

Theatre Plans Big Year

by Gregory Loren
Guest Reporter

What department seems to be too busy even to stop for an interview? Well it seems to be the Drama department under the direction of Professor Rick Tyler.

Since the beginning of August the department has been working hard to make sure that this year's season is the best ever.

With six major productions a year, McPherson Theatre is one of the busiest drama departments in all of the ACK school system if not the whole state of Kansas.

The season will begin with "Lunch Hour" opening this weekend. The comedy by Jean Kerr starred Gilda Radner on Broadway and it should have a very good run here at McPherson. "Lunch Hour" will continue next week Sept. 22, 23 and 25.

"Harvey" by Mary Chase will be the highlight of Homecoming

starring a mixed cast of faculty, students and alumni. "Harvey" was made into a movie starring Jimmy Stewart. Our production of "Harvey" will be Oct. 7 and 8.

The fall season will come to a climax with the show "Wings" by Arthur Kopit on Dec. 2, 3 and 4. This will be the Senior Project of Miss Iyabo Iyewarun.

After the short interterm Break in which the Drama department will go to New York to view Broadway plays, the spring season will open with the well known play "Flowers for Algernon" by David Rogers. "Flowers" will run Feb. 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, and 26 and will be a dinner theatre. "Flowers" is also the Senior Project for Mr. Erny Figueroa.

Mr. Bruce Spitzer will be doing his Senior Project in directing by presenting "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" on March 30 and 31 to entertain the college and Regional Youth Conference.

To conclude the year with a bang McPherson College Theatre in cooperation with McPherson Theatre Guild will present "Hello Dolly" on May 4 and 5. This will be the first musical McPherson College will present since the success of "West Side Story" in 1981.

Along with these many events plans are being made to start a touring company and-or a children's theatre company that would do reader's theatre plays for area churches and high schools. The children's theatre group would present plays to county school children throughout the year.

Overall, this year in drama seems to be the best ever. Professor Tyler stated "I am extremely excited about the upcoming season because of the variety of scripts. They are so different and more adult, geared toward the college age audience." Of course every play has something to offer the whole family.

Whether as a participant or at least an audience member, McPherson Theatre has something to offer everyone.

and with a vivid recollection of his extensive Chemistry studies under Dr. DeCoursey. Dr. Flory did his graduate work at the University of Kansas, and began law school in 1977.

He and his wife, Barbara, and their four children have resided for three years in McPherson, living, coincidentally, in the past home of Barbara's mother.

Dr. Flory is still keeping fresh his knowledge of law, and is acting as a consultant to a law firm in town.

Enjoying his new role of educator and chairman, Dr. Flory accepts these challenges with a deep respect for the history of this institution, and with an excitement for the future.



Dr. Lowell Flory

BIG Appeals To All

by Greg Zugmier
Staff Reporter

Herb Smith, Campus Pastor, has filled a schedule full of activities for the year at McPherson College. Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet each Wednesday at various times and the Brethren Identity Group will meet each Friday also at various times.

A new activity will be chapel celebration on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. when convocations are not planned. The services will be held in Beegly Hall. A possibility is a morning reflection or devotional time on Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

An extra special program series will be held at Mr. Smith's home at 421 N. Carrie on Tuesdays from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Each week a different famous person will give their testimony via a slide presentation.

Such people as Albert Einstein, Dr. Tom Dooley, Helen Keller and many others. Along with the program there will be a Bible study which will use drama, dance, dialogue, black light parables and other media techniques.

During fall break a trip to the Heifer Project, Inter-Ranch in Little Rock, Arkansas. This

goodwill mission is a learning session in the life of a Christian. The highlight of the event will be sleeping in a barn above a flock of sheep!

Also planned this year are several overnight retreats at the Eden Recreation Center. The first retreat will probably be a study of marriage for couples. Other topics for retreats in the future will be Christian faith, Cultural Discipline and maybe one on Genesis and the Big Bang-Cosmology and God.

