EVIDENCE OF GOD WORKING

Campus Ministry Sparking
Revival of Faith at MC
On the Cover:
Lane Allison ’12 (left) helps Ron De Weerd of Food Resources Bank (right) to lay bricks on a wood-fired oven during a faith-based service trip to Nicaragua in March 2013. The community oven will be used by families as well as a cottage baking industry. By taking wood-fire cooking outside rather than inside, it will reduce respiratory illness. The week-long trip was led by Dr. Kent Eaton, provost, and was through Food Resources Bank - a non-profit supporting small farmers around the globe by teaching sustainable, organic farming. The organization is supported by many Christian denominations. These include the Church of the Brethren, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Adventist, Evangelical Covenant, United Church of Christ, Nazarene, and Mennonite. Read more about faith and religious life at MC on Pages 14-15.

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Dear MC alumni and friends,

I am very sad to share that I will be moving to Alabama and leaving my job as alumni director. My fiancé is being stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala., with the U.S. Army, and I will be moving with him. I will be forever grateful for my time at McPherson College. I have fallen in love with our incredible alumni and hope someday to find my way back to MC.

During my time here, I have worked closely with our Director of Development, Anna Ruxlow. I’m thrilled to share that she will be our new alumni director and will take MC alumni programming to the next level.

Sincerely,

Katie Hill

Dear MC community,

This is my sixth year of service to McPherson College and I am thrilled to accept the position of Director of Alumni and College Relations. Now, I am proud to say that as of May 2013 I will join the McPherson College alumni, whom I have admired over the years, as I will have earned my Bachelor’s Degree in business.

Katie has enthusiastically established new traditions and events and expanded on some of our existing ones. I plan to carry on what she has developed and add a bit of my own flair. I always welcome fresh ideas from you, our treasured alumni. Please feel free to contact me at 620.242.0432 or by email at ruxlowa@mcpherson.edu.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Anna Ruxlow
Thanks to the generosity of two alumni, McPherson College is pleased to establish the Royce & Phyllis Bowman Beam Vocal Music Scholarship. MC will award this endowed scholarship annually to an incoming, full-time student enrolled at McPherson College in the Performing Arts Department, with preference given to vocal music students.

Royce said they have shared their resources with McPherson College because he and Phyllis met in A Cappella Choir, and for this reason the College Choir was always special to them. Phyllis passed away in April of 2011. Royce said their stewardship began with their parents. Royce and Phyllis believe in faith-based education, have lived within a few blocks of the College, and their best friends have been their college friends.

“Giving to McPherson College feels good and helps maintain interest in the institution,” he said.

He hopes that his and Phyllis’s gift will serve as a nudge to others, saying “If they can do it, we can too.”

Royce graduated in 1951 with a B.S. in biology, while Phyllis graduated in 1953 in home economics. Royce farmed south of McPherson, and Phyllis was a homemaker. In 1988, they were named Kansas Farmer Master Homemaker Couple by Kansas State University.

Royce served as the county chairman for CROP, board member of the Mutual Aid Association, president of Mid-Kansas Cooperative, president of Mid-Kansas Angus Association, and participated in McPherson County Wheat Growers Association. He was also a director of Peoples Bank and Trust for 40 years and a USD 418 School Board Member. Phyllis was active in home extension work, a 4-H leader, a member of the McPherson Arts Council, and chair of the board of trustees at The Cedars. Active members of the Church of the Brethren, the Beams have four children, two of whom graduated from McPherson College.

Stephen Armet, visiting professor, submitted “Identifying Causal Mechanisms to explain the Emergence of the Modern Dutch State” to the “Journal of Critical Realism,” which will be published in the July edition. In addition, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies as well as the Institute for the Scholarship of Liberal Arts Research at the University of Notre Dame have awarded Armet funding grants. These grants will provide funding for an ongoing research project on the emergence, development and decline of the welfare state in Montevideo, Uruguay. The Center for Comparative Research at Yale University accepted Armet’s application to attend a two-week seminar at Yale University in early August on critical realism. Travel and expenses are paid for by a generous grant from the Templeton Foundation.

Dr. Allan Ayella, assistant professor of biology, and Dr. Shay Maclin, dean of students, accompanied students to the Eighth Annual “Universities Fighting World Hunger Summit” in Overland Park, Kan., on March 2-4. The Summit is an international event sponsored by local and international organizations interested in fighting world hunger. The seventh annual summit was held in Honduras with the President of Honduras as one of the keynote speakers. This year the summit was sponsored by universities and colleges of Kansas, including McPherson College, the colleges in Kansas Campus Compact and other local and international organizations. Kansas Governor, Sam Brownback, was one of the invited keynote speakers. Kaitlin Kendel, Amanda Leffew, Arelyn Fallis and Bailey McKinley, are students who attended this year’s World Hunger Summit.

Dr. Bruce Clary, associate professor of English, and Dr. Cathy Heffernan, director of instructional technology and online summer school, presented at the 2013 iTRAC conference in Wichita, speaking about “Online Discussions” and “Intellectual Property,” respectively.
Wayne Conyers, professor of art, was a featured artist in the spring 2013 issue of the Watercolor Honor Society newsletter, speaking about his career and teaching philosophy. He was invited to show his watercolors at the Stiefel Watson Theatre Lobby in Salina, Kan., in September 2012.


Dee Erway-Sherwood, associate professor and program director of graphic design; Dr. Cari Lott, academic dean and associate professor; and President Michael Schneider attended the Higher Learning Commission conference in Chicago in April.

A dissertation by Dr. Shane Kirchner, assistant professor of education, called “First-year teachers’ dispositions: exhibited and perception of being taught,” was named the Distinguished Dissertation in Teacher Education Award by the Association of Teacher Educators in Kansas. The award is open to “any person who has completed a doctoral dissertation at an accredited Kansas college or university within the past two years or any person who is now employed by an education institution in Kansas and has completed a doctoral dissertation at an accredited college or university within the last two years.” The dissertation was peer reviewed and a synopsis has been forwarded to the Association of Teacher Educators national dissertation award competition. In April, he presented a summary of the dissertation at the combined spring conference of the Association of Teacher Educators in Kansas and the Kansas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, in February taught at the Gujarat School of Theology in Ahmedabad, India, and brought more than 70 school kits to an orphanage connected with the Church of North India. In April, he traveled with five students to Ethiopia to deliver Personal Energy Transportation wheelchairs to polio victims and brining supplies to local schools and an orphanage. They visited the capital Addis Ababa and Lalibela, which has UNESCO heritage sites of churches carved in stone 38 feet into the ground. Dr. Smith will lead a group to China in January 2014, visiting the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the Terra Cotta Soldiers Tomb. Contact Dr. Smith at smithh@mcpherson.edu for more information.


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Dr. Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication, served on the Kansas Poet Laureate Selection Committee for Kansas Humanities Council and wrote an article “Poetry for the People of Kansas,” for the “Kansas Humanities” newsletter, winter 2013. She also served as host for the annual Friendship and Dialog Dinner and Award Ceremony for Wichita State University’s Student Association for Interfaith Dialog (SAID).

Dr. Dustin Wilgers, assistant professor of biology, accompanied MC students Kasey Miller and Emily James to the annual Kansas Academy of Sciences meeting in Overland Park, Kan., in April. Dr. Wilgers gave two presentations on his research, while Miller and James presented their senior research projects. In December 2012, Dr. Wilgers received a Chickadee Checkoff grant for $4,950 to study the number and behavior of burrowing spiders in Sand Hills State Park - 1,100 acres north of Hutchinson, Kan.

Ann Zerger, assistant professor of art, has been selected for a seminar on “Dutch Art, Patrons, and Markets” at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Ga., June 23 to 28. She received an Opportunity Grant to attend the “Teaching Professor Conference” in New Orleans from May 31-June 2. She attended the iTRAC 2013 Conference - on technology in education - in Wichita on March 8. She received tenure in March.
**For ‘Teachers of Promise’**  
**Education’s a Family Affair**

Going to grandma’s house resembled attending summer school for Aspen Frey of Goessel, Kan. She still has a treasure chest full of her childhood work from those days.

Kelsey Stucky of Cimmaron, Kan., grew up surrounded by teachers - mother, sister, grandfather, aunts, and uncles.

These MC juniors - who are the recipients of the 2013 recipients of the Teachers of Promise award - seemed destined for the life of a teacher.

“I don’t know,” Stucky said. “Maybe it runs in the genes.”

The annual Teachers of Promise award is given in connection with the Teacher of the Year program. Every Kansas college and university may nominate two students in education for the award. These students then are invited to a statewide workshop led by the Teacher of the Year finalists, as well as to the Teacher of the Year banquet in Wichita.

Frey, an elementary education and special education major, is planning to become an elementary school teacher - eventually in France, she hopes. She said the most rewarding part of teaching is the “ah-ha” moment when a child learns something new and knowing their life has just gotten a little better.

“In my classroom, I think it’s important to not only focus on the content, but how you teach it,” she said. “You’re trying to develop the whole child, not just the student part.”

Stucky, an elementary education major, also plans to go directly into teaching in the classroom, but a long-term goal would be to pursue a master’s degree in library science and possibly write her own children’s books. Books and storytelling are a central aspect of her classroom because it helps make lessons memorable and personal. In addition to conveying class content, Stucky works to build up students’ confidence and to help them recognize their value.

