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## Admission's staff recruits intensely

By Andy Jones  
News Editor

hundreds of thousands of pieces of mail are sent to prospective students. Contacting students by phone is another way in which the College recruits.

Person to person visits are the third way Mac communicates with recruits. Visits by recruiters to students' homes and high schools are common. Students are also recruited at College Visitation Days, a time when they can get a first hand look at the school.

Beam stated that some of the best recruiting is done by the students themselves. "Contact here is very important," she said. Students can give a favorable or unfavorable impression of Mac depending on their own viewpoints.

In order to attract a student to attend McPherson College, the school attempts to center on a student's particular interest. This could be music, drama, a sport, or an academic interest.

"We try to reach a student's 'hot button,'" Beam said. "We do this first by finding out what's important to the individual and then by showing him how McPherson College can satisfy that interest."

"Schools are recruiting aggressively these days," said Beam. With a decline in the number of college aged persons, recruitment at Mac as well as most other colleges and universities across the country has intensified. Beam said that the trend of lower enrollments is expected to reverse in about six years.

Recruitment of students primarily centers in Kansas, but there is a large amount of out-of-state contact done. Colorado ranks second in state enrollment at McPherson College. Iowa is third, followed by Oklahoma and Missouri.

Beam said that Iowa's high ranking is primarily due to the fact that a rather large Brethren influence is there. "There are several alumni of the College there, including teachers and church members." This helps Iowa to be a strong area for McPherson College's recruiting program.

The number of applications to McPherson College is slightly higher than last year's count, according to Beam. This is good news to Beam and the entire staff admissions staff, who constantly push and promote the College and hopefully persuade more students to attend it.

The McPherson College Admissions Department is busily at work while many students across the country are deciding upon a college to attend in the fall.

Spring is an especially important time for college recruitment as many students finish high school and begin looking at future options.

"Although spring is a particularly busy time, recruitment is a year long process," said Rita Beam, Director of Admissions. The College employs three full time admissions counselors under Mrs. Beam's direction. Cindy Dell, Kevin Miller, and LaMonte Rothrock work with the continuous process of recruiting new students to McPherson College.

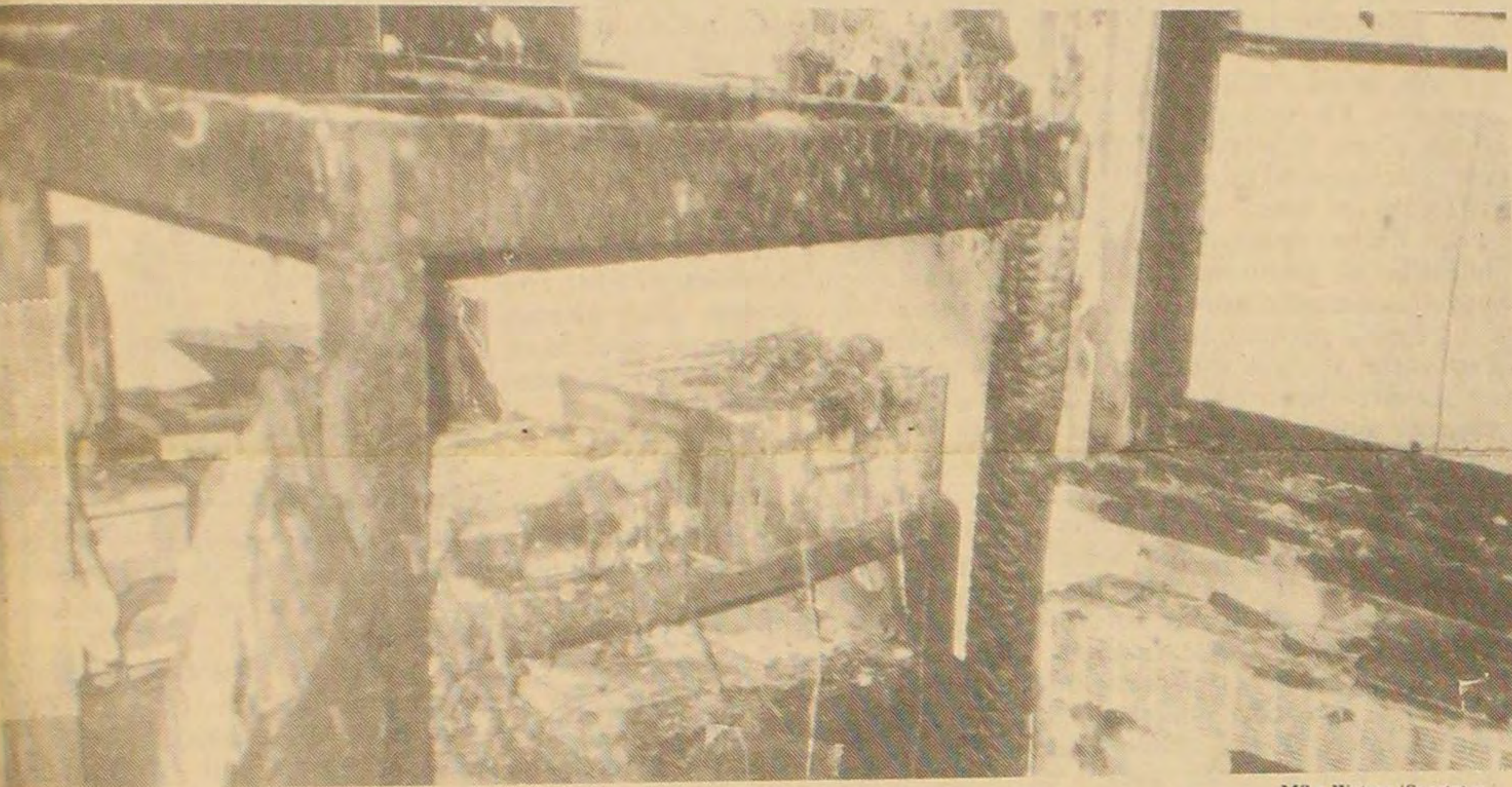
Recruiting is an extensive and involved occupation.

