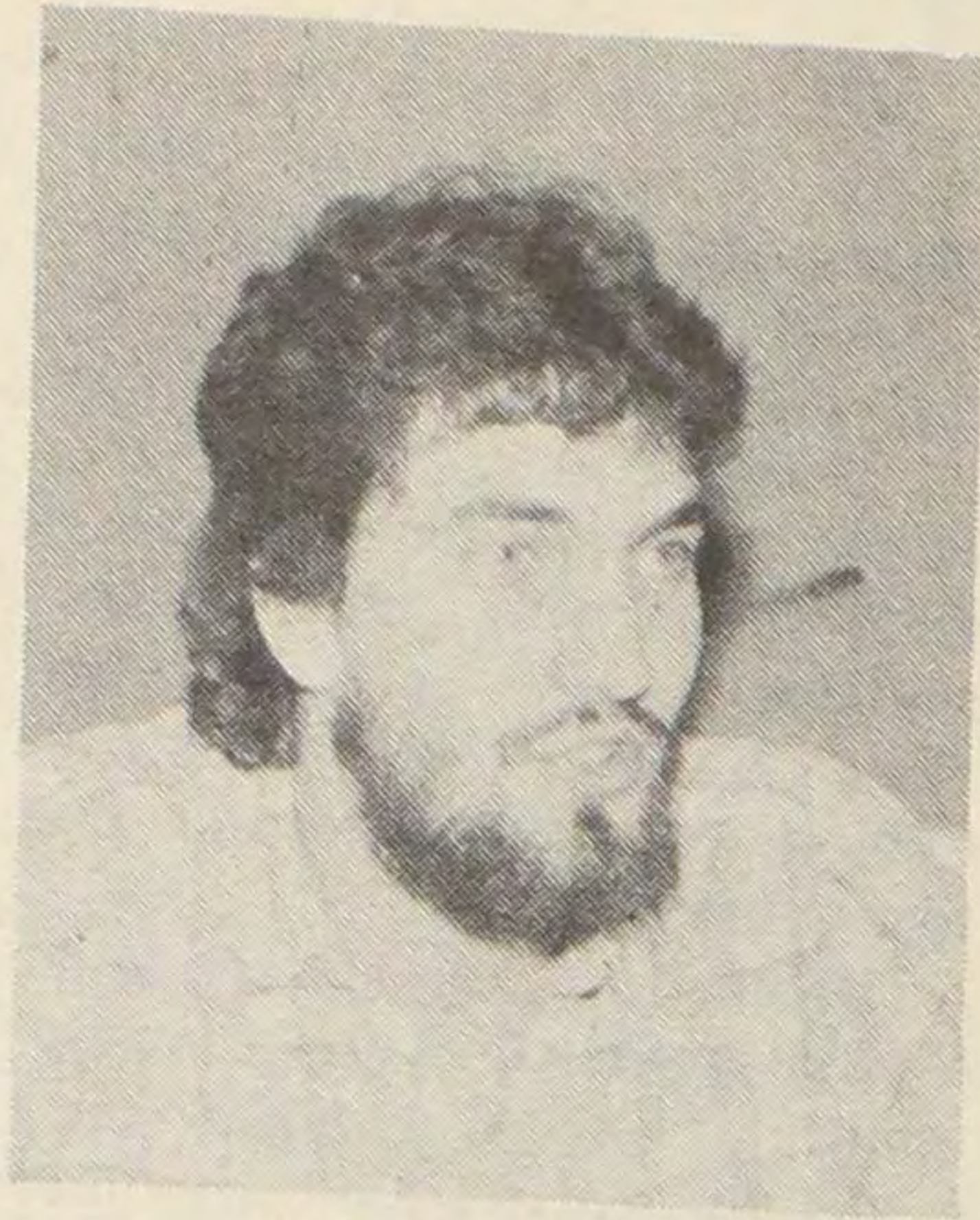


Presentations to confront peace issues

Presentations on East Germany and Central America, a pantomime on "The Creation in Reverse," on-campus voter registration and letter-writing highlight events planned by the Peace Awareness Project for the rest of April.

The peace movement emerging out of the Lutheran Church in East Germany will be the topic of a talk this Tuesday afternoon by Matt Howell (Conway). Matt, who is a senior majoring in German and English, spent a week traveling through East Germany with the Brethren Colleges Abroad group during his German "year abroad" last year. His presentation, which is based on a paper written for "Senior Seminar in



Matt Howell

German," will be given in English this coming Tuesday (April 17) in the Private Dining Room at 3:30 p.m.

