

McPherson men's soccer clinches regular season title

Team finishes 8-0-1 for conference season

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In the preseason KCAC Coaches poll, the McPherson men's soccer team was picked to win the KCAC. With the pressure on them throughout the season and facing early season losses, the Bulldogs were able to stay perfect through conference play, finishing with eight conference wins and a lone tie for an 8-0-1 record.

McPherson had the advantage of playing their final two games on their home turf and they did not disappoint. McPherson won the final two games at combined scores of 5-0.

The first of the two games were against Southwestern College on Saturday, Nov. 1. Thanks to 3 second half goals, the Bulldogs pulled away strong, fighting the wind throughout the day and setting up the decisive final game against Bethany College.

Playing Bethany on Tuesday, Nov. 4, McPherson College controlled their own KCAC destiny on Senior Night. With a scoreless first half that featured several strong chances for both teams and physical play, McPherson wasn't satisfied heading into halftime.

The Bulldogs struck first when Kevin Aka, sr., forward, scored in the 61st minute. With the conference title in sight, Tito Ruiz, sr., midfielder, found Nick Torres, soph., forward, to get the second goal and ultimately grab the KCAC regular season title.

Goalkeeper Tanner Horton, fr., picked up his seventh win of the season for the Bulldogs, making crucial saves to pre-

serve the shutout. Horton had only one save against the Swedes, coming near the end of the first half.

"We need to just keep doing our thing, keep playing our game and get the ball to our forwards' feet," Horton said. "It's just one game at a time. We know we can beat whoever we play."

The Bulldogs now claim their first KCAC title since 2009 and will have much more work left as they enter the KCAC postseason tournament with the No. 1 seed. It is unclear when the team will know who they play in their first game, but it is scheduled for Nov. 13 at 5 p.m., as of press time.

Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Oscar Cortez, sr., mid-fielder, headbutts a ball upfield to his teammates. The Bulldogs defeated The Bethany College Swedes 2-0 on Tuesday, Nov. 4, making them champions of the KCAC. Sharing the crown with Kansas Wesleyan University, the men's soccer team will earn top seed in the upcoming postseason tournament. The Bulldogs will enter semifinals on Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. The opponent is yet to be determined, as of press time.



Men's soccer team celebrates KCAC title



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

The McPherson College men's soccer team ends the conference season 8-0-1 and enters the KCAC postseason tournament as the No. 1 seed.

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MCPHP Club hosts food drive for local food bank

The McPherson College Pre-Health Professions club is hosting a food drive for the McPherson County Food Bank. Boxes are located around campus between Nov. 3 and Nov. 17 for nonperishable foods. The boxes are located in Melhorn Science Hall, Mohler Hall, Miller Library and Hoffman Student Union.

Housing change requests due Dec. 3

Students wanting to change their housing preferences for the spring semester should communicate their changes to Dusty Kitchen, director of housing, in the Housing office in the basement of Hoffman Student Union. The office hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the remainder of the semester. Students can also email Kitchen at kitchend@mcpherson.edu.

Change requests do not guarantee a change. Requests will be given priority by the order of submission. The last date for room requests is Dec. 3.

Resident Assistant applications accepted

The Office of Student Life is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 Residential Life Staff.

Applications were sent to student through student email on Nov. 3. They should be returned to studentlife@mcpherson.edu by Friday, Dec. 5.

Lecturer promotes involvement in public policy

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Citizens can be involved with public policy now more than ever because “public policy is what we make of it.”

This was the theme of Vincette Goerl’s lecture for the annual Flory Lecture in Public Policy.

Goerl is a McPherson College alumna of 1971 and president of Goerl Consulting, LLC. The lecture, titled *Public Policy: Who Cares? Why Care?*, was Sunday, Nov. 2.

Goerl has over 40 years of experience in federal financial management.

According to Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary, public policy is “the governing policy within a community as embodied in its legislative and judicial enactments which serve as a basis for determining what acts are to be regarded as contrary to the public good.”

In other words, a public policy is made by a government in response to an issue or problem.

A policy is made on behalf of the public and is oriented toward a goal or a desired state.

Goerl spoke about the importance of younger generations becoming more involved with public policies.

She gave examples of how to find out about a state’s spending and financials, as well as statistics.

“Citizen engagement is necessary,” said Goerl.

She suggested volunteering, voting, becoming a civil servant such as a teacher, become an elected official and

striving to be informed about one’s government whether it is local, state, or



Photo by Lora Kirmer

Vincette Goerl, the Flory Lecturer, spoke on how the public can get involved in public policy through civic service. She recommended volunteering, voting, or running for office.

federal as ways to become engaged.

Most states have public websites for citizens to find

information, such as Nebraska’s Open Nebraska website, open.nv.gov, and dhmh.maryland.gov, Maryland’s vital statistical reports site. Goerl said that “citizen reports are a small trend,” and that “citizens should take advantage”

of the transparency that governments offer about public policies, budgets and statistics.

Goerl’s lecture was met with loud applause from the audience as well as agreement from audience members about the importance of citizen engagement.

“I think more students should be concerned about this,” said Devon Rutledge, a senior in automotive restoration technology. “This issue effects us in our everyday life.”

Goerl said in her closing statement, “We should be informed, we should be involved, we should contribute as we can and as we feel comfortable to.”

“Public policy is what we make of it.”

– Vincette Goerl
Flory Lecturer

Volleyball catches glimmer of hope but fails

TERRANCE GRANT
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The McPherson College volleyball team has had a hard time putting the ball on the ground. After playing Friends University on Friday, Oct. 24 they lost 3-0 giving them their sixth consecutive loss. After a silver lining against Bethany College on Oct. 29, the volleyball team has lost two more consecutive games against Bethel College and Ottawa University leaving the Bulldogs 3-14 in the KCAC.

In the first two sets, Friends University dominated McPherson as they took early leads winning both 25-16 and 25-14. In the third set, the McPherson College volleyball team got things going when they were ahead 21-11. But a 12-2 run by Friends tied it up at 23-23 and Friends won 27-25.

