

The McPherson College SPECTATOR

Budget Cuts

Financial aid may change

Tim Crouse
Staff Writer

The Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) is the most widely used financial program by McPherson College students, according to Karlene Tyler, Director of Financial Aid. This year, the government has provided more than \$690,000 for students on this campus through the program. Understandably, these students should have an interest in the well-being of their main source, the mighty Federal Lender.

The federal deficit, having passed the \$2-trillion mark, occupies much of our government's attention. There is concern of what the consequences may be if immediate and effective steps aren't taken to reduce this deficit. Has everybody been introduced to Gramm-Rudman?

At the end of last year, Congress passed the Gramm-Rudman Act, a law for balancing the federal budget by 1991. Co-author of the bill, Senator Warren Rudman, has called it "a bad idea whose time has come."

Under this act, Congress is obligated to reduce the annual deficit to certain levels each year. By October, 1987, for example, the annual deficit must be down from the present \$210 billion to \$144 billion. If Congress does not achieve this, the President's own budget-cutting plan will automatically take effect.

Although there is dispute over the act (possible unconstitutional delegation of power) and doubt of the feasibility of its success, Gramm-Rudman is seriously affecting government spending.

"I don't think anyone knows where the political process is going to take us," said Lowell Flory, professor of business and economics. But the spending cuts, which have already begun (a 4.3 percent cut took effect on March 1), are indeed going to take us, or leave us, somewhere.

The cuts will not be evenly distributed, with the current enthusiasm for defense spending as it is and certain programs better protected than others.

Flory points this out when considering the effect Gramm-Rudman will have on financial aid for students, a program relatively unprotected. Because of the imbalance, a ten per cent cut in government spending would be funneled into a cut higher than ten per cent for programs like the GSL.

'I want students to know that we'll do all we can.'

-Karlene Tyler

Tyler said she doesn't know for sure but is anticipating lower amounts in some areas of governmental student aid. The most notable changes will probably be in the Pell Grant and the GSL.

It is expected that Pell Grant funds will be reduced by four to seven per cent. "The ones it will affect the most are those at the lower end of the scale," said Tyler. Those who receive \$1000 dollars now, for example, may receive less than \$300, or not any at all.

Tyler thinks such students might be able to make up the lost aid through other programs but doubts they could replace it with another grant.

How the GSL will be affected is even harder to predict but Tyler envisions three things that could happen:

1. The original fee for processing the application could rise from five per cent.

2. Interest rates could increase from 8 per cent.

3. All GSL's could become 100 per cent need-based. Presently, the government will sometimes help out by matching family contributions. A change could do away with this so that only funds that are absolutely needed would be provided. The current need cut-off is at \$30,000 of yearly family income.

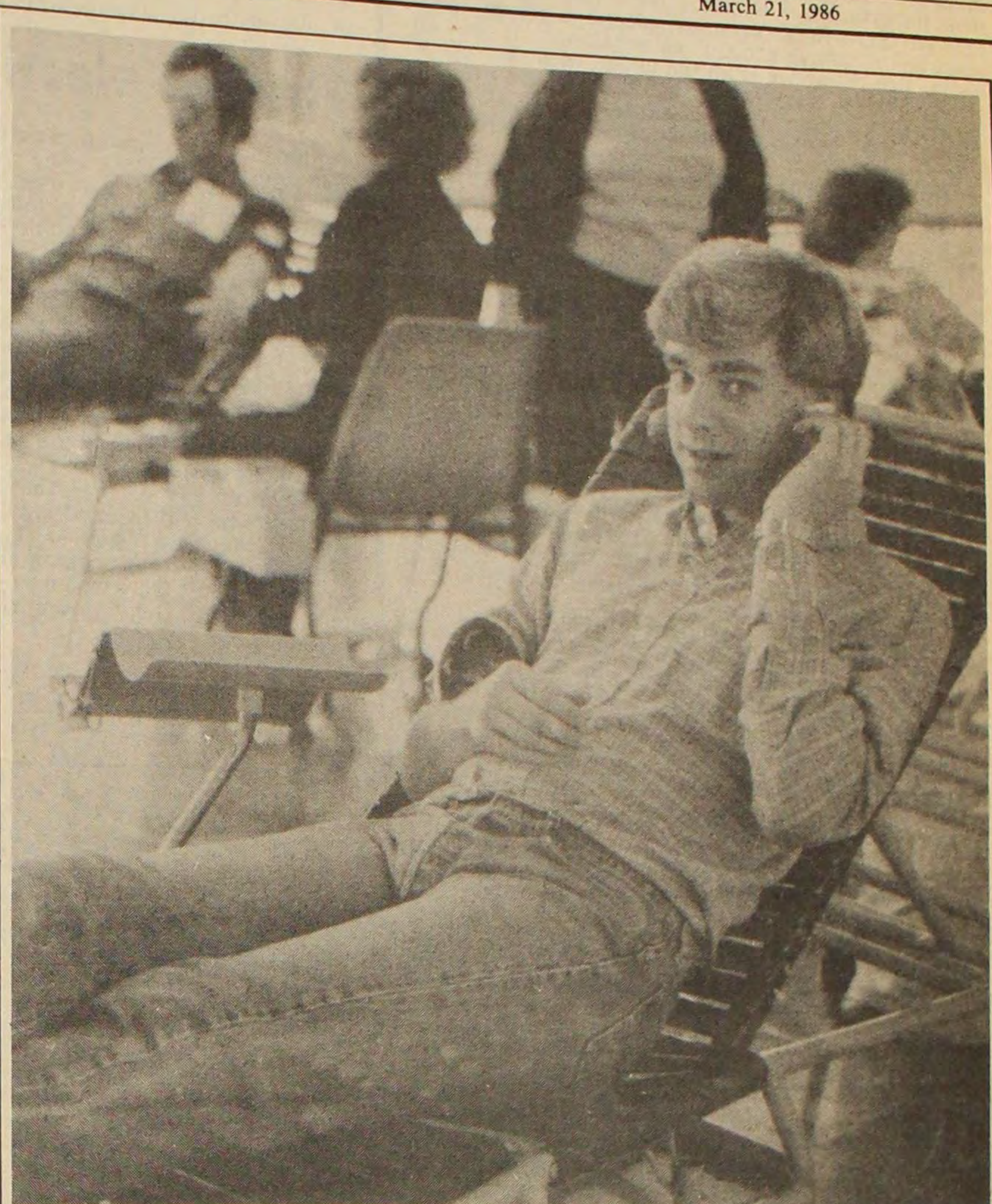
All this could happen as early as July 1, or not at all, said Tyler, emphasizing the unpredictability of these possibilities. Work-study and National Direct Student Loans should not be affected beyond what the college could compensate for.

