

McPherson Men's Tennis wins opening home dual meet

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The McPherson College Men's Tennis team was victorious in their first home match of the season against Hastings College on Wednesday, March 25. Traditionally held at McPherson High School, the men were able to host a dual meet. The men were able to battle through windy weather conditions to take the match at a score of 6 - 3 to earn the victory.

The match opened with the No. 20 ranked doubles duo in the NAIA, Joan Marc Fajula-Rodriguez, a sophomore in business, and Ahmed Lahlou, a freshman in business administration, winning their game at a score of 8 - 4. This was the only doubles match that the Bulldogs took, as the other two teams lost at scores of 8 - 4 and 9 - 8.

Working from behind in singles play, the Bulldogs were led by Fajula-Rodriguez, who won his game at 6 - 4 and 6 - 4. Lahlou followed right behind, as he won his games at 6 - 2 and 6 - 1. The two were able to give the Bulldogs the lead in the overall scoring, and the rest of the Men's Tennis team clinched the victory.

Hector Carillo, a freshman in business, took the No. 3 singles game at scores of 6 - 1 and 6 - 2, while Hugo Ball-Greene, a freshman in communication, also won his match at 6 - 1 and 6 - 1, clinching the dual meet for the Bulldogs. Pablo Garcia, a freshman in business, was able to secure his victory as well at the No. 5 singles position, as he was dominant with a 6 - 0 and 6 - 1 win.

The match against Hastings was the day after McPherson hosted the Metropolitan State University of Denver Roadrunners at

McPherson High School on March 24. As a NCAA D-III school, the team defeated the Bulldogs at a score of 5 - 1.

Picking up the lone game for the Bulldogs was Ball-Greene. He won the number four singles game at 6 - 3 and 6 - 0. Other Bulldogs had games cut short due to injuries from players. Lahlou, Garcia and Jose Carillo, a freshman in business management, all had games cut short, therefore they did not count towards the official final score for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs now are only a week away from beginning conference play. After playing seven NCAA D-II or D-III schools so far this year, the McPherson men realize the struggles they have faced, but also realize the work they are putting in right now.

Allen Darmawan, a senior in biology, said, "All these teams we are playing

might be bigger or better, but it is a good measure for us as a team. The spring break trip we played a lot of teams above us, but it helps us improve and figure out our line ups for the future."

With KCAC play just a week out, the team still acknowledges that they have plenty of things to improve on.

Darmawan said, "We're really working on our team energy, becoming a loud and supportive team rather than playing as individuals. We have a real deep team, and our talent really gives us a great chance against Bethany for the KCAC."

The Bulldogs are next in action on March 27, as they play Missouri Valley College at noon and Baker University at 3:30 p.m. Both games will be at the McPherson High School tennis courts and has free admission to any McPherson College Students who wish to attend.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Hector Carillo, a freshmen in business, displays his focus and form while preparing to swing at a ball in motion in a match on March 24 against Metropolitan State University of Denver. Carillo played at the No. 3 singles position for the Bulldogs and lost his match at scores of 6 - 3 and 6 - 4.



Casino Night entertains students



Photo by Alaina Johnson

Caitlyn Blagrove, a sophomore in communication; Whitney Zimmerman, junior, in biochemistry; Nicholas Lechner, a freshman in restration technology; and David Tanner, a freshman in retoration technology, play roulette on Casino Night in Mingenback Theatre.

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SGA proposes revision of constitution, bylaws

Student Government Association is proposing a revision of the Constitution and Bylaws. This document must be voted on by the student body. This vote will take place Thursday, April 9. To review the document, please go to www.mcpherson.edu/students/activities/. If students have comments, email student-government@mcpherson.edu

HLC reaccredits McPherson College

McPherson College has been reaccredited for 10 years by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

No monitoring reports will be required from the school to the HLC.

Students who would like to see a copy of the report can request one from Cari Lott, associate dean of institutional research and assessment and academic records. She can be reached by email at lottc@mcpherson.edu.

New director of computer services named

Starting April 1, Andy Ullom will be the McPherson College's new director of computer services.

Previously he was the assistant director of computer services.

Tuition increases for next school year

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Next year students will have to pay a higher price for tuition and fees. Increases in tuition have constantly gone up every year, a decision made by the Board of Trustees.

At the March meeting, the Board of Trustees raises the next academic school year's tuition and fees to \$25,276. Room and board will remain the same as this year. Usually the total cost increases by about 5 percent, but because there is no additional cost to room and board, the cost will increase less than 4 percent.

Tuition and fees rise every year because of inflation of costs rising. Increasing the total cost is a way for the school to keep up with expenses. In addition, even with the increases in tuition and fees, McPherson College continues to cost less than most schools in the Kansas Coalition Athletic Conference (KCAC).

The decision to increase tuition start-

ed in November at the annual Board of Trustees meeting. However, March is when the rate of increase to tuition, fees, board and room are discussed.

Rick Tuxhorn, vice president of finance, said, "We have to know early in order to prepare the budget for next year."

The rate of increase is discussed at the November meeting but it does not give a definite figure.

"It's usually a percentage," Tuxhorn said. "It depends if there are fees and professors' wants and needs because different fees for different classes."

Tuxhorn said the room and board costs will remain the same "To help the students. We felt that we could leave it this time."

There are a number of ways in which the college compares its costs to other schools. One way is that they send in their information to the Kansas Independent College Association, an organization which deals with other schools, and they give information anonymously.

Sometimes they even call other schools to know what their rates are for the next year.

Christi Hopkins, associate vice president for enrollment, said, "When looking at tuition and fees we look at the surrounding KCAC schools as well as all other private schools in Kansas. This helps us determine if the new tuition is out of line comparatively."

Other schools make their decisions around this time as well. Some might do earlier while others are later.

Hopkins mentioned that after the Enrollment and Student Life Committee brought the proposal for the next year, the Board of Trustees approves it.

The Board of Trustees is given information from the instructors of the college early in the year so they know the fees for supplies for the coming year.

Tuxhorn said these decisions are made every year and "we try to look out two or three years ahead to see what we think will happen."

New restaurant connects community with whole food

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A new restaurant, market and bar called Marigolds has opened up on main street called Marigolds.

The restaurant focuses on whole foods that are primarily found locally or produced in the U.S. Owner Jen Hughes was inspired to start the market in order to connect the community with local and regional growers.

