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Admissions' recruitment progresses

By Matt Howell

A look at recruitment for McPherson College's 1981-82 school year finds the Admissions Office "building momentum" and making "lots of phone calls."

The recruitment picture is "not bad at all," according to McPherson's new Director of Admissions, Connie Weddle. "We're a little behind where recruitment was at this time last year, but that class is unusually large. We're running ahead of the pace set two years ago, and we feel very good about that."

A prediction of how many students will enroll as new students this fall is "very difficult to say."

Ms. Weddle maintains that Admissions Offices "are guilty of making too many predictions, anyway." She points out that the present number of applicants is not an accurate indicator, since many students apply to more than one college, and "an amazing number of applications come in during the summer."

The fact that retention rates between semesters this year were about the highest in the last decade is very good news for the Admissions Office, and McPherson College as a whole. A high retention rate for the spring semester indicates more students will be coming back this fall.

Ms. Weddle said, "If satisfied students return to McPherson, that's worth a lot more than a

moosy (Editor's note: I guess this word means "big") freshman class coming in every year. That isn't to say, however, that I would mind seeing 200 freshmen this fall."

Considering the rapid turnover in the Admissions Director position, and Ms. Weddle's newness at the job, continuity ought to be next to impossible.

One key to their remarkable recruitment success however, is a "very cooperative and helpful faculty. Some of the faculty has been quite helpful with calling students (the Admissions Office spends four nights a week calling prospective students), and everyone has been open and friendly to campus visitors and classroom guests."

In addition, many students have volunteered their time to act as guides, to escort prospective students to classes, and to keep "recruits" in their dorm rooms overnight. "This really helps out," said Ms. Weddle, gratefully.

She also pats the coaches on the back for not only recruiting good athletes to strengthen McPherson's sports next year, but also for making sure those athletes are good students, as well.

Academics is one of Ms. Weddle's priority areas, and she claims to be getting an even "higher caliber of student."

Entrance requirements have been stiffened, too, and suc-

cessful students should be the result. She adds that, "Many students who are 'borderline cases' when being admitted, get their act together, and are successful at McPherson. Often, they succeed because of the many good programs McPherson has for the student with problem areas."

With high morale in the Admissions office, Ms. Weddle looks for even more momentum building for this fall's enrollment.

Mac honors C.C. Sunday

by Matt Howell

Next Sunday (after Easter) is "Christian College Day" and McPherson plans to send its own students, faculty and staff to make the special day "McPherson College Sunday" for Churches of the Brethren in Kansas, and perhaps for a couple churches in Nebraska, as well.

Alan Kieffaber, Campus Minister, who has been working on the organization of the project, emphasizes that the McPherson College representatives are not going out with a "canned sales pitch" for the college.

Instead, their purpose is to "share in the worship service, and usually a carry-in meal." Those with long trips may spend Saturday night (McPherson College Sunday Eve) with a family from the college.

A dozen (or so) students will be representing McPherson on that Sunday, as will a similar number of faculty and staff. In addition, the McPherson College Trom-

bones will make a quick tour of southeast Kansas; and Living Circle, a group of around 15 McPherson students who enjoy sharing contemporary Christian music, will go to the Wichita Church of the Brethren.

In all, representatives of McPherson will share in the worship of about two dozen churches. Besides a church-bulletin insert about this school, the special college Sunday will give the churches a chance to get to know individuals at McPherson College.

To continue sharing McPherson College on other Sundays, "teams" will develop a special program which they can present whenever churches or youth groups want this kind of thing.

This type of "McPherson College Sunday" has been a tradition in the past, and is hoped to be a good experience for everyone involved.

Easter break schedule

During Easter Break the dormitories will remain open. However, the food service will end after the noon meal today. Food service will begin again with breakfast on Tuesday.

Classes end after each student's last-hour class today and will convene after four days of "recess."

Band plays at cookout

The County Line Band will provide the entertainment at a cookout supper next Friday night between Brown and the Student Union.

