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HISTORIC HIGH ENROLLMENT GROWTH WITHIN MCPHERSON COLLEGE

By Hannah McKay

McPherson College has started off the school year with its best enrollment numbers in the college's history. In the 2019-2020 school year, McPherson College has 753 full time students enrolled, which makes this the largest class that the college has ever had.

The 753 full time stu-

dents consist of 225 new first-time freshmen, one of the largest freshmen classes the college has ever seen. There are also 68 new transfer students and six readmits, giving MC a total of 299 new students. The largest recruitment class prior to this was 265. According to Christi Hopkins, the Vice President for Enrollment Management, this year is a record year

for enrollment. She also says that "We have been on a steady incline in enrollment."

This incline can be seen in the records that the school has been breaking in enrollment. In 2006, McPherson College only had 177 new students compared to 299 the college has on campus this year. Also, in 2006 McPherson only had 468 full time

students, compared to the 753 McPherson has this year. With a nearly 50% increase in students in the past 15 years, McPherson College could possibly see over a thousand students enrolled within the next decade.

The McPherson College Class of 2023



Photograph by Colleen Gustafson

MCPHERSON COUNTY MAKERSPACE OPENS

By Chloe Jones

Last spring, the McPherson County MakerSpace was just a dream, but now it is up and running. After some changes in plans, they relocated to 218 North Ash St. in McPherson, Kan. Although they were planning on opening in May, it did not happen until July. Since then, there have

been trainings and orientations held quite often to offer new members and community members the knowledge they need to be able to use equipment in the facility.

In other news, the McPherson County MakerSpace announced Friday, Sept. 27 that its directors voted to allow for case-by-case interviews to allow unaccompanied

teenagers access to the facility as a part of family memberships. Previously, they held firmly to the position that they would not allow anyone under 18-years-old to use equipment or be in the facility unaccompanied. Thinking back on their own experience as teens, the directors of the MakerSpace decided to allow teenagers to come in for an "interview"

to determine eligibility for unaccompanied membership. However, they made it clear that this does not guarantee that all teenagers will be accepted.

In a clarifying statement made on their Facebook Page, the McPherson County MakerSpace said, "We have to consider the safety of the child, the liability of the situation, and the caliber of the equip-

ment in the facility when making such a decision." The main goal in this change is to allow responsible individuals access to the tools they may need to fulfill their creative ideas.

Some equipment that the MakerSpace has include QIDI 3D printers, a JGAURORA 3D printer, a vinyl cutting machine, a Longarm Quilter, a Glowforge, and many hand

tools for physical projects. General orientations and trainings take place frequently so that people can be trained quickly and be able to use the equipment soon after acquiring a membership. For more information about the McPherson County MakerSpace, you can visit their Facebook Page or call 620-245-7650.

NEWS



PROJECT LIT COMES TO MCPHERSON

By Tomi Simmons

A local book club in McPherson, Kan. has expanded tremendously. The book club chapter Project Lit Mac was founded by McPherson High School English teacher Erica Shook. Last year it was based on Shook's dual credit students who wanted more extensive lists of books to read and things that they could relate to. Also, it was a way for the community to discuss books and social issues.

After the club got so much success, it partnered with the McPherson Public Library for the community to have more access to join.

Project Lit was initially founded in Nashville, Tenn. by an English high school educator. The goal was to address "book deserts."

Shook said, "Book deserts are places that don't have books available within miles of where people are." After it became popular in that area of Tennessee,

Project Lit chapters were created across the country and even became a part of the McPherson, Kan. community.

"Last year, book discussions were held at McPherson High School, and this year the McPherson Public Library is the meeting place for Project Lit Mac," said Shook.

Since the McPherson Library is in a partnership, it means that the books for every month being read are available at the library. Also, the Main Street

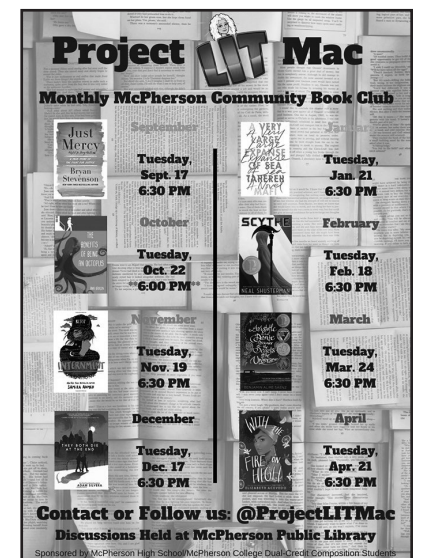
stores The Bookshelf and Twice-Told Tales have the books in stock and available for purchase.