It is sincerely hoped that each and everyone interested will come out and take part in these activities for they are planned for you, the students of MAC.

Orientation Week Busy

by Jana Huffman
Staff Reporter

The first week of school, besides being hectic and HOT, was a fun and educational one for the 145 freshmen and transfer students. Orientation activities began Saturday, August 27 with an address to parents and students by Dr. Paul Hoffman, McPherson College President.

Among the activities were meetings with advisors, small group meetings, volleyball games, mini-workshops on study habits, time management, notetaking, etc., the movie, "Superman", and many others.

The students were given thorough tours of campus facilities and guided through I.D. pictures and new student surveys.

A new experience was added to the orientation activities this year — a freshman year simulation. The students hurried from station to station fulfilling requirements at each, trying to get as much as possible accomplished in the 40 minutes allowed.

They took notes on an English lecture, gave political speeches, made friends, took opinion polls, discussed geography, and more. The purpose of this was to give the new students an idea of what was expected of them during the upcoming year.

"I felt that it went very well and that the students had an opportunity to get to know each other," says JoAnn Hamlin, Director of Housing and Orientation. "Watching interactions across campus, I notice that students adjust to campus life better and develop friendships more quickly as a result of the orientation."

Hamlin wishes to express her appreciation to the upper classmen who helped with the activities, and also to coach Cripe for encouraging new football players to get involved.

The orientation groups will continue to meet throughout the year to see that new students are satisfied and in touch with each other. The schedule for these meetings is in the activity calendar.

Busy Year Ahead For Stuco

by Janet Powell
Staff Reporter

Student council has a busy year ahead of them. Stuco is an organization for the campus. It consists of 23 elected members to represent the student body. Elections for upperclassmen are held in the spring, while freshmen representatives are elected in the fall.

The input of students and faculty members is important. Everyone is encouraged to express themselves to a representative or attend a meeting. Stuco meets at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday in Miller Library 105.

One of the most demanding jobs for the council is budget proposals. Campus organizations such as Brethren Identity Group, Intercultural Forum, M-Club, the Spectator, the Quadrangle, and others submit their budget proposal to Stuco. This is discussed by the members and voted on. Stuco gets their money from the general fees paid by the

students. From these fees Stuco distributes money to the clubs. One of the criteria that Stuco looks for is whether the money will benefit all of the campus.

Stuco also helps with campus improvement. The big screen TV in the Student Union was funded by them. The trash cans located outside several of the buildings were another project of Stuco.

Some of the councils projects are in the planning stages. One project Sarah Baile, student council president, jr., Warrensburg, Mo., would like to accomplish is a leadership conference. This would be held next spring at the Eden Rec Center. Guest speakers will speak on leadership. The conference would be for officers of clubs on campus.

Sarah encourages students to read "The Growl." It can answer questions about the council's functions. It also contains the student council constitution.

The Stuco members are enthusiastic to help the campus community this year.

HELP WANTED!

To make this paper the best that it can be, we need your help! Since we know that there is a wealth of hidden talent on this campus, just waiting to be discovered, we're giving you a chance to show us your stuff.

First of all, we're calling all poets for a new feature entitled, "Writer's Block." So, all of you starving artists please send your poems (typed, scrawled on the back of an envelope, or any other way!) to the Spectator, c/o Writer's Block.

Next, we'd like to bring fame and fortune (or at least a little recognition) to the budding artists on this campus. If you are a genius when it comes to the art of drawing cartoons, send them to the Spec. Cartoons or drawings

should be done in black ink on unlined paper.

For those of you who are interested in writing for the paper, talk to Susan Taylor (ext. 213) or Paula Burkland (241-3104).

Finally, let's hear from all our outspoken students. We're going to begin publishing personal ads, so if you have something you'd like to advertise or some message you'd like to send to someone, write it down and send it to us or contact Tim Crouse or Paula Burkland. We're supposedly charging 10 cents a word, but what the heck, for a limited time we'll let you say your words of wisdom for free. Ads are due on Saturday mornings, and will be printed the following Friday.