"We reach over 50,000 prospective students every year," stated Beam. There are three main ways in which this is done. Mail is one of the avenues the College uses to "advertise" itself. Literally



Cindy Dell conducts a campus tour with prospective students

Maria Ullom/Spectator



Mike Watson/Spectator

Fahnestock Hall received an estimated \$35 thousand in damages in the fire that broke out in this room. The room's residents lost much to the blaze.

The mess was cleaned up enough last week to allow reoccupation of the building by second and third floor residents Sunday.

## Fire damages dorm:

## Residents return to Fanny

by Paul Minnich  
Editor

At 1:53, Friday, April 17, A first floor fire set off the smoke detector alarm system in Fahnestock hall. Fire department, police, and paramedic vehicles soon arrived to find smoke coming out of third floor walls and windows. Fire extinguishers and water hoses were used to quench the blaze, which was confined to the northwest corner room.

Three students were within the building at the time of the fire. The rooms occupants, Ron Hornbaker (sophomore, Lyons, KS.) and Chad Johnson (freshman, Lyons, KS.) were sitting in front of the dorm when they first heard the alarm.

Smoke soon filled the first floor hall, and students who tried, could not approach to use fire extinguishers.

Hall residents were removed from there rooms this past week and placed in either Bittinger or Metzler hall. Second and third floor residents were told early last week that they would be back in their

rooms by Sunday at the latest.

Residents began moving in yesterday at 12:00 noon, after gaining the final approval from maintenance and housing.

First floor residents have the option of moving in with someone from second or third floor, moving into one of the two storage rooms on second that are being opened up, or staying in their new rooms until the end of the school year.

The only victims of the fire were three lizards and two snakes that were found dead in room after the fire was extinguished. Two ferrets that lived in a cage outside the door of the burnt room were removed by firemen in apparently healthy condition.

Damage to the building included smoke damage to all three floors, water damage to the hall and rooms near the fire, and obvious structural damage to the room itself.

Hornbaker and Johnson lost a television, refrigerator, computer, stereo, speakers and amplifier in addition to clothes and other personal items.

## New semester scheduling continues

By Rebecca Hockman  
Staff Writer

The 1988-87 school year will be facing several changes: a new look and new scheduling. During first semester of this year, the Educational Policies Committee started discussing new scheduling possibilities. Aims of the committee were to loosen up the 1:30-2:30 hour, to try a new convocations arrangement and offer more classes on Wednesday.

A few classes which were scheduled at 1:30 previously, have been moved to 9:30. These classes will usually meet on Monday,

Tuesday and Friday (not Thursday as stated in the course schedule). The overall emphasis of these gradual changes is to balance out classes throughout the week.

Other changes will occur with the schedule of classes. The new schedules recently distributed contained listings for the whole

1987-88 year. It is planned that there be only one revision, which will be completed this summer and distributed during enrollment next fall.

Tentative schedules are also done for the 1988-89 school year. Registrar Susan Taylor hopes that this will help juniors and seniors to plan for their last two years.

Hopefully these changes will instigate more students to schedule their classes ahead of time and increase the awareness of what courses they should be taking.

## State music contest held on campus: 900 students present

This past Saturday, April 25, the Kansas High School Activities Association held its annual Spring Music Festival on campus. The state festival, which brought around 900 students along with teachers and parents here, represents 50 schools from throughout the state. Students that were competed for honors

had placed in regional vocal and instrumental events.