The books hold the themes of young adult literature which contain contemporary social issues.

Shook said, "The club is about being able to have intergenerational discussions civilly."

For October, Project Lit Mac's book is "The Benefits of Being an Octopus" by Anne Braden; it tells the story of seventh-grade

er Zoey, who has to deal with domestic violence in her home, taking care of younger siblings and finding her voice. On Oct. 22, author Anne Braden will be in McPherson, Kan., to visit with Project Mac Lit at the McPherson Public Library. Anyone is allowed to attend Project Lit Mac meetings and events as it is open to the community.



WHAT DOES IMPEACHMENT REALLY MEAN?

By Tomi Simmons

The Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, announced a formal impeachment inquiry on Sept. 24, 2019.

"Today, I am announcing the House of Representatives is moving forward with an official impeachment inquiry," said Pelosi, "The President must be held accountable. No one is above the law."

A whistle-blower report was released claiming that President Trump asked the

President of Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, and how they were conducting business in Ukraine. The report claimed that Trump tried to withhold information and made phone calls with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. In addition, a transcript was released of the phone call between President Zelenskyy and President Trump where he asks for an investigation of the Bidens. President Trump encouraged President Zel-

enskyy to contact Trump's personal lawyer, Rudolph W. Giuliani, to follow through on investigations. There is speculation that President Trump threatened to withhold military funding if the investigation did not happen.

On Oct. 6, 2019, the lawyers representing the whistle-blower, released that they are also representing a second whistle-blower. The second whistle-blower claims to have first hand knowledge on the report.

The impeachment process has several procedures to forgo before a president can be removed from office. In order to be impeached, a president has to be investigated by six house committees of which they then have to submit their evidence to the House Judiciary Committee for the case of impeachment.

Steps to impeachments are:

> Once there is evidence that can be considered wrongdoing by the coun-

try, the house will vote on impeachment.

> If a majority of 51% votes on impeachment, the president is impeached. (That does not mean removal from office.)

> Once it goes through the House, then the Senate votes on whether the president should be removed from office. If two-thirds of the senate vote yes then the president is removed and the vice president becomes president.

On the other side, if there is insufficient ev-

idence of wrongdoing according to the House, then the president will not be impeached. If the president is impeached and the Senate does not have a majority vote then the president will not be removed from office. No United States President has been removed from office through this process.



VIEWPOINTS

SGA POLICIES NEED CHANGED

By Tomi Simmons

At McPherson College, students are pushed to be leaders both in and out of the classroom. Clubs on campus all have executive boards, presidents, leaders and those who organize. As of this school year, SGA has put in new policies. I know that they are put in place to help clubs thrive on campus. However, some of them seem to be overwhelming in the grand scheme of things when it

comes to student leaders.

We are supposed to be helping our clubs be the best they can be while simultaneously having to attend training and other commitments SGA has assigned. My question is, how are we supposed to juggle school, activities and work while trying to stay bonded to these conditions? During the first week of school, all leaders on campus had to attend a 10-hour training; afterward, several people were burnt out, tired and over-

whelmed for what is to come this year. That training should have been over a couple of days if it were meant to be so long. Having all of these conditions will also make others not want to be leaders. Since when do people need to be trained in leadership? I believe that through experience and an open moment for ambition, leadership can be found. Molding people into thinking that you are not a good leader unless you go to a specific group forum

is not how the conversation of ethical leadership on campus starts.

I am appreciative of SGA and all that they do for us; as they do fund our clubs. However, putting on all of these restrictions is tough, especially for those with small clubs. It is difficult to find people to attend the meetings when leaders cannot. I think there needs to be a change in conversation so all students can feel they can handle being a leader.



