

# Visitation proposal once again before student vote

by Matt Howell

The Interdorm Committee has recently designed and passed a new 43.5-maximum-hour, open dorm proposal, as an alternative to the present visitation hours.

All students will have the opportunity to register their opinion on the proposal in a vote at this Thursday's convocation. With this student input, the proposal will go to Joanne Hamlin, Director of Housing; Dr. Ed Butler, Vice-President for Student Services; Campus Life Board and perhaps Stuco, for recommendation.

President Paul Hoffman

makes the final decision and has the power to accept the new proposal as policy, or pass it to the college trustees with his own recommendation. Though trustee action is not necessary, more open dorm hours are unlikely to be seen before this fall, even if the proposal passes at all stages.

The Interdorm Committee's recommendation for an increase of hours was drawn from a survey in which all students had an opportunity to express themselves, and is designed to be as inclusive of student opinion as possible. The committee worked at a compromise between an

earlier 86-hour proposal and present visitation policy, and hopes a broader base of student support is the result.

Though 43.5 hours of visitation per week is allowed, the Interdorm Committee emphasized that residence halls should not feel obligated to use all available hours.

No visitation hours will be allowed from 11 p.m. to 1 p.m. the following day, with the exception of Friday and Saturday nights, when dorms may stay open until 1.

Dorms still must be open on Sundays from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10,

and up to nine hours can be used for as many as three weekday afternoons.

The placement of the remaining hours will be determined by each residence hall, though each dorm must remain closed for at least one day per week.

In contrast to the last proposal, the new recommendation offers more specific guidelines, the closed-dorm day, and, of course, fewer total hours of visitation. In

addition, more work and thought were put into the new proposal, with a greater sensitivity to student opinion.

The Interdorm Committee hopes that this proposal will provide a greater sense of community and more attention to individual needs.

Complete copies of the Interdorm Committee's proposal have been posted on campus bulletin boards, and are available in the Student Services Office.

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### Easier on the eyes

## Cafeteria due for interior remodeling

by Trudy Christy

You might not recognize the cafeteria when you return from spring break.

If all goes according to plans, the cafeteria will be remodeled, through external funding, during spring break to improve its energy efficiency and its general appearance.

Dr. Ed Butler, Vice-President of Student Services, says it is being remodeled now because "we just think it will be so nice, and we want to do it as soon as possible. . . so this year's group of students can take advantage of the improvements."

A committee of administrative persons and students, under the leadership of Dr. Merlin Frantz, Vice-President of Administrative Services, has formulated the plans.

Two of the most obvious changes will be carpeting in the dining area (except an eight foot

strip along the south wall) and a drop ceiling.

The lowered ceiling will make it possible to both modify the heating ducts to make it warmer on the north side by the windows, and to add insulation in the ceiling.

While the ceiling is being redone, fluorescent lighting will be added so it will be lighter at night.

The serving area will also be remodeled by replacing the floor tiles and the ceiling, adding insulation at the same time. Heat lamps may possibly be installed so plates on top of the counter will stay warm.

Some changes which will not be visible are nevertheless important. The electrical system will be modified so the location of the milk and ice cream machines is not so limited. The air conditioning and heating systems will be controlled by a time clock so they will not run while people

are not there.

Plans have also been made solely to improve the cafeteria's appearance. The walls will be repainted, the dish return area's appearance will be improved and several large movable potted plants may be added.

Dr. Frantz thinks all the changes will make the cafeteria "have a much warmer feeling and it will enhance the atmosphere a great deal."

The proposed improvements are based on an energy study the college conducted last year on its buildings. The Student Union showed the most need. So an administrative committee drew up a proposal to obtain monies available for "energy and aesthetic improvements."

The college subsequently received a matching grant from the State Department of Energy and \$30,000 from a local foundation to be used specifically for those purposes.

## Weddle becomes director

by Trudy Christy

Connie Weddle has moved down the hall and up the ladder of the McPherson College administrative staff.



Connie Weddle

Mrs. Weddle used to be in the development office where she had been Associate Director for

Development and Director of Alumni since January of 1979.

Now she is down the hall in the admissions office, due to her promotion to Director of Admissions. Mrs. Weddle replaced Donald Hapward.

Dr. Edward Butler, Vice-President for Student Services, said, "We are extremely pleased to have Mrs. Weddle assuming responsibility as Director of Admissions. She has demonstrated exceptional leadership in her previous work with the college."

Mrs. Weddle graduated with honors from McPherson College in 1964 with a degree in English. She went on to get a masters degree in history from Wichita State University.

She taught at Minneola High School and worked as a graduate teaching assistant at Wichita State University in the history and English departments before returning to McPherson.

## Covenant Players at convo

By Vashti Phenice

The Covenant Players, a traveling ministry in drama, will be appearing here at McPherson College for this Thursday's convocation.

The Covenant Players are a "ministry of faith," with over 55 touring units, and performances throughout thirty countries in six different languages. The unit visiting McPherson is called the Mark Twain unit and consists of four members.

The ministry, in addition to live drama, includes radio, television, workshops in drama and communication.