The following Tuesday (right after Easter Break), a representative from the McPherson County Clerk's office will be in the S.U. Lobby from 11:30 to 1 o'clock to conduct voter registration for students going through the lunch line. The County Clerk stresses that students should consider whether or not they will be in the McPherson area for the August 7 primary and the November 6 general elections, before they register to vote here.

"Sunshine" and "Bubbles" will provide the evening's entertainment at 7 o'clock in the Student Union, April 24. Merrie Cline (soph., Nickerson) and Jewelene Anglemeyer (soph., Sebring, Fl.) who were featured

in the March 16 issue of the Spectator, will bring the clowning duo, "Fools Unlimited," to a college audience with their portrayal of "The Creation in Reverse." A discussion period will follow for those who wish to stay and talk about the performance and its message.

Dr. Jan Flora, estimated by Prof. Richard Wright to be one of the 10 most knowledgeable persons on Central America in Kansas, will be on campus the last two days of April. A sociology professor at Kansas State University, Dr. Flora will talk to behavioral science students about K-State's graduate program on Sunday night.

On Monday, April 30, he has been invited to speak to classes taught by Dr. Corrinne Highbanks, Dr. Leland Lengel and Prof. Wright. Publicity appearing later this month will list his exact schedule. Dr. Flora will talk about conditions to bring peace to Central America, from noon to 1 o'clock on Monday, in the Private Dining Room.

That afternoon at 3:30, concerned members of the college community will meet again in the Private Dining Room to write their representatives in Congress, targeting particularly Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum (R-Kansas) on Central American issues.

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Professors research attendance

by Erny Figueroa

So you're skipping class again, huh? That's okay — the professor doesn't grade on attendance anyway, so it can't hurt you, right? Wrong! At least these are the results of an informal study done by biology professors Dr. Ikenberry and Dr. Burkholder.

A recent interview with Dr. Ikenberry revealed that attendance does seem to have some correlation to the grades students receive. Last semester in General Biology, taught by both Dr. Ikenberry and Burkholder, a study was made on whether classroom attendance affected grades. The evidence of this small study suggested conclusions that seem common knowledge. Although the study was not formal the results show the better grades being made by the consistent attender.

The class consisted of 80 students finishing the course of 53 class periods. The "average" A student only missed 3.5 percent of the classes, B student 4.3 percent, C student 6.6 percent, D student 13.2 percent and F student 27.3 percent of the classes. These figures are taken from the final grades in correlation to the percentage of classes attended based on a voluntary attendance class.

Dr. Ikenberry was careful to state that "just because you may not come to class does not mean you won't pass," it does show, however, that one does affect the

other. Ikenberry suggested that the effects could work both ways. The "poor attenders are doing poorly because of their lack of information" or "because of doing poorly in the class it causes a lack of enthusiasm resulting in poor attendance." Whatever the situation, it is clear that the correlation exists and the faculty and staff are concerned.

Because students are responsible for anything presented in class, from the major readings of the text to the smallest detail of a 12-page handout (not to mention lectures and discussions) it is the concern of the faculty that attendance has been dropping in the last few years. Thus, the purpose behind the study was "to figure out what we as faculty can do to help encourage the students to attend," says Ikenberry.

Eventually when this study is complete it will not only show a correlation but also point to the reasons people miss classes. More in-depth studies must be done, however, and Dr. Ikenberry is hesitant to make "hasty generalizations".

The goal is to ultimately help the student in any way possible. By studying the effects of attendance the faculty would hope to find the difficulty and correct it to the students' benefit.

Dr. Ikenberry once more pointed out that this was a very informal study and that more will be known in a few years.

Students are invited to ACCK retreat

by Lois Lehman

Dr. Herb Smith and three McPherson College students — Sue Six, Laura Gannon, and Dave Bittinger — will be spending part of their weekend at the Pilgrim House of Praise in Great Bend. They will be attending the Peace and Justice Retreat, a retreat designed last fall for ACCK students and staff.

The capacity for the retreat

has been set at forty participants, and those spaces have all been filled through registration. Dr. Cecil Findley, religion professor at Southwestern College, is coordinating this weekend's activities.

The retreat will feature three main sessions, each of which has been planned by a different ACCK campus. On Friday evening, the session will be

"What are the Issues?" by Kansas Newman; Saturday morning, "Obstacles to Achievement" by Southwestern; and Saturday afternoon, "Resources for Achievement" by St. Mary's of the Plains.

The group from McPherson is being sponsored by the Peace Awareness Project.

Charles Vetter to perform

"He's a fine guitarist," said Larry Kitzel of Charles Vetter, the guest musician at the April 16 convo.