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CAMPUS



ETCH REDESIGNS SPECTATOR, PODRANGLE

By Meghan Smith

Have you ever wanted a business card to help with your professionalism? Perhaps you need help designing a new logo for your company? McPherson College has a student run marketing and design business, located on McPherson College's campus, Etch. Etch was started seven years ago and is still in business today with designs seen throughout McPherson and beyond.

According to co-faculty advisor for Etch, Dee Erway-Sherwood, "The

concept for Etch was developed for students that are in certain disciplines of majors that have a creative focus to apply real world experience to what they are also learning academically in the classroom." While this is true, Etch has also had a variety of students from several majors. All majors are welcome to apply and gain the experience what Etch offers. If you are a student that is interested in being a part of Etch, you can apply to be interviewed in the spring. Currently, there are nine students on the

Etch staff.

Along with being a part of Etch, there is an annual trip they take every fall. Last year, Etch went to Oklahoma City to visit agencies and companies to look at their creative teams and their marketing divisions. This year the trip will be going to Dallas, Texas.

Recently, Etch had the opportunity to redesign branding components for The Spectator and Podrangle. When discussing this, Erway-Sherwood said that Etch was excited to work on this project "because it was

campus related and the Etch staff are always interested in working on many types of projects of both the campus and public community." She also made sure to mention that Etch is not only for clubs and organizations on campus, but it is also available for students to use if they need personal branding and public relations work created. There are student packages that are more affordable, along with club packages



that can be found on the Etch website, studioetch.org. Etch cares about the community and has a mission to give students real world experience before they graduate. For more information, contact the operating di-

rector of Etch, visit the Etch physical location in Melhorn Suite 123 on the McPherson College campus or email Etch at studioetch@gmail.com.



MAC MEDIA

Etch recently re-branded The Spectator and Channel MC and created branding for the new Mac Media and Podrangle.



Students from the Automotive Restoration program attended the Early Wheels of Iowa swap meet and The Des Moines Concours d'Elégance in Des Moines, Iowa earlier this semester. Photo by Abigayle Morgan



CAMPUS

WILGERS CONTINUES FRISBEE FRIDAY

By Benjamin Falconer

Did you know that McPherson College has Frisbee Friday every Friday of the month? Dustin Wilgers, Associate Professor of Biology, hosts his Frisbee Friday at 3:30 p.m. by the Gazebo on most Fridays. He began this tradition last spring when the warmer air started rolling in.

Wilgers offers up games of Ultimate Frisbee, Frisbee golf, or just a simple game of tossing the Frisbee

back and forth. It mostly depends on the number in attendance and the general vibe of the group attending.

Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact two-team game where the Frisbee is tossed between players towards a goal; it's basically a mixture of soccer and football. Frisbee golf, or "frolf" for short, is just like your typical game of golf but instead you use a Frisbee in place of the ball. Frolf can be set up anywhere with a collapsible basket, but McPherson has

a permanent nine-basket course right down Euclid Street at Lakeside Park.

Besides being fun, these Frisbee based activities have many health benefits like increasing endurance, building agility and burning calories.

So, Bulldogs, get out there next Friday and have some fun with a Frisbee and friends. As Dustin Wilgers always says, "it's impossible not to smile with a Frisbee in your hand."



Women's Soccer team participates in a recent Frisbee Friday
Photo by Tomi Simmons



Students pose during the Activities Fair during New Student Orientation in August. Photo by Julia Largent

CAFETERIA HOUR CHANGE NEW CHANGES TO HOW YOU EAT

By Levi Elkins

At the beginning of the 2019 school year, the McPherson College Dining Hall changed their hours. In previous years, the Cafeteria was open for two hours three times a day: breakfast, lunch and dinner. If students had a busy schedule, they could borrow a to-go container to take food with them. However, this year the Cafeteria has adopted an open schedule. They open at 7 a.m. and close at 10

p.m. on weekdays. When students were asked for their opinion on the new schedule, many said they were relieved to not have to rush to fit breakfast or lunch in with their busy schedule. The new schedule is making many people happy.