The County Line Band, out of the Wichita area, performs a variety of songs, ranging from current pop and country hits to the older standards.

Of particular interest are the fiddle tunes such as "Orange Blossom Special" and "Rag Time Annie."

Faculty buy freshmen

by Matt Geisert

The freshmen's slave sale last Saturday was a moderate success, with 30 slaves sold, including many purchased by the faculty.

A couple of faculty members were especially interested by the idea of cheap labor (five bucks for two hours' work).

Dr. Doris Coppock, professor of physical education, bought seven "house" slaves, who washed windows and performed other household tasks.

Dr. Stephanie Graber, professor of music, bought four slaves, including two who were given the job of fixing the evening meal.

The freshman class expresses its thanks to all faculty and students who bought slaves, and to the slaves for their participation.

99-year-old talks about life

by Trudy Christy

Sit back and try to imagine all the stories and experiences you could relate if you were 99 years old.

That would mean you were born in 1882. You would have lived through rapid technological changes — the invention of the automobile, radio, television, electricity: everything we take for granted today. You would have lived through many chapters of history books, seen prices rise, society change, and

Ex-cult member gives convo

Herb Tucker, a young man who became involved with and brainwashed, or programmed, by the Hari Krishna cult, will speak in convo two weeks from today (April 30).

Herb has been deprogrammed by a group that helps people who have been caught up in a cult straighten themselves out.

Herb will be talking about how cults deceive people and how to keep from becoming involved with them.

Editor's note: Herb is no relation to Dr. Tucker.

your life change.

Now imagine you had the opportunity to hear someone who is 99 years old relate experiences from his lifetime.

That opportunity is in next Thursday's convo with Wally Latimer from Lyons.

Wally is 99 years old and he is a storyteller. He has been on Hee Haw once and on the Johnny Carson Show twice. Wally just tells about things that he has done in his lifetime, and he's got a lot of lifetime to tell about.

Kristen (sr.) and Teresa (soph.) Goodfellow, Lyons, know Wally and say he is really funny and has a very good memory. He is still very active and has outlived at least one wife, maybe two or three.

Wally keeps himself busy by tending a huge commercial garden in Lyons every summer. People come from all over to buy his goods and just to talk to him.

He also takes long trips in the winter and has traveled around the world several times.

This one man alone represents a gold mine of information, experience, wisdom and life. Let him share some of it with you in convo Thursday.



Reynold Roth, Jr., Littleton, Colo., receives his hamburger with great anticipation at the Dotzour picnic last Friday at Lakeside Park. The picnic, the first event of Dotzour's All-Night Party, was followed by softball in the park, a movie, free ice cream, bowling and skating.

photo by Trudy Christy

Rotary plans meeting on campus

by Matt Geisert

Last weekend we had the pretty girls. Well, next weekend marks the arrival of middle-aged men on our campus.

Rotary International, a service organization composed of men from all occupations, is having its district meeting at McPherson. Rotary, formed by a Chicago lawyer 75 years ago, exists in over one hundred countries and has a tremendous exchange program for students.

Besides business meetings and official activities, the Rotary men have some fun things planned. Kansas Governor John Carlin and a representative of the President of International Rotary will speak at Saturday's luncheon.

That afternoon the Rotary men will have the chance to play golf or tennis, and that evening, a special production of West Side Story will be performed for the Rotarians. The night will be spent with Rotarian families in McPherson.

Sunday morning, Reverend Wayne Crist (of the McPherson Church of the Brethren) will preside at an all-faith worship service. The Rotary President's representative, besides attending the meetings, will speak at the Sunday luncheon. McPherson's foreign students will perform at one of the sessions, as well.

Though next weekend's guests won't be as pretty as those of the past weekend, let's try to make the Rotarians feel just as welcome!

Pageant violates ideals of McPherson College

Dear Editors:

Oh, how wonderful! McPherson College has had the honor of hosting the 1981 Miss Kansas National Teen-Ager Pageant. Somehow I fail to see the dignity in hosting what amounts to be a glorified "nice butt" contest.