The Festival was held from 8:00 am until past 3:00 pm. Judges were music teachers and professors from high schools, colleges and universities throughout the state. Many students and faculty helped in various aspects of the program

## Psychology Convention

On April 10, 1987, Professor John Burden, Associate Professor of Psychology at McPherson College, and ten psychology

students attended the Seventh Annual Kansas Students Psychology Convention which was held at Emporia State

University. Students Annette Taylor of Dighton, Kansas and Carrie Herman of Cheraw, Colorado presented their research projects in the Student Paper Competition - Research Division.

Miss Taylor's paper was entitled "The Effect of Sensitization on Indication of Students' Attitudes Toward Sexuality: First Borns

Versus Later Borns." The title of Miss Herman's paper was "Expectancy of Performance and Time Spent on Sex Appropriate Tasks with Second Grade

Children." Miss Herman's paper won First Place in the Undergraduate Research Division.

Dotzour Hall sponsored a car wash and yard sale this weekend that was very successful. Due to the fact that McPherson College has no present budget funding designated for Dorm activities, Dotzour felt it necessary to raise money in order to provide enjoyable activities to the dorm's residents. The major event is the annual Dotzour picnic. The beautiful day drew many students and townspeople to the event. For the residents of Dotzour, it was a day of fun and fellowship. Pictured is Kayla Corbett, Amy Yoder, and Brenda Rothrock vigorously washing a car and sharing a laugh.



Richie Christ/Spectator



## Let the people grow up OR Campus keeps people from maturing

When I first came to McPherson College I asked a lot of questions concerning rules. "Why do people have to live on campus?" or "Why are people not allowed to drink if they are old enough?" The answer I always got was that people needed rules because they were not mature enough to make decisions themselves. "Teachers just need to take control of the class, otherwise nobody would come," or "If there weren't any dorm hours, the dorms would never be quiet and people wouldn't study enough." But in Germany... I would say, and explain that we don't have any dorm hours, alcohol restrictions, class attendance control etc. "Well, you can't do that here, people couldn't handle it."

My first reaction was some kind of a pride in German students. They were so much more mature than Americans! However, it didn't make sense to me that being German naturally makes a person more grown up. I thought of my senior year in high school and had to admit, that the "maturity level"

of my classmates then was no higher than that at McPherson College. Why, then can German students deal with the freedom of a German university in a responsible way?

The answer is surprisingly simple. People can only become responsible persons when they are given a chance to make their own decisions. And in the process of making important decisions they mature very rapidly.

I remember how insecure I felt when I started attending Marburg University. The first problem I encountered and had to solve was that of finding a suitable accommodation, since we are not required to live in a dorm or elsewhere.

There were lots of other things I had to decide in the following weeks. I had to choose my classes since there was no prescribed pattern for my subject. I decided to move in a week earlier to attend the orientation, although it was not mandatory.

And all of a sudden I was confronted with the numerous problems of keeping my own household. At Marburg University people can only eat lunch and supper in the cafeteria. So I had to take care of buying my own groceries. If I forgot to buy food on Saturday, well, too bad, because on Sunday all the stores and the cafeteria are closed. I also had to plan ahead, and I was

responsible for my actions with all their consequences. If I wanted to eat steak every day the first two weeks of a month, I had to live on bread and water for the last two weeks.

This may sound exaggerated, and these decisions and responsibilities may seem too minor to have any influence on the way one matures. However, I believe it is the sum of all those little decisions that prepares a person for the more important decisions yet to come.



Kerstin Stengel  
Guest Columnist

I realized that I had the freedom not to go to class, if I did not want to. In many cases it would even be possible to pass without attending too often. Other classes were designed for the student's own benefit, without a pass or fail, without any control over what a student learned.

In high school I skipped class pretty often, when I had a teacher that did not pay attention to attendance. However, at university that suddenly did not make sense anymore. I had decided to come to Marburg to study. I found my own room, chose my own classes, and went through the daily trouble of maintaining my living and balancing a budget. Why, if not to learn as much as possible?

So I went to classes and lectures regularly. After a while, I felt competent enough to decide whether I would benefit from a lecture or rather read a book about the subject. In the latter case I would feel free not to attend this lecture and would try very hard to discipline myself enough to read the necessary literature.

The other area of freedom, the unrestricted dorm life was not all that unrestricted after all.

Although there were neither rules nor dorm parents nor R.A.s, we all had to be considerate not to bother our fellow students.

Voluntarily everybody watched out not to make too much noise in their rooms and not too much of a mess in the common rooms. When problems occurred, most of the time with kitchen cleanliness, we worked it out in a discussion with the people involved.

