

Men's Tennis takes conference, national championship bid

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After losing in the 2014 KCAC Tournament to Bethany College, the Men's Tennis team earned revenge by defeating their rival Bethany in the 2015 KCAC Tennis final at a score of 5 - 3. With a younger team than last year and missing their consensus No. 1 player, the young Bulldogs punched their tickets to the NAIA national tournament by winning the KCAC tournament.

The Bulldogs were ranked No. 25 in the NAIA national rankings going into the

KCAC Tournament. After defeating the previously No. 8 in the NAIA Bethany College, McPherson made the largest jump of any college in the polls, ranking No. 17 after the tournament and heading to the national tournament.

The Bulldogs are also the youngest team in the NAIA top 25, as they start five freshmen, one sophomore and two seniors.

Before they faced Bethany, the Bulldogs had to go through Friends University in the semi-final match. Disposing of Friends quickly by a score of 5 - 0.

In doubles play, the No. 1 duo of Joan-

Marc Fajula Rodriguez, a freshman in business, and Ahmed Lahlou, a freshman in business administration, won at a score of 8 - 2. Hugo Ball-Greene, a freshman in communication, and Allen Darmawan, a senior in biology, picked up a win at the No. 3 doubles team. The No. 2 doubles tandem of Hector Carrillo, a freshman in business, and Jose Maria Carrillo Reina, a freshman in business management, had a little trouble, but won their match at 8 - 6. That made it 3 - 0 heading into singles play of the semi-final.

Needing just two points to solidify their win, the Bulldogs got it from Fajula Rodriguez as he won sets 6 - 2 and 7 - 6. Ball-Greene was able to get the final win for McPherson, as he won with scores of 6 - 2 and 6 - 2. This would set up the rematch of the previous years final. Bethany also won their semi-final match with a clean score of 5 - 0,

Against Bethany, the Bulldogs continued to have success in doubles play. The No. 1 team of Fajula Rodriguez and Lahlou won at a score of 8 - 4. Darmawan and Ball-Greene kept up their good play from the previous match, taking their game at a score of 8 - 6. The other team Carrillo and Carrillo Reina fell in their game, losing at a score of 8 - 6. The score was 2 - 1 heading into singles play.

Things were quickly tied up in singles play, as Fajula Rodriguez and Carrillo dropped their games. Ahmed Lahlou avenged his regular season loss against his opponent, tying the score back up at 3 a piece. Hugo Ball-Greene performed well to take a crucial point for the Bulldogs at the No. 5 singles position, as he won at 6 - 4 and 6 - 1.

The match suddenly fell on the shoulders of Jamie Roman, a senior in physical education. He dropped the first set at a score of 3 - 6, but regained his composure by winning the second set at 6 - 2. Roman was successful in the third set and won with a score of 6 - 3. This win secured the KCAC championship

for the men, and officially sent them to the NAIA Championships in Mobile, Ala., on May 12. This will be the first trip to the national tournament in program history after their first KCAC championship in program history.

After winning the tournament, Fajula Rodriguez said, "It was great to accomplish our goal of winning the conference." Fajula Rodriguez said, "It is much different this time. Last time we played for ourselves. It feels great to represent the whole team this time with this team."

Fajula Rodriguez is the only member of the team to have played on the national stage, as he and Rafael Bulnes, jr., qualified in the fall for UTSA/ITA National Small College Championships, placing fourth in doubles.

Hector Carrillo is one of the new players to the team this year, and says that the hard work the team has put in is the reason they have made it to the NAIA national stage. "We work very hard. We lost to Bethany earlier in the season, but we were still confident, and we did not hang our heads down. We are proud of ourselves now, but know that we still have work left."

Carrillo says he and his teammates are not nervous, but they are prepared. "Not much has changed, our attitudes are different now, but we are all about the team, and what we can do together as a team."

The young, international Bulldogs will be playing the Graceland University Yellow Jackets (Iowa) in the first round. GU is No. 16 in the NAIA, one spot above the Bulldogs in the rankings. The team is 12 - 3 on the year, and boasts 6 international athletes of their own. All of their losses were against NCAA level schools.

The teams are slated to play on Tuesday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. in Mobile, Ala. The winner of the match will play No. 1 ranked Georgia Gwinnet University in the second round.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Ahmed Lahlou, a freshman in business administration and management, swings at a ball against Friends University on April 20. Lahlou is one of the five freshmen who start for the Bulldogs and is a transfer student from Casablanca, Morocco.



High schools showcase artworks at festival



Photo by Laurina Hannan

High school students look at one of the art piece that was presented at the annual Central Kansas Art League Festival. The event was at the college on April 30. Before awards were handed out, the judges made comments about some of the noteworthy pieces.

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More than \$30,000 donated to College

The McPherson College "Power the Future" campaign is now up and running.

The college has received \$30,110 in funding from 117 donors so far.

David Barrett, advancement officer, and Karlene Tyler, associate academic dean, of McPherson College are the advocates for the campaign.

This funding is to be used on several initiatives by the school board and Myron Stine of Class of 1994 has offered to match all Power Day gifts up to \$15,000.

127th Commencement set for Sunday, May 17

The 127th Commencement Ceremony will be Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Graduating seniors may bring up to seven guests to sit in Brown Auditorium. Additional seating will be available in Mingenback Theatre with a live stream of the event.

Graduates will need to meet at 1:30 in the lower level of Miller Library to line up for the ceremony.

Saturday, May 16 will be photos and the dress rehearsal. At 9:45 a.m., the Master's Degree students will have their class photo at the Arch at the south of campus. At 10 a.m., the Bachelor's Degree students will have their class photo at the same location. These photos will be with caps and gowns.

The Commencement rehearsal will begin at 10:30 a.m. for all graduates in Brown Auditorium.