The Bulldogs had just 30 total kills for the match. Junior Renee Fredrickson, outside hitter, led McPherson in kills with eight. Taylor Johnson, soph., setter, recorded 18 assists and 15 digs in the three-set contest. Emily Warner, soph., libero, led the Bulldogs in digs with 25; Maci Grimes, sr., defense, also hit double-digits in digs with 10.

It was a tight match the entire night between the McPherson College volleyball team and Bethany College. It took five sets before a winner was declared. McPherson conquered the Swedes 3-2 on Oct. 29 after six consecutive losses.

In the opening set, McPherson was up the entire set, but Bethany did make it close but lost 25-19. In the second set,

Bethany had a 10-0 run and ended the set with a 25-18 win. Set three again went the way of the Swedes as they won 25-19 to take a 2-1 lead. With their backs against the wall, McPherson came out determined and coasted to a 25-16 triumph. The final set was tied at 7-7 but then the Bulldogs claimed eight of the next 10 points to win 15-9.

Cortlyne Huppe, jr., middle hitter, and Taryn Lee, jr., middle hitter, tallied 15 and 14 kills. Leading the blocking Bulldogs was Phoebe Barton, sr., right side hitter, who logged 11 total with two being solo stuffs; she also had 12 assists in the five-set match. Johnson tabbed a team-high 28 assists and also had 16 digs, and nine kills herself. Warner led the team in digs with 19 from her libero position.

On Nov. 3 The McPherson Volleyball team lost another match to Bethel College 3-0. The loss moved McPherson to 10-17 on the year and 3-11 against KCAC opponents with two conference matches left to play.

The Threshers doubled-up McPherson College early in the opening set. McPherson wouldn’t go away as they had a late push that brought them within one at 19-20. Bethel scored five of the next six to take a 1-0 lead. In the second set, McPherson got up early as they jumped ahead 8-3. Bethel used a series of runs to climb back in and eventually take the lead, then match at 25-17. The last set also went to Bethel Colleges as they controlled the match from the beginning. Bethel finished the sweep by winning 25-11.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Jill Johnson, soph., right side hitter, tips a ball against the Bethany Swedes on Oct. 29. The Bulldogs are 3-14 in KCAC as they prepare for their last regular season game against the University of Saint Mary. This game is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8.

McPherson women fall in extra time, season over

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The McPherson College women's soccer team needed to do some extra work at the end of the season to secure a spot in the KCAC postseason tournament.

With their final two games of the regular season at home, the Bulldogs needed to win the final two games to make it. Their season ended though, as they fell in the last game to Bethany College on Nov. 4 in extra time.

The Bulldogs almost went to the post-season, as the team defeated their first opponent, Southwestern College, in the first game of their back-to-back home games on Oct. 25 and Nov. 1. In a windy affair, the Bulldogs sealed the victory with a late goal by Amy Stockton, soph., defender.

Stockton's goal came after a goal from Rhea Vale, fr., midfielder, and Cydney Lewis, soph., forward, as they scored goals of their own to tie the score at 2-2. A long volley found its way into the second half, which fell in favor of McPherson. This

win would fuel the Bulldogs for senior night, which was scheduled Nov. 4 against Bethany College.

Against the Swedes of Bethany, the women found themselves down 1-0 as Bethany scored early in the contest. But Jessica Dominguez, jr., forward, scored a goal with just eight minutes left in the first half to tie the game. The second half was toughly fought, with no goals produced, sending the game into a sudden death, golden goal affair with the first team to score in extra time.

The Bulldogs didn't score in extra time. The Swedes of Bethany scored in the 97th minute of extra time, winning them the game and officially ending the McPherson women's soccer team's season.

The women ended the season with an official record of 5-12-1, with a conference record of 3-6.

The Bulldogs will lose six seniors this year. Missing the KCAC postseason tournament this year, the Bulldogs will look to improve in the off-season with new recruits and improving current team members.



Photos by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Left, Jessica Dominguez, jr., midfielder, and Alia Khalidi, soph., forward, trap a Bethany player on Nov. 4. (Above) Gabriela Navarro, sr., forward, dribbles the ball up field in attempt to score on her last regular season game. The Bulldogs celebrated Senior Night against Bethany College on Nov. 4. The women were unable to grab the win, and ended their 2014 season 5-12-1 in the KCAC.

300 high school students visit for jazz festival

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Over 300 high school students came to McPherson College Thursday, Nov. 6 as McPherson College hosted their first High School Jazz Festival.

Sixteen different jazz groups gathered from schools in Central Kansas. Schools as far as Chapman and Goddard, and some as close as Smokey Valley and McPherson participated in the experience. Judges gave group ratings but focused on musical education rather than judging who was the better group.

Kyle Hopkins, McPherson College band director, created the festival to help recruit students.

"I go out and recruit two to six times a week to get kids interested in Mac," Hopkins said. "It's effective, but it doesn't get them to campus."

Hopkins said this was a great opportunity

to not just recruit band students, but get students to come to campus.

Joel Wagoner, the McPherson High School band director, said his students were excited about the festival.

"We took the whole day off to listen to the different students play and then to perform this evening," Wagoner said.

He said the students have been rehearsing every day during school hours. McPherson High School brought 19 jazz students to the festival. He said he was excited to get feedback from the judges.

Hopkins said he wanted to have a jazz festival in the fall because of the disinterest in the program during the fall season.

"Jazz usually gets ignored in the fall because of marching band," Hopkins said. "I wanted to get kids to show case themselves."

Because of the large amount of letters

band directors get, Hopkins decided to send the invitation out electronically. He didn't expect how large the interest was going to be.

"I was expecting three or four groups," Hopkins laughed. "Now we have 16." He said the success was probably because of his publicizing of the festival back in May.

The college was very involved in the festival. Current band students were guides for the visiting students. Alpha Psi Omega ran concessions for students who needed a snack or for those who couldn't leave campus for lunch. College students were allowed to attend the different performances, whether they wanted to sit for a song or two, or listen to a full group play their set.