"A love of food and desire to bring a market to McPherson where we're connecting the community with local and small producers," Hughes said. "We believe that healthy foods start by being locally produced and fresh."

The store opened about the third week in January but has not hosted the Grand Opening just yet. Products in the market range from sauces and sausages to choco-

lates and ready-to-go salads. The food isn't specifically gluten free or organic specific but is picked based on the whole foods aspect.

"We don't look for the organic and gluten free as much as we look for whole foods," Hughes said. "Our focus is labels that you can read, ingredients that you know so by default we end up with gluten free and organics products."

If visitor want to sit and stay a while, seating is available and Marigolds serves food mostly made from scratch in the kitchen, or there is a bar area where spirits offered follow the same values of being local.

"We make as much as we can from scratch in the kitchen," Hughes said. "The bar follows a lot of the same principles with as local as possible and small producers. The majority of our spirits are American produced, which is unique for us

comparatively but also a challenge to find quality liquor that is made in America."

In addition, there really isn't a specific target audience, they just want people to feel welcome and at home. The market aspect is inspired by an old-time market but in an upbeat and modern setting.

As far as goals, they are focused on connecting people with food on a deeper level to nurture their bodies rather than just eating to eat.

"It's about connecting people with food so that it becomes more than just putting food in your stomach," Hughes said. "We also want to promote our producers and growers, just really connect all those things together."

Because they are still working towards their final vision, a Grand Opening date has not yet been set, but they are serving and want the community to give them a try.

Women's Tennis swings into season after spring break trip

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During Spring break, the McPherson College Women's tennis team traveled to Missouri for a series of games against NCAA Division II and III level schools. Playing strong teams was very challenging for McPherson, as they were able to win just one game of the four played on the trip. The women now have a record of 1 - 6 on the season, with all losses coming to NCAA D-II or D-III schools.

Their trip began in Kansas City, Mo., as they played Rockhurst University on March 14. This was a tough beginning to the trip, as the doubles combination of Brooke Vorhees, a senior in elementary/special education, and Nikki Vorhees, a junior in business, scored the lone point for the Bulldogs on the day. Neither of the sisters were able to pick up a point in singles, and the final score read 8 - 1 in favor of Rockhurst.

They played the following day for the Bulldogs as they traveled to St. Louis for a match against NCAA D-II University of Missouri St. Louis. Once again playing against higher competition than regular NAIA schools, the team had a difficult time. Like the previous match, the Vorhees sisters were able to pick up the only point for the Bulldogs for the day. Their doubles match almost reached a tiebreaker, but the Vorhees' were able to secure the victory at 9 - 7 for the game.

Again the Bulldogs were active in consecutive days, as they played Fontbonne University, a NCAA-DIII school. This match turned to be nearly opposite of the previous for McPherson's trip, as they swept all games and won at a perfect score of 9 - 0.

Claire Crossman, a senior in communication, and Nadine Baquiran, a junior in psychology, each won both sets of their matches with scores of 6 - 0 for each. Nikki Thornburg, a junior, won the last game for the day for the Bulldogs at a score of 6 - 0 and 6 - 1.

To conclude the spring break trip, the

Bulldogs once again played the next day. The final opponent of the trip was the highest ranked team they played. Washington University in St. Louis boasted a national ranking of 9 in the NCAA-DIII level.

The closest McPherson was able to come to a point on the day was once again by the Vorhees sisters. While at one point they held the lead in the game at 5 - 2, they were not able to hold off Washington University's top doubles team as they stormed back to take the game at a score of 8 - 5. The No. 2 doubles team for McPherson of Baquiran and Thornburg played a competitive game but ultimately lost at a score of 8 - 4.

The Bulldogs stayed busy as they hosted the Metropolitan State University of Denver on Tuesday, March 24. The Vorhees sisters were able to win their doubles match, the lone point coming for the women in the doubles section.

In singles, it was Thornburg and Britney Gourlay, a senior in physical education, winning in consecutive 6 - 1 sets for each of them. The Bulldogs came just short of the victory. They lost at a score of 5 - 3.

The non-conference schedule for the Bulldogs has been tough, but the team realizes the benefits from it.

Nikki Vorhees said, "This is a competitive nature that we might not get during conference play. It makes us more prepared for the KCAC, and will definitely help us when we reach the national tournament."

Brooke Vorhees echoed her sister with a similar take on the situation.

"Regardless of who we play and what they are ranked, I'm proud of the team and how we give 100 percent despite the results," she said. "That's all we can ask for is our best efforts, that how we will play our best in the end."

The McPherson women next play on Friday, March 27, as they face off against Missouri Valley College at noon and Baker University at 3:30 p.m. the same day. The games will be at McPherson High School.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Brooke Vorhees, a senior in elementary/special education, swings on one of her serves at McPherson High School on March 24 against Metropolitan State University of Denver. Vorhees teamed with her sister Nikki, a junior in psychology, to win their doubles match.

McPherson Track, Field begins outdoor season

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After a indoor season that saw four athletes head to the NAIA National Indoor meet, the McPherson College Track and Field team opened the outdoor portion of the season in Winfield on March 12. They were able to qualify one athlete for the national meet in their first meet of the season.

The Track and Field team is coming into the season as the defending KCAC champions on both the men and women's side of the team. It will be difficult to repeat as champs however, as the team

lost all four of the students who advanced to the NAIA national indoor meet either to redshirting or graduating seniors.

The team still produced top three places had an athlete qualify for the NAIA National outdoor meet. Leading the men's team was AJ Hop, a junior in physical education, as he won the pole vault competition with a vault of 15 feet, 5 inches.

With qualification finished in the first meet of the season, Hop said, "It was a huge relief for me to qualify in our first meet of the season because now that worry and pressure of qualifying won't be as big for me. I have time for other

events now and can focus on different things now."

Also placing first in the meet for the men was Dixon Cooney, a sophomore in mathematics, in the 1500 meter with a time of 4:02.62. Kurt Katzdorn, a sophomore in business, and Chris Le, a senior in history, placed second and fourth respectively in the 10,000 meter run.

The men's 4x100 meter relay grabbed third place. The team consisted of Josiah Oyebefun, a sophomore in biochemistry; Demetres Greenwood, a sophomore, undeclared; Juvaun Stuart, a senior in psychology; and J'moi Penn,

a senior in business.