“In the big scheme of things, it’s important that children know what they do matters and that they are important and can make a difference in the world. I want them to know they are loved.”

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**Students Create Clock for Theatre**

Students in the sculpture class taught by Ann Zerger, assistant professor of art, have created a new work of art to enhance the foyer outside of Mingenback Theatre. The six-foot-wide, functional clock is made of fired ceramic and made to look like the brick exterior of Mingenback. Students worked with the theatre department to determine what they wanted and propose designs for the project - giving them invaluable experience in doing a commissioned work. The requested symbolism is not that traditionally associated with theatre. A lotus flower for wisdom, an owl for education, and clockwork gears (and the clock itself) for time and working as a team - all of these are intended to represent the skills and attributes needed “behind the scenes” in theatre.

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**‘Dead Man Walking’ Author to Present On Capital Punishment, Victims’ Rights**

The author of “Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty” and an advocate against capital punishment and for victims’ rights will present the college’s Religious Heritage Lecture at 7 p.m. Sept. 15 at McPherson Church of the Brethren.

A member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille for nearly six decades, Sister Helen Prejean began her prison ministry in New Orleans in 1981. Through this she encountered Patrick Sonnier, convicted of killing two teenagers and sentenced to death by electric chair. Her experiences as Sonnier’s spiritual adviser led her to write “Dead Man Walking,” which was nominated for a Pulitzer and rose to number one on the New York Times Best Seller List for eight months.

The book was adapted into a major motion picture in 1996. Sister Prejean was played by Susan Sarandon, starring alongside Sean Penn as a death row inmate. The movie was nominated for four Oscars and Sarandon received Best Actress.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this free lecture.
Hess Hall Renovations Create State-of-the-Art Graphic Arts Lab

With a ribbon cutting on April 4, McPherson College officially said “Hello” to high-class Hess Hall renovations for graphic arts and performing arts students. The renovations were made possible by a generous lead gift from Peoples Bank & Trust and other supporting donors.

On the ground level, the renovations consist of a new graphic arts lab with 38 new computer stations to support the continually growing enrollment in the program. The room can also be split into two to accommodate multiple classes. The new graphics lab also meant that the old lab space was turned into a lab for the communications department. Nearby, an area that was formerly storage space is now a “smart” classroom tailored for performing arts - with an interactive projector, full media options, and even a piano.

MC Online Diploma Store Opens

If your McPherson College diploma is in a boring frame or just collecting dust in a drawer, it’s time to make it look great hanging on the wall… and help current McPherson College students while doing it.

MC has partnered with Church Hill Classics to allow MC alumni to buy great-looking, high-quality diploma frames.

“It’s a way for alumni to display their diploma with pride,” said Katie Hill, former director of alumni and college relations. “They worked hard for their degree, they should get to show it off.”

In addition to 10 frame options, there are also McPherson College-themed bookends, a desk set and other items for the office.

The best part is that 25 percent of every purchase goes directly to MC, designated especially for the student scholarship fund.

“By displaying their diploma, alumni can help students in the next generation to receive their diplomas,” Hill said.

The online store may be reached directly at: http://www.diplomaframe.com/mcph/store.aspx
‘First Fridays’
Gives Community Access to MC Expertise

When you’re in McPherson on the first Friday of every month, don’t make other plans - McPherson College already has you covered.

Starting last January, McPherson College and The Cedars retirement community introduced “First Fridays: MC at the Cedars” - a free educational series open to all and including classes across the spectrum of disciplines at the college: poetry, drawing, science, psychology and more.

“One of the benefits of living in a college town is access to a diverse community of educators,” said Dr. Steve Gustafson, director for planned giving. “First Fridays gives participants an opportunity to engage in interactive learning opportunities with experts in a specific discipline. This program is a significant benefit for the entire community.”

Jacob Strecker, director of development at The Cedars, said that with 40 percent of the residents having a direct connection with the college, First Fridays was a natural partnership.

“I have always been a strong believer in education and continuing education,” he said. “Even if it’s not something you’re going for as a degree, it’s fun and beneficial to keep learning new things.”

Those unable to attend in person can watch video of the full sessions at The Cedars website. Go to www.mcpherson.edu/review for a link.

Professors select 2011-2012 Who’s Who

Professors selected 10 of McPherson College’s standout seniors in the class of 2013 to represent MC in “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges.” The students who win this award exemplify the college’s values: scholarship, participation, service. More than 50 percent of faculty and administrators vote for each winner. The Who’s Who students select each year’s Professor of the Year.

Taylor Adams
Ashland, Va.
Technology: Historic Automotive Restoration

Vyacheslav Bukatin
Perm, Russia.
Business Administration: Finance

Jacee Coberly
Gove, Kan.
Performing Arts: Music Business

Torey Fry
Wichita, Kan.
Environmental Stewardship

Emily James
Westminster, Colo.
Environmental Stewardship and Communications: Applied Communications

Aurore Joigny
Deuil-la-Barre, France.
Art: Graphic Design

Claire Krizek
McPherson, Kan.
Business Administration: Accounting/Finance

Casey Maxon
Lawrence, Kan.
Technology: Historic Automotive Restoration

Kasey Miller
 Derby, Kan.
Biology

Erik Steffens
Dighton, Kan.
Business Administration: Management/Marketing

Dr. Kim Stanley, professor of English and communication, was the first presenter for First Fridays, talking about “Writing the Poem You Live In.”

Sessions for the rest of the year are:

July 5 – Dr. Allan van Asselt, professor of chemistry - “Wow! Are we ready for that? Keeping up with science today feels like reading science fiction”

Aug. 2 – Dr. Kori Gregg, vice president of entrepreneurship and innovation – “Failure IS an option: Changing our view of education through the lens of entrepreneurship”

Sept. 6 – Dr. Becki Bowman, associate professor of communication - “Don’t Make Me Do That! How Persuasion Works”

Oct. 4 – Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion - “Global Christianity”

Nov. 1 – Dr. Ken Yohn, associate professor of history – “Simple games that tell us a lot about people and politics”

Dec. 6 – Jd. Bowman, associate professor of theatre - “The pageantry of theatre and religion”

All First Friday sessions are in The Cedars Conference Center and start at 2 p.m. (with the exception of Dr. Herb Smith’s presentation on Oct. 4 - it will be at 3 p.m. to avoid an Honors Convocation conflict).

Reservations are requested the Monday before each seminar to Marcia Walters at waltersm@mcpherson.edu or at 620-242-0434. Classes are open to anyone of any age in the community - although the sessions are geared to those 55 and older.
After two years of planning and development, McPherson College’s first Master of Education degree received final approval from the Higher Learning Commission at the beginning of March.

It means MC’s entrepreneurial and innovative approach to educating teachers has been officially recognized as academically sound.

“The representatives were delighted with the innovation and the commitment to actual learning that they saw,” said Dr. Mark Malaby, master of education director and associate professor of education at MC. “They had never seen a program quite like this, and they were very confident in its ability to create a transformative experience.”

The master’s degree in education program at McPherson College is committed to going beyond “book learning” typical of other master’s degrees. In addition to core curriculum, students pursuing their master’s degree are required to complete a practical capstone project that makes a real and profound difference in schools and the community.

The program fits in perfectly with the rest of the college, embracing change and calculated risk rather than avoiding it.

The Higher Learning Commission assures that the degree meets standards for academic rigor and that MC has the resources and commitment to make the program a success. The Higher Learning Commission is an independent corporation and is one of six accreditors of higher education institutions in the United States. Their endorsement is an independent evaluation of the degree’s quality and reliability.

Marilyn Guy, professor at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., was a member of the HLC evaluation team that recommended approval of the master’s degree.

“The McPherson approach will make learning relevant and has the potential for combining the efforts of higher educators and preschool through 12 educators to make a difference for the children in our schools,” Guy said. “The level of excitement among college faculty and K-12 teachers is a positive omen for the success of the new program. This is going to be a program to watch!”

In their evaluation, the representatives praised McPherson College for developing “a strong, creative vision for the program which focuses on transforming teachers’ ability to make substantive change in their workplace.” The report highlighted the project-based learning, social justice focus, and community service as a great fit with the mission of the college.

They also commended Dr. Malaby for his enthusiasm, vision, communication skills, engagement with the education community, and his demonstrated ability to “get things done.”

Even as news of the accreditation arrived, students who have been taking graduate-level classes in education at MC have already started to make a difference. One of the most advanced is a project in Mount Hope, Kan., to turn a closed elementary school into a K-12 charter school focused on rural life and entrepreneurship. Parents have already been contacting key people in the project, asking how they can enroll their children.

“It’s like a capstone project, right at the beginning of the program,” Dr. Malaby said. “It’s far bigger than anything I’ve been involved with and definitely more important. This will improve an entire community in a major way if it goes right.”

Megan Ragan, a preschool teacher at Hand In Hand Academy in McPherson, has been taking master’s in education classes at MC. The unique project-based approach, small classes, and individualized education are what drew her to the program, she said, because she will be able to apply her coursework directly to the needs in her classroom.

“It wasn’t the normal master’s program where you’re writing a lot of papers and you come out at the end with a piece of paper and that’s all you’ve achieved,” she said.

Ragan said the master’s program at MC will become a leader in graduate-level education and a model for other institutions. The certification will highlight what MC is doing, she said.