"I want this to be an annual thing," Hopkins said. "This might be one of the most effective ways of recruiting students."

Choir before trip filmed as subject of documentary

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In January 2015, the McPherson College Choir and Band will go on tour in Europe.

They will visit Germany, Austria, Poland and the Czech Republic. The trip once occurred every four years, but according to Josh Norris, choir director, the last European Tour happened nearly 10 years ago.

This year's tour will also include Hunter Nolen, computer service assistant, and Danny DeLoach, Nolen's old high school friend, and a few cameras. They will be filming the choir on their trip to Europe.

"We think that small town college students going to Europe would make an interesting human interest story," Nolen said.

Nolen has an independent film

background while DeLoach has his own film production company based in Austin, Texas. DeLoach approached Nolen about the idea of the documentary when he heard of the tour.

"The documentary would make a great promotional piece for the college," Nolen said. "It would help encourage prospecting students to consider McPherson along with showing our alumni how our school is doing."

For several months, Nolen and DeLoach have been recording scenic sights in Kansas to compare to landscapes in Europe. They also interviewed the students, faculty, staff members and family of the students for the documentary. During October, they filmed some of the students performing in "M!sc@st" the musical at McPherson College.

"We want to find out who they are, if they're excited or nervous about the trip,"

Nolen said. "We plan to interview them before and after the trip to see how they have changed."

Norris is excited to see how the students take in the trip.

"Some of these kids have never been outside of Kansas," Norris said. "The tour is a big eye-opening experience and I want the students to walk away with it."

Norris said they will perform American music on the tour such as jazz, Broadway and gospel.

"They love it there because it's not their native music," Norris said.

Nolen said they wanted the documentary to be different, but with documentaries it's easier said than done.

Nolan said, "You never know what it's going to be like until you edit it. You take 80 hours of recording and hope for the best. It's cool to be able to do this. It's going to be engaging, cool and fun."

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Resident halls break availability scheduled

Resident halls will be open during Thanksgiving break, but dining services will be closed after dinner Tuesday, Nov. 25 until Monday, Dec. 1 for breakfast.

Resident halls will be closed during Winter Break after finals conclude. The halls will reopen Saturday, Jan. 3.

Students needing transportation for the holidays can submit their personal and travel information to MC Transit before Nov. 19 (for Thanksgiving Break). The transportation fee is \$10.

Pickleball Tournament registrations due soon

Students wanting to participate in the Topeka Pickleball Tournament need to let Dan Hoffman, associate professor of physical education, know as soon as possible.

The event is Sunday, Nov. 23. The deadline to sign up is Nov. 15.

Hoffman can be reached at hoffmand@mcpherson.edu.

Building heating changeover started

Some of the McPherson College building started their changeover from cooling to heating Nov. 3.

The changeover takes three days to complete and can influence the availability of heating and cooling in the building.

Art department personalizes high school visits

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The visual arts department hosted workshops for students from The Independent School of Wichita on Friday, Oct. 31. This is just one of the schools that has visited the McPherson College arts department this semester.

Wayne Conyers, professor of art and visual art department chair, said “the old fine arts day was not working” and that the art department is “going to have to do something different.”

The visual arts department created the workshops to improve learning and recruiting. Conyers said the workshops are tailored for each group, and he said the focusing “what do you want to do?” seems to be working.

Dee Erway-Sherwood, associate professor of art and program director of graphic design, said the workshops are used to recruit and further education.

Erway-Sherwood said, “Some high schools do not have access to certain subject matters.”

Erway-Sherwood also said that the workshops help to “further our education.”

With the need to change the department’s recruiting strategy, the art department decided a new plan would be in order. That new plan, in addition to offering workshops, involved reaching out to Kansas high school art teachers. Michaela Groeblacher, assistant professor of art, travels to the different Kansas high schools to talk to a number of juniors and seniors. Groeblacher talks to the high school students about art and the importance of college.

Groeblacher said 80 kids visited the art department this semester and said “We are



Photo by Marissa Patton

Michaela Groeblacher (right), assistant professor of art, leads high school students in an art workshop while the students were visiting the McPherson College art department Friday, Oct. 31. The art department has had an increase in student visitors in the past year.

trying them in groups with teachers they are used to so it takes away the hesitation of being on a college campus.” Groeblacher explained how she “absolutely loves the going out part and motivating students.”

Debbie Johnson, visual arts teacher at The Independent School of Wichita, said the workshops are “great and really give a hands-on experience with college.”

Johnson brought with her 15 students including juniors and seniors with beginning and advanced skills.

Sam Wiley, a high school senior, said, “It was really nice to see the facilities” and “It was an experience most art students should have.”

Sydney Clark, a high school senior, said it was, “really neat to see the facilities and

talk to the teachers and getting a feel as an art major,” and it was “nice to see to compare to other colleges.”

Ann Zerger, associate professor of art, said it’s “fabulous to have students come see what we offer.” Zerger feels the new workshops are “more successful how much I don’t know,” but “in the long run it will be successful.”

Football falls to Sterling 31-28; 3-4 in conference

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It was a rough and sloppy game for the McPherson College football team on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The team went up against Sterling College and took a loss with the final score 31 to 28. Between the two teams, there was a total of 10 turnovers with three interceptions and seven fumbles. The McPherson College football team was responsible for all three interceptions and four fumbles. It moved to 3 to 6 on the year and 3 to 4 against the

conference with two more games to go in the season.

In the first quarter, the McPherson College football scored with a 15-yard touchdown run by Kelly Cardova, fr., wide receiver. The McPherson College football team shut down Sterling College until late in the quarter.

In the second quarter, the McPherson College football team dominated going up 21 to 10 at the half. The two scores came from Miles Balthazor, fr., running back and Trent Forrester, sr., line backer.

In the third quarter, Sterling College

scored on each of their third quarter possessions to pull the score to 28 to 23 with 15 minutes to play.

In the fourth quarter, a punt return by the McPherson College football team was muffed and recovered by Sterling College. Eight plays later, Sterling College got their first lead of the game; a successful two-point conversion put them ahead 31 to 28 with 17 seconds left on the clock. McPherson got the ball with time for a field goal try that would send the game into overtime but it was blocked.

