

Track team shocks KCAC

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Sports Editor

The McPherson men's and women's track and field teams finished second overall in the KCAC Indoor Conference Championship in Manhattan on Feb. 7 and Feb. 8.

The Bulldog's men's team was six points shy of taking first place overall in the championship meet. Akim Muhammad, jr., Modesto, Calif., was the top performer for the Men's team. He placed first in the 400m dash, third in the 200m dash and helped the men's 4x400 team earn second place. He accumulated 18 total points for the men's team.

Senior Throwers Paul Rotering, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Josh Dunback went 1-2 to in the Shot put with distances of 50' 6" and 47' 7" respectively. Rotering's performance earned him a trip to compete in Nationals with a "B" standard.

Rotering said he relieves the pressure of the competition by not focusing on whether he will win, saying, "I might not take first but if I PR, it's a small step towards a larger goal: winning conference and nationals."

The women's team was 25 points away from taking first in the meet. Sharica Pleasant, sr., Long Beach, Calif., scored 28 points for the women's team. She took first in the 60m hurdles and earned a "B" standard, school record, and the KCAC record for

their championships. She took second in long jump, fourth in high jump, and ran in the 60m dash.

Junior Arryanna Barton, Sacramento, Calif., totaled up 26 points for the women's team. She placed first in triple jump and shot put, and third in long jump. Her triple jump of 37' 4.5" earned her a "B" Standard and she set a new record in the KCAC Championships for shot put.

Barton said her expectations were for her team to go out there and compete and for herself to place first in the triple jump. "Our team has come a long way we all worked hard and had a lot of people step up," Barton said.

Head coach Cameron Magnall said his expectations for his teams were "fairly high, but also very cautious. I realized its championship time and it would not be easy to come out on top."

He wants people to realize that second isn't bad and they will have to transfer the knowledge of indoor into the outdoor season.

Rotering believes both the men's and women's teams can win it all in outdoors. Rotering said, "We balance well, we have endurance, the mindset, and a team--actually a family."



Photos by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Corey Long, fr., McPherson, runs the distance relay in KCAC indoor Conference Championship.



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Track team takes second place at conference



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Josh Dunback, sr., Wamego; Megan Pohlman, sr., Deshler, Neb.; Coach Arryana Barton, jr., Sacramento, Calif.; and Paul Rotering, sr., Colorado Springs, Colo., celebrate their success at conference.

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Zumba classes begin

Zumba class will be taught on campus every Wednesday starting Feb. 19 through March 26. The classes will be at 7 p.m. in Melhorn Science Hall in room 87.

Club budget deadlines approach

Club budgets are due Tuesday, February 18 to Teresa Gramh in the Office of Student Life or Jacob Patrick, sr., Elizabeth, Colo.; Elizabeth Newby, jr., McPherson; Shea Schweizer, sr., Plevna; or Ashley Sinness, soph., Wichita.

Forms are available at www.mcpherson.edu/students/clubs.php.

Horizon fund applications are due soon

Applications for a Horizon Fund grant are due Wednesday, Feb. 19. To Abbey Archer-Rierson, project coordinator for the president, at archera@mcpherson.edu.

Ideas can be for a profit or non-profit idea for on-or-off campus. Students can receive up to \$500.

Gregg resigns from entrepreneurship position

Entrepreneurship program begins transition

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News Editor

Kori Gregg, former vice president of entrepreneurship and innovation, ended over two years of work with McPherson College's entrepreneurship programs on Jan. 31, 2014.

Michael Schneider, president, informed campus of Gregg's leaving in an email sent Jan. 29. In the email, he thanked her for her service and explained that his office would be handling entrepreneurship in the meantime.

According to Schneider, Gregg left because of personal reasons. He did not go into detail. Gregg was reached for comment, but due to family matters, she could not give any statement on her resignation before presstime.

Schneider explained that his office will take care of entrepreneurship programs during this transition.

"We're making sure we're getting the day-to-day stuff taken care of, and this is an opportunity to look at the future," Schneider said.

Abbey Archer, project coordinator for the president, will lead day-to-day operations. According to Schneider, current commitments to entrepreneurship programs such as the Horizon Fund will be unaffected by Gregg's resignation.

Planning for the future already started. In an email, Schneider said the goal for the future is "to continue to lift up liberal

arts with the entrepreneurial mind set and keep working to make our student experience better."

According to Schneider, moving forward will also involve talking with "stakeholders" in the entrepreneurship programs. Input from these discussions will help determine what to do with the program in the future, and who to hire next.

The "stakeholders" are people involved with entrepreneurship at all levels on campus, including Horizon Fund students, entrepreneurship minors, faculty and staff members of the eTeam, a group of volunteers who work on forwarding entrepreneurship on campus, as well as a few other groups.

Discussions with these groups will help determine how to move forward and who should be hired to fill Gregg's position.



Kori Gregg resigns from her position as vice president of entrepreneurship and innovation at McPherson College.