There is at least one positive prospect for students from Kansas. Tyler said of the Kansas Tuition Grant that "all indications are that it will either remain the same or increase by about \$50."

It appears that the neediest Kansans will be best cared for in the dangers of student financial aid cuts. But Tyler doesn't like to say that some students are any less needy than others, "because they're all needy."

Thinking thusly, and not knowing exactly what is going to happen, Tyler said the college hopes to stick to its policy of meeting 100 per cent of the student financial need. "I want them to know about possible cuts, but I also want them to know that we'll do all we can," she said.

It is recommended that students needing financial aid for the upcoming school year complete and turn in the Family Financial Statement as soon as possible. Perhaps this would be wise because Gramm-Rudman may soon move closer to home.



BLOODMOBILE — The Red Cross Bloodmobile (above) awaits his turn to give blood. McPherson recently visited McPherson, and Dan Dresher College collected 100 pints of blood.



YOUR MOVE — Ruthann Tullis plots her next move in a chess game with Kelly Hein. The weather in McPherson has allowed students to stay outside, as Spring seems to be just around the corner.

Phonathon '86 deemed a success

By Melissa James

"I'm very pleased and impressed with the success the student callers had in the Phonathon," said Bruce Clary, Alumni Director.

The Phonathon started in 1969 and has become an annual fund raising campaign, where personal contact is made with the alumni and other supporters.

In the past, the money raised was used strictly for the general operating budget. This year, however, is unique and different in that the new and increased dollars go directly into the Larry Brown Memorial Scholarship fund. This fund was set up by Mr. and Mrs. Leicester Brown, after the death of their son Larry Brown, who attended McPherson College between 1965 and 1969.

The Browns have specified that the scholarships "be used to support both athletics and academics and that the average and better students with little scholarship assistance be given preference."

Professor Clary said, "I think this shows that the college has placed a greater emphasis on helping the students out financially." The goal of this year's Phonathon was to earn \$100,000 and the caller

Collin, Pam Doucette, Dan Dresher, Claire Dunn, Kristin Estergard, Jay Nicholson, Liz Radford and Janette Roesch. Each team competed for a \$200 gift certificate to be used at downtown merchants. The winning team with the most new and increased gifts consisted of Claire Dunn, Sue Holderread Miller, and Tammy Parker who earned \$955.00. Each team however, was a winner just for participating and to show his appreciation, Professor Clary bought pizza and pop for everyone.

"I'm looking forward to having more student participation in the Phonathon next year by again providing some type of incentive," said Professor Clary.

'I'm looking forward to having more participation.'

-Bruce Clary

participants worked very hard over three weekends to achieve this goal. Callers included class agents, local alumni, faculty and nine student teams.

The student teams did their calling on March 2 and 3. The captains of the teams were: Leona Breedon, Dave

This year's Phonathon raised \$69,403 with \$20,262 to be used for the Larry Brown Memorial Scholarship. As of presstime, those were the figures made available; however, the totals were expected to change after last weekend.

News Briefs

Students to stage re-enactment

The taste of bitter herbs, sweet wine, unleavened bread . . . The sound of crackling whip with metal indentures on soft human flesh . . . The cries of the maddening crowd . . . The agony of the tortuous crucifixion . . .

The sights, sounds, and Near-Eastern aromas of the holy week Passover meal of Jesus and his disciples will be re-enacted on Palm Sunday evening, March 23, near the Monitor Church of the Brethren. McPherson College students in costume will re-enact the Upper Room Last Supper, attempting to be as authentic as possible to the biblical narrative.

Look for signs on campus for time, directions, and meeting place. Herb Smith, Campus Minister, will have this information in the near future.

CVC discusses possibilities

A recent Christian Vocations Club meeting revealed a lot of possibilities of vocations in the area of Christian service.

The Christian Vocations Club met last Monday morning to discuss job possibilities in the Christian field. According to Herb Smith, job possibilities in the Christian field. According to Herb Smith, campus minister, the area of Christian Service has a very wide range of possibilities as far as the number of different types of jobs are concerned.

"That's really a broad umbrella (of possibilities)," Smith said. "What we want to do is to spell out a lot of possibilities (for the students)."

Other faculty members who participated in the brainstorming session included the following: Dr. Paul Hoffman, President; Dr. Monroe Hughbanks, professor of education; Dr. Dale Goldsmith, professor of philosophy and religion; and Roland Wray, director of career planning and placement.

College honors faculty, staff

The annual Trustee/College Personnel banquet featured 19 persons who were honored for their years of service to the college. The event, which took place on March 6, was chaired by Dr. Paul Jewell, Chair of the Board of Trustees and professor from Kansas City.

Two retiring professors were specially honored by the college, Dr. Wesley DeCoursey and Professor Mary Ann Robinson, each representing the Departments of Natural Sciences and Art, respectively. President Paul Hoffman and Professor Joanna Hoffman were among the honorees for ten years of "outstanding service" to the college.

Recognized for their service were:

- 25 years: Professor Mary Ann Robinson, Art; Dr. Gilford Ikenberry, Biology.
- 20 years: Dr. Corinne Hughbanks, Languages.
- 15 years: Mrs. Margaret Parker, Maintenance.
- 10 years: Mrs. Judy Foulke, Bookstore Manager; Dr. Paul Grager, Physical Education; Ms. Joanne Hamlin, Director of Housing and College; Professor Joanna Hoffman, College Promotion and Education; Mrs. Patricia Lusk, Secretary to the President; James Willems, Auto Restoration; and Mrs. Marcia Williams, College Nurse.
- 5 years (full time): Mr. Kenneth Roark, Maintenance; Mr. LaMonte Rothrock, Admissions; and Mrs. Donna Swenson, Secretary to Vice President of Administrative Services.
- 5 years (part time): Professor Susan Dodson, Speech; Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Maintenance; Mr. Glen Johnson, Maintenance; and Mr. A.E. Lundstrom, Maintenance.

