

Men's Basketball exits in first round of KCAC tournament

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Having made it into the KCAC postseason as the No. 8 seed, the McPherson College men's basketball team faced the tall task of playing the first ranked team in the KCAC. Squaring off against Tabor College on Feb. 25 in Hillsboro, the Bulldogs fell at a score of 92 - 64. This ends the Bulldogs season as they finish the 2014-2015 campaign with a 10 - 21 record overall.

Having lost both games against Tabor in the regular season, the Bulldogs were prepared for the uphill battle that would be the KCAC postseason. The game actually started with a technical foul from the Tabor bench for excessive celebrating. This helped the teams trade the lead back and forth for the opening minutes.

Free throws from Darius Hill, forward, sr., gave the Bulldogs the lead at the 13-minute mark in the first half. But Tabor instantly followed up with an 8 - 2 run that gave them the lead for the rest of the game. McPherson kept the game within reach for the remaining of the first half. The game went into halftime with Tabor holding the lead at 37 - 31.

Going strictly by numbers, the Bulldogs were privileged to be down only 6 at halftime. They shot a woeful 35 percent from the field while Tabor was shooting 60 percent. The Bulldogs were paced by TJ Grant, guard, sr., and his 11 first-half points.

The second half proved to be all Tabor College, as they pushed the lead to 20 points around the 15-minute mark. Eight straight points from Louis Parker III, forward, fr., helped keep the deficit manageable for the Bulldogs. He scored all of his 15 points in the second half.

Tabor regained their form and continued their hot shooting throughout

the second half. A 3-pointer from Ramon Martinez, forward, fr., put the lead to a manageable 10 points with nine minutes left, but that's as close as the Bulldogs could make it. The lead quickly stretched past 20, and the Bulldogs were left with no more runs to get back into it.

Tabor College finished the game shooting a high percentage of 62 percent from the field overall and 55 percent from 3-point range. In comparison, McPherson finished the game shooting just 32 percent from the field and only 16 percent from distance. Other statistics were fairly even, with Tabor out rebounding McPherson only 39 - 35. Mac was also able to force 15 turnovers from Tabor, while they had only eight themselves.

"Tabor was really good tonight and we didn't make shots," said Head Coach Tim Swartzendruber. "We made a nice run in second half but the hole was too deep. It is always hard to end the season when you have to say good bye to your seniors. They left it on the floor tonight. It just wasn't meant to be."

The Bulldogs were led by Grant and his 19 points, six rebounds and two assists. Hill finished with a double-double of 11 points and 10 rebounds. Parker put in 15 points in just 17 minutes of play.

All three of those players were honored with All-KCAC honors for their work in the KCAC regular season. Hill was the lone Bulldog who was named to the All - KCAC first team. With averages of 17.5 and 9.4 on the season and led the conference in double-doubles with 14 for the season.

Grant was named an honorable mention to the All - KCAC teams for his efforts. He averaged 15 points on the season and finished his McPherson career just seven assists away from the school record. Grant is also eighth in the NAIA D-II in assist/turnover ratio at 3.28, showing his

abilities to take care of the ball.

The last award was to Louis Parker as he was named the Co-Freshmen of the year in the KCAC. He provided constant sparks off the bench as his playing time was up and down early in the season. Swartzendruber said that he provides hope for the future of McPherson basketball and was a key contributor this

season while dealing with injuries.

"This is a great honor for Louis," Swartzendruber said. "Louis has battled through an injury that will require surgery after the season. He has been a great energy guy off the bench and has been a key in our play down the stretch. I believe he will be a great player in this conference the next three years."



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Kenny Berry, jr. in psychology, is confronted by an opposing defender near the rim. Berry had 4 points in the Bulldogs loss, and is a returning member of the McPherson Basketball team for the 2015 - 2016 season.



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Housing reservations now available online

All returning students can now reserve housing options online for Dotzour, Metzler, Bittinger and Morrison halls.

Students can log in to their Bulldog Connect accounts and navigate to the reservations through "Check my Status."

Housing reservations must be made by Friday, March 6.

Students with questions can call or email Dusty Kitchen, director of housing, at 620-242-0904 or kitchend@mcpherson.edu.

Spring Break headcount needed for school

Students wanting to stay in campus housing during Spring Break March 14 to 22 need to sign up in the Student Services Office by Friday, March 6.

Food service will not be provided during Spring Break.

Applications extended for athletic training

The deadline for work-study applications with athletic training has been extended until Friday, March 6.

These applications are located on the athletic training room door.

Students with questions can call or email Phil Schoenwetter at 620-242-0577 or at schoenwp@mcpherson.edu

13.1% of students leave between semesters**School left with 76 fewer students in spring**

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Classrooms, hallways and dorms may feel emptier this semester than in the fall. This is because 13.1 percent of students left from the fall semester to the spring semester.

Last year on the 20th day of classes 580 fulltime undergraduate students were enrolled for the fall semester of 2014 the

