

Lady Dogs are 6-7 after defeat against KCAC powerhouses



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After winning a pair of home matches against KCAC opponents Sterling and Southwestern, the Lady Bulldogs faced two of the top teams in the KCAC: Tabor College and Kansas Wesleyan University.

Against Tabor, the game went to 5 matches. They dropped the first 2, both at scores of 22 – 25. The Lady Bulldogs answered back and went on a scoring streak and won the 3rd match 25 – 12. The Lady Bulldogs continued their streak in the 4th match. They won the match 25 – 16.

The Tabor Blue Jays were able to escape the contest with a score of 15 – 9. Tabor College won 3 matches to 2. The Lady Bulldogs came very close to upsetting one of the top teams in the KCAC on their home floor.

Tori Phelan, jr., outside hitter, led with 15 kills. Cortlyne Huppe, soph., outside hitter, had 11 kills. Taylor Johnson, fr., outside hitter had 10 kills. Senior Setter Rachel Phillips led the team in assists with a total of 44.

After falling short to Tabor College, the Bulldogs hosted the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes on Oct. 23.

The Coyotes were able to rally and defeated the Lady Bulldogs by winning the last 2 matches with two scores of 25 – 14.

Phillips led the Ladies with 34 assists and 14 digs. Johnson 16 digs, while team Libero Emily Warner, fr., had 14 digs. Phelan, once again, led the girls in kills with 14 throughout the game.

Photo by Miranda Clark

Jacelle Neill, soph., setter, sends ball back over the net. The volleyball team has been up and down this season. The Lady Bulldogs are currently one game below .500.

The loss dropped the Lady Bulldogs below .500 with their record now 14 – 15 and their conference record 6 – 7.

The Bulldogs will have a double header in Wichita this weekend against Friends University and Avila University of Missouri Saturday, Oct. 26.

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SGA obtains office space

Student Government Association (SGA) now uses the office space formerly occupied by Steve Crain, campus pastor, in the basement of Hoffman Student Union.

Executive board members will be available to answer questions, listen to concerns and help develop groups and ideas during the office hours. The hours are 9 to 11 a.m. every week and 3 to 5 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

SGA invites visitors to the full board meetings. It will meet Sunday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

Spain lecture series to begin

A history and culture lecture series about Spain will begin Sunday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m.

Shane Kirchner, assistant professor of education, will present the series in a story-sharing style rather than a traditional lecture. Kirchner is a former Spanish teacher and lived in Barcelona for a year.

The other lecture dates are Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Class sponsors food drive

Organic Chemistry II is organizing a food drive from Oct. 15 to 31. Proceeds will go to the McPherson county food bank.

Collection boxes are located at various campus locations.

Shutdown affects aid to students

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The government shutdown began Oct. 1 and ended on Oct. 17. It was resolved by funding the government until January 15 and raising the debt ceiling until February 7.

Research funding came to a halt. The University of Hawaii had to stop research because they conducted their research in a federal building, thus denying them access.

Brenda Krehbiel, director of financial aid, says that the government shutdown does not affect students directly. At most, student loans interest rates will go up and will go up again next year.

"I feel that it is very unfortunate that during a time of turmoil in our country

that our government refuses to put aside their differences," said Bob Hespen, fr., Chicago, Ill. "I find it very childish of the powers that be to allow us as a country to slip into such a state of disrepair."

Many of the federal sites were not kept up to date, such as the Education Resources Information Center (ERIC).

Also three fundamental academic resources in Washington, D.C. were closed: the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institute and the National Archives.

The shutdown caused sexual assault investigations to be paused. The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights stopped all its current investigations of universities suspected of mishandling sexual violence cases on their campuses.

Book worms unite

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A new club on campus was created to interest readers of all majors.

This year's book club is organized by Ami Martinez, assistant professor of English, and Jessica Newman, soph., Goddard.

Their goal is to strike up interest for people seeking recommendations and help people understand the library. Consisting of 15 to 25 members, the book club will discuss topics and genres that interest them. They will be meeting twice a month on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the lower level of Miller Library.

Newman started a book club while she was in high school and then discussed the possibility of creating one last year and starting it this year.

The book club hopes to offer a relaxed and fun time with lots of sugar, free food and no constraints with open interpretation.

"Ami and I, together, are entertaining people," Newman said.

Although group reading of the same book will occur, members are able to choose a genre of their choice to read and discuss with the group. The club will soon be participating in a group reading of a book and then go and see the movie.

If students are interested in joining the club, they should keep an eye on the school email as notices will be sent out about meeting dates.



Photo by Miranda Clark

Congress struggled to come to a decision on government budget, resulting in shutdown lasting 16 days.

Women's Soccer shuts-out the Spires 2-0 in home game

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The McPherson College women's soccer team defeated the St. Mary's Spires 2-0 in their 11 a.m. match Saturday, Oct. 19 in Leavenworth. This victory is the Lady Bulldogs' second consecutive win.

They were in control for the entirety of the game. The two teams were scoreless before halftime. The Lady Bulldogs struck first.

Haley Anderson, jr., mid-fielder, scored first goal. This put the Bulldogs ahead, 1-0. This score was Anderson's first scored goal of the year.

Gabriela Navarro, jr., forward, scored their second goal of the match. Navarro's goal increased the lead to 2 to 0. This put the Bulldogs ahead with little time left for the Spires to have a chance to come from behind and win the game.

The Spires were unable to answer back with a goal. The Bulldogs' defense was impenetrable. They kept the Spires scoreless the entire match.