Soprano to perform tonight

A nationally acclaimed soprano is coming to perform at McPherson College tonight.

A star with New York's Metropolitan Opera, Braden was originally trained as a cellist. Braden received her Master's degree from The Julliard School of Music in 1981. Some of her recent venues have included the New York City Opera, the Sarasota Opera, the Kansas City Lyric Opera and other performances with the Opera Ensemble of New York and the Pax Amicus Theatre Opera.

Braden's visit has been arranged in conjunction with the McPherson Arts Council and Central College of McPherson. Braden is a native Kansan, and she has performed with such groups as the Wichita Symphony, the Lindsborg Oratorio Society, Friends University, and the Master Singers of Worcester.

Burkholder honored by donation

Dr. John Burkholder, Biology, was recently honored by Mr. Harry H. Stine, proprietor of Midwest Oilseeds, Adel, IA. Stine, a 1963 graduate of McPherson College who studied under Burkholder, announced recently his intention to give \$12,000 per year indefinitely to the McPherson College Science Research Program, in the form of a Science Research Fund. The research program was originally established by the National Science Foundation several years ago.

A scholarship fund which is part of the larger gift has been designed as the John H. Burkholder Research Award.

Stine was recently a guest on the McPherson campus, when he presented a lecture to faculty and students on the technicalities of refining strains of soybeans in the breeding process. Stine is currently the largest breeder of soybean varieties in the Midwest.

All new!

'Screaming Meemies'

McPherson College now has an underground magazine. This very statement entails many ideas. The most important idea is that if there is an underground, to what "Screaming Meemies" pledge to belong, there must be an "above-ground" establishment. If one can distinguish the above from the under, then the college community can be divided in two parts, even if the border line between them is quite foggy: is this fact normal or desired at McPherson College? The question is still pending.

This offspring of the work of a few dedicated people clearly demonstrates to the mainstream of the community that some students want to have their own means of expression, because they do not care for their energies to be released through the college's institutional communication channels. I think it proves that the student body does not always absolutely need faculty sponsors or the S.A.B. to be entertained: Yes, there is inner life at Mac College, and students can appear more adult than some would like to believe. However it is somewhat saddening that the tri-weekly had to be printed off campus because the college could not make its "public" prices competitive.

I also sincerely hope this publication will help some students to learn to tolerate others who do not have the same interests, political ideas or even dress: one could have seen signs asking to write to the Congress-persons about the Nicaraguan issue being torn and ripped. Obviously, not everyone on this campus knows what the First Amendment is about.

Screaming Meemies is great because it is independent. Please, include me on your subscribers list, but only when I will know where to find the \$1.99 Sterling!

Joel Knoery

Letters To The Editor

Army in the S.U., the sequel:

Dear Editor:
This is a reply to the person (notice the singular?) who did not like the handful of students protesting the army on campus.

For the past eighteen years, or my entire life, I have listened to the people that see war and military strength as the only possible solution to the world's problems. People that take the bible completely out of context, and try to pull a Jerry Falwell sermon upon me. I have seen the assumption made time and time again, that because someone is for peace they obviously believe in the bible, and must of course attend church regularly. Well, I have big news for them, it is not true! We all know it is very silly to assume things that one does not know to be true, so it made me wonder when I read the last letter to the editor. How did this person suddenly become an authority on me? The conclusion is very easy to see when one links it up to this person's hero - the military.

Our great defenders of freedom, a word that means absolutely nothing to the men presently enlisted. Unless one believes that obeying a commander like a trained puppy-dog entails the values of freedom. The Vietnam soldiers must have obviously been free as they were sent across the ocean to be slaughtered in a foreign land, all to uphold the idiotic ideal that our political system was created by God or someone related to him. It is also obvious that we only want freedom for Nicaragua, why should they not be able to enjoy all of the fantastic things we do? If I wish to pay for my freedom, I guess I should be running out there right now, supporting the butchering of women and children, and terrorism techniques being used by the C.I.A., until I get my chance to be part of the enlisted that are sent over, when and if, Reagan "convinces" enough people he is right in wanting an invasion. The only problem with this, is that I do not believe in being someone else's piece of clay or putty.

I have big news for the people that think we are already free, and all one has to do is worship our flag, leaders, and be ready to go off to defend our country. Freedom entails a lot more than enlisting for brainwashing, paying ones taxes faithfully and never questioning the

great people that run our country. If your philosophy were to be followed we would still view women as being less than us, and slavery would still be a reality. Take a look around, these changes were brought about by people who questioned the authority you seem so ready to entrust your life to.

When did I say I believed in the bible? You have created a very weak argument for yourself here! The bible is good as a teaching tool to an extent, but when people take things too literally or twist them around to justify their bloody deeds, I have nothing to do with it. I'll be the first to admit that the bible has problems, after all it was written by men, and looking back on history we see what a mistake that must have been. Off of this one book we have hundreds of religions that separated from their mother religion, because they interpreted part of the bible differently. It sounds as though you never made it past Sundayschool, where everything was black and white, and all we had to do was follow the yellow brick road.

To nullify your final argument I have one thing to say, if our world was set up on the ideals of peace and freedom we would not have the need for any type of armies at all. All one does by supporting the army, is to give strength to the virus that already threatens to destroy our world. Countries, armies, flags, and most religions were set up by people who wanted to separate their group from the rest of the world, we need to see beyond them, and realize we are all people underneath.

In closing, I would like to leave you with a few words from the great Jello Biafra, the lead singer of the Dead Kennedys:

"Tell me who's the real patriot
The Archie Bunker slob waving flags?
Or the people with the guts to work
For some real change
The drug we're fed to make us like it
Is God and country with a bang
So real freedom scares you
cause it means responsibility
Thank you for your toilet paper
but your flag is meaningless to me
Look around we're all people
Who needs countries anyway?"
Bryan Buehler

I'd like to start by saying that I like the new look of the Spectator. The new poetry section is a welcome addition, and your willingness to examine more controversial topics is refreshing.