Charles will be playing folk and classical music on several stringed instruments featuring the following: classical, twelve-string, six-string and high-strung guitars, and the autoharp.

Charles is a part-time faculty member here teaching private guitar lessons. He is also employed at Belli Brothers, where he repairs and tunes instruments.

Fulbright awards

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars, through the United States Information Agency, has received from agencies and embassies abroad the list of Fulbright Scholar Awards available to American scholars. Competition begins in early April, with published information and applications released directly to college and university campuses.

Information and applications may be obtained from Dr. Norma Tucker, Vice-President for Academic Services.



PUFFS OF YESTERYEAR — Sixties Week gave students the opportunity to relive some of the happenings and fads of that era. Above: Alana Switzer (sr., Modesto, Cal.), Jennifer Willes (jr., Colorado Springs, Co.), Allison Shepard (jr., Portland) and Sue Six (fr., Washington, D.C.) become immersed in the experience.

photo by Dave Franklin

'Best of Times' Prom is tonight

Tim Crouse perseveres in non-registration position

by Don Stinnette

How can a little five-by-seven-inch card that only asks for simple information like name, address, date of birth, and Social Security number affect a direction in life, or in many lives? Well, when the card is a registration form for the Selective Service System, the answer becomes readily apparent.

One life recently affected was that of Tim Crouse (soph., St. Cloud, Fl.). Tim decided not to register with the Selective Service System. Because of that decision he faces the possibility of federal prosecution and up to five years in prison and/or a ten thousand dollar fine.

Why did Tim risk this possibility, when the alternative of simply filling out the card would have been so easy? The answer lies deep within Tim's thoughts, beliefs, and philosophy about life and the society we live in.

Tim's decision was really already made by the time the Selective Service sent him a reminder informing him of his legal obligation to register two months before his eighteenth birthday almost two years ago. Tim wrote a letter stating that he would not register and his reasons why, focusing mainly on his beliefs.

In October of 1982 the Selective Service sent a registration form, and Tim wrote another letter, similar to the first. In December of '82, the Service sent another form, along with a warning of the possibilities of imprisonment and/or fine, if non-cooperation continued. This time Tim sent a letter with all the information required by the Service, but stated again that he would not officially register.

In March of '83, Tim received a letter from a U.S. District Attorney with another form and another warning. Tim sent no response.

Finally, in May of '83, the true seriousness of the situation came home to Tim when he was visited by an F.B.I. agent here at the college. Tim spoke with the agent for about an hour, and he noted it was "an interesting talk." The agent explained to Tim the gravity of the situation and the government's intent to prosecute. Tim told of his personal philosophy and beliefs in the matter.

Nothing else was heard until July of '83, when the District Attorney sent another letter of intent to prosecute Tim's case before a Florida grand jury. This prompted Tim to begin contacting peace organizations for help in legal counseling. The National Interreligious Service Board for Conscientious Objectors (NISBCO) in Washington, D.C., put him in contact with a lawyer in Miami, who convinced the District Attorney to delay the prosecution until August 26.

As Miami was two hundred miles from Tim's home, he contacted several lawyers in the Orlando area for more help. The lawyer he chose was given copies of all of Tim's earlier correspondence. Another call to the District Attorney resulted in the dropping of Tim's case before the grand jury and a review by federal authorities in Washington. This was the last time Tim has heard from the government about his stand on registration.

Although he may no longer be actively pursued and prosecuted by the federal government for his decision not to register, Tim feels

his experiences during the past two years have strengthened his beliefs and helped to give some direction to his life.

What factors led Tim to his decision not to register? "That's hard to answer," Tim said. When he did choose, it "seemed like a simple decision to make, as it just didn't feel right to register with the military, since I would not participate in war to any extent."

His prime concern, though, was to try to explain his beliefs. He wanted to be open and honest with the government about his actions and intents, and he thought someone in the government might be interested in what he had to say. Tim said he now thinks he may have been naive in that regard. While Tim was more interested in the purpose and ideas behind the law he opposed, the government representatives looked at his position from a purely legal perspective.

What would Tim do now if the government decided to resume prosecution of his case? Well, Tim admits that he feels he "may have panicked in a way" last summer in seeking legal advice. He now feels that he would probably not seek a lawyer for help. Lawyers, said Tim, seem interested in the best legal resolution for the client to win the case. Tim sees his situation from a more philosophical viewpoint, and would now rather let his beliefs and ideas be said in his own way, while being prepared to accept the possible consequences.

How have people reacted to Tim since his decision was made? Well, he says that so far he hasn't had a bad experience with any person because of his stand. The worst part has been talking to the lawyers, who often treated him like "a naive, overconfident youth who didn't really know what he was doing," again from the legal aspect.