McPherson College recruits large freshman class for fall

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Through recruiting, McPherson College is looking toward to one of the largest upcoming freshman classes in the school's history this fall.

Alex Wuest, admissions and financial aid counselor, said he acknowledged that McPherson College has excellent admissions and athletic staffs that are committed to working hard to recruit students. He said that this has caused the rise in first-year students for the fall of 2015.

Student ambassadors play an integral

part in the recruiting process, according to Rea Samuels, a junior in psychology and student ambassador.

"I firmly believe that student ambassadors play a huge role in the college's recruiting process," Samuels said. "Ambassadors are a recruit's glimpse in the life of a student here on campus."

Wuest said that McPherson College has qualities that draw student from large cities.

"McPherson College's career-focused life readies mentalities," said Wuest. "The work that Katie Sawyer and other faculty members do in preparing students for success after college is phenomenal."

"I firmly believe that the students we are recruiting are seeing the value of McPherson College," Wuest said.

In addition to the works of faculty and staffs here at McPherson College, Samuels thinks that the current batch of ambassadors influence students touring the campus.

"We have a very enthusiastic group this semester who really enjoy the college life here and portray it in a very sophisticated and exciting way," Samuels said.

Wuest said, "The idiom 'leaving no stone unturned' comes to mind. We do our best to build networks all over the world in order to find the right students."

College students, staff, faculty members awarded in annual Awards Convocation

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The McPherson College community gathered for Awards Convocation, honoring academic, athletic, and service achievements on Friday, May 1.

Among those honored was President Michael Schneider, who received his doctorate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, defending his dissertation and graduating with distinction.

Many students and other faculty and staff members were also honored at the convocation. Oscar Cortez, a senior in sociology, said that he was grateful to be honored two different times at the convocation. Cortez received the Jane Addams Award for applied research, as well as being named male athlete of the year.

"Being honored at convocation was a great way to end my senior year," Cortez said. "I am so thankful for the professors, as well as the education I have received here and will really miss the friends I've made at McPherson College."

The award that perhaps solicited the best response, however, was the Professor of the Year Award. Each senior class has a panel, known as "Who's Who Students," that take on the task of selecting the professor of the year.

This year, Joe Dickhudt, assistant professor of technology, took home the award. "Who's Who" panel member Becca Heeke, a senior in business, said although the choice was tough, she's excited to have Dickhudt win.

"Although many of us on the panel didn't know him personally, Mike Rhodes another panel member, put up

a convincing argument," said Heeke. "Joe is loved in and out of the classroom and known by his students as 'the most interesting man in the world.'"

Awards Convocation also showcases the year in a wrap-up video. This year's footage was edited by Kevin Aka, a senior in graphic design. Aka spent hours putting together footage from major campus events, such as homecoming and athletic events. These, blended with photographs of different groups and individuals, made a video that summed up the 2015-2016 year at McPherson College.

Molly Kelley, a sophomore in biology, summed it up well, "I love seeing the Year-in-Review at Awards Convocation. It makes me thankful for the great experiences I've had over the year with my friends and team."

Women's Tennis dominates, repeats as KCAC Champs

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The McPherson College Women's Tennis team defended their KCAC Championship on April 24 in Wichita, as they won their second consecutive KCAC championship, the only two in McPherson College history. The women will now head back to the NAIA National Tournament in Mobile, Ala., on May 12.

The journey back to the national tournament stage began with the semi-finals of the KCAC tournament championship, when McPherson faced off against Kansas Wesleyan University. Weather conditions forced the match to be played inside and also delayed the match for two hours. Once competition began again, the Bulldogs did not miss a step.

All three doubles duos won in dominating fashion at scores of 8-0, 8-0 and 8-2. After picking up a free point in singles because Kansas Wesleyan did not have enough players available, Brittany Gourlay, a senior in physical education, got the only point from singles for the Bulldogs, as she won easily with scores of 6-1 and 6-0. This set a rematch of the previous year's championship match.

The championship match proved to be more difficult for the Bulldogs as they did not breeze through the final KCAC match of the season. The final opened with Gourlay and Chandler Short, a junior in physical education, winning at a score of 8-2. The Vorhees sisters of Brooke, a senior in elementary education, and Nikki, a junior in business, won their game at 8-4. The No. 2 doubles team of Nikki Thornburg, a junior in physical education, and Nadine Baquiran, a junior in psychology, fell behind quickly as they trailed 5-0. The two fought back to force a tiebreaker at 7-7, but ultimately fell at a score of 9-7. Thornburg and Baquiran are the only members on the team this year who were not a part of the 2014 championship squad.

Heading into singles play with the

score at 2-1 in favor of McPherson, the Bulldogs were prepared to lock up their second consecutive KCAC title. It got off to a rough start, as Nikki Vorhees suffered a rare loss at the No. 1 singles position. Playing against the 2015 KCAC Player of the Year, Vorhees dropped the game with close sets of 7-5 and 6-3. This tied the match back at two games a piece.

Gourlay was quick to have her teammates back, as she quickly won her match at scores of 6-0 and 6-2. Brooke Vorhees was the next to win, as she took her sets at scores of 6-4 and 6-3. Needing only one more match to secure the championship, Thornburg dropped the first set of her match. She was able to regain the necessary composure to pick up the next sets at scores of 6-4 and 6-3, earning McPherson the fifth and final point necessary for their second consecutive conference championship.

Adding on to the back-to-back KCAC Championships, the McPherson Women's Tennis program also earned themselves four All-KCAC honors this year. Nikki Vorhees, Brooke Vorhees and Nikki Thornburg were all named to the All-KCAC first team this year, and Brittany Gourlay was named a second team performer. Additionally, Thornburg was named this year's KCAC Newcomer of the Year.

When asked how it felt to repeat as champions, Brittany Gourlay replied that "It's a great feeling, but people like to think tennis is an individual sport, but were not just a team were family. We practice everyday together and all have positive mindsets going into the tournament. We all support one another, and we all believe we can win."