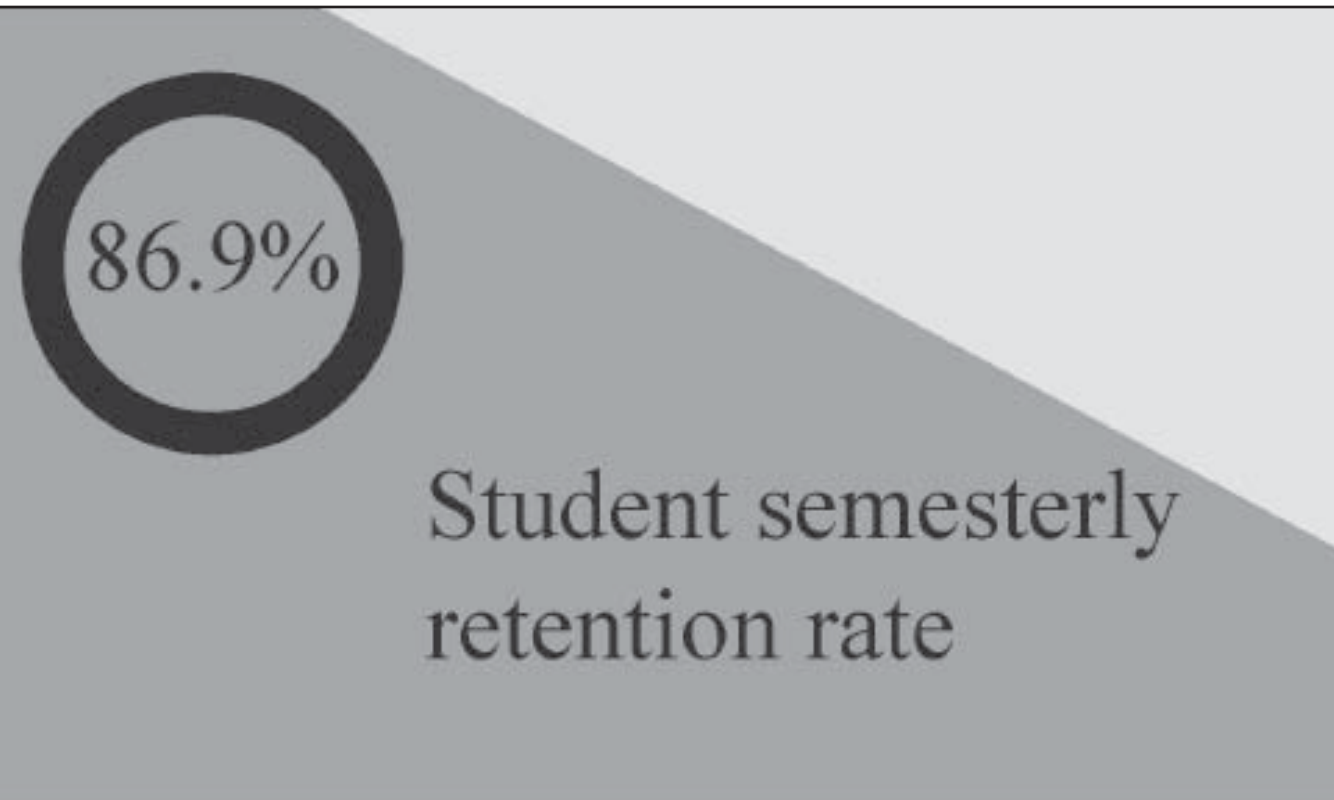
same day during in the spring semester reports, there are only 504 fulltime undergraduate students. This figure includes new students who have been enrolled at the ending of January.

"We are not really satisfied with that number and want to find better ways of keeping our students from fall to spring," said Christi Hopkins, vice president for enrollment management.

There are several contributing factors

that may cause students to leave. Among these include family situations, change of major, financial difficulties, academic issues, too small of a town and homesickness. The students have their reasons for why they decide to leave and this is a detriment to the college.

Even though McPherson College has lost students from the fall semester, ways to retain more students from one semester to the next is under discussion.

**McPherson Football tabs four USA College All-Americans**

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The USA College Football Association released their annual All-American team for the 2014 season. McPherson College was responsible for four senior players named.

They included Jimmy Wilson, physical education; Will Thacker, physical education; Trent Reif, physical education; and Ben Kimbrough III, business administration.

The selections for this list are contributed by assortments of NAIA head coaches, as well as Sports Information Directors, National, Regional and Local Broadcast & Print Media, American Football Coaches Association, Regional Football Writers' Associations, Professional Football Franchise Scouts and Certified Players' Agents as well as the staff of USA Football Network, Inc.

Wilson was the lone member for McPherson named to the First Team. He led the team in tackles with 88, 52 of them solo stops and 19 were for losses.

Reif and Thacker were named as honorable mentions on the offensive side of the ball. Thacker was a standout on the offensive line for the Bulldogs, starting every game and earning All-KCAC honors for the season.

Reif was an impact player at the fullback position and a major part of the Bulldogs running game. He made the transition to starter this season and also played on the defensive side for McPherson as well.

Kimbrough was the last player named to the team, earning honorable mention at the defensive line position.

He led the Bulldog defense with six sacks and 50 total tackles. Kimbrough forced three fumbles on the season and also recovered three of them in the 2014 season.

Upcoming McPherson athletic events

Baseball vs. Robert Morris College (Ill.) Saturday, March 7. 11 a.m.

Baseball vs. Central Christian College Saturday, March 7. 4 p.m.

Softball at Friends University Tournament. March 6 - 7

Softball vs. Central Christian College Wednesday, March 11. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Men's and Women's Tennis vs Newman University Saturday, March 7. 11 a.m.

Men's and Women's Tennis vs. Barton Community College Tuesday, March 10. 4:30 p.m.

Track and Field at NAIA indoor national championships March 5 - 7 in Geneva, Ohio

McPherson Track sends athletes to national competition

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The McPherson College Track and Field team has been preparing for their upcoming outdoor season that is slated for March 12.

Prior to this meet, an even bigger event is held with the NAIA indoor national championship meet in Geneva, Ohio March 5 through 7. The Bulldogs are sending four individuals to compete in the meet.

On the men's side, the team sends Perry Joseph, a senior in physical education,

and Akim Muhammad, a junior in business accounting. Joseph is a returner to the national stage as he competed in this event one year ago. He currently ranks ninth in the country in the 60 meter with a time of 6.86 seconds. The second place time is 6.80 seconds going into the event.