The Bulldogs continued their winning streak with a 3-1 victory over Tabor College on Oct. 23 at home.

The Bulldogs are preparing to take on Sterling college at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at home.



Photo by Jordyn Lipe

Haley Anderson, jr., mid-fielder dribbles down the middle of the field.

Men's Soccer team defeats the Spires in double overtime

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The McPherson College men's soccer team defeated the University of St. Mary's 4-3 Saturday, Oct. 19. The Bulldogs and the Spires match went into double overtime. This is the second consecutive win for the dogs.

The Bulldogs struck first with back to back goals early in the completion. The first goal came from Junior Forward Kevin Aka, Tito Ruiz, jr., mid-fielder, aided Aka with the assist. This put the Bulldogs up 1-0. Soon after, Senior Forward Johnny Nuthall, kicked in an assist from Junior Mid-Fielder Oscar Cortez.

The Bulldogs went into halftime with a 2 goal advantage. The score was 2-0 at the half. The Bulldogs kept up with the aggressive scoring. Early in the second half, Senior Forward Rafael Fuentes set Aka up, allowing Aka to shoot directly into the back of the net. The bulldogs held a 3-0 lead.

The Spires answered back with a goal

of their own. Ali Lema, jr., defender, created an opportunity for the spires to score. Gerdson Lubin, jr., mid-fielder, scored off the Lema assist. The Spires were within 2 scores with 23 minutes left in the match.

A scored penalty kick by Lema brought the Spires within one point with 10 minutes left in the game. The Spires managed to score another goal. This tied the game at 3-3 with 5:39 left in the contest. The final was 3-3 which led to overtime.

In the first overtime, both teams did not score. In the second overtime, Nuthall shot in another goal. This gave the Bulldogs a 4-3 victory over the Spires.

The Bulldogs were successful in their match Wednesday against Tabor with a 2-1 double overtime victory.

The Bulldogs look to keep their winning streak going Saturday, Oct. 26 against Sterling College at 4 p.m. at McPherson College.

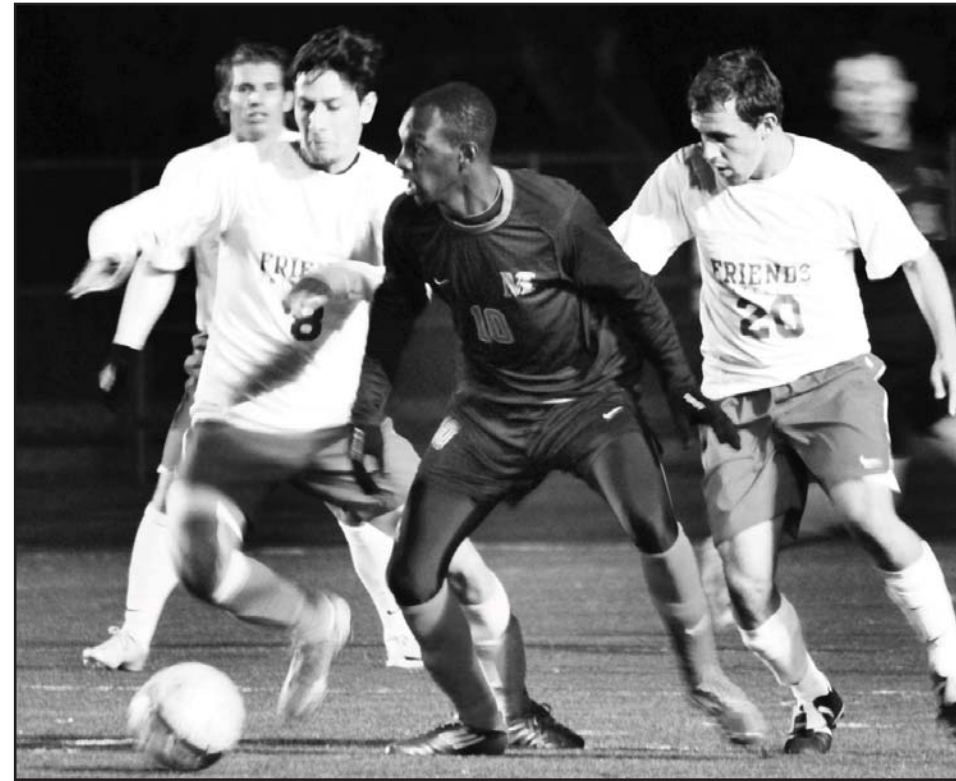


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Kevin Aka, jr., forward, boxes out defenders to secure the ball. Aka looks to advance the ball to one of his teammates.

Intramural sports continues with volleyball this weekend

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The first week of intramural 6-on-6 volleyball will begin Sunday, Oct. 27 in the Sports Center.

This year's intramural volleyball tournament has a total of 21 teams. Each team must have a minimum of 6 players to sign up. A team may forfeit if at least 6 of their

teammates show up to play. Teams can elect to play if they have only 5 members.

Dusty Kitchen, resident director of student activities, operates the intramural sports on campus. "I expect this year to be competitive," Kitchen said, "but we want people to have a good time."

Kitchen recently wrapped up the three week long intramural football at McPherson College. "The Rejects" were the cham-

pions of intramural football, lead by head coach Keenan Garret, jr., Dallas, Texas.

This was the highest number of participants for intramural football than they have had in the past said Kitchen.

"I want to give students something to do," Kitchen said, "It's a small town and this gets the staff and faculty involved." This is why Kitchen continues to construct intramural sports that are open for

all to participate.