With the victory, the Women's Tennis team will head back to the NAIA national tournament for the second year in a row, something that was a clear-cut goal for the women's program this year. The women will have a chance to avenge their first round exit of last year. The tournament is in Mobile, Ala., and is set to begin on May 12.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Nikki Vorhees, a junior in business, swings at a ball with a forehand in practice. Vorhees is the No. 1 singles player for McPherson and is making her second consecutive trip to the national tournament. The Bulldogs will play against Concordia University (Calif.). They are ranked No. 13 in the NAIA and the Bulldogs are ranked No. 20.

Smaller Women's team ties for seventh at KCAC meet

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The McPherson College Women's Track & Field team performed well at the 2015 KCAC Championships, finishing tied for seventh place in the final standings. With a team nearly half of the size from their 2014 championship squad, the women had strong performances by all athletes, despite the size and depth of the team.

On the first day of the meet, May 1, the women were led by Jasmine Helms, a sophomore in communication, who posted a personal record in the long jump event for eighth place, jumping 16 feet 6 inches. Ivanna Moyer, a freshman in elementary education, also finished at eighth place for her discus event, throwing a personal best of 102, 2. These two athletes were

responsible for the lone two points that were scored on the first day.

The second day featured the highest scoring athlete of the meet for McPherson, Rea Samuels, a sophomore in psychology. She put on a dominating performance in the sprinting events, taking first place in the 100- and 200-meter events. Her time in the 100-meter event was good for a trip to the NAIA national championships, giving her the "B" standard. Samuels scored a total of 20 points, making her the highest point scorer for both McPherson teams. She was also named a KCAC Champion of Character, an award given to an athlete on each team who displays fine character in the field of KCAC competition.

Samuels was helped by Laura Gibson, a freshman in physical education, as she took home sixth place in the 1500-meter

run and came back for the 5000-meter run to place seventh. Gibson was joined again by Moyer and Helms, as Moyer posted another eighth place finish in the hammer throw. Helms took home sixth place in the triple jump and this closed out the scoring for the women.

Samuels was the only women to place herself on the first team All-KCAC, as Gibson joined her in the rankings as she took home second team for her effort in the 1500-meter. All of these athletes will be returning next year to make another run at a KCAC championship.

Multiple athletes, such as Samuels and Gibson, will be participating in the McPherson College Bulldogs Last Chance Meet, on May 8 at the McPherson College track. It starts at 3pm after Campus Blowout activities.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Rea Samuels, a sophomore in psychology, starts the 100-meter

Men's Track & Field takes third place at conference meet

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Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Dixon Cooney, a sophomore in mathematics, kicks it in as he finishes the 1500-meter race. Cooney ran half of the race with one shoe, placing third and earning first team All-KCAC.

After taking the 2014 KCAC conference championship, the Men's portion of the McPherson Track and Field team claimed third place after the two-day meet on May 1 and 2.

The men were started off by Chris Newell, a senior in history licensure, who won the first running event of the meet in the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Austin Smith, a freshman in history, took second in the long jump. Xavier Barte, a senior in graphic design, took third in the discus event, as he chucked the disc 143, 11. Chandler Dohe, a sophomore in music education, took third in the high jump event, clearing 6, 2.

All of those athletes were named All-KCAC first team athletes for their efforts.

Day two had some stellar performances for the men of McPherson. Art Hop, a junior in physical education, kept up his winning ways in the pole vault, taking the crown, as he has already qualified for the NAIA national meet. He also set a KCAC

meet record with his vault of 16, 5. He was joined by his teammate Geoffrey Pugh, a junior in chemistry, as he took fourth in the event.

The relay squads of McPherson showed out on the track for the championship meet. The squad of Jawaun Stuart, a senior in criminal justice; Josiah Oyebefun, a sophomore in bio-chemistry; Demetres Greenwood, sophomore in physical education; and J'Moi Penn, a sophomore in business; all were on the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams that both took first.

Penn and Oyebefun were very busy on the track as the duo finished second and third respectively in the 100-meter event. Penn also took third in the 200-meter, while Oyebefun finished in seventh place.

The remainder of the men included Dixon Cooney, a sophomore in mathematics, who placed third in the 1500-meter event. He ran in a very tactical race where the sophomore lost his shoe in a scramble to the front. Cooney also took home sixth place in the 800-meter. Greenwood finished fourth in the 400-meter hurdle event.

Michael Barrett, a junior in mathematics, took seventh in the hammer throw.

Head Coach Cameron Magnall was pleased with his team, and said, "Our team performed well across the board. We knew we would have to be perfect to have a chance to win, but I'm really proud of these guys."

The majority of the men are now done for the season, as many begin to look forward to the cross country season looming in the fall.

Several members of the team, including Penn, Oyebefun, Cooney, Newell and Hop will be competing in the McPherson College Bulldog Last Chance Meet as they will have one more attempt to achieve qualifying marks for the NAIA national championship meet. Hop is the only athlete to have qualified thus far.

The event will be at McPherson College on Friday, May 8, following the conclusion of Campus Blowout and other activities. The first scheduled event will be at 3 p.m., while running events begin at 4:30 p.m. The event is free for McPherson College students.

College set to repair roads on campus this summer

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McPherson College will begin to repair Gordon and Simpson streets during July, parts of two out of the four streets that the college owns. Sections of Euclid and Lemur, the other two streets, will not be repaired over the summer.

The roads will be repaired at a time when most students will be off campus for summer vacation. The overall time it will take for the repairs to be completed will be two weeks.

Marty Sigwing, the director of facilities, wanted to clarify that the roads are being repaired and are not under construction.

"No new roads," Sigwing said. "I want everybody to know that we are not getting new roads. These are the only two we're targeting, because they're so bad."