Muhammad is competing in the 400 meter event and is currently ranked 15th in the NAIA. This is Muhammad's first trip to the indoor national meet, as he was a qualifier for the NAIA outdoor national championships a year ago.

On the women's side of the track

is Jasmine Alexander, a senior in psychology, and Arryana Barton, a senior in communication. Both have been to the national championships before, but this is Alexanders first trip to the indoor portion. She is the only athlete of the four competing in two events for the weekend. She will compete in the 60 meter race where she is ranked 29th, and the 400 meter where she sits at 40th.

Making her trip back to nationals, Barton looks to improve from the All-American status she earned last year at this same event. She placed third in the triple jump event last year and will return

with the tall task of improving her top-three placing.

Head Coach Cameron Magnall is excited for his athletes to reach the highest stage of competition with the national championships, and has high confidence for all of his athletes.

"I think everyone has a good chance to place highly in their events. Some of them aren't ranked as high as they would like to be, but I have supreme confidence in them this weekend, and I've let them know that multiple times."

Opening events begin on March 5 and go through the weekend to March 7.

Softball takes down cross town rival Central

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The McPherson College softball team got their first wins of the season as they swept inner city rival Central Christian College by scores of 11 - 3 and 10 - 7 on Feb. 24. With these wins the team is now

2 - 7 in the early stages of the season. In the first game Whitney Miller, outfield, jr., led the way for the Bulldogs offense, as she got three hits in four at-bats, tallying two runs batted in and two runs scored. Emily Davis, second base, jr., and Simone Donaldson, outfield jr., each had two hits as well, with

Donaldson also knocking three RBIs for the Bulldogs.

Amanda Connell, pitcher, fr., pitched five innings and only gave up three runs with just one of them being an earned run. She picked up her first victory of the season.

In the second game, the Bulldogs bats

continued to stay hot as they put up 15 hits and scored 10 runs in the seven inning contest. This game was much more closer as the Tigers were able to keep it more competitive and forced the Bulldogs to come from behind for the win.

The game was tied at 4 going into the bottom of the fourth inning when Central scored 3 runs to pull ahead. The Bulldogs were able to respond with five runs in the top of the fifth to reclaim the lead and ultimately take their second win on the day and season.

Amanda Darrow, catcher, jr., was perfect at the plate for the Bulldogs tallying three hits in three at-bats. Two of Darrow's hits were extra base hits with one being a double and the other being a home run, her first on the season after hitting six last season. Savannah Lewis, third base, fr., Samantha Harity, outfield, jr., McKenna Deckard, outfield, sr., and Mariah Wedel, shortstop, jr., all were responsible for 2 hits each.

The Bulldogs also played solid defense in the second game and did not have any errors in the second game of the doubleheader. Mallory Fowler, jr., pitcher, started the game for the Bulldogs and allowed three earned runs. Kaylee Lozier, pitcher, fr., came on in relief for her and pitched three innings. Connell came in later and earned the save for the game.

Following this game, head coach Ashley Spencer noted the improvements she is beginning to see in the team. She said, "Everybody stepped up today in some capacity, We have been talking about executing with runners on and how important that is. Today showed us that we have the ability to do it."

With the unexpected weather rolling through Kansas, the Bulldogs softball team was forced to cancel a double header against Baker University scheduled for Feb. 28 and also move a doubleheader against Central Christian to from March 3 to March 11.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Kaylee Lozier, fr., pitcher, goes through her wind up for a pitch against Central on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

McPherson College to host 40th staging of Mohler lecture with speaker Melhorn

"Child Abuse and Neglect: Do we have the Evidence and Courage We Need to Make a Difference?" lecture topic

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McPherson College's 40th staging of the Mohler lecture will be presented March 8. Dr. Katherine Melhorn, expert and advocate for the prevention of child abuse and neglect, will be speaking for the annual event.

Melhorn will address the theme, "Child Abuse and Neglect: Do we have the Evidence and Courage We Need to Make a Difference?" at 4 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre. Her lecture will be aimed at covering what researchers and physicians already know and still need to learn about child abuse.

After graduating from McPherson College in 1977, Dr. Melhorn completed her medical degree at the University of Kan-

sas School of Medicine-Wichita. She also completed her Ambulatory Pediatrics fellowship training at Los Angeles County, University of Southern California. Melhorn is currently a clinical professor in pediatrics at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, and is certified in both general pediatrics and child abuse pediatrics. She has worked throughout her community and Kansas, bringing aid to young victims of abuse and neglect.

In addition to direct patient care, Melhorn has taken consults on the subject of child abuse, provided legislative testimony, made public policy recommendations and investigated cases of death due to abuse. She also served as the Residency Program Director within the Department of Pediatrics at USC-Wichita and continues to help supervise this division.



Dr. Katherine Melhorn

NEWS BRIEFS

Movie poster stolen, threatens \$2 Tuesday

A movie poster was stolen from the \$2 Tuesday line-up, Dusty Kitchen, Student Activities Board advisor announced to students in an email Monday, March 2.

He threatened to cancel the movie night for March 3 if the poster wasn't returned, but instead decided to review camera footage of the basement of Hoffman Student Union.

Students participated in \$2 Tuesday that night.

Mutual Kumquat band to perform at Church

The Mutual Kumquat band will be performing Saturday, March 7 at 9 p.m. in the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

The music style is pop music influenced by bluegrass, funk, jazz, soul, folk, reggae and afrobeat.

Bulldog Football has 35 players returning

McPherson College's Football team recruits to replace transferred players

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Of the 79 football players at the end of the season, only 35 of them will return.

A team that had up to 79 players, it is unthinkable that besides seniors who are graduating, only 35 players are remaining. The Bulldogs had 10 players make it on to the All-Conference team of the 2014 season, but failed in their quest for even a spot in the KCAC play-off round.