The non-endowed, non-profit organization's only financial support is from performing engagements and donations, which are used to pay for such essentials as gas and insurance.

The Players have salaries which start at twenty dollars a week, and even that is not guaranteed when funds are low. They do everything they can do to keep their expenses at a minimum.

Their life is very difficult at times, with the source of their next meal often in question, but they enjoy their work and believe in their purpose.

## Science grant provides college money to purchase machines

by Matt Geisert

Many colleges don't have the opportunity to have instrumentation for chemical analysis because of the money involved in the purchase of these machines.

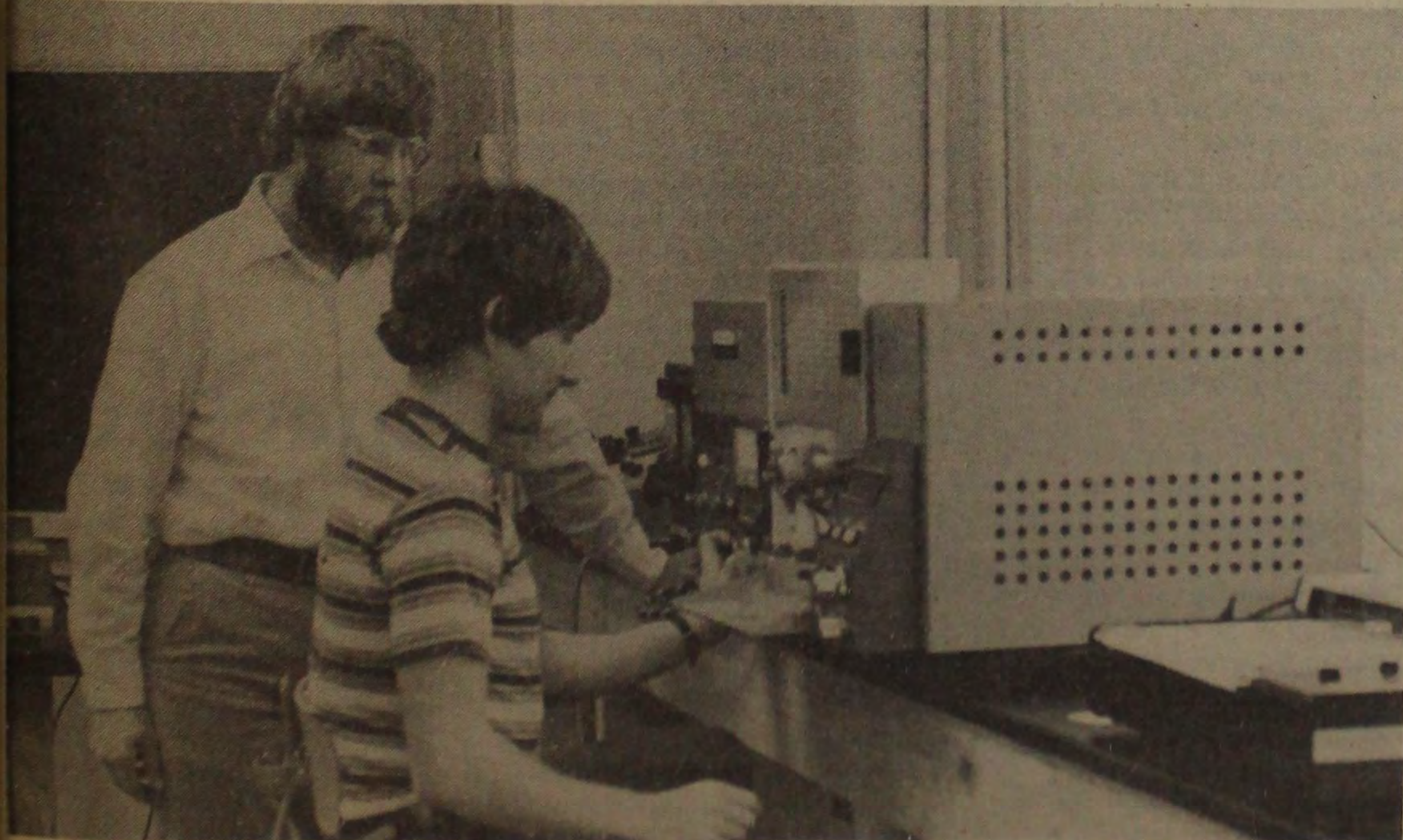
McPherson College had been one of thirteen colleges that was on a program of a cooperative mobile spectroscopy laboratory in connection with the University of Arkansas.

Each college had the mobile laboratory on its campus for a

period of time to let the students have a chance to observe and run experiments on the machines.

With the science grant given to McPherson College, the science department now has the ability to buy four of the machines that McPherson had the opportunity to use as a member of the mobile spectroscopy lab program.

These machines are Atomic Absorption, Gas Chromograph, Infrared and Ultra Violet. Now they can be used for experimentation all year instead of a short period of time.



Lothar Stahl (sr., Germany) adjusts an atomic absorption spectrophotometer (try to spell it backwards, folks), as Richard Zerger, professor of physical science, observes.

This is one of several machines for chemical analysis that have been recently purchased by the science department with science grant funds (see accompanying story).