He has received support from his church, which is the Church of the Brethren. In fact, some

church members wrote letters to Tim in support of his stand. Some in his home church disagreed with his position, but supported him in his decision for what he felt was God's will for him. Also, he had the opportunity to meet and talk with other non-registrants in an "insight session" at last year's Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren.

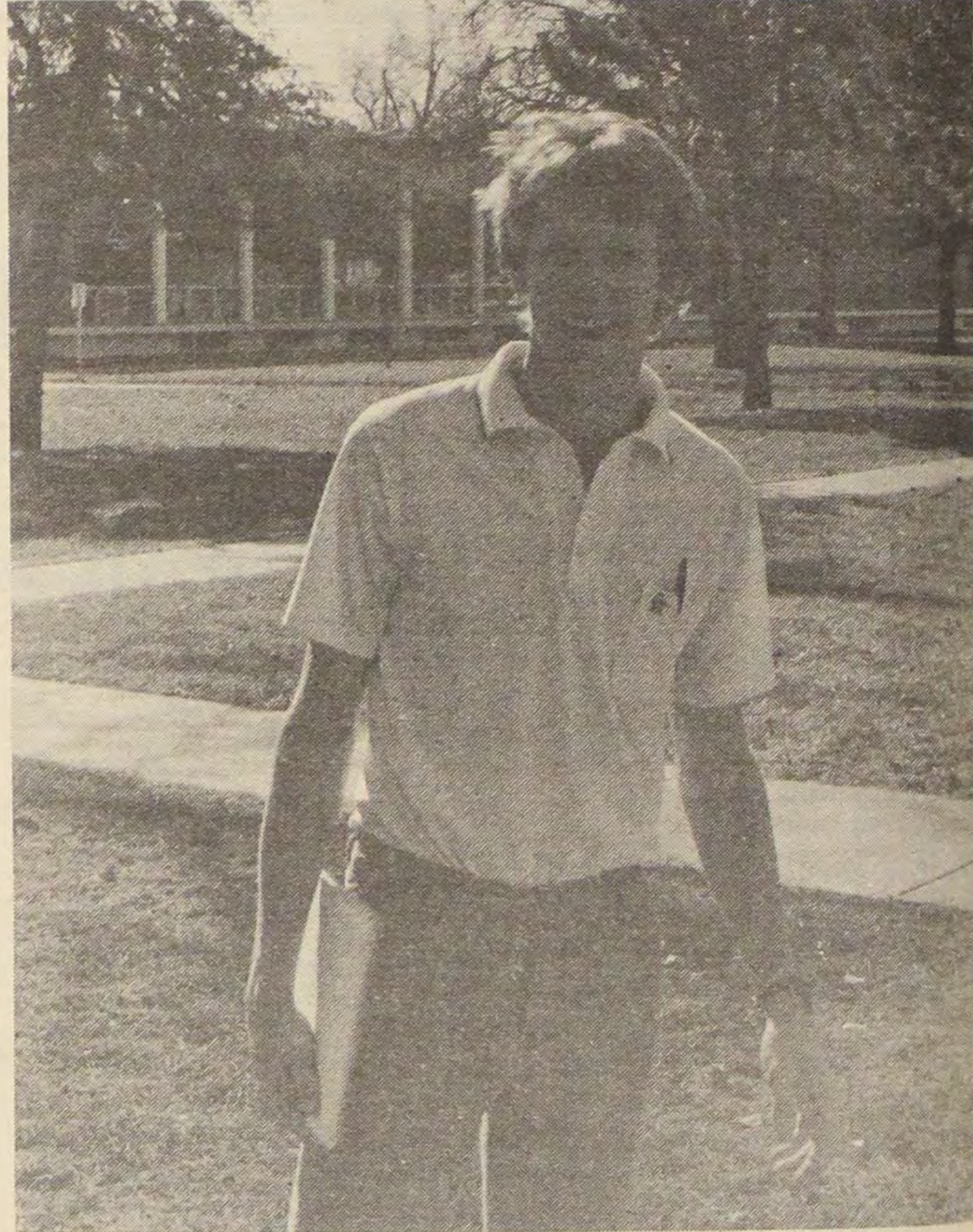
Tim has also felt concern and support from the college community here at McPherson, especially in help from Financial Aids personnel and Herb Smith, the Campus Minister.

Even if prosecution of his case is not resumed, Tim still feels that his decision to not register

"has had a definite effect on my life, and has made me look seriously at ideals, has gotten me to examine my goals for life, and has made more of a philosopher of me."