Most of my fellow students acted in the same responsible way as I did. For example, although we all drank alcohol once in a while, there were less people drunk in my dorm than in some dorms on this campus. Although there were no dorm hours and our floor was mixed, there were no sex orgies going on. I only know of

one relationship that formed on my floor and that particular couple has been going steady ever since—I think they are still together. Some people had boy or girlfriends outside the dorm who would come in at any time or spend the night. I do not think that this affected their studies a lot. Personally, I prefer to study in the early evening and socialize later. Unfortunately, the dorm hour situation on this campus makes that impossible.

People also related to people of the "opposite sex" with less tension than I perceive here. They saw each other as friends or just as neighbors paying very little attention to gender. Since visitors were allowed at any time, visitation was not to be equaled with a higher noise level as it is often the case on this campus.

I enjoyed being able to have study sessions and discussions in mixed groups at any time I wanted. Friends of mine in the dorm, for example, met regularly with a study group in the mornings. They had breakfast together and then studied for one or two hours. This is not possible in a McPherson College dorm and for me it is really difficult to understand why.

It might be that many people here right now are not mature enough to deal with with the kind of freedom I just described. However I am convinced, that they are kept immature by the way they are restricted with rules and freed from responsibilities and independent decisions. If mature and responsible students are wanted, they need to be given a chance to become their own supervisors, and to give themselves their own rules and restrictions. Just let them grow up.

We are the generation of the 80's. Finding one's self is passe'. We are looking for something else. The gurus have gone back to their mountaintops, the psychiatrists re-doned their ties, and success regained its missing three letters.

The Freedom, Peace and Love generation of the 60's and 70's chose to rebel—rejecting the goals of their fathers with the same energy the former generation had rejected their innocence in the great raw wound we call the Viet Nam War.

The present generation of business majors, lawyers and engineers look at freedom, peace and love and say, "How nice." Such things are all very fine as abstract generalizations, but a bit vague as living, breathing goals.

Idealism now seems to carry with it a touch of the ridiculous. It's rather like the Miss America candidate saying earnestly, "I want to bring peace and happiness to the world." Realism, not idealism is the cry of the post-baby-boomers.

It's not simply that we are more concerned with the material world than before, but that we embrace what they rejected. Poor is out.

## Realism and material success

We are looking for more than personal fulfillment in a job, we are looking for money. Of course, it's not just that the children of 80's are making money—even the flower-children made money eventually—but that we are no longer ashamed of making money.

Material success has once again raised her weighted head (while the glory shown round about) and revealed a crown untarnished by the years of neglect.



Merrie Cline  
Staff Writer

Ironically, something about the long-haired, bright eyed generation of a decade ago seems immensely cynical now. Did they really believe that camp songs could save the world? Or were they just out of their depth? Was the free-living and free-loving only another form of escapism that did not eliminate the real problems, but merely avoided them.

There is something terribly reasonable about the growing generation. Practical, not overly hopeful, but confident enough for the present of our place in the scheme of things. It may be as yet only the confidence of a child, untested in any real crisis, unaware of a darker side of life. It's a curious type of innocence we bear, beyond cynicism, untouched by growing terrorism and not unconscious of, but unconcerned with the ever present threat of nuclear annihilation. The faith behind the innocence is not precisely blind or uncaring, but selective and much to vigorous to be called apathy.

We may not have answered the questions, we seem to be saying. Ultimate truths don't come indisposible packaging. But we've remembered how to be happy, and if—as you say—we are on the brink of extinction, then we might as well enjoy life as it lasts.

When they broke all the ties with tradition and burned their bridges behind them, the me generation thought they were getting rid of a past. What they didn't realize is that they were also throwing away a future...

### Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor:  
Monday, April 13, the Spectator arrived. Around 7:00pm I finally found time to read it, but found it rather tiresome. I've been noticing a trend among the Ed/Op columns that many opinions lean towards snobbiness, uncalled-for-sarcasm, or just plain "holier-than-thou" attitudes. I'm very tired of this. I think Gary Foulke's article on mediocrity could be applied to the attitudes of many students who write their opinions. That is, negative or pessimistic attitudes have become the norm.

I find it pathetic to think that the only things worth writing about are those which are of a complaining, or degrading, or overall negative nature. I suggest some risks be taken to get out of this slump of disparagement. Surely those who, so far, usually have written in ways that have been cynical can come up with opinions that are more positive.

To get a sense of well-being and optimism started, I have listed some things that I think many people would find good or positive:

- Spring is here
- Dr. Lengel is back.
- There are people on campus who always make you smile.
- Every person has a talent or skill that puts him or her above the rest.
- Laughter is not a learned response.
- Sometimes your dreams do come true.
- Baseball season is back (and I'm sure everyone else here is backing the Baltimore Orioles, also!)
- Many of life's greatest pleasures are free.
- There really is good in everyone and everything IF one chooses to see it.