Where does endorsing the comparative attractiveness of one girl over another fit into the value scheme of McPherson College?

Such contests serve only to reinforce the distorted sexist notion that women are to be regarded on the basis of relative good looks. The better looking a girl is, the more respect and honor she is awarded. To put it in the language of our recent C.C. Day, that's a bunch of Cow Chips!

It's argued that these contests actually have little to do with good looks. Again, I say cow chips. I suppose it's just a matter of circumstance that all the girls in such pageants just happen to be graced with an attractive figure and cute face.

If beauty is not an all-exclusive requirement to participation in these shows then it would follow that all less-attractive girls are stupid, lack personality and possess no leadership qualities. Cow chips!

What I find most upsetting about this whole business is the rewarding of a \$2,000 scholarship to the winner of this fiasco. I had the occasion to see a few of these girls' parents about the campus while they were here. From the looks of the fancy clothes they wore and big cars they drove, I'm

sure most of them are welfare recipients and really need that money.

Could not this money be better used by offering our athletes a bit more money to play and stay here, by paying a larger share of the tuition of some truly-needy students, or by hiring some more faculty members to help out our already overworked, underpaid faculty?

McPherson College has disgraced itself and its students by allowing the Miss Kansas National Teen-Ager Pageant to be conducted here on our campus. Such misguided events do a disservice to the female sex and the human race as a whole.

I think a formal apology to the campus community is in order from whomever gave approval to this contest being held here.

Kenneth B. Hogle



Inspired by their weekend guests, the women of Bittering Hall held their own "Miss You-Name-It Pageant" Monday night. The contestants were: Back left: Lisa Price, Miss Goat-roper; Martina Odakara, Miss Photogenic; Kathryn Dietz, Miss B----; Diane Miller, Miss Giggles; Karin Wagoner, Miss What Else; Pat Colvin, Miss Hospitality; Kathy Thoreen, Miss J.C. Penney; Monica Heckart, Miss Innocent; Michelle Voth, Miss Prissy. Front: Marie Neher, Miss Piggy; Janet Schaffer, Miss Bittering; Glenda Williams, Mrs. Mr. Escort; Esther Rediger, Swiss Miss; Tracy Griffis, Miss Jock.

photo by Trudy Christy

Reagan's CETA cuts may be costly to campus

by Trudy Christy
Managing Editor

Funding was stopped for CETA (The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) a few weeks ago due to one of

Reagan's cuts in the federal budget.

McPherson College employed seven CETA workers this year, with the federal government providing about \$79,300 for

wages, fringe benefits, tuition, fees and books for those workers. But now the money will stop coming April 17.

How will the discontinuation of this program affect the college?

Dr. Edward Butler, Vice-president of Student Services, says it is still not clear what will happen, but that "our expectation is that it will not cause a financial burden."

CETA workers provided additional help for a year. The positions they were hired to fill were really extra positions created for the training of those people. But throughout the year some of them became necessary jobs.

An example is Shirley Siddens who was hired as a bookstore management trainee. At the time she was hired the mail room position was filled, but the regular mail-lady quit. Since

Shirley, funded by CETA, was there, she took over the mail room responsibilities also.

In other areas where jobs were created, the extra help came in mighty handy. Without CETA this year, the college might have had to spend more on operational costs to get the work done.

It follows then, that operational costs may rise next year because others may have to be hired with college funds to do some of the