I particularly liked Paul Dellinger's "Army in the S.U., Part II" letter. His broad parody of "redneck" attitudes was very amusing. The Rambo-God of the politico-religious Right was portrayed in delightful caricature as Dellinger's acid wit had a round of fun with war-nip Bible-thumpers. He rounded off his satire of the

American neo-Nazi with some classic right-wing formulas - the only thing wrong with the rest of the world is that it's not America, and the only thing wrong with America is that there are too many peace-nip Communist-welfare baby-foreigners enjoying this country's freedoms. Although his humor is rather slashing, Paul Dellinger has written a pretty piece of parody, entertaining yet frightening. It is frightening because there is a segment of our population whose feelings are perfectly articulated by this piece.
David Zook

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Student election thoughts

Student Council has an important function in a college community. This may not be easy to see at McPherson College after the recent elections of Student Council officers. The importance of these offices were not taken seriously by either the student body or some of the candidates.

Of all the student organizations on campus, Student Council has the most power and responsibility. It supervises other student organizations, coordinates the budget, and represents the needs of the students. The student body does not seem to be aware of these duties - because of both lack of information about the elections, and student apathy. These problems can be taken care of by more effort on the part of student council and the students themselves.

In the future, it is hoped that more information about the elections will be made available. Five minutes of convocation time prior to the elections convocation could be devoted to speaking about officer and student responsibilities. This would create a more serious atmosphere for a function that deserves a great deal of consideration.

Jim Mack
Laura Shelton

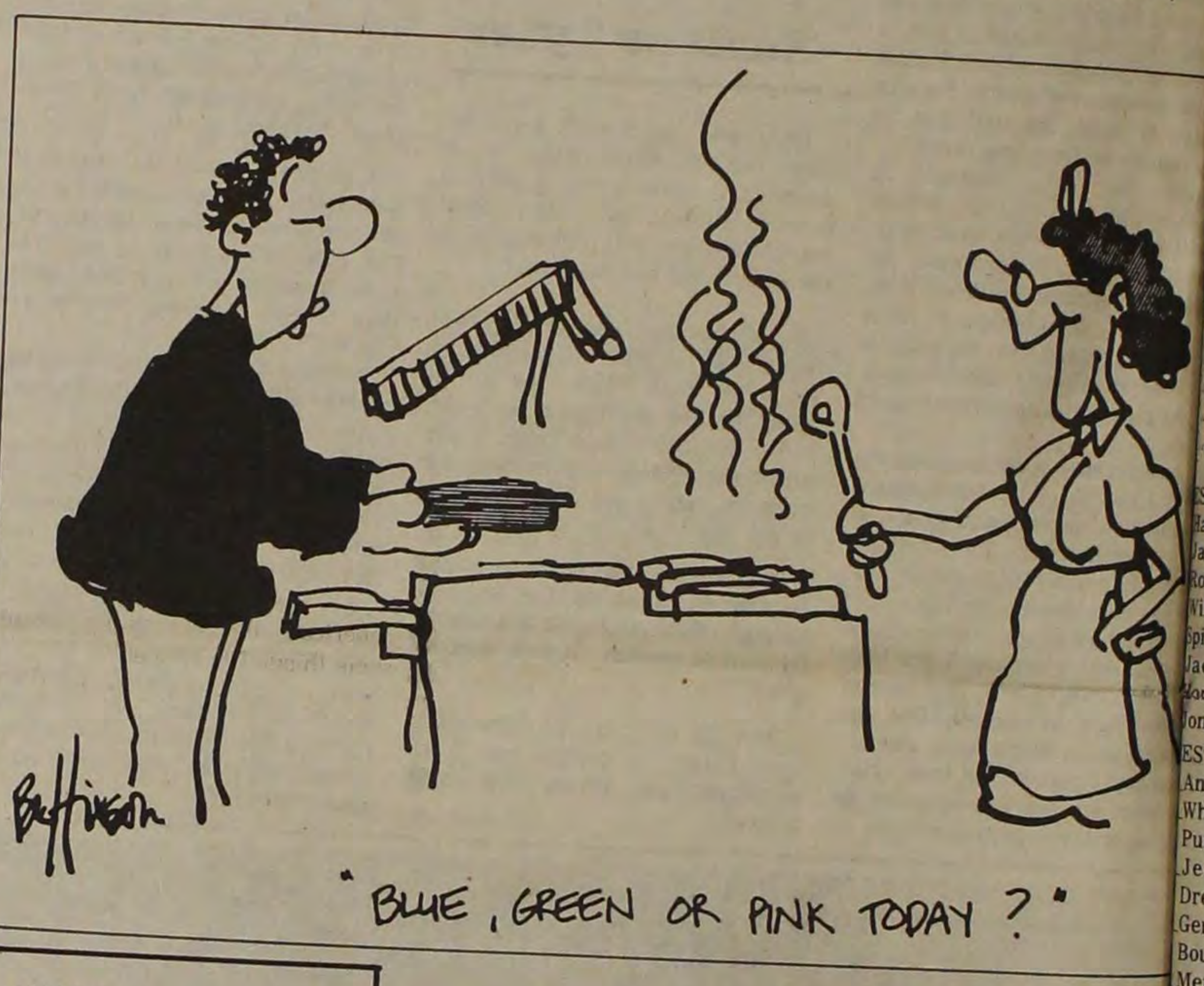
Cuts, cuts, cuts...

Everybody, or most everybody had, has or will have money problems. As I once learned in Econ., the rationale for that is grounded on the unlimited demand for limited supplies. Dealing with a limited amount of money is called budgeting. Student Council did not need some kind of Gramm-Rudmann act to come up with a balanced budget for the various student organizations and clubs, and it only sounds normal.

Where maybe the Council left room for possible criticism is their choices of the criteria adopted for dispatching the money available. Discussing the not so well publicized outcome of the different allotments with a member of the Council, I learned that one of the budget items targeted for cuts was "food". The reasons behind this choice exist, but one must admit that they are not particularly obvious. My question is why cut systematically one item of uneven importance to the different organizations? For an example, Student Activity Board did not plan any meal for its Spring expenses, and the main item of their budget is the "Glad" concert at \$2000. On the other hand, International Students Organization's budget was cut in such a way that alters the normal course of the meetings, actually merely degustations by the members (some of them even bear the U.S. citizenship) of home-made exotic foods; as one can guess, this was last semester's main activity.