Photo by Lisa Irle

# Mac's concern for athletes unmatched by big schools

This letter is directed to all McPherson College athletes, especially those who are considering transferring to another school after this year.

In last Saturday's state tournament game with Kansas Newman, McPherson was in control, playing well, working with a comfortable 10-point lead and threatening to break away to a win and a third place finish.

Then, with about eight minutes left, disaster struck.

In a dash for the ball, Susan Sundahl leaped high, flipped in mid-air, and came down hard, hitting her head on the floor — and just lay there.

A ripple of horror and fear swept through the team and the crowd as they realized she wasn't going to get up and walk away.

Susan was whisked away to the hospital for tests and treatment. (She had a concussion, but she is all right now.)

She left behind a team and crowd shaken to the depths of their souls, as they realized how much more important one person's health and well-being is in comparison to a game of even that magnitude.

Although the ladies tried to shake off the shock of that episode, their concern hampered their concentration, and the Bulldogs finally lost a two-point decision to Newman.

Now, other teams might have been able to say, "Gee, that's too bad. I hope she's O.K. . . . Now let's get down to business and win this game." Other fans might have been able to say, "Gosh, isn't that awful? I hope she's all right. . . . Now let's get on with the game."

Other teams might have had several players of equal calibre to take her place — she might not even have really been missed in the game.

But would other teams have

knelled in prayer for the well-being of their fallen friend?

Would one of another school's administrators as well as a concerned resident director — from another dorm — accompany her to the hospital to help if they could?

Would another school's fans give the team a standing ovation in defeat as well as in victory?

Other schools may be able to offer large scholarships. Other schools may have winning traditions.

For example, Emporia State has both. Emporia was the top-ranked team in the state. Emporia has an awesome array of individual talent. Emporia beat McPherson (barely) with an impressive display of shooting.

But, for some reason, Emporia had a very small crowd for the McPherson game, composed mostly of parents, friends and old-fogey alumni watching their scholarship bucks at work. When Emporia was playing well, the crowd cheered. When the team was not playing well, the crowd was mostly silent.

McPherson has neither large

scholarships nor a winning tradition.

But whether the Bulldogs were doing well or not so well, before, during and after the game their fans were cheering, urging them on, supporting them. McPherson's crowd had a higher percentage of students than any other school at the tournament, and included administrators, faculty and staff as well.

There are many schools around like Emporia who are commonly successful in sports. They win a lot. They are expected to.

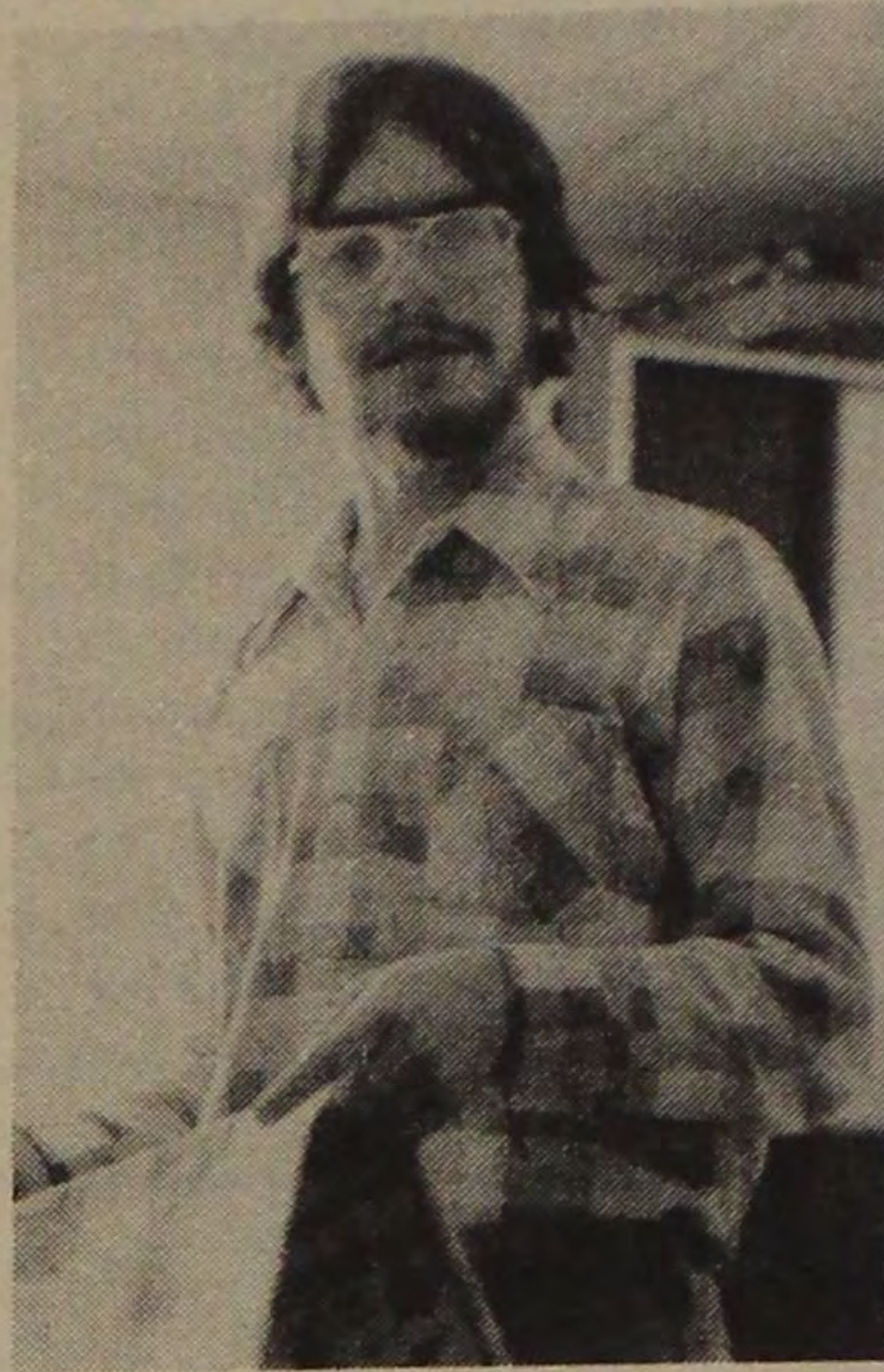
Their players are talented (the best scholarships can buy). Each player is a cog in a well-oiled machine — each can be replaced.

