

Softball splits at Friends University softball tournament

Bulldog's host tournament on home field this weekend

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Sports Editor

McPherson Bulldogs Softball team split with a win against Baker University 6-5 and a loss to Hastings College 3-11 in the Friends University tournament Friday March 7. The two-day tournament became a one-day tournament because of the anticipated bad weather for the weekend.

The Bulldogs played Baker University first Friday at 10 a.m. In the opening inning, the Bulldogs scored and led the game 1-0. The Bulldogs held Baker University scoreless for the first three innings. Baker managed to get a run scored in the fourth inning. However the Bulldogs responded with four runs of their own, this gave the Bulldogs a 5-1 advantage entering the fourth inning.

"We had good communication," Makenzie Frank, utility player, fr., said, "We got some key hits."

The Bulldogs needed to hold off Baker for three more innings to secure a victory. Baker university did not back off as they scored two more runs in the fifth inning. Baker scored another run in the sixth inning. The Bulldogs were scoreless in the fifth and sixth inning after scoring 4 runs in the fourth. The score was 5-4 in favor of the Bulldogs entering the seventh and final inning.

Baker University managed to score again in the seventh inning. This tied the game 5-5.

At the top of the seventh inning, Whitney Miller, outfielder, soph., hit a double,

which placed her on second base. Mariah Wedel, McPherson, connected on a bunt to send Miller to third base and was tagged out on her way to first.

Ariel "Earl" McGee, shortstop, sr., connected on a bunt that got her to first base. McGee then stole second base while Jenna Kaiser, shortstop, soph., was at bat.

"Earl key stolen base got us into scoring position," Frank said.

Kaiser was walked by Baker's Picher and now the bulldogs had bases loaded and with one out. Amanda "Nick" Darrow, catcher, soph., was next at bat. Nick fouled two balls, which earned two strikes. Miller said Nick was originally going to bunt next, But she was hit and forced to walk and Miller would

score the final run by walk to give the Bulldogs a 6-5 victory over Baker University.

McGee and Miller both lead the team with two hits, which was combined for four of the Bulldogs seven total hits. Cas-

sandra Mereno, first base, soph., led the team in RBIs with two coming on a double in the fourth inning.

Freshman Pitcher Ciara Archer, recorded her first win this season. She gave up five runs, two walks and two strikeouts.

The Bulldogs played Hastings College 2 p.m. Friday. The Bulldogs lost this game 3-11. Hastings college scored 10 runs by the fourth inning. The Bulldogs were scoreless until the fifth inning.

"The second game was the total opposite of the first game," Frank said.

Hastings

College was held scoreless for the first three innings. McGee said "The started hitting balls in the gaps." The caused an emotional downfall for the Bulldogs

Miller said, "our energy was up then we just got down when they started hitting the ball well."

McGee is a senior and Leader on the team. "We learned a lot from the Hastings game McGee said, "We will definitely communicate better and be one step ahead of their opponent.

The Bulldogs will host a softball tour-



MCPHERSON COLLEGE SPECTATOR

Students speak out against controversial bill



Photo by Joel Stocksdale
At the Gay, Lesbian, or Whatever (GLOW) meeting on March 12, Jen Jensen, admissions counselor, signs a petition to get McPherson College to make a public statement against Kansas House Bill 2453.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Student Activities Board seeks new members

Student Activities Board is accepting applications for new members for the 2014-2015 school year. SAB hosts events such as \$2 Tuesdays, talent shows, casino nights and bingo.

They want individuals who can help come up with more event ideas.

Students interested in applying should fill out the application sent to all students in an email on Wednesday, March 12. If students have any questions, they should email or call Dusty Kitchen, student activities director, at kitchend@mcpherson.edu or 785-242-0331.

Student retention rate, numbers released

Student numbers are official. McPherson College had a 90 percent retention rate between the first and second semesters for the 2013-2014 school year.

As of Friday, Feb. 28, there are 531 undergraduate full-time students. There are 33 part-time undergraduate students. According to Karlene Tyler, associate academic dean, the full-time equivalency is 575 students. The undergraduate head count is 564 students.

There are 19 students in the graduate program, 10 full-time graduate students and 9 part-time graduate students.

Students petition for statement against HB 2453

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Students at McPherson College started circulating a petition seeking support against the controversial Kansas House Bill 2453.

Sean Dullaghan, sr., West Hollywood, Calif., and Josh Korte, jr., Colby, put together a petition after the bill started progressing through the Kansas House of Representatives. The writers and supporters of the bill say it protects religious rights of people by allowing them to refuse service to people with lifestyles contrary to their religious beliefs. Detractors of the bill say that it allows for discrimination of people, particularly homosexuals.

Korte explained the purpose of the petition.

"We're pretty much trying to get the college to make an official statement that the college as a whole, faculty and students, don't agree with 2453," Korte said.

The petition includes a letter by Dullaghan to the McPherson College Cabinet. According to the letter, the goal is to get McPherson College to "create a press release declaring opposition to the type of discrimination proposed in Kansas House Bill 2453."

The letter provides arguments explaining why the college should make a formal statement against the bill. The petition also provides information on the bill, as well as people and companies that oppose the bill.

Korte said responses from students have been good, with many people signing.

"I got the first page fully signed in 15 to 20 minutes."

At the Gay, Lesbian, or Whatever (GLOW) meeting Wednesday, March



Photo by Joel Stocksdale

Sean Dullaghan (left), sr., West Hollywood, Calif., and Josh Korte, jr., Colby, present their petition at Wednesday night's Gay, Lesbian, or Whatever (GLOW) meeting.

