

McPherson women soccer begin season with Colorado trip

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To open the 2014 campaign, the McPherson Lady Bulldog Soccer team played against one of the only preseason ranked opponents on their schedule and then headed to Colorado for a two-game trip for out-of-state competition.

The first game against No. 24 ranked Benedictine College proved to be a learning curve, as the Bulldogs fell at a score of 7 - 2.

Although the end scoreboard showed a lopsided match, the game did not start out that way. The visiting Ravens put up a goal in the first 10 minutes of the game, but the Lady 'Dogs were quick to answer with their early equalizer, as Rhea Vale, fr., midfielder, was able to put one past the opposing keeper to knot the score at 1 - 1.

From that point on, it was all Benedictine as they dominated the scoring. Prior to the conclusion of the first half, the Ravens put 3 more goals in, making the score 4 - 1 at the break. They continued their hot streak, making 2 more goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half. Cydney Lewis, soph., forward, scored one more goal for the Lady Bulldogs before the game ended.

After that, the team traveled west to Colorado for a pair of games against Dakota Wesleyan University and Johnson & Wales University. The first game featured the Lady Bulldogs facing Dakota Wesleyan at a neutral site for the game. Bouncing back strong from the first game, McPherson turn to scored goals aplenty, as they came out shooting multiple times in the first 10 minutes. They finally struck gold with the first goal of the game in the 14th minute courtesy of

Heather Diamond, soph., defender.

From that point, it was all Bulldogs. Nearly two minutes later, Lewis found the net again for the Lady Bulldogs. Rebekah Gallegos-Romero, jr., midfielder, subbed in at the 23rd minute and scored just minutes later, with an assist by Lewis.

With the score at 3 - 0 and outshooting the opposing team 12 - 2, Dakota Wesleyan was able to score their lone goal at the start of the second half. But Gabriela Navarro, jr., forward, was able to answer that around 10 minutes later with her first goal of the season. Just before the game concluded, Lewis put the cherry on top for the Lady Bulldogs as she scored her second goal of the game, making it a 5 - 1 victory for McPherson.

The second and last game of their Colorado trip faced them up against Johnson & Wales. The Bulldogs struck first, as Rhea Vale put home a corner kick from Breelyn Petty, jr., forward, to get the first goal on the board for McPherson. Multiple shot attempts followed, but heading into halftime the score remained 1 - 0.

With the end in sight, Johnson & Wales broke the Lady Bulldogs hearts with a goal in the 87th minute. The team was a woman down however, Diamond received a red card for aggressive contact, ejecting her from the game, in the 83rd minute. The game went to overtime, and although they were one player down, the Bulldogs would draw even, not allowing a goal in overtime and the game ended in a draw.

Kayla Faust, soph., midfielder, said, "We feel good about coming back from our trip with no losses. We wish the outcome of the second game had been in our favor, but with all the challenges we faced, we feel redeemed from last Thurs-

day."

Both Bulldog keepers saw playing time in this contest, as Caitlyn Blagrove, soph., saved 4 shots in the first half. Tori Verdieck, jr., started the second half, and saved 7 shots from going in, but allowed

the lone goal for J&W.

The next game for the Lady's of McPherson is Sept. 6, as they face off against Midland University on their home turf.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Breelyn Petty, jr., forward, handles the ball while traveling up field.

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Men's soccer nets no goals in 0-7 loss



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Jose Angulo, jr., business marketing, defends the ball from University of Texas-Brownsville Ocelots.

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Study abroad program meeting on Sept. 18

McPherson College's affiliation with the Church of the Brethren means that students have the opportunity to visit other countries through the Brethren College Abroad Program.

The program lets students spend a semester studying at a college in a foreign country, including locations like Austria, China, Greece and India, among others. Students interested in participating can meet the program director, Robert William, Thursday afternoon, Sept. 18.

Students should make an appointment with Herb Smith and can reach him at his office or through email at smithh@mcpherson.edu. Students will also be able to join William and Smith for dinner that Thursday at 5 p.m.

SGA will host budget meeting for clubs

The Student Government Association (SGA) will have a budget meeting on Monday, Sept. 8. The meeting is for representatives to learn about the budget process. The SGA requests at least one representative from each organization attend and also encourages people considering new clubs attend as well. The meeting will be in Melhorn 112 during common hour (noon-12:45 p.m.).

New bike sharing program starts in September

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Students with limited transportation will have an opportunity to gain mobility this semester. McPherson College will offer bikes to members of the college community to use for no charge.

The program is called "MacBike: A Community Bicycle Share Program," and is supported by faculty and staff, specifically Ken Yohn, assistant professor of history; Michael Gravitt, vice president of enrollment management; and Mark Malaby, associate professor of education. According to Gravitt, Yohn was the first to bring up the idea of a bike sharing program. Yohn said that he brought it up after Kerry Dobbins, assistant professor of history, mentioned the idea.

The plan for the MacBike program is to

provide bicycles to students for various transportation needs.

"People come here and never leave campus," Gravitt said of students without transportation. He said he met students that didn't leave campus for many weeks at a time because of a lack of transportation. He said he wants this program to get some of these students more mobile.

Five bikes will be available initially in different configurations including bikes just for getting around and some with cargo capability for tasks like grocery shopping. Gravitt said they will be heavy-duty bikes built to last and take abuse. Students, faculty and staff will all be able to borrow bikes. Users will have to check out bikes from the front desk at Mohler. In addition to bikes, helmets and bike locks will also be available, and users will be able to borrow equipment for up to a day Monday

through Friday, and for the whole weekend if checked out on Friday.

Yohn and Malaby are the faculty sponsors of the MacBike program and they will handle bicycle service and repairs. They worked this summer to get the first run of bikes ready. Both Yohn and Gravitt said the program could expand in the future if the program is popular. Yohn said that they will also keep track of which bikes are used most to determine which ones to add.

Gravitt said MacBike will also be a program that commemorates Paul Ziegler, who died in a bicycle accident two years ago. Ziegler was known as an avid cyclist and a plaque will be placed as a memorial where the MacBikes will be available.

As for when the program goes into effect, Gravitt said they plan to have everything ready by the end of September.

Residence life staff take on new roles

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Every year, McPherson College's residence life staff sees change in the way of new staff members. This year, some familiar faces saw a change to their work as well.

Brandt Busse and Dustin Kitchen took on different roles this semester. Busse is the new director of residence life, and Kitchen is the new director of housing. Busse said the reason for the change is primarily to help reduce the workload of other staff members, particularly ShaRhonda Maclin, dean of students. In addition to Busse and Kitchen's new roles, Linda Barrett will also have a new role as Maclin's new assistant, taking over from Teresa Graham.