The McPherson College football team

offense gained a total of 338 yards with 298 on the ground. Of the 298 yards, 238 of them was from Balthazor. He 24 carries, averaging 9.9 yards an attempt. Cordova ran for 62 on 15 attempts and also went 4-of-11 for 40 yards passing the ball.

McPherson College has two more home games to close out the year. They will host Bethany College Saturday, Nov. 8 with kickoff set for 1:30 p.m. It will be Kids’ Day for the Bulldogs.

To wrap up their season, the Bulldog’s will also host Southwestern College on Nov. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Cross country prepares for championship meets

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The Cross Country team went to Lawrence during Fall Break, Oct. 11, to compete in an NAIA preview meet. There were 31 teams competing on the men’s side of the race, as well as 32 teams competing on the women’s side.

Savana Cross, a junior in business management and marketing, was the first to cross the finish line for the women’s team with a time of 20:26.3 and was followed by freshman in physical education, Laura Gibson, who ran in a time of 21:02.1. Heidi Lyne, a junior in physical therapy, finished up behind them and was closely followed by Miranda Clark Ulrich, a junior in sociology and communication.

Gibson spoke on the team’s performance.

“I think it was alright considering the hard week of training that we had prior to the meet,” Gibson said.

For the men’s race, Dixon Cooney,

a sophomore in mathematics, finished up first for the Bulldogs with a time of 27:48.9 placing him 92nd in the race. Chris Newell, a senior in history education, finished up right behind him to come in second for the Bulldogs. Chris Le, a senior in history, and Michael Janzer, a sophomore in sociology, followed behind for the Bulldogs.

This performance followed the Tabor Invitational in September, when the men’s team placed second to Friends University and women’s team placed fourth behind Sterling College, Dodge City and Friends University.

“I think that we should train hard and listen to watch coach has to say to me and really focus on trying to go to bed early,” Gibson said.

The McPherson Cross Country team events coming up include the KCAC Championships at Sterling College Saturday, Nov. 8 and the NAIA National Championships at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence Saturday, Nov. 22.

UPCOMING GAMES

Men’s Basketball Nov. 7-8

vs. Johnson and Wales Classic (Away)

Women’s Basketball Nov. 7-8

vs. Johnson and Wales Classic (Away)

Cross Country Nov. 8

vs. KCAC Championships (Away)

Volleyball Nov. 8

vs. Saint Mary’s (Home)

Football Nov. 8

vs. Bethany (Home)

Men’s Soccer Nov. 8

vs. KCAC Tournament Quarterfinals

Women’s Soccer Nov. 8

vs. KCAC Tournament Quarterfinals

Blog tips help students concentrate while studying

At this point in the semester, students are putting in less effort. Midterms are in the past and finals are a short four or five weeks away. It seems as if all our professors are giving us all projects at the same time.

It is hard to find time to even begin a project, let alone finish one.

Something has to give. So what's it going to be? Studying.

Maybe some students are not sure how to study. A few tips for you to study effectively come from studenthacks.com in an article on Wordpress entitled "How to Study Effectively—8 Concentration Strategies."

The author said there are eight strategies students should use when they study if they want to be effective.

The first suggestion is eating small meals frequently. After a large meal the body goes

into rest mode and makes concentration harder. However, the student should not starve themselves either.

Studying when they are feeling their best was the second strategy the article gave.

Some people are more alert in the morning while others are more alert in the afternoons or evenings.

Drinking water often is the third tip, because most people make the mistake of drinking caffeine when they are tired.

While it may keep them awake, it also makes them feel more anxious.

The fourth tip is to choose a chair that has a back to it and is comfortable because when the body is relaxed all the energy goes to the brain. Not too comfortable though.

Clearing the desk of everything not needed is the fifth suggestion. The author

said that having other tasks in sight makes people anxious of other tasks.

The sixth tip was taking a break every hour. If the student waits until they are tired, they lose all of their concentration. The author recommends at least one an hour.

The author recommends that the studier stretch their body. Taking deep breaths so oxygen reaches their brain. Stretching helps regain focus and circulation as well.

The last suggestion that the article gives is to study in the same place at the same time.

STUDYING SPECIALIST

Megan Hamlett



ON THE FLY

What song do you sing out loud when you are alone in your car or shower?