To ensure that all will have a good time, Kitchen has given final calls and authority to his student referees. Those who talk badly to the referees or complain about the calls being made, will be asked to leave. "Allow the refs to do their jobs," Kitchen said, "This will help everyone have a good time with friends."

Few students attend LinkedIn Webinar

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Students had the opportunity to attend a webinar on networking at Miller Library on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

The webinar (a seminar given over the Internet) was titled "Networking in a Whole New World," and was lead by speaker Lindsey Pollack. Pollack is the ambassador for the career-oriented social network LinkedIn. Chris Wiens, director of career services, organized the event.

The theme of the webinar was how to use new technology in order to network and connect with companies, employers and across generations.

Pollack went into detail on how the different generations communicate to one another and how it can be beneficial to approach employers of different ages in different ways.

She also gave advice on how to properly approach employers through social networks and improve the chances of landing a job or contact.

Throughout the presentation, Pollack also took questions from listeners and gave her forecast for the future of careers and networking.

Some technical difficulties early on caused the sound from the webinar to be very quiet, but those were solved within the first half hour of the presentation. The

rest of the webinar continued without any problems.

The number of attendees to the webinar was small. In total, four people came. Wiens said that it was difficult to get people to come as she found out about the event and got an email out at the start of fall break. She said that it's disappointing to see so few people show up but students that do come benefit.

Bobby Robertson, fr., West Palm Beach, Fla., said, "It was informational."

He said that he learned the importance of using social networks to connect with companies and advance one's career.

Wiens took away a reminder that tailoring one's contact with employers is important.

"Students need to remember who they're talking to," she said as she explained that it's important to know about possible employers so that you know how to talk with them.

Spam creates need for new 'Community' message system

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Students can use a new email system to avoid receiving various unrelated college emails from the all-student account.

Lost and stolen items, community events and school supply searches are just a few of the unnecessary topics of email which were sent to all the students.

To solve the problem of unrelated college emails, students must now sign up to

receive "community" messages from other students. Other alternatives to mass communication include sidewalk chalk, flyers, table tents and forwarding messages to the Student Government Association to forward on your behalf.

Michael Gravitt, vice president of enrollment management, brought this issue to attention because of the unneeded spam mail.

A memo was sent out to allow all campus club leaders to send emails to their

members without having confusion about how to send their messages.

In regard to stolen items, ShaRhonda Maclin, dean of students, said, "Report to Residential Directors or me and or file a police report. Students should refrain from harassing on email because it violates McPherson College's harassment policy."

Students should turn in found items to Vikki Trimmell, admissions receptionist, in Mohler.

NEWS BRIEFS

Flory Lecturer arrives Nov. 3

National security and counterterrorism correspondent for National Public Radio, Dina Temple-Raston will present "Behind the Scenes of Today's Terrorism Cases" Sunday, Nov. 3.

Temple-Raston has worked for NPR since 2007 and is a best-selling author.

Student Orientation applications accepted

The Office of Student Life is now accepting student applications for the 2014-2015 new student orientation team.

If students are interested, they should fill out the application attached in an email from ShaRhonda Maclin, dean of students, dated Oct. 21.

Applications are due by Wednesday, Oct. 30.

New Bookstore hours announced

The bookstore is now open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Round two Horizon fund recipients still wait

Students presented their ideas on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Results are expected to be announced by the end of next week.

McPherson college math competition is smaller than usual

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A student answers questions to win prizes from McPherson College bookstore.



Photo by Jordyn Lipe

Students receive awards based on both individual performance as well as group performance.



Photo by Kiara Mathis

Students from area high schools work in teams to complete ten timed questions at the McPherson College seventh Annual Math Competition on Oct. 8.

McPherson College welcomed 192 high school students on Wednesday, Oct. 16 for the McPherson College Math Competition.

Students came from 20 area schools, the furthest school being Fairfield in Langdon.

During their time on campus, students took part in individual testing that involved 40 multiple-choice questions. Testing started at 8:30 a.m. After a lunch that was provided by the college, students were split into groups of three to four.

Each group was given three minutes to answer each of the 10-questions given.

Before the results were announced, students were randomly selected to answer math-based questions for the prizes of various McPherson College gear from the campus bookstore.

After all prizes were awarded, the results were revealed. Students were recognized for their individual work by being given certificates based on the top five results determined by grade level.

Michael Reynolds, professor of mathematics, oversaw the events throughout the day of the competition.

"We always have such a good turnout for this, but we made the mistake this year of scheduling the event so far in advance that we didn't realize it would be scheduled the same day as the PSAT," Reynolds said.

This year was the smallest group of students compared to the previous seven competitions. McPherson College has held the competition for the past seven years.

Bulldogs unsuccessful in 4th quarter come back attempt

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The McPherson College football team lost 27-25 on Saturday, Oct. 19 to the University of St. Mary's.

The Bulldogs scored 22 of the 25 points in the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs were down early and fell short on their comeback effort. McPherson College fell short and dropped their third game in a row.

The game kicked off with a three and out by the Bulldogs. The defense intercepted on the Spires first play of the game. This gave McPherson good field position to score. They were able to turn this into a field goal by Senior Place Kicker Mike Phillips.

McPherson football led, close to all, statistical categories. The Bulldogs gained 358 total offensive yards, compared to, USM's total of 136. The Bulldogs created multiple errors.

The Bulldogs three-point lead did not last long. The Spires scored on their next possession, to take a 7-3 lead. A fumble aided the Spires scored again early in the second quarter. USM held a 14-3 lead at halftime.