As a student, I propose that for the next semester, Stuco would not apply the same technique of cutting a couple of branches in the tree, but rather the scissor one: trimming on all the branches; getting the tree smaller by so many percents, but not by so many branches seems to be a better solution. Another advice to the clubs' treasurers would be to very carefully explain to the Council their budget proposals, indicating the items less necessary than others in order to allow the Stuco members to decide in the best interest of everybody what has to be cut without changing the orientation of the organization.

Joel Knoery



The New Patriot
Like a scythe
his words cut deep
and my heart pumped harder
fighting back with a vengeance

"My uncle died in WW II
to keep your country free."
was his excuse to stand up
to the u.s. army butchery

Preaching his version of Christianity
"we are the new Israel,"
but I don't follow religions or flags,
so why should I follow him?

The sickness in our society
is what he represents
Things are black and white -
Enemies are enemies - not people.

A taker of laws,
vengeance is his.
Don't hit his mom,
or he'll reply with a Smith and Wesson.
Stars and Stripes,
and the pledge of allegiance.
He'd fight to the death,
to save his useless flag -
Sliit his mother's wrists, if she was a commie.

He's ready to restart Vietnam,
send children off to be butchered.
Violence is his only answer.
Don't try to talk to him,
he's got better things to do.

He doesn't understand we're all human,
Governments and armies separate us.
Uniforms and parades are all he needs
to walk proud and happy - and blind.

C.I.A. South America killing fields
U.S. secretly supported Hitler -
until he started losing.
How many missiles do we have today?
Korea left, with only ashes to defend
sympathy for Vietnam
Ode to the U.S. Army of "be all you can be's."

I will not kill my brother,
and your army full of tin-brained soldiers
isn't enough to make me.
Go ahead, be blind and follow.
Our leaders love trained puppy-dogs.
by Bryan Buehler

Dear Paul Dellinger,
Just a reminder:
a) My country France has never been threatened by civilians and if it has ever been invaded, it has always been by soldiers in blue, grey, or green (The latest trend seems to be green, however).
b) My region, Alsace, has seen forty-two successive invasions in the last 1986 years. That is, once every forty-seven years or so, and all of them have been carried through by military personnel. I hope you can understand my perspective: I do not like those who consider violence as a solution for their problems.
Joel Knoery

After StuCo elections

By Leona Breeden
Stuco President

What a year! My first reaction to the end of my term as Stuco President was, "It's finally over." But when I seriously sat down to write this, and was forced to reflect on the past months, I realized that I had the chance that most students don't get. I had the chance to learn and grow as a person.

There really isn't any way to list the things that I've learned. I'm now a firm believer in the saying "experience is the best teacher." I had both good and not so good experiences, but I learned from all of them. The best part is, I learned things that I don't even realize yet. I wish all of you could have the chance that I did.

I think we made a lot of progress this year. I hope that above all, we have started to overthrow the negative attitude that surrounded Stuco a year ago. Stuco is your organization. You make it what it is.

This campus is full of sharp students who are full of good ideas, and Stuco is a good place to express those ideas.
I know that Jay will do a great job and I wish him all the luck in the world. Thanks for letting me represent you. Have a great spring break!

The new StuCo officers for the coming school year are:

- President: Jay
 - Nicholson, Wichita.
 - Vice-President: Lora Coffman, So. English, IA.
 - Secretary: Dawn Merrifield, Phoenix, Az.
 - Treasurer: Jeff Keck, Wichita.
- Congratulations and good luck for next year.

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The Academy Award Feature winner is...

... (drum roll) ...
 The winner is... These are
 known words heard every
 by millions of curious
 awaiting the names of
 celebrated Academy Award
 members.
 Just how did that famous gold
 statuette come to be called an
 Oscar? It all happened in 1931
 when Margaret Herrick, later
 director of the Academy, saw it
 for the first time and exclaimed,
 "Why, he looks like my Uncle
 Oscar."
 Which movie holds the record
 for the most Oscars? The answer
 is "Ben Hur" with 11. Here are
 more Oscar trivia questions to
 test your memory:

1. Who was the first performer to win consecutive Oscars?
2. Who was the first black performer to win an Oscar, and what was the name of the film?
3. What was the only Western to win an award for best film?
4. What Oscar-winning John Ford film appears on the television in "E.T."?
5. What was the first color film to win Best Picture?
6. What was the last black and white film to win a Best Picture Oscar?

7. This Oscar-winning actor appeared in the best film of 1977 and 1978. Name him and the films.
8. Has any film produced all four acting winners?
9. What was the first sound film to win an Oscar?
10. Only one woman has ever been nominated for a Best Director Oscar. Name her, the year, and the film.
11. What historical character garnered the most Oscar nominations for the performers who played him? How many nominations?
12. What was the first sequel to win an Oscar as Best Picture?

ANSWERS TO OSCAR TRIVIA

1. Luise Rainer, named Best Actress of 1936 for "The Great Ziegfeld" and 1937 for "The Good Earth."
2. Hattie McDaniel, for her supporting performance in "Gone With The Wind" in 1939.

Oscar Contest

Who will win? Mark your choices in each category, and send it to the Spectator by campus mail (Be sure your name and campus extension are on the ballot). The entry with the most correct answers will win two free passes to the Spiral Theatre. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner. All entries must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24. The winner will be announced by March 28.

BEST MOTION PICTURE
 "The Color Purple"
 "Kiss of the Spider Woman"
 "Out of Africa"
 "Prizzi's Honor"
 "Witness"

BEST ACTOR
 Harrison Ford, "Witness"
 James Garner, "Murphy's Romance"
 William Hurt, "Kiss of the Spider Woman"
 Jack Nicholson, "Prizzi's Honor"
 Jon Voight, "Runaway Train"

BEST ACTRESS
 Anne Bancroft, "Agnes of God"
 Whoopi Goldberg, "The Color Purple"
 Jessica Lange, "Sweet Dreams"
 Geraldine Page, "The Trip to Bountiful"
 Meryl Streep, "Out of Africa"

- BEST ORIGINAL SONG**
 "Miss Celie's Blues (Sister)"
 ("The Color Purple")
 "Power of Love" ("Back to the Future")
 "Say You, Say Me" ("White Nights")
 "Separate Lives" ("White Nights")
 "Surprise, Surprise" ("A Chorus Line")
- BEST DIRECTOR**
 Hector Babenco, "Kiss of the Spider Woman"
 Sydney Pollack, "Out of Africa"
 John Huston, "Prizzi's Honor"
 Akira Kurosawa, "Ran"
 Peter Weir, "Witness"
- BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR**
 Don Ameche, "Cocoon"
 Klaus Maria Brandauer, "Out of Africa"
 William Hickey, "Prizzi's Honor"
 Robert Loggia, "Jagged Edge"
 Eric Roberts, "Runaway Train"
- BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS**
 Margaret Avery, "The Color Purple"
 Anjelica Huston, "Prizzi's Honor"
 Amy Madigan, "Twice in a Lifetime"
 Meg Tilly, "Agnes of God"
 Oprah Winfrey, "The Color Purple"

There is a difference

By Ginko Ueshiba
 Staff Writer

"People do not know about the world at all, and think Kansas is the whole world. Most women do not work and people think women must stay at home. People go to church because they would be excluded from the community if they do not. Churches do not welcome all people but only whites." These statements are what my friend in California told me about Kansas and some of the ideas I had about Kansas.