But Emporia didn't win the state championship. They didn't have the fire of their opponents, St. Mary's. They lost. And they seemed almost relieved.

McPherson also lost its next game. But not because the team didn't have fire. It was because their hearts were in another place — in a hospital room, where their friend lay.

Well, the season is over. Life goes on. Emporia's players are

once again just faces in the crowd.



Now that Don Stinnette (sr., Elizabeth, Co.) is no longer editor-in-chief for the *Spectator*, he has more time to write editorials.

Photo by Dale Ziegler

Here at McPherson life will go on, too. But the players aren't just faces in the crowd. You see many of them every day. You may know some of them per-

sonally. You may be close friends with them.

The players will now go on to other things. They may not be known as basketball players again until next season — and who knows what the Lady Bulldogs can achieve next year if all the players return? But for now, they are just people. Not "athletes," but people.

"Athletes" (people), you can take your pick of schools that win often. You may even be able to earn a place on such a team.

But when the game is over, where will you be? When the season is over, what will you be? Is there life after sports at the large schools?

Think about the friends you have made here. Consider the magnitude of excitement and support that springs forth here when a team finally does well. Think about what you do and who you see during 90 percent of the time you are not practicing or playing.

Consider who the real winners are.

Sincerely,  
Don Stinnette

## Dorm proposal must not repeat past mistakes

I'm sure that many students, wanting to cast an "informed vote" at Thursday's convo, are still a bit bewildered by this open-dorm issue, despite an explanation of the new proposal at last Tuesday's convo and on the front page of this week's *Spectator*.

"What happened to the last proposal?" is the big question and one that deserves to be answered.

The biggest fault of the last proposal was that it tried to accomplish "too much, too fast," in unworkable contrast to a very deliberate decision-making process at McPherson College.

Almost a year ago, several students who saw no harm in afternoon "visitation" or in more open hours during evenings, proposed that dorms be allowed up to 86 hours of openness. In a referendum, 88 percent of the student body voted for the increase.

With this kind of student mandate, almost everyone expected more open-dorm hours. But these people did not reckon with the powers of the twelve percent who voted against the 86-hour proposal. In addition, several of those who voted for the increase, joined the nay-sayers in asking, "Do I really want 86

hours of open dorms?"

Apparently, many answered that this was just too much of a good thing. Feeling like they had just been run over by the "freedom of visitation" bandwagon, they feared that the small bit of peace left in residence halls might be lost. Those resisting change went to the top and expressed their views, and found a sympathetic ear.

This whole open-dorm thing had to be re-evaluated. Could the dorms handle the responsibility of allocating 86 visitation hours in each week? Was this just a case of spring fever? Had students known what they were voting for? What is the long-range impact, like the cost of extra desk-worker wages?

In addition to these questions, it was pointed out that the 86-hour proposal was almost a carbon copy of a previous proposal.

Because of these problems, the proposal was not acted upon, and was left until this school year. A Residence Life Committee was almost established to make a recommendation; but a wave of controversies and misunderstandings, especially concerning the power and scope of this committee, shot down the idea before it left the ground.

The Interdorm Council, now known as the Interdorm Committee, decided it might be nice to see how the students felt on the issue, especially since a big chunk of the nucleus of students who had been the driving force of the 86-hour proposal was no longer around.

Though some blame a lack of information and communication, the Interdorm people were unable to find the enthusiasm for 86 open-dorm hours that last spring's vote indicated.

Everyone was encouraged to fill out a questionnaire so it could be seen just how much open-dorm time was desired. Carefully compiling the results, the

Interdorm Committee found a large segment of the student body in the "just a few more hours" category.

Attempting to accommodate the majority, the Committee created the new, 43.5-hour proposal which is now before us.

Can this attempt to please everyone, please anyone? Can there be "student interest" in a compromise? Just what has been compromised here, our freedom of association?