Editorial

Purely Paula-tics

Like it or not, here it is . . . the first "Spec" issue of the 1983-84 school year. I wouldn't go so far as to call this a landmark issue, but it is significant in its own right. The very fact that you received this four-page commentary on college life is evidence that the near-impossible task of recruiting reporters and photographers can be accomplished in a remarkably limited time frame.

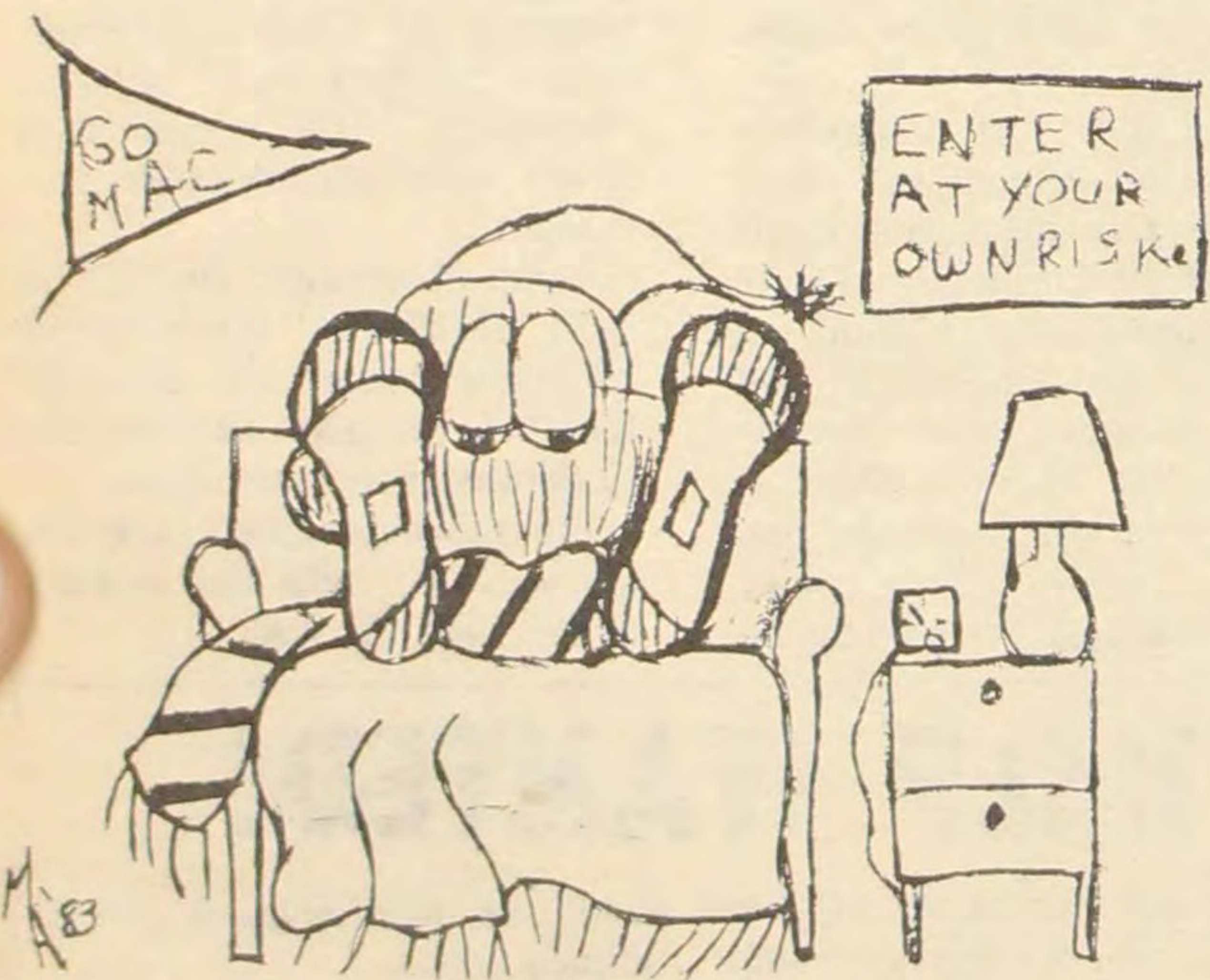
Despite the relief of meeting the first deadline, I must admit to holding many regrets. There is space which could have been filled better, stories that we failed to give coverage to, and time that could have been spent much more wisely. Which brings me to the point that I'd like to make . . .