For the women's portion of the team, which is still battling injuries to several key contributors, the team had a few top-three finishers. Miranda Clark Ulrich, a junior in communication and psychology, was the second person to cross the line in the 10,000 meter race, as she ran a time of 46:18. Jasmine Helms, a sophomore in communication, placed third in the triple jump event.

The McPherson Track and Field team returns to action on March 27 and 28 in the Enduro Classic hosted by Friends University in Wichita. It is a two-day meet that is scheduled to start at 1p.m.

McPherson Softball begins KCAC play against No. 1 KWU

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It was a tough night out as the McPherson College Softball team struggled on offense against Kansas Wesleyan University on March 24. The team was only able to get three runs on eight hits combined between both games, as they lost at scores of 12 - 3 and 17 - 0.

The Bulldogs Softball team now holds a record of 3 - 20 and only 0 - 2 in KCAC play. This loss also puts the Bulldogs on their longest losing streak of the season as they have now lost 10 in a row.

In game one, the first two innings were close as McPherson tied up the score in the second at 1 run a piece. However, Kansas Wesleyan scored 11 straight to make it a 12-1 advantage heading into the final inning. The Bulldogs were only able to score a couple late runs but it was enough with the first game being 12-3 Kansas Wesleyan.

Amanda Darrow, jr., catcher, tallied two doubles in her three at-bats. Mallory Fowler, jr., pitcher, got the start for the Bulldogs and pitched the first three innings.

In game two, it was much more of the same as Kansas Wesleyan dominated the entire

game winning at a score 17-0. In the first four innings, Kansas Wesleyan scored three plus runs. The McPherson College Softball team had a hard time getting anybody aboard and struggled the entire game.

McPherson got on base just twice in the game, once on a hit and another by getting hit by a pitch. Emily Davis, jr., utility, logged the lone hit which was a double and Cassandra Moreno jr., first base, was hit by a pitch.

Amanda Connell, fr., pitcher, pitched for the first three and a third innings, allowing 11 runs, eight that were earned, on 12 hits and one walk. Kaylee Lozier, fr., pitcher, closed out the game, tallying the final two outs.

Players continue to be optimistic and ready as they enter into conference play for the season.

Mariah Wedel, jr., infield, said, "It's been pretty rough so far, but we did just play the No. 1 team in conference, so we can only go up from here."

The McPherson College Softball team will be playing at home when they take on Sterling College on March 28 at Wall Park in McPherson starting at 1 p.m. The game is free for all students.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Emily Davis, jr., utility, makes contact with a ball during the McPherson Softball Tournament on March 13 and 14. Davis was the only Bulldog to log a hit in the second game against Kansas Wesleyan on March 24.

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Traveling class offered in Interterm 2016

Students needing a class that meets natural science general education requirements and who want to travel abroad can meet these goals in one class next January.

Jonathan Frye, professor of natural science, will teach field experience in Puerto Rico (G-NS295) in Interterm 2016.

The class is limited to 10 students. The cost is \$1,800 and includes airfare, lodging, transportation, meals and admissions.

Students with questions should email Frye at freyj@mcpherson.edu.

Dining hours shortened

The dining hall hours in Hoffman Student Union have been changed.

Lunches for Monday through Friday will be served between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Friday dinners will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

McPherson College grants professors sabbaticals

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Two McPherson College professors will be on sabbatical next fall

McPherson College grants professors sabbaticals after more than seven years of service.

A sabbatical is not a vacation or leave of absence for professors to do whatever they wish. Rather a sabbatical is paid time off for professors to further their education and stay current in their field of study.

McPherson College professors have to work for the college for seven years before they can apply for a sabbatical. Then after a sabbatical has been given, professors must work for at least two years.

Jd. Bowman, associate professor of theater, and Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, will be going on a sabbatical next school year.

The professors' breaks commence at the beginning of the upcoming fall semester; they will receive a break from teaching for a semester. Bowman will also have an entire year off from theater productions.

Bowman has taught at McPherson College for 10 years, so this is his first sabbatical.

"I'm honored and humbled to have this opportunity," Bowman said. "It means a lot to me that my employer also wants me to have this experience."

Bowman will be staying in town for his sabbatical. He is working toward completing a master's degree in Creativity from Drexel University.

Drexel University is in Philadelphia, but the program is primarily based online, therefore, Bowman is able to stay in town.

Bowman is hoping to focus his studies on the brain links between creativity and empathy.

"The field fascinates me," Bowman



Photo by Alaina Johnson

Jd. Bowman, associate professor in theatre practices yoga with his class.

said. "Since I've been teaching creativity here, I keep learning more and more."

Yohn will be gone on his sabbatical September through December 2015.

Yohn has been appointed the position of a visiting scholar at the University of Science and Technology in Lille, France.

While there, Yohn will be studying intercultural communication and developing interdisciplinary intercultural content.

Yohn will be applying the intercultural studies to the fields of history and political science.

"My ultimate goal is to take new developments in intercultural studies and apply them to the history and politics classroom at McPherson to improve the content we deliver," Yohn said.

Before Yohn started teaching at McPherson College, he worked with the French faculty in Lille starting in 1995. He has taught short seminars there every year for the last 20 years.

"I'm not tired of teaching and my goal isn't to take a break from the classroom. I just want to add another layer of knowledge to make my teaching better," Yohn

said.

An office space and working resources will be provided by the French university and housing for Yohn will be provided by a colleague from the University.

"My French colleagues and I have been discussing doing a more intensive project for many years," Yohn said. "So this is an opportunity to follow through on something we've talked about for a long time."

Sabbaticals give professors a chance to reflect on their work by giving them a break from everyday tasks.

"There are few jobs in the world where your employer has enough faith in you and faith in learning to let you go away for several months, so that you can come back stronger," Yohn said. "It's a big investment by the college, and I want to make sure the college's investment pays off."

Sabbaticals are granted to professors from the college on an individual case-by-case. Depending on what a professor would like to work on and who else may have applied for a sabbatical that year can vary whether or not a professor is given a sabbatical.