Certain areas of the roads will be dug out and be repaired. Gordon Street will receive a coal tar seal, a black spray that will seal out moisture. Simpson Street will not receive the spray, even though it is in worse shape than Gordon, because the road is in the back of the college. The road has less traffic than Gordon Street.

This repair was a major concern for the college because students and faculty members were giving feedback about the roads. Even the HLC report commented on the condition of the roads.

"The driving force for the repairs were out of necessity and comments," Sigwing said.

Since this is a repair and not construction, the drains and curbs will not be repaired. The main focus this summer is to repair the center road and to address hazards that are in the road. Sigwing said that the roads would get worse if it was not dealt with soon.

Sigwing mentioned two reasons why the roads are being repaired and not under



Photo by Ryan Kresky

Simpson Street, one of the roads on campus at McPherson College that will be repaired in the summer.

construction. He shared that it is costly and funding is an issue.

"It is kind of a funding problem sometimes which is the reason why we're only doing repairs this time," Sigwing said. "A complete rebuild of a street would be around \$100,000 or so."

The second is the college is not sure what to do about the grassy area close to Gordon Street. When plans were changed from another administration building to a

parking area, the college thought it would be best to not reconstruct Gordon Street before the decision was final.

"We don't want to spend \$150,000 to \$200,000 rebuilding a road to only find out it's in the way," Sigwing said. "We got to take it out because our plans have changed. Until we know what that first piece looks like we don't want to spend more money on road construction."

By repairing the roads, it will increase the life of the roads for three to five years. The repairs will "buy them some time" until they are able to get the funds to reconstruct the streets.

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Annual golf experience, auction set for June 6

The 12th annual Pat Noyes golf experience and auction will be next month.

This event is to raise money for the Pot Noyes Men's Basketball Scholarship at McPherson College.

It is a four-person scramble golf tournament with a fee of \$125 per person. This fee includes green charge, cart rental, lunch and silent auction item.

Lunch will be served at Turkey Creek Clubhouse immediately following golf. However, people who are not participating in the golf tournament, but who want to eat, may do so.

For more information, call Dave Barrett, advancement officer, at 620-242-0412.

Students urged to return library items

Students with outstanding items from Miller Library need to return them before the conclusion of the semester.

Students can return book to the book drop on the south side of the main entrance or inside at the circulation desk.

Students with questions should email Mary Hester, director of Library Services, at hesterm@mcpherson.edu.

College hosts high schools in annual art festival

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For the fifth time, McPherson College hosted the Central Kansas Art League Festival, which had about 360 pieces of art from high school art students.

The league was never designed to be something that would be an annual event. It started as just a workshop and Wayne Conyers, professor of art, was asked to host at the college.

Students from 12 schools entered the festival. Each school is required to bring no more than 10 students. Each student can only showcase three of their best pieces. There were several categories for students' art works.

The league was a one-day event, with seven workshops in the art studios and band room. During this time, judges were looking at the submission in Friendship Hall. The students took only 45 minutes to assemble 360 pieces of work for the workshops.

"There's a lot more different types of art that I've never seen from my high school," said Triston Smith, a junior at Larned High School. "I'd look what my pieces are going to be about instead of what looks cool."

There were several types of art displayed at this year's staging. Among them were pencil drawings, sculptures and ceramics.

Conyers said that the work quality for this year's league was better than ever and that teachers at the high schools worked hard to put this competition together.

"The students are not returning students," Conyers said. "The teachers select 10 different person every year."

Two of the judges that were present at the art league were Frank Shaw and Mary Kay, both are associate professor and professor of art at Bethany College. The judges gave too many merit awards to students and had to take some back. Adding to that, is that the festival coordinator miscounted



Photo by Laurina Hannan

Riley Frances Seibel, a senior at Halstead High School, won a gold award for her piece of art at the annual Central Kansas Art Festival. The piece is titled, "He Promised."

many of the silver and gold medals—there weren't enough medals to go to everyone who earned them.

Conyers highlighted that the students loved it here at McPherson, because the students were able to display their works in a gallery instead of high school hallways.

"The students absolutely loved it, because they are on a campus, they are away from school and they are actually in real studios," Conyers said. "They are not in the gymnasium. They are not in the hallway. They get to experience working in a real studio environment."

Conyers said that the art league also

allowed students to get an experience in a collegiate atmosphere and to be competitive among each other.

He said he enjoyed every bit of it and talking about it is just amazing. He described it in one word, "Wow."

"It was a 'wow experience' for me," he said.

Baseball ends season with pair of doubleheader losses

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The 2015 season ended on a sour note for the McPherson College Baseball team, as they dropped a separate pair of doubleheaders against Kansas Wesleyan University on April 23 and 25 at scores of 11-2, 18-7, 13-5 and 9-5.

Losses ended the season officially for the Bulldogs. They were already ineligible for the KCAC post-season tournament. The losses knocked the Bulldogs' record to 8 - 44 overall on the season, and 2 - 26 for conference play.

The series did not start as McPherson had hoped for, as the Coyotes put up 9 runs alone in the second inning. The next inning saw them score yet another, but McPherson put themselves on the board in the fourth inning.

In the end of the first game of the series, the Bulldogs lost at a score of 11 - 2. Trevor Haycock, fr., outfield, led the team with two hits, one being a double. The freshman has come on strong for the Bulldogs in the later stages of the season.

The Bulldog pitching staff was led by Corey Taylor, jr., pitcher, and he only made it into the second inning. Keegan Hays, soph., pitcher, finished the game out for the Bulldogs, as he recorded four strikeouts in four innings.

The second game of the first day started out much better for McPherson, but posted a similar end. The Bulldogs scored in the first on a wild throw, but KWU was quick to answer with 4 runs in the bottom of the first. They scored at least a run every inning, while in the fourth inning they scored 7.