Tie-breaker robs women's tennis win against Baker

CHRIS NEWELL
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Women's Tennis team opened their season against Baker University. Games throughout the match were close and the whole match was back and forth, but ultimately they would drop the match against Baker, losing at a score of 5-4.

In doubles, the Lady Bulldogs number one doubles team of Junior Brooke and Sophomore Nicole Vorhees, Riverside, Calif., won their game at 8-1. The number three doubles team lost at a score of 8-4, making the match tied 1-1 going

into the last doubles match. The number two team was unable to pick up a win as well as they dropped the game at a score of 8-4, giving Baker a 2-1 lead going into singles play.

Brooke Vorhees was able to win in her singles match, with a final scores were 6-2 and 6-2. Nicole Vorhees also won her singles match at scores 6-1 and 6-1, giving the Lady 'Dogs the lead back at a score of 3-2.

McPherson lost the lead as Alexandra Moore, fr., Wuerzburg, Germany, dropped her singles match at scores of 6-1 and 6-1, Baker University tied the score at 3-3 apiece. But Brittany Gourlay, jr., Riv-

erside, Calif., was able to retain the lead when she won her singles match.

Brooke Vorhees said, "We did really well, but our consistency can get better throughout the season. We could have closed out our games much better that we should have won. But for the match to come down to a tie breaking set in the last game, it is something we can all rally around and improve our team as a whole."

McPherson was unable to pick up another game in this match, as they would drop the following 3 singles matches. Kara Wright, sr., Wichita, fell short of her game in two sets. Ashley Allmon, sr., McPherson,

lost her first set, but would rebound to pick up the second set, bringing it to a tiebreak with a third set.

The last set would go into a tie-breaker, but Allmon would drop the game as she was defeated in the last set at a score of 10-6.

Coach Jeff Benito said, "Although, this was a tough first loss for our team we are confident that we will have a much more successful season this year.

Next week we will have two more players join the line up to make us that much tougher to beat. I was very impressed with the girls' energy and enthusiasm during the whole match."

Girls lose by double-digits

CHRIS RAKOWSKI
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The McPherson College Lady Bulldogs basketball lost to Tabor College 67-54 on Saturday, Feb 8.

The Bulldogs kept it close for a little but Tabor went on a 10-0 run about half way through the first half, increasing their lead into double-digits for the first time in the game. The Bulldogs fought back and ended the half trailing 39-26 to Tabor.

In the second half, the Bulldogs deficit increased by 16 points, the 'Dogs went on a 10-0 run to bring it within six. Tabor answered with an 11-0 run to put the game to out of reach for the Bulldogs, as they lost

67-54. McPherson moves to 8-18 for the season and 4-10 in conference play.

The Bulldogs went 10-of-27 in the first half while shooting 2-of-12 from beyond the arch. McPherson knocked down 11-of-25 in the second half, going 3-of-11 from 3-point land. McPherson led bench scoring with 10 points as 4 different players from the bench scored.

Aubrey Barton, soph., center, put in 15 points, while collecting seven rebounds, two assists and a career-high four blocks. Freshman Callie Atkins, forward, scored 11 points coming off of the bench. Cami Engelbert, soph., forward, and Bailey Brown, soph., guard, each scored eight points.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Baily Brown, soph., guard, blows by defender to score. Brown went on to score eight points in the game against Tabor College on Sunday, Feb. 8.

Men's tennis has dominant start against Baker University

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The McPherson College Men's Tennis team opened their season Saturday, Feb. 8 in Salina against Baker University. The men won the match at a score of 8 – 1, going undefeated in singles matches while only dropping one of their doubles matches.

The Men's number one doubles team features Rafael Bulnes, jr., Rosmalen, Netherlands and Joan-Marc Fajula Rodriguez, fr., Olot, Spain. They started the match off winning their doubles match at a score of 8 – 0 against Baker's number one doubles team. The second team for McPherson, made up by Jordan Stewart, jr., Sterling, and Allen Darmawan, jr., Mission Viejo, Calif., won their match at a score of 8 – 4, giving the Bulldogs a 2 – 0 start. The third doubles team, a newly formed group of Gianluca Coria, fr., Mar Del Plata, Argentina, and Sean De Young, sr., Anaheim, Calif., was the only team that dropped a match against Baker. They were able to tie the game at 6 – 6, but Baker was able to

pick up the last 2 sets to give them there only point of the days matches.

Singles opened up at a score of 2 – 1 for McPherson. Bulnes was able to pick up his first singles game with scores of 6 – 2 and 6 – 3. Darmawan won the next singles game. De Young went perfect in his singles game as he did not drop any sets with scores of 6 – 0. Junior Michael Irwin, Wichita, won his first set 7 – 5. He rolled in the next set 6 – 1.

De Young said, "Overall I think we did well, although I believe we could have closed the match out with no losses."

Coach Jeff Benito said, "We did well for our first match. First matches of the season are always tough; it's very different to go against other opponents. We missed a couple cues; our execution can get better. But the men will do very well this season."

The Men's next match will be Sunday, Feb. 16 against Hastings College for an away match. They will look to continue their hot start and keep improving on what is still a young season for both tennis squads.