Announced by then athletic director, Doug Quint, on Dec. 26, 2015, a new football instructor is at the helm of the college's team, after Coach Steve Fox gave his resignation. His replacement is Paul Mierkiewicz. The new head coach will be McPherson's 30th in the program's history.

In a press release, Mierkiewicz said that he's truly honored to be the next football coach here at McPherson College. He said that he wants to thank President Schneider and the entire athletic administration for giving him this chance. The coach also said that his entire family is excited to be a part of the McPherson community.

Moreover, key players of last season, like Miles Balthazor, who according to Mierkiewicz was the team's leading running back, have left on a transfer to Kansas Wesleyan University. However, Braden Bush, a freshman business administration and a returning player, thinks that the reason behind the departure of those "top" players are mainly because of the resignation of former coach, Fox, and also because the players think that the schools

they are going to have better facilities.

On the other hand, Bush thinks that with those players off the team, this will have a positive impact on the squad for the upcoming season.

"It can impact us in a bunch of different ways," Bush said. "We've lost two pretty good players but it will not hurt us, as we have gotten rid of the people who didn't want to be here and all the people that are here are the people who wanna work."

In addition, Mierkiewicz agreed with Bush as he said that the players that are here now are a good group of lads who work hard every day. Mierkiewicz said that losing the key players of last season to other schools means that he will just have to recruit to fill the voids.

"When you lose players to graduation or for any other reasons, it is our job as coaches to recruit and go find somebody better," Mierkiewicz said. "If you go find the same guy, you remain the same."

Mierkiewicz aims to have 90 to 100 players for the upcoming season and added that sometimes it is not how big the squad is, but how hard the players work.

Despite the team finishing last season outside of the play-offs, Bush said that he is ambitious under the new coach and that he is expecting to win the conference.

"I think we will win the conference championships," Bush said. "I have big expectations."

The Bulldogs kick off on Sept. 19 against Southwestern in conference play. However, the team's first non-conference game is against the Tigers of Doane College in McPherson on Sept. 5.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

David Anderson, snr. in sociology, of McPherson College tussles with a Kansas Wesleyan player during the Bulldogs' season opener in KCAC conference play. The game was played here at the college. The Bulldogs won 30-24.

Bulldogs win first home games of season before cancellations

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Hosting a doubleheader with Nebraska Wesleyan University on Feb. 24, the McPherson College Baseball team picked up their first home win of the season. It took a second try, but the Bulldogs prevailed in a very close second game on the day.

The first game of the day featured Nebraska Wesleyan lighting it up on the offensive side. The first batter of the day pushed the ball over the fence for a lead off home run. After that, NWU scored in six of the seven innings. The Bulldogs had a runner cross the plate in the second

inning, but not after the opposing team had 4 runs on the board. The Bulldogs got 1 run in each of the last three innings on the day.

The first game of the day saw only one hit for McPherson, as John Lauts, designated hitter, sr., singled in the bottom of the sixth inning. McPherson got a run across that inning, but the final score of the first game read 10 - 4 in favor of Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The second game began with NWU scoring 1 run in the first, but McPherson was able to answer with 2 runs of their own in the bottom half. Reily Martin, outfielder, fr., was hit by a pitch and Jimmy Fisher,

outfielder, fr., reached on a walk, and both were able to score the first 2 runs for the Bulldogs.

After Nebraska Wesleyan scored in the third, Martin again was hit by a pitch and made it around the bases to score, giving the Bulldogs the lead back. The teams traded runs again in the fourth, as Josh Grant, shortstop, jr., knocked a single to right field to score John Feaster, outfielder, soph., who singled as well earlier in the inning.

With the score at 4 - 3, McPherson got themselves a much needed insurance run after Martin doubled down the left field line. He scored following a walk by Tom

Potter, first base, sr., making the score 5 - 3 heading into the last innings.

Jesse Correll, pitcher, fr., recorded the complete game for McPherson, striking out six batters and allowing 4 runs with one being unearned. Correll picked up his first win of the season.

The Bulldogs now sit at 3 - 9 in the season. Due to weather conditions, two doubleheader series' were cancelled on Feb. 28 and March 1. Announcements on when they will be rescheduled have not been made as of press date. The Bulldogs play on Saturday, March 7 against Robert Morris College (Ill.) and cross town rival Central Christian College in McPherson.



Photo by Miranda Clark Ulrich

Dylan Fontenot, third base, fr., swings at a pitch in the first game against Nebraska Wesleyan University. He scored a run in the first game of the day, a 10 - 4 loss.

College campus embraces all students within community

I remember stepping on the McPherson College campus as a freshman in August of 2012 with my at-the-time girlfriend, scared out of my mind.

I had heard about how some smaller towns in Kansas were extremely conservative and I did not know how McPherson was.

I believed the worst, even though I had met multiple people on campus who seemed open on the topic. So, I was always with my girlfriend when I came here.

Now that I look back on that moment over three years ago, I have been proven wrong.

My freshman and a small piece of my sophomore year being out as a lesbian went by extremely smooth.

During my freshman year, I lived with my former girlfriend in Dotzour and no one seemed to be bothered by it. Actually,

I never received any negative comments from anyone on this campus about my living situation. If anything, everyone was accepting.

Last year I came out as transgender. Regardless of how well people treated me as a lesbian, I was more terrified about being out as a transgender male.

We hear on the news about many different incidents involving suicides, murders and sometimes worse when a transgender person is the victim.

It crossed my mind a lot last year and parts of this year. Would that happen to me?

I do not think that would happen to me now.

A couple of the reasons include: employees of the college and students who made this campus safe for me.

