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Ray, Kirby leaving posts

It looks as though the faculty of McPherson College will be much the same next year as it was this year. Dr. Leland Lengel reports that so far there has been little sign of any major faculty change-over.

Two resignations, however, have been submitted by faculty members. Mr. Keith Kirby is resigning from the industrial arts department and Coach Art Ray is resigning from his position as athletic director.

Faculty members are classified as either tenured or untenured. Untenured faculty are sent contracts at the end of each school year and are expected to return the signed contract by a certain date if they are interested in keeping their position at the college.

This year's date for returning the contracts was May 1, and as of that date, those faculty members who were expected to sign their contracts had done so.

Dr. Lengel says that the two positions being vacated are still unfilled. Advertisements have been placed and responses are being awaited.

Residence hall staffers selected

The process of choosing the Resident Directors and Resident Assistants for the 1977-78 academic year is nearly complete. Jim Chipman, Metzler Hall R. D. and Kirby and Carol Leland, Fahnestock Hall R. D.'s will be remaining in their present positions.

Marty and Bea Ward will be leaving the Dotzour Hall spot open. Tentative plans are for Dave Frantz and Rae Ann Masterson to take over as Dotzour dorm parents. Dave and Rae Ann will be married May 28, 1977.

An interview with either the dorm council or a selection committee composed of residents of the hall was added to the screening process for R. A.'s this year.

Selections were given final approval through the Resident Directors, the Dean of Students

and President Paul Hoffman.

The R. A.'s for Metzler Hall are as follows: first east, Don Swank jr, Poplar, Mont; first West, Jeff Miller soph, Rocky Ford, Co.; second east, Albert Zavala jr, Rocky Ford, Co.; second west, Fred Wilson jr, Princeton Junction, N. J.; third east, Dave Burgess sr, St. George; third west, Kirk Higgins, soph, Albuquerque.

Fahnestock's R. A.'s are all returning: first floor, Ken Frantz jr, Winsor, Co.; second floor, Jeff Quay sr, Marion, Oh.; third floor, Ruben Carrion sr, Waterloo, Ia.

Dotzour R. A.'s are first old, Kay Ann Porter jr, Quinter; first new, Janelle Baldner jr, Dallas Center, Ia.; second old, Paula Lusk sr, Rocky Ford, Co.; second new, Denise Creevan sr, Stockton; third old Paula Schnaithman jr, Garber, Ok.; and third new, Tina

Roesch jr, Quinter. Bittinger and Kline Halls will not be open next year.

Returning Metzler R. D., Jim Chipman sees the second year as being perhaps less difficult than the first, "Experience may make things go smoother, both in knowing how the College operates and what they expect, and because the staff knows me. It's not like coming in cold with a new director and having to build a rapport."

Both Kay Ann Porter and Paula Schnaithman see their new jobs as involving more than the enforcement of rules. Kay Ann expects no problems in that area, as she has been living on the wing this year and has made friends with the other girls, most of whom will be returning to the wing.

Getting them involved in dorm and campus activities is

something she is looking forward to working with.

Paula added that "An R. A. should be aware of the people on the wing and help those who are left out of things to get involved. I like to think of that more than I do about enforcing the rules, though I know that's going to be necessary."

Ruben Carrion, returning R. A. in Fahnestock, had this to say concerning the new selection system: "I was really worried for a while. With the interview you have to be so much more aware of what is going on on your floor. But I'm glad to be back, and I'm really looking forward to next year."

Course offerings altered

There are five different areas of study to be offered at Mac this fall that have been expanded revised or completely new on the academic schedule. One, planned recently, didn't get printed on the class selection sheet. This class is in the science department called "Science Seminar on Environmental Technology and Ethics".

One of the revised classes will be under the direction of Prof. Nichols—Historic Furniture and will be an ACE Wednesday course. In the division of humanities Prof. Robinson will be teaching a media workshop in Printmaking which is also an ACE Wednesday course. Only printmaking will be taught in the workshop.

With the addition of Templeton Hall the Industrial Arts Department has opened a variety of courses. In the past there have been only about a half dozen IA courses offered per semester. In the fall of 1977 there will be fourteen classes from which to choose.