And what direction will Tim's life take him now? Well, he hasn't decided on a major yet and the future is still a bit fuzzy, but for the near future he is planning to spend the next school year in Barcelona, Spain, with the Brethren Colleges Abroad program.

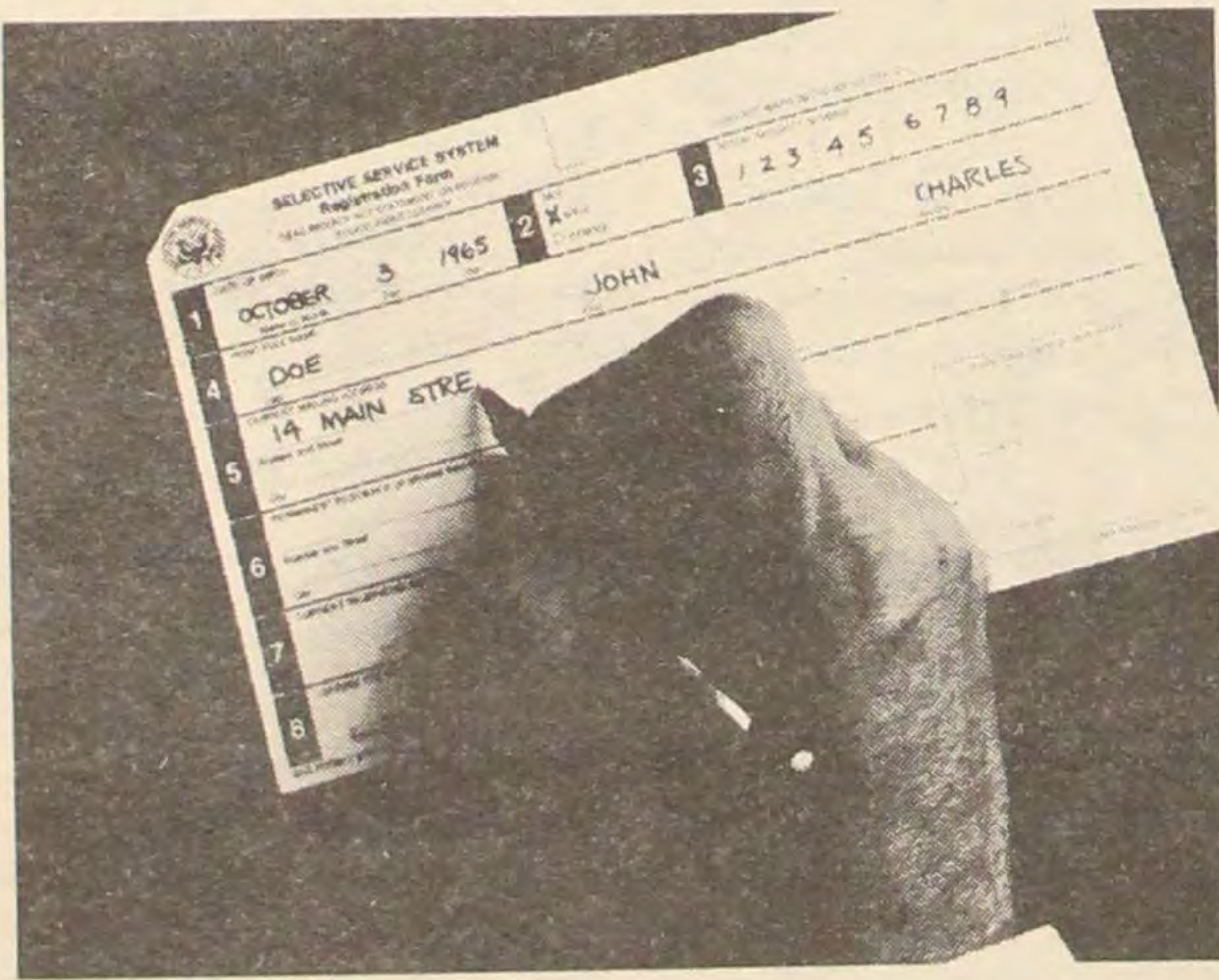
Tim feels fortunate to have had the opportunity to be faced with this situation, as it has helped him "define the right path to take through life rather than the narrow corridors of society. It has enhanced my life."



NEITHER QUICK NOR EASY — The philosophy and beliefs which led Tim Crouse to decide against registering for the draft have been strengthened by his encounters with the federal government in the last two years.

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New Stuco Prez addresses students

First of all, I wish to thank all of those who supported me and elected me.