Six months have passed since I came to McPherson College. I was excited and also so afraid of coming here, thinking, "Can I make friends? Is there any church that will welcome me?"

What awaited me here was much better than I thought. The church of the Brethren welcomed me. There is a caring atmosphere. Women do have to work on farms, and working women are needed in all fields.

I have become used to the Kansas-American life, hesitating about some things I have met.

In Japanese colleges, students do not study as much as here. They have to study very hard and have much pressure before entering colleges, and some students think a college is a place to relax and play in. There are less married students and less older students.

The girl students are more fashion conscious and spend more money for

their clothes. Jeans are not as popular in Japan as here.

There are very few colleges whose all students live in dorms like McPherson. Wives and husbands can not work at same places, as some professors do here in McPherson.

The relationship between friends seems to be wider here. In Japan, they say hello and talk only to people they know well. Becoming close is not so easy, but once they become friends, the relationships tend to last longer.

Professors are more friendly here. Japanese professors can be never called by their first names and it is not as common in Japan to visit their houses.

As for religion, there are overwhelmingly more Christians here. Most Japanese are Buddhists even if they do not have any consciousness for the faith. It is interesting: most private high level colleges are Christian schools, though most people are not.

Living in a foreign country and far away from parents has let me learn many things. It is a good chance to grow and change. The prejudices that I once had have been going away. But the important thing is always the same anywhere. What to do is to know what is real or not without prejudice.

Writer's Block

Not that he wasn't born
 Not that he wasn't born
 But that his birth was unclear
 Dragging into the later years
 With hope of someday living
 Of climaxing a purpose
 Someday;

This was the hope
 With which his birth was
 Unclear as it was
 Hinting what he would be
 But not that he wasn't
 As he was.

— Tim Crouse

After the Struggle

Sometimes I get so tired.
 After the days that are always so long
 But never long enough,
 And after the nights that are always so short,
 I get tired.

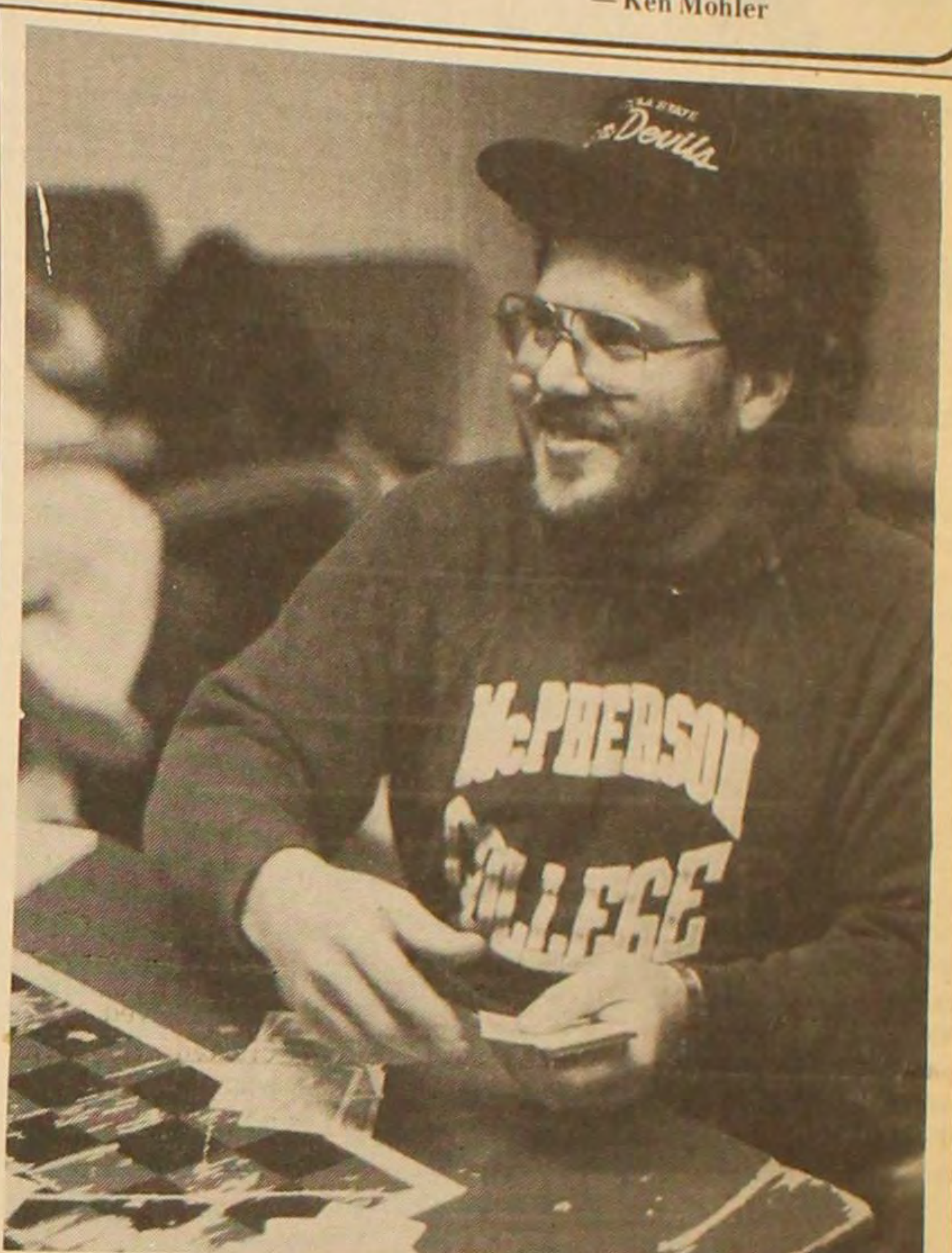
If it wasn't for school I could work,
 Get things done.
 But day after day I must deny my second passion
 And I must try to learn rather than write.