Career counselor, Steve Gattton has compiled a new course to help the individual in his job search. Under the interdisciplinary studies one can take "Career Planning and Exploration". These classes will be in Miller 106 and can aid the student in finding out what his interests are and become aware of the types of careers open to him.

Curtain rises on original one-act

The efforts of two senior Speech and Drama majors will be spotlighted May 7 at 8:00 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. Two one-act studio productions will be presented at this time, one student-written and the other student-directed. These two seniors are Cindy Mines, author of "Dejas Vu," and Sheree Holman, director of "The Strangest Kind of Romance."

Under the direction of Dr. Linda Seger, "Dejas Vu" will host a ten

member cast.

Those participating will be Warren Schoming as the Tramp; Cheryl Hammerlund-Maggie; Stephen Newcomer as the Reverend; Dave Claassen-Frank; Mike Roberts-Tom; Sara Janssen-Elsie; Frank Kobza-Hank; Kyle Robinson as Richard; Bruce Clary-Greg; and the part of Suzie will be played by Ron and Nancy Aden's daughter, Christy.

"Dejas Vu" is a play of contrasts as evidenced in the French

title. The story is set in a small Kansas cafe and shows the contrasts of city life and country life, and of content and discontent.

The other production that is student-directed is a one-act by Tennessee Williams. Its cast will include five members - Kyle Robinson as the little man, Debbie Stong as land lady, Mike Roberts as the old man and Frank Kobza as boxer. The part of the cat is yet to be filled.



Frank Kobza, Cheryl Hammarlind, Sara Janssen and Christy Aden rehearse for tomorrow night's production of Cindy Mine's original play "Dejas Vu."

Photo by Rhodes

Clowning around during last Saturday's spring carnival. Lynda Atherton and Brenda Breneman pause to observe the events.

Photo by Rhodes



Editor bows out

In looking back at past issues of The Spectator I have read several final editorials of dedicating editors-in-chief. Some say that this one won't be the typical sappy, sentimental thank-you-so-much-I-enjoyed-every-minute-of-it-even-though-it-was-a-pain editorial.

Well, this won't be saying that very same thing but I do have to admit that I don't regret having worked on the paper one iota.

First of all, I would like to thank Mr. Bannman and all the people down at the The Sentinel who put up with late copy and strange layouts.

And always there helping to read proof an telling me things I should have put in and mentioning some of the things I shouldn't have was Norma Tucker, our advisor.

Putting up with me deadline after deadline down in the Spectator office, laying out pages when I lost all hope of anything coherent was my right hand and next semester's editor-in-chief, Janette Willems.

And saving me from getting my feet wet in the rain or weary from the walk were all the people who either lent me their cars or graciously drove me and the copy to the Sentinel.

After three semesters of deadlines and headlines and assignment making and copyediting and all the other details that go into editing I'm trying to decide whether or not I will miss them....

And finally, a special thanks to all the people on the campus who supported me in all my endeavors this semester.

Celia Stover
Editor-in-chief

Cheap quality distracts

"Wizards," Ralph Bakshi's latest animated effort, is a break from his early features, such as "Heavy Traffic" and "Fritz the Cat", which were X-rated and adult oriented. It is not a complete break, however; there are concessions to "adulthood" in the form of occasional gratuitous four-letter language, and some sophomoric but blatant sexual references.

The story seems to be that an atomic war wiped out civilization millions of years ago, and that a lot of evil mutants over-ran the world, while humanity evolved backwards to its true early forms, Elves and Fairies. I kid you not. The focus of the story is the battle between two wizards, Avatar and Black Wolf, who've each lived 9000 years of the 10,000 years allotted to wizards.

Supposedly, the two are "polarized twins", one magically attractive and good, the other repulsive and evil. Avatar, our hero, looks like a cross between Vaughn Bode's Cheech Wizard, and Walt Disney's eighth dwarf "Boozy". Black Wolf looks like a real wizard, even down to his skeleton arms.

The plot, roughly, is that Black Wolf is going to use evil, wicked, forbidden, nasty Tech-no-lo-gee to once again enslave the world and make life miserable for the masses. Avatar is, of course, not going to sit still for this. So he sets out with an over-sexed blue-winged female fairy and a militaristic elf, along with a captured enemy robot named "Peace", and after some rather strange and occasionally ridiculous complications puts an end to Black Wolf and his rotten plans.