Now, to be fair, you must realize that it took some time to write up that list. I had to give it some effort. I do not consider myself to be a highly optimistic person. However, I think that pessimism and negative attitudes breed pessimism and negative attitudes. If this is true, then the reverse should also be true. Optimism and positive thinking breed optimism and positive thinking. We could give it a try!

Sue Six

Dear Editor,

I would like to publicly send a special thanks to Jeanette Mick Johnson, our very responsible Director of Housing, and Merrin Godfrey, Head of Maintenance, for the work that they did in dealing with the fire in Fanny. They did a tremendous amount of work in handling the situation.

Jeanette on her own had to make numerous decisions regarding the placement of students into Bittinger and Metzler. Jeanette needed help in making decisions and readily approved the suggestions that the Fanny R.A.'s formulated on how the residents of Fanny should get their belongings out.

While Jeanette was doing her work, Merrin was deciding what needed to be done with the fire damaged room and the smoke damaged dorm, and who needed to do the work.

Jeanette and Merrin are to be commended for the role that they undertook in handling the fire.

I am proud to have such dedicated people in Jeanette and Merrin working for the college.

David Lehman

## ARTS not RATS

What is a "RESTORAT"? Does "RATS" stand for Restoration Automotive Technology Student? The given term in the course catalog is Automotive Restoration Technology Students, or "ARTS" as in industrial arts.

I have talked with several other students on campus who have seen other restoration courses and given me a brief description. No wonder the term RESTORATS came about—egad.

Even though I have been here almost two years, I can still surprise somebody by telling them why restoration students have a hard time getting involved with the rest of the campus.

It's not entirely our fault. Our two year degree is based on extensive hands-on lab work, restoring the Pre-World War II vehicles in Templeton. Our two years of classes are already decided for us upon enrollment. All we have to do is sign our name and sign the check.



Mike Watson  
guest writer

The classes consist primarily of restoration related classes, i.e. welding, wood working, machining, body work, etc. Over the years due to student input and faculty direction, several "normal" classes have been added to our already filled schedule.

During the two years, a restoration student must pass Written Communications, Principles of Accounting, History of the American Automobile, and Small Business Management.

The core courses, which consist of Body and Mechanical restoration and advanced restoration the second year are alone worth 9 credit hours each semester. A basic 3 hour class is designed to equal 3 hours of lecture a week, or 6 hours worth of lab time. In 86-87, the restoration students "signed up" for 15 and a half hours a semester. However, our daily schedule was 8:30-5:00, M-F with a minimum of 25 hours a week clocked on a time clock. Due to student pressure and thoughtful faculty, this year our days are 7:30-3:30 with only 21 required weekly hours. I wonder, or used to wonder, why nobody saw us except at lunch and dinner and maybe at night. It isn't easy folks, no matter what anybody says.