Expert teaches about child abuse at 40th annual Mohler lecture

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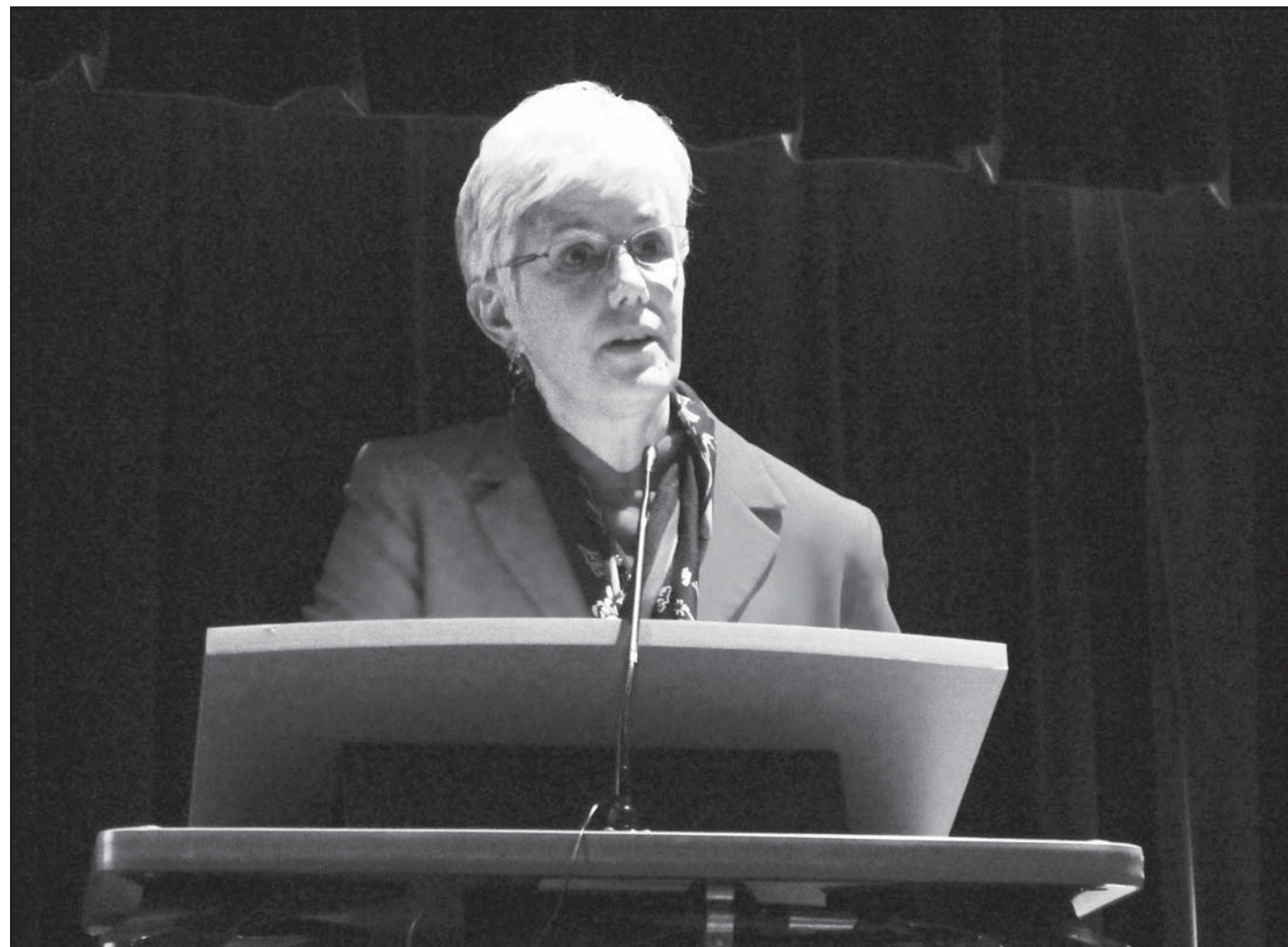


Photo by Laurina Hannan

Kathy Melhorn, an expert in the prevention of child abuse and neglect, speaks at the 40th annual Mohler lecture.

have many, if any, bruises at all.

“If you don’t cruise, you don’t bruise,” Melhorn said.

The abuse the children can receive at a young age can affect them for the rest of their lives and beyond. Melhorn cited a study that said that stress can alter DNA which can be passed onto their children and grandchildren. The stress can shorten and damage telomeres of DNA.

Telomeres keep the genetic materials from unraveling.

“Those are kind of like the little plastic ends of your shoe laces that keep the end of your shoe laces from unraveling,” she said.

She concluded her lecture by saying that the audience is already helping abused children by educating themselves by attending the lecture. She opened the

floor for questions, and many community members asked for clarification and elaborations.

Steve Gustafson, vice president for advancement, organizes the yearly event. “People received a really difficult topic well,” he said. “I really hope Dr. Melhorn’s plea that we all take on a role for advocating children and reporting abuse if we suspect it.”

In the 40th annual Mohler Lecture Series, a McPherson College alumna spoke about child abuse signals, probably causes and how audience members can react if they suspect child abuse supporting Fredrick Douglass’ quote, “It’s easier to build a strong child than to repair a broken man.”

“Child abuse is any physical injury or neglect, emotional injury or sexual act indicted on a child,” said Kathy Melhorn, an expert in child abuse and neglect prevention. She warned the audience early on of graphic materials and photos that were included in the lecture.

Melhorn was requested by the Mohler family lecture benefactors for this speech on Sunday, March 8 in Mingenback Theatre.

Melhorn covered the topic extensively citing her information from national studies.

The audience of more than 100 people, mostly community members with fewer than 25 students and faculty, were receptive to her presentation on signals like “the seven deadly sins of childhood,” which can be triggers for abuse.

These “sins” include colic, nighttime waking, separation anxiety, normal exploratory behavior, physiologic anorexia (picky eating), normal toddler negativism (the “no” stage) and toilet training.

Mohler explained that some of the characteristics of abused children can also be an indicator of abuse. These children can be withdrawn or fearful, unaccompanied in the hospital, or have delayed care.

The injuries on children should be easily explained and appear like normal injuries, like having bruises on fore arms or knees instead of upper arms or inner thighs. Infants, who are hardly mobile, shouldn’t

Bulldog Baseball opens KCAC play with losing streak

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The McPherson College Baseball team played two separate doubleheaders with Ottawa University on March 20 and 21 for a home and home series. The Bulldogs were unable to win any as they dropped all four.

The team sits tied for last place in the KCAC with Friends University.

The McPherson Baseball team now sits at 5 - 21 on the season with a 1 - 7 KCAC record.