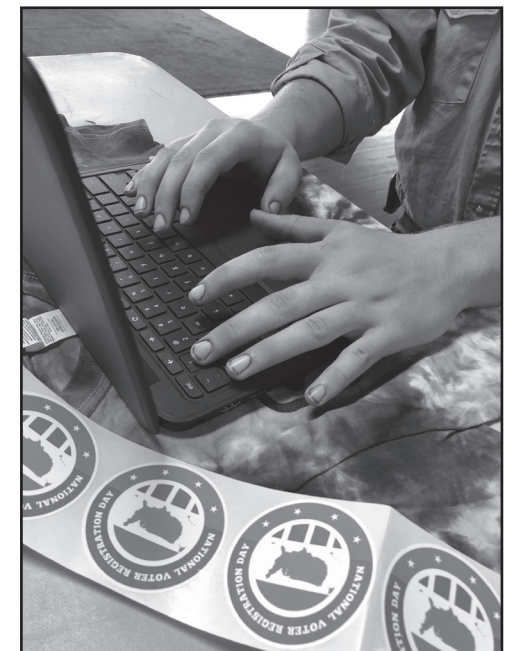
Late night is also a welcome sight. From 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. the Cafeteria serves late night snacks. So far, the offerings have ranged from burgers and chicken to a taco bar. This year has led to quite a few improve-

ments to the menu and the availability of the Cafeteria. Many students are happy with these changes and hope more will follow.

Another notable change the Cafeteria has made this year is that individuals on a food plan can no longer scan more than once a meal, due to the students having an unlimited plan. This means no one can scan others in using their meal plan. Of all the changes made this is the only one that has been met with some negative

criticism. Many students were using this to pay for friends or family that came into town. Or if someone forgot their Student ID, they could still eat on another friend's meal plan.

Whether students are taking advantage of the new cafeteria schedule or not is a major point in the further changes being made. However, this is considered by many a step in the right direction.



Over 30 students, faculty, and staff registered to vote on National Voter Registration Day, which took place on Sept. 24. Photo by Julia Largent

SPORTS



WOMEN'S SOCCER PLAYING FOR A CAUSE

By Joe Robben
McPherson College women's soccer team is hosting a diabetes awareness game at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, against Bethel College. This is the first time that the Women's Soccer team is hosting a game focused on raising awareness. They are bringing this awareness to help raise money for Type 1 diabetes research. All the money

raised by the team is going to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund.

Type 1 diabetes is a separate disease from Type 2 diabetes and is known as an autoimmune disease. Type 2 is curable, while Type 1 is not. This means people who have Type 1 must use artificial insulin for the rest of their lives because the pancreas has stopped working. Usually, people are diagnosed with

the disease before the age of 12. Local kids who have Type 1 diabetes will be recognized at the game.

Sophomore defender, Hannah McKay, has had Type 1 diabetes since she was 12-years-old. The main reason why they are hosting this game is in honor of her and all the other people with Type 1 diabetes. "I feel super excited about it and that my teammates are supporting the

cause makes me feel blessed," said McKay. She is the only soccer player in the KCAC Conference with Type 1 diabetes. McKay has overcome a lot to get to where she is now. When talking about having Type 1 diabetes, McKay said: "I don't use it as an excuse. I just keep on playing sports because that is what drives me to become successful."

EXPECTATIONS FOR SOFTBALL IN 2020

By Garrett Connor

As fall practices are underway for the McPherson College Softball team, they have high expectations for the spring season. "I have high expectations and believe we have what it takes to make it to nationals," says 2019 KCAC Newcomer of the Year, Brittany Baroni. Last season, the ladies had a 33-16 record and were receiving votes for the first time in program history. They also had a big win against the number one ranked team in the country, Oklahoma City University. The ladies ended Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) play going 17-2 over their last 19 games which put them at a tie with Avila University for the regular season title. Both teams finished with a 20-4 record in the conference, so they were crowned co-champions. Avila ended up winning the tiebreaker, which gave them a bid to the NAIA National Tournament.

The Bulldogs lost in the quarterfinals of the KCAC tournament, so they were unable to qualify for the national tournament.

The 2020 campaign is gearing up for the Bulldogs to take the next step. "We have gained so many great players who all love to work hard and are striving for the same goal as us," 2019 First-Team All-Conference center fielder and NAIA All-American, Jessie Jones, stated. "We have really bonded so much on and off the field that I know we can go further." With the help of Baroni and Jones, the Bulldogs are also returning 2019 KCAC Pitcher of the Year and NAIA All-American, Christie Betker, and Second-Team All-Conference catcher, Jenna Christensen. Behind the command of the 2019 KCAC Coach of the Year, the Bulldogs are ready to win the conference outright and head to a regional at the NAIA National Tournament.