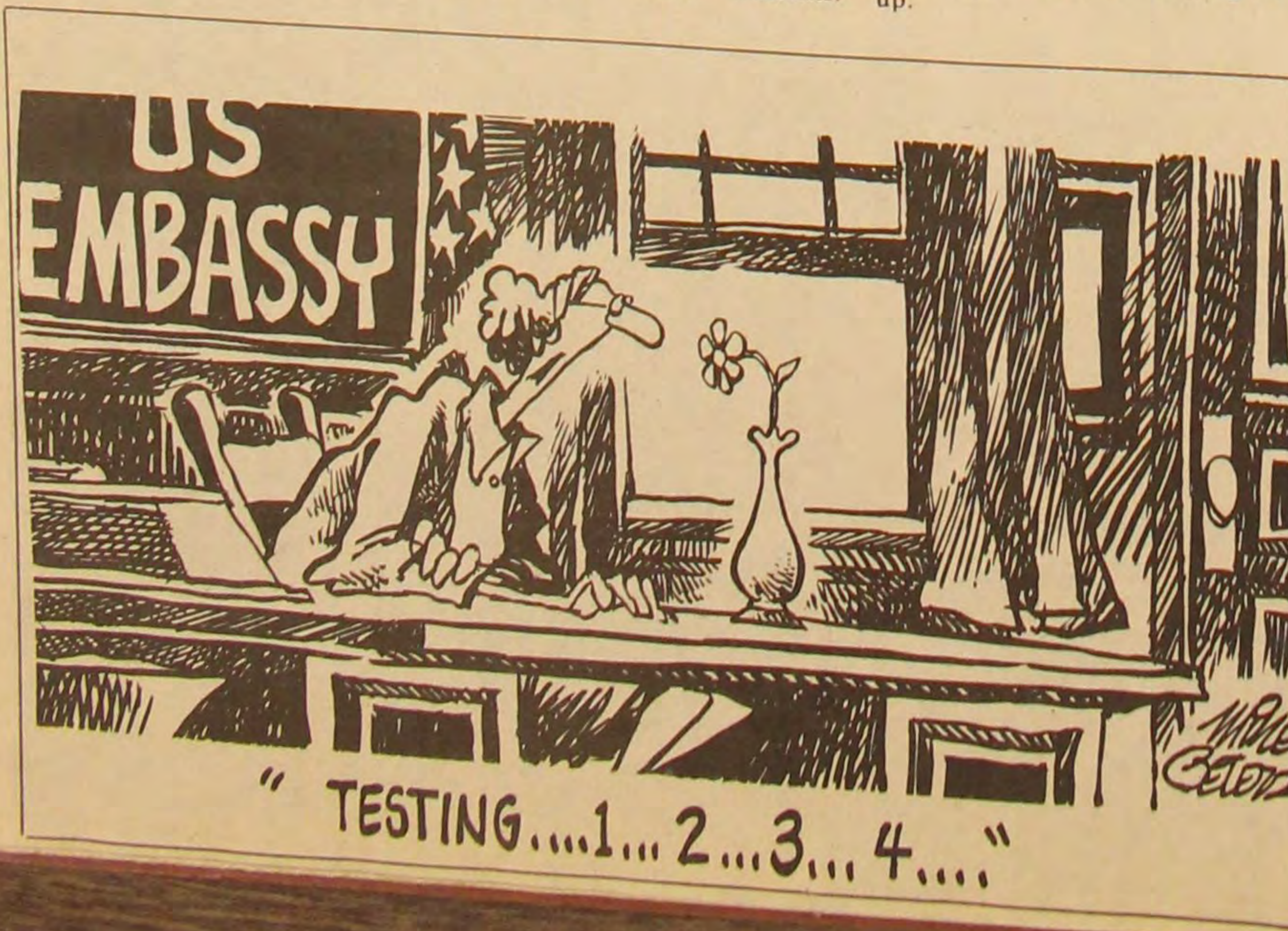
By the end of the second year, most sophomores are experiencing one of two things (or maybe both): mega burnout, and the thought of job hunting. However, we are encouraged to consider going on two more years as "normal" students and pursue a 4-year degree in either business, or industrial arts.

My plans to come here were postponed one year. I am thankful for that now. A lot of the attitude problems of a few years ago are almost totally gone. Some of us restoration students have decided to get involved with the rest of the campus, and worry about the time factor later. In the two years of my stay, we had no less than 5 students involved in sports (football and basketball specifically), band and drama. And a number of students on the honor roll.

I keep hearing Templeton faculty explain that they do not want a two year vo-tech program image and that great plans are on the way to "finally" unite Templeton with the "rest" of the campus. Oh boy. (that's hard for us to do when we rarely get to see it).

Please don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to make excuses or get overwhelming sympathy from the campus. I mainly wanted to let people on campus know a little bit of behind the scenes in the restoration department, what happens to our time, and why we do only come out at night.

I'm glad I have become involved with a lot more of the campus. I met a lot of new faces and have enjoyed stepping over the boundary—it made the 25 hours a week more bearable.



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# A picturesque view of "The Finer Things" at the Spring Formal



**Denise Royer--** I liked it a lot better than last years.

**Cindy Trimmer--** I really enjoyed the dance. The music and food were excellent! The juniors that worked on the decorations should be commended.



**Jamie Spexarth--** My hat is off to the juniors! It was a very enjoyable change of pace from the busy spring schedule.



**Ted Thompson--** I felt this was the best Spring Formal I've attended in my college career.

**Paul Minnich--** It was a good well-rounded evening, too bad there weren't more rolls!



**Jeanette Mick Johnson**  
Richie Chrest/Spectator

## Who is she and what does she do?

By Melissa James  
Feature Editor

You might see her in Mohler hall or down in the Student Union, perhaps in the Sportscenter or in one of the dorms. But who is she? And what exactly does she do?

When she was hired for a position at McPherson College her name was Jeanette Mick. But over the summer, in Aug., she was married to Jerry Johnson. Yes, the woman described above is Jeanette Mick Johnson, new this year as Director of Housing and Orientation.

Jeanette was born and raised in Beloit, KS. She is one child in a family of six. She was recently married but has no children. Her hobbies include all types of water sports, camping, sewing and crafts. She said, "I love to sew and do crafts but with my new job, I haven't had time to do much of that."

Jeanette is very well qualified for her position here at Mac. She graduated, Cum Laude, from Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS with a B.A. in Art Education. She has also received a M.S. in Educational Administration. Her work experience is very wide ranged. She has been Resident Hall Director at both The University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK and Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS. She has also been Director of the Beloit Aquatic Program and Director of the Red Cross Public Swimming Facility.