Interestingly enough, it is a small piece of technology that delivers the coup-de-grace, an ironic note in an otherwise

flawless exploration in mindless anti-technological sentiment. It's a popular attitude these days, but I don't see it really contributing anything to the future.

What may be the most important aspect of the film is its status as a trial run for Bakshi's upcoming animated versions of the "Lord of the Rings" Trilogy, J.R.R. Tolkien's giant fantasy classic. Many of the sequences and characters seem to be just that. The "Elves" of the present film would need only slight adaptation to become Hobbits, a number of members of Black Wolf's horde resemble Orcs very strongly, and the scenes of clashing armies could be right from the pages of the Trilogy.

As a film in its own right, though, "Wizards" is rather weak. Too many mixed styles and too many cost-cutting gimmicks detract from the quality of the film, besides a script about seven shades too underdone to be called rare.

Too much of the film is simply a camera panning across sketches—beautiful sketches, but still not the full animation expected in a theatrical cartoon production. Too many sequences are repeated, including one briefly of a man blowing a trumpet that was used so many times I lost count.

Some of the more striking footage indicates that a Bakshi production of the Trilogy could be a landmark in animated films. That is, if he doesn't cut the same corners he cut in "Wizards".

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Amid shouts of "Get those hands in the air!" Dayton Rothrock good-naturedly submits to the demands of the FLA. Valuing his own life he

realizes that one should not argue with (water) guns and itchy trigger fingers.

Photo by Rhodes

Mohler under seige...

FLA issues list of demands

The day of April 29, 1977 dawned ominously.

The leaden atmosphere and humid air weighed heavily on the minds of the administrators (and the hair-dos of the secretaries) as they arrived at Mohler Hall for what they had hoped would be just another routine day of dealing with student uprisings.

As these unsuspecting people entered Mohler Hall, they were greeted by several crude, hand-lettered signs which issued the dire message, "Administration, beware." Accepting credit for the warning was a mysterious underground organization, the FLA.

As the administrators nervously eyed the signs, the injustice of it all screamed out: "Why don't these militant types ever pick on the trustees?"

While searching through their pockets for Roloids (which absorb 47 times its weight in excess stomach acid), the administrators also searched their minds for the answer to that universal question: Who or what is the FLA?

Hmmm...no, it just couldn't be the Flymbionese Liberation Army...Hadn't they already been sent up the river? But wait, hadn't the faculty seemed restless during their last meeting? Would they go so far as to organize a "Faculty Liberation Army?" What kind of an example would this type of radicalism set for the students? Heaven forbid!

As the day wore on, speculation and patience wore thin.

The morning passed eventually. The noon hour went without so much as an obscene and-or threatening phone call. No signs of a native uprising had surfaced. Mohler Hall had not yet been burned to the ground. No bombs had been planted in the restrooms. Had it all been the unfulfilled scheme of a twisted, depraved mind?

At 3:45 p.m., in the midst of the oppressive calm, the "hoax" suddenly erupted into a full-scale take-over of the administration building.

Into Mohler Hall stormed a group of armed and desperate men, most of whom were hiding their identities beneath the calm exteriors of mirrored sunglasses,

turbans, bandanas, and Mafia-style hats and trenchcoats.

After forcing all the occupants of the building into the hall in front of the president's office, the guerillas proceeded to hold them hostage at squirt-gun point. Any false moves resulted in Chinese water torture.

A spokesman for the group, which had been identified as the Fahnstock Liberation Army, issued a list of demands:

"We, the members of the FLA, wishing a just redress for our grievances concerning the living conditions, academic standards, administrative practices and policies, plant management and maintenance and the annual expenditures for grass seed on the path west of Friendship Hall, as well as anything else we happen to think of, do present this absolutely non-negotiable list of immediate demands.

"If these are not met, an army of trained attack Dobermunks (a crossbreed of the Doberman Pinscher and the skunk developed in the Harnley Bio-Sciences Lab under the direction of Dr. Burkholder under Military Grant No. 5638-721-A17-3B42-X12F53) will be released to attack Mohler Hall. Estimates indicate a 10-year period before the building will again be habitable.