12, Dullaghan said about 70 to 75 people signed the petition.

Korte said that he has experienced some opposition. He showed his aunt the petition and said she yelled at him in the Sport Center about why the bill is important and why she supported it.

Becki Bowman, associate professor of communication, said she appreciated the "conscientious, responsible effort" of Korte and Dullaghan. She also said she is glad to see the effort.

"It's really refreshing to see individuals in our community take a stand for what they believe in."

Bowman said there will be challenges for the petition. She said timing is one issue. The Kansas Senate shelved the bill,

so it is less relevant. The council, which Korte and Dullaghan would present the petition to, also won't meet until April.

Bowman said another challenge comes from McPherson College's history. She said the college has never made official statements on political issues.

She also said that geography is another challenge.

"A lot of people in this area support the ideas in the bill."

Bowman said that all of this doesn't make the issue any less important.

People interested in learning more or signing the petition can reach Korte through email at jpkorte@hotmail.com or Dullaghan through Facebook. They will also circulate the petition on campus.

Bulldog's tennis team travelled to 22nd ranked Oklahoma Baptist University

De Young refused defeat without fight for win

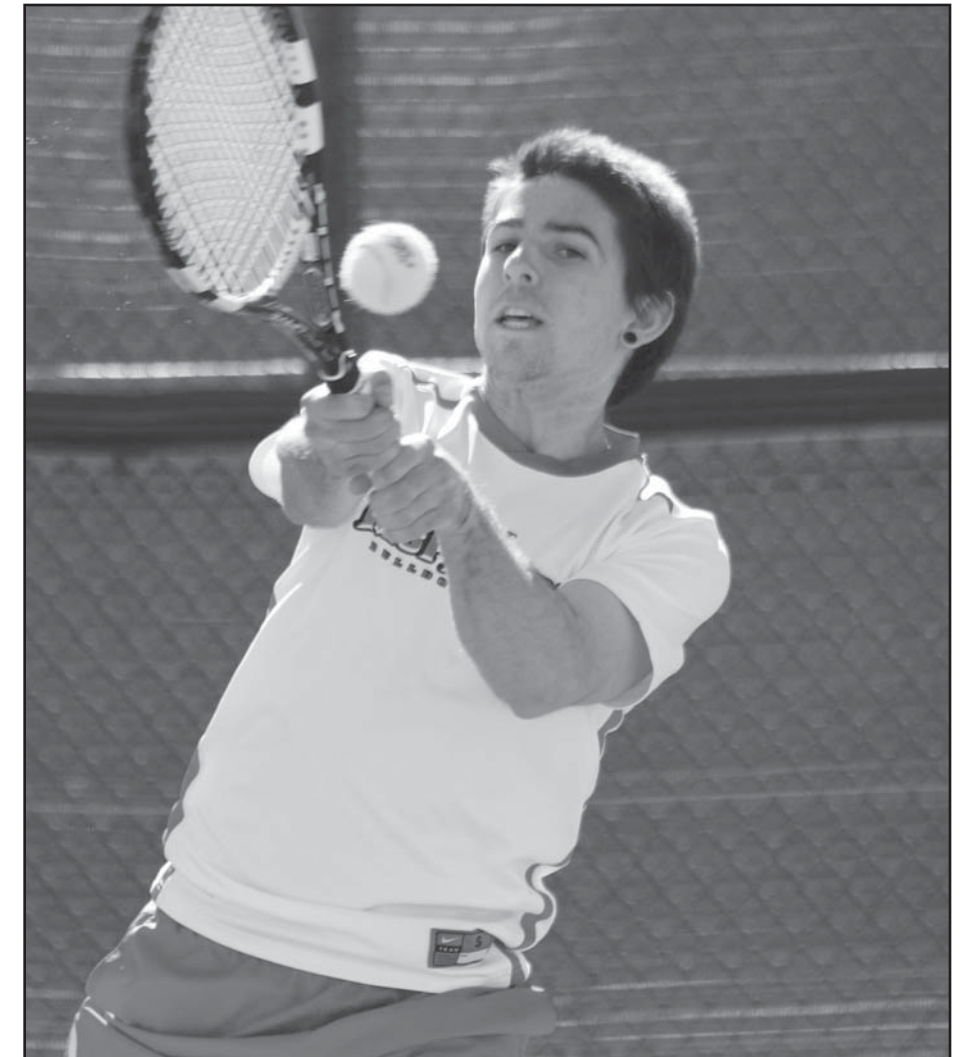


Photo by Robin De Young

Sean De Young, Sr., Anaheim, Calif., back hands ball against Oklahoma Baptist University.

CHRIS NEWELL
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The McPherson College Men's Tennis team traveled to Oklahoma Baptist University for a match against the 22nd ranked team in the NAIA. It was a difficult match all over the board for the men, and they would ultimately fall at a score of 7 - 2.

The match opened with number one duo for the 'Dogs Rafa Bulnes, jr., Rosmalen, Netherlands, and Joan Marc Fajula Rodriguez, fr., Olot, Spain, falling at a score of 8 - 5 to a highly ranked number one duo for OBU. The next team for the 'Dogs would tie the score back up

1-1 where Sean De Young, sr., Anaheim, Calif., and Jordan Stewart, jr., Sterling, won their game at a very close score of 9 - 8. The next team of Mark Mahan, sr., Fullerton, Calif., and Connor Schafer, fr., McPherson, would fall at a score of 8 - 2. This would make the match 2 - 1 in favor of OBU heading into singles.