I have so much to say!
 But at the end of the day,
 After the lessons and the music and the theater,
 After the meals and the chores and my first passion,
 I get so tired.

Maybe on a misplaced weekend,
 Maybe on a forgotten, barren Tuesday afternoon,
 Or maybe when the teacher is looking the other way,
 Like now,
 I can get things done.

But I get so tired.

— Ken Mohler



Ellen Herschel/Spectator

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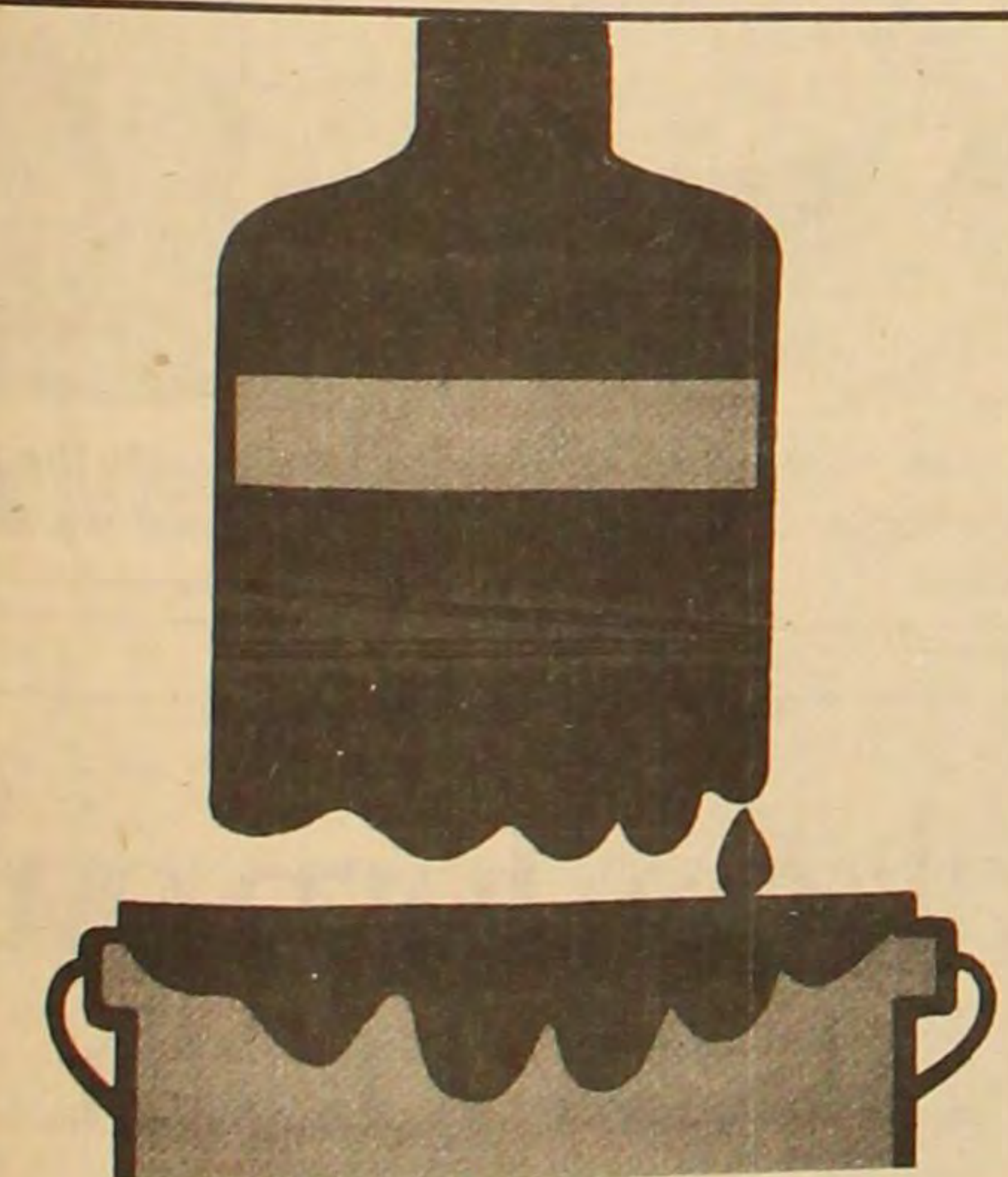


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Large track squad hopes to improve on last year

By Darren Roe
Staff Writer

This year's McPherson College track team is the biggest team in many years. Coach Dan Hoffman says he is very pleased with this year's turnout, and is hoping to improve on last year's seventh place finish by the men in the KCAC out of seven teams. The women finished fourth in the KCAC last year out of seven teams.

There are thirty-two people on this year's track team. Twenty-one of those are men. The twenty-one men on the team are mostly freshmen (11). There are four sophomores and three each of juniors and seniors. Tony Tranbarger is the only person from last year's men's team to graduate. He was one of the top sprinters in the KCAC last year. However, the men did not lose anybody who scored in last year's conference meet.

There are eleven women on this year's team. Once again, the freshmen account for a large part of that number, with six. The rest of the team consists of three sophomores and one person each from the junior and senior classes. The women lost two people from last year's team, Deanna Koehler and Amy Howell. Amy Howell scored eighteen points in the conference meet last year. She also broke the school record in the high jump, at 5'7", and qualified for the NAIA nationals. Deanna Koehler was a middle distance runner.

Top returners for the men are, senior Kevin Pote and sophomore Darren Roe. Roe set the school record in the 110 meter high hurdles last year. Pote broke the school record in the javelin with a throw of 220'1" in the district meet. That throw earned him a trip to nationals.

Other returners who look to score some points are Von Salmons in the middle distance events, Doug Wine in the weight events, and Todd Fredrickson who also does some middle distance work. Some top

newcomers who hope to score are hurdler David Byrd, utility person Robert Ewy, javelin thrower Kurt Kinnamon and long jumper-sprinter Billy Jamison. We could have at least one person participating in each event during the meets.