The opening game of the four-game series saw Ottawa explode on offense, as they opened the weekend with 5 runs in the first inning. McPherson was able to settle down, as the scoreboard read 6 - 3 in favor of Ottawa in the fifth inning. But Ottawa erupted again, and they scored 5 more runs in the fifth inning and then put

even more up as they scored 9 runs in the sixth inning to secure a victory at a score of 20 - 4.

Leading the Bulldogs on offense was a trio of freshmen, as Reily Martin, outfield; Dylan Fontenot, shortstop; and Kyle McDonald, catcher; as they all put up two hits on the day. Jesse Correll, fr., pitcher, started the game on the mound, but had to be relieved by Colter Streck, jr., pitcher, in just the first inning.

Game two of the first doubleheader saw a much closer game. McPherson was down 4 - 1 heading into the last inning, but thanks to a two-run double from Fontenot and a RBI single from Trevor Haycock, fr., outfield/pitcher, the Bulldogs forced extra innings. The game headed into an eighth inning, and Ottawa scored the last run to earn themselves a 5 - 4 victory.

The second doubleheader was in McPherson on March 21. The first game of the day looked a lot like the previous, as the Bulldogs fell just short of taking the victory at a score of 7 - 5. Tom Potter, sr., first base, and Stephen Miller, fr., second base, each were responsible for two hits each.

Nathan Crowe, fr., pitcher, put on a impressive performance for the Bulldogs, as he allowed two runs in five innings while striking out seven Ottawa batters.

The last game of the series would end in another blowout in favor of Ottawa, as they were able to reach 20 runs in a game once again. Going into the fourth inning, the score read 6 - 5 in favor of Ottawa. But the Braves of Ottawa went off for 7 runs, making it 13 - 5. The Bulldogs fought back, as they totaled 18 hits for the game. But the offense of Ottawa was too strong to overcome. The final score was 21 - 10 for McPherson’s fourth loss in two days.

The Bulldogs are currently victims of a five-game losing streak and will look to stop the streak against Bethany College with a doubleheader on March 27 at Light Cap Stadium in McPherson. The following day, March 28, they will travel to Bethany College in Lindsborg for another double header.

Bethany sits just two spots ahead of McPherson in the KCAC standings, giving the Bulldogs the opportunity to make up ground.

Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Evan Willow, fr., catcher/first base, sprints towards first base after hitting a ball against Ottawa University on March 21.



Basketball game creates political talk about Governor Brownback's intentions

Sunday, some Kansans watched a showdown between Wichita State and the University of Kansas for a spot in the NCAA Tournament. I only watched the last four minutes of the game which was perfect timing.

With only two minutes and 23 seconds left, the camera goes from the game to Governor Sam Brownback and you can hear fans booing. Some headlines suggest it was because of his neutral shirt that represented both teams.

Being a person in the LGBTQ community and a future educator, I think it had more to do with the governor's politics.

Sam Levine, a writer for the Huffington Post, wrote an article on Feb. 10 that spoke about steps taken back in protecting LGBTQ workers from discrimination thanks to Brownback. In 2007 Kathleen Sebelius, the Governor at the time, issued an anti-

discrimination order.

Levine said the order "required state agencies controlled by the governor to prevent harassment against LGBTQ employees" based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Brownback revoked this order stating that the order "should have been passed through legislation."

I do not think that it should just be an order, but an actual law.

There is no other law that can protect me as well as other people in our LGBTQ community when it comes to discrimination in the workplace, whether that means when applying for a job, being on the job or simply being dismissed.

Brownback's 2014 re-election for Governor included him telling his supporters that he "promises to safeguard education funding."

Coming into 2015 though, Brownback's promises seemed to be broken.

A writer from the Eagle Topeka Bureau, Brian Lowry said in an article on Feb. 5, 2 percent of state regent universities and 1.5 percent of public school funding will be cut which adds up to be \$44.5 million.

Lowry says that these cuts will begin March 7. This means schools have already faced those cuts as of today.

This means more jobs lost and more importantly, the decline of more opportunities

for student success in areas other than core classes.

The state of Kansas came together to show how they felt about Brownback's changes to education and other issues in a comical way that will be one for the books.

POLITICAL PROSE

Gabe Padilla



ON THE FLY

If you could spend the day with one celebrity who would it be?

"Will Ferrell. I want to be him."

Carson Clay, soph., mathematics



"Travis Pastrana and the Nitro Circus Crew. They are always doing crazy and adrenaline-pumping stuff."

AJ Hop, jr., physical education



"Kurt Warner. He is my all-time favorite athlete."

Michael Barrett, jr., mathematics



"Gabriel Iglesias. He's funny and I like to laugh."

Karrington Sneed, fr., music education



"Kevin Hart. He's hilarious and he would be fun to hang out with."

Deiah Curtis, fr., bio-chemistry and mathematics



"Johnny Depp. He's had so much influence in the movie world and he would give me good advice."

Whitney Murray, fr., Spanish education

College offers 2-week May session for first time

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For the first time in the school's history, McPherson College offers students a chance to take some extra hours; after the end of the spring semester. Students looking to graduate or finish school before the usual four years are required to have attained a minimum of 124 credit hours.

This program will run for two weeks, May 18 to 29. There will be a maximum of nine courses offered. Five of the courses are new. Among the new courses are special topics in business; primitive survival skills; concepts in biology now; topics in education: cooperative learning; and envisioning, starting, growing and managing a social justice/change organization.

Tuition is \$250 per credit hour, room is \$17.50 per day and board is also \$17.50 per day. There is a package for room and board that costs \$30 per day for students.

Bruce Clary, vice president of academic affairs, said that the two-week May session was approved by the Educational Policies Committee as part of the entire academic calendar for academic year 2014-15.

"It was added to provide students with an opportunity to complete an additional two- or three-credit-hour course in a brief but intensive period of study," Clary said. "The May session is possible in part because the January interterm was shortened by four days, permitting the college to start the spring semester earlier and schedule commencement one week earlier than in past years."

The primitive survival skills course is aimed at introducing students to basic skills associated with surviving difficult outdoor or wilderness situations without the use of current technologies or luxuries.

"Those faculty offering May session courses are doing so voluntarily, and most have proposed courses they don't usually get to teach that they are really excited about,"

Clary said. "So this is something they want to do, and they have plenty of time to plan how to deliver their course in two weeks."