Every day I walk past different people that say "Hey Gabe", or use the correct pronouns or treat me like I am a guy. It pleasantly surprises me every time.

I never thought I could be accepted for being one hundred percent myself. Granted I am sure there are people that probably do not agree with who I am, but they do not show it to me.

Thinking about next year, how I am able to live in all male dorms, makes me extremely happy because people in higher

places as well as myself believe that I will be safe.

I am so thankful for how far this college campus has come since my freshman year. We have a ways to go to make this campus completely safer and more accepting of everyone, but we have come far.

CAMPUS CARES

Gabe Padilla



ON THE FLY

If you could change one thing about the college what would it be?

"I wish the campus was larger and more people were here, a bigger student body."

James Kelly III, jr., communication



"I wish our meal plans would carry over from month to month and we could be reimbursed at the end of the year."

Emily Dumler, jr., business administration



"The food. I think they need to switch it up and add some variety."

Karsen Stuchl, jr., automotive restoration technology



"The tuition. The school is so expensive and I wish it was a little bit cheaper."

Crystal Osner, jr., performing arts



"I wish the business office would direct deposit the credit refund and loan disbursement checks."

Bob Hespen, sr., automotive restoration technology



"I wish that there was a pre-med program at the school."

Whitney Zimmerman, sr., biology and chemistry

Carter, Bourgeois lecture at McPherson College

ANDRÉ WHITE
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Pondering and asking himself if the world would be a better place and highlighting that he had grown up in working class is how Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of School of Americas Watch, started his lecture. Students of the history of Christianity class was the recipient of the lecture on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Jen Jensen, director of spiritual life and service learning, coordinated the visit of Jeff Carter, President of Bethany Theological Seminary, and Father Roy Bourgeois.

Bethany Theological Seminary is an innovative graduate school educating women and men for clergy and lay leadership in churches and those seeking to integrate theological, biblical and ethical reflection into their various professions. While the home page of the School of Americas Watch highlights the religious institution as an independent organization that seeks to close the U.S Army School of the Americas, through vigils, fasts, demonstrations and nonviolent protest, as well as media and legislative work.

Steven Crain, associate professor of philosophy and religion, escorted Carter and Bourgeois to their designated lecture locations. Bourgeois engaged with students in the class and shared his personal story behind forming the School of Americas Watch. He had been in U.S. federal prison for more than four years for nonviolent protests against the training of Latin American soldiers. He said that it was hard, and further emphasized equality and solidarity among generations.

"You can never silence the truth, we will never forget the lack of support and silence from our friends," Bourgeois said. He concluded saying that he feels free.

At age six, Carter saw his parents divorce which made him question his religious views. When his mom asked him what church he wants to be a member of he responded that he felt a sense of belonging and comfort when he visited a Roman



Photo by André White

Jeff Carter, president of Bethany Theological Seminary, demonstrates to a history of Christianity class a graphical representation of the trace of the Church of the Brethren, from the beginning to present.

Catholic Church. However, he ended up as a Church of the Brethren pastor.

"Anabaptist and Pietist were the two streams that combined to form the Church of the Brethren," Carter said.

According to Carter, Anabaptist means obedience and Pietist means love. He also shared in his lecture that he respects and

admires every Christian tradition, not just the Roman Catholic's.

Carter's gist was that the Brethren religion is based on love and togetherness.

At the end, Isaac Murphy, a freshman in communication; Isabelle Moyer, a senior in philosophy and religion; and Whitney Jefferson, a junior in theatre; posed ques-

tions to Bourgeois and Carter.

After answering student questions the lecture concluded with a motivational bit to inspire action.

"If you are not a part of the solution then you are part of the problem," Carter said.

The Hot spot

BY: THOMAS POTTER

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF
PAUL MIERKIEWICZ, HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



WHAT WERE YOU DOING BEFORE BEING HIRED AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH AT MCPHERSON COLLEGE?

Before being hired at McPherson College I was the head coach at my alma mater, Loras College, for three years. Before that I coached at Hastings College for a total of 13 years with the last three of those years being the head coach.

WHAT MADE YOU INTERESTED IN THE COACHING JOB HERE AT MCPHERSON COLLEGE?

McPherson reminded me a lot of Hastings. The small friendly town and great football atmosphere was something that my family and I were looking for. I also really like the way NAIA football is played and the town of McPherson is a great place for my family and I to call home.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE EASIEST PART ABOUT THIS TRANSITION FOR YOU?

Not having to search for coaches has been the biggest relief for me. The

coaches that we have in place here are exactly what I was hoping for when taking this job. Because of these guys we as a program are able to hit the ground running and put us in a better situation than we would be if I had to search for coaches.

WHAT ARE SOME CHALLENGES THAT YOU ARE EXPECTING TO FACE BEING A NEW HEAD COACH?

As a new head coach it is always a challenge getting to know the people in and around the program. I've been lucky that I haven't had to face this problem. The coaching staff and all others have made this transition very easy and we've been able to get right to work with no setbacks which are extremely rare but also extremely beneficial to our program.

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU ARE BRINGING TO THE TABLE FOR MCPHERSON COLLEGE FOOTBALL?

As a coach I try to make sure our athletes have great character, work ethic and high discipline. Those are three things that I really want to implement in our student athletes. We, as a coaching staff, also like to make sure our athletes focus on academics, our actions in the community, and how we perform on the field.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT FOR THIS UPCOMING OFFSEASON AND FALL SEASON?

I'm excited for every day I have to work with these guys. Everything is new and every day brings a new experience. I'm extremely lucky to be at such a great place with great people and hard-working players.

Band gets jazzed up

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This semester is the start of a new Jazz band on campus.

Currently there are six members, most of which are in the regular band on campus, but not all.