"All About That Bass" by Meghan Trainor.
Chris Carrillo, fr., communication



"Shake It Off" by Taylor Swift.
Adrian Carson, jr., communication and psychology



"I'm Too Sexy" by Right Said Fred.
Josh Korte, sr., business finance



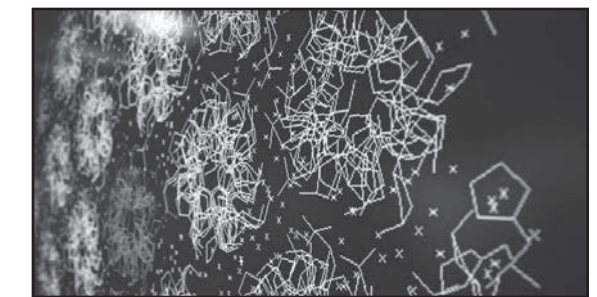
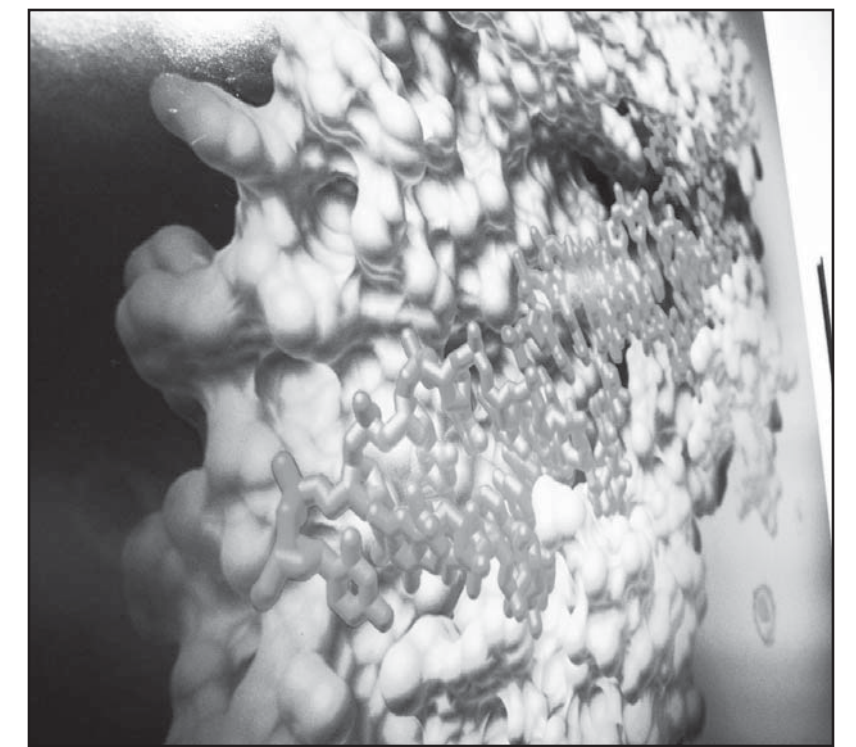
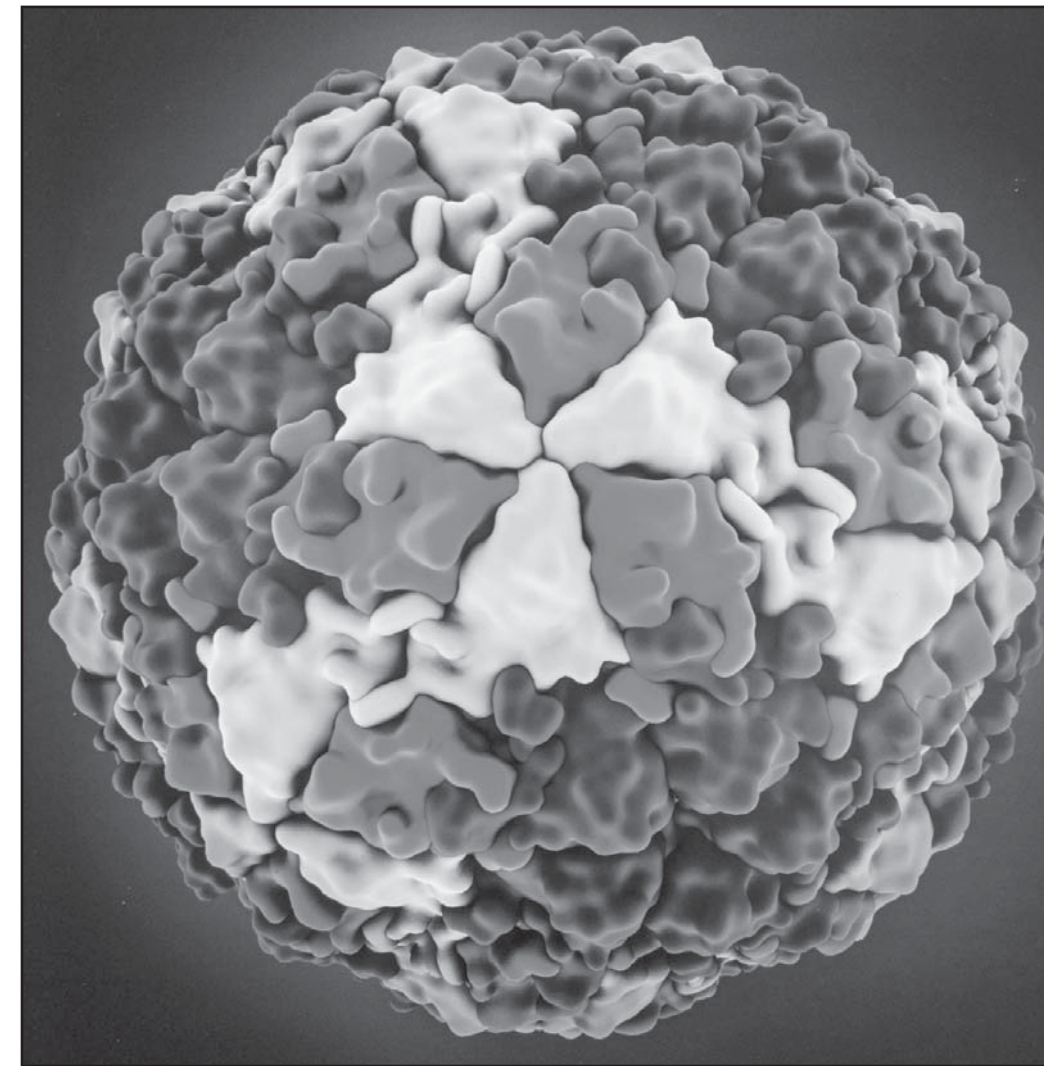
"The Glee Version of 'I Wanna Dance With Somebody.'" Caitlyn Blagrove, soph., communication



"Meant To Live" by Switchfoot.
Crystal Osner, jr., performing arts



"Dirty Mind" by Moccasin Creek.
Monica Ewy, soph., automotive restoration



Photos by Alaina Johnson

The Art of Science traveling exhibit showcases images of biological macromolecules.

Art of Science displayed in Friendship Hall

RYAN KRESKY
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The Friendship Hall Exhibits started showcasing the Research Collaboratory for Structural Bioinformatics Protein Data Bank's Art of Science exhibit on Sunday, Nov. 2.

The Art of Science is a traveling exhibit that originally began at Rutgers University, the organization who has the original prints. It was created by the RCSB PDB, a member of the Worldwide Protein Data Bank whom also manages the archives from which the

images are derived.

From Rutgers it mainly toured between 2002-2007, with a recent iteration in Egypt in Spring of 2013 and will be on display in New Jersey from November 2014 to January 2015.