Photo by Fonzi Cureau

Kyle Lakin, soph., guard, handles the ball and looks for his teammate.

Men's Basketball unable to steal the game in final shot.

CHRIS RAKOWSKI
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The Men's Basketball team's lost in the final seconds to Tabor College on Saturday Feb. 8, 2014.

The Bulldogs were down for the majority of the first half of the game and looked to be going into half down by 15 until a couple of late three-point shots by Erik DeRoo, sr., guard, and TJ Grant, jr., guard,

to put the Bulldogs within nine of the Blue Jays.

"I feel like we could have came out with more focus," Student-Assistant Coach Scott Crist said. "We came out sluggish, showed no intensity, and had quite a few turnovers. We could have valued the basketball more."

At the start of the second half of the game the 'Dogs came out exactly how they ended the first half, with a three, and

a lay-up. Consecutive defensive stops had the game tied. Throughout the second half, the 'Dogs and Blue Jays went back and forth with multiple lead changes.

With two minutes left and the Bulldogs up by one, the Blue Jays sank a jumper to take a one-point lead. After a controversial no call, the Blue Jays were fouled and sent to the free throw line. After making one free throw, the Blue Jays lead by two. With less than 15 seconds left, the Bulldogs in

bounded the ball where two missed opportunities sent the clock to triple zeros.

"It was a tough way to lose," Crist said. "We came out in the second half with a lot more energy and focus and we were able to get back into the game, but came up a little short."

Samson Shivers, sr., guard, lead the team in scoring with 20 points and added nine rebounds. Devirous Johnson, sr., forward, had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

C.A.R.S. Club car show named 'must attend' event



Photo by Joel Stocksdale

Porsches and a Ferrari attended the C.A.R.S. Club car show two years ago.

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McPherson College's C.A.R.S. Club was in the spotlight on MSN.com because of the club's upcoming annual car show. The show is scheduled for the first Saturday in May and is expected to bring in a diverse crowd. MSN recognized the event as a "must attend" car show.

"C.A.R.S. Club is honored to have their car show recognized as a must attend car show," Jacob O'Gorman, club vice president, said. "The atmosphere set by the town of McPherson and McPherson

College is unique and amazing. As far as C.A.R.S. Club, the program will grow and be stepped up to a new level."

The club expects close to 150 car entries at the event based on last year's attendance. The fee for show entrants is \$10 if registered in advance. The fee for entry on the day of the show is \$20. Entry is free for spectators.

C.A.R.S. Club expects the car show to bring cars ranging from the Brass Era and earlier to the Post-War era to McPherson College and the town. The car show will have a Model T build and Ed Barr, assistant professor of technology, will do a sheet metal demonstration.



Photo by Joel Stocksdale

A Kaiser-Darrin was displayed at the C.A.R.S. Club car show two years ago.

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European tour registration deadline approaches

Registration for the band and choir European tour is due this month. The tour will be in January of 2015.

Having a final number of participants will determine the final cost per person. The cost should be about \$3700 per person. Currents students, alumni and friends are welcome to enroll.

If a minimum number isn't reached, the tour will be cancelled.

Because this will be part of a class, students can use student loan funds to help pay for the trip.

For more information and registration, visit www.culturaltour-consultants.com with username "McPherson" and password "tours."

If students have questions, email Josh Norris, director of choral activities, at norrisj@mcpherson.edu or Kyle Hopkins, director of band, at hhopkins@mcpherson.edu.

Conyers rediscovers self during sabbatical



Photo by Joel Stocksdale

Wayne Conyers explains a "blind outline" drawing for the Drawing I class.

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Wayne Conyers, professor of art, returned from sabbatical this semester. During his sabbatical, Conyers took time to relax, read and get back to art. He called it a "rebirth of Wayne."

"I found 'Professor Conyers' had enveloped 'Wayne,'" Conyers said. "I started to find myself. The process is not over, but I'm getting back to creative, don't-play-it-safe 'Wayne' that was covered by 'Professor Conyers.'"

Conyers spent time trying new art techniques and traveling. He taught a two-day workshop in Quincy, Ill., with professional artists from the Grand River Watercolor Society. Conyers said he "just jumped in" to teaching the class, not "knowing what I had to offer them," and "found out that it worked."

"I thought, 'Gee, I can do this in the classroom!'" Conyers said.

Dani Jacks, jr., Stafford, said, "It feels like the art department is whole again. There was an energy missing when he was gone."

Conyers said his sabbatical made him "realize how much teaching is at my core." He said he needs the classroom, especially now that he has "the prefect job and the enthusiasm for it."

"If and when I retire, I will still have to teach," he said.

Jacks said, "I think he's way more relaxed. He's even more artsy now, more interested in the art experience."

Conyers said that he is "thoroughly looking forward to student's having success on a lot of different levels."

Jacks said, "I purposefully waited a semester to take watercolor with Wayne because I was not going to take it with an-

New opportunities from Pre Health Professionals Club

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Spectator Staff

Science students interested in medical professions now have a way to find opportunities and information about the field.