The Spires blocked a field goal attempt by Phillips and returned it for a 90-yard touchdown. This made the score 21-3. McPherson College fumbled the ball on its next possession. The Bulldogs were unable to score while in scoring position.

The Bulldogs found new life in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Jordan Hoffman, jr., generated back to back touchdown drives. Hoffman connected with Tight End Paul Rotering, sr., with a pass through the air for the first Bulldog touchdown. Running Back Scott Thibodeaux, sr., ran the ball in on for the second touchdown. A 2-point conversion, following the second score, brought the Bulldogs within 3 points with a score of 21-18. The Bulldogs were in a

position to win the game.

St. Mary's answered quickly with a kickoff return for touchdown. Momentum in the game suddenly shifted back to the Spires. Hoffman pushed a quarterback sneak into the end zone to make it 27-25 with just under 3 minutes to play in the game.

The Bulldogs attempted an onside kick with 3 minutes left in the contest. Unable to recover the onside kick, they found themselves on the latter end of the scoreboard at 27-25 as the clock struck zero.

The defense was solid throughout the game as special teams were the deciding factor. Dominique Henderson, soph., linebacker, and Tyler Bruton, sr., linebacker, each had 7 tackles in the game while Henderson had 2 sacks of his own. David Anderson, jr., defensive back, also intercepted a pass, he leads defense with total of three this season.

Phillips set the record for most field goals in a season for football. "It felt great to reach a personal goal, but it was very bittersweet because our team goal wasn't met," Phillips said.

"Team morale seemed low after the loss, but practices this week have been really strong. I think the Tabor game will be a good challenge for us."

The team will have little time to hang their heads on this tough loss as the 11th ranked Tabor College will be the opponent this Saturday, Oct. 26. Answering back with a signature win to end this three game losing streak is the McPherson Bull-

dogs next goal.

The game is the first of a back to back of home games. The game on Oct. 26 is also Breast Cancer awareness day for McPherson College as many of their sports teams will be wearing pink to pay tribute.



Photo by Miranda Clark
James Temaat, sr., lineman, holds off the defender. The Bulldogs suffered a lost in this contest



Photo by Miranda Clark

Tremon Robinson sr., receiver holds on to the ball to secure the catch. Robinson accumulated 11 catches for 73 yards and a touchdown in this blowout loss.

Suicide rate in Kansas unfortunately grows

Suicide rates in Kansas have jumped 30 percent according to The Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The victims are mostly white males.

More than 80 percent of suicides in Kansas last year were men according to the nation.com.

Guns remain the leading method of suicide. Poison is second method used according to The Nation.

This spike in suicides should not be happening. People as a whole should try to be nicer to others. A lot of people like to make fun of each other as jokes but some people, it can cause serious emotional damage. According to HiLite online, ca-

sually throwing around insulting names could endorse their usage even more.

Our society has become mean and sometimes we do not even realize what we said or did until after the fact because the way we make fun of people is an everyday thing.

Depression can be a huge factor as well and can contribute to suicide. Some resources that can be found at McPherson College are peer ministers, RAs and our student mental health provider, Sandstone Bridge Center and Mindy Nicholson. If a student wants to talk, they can call a peer minister or an RA.

Communities should work together to

make people more aware of what they are saying to others so we have fewer suicides.

We could all be a little nicer and if you can see someone having a rough day go up and talk to them.

Make sure people feel like they have friends, even if you think the person is weird or scary. They can be some of the most fun and nice people you meet.

Some people would argue that the people who take the jokes seriously are being too emotional.

This is not the case. Some

people cannot control these emotions they feel, even if it is a joke.

People love random conversation or complements from random people. Spread love wherever you go.

NATIONAL PROBLEMS

Karl Timmerman



ON THE FLY

What are your opinions on stereotypes?

"Although stereotypes are seen as negative, sometimes they are good and as an African-American, I use stereotypes as motivation." **Jazmine Alexander, jr., Elk Grove, Calif.**



"Most are perceived in a negative light however a lot of them are true." **Damaje Markham, fr., Wichita**



"You hate stereotypes, however most of them are true." **Taylor Smiley, jr., Elk Grove, Calif.**



"I think stereotypes prevent people from getting to know each other because of what they assume." **E.J. Peterson, linebackers coach**



"I hate stereotypes a lot. Just because I'm Jamaican does not mean I smoke weed." **Neka Diaj, jr., Kingston, Jamaica**



"They're pitiful, but by the look of it, I don't think it's going away anytime soon." **Matt Wagner, jr., Castle Rock, Colo.**



Student hours returned Alert System allows for choice

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News Editor

Student hours that were cut are now restored.

At the beginning of the fall semester, many student workers had their hours cut because of the budget. When the budget was set, there were targets but the revenue could not be determined.

At the time, student workers had fewer available hours to work compared to the previous semester. The cut happened because the semester budget wouldn't be finalized until the 20th day of classes when the official student count was announced.

After the official student count, the school's revenues indicated that more hours could be given to the student workers. Kent Eaton, provost, said budget adjustments were made to student hours on

campus once the student count was official.

The shortage in hours was to ensure that there was enough funding for student hours until revenue became permanent.

DeShawn Young, fr., Chickasha, Okla., works 20 hours a month in the cafeteria because of football practice and games as well as his class schedule. He said he felt that the longer hours was a good idea.

"The more hours we get, the more money we make, and essentially, the more we can pay for college," Young said. If given the ability, Young would want to work more hours and take advantage of the increase in opportunity.