“It’s great because getting a glowing review will hopefully encourage other programs to look at what we’re doing,” she said. “And maybe consider doing the same kind of things for their program.”
MC Student Explores Music Industry in Summer Internship

It’s not often that a summer internship gives you experience not with one job in the industry, but nearly every job within a field. Jacee Coberly, senior, Quinter, Kan., had that rare opportunity with a learning internship in summer 2012 that had her discovering the music industry at all angles and all levels.

Coberly spoke with musicians, producers, composers, songwriters, audio engineers, public relations professionals and educators in Tennessee, California, and Colorado. She learned more about the daily work required by each job and recorded the thoughts and lessons she gained from her interviews with these industry professionals.

“This internship wasn’t one specific job,” she said. “The purpose was to explore and see what my options were.”

She started out in Nashville, interviewing people working for producer, songwriter and engineer Robert Marvin at his home studio. While in Nashville, she also saw performances at the Bluebird Café and Grand Ole Opry and visited the Country Music Hall of Fame.

She then headed out to California, where one interview that surprised her was the perspective of CJ Vallely, a sound engineer at Red Rooster Studio.

“By talking to him, I got to hear not only the glorified aspects of the music world. I got to see all aspects of it,” she said. “You have to have tough skin to survive in the music business world. No matter what position you hold, there are people who will try to take advantage of you and not reward you for your work.”

Also in Los Angeles, she shadowed a family member who works as a manager and publisher and whose husband is also a manager. She saw how they worked to balance work and family life, and started to come to a realization: she might not want to spend her life in the music industry.

“This internship helped me to realize what’s important to me,” she said. “I don’t know if I can have that crazy lifestyle and still have a family.”

Fortunately, in Colorado a new possibility revealed itself to her. Following a visit at Belmont University, she also saw a little of the music therapy program at Colorado State University.

“I realized I really like helping people and I love music and that’s a great way to combine the two,” she said. “You don’t have to be a great performer or a great artist.”

After Coberly graduates with her customized Interdisciplinary major in “Music Business” from MC, she’s seriously considering a master’s degree in music therapy.

“I’m glad I had the opportunity to go on this internship,” she said. “It was very eye-opening. I grew in my knowledge of all the opportunities out there and I grew as a person.”

Music Industry professionals Jacee Coberly interviewed

Ben Tischker
Manager with Rebel One and formerly with BMI. Has worked with Kelly Clarkson and works with Dr. Luke, a big pop music producer.

Bradley Collins
Writer-Publisher Relations Director with BMI.

Charles John Quarto
Songwriter. Song credits include work for Waylon Jennings, Trisha Yearwood and Garth Brooks, and #8 on the country charts “Mama Knows the Highway” for Hal Ketchum.

Robert Marvin
Independent producer, songwriter and engineer with Rebel One. Credits include producing for Matt Redman and Adam Lambert, and composing for TobyMac, Mat Kearney and Kelly Clarkson.

JB Bonelli
Manager for country singers. Clients include SHedaSyl and Will Stoltz (2011 All Genre Hot 100 performing and recording artists by “Music Connection” magazine).

Josh Crosby
Producer and songwriter with Robert Marvin. Worked with Britt Nicole (his wife), Adam Lambert and Michael Bolton.

Kyle Shearer
Producer and songwriter for Rebel One and recent graduate of Belmont University.

Mike Del Rio
Artist, producer and songwriter signed with KidinaKorner, playing guitar and trumpet.

CJ Vallely
Audio engineer at Red Rooster Studios.

Robbie G
Producer, songwriter, engineer, and guitar musician. Has played with multiple bands and traveled worldwide on tour.

Sarah Cates
Senior director of Curb College Initiatives at the Mike Curb College of Entertainment & Music Business at Belmont University.
Horizon Fund Passes 100 Ideas Supported

100 ideas. 100 grants. 100 unique opportunities to learn by doing.

Now in its third year, McPherson College’s Horizon Fund has helped its students to explore more than 100 of their creative concepts. In the last academic year, 29 new ideas received funding, and another nine ideas from previous years that were progressing received additional funding. Half of all ideas given a grant are brought to completion or make significant progress.

In the last year, ideas included clothing lines, a mobile app to give homework reminders by text, and artistic ventures making crochet, leatherworking items, functional metal art, and jewelry made from vintage license plates. Read about all the grants at www.mcpherson.edu/review

Here’s a closer look at three recent recipients of a Horizon Fund grant.

**The Darkroom**

_Torey Fry, Senior, Wichita, Kan._

In an age of digital photography, Torey looks around and sees her classmates still working with film photography all the time. It’s hands-on, physical, and nostalgic in a way that pixels simply aren’t.

But creating her own customized prints from film was challenging.

“You can do digital photography anywhere,” she said. “But with film photography, it’s just hard to find the space and the chemicals to develop your own.”

So Torey plans to create “The Darkroom” - a business that allows photographers to rent common darkroom space and to reserve studio space for taking professional images. Her grant will help her get started with basic supplies and equipment.

**Wuzzwump**

_Grahm Mahanna, senior, Hoxie, Kan._

_Justin Biegger, senior, Fuquay Varina, N.C._

_Amy Huxtable ’11, Perrysburg, Ohio_

_Grahm has a superpower._

“It’s a pretty awful superpower,” he said. “It’s the ability to come up with nonsense words on the spot.”

But the day for “Nonsense Man” arrived when he and Amy were brainstorming a way to encourage creativity. Their idea was “Wuzzwump” (www.wuzzwump.com) - on a regular basis, they plan to post one of Grahm’s nonsense words and ask artist and non-artist alike to create what they think the word is.

“We wanted to make a website where people can log in and stretch their creative muscles,” Mahanna said.

Eventually, they want to create a lesson plan for schools, start an online Wuzzwump store, and perhaps publish a coffee table book.

Justin is working with the site as he researches the benefits of “play” in everyday life.

**ENS Cattle Company**

_Erik Steffens, senior, Dighton, Kan._

_Erik has been raising purebred Black Angus cattle for breeding since he was a senior in high school, gradually doubling the size of his herd. Still, he knew there were many ranchers who were unaware of his business._

With a Horizon Fund grant, he was able to create fliers to go up at sale barns, write letters directly to private breeders, and place ads in magazines. His efforts brought new inquiries and customers for his service. The grant helped him bring together lessons learned in marketing and entrepreneurship classes at MC.

“Marketing is tough,” he said. “But without marketing, you’re a sunk ship. This allowed me to experience other avenues I wouldn’t have before.”
2013 Citation of Merit Honors 3 Couples for First Time

With 125 years to its name, McPherson College during the last year has focused on remembering the past, celebrating the present, and anticipating the future.

As MC met this historic milestone, it was a fitting time to try something a little different with the Citation of Merit award - the highest honor the college gives. Traditionally, the college selects three individuals for the Citation of Merit, but this year recognized three couples - Dave ’61 and Bonnie ’68 Fruth; Phil ’65 and Pearl ’67 Miller; and Bill ’65 and Lois ’64 Grove. Dave, Pearl, and Lois are also siblings, but the couples have more in common than their family connection.

These six encapsulate the Church of the Brethren values at the roots of the college - values that still grow today. They are all that McPherson College stands for and strives for: a commitment to quality education, to serving others, to building community, to promoting peace, and to living with simplicity and humility.

David and Bonnie Fruth

Majors:
David - Economics and Business Administration with teaching certification
Bonnie - Elementary Education

Career Highlights:
David - Teacher atPhillipsburg High; School counselor at Marion High School; School counselor at Abilene High School. His philosophy was that high school students could graduate and succeed in life.
Bonnie - Teacher at Marion Elementary; Kindergarten, 4th, and 5th grade teacher at McKinley Elementary and Garfield Elementary (Abilene, Kan.). She would visit the parents of each student in their home before the first grading period, upon Dr. Rothrock’s urging to know the parents.
Brethren Volunteer Services with the training staff (David) and inner-city after school programs (Bonnie). David and Bonnie met in 1963 while in the program. Today both are tour directors with Prudent Tours, leading trips throughout the U.S. and Canada.

MC Memories:
David - “Some of my life-long friends are the people I related to at McPherson College. We still do things with people I went to college with.”
Bonnie - “I graduated from McPherson College with the skills I needed to be able to teach and care about students.”

Phil and Pearl Miller

Majors:
Phil - Math and secondary education
Pearl - English and secondary education

Career Highlights:
Phil - School Counselor, coach, and occasional math teacher in BCLUW Community Schools (Conrad, Iowa).
Pearl - Ten years in public libraries; Library Media Director in BCLUW Community Schools. “I've always enjoyed helping connect students, literacy, and learning. In a school library, you had a broader view of the school and the students.”
Taught together in Nigeria for three years through the Church of the Brethren. Today in retirement they have partnered with another couple to form M & M Energy Solutions, a home energy auditing business.

MC Memories:
Phil and Pearl met at MC when Phil called up to her floor and decided he would ask out whichever one answered - either Pearl or her roommate.
“She would have been nice, too, but I'm glad I didn't go with her. One thing that I certainly appreciate was Pearl was a very good listener and I could share personal things with her. She was very intelligent.” - Phil
Bill and Lois Grove

Majors:
Bill - Mathematics
Lois - Elementary education

Career Highlights:
Bill - Math teacher at Buhler High School; Assistant high school principal at Algona High School (Iowa); Principal at Dike High School (Iowa); Middle school principal at Webster City and Superintendent at Stratford and Eldora-New Providence districts (Iowa).