Busse's duties as director of residence



Photos by Marissa Patton

Brandt Busse (left) and Dustin Kitchen are the new directors of Residence Life and Housing, respectively.

life include managing and training residence life assistants such as RA's and RD's, working with the judicial board and handling problems with students doing things that they shouldn't. Busse can be reached during his office hours in the basement of Hoffman Student Union. Students can also reach him via phone at 620-242-0457 or through email at busseb@

mcpherson.edu. As Director of Housing, Kitchen now handles various housing issues such as dorm and roommate assignments, and students with concerns about those issues should reach him during his office hours in the basement of the student union. Students can also reach Kitchen by calling 620-242-0904 or emailing to kitchend@

McPherson College volleyball team dives into season

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It was an eye-opener for Volleyball Coach Susan Barton and the Lady Bulldogs as they had a pretty dominant time in Florida over the Labor Day weekend. The Lady 'Dogs went 3-1 in the Palm Beach County Sports Commission Labor Day Volley-fest which was hosted by Northwood University.

In the three wins the Lady 'Dogs were very dominant going 3-0 in each of their sets before losing 3-0 to Northwood University.

In the first match on Friday, Aug. 29 against Ave Maria University it was

rough going before the Bulldogs turned it around with a 25-23 win in the first game. The second game is when the dominance of the team showed up with a 25-14 win. In the final game it was a tough effort from Ave Maria but the Bulldogs prevailed 25-23.

The second match of the day was against Edward Waters College. The 'Dogs were dominant from beginning to end as this match ended in three-sets. The scores to each of the games were 25-14, 25-11 and 25-20. Cortlyne Huppe, jr., middle hitter, led with nine kills; Phoebe Barton, sr., setter, had 18 assists; and Emily Warner, soph., libero, totaled 17 digs in the match.

Saturday, Aug. 30, the 'Dogs took on Concordia College of Alabama, and again the ladies were dominant winning three straight games with scores of 25-21, 25-17 and 25-15. The 'Dogs were led again by the "Big 3" (Huppe, Phoebe Barton, and Warner) with 15 kills, 31 assists, and 16 digs.

In the final match against Northwood University, the 'Dogs were hit hard losing the match 3-0. The scores to the games were 25-9, 25-13-25-22.

Susan Barton said, "This was the first time ever that everyone that I brought to the tournament played, showing me that whoever I put into the game, I have the confidence that they will get the job

done."

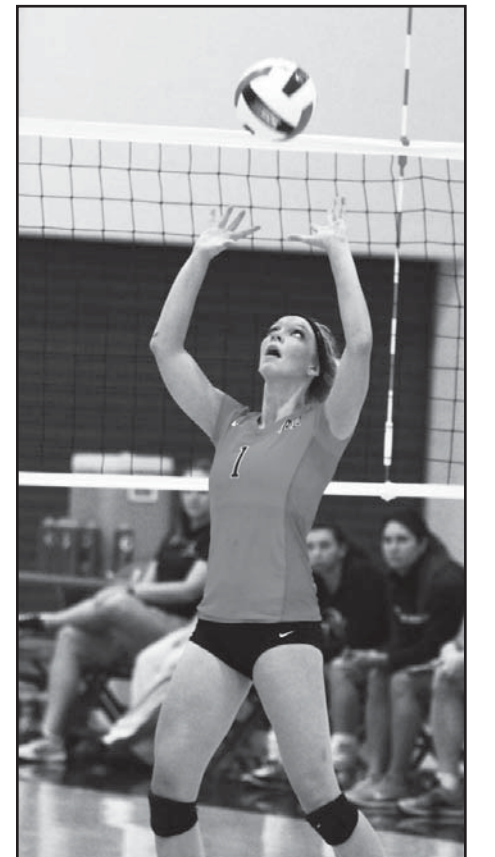
Huppe was KCAC Hitter of the Week and made the All-Tournament team in the Florida tournament. Phoebe Barton was awarded KCAC Setter of the Week along with KCAC Player of the Week and Warner was KCAC Libero of the Week.

The night of Wednesday Sept. 3, the Lady Bulldogs began their conference play against the Sterling Warriors at home. After three matches the Bulldogs fell to the Warriors mercilessly. Now 0-1 in conference play, and a record of 4-2 overall, the Lady Bulldogs will travel to Hastings College on Sept. 6 for tournament play.



Photos by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Above, Lindsey Moss, fr., outside hitter, passes to keep a ball in play against the Sterling Warriors. Right, Taylor Johnson, soph., setter, sets the ball to her teammates for a chance to score. After losing to the Warriors in three matches, the Lady Bulldogs look towards their Hastings College tournament to improve their overall record, Wednesday, Sept. 3.



Football prepares for season

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The McPherson College Football team is filled with new faces. After bringing in around 40 new recruits, coaches are forced to adapt to a younger team.

With only eleven games this season, coaches look to come out of the gates with a win.

Setting a positive tone before conference play is a main focus for the Bulldog football team.

Starting pre-season practice two weeks later than usual, coaches are using all their time focusing on preparation for the beginning of their season. Specialized work and more focused practices are

taking place in order to adapt to opponents weaknesses and capitalize on the Bulldog's strengths.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, another challenge they are facing is an excessive amount of injuries.

On Friday, Sept. 5, the Bulldogs will travel to Muskogee, Okla. On Sept. 6 at 6 p.m., the Bulldogs will play their first pre-season game against the Bacone Warriors.

With all of the new transfer and freshman players, there is an unlimited supply of potential the coaches will be able to use to their advantage.

Coaches look to improve their end of season record and conference tournament performance this year.



Courtesy photo by McPherson College

Head Coach Steve Fox discusses his hopes and goals for the season at the KCAC Football Media Day, Aug. 6.

Fall intramural sports kick off with flag football

Games are Sunday evenings with 2 games for each team

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McPherson College intramural sports are finally underway this week. Sign up sheets for flag football have been sent out by campus email. Due to absence of students on Labor Day weekend, many of the games last week had to be cancelled. Poor weather conditions have also been reason to post-pone and cancel games.

The few games that were played consisted of two 10-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime in between. Teams must have at least five players to play. Each player must wear a pair of flags on both sides of their hips. Once a flag has been pulled, the player is considered down. Games are every Sunday evening and each team will usually play two games. This type of schedule will be applied to all intramural sports.

"Students like intramurals because it gives them a platform to interact with their friends and peers in a different setting other

than the classroom," said Resident Director Dusty Kitchen.

Kitchen is in charge of all intramural sports and if people have any comments or questions, they can contact him at kitchend@mcpherson.edu or call him at 785-424-0331.