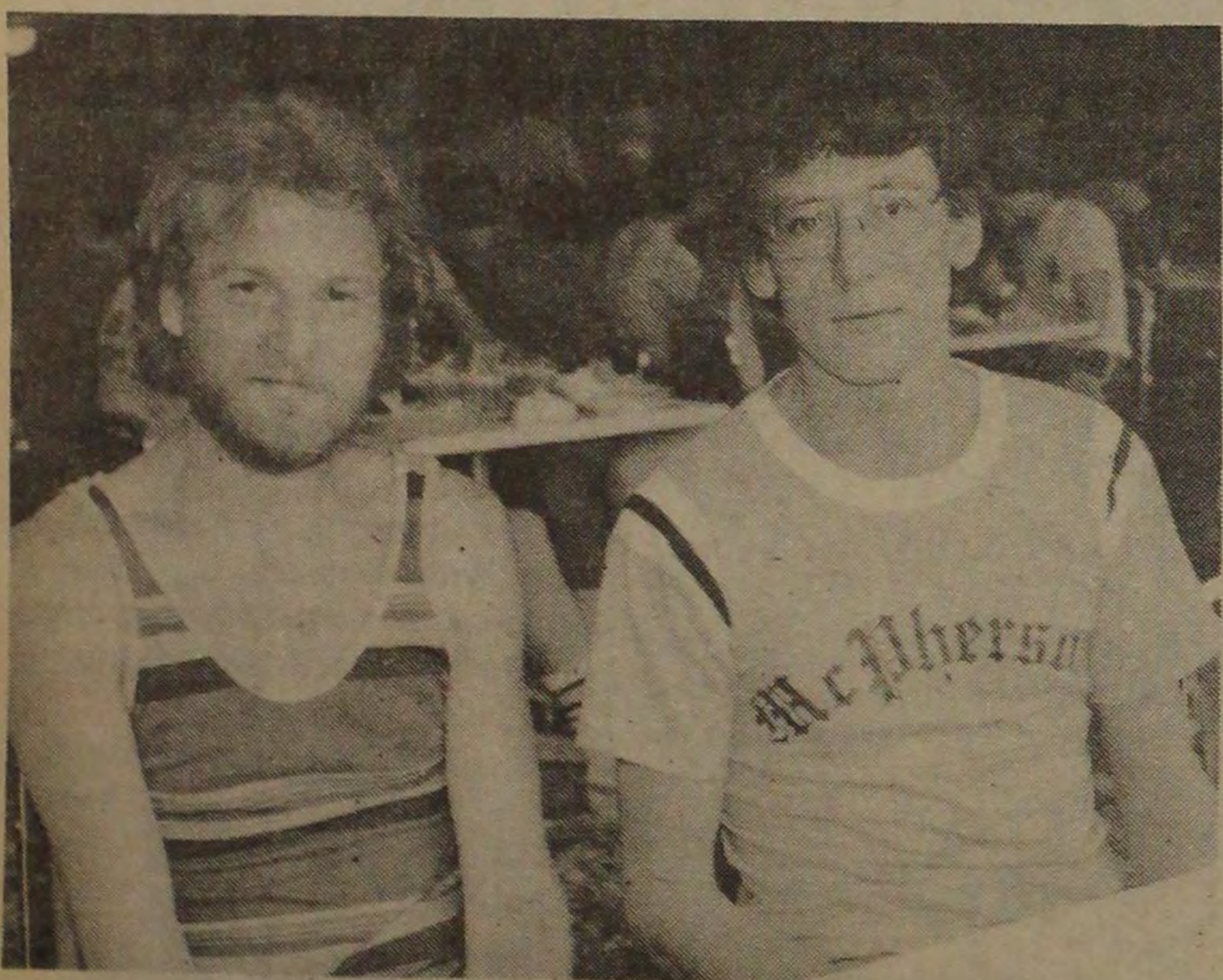
work CETA workers have been doing this year.

The positions which are being vacated by CETA workers include one in the mail room, two in maintenance, two in the library, one in the admissions office and one in the Copy Center.

McPherson College has offered regular employment to three of the seven former CETA workers until the end of the fiscal year, which is June 30.

The other four CETA workers will be employed only until April 17.

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Keith Blackwell and Maurice Booth

Englishmen say goodbye

Goodbye!

We, being the English contingent at McPherson, will be

leaving in the middle of next week to return to England to start our summer term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody at McPherson for making our stay such a happy and worthwhile one. Your friendship, help and cooperation during our stay has been very much appreciated and we hope that we have at least partially reciprocated and shown this in all of our dealings with you.