Jeanette does a variety of things here on campus. Her title is Director of Housing and Orientation, for this position she does jobs such as organizing new student interviews, summer mailing, housing assignments and a lot of day to day operations on campus.

Jeanette recently took on more duties when Metzler's Resident Directors left. She has had wing meetings with all the floors on Metzler to see what kind of things they would like to have done to their dorm so it won't be stereotyped as the "animal house." She was encouraged as they had a lot of neat ideas of things to do to have more campus unity. "I'm really impressed with the R.A.'s as they have been doing most of the work, I'm just around if they need help with anything," said Jeanette.

Jeanette has also been helping with SAB activities but again she gives all the credit to the student managers, "The managers have

really taken on a lot of responsibility and are doing a fine job, I'm basically there to sign the timesheets but they do all the work."

Jeanette has enjoyed her change in job and lifestyle. She said, "I enjoy the small town togetherness. It's neat working together and trying to be real creative thinking of things to do on campus for student entertainment. I have also enjoyed getting to know everyone."

When asked what campus things she would like to see changed, Jeanette replied, "I would like to see more cooperative programming so there is always something for the students to do on campus, this would prevent duplicating the same events."

On to a more lighter side, when asked about her most embarrassing moment, Jeanette said, "I would have to say my most embarrassing moment occurred when I was a Resident Director. I was on Spring break at Padre Island and I did a bunch of crazy things because I felt I didn't have to be a role model since I was away from school. Well little did I know that there was a number of people from the school there who saw me do all those crazy things. When I got back to school I was at a meeting and the Vice President made a comment about what I had done on Spring break. I guess the embarrassing thing was that I thought I was really pulling something over on everyone but they all knew before I got back!"

When asked if there was anything else she would like to say about her job etc... Jeanette said, "Well I guess if you really wanted to sum up my job duties I would say, I don't do a lot of anything in particular, instead I just coordinate a lot of little things which makes for a very interesting job!"



**Annette Taylor--** Any event as well planned as this takes more time and arrangements than most people realize. The key individual in making the Spring Formal possible is Dana Weddle. I would hope that in the future, every junior class would have a leader like Dana; there wasn't one thing she forgot, and it made for a wonderful evening!

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# Sports

## Brewers' streak ends at 13

by Jack Sneddon  
Staff Writer

Well, the home-grown Milwaukee Brewers drive to a perfect record regular season ended on April 21 at the hands of the Chicago White Sox. During the streak of 13 games, Juan Nieves had a no-hitter and Dale Sveum had a two-run game winning home run. Most of the Brewers better players came from their own minor league system. General manager Harry Dalton had a big hand in making the Brewers, Baseball America's Organization of the Year. The AAA team is in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Bill Schroeder and B.J. Surhoff, both of whom played at Vancouver, form a formidable platoon behind the plate. With the left-handed hitting Surhoff a number one draft pick in 1985. Dale Sveum hit a two-run homer against the Texas Rangers April 19 for a 6-4 Brewer victory. Earlier in the game outfielder Rob Deer hit two home runs. Deer proved to be a steal last year as they traded two minor leaguers to the San Francisco Giants for the man who would lead the team in homers with 33 and runs-batted-in with 86. Juan Nieves threw a no-hitter against the Orioles in a 7-0 Brewer win. For the 22 year-old Nieves, he is in his second year in the big leagues. Historically the Brewers have not been too good in the month of April. In 1979, they were 13-9 and finished the season in second place. And when the Brewers went to the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals in 1982, in the month of April they were 9-8 and finished 95-67 under the leadership of Buck Rodgers then Harvey Kuenn.

The Brewers tied the major league mark for the most consecutive wins at the beginning of the season with 13. The Braves won a National League East title in 1983 after winning the same number of games. In the American League the former mark was 11 games by the Oakland A's in 1981. They too won their division.

I would also like to recognize that Fenway Park will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary this season. And that there is only one more column of mine left to read for this school year.

## Sweat hunts for successful year

by Jack Sneddon  
Staff Writer

THIS IS THE FINAL ARTICLE IN THE PREVIEW OF THE 1987 McPHERSON COLLEGE BULLDOGS FOOTBALL SEASON

There are many reasons why the Bulldogs will be successful this Fall and one of those is defensive back Shawn Sweat.

Last year, Sweat led the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference with nine interceptions including a runback for a touchdown. He finished third in interceptions in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and was an honorable mention all-American. That was after a layoff from football during which he went to Kansas State and Garden City Junior College. In high school, as a quarterback-safety he helped Smith Center to a 12-1 record and a state championship

as a junior.