The Bulldogs number 1 player Bulnes lost at scores of 6 - 2 and 7 - 6, nearly forcing a tie-breaking set. Rodriguez also fell at scores of 6 - 3 and 6 - 3, while teammate Allen Darmawan, jr., Mission Viejo, Calif., would lose his game at 6 - 0 and 6 - 3. Following the three straight singles matches, De Young was able to pick up

a win again for the Bulldogs, preventing the singles sweep by OBU. He won his match with scores of 6 - 4 and 6 - 3. The remaining players of Jamie Roman, jr., Santa Ana, Calif., and Michael Irwin, jr., Wichita, would ultimately fall as well, as Irwin was able to force a tie-breaking set, but was outlasted by the Oklahoma Baptist player.

The loss dropped the Bulldogs to a record of 3 - 2.

De Young said, "OBU's top two players were very good. We normally can expect wins from our top two players, but we can't always expect them when playing a really good team like them. We have been

moving players in and out from the lineup all season, and sometimes it can be tough. Playing them at home like that with different courts can be tough, but everyone worked hard."

This was the last match for McPherson before heading out to California for a spring break trip where they will face a few teams throughout the state.

This is where the Bulldogs will be for their spring breaks. They will play four different teams in five days while traveling through the state.



Photo by Arryana Barton

Sharica Pleasant, sr., Long Beach, Calif., receives sixth place in Nation rankings for pentathlon.

2 Bulldogs crowned All-American status at KCAC Indoor National Championship

CHRIS RAKOWSKI
Spectator Staff

The Track and Field team went to Geneva, Ohio for the indoor national meet and brought home two All-Americans.

Seniors Sharica Pleasant Long Beach, Calif., and Arryana Barton, Sacramento, Calif., both placed at Geneva and were named NAIA All-Americans. Barton placed 3rd in the triple jump with a 11.91 meters while Pleasant placed 6th in the women's Pentathlon.

On the men's side, senior Paul Rotering, Colorado Springs, Colo., broke his school record that he had previously set. Rotering sent his shot put 15.71m (51' 6.5") on his first throw and was less than half a meter

from placing.

"As a whole, the team really competed well as expected. Everyone performed as well as they did to get to nationals and some performed even better," Coach Quadernick Sanders said.

The team went to Southwestern College for their first outdoor meet on Thursday, but results were not available before the printing of this issue.

The team is looking to win Conference this year after placing 2nd in both men and women's teams at indoors conference.

"For outdoors we look to get better technically and use the national experience as motivation to compete harder every week," Sanders said.

Baseball responds after slow start in doubleheader

CHRIS RAKOWSKI
Spectator Staff

Baseball had another doubleheader this week and came away with a split. The Bulldogs played MidAmerican Nazarene University twice for their doubleheader at MidAmerican Nazarene University Monday, March 10.

The Bulldogs were scoreless in the first game. They had 26 at bats in the first game and earned just 2 hits. Mid America scored

in the 1st and 2nd inning. They went up 2-0 going into the 3rd inning. The Bulldogs prevented scoring for the 3rd and 4th inning. MidAmerican accumulate four runs in the 4th inning. That would be the end of scoring for the first match.

"I felt like we played pretty good. I still think we haven't played our best game yet," Dorian Shelton, sr., outfielder, said.

Tom Potter, jr., first basemen, and Seth Davenport, jr., catcher, McPherson, were the only two players to get a hit in the first

game. Taylor Werts, sr., pitcher, pitched the first 5 innings, giving up 6 runs; allowing 8 hits and walking one batter. He dished out three strikeouts.

The second game was much better for the Bulldogs. They trailed 3-0 going into the 5th inning; the Bulldogs were able to string together 5 runs in 2 innings to take a 5-4 lead. They were able to come away with a win and a split for the series.

The Bulldogs came away with 9 hits and were able to reach base with 4 walks.

Austin Russell, Sr., outfielder came had 3 hits in his four at bats while Zach Wilson, sr., outfielder, collected 2 hits of his own. Shelton brought home team-high two RBIs. Starting pitcher was Scott Hughes, Sr., who pitched 5 innings and gave up 3 earned runs, while earning 3 strikeouts.

"I felt like we played pretty good. I still think we haven't played our best game yet" Shelton said.

Students find mold in Harter Hall bathrooms Staff, administrator recommend ways to stop mold

LORA KIRMER
Spectator Staff

Students discovered mold growing in the showers in some Harter apartments.

Marty Sigwing, director of facilities, said Kansas has many types of mold, so it is difficult to identify it, but it shouldn't be dangerous to people who aren't sensitive to mold.

"All molds could be hazardous if in large enough quantities but it is only a small amount in Harter," Sigwing said.

He said mold isn't uncommon.

"Mold is everywhere," Sigwing said. "It's in the air and the soil. If given a food source, water and a warm climate, it will grow."

Sigwing said the mold may have started in the apartments because of the moisture in the bathrooms and poor housekeeping. The moisture or food source or both need to be removed to clear up the mold.

"Lack of housekeeping is as dangerous as moisture when dealing with mold," Sigwing said.

Facilities already cleaned and disinfected two apartments and advised students to leave the bathroom fan and lights on for as long as it takes to dry up the moisture left after showers.

"I think the mold is a health and safety concern," Seth Schueller, jr., Southlake, Texas, said. "The pitted shower floors like to hold the majority of the gunk even after I clean it."