Lois - Teacher at Buhler; Full-time mom for 12 years; Catalog department manager for a mail-order hatchery selling chickens, ducks, geese and quail. Ordained in the Church of the Brethren and works for the Northern Plains District in leadership development. Works with FEMA in disaster survivor assistance. Five years in Nigeria as a teacher and school principal (Bill) through the Church of the Brethren. Both taught at the American School in Kinshasa, Zaire (Democratic Republic of the Congo).

MC Memories:
Bill - After a high school romance ended, his former girlfriend’s older sister goaded him into asking Lois out (There was a $0.50 bet on it, with Bill’s money on Lois rejecting him). Their first date was playing Ping-Pong, in which Lois showed gumption by “beating the pants off me,” Bill said. Later, he accidentally dunked while playing a pickup basketball game (unknown to him, someone lowered the goal). Off balance, he fell on his right hand and broke it and couldn’t write. “Guess who came to my rescue for all my study,” he said. “We spent an awful lot of time in Beeghly Hall together when it was a library.”

Lois - Going to a concert with Bill and missing seeing Jim Ryan break the record in the mile run. Getting fired after a year as a resident director: “My boss said, ‘Whenever I come up here and there’s noise, you’re always in the middle of the noise.”

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REVIVING TRADITIONS
SHARING COMMUNION
DISCOVERING GOD THROUGH UNUSUAL WAYS
"THE SIMPSONS"
AND TAKING A PIE TO THE FACE

God is active at McPherson College in ways both expected and strange and mysterious.

Dr. Kent Eaton, provost and professor of cultural studies, teaches courses in church history and spiritual formation. Dr. Eaton said he’s seen a resurgence of Christian faith on campus in a way that both harkens back to MC’s roots in the Church of the Brethren and looks ahead to meeting students’ spiritual needs across a spectrum of faith traditions.

“Things are starting to come up on their own,” Dr. Eaton said. “And I see this evidence of God working on campus in ways that are proactive, as well as sponsored.”

Dr. Eaton said the guidance of Dr. Steve Crain, campus pastor and associate professor of philosophy and religion, has created new ways for students to explore their faith, deepen their belief, and support each other on the journey. Dr. Crain began as campus pastor in fall 2012.

“I couldn’t be more pleased with Steve,” Dr. Eaton said. “I think this campus is responding very well to his initiative and his presence on campus.”

Events and organizations Dr. Crain has helped initiate include the start of a student-led Campus Ministry Leadership Team with about 12 active members, and prayer, worship, and communion services on campus. He has actively supported the ongoing student-led campus Bible study in Bittinger Hall, which has continued to attract students over the years. Campus Ministry Leadership Team also helped turn a small room in the Hoffman Student Union formerly used by student government into “The Gathering Place” - a quiet area for prayer, reflection, and worship.

He’s also helped initiate bringing together the campuses of MC and Central Christian College for joint worship services. Along with Matt Tobias, admissions and financial aid counselor, Shawn Flory Replogle, youth leader for Western Plains District Church of the Brethren, and many students, Dr. Crain helped plan and lead a recent Regional Youth Conference in McPherson.

But Dr. Crain has also been part of some more unusual aspects of campus ministry, such as mentoring two freshmen students as they serve as regular preachers in the Buckeye Church of the Brethren in Abilene, Kan.

He was also one of seven faculty and staff members willing to take a pie to the face as a fun reward to students for winning in a fund-raiser competition to benefit “The Haiti Medical Project.”

“We are first a group of people who are becoming friends,” he said. “As campus pastor, my first priority was to meet people and develop relationships.”

The goal, he said, was to help students feed and grow their faith in the same way they nourish their mind with their education.

“It’s a deep priority. For these students, their life is not complete if their faith isn’t at the heart of it,” he said. “And there are many students looking to make faith a priority again. They need one another to make it happen. As they learn and grow as young adults in an academic way, their faith is growing at the same time. Scholarship and faith wind around one another.”

A new program to help students to support each other this fall is Peer Ministry - where volunteer peer ministers will be trained to listen, guide, and support their fellow classmates.

Lora Kirmer, freshman, Holly, Colo., is a member of the leadership team and said she often goes to Dr. Crain with spiritual questions, which has strengthened her faith.

“Religion is important because it gives you guidance,” she said. “It’s something familiar for me to lean on. If God brings you to it, he’s going to lead you through it.”

As the leadership team considered ways to promote campus ministry, they created “Love Month” in February to celebrate four kinds of love - friendship, romantic, familial and unconditional (Godly) love - for each of the four weeks. Activities included creating friendship bracelets, providing cards for students to write home to family, and sponsoring a charity drive (including the aforementioned face pie).

The trend has even led to new groups forming on students’ initiative -such as “Takeover,” which is a group open to all faiths for social time, spiritual support, and advice from peers.

Students have also had an opportunity for Christian-based service at home and abroad, thanks to Dr. Tom Hurst, director of service. Along with opportunities for service throughout the year, this spring he organized spring break trips to Brethren Disaster Ministries in Holton, Ind., to help rebuild destroyed homes; to the Heifer International Ranch in Arkansas; and at Camp Mt. Hermon in Tonganoxie, Kan., to help spruce it up before summer.

Some students even traveled to Ethiopia in the spring with Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, where they delivered personal energy transportation (PET) wheelchairs to polio victims.

Dr. Smith said learning about religion both in and out of the classroom is important for a complete liberal arts education.

“To overlook religion would be to overlook the whole dynamism of culture in human history,” he said. “All major human activities were based in religious beliefs. It permeates the ancient world, which is most of our time on planet earth.”

The same can be said about popular culture today, as students discovered in one religion class Dr. Eaton taught. They saw how spiritual lessons and ideas are conveyed in humorous satire today - “The Onion,” “Mad Magazine,” and “The Colbert Report,” but most of all “The Simpsons.” A requirement of the class was to choose an episode of the popular cartoon and analyze the theological content. Students had a blast while still learning much, Dr. Eaton said, often without realizing it.

Supporting the religious and spiritual needs of students, Dr. Eaton said, must be a core aspect of campus life.

“If we’re just educating the mind and the hands,” he said, “and we leave out the heart, we fail at the task of developing whole persons.”
Entrepreneurship Team Shows Success in First Four Months

A new student-run organization benefitting them and the community. Featured by the “Chronicle of Higher Education.” Huge strides toward embedding entrepreneurship deeper into the curriculum.

Not a bad record for the McPherson College Entrepreneurship Team.

This team was selected in August 2012 from multiple departments and organizational units, both faculty and staff, and met for the first time at the end of September 2012. There they set ambitious goals to improve marketing, communications, and branding; to develop levels of support for student ventures as they progress; to grow the entrepreneurship culture at McPherson College; and to start a new project that makes people say “Wow!”

Just four months later, they accomplished 100 percent of the goals they had set out to complete during that time.

“Oh overall, I feel really great about what we accomplished and the amount of time in which we accomplished it,” said Dr. Kori Gregg, vice president of entrepreneurship and innovation. “Seeing people from so many different disciplines coming together and working together is what this program is all about.”

Among the goals accomplished is the establishment of Etch, a student-run venture providing marking and graphic design services to non-profits. (Read more about Etch on the next page).

The team also established a new monthly “Entrepreneurship@MC” e-newsletter that goes out to all faculty, staff and students to keep entrepreneurship top-of-mind and to help connect MC student entrepreneurs with resources. As a result of a national press tour, the college landed a feature in a podcast created by the “Chronicle of Higher Education” called “Say Something.”

To help support student ventures as they progress, the team established mentoring relationships with entrepreneurs from the community and region; and set the groundwork to making the Horizon Fund help students as their ventures progress to different levels.

Many of these efforts were supported by an unprecedented meeting held between the Entrepreneurship team and community and state entrepreneurial leaders in October. The connections, feedback and support from that meeting has been essential for entrepreneurial ventures, including Etch and entrepreneurial seminars for students.

The team also worked closely with faculty and staff to develop plans for greater incorporation of entrepreneurship into curriculum and plan a new Social Entrepreneurship course.

Other results include an annual entrepreneurship lecture and visits to students across the range of MC majors from entrepreneurs in a variety of related careers.

Dr. Gregg said the team is still working on their next steps for the coming year and adapting to work toward the ultimate goal they helped define: “Establish McPherson College as one of the key leaders in entrepreneurship in the nation.”

“Entrepreneurship by nature,” Dr. Gregg said. “Is always going to be changing and evolving.”

Student Investments Class Entrusted With Another $100,000 of Endowment

The McPherson College Board of Trustees has found an investment group they’re impressed with - earning the college a 15.7 percent return for the endowment on the $100,000 the board invested.

This successful group just happens to be composed of the college’s own students, enrolled in the Investments class. The board was so pleased with the results, in April they approved the students’ proposal to double the amount of the endowment they would handle to $200,000.

The project-based, experiential class has also gained national exposure with the “Chronicle of Higher Education” in Washington, D.C. The publication’s podcast “Say Something” featured John Regier (pictured), McPherson, Kan., junior, as a representative of the Investments class and all who have made it possible.