The poster at the beginning of the exhibit states that it will display large images of "three-dimensional structures of biological macromolecules."

The exhibit will consist of flat images varying in size, dry mounted on foam-cardboard with an average size of 12 1/2 inches by 47 1/2 inches, which are then

hung up with Velcro and will also provide a small description of the piece.

The works themselves are copies of the original prints, or what Wayne Conyers, professor of art, says is "not one of a kind" when considering it is a traveling exhibition and that there are more than one exhibition occurring in more than one place.

Conyers had to purchase the copies from Rutgers University and at the end of the exhibition will ship them back via courier.

The idea for the exhibition came to him when Jonathon Frye, professor of natural science and the coordinator of the exhibit,

a couple of years ago asked him if he heard about this exhibition.

When Conyers sent the email, he asked Frye if he could see images of the exhibit and when he saw them he decided to start the process of getting the copies.

"I thought this was very appropriate," Conyers said, "following up my sabbatical exhibit which had to deal with theoretical physics." He later said, "I love it when one subject fits in with another subject or when there's a combination of some sort."

A art reception Thursday, Nov. 20 in Friendship Hall.

The Hot spot

BY: ROBIN DE YOUNG

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF
MICHAELA GROEBLACHER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ART



WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO MOVE TO McPHERSON? In 1989, we came from Austria for my husband's job. He was a mechanical engineer in the plastics industry. There are several large plastics companies located in McPherson. Before that time, I had worked already for 10 years as a physical therapist in Austria, while always dreaming of doing art some day.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN SCULPTING? When I was about 41 years old, a friend encouraged me to try working with clay for the first time in my life. It came really easy because it was very similar to preparing pastries in the kitchen, something I had been doing forever. Then I became curious what else I could do with clay and met Professor Wayne Conyers, who encouraged me to learn how to throw on the wheel. Not only did I learn that, but I enrolled in McPherson College going for a B.A. in studio arts. And one day, I tried to make

my daughter's likeness out of clay. She was 13 years at the time. The piece was just a fun piece and I had no idea what I was doing. In sculpture class with Professor Ann Zerger, we then made another self-portrait. Several years later I came across a photograph a ceramics magazine of what turned out to become my most beloved sculpture teacher, Tip Toland. The rest is history.

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY. My husband passed away about two years ago. My daughter is 26 years old and is a diplomat for the U.S. State Department. She is currently stationed at the U.S. embassy in Moscow, Russia. That leaves me with my geriatric ward of two old dogs Sugar (16 years old) and my grand-dog Rami (10).

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST GOAL IN LIFE? HAVE YOU ACHIEVED IT? My greatest goal in life was to be an established artist. Another great goal was to be a good mother. It took over 20 years to get confirmation of that from my daughter. Now I am working on becoming a great teacher.

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU HOPE TO DO SOMEDAY? You want some items from my bucket list? Well, one is that I want to hear Placido Domingo sing live. Even though I lived in the Pacific Northwest, I never went whale watching; I want to experience one of those huge mammals jump out of the water. And I want to be able to visit my daughter anywhere she goes all over the world, amongst a thousand other things....

Theater students direct California Suite

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Students in the McPherson College theater department will perform "California Suite" Nov. 20 to 22 as the last production of the semester.

Written by Neil Simon, "California Suite" takes place in the same hotel suite and follows four different stories, making it appear as if you are watching four separate plays in one.

The play is a comedy about love, resentment and adultery.

Unlike most of the McPherson College theater productions, this one is student directed. That did not prevent a lack of students from auditioning.

Crystal Osner, a junior in performing arts, is one of the students directing and will also be making her acting debut.

"I like getting into new aspects of the play," Osner said. "I want to focus on costumes later, but it's nice to get to actually interact with the actors this time."

Whitney Jefferson, a junior in performing arts, is another student who will be on the stage as well as working behind the scenes.

"I think it will be a lot of fun," Jefferson said. "A lot of the jokes are simple, so people will catch them easily. We are completely on our own this year. We are getting to broadcast our ideas as actors and directors, so it will be fun for everyone to see."

Because of limited space, reservations are recommended. Make reservations by emailing theatre@mcperson.edu.



Photo by Rissa McNichols

Fonzi Cureau, a junior in automotive restoration technology, practices his lines at rehearsal for the student directed play "California Suite." Students will perform the play Nov. 20 to 22.

LEAD EDITORIAL

College teaches students lessons not taught in classroom

Students sit in class and think, "I am never going to use any of this in the real world."

How relevant are physics and statistics going to be when a job is on the line? Common sense and connections are going to be the skills needed to survive.

So what do students learn in college besides how to calculate the standard deviation and variance of a set of data?

What will be relevant to them when they begin looking for and start their careers?

Business Insider published an article by Pete Jacobs Nov. 12, 2013 that listed 10 skills that college teaches students that have nothing to do with the classes they are in.

The list of 10 came from a study by

Disney that found 50 skills that students learned from college.

A few of the 10 could be combined into one broad skill, taking the list from 10 to five major skills learned in college.

The first skill that Jacobs listed in his article was budgeting and prioritizing. College teaches students that certain classes or activities are more important than others, and they need to decide what they are.

Jacobs said that living with others was a skill that college teaches outside of the classroom. Some students come from homes where they are the only child, and they do not know how to really share space with siblings.

The third skill is a combination of the

seventh and 10th point: making friends and learning how to socialize with different types of people. Jacobs said that these two are different skills, but they could be combined.

The fourth skill that was on the list was paying bills. Students are not always used to paying bills when they first come to college and the experience of college teaches that skill, even if it is just a bill for school fees.

The last important skill in the article Jacobs wrote was a combination of learning how to study independently and get around alone.

In high school as much as it was students' responsibility, the teachers guided their students along. In college if

the students don't study or don't prepare, the consequences is all on the students. The professors are there to teach, not to coax.

A few of the other skills that Disney found in its study that did not make Jacobs' list included taking naps, booking a doctor's appointment, appreciating home and doing laundry.