"The demands are:
1. Cooled beer kegs must be installed at 10-yard intervals along the sidewalks as a safeguard against students dying of thirst while walking across campus. In the winter these installations shall be supplied with hot Russian tea spiked with Smirnoff.

2. All the stairs in Harnley Hall shall be converted to escalators. Additionally, four 5,000-lb. capacity elevators must be installed.

3. John Burden must immediately provide the psychology department's rats with toilet facilities. In the four years he has been here, the rats have never had proper toilet facilities, nor showering arrangements. These have long been accorded the dwellers of Metzler Hall. FAIR IS FAIR.

4. All venetian blinds, curtains, paint, macrame, tapestries, flags

or other window obstructing and-or opaquing devices shall forthwith and henceforth immediately now and forever be banned from use in Dotzour Hall, third floor Bittinger Hall and Kline Hall.

5. Two-hundred power terrestrial telescopes must be installed in towers atop Metzler and Fahnstock Halls. Compatible photographing equipment should be included.

6. A 20-foot television screen shall be installed in Brown Auditorium. Convocations credit must be granted for viewing afternoon reruns of 'Gilligan's Island' and 'The Partridge Family' in Brown.

7. The audio-visual department must purchase videotapes of all 78 episodes of Star Trek. A permanent screening room for these should be set aside in the library.

8. Arnold Hall should be gutted, the structure water-proofed, filled with water to capacity and stocked with tropical fish.

9. Kline Hall must be reserved for student botanical work to begin immediately upon arrival of a shipment of seeds presently on order from an independent Columbian grower.

"If the costs involved in non-negotiable demands no.'s 4 and 5 are too great a problem, required coed rooming would be an acceptable substitute. All other demands must be met utterly!

"The Dobermunks stand waiting. The choice is yours. Be bitten to death in the midst of a horrendous stench, or accept this reasonable and moderate plan of reform."

After the demands were read, Dean Lengel, acting in the absence of President Hoffman, was given 15 seconds in which to sign the document into administrative law.

"1, 2, 3...14, 15"
In a clear voice, Dean Lengel declined.

With his solemn words still echoing down the hushed hall, members of the FL emitted a unison "Awww..." and non-violently removed their fannies from Mohler.

'Other people deserved it, too...'

Ikenberry selected 'Professor of the Year'

by Albert Zavala

C2A-CI-S-TR-DGI. Who knows what this formula will develop into? Well, if you take only a few ingredients: church and community activities, plus campus involvement, plus student-teacher relationships and add them together, you get some basic characteristics of Dr. Gilford J. Ikenberry, "Professor of the Year."

Dr. Ikenberry was selected by 15 Who's Who seniors using these and other criteria.

Although 16 years of teaching at McPherson College have given him much experience, he is not really certain why he was selected.

"There are many deserving faculty members," Ikenberry commented. "I have quite a teaching load and would like to spend more time with the students, but there just isn't enough of it. Oh I'm not complaining. But I feel I could do better."

But there is much more to the classroom scientist than just equations. Dr. Ikenberry teaches a summer "Wilderness Experience" course which combines natural history with camping and backpacking.

He gets down to the stimulating aspects of nature and thinks that it is hard to get a better situation to work in.

"It's important to develop a sensitivity in our environment," he commented.

And speaking of getting down to nature, it is not unusual to see Dr. Ikenberry taking a stroll or peddling a bicycle. He thinks that using motor transportation as little as possible has helped him develop a pattern of health and utilization of resources.

As he describes it, "I have a commitment to future generations. Don't misunderstand him though, he is not "anti-technology." It just bothers him when he sees people "dragging main." He stated, "it's not even scenic."

Dr. Ikenberry is a 1952 graduate of McPherson College, a mathematics major. He taught high school for a short time before receiving his masters from Oklahoma State University in 1959.

He then went on to receive his doctorate degree from Iowa State University in botany and plant pathology, with minors in zoology and genetics.

In 1961 he was faced with a very important decision: either stay and teach at Michigan State as assistant professor of botany or come to McPherson to teach. He and his family mutually agreed on the outcome.

"I was sold on the values of the school and have never for a moment, been sorry."