This paper, however inadequate it may be in journalistic expertise, exemplifies the entire college experience. We begin the year with a flurry of pressurized deadlines, rushing to complete those necessary last-minute details which accompany the first few days of school. There are papers to sign, lines to stand in, forms we forgot to complete. In the midst of this, we are experiencing the transition into a new atmosphere. As we renew old friendships and form new ones, we gradually submerge ourselves into college life.

Much like the production of this paper, there are times throughout the year that we become overwhelmed with things that need to be done. There are regrets for things we could have done differently, frustrations over our shortcomings, discontentment at our mistakes. However, neither the first few weeks of school or this first issue are an accurate gauge of our true capabilities. Throughout the upcoming year we will discover untapped potential and develop strengths that we may not have imagined possible. And as that is done, those beginning errors seem insignificant, for they are the building blocks for improvement.

This is more than just a philosophical apology for not producing the most impressive publication known to mankind. Instead, it is a challenge for you to utilize the next few months in the same manner this newspaper staff proposes to do — to become the best that we can possibly be.

— Paula Burkland



"Am I getting up or going to bed?"

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— The Editor

SPECTACULAR

by Paula Burkland
Staff Reporter

Upon arriving at college, we all experienced a change in lifestyle. For some of us, this transition was drastic and difficult, while for others it came easily and was barely noticeable.

Knowing the problems that arise from an alteration in one's social environment, consider the feelings one would experience upon being placed in an entirely different country.

Such an experience was encountered by Rico Hollis, a junior from Titusville, Pennsylvania. A transfer student from Central College, Rico had the opportunity to live in Costa Rica, Central America from January until August of this year.

Hollis is majoring in Spanish, and last year was enrolled in a class taught by Professor Corrinne Hughbanks. He expressed to her a desire to study abroad, and Hughbanks began the process which would allow Rico to travel to Central America.

Upon arriving in Central America, Rico took up residence with a Costa Rican family and became familiar with the basic customs. He states that the family structure is much different that what we are accustomed to in the United States. "The family unit (in Central America) is very close. Grandparents are treated with a great amount of respect, and aging parents are entirely the

responsibility of their children."

Not only is the family structure close, but society as a whole is closely knit. It is not uncommon to see women walking hand in hand, or two men with their arms around one another's shoulders. Rico had some difficulty adjusting to these customs, as they are looked down upon socially in the U.S.

While in Central America, Rico became accustomed to a diet consisting primarily of rice, beans, and cabbage. During his visit, he lost nearly 25 pounds and says, "I don't care if I never see rice or beans again!"

The living conditions were much different for Rico also. The limited water supply only allows for water to be available four hours out of every day. The floors are made of cement and cockroaches are commonplace. The college student's essential tool — the blow dryer — is unheard of.

Rico rode in a car only four times during his stay in Central America. Buses are the common form of transportation, for two cents a bus will take a person anywhere they need to go in the city limits. Walking and biking are also widely used forms of transportation.

Rico began studying Spanish and learned the techniques of phonetics, grammar, conversation, and oral expression. He eventually began to teach Central American businessmen the English language. "It was very rewarding," Rico states, "I

watched them develop their vocabulary, and knew that I was responsible for what they had learned." He feels that he learned as much from his students as they learned from him.