Of the six, three are in the rhythm section and three on the horns, like saxophones and a trombone.

Winston Stauffer, freshman in restoration technology, is on the drumset. He has been playing since fifth grade and also plays the piano.

"I come from a musical family," Stauffer said. "My mom plays the flute, my dad-brass and my brother the violin."

His goals include playing at the band concert on Tuesday, March 10 and performing at some more venues.

The Jazz band is under the direction

of Kyle Hopkins, associate professor of music director of bands.

This is Hopkins second year at McPherson College and believes that this program is going through a dynamic growth phase with a five-year plan that will strengthen significantly. He saw a desire not only from his students, but himself as well.

Jacob Castelo San Martin, a freshman in automotive restoration, is one of student who reached out to Hopkins interested in playing jazz on campus. He is the only Jazz band member who is not in regular concert band.

"I just hope this turns into a full jazz band, rather than a jazz combo which is smaller and what we have now," he said.

Hopkins said, "When you're growing something like we are, we can take it as far as our interests, availability and desire take it."



Photo by Claire Crossman

Jacob Castelo San Martin (left) and Winston Stauffer, both freshmen in restoration technology, practice for the new jazz band.

LEAD EDITORIAL

Equal rights for women's wages discussion created by speech

Patricia Arquette's speech at the 2015 Oscar's sparked various reactions when she said "it's our time to have wage equality for once and for all and equal rights for women in the United States of America."

The room filled with applause and the camera panned to Meryl Streep and Jennifer Lopez, both advocates for women's rights, smiling and nonverbally agreeing with every word Arquette said in her acceptance speech.

Arquette was nominated for "Best Supporting Actress" for her role in "Boyhood."

Today, the fight for women's equal rights is still in progression. Emma Watson, an actress well known as Hermione Granger

in the Harry Potter movies series, spoke on Sept. 21, 2014 at the United Nations.

Lauren Duca, a reporter for the Huffington Post, wrote about Watson's speech that day. Watson encouraged men to be involved with the fight for women's rights.

Watson said it was nearly impossible to accomplish equality if there is only one of the sexes participating.

Society today says they are "accepting" but what of women still not being paid the same amount as men for the same work that a man does.

If a man and a woman do the same job, they should receive the same compensation.

In her speech, Watson quoted the

denotative definition for the word feminism as "the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities."

According to the Institute for Women's Policy Research, which tracks the gender wage gap over the years, in 2013 female full-time workers made only 78 cents to every dollar that male full-time workers made.

Arquette's words about the gender age gap were few in her speech, but backstage she expanded and talked about the fight for race and LGBTQ equality.

There were numerous comments made on social media from people who felt her speech and extension of words left out those mentioned in the groups above.

She went on to say, "It's time for all the women in America, and the men who love women and all the gay people and people of color we've all fought for to fight for us now."

Arquette said that this is now the time for women's equality to be in the forefront.

People on Twitter who had been behind her a hundred percent turned and were criticizing her for taking those others out of the fight by singling out only one group of people.

Arquette's speech created conversation, and if in the end, that's all it brought about, she still succeeded. She got people thinking and that is what acceptance is all about.

Finding balance in school proves difficult with multiple focuses

Students going to school full time, taking anywhere from 12 to 16 hours, and sometimes working or raising a family can find it hard to balance, retain and keep up with classes.

School comes first, but what happens when the decision comes down to school and school. Both of those projects are due on the same day or the tests to study for coincide.

This is my senior year and it's hard to find a good balance and enough hours in the day to finish every assignment.

Its easy to think that we can focus on more than one thing at a time, however, almost all research says that there is no such thing as multitasking.

Jon Hamilton, a writer for NPR said in his article that humans do not do multiple things at the same time, they simply switch their attention from one project to the other and back again quickly.

Earl Miller, a neuroscientist quoted in Hamilton's article said, "People can't multitask very well, and when people say they can, they're deluding themselves. The brain is very good at deluding itself."

Miller said that people can't actually focus on two different things at the same time. They can, however, shift their attention back and forth at an impressive speed. He reasons that the brain has to switch between tasks is because the brain sometimes uses the same area for similar tasks.

His illustration of talking on the phone while writing an email is a perfect example.

It's hard to do, but it is important to prioritize. Decide what is most important. What class is the priority? You have to figure out what will take the longest, what requires the most effort and what will take the longest to complete.

Sometimes you have to make a list. It helps to see what all needs to be done written down.

Research shows that when you write something down you remember it more. Robinson Meyer, a reporter for The Atlantic, an American magazine founded in Boston, an article about students remembering information better when they took notes by hand.

Meyer referenced a study done by Pam A. Mueller and Daniel M. Oppenheimer in April of 2014. Mueller and Oppenheimer

found that taking notes on a laptop, while helpful, is less effective than when a student takes notes longhand.

The study found that taking notes electronically results in lower processing. The reason being that people typing more often than not write down verbatim what they are being told, whereas people taking handwritten notes process and write down what they comprehend.

TAKE NOTES THE WRITE WAY

Megan Hamlett



Theory says explicit music creates profit for private prisons

Some listeners of explicit rap songs have trouble understanding how profanity became popularized and why music industries promoted it in the first place.

In the late '80s, the culture friendly genre of music was quickly fading away and was being replaced by gangster rap instead.

Through much of its early history, the context of the genre typically gave a voice to politics or harmless fun.

Hip-hop and rap has stayed in the same direction, making an entire industry out of promoting violence, sex and drug abuse in their music.

There is a theory that says that illegal behaviors encouraged in rap music are all part of a sinister scheme designed by private prison owners using investors within the music industry as a channel to popularize criminal activity.

A theory about an anonymous confession letter broke out in 2012, giving a far-fetched answer to the question and explaining why rap music increased in popularity and began dominating airwaves.