McPherson scored 4 runs in the sixth inning, and 2 more in the seventh, but the damage had already been done. The final score read 18 - 7 in favor of Kansas Wesleyan. The Bulldogs scored 7 runs on only five hits, while Kyle McDonald, catcher, had two hits himself. Haycock made an appearance on the mound and

was forced to close out the last two innings for the Bulldogs.

When the next series began, the Coyotes of Kansas Wesleyan University stayed hot, scoring in all but one inning of the first game. After already trailing 5 - 0 in the third inning, McPherson put up three runs to put themselves in striking distance. KWU answered fast with a three-run inning themselves. The final score read 13 - 5 in favor of KWU, making it 3 - 0 with one game left in the season ending series.

This game featured seven home runs, two coming from McPherson. John Lauts, sr., first base, was able to blast a solo home run, while Evan Willow, fr., catcher, blasted a two-run shot of his own. Stephen Miller, fr., second base, was 2 - 4 in the game and scored a pair of runs as well. Ethan Dowling, fr., pitcher, started the game and threw three solid innings before being replaced in the game.

The final game of the series also turned out to be the closest of the four played. McPherson actually held a 4 - 1 lead going into the fifth inning. The Coyotes scored 2 runs each in the following two innings, making the score 5 - 4 going into the final inning. Kansas Wesleyan scored four runs in the top of the seventh, forcing McPherson to answer. They were able to put up just one, as they succumbed to Kansas Wesleyan for the fourth time in two days, putting an end to their season for good.

John Feaster, soph., outfield, and Willow each had two hits for the game. Miller also had a solo home run. Nathan Crowe, fr., pitcher, recorded the best pitching performance on the weekend for the Bulldogs, when he went all the way to the final out of the game, unable to record it. He had three strikeouts in his performance.

The Bulldogs claimed two All-KCAC honored players for their efforts this season. Kyle McDonald, fr., Fort Smith, Ark., was named a member of the second team as a catcher. He had a .316 batting

average and led the team in hits with 49; he also had 21 RBI's. Evan Willow, Victoria, B.C., Canada, was named an honorable mention as a designated hitter, and was also named the KCAC Freshmen of the Year. Willow tallied 41 hits on a .293 batting average. He led the team with three home runs on the year.

Head Coach Shawn Powell said, "coaches in our conference noticed and

appreciated both of these guys' talents. They play the game the right way, they've been good teammates, and they've matured throughout the season into what we want to represent as a student-athlete program. Very proud of both of them."

The year is now over for Bulldog Baseball, but the majority of the team will be back. The two seniors leaving are Victor Jose Betancourt and John Lauts.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Shane VanSteenburg, shortstop, fr., looks to turn two for the double play against Kansas Wesleyan University on April 25. VanSteenburg had a batting average of .250 for the season and will be a key returner for the Bulldog next season.

New evaluation method creates sense of complacency in students

With the end of the year here, all classes have started the tedious task of surveys. This year they have created a new twist for these surveys: they're now online.

By putting them online, they have created a way to ensure that all the bubbles are actually filled in and the survey is completed.

I believe these surveys waste our time in the current format they are presented to us in.

They are repetitive, seem incredibly unhelpful as far as reviewing the class and are copies of each other no matter what class the survey is being completed for.

For all of my classes, whether it's a 400-level psychology course or a 300-level art course, my end of the year surveys should not be mirror copies of each other.

Across different areas of study you learn different content using various methods. Not every class can be taught with only lecture

and some truly have to be taught hands on. No two fields of study should do the same types of surveys.

They should be geared toward your field of study or have a general one for classes that are general education courses.

By having different types of surveys they would feel less pointless. As an art major, those surveys don't tell my professors which projects worked and which were complete disasters.

Now you can make the argument that the comment section is made for that, but then why fill out the million bubbles just so they read my paragraph to find all the information they need.

Another argument for the horrible bubbles is that the administration can use this section to review teachers.

Now this would seem perfectly logical, and as a student I would be perfectly happy

filling them out if I believed for a second that they were truly used in this manner.

There are professors on this campus I've heard students giving awful reviews. Every year though these teachers stay with the school.

Lastly, these class evaluations are supposed to be completely anonymous to allow you the opportunity to say whatever you want.

We now have to sign in to take these evaluations. If we sign in how can they remain anonymous?

I thought by doing this the surveys would

be more helpful to staff and students wouldn't be answering the same questions again.

I personally think if they require us to take these surveys, then they should be more geared towards each major individually. They could have one survey for general education courses.

SURVEY SATISFACTION

Bailey McKinnley



ON THE FLY

What advice would you give to a younger student?

"Don't just study for the test, Study to remember."
Emily Dumler, jr., business



"Don't let stress take over. Remember to laugh, to live, to go see new things and visit new places."
Nick Greenway, soph., performing arts



"Get involved, apply for a lot of scholarships within and outside of the college."
Whitney Zimmerman, jr., bio-chemistry



"Being in college is a time to grow, so be curious about your environment, the people around you and yourself."
Allen Darmawan, sr., biology



"Be positive. Participate. Have fun."
Colby Patton, sr., Spanish education



"Learn to say no. Don't spread yourself out too thin."
Sam Williams, sr., business

After seven years, Kitchen will leave

ANDRÉ WHITE
News Editor

Wearing two different color shoes and socks at the same time is a swagger that will be missed seeing on campus.

These shoes belong to Dusty Kitchen, Dotzour Hall resident director, Student Activities Board advisor and director of housing.

At the end of this semester, Kitchen will leave the McPherson College family and move to Kansas City to live with his family. He has been at McPherson College for seven years with four years studying English and attaining his bachelor's degree. His work started

immediately after he graduated and was hired in the summer of 2012.

Kitchen said that he enjoyed every moment of his time at McPherson and thinks that it was truly an adventure worth taking on.