Registration started on March 25 for students who are currently classified as juniors and seniors. Additionally, interested students are required to enroll in this session via their academic planner. For more information on how to get into the academic planner, students may visit the school's registrar, Tricia Hartshorn, in the Dean's Suite.

Classes with two credit hours will require at least six students enrolled and classes with three credit hours will require at least five students. Announcements about which courses make minimum enrollments will be made Friday, April 24. For more information about this May session, students can visit www.mcpherson.edu/academics/may or speak with assistant registrar, Allison Mackey by visiting her in the Dean's Suite.

Counselors make changes to Ambassador program

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Prospective students flock to campuses nationwide as the weather warms and college mail continues to flood in. For those looking at McPherson College, visits may be different, even from their friends who applied and visited in the fall.

The admissions team is changing the Ambassador program so students have more part in showing prospective students McPherson College. The ambassadors give tours of campus to prospective students.

Admissions counselor, Danna Gordon, is excited to be a part of these changes. She said one of the main goals of this change is to boost current student to prospective student interaction.

"We want the students to take pride and ownership of the Ambassador program," Gordon said. "Who better to talk to a perspective student about MC than someone who lives and breathes it?"

The admissions team found it essential to get current students interacting with prospective students, making their experience at events such as Behavior

Mania and Jump Start Kansas meaningful.

Gordon and other admissions counselors talked with current students to make a plan that would enhance prospective students' experience, as well as to get more current students excited about recruiting. Ambassador Logan Schrag, a sophomore in business, is excited to be a part of the process.

"I think the prospective students will be able to see a broader view of the school through the eyes of current students," Schrag said. "This will help with recruiting the best possible candidates and make an even better school in the long run."

Ambassadors will be encouraged to attend more events with prospective students. They will also have periodical Ambassador team meetings. Recently, the program added a calling campaign to connect students with high school seniors who are still undecided on where they will go next year.

To Gordon and Schrag, this is beneficial to all members involved: counselors will not feel so overwhelmed with their workload, prospective students will have the opportunity to connect with current students and current students will be excited to step



Photo by Claire Crossman

Rea Samuels, a junior in psychology takes prospective students on a tour during their visit to campus.

up into a new kind of leadership role.

"I'm most excited to see students on campus take more responsibility and help the college flourish," Schrag said.

It is a gradual plan. By May, the Ambassador program hopes to have a solid plan to start in full force for next fall's recruitment season.

Casino night raises stakes

CLAIRE CROSSMAN
Spectator Staff

Student Activities Board (SAB) hosted Casino Night in Mingback Theatre Monday evening, March 23.

From 7 to 9 p.m., students were able to play on professional tables, games of poker, blackjack, roulette and craps.

The more chips student won, the more tickets they were given that were eventually put into a raffle. Prizes were anything from laundry supplies and Walmart gift cards to a new television.

This was Chandler Short's, a junior in physical education, third time attending Casino night.

"My favorite part was being able to gamble with a lot of money knowing it wasn't really yours," Short said. "It took the stress away from actual gambling."

Although being shorthanded on help,

head of the Student Activities Board,

Dusty Kitchen, believed it to be a success and much improved from last year.

One of the changes from last year was moving from the smaller gyms to Mingback Theatre.

"It was a better experience and with the smaller space it was more confined and everyone just had more fun," Kitchen said.

One of the winners of the night was Hector Carrillo, a freshman in business, who stuck to playing poker the whole night. "I am happy I won the gift card to Walmart because it's like free cash."

Looking to next year, Kitchen hopes to be better with time management and get things reserved sooner especially with the event being close to Spring Break.

Kitchen also hopes that in the future there are more volunteers especially from the faculty and staff.

Student directs play

CLAIRE CROSSMAN
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The upcoming play "The Foreigner" will be under the direction of a McPherson College student.

Addie Johnson is a junior in performing arts.

Johnson took a directing course, where she turned in a script that she would like to direct.

The Theater Department not only chose one of her scripts, but felt it would be a good experience for her as a theater education major.

"It is a very witty and farcical play," Johnson said.

This comedy was written by Larry Shue and about a "foreigner" from an exotic country that comes to England. Assuming that he is a non-English speaker, everyone lays their secrets on

the table and the scandals begin.

Johnson directed an act in "California Suites," but this is her first time directing an entire production.

In the past, Johnson is usually on the stage, but the program highly encourages students to be well rounded, on and off stage.

According to Johnson, auditions went a lot better than expected.

"Everyone brought their A game, which makes my job very hard," Johnson said.

The actors are still in the early parts of the rehearsals.

"It's still early in the process, but everything seems to be coming along smoothly so far," she said.

"The Foreigner" will be April 17 and 18 in Brown Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations can be made to the box office at theatre@mcpherson.edu. Student admission is free.



Photo by Alaina Johnson

Addie Johnson, a junior in performing arts, directs "The Foreigner" on March 24.



Photos by Claire Crossman

Arryana Barton (left), a senior in communication, Brooke Bush and Deja Matlock, both freshman in sociology, play Blackjack at casino night.

LEAD EDITORIAL

Smaller colleges, professors who care help students in academics

There are many reasons that going to a smaller college is more beneficial than a large university. The fact that professors care and are more involved is just one of them.

The U.S. News & World Report published an article on their website in 2010 that listed the top 10 reasons going to a smaller school is more advantageous.

The number one reason authors Jeremy S. Hyman and Lynn F. Jacobs gave was that the classes are smaller.

With smaller classes come professors who care about their students and one-on-one time with the professor, this time creates a better learning environment.

Students learn better when they think their professor believes in them.

In 1970 Jane Elliot, an American

schoolteacher in Iowa, conducted an experiment in her third-grade classroom.

She split the class into blue-eyed children and brown-eyed children. On the first day she told the children that blue-eyed children were smarter than brown-eyed children. On the second day she said the opposite.

The results showed the students told they were smarter did better in classes and behaved better.

The experiment also showed that those students told they were the minority showed lower academic standing as well as worse behavior.

Hyman and Jacobs also listed that professors at smaller colleges are more committed to teaching. They want their students to succeed and believe in them.

One of the last things the authors of the article on U.S. News & World Report listed was that students felt they actually mattered. They were more than just a number.

Elliot's study proved that socialization, or the way society shapes people, is a real factor.

Everyday interactions with people influence an individual who they are and how they should act.