Okay, so the new proposal may not be perfect, and there have been problems in the past which haven't been completely resolved. The new proposal is nevertheless a carefully considered, quite reasonable step, which after all, offers over twenty more open-dorm hours per week.

Students can no longer plead ignorance, for it is no excuse. I would encourage those students with opinions on this issue, and even those still straddling the open door, to discuss this new proposal with professors, administrators, and other students.

The vote Thursday should not be the end of student input. Of course, writing a letter to the *Spectator* is always an appropriate way to express an opinion.

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## Students have voices on convo choices

Reading last week's *Spectator*, I have the feeling that most of the "anti-convo" sentiments still do exist. It is not my purpose, nor my wish to argue with anyone on this issue. I can understand both sides of this "conflict," if one can call it that.

My purpose then is to inform the student body that they do have three representatives sitting on the Convocation Committee. This "cursed body" is the originator of all convocations, and the rules and regulations that go with them. In other words, everything concerning the convocation program at McPherson College (including mandatory attendance), is dealt with by the Convocation Committee.

I have been a member of this committee for almost two years, and have for the most part voted for what I thought the majority of students favor, and have voted against those issues that they would not.

Trying to guess what people think, and even talking to people isn't enough, and the back of

convo cards (while innovative) is not a practical forum, especially when there isn't enough space for all of the complaints!

For the past two years, the student members of the committee have usually voted in a united bloc — rarely do we vote against each other. However, whoever decides upon membership of this and other committees very conveniently saw to it that student members are outnumbered two to one.

How convenient indeed, especially at our last meeting, when I introduced a motion to limit convocations to one per week. All student members voted for the motion, and all faculty members voted against it.

Now I'm not trying or intending to make the faculty members of this committee seem like vicious, blue meanies, but some of the time, they do not react favorably to some of our "radical" views or motions (such as the aforementioned).

For your information, the members of the Convocation Committee are Dr. Doris Coppock, chairperson; Dr. Gilford

Ikenberry, Dr. Leland Lengel, Dr. Norma Tucker, Rev. Alan Kieffaber, Prof. Steve Gustafson, Prof. Wesley Pauls, Prof. Rick Tyler, Sharon Bertholf (soph., Johnstown, Co.), Dan Rogers (soph., Guthrie, Minn.) and myself. Renee Petit (sr., Iola, Wis.) represents Student Council on the committee.

What I am proposing is: 1) put your concerns and complaints in writing, send them to me, and I shall see to it that these are heard at our meetings. 2) look for the things that you like about convocations, and let me know them, too.

There is a committee being headed up by Registrar Karlene Tyler, which is to evaluate the present convocation system. Please participate in this, too. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

Until then, have a nice weekend, and WE WILL see you in convo Thursday, won't we? (HA HA HA)

P.S. Big Brother will be watching you.

Your voice on the Convocation Committee,  
Greg Fenno

# Kieffaber explains Regional Youth Conference mystery

by Alan Kieffaber  
Campus Minister

high school youth for perhaps 25 years.

New students in 1980-81 and those previously unfamiliar with the Church of the Brethren will want to prepare themselves for the visit of 150 or so high school youth and their adult sponsors for the March 13-15 weekend. Coming Friday evening and leaving about Sunday noon, these guests will share our food service and housing facilities for four meals and two nights. College students are invited to join in the program, get acquainted with the youth, welcome them to McPherson College, and even make them your personal guests.

You see, it's traditional for college students, Brethren or not,

to host these visitors in their rooms, even on the floor. In the first place, there's no place else to put them all, and secondly it's a good way to acquaint them with the college and the students. Admittedly, RYC is a good time, and an opportunity for public relations and recruitment — every student who comes to McPherson contributes something to the cost of your education, and every guest who is favorably impressed by one of us is a good prospect for a future student, even while we're still here. So a warm welcome to RYC guests is green for the college — grass, lights and budget!

You'll have a chance to welcome some RYCers in your

room if you wish. Whether or not you do this, you can be sure that some 200 high schoolers and company are going to make a difference in campus life for a day or two. It's likely that some of them have things to "prove," as do some of us here, and you are urged to keep this wish to "make an impression" within responsible and healthy bounds. Neither hosts nor guests are going to help the program of the college or of RYC by confusing "grown-up" with "far-out" during this brief encounter with "the other world." There are plenty of chances for mixing and fun: we are the hosts; we are the adult models.

A guest speaker is usually invited to come and give leadership. This year it is J. Calvin "Cal" Keeling of Hut-

chinson. He will talk to the Conference Friday and Saturday and on Sunday morning will preach in the Church of the Brethren here. The theme is "Age: The Other Side," and there will be a chance for the high school participants to visit local senior citizens.

We could use your help not only in hosting but in sharing with the guests during orientation and small group activities, just an hour or so. In whatever way you wish to be involved, contact a member of the RYC program committee: Tina Wagner, Carine Ullom, Ronda Switzer, Marie Neher, Dennis Holl, Bruce Spitzer, Greg Keasling or Alan Kieffaber.