"Most of my time is spent with students," Kitchen said. "I have made many friends with students. I hope these friendships last long after I am gone."

After all the friendships that Kitchen has managed to build throughout his time at the college, calling quits portrays a sign of him missing his family back home.

"I am moving closer to family in KC," Kitchen said. "I have four brothers who

live in the area and my mother and would really like to be able to be around more for them."

Kitchen has not decided where he will work next but has confirmed that he will be spending some time with his brother.

"My job is currently undecided, but I will be moving to Overland Park in June to live with my brother and help him and his wife with their two daughters as I get things figured out," Kitchen said.

Kitchen said he'll remain Bulldog.

"Cherish the people around you and even those who can't be," Kitchen said. "People are what make life worth living, so whenever you do something make sure it's for them and not just for yourself."



Dusty Kitchen

Farewells to Kitchen

SHARHONDA MACLIN,
dean of students

"Dusty is my Superman! I have never had a student and then colleague be more dedicated to their work. Dusty was willing to do the unthinkable. He will be missed."

ANDREW EHLING,
athletic director

"Dusty is incredible. I really enjoyed getting to know Dusty and wish him all the best."

DARA DIX,
payroll and accounting clerk

"I will miss your random facts in your emails and your upbeat personality. Good luck in your new endeavors."

KEVIN NDONGO,
a junior in business, student ambassador and incoming resident assistant

"I want to wish you best of luck in anything you may encounter in the future. Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog."

MARTIN PORTER,
director of dining services

"Now Superman can live else where. Best of luck to you, Dusty."

The Hot spot

BY: CHRISTOPHER NEWELL

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF
BREAHA GILLESPIE, ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR



WHAT IS LIFE LIKE AS AN ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR?

Life as an admissions counselor is pretty awesome. I get the privilege to recruit students to a college that I love. I want students to experience what I experienced here at McPherson and more. When I was a student, I didn't take full advantage of what the college has to offer, so I really express that into my presentation to future students.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY AS A STUDENT AT MCPHERSON?

To pick a favorite memory from college is really hard for me because I had so many. If I had to choose one, it would be my last campus blowout with all my friends.

HOW DID YOU END UP CHOOSING MCPHERSON COLLEGE AS A STUDENT?

I chose McPherson because of the family atmosphere and basketball. I came from a small town where everyone knew everyone, the teachers cared, and the community supported you, and that's what I saw in McPherson College.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOBBY?

My favorite hobby is being an aunt. I have a niece that I love to spoil.

DO YOU HAVE ANY BIG PLANS FOR SUMMER?

One big plan I have for the summer is to meet up with some friends from my graduating class and go to Las Vegas!

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR GRADUATING SENIORS?

My advice for graduating seniors is to enjoy this last week at McPherson with your Mac family because you're going to miss it.

Rain can't wash out carnival fun

CHANNING WALL
Copy Editor

With sunshine and flowers blooming comes shortened attention spans and anxious-for-summer students, faculty and staff. Fortunately, All Schools Day provides a break. There will be many community activities but one in particular is the carnival. It will be in town through Saturday, May 9.

"I am absolutely excited because I haven't been to a carnival in a while and they have two of my favorite rides there," said Braden Bush, a freshman in business management.

Although Student Night at the carnival

was initially delayed on May 4 due to weather, students look forward to attending it for other reasons.

"I want to go for the funnel cake and I was really disappointed that it got canceled the first night due to rain, but I look forward to going on Wednesday to ride a few rides," said Isaac Murphey, a freshman in communication.

Also happening this weekend is the All Schools' Day parade. This year marks the 102nd annual parade. For a full schedule of activities happening around town this weekend visit www.allschoolsday.com.

All Schools Day weekend is fun and provides a nice break, but also marks the end of a semester.



Photo by Channing Wall

The carnival makes a stop in McPherson until Saturday, May 9.

LEAD EDITORIAL

Meditation offers alternative release for stressful situations

Finals week of classes can be stressful, especially if students don't have any way of counteracting the anxiety.

Everyone blows off steam in different ways. There is one specific method that we think is worth mentioning.

Meditation has been proven to reduce stress, increase concentration and improve health.

The Huffington Post published an article on April 8, 2013 listing 20 advantages of meditation.

Amanda L. Chan cited "Health Psychology" in her article and found that meditation increases mindfulness.

According to a study on "A Journal for the Association for Psychological Science" mindfulness is "the non-judgmental awareness of experiences in the present moment."

Everyone is different, so the length of meditation varies as well.

Some people need only a few minutes while others may need at least half an hour to get in a state of mindfulness.

Meditation is being in the moment and focusing on calming the mind.

Chan also said that meditation is linked with a decrease in the level of cortisol, which is the hormone that causes stress.

When students are in the moment and not stressed out, their body can relax and focus on whatever it is they are doing.

Chan also said decreased levels of stress is advantageous for soldiers who have been overseas.

Those soldiers have seen violence that could easily cause stress. Meditation is one alternative for relieving some of the sources of stress.

Better grades are also a result of increased concentration, another advantage of meditation Chan lists.

According to Chan, students could retain more information and were more likely to concentrate on the task at hand.

Chan also found people who meditate have lower medical bills and spend less time in the doctor's office and hospital.

A relaxed mind helps with sleep, which in turn affects one's health. If someone is relaxed and well-rested, their mind will be healthier.

Chan's article cited "American Journal of Health Promotion" that said practicing meditation is correlated with lower doctor costs over the year when compared to people not practicing meditation.

Meditation can be broken down into four main categories according to Chan's article. The different areas are: body awareness, regulation of attention, regulation of emotion and self-awareness.

Meditation helps people learn new information about themselves. What they think about when they are relaxed is a good measurement of what they really care about.

So even though mediation is sometimes associated with hippies and "free spirits," there really are medical benefits.