Johari's window, which is a model created by Joseph Luft and Harrington Ingham, says that there are four different areas of the self: the open, closed, hidden and unknown self.

The open self is anything that one would share with anyone else. The closed self is the opposite, those things people would

not share with others.

The hidden self is the part of someone they hide from others even if those others already know.

The unknown self is the part they and others can't see or don't realize about themselves.

People monitor themselves, finding what people like about them and emphasizing that.

They find those aspects about themselves that people and society tell them is not the norm and try to hide those aspects.

Larger universities are the perfect place for someone to blend in with the crowd.

For some that is OK, but for others it can be deprecating to their education and even their lives and even mental health.

Mission trips create affordable opportunities for travel in college

Seeing the world and getting out of one's comfort zone is an important way to realize what is actually happening out of the small circle that is his or her own world.

Understanding what it is like to be truly poor is difficult unless someone has seen extreme poverty with their own eyes.

Mission trips can help one to do so.

An affordable way to see the world and help someone while broadening their own horizons is through missions trips.

Some mission trips can be done for as little as \$1,000 and sometimes cost nothing. There is a large variety of trip destinations available in almost any country that someone might want to travel to. However, the further away the country, the more the travel expenses.

In regards to traveling, this generation of college students is living in a marvelous time. There is an abundance of opportunities to see the world.

Every year Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, offers a trip in the spring to Ethiopia for a week. The amazing part is this trip is typically only \$1,000.

This is an amazingly low price to visit Africa for a week. Students should jump at this opportunity now because after college they would have to pay full price.

Smith also offers various other trips throughout the year that take students to places they would probably never see otherwise.

Another example of an opportunity only current college students have is a completely free trip to Japan. Last spring, Kansas University's Center for East Asian Studies sent 23 college students from Kansas to Japan for 10 days at no cost to them.

The opportunity was open to all current sophomores and juniors enrolled in a Kansas college or university.

Lora Kirmer, a junior in communication, was chosen for the trip after an application and interview process.

She enjoyed her trip to Japan last summer, an although this was not a mission trip, this was an opportunity only available to college students.

One last example of an opportunity to see the world at a low cost is the two spring break trips that were offered this year. Although they did not take place out of the country, the trips were completely paid for by the school and students got the

opportunity to see a new place and help people at the same time. Spiritual Services took students to Arkansas and New Mexico for mission trips that were about six days long.

Go out and see the world while there are ample opportunities and we are young.

The journey starts now. Young people's goals should be to see as much of this beautiful world as possible throughout their lives.

TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Miranda Clark Ulrich



Option for drug testing in college athletics focuses on suspicion

I'm a large Oklahoma City fan and one of my favorite young players on their roster is the 6-foot-10-inch Mitch McGary.

Before being drafted, he was an emerging star at Michigan University and led the team, as a sophomore, to an Elite eight appearance in the 2014 NCCA Tournament.

The story of why he left college to be drafted 21st overall in the NBA was due to a failed drug test.

He tested positive for marijuana and faced a one-year suspension from college basketball, leading him to quit college and declare himself eligible for the NBA draft.

I felt bad for McGary because of the great potential he had as a college basketball player.

That extra year of experience could have prepared him better for the next level. If

he would have returned for his junior year he could have been an All-American and raised his draft stock even higher.

Instead he left early for the NBA. Today he is still making good money and receiving a multimillion dollar contract.

In my opinion these lengthy suspensions college athletes are receiving for drug penalties are a bit severe for the circumstances.

A few college coaches have even have thought about a more effective alternative to random drug testing which is a substance abuse education program.

The coaches describe this program as a way to promote good physical health and the well-being of all student athletes by ensuring that they are all well informed about illegal drugs, dietary supplements and the abuse of legal drugs.

The educational program would also promote a healthy student-athlete lifestyle as well as creating a fair competitive environment.

"Student Drug Testing and Positive School Climate: Testing the relation between two school characteristics and drug use behavior in a longitudinal study", a study published last year showed that positive school climate was more effective in deterring student drug use than random drug testing.

These coaches that admit to not being a fan of drug testing are not implying a complete elimination of drug testing for

college athletics either. A suspicion-based policy should be in effect. It would be primarily for athletes that obviously show concerning signs of use of drugs or other performance enhancing supplements.

Maybe these advocates for an alternative to drug testing in college athletes are on to something that can help future players with a similar situation to Mitch McGary's.

APPEAL FOR ALTHETES

Jared Whitten



Letters to the editor

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

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Volunteers head south for spring break

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A group of eight McPherson College students and two volunteers departed to Lybrook, N.M. on Sunday, March 15 for a spring break trip.

The trip was free to the students and set up by Jen Jensen, interim director of spiritual life and service. Another trip went to Arizona.

Miranda Clark Ulrich, a junior in communication and psychology, encourages future students to take part in these spring break trips because, "the trip was enjoyable and we were helping people at the same time."

The students arrived in New Mexico after a nearly 13-hour car ride. They were welcomed by the Therrien family that lives on the Lybrook Community Mission along with some native Navajo Indians, who they worked alongside all week.

The leader of the mission, James Therrien, said the students "not only helped work on homes on the reservation but they also built bonds with the Navajo people. The willingness to serve demonstrated by the students has strengthened the mission's presence."

The students were split into two groups, one was kept busy repairing a home in Nagezzi, New Mexico tearing down and replacing drywall, mending supporting walls, staining cabinets and other miscellaneous household repairs.

The second group raised a roof four inches by completely tearing off the damaged roof, replacing rafters, laying the sheeting and finally shingling. They worked on the roof in order to prevent future drainage problems.

A few of the students stayed and helped clean and organize in the Thrift Store, as well as cook hot meals for the returning students.

Lora Kirmer, a junior in communication, enjoyed working in the thrift store because



Photo by Miranda Clark-Ulrich

Sierra Ulrich, junior, psychology, and others work to complete a roofing project during a spring break trip in New Mexico.

she, "got to know some of the residents better and got a better idea of what life is like on the reservation."

The volunteer driver for the trip was a McPherson resident JJ Krehbiel.

Even though Krehbiel received a lot of ridicule from students for driving too slowly along the way he, "was really impressed working with the McPherson College students. Everyone had great attitudes when it came to doing the work we were given

and made the whole experience fun and memorable."

A GED class as well as a carpentry class were provided to the Navajo by the Tokahookaadi Church. The McPherson College students spent one evening teaching the classes to some of the local Navajo people. The college students also spent their evenings playing board games, singing and reminiscing by the campfire.