BULLDOG SPIRIT SQUAD GROWS

SPIRIT SQUAD PREPARES FOR COMPETITION, CHEERS ON MC

By Levi Elkins

This year, the McPherson College Bulldog Spirit Squad is sporting a proud 21 members which is larger than last year. When asked about the team, Sophomore Sierra Grow said: "Last year, we did not have the same numbers, so we placed lower in the competition season. Things are going well so far but we all have a lot to learn." The team is learning new skills, having early morning workouts and practicing four days a week.

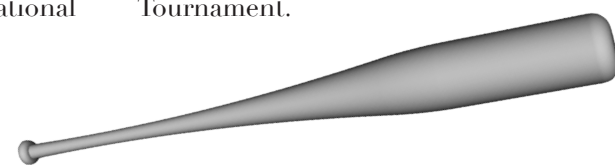


The Bulldog Spirit Squad won three superior ribbons, placed 3rd in sideline routine, and won the Most Collegiate award in the small Co-Ed Division at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy cheer camp this summer. Photo courtesy of McPherson College Spirit Squads.

The squad members are working their hardest to keep improving and bringing their best efforts to the upcoming competition season. Sophomore

Peyton Ohnoutka, a new member of the team this year, said: "The team works really well together and we are making a lot of progress. As for the re-

turners, they think we are making better progress than last year." The team is riled up and ready to bring their "A" game. They have been heavily participating at volleyball games and football games this fall and the tailgating events for the football team. They are a crowd favorite, and the energy and support they bring to the games themselves is worth mention. They truly work hard to keep the crowd energized. Skoooo Dogs!





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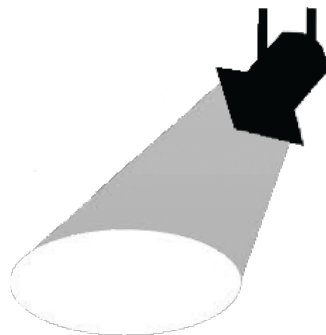
SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

By Taylor Perez

Reganne Barker (pictured below right) is a senior leader on the McPherson College cheer team. Although she came in as a freshman in 2017, Barker will graduate in the spring of 2021 with a master's in special education. "I reached this goal in four years by taking many college courses in high school," said Barker.

She believes that planning ahead and setting high goals for yourself play a big role in graduating early. McPherson College's cheer team supports the basketball, volleyball, and football teams. The most exciting part for Barker, she says, is when the team they are cheering for has a breakout moment. "When they run in for a touchdown, have a nasty block,

or hit that game winning spike. These moments are the best part about being a cheerleader. I get the feeling as though I am a part of the game." You can catch Barker in action at Bulldog Madness on Oct. 16, or if you or someone you know is interested in joining the McPherson College cheer team, their visit day is on Oct. 19.



By Taylor Perez

The recruiting process for international athletes can be vastly different from that of what some experience in the U.S. For senior football player Rinaldo Gagiano (pictured above left) the recruiting process was similar to what some American

athletes may experience. "I created a highlight reel from my time playing football in Australia," said Gagiano, "I then sent that out to as many schools as I could." After receiving many offers, he decided to make McPherson College his next home. This year, the football team is playing under new Head Coach, Jeremiah Fiscus.

"The whole energy of the football program has been altered. Practices are now fun yet functional, coaches are approachable, and players want to be out there competing for spots," added Gagiano. After graduation, Gagiano hopes to attain an internship or pursue his master's in computer science here in the U.S.

TIME TO TAILGATE

By Joe Robben

If you want to have an enjoyable time with friends and the community of McPherson College, you can do just that by coming to the tailgates sponsored by the athletic department. They're before every home football game on the Miller Library Lawn. This is the first year of throwing these tailgates as the Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) is trying to create an atmosphere similar to bigger schools. The goal is to get more people involved around campus and provide the opportunity to meet new people and have a blast.