College is a time of growing up and discovering who students want to be as a person.

What students learn inside the classroom is important, but these skills are just as important if not more important.

Jacobs' article puts back into focus what college is really about: learning about ourselves.

Social media posts create high and low self-esteem in students

The buzzer goes off on the iPhone beside the bed. It is time to wake up. Roll over, unlock and make the social media rounds.

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Yik Yak all have some bit news that must be shared with the world.

It could be the latest viral video, a sharp piece of social commentary or the ever-popular selfie.

Social networking—that is what we are all doing from rise to rest. Always checking our apps and tweets, posts and grams to see how many likes or favorites we have.

It is fun to see who posts what and to read a new joke or watch an epic fail, which is great.

However, this network can work against us, too. Facebook is the target of my praise and contention today.

There is a study in the journal for the

Association for Psychological Science, which looked at what Facebook does for people with low and high self-esteem.

The study was conducted by Amanda Forest, a graduate from the University of Waterloo and Joanne Wood, her advisor.

The study looked at what students at the University wrote on Facebook and rated how positive or negative their status updates were along with how well liked by strangers the person seemed.

The study revealed some interesting results.

Students with low self-esteem tended to post mostly negative statuses and the strangers generally liked them less than the positive statuses and high self-esteem posts.

In addition to this, the negative posts received less feedback, which is contrary to face-to-face interactions where people signal when they are tired of hearing

negativity.

This is an awful cycle. When a low self-esteem person posts something negative and no one comments, they feel like no one cares. This causes their self-esteem to lower more. They post again and the cycle continues.

The way Facebook is used is more like a mirror than anything.

Posts and statuses go up and we wait to see who and how many of our friends like them.

It is a rush of approval when the thumbs

go up. As fun as Facebook can be, it cannot be taken too seriously.

How many likes or favorites your post gets should not affect how you feel as a person. Recognize how it makes you feel and that it does not mean anything in the end.

But first, let's all take a selfie.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Jacob O'Gorman



Article helps modernize today's view of women

In regard to my body image, I'm a bundle of mixed emotions. There are some days where I am very confident with myself and some that I hate everything I see. It is natural to have fluctuations and to be critical.

However, it is not okay to comment or judge someone else's body.

With this being said, I can also say that I'm extremely disappointed with the amount of times this happens at McPherson College. The amount of criticism directed at the majority of women while leaving the bulk of the men unscathed upsets me.

Recently an article by Matt Forney, a journalist from Syracuse, N.Y., circulated on Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms.

In this article, "5 Reasons Why Girls With Tattoos And Piercings Are Broken,"

Forney claims that all women that have tattoos and/or piercings other than their ears are sexually promiscuous, have no foresight and are selfish, boring and mentally ill.

It excites me that this article is causing an uproar because sexism and unnecessary judgment is finally being called out. It is extremely disappointing to see my peers commenting or laughing about how this man is a "hero" for finally calling people out.

When trying to find an article about men, my search came back with zero results.

Yik Yak, while being a can of worms on its own, has also aided in the spread of judgmental views of bodies, both on appearance and use.

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, someone anonymously posted, "The girls here

should take better care of their bodies."

This resulted in a myriad of responses, some agreeing, some disagreeing and some questioning why it was only girls.

My personal favorite is that "guys can be fat and funny and still attractive. Girls cannot be fat and still attractive."

Someone's body is not anyone else's concern.

If they're happy with themselves, so be it. There should never be a double standard.

If a comment is made that a guy can be something, a girl should be able to be that, too.

It is 2014 and I am still hearing comments about girls showing

too much skin.

We are completely unaware that we are back to the Victorian era and it's racy to even show a little ankle.

Wake up and smell the roses, McPherson. With this toxic environment, it is not a great day to be a Bulldog.

We cannot change the world without changing ourselves.



A WIN FOR WOMEN
Amanda Leffew

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All letters should have a point

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Markarian Colony game hosts astronomical event

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The Markarian Colony hosted their astronomical event, Messier Marathon, on Saturday, Nov. 1. The original date was postponed from September because of weather conditions.

The Markarian Colony Game is a role playing game on campus that aims to encourage students to get involved around campus and help students work through tasks such as filling out FASFA and other student forms by turning it into a game with rewards. The Markarian Colony has had two "episodes" so far, the first during Freshman Orientation and the second during Homecoming weekend.

"This is different from the episodes," said James Covell, referring to the marathon. Covell is a junior in history and politics sciences and one of the quartermasters who run the Markarian Colony.

"The Marathon was a small event on campus," Covell said. "It didn't have anything to do with the storyline, just something fun to do on campus."

The event included activities like stargazing, s'mores and some minigames.

Unlike the episodes, the Messier event didn't require students to have a team.

"Anyone's allowed to participate," Covell said. "No teams, just campfires, s'mores and the stars."

The night started off in the Melhorn Lecture Hall as Mark Hunter, professor of mathematics, kicked off with a brief introduction to astronomy. Using his iPhone and a few connection cords, he showed the small crowd new ways to look for stars. He used "Star Walk," an app that uses GPS signals to help track constellations.

Despite the cold breeze, the weather was perfect for cuddling around fires, making s'mores and, according to Hunter, searching for stars.

"The best time to look for stars is a cold, crisp winter evening," Hunter said. Although the night was a perfect star-searching night, the clouded sky restricted the students from spotting stars.

"It was a lot of fun," said Destiny Reid, a sophomore in history. "Even though it was cloudy we were able to look at the moon through the telescopes. That was pretty nifty."

Reid thought that the turnout was good, especially with the weather situation.

"Even though it was cold, there were a lot of people who ended up coming out and braving the cold."

Photo by Marissa Patton

Ryleigh Hempe, a freshman in biochemistry, and Chelsie Whittier, a freshman in studio art, sit by a bonfire during the Markarian Colony astronomical event. They roasted s'mores and watched the stars.



Bike share program keeps on rolling

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As the semester has progressed, students are taking more advantage of the McPherson College Mac Bike program, which is free to students.