The podcast features college students from across the nation, telling the story of what they do and why they do it. In the three years the Chronicle has made the podcast, fewer than 50 students have been featured. Find more information and a link to the podcast at www.mcpherson.edu/review.
Many non-profits have a problem: They need graphic design or marketing services to bring attention to their organization, but most resources go to their primary mission.

Many college students have a problem: Jobs they want to apply for require years of experience for consideration, but they’ve been busy… well… going to college.

At the intersection of these two problems, “Etch” is here to help.

This new McPherson College venture is a marketing and graphic design venture run entirely by McPherson College students; all decisions, including hiring, are exclusively the students’ responsibility.

Etch serves only non-profit organizations on a donations basis, giving them access to quality graphic design and marketing.

“What’s great about Etch is that it gives McPherson College students on-the-job experience before they’ve even graduated,” said Dee Erway-Sherwood, associate professor and program director of graphic design. “This gives them an advantage over students from other colleges. When a potential employer asks them about work experience, they’ll already have several years of working for Etch that they can point to.”

Dee Erway-Sherwood, associate professor and program director of graphic design, and Dr. Tom Whalen, assistant professor of business, are acting as the faculty advisers for Etch. As Etch began, it was like opening floodgates, Dr. Whalen said.

“The need is huge,” Dr. Whalen said. “They’re not hurting for lack of people to help. There’s a pent-up demand out there for this kind of service.”

Etch started as only an idea in November 2012 as an outgrowth of the college’s Freedom to Jump entrepreneurship initiative. In the space of only three months, it became a fully realized venture with dedicated offices in downtown McPherson, professional equipment and furnishings, and a long waiting list of clients. The quick realization of the concept came thanks to guidance and financial support from McPherson College and a McPherson County E-Community Partnership Grant.

In early April, they had already completed work with the McPherson County Food Bank and the McPherson Chamber of Commerce. Next they were meeting with the McPherson County Humane Society, Go McPherson (a public/private collaboration for workforce development), Multi-Community Diversified Services (MCDS - offering services to people with disabilities), McPherson County United Way and First Christian Church of McPherson. The waiting list stands at 10 or more and includes organizations such as The Cedars, Lincoln Art Gallery, and the Museum of Automotive History in Rochester, Minn.

Becca Heeke, sophomore, Spearville, Kan., and business director of Etch, said it’s been a rewarding experience personally and professionally. The vision statement of Etch is “Define Yourself,” which Heeke said applied to the students running Etch as well as the non-profits they serve.

“The word about Etch has spread like wildfire as you can tell by our growing client list,” Heeke said. “Part of our goal is to help non-profits define themselves. That’s what the college is really about and that’s what we wanted Etch to be about.”

While Etch staff consists primarily of business, graphic design, and communication majors, Etch is open to all students and provides a valuable interdisciplinary experience - combining the skills from a variety of liberal arts studies.

“This is truly an entrepreneurial venture,” Dr. Whalen said. “It increases students’ creativity, gives them valuable experience and drives them to think in innovative ways. Entrepreneurs are businesspeople, absolutely, and those students are essential in Etch. But Etch also proves that artists, writers, and, really, students in any major will benefit from developing the entrepreneurial mindset.”

To learn more about Etch or to inquire about its services, visit studioetch.org, email studioetch@gmail.com, or call 620-755-8856.
Kayaking though a bioluminescent bay, shooting an arrow into the bulls-eye, learning how to gut a fish… sometimes the most memorable and valuable classes at McPherson College don’t happen in a classroom at all.

The last academic year saw the introduction of many new and pilot courses with unique, interdisciplinary, and entrepreneurial approaches.

Thanks to a Faculty and Staff Opportunity grant, one interterm class focusing on education and natural sciences took nine students to Puerto Rico for more than two weeks. The students worked with local experts to research the island’s forest ecologies and learn about its geology, climate, human history and culture. Some of the seniors are considering graduate school there, and the underclassmen said they want to return next year.

Dr. Jonathan Frye, professor of natural science, taught the course and said Puerto Rico was an ideal teaching site because it encapsulates many climates.

In an island just three times the size of McPherson County, Students Think Outside the Classroom With New, Unique Class Options.

Jacob Snodgrass, senior, Derby, Kan., visited this waterfall in Puerto Rico as one of many stops during an interterm class on the island.
students experienced everything from a rainforest that receives 15 feet of rain per year, to areas so dry that cacti grow there. In the space of 10 miles on Puerto Rico, one can go from sea level to 3,500 feet. While on the island, the class saw more tree species in a few square miles than are native to the entire North American continent.

It’s an experience that’s just not possible in Kansas.

“This is about the real world, and there’s no digital substitute for the real world,” Dr. Frye said. “I can talk about it in the classroom, show movies of it, but it’s a whole lot better to go there and see it.”

Dan Hoffman, associate professor of physical education, taught another course that needs real-world experience - “Camping and Recreation.” In the course, students have to plan and carry out athletic tournaments - this year they held one for pickleball and one in badminton. They also have to plan and go on four weekend-long camping trips - some for the first time in their lives.

“This is totally foreign to some of them. They’re out of their element,” Hoffman said. “I hope it will improve their self-confidence. I think absolutely they can see things from a different perspective.”

On the trips, the phones and iPods are turned off, and students instead learn outdoor skills such as starting campfires with a magnifying glass, hard-boiling an egg in a paper cup, and how to fish.

“To get some of them to hold a fish was an achievement,” Hoffman said. “But at this point, everyone has now cleaned a fish.”

As valuable as real-world experience is, classes on campus can also engage students when approached in fun and relevant ways. A new class in spring semester partnered with “Books for Life” in Wichita, Kan., had students working in front of computers, but has the potential to help on a global scale. Books for Life, which is part of Trees for Life, is trying to improve global education through the creation of simple videos that explain effective teaching strategies. The videos use simple language so they are easily translatable and are free for anyone to use and distribute.

“There are close to 1 billion people who are dying for an education, but it is beyond their reach,” said Balbir Mathur, president of Books for Life. “I have, first hand, been in those villages and seen the conditions of poverty and hunger. Here is a possibility for a large number of people to be involved in serving their fellow human beings. This allows young people to find a way to be passionate in their world and see the results of their actions.”

Dr. Kent Eaton, provost, guides and teaches the course, and said that the entire curriculum revolves around finishing one of these videos - making students self-motivated and creative as they do whatever’s needed to achieve the goal.

Other examples of unique on-campus classes are “topics” classes in history, which take a different approach than the traditional - “The History of This Particular Place During This Time Period.” Instead, the classes take a particular topic and study it through time and into the present. Dr. Kerry Dobbins, assistant professor of history, taught a topics class in “Historical Epidemics” in the spring semester. Following a particular topic helps students make the connection between history and their lives.

“You’re just turning the history a little and looking at it in a different direction,” she said.

Dr. Dobbins and Hoffman joined with Dr. Michael Reynolds, professor of mathematics, to teach an interterm course that spanned all of their disciplines on a surprising subject - archery. In the course, they learned about the history of archery and its role in the past, they learned archery skills for physical education, and they learned about the mathematics governing the flight of an arrow.

The structure of the course reflects life, Dr. Dobbins said, where there aren’t barriers and strict categories.

“We don’t live in a chemistry life, then stop and live in a poetry life and then stop and live a psychology life,” she said. “That’s not how people live their lives. The truth is that liberal arts touch on the whole human experience.”
Winter gloves and wool caps were an unusual sight at the 14th annual C.A.R.S. Club Car Show at McPherson College May 4, driving the awards ceremony into Templeton Hall. But though the day was cold and rainy, bright smiles were on the faces of hundreds of attendees who braved the cold at this the student-run show.

Sgt. Matt Reed, stationed with the National Guard in Hutchinson, Kan., counted himself fortunate that his Humvee had “front-row seating” for about 150 unique and antique cars, trucks, and motorcycles – enough to make a car lover salivate.

“I think I might need a bib,” Sgt. Reed said with a laugh. “I’m a car guy.”

Best of show was this 1907 Tincher (above) - a company that produced vehicles for just two years - owned by Don Boulton of Oklahoma City, Okla.
Coker CEO Featured at
‘Evening with AR’

The annual “Evening With Automotive Restoration” dinner on May 3 featured Corky Coker, president and CEO of Coker Tires, which specializes in tires and rims for collector cars. Coker is a supporter of young people in the collector car industry, owns about 100 collector cars and vintage motorcycles, and was a key player in the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) and its automotive restoration division - Automotive Restoration Market Organization (ARMO).

Coker said new and young leaders in the field are essential, especially when industrial arts classes in high school seem to be disappearing.

“I think there’s a part of the brain for when people use their hands. Imagination goes wild,” he said. “There’s something soulful about shop class. There’s something that causes confidence, self-worth and striving for perfection.”

McPherson College
Showcase Draws 300

The first “McPherson College Classic & Exotic Auto Showcase” on April 13 turned out as a huge success: It drew more than 300 visitors and 26 prospective students, and showed off the best McPherson College and MC’s automotive restoration program have to offer.

The event in West Des Moines, Iowa, featured dozens of beautiful antique and collector cars, a rapid build by the Model T Team, and a chance at prizes such as a ride in a Lamborghini.

But cars weren’t the only aspect of Mc to receive attention - two students performed automotive-themed duets, students in other majors set up booth displays, and Horizon Fund recipients explained the concepts that earned them a grant.