Spring semester marks the start of the Pre Health Professionals Club. Ashley Frankenbery, soph., Benton, started the club and Manjula Koralegedara, assistant professor of chemistry, is the faculty adviser.

Frankenbery said she started the club as a way to help students interested in medical careers get information and improve

their resumes. She said that larger schools have them, and that they are important.

"Some of the grad schools I'm looking at ask for letters from advisers of pre-med clubs," Frankenbery said.

Information and opportunities look for clubs as well.

"At big schools, seminars contact clubs first," Frankenbery said.

On the list of things Frankenbery said she was hoping to include in the club were chances to work on resumes, speakers coming to the club and times for students to volunteer and shadow. Frankenbery said shadowing and volunteering will be

important for giving students an idea of what professions will be like.

"It gives you the chance to try something out before you dedicate your life to it."

In an email, Koralegedara echoed some of these desires and added that the club is planning on providing students information about and requirements for graduate schools and opportunities to network. Fundraising programs are also in the works.

The club met for the first time Friday, Feb. 7.

Frankenbery said that only five people came, but she said it was difficult to get

people there with the snow days. She is optimistic.

"I know people are excited," Frankenbery said.

Plans for how frequently the club will meet are still being determined.

Frankenbery said the club will likely meet once or twice a month on Fridays at noon.

Students interested in the club can reach Frankenbery at franash@bulldog.mcpherson.edu.

According to Koralegedara, the club is open to students of all majors who are interested in health careers.

Bulldog baseball battles Northwood University

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McPherson College Baseball competed in a four game series against Northwood University in Cedar Hill, Texas Saturday, Feb. 8 and Sunday, Feb. 9. The Bulldogs went 0-4 in the series and 1 run was the difference in two of the meetings.

The Bulldogs led the first game 1-0 throughout the fourth inning. In the fifth inning, Northwood scored four runs and an additional run in the sixth inning. The Bulldogs lost the first match 5-1.

Head Coach Andrew Ehling said, "In the first game, four of the runs came from error"

In the Bulldogs second game of the series, statistically they performed better. The Bulldogs were down 4-1 going into the sixth inning. The Bulldogs scored a run in the sixth inning and another in the seventh inning. The Bulldogs' last inning rally fell short of victory and the end result was 4-3 Northwood.

Ehling said, "The second game was well pitched. It basically came down to giving up some runs because of errors. We made some errors and they got the break."

In the third game, it was 0-0 throughout

the seventh inning. Senior Taylor Werts, pitcher, pitched a no hitter for the first seven innings. He only gave up a hit in the extra eighth inning, which was overtime. This one hit resulted in a 1-0 lost.

Ehling prided Werts effort on the mound in the series. Ehling Said, "Our pitching was about as good as it's ever been since I've been here."

In the last match, the Bulldogs lost 13-1. Ehling said, "That last game we kind of just unraveled."

Senior Catcher Bennett Ratzloff, believed his team performed well in the series. He said, "Pitching was definitely the bright spot of the weekend as well as defense."

He understands that things that they work on in practice "need to transfer into the game."

"This is a great starting point our record did not reflect how we played, but they will even out," Ratzloff said.

In a final statement, Ehling said, "Opening season is going to start off slow...we have to play more games to get our hitting rhythm and timing down. I am really proud of how the team reacted in the right way and I am pleased in what we were able to accomplish this weekend."