Once again, thanks for everything and hopefully we may see some of you at our college in Cheltenham in the near future, where we will try to make you as welcome as we have been made here.

Keith Blackwell
and Maurice Booth

Survey urges new off-campus policy

At last, here are the results of the off-campus living policy questionnaire. The delay in publishing the results is due to problems in computer programming.

Of the 206 respondents to the questionnaire, 83 percent are in favor of changing the present policy which states that "all unmarried students not living in the homes of their parents or who are under 23 years of age are expected to live in residence halls." A small nine percent do not favor a change, eight percent responded indifferent.

Responses to question four show that changing the policy to "age 21 or senior" could help in student retention. Forty-three percent said the change would encourage them to stay, while only a small five percent responded that a change would encourage them to leave. A little over half said it would have no impact on their decision.

It is clear that a change in the policy should help expand opportunities at this liberal-arts institution, since 50 percent of the students have never had the opportunity to live on their own. As one student commented, "the education in living off-campus would be of great value."

Many students would not choose to live off-campus, but feel that there should be that option for those who do not find dorm life favorable. "I chose not to live off-campus, but I would like the freedom to do so nonetheless," responded one student.

There are three words that respondents frequently used in supporting the change, "privacy," "independence" and "freedom." For those who feel

stifled, crowded and forced into noisy and unfavorable living conditions it seems that there should be alternative living opportunities.

Comments against changing the policy included, "lack of community," and concerns that "leadership will go down and students would be separated from each other."

I would like to respond to these by asking, "If you want to live next door to someone who doesn't want to live next to you, is that community?" In response to the leadership concern, the survey shows that only 24 percent felt that leadership would decrease

with a policy change, while 50 percent said there would be no effect, 15 percent felt there would be an increase.

For more information see the bulletin board in the Student Union, or see me. (An additional note: Any discrepancy in percentage totals was caused by persons who did not respond to a certain question.)

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Skills Center trains tutors to help struggling students

by Carolyn Spate

For about the past two months, approximately ten students have been attending special tutor-training sessions led by Alice Henson and Dr. Jan van Asselt in

an effort to try to improve the tutoring program for both participating tutors and students.

According to Alice Henson, the primary purposes of these sessions are to prepare tutors to

help students learn how to learn, to help the tutor become more sensitive to student needs, and to give tutors some tips in helping their students improve their own study skills.

The overall goal of tutoring is to help the student to become a more independent learner so that the student eventually will be able to discontinue his tutoring sessions.

Tutors are presently working with students in the areas of math, reading, writing, chemistry, psychology, biology, first-aid and vertebrate physiology. Most of the tutors in these areas are students who have been recommended by a professor, are strong academically in the designated area, and seem to relate well to people.

Alice stresses the important point that the tutor often benefits from the tutoring sessions just as much as the student because the responsibility of tutoring often forces the tutor to deepen his own understanding and knowledge of the subject. In other words, tutoring keeps the tutor on his toes.

But probably one of the greatest assets of McPherson's

tutoring program is that the students themselves do not have to pay for their own tutoring. The college has already allocated funds for the special purpose of paying tutors so that tight economic situations should not prevent any student from seeking help if he feels the need.

In order to further improve the tutoring program, Alice Henson is also trying to set up a program in which tutors would be available in the Learning Skills Center at designated times. Any student needing help in that person's area could then just drop in at that time with no appointment necessary. The times would be publicized in the S.U.

Also, an increase in the wage tutors are paid is being planned for those who have been attending the tutor-training sessions.

Any students interested in acquiring help in an area or any students interested in tutor training next year are encouraged to inquire about it at the Learning Skills Center.

Cripe offers summer job guidance

by Matt Howell

"Summer jobs are going to become increasingly scarce because of the economy. The recession and higher unemployment mean that jobs traditionally left open for students are being snapped up by those who can't find other employment," according to Dave Cripe, career counselor at McPherson.