In the little spare time that he does have, the do-it-yourselfer enjoys yard work around his home (when it's seasonable), furniture restoration and wood working. Backpacking and camping are also favorites as photography of scenery or natural history is an interesting hobby.

Kathy Ramsey, sr, Washington D. C., biology major, describes him as a very thorough person who is willing to answer questions.

"In labs he's helpful and kind of 'different' because he likes to have fun but expects you to get your work done. He also plans interesting labs."

David Crist, jr, McPherson, is proof to his own statement, "He gets enthusiastic when he talks and he makes his students interested which makes them want to study more."

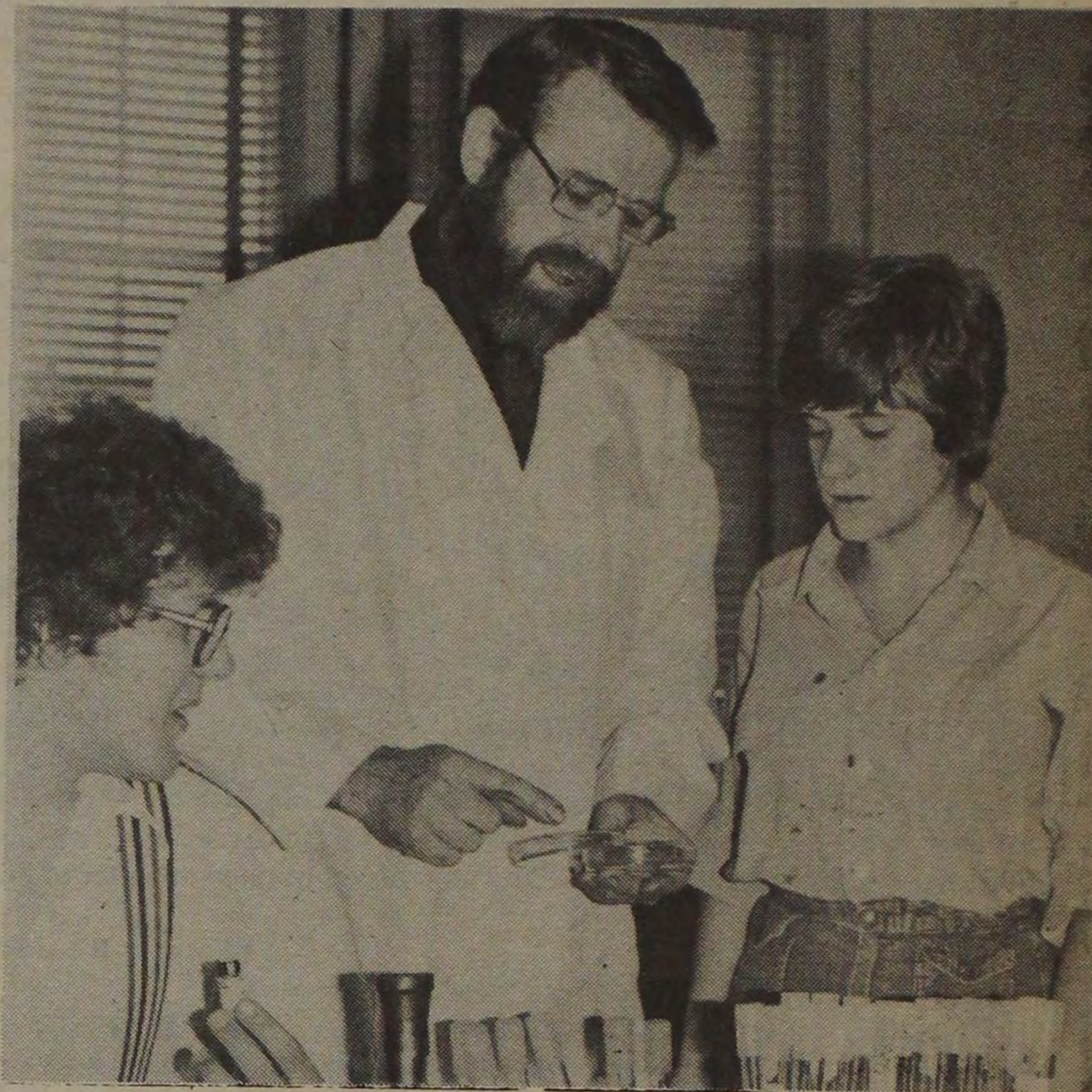
Dave continued, "He's a good

teacher and he likes it. He really relates well."