The time has come for McPherson College to become a leader in the ACCK, and I feel this leadership must be initiated by the students, and represented by the Student Council. For too long, McPherson College has been content to be a follower. The best example of this was the administration's reaction to the proposal to extend library hours, one which has proven to be immensely popular among students.

Initially, the administration were skeptical about the proposal, comparing McPherson's library hours to the hours of other institutions. This is but one example of how Student Council can work for you and I would urge students to take an active role in next year's Student Council. I look forward to

representing students' opinions and ideas as Student Council President.

Besides merely allocating funds to various campus organizations, next year's council could also be active in money-making projects. This would enable Student Council to not be wholly dependent on students' fees, and would, as well, provide an outlet for greater student involvement on campus.

Theoretically, Student Council is a representative body, but it can only function as such if students on the McPherson campus become involved with the policy-making process of the Student Council.

I will do my best to make next year's council a more visible council, and one that relays campus sentiment. I would like to challenge each student at Mac to become involved and help make

next year's Student Council one that will be noted for involvement and innovation.

Gary Long
Stuco President-elect



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DeCoursey leads life of science and adventure

by Janet Powell

"Science, freedom, beauty, adventure: What more could you ask of life?" said Charles A. Lindbergh. I recently spoke to Dr. Wesley DeCoursey, professor of chemistry, and discovered how much science and adventure are a part of his life.

Wesley DeCoursey was born and raised in Nampa, Idaho. He attended Manchester College for one year, then transferred to McPherson College and graduated in 1940 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry.

He met his wife Verda Grove here; she also graduated in 1940. They were married two years later and now have three children and three grandchildren.

He began teaching at McPherson College in 1952. A year later he received his Ph. D. from Iowa State University.

Unlike some teachers that remain in one place for their career, Dr. DeCoursey has been able to coordinate travel with his teaching experience. He has worked at many universities from sea to shining sea, conducting workshops supported by the National Science Foundation.

He's also worked as a ranger naturalist in Wind Cave National Park in the Black Hills and Kings Canyon National Park in California. His geology classes have taken him to Camp Colorado, near Sedalia, in the summer. When the course is offered during interterm the field trip is in San Antonio, Texas.

From 1965-66 Dr. DeCoursey took a sabbatical leave to Innah College in Karachi, Pakistan. During this time a war developed between India and Pakistan and he was transferred to the University of Tehran in Iran for the remainder of the year.

"The experience in Iran was exciting even though the country represents a real culture shock," he said. His family traveled on around the world and returned to

McPherson when the year was over.

Dr. DeCoursey took a second sabbatical leave in 1978 when he spent a semester at the University of Idaho.

He and his family have traveled to 49 states; all but Alaska. On his travels he takes picture slides for visual demonstrations when teaching and also for the National Park Service.

Not only does Dr. DeCoursey ride a rare two-speed Schwinn bicycle across campus, but he also has other athletic interests. During his years as a student here he played varsity tennis. He coached the team in his early years as a faculty member besides teaching chemistry.

He also plays in the McPherson County tournament and has several trophies on his office shelves from these. In addition to bike riding and tennis playing he played intramurals and ran the quarter mile in track.

But there's more. He sang in the Male Quartet and Acapella Choir. If you'd like to hear Dr. DeCoursey along with fellow choir members (and some of them are faculty), he sings in the

Brethren Church choir on Sunday mornings.

How has education changed since he's been here? Well, for one thing, the science department is tougher because there's more to learn. For example, when he was studying in 1937, the book he used barely mentioned the discovery of the neutron in 1932.

Although the science department is tougher he says, "McPherson College has always had quality instructors. I feel grateful to teach this long on what's been a strong program. I especially like the independence and responsibility of the department."

One thing that hasn't changed about education is the students' indecision about a career choice. It has always been a common feeling for students to have this insecurity.

Said Dr. DeCoursey, "I could have just as easily become a geologist instead of a chemist. It's more important than ever before for students to get a liberal arts education."

"... adventure: What more could you ask of life?"



WELL-WORN WHEELS — Dr. Wesley DeCoursey, professor of chemistry, has covered a lot of ground, both on and off the McPherson College campus, both on and off his two-speed Schwinn.
photo by Dave Franklin

Personals

I want to take time and say thank you to Pam Doucette, Lori Appel, Denise Boyd, Vivian Benson, Mike Jackson, Cindy Crumpacker, Gilbert Smith, Kathy Moore, Kent Norton, Mark Wellbrook, Tom Barber and faculty for all the times that I needed you all to talk to or a shoulder to cry on. I would not have made it through the school year.

Thanks so much guys, I do really appreciate it more than I can show.

Unsigned

P.S. Have a wonderful Easter.