These benefits have prove to be helpful in stressful times, such as finals.

Good luck!

- The Editorial Staff

Alternative, historical Saturday activity possible for students

Don't you wish you had a leisurely activity to fill your free time and weekends?

It's time to talk about a new sport that is sweeping the nation: Squirrel fishing. Squirrel fishing, also known as SquiFi, is a sport in which one "catches" squirrels and tries to lift them off of the ground using a fishing pole and a nut tied to the end of the string.

Historically walnuts were used, but in modern squirrel fishing a peanut is common.

Just like regular fishing, patience is absolutely necessary.

Unlike regular fishing, no squirrels get hurt in the process.

Squirrel fishing is strictly catch and release.

Because no hooks are used, no squirrels are harmed. One reason why squirrel fishing so great is that anybody

can do it.

Fishing poles are optional and you don't even need fishing line. String can be substituted just fine.

The more serious squirrel fishers will use a rod and climb in the tree to become invisible.

This tactic is great for those easily startled squirrels, but can easily backfire.

A startled squirrel will run up the closest tree as fast as its little legs can take it. That tree is most likely the one you are in.

Although it occurred as early as 1889 in the United States, the exact origins of squirrel fishing are mostly unknown.

It did not become popular until 1997 at Harvard. It started as an experiment by Nikolas Gloy and Yasohuri Endo, in which they were originally trying to do a rodent performance evaluation and

accidentally stumbled on the sport of squirrel fishing.

Squirrel fishing clubs are becoming more popular on college campuses.

Harvard, Berkley and Ohio State have squirrel fishing clubs.

There is no official McPherson College Squirrel Fishing Club, yet, don't let that be a discouragement.

What better way to spend your boring Saturday then sitting outside, relaxing in a tree and pondering life's important questions, all while participating in

your favorite sport.

Be on the look out in 2015-2016 for squirrel fishing club T-shirts and the possible start of the McPherson College Squirrel Fishing Club.

I'll see you all out there and remember: a bad day of squirrel fishing is better than a good day in the office.

SQUIRREL SHENNANIGANS

Joel Kellogg



Anniversary of Marley's death brings remembrance

May 11 marks the 34th year since the passing of music legend Bob Marley.

Many know him for his popularizing of reggae music and being the lead singer in the group The Wailers, but he has had many accomplishments aside of music that has made him an inspirational figure he is today.

Marley was raised in the ghettos of Jamaica and lived where violent crime was prevalent. When Marley was young he fought gang violence and found his passion in music.

His rough childhood created a spirit of leadership in him that was an inspiration to many around the world. His work promoted peace and tolerance.

What made Marley's music special is its value and openness. His unique songs answered people's problems worldwide in

a positive way.

He was considered a commercial artist but in no way was he making commercial art. Marley had numerous fans because he related to and understood people who suffered, loved or longed for salvation anywhere.

He advocated social change while also allowing listeners to forget their troubles.

Marley's lyrics preached progressive ideologies and spiritual principles, which came from his strong commitment to his Rastafari beliefs.

A few core philosophy views the Rastafarian religion hold are that Jah (God) can be found within any person, having respect for nature and the importance of human life.

He was against political forces that tried using cannabis as a vehicle of oppression

to keep certain groups of people out of society's mainstream.

Marley is remembered as an influential man whose music generated positive messages that spread love around the world.

Outside of music, Marley has received the United Nation's Peace Medal of the Third World for his courageous work in engaging activities for justice and peace during a time of political unrest in Jamaica.

He also received Jamaica's third highest honor, the Order of Merit, for his outstanding contribution to Jamaican culture.

A historian in the field of reggae, Roger Steffens wrote, "The ripples of his unparalleled

achievements radiate outward through the river of his music into an ocean of politics, ethics, fashion, philosophy and religion."

His optimistic mind and teachings of peace have taught individuals and social groups that helped to find their calling in life.

He will forever be remembered as a cultural icon and a man that help changed the world for the better.

IN MEMORY OF MARLEY

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

All letters should have a point

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

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Light and Life awards praise students

CHRISTOPHER NEWELL
Sports Editor

McPherson College students, staff and faculty were honored at the second annual Light and Life awards Thursday, April 30.

The dinner and award ceremony focused on showcasing members of the McPherson College community for their service and leadership on campus.

Fellow students, staff, and faculty sent in nominations for each award.

Johanna Hoffman, a sophomore in communication, accepted the award for Peacefully, Simply, Together, which won Student Group of the year.

"I'm really grateful PST has made such a big impact in its first year," Hoffman said. "Being recognized for helping to lead this group has been such a highlight in my college career so far."

The Light and Life awards received

their name from the College seal. The Greek symbols translate to "Light and Life," or as otherwise interpreted, "We receive only to give."

ShaRhonda Maclin, dean of students, said the intention of the Light and Life awards is to "lift up those who contribute greatly to the community that might not otherwise be recognized for their actions."

She said that we have many events to showcase the various talents of the students, but as a service-based school, we needed an event to honor those putting in time and effort to serve and lead our community.

Maclin also said that the Life and Light awards, a project first conceptualized by 2013-2014 student body president Jacob Patrick, is a good way to emphasize all the great things happening on campus, which Hoffman echoes.

"The awards ceremony showcased

really amazing things happening on campus," Hoffman said. "It's great to see the amount of impact each person can have on our campus community when people work hard and care about each other."

The dinner had a new addition for senior leaders on campus as well. For the first time, leadership honor cords were awarded to graduating seniors who have been instrumental in McPherson College's continued success in their tenure here.

Hoffman said that although she feels "there are big shoes to fill" in terms of leadership and service on campus, there is a lot to be excited about in terms of younger students filling the roles.

"It's bittersweet to have the senior leadership leave, but one of the coolest things is the shifting and revamping of campus with each new year," Hoffman says. "It's really fun to see new leaders emerge."