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## 'Hero Sandwich' gives heartache, not heartburn

By Dan Rogers  
Guest Reviewer

departure of his father. The emotional strain which had no outlet in the physical world found vent in the world of the mental high developed with drugs.

Throughout the movie the viewer is aware of extreme tensions experienced in the lives of the people in the story.

A personal reaction to this film delves into the social implications of drug abuse and the causative factors. I enjoyed the movie in part to the superb ac-

ting, but mainly to an increased awareness of the emotional trauma so many children grow up in.

Yet, I realize this movie brings out just a tip of the iceberg in terms of the struggles and turmoil which addiction to drugs may cause.

Naively I speak of the tensions, yet a film such as this can lead to partial comprehension of the myriad number of social problems.

Saturday night's movie, brought to you by the Student Activities Board will surely evoke emotions of empathy and joy. "Enjoy today, tomorrow to be worse." The secular philosophy is so readily experienced by a young man black who became dependent upon drugs. Benjamin, the striving youth, beset with anguish over the

## Resident Assistant selection underway

Keasling, soph., Hutchinson; Phil King, fr., West Liberty, Ohio; Stuart Knoll, soph., Norton; James McKinnell, soph., Rockford, Ill.; Rick Patton, soph., Camp Verde, Ariz.; Galen Reeves, soph., Boise; Dan

Rogers, soph., Guthrie, Minn.; Ken Steadman, soph., Sedgewick; Wade Thiessen, fr., Henderson, Neb.; Ron Washington, soph., Kansas City; and Wallace Whitfield, fr., Kent, N.Y.

hoping to have Resident Assistants chosen before spring break, Joanne Hamlin, Director of Housing, and the Resident Assistants have been busy with selection process.

The application process includes an essay-answer application, recommendations from two faculty or staff persons, and the R.A. of the applicant. Each applicant has been interviewed by the R.D.'s and

there may be follow-up interviews before the selections are made, but once next year's Resident Assistants are chosen, the selection process will begin an intensive

training period. What follows is a list of the 31 people who have applied for R.A. positions. The dorms are not specified, since some applicants have applied for more than one

Women applicants are: Frieda Macio, fr., Puerto Rico; Lisa Brooks, soph., Kansas City; Sandy Christy, soph., Marshalltown, Iowa; Teresa Goodfellow, soph., Lyons; Pam Higgins, jr., Albuquerque; Iyabo Newarun, fr., Nigeria; Celeste Swallen, jr., Bisbee, N.D.; Maria Marshall, jr., Adel, Iowa; Linda Pote, soph., Wichita; Rebecca Robins, fr., Kansas City; Karin Stiggins, soph., Hutchinson; Carol Swank, jr., Poplar, Mont.; and Linda van Weelt, jr., McPherson.

Men applying are: Everett Bradley, soph., Marion, Ind.; Brian Duncan, fr., Paola; Pierre France, jr., Oklahoma City; Alan Hamm, jr., Prairie City, Iowa; Ralph Hamilton, jr., Beloit; Mik Matman, fr., Hazelton; Matt Powell, soph., Conway; Greg

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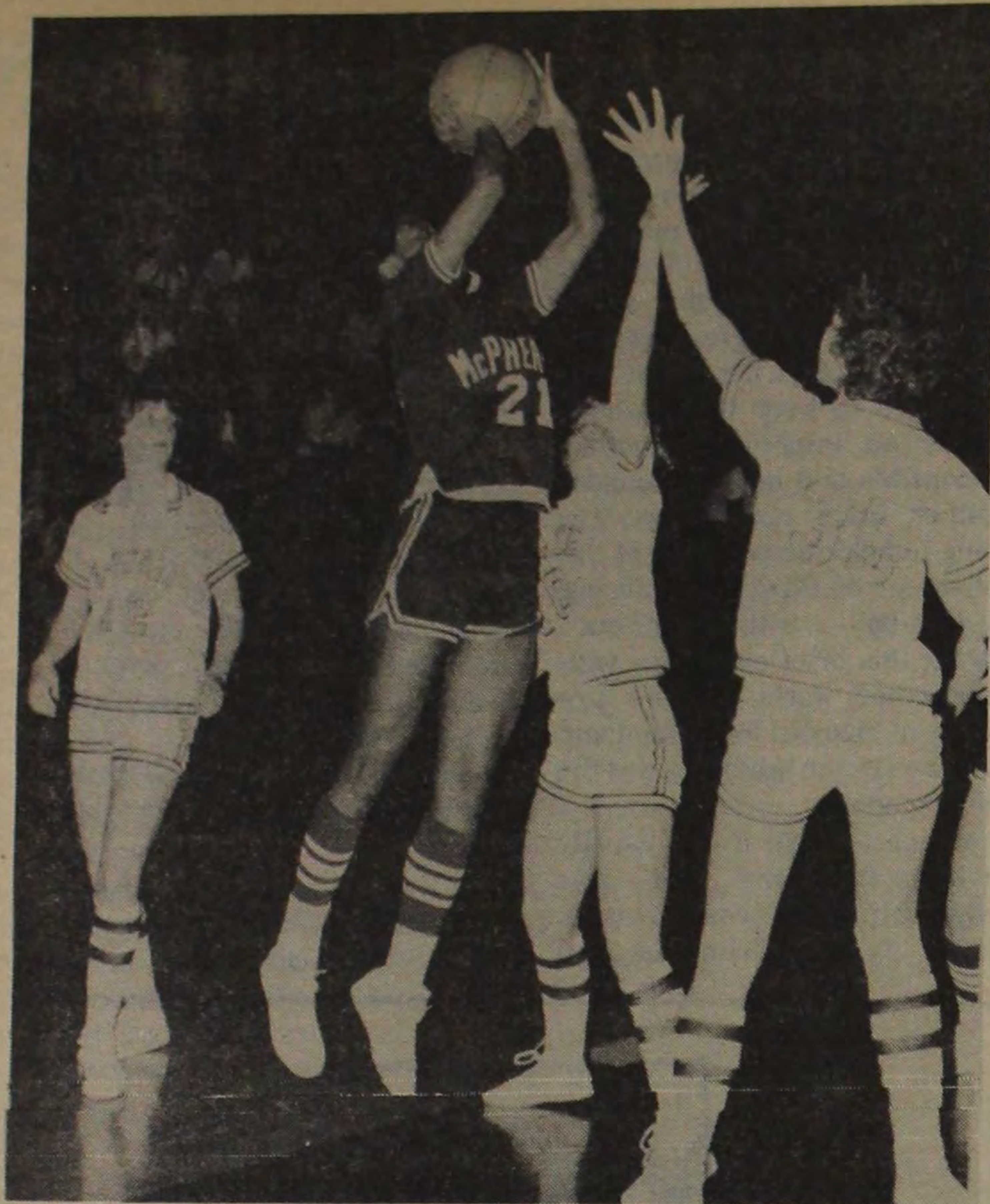
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Three Emporia State guards know it's useless to try to stop Valecia Kelly (fr., Cincinnati), as she puts it up against the boards for two in the big game last Friday.