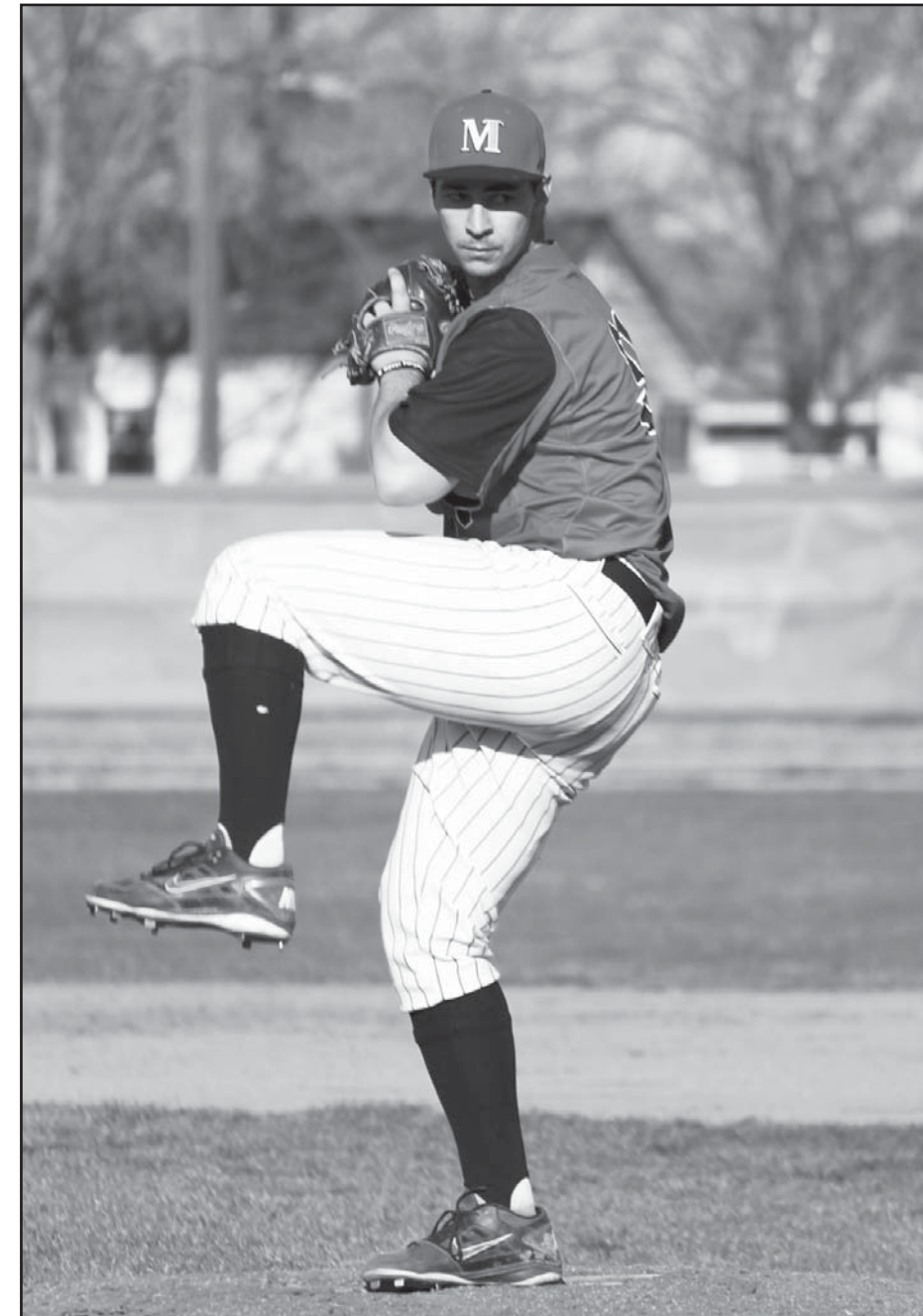


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Pitcher winds up on the mound. This is a photo from last years baseball team.

Snow hits McPherson leaving everything white

At the beginning of the month, it snowed about a foot.

The snow was really powdery and not that great for snowball fights or building anything out of snow.

If the snow had come a little earlier, I would have been much more excited but the cold is becoming a thing of the past.

Many people took the opportunity to watch movies all day or catch up on homework or at least that is what I did.

However, with only one day in the spring semester complete, homework seemed scarce across McPherson College campus.

Snow is great, but I am ready for the warmer weather.

If Kansas had a place to go skiing or snowboarding, the snow would be a lot more fun.

People still put on their coats and layers and went out to play in the snow.

These people would say that the snow was great.

The auto rats were out and about trailing people on sleds with trucks.

A few snowball fights occurred as well. These events were for the people who loved snow.

I would have done these things if the snow was moister and packed together, making it better for building snowmen and igloos.

Although there were two days of can-

celled classes, many people had work and were having trouble getting out in the snow considering not everyone has a truck or SUV that is equipped for the snow.

Some students even took this opportunity to drift through the streets or in parking lots with ease and use the slick surface for their benefit and enjoyment. Students native to colder states, where snow is much more abundant, however, can't seem to

get enough of the cold, white substance.

The snow may be nice to look at for a day but at this point, it is too cold and has been for too long to enjoy the snow as much as others would like to.

McPHERSON EVENTS

Karl Timmerman



ON THE FLY

What was your favorite part of the snow?

"My favorite part was sledding on the other side of the overpass. Watching Robert sled into a tree also made my day." **Justin Smeltzer, fr., Glendora, Calif.**



"Drifting a 2002 Toyota truck, sledding down large hills, and snowball fights." **Robert Kliever, jr., Perry, Iowa**



"The snowball fights that we had." **Tanner Howard, jr., Fort Scott**



"Sledding on the overpass with friends was wonderful." **Mathew Edmonds, fr., Flagstaff, Ariz.**



"The cold and sliding around in cars." **Justin Crenshaw, sr., Wichita**



"I get to wear classy sweaters." **Wes Anderson, jr., Valparaiso, Ind.**



Snow storm causes cancellation of classes

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Spectator Staff

The first week of the spring semester was short at McPherson College. The college cancelled classes for Tuesday, Feb. 4, and Wednesday, Feb. 5.

When the local and national news projected 8 to 12 inches of snow for the McPherson area, the maintenance team at McPherson College prepared for the oncoming weather.

To prevent snow and ice from sticking to the cement, Tim Bruton, maintenance and safety supervisor, had brine used on walkways. By equipping dorms with shovels, keeping up with the snowfall was more efficient said Bruton. Priority shifted to sidewalks, certain parking lots and other parts of campus.

Monday night, Bruton sent out the RAVE Alert for no school on Tuesday, after Kent Eaton, provost, made the decision to cancel classes for McPherson College.