Eaton said, "from the standpoint of Michael Schneider, what we're most concerned about, above all else, is student success and the maximum number of students on campus," about student workers.

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The RAVE Emergency Alert System sent out its first test on Oct. 8.

Recipients of the notification were given the option of receiving the alerts in the future by responding either with "yes" or "no."

The alert option this year at McPherson College is in response to complaints last year from parents and alumni who did not want to be notified, as well as students who do not want to pay for the texts depending on their phone plan Tim Bruton, maintenance and safety supervisor, said.

The purpose of the RAVE Emergency Alert System was put in place after the shooting at Virginia Tech University in 2007.

McPherson College is required by law to have the system in place for the pos-

sible event of a campus emergency.

There is also the possibility of not being able to opt out of receiving the alerts, making the notifications permanently mandatory.

McPherson College has several options to alert parents, students, faculty and staff. Some of these options include texts, emails, voice messages and even a pop-up on all campus computers.

"The system is for emergency only and I will fight to keep it that way," Bruton said.

The system is used to alert individuals about severe weather such as snow, thunderstorms and tornadoes, as well as shootings, fire and cancelled school days. It is not used for general messages such as school announcements.

The RAVE Emergency Alert System ensures that the individuals at McPherson College stay aware and up to date on



Photo by Miranda Clark

Students who work at McPherson College receive more hours to work.

Make the perfect pumpkin

Photo by Miranda Clark

Students took part in the pumpkin carving contest on Oct. 23. The Hoffman Student Union smelled of pumpkin as many pumpkins were gutted and given a new look.



The Hot spot

BY: LAURINA HANNAN

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF ALEX WUEST,
ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR



FAMILY: I have a wife and a dog. He's a kid though.

HOBBIES? I'm actually going to start to get into biking. I'm big into that. I'm going to start training for a marathon. Just sort of a sports outdoors sort of person. Just one of those Oklahoma City marathons. It's not going to be a Boston, yet. Maybe someday. It's on the bucket list.

IMPRESSION OF MAC: Very proactive. Career-driven. It feels like students come here to get a proper education and it's evident by 90 percent of our students getting jobs within six months after graduation.

That's my impression, just kind of a good, solid liberal arts school.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: Get plugged in. That's the main thing. A lot of kids come to campus, might be homesick and maybe have some good ideas that they want to change the world or do. Try out new things. Don't be afraid to try something new and get plugged in.

WANT TO ACHIEVE IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS? Figure out what I want to do in life. I guess that's a good achievement.

HOMETOWN: Ridgecrest, Calif.

EDUCATION: I have a bachelor's degree in psychology from Tabor College

WHY MAC? I like its college atmosphere. I like the school. I heard a lot of good things about it. My wife got a teaching job at the middle school here in town. I don't have to commute all the way to Tabor and back. It works out.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN? I love to exercise, sports, all sorts of stuff like that.



Photo by Miranda Clark

Panel members sit inside Hoffman Student Union

Panel members converse faithfully

JOEL STOCKSDALE
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Late night at Hoffman Student Union featured more than food on Oct. 15. That Monday night, a group of students and faculty participated in a panel to answer questions about faith.

Three students and two faculty members comprised the panel titled "This I Believe: A Student-Faculty Panel Discussion about God, Life, and Everything!"

Allan Ayella, associate professor of biology; and Laura Eells, associate professor of sociology, were the faculty members. Chris Barnes, sr., Los Angeles, Calif.; Justin Biegger, sr., Fuquay Varina, N.C.; and Laurina Hannan, jr., Wamego, were the student members.

The panel began with introductions of each of the members. In the introductions, the panelists each gave details of their religious backgrounds.

Following the introductions, the panel entered the question and answer segment. Steve Crain, campus pastor and associate professor of philosophy and religion, explained to students that they were welcome

to either ask a question in person or anonymously text a question to be answered.

Crain gave the first question to start off, and after the panel answered, questions were turned over to students. Though no one asked in person, questions came in throughout the evening via text messages. Panelists answered every question covering topics such as improving one's spiritual self, keeping faith in hard times and whether God could create a rock so heavy that God couldn't lift it.

Considering the format of the panel, not everyone at late night may have been listening, but among those that did, there were favorable reactions.

"It was great. You got a lot of variety," said TJ Krivda, fr., Pickerington, Ohio.

The panelists expressed positive feelings about the event as well.

Ayella said, "I liked it a lot. I liked the texting of questions. I liked the diversity, too."

Crain also said he felt the panel went well. He said he enjoyed the variety of the panelists and everything they had to say, and he said he was impressed with the number of questions that were asked.

LEAD EDITORIAL

Government reopens with a higher debt level

The government shutdown finally ended Oct. 16 when President Obama signed a bill to stop the government shutdown. The government shutdown started on Sept. 30 and lasted 16 days. In this 16 days, government workers did not go to work. Some federal buildings were shut down. The government shutdown happened because the House of Representatives and the Senate could not agree on funding federal agencies.

Most people who work for the federal government did not work and did not get paid until after the government reopened. All federal buildings that are not mail or social security were closed until the gov-

ernment reopened. Things that weren't affected included the President's salary of \$400,000 dollars because it "is considered mandatory spending." The congress members were also paid during the government shutdown.

There were hundreds of thousands of employees who were required to work without pay during the government shutdown because their services were deemed essential according to CNN.

Back pay for these workers has also been extended because of the new funding bill.