Intramural sports are open to everyone on campus and available to people off campus for a small fee per person. This fall will consist of flag football and volleyball. Active players of intramural sports offered may not participate in its event.

In the spring, 5-on-5 basketball will be back as there is often many teams that participate. There is typically anywhere from 10 to 20 teams participating. Playoffs will consist of single elimination bracket play after 3-6 weeks of free play.

"The most popular [intramural] is basketball because it is a fast-paced game that takes a large team and has the most teams so you get to play a diverse group of people," Kitchen said.

Auto Restoration enrollment increases, diversifies

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Students may notice more students on campus this year.

A portion of the student increase is due to the enrollment cap increase of the Automotive Restoration program.

The Automotive Restoration program increased the cap last year also, allowing more students into the program. This year's enrollment brought in 60 new students. The incoming students comprise of a mix of freshmen, transfer students and some current students who changed majors.

Professor of technology Chris Paulsen said having more students in the AR Program is great, but fitting them into classes will be challenging.

He said, "The AR Program has a great mix of students from all over the country. We will teach them, but some will even teach us some things."

Men don't make up the entire AR student increase. The number of female AR



Photo by Josh Korte

Auto Restoration students talk with Chris Paulsen (left), assistant professor of technology, in Templeton.

students increased as well.

Monica Ewy, soph., automotive restoration, formerly a double-major in graphic design/marketing and studio arts, said "It's awesome to see more women in the auto restoration program. There are just under

10 women this year."

Last year there were only two women in the program. Ewy said she was excited to be a part of the growth and integration of women into the program and she "hopes that more women find their home in the Auto Restoration program."

Assessment Day gives students chance to rate college

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McPherson College will cancel classes for a school-wide Assessment Day, which consists of a satisfaction inventory survey and a general education exam on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

The survey reveals how satisfied students are with their experience at McPherson College. Students can take the survey online or in person and should take 15 to 20 minutes to complete. The general education exam will be given to junior-level students.

The information gathered from past satisfaction surveys helped the school make improvements said Cari Lott, academic dean.

Lott said, "Since the last satisfaction inventory was given in 2011, many changes have been made. One of the biggest issues was difficulty connecting to the Internet."

The college pilot-tested Wi-Fi in select parts of campus in November 2011, and by spring the following year, the college added the same type of Wi-Fi setup in the other dorms to improve Internet access.

The school also applied for a \$2 million technology grant aimed to help improve the uses of technology on campus.

The general education exam provides information to the school and to students to see what to focus on and improve on before the class graduates.

"We take those results and use that to strengthen our curriculum if we notice there is something our students aren't per-

forming as well as we would like," Lott said.

Students will also have another chance to voice their opinion of the school. This December, an accreditation team will visit the campus and students are encouraged to share their thoughts of the campus. This team visits the campus once every 10 years and determines whether McPherson should be an accredited school. Accreditation for a school demonstrates that the institution meets a standard for education.

"The important thing for students to know is that we listen to what you have to say," Lott said. "We need your feedback to make things better."

Lott will send more information regarding Assessment Day through the student Bulldog email accounts.

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Student Government polls open Sept. 11

Student Government elections will take place on September 11. Students will be able to vote on new representatives and a new constitution. The Student Government Association (SGA) will send an email with a link to a website where students can vote. Tyler Henning, SGA President, soph., automotive restoration management, said this is an important election and he hopes many students will vote.

The Dog Bowl reopens in basement of SU

The Dog Bowl, LLC reopened on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014. The Dog Bowl first opened during the Spring 2014 semester and was in the bookstore. It is now located in the basement of the Hoffman Student Union outside the bookstore. Open hours are 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Dog Bowl will also host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014 and refreshments will be served afterward.

Students can get ID's at residence life office

Student ID's were not widely available at the start of the year. Now, all student ID's are available and can be picked up. Students can pick up ID's in the Residence Life/Housing office in the basement of the Hoffman Student Union. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

McPherson College facilities undergo renovations during summer

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Students returning to McPherson College this fall will notice that parts of the college don't look the same as last year.

Over the summer, McPherson College underwent renovations throughout campus. Michael Gravitt, vice president for enrollment management, said that renovations were discussed last fall and finalized in the spring of 2014.

In Mohler Hall, a mural of photos from 1895-1975 commemorating the college's past feature McPherson College's school spirit. Reds and grays in carpet and paint are with new black furniture to update the look of the office. A television hangs on the south wall to display photographs of the college's past and present. Marty Sigwing, director of facilities, oversaw all of the renovations and decided on the decor for Mohler Hall with Gravitt and Vikki Trimmell, admissions receptionist.

"I am a huge fan of the new renovations in Mohler Hall," said Alex Wuest, admis-

sions and financial aid counselor. "The clean and professional environment of Mohler Hall provides a joyous experience for both new prospective students and the faculty and staff that work there."

The cafeteria in Hoffman Student Union changed as well. Martin Porter, Fresh Ideas Food Service Management and current director of dining services, opted to go for a sleeker, more modern bistro style to "take away from the institutional look."

The food bars were moved throughout the cafeteria to create a scatter effect. Porter said this is to reduce the "herding effect" that can happen when all of the food is located in one area.

"When you come in here, it's an experience versus just another meal," Porter said.

Emily Dumler, jr., accounting and finance, said, "I like how the open floor plan allows for the students to serve themselves. It feels more like a cafe rather than a cafeteria."

Fresh Ideas, the new dining service of McPherson College, came up with the



Photo by Jennifer Bruton

Among the changes to the cafeteria are new lighting, floors and seating.

design for the cafeteria with help from ShaRhonda Maclin, dean of students and facilities.

Maclin said, "The students really were the driving force behind the renovation of the dining hall. SGA allocated funds to the project to show support for the cause. I am proud of the student body's reaction so far. It is even cooler to see how members of last year's SGA smile to see something they have accomplished."

The new engines lab in Templeton Hall also received some renovation because the college hired a new engines professor. Curt Goodwin, professor of technology, started renovations July 1 with the help of Brian Martin, director of automotive restoration development; Amanda Gutierrez, vice president for automotive restoration; and Goodwin's son. The walls are now white with a red stripe and feature new tool boards. The workbenches are red. Curt Goodwin and others looked at

high-end restoration shops to model the engines lab after.

"To be the best we can possibly be, we want it to look the best it can possibly look," Curt Goodwin said.

Seth Schueller, sr., automotive restoration, said, "This year's engine laboratory is an incredible improvement over last year's setup. We students are extremely fortunate to be able to work in such a clean, well organized environment provided by Professor Goodwin and the restoration program."