Photo by Tom Mason

## Women are winners, anyway

By Mike "Scoop" Higgins  
 The 1980-81 women's basketball season ended last Saturday night and it's my pleasure to report to you the season wrap-up. This team, which only a year ago finished a dismal 3-22, took the league by storm in compiling an incredible 19-9 record. One of the amazing factors in this story is the fact that not one of the team members is a senior.

As you probably know, the team traveled to Wichita last weekend after losing a heartbreaker to St. Mary's.

In the first round, the Bulldogs were paired against the awesome

Hornets of Emporia State. Many predicted a blow-out by Emporia which has handed Wichita State, and other such powerhouses, defeats. This was not the case, however, as our scrappy team gave Emporia all it could handle, finally succumbing by a miniscule four points.

In the last game of the season, our classy ladies ran into a rash of unfortunate mishaps, including a quite questionable foul call which forced Deb Rettele out of the game and the injury of Susan Sundahl.

Although the season ended with a loss, Bulldog fans were left with

a new sense of pride and hope. As I mentioned before, every member of the team can come back next year, many for two more years or even three. This year's team has paved the way for a winning tradition in the women's basketball program for years to come.

The American College Dictionary defines the word "win" as "To succeed by striving or effort...to gain favor, regard or adherence as by qualities or influence." Those who look at the accomplishments of this year's team will surely agree — this year's team has done just that.

## Soccer club plays first game

By Boniface Waweru  
 Last week's game was the first one during this spring season. The game was played last Sunday afternoon at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita.

The opponent was a mixed team with both Air Force men and civilians.

The Mac team had some difficulties in controlling the ball in

the first half. It was a game for experience, and the players who have joined the team recently were given chances to play the opponents.

The "Tornadoes" scored two goals in the first half, but they had a hard time in the second round, when the Mac players started to use their own tactics.

Though the Wichita team

scored two more goals against Mac, the McPherson team called the game a warm-up. There will be a definite judgement of which team is best, when they meet again sometime in May.

The next game will be a home game (at the football practice field) this Sunday at 2, against the Ritchies Rockets.

## Basketball men praised for high performance this season

By Don Stinnette

McPherson's Bulldogs ended their season on a sour note with a crushing loss at the hands of the Tabor Bluejays, 94-72, but according to Coach Bob Fairbank they have shown steady improvement and are willing to work hard to make next season better.

In the Tabor debacle, the game was out of reach early for the Bulldogs, as the Bluejays built a 51-36 lead at halftime and never looked back.

Senior Doug Gayer, Buhler, in his final game as a Bulldog, scored twelve points and dished off six assists in his usual solid floor game.

Mike Higgins, fr., Albuquerque, compiled 23 points as high scorer for the 'Dogs while hauling down eight rebounds.

Steve Porter, soph., McPherson, in his first start of the season, showed much promise in his eleven-point, six-rebound performance.

The Bulldog bench made valuable contributions, especially defensively, all season

long. The trio of Alan Jamison, fr., Luray; Kevin Carlson, fr., Herrington; and Steve Maurer, fr., Mission, combined for fifteen rebounds against Tabor.

The 'Dogs finished with a 6-10 record in the KCAC and 10-14 overall. McPherson faced many powerful opponents early, including nationally-ranked Ft. Hays State, plus Mo. Southern, Ottawa and Kansas Newman, all playoff-calibre teams.