Myron Stine ’94 - vice president for sales with Stine Seed, a member of the MC Board of Trustees, and a member of the Automotive Restoration National Advisory Board - was the creator and host of the event at his “Stine Barn” - a beautiful 16,000 square foot lodge.

“I'm passionate about automotive history and cars in general,” Stine said. “I had a very positive experience at McPherson and feel it’s important for people to fully understand what the college is about.”
Summer Institute
Adds Advanced Sheet Metal

This year’s Automotive Restoration Summer Institute is offering a new advanced sheet metal class with Ed Barr (right), assistant professor of technology. It’s one of the first institute offerings to have a prerequisite, but Garrick Green, assistant professor of technology, said attendees were clamoring for an advanced class.

The annual institute is open to anyone interested in increasing their restoration abilities; for most of the classes no existing skills are required. This year it starts June 10 and lasts for three weeks. About 70 people have been enrolling annually from around the area, but also from as far away as Canada, Holland, France, and England.

Each week-long class session costs just $650, and room and board is $350.

“It’s really reasonably priced because we do see it as a service to the automotive community,” Green said. “They can increase their ability and still afford to work on their personal projects.”

Learn more at www.mcpherson.edu/autorestoration/arinstitute
Automotive Restoration Magazine Collection Grows to 10,000

Jim Howard (second from left) of Richardson, Texas, and his son, Dennis Howard (left) of Dallas, Texas, deliver magazines and other automotive materials to students at McPherson College’s automotive restoration collection in Miller Library.

Following an episode of “Chasing Classic Cars” featuring McPherson College last fall, individuals and businesses have donated about 10,000 items of automotive magazines, books, manuals, and other materials to the college’s automotive restoration collection. More than 6,500 of those have been catalogued and are searchable in the college’s online catalog.

Read more in the restoration newsletter, available from www.mcpherson.edu/review. Those interested in contributing materials may contact Mary Hester, director of library services, at 620-242-0487 or hesterm@mcpherson.edu.

Auto Restoration Unveils New Website

Automotive Restoration at McPherson College has a new home on the Web, with a clean design, engaging content and easy navigation.

The new website – www.mcpherson.edu/autorestoration – features a scrolling slideshow on the front page, linking to exciting news from the program as well as information about some of the program’s key features and events. The site also has eye-catching links along the side directed toward three major groups expected to visit the site – prospective students, those interested in supporting automotive restoration, and those just wanting general information about the program.

Barr Publishes Professional Book

Ed Barr, assistant professor of technology, recently published “Professional Sheet Metal Fabrication” in the “Motorbooks Workshop” series. The more than 300-page, comprehensive book is described by the publisher as “the most detailed enthusiast-focused sheet metal how-to book on the market.”

Go to www.mcpherson.edu/review for a link to purchase the book.

Use the promo code “EDBARR” to receive a 40 percent discount at checkout.
The men’s tennis program at McPherson College has always competed well and boasts some storied players, including McPherson residents Craig Holman ’79 and Doug Gayer ’81.

More recently, Mac tennis has resurfaced as a conference powerhouse. The team finished second in the KCAC the previous two seasons and has been ranked in the National Intercollegiate Athletic Conference top-25 since before the start of the 2013 season. At the end of the regular season, MC held an overall record of 23-7.

In April, the team received further recognition with three “of the year” awards from the KCAC: Head Coach Jeff Benito as Coach of the Year, sophomore Rafael Bulnes as Player of the Year, and senior Vyacheslav Bukatin as Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Four players were named to All-KCAC teams.

“One of the reasons that I chose to come to McPherson College is because they already had a tradition in place with good quality players and storied coaching,” said head coach Jeff Benito. “I also wanted to come to a program that had support from its alumni and the administration.”

Two of those quality players are Bukatin, Perm, Russia, and Ronaldo Filho, senior, Dracena, Brazil, who have both put the ‘student’ in ‘student-athlete’ at MC. Bukatin currently has a 4.0 GPA and was named a Daktronics NAIA Scholar Athlete four times as well as receiving the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2012 and 2013. Bukatin was honored as a NAIA All-American and KCAC Player of the Year following his sophomore season. During that year, he was also honored once as the NAIA National Player of the Week.

“One great thing about the program that I inherited from LaMonte Rothrock and Sydney Bwalya is that they had a good foundation of players already here,” Benito said. “Seniors Slav Bukatin and Ronaldo Filho have been great for me to build this program around. Both Ronaldo and Slav have worked hard their career here at McPherson College and, most importantly, they started their careers here and will be graduating with a degree from McPherson.”

The team may be losing four seniors following the 2013 season, but it will return a strong core of players - including one of the NAIA’s top-ranked players in sophomore Rafael Bulnes. The Netherlands native is the number one singles player for the Bulldogs and is a big part of the reason the team continues to be ranked in the top-25 of the NAIA; he transferred to McPherson after playing a season at a junior college, Vincennes University, in Indiana.

“Rafael will become another storied McPherson tennis player among the likes of Craig Holman, Doug Gayer, Mark Melhorn, Marty Ward, and Slav Bukatin,” Benito said. “He’s such an amazing talent to watch on the court, and he’s aspiring to become a head coach one day. Who knows? Maybe McPherson’s next when my time here is up.”

The tennis team spent time with the parents of their teammate Paul Ziegler at Homecoming 2012. Ziegler died in an accident in September 2012.
In addition to Bukatin, Filho, and Bulnes, the 2013 squad is full of players from all over the globe and across the United States. Coach Benito said his focus has been competitiveness on the national level, and that recruiting the best players on the national and international level are essential for that goal.

Freshman Adolfo Serafin hails from Maracay, Venezuela and has been a pleasant surprise for Mac tennis with his constant work ethic. Junior standouts Mark Mahan and Sean De Young are California natives - Fullerton and Anaheim respectively - who followed Benito from his previous institution. Sean Dullaghan is a junior transfer, also a Californian from Los Angeles, and has added a level of maturity to the team. Senior and Californian Torsten Keil-Long rounds out the top players for MC and will join the squad in 2014 as a student-assistant coach.

Closer to campus, Jordan Stewart of Sterling is the top Kansas player on the team and, as a sophomore, has improved by leaps and bounds from his first year as a part of the Bulldogs.

“The players are very close knit group,” Benito said. “They work hard together and for each other which I believe is great. They add a dimension to the college that I believe will be rewarding for them and the institution in the near future.”

Sean Dullaghan (left) and Vyacheslav Bukatin during a doubles match.

**Tennis Roster**

1. **Vyacheslav Bukatin** Moscow, Russia  
   Sr., Finance/Accounting

2. **Alex Consenza** Beverly Hills, Mich.  
   So., Automotive Restoration

3. **Sean De Young** Anaheim, Calif.  
   Jr., Bio-Chemistry

4. **Ronaldo Filho** Sao Paulo, Brazil  
   Sr., Communications

5. **Michael Irwin** Wichita, Kan.  
   So., Business

6. **Torsten Keil-Long** Claremont, Calif.  
   Sr., Psychology

7. **Mark Mahan** Fullerton, Calif.  
   Jr., Political Science

8. **Jordan Stewart** Sterling, Kan.  
   So., Bio-Chemistry

9. **Jonathan Wickramsinghe** Hesperia, Calif.  
   Sr., Graphic Design

10. **Adolfo Serafin** Maracay, Venezuela  
    Fr., Business

11. **Blair Darsch** Hamsteade, M.D.  
    Jr., Automotive Restoration

12. **Sean Dullaghan** Los Angeles, Calif.  
    Jr., Calif. Business

13. **Rafael Bulnes** Rosmalen, Netherlands  
    So., Physical Education
Doug Quint marked his 100th victory as head men’s soccer coach for the Bulldogs on Oct. 30, 2012 – at his alma mater, Bethel College. His players made that victory one Quint will never forget as Mac lit up the scoreboard in an 8-0 thrashing of the Threshers.

“It was a very special moment for me professionally,” Quint said. “To be able to enjoy it – since my players put the game away early – made it all that more meaningful.”

In 2003, Dan Hoffman, then athletic director, hired Quint to rebuild MC’s reinstated men’s and women’s soccer programs. Quint at the time was well-known in Kansas for his work with club soccer and the Olympic Development Program, and for being a KCAC standout during his college days. He had just been named the Kansas South Central Region Coach of the Year after leading Hutchinson High School to the state championship game. In his third year at Hutchinson, the Salthawks under his leadership were 41-17-1. With this track record, Hoffman was willing to take a chance on someone who had no previous collegiate coaching experience.

“I am grateful that Dan and the hiring committee were willing to give this young guy a shot,” Quint said. “It’s something I look back on and appreciate. They took a chance on someone who knew Kansas soccer and the KCAC.”

How Quint Turned Bulldog Soccer into a KCAC Powerhouse

Following a couple of tough building years, the third season at McPherson College for Quint was the turning point. The 2005 men’s squad finished 5-1-3 in the KCAC, making a run to the Region II Semi-finals after knocking out the favorite, Kansas Wesleyan University. Since then, Quint’s Bulldogs have been a major player in the conference and a respected program throughout the NAIA. In his 10-year tenure, the ’Dogs have been in the running for six championships. The 2005, 2006, and 2007 teams all had a shot at winning, and for those teams it came down to just one game. The 2008 team won the first KCAC Tournament Championship for MC in 52 years and qualified for the NAIA National Tournament. The following year, the team won the regular season championship outright with a perfect conference record of 9-0 and was ranked among the NAIA elite.