After the work was done, the students

went sightseeing on Friday. They went to Native American ruins in Aztec, N.M. and Chaco Cultural National Park. Later that evening, they wrapped up their trip with a movie night at the church, which was open to the community.

The students returned to campus late on Saturday, March 21. They came back with small tokens and gifts made by the Native Americans, miraculous pictures and unforgettable memories.

Opera House has more to offer than just music

CHANNING WALL
Copy Editor

In small towns it can feel like there is nothing to do but sometimes, the treasures are hidden. McPherson is fortunate to have a jewel, the McPherson Opera House. This venue offers an array of establishments including entertainment, an arts center and rental spaces for many occasions.

McPherson Opera House

The opera house is 121 years old. The restoration project began in 1986, completed in 2010 and cost \$8.5 million to complete. Money to make the project possible came from many sources such as donations, membership pledges, the seat adoption campaign, various taxes and grants awarded from nine different foundations.

The 488-seat theater brings big city entertainment to life right here in McPherson, Kansas. Executive Director John Holecek has worked to make the Opera House a little economic powerhouse within our community.

"Between rentals and classes in the art center and the entertainment, plus the office spaces, plus the Visual Arts Alliance VAAM Gallery, plus Luke's Barber Shop, you name it and we've got it. We are one-stop for cultural arts and entertainment in McPherson," Holecek said.

Talent that performs at the Opera House ranges from oldies and opera to comedies and illusionists. The shows are carefully selected based on the entertainment value, appeal to the demographic and affordability. Prices for adult tickets don't go for more than \$35 and students tickets are only \$10.

"I choose shows that I think will appeal to the demographic here, and I've got to be able to afford them because I want to keep ticket prices reasonable," Holecek said.

The shows can appeal to many generations so the audience at a show includes people of all ages and even people from out of town. Attendance to the shows varies but word of mouth about the



John Holecek, executive director, holds up the 2015 events calendar outside the opera house.

hometown jewel is definitely spreading.

"It doesn't matter what the genre," Holecek said. "Across the board 50 percent of the audience is from out of town, which is good because that's

good for downtown restaurants and businesses."

Once people experience the Opera House they are likely to come back for more. The theater has good acoustics and performers often rave after playing.



Local artists place their work in the VAAM Gallery located on the main level in the Opera House.

"We had three sellouts in a row, Sons of the Pioneers, Phil Keaggy and the Nutcracker," Holecek said. "I can't expect that for every show but I'd like 300 or more for every show."

The Opera House has brought many unique performances to McPherson and will continue to., however this will be the last year for classical music, except for the Wichita Grand Opera, because the attendance isn't high enough to support it.

"We really do have the best intimate performance venue in the state of Kansas," Holocek said.

VAAM Art Gallery

Moving on to the main level, the VAAM Gallery is part of the McPherson Arts Alliance that has been around 20 years. They started out as a co-op on the other end of main street but moved to the



Luke Aichelle, barber shop owner, stands proudly outside his business located on the main level of the Opera House.

Opera House when remodeling was completed and are now a non-profit organization. They are always looking for new members and love to see new artwork.

"We are always looking new members and just like it when people come in to look around," Estelle Renberger said. "It's interesting to see what different people do."

Members of the Arts Alliance pay a monthly fee to display their creations for sale and also volunteer one day a month to keep the gallery open. The Arts Alliance also coordinates various classes and workshops in the Mary Anderson Arts Center such

as ceramics and painting.

"It's the only organization where people can come to take classes and see the work of area artists. It's like a gathering place for the arts," Renberger said.

Artwork on display in the VAAM gallery ranges from pottery to cards, paintings and much more. Members can bring in any new creation and have the other members decide whether or not it gets displayed.

"We really don't have a specific target audience," Renburger said. "I think it's for everyone. The hardest part is getting people to come in. I don't think folks understand that everything isn't really expensive and that it is really informal."

The VAAM gallery also features pieces by Wayne Conyers, professor of art, and Michaela Groeblacher, assistant professor of art.

Luke's Barber Shop

Also on the main level is Luke's Barber Shop. Luke Aichelle knew since he was 14 that he wanted to be a barber and has now been in business 10 years. This past September he moved from across the street into the Opera House.

"It was partly the historical building but also the visibility from the street," Aichelle said.

The move helped them become even more of a staple for the community and continue to provide a wide array of services.

"I think we were already becoming a staple of the community," Aichelle said. "Other barber shops were getting close to going out of business so moving over here just helped progress that a bit."

He aims to maintain the informal atmosphere that encourages conversation and customers are welcome to stay and visit, an aspect he recognizes has grown obsolete.

"I want to keep it a laid-back, come-as-you-are place to get your hair cut," Aichelle said. "We have some older guys that come just to chat and not even get their hair cut. No barber shops really like that anymore but that's how they used to be so we try to create that feel."

The skills he and his team vary and allow them to cut all types of hair as well as any cut desired.

"We pride ourselves on being able to do pretty much any type of hair cut, people are surprised by the variety of haircuts that come out of here," Aichelle said.

The shop can be accessed off of Main St. and is a quick affordable stop for a trim.

Operatunity

Right next door is a new shop called "Operatunity," a high-end, up-cycled clothing and home decor store with affordable prices.

Beverly Hunter started the shop as a way to benefit the Opera House and bring something unique to town. There is everything from kitchen dishes to paintings to jewelry.

"It is always fun finding a bargain and when you go in there," Hunter said. "You can find things are extremely upscale, maybe middle of the road and then I have a small dollar section."

Inventory is made up of items people from the community donate in as well as 30 to 40 percent brand new products. Anyone is welcome, in fact, encouraged to bring possessions in. To make it worth their time, they receive a form to fill out that can be used as a tax write-off.

"I just really need people to bring merchandise!" Hunter said. "I've got the volunteers and the space. I just need more stuff."

Other stores around town also donate products when they are clearing out, so there are some great finds. Hunter is hopeful for what the future has in store and aims to need relocation eventually.

"I'd like to be one of the largest fundraiser projects the Opera House has and in six months, I hope I have to be in a new and bigger location," Hunter said.

They have been doing well since opening and have already been meeting the profit goal by twice the amount. If students have slightly used clothing, still in good condition and are looking to make room in the closet, they can make a donation to Operatunity.