nik Montagna, soph., Narberth, Pa., were

the navigators for the team who picked up daily driving directions, including the specific amount of time in each driving section.

"We were coming in with not a huge amount of practice and not a huge amount of experience with the car," Stocksdale said. "We were going to be happy just finishing the race. We were getting used to 'to finish is to win.'"

The Great Race draws classic car drivers from all across the country. The McPherson team drove a red-and-white 1957 Ford Fairlain in the 30th annual race.

The car had no air conditioning in June and only an AM radio. Even with a minor radiator leak, the team celebrated.

"We were just ecstatic that we finished first in class and best first-time team."

The race loosely followed the Mississippi River through 10 states from St. Paul, Minn. to Mobile, Ala.



Photo by Joel Stocksdale

Vintage cars drive downtown as part of the Great Race. McPherson College students and staff competed in the race and won first in their class.

Freshman start school with orientation

Photos by Laurina Hannan

(Clockwise starting left) Madeline Aston, fr., Lee Summit, enjoys a popsicle at SGA's annual ice cream social. A freshman stealthily aims in "Bongo Ball" with his ACE group. Everlasting Entertainment put on dance for freshmen, complete with a light show and fog.



Annual water balloon fight continues

Bittinger, Morrison celebrate beginning of school year



Photos by Miranda Clark

(Clockwise starting top left) Lynette Tia, Bittinger resident director, chucks a water balloon toward Morrison residents. Luke Hannan, fr., Wamego, retaliates from afar. At the end of the fight, or when all the balloons were used, the two teams congratulated each other in a fight well done.

Kyle Hopkins, associate professor of music, comes from Hutchinson. He graduated from Hutch High, then continue to WSU for music performance studies before switching to KU for a degree in comparative religious studies and Slovak languages. He even lived and studied in the Soviet Union for a semester. Hopkins said his first job wasn't a teaching job but rather a career for the State of Kansas for disability examinations. He received his education degree from Washburn and his masters in music from KSU. Hopkins teaches the music classes and he built the new ensemble program.
"I was brought here to work with the high school groups building the [ensemble] programs," Hopkins said. He also added that he plans to have three band ensembles created by the end of the semester.



Kyle Hopkins



Jodi Ehling

This isn't Jodi Ehling's, assistant athletic trainer and associate professor of physical education, first time working at McPherson College. This year marks her second year as a professor. Ehling, a St. Joseph, Missouri, was a full-time assistant athletic trainer part-time athletic trainer. She had attended the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo. and worked as a student teacher. This semester, she's teaching holistic health, kinesiology. Her husband is the McPherson Baseball coach and together they have a two-year-old puppy and a one-year-old daughter.

Lorena Medrano, associate professor of modern language, is originally from Venezuela and graduated all of the Spanish classes including the literature, conversation, composition, elementary Ed. and advanced Spanish. When she's not working, she's at home taking care of her two dogs and her aquarium.
"I'm happy to be here in McPherson," Medrano said.



Lorena Medrano

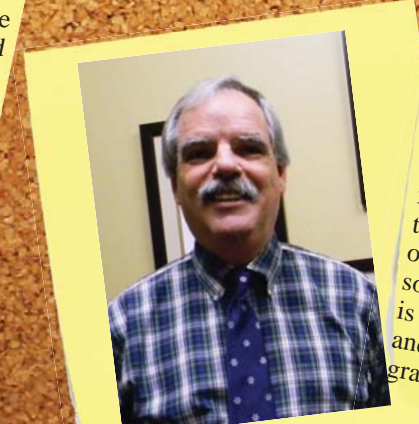
Meet the new faculty

MELISSA PATTON
Spectator Staff



Stephan Herrington

Stephan Herrington, assistant professor of business, is from the small town of Alma, Georgia. He received his undergraduate from Georgia State University and his masters from both Webster School of Global Management, promotion and an R3 advertising, promotion and an R3 human resources management class.
Before becoming a professor, he was an Army officer. "All I can tell you is that I was an intelligence officer," Herrington said. "If I told you anymore, I'd have to kill you."



Bruce Carter

Bruce Carter, associate professor of education, is a man of many degrees. As an Overland Park native, he has studied at FHSU, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Mid-America Nazarene College, and obtained his doctorate from KU. Dr. Carter has previously worked at the schools in Russell, Scott City, Valley Center, and Shawnee Mission District. He was previously a professor at KU and Ottawa University before coming to McPherson. He has taught classes in American government, American history, world history and English for 41 years. He currently supervises student teachers, teaches science and reading methods, junior practicum, and will be teaching social studies methods next semester. Carter is a fourth-generation Kansan, an avid reader and a father of four. He is expecting his first grandchild soon.



Michaela Groeblacher

Michaela Groeblacher, lives in Lindsborg, Kansas but originally is from Austria. She has earned her degrees in both Austria and here in the United States at McPherson College. She is also a master of fine arts candidate at FHSU. She is currently substituting for Wayne Conyors in painting 1 and 2, drawing 1, ceramics, senior concentration and concentration in drawing. She is an artist who has her art exhibited nationally, and will soon have her art published in two books this upcoming spring.

Stephanie Herbster, assistant professor of mathematics, can solve your problems in a heartbeat. Born and raised in Topeka. Herbster graduated with her undergraduate degree from Washburn and her graduate from Emporia State. She has had experience in student teaching in Washburn and taught as a teaching assistant at Emporia. She currently teaches intermediate algebra, geometry and statistics



Stephanie Herbster

Sharon Lawson, assistant professor of business, hails from Montego Bay, St. James in Jamaica. All of her degrees were obtained in the United States at Augustana College for her bachelors of arts, Keller Graduate School for her masters and Nova Southeastern for her doctorate. She is currently teaching business and two behavior, international business classes.
"The highlight of my career was when I worked with the underprivileged and reintegrating these street kids into formal school systems in Jamaica," Lawson said.



Sharon Lawson