The unsigned letter, originally posted on the internet, was written by a self-proclaimed music industry representative that worked for an equally anonymous major music label.

The title of the confessional, "The Secret Meeting That Changed Rap Music and Destroyed a Generation," gives a perfect idea to what the letter entailed.

The letter writes that he was invited to a secret meeting in 1991 with 30 other large-scale music reps.

The suspicious men who organized the meeting gave out confidentiality agreements at the beginning, preventing

them from discussing the information presented during the meeting.

Those who agreed were told what the music industry had planned for the future.

The men then explained that each respective music industry's person represented at the meeting had invested in a very profitable industry which could become even more rewarding with their active involvement.

They went on to reveal that what these record labels invested into were

private prisons funded by the government to make revenue from the number of incarcerations they hold.

To ensure

profit, private prison investors directed music executives to focus their label in promoting gangster rap music. At that time the genre was emerging and had great potential.

By endorsing criminality in the lyrics, listeners would become more associated with illicit activity, causing more arrests to fill up private prisons and ensure success.

CONSPIRACY CRACKED

Jared Whitten



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Campus clinic hosts open house

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Partners in Family Care celebrated the opening of their new location on McPherson College campus on Wednesday, Feb. 25. The new walk-in clinic is free to students and open to the public.

The clinic is privately owned and respected for the personal relationship that comes with the service. Many offices reject patients without insurance but the doctors at McPherson Partners in Family Care are passionate about the health condition first and are willing to work out

whatever is necessary to get the proper care. They have locations in Moundridge, Heston and Inman.

The public relations class taught by Becki Bowman, associate professor of communication, organized the open house as part of a PR campaign for the clinic. Different groups tackled tasks such as invitation creation and mailing, background music setup, flyers, food, activities and even a news release for the McPherson Sentinel.

A handprint activity allowed visitors to leave their mark. A sidewall was painted with a bright blue sky, clouds, yellow sun

and green stems sprouting up from the floor. Anyone who wanted to participate coated their hand with red, blue or yellow paint and created a flower with their handprint. This brightened up the space with a welcoming mural.

Because they are new to the location attracting new patients is critical. A big part of the PR class project is pinpointing the target audience and drawing in new customers. The clinic hopes to see around four to six students and five to seven community members per day.

Other goals for the PR class include finding out patient needs and expectations,

poster creation and distribution around town, an updated brochure, promotional activities to draw people in and general advertising.

Students have access to the clinic free of cost during the school year and are offered services such as physicals, UTI testing, cold and flu treatment, X-Rays and prescriptions.

The new location will hopefully serve the community of McPherson with walk-in care as well as the students of McPherson College with fast and personal care.

The clinic is located in Harter Hall in apartment 106.

Friendship Hall displays new art exhibition

RYAN KRESKY
Spectator Staff

Students of McPherson College will be able to walk around this month's newest exhibition in Friendship Hall.

This exhibition is dedicated to educators from across the state who have given their artwork to display in this month's show.

There are a total of 91 pieces of artwork either hanging on the walls or displayed in glass cases. The artworks vary in subject matter like surrealism, self-portrait, animals, flowers and pottery.

The media of the artwork ranges from sculptures, small booklets, mixed media, charcoal drawing, painting, ceramics and photographs.

Wayne Conyers, professor of art and the friendship hall gallery director of McPherson College, had help hanging the artwork from his colleagues while he was in the hospital.

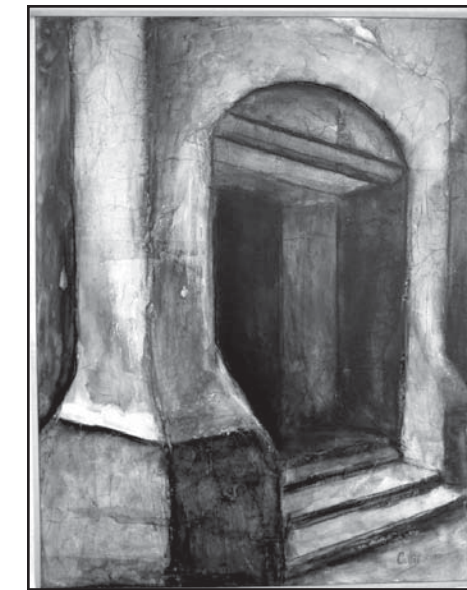
Most of the exhibition was hung Thursday, Feb. 26 by Michaela Valli Groeblacher, assistant professor of art; Dee Erway-Sherwood, associate professor of art; and Ann Zerger, associate professor of art. The exhibit was completed on Friday, Feb. 27.

"The art professors help each other out," Groeblacher said. "If one of us needs help then we assist them in their absence."

Groeblacher, Erway-Sherwood and Zerger did not know specific information about the art exhibit.

"We do not know much about the exhibition," Erway-Sherwood said. "We only know that the artwork needs to be hung in Friendship Hall and the exhibit involves Kansas educators. Other than that we don't know."

As of press time, The Spectator has tried to contact Conyers for more information about the exhibit but was unable to receive a response.



Photos by Ryan Kresky

These pieces of art are hanging up in Friendship Hall and were made by educators from across the state.

McPherson student starts upholstery business

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Spectator Staff

Many college seniors stress about what will happen after graduation, entering the real world and getting a job. Andy Fabianski, a sophomore in automotive restoration, probably won't be having those worries when it's his turn to graduate.

Fabianski has his own upholstery business on campus called Stitches. Fabianski didn't come to McPherson intending to do upholstery specifically, but discovered how great of a fit it is for him after he took trim class last year.