Some of Rico's experiences were definitely out of the ordinary for most college sophomores. He witnessed the Pope's visitation and the explosion of a bomb only one block away from him. He was also involved in two earthquakes.

Rico saw several movies while in Costa Rica, including "E.T." and "The Empire Strikes Back". Now he would like to see them in their original English-speaking version, just to see if anything was lost in the process of translating them into Spanish.

Americans in a foreign country become very special, and on many occasions people would walk up to Rico requesting that he would talk to them. In a country where most people own only a few articles of clothing, Rico found that they were astounded by his wardrobe. He was asked to translate and explain many popular songs, which becomes quite difficult with songs like, "Shock The Monkey" and "Maneater".

Since his return to the United States, Rico has had a lot of time to reflect upon his Central American lifestyle. It has given him the chance to conclude, "I love the country and I love the people. I want to go back."

Backtalk

by Erny Figueroa and Paula Burkland

Well, here we are at school. Ah! Another day, another dollar . . . actually, another six thousand dollars. As we leave behind the fun and frolic of summertime, we can rest assured that while its essence is gone, its memory remains — the never-to-be-forgotten days of manual labor to promote the one thing dear to our hearts . . . our education.

Who can forget the rewarding feeling of signing over our entire summer income to pay for our new textbooks? Not to mention the gratification we received knowing we were relieving ourselves of the burden of deciding how to spend our hard-earned money!

As we were sweating our way through the summer, perhaps the

thought occurred to us that despite all our scrimping and saving our funds might yet be inadequate. But yes, then appeared the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. You know what we're talking about . . .

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Of course work study is not the only means of salvaging our

financial burdens. The government (in all its generosity) supplies the Pell Grants for the economically disadvantaged. Qualification for receiving the Pell is merely providing proof of your need — a certificate from your doctor verifying starvation will suffice.

The school itself does show its appreciation for its students by providing participation scholarships. Unfortunately, this participation must continue 24 hours a day for the rest of your natural life.

Finally, although not as rewarding as the scholarships, there are the loans. With unprecedented eagerness the school distributes big bucks at low interest.

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Non-registrants Denied Federal Aid

On October 1, 1983, the Solomon Amendment denying Federal aid to non-registrant students will take effect as a result of a Supreme Court ruling. The Solomon Amendment requires students who are eligible for the registration to sign a statement stating that they have registered for the draft in order to receive Federal financial support.

A Federal District Court judge had found the Solomon Amendment unconstitutional on June 16, 1983, on the grounds that it punishes people without due

process of law and that it violates the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. On June 19, 1983, however, the Supreme Court stayed the lower court injunction until they make a final ruling in the case, which could come either very late in 1983 or early in 1984.

According to the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (CCCO), the nation's largest draft counseling agency, the effect of the Supreme Court ruling is that students will be forced to state whether or not they have registered in order to receive Federal financial aid. Even students who are not required to register are required by Federal regulations to sign a statement explaining why they

are not required to register.

CCCO spokesperson Jon Landau pointed out, "While many students have already been instructed to sign the forms on registration, September will still be a critical month to shape official college policy on the Solomon Amendment prior to its effective date in October."

"Students around the country are taking three primary approaches in working against the Solomon Amendment. Many students have gotten their colleges to agree to offer alternative aid to non-registrants. Stanford, Earlham, Haverford, and Swarthmore colleges have all agreed to offer loans to non-registrants. Even the entire University of California system

has announced that they will seek to find alternative aid for U.C. students who refuse to sign the registration statements. With this strength and variety of precedents, students in any college in the United States should have at least some hope of

getting their colleges to agree to an alternative aid arrangement."

Finally, students can urge their schools to actively support legislation that would repeal this Solomon Amendment.



Allison Shepard and McKinley Dedmon—part of the cast of "Lunch Hour."