Besides giving hints on interviewing and resume writing, Coach Cripe will soon be offering a workshop on "Organizing Your Job Search," and hopes to find a time-slot that will allow good participation.

Though some students will be happy to get any paying job for the summer, Cripe advises students to look for a summer job

that will give them experience in their career areas. If they can find such a job, and can come back to it year after year (and even after graduation), this is "icing on the cake."

If students discover such an opportunity, they may be able to receive college credit for their work experience, through the Experience-Based Education program.

In addition to this help with summer jobs, Dave Cripe is offering a "Career Couch in Natural Sciences" two weeks from today (April 30), and a sofa for Applied Arts and Sciences in May.

These "Career Couches" are quite informal, using six to eight community resource people to talk about their jobs, including

satisfactions and drawbacks. Cripe believes that "certain jobs dictate certain lifestyles. For example, if you want to be a coach or teacher, don't plan on working a strict 8 to 5 day or making lots of money."

In addition, the community resource persons will freely discuss their educational backgrounds in relation to their careers, what additional education would have been helpful and which classes were unnecessary.

Cripe emphasizes that these sessions are not dull lecture periods, but are a time for students to ask a lot of questions, and to find out if their chosen career is really what they want.

From summer jobs to careers: Dave Cripe is the man to see!

R.A.'s train for next year

by Dan Rogers

The 1981-82 school year is rapidly approaching and the process of developing unified R.A.'s and R.D.'s has begun in expectation.

Five sessions of training have been scheduled this spring in addition to those in late August. These sessions are the means in which the concepts of group dynamics are learned.

Disciplining is essential, in that all R.A.'s and R.D.'s will have the same information and understand the philosophy and operation expectations.

The sessions will include training in areas such as interpersonal skill development, counseling skills, understanding the R.A. role, dealing with

conflicts and stress situations, and working with role-playing and case studies of various situations.

With the above processes in mind the expectation is for R.A.'s and R.D.'s to help in the initiation of livable conditions through understanding and resolving of dorm interactions. With "community" or "family atmosphere" built on individual floors and concordantly with all floors, further awareness and concern among dorm residents can be the result.

It's an ongoing challenge for all of us to develop ourselves and each other; the dorm life contributes to this overall college experience and requires individual involvement.

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Bethany roughens soccer club

by Charles Ogwang
Soccer Club Captain

Mac's shock and humiliation at last Sunday's soccer game was Bethany's "jubilee!" The theme of the game earned Bethany the victory. It was soccer played the football way.

In football, as far as I know, having no ball is not a passport to being exempted from an attack. Hard tackling and thus a "survival of the fittest" was the theme of the game. I hope this pictures in your mind how the game was.

The roughness and nature — too much heat and humidity — were enough to let Mac players run out of gas really fast. At times, one could think that the exhaustion the players exhibited could end the game prematurely.

Somehow, however, since soccer is not like boxing, which can be stopped before the final round, the players survived until the end. This was the worst game in the season so far.

Bethany scored two goals including a penalty kick in the first period. Mac's shots were mostly blocked.

After halftime, the players

gathered their spirits and played a better game. After Bethany's third goal, Charles Ogwang (jr., Uganda) scored Mac's first and last goal.

There were many raids in an attempt to earn more scores but, unfortunately, they were fruitless. The game ended in a 1-4 loss.

The players' general reaction to the loss is so encouraging that chances for victories in the forthcoming games are predictably very high. There is no game this Sunday, due to Easter holidays. Mac has yet six games to play, one of which is for Kansas Cup.

The weekend after Easter, McPherson plays two games. A Saturday game will be played here against the Derby Independents, and the opponent and place for Sunday's Kansas Cup game will be announced soon.

As of April 6, McPherson stood sixth in their tough, eight-team division. Considering the number of games yet to be played and the confidence the players have in gaining more victories, Mac has a good chance of climbing up the rank ladder.

Small track squad looks to Southwestern Relays, KCAC

by Matt Howell

With the experience of several meets behind them, the McPherson College men's track team is looking forward to the Southwestern Relays next Saturday (April 25) and the KCAC in May.