After the government reopened, the workers were called back to work and

the debt limit has been raised to \$16.7 trillion. Obama said at the White House, "These last few weeks have inflicted completely unnecessary damage in our economy." This is very true. In the end, the only thing that really changed was the debt limit for the United States.

The government has been shutdown before. It was in late 1995, carrying over to 1996. That government shutdown was for 21 days.

This entire shutdown did nothing positive for the country at all. The debt limit was raised and workers payback has been extended after they were forced to work without pay while the government tried

to work things out.

For the most part, the government shutdown did not affect college students. Travelers could not receive a passport during the government shutdown.

The worst part of the whole thing is that the issue that caused the whole government shutdown, the Affordable Care Act, did not change at all. The Affordable Care Act is still being funded the same amount that it was before the shutdown. The people of the younger and future generations are going to suffer from the decisions that the government is making. The world will be in a ridiculous amount of debt if we do not change something.

Runner Runner go see it in a theater today

"Runner Runner" has a high-quality and talented cast including Ben Affleck, Gemma Arterton, Anthony Mackie and my personal favorite, Justin Timberlake.

"Runner Runner" stars Timberlake as Richie Furst, a man who used to have a good career on Wall Street. This prevents him from receiving financial aid for Princeton, where he is going to get his master's degree in marketing. He pays for this degree by referring students to an online gambling site and collects a collateral charge. The school's dean eventually finds



out and threats to expel him because of the prohibited activities. The only way he can find the money to pay for his tuition is through online gambling. He has almost all the money he needs for college but loses all of his money to a cheater. Furst decides to travel to Costa Rica to talk to Ivan Block, played by Affleck, who owns the biggest empire of online gambling. The next day, Block invites Furst to his boat and offers Furst a job to help run his company.

This is where all the action begins and Furst is stuck between the FBI and Block with a hard choice of who side with.

I enjoyed this movie because of the suspenseful thriller aspect it has. It keeps you on your toes while you're waiting for either Furst's or Block's next move. Agent Shavers, played by Mackie, is a crucial player in the movie as he creates pressure to many of the characters.

Agent Shavers, an FBI agent in a foreign

country, he resorts to illegal and unethical measures to help persuade Furst to cooperate with him. In some countries, officers use those methods to get what they want or if a person commits a small crime.

Furst acting on the two sides also helps out the overall movie. It gives the audience two conflicting views and personalities that Furst has to have in order for Block and Shavers believe him.

Affleck as the main villain was a very good idea because he acted like a villain very well. He pulled off the cold-blooded, intelligent, witty boss that made the movie so much better.

Timberlake didn't serenade us in the movie, but he does a very good job as the main character. He can play off the innocent, yet courageous and deter-

mined character that is Furst. He fits the character very well and his well-developed acting skills are shown.

So I feel as a typical college student, we can relate to it in the way that we struggle to find the money necessary for college.

The movie showed me the corruption in some countries, not necessarily by gambling but by other things such as drugs and struggle for power. Drug lords bribe officials and officers to have more leeway and power in their country.

So this movie isn't purely fiction, but it has some aspects of modern times.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Josue Cuellar



Students should not speak that way

A couple of weeks ago during lunch in the cafeteria, a student at my table made a racist remark.

I was taken aback and didn't know what to say. I'm sorry for that.

Given the benefit of some time to formulate a response, however, I submit the following as my reply.

I've chosen to address it directly to the speaker, using a vernacular appropriate to the spirit his statement:

Friend, what were you thinking? Were you thinking that all of us at the table would be sympathetic with your choice of vocabulary? Were you thinking that you were going to win our respect and admira-

tion? If so, you were wrong.

Did you not stop to think that some of us there might have non-white people in our families? That we might have non-white friends? That some of the people we most admire are not white? Evidently not.

Here's the thing. I believe that most of us -- students, faculty, staff -- do not want people out there in the world to associate a racist vocabulary like yours with our college.

As a result, you may find that your proud-to-be-racist persona is not going to win you opportunities for internships.

You may find that the scholarships that could help you through college do not go

to those with racially closed minds.

You may find that all of the interview slots for the best employers are filled up before you can sign up.

I can just hear you say you don't care about internships, scholarships, interviews or even jobs.

Did your daddy teach you to say things like I heard at that lunch table? If so, I

would like to talk to your daddy and tell him that he has put a handicap on you for the task of living in

this big, old world.

Right now there might be a small sliver of the world that will tolerate comments like you made, but that little sliver is getting smaller and smaller.

If you're not careful, you could get squeezed out of a place to stand.

OLD IRON

Scott Versaw



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Band 'drums up' enthusiasm

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This year the band at McPherson College has started growing.

This semester, the band has a woodwind ensemble, brass quintet, mallet trio and a drum line instead of one traditional concert band.

Kyle Hopkins, associate professor of music and director of bands, wants the band to grow enough in the next three to four years to have a 40-piece concert band and several branch-off groups. Some of ideas of branch-off groups would be a jazz band or jazz combo, brass quintet and woodwind quintet. Hopkins also hopes to build the drum line and have a pep band in these next few years.

McPherson College has not had a drum line since the 1970s. This means that, although small, the drum line is an important key in growing the band. The band is utilizing the drum line to raise excitement both on campus and in the community.

Hopkins said, in his experience that "success is the best recruiting tool."

Hopkins has been working on recruiting for the school's band. He has been on the road actively recruiting and running clinics around the state.

Not only does Hopkins direct the band, but he also plays with the ensembles. The ensembles are playing in chamber music this semester, as well as concerts in different places.