Award winners

- Jacob San Martin**
Emerging Leader
- Colby Patton**
Outstanding Student Leader
- SGA**
Overall Excellence for Community Service
- Allie Hicks and the Women's Soccer Team**
Overall Excellence in Programming Achievement
- Peacefully, Simply, Together (PST)**
Outstanding Student Group
- Becki Bowman**
Outstanding Volunteer Advisor

Seniors pack up and head for new beginnings



Victor Betancourt

CHANNING WALL
Copy Editor

For seniors the real world is fast approaching, if it hasn't already arrived.

Some students have internships that will provide segue for a career and some don't quite have a plan yet but either way life keeps happening. Senior business administration majors Victor Betancourt and Ben Kimbrough have something to look forward to. Betancourt will begin his journey in Miami, Fla., and Kimbrough in Manhattan.

"If I'm with the same company [in five years], hopefully I'll be a partner with the guy who owns it right now, or I could see myself working with a big-time company like Nike," Betancourt said. "After this, I'm trying to get my MBA in International Business since I speak two languages."

Betancourt encourages students to enjoy

the time in college. Now that he's leaving, he sees just how fast the time flies.

"Enjoy your time in college," Betancourt said. "There is a time for everything. There is a time to go to school. There is a time to socialize. You've just got to organize yourself," Betancourt said.

For Kimbrough the end goal is a little different. He plans to transfer and continue working at Coleman American Moving Services in a management position. Kimbrough has worked with them for the past five years but in the future plans to join the military.

"I've always been interested in the military but to start out with I'm going to go home and work for the first year, get my stuff together and then go into the navy or army," Kimbrough said.

After four years of college, it's no doubt students leave wiser, Kimbrough reminds students to just be themselves.



Ben Kimbrough

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Band plays marches in concert

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Spectator Staff

The Concert Band and Jazz Combo performed in Mingenback Theatre the evening of May 4. Under the direction of Kyle Hopkins, associate professor of music, students and community members performed a pops concert to end the semester.

The concert featured marches by composers from the 1800s. Julius Fucik and John Phillip Sousa were just a couple that were featured.

Some songs that were performed were written by famous jazz composers Billy Strayhorn, Sonny Rollins and Jose Zawinul.

Nicholas Eggleston was one of 24 performing and has been on the trombone in his first year with the McPherson College band.

He came to McPherson because of the automotive restoration program and joined the band to get his liberal arts credit out of the way. However, he really enjoying being a part of the band and plans to stick with the music program.

The band practices three days a week with practices that are about an hour a session, but students are expected practice on their own, which can be difficult for those who are not music majors.

Eggleston enjoyed the concert on Monday.

"It wasn't too long or short," he said. "It sounded great, and I didn't hear any mistakes throughout the entire show."

The concert lasted roughly an hour and was open to the public and free of charge.

Micah Waugh, a freshman in business administration, received the Outstanding Band Member Award. It is presented annually to a band student who demonstrates a great attitude through out the year.

"I would never know if Micah was having a bad day, because he always has a smile." Hopkins said about Waugh's

positive attitude during the presentation.

Laurina Hannan, communication and English, was the only senior was recognized for her commitment these past four years.

"We had some rough patches among the way, but Laurina really stuck with it and will be missed when she leaves," Hopkins said.

Next school year, there will be about 25 students added to the program through scholarship. Hopkins believes that students who have left the program will come back in four years and notice how much the program has grown.



Photos by Claire Crossman

The McPherson College band members play in a concert Monday, May 4. The concert featured marches.



Nicholas Eggleston, a freshman in automotive restoration, plays trombone improvised solo in the Jazz Combo. This is his first year in the McPherson College Band.

C.A.R.S. Club car show revs up McPherson

LAURINA HANNAN
Editor-in-Chief

The 16th Annual C.A.R.S. Club Car Show and great weather brought a large variety of vehicles that was described as "Fantastic" by Ned Nadeau, C.A.R.S. Club sponsor and assistant professor of technology.

"I really like the quality of the cars we had and the variety of the cars that we had," he said.

The variety came from more than 170 vehicles entered into the show and a larger student section than from recent past years.

For the first time "in a long time" students could bring their project cars to the student section. In the past, there were restrictions like the car had to be a finished product, or had to run and didn't need to be towed onto the lawn.

"I think it's important to show the progress," said Nadeau.

The best of the Show was an MGTD. "It was a really well-done car," although he said there wasn't a particular car that stood out. He was impressed with the variety of the cars on display.

"It was important to have that variety," he said.

The variety helps draw spectators he said. The club tries to recruit different cars each year so that different cars come each year. Having the same cars each year gets boring, he said.

New to this year was a Swap Meet the morning of Sunday, May 3.

"It think it has huge potential," Nadeau said. He said that it needed some more promotion, but he can see it becoming a much bigger part of the weekend.

On Friday night, Jean Jennings, of the website "Jean Knows Cars" and former editor of "Automobile Magazine, was entertaining while she spoke about getting more women involved in the school's program and in the automotive industry overall.



Photos by Claire Crossman

Hundreds of people made it to the 16th annual C.A.R.S. Club Car Show on Saturday, May 2. The event featured more than 170 cars by both students and community members.

Also Friday night was the C.A.R.S. Club Cruise-In in Lakeside Park.

Nadeau like the new locations because it was "isolated from the traffic of Main Street," and had a good turn out.

At the end of this semester, Nadeau will be moving with his family to Maine and leave McPherson College.

He has enjoyed his time working in the automotive restoration program and especially being a sponsor for C.A.R.S. Club.

"It's a great way to get to know students at a different level."

Max Weigers, a freshman in automotive restoration, poses next to a Porsche 917 replica at the C.A.R.S. Club Car Show, on Saturday, May 2.