McPherson head football coach Dan Thiessen was not surprised by Sweat's success. "From watching him in pre-season, he had a natural instinct for the ball." But not everybody shared that feeling. Sweat remembers when two people, very close to the team, gave one of his friends a negative assessment on the Smith Center resident's ability and little chance of doing well in the season. But in the end, he proved them wrong.

"We will try to utilize his ability, putting him on the tough receivers," said Thiessen. "He is a defensive leader who has already proven himself."

A coach once defined a leader as somebody that should take the responsibility of the team and be responsible if something happens. But that good communication will avert the problem. He, also, plays to the best of his ability for the team and himself. "In my opinion, during this last season the man who was a good model of the proper leadership qualities was

Billy O'Neil"

Sweat has a pet peeve about something that is not evident on this campus. "People that act like they are the greatest and do not have anything to back it up are the people I really despise."

Sweat has a nickname that is unique, "Shag", coming from that character in the Scooby Doo cartoons. This Fall he will be going into football with a little more responsibility, with his marriage to Tracy Tanquary. He likes living off campus and has the security of somebody to come home to. "It is going to make me more relaxed, giving me a place to go that is away from the tension during the season." He has a creed that he follows, "I live for myself and the people I care for."

"I see the whole team getting better, in every area, we got offensive as well as defensive people coming in to help." When Sweat, like most of the Bulldogs players, talk about the upcoming season there is a glint in the eyes and the eagerness of a caged animal in the hunt of big game.

## Young players pace team

by Marla Wasson  
Staff Writer

Young players with talent have emerged as the backbone of the Bulldogs tennis team this year.

There are five freshmen out of the nine total players and three of them are among the top four people on the squad. With such a large contingent of young players, the Bulldogs are not experiencing a particularly successful season.

Although the team is young, coach Roger Trimmell feels the team has improved over the season partly because of hard work and partly due to the fact that they have played tougher competition, which forces them to play better.

"The KCAC (Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference) is tough this year," said Trimmell. "Our young guys have had to improve to compete."

The freshmen on the team include: Darrin Boster from Mount Hope, who plays 2 singles

and 1 doubles with senior Ron Hornbaker, from Lyons; Troy Ternin a Valley Center resident plays 3 singles and 2 doubles with high school teammate and fellow freshman Todd Frankenberg; David Barrett of Dallas, Tex., plays 5 singles; and Kevin Rich from Sterling plays 7 singles and doubles with Ken Becker a junior from Moundridge. Rounding out the rest of the team is Mike Mnich from Olathe and sophomore Robert Palmer from Castle Rock, Co., playing 8 and 9 singles, respectively.

Ken Becker compliments the younger players on the team by commenting, "Under the circumstances, the freshmen have done really well. The KCAC is tough, but they have stayed with it."

The Bulldogs are in action against Sterling College, today on the McPherson College Campus at 3 p.m. This will be Mac's final match of the regular season. The KCAC version of Wimbledon will be played April 30th thru May 1st at the Riverside Country Club in Wichita.



Jeff Christ is eyeing for a successful golf season.

Marla Ulom/Spectator

## Big Mac is on the come back

by Robert Palmer  
Guest Columnist

Everyone has an opinion on the subject. Most say he is "too old," or "washed up." He doesn't have it anymore. I don't think so.

John McEnroe is probably the most controversial sports figure to come about in the last 13 years. If you are a tennis fan, you either love him or hate him. There is no in between.

sometimes colorful conversations.

His concentration is still incredible on the court, although his speed and power are not what they were before his sabbatical, which he took because of his then expected child from Tatom O'Neal, and his last suspension in November 1986. It is unfair to give up on him so soon. It will take time to build his confidence and level of play back to where it was. If he plays a lot of tournament in 1987 I believe he will be in the number one, two or three spot by the 1988 U.S. Open. By the end of 1988 he will be back on top.

McEnroe has brought a new level of play to tennis. His first Wimbledon win in 1981 against Bjorn Borg showed us that new level. Even if you hate his attitude, you have to agree he is a great player. The Big Mac Attack is coming back!!

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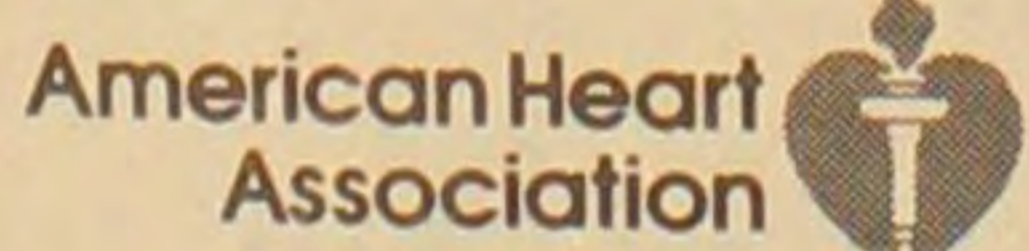


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