The Bulldogs also faced tough opponents in the KCAC in co-champions Tabor and Bethany. McPherson fell to Bethany by only four and three points respectively in their two games, showing ability to play with the best in the conference at times.

McPherson often seemed unable to pull out wins in close games; the 'Dogs won only three of the nine games they played in which only four points or less separated the teams.

For the season as a whole, Coach Fairbank was pleased with the team's progress. The performance of players off the bench has been outstanding, according to the coach, especially during the last few games.

"The bench was a big plus down the stretch; the starters were being pushed for their positions, and we weren't losing much by putting in the reserves," stated Fairbank.

"Two things," said Coach Fairbank, "are needed to improve this ballclub: more team rebounding and more team defense." The 'Dogs were out-rebounded in about three-fourths of their games this year.

In team voting, Doug Gayer was voted most outstanding performer of the year, as well as most inspirational. In addition, Gayer was recognized as the highest-percentage free-throw shooter, with an 84.6 percent average. Steve Porter was voted most improved player, and Mike

Higgins was recognized as top rebounder.

Gayer, a three-year starter would be very difficult to replace. Coach Fairbank said that Gayer "plays as well with his head as any player I've ever coached; he's a 'coach on the floor,' a team leader." The coach also stated, "Doug doesn't have great natural ability, but he's the team's most dedicated player. He gives a hundred percent every practice and works on fundamentals on his own. He's not flashy, but he's our 'Mr. Steady.' He is an excellent basketball player and an excellent person and will be a super coach."

Opposing defenses keyed on Gayer, which is a tribute to his ability. Earlier this week, Gayer was named an All-KCAC performer. He has already been nominated to play for the West team in the All-District 10 All-Star Game March 20 at Emporia.

Junior Lindell Cox, Hanston, has progressed immensely this season, according to the coach. Cox has been excellent in some games, and has played with more confidence. "If Lindell can add 20-25 pounds to his frame, he will have an excellent senior year," said Fairbank.

Junior Wallace Whitfield has had to make a tough transition from the "run and gun" style of junior college play to a more structured kind of game that emphasizes good defense. Coach Fairbank said this is frustrating for him, but he has good playing skills and some leadership ability, which will be sorely needed to help fill the gap left by Gayer next year. The coach added, "Wallace wants to win, and will work hard for he team."

Junior Jack "J.C." Koehn "doesn't have much natural talent," said Coach Fairbank, "but J.C. plays as close to his ultimate potential as anyone on the team, and you can't ask for anything more."

Darrell Stuart, soph., Hutchinson, has also had to make the transition from juco play. Fairbank said about Darrell that "he must learn his capabilities and make the most of them. Darrell has the physical tools to be tough inside, to be an outstanding defensive player and rebounder." The coach said he realized that rebounding is not glamorous, but is greatly needed.

Steve Porter, soph., McPherson, returned to school this year after a four-year absence. He, too, was used to the juco style of play, having played at Central College, and had to make the transition to a more disciplined game. He began the season greatly overweight and worked hard to get into shape. Coach Fairbank said the younger players affectionately named Porter "Gramps" and think the world of him. He has progressed steadily, as is shown by his start in the Tabor game. "Steve loves the game. He will be a big key in our club next year," said the coach.

Freshman standout Mike Higgins, "showed flashes of brilliance; he is strong offensively, but weak defensively," stated Fairbank. Higgins can rebound well, and if he works on being an all-around player, he "has the tools to be one of the top performers in the conference."

Alan Jamison played in 17 games this season off the bench,

as well as starting in three games. "Alan shoots well and rebounds hard, but needs better fundamentals on defense," the coach stated, "If he continues to improve, he will be great," said Fairbank.

Troy Koehn, fr., Halstead was a "pleasant surprise to everyone," according to Coach Fairbank. Koehn had not been outstanding in high school, but he "improved every day" and played in 18 games this season for the 'Dogs. Koehn has learned to handle the ball and shoot well, and plays well even against quicker opponents.

Steve Maurer, has been another surprise for the Bulldogs. Maurer is very aggressive, says the coach, and really goes for contact. "He must learn to be aggressive without fouling." Maurer has not been a good shooter, but is improving.

Kevin Carlson is a "physical, intense player. Kevin plays as well for his size as anyone in the conference," said Fairbank.

For recruiting this year, Coach Fairbank hopes to get as good a crop as he did last year. He will mainly be looking for a replacement for Gayer, both as a guard and as a floor leader, another big man and another power forward. With these ingredients to add to the mix of talent on the team already, the Bulldogs may finally be ready to challenge for title of the KCAC.

## Thank you

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who supported our cheerleading squad this year. The response during the girls basketball tournament was super-great. We really appreciated all your support.

There were many times this year that we felt like not many cared. Crowd reaction does make a difference. Maybe some of our close games might have ended in the win column for M.C. if we had had more excitement from our crowd. We were proud of our teams.

I would also like to publicly thank all cheerleaders, our super pep band and our mascot. The hours you gave to school spirit will hold memories for years to come.

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