Ediger Enterprises, Hutton Construction, Johnson Electric and Dave's Plumbing handled the light construction, electrical and plumbing in Hoffman Student Union and Mohler Hall. Approximately \$90,000 was spent in Hoffman Student Union and \$32,000 in Mohler Hall, according to Sigwing. Plans are in place to renovate the second floor of Mohler Hall next summer.



Photo by Jennifer Bruton

Students pull out their ID's to scan before entering the renovated cafeteria.

Men's soccer drops home opener games

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To begin the season, the McPherson Men's Soccer team was voted to the top of the preseason KCAC polls by multiple coaches among the conference. Although it was very tight in terms of total votes, the Bulldogs are looking to stay there throughout the season.

But the opening games for the Men's Soccer program proved to be very tough matches, and also a great learning experience, in what turned out to be back-to-back home losses for the Bulldogs to open their 2014 campaign.

In the season and home opener, the Bulldogs faced a No. 13 ranked Benedictine College in a game that came down to the final minutes but ultimately saw the 'Dogs fall just short, but not before putting a good scare into the visiting team.

The game opened with the Bulldogs looking timid and sometimes even out of place, as the visiting Ravens dominated possession and eventually found the goal early on in the game, as they went up 1 - 0 in the seventh minute. The Bulldogs settled in and began to put shots on target and earning free kicks in dangerous areas of the field. A pair of free kicks in the 19th and 22nd minutes saw shots on goal for the Bulldogs, even earning themselves a corner on their second free kick, but could not find the back of the net as the shots were coming from outside the goalie box.

But McPherson broke through off of persistent attacks, as Alex Ronnburg, jr., forward/midfielder, found his teammate, Nick Torres, soph., forward, to get the equalizer for the Bulldogs and put the game even. Benedictine College began to attack back, as keeper Aaron Parrot, soph., goalkeeper, was forced to make crucial

saves, but they scored again just before halftime, taking the lead back at 2 - 1.

The second half started much like the first half, with the Ravens dominating possession and scoring once again, making the score 3 - 1 while demoralizing the home team.

But McPherson refused to go down that easy. In the 70th minute, Brayem De La Cruz, soph., midfielder, played a beautiful volley into the middle that Octavio Villa, sr., midfielder, was able to corral in traffic and put home into the net to get the Bulldogs one goal away at a score of 3 - 2. This was the last chance that McPherson had in the game, as they were unable score for the rest of the game.

The next game the Bulldogs played was also against a ranked opponent, as the University of Texas at Brownsville came to visit on Labor Day. The game was one to forget for the Bulldogs, as the visiting Ocelots won with ease at a score of 7 - 0.

The scoring started early and continued against the Bulldog defense, as the half-time scoreboard read 4 - 0 against the home team. They did not let up in the second half as they put 3 more goals into the net before the game ended.

However it was not one sided, as a failed PK attempt came in the 73rd minute for the Bulldogs. The score may have looked bad for the Men's Soccer team, but much can be taken from the game for the Bulldogs as they are still very early in the season.

"Those are mistakes we cannot make against any team," said Danny Calleja, sr., defender. "But it's a learning process and it is still early in the season. Our team chemistry is still improving."

Back to back losses to begin a season can be tough for any team, but against two ranked opponents, it can help the McPherson

son men for the upcoming grind of the entire season.

Doug Williamson, sr., defender, said, "In terms of concern, were not concerned at all. It's still very early, so it's good to have

these mistakes now and early. We have the talent, we will learn from these games."

The Bulldogs will continue their season on Saturday, Sept. 6 as they play Midland University.

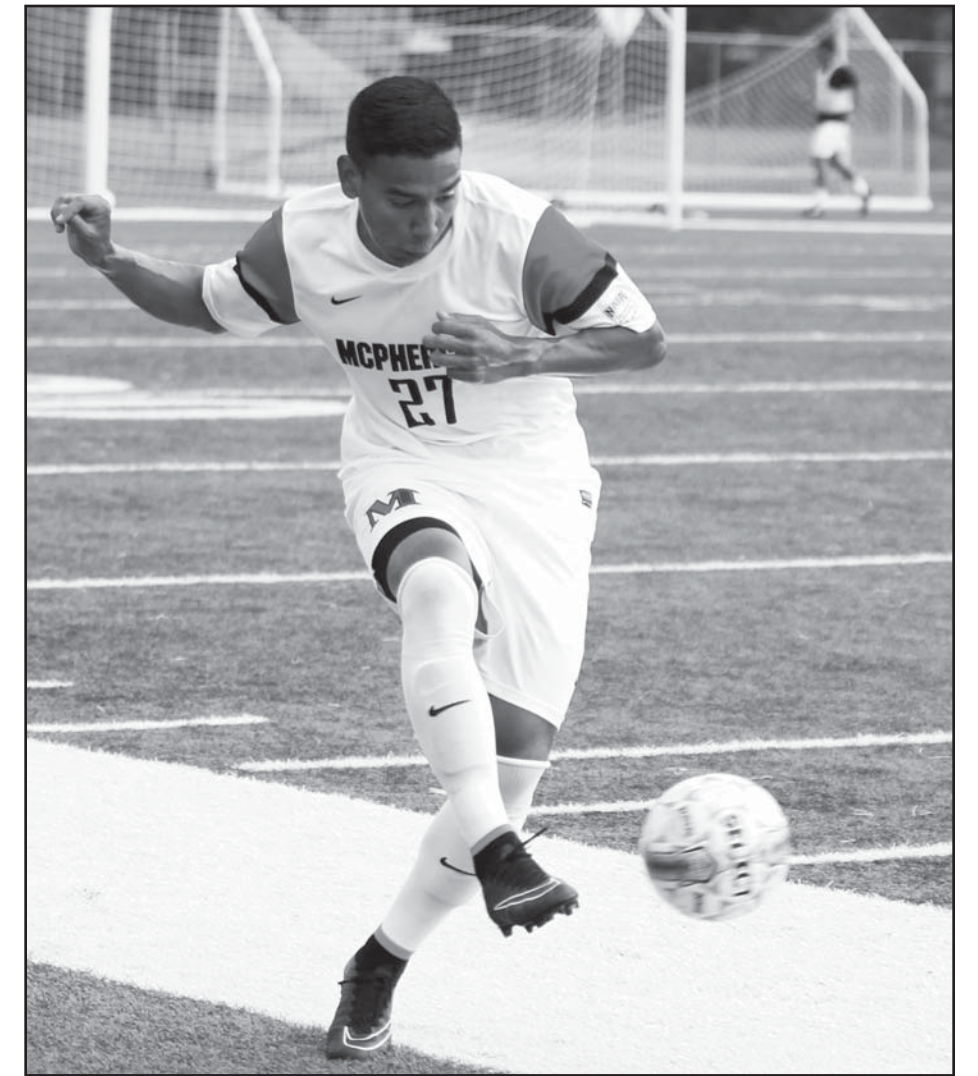


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Tito Ruiz, sr., midfielder, kicks the ball downfield to keep the ball in play. Soccer team looks to improve game performance in near future.