Coach Dave Cripe said of the previous meets that the squad's limited size (nine men) has been "bad news" for team scoring, but that the tracksters have exhibited some "fine individual performances."

One outstanding feature of the McPherson squad is their 400-meter relay team (which has also done a great job as a 440-yard relay team).

A key member of that relay team is Scott Green, a freshman from Salina. The coach is pleased to work with such "a hard worker," and expects Scott to place in his strong events at conference, long jump and triple jump.

Also on the relay team are Walt Gaston (soph., Mounds, Okla.) and Robby Culbreath (soph., Oxon Hill, Md.). Walt is a "fine sprinter" and Robby is running a

strong 400 meters.

The track team doesn't fly to meets in a private jet, but they do their share of soaring with pole-vaulters Everett Bradley (soph., Marion, Ind.) and John Hoffman (sr., McPherson), and high-jumper Lee Anders (fr., McPherson). John has already cleared 13'6" and Lee is expected to increase his 6'2" jumping range.

Kip Coulter (jr., Garden City) transferred at semester from Garden City Junior College, and consequently will be ineligible to run his event, the half mile, until the league meet.

While the shortage of team members makes a high team placing at the KCAC "unrealistic," Cripe expects McPherson to make a fine showing with what it has.

Other important members of the squad are Dan LeValley (fr., Hugo, Co.), a long and triple jumper, and Dave Rich (fr., Dayton, Ohio), who throws the shotput.

A full report of the women's track team will be in the next issue of the Spectator, May 1.

Golfers swing at invitationals

by Vashti Phenice

Spring is here again, with birds, bees, sunshine, and the McPherson College golf team, coached by Dr. Paul Graber.

The team practices daily at the country club north of McPherson and has already competed in three invitational tournaments against Southwestern, Bethany and Marymount. The tournaments were held in Salina and Wellington.

Their average four-man score is approximately 379. They are doing fairly well but are not classified in the upper division.

There are eight players on the team: Jack Koehn (jr., Galva) is

golfing in the No. 1 position. Kevin Carman (jr., McPherson) is in the No. 2 position and Dan Coffman (fr., North English, Iowa) is in the No. 3 position.

The other members of the team are, Mike O'Dwyer (fr., Limon, Co.), Marty Garrison (fr., Johnson), Bruce Spitzer (fr., Kalona, Iowa), Wade Thiessen (fr., Henderson, Neb.) and Jeff Hart (fr., Dayton, Ohio.)

Two more invitational competitions are scheduled before the KCAC Championships in Wichita on April 29th and 30th, one against Friends on Tuesday and the other against Tabor next Friday.

Tennis men upset Tabor College

The McPherson College Tennis Team emerged victorious Saturday with a 5-4 defeat of Tabor College.

"They were probably favored to beat us but we turned around and beat them," said Coach Jerry Holman.

To date, the team has played three conference matches and has gone to the Emporia Invitational, Holman said. The team is 2-1 in the conference.

"At this point Southwestern, Tabor and McPherson are the three schools that will be fighting it out for second (in the conference) behind heavily-favored Bethany," Holman said.

The second-place slot has gone to McPherson for the last six years but does not look that assured this year, he said.

Southwestern is much stronger than in several years and we are down slightly, according to the coach. The team was hurt by Kent Garrison not returning, he said, and also by the youth of the team; there are four freshmen.

An unknown element this year is St. Mary of the Plains College who is fielding a tennis team for the first time. They extended

scholarships and also have a sizable budget, he said.

Holman picked Doug Gayer (sr., Buhler) as a "very strong contender for the conference title." Wally Roberts (soph., Memphis, Tenn.) and Jeff Crist



Dale Maxey, Denver, warms up before competing against Tabor Saturday. Dale is one of four freshmen on the young tennis squad.

photo by Trudy Christy

(sr., Quinter) both played last year and have improved their games greatly, he said.

With positions four through seven filled by freshmen, this is a "building year" for the team, he said.



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