When deciding whether to cancel classes, Eaton contacts several people including Michael Schneider, president; Cari Lott, academic dean; ShaRhonda Maclin, dean of students; and Bruton, to ask for thoughts and concerns for students, faculty and staff.

On Tuesday, another RAVE alert informed students school was cancelled for Wednesday because of the snow.

"Be patient with us," said Bruton. "If you do have concerns, email the maintenance department. We are doing the best we can."

No accidents were reported and the main worry was cars overlapping the sidewalks. Sports practices weren't cancelled, however, and each sport had a time to use the athletic facilities. Classes resumed Thursday, Feb. 6.



Blair Darsch, sr., Hampstead, Md., surveys the snowy environment outside McPherson Hospital

Photo by Robin De Young

The Hot spot

BY: ROBIN DE YOUNG

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF ROBERT SPIES
ASSISTANT CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK & FIELD COACH



to view success as a work in progress provides a productive environment to achieve personal and team academic and athletic goals.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR NEW TEAM'S POTENTIAL? We have a team that is growing both in numbers and in commitment to one another. We are becoming better at developing team unity; however, currently, this is our biggest weakness. As we learn to bond with one another, become part of our campus and even our community, this weakness will become our biggest strength and be the true building block to our success. I see really great things to come with the Bulldog Cross Country/Track and Field program. It just takes steady, consistent commitment to see things through.

CONCERNING PERSONAL FITNESS, WHAT'S A REGULAR DAY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU? What can I say, I'm pushing 35 and staring 36 in the face, yet I'm still crazy enough to run practices with the team.

DOES IT HURT SOMETIMES? Oh, you bet it does and it is not getting any easier. But I'm still able, so I put one foot in front of the other. Running alongside these youngsters gives me an advantage as a coach; hearing their footsteps and pushing them when they become tired is unique encouragement. When they have doubts in their minds, if they can possibly do another step, I stand there and say, "Pain is only but a short time, but the results can last a lifetime."

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP? Western Kansas, Collyer and WaKeeney.

WHERE DID YOU GO TO SCHOOL? Fort Hays State University and Pittsburg State University – B.S. in Early Childhood Development minor in Recreation and a M.S. in Health, Human Performance, and Recreation—Sport and Leisure Management.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO WORK AS A TRACK COACH AT MCPHERSON? I came to McPherson College to be closer to my family and to continue my passion of developing young men and women as future graduates as well as cultivate team atmosphere for productive academic and athletic success.

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO HAVE A CAREER AS A TRACK COACH? It's been about giving back and enjoying the process of working with young men and women as they grow into becoming better people. Sometimes it is tough love with me as a coach however each in which I work with soon come to realize that I do so because I want a better future for them. My commitment

Theater kickstarts St. Valentines Day weekend with student directed plays

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Spectator Staff

McPherson students are directing and performing "Love Letters" in Brown Auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 13 and Friday, Feb. 14 in time for St. Valentine's Day.

This romantic play is about two lovers, Andy and Melissa, who meet early in their lives and it proves to be fate. But once separated by parents who send them to different schools in different cities, they vow to write letters and defy the distance.

The show was supposed to be an Alpha Psi Omega fundraiser but the fundraising portion was cancelled because of a lack of required reservation. The show is still open to the campus community.

Senior Kristie Gutierrez, Quinter, is directing the first showing on Feb. 13, and

senior Justin Biegger, Fuquay Varina, N.C., will direct the second night showing.

Gutierrez said that directing "Love Letters" was "definitely a good learning experience, not just for me, but for the actors as well."

The cast for the Thursday night show is Jacob Patrick, sr., Elizabeth, Colo., and Lora Kirmer, soph., Holly, Colo. The Friday night show has Deon Shorter, sr., Pasadena, Calif., and Whitney Jefferson, soph., Katy, Texas.

For ticket info and reservations call the Box Office at (620) 242-0444, or email them at mcpersontheater@bulldog.mcperson.edu.

Showtime for both dates is 7 p.m., with a running time of 1 hour 45 min.



Photo by Fonzi Cureau

Kristie Gutierrez, sr., Quinter, directs the first showing of "Love Letters" on Feb. 13. The show is free to the campus community.

LEAD EDITORIAL

Gay men fight for the right to give blood Red Cross tries to eliminate HIV in blood donations

As it stands, gay men cannot donate blood in the U.S. This is a conflict for many Americans all over as some are gay and some are anti-gay.

Feelings aside, the reason that gay men cannot donate is the increased risk they have of getting HIV/AIDS.

With HIV/AIDS testing, the question posed is whether or not gay men should be able to donate blood.

Regardless of the activities gay people partake in, they should have the same opportunity to help people in need that

heterosexual people have.

While gay and bisexual men make up 63 percent of all new HIV infections, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is it fair to ban these men from donating blood?

According to Lloyds Pharmacy, the reason gay men are more prone to HIV is the fact that they have anal sex more often than a normal couple do and do not wear condoms.