Students need to take on role of cheerleaders

The amount of student support this year has been phenomenal.

Not only is it good to see stands filling up at most sporting events, it's also good for the athletes' morale during games.

Athletes love support from fans and get motivation by looking into the stands to see the crowd cheering them on.

Without the cheer team at athletic events, the athletes need more support than ever.

It is wonderful to see full student sections at the soccer games this year.

In recent years, it seemed that student attendance was low at almost every sporting event.

This year support is going to be needed more than ever because of the recent de-

mise of the cheer team.

There will still be the regular McPherson College sports attendees, but the teams won't have the peppy cheer team leading the supporters in constant encouragement in hopes of driving them to win.

Student involvement with all extra-curricular activities is important for many reasons.

Not only moral support for the athletes but also, bonding between the other students and alumni.

Alumni love seeing the current students at games because it gives them a chance to meet and network with the current student body.

It also allows them to stay connected

with McPherson College.

The events give students a chance to wear school colors and show school pride.

It also gets the students out of their dorms, and more importantly keeps the students out of trouble by giving students something to do in the evenings.

Students should all attend all of our fellow students and athletes' events to cheer them on.

Let's be honest it does not motivate anyone to do their best when there is a small crowd.

SPORT SUPPORT

Josh Korte



ON THE FLY

What do you think of the cafeteria building and food this year?

"It is all pretty new to me, but there is a lot of variety."
Geoff Pugh, jr., chemistry



"The vegetables are so fresh! I actually want to eat them."
Emily Dumler, jr., accounting and finance



"The cafeteria has really great options for people with alternative diets."
Jo Hoffman, soph., communication



"I think they have more options for people with dietary restrictions. It's nice that they are willing to cater to people's needs."
Bailley McKinley, jr., studio art and psychology



"It is actually a place where you can go and sit it's a hospitable place. Plus, Martin is really nice."
Nick Greenway, jr., graphic design



"I like that there are a lot more options. I am hearing a lot of good things."
Liz Lindsey, jr., music education



President asks students why they are here

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Standing to the left of a red and white 1957 Ford Fairlane and several palm trees, Michael Schneider, president of McPherson College, asked students in his Aug. 27 convocation, "Why are you here?"

Although some students might have said they were there because they were told in an email that their attendance would still be recorded without ID scanners. However, all students were given a pass on this convocation (now that all ID's are available, they will be scanned at the next convocation). As for Schneider, he had a different point to his question.

The question alluded to Schneider's theme of all the things people do at McPherson College and why they are here. He broke down the different activities of students into the three values of the college: scholarship, participation and service.

To begin the participation section, Schneider introduced the students who spent a couple thousand miles in the Fairlane, the 2014 Great Race team. This team of four students competed in a "time, speed, distance" rally from Maine to Florida. This type of rally rewards the most accurate driver/navigator teams, not the fastest, with the goal of matching the correct time for a section following the supplied directions.

Austin Hiebert, soph., automotive restoration business, said the race gave them opportunities to use not just their automotive skills, but also communication and social skills.

From there, Schneider went on to talk about Etch, the student-run graphic design center. He talked with Becca Heeke, sr., marketing, the marketing agent for Etch, who said it was nice to be doing things that

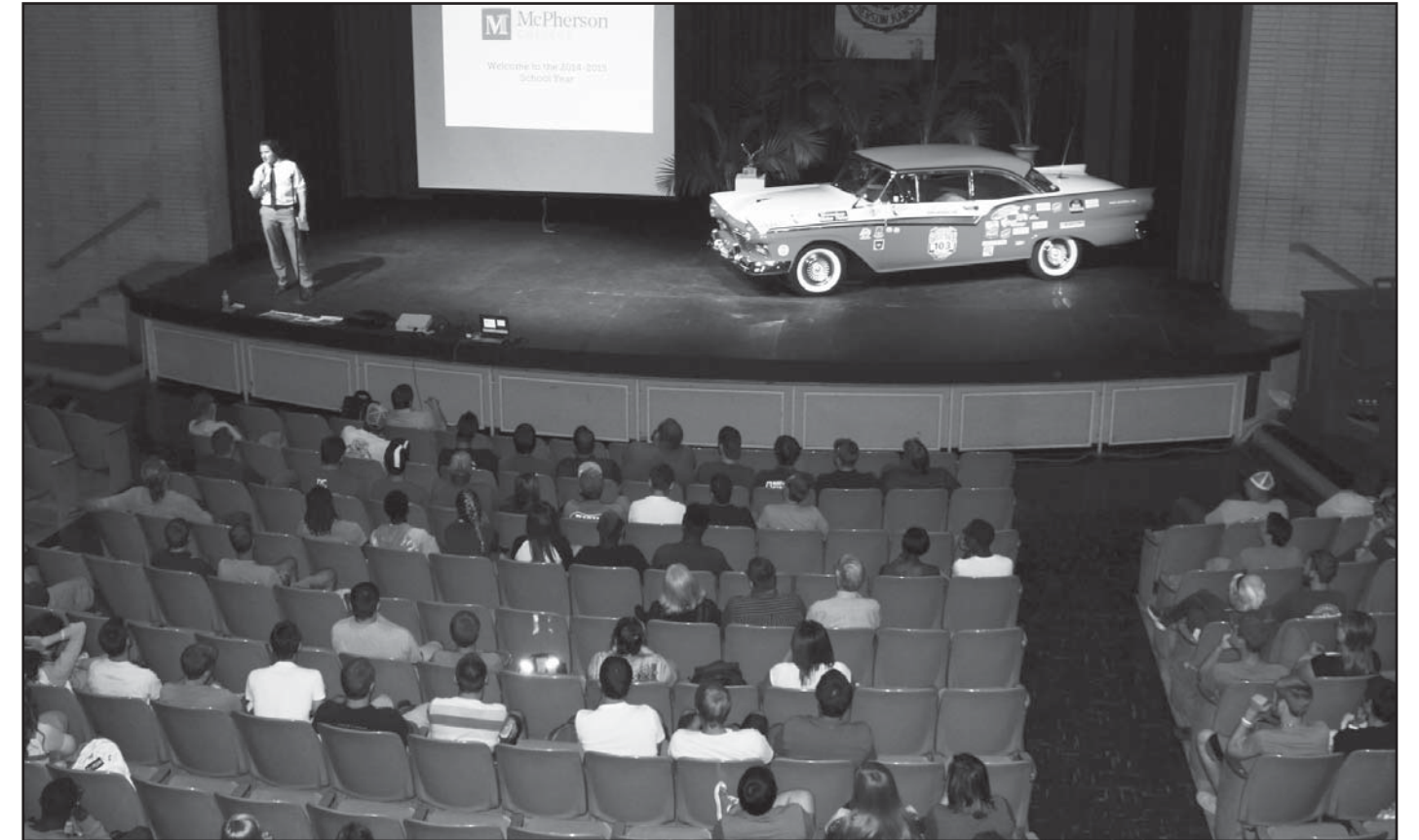


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President Michael Schneider welcomes students to the first convocation of the year.

were directly related to her coursework.