ShaRhonda Maclin, dean of students, sent an email to all Harter residents with instructions to combat and prevent mold. She advised that students place a towel on the floor while showering, wipe up any excess water from the floor, run lights and fans until the area is dry and clean the restrooms weekly.

This summer, facilities management will isolate the bathroom lights from the exhaust fans in the apartments. This will allow students to turn off the lights but not the fans in the bathrooms.



Photo by Arryana Barton

Students discover mold in the showers of Harter Hall. Marty Sigwing, director of facilities, said the mold is not dangerous.

NEWS BRIEFS

Online housing deadline extended to April 1

The online housing reservation deadline was extended to Tuesday, April 1. Students can reserve their housing preferences through Bulldog Connect. After April 1, students who do not reserve housing will have their housing assigned to them.

All outstanding student life fines must be paid prior to reserving housing.

Communication major requirements change

The communication major requirements have changed for next year.

Instead of requiring research methods, students will now have to take junior seminar. Seniors for next year will have to enroll in junior and senior seminars in the same year.

The number of required hours and classes have not changed. Seniors graduating in May are not affected by this change.

In the past, research methods participated in an oral history project with members of the community. This will become the capstone project for the program, bringing together both the journalistic and human communication sides of the program.

Media theory and ethics will be taught in junior seminar.

Students, faculty learn about social, environmental justice

New Community Project founder teaches classes, talks to students and faculty

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David Radcliff, founder of New Community Project, came to McPherson College on March 3 to talk to students about his work with his organization and about social and environmental justice.

Radcliff taught three classes, an ethics class, an environmental ethics class and a biodiversity class. He also spoke with faculty and students at lunch and dinner.

Steve Crain, campus pastor and associate professor of philosophy and religion, said Radcliff focuses on social and environmental justice around the world and talked about it to faculty and students. He values taking care of the environment and works to improve living conditions for people in all kinds of communities.

Radcliff helps communities through the New Community Project. Crain said Radcliff originally worked within the Church of the Brethren on social justice issues, but he later set up his own organization, which operates independently. Crain said that New Community Project still works closely with the Church of the Brethren, and many Brethren volunteer with New Community Project, but it is fully independent.

Crain said Radcliff and the New Community Project work around the globe in ways such as offering microloans to people in developing countries and improving the lives of women through education. Another focus is helping developing com-

munities grow in environmentally sustainable ways.

"He's not only interested in changing communities economically, but also socially," Crain said.

Radcliff and the New Community Project also take people on "learning tours." Crain explained that the learning tours bring people from the U.S. to meet friends of Radcliff in developing countries. The goal of the tour is to let people from the U.S. learn about the lives of these people and develop relationships with them. Radcliff talked about these activities to faculty and students.

Rebecca Leite, fr., Salina, met with Radcliff during dinner and said she appreciated Radcliff's efforts to help women and tell their stories.

"I think it's really sad we assume the women don't have much to say, but people just never bothered to ask," Leite said.

Leite also said she connected with the learning tours and Radcliff's desire to learn from other cultures.

"He's searching to understand and learn from other people," Leite said.

Leite said her parents came from different cultures and she found the idea of the learning tours interesting. She said she hopes to go on a tour in her sophomore year. She said she would like to go to Burma because it seems like a cultured place and the tour is reasonably priced.

Students interested in the New Community Project can learn more at www.newcommunityproject.org.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Radcliff's New Community Project works around the world helping people in places like Central America.

Women's tennis fall to NAIA 11th ranked opponent

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The McPherson College Women's Tennis Team fell to Oklahoma Baptist, the number 11 ranked team in NAIA this past weekend at a score of 6 - 3. The Lady 'Dogs were able to win 2 out of 3 in doubles matches, but were unable to secure the victory in singles play. They lost 5 out of 6 singles matches.

The 'Dogs top doubles duo lost the opening match for McPherson, sophomore Nikki and junior Brooke Vorhees, Riverside, Calif., lost at a score of 8 - 4. The Lady Bulldogs responded as the doubles teams of Emma Shehan, Fullerton, Calif., and Brittany Gourlay, Jr., Riverside, Calif., were able to tie the match up at 1, winning with a score of 8 - 4. Then, the team of Ashley Allmon, Sr., McPherson, and Kara Wright, Sr., Wichita, gave them a 2 - 1 lead going into singles play.

The Lady Bulldogs were unable to keep up their win streak into the singles play. Top Bulldog player Shehan lost at scores of 6 - 2 and 6 - 4, going against the 11th ranked team and the nations number 1 player. Nikki Vorhees followed with a

lost too. Her sister Brooke Vorhees was able to force a tiebreaker but ultimately lost the match with the final set going to a score of 7 - 6. Gourlay was able to bring the Bulldogs back into it, winning her match at scores of 6 - 2 and 6 - 1, and giving McPherson a chance to get back into the match, making the score 4 - 3 with 2 matches remaining.

The Bulldogs were unable to pick up another game and would fall in the match, making it a score of 6 - 3 in favor of Oklahoma Baptist. The Lady Bulldogs were unable to close matches against the 11th ranked team. The loss drops them to 3 - 2 on the season.

"Everyone worked really hard, but in tough matches like this away from home, it just showed us what we needed to work on as a team" Gourlay said following the loss. "It was great to play against good competition like this, and it just is good preparation for the California trip we have during spring break".

The McPherson Bulldog Tennis team will be traveling to California for matches against various schools in the state During spring break.