Many heterosexual couples have anal sex without a condom as well.

If those individuals are not banned then neither should homosexual men.

Blood is a worldwide need for people with disease and injuries.

The Red Cross is always asking for people to donate blood especially after natural disasters that caused injuries.

If the blood of a gay man can save a person, then why ban all of them from donating blood?

Blood can be tested the blood can save a life. It is no different from testing a straight man's blood.

The male gay population should have the right to donate blood same as the heterosexual population.

According to Mediaite, in a poll taken in June of 2013, 45 percent of Americans believe homosexuality to be a sin and 60 percent accept homosexuals in the United States.

This could be a reason that homosexuals are not allowed to donate to blood banks and organizations such as the Red Cross.

Sex trafficking takes place worldwide

Sex trafficking is something that goes on all over the world.

The process of men and women being picked up off the street and sold by pimps as sex slaves is sex trafficking.

This is a real problem and it takes place all around us.

It is often assumed that this only happens in other countries, but this problem also occurs in the United States.

According to Charitysub, most victims of sex trafficking start the process between the ages of 12 and 14.

These are kids who run away from home or kicked out and have no place to go so they get picked up by sex traffickers and are forced to walk the streets or are posted online.

There are many different types of sex trafficking.

The girls in the high heels, short skirts and skimpy shirts are prostitutes that are usually working for pimps.

According to cristiancentury.com, some girls do walk the streets on their own accord but not a lot compared to the ones who are enslaved by pimps.

Another way for pimps to get money from the girls and guys they enslave is to post them on the internet on video chat or websites that you can meet up and have sex with the girls.

With the Internet being so vast; it is very easy for pimps to post these girls without anyone realizing what is going on.

Sex trafficking has a huge impact on those who have been put through it.

It affects the mental, physical and emotional state of being.

Being enslaved for sex trafficking leaves a permanent scar, both mental and physically that can be extremely hard to overcome.

Many victims during the abuse and slavery are too scared to come out and say anything because the pimps will kill them

if they are found out.

According to TheGuardian.com, in Mexico, mothers hide their girls when armed men come into the villages because they will take the young daughters and traffick them.

According to ABC, The Super Bowl is one of the most active times for sex traffickers to get more victims.

We can fight against this horrible event that goes on all around us.

Many people believe it is not something that we can change. Everyday people know so little about it and would not have

any idea were to start a change.

People like the students at McPherson College can make a difference by spreading the word.

With social media, the entire world could be made aware of what is going on.

We can build the confidence of those who are victims of this to come out against the people who are enslaving them.

WORLD CONFLICTS

Jordyn Lipe



College experiences change students views of the world

Are you disoriented yet? If not, try harder. By now, most of us at McPherson College have at least one semester under our belt.

At this point, you may be experiencing a wide range of emotions.

Away from the places and people you've known all your life and surrounded by people you didn't know just a few months ago, you may feel relieved or anxious, free or constrained, disappointed or reassured or all of the above.

In addition to the social challenges you've signed up for, you've also volunteered for an experience with even more potential for personal upheaval: learning.

At best, over the next four years you'll experience a major shift in the way you look at the world around you. At worst,

you won't change at all. There are two major phases in most intellectual exercises.

At the start of the first phase, you believe that you actually know quite a bit about the subject at hand.

After spending some time studying the subject, however, you usually realize that you don't know as much as you thought you did.

That marks the end of the first phase. You've gone from blissful ignorance to informed ignorance, possibly becoming somewhat disoriented in the process.

Sometimes, in addition to discovering your lack of knowledge, you may find that some of what you thought you knew was actually wrong! Incorrect! Without factual basis!

If, in the course of your learning experi-

ence, you find yourself approaching this precipice of disorientation-losing the very foundation on which you stand.

Do not despair. It means you are on the real path of learning.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel, and it is not a train coming toward you.

The second phase, where you progress from informed ignorance to real knowledge, is still ahead and it's a lot more fun. But you have to go through disorientation first.

If you don't, at times, feel your mental inventory of retained factoids is being attacked, and is slowly eroding, then

you're probably not trying hard enough. You haven't reached the end of phase one. Maybe you haven't even started it.

There is no rule that you must try harder, but you will never get the full measure of the education you deserve if you exit this institution with the same knowledge you entered with.

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Scott Versaw



Letters to the editor

Any student, staff or faculty member can submit a letter to the editor for the Spectator.

Letters should be limited to 350 words in length. The letter must be accompanied by the signature of the authors; letters may not be sent anonymously.

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

All letters should have a point

that is constructive or contributes to the enhancement of the student body; the newspaper staff will not print libelous material.

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McPherson Opera House showcases student artwork

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Since 2004, the McPherson Opera house has been the venue for McPherson College students to showcase their work in all areas of the visual arts. The works exhibit ranges from freshmen creations to senior show pieces.

This includes work from classes like graphic design, drawing, watercolors, photography and sculpting.

Austin Heibert, fr., Newton, has his Drawing I final project on display at the gallery.