Lunch Hour Served Tonight

by Linda Schweppe
Staff Reporter

What's it like to put together a play from start to finish in just two weeks? Ask Erny Figueroa, sr., Temple City, Calif. — he ought to know. Erny, the student director for this year's first play, "Lunch Hour" has managed to do just that.

Jean Kerr's comedy "Lunch Hour" is now being performed in the little theater. Jean Kerr's other works include such plays as "Please Don't Eat the Daisies" and "Mary, Mary".

The original Broadway production of "Lunch Hour"

starred Gilda Radner. McPherson's cast includes: Galen Switzer, jr., Hutchinson, Kansas., Mary Coffman, soph., English, Iowa, Allison Shepard, jr., Portland, Or., McKinley Dedmon, fr., Pueblo, Colo., and John Lauver, fr., Kansas City.

The dinner theater will be performed September 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, and 25. The dinner is at 6:30 p.m. followed by the play at 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 for the dinner and play.

Erny predicts, "It should be an excellent show . . . in spite of the cast." All are invited to see it.

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Renner's runners ready

by Tim Crouse
Staff Reporter

It was a warm, breezy September afternoon in the park. There was a calm peacefulness in the sound of rustling leaves and the intermittent call of Al Renner.

Al Renner? Is that some type of rare bird found only in Mid-Kansas?

Yes, that is a fairly accurate description of Al Renner, third year Cross Country coach for McPherson College. And once again he is leading his flock of

running fledglings around the McPherson area in preparation for inter-flock competition.

During a recent workout at Lakeside Park, the average observer would have been quite impressed by the lean, well toned bodies that were running intervals there.

Renner said the team is looking pretty good but they need more people.

The girls are led by Lela Ball, sr., but freshman Deb Hayes is making Lela work. Renner said that "Lela looks pretty tough and determined to do good but Deb could give her some trouble."

Third year veteran Roy Grosbach has been setting the pace for the boys. He's hoping to run under 26 minutes for five miles this season, which is quite an ambitious goal.

Sophomore Kevin Miller, freshmen Todd Ritchey and Craig Githen, are venturing into their first college cross country season. During the park workout their primary comment was "hot and tired."

The team's first meet is tomorrow, September 17, in Olathe, Kansas.

So, the cross country season is underway. If you're at the park one of these beautiful September afternoons, sit back, relax, and listen for the sound of leaves rustling in the wind . . . and for the Red-Crested Al Renner calling to his hard working flock, "Ready, Go!"

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Bulldogs Attempting To Turn Program Around

by Kevin Burton
Staff Reporter

It's football season once again at McPherson College, which usually means grunting and groaning first from pessimistic fans, and next from disgruntled players.

Among the normal seniors out-freshmen in changes on the team is one more change that could make a difference. There has been a major attitude change

from last year's team which finished the season 0 and 9. In a season of close encounters, the better attitude could mean wins where once were losses.

The Bulldogs, attitude in hand, took the field last Saturday night against the McPherson College alumni team. The 'Dogs emerged victorious 20 to 2, with the only point allowed coming on a safety in the fourth quarter.

The two-pointer was scored as

a result of a bad snap from center on a punt play. Coach Dave Cripe, in his third year as head coach, has had a dickens of a time finding someone who can do the job of snapping for punts well. The good news is, that this is the only glaring weakness the Bulldogs have and it should be corrected soon.

McPherson's backfield duo of Gerald Henderson and Greg Grant is perhaps the best in the Kansas conference. Henderson, a senior from Chicago, has been a standout for three years, and this year is in line to break the all-time McPherson rushing record.

Grant, who was ineligible last year, has been injured much of the pre-season. He sat out the alumni game, but began practicing again last Monday in hopes of being ready for tomorrow's regular season opener.

The pair will run behind an offensive line which promises to be more sturdy than last year's small and inexperienced version. The improvement up front also figures to give quarterback Robert Taylor more time to set up and throw.

While the Bulldog offense has been respected, if not highly touted in pre-season, the defense has not.