Photo by Robin De Young

Nikki Vorhees, soph., Riverside, Calif., warms up to prepare to compete against Oklahoma Baptist University.

Intramural sports unite college campus and community

DEON SHORTER
Sports Editor

Spring Intramural sports began on Sunday, March 1 with 5-on-5 basketball, ping-pong tournament and pool tournament.

There are 12 teams for 5-on-5 basketball. Most of the teams are all male. Students have managed to put together co-ed teams. 5-on-5 basketball is not for just the students of McPherson College. Faculty and staff have also formed teams. Intramural basketball is also open to members of the community and alumni of the college.

Pastor Jerry Bowen of The Church of the Brethren in McPherson also participates.

Loren Farley, fr., Wellington, said, "I like that you get to play against people you don't know."

The intramural pool tournament has a total of 16 players. In intramural basketball, all the games are played in the college's Sport Center. However, there is a difference in play for intramural pool. The games can be in Dotzour Hall, Metzler Hall and Morrison Hall.

Students have responded well to the pool tournament.

"I like it because everyone can do it," Fonzi Cureau, jr., New Orleans, La., said, "Some might not be as good in basketball. It's fun to compete against your friends."

According to participants in the tournament, intramurals are highly competitive.

"I practice everyday," Cureau said, "I have calluses on my hand and my back hurts a little from reaching across the table."

Farley said, "I knew it would be tough, but I've been practicing. I believe I can win it all"

Director of Student Activities, Dusty

Kitchen, has all the players emails. Kitchen has created a bracket chart located in front of Hoffman Student Union. He emails the players who they play next. It is then up to the two to plan a date, time and location to play. The players play best out of three. One rule during play is that one must call out their pocket. There is no officiating. Kitchen says it is all loyalty based.

"Metz is my home court. I am 2-0," Cureau said, "I get a good roter crowd to help me out."

Intramural sports provide more than entertainment

McPherson College offers intramural sports throughout the year as a way for students to connect and have fun.

The college has intramural sports such as volleyball, football, basketball, pool, pingpong and many more.

Intramural sports are a great way to connect with other people on campus.

Make a team of friends or compete with strangers. Either way, students will meet new people.

After meeting new people, students will see them around campus more often and could possibly make some of the best friends students will have in college.

Intramural sports are also a good way to fill an empty space in your schedule.

Intramural sports are free, so if students

have nothing to do, why not look into a intramural sport to fill that empty time?

The other benefit to intramural sports is that students have no obligation to do them so if their schedule fills up, they do not have to go. For teams, if a player is going to miss a game it would be kind to let the team know you will not be there.

If students are not in a sport but still want to exercise and stay in shape, intramural sports are a good method for that. Intramural sports can be very competitive and make for a good workout if students take advantage of that.

Good sportsmanship is another aspect that can be learned or improved upon during these intramural sports.

Many people may not think of intramu-

ral sports as a place for good sportsmanship, but it is a common courtesy if nothing else.

It will help students make friends if they have good sportsmanship as well as it being good practice for athletes.

Intramural sports are an activity that can be good for anyone because of the different options available and the different skills that can be learned or improved.

Athletes enjoy the competition and others just enjoy hanging out with each other.

One of the best parts of intramural sports is the fact that students do

not even have to be skilled at the sports that are being played and they can still have a lot of fun.

Some intramural sports are played when it is warm enough such as Ultimate Frisbee which is played almost every week day at 4:30 p.m.

MCPHERSON EVENTS

Karl Timmerman



ON THE FLY

What are your plans for spring break?

"I will be looking for summer jobs and running." **Jordan Bost, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo.**



"I am going to California with C.A.R.S. Club." **Tyler Henning, soph., Halstead**



"Visiting Falcon, Colo. with my girlfriend." **Kwan "Angus" Leung, sr., El Monte, Calif.**



"I will be on the beach over the break." **Jacoi Bernard, fr., Long Beach, Calif.**



"I will be working at my future place of employment and planning a wedding." **Josh Dunback, sr., Wamego**



"Deep-sea fishing, swimming with dolphins and some mermaids." **Paul Rotering, sr., Colorado Springs, Colo.**



Mohler lecturer speaks about organ donation and altruism

KALA TIEMANN
Spectator Staff

A McPherson College graduate spoke with the McPherson community about organ donation and altruism on Sunday, March 9.

Dr. Galen Switzer's presentation, titled "Helping Others: Common and Uncommon Acts of Altruism," covered psychosocial issues such as issues caused by combined social and psychological factors related to donating organs and tissues. He also talked about altruism, a selfless desire to help others. Switzer started his presentation with the Kitty Genovese Case.

He spoke of the Kitty Genovese Case which focused on 38 people who heard but did not assist a young woman who was attacked and killed. Switzer explained the residents did not help because of the "bystander effect." In the bystander effect, not one person takes responsibility in a large group of people.

Switzer continued to explain the bystander effect through a video clip and his own experience during his time at McPherson College. He talked about how a professor of his demonstrated the effect

by pretending to have a heart attack and students didn't come to his aid.

Switzer shared his beliefs about altruism when he was working on his master's degree. Switzer shared his theory on how mood can affect how a person helps others. In his research he found people, when they are extremely happy or extremely sad, are more likely to help others.

During the lecture, Switzer talked about the process of becoming a living organ or tissue donor. He showed the highest areas of people becoming donors. Switzer said the two groups with the highest donor rates typically donated blood, volunteered time and gave money.