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Why do you really eat so many Pickles? Could this be a sign?
Concerned

Midnight Raiders,
Beware, revenge is sweet.

Mark W.,
Can you really sing nursery rhymes?

Sheba and Shorty,
Will our problems never end?
Maniac

Midnight Raiders will strike the moose!

Charlie,
Hope you have a nice Easter without me.

Charlotte

Men of Bittinger beware
Midnight Raiders are
everywhere
In the night
We plan our flight
So watch out and take care!

Maniac,
Another late night? Train
conductors have no sense of time.
Your Delirious Pillow

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action. Beware!
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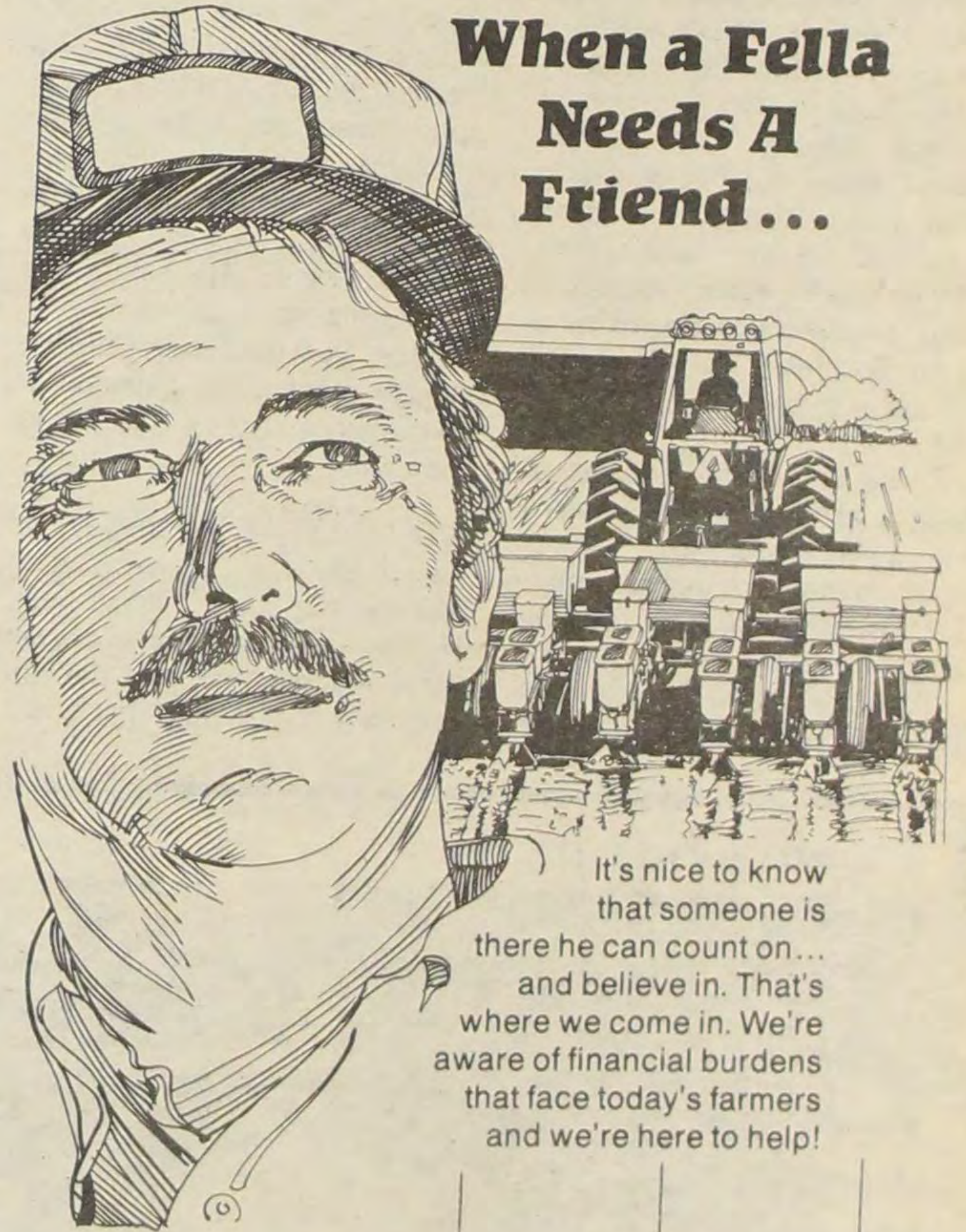
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NOT-SO-CANDID CAMERA — Tina Troxel grimaces after throwing the javelin during track practice. She could also be grimacing over the recent rained-out meet.

photo by Dave Franklin

Soccer Club drops opener

by Tim Crouse

Well, at least there is a soccer team, or rather, a club. At least enough people have shown interest to have a full team roster. At least a few players get together three days a week to kick the ball around and practice a little. At least enough show up on game days to play a game.