The growth in the band from last year to this year has made a significant change in plans for scholarship opportunities for the band program. The college has set aside scholarship funds to recruit students to come to McPherson College.

Hopkins is not looking only at music majors, but wants to "build the band with smart, excited kids who want to come to McPherson College and major in all different degrees and play in a great band while they are here."



Photo by Miranda Clark

Clarinets rehearse in the woodwind ensemble .

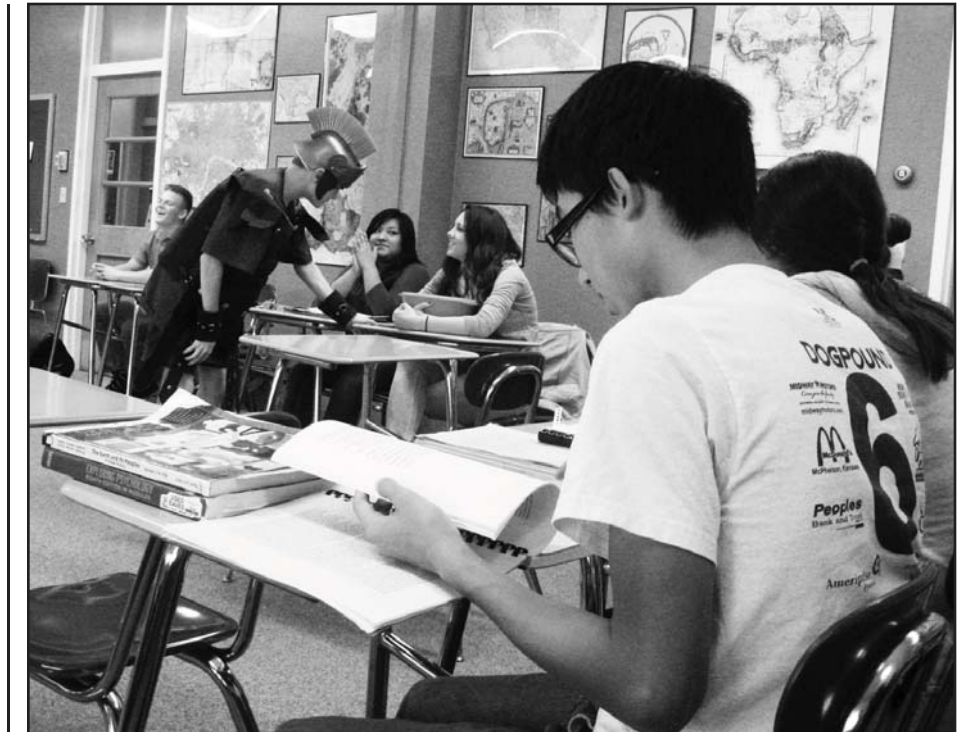


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Kerry Dobbins, assistant professor of history, has Roman soldiers played by students in her class.

Ancient Romans invade McPherson history classes

DEVON RUTLEDGE
Spectator Staff

Students in select history classes relived pivotal points in history on Oct. 25.

Kerry Dobbins, assistant professor of history, is having her classes play games to practice history.

Over the course of 6 weeks, culminating on Oct. 18, students researched not only the events of this period, but also the minute details of how the Romans lived. A series of games were held, in a Roman-themed festival, where the political titans of the game debated their positions.

Tessa Szambecki, fr., Gridley, whose role was of Marc Antony, created a scavenger hunt which was symbolic of the sanguine hunts and animal games the Romans had. "The scavenger hunt was made to sym-

bolize how Romans hunted in ancient times," Szambecki said. "I took 36 note cards and wrote the names of animals that Romans would have hunted. Then I placed them throughout the halls in the Sports Center. At the end of the scavenger hunt, whoever had found or 'hunted' the most animals won."

The games opened with Octavian, Cicero, Marc Antony and other prominent Romans each delivering speeches written by the students performing the roles. Historically, these characters fought politically in the power vacuum after Julius Caesar was assassinated.

Students who were not politicians either had minor roles or were Roman citizens. At the end of the games, a vote of the people decided who was banished from the Republic.

Jacob Patrick, sr., Elizabeth, Colo., who played Cicero, said that exercises like these historical reenactments could offer an excellent avenue for students to learn, provided that the student chose to engage in the activities. This exercise was student-directed and driven.

Costumes and props were also used in this endeavor, enforcing the idea of "living history."

In addition, hunting, gladiatorial combat, bobbing for apples and Roman delicacies were offered to become the dictator.

The dictator winner was Gaius Octavius who had been previously stripped of his Roman titles and exiled.

Throughout the experience, Dobbins stood at the side, observed the students and offered advice and considerations as needed.

H O M E C O M M I N G 2 0 1 3

Laurina Hannan
Editor-in-Chief

Homecoming drew students, alumni and visitors to McPherson College campus for various activities and events Oct. 4 through 6.

The homecoming kick-off started with Honors Convocation. The school assembled as three were presented with the Young Alumni Award.

Ryan Wenzel, '98, Melrose, Mass., co-founded CovalX, a company that develops and produces mass spectrometers, which are machines that detect and measure molecules.

Dallas Blacklock, '03, Houston, Texas, is the director of high school relations at the University of Houston and is an associate pastor at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Houston.

Jenny Williams, '88, Richmond, Ind., worked for the Christian publishers Scripture Press and Tyndale House Publishers, McPherson College institutional advancement and now works at Bethany Seminary as the director of communications and alumni relations.