Quint’s longevity as coach and his emphasis on hard work, accountability, loyalty and a competitive spirit have been keys to the team’s increased success. But Quint gave the credit elsewhere.

“As a coach, reaching the 100-win milestone just says I have been surrounded by good players that have bought in to what we do,” Quint said. “A lot of hard work, time and sacrifice have been made over the years.”

Quint, who is also now the athletic director, is the only coach to take MC soccer to the NAIA National Tournament. He owns 101 of the program’s 150 wins, and his teams hold every individual and team record in the history of the program.
Rob Talley: Leading by Example

The McPherson College women’s soccer team has earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Ethics Award for three out of his five years that head coach Robert Talley has been at the helm.

Now Talley is finally receiving some individual recognition as the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference honored him as the 2012 Coach of Character. The award is given annually to a conference coach for embracing, teaching, and displaying great character in coaching.

Each year, every KCAC institution may nominate one of their head coaches for the Coach of Character honor. The winner at the conference level is then nominated for the National Intercollegiate Athletics Association’s National Coach of Character Award.

“I was very honored this year to be nominated by my athletic department administration for this prestigious award,” said Talley. “Character is something I preach to my student-athletes every day and to be able to lead by example shows them how much I believe in it.”

The NAIA’s Champions of Character program is designed to teach character values in sports and provide practical tools for student athletes, coaches, and parents to model exemplary character.

“The Coach of Character award is given out to coaches who promote and demonstrate the five core values of the NAIA,” Talley said. “I feel privileged to represent our conference at the National level.”

Talley, who is 42-37-12 as head coach, led the women’s team to their highest finish during his tenure in the KCAC regular season with a third-place ranking this year.

2012-2013 Season Highlights

- Jake Snodgrass, senior, Derby, Kan., was named the Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year, an honor that only one student-athlete receives per class (NCAA, NAIA), for the second consecutive year, making him the only person in the 61-year history of the award to receive the honor two years in a row.
- Six athletes were named Fall Preseason All-KCAC. 28 athletes - seven First Team, 10 Second Team - were named Fall Postseason All-KCAC.
- Men’s soccer player Johnny Nuthall, sophomore, Reno, Nev., was named to the NAIA All-American Honorable Mention team.
- The Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-District football team included Snodgrass; Byron O’Rourke, senior, Holcomb, Kan.; Heath Hewitt, junior, Sterling, Kan.; and Micah Roehl, senior, Dighton, Kan. The men’s soccer team included Andrew Suits.
- Aspens Frey, junior, Newton, Kan., was named a Daktronics-NAIA Cross Country Scholar-Athlete.
- Two basketball athletes were named Preseason All-KCAC.
- Kasey Miller, senior, Derby, Kan., was named to the Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-District team for Men’s Basketball.
- Six basketball athletes were named Postseason All-KCAC teams.
- Madison Chambers, junior, Wellsville, Kan., and Natasha Chaney, junior, Edgerton, Kan., were named Daktronics-NAIA Women’s Basketball Scholar-Athletes.
- The women’s 4th place finish in the 2013 KCAC Indoor Track and Field Championships was their highest finish since 1991.
- The women’s track and field team brought home nine All-KCAC first team honors and seven honorable mentions, far beyond the previous number of all-conference honors the women’s team has garnered in their history.
- Frey and Arryana Barton, sophomore, Sacramento, Calif., finished first in the 5,000 meter run and triple jump, respectively.
- Derrick Toney, senior, Salinas, Calif., and Barton each took fifth at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championships, earning All-American status - Toney in high jump and Barton in triple jump.
- Two athletes were named Spring Preseason All-KCAC.
- Baseball won 20 games this season - much higher than the previous six total wins in the program’s three-year history. They also qualified for their first ever KCAC Postseason Tournament.
- 29 spring athletes were named Postseason All-KCAC.
- Head baseball coach Andrew Ehling was named 2013 KCAC Coach of the Year.
- Head tennis coach Jeff Benito was named KCAC Coach of the Year.
- Women’s and men’s track and field finished 4th in the KCAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships; Sharica Pleasant, junior, Long Beach, Calif., was named Female Athlete of the Meet after placing in all nine of her events.
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“After my first visit here, I decided I liked the small college atmosphere. I liked the relationships with students, faculty and staff. That’s how I learn best is in a small classroom. After my first visit, everyone was smiling. Everyone said, ‘Hi.’ Everyone really wanted to be here. Because it was a small college and I got to know professors on a more personal level than just a student, I did better academically and socially.

“I’ve really enjoyed Business Club, especially these last few years as we’ve gone on annual trips to see how different companies all over the country operate. It’s great to get firsthand experience and see how those businesses and companies work. The way I think is very business-oriented - black and white, right and left. It’s kind of the way my brain works and I understand it.”

Claire Krizek
Year: Senior
Major: Business - accounting and finance
Scholarships: Presidential, Provost, Cheer and Dance.
Activities: Dance and cheer team, Student Government Association, Business Club (president and vice-president), resident assistant, Intercollegiate Athletic Committee
Service: Kiwanis food drive, community Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, United Way Stamp Out Hunger and Triathlon, Mini Main Street
Internships: Koch Industries (two times); Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Home State Bank

The Face of Giving
One McPherson College alumnus can reasonably claim a rare title as a creator of a new comic book genre. Namely, the “Library Education Comic.”

Mike Hall ’11 of Independence, Kan., got his start making these comic books while still a history student at McPherson College. The comic books walk library patrons through available materials and services at a library through the panels of an entertaining and engaging visual story. A comic book guide might sound simple, Hall said, but doing it well requires both strong storytelling and drawing ability.

“It’s a medium that combines everything I have an interest in and mixes them into a heady brew that on the face seems simple,” he said. “But in reality is very complex.”

The first comic had a “zombie apocalypse” theme to guide students through Miller Library and was commissioned by the then-director of library services. After that the the concept spread, well, like a zombie virus.

Hall has now created the guides “Monster Clash” (classic monsters) for the Wilton Library Association, “Sundown at the Library” (ghost cowboys) for Coffeyville Community College Library, and “Supreme Librarians in Metaspace” (superheroes) for Emporia State University school of library and information management.

“It’s a ludicrous idea when you come right down to it,” Hall said. “But I love being able to do it and the challenge of it.”

Ludicrous, maybe. But if so, it has proven an extremely effective form of madness. Page views to the digital version of the first comic for MC’s Miller Library quickly exceeded 1 million in just a month. Stories appeared in national trade publications such as “American Libraries” - the magazine of the American Library Association - and “Library Journal.” It even cropped up on a respectable blog in Italy. Upson and Hall made presentations at library conferences about their process.

Now Hall is a minor celebrity in library circles, and he gets so many requests from libraries for their own comic book that he simply has to turn them down. Many of those libraries have sought a comic book artist elsewhere… and Hall is OK with that. It just means that the genre has grown bigger than what he is able to handle. While he never expected it, having Library Education Comics as his legacy pleases him, especially as his full-time work is for the local public library.

“It’s a subject about which I’m passionate,” he said. “It’s great to take something you care about and translate it to the page and get the audience to care about it, too.”

The origin of Hall’s art goes back to the ’70s, when he would watch comic book-based television. His mother and grandmother taught him to read on the associated comics. When he tried to replicate the art, he discovered he came by it naturally. In his 20s, Hall created his first professional comic series - “The Adventures of Dr. Mystery, Man of Action” - then started to create and publish his comic books regularly, building a huge portfolio.

While he brought his talent and experience with comic books into McPherson College, Hall credited MC with making his library comics possible. The college gave him a high-caliber education, gave him direct access to his professors, and instilled confidence in him as a non-traditional student. He often uses his history degree to research a library comic, as many are period pieces.

But most valuable was having people at the college recognize his ability and create opportunities for him to use it.

“As a result I basically created a niche for myself in the industry that at the time had no such niche,” he said.

Hall continues to create his own more mainstream, edgy comics such as “Helldorado,” “Hooligan,” and “Bronze Age Funnies.” Recently in the library guide niche, he’s been commissioned to create a comic on a 1950s flying saucer theme for Kansas City Public Library, and another with pirates - to go along with their mascot - at Independence Community College. He’s also in talks with a major educational publisher to create an approximately 200-page textbook on Information Literacy - all in comic-book form like his previous work.

“It’s taking this idea that we started with and taking it to its natural conclusion,” he said. “We’re going from the custom-created comic book to creating the definitive textbook.”

See more of Hall’s work at his website www.cmichaelhall.com.
1950s

D.A. Crist ’52, Quinter, Kan., moved off the farm and into Quinter. He spends his days in his son’s machine shed restoring antique tractors, many of which are about 100 years old.

Earle Lapp ’53, Santa Cruz, Calif., recently retired after 59 years as the official timekeeper for sports events for Cabrillo Community College, Santa Cruz High School, and Harbor High School.

Adrian Sayler ’53, St. John, Kan., recently retired after 27 years of driving high school students to music and athletic events.