"Starting into it, I didn't think sewing was for me," Fabianski said. "After a while, I loved it though. My great-grandparents were really big seamstresses in Chicago, so I guess sewing has always been a part of my DNA."

Fabianski decided to take on an internship last summer reupholstering boats in Florida. Eventually, he wants to end up back working on the East Coast. For now, he's enjoying putting in long hours to build experience by working 50 to 60 hours a week when he has a project.

"Once you're passionate about something and get the taste of a finished project, it's easy to put in the hours," Fabianski said. "On a resume, I want to show people I'm good at something, in and out of class."

Fabianski is encouraged with all the support he has received so far, both from his family in Chicago and his McPherson College family. He gives Career Services director Katie Sawyer much of the credit for helping him set up a WordPress portfolio and helping him connect with an attorney to figure out the next steps in the process, as well as Dean of Students ShaRonda Maclin and Director of Housing Dusty Kitchen kudos for allowing him to use space in Dotzour once the clinic moved out.

It hasn't all been smooth sailing for Fabianski, though. Owning a business has proven some challenges for him. He warns

against the dangers of spending too much of the money he makes, money he should really be saving.

"Now, I have to think about the future in case something breaks or I need to fix my car, which I use for business," Fabianski said. "It's really a big part of growing up. Now I have to watch what I spend."

Even though he sometimes has to compromise his social life to accommodate Stitches, he thinks the struggle is worth the payoff. He can't wait to see the potential his business can reach.

"I eventually want Stitches to be the No. 1 name in upholstery in the country," Fabianski said. "That being said, I want to keep it personal and small enough to where I still know customers."

For now, Fabianski is just excited to keep learning more about upholstery and other automotive restoration skills to round out his McPherson College education.



Fabianski works late hours to keep up with the demand for his services.

Photos by Josh Lloyd

Andy Fabianski, a sophomore in automotive restoration, pieces together fabric for his upholstery business.

Students have a blast at Minute to Win It

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The Minute to Win It competition is a fast-paced game that occurred Thursday, Feb. 26, in Hoffman Student Union. Players had 60 seconds to complete each task.

Contestants were selected by putting their names in a bowl. Four names were

drawn for each game. The tasks included keeping three balloons in the air, popping balloons by sitting on them, using a partner to create a "mummy" with toilet paper, getting small candies out of a bowl with one hand and another game called "The Bulldog."

In this game, boxes of Tic Tacs were taped to rulers. Players then had to place the rulers in their mouths and shake out

the Tic Tacs.

Chris Le, a senior in history, said, "It was a fun experience trying to pop a balloon with my behind."

Dusty Kitchen, resident director, and Caleb Hecker, sophomore in communication, were in charge of leading the event.

"Overall, I would say everyone had a lot of fun that was there," Hecker said. "However, the turnout wasn't quite what

we had hoped, but that was on us. We could have done a better job of drumming up hype and letting people know about the event."

The prizes given out were gift cards to Walmart, Starbucks and miscellaneous restaurants, laundry and movie packs, and a sound system.

This event was put on by the Student Activities Board (SAB).



Photo by Alaina Johnson

Geoff Pugh (right), a junior in chemistry, races to cover Christopher Le, a senior in history, in toilet paper during Minute to Win It.

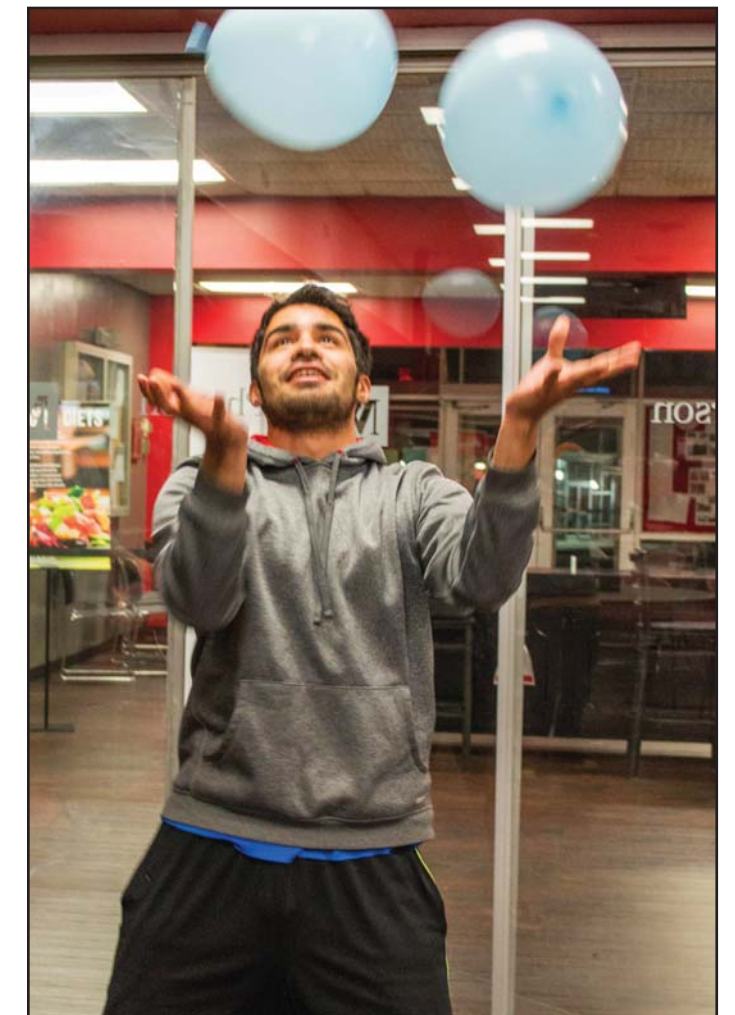


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Julian Nagata, a senior in sociology, tries to keep balloons in the air during the competition.