Switzer also covered internal and external motivations to signing up to donate, such as "I just wanted to be able to give something back to help someone in need," and, "I joined because they were giving away free burritos."

Switzer wrapped up the lecture with a video of a recipient meeting his donor for the first time. He ended the lecture with a quote from Robert Ciadini, a professor of his, "It is an amazing thing that we live in a world that teaches us that we feel good when we help others."



Submitted Photo

McPherson College graduate Dr. Galen Switzer researches altruism.

New Student Government Association board members elected

President: Tyler Henning, soph., Halstead

Vice President: Elizabeth Newby, jr., McPherson

Secretary: Ashley Sinness, soph., Wichita

Treasurer: Alex Moore, soph., Junction City

Senior Class Representative: Nicholas Foglietta, sr., Dallas, Texas

Junior Class Representative: Bailley McKinley, soph., Derby

At Large Representative: Gaby Padilla, soph., Wichita

The Hot spot

By: ROBIN DE YOUNG

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF DAN HOFFMAN,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN TOWN?
Thirty two years.

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO MAC? Its Brethren affiliation. The opportunity to work at the college level.

WHAT DID YOU DO BEFORE COMING TO MAC? I taught school (7-12) my first two years out of college and then went to seminary for a year.

WHAT/WHO HAS INSPIRED YOU MOST IN LIFE? In physical education, Earl Ziegler. Never met him, read all of his books and writings. He taught in Michigan and ended his career teaching in Canada. In athletics, John Wooden, UCLA basketball coach, wrote several books on philosophy and steps to success. Never met him either in rock 'n' roll, Aerosmith or Skynyrd. In life, parents. In love, Dawn Hoffman, my wife, my three kids came from her loins. I wake up next to her every morning.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST ASPIRATION? To establish genuine relationships with common folks.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AT THIS SCHOOL? The number of P.E. majors that we have and the opportunity to sweat with them.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE BAND/ARTIST/SONG? Stairway to Heaven, Dream On, Freebird.

HOBBIES: I am a hobby farmer but it seems to be getting out of control (600 acres last year). We are alfalfa, brome and wheat farmers. I do raise enough calves to feed the family. I love fishing with our students and my children. I play guitar daily. I buy the cheapest crap farm equipment and make it work mechanically. Currently I am remodeling a short bus (so far carpet, bucket seats, new transmission and new oil pump). I love auctions and making old stuff work again. I don't really care about cosmetics, but I do like air conditioning. I have never been bashful about experimenting and tearing into stuff. I kind of learn as I go. I do Google mechanical issues sometimes.

McPherson singers tour the East Coast to perform

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When some students will be relaxing on their spring break vacation, McPherson College Singers students will be working.

The 16 students and four sponsors will travel to the East Coast starting Friday, March 14. They will return to Kansas by the end of spring break.

"The students are going to work for the college to put the college's name out there," said Josh Norris, director of choral activities. "We're not getting spring break this year."

The group will be performing "An American Tapestry," a one-hour concert of American music by American composers for Churches of the Brethren and retirement homes in

Washington, D.C.; Hershey, Pa.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Elizabethtown, Pa.; Virginia and Maryland.

Megan Hamlett, jr., Derby, said, "I'm super excited. I've never been to the East Coast. It'll be a cool experience, and I'm really excited for it. It'll be a once in a lifetime experience."

The students won't just be performing for the Churches of the Brethren. They also will be staying with a few host families when they aren't resting in hotels.

"It's cool people are opening their homes for us," Hamlett said. "It's nice we have Brethren everywhere we go."

Norris said he was excited that the students can travel so far away.

"I want them to see the world through different perspectives and different geographical regions and different people backgrounds," Norris said. "That's why it's important. If they stay here in Kansas, they see more of the stuff that they're used

to growing up with and I think people on the East Coast live life maybe a little faster paced. I want them to see that."

Anna Ruxlow, director of alumni and constituent relations, has been helping plan the trip for the group. The students have been rehearsing the music since interterm.

Hamlett said, "We've been rehearsing like crazy. We have practice tracks that Norris gave us in January so we could practice before we got together for rehearsals so that when we got together, we'd all have a basic understanding of the music."

Even though the students will be working on the tour for the break, there will be a few opportunity for them to go out on their own, but not a lot.

"It's cool people are opening their homes for us. It's nice we have Brethren everywhere we go."

— Megan Hamlett, jr., Derby

Norris said, "They're going to have time in D.C. and at some places they'll be able to run around on their own. They're not going to have a ton of time on their own. It's a working holiday."

Norris mentioned that he's glad the students can experience the nation's capital. He said he feels that the city feels different.

"Washington, D.C. is such a hip city but it's a weird city," Norris said. "It's a big city, but it's the capital of the country, so it has a strange vibe. It's not like New York which is hustle and bustle all the time. It's a different sort of feel."

When the group returns to Kansas, they'll start preparing for their concert that will be May 4 in the Church of the Brethren.

They'll start preparing after they have a rest.

"They're going to be dog-tired when they get back," Norris said. "I know I will be."

LEAD EDITORIAL

McPherson College should host spring break events

Spring break is a wonderful time of the year when students get a week off from school to do whatever they desire.

That being said, there are all the different options students have and what the best journey student can have.

Many people like to go home or to a beach or short, fun vacation.

Some people do not have the luxury of being able to go home or travel to other cool places.

The school offers several opportunities to go on service trips.

This year, four trips are being offered to Dancing Rabbit, Camp Mennoscah, Mennonite Disaster Relief trip to Deluth

and Heartland Farm.