The women this year are again led by junior Denise Race, who qualified for nationals in the high jump and long jump last year, and Sandy Nichols who also went to nationals last year. Race also set school records in the long jump (18'1") and the triple jump (35'9"). The triple jump was not contested at the national level last year.

Other returners to watch are sophomores Sheila Collins and Darcelle Benson. Collins tied the school record in the 100 meter dash last year as a freshman, with a time of 12.7 seconds. Benson qualified for nationals during the indoor season of her freshman year, and was among the top hurdlers in the KCAC during the outdoor season.

Some of the top newcomers for this year's women's team are freshman field person Tonya Kingery and freshman sprinter Melissa Wynn. Kingery is coming off an excellent basketball season, and she also played volleyball. Wynn had a very good indoor track season, during which she continually improved throughout the season.

The track season officially opens with a dual meet at Kansas Wesleyan on March 20th. The season then follows pretty much the same format as in previous years. There is the Emporia State Open, the Swede Invitational, the ACK meet at Sterling, the McPherson Invitational, Sterling, the Southwestern Invitational, and the KCAC meet at McPherson on May 2 and 3. Finally the District 10 meet at Southwestern on May 10th will close out the regular season. The NAIA National Meet in Russellville, Arkansas will finish the season for those who qualify for Nationals.

Netters hit the courts

By Jay Sharrock

It's that time again, the McPherson College Men's Tennis Team will be hitting the courts. The team is very young and inexperienced, but have plenty of time for improvement. The returners consist of Mike Mnich, who played number five singles and number three doubles last year; Ken Becker, who is a two year letterman at number six singles and number three doubles; and rounding out the returners, Jay Sharrock, who played number three singles and two doubles last season. The new faces on the courts will be Robert Palmer, who was a three year letterman in high school, Ron Hornbaker, who has shown improvement already this season, and Dave Robertson, who will be expected to hit thirty homers this season.

The Men's schedule began on March 18th against Central College. The rest of the schedule is: Bethel's triangular on March 22nd,

Tabor at home on the 25th, at Southwestern on April 8th, at Kansas State University J.V. on the 9th, at Washburn on the 15th, at the Bethel Tourney on the 18th and 19th, at Sterling on the 22nd, at home against Ottawa on the 23rd, and finally, the K.C.A.C. tournament on May 1st and 2nd.

Coach Trimmell feels that "with hard work the team will show tremendous improvement as the season progresses." Coach Trimmell also said that "Jay Sharrock, Ken Becker, and Mike Mnich should do well in their seeds, and that Ron Hornbaker should add to the depth." He also knows that the conference will be very strong, with Bethany getting new recruits, and Tabor returning their top six. He looks for the Bulldogs to be competitive at the K.C.A.C. meet in early May.

The Bulldogs are looking forward to working hard and having fun this season and are seeking the experience they need to be a great tennis team.

Ueberroth's drug solution



By Jim Mack
Sports Editor

With the arrival of spring comes the baseball season, and with baseball comes scandals. From the Chicago Black Sox in 1919, to the apparent epidemic of drug abuse today, America's pastime has been involved with controversy.

This time baseball is dealing with its problem in a different manner. No more simple solutions — expulsion, suspension, fines, or slaps on the wrists. Seven players, who admitted to using illegal drugs while testifying in a trial last year, were ordered by baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth to either serve a one year suspension from baseball, without pay, or donate ten percent of their salaries to drug prevention programs for a year, do 100 hours of community service over the next two years, and submit to drug testing for the rest of their baseball careers.

Too harsh of a penalty? To some it seems the players are being penalized for mistakes they made several years ago and have since

corrected. They were supposedly able to take control of their problem, change it, and now no longer use drugs. The problem no longer exists so why do anything?

The situation should not be looked upon so lightly. Baseball players are in the public eye, and serve as role models, especially to the youth of this country. Thus they should act as the leaders they are supposed to be. When viewed in this context, the commissioner's decision seems appropriate. A lesser sentence might have sent the message to ballplayers that they could get away with using drugs. As it stands, he has given the seven players a chance to get straightened out, without ruining anyone's career. He could have easily suspended them for a full year without pay, but ten percent of person's salary and 100 hours of community service should be enough to keep them from returning to drugs and to deter other players. The community service also gives the players a chance to pay back the communities in which they live and work for their lack of responsibility.

The commissioner is not going to be able to totally wipe out drug use in baseball, but he has taken some positive steps in an attempt to right some wrongs and at the same time hopefully, prevent future drug-related incidents from occurring.



OPENING TOURNEY — The golf team got off to a good start this year by winning their own invitational. Here Andy Smith pitches onto the green. Smith finished the day with a 42. Ellen Herschel/Reporter

Mac golfers take opener

By Greg Phillips and
Vic Ullom

The McPherson College golf team hosted the McPherson Invitational on March 10 and defeated both Bethany and Central College for their first victory of the season. The nine-hole tournament took place at the McPherson Country Club where the team has been practicing for the past few weeks.

Senior Greg Phillips and freshman David Williams finished 1st and 2nd with a 39 and 40 respectively. Another freshman, Andy Smith also played well shooting a strong 42. Bethany finished 2nd in the tournament nine strokes behind the Bulldogs.

Returning with Phillips from last year's team is senior Dave Schrock. The other two new members of the team are Shelley Brandhorst and Lora Coffman.

The team is scheduled to play a

total of five tournaments over the course of the season and face some tough competition with Emporia State, Washburn, and K-State being the best of them. Only four teams compete in the KCAC however, including McPherson, Bethany, Ottawa, and defending champion Southwestern.

The first major tournament will be "The Crossroads of America" hosted by Missouri Southern on April 10 and 11 in Joplin MO. The week after, the team will travel to Lawrence for the Baker Invitational on the challenging Alvamar gold course. April 25 and 26 will be the Fort Hays-Bethany invitational held one day in Hays and ending the next day in Salina. The team winds up the season in early May with the KCAC championship, hosted by Southwestern at the Winfield Country Club, and District 10 the following week in Junction City.



AN ACE? — Ron Hornbaker practices a serve inside the Sportscenter. Bad weather has forced the team to practice inside on several occasions. Ellen Herschel/Reporter



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