Dr. Ikenberry thinks that the real reward comes from the contact of the students. It makes him feel young when he reminds

them that he learns more than they do just being with them.

He hopes his relationship with others reflects on his religious faith which is a most important aspect of his life.



Dr. Gilford Ikenberry

Alumni honored with citations

McPherson College Alumni Citations of Merit are granted annually by the college upon recommendation of the Alumni Citation Committee and with final approval by the College Board of Trustees.

Citations recognize the following: Achievement and success in a given profession, service to mankind, service to the church, or alumni loyalty to the college.

Alumni Citations of Merit are awarded at the Annual Alumni Banquet which will be May 21 at 6 p.m. in the Student Union.

Receiving one of the citations on May 21 will be the Rev. Kent Naylor, '47. He has served several churches and is presently pastor of the Lebanon, Pa, Church of the Brethren. He has served on the Elgin staff and has been president of the Waterloo, Ia, Ministerial Alliance. His wife and children are all graduates of McPherson College.

Also nominated for a citation is Charles Lengel, '27, a man instrumental in the building of the Northern Colorado Church of the Brethren in Windsor. Lengel donated the land on which the church was constructed. He served as a teacher in northern Kansas during the depression of the '20s, and was an insurance representative for approximately 10 years. He has served the communities in which he has lived as a school board member, a president of the Ft. Collins Farmers Co-op, and as a member of the Board of Deacons of the First Christian Church in Windsor.

Alma Anderson Moore, '20, who was inducted into the Kansas High School Activities Hall of Fame in March, 1976, will also receive a citation. She was instrumental in organizing and developing the Newton High School speech department which she then coached onto state and national

competition. She has coached seven state champion debate teams, two of which went on to become national champions. She has served on the Board of Trustees for the college and has been a member of Who's Who among American College Women.

The Rev. Warren Hoover, '47, executive director of NISBCO and recipient of the 1973 Brethren Peacemaker Award, will also be recognized. He is a former school teacher, a graduate of Bethany

Theological Seminary, and has three children who have graduated or are in attendance at McPherson.

Ruth Harms Nigh, '33, past president of the McPherson College Alumni Board and also an alumni board member, will also be receiving a citation. She is past president of the Auxiliary of the American Osteopathic Association, an active member in Kansas Federated Women's Clubs and a member of the United Methodist Church.



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Pam Medford, sr, Levant, coasts to an easy first place finish at the McPherson Invitational last week. The women nabbed second place overall behind WSU.

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Ray resigns as A.D.

by Lisa Gaskill

"We all need a change at times," said athletic director and track coach Art Ray. Next fall the athletic director's office will hold a new faculty member as Coach Ray announced his resignation late last month.

"This wasn't a decision that we made in a hurry," said Ray, "it was an accumulation of many reasons throughout the past few years."

Right now Coach Ray doesn't know what next fall will bring. Teaching is a possibility but the availability of a job around is slim and the family isn't eager to move elsewhere.

"We'll probably stay in the area," said Ray.

"Being athletic director, track coach and cross country coach is a job that's very demanding. That doesn't mean I will be looking for something that's not demanding, but it's time for a change," said Ray. "I'm leaving McPherson College with good feelings, not leaving under duress and I'm not mad at the college."

"I've made a lot of friends here and wish them the best. I've found that there's never a good year to leave, there's always someone coming on," he commented, "I'll miss a lot of students."

As for who will be here next year, Ray has no idea who will

replace him but recruiting isn't at a standstill. All athletes that he contacted are being worked by admissions.

Coach Ray's diligent and unselfish work has led his teams to many individual and team successes in both cross country and track. Twice he was named NAIA Track Coach of the Year.

"What can you say about a coach that's so great?" said Pam Medford sr, Levant. "He recruits people, not just good athletes. He likes quality but he works with and helps anyone. He's the best coach I've been acquainted with, the most personable and he really knows what he's doing. Another asset of Coach Ray is his caring—he really cares about people," concluded Pam.