Different clubs and or-

ganizations are in charge each time, and they help set up activities. The tailgates have different things to offer to the community, such as food trucks, games and music. For example, this past weekend when the Bulldogs faced the Tabor College Blue Jays, the tailgate was sponsored by SALT. They gave out sunglasses to the first 150 people, and they paid for ice cream for the first 50 people. Julianna Yanez, a member of SALT, said, "I think it has been beneficial on getting more students to take part in school activities and get involved." The tailgates also offer prizes, and the

cheerleaders come for a pep rally before they take the field. The tailgates will change each time, so it will provide something new and different every time for students. Yanez really enjoyed working as a part of the tailgate, saying, "I got to work and spend time with other leaders of our athletic community, as well as families of students, faculty and the people of McPherson." The next tailgate will be on homecoming weekend Saturday, Oct. 12, as the Bulldogs face Southwestern College, so come out and support the team as well as have an amazing time!



A group poses for a photo at the Heartland Classic tailgate. Photo courtesy of the McPherson College Alumni Office.

VIEWPOINTS



CARS ON THE CORNER

WITH MASON DUFFEY



Dakota Logan's 14 Chevrolet K10 truck

Sometimes a bad situation can turn into quite the happy accident, as is the case in the story of student Dakota Logan and his 1984 Chevrolet K10 truck. While driving to work one day last semester, Logan's 2005 Silverado broke down on the road. Not taking long to diagnose, he realized the rear differential had blown up, also causing the transmission to break. Most people would have cut their losses, sold the truck, and looked for a new ride. He had a different idea in mind.

After towing the Silverado back to his home in Ohio, Logan decided to pull the heart out of the truck and give new life to his 1984 K10. He bought the '84 his senior year of high school and drove it throughout the remaining time before his freshman year of college. While the '84 was a fun truck it wasn't the most reliable, so it proved itself to be the perfect candidate for a new engine. He completely disassembled the front end of the '84, removing the hood, grill, bumper, fenders and the old 396

big block engine. During this time, he also pulled the running 5.3 LS engine out of the '05 Silverado and began prepping the motor and the '84 for its new heart. After a couple months' worth of spending late nights wrenching, he had the new motor in and running like a top. With some time left over before the school year started, he was able to tackle another project with the truck. The original bed was rusted out and in need of some love. Instead of fixing the current bed, he decided to

break out his welder and fabrication skills to make a new custom flat bed for the truck.

With the help of some friends, Logan was able to save what he could from his broken daily driver and use them to fix up his old K10. It gave the truck the reliability of an '05 while retaining the vintage boxy look of the '80s. At the end of the summer, he was able to prove the reliability and enjoy the reward of all his hard work by driving it 900 miles from Ohio to McPherson, Kan.

CAMPUS STORE: MORE HOURS?

By Chloe Jones

In my time at McPherson College in the past year and a half, the campus store has been an elusive and mysterious place. Many things have changed, and many things are yet to be changed. During orientation, all of the freshman (including myself) were taken downstairs in the Student Union to see the Pound, the campus store and our mailboxes. At the time, the store was open and,

of course, seemed full and busy with our parents lingering nearby in the first few days of the school year.

After a while though, the hype surrounding the campus store died down. I soon realized that when it came time for me to pick up my books, I couldn't seem to get to the campus store when they were open. I began to form the opinion that I still hold today: the campus store just isn't open at convenient times for students.

Freshman year was a very busy time for me, especially around lunch. With convocation just about every week, and club meetings or other pop-ups on my schedule, getting lunch turned into a grab-and-go affair. This left little or no time for me to run downstairs to see if my package had been delivered. Sometimes, I would use what little time I had to stop in, and to my surprise, it was closed despite the sign which told me that it should, in fact,

be open. This year I have not run into this problem, however, I do think that there is still room to grow for the campus store.

If I could make changes, the first thing I would do is add weekend hours. While this may not seem important, there are other students, like me, who are so crazy busy during the week that they forget or don't have the time to go to the campus store. If it were open for just two hours each day on the weekends, I believe it would help a

lot of busy students and give student workers more time to work.

Another change that would be beneficial is a little more promotion and more relevant merchandise. If students saw posters around campus about the campus store, more people would stop in to have a look around. In addition, if the store were to start selling personal care items and items popular among students, it would attract more business. Overall, I am thankful to have a campus store. Small

changes could bring it from the simple standard of what students need, to what students want. Students will actively come in more, in addition to just picking up their packages.