Ken Yohn, associate professor of history, is one of the people responsible for getting the program started.

"All of us are happy that students and other community members are using the bikes," Yohn said. "We want them to be functional, for basic transport, or running errands locally. We want them to be fun—some students just want to go for a ride with a friend and enjoy the day."

Bre Gillespie, admissions and financial aid counselor, said, "It just shows how the college cares a lot about the students, that you don't have to come to college with a car because now you have options."

The general consensus about the program seems to be positive.

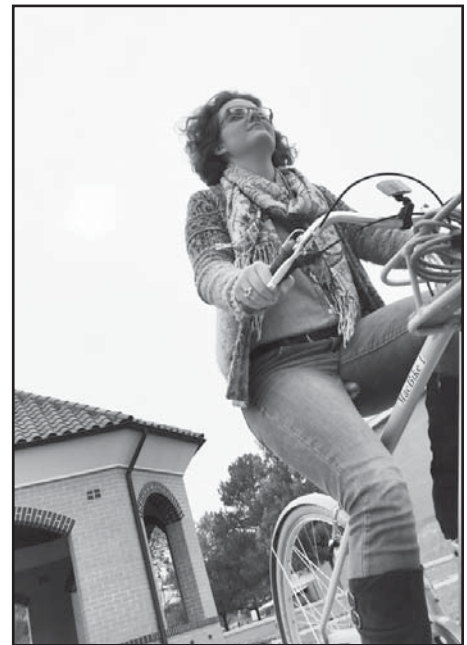
"We have five bikes and they get a lot of use," Yohn said. "The students and other community members that use them are very appreciative. They tell us that it has been a real benefit, and that's how we measure success."

Dalton Whitfield, a freshman in automotive restoration, said, "Many kids come from far away and don't go through the trouble of bringing their own bikes, so this is a good mode of transportation for those students who have none. I even know a guy who rides it to work down the road from school, so I know he is very excited about it."

Another outlook on this bike program was expressed when Allen Darmawan, a senior in biology said, "This is such a green program and it promotes a healthy lifestyle."

Photo by Aly Hennager

Bailley McKinley, a junior in psychology and studio art, rides a shared bike through the Heaston Gazebo. There are five bikes available to students for free to use around campus.



Yik Yak harbors potential cyber bullying

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An anonymous social media app called Yik Yak brought an administrative intervention on the McPherson College campus.

The app, comparable to an anonymous Twitter, gained popularity in early October on campus and had instances of cyber bullying. An email from Dean of Students, ShaRhonda Maclin, warned the student body that although their posts seemed untraceable, a tech-savvy computer services team can make sure no one's 'Yak' is anonymous.

Maclin said, "Some comments on the site

were detrimental to people's character. We feared it would get out of hand, plus some of the Yaks were in direct violation of our social media policy on campus."

Yik Yak is an anonymous social media app that allows people to anonymously create and view posts within a one to two mile radius. Users can respond to posts and up or down vote them. Up-voted posts show up on a popular page and after five down-votes a post will disappear entirely.

Maclin said, "A majority of the cyber bullying posts were down-voted and disappeared after a few hours. But, that still didn't lessen the hurt of those attacked in the posts."

Marlon Clayton, a freshman in communication, knows the effects of Yik Yak bullying firsthand. Clayton said that several impersonators pretended to be him and posted incorrectly about his sexuality amongst other things. Clayton also received threats saying things like, "Better watch your back tomorrow." Clayton decided to delete the app.

Clayton said, "I'll install in again when I transfer. The people here just took it too far."

Nikki Vorhees, a sophomore in business administration, also read several posts specifically targeting her in a negative way.

"Yik Yak is just a place for insecure people to tear someone down because they don't have the fear of getting caught," Vorhees said.

Maclin said administrators have taken measures to have people monitoring the app during peak student gathering times to make sure the social media policy is being upheld.

Although no one has been tracked, administration plans to be proactive in preventing situations from getting out of hand. Maclin chalked up the declining popularity of the app as victory for maintaining a positive atmosphere on campus.

McPherson College students create gaming community

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McPherson College has some buzz going around about the new eSports club.

The club is creating an environment friendly to gamers of all skill levels. The goals of the group include raising a bigger gaming community within the campus as well as be in a position to participate in the Collegiate StarLeague next year, which is a collegiate eSports league that any school can submit teams to and participate in.

"While our chances of winning the championship are low, we're trying to bring the eSports scene to the school and have some fun," said James Covell, a junior in history and political science.

They currently are working on a League of Legends line up, and like any team, they are looking to have tryouts and determine who is best where they should be. Other students such as Caleb Hecker, a sophomore in communication, are looking to create a Call of Duty group and there are others who have expressed making a

NBA 2K team.

"As far as I am concerned anyone can start a team with the McPherson eSports label for any game," Covell said. "McPherson eSports is less of a club, and more of a label, or a vessel, for people to bring people together to play some video games, competitively or otherwise. If people want to compete, I am willing to find the amateur or collegiate leagues and help to fill out application/team submission materials in the way that I am for the League of Legends team."

The newly found club currently practice between 8 and 10 p.m. Mondays, Fridays and Sundays online and anyone can participate or join in.

"In a way, I'm trying to treat it like a sport," Covell said. "People have to act appropriately, rosters have to be selected with objectivity and practices have to be scheduled and carried out."

For more information about the eSports club email Covell at covejam@bulldog.mcperson.edu or look for posters around campus.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Scott Crist, a senior in elementary education, and Colby Patton, a senior in Spanish education, stand together in the football field after they were announced Homecoming King and Queen. Homecoming activities included a Model T build by automotive restoration students, a puppet show and Pedals for Paul, which raised money for the Paul Ziegler Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Halloween Community Carnival



Photos by Rissa McNichols

(Upper left) A child dressed as an alligator sits down at the facepainting booth Monday, Oct. 27. (Left) A mother and her children participate in a tossing game and Becki Bowman (above), associate professor of communication, Jd Bowman, associate professor of theater, and their three children dress as The Incredibles at the Halloween Community Carnival (right).