The defensive secondary is almost entirely new from a year ago. This question mark could be erased early if D-backs such as Mike Hall and DeWayne Jackson can continue to play like they did against the alumni.

Last year Ed Crumpacker was an honorable mention pick on the KCAC all star team. This year he leads the defensive line along with junior Marty Arnold. Derek Pierce moves from offense to

defense to lead a linebacking corps which for the moment remains untested. The defense as a whole has been called weak, but that assessment probably reflects last year's record more than anything.

Kicking specialist Jim Yockey returns for his final year and Doug Miller looks to be the favorite for the punting position.

Tomorrow McPherson opens the regular season against the team that gave them their worst thrashing last year—the Friends Falcons. Seven-thirty is kickoff time for the game which could launch a new era in McPherson Football.

Fan support, which let's face it has been lacking in past years, believe it or not does help the morale of the players and add to a positive program. Hope to see you all at the stadium tomorrow.



Quarterback Robert Taylor leads the Bulldogs' offense against the Friends Falcons tomorrow.

Volleyball Team Looks Promising

by Carolyn Brossman
Staff Reporter

This year's 1983 volleyball team consists of 23 players, two encouraging managers and one enthusiastic coach. With six returning players and 17 freshman, the team has a very good outlook.

The team is large enough this year to have a varsity team and a junior varsity team. The varsity team is made up of 15 skilled members, 13 traveling and eight junior varsity members.

Coach Paul Graber commented, "This is the finest group and the largest team out for volleyball in recent history." He has high expectations for the group this year and thinks they will do very well.

The ladies are in fine shape as we learned this past week when they traveled to Marymont College for scrimmage games. Both the offense and defense have improved and are very aggressive which will lead to a great season this year.

Some of the volleyball team

members made comments on how they thought the team would do. Kay Davis, jr., and Vicki Albrecht, soph., think the team has a lot of depth, meaning the team doesn't have to rely on just six players as in the past years. They believe the team should have a good year.

Peggy Sanders, jr., believes the team has a lot of talent although they are young.

Valecia Kelly, sr., is the only returning senior. She is an outstanding player and a definite spearhead when it comes to spiking. She is an All Conference member and a killer hitter. The team is really happy to have such a fine upperclassman on their team.

As for the freshmen, Sue Masterson thinks the team will do really well this year. Denise Race, fr. and varsity spiker, likes the game and believes the team will do pretty good.

Despite all the injuries the volleyball team has had, the team should come up ahead in the long run. With all the team

spirit, the excellent attitude and the enthusiasm displayed by the young Lady Reds, this fine team is headed straight to the top!

Tennis Begins

by Laura Gannon
Staff Reporter

The McPherson Women's Tennis Team has begun their season on a good foot after a 6-1 victory over Cloud County College.

Returning this year to the team is senior Nancy Birt. Nancy, a three-year letter-winner, is very hopeful for this season. "Although we're new and not as strong as last year, I feel we will do very well and surprise a lot of people."

New to the team but not new to McPherson College are juniors Shelly Garlow and Mary Beth Sands. Though a beginning team player, Shelly is developing rapidly. Mary Beth Sands has had previous experience on the tennis court on her high school team.

Pam Hieronymous is another new player on the team, although she is already a familiar athlete at McPherson College.

New faces on campus that have joined the ranks of the tennis team are Jean Rowland and Lisa Jarett. Jean is a junior transfer student from Hutchinson Junior College, while Lisa is a freshman. Jean competed on Hutchinson's tennis team with a clear record in doubles, and Lisa is definitely showing a bright future in tennis.

McPherson won 5 out of 7 matches played against Cloud County. The winners were Rowland, Birt, Hess, and Hieronymous. Doubles winners were Rowland and Birt.

"I think we have a hard working team with a great attitude," states coach Doris Coppock of the seven players. "They are somewhat inexperienced but the season looks promising. I'm looking forward to a good season and working with them."

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