Schneider then started to talk about the scholarship aspect of the college. He talked about students who worked with Dustin Wilgers, assistant professor of biology. Wilgers is known on campus for his work with spiders, and these students helped with his research over the summer, working on spider research that connected to some of their own biology interests.

Schneider also talked about a new scholarly activity on campus this year. Kerry Dobbins, assistant professor of history, started a class about gaming which is working on an alternate reality game (ARG) on

McPherson College's campus. An ARG is a game that takes place in a real setting where players are able to progress by doing things and finding things in that place. The game is called Markarian Colony, and runs through the year. Students in the class will be able to learn about game design as they actively design this game.

The service portion followed scholarship. Schneider talked with students who did service in and around the area, and took time to talk about FUSE. Ronnie Reed and his family, the family of the late, former student of McPherson College Blake Reed who had a neuromuscular disorder, helped

start FUSE, a camp for young people with similar conditions. They started it in 2008, and at the end of the organization's retreats, the clean-up requirements could be quite high, and to help, some of McPherson College's athletic teams went to help clean up.

To wrap up the convocation, Schneider asked the question of why students are here once more, and added in one last story about Joel Stocksdale, sr., automotive restoration communications, who had an internship that, while at first was somewhat underwhelming, ended with having a lead photo in the Wall Street Journal.

The Hot spot

BY: FONZI CUREAU

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF
ANTHONY HILL, ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH



WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO McPHERSON?

I was looking for a new job when my previous one with an indoor football team ended. I wanted to be at a place where me and the head coach were on the same page. I found that here with Coach Fox. We did an over the phone interview and we just clicked. It got me excited about the opportunity and I took the job right there.

HOW DID YOU START YOUR COACHING CAREER?

I was the quarterback at Colorado State University, and I knew that when my playing career was done that coaching was the only thing I wanted to do. So after playing for a few years in the Canadian Football League, I joined the coaching staff at my high school alma mater, University City High and started coaching QB's. That was 18 years ago.

WHAT ATTRACTS YOU TO COACHING?

Obviously, still getting to be around the game of football and coaching the sport I love, and the relationships that you build with some of your players. Seeing those guys years later and hearing about their families, and that you were able to make a small impact on their lives.

HOW ARE YOU ENJOYING McPHERSON?

It's obviously a lot different - smaller than anywhere I've been - but it's got a good feel to it. But to be honest, I haven't had much time to check out the area, I'm always busy with the team and trying to stay competitive.

TELL US A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT YOURSELF?

I'm originally from San Diego, Calif., and I was a three-year starter at Colorado State University as quarterback and was able to win some championships there. And I coach the receivers here at McPherson College.

Art professor draws up transformative exhibit

RYAN KRESKY
Spectator Staff

"Quarks, Quirks, and Quantum Conundrums: a Sabbatical Journey" exhibition opened in Friendship Hall on Sept. 2 and will go until Oct. 28.

It consists of 26 piece of art created by Art Professor Wayne Conyers.

All of the works were started during his sabbatical as he traveled to multiple locations and decided to draw his inspiration from the environment.

The works consist of various mediums including the use of watercolor, acrylic, black and white ink, photographs, graphite and collage. Some of the titles given throughout the exhibition will be in the form of a question whereas other works--the drawings at the exhibit--will only give a time stamp instead of the normal title.

Conyers said that most art showing an environment always talks about where it was painted or drawn but not when the work was made, giving him the inspiration for the titles.

He also said how he did not want to name these works based on the environment because he did not want to name it after an area that would be easily associated with other artists' work.

The exploration of multiple areas was where he worked for much of the duration of his sabbatical. Conyers said, "This sabbatical was all about embracing process and risk" and helps give the overall theme to the exhibit.

This phrase reflects Conyers' sabbatical because it was a time for him to "regenerate" and to work "as an artist."

He said the idea of having an exhibition over these works did not occur to him until the end of his sabbatical.

Much of Conyers' inspiration for his works were on the subject of theoretical

physics; mainly inspired by the questions he would have after reading scientific literature surrounding the subject rather than the material itself. The aspect that was the main focus was the theoretical concepts about matter and time, much of it being speculation on a larger topic.

Conyers' works about theoretical physics take up most of the collection and will be the majority of the exhibition.

The titles for these works will pertain toward questions that came out of his readings; the descriptions that will be posted around the exhibit will answer the reason why Conyers chose this particular title to demonstrate what the work or works mean in respect to theoretical physics.

The artwork "Visual Proof That Quantum Gravity within Quantum Cosmology Does Not Exist.....Yet," the image presented on the postcards that were handed out the week before, is one of the many other works that is surrounded by the idea itself.

His works were displayed for an art reception on Thursday evening, Sept. 4. It was an informal gathering that provided refreshments for guests as they came and went in order to welcome them to the exhibit; something that Conyers said was a huge risk because he did not know how people would react.

Conyers said it was a risk because when he incorporated aspects of theoretical physics, his works have the potential to not be accurate because he does not have an in depth understanding of the topic but instead is derived from certain readings.

In order for other people to understand why there might be an inaccurate statement, Conyers put up a poster at the beginning of the exhibit that will warn people he is not an expert at the subject and much of the exhibit is derived from certain readings.

LEAD EDITORIAL

Policy protects students' future jobs

The first day of class is almost always the same.

Professors go through the syllabus and talk about classroom expectations and participation. The professor discusses the academic services and, of course, the infamous "do not cheat" speech.

In last year's student handbook, there was a policy that was overlooked. This year the policy remains the same, but the amount of attention it will receive will be different.

There is a section reserved for The Social Media Policy. On page 30, a section contains information about social networking sites and media.

With social media being so pervasive it is a good idea for students to read the policy and understand that repercussions

that may occur if there is a violation of the policy.

The first paragraph states what parents have been saying since the day social media pages began appearing: be careful with posts, posts cannot be taken back, and even when taken down future employers can and will see all of the posts.