All of these trips offer a unique and fun experience.

The trip to Deluth is an opportunity to learn how to build houses and help people rebuild their lives after the flood that hit them.

Dancing Rabbit is an eco-village that works to help save the world from pollution and other man made disasters.

Camp Mennoscah offers a chance for a short trip to clear trails and paint buildings.

Heartland Farm is an organic alpaca farm where people live in exchange for work they do on the farm.

For those who have work or cannot afford to go home, it would be beneficial if the school would host an event or events for the break just to give those students something to do besides sitting in their dorm rooms.

These events could consist of basketball, pool tournaments or much more.

A video game tournament could be hosted or a dodge ball tournament that would probably be a good turnout.

A cheap trip to a museum or the lake just for the day would also be a good fun option.

Hutchinson has the salt mines and that would make a really good day trip full of

fun and knowledge.

While in Hutchinson, visit the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center.

Both of these would be good adventures and learning experiences.

Hutchinson is 20 minutes away and would be an easy carpool trip that would cost very little and would be good entertainment for a full day.

This would be helpful to students. Some students may even stay to hangout at the college with friends and some, whereas the employees at Applebee's have to stay and work.

Having on campus activities would give students something to do.

Last play of the year turns out huge success

The school performed its last play of the season on Feb. 28 and March 1, 7 and 8.

The play was a musical called "The Spitfire Grill" and was in Mingenback Theatre.

Showcased in this performance were Becca Leite, fr., Wichita, starring as Percy. Evan Clary, sr., McPherson, played Eli the first weekend. Tyler Henning, soph., Halstead. Charles Moore, fr., Junction City, played the nephew of Hannah Nahum.

Josh Hall, soph., Kansas City, played Joe. Hannah was played by Sarah Schowengert, sr., McPherson. E.h. Petropulos, sr., Larkspur, Colo. played Effy and Alyese Crist, sr., Quinter played Shelby.

The play went very well and was said to be one of the best plays of the season.

In the play, a women named Percy gets out of prison and goes to a little town called Gilliad where she starts working for Hannah Ferguson at the Spitfire Grill. Hannah falls and hurts her leg leaving her unable to work so she leaves Percy and

Shelby in charge until she is well enough to work again.

Her nephew does not like this idea because Percy just got of jail.

Shelby is his wife and he wanted her home to do his laundry and chores.

That being said, she worked any way.

Effy was the town post person as well as the town gossip.

So the story goes on as this group of people in a small town going to the Spitfire Grill and then the Hannah decides to raffle off the Spitfire Grill that she has been trying to sell for 10 years.

At first only one letter comes but as they continue, bags and bags of letters come for the Spitfire Grill.

Hannah, Percy and Shelby read the letters and tried to decide who would receive the grill.

We learn that Eli, Hannah's son, has gone off to fight in the war and did not come back and is assumed dead.

Hannah told Percy to leave a loaf of bread and a blanket outside at night and in the process of leaving the bread out she

finds out Eli is alive and that is what the bread is for.

Eli had been banished by his father and his mother did not say anything to stop him.

The story ends with Percy and Shelby getting the Spitfire Grill and Hannah is reunited with her son.

The play was performed well with amazing voices and acting talent. The set was well built.

Leite had a wonderful lead song that was followed up with a solid performance on everyone's part.

The duet sung by Leite and Crist was wonderful and their voice combination added to the performance.

Moore had good projection of his voice and Petropulous played a good Effy.

Hall's voice added to the show as well and Henning came out creepy as ever-very well done by him as the part of Eli.

Clary was said to have played a very good Eli and Schowengert did an amazing job as Hannah.

Overall everyone contributed to the musical to bring it together as one of the best plays of the year. Anybody who did not make it to the play really missed out.

McPHERSON EVENTS

Karl Timmerman



Learning about town of McPherson

As students, it's easy for us to live in a universe defined by the boundaries of our campus.

Everything we need is here: food, shelter, friends and some entertainment.

Until we need an electrical adapter from the hardware store, or a pair of socks from Walmart, or microwave popcorn from Dillon's, we don't need to leave campus. For those of us with a shed across the street at Mustang Park, it's an easy walk.

In our isolation, it's easy to forget that there is a town surrounding us with a personality of its own.

Following are a few factoids you may not know about the town you live in.

We won the gold medal! It happened in 1936 at the Summer Olympics.

The team was not associated with any school; it was sponsored by the local re-

finery and called the McPherson Globe Refiners.

The coach, Gene Johnson (former head coach of Wichita University, later renamed Wichita State University) was one of the originators of the fast break and the full-court press.

The Refiners defeated Canada 19-8 to win the Olympic gold medal on Aug. 14, 1936.

You can see a commemorative mural in honor of the Refiners at the intersection of Kansas and Ash.

You may not know that McPherson is home to another college: Central Christian College, with about 330 students.

Central Christian has been so named for only 15 years; previously it was called Central College of the Free Methodist Church.

The name has been changed several times; when it moved to McPherson in 1914 it was called Central Academy and College.

The "academy" part of the name comes from the fact that at one time it was just an elementary and secondary school until shortly after it was moved to McPherson.

Until late 1993, McPherson had train service connecting it with nearby towns on an east-west route.

After heavy flood damage, the line from Marion (35 miles east of McPherson) to McPherson was abandoned at that time. The original branch line connected

towns such as Marion (37 miles east), Canada (yes, there is a Canada, Kan.), Lehigh (current population 175), and Lyons (30 miles to the west).