1960s

Class of 1963 front row (left to right) Margaret Cook, Betty Gripe, Dorothy Brumbaugh, Judy Woodruff, Karen Huffman, Ellos Hubenett, George Snyder, Mary Roesch, John Dilley, LaVIna Ollenburger; middle row (left to right) Elmer Gooding, Art Hoch, Byron Hayes, Galen Huffman, Carolyn Dooley, David Royer, Paul Ediger, Marilyn Helmer, Beth Looker; back row (left to right) David Friddy, Ken Goering, Gary Bailey, Ed Mohler, Kay Jehle, LeroY Weddle, Harvey Davidson, Kathy Pfaltzgraff

Class of 1963 front row (left to right) Bob Wilson, Anita Coatney, Betty Ann Porter, Barbara Maze, Mildred McGonigle, Betty Jo Johns; back row (left to right) Leland Wilson, Dick King, Eldon Coffman, Earle Lapp, Keith Allison, Herb Edmonds

1970s

Dr. Katherine Ramsey Melhorn ’77, Wichita, Kan., received a Lifetime Achievement Award in October 2012 from the “Wichita Business Journal” Health Care Heroes program.

Dr. Garold Minns ’73, Wichita, Kan., was appointed dean of the KU School of Medicine in Wichita and began his new position on Aug. 1, 2012. Minns graduated from the KU School of Medicine in Wichita and completed his residency and training on the university’s Wichita campus. He became a faculty member in 1980 and served as the chairman of the department of internal medicine from 1994 to 2003.

Tracy Ikenberry ’79, Richland, Wash., was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Health Physics Society (HPS).

Roger Carswell, ’79, Iola, Kan., began the Kansas Periodical Index in 1984, and it is widely available in libraries in Kansas. It indexes magazines such as “Kansas Historical Quarterly,” “Kansas!” and “Kansas Government Journal.” You can type in a subject and it will find articles in periodicals. Currently most of 2002-2012 is available online.

1980s

Dr. Kevin Carmán ’82, Reno, Nev., recently started a new position as Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Jenny Williams ’88, Richmond, Ind., is Director of Communications and Alumni Relations at Bethany Seminary. She’s an active volunteer and an accomplished pianist, accompanying community and high school musical productions regularly. She’s a lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren, and is active in her congregation. She worked at McPherson College for 14 years, first as manager of development operations and then as donor relations coordinator.

Dr. Paul Ullom-Minnich ’89, Moundridge, Kan., first went to Haiti after the earthquake in 2010 to be part of a medical relief work camp. He spent one week there and became convinced that he needed to become more involved. Since that time, Paul has been working with other US physicians and local leaders to develop a mobile clinic project that uses Haitian physicians and nurses. In 2011 the group hired 10 Haitian professionals to staff a mobile clinic. They started with 16 clinics a year – each seeing 150 patients with medicines given free to patients. They are trying to raise $600,000 for an endowment that will keep this program running. For more information, go to www.brethren.org/news/2013/haiti-medical-project-grows.html.

1990s

Melissa Officer Regier ’91, Monument, Kan., and her husband, Randy, have opened “Udderly Delicious Yogurt” just off I-70 next to the Colby Wal-Mart.

Stephanie Meyer Reitz ’91, San Jose, Calif., is the financial controller for Sharks Sports and Entertainment, the company that oversees the National Hockey League team - the San Jose Sharks.


Dr. Ryan Wenzel ’98, Melrose, Mass., co-founded a biotechnical research company called CovalX in 2005 while conducting postdoctoral research at the Swiss Technical Institute. He was playing semi-professional basketball in Switzerland at the same time and was named a Top 10 Player of the “Ligue Nationale de Basketball” (LNBA), Switzerland’s top professional basketball league. In 2011, he moved to the United States to run North American Operations of CovalX. He manages equipment production and sells equipment around the world. He is involved in the Trinity Evangelical Church and is a free enterprise volunteer.

Eric D. Putnam ’99, earned an M.S. in Environmental Science and Engineering in 2003 from the Colorado School of Mines. He lives in the San Francisco Bay area and is employed by a multi-national engineering firm. Putnam credited his time at McPherson College for his success.

Correction:

“The Review” misspelled the name of Betty Persons Watt, ’69, in the Fall 2012 issue. We apologize for the error.
2000s

Sarah Hoffman Mason ’03, recently completed the TRIM (Training in Ministry) program of the Church of the Brethren.

Dallas Blacklock ’03, Houston, Texas, is a leadership teacher and head football coach at Sharpstown High School. He has been coach of the year in Houston, Teacher of the Year at his school and received numerous other awards. He leads sessions on abuse, bullying, civic engagement and more and helps students lead workshops to stop these cycles. He’s a licensed minister and serves as a youth pastor. He’s also president and founder of “Be a Man Ministries.”

Luke Logan ’05, Hasston, Kan., was recently promoted to IT manager at Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk, & Loyd where he has been working since August of 2007.

Jaymie Bickford Rothrock ’06, McPherson, Kan., was recently promoted to manager at Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk, & Loyd where she has been working since August of 2010.

Ross Barton ’06 and Rhonda Hoffert Barton ’07 now live in Bozeman, Mont., where Ross works for Krown Restoration and Rhonda is in the graduate chemistry program at Montana State University.

Jillian Overstake-Forsberg ’10, Wichita, Kan., graduated in May 2012 with a master’s degree in history from Wichita State University. She is currently serving as education director at the Museum of World Treasures in Wichita.

Anniversaries

50 years – Art Hoch ’63 & Karen Crain Hoch ’64, McPherson, Kan., April 13, 2013
50 years – Larry Clark ’60 & Elaine Clark, Wellington, Kan., May 26, 2013
40 years – Lynn Coulter ’68 & Teresa Coulter, Ravenna, Neb., May 27, 2012
10 years – Erin Cassidente ’97 and Paul Christian, Menomonie Falls, Wis., Jan. 25, 2013

Marriages


Adrian Sayler ’53 to Janis Friedman, Mar. 2, 2013, Great Bend, Kan.

Births

Jaxon Wyatt to Nate & Anoria Conyers Carlson ’04, McPherson, Kan., Oct. 16, 2012

Charlie Anton to Andrew ’05 & Colleen Porter Gustafson ’06, McPherson, Kan., Oct. 21, 2012

Sophie Mae to Sean Dell ’94 & Jane Marquard Dell, Torrey, Utah, Dec. 1, 2012


Brekken Tyler to Jonathan ’06 & Jaymie Bickford ’06 Rothrock, McPherson, Kan., March 25, 2013

Deaths

Dick Mason ’53, Davidson, N.C., Dec. 4, 2011

Donna Burgin Syverson ’54, Chippewa Falls, Wis., Feb. 28, 2012

Norman W. Brammell ’61, Lawrence, Kan., Apr. 13, 2012

Mildred D. Stutzman Carpenter ’36, Tulsa, Okla., April 21, 2012

Vera Heckman Larsen ’39, Media, Penn., Feb. 1, 2012

Kathryn Dobbins Harley ’41, Coleman, Wis., June 2, 2012

Alvin C. Cook ’49, Englewood, Ohio, July 10, 2012

David E. Oltman ’67, Salina, Kan., Sept. 5, 2012

John Ditmars ’47, Pickrell, Neb., Sept. 13, 2012

Charles L. Jones ’70, Canton, Kan., Sept. 14, 2012

Dean Coughenour ’51, Manhattan, Kan., Sept. 22, 2012


Roy E. McAuley ’43, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 29, 2012

Ruth Davidson Clark ’57, Froid, Mont., Nov. 6, 2012

Lucile M. Harris Gibson ’44, McPherson, Kan., Nov. 20, 2012


Julian Yamada ’74, Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13, 2012


Kenneth Evans ’54, McPherson, Kan., Feb. 8, 2013


Claude F. Dadisman ’48, Grants Pass, Ore., March 2, 2013

Gladyes Riddell Polson ’35, Florissant, Mo., March 2, 2013

Edward R. Butler ’58, McPherson, Kan., March 24, 2013

Marvin Krehbiel ’48, McPherson, Kan., April 2, 2013

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Jury Reaches Verdict in Trial of Former Student

On April 16, a jury found former McPherson College student Alton Franklin not guilty of aiding and abetting second degree murder in the death of Brandon Brown, a Tabor college football paper. Former MC student DeQuinte Flournoy pled no contest to a lesser charge in Brown’s death.

“The off-campus altercation on Sept. 16 that led to Brown’s death came as a shock to us all. We were simply devastated,” said President Michael Schneider. “We continue to pray for Brown’s family, the Tabor College community, Flournoy and Franklin, and their families.”
On May 26, 130 students celebrated their graduation from McPherson College as they headed off to a new stage in life.

Anyone who wasn’t able to attend may view the ceremony at www.mcpherson.edu/graduation.

Congratulations!

COMING EVENTS

June 30
Church of the Brethren Annual Conference
Charleston, N.C.

August 18
MC Family and Friends Water Park Gathering
McPherson, Kan.

August 22
First Day of Classes
McPherson, Kan.

Aug. 29-31
“The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds”
McPherson, Kan.

September 4
National Older Adult Conference ice cream social
Lake Junaluska, N.C.

September 15
Religious Heritage Lecture: Sister Helen Prejean
McPherson, Kan.

October 4-6
Homecoming and Family Weekend
McPherson, Kan.

October 4-5
“Moon Over Buffalo” (alumni edition)
McPherson, Kan.

October 6
Homecoming Choir Concert
McPherson, Kan.

October 20
Camp Swatara
Bethel, Pa.

November 15-16
“Into the Woods”
McPherson, Kan.

December 8
Christmas at McPherson Choir Concert
McPherson, Kan.