There are guidelines that the administration provided in the policy.

The information becomes public. So, be careful post online. Anyone that can use the internet has access to any and all of that information.

Don't embarrass yourself, the institution that is McPherson College or any teams associated with the school.

There are creeps and criminals online. So yet again, be careful with posts.

McPherson staff is, and will be, monitoring what and when students post.

Students could face "discipline" or "dismissal" if the post embarrasses the school or anything associated with the school.

Anything that the school has copyrighted is off limits for public use.

Although the social media policy may seem a bit strict or unreasonable, it is a good policy for the school to invoke.

Sometimes students do not think beyond how many likes they are going to get on a photo or a status.

The new policy is actually doing us all a huge favor without even realizing it yet.

A few years down the road when interviewing for the dream job, it could be the extra detail that separates from the other equally qualified candidate.

The workforce will be a different environment than college, and this policy is teaching students to think before they post on social media.

This policy is also teaching us accountability for our actions.

If, for some reason, there is a violation of this policy, it will be a good "test-run" to see what kind of repercussions the student would face and how they would go about getting rid of the inappropriate content.

It would also inform the student as to what they should not do in the future.

Even though the policy seems like another "common sense" article, it is actually a good preparation for moving on to the workforce.

McPherson College gains new family

All the thrill and excitement comes rushing through the veins of one as they step on campus for the first time.

From attempting to learn new faces, to trying to navigate the school, the new experiences are enough to make some kids go into shock.

New students are blessed to be here because McPherson College prides itself in trying to make the school an inclusive environment for all students.

It's this sort of determination that makes the hectic experience of first time freshman easier.

The orientation we endured was packed full of activities that were targeted to every different level of interests.

This reflects a glimpse of what the liberal arts experience will entail.

It is nice to be apart of a school that encourages students to be well rounded and

involved. This is a valuable experience in our young lives.

The experience gives students a head start on networking, social skills and other important skills that are required to be successful in life after college.

Once on campus, you are quick to find out the hidden rules of the school.

This includes, what is acceptable by your peers as well as teachers, rather than just what is posted in the handbook.

This, too, can be a terrifying time for us freshmen.

We are not only trying to fit in, but also survive.

However, I can say McPherson College students and faculty are very open minded with the new cultures freshmen bring in.

Having that support is extremely beneficial when in new situations.

Unlike a large university, the small school aspect also is helpful, as it acts as a big family when trying to settle in.

For example, if any one is ever in need of assistance, there will always be someone that has time and is willing to help.

I am excited to take this new chapter by the horns by getting involved and enjoying the amazing things McPherson College has to offer.

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Logan J.P. Schrag



Older generation sees hope in young

Don't let anyone sell you short.

Last summer I joined an online discussion group about metalwork and machining. In my obligatory introduction, I mentioned that I'm a non-traditional student working on a bachelor's degree in auto restoration at the only college in the United States that offers such a degree.

I also said, "I'll be happy to tell you more about McPherson College...feel free to ask me 1) why I think you should not send your kids to a big university, 2) why we don't have to worry about the knowledge base of kids today and 3) how the mechanical tradition is alive and well in a some brilliant kids today. College has made me much more optimistic about the future."

I was prepared for responses echoing

the typical, tired comments about "today's kids." I'm sure you have heard them: kids today aren't mechanical, they aren't learning anything in high school, they aren't disciplined, they can't read or write, blah, blah, blah. Rewind a generation or two and you'd hear the same things. As Fleetwood Mac said 45 years ago, "I can't sing, I ain't pretty, and my legs are thin."

Happily, I didn't get the negative responses I'd steeled myself for. But one of my new online BFFs, Jim, was pessimistic. He said, "You have a lot more optimism in the future of our knowledge base ... than I do. You are going to have to convince me."

Jim's pessimism is just a raindrop in a storm of misunderstanding. We constant-

ly hear about what kids today -- you -- are not learning. I have a different view. You may not be able to point out the location of some specific country, but to a degree greater than ever before, it's possible that you've had people from a foreign country sit at your dinner table. And although you may actually not know the location of that country, given 10 seconds, you can look it up without even getting up from the table.

Beyond that, compared to your parents or grandparents, it's much more likely that you'll travel to a foreign coun-

try before you reach 21. (You have travelled to a foreign country, haven't you? If not, do so soon. The farther away, the better. Give it a chance and it will change your life.)

Don't let your detractors use the benchmarks of the past to judge your competence in the world today.



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

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All letters should have a point

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New faculty, staff welcomed

LORA KIRMER
Spectator Staff

Many new faces occupy offices in both the faculty and staff departments. McPherson College has five new assistant professors as well as seven adjuncts. There are 11 new bodies in the staff, as well.

Templeton Hall is joined with Curt Goodwin and Mike Dudley, both assistant professors of automotive restoration. Michaela Groeblicher is now an assistant professor of art, LeLend Williams is a part time assistant professor for rhetoric and John Dollarhide joined the math department as an assistant professor.

New adjuncts include David Brock, Luke Chennell, John Verssue, Brad Eilts, James Lumley, Eric Corby and Becki Walenz.

The admissions office accepted alumnus Langston Rhynes (2013) as a new admissions and financial aid counselor, as well as Andy Olsen as director of financial aid. The President's Office recruited Tyler Bruton as the part-time executive assistant to President Schneider. Katie Sawyer now occupies the role of director of career services in Miller Library.

The sports center has many new coaches. New football coaches include Anthony Hill and Jeff Podzimek. Hill is a seasonal assistant football coach. Ashley Spencer accepted the role of head softball coach and Shawn Powell accepted the role of assistant baseball coach. Powell is also the new athletic groundskeeper. Bethany Nicholson is now the cheerleading advisor. Volleyball's new seasonal assistant coach is Rachel Phillips. The tennis team is now headed by Justin Stuckey.

Students create alternate reality game Markarian Colony game launches at freshman orientation

ROBIN DE YOUNG
Campus Life Editor

Gamers on campus can now meet in person due to a new, campus-wide game called The Markarian Colony. This is a science fiction game designed to take place on campus. Because students have shown more interest in face-to-face interaction, this game is meant to take place offline.

The Markarian Colony is set in the Markarian Galaxy. The residents of this galaxy are struggling to survive just long enough to get enough work experience to be allowed to return to Earth, said James Covell, jr., history major, and also one of the designers of the Markarian Colony game.

"By turning these aspects of college life into a game, the game incentivizes students to accomplish tasks they would be adverse to otherwise by offering rewards and points that can transfer into real-life items," Covell said.

The Markarian Colony game launched during freshman orientation. The next event will be the Messier Marathon on Sept. 19.