On April 1 the McPherson College Soccer Club lost its season opener 4-1. The opponents from El Dorado, most of whom appeared to be businessmen, played well together. They knew their positions and played as a team. Teamwork was the factor: El Dorado had it, McPherson didn't.

There is a good amount of individual ability in McPherson's players but it needs to be refined, built up and molded together. This will never be done the way things are now.

Tetsutaro Arata (fr., Japan) took the task of trying to coach

the team. This is impossible to do well when four loyal defensive men are the only ones at practice. An offensive strategy cannot be developed without an offense.

The students that play are out for their enjoyment and most seem satisfied with disorganized kicking at occasional games. But the few regular practitioners show up because they enjoy playing the game in a more serious way. They have a deeper, though less convenient, enjoyment of the game of soccer. It's sometimes frustrating for them.

But at least the Soccer Club has enough players for a team. At least they can have a little fun on the field.

This Sunday at 2 p.m. they will play the Blasters, probably more businessmen, on the home field. McPherson should have enough players to play and kick the ball around and stuff like that.

Rain, rain go away

by Kevin Burton

I guess you could say spring has sprung a leak.

McPherson's spring sports programs are finding it hard to get any playing time in, due to the persistent rains that have been hitting this area.

Last weekend's track meet had barely begun when the rains came and put a halt to the proceedings. The golf team has been unable to fully take advantage of their new practice facility due to rain-soaked greens. Because of rain, the tennis team had practice forced inside on numerous occasions.

The weather has clouded an otherwise bright picture for spring sports at Mac. There's little consolation in the fact that everybody else is being rained out too.

Should the weather clear in time, KCAC and District 10 action should show McPherson's growing athletic competitiveness. But first things first, it's got to stop raining.

Here goes nothing —

Baseball division-winners picked

by Kevin Burton

In case you haven't noticed, baseball is in the air once more. One of the things that goes along with the beginning of baseball season is a need for everybody and his dog to tell you who will win the four major-league divisions.

And so, for the third time in as many years, I will predict the champs, the chumps and the ones in between. A word of caution; In two years I have correctly predicted only one of eight divisional champions. You might therefore, wish to make your bets on the teams I don't pick. Well, here goes nothing . . .

A.L. WEST — CHICAGO is everybody's pick to take the West. They won't run away with it like they did last year, but that



REACH FOR THE SKY — Or is that the ceiling? Scott Hein and the McPherson netters have done both, as they have been chased inside by the rain several times.

photo by Dave Franklin

won't be because they're not as good. They will win by less because OAKLAND should manage to finish a few games over .500. TEXAS will be next, and probably the last of the respectable teams in baseball's weakest division. CALIFORNIA drags in next, followed by KANSAS CITY, which wins fifth by default over MINNESOTA and SEATTLE.

A.L. EAST — BALTIMORE has a system that many organizations would do well to copy. They should repeat in the East, by about six games again. DETROIT is about ready to win a division again, and they will, as soon as they stop tinkering so much with their lineup, especially the outfield. TORONTO should prove this year, that last year was no fluke. MILWAUKEE will continue to be

disappointing. And by the way, their infield is not the best in history, it's not even close.

CLEVELAND is the biggest question mark in the American League. They should improve, but this is not their year. This may not be their decade. BOSTON is rebuilding, and probably can return to the upper division in two years. NEW YORK brings up the rear in the best division in baseball.

(If I have to be right about only one pick, I hope it's New York in the East cellar.)

N.L. EAST — In the land of pure baseball, where pitching is still 90 percent of the game, it will be just that which wins it for PITTSBURGH. The Pirates should win by a whisker over ST. LOUIS, who would have been my pick if they still had Keith Hernandez. MONTREAL will take third without much help from Pete Rose. PHILADELPHIA will be pressed for fifth by NEW YORK. CHICAGO will be in the basement again.

N.L. WEST — Excuse me for not jumping on the Padre bandwagon, but LOS ANGELES has the best balance and should win the West. It might only take 90 wins. SAN DIEGO will be second, which is good considering their history. HOUSTON will be third, simply because ALTANTA doesn't have nearly enough pitching. SAN FRANCISCO will claim fifth, and CINCINNATI will once again not hit their way out of last place.

There you have them (for what it's worth), my fearless picks for another season. And if you lose any bets, don't blame me, because I warned you. I'm only one for eight.

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