"He's the hardest working coach I've known," commented Jeanne Suellentrop sr, Colwich, "he gets things done. He also coaches individuals and sees to each one's needs."

"It will be very rough on the next coach to replace him," said Freddie Wilson, "he's going to be missed a lot."

"He's the best coach I've ever had and has given me a lot of help as far as coaching techniques are concerned and helping others. He is concerned with each person in particular, he's been a father to everyone and anything he does is for the team," Fred concluded.

Soccer plagued by forfeits

This season's soccer action has been plagued with rainstorms and forfeits. On March 19 the soccer team had to forego the tournament sponsored by the Wichita Weathawks because of rain. This disappointed the team because they thought they could have earned a fairly good finish.

On Sunday, May 1 a misunderstanding as to playing locations resulted in another forfeit. Sunday's game was to be against Hesston. Each team thought the other was supposed to come to the home field.

As the league schedule prevailed the Hesston Soccer Club was right in waiting for McPherson to come.

With only two games left in the season the soccer team has a 1-4-1 record not including the possibility of a forfeit to Hesston.

Ruben Carrion, McPherson representative, pointed out that one of the losses was due to a forfeit because of spring break and another forfeit because of the long distance to Southwestern.

Captains for the 1977-78 season will not be elected until next fall.

This Sunday, May 8, the Bulldogs are promising a most exciting match as they face the Internationals of Wichita on home grounds.

"It's going to be a very good, action packed game," commented Ruben, "I'm hoping for a good crowd to show up. So far we've had good interest by the spectators. I hope it continues."

Before the soccer club closes the season, they express their appreciation to Student Council with a "thank-you" for the financial aid which helped the season to progress smoothly.

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Golf season ends low

Although the golfers couldn't quite cut the mustard in their last bout of the season at Kansas Wesleyan they gave it all they had at the conference tournament in Wichita earlier this week.

The results of the KWU invitational on April 29 are as follows: Marymount was first with 313, Baker and Friends tied for second with 314, Fort Hays came in fourth with 315, Southwestern was fifth with 330, KWU and Bethany tied for sixth with 337 and McPherson brought up the rear with 366.

The individual scores of our quartet were Ron Hovis with 90, Larry Brubaker with 91, Matt Duerksen with 92 and Chris Covert with 93.

Coach Paul Miller commented, "They didn't play well. I wasn't

very happy with them, but I still love them."

At the conference match up Friends sported all five of their last year's starters which will cause the Bulldogs some anguish despite their six stroke victory last year.

The conference results were not available at presstime but the lineup included Bruce Clary, Greg Frantz, Ron Hovis, Larry Brubaker and Matt Duerksen. On each of the two day meet 27 holes were played.

The chances of McPherson defending their title are slight because of Friends University's depth.

"I'm hoping that Greg Frantz and Bruce Clary have good enough days to scare those horses a little bit," Paul Miller said.

Netters down warriors

The McPherson College tennis team moved their record to 6-1 in the conference and 8-6 overall following victories over Sterling and KWU and losses to Phillips and Bethany in the last week and a half.

On April 25 the Bulldogs downed the Sterling Warriors by the score of 8-1. In that match all the Bulldogs were victorious except Kent Harris, who was defeated in the no. 3 singles spot in three sets.

The following Wednesday the Mac netters faced Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma and were defeated 8-1 by the home team. Although Tracy Ikenberry was the only Bulldog winner at no. 6 singles, Coach Holman said, "Many of the matches were tie-breakers and the score could very easily have been 5-4 in our favor."

Last Friday the Bulldogs faced Kansas Wesleyan University and came away with a 9-0 victory. In that match the McPherson team won every set by the score of 6-2 or better.

Monday the Mac netters faced the defending KCAC champions Bethany Swedes at Lindsborg and were defeated by the score of 8-1. Only Craig Holman came home victorious for the Bulldogs, winning the no. 1 singles slot in three sets.

In looking at the matches to date, Coach Jerry Holman said, "I predicted a .500 season and we've done better than that. I think we had better overall balance on this year's team than on any team I've coached in the six years I've been here. We've done better than I had expected to do."

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