Students competed in "Dorm Wars" after the honors convocation. In previous years, the wars were spread throughout homecoming week in the evenings.

"Metzler Hall won the cart race," said Dusty Kitchen, director of student activities. "The reason the competition was shortened is because it was hard to find days and times where people were available to participate so we were hoping time after convo would be a good time for people to participate."

On the night of Friday, Oct. 4, McPherson College alumni performed "Moon Over Buffalo" after having one week of rehearsals. Alumni traveled to McPherson from Chicago, Ill.; New York City, N.Y.; and London, England. McPherson College students performed the same show the previous weekend. The alumni also performed



Photos by Miranda Clark
Aspen Frey, sr., Newton, and Evan Heibert, sr., Goessel, are elected as the King and Queen. Running Back Scott Thibodeaux, sr., slides his way past two Ottawa defenders. Dixon Cooney, fr., Loveland, Colo., rides his way to victory for Metzler Hall in the cart races.



Saturday, Oct. 5.

Saturday, Oct. 5 had the majority of the homecoming events.

People were all over the McPherson College campus, despite the chilly morning.

"Despite the weather, I think the event was well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time," said Anna Ruxlow, director of alumni and constituent relations. Ruxlow organized Homecoming, which meant communicating with the entire campus regarding the events planned.

The second annual Pedals for Paul raised over \$10.5 thousand for the Paul Ziegler Memorial Scholarship for students at McPherson College. More than 80 cyclists

rode more than a total of 2,700 miles.

Student Body President, Jacob Patrick, sr., Elizabeth, Colo., was a student volunteer.

"I enjoyed seeing some returning participants and students out in the cold honoring Paul and his impact on our campus," Patrick said. "I saw a lot of smiles, hugs, and laughter throughout the day just as it should be every year."

Starting at 9:30 a.m., 47 people chose five, 10 or 20 mile routes in and around McPherson. Also, 36 riders logged miles from other locations to add to the total. The 2,723 miles adds up to be about 600 miles further than traveling from San Di-

ego, Calif., to Jacksonville, Fla.

Children nine and under were able to participate in a Bicycle Safety Rodeo. Youth learned bicycle safety and rode through an obstacle course.

Various student clubs and organizations sponsored booths outside of Miller Library from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Groups sold confectionery items and bracelets, had games and provided club information for students, parents, alumni and prospective students.

Megan Hamlett, jr., Derby, had her parents visit her during homecoming weekend and went to the student booths.

"My dad was really excited he got so sit in the old Model T car and had my mom

take a picture and everything," Hamlett said. "I was really stinking happy that my parents came up because I hadn't seen them for about four weeks. It was really nice they were on campus and I could show them campus."

Inside the library, "Coffee with the President" started at 10:30 a.m. Michael Schneider, president, spoke on some of the programs and initiatives at McPherson College.

The McPherson College football team played Ottawa University and lost 34-7. Before the game, the homecoming royalty were crowned. Aspen Frey, sr., Newton, and Evan Heibert, sr., Goessel, are the

homecoming queen and king.

Frey said, "I feel very honored to be voted by my peers. It makes me realize how much support I have on campus and how thankful I am to have built such strong relationships with everyone."

The other candidates were Heath Hewitt, sr., Sterling; Chris Barnes, sr., Los Angeles, Calif.; Cole Long, sr., Medicine Lodge; Deon Shorter, sr., Pasadena, Calif.; Megan Pohlmann, sr., Deshler, Neb.; Shea Schweizer, sr., Plevna; Kelsey Stucky, sr., Cimarron; and Aspen Ulrich sr., Sylvan Grove.

Frey and Heibert's homecoming royalty duties include riding in a float for

All School's Day and leading the Senior Drive-Through.

Bulldog Bash returned this year. For dinner, gourmet food stations were in Hoffman Student Union, Mingenback theatre and on the lawn. Stations included Mexican, sauté, roast pig, fried, chocolate and hot-topped ice cream.

The McPherson College choir and band concert concluded homecoming weekend on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. Madrigal pieces were played by the women's choir, men's choir, Singers, woodwind ensemble, percussion ensemble, brass ensemble and classical guitar ensemble, along with vocal and instrumental soloists.

GLOW presents movies

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Copy Editor

On the second Sunday of each month, GLOW (Gay, Lesbian Or Whatever) shows a screening of movies that highlight the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in the Miller Library media room.

The movies shown have LGBT themes or characters. "All Over the Guy" was a comedy shown on Oct. 13 highlighting two guys trying to find love. GLOW aims to show a wide range of film genres in order to keep the events entertaining.

This is not just an opportunity for a club to get together, but is also a time for people to learn. Joshua Norris, assistant professor of music and director of choirs, said, "The goal is to increase awareness. These are influential movies. People learn from them."

Norris sees this as an opportunity for people to get to know more about each other as well.

"The coolest thing is showing people a part of my life. Some of these movies are from the prime in my life," he said.

It focuses on teaching about LGBT issues while viewing these movies. Also, Ethan Quinn, sr., Muskogee, Mich., said that it is also used as "an activity to attract more people to do things and get the word out about GLOW." So far, there has been a larger turn-out at the movies compared to meeting attendance.

Norris said, "With seeing so much hetero-orientation in mainstream media, you get an opportunity to see something a little out of the ordinary, a little off-putting."

While on a generally controversial topic, most attendees are at ease while viewing. Quinn said that it is "way more comfortable and relaxing in the media room than it would be in a lecture hall."

Admission is free, snacks are provided and the movies shown are a surprise.

The next showing will be Sunday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.