"I'm extremely excited, helping to design this game has opened a lot of doors for me," Covell said. "Not only am I now able to put game designer on my resume, but after interviewing for an internship at Peacebuilding NGO, they have asked me to draw up concepts for the creation of a game for their organization."

Nick Greenway, soph., graphic design, is another member of the original design team. Greenway said the game is designed to please everyone, including

those who only want to be involved for some of it.

"The biggest obstacles we faced were figuring out ways to create a game that everyone would want to play," Greenway said. "All of the members of the development team were gamers, so we had to start thinking outside the box. We needed to figure out how to attract people and how to give the game a reason to be played."

Prizes will be given out to winners as an incentive to play. "The prizes are lump sums of value units, which are in-game currency that can be used to purchase a variety of things from Ramen to \$10 rolls of quarters," Greenway said. "The prizes for the first episode are 1,500 VU's for first place, 750 VU's for second place and 350 VU's for third place."

Kerry Dobbins, assistant professor of history, taught the gaming course in spring semester last year that invented

the Markarian Colony game.

"I suspect students are feeling somewhat confused but that is the point of an alternate reality game," Dobbins said. "They are games of discovery. If you can unravel the puzzles and clues you'll get to the heart of the mystery that is written into the story. Students interested in the story should keep their eyes open for clues to appear on campus across the entire year."

The original design team of the Markarian Colony game is Covell; Greenway, Scott Hughes, sr., education; graduates Jacob Patrick and Justin Biegger.

Students interested in the Markarian Colony game need to sign up individually as teams/squads and can register at the monthly commissary, or can e-mail quartermaster@mcpherson.edu.

Teams can have as many as 20 players, and be divided into four squads of five players during game days.

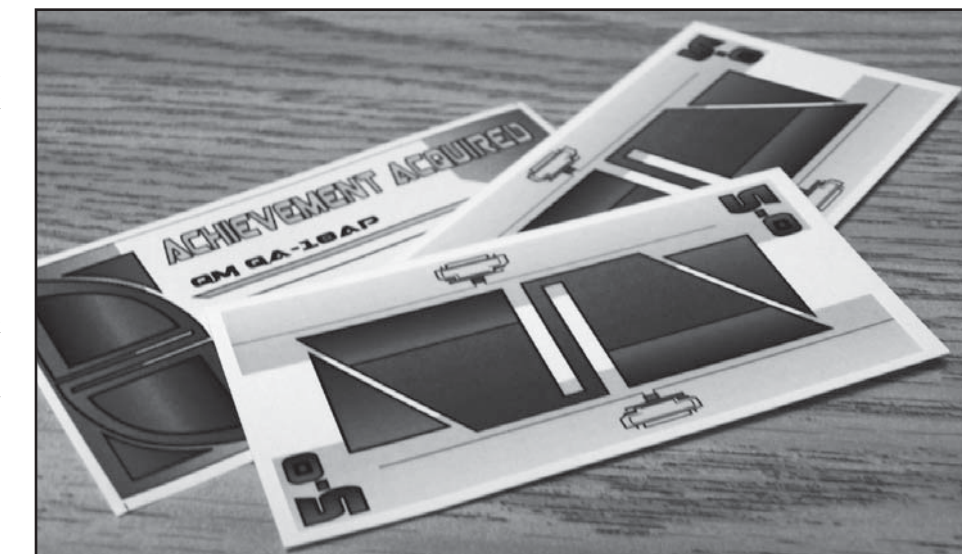


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Markarian currency, known as Value Units or "vuzes," are displayed. This currency can be exchanged into real-life items at McPherson College.

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Freshman Orientation helped transition new students

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The class of 2018 was welcomed to McPherson College during the orientation weekend Thursday, Aug. 21 through Sunday, Aug. 24.

The first day, new students checked in to the college and moved into their dorms. The new student and parent orientations were in the early afternoon, while the later afternoon was open for goodbyes and financial aid help in the financial aid office.

The second day for the students introduced the new campus-wide alternate reality Markarian Colony game. To participate in some of the game, the freshman ACE groups participated in a museum challenge and scavenger hunt.

The students also had the opportunity to attend Major Mingles to learn more about their declared majors and meet some of the upperclassmen. Students who were undecided about their majors could attend a gathering in Miller Library.

Friday night concluded with karaoke and ice cream in the basement of the Hoffman Student Union sponsored by Student Government Association.

On Saturday, Aug. 23, freshmen and other returning students could peruse various clubs and organizations to learn about what they could participate in at McPherson College. The afternoon had more Markarian Game opportunities for the teams and ACE groups.

Sunday morning, Aug. 24 was open for students to attend community churches if they chose to. The freshman class gathered in the afternoon for a community service project where they packed care packages for McPherson County Circles.

The weekend concluded for the freshmen at a final gathering in Brown Auditorium.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Students participate in an activity during freshman orientation. Orientation took place at the McPherson Museum, in Miller Library and around campus.

McPherson band program triples in size

Robin De Young
Campus Life Editor

Thanks to the persistent recruiting of Kyle Hopkins, band director, the number of students enrolled in band has risen exponentially.

Last spring, eight students were enrolled in band and a few had schedule conflicts that allowed them to only be there on a limited basis.

Hopkins said, "Despite those challenges, we were able to have a very successful spring and I believe that success leads to success."

This year, 23 people are enrolled in band. Sixteen are new to the program.

"That growth is due in large part to the success we enjoyed last spring and a very aggressive recruiting schedule on my part," Hopkins said.

Hopkins is often out on the road recruiting students to join the program.

He says that he has 14 recruitment school visits planned before Sept. 18.

"Music is an essential part of our humanity," Hopkins said. "Can you imagine a wedding or funeral without music? Think about why that is. Music is a manifestation of our deepest humanity and a reflection of our spirituality."

Tim Couvillion, soph., auto restoration management, said, "I'm looking forward to playing with a bigger band that will be able to perform with a more powerful sound."

The college is very supportive in recruiting well-rounded students, who are interested in the arts, Hopkins said.

Kari Jo Barr, fr., English, said that joining the program wasn't her initial plan. "But after speaking with him," Jo Barr said, "I decided that being apart of something that was basically starting from the ground up would be and experience in itself."

The band plans to perform at Homecoming, as well as at a few football and basketball games this year.

Hopkins' long-term goal is to have a band of 40 to 45 members at McPherson



Photo by Marissa Patton

Chandler Dohe, soph., music education, plays trumpet at rehearsal. The McPherson band program grew from eight to 23.

College.

"By the time we reach that number," Hopkins said, "We will have many auxil-

iary groups such as jazz bands, jazz combos, ensembles and who knows, maybe even a marching band someday around

the core group which will always be the concert band."