One more factoid: in 1887, city officials began a failed attempt to have the community named the state capital. Thankfully we were saved from the traffic congestion, air pollution and strip malls that would have ensued had they been successful.

OLD IRON

Scott Versaw



Letters to the editor

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

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McPherson College Band kicks brass at classic concert

ROBIN DE YOUNG
Campus Life Editor

The McPherson College Band and Community Brass Choir performed a joint concert, Tuesday, March 11 in Mingenback Theatre. Holst, Vaughan Williams and John Philip Sousa were some of the featured composers among other classic wind band literature.

Kyle Hopkins, associate professor of music and director of bands, said that he was very pleased with the concert.

"We have made great strides in building a fine band program here at McPherson College and last night was clear evidence of that progress," Hopkins said. "Although we are still small (for the time being), we were able to play some giant masterworks in the band repertoire and experience some

wonderful music together."

Caitlyn Blagrave, fr., Rio Rancho, N.M., said that a variety of upbeat and slower songs were played.

"I think overall we did well as a group," Blagrave said. "I had my spots where I messed up, but everyone does."

Hopkins said that he was most excited about the "Second Suite in F" by Gustav Holst.

"The 'Second Suite in F' is ranked among the top 10 masterworks ever written," Hopkins said. He said it was a "great challenge for us to play such a magnificent and encompassing work with our limited instrumentation."

Blagrave said, "It was kind of weird being on stage again, in a good way. I haven't done a performance in a long time so it was fun to do it again."



Photos by Fonzi Cureau

Community Brass Choir (bottom left, top), which has had strong ties with McPherson College since it, performs in McPherson College's Mingenback Theatre March 11. McPherson College Band performed before the Brass Choir at 7:30 p.m.

C.A.R.S. Club visits L.A.

ASHLIE MANZI
Spectator Staff

This spring break, some members of the McPherson College C.A.R.S. Club will go on a trip to Los Angeles, Calif., to relax and visit different museums and collections.

Brian Martin, director of automotive development and one of two sponsors of C.A.R.S. Club, said that there will be many activities for the students to do while they are there, including visiting Jay Leno's private car collection.

Students are also going to be visiting museums such as the National Hot Rod Association Museum, as well as visiting restoration shops.

But not all of their time is going to be spent going to museums and viewing collections.

"Students are also going to get to visit some of California's favorites such as

Hollywood and In-N-Out Burger," Martin said.

President of C.A.R.S. Club, Jared Buckert, sr., Hamilton, Ill., is one of the members of the club going on the trip.

"I'm really looking forward to all the behind-the-scenes things," Buckert said. "Most of these museums and collections are open to the public, but because of the school we get to see more."

After the last C.A.R.S. Club meeting, they held a special meeting for those going on the trip, where they talked about the expectations and their planned agenda was so far. The students plan on wearing embroidered shirts while at the airport and when visiting the different collections and museums, giving the students more incentive to talk about the school and the program.

The group leaves for their trip out of the Wichita Airport early Sunday, March 16 and will arrive back late March 23.



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Students represent McPherson College at Concours d'Elegance

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Two students were selected to represent McPherson College's Automotive

Restoration program at Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance event in Amelia Island, Fla. March 6-9. Students Blair Darsch, sr., Hampstead, Md., and Evan Clary, sr., McPherson, were accompanied by Brian Martin, director of automotive restoration development; and Amanda Gutierrez, vice president for automotive restoration.

Gutierrez said, "These trips are wonderful opportunities for the students to see the automotive field in a much larger sense. It brings their educational aspirations into focus. Blair and Evan are great representatives of our program. They met people well, answered a lot of questions and shared their enthusiasm with people from all over the country. Too bad they are graduating because I'd have them out all of the time promoting our program."

Thursday night, March 6, through Saturday night, March 8, were filled with previews of cars that would be up for auction on Sunday, March 9. The car show on Sunday was an all-day event and finished

off with award ceremonies for best show.

Darsch said, "I am grateful for the experience to represent the school at Amelia Island. Because I am a non-traditional student, I don't have a full four years to get exposure to the industry. This was an eye-opening experience. It made me realize how much interest and opportunity there is within the restoration industry."

Lance Butler, sr., Torrance, Calif.; Matt Goist, fr., Navarre, Ohio; Jason Raiiffe, sr., Warren, NJ; and David Jussel, jr., Bedford, NY, participated in the event by working for 7 Vehicle Management, a car cleaning and detailing company. Jacob O'Gorman, soph., Ennismore, Ontario Canada, who also attended, worked for RM Auctions, a car auction company.

"This was my fourth auction with RM and it proved to be a great learning experience," O'Gorman said. "I love being able to gain real world knowledge while going to Mac. Plus, the weather in Florida wasn't too bad either."

Many McPherson College graduates attended the event including Pete Fisher, RM Auctions; Nate Lander, Mercedes-Benz; Casey Maxon, The Historic Vehicle Association; Kalila Haddad, an automotive historian for a private collection in



Photos by Jacob O'Gorman

Blair Darsch, sr., Hampstead, Md., and Evan Clary, sr., McPherson, represent McPherson College at the Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance event in Amelia Island, Fla., March 6-9. Concours d'Elegance is famous for the classic cars featured.



Bingo Night excites



Photos by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Nick Unruh, jr., McPherson (top) and Jordan Bost, fr., Colorado Springs, Colo. participate in Bingo Night, March 12. McPherson College's Student Activities Board hosted the night in the cafeteria at 9:30 p.m.