"I had made a few drawings throughout the semester and at the end our teacher selected something from everyone to keep: her favorite works," Heibert said. "It is pretty unique to see an artistic piece that I made on display."

Heibert said he represented the automotive pestoration program by incorporating elements of automobiles in his work.

Other students, such as Taylor Gillespie, sr., Raymond, Mo., are excited about the exhibit because it is essentially a resume of their skill set. Gillespie is a graphic design major with a passion for branding work. This includes logo, packaging de-

sign and creation.

"I'm really excited and happy that my work is on display for the community to see," Gillespie said.

The display, featuring over 60 pieces, is located at the Opera House. The show is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Feb. 23. The gallery is holding a special closing reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Feb. 23.

Also included in the gallery are works from: Evan Hiebert, sr., Goessel; Jasmine Regehr, soph., McPherson; Landon Stang, fr., Limon, Colo.; Monica Ewy, fr., Halstead; Alejandro Esparza, sr., Rosemead, Calif.; Maci Schlehuber, fr., Hillsboro; Angelica Chavez, soph., Newton; Kevin Aka, fr., Paris, France; Matraca Ewy, sr., Halstead; Heath Hewitt, sr., Sterling; Cheyenne Browning, soph., South Haven; Sarah Schowengerdt, sr., McPherson; Matthew Richards, fr., Norman, Okla.; Jacy Porter, sr., Little River; Cord Cunningham, sr., Ottawa; Melicia Evans, fr., McPherson; Robin De Young, sr., Anaheim, Calif.; Wes Anderson, jr., Valparaiso, Ind.; Lora Kirmer, soph., Holly, Colo.; Joshua Lloyd, jr., Stafford, Va.; Phoebe Barton, jr., Little River; and Danna Jacks, jr., Stafford.



Photo by Jacob O'Gorman

McPherson student artwork is now on display through Feb. 23. The display features over 60 student works.



Environmental science class travels to Puerto Rico

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This past January, three students and one professor took a trip to Puerto Rico to gain field experience in environmental science.

The trip allowed them to gain “experiences with the geology, hydrology, climatology, and ecology of Puerto Rico, as well as with the history and current culture of the island,” said chaperone Dr. Jonathan Frye, professor of natural science.

These McPherson students worked with students from the University of Puerto Rico and explored environments including multiple types of forests, caves, coasts and the city of San Juan.

The McPherson students who went on this trip included seniors Jerod Corbus, McPherson, and Alex Paparella, Torrance, Calif., as well as junior Nathaniel Schowengerdt, McPherson.

For Paparella and Schowengerdt, this trip and the research conducted will be the basis of their senior projects.

“I chose to go on the trip both for data collection for my senior research project

and because I couldn’t get enough of it after my first trip last year,” Schowengerdt said.

This is the second year that the class has been offered and Frye plans to offer it every interterm that he can.

For Corbus, the trip was not as much about the research as it was for everyone else.

“It fulfills the requirement of ‘field experience’ for my environmental science minor,” aid Corbus. “Also, it sounded like a better place to spend the month of January than in Kansas.”

Because of weather, their planes to get back were delayed.

“We were delayed getting home by two and a half days,” Frye said. “We spent one of the days in the rain forest and at the beach, the second in Old San Juan and the last half of a day in the Atlanta airport.”

While this class is mostly taken by science majors and minors, it is open to anyone willing to travel. The class meets the requirements for field experience in the science departments, but can also act as a global/intercultural experience.



Submitted photos

Jerod Corbus, sr., McPherson, (top) and Alex Paparella, sr. Torrance, Ca., (right) interact with the Puerto Ricans.



C.A.R.S. Club attends Sunflower Swap Meet

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C.A.R.S. Club traveled to Wichita for the Sunflower Swap Meet hosted by the Model A Club of Kansas at the Kansas Pavilions Feb. 7 and 8.

The meet took up both pavilions and the dirt lot between them. Both buildings had plenty of space for vendors, restoration shops, junkyards or your “average Joe” selling parts.

Alex Costenza, jr., Plymouth, Mich., said, “It was basically an entire day worth of automotive and motorcycle related activities.”

C.A.R.S. Club had two spaces at the swap meet. One was used for a school pavilion so they could hand out information about the program and the annual car show on May 3. The other space was used for the school and students to sell things they no longer needed for projects and to generate some extra cash.

“I look forward to the swap meet every year because I have always been able to find good deals on the tools and parts I need to fix my whips,” Harry Gaynor, jr., Philadelphia, Penn., said. “It’s also great to be around like-minded people.”

Gaynor isn’t the only one who enjoys these community events.

Seth Schueller, sr., Southlake, Texas, said, “I think it’s great to have events like the Sunflower Swap Meet. These kinds of meets gather us few gear heads together to swap parts and stories as well as providing a public forum for it all.”

C.A.R.S. Club handed out most of the literature brought to market McPherson College and the automotive restoration program.



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Mitchell Calvert, fr., Hutchinson, Justin Smeltzer, fr., Glendora, Calif. and Tyler Henning, soph., Halstead, work the McPherson College booth at the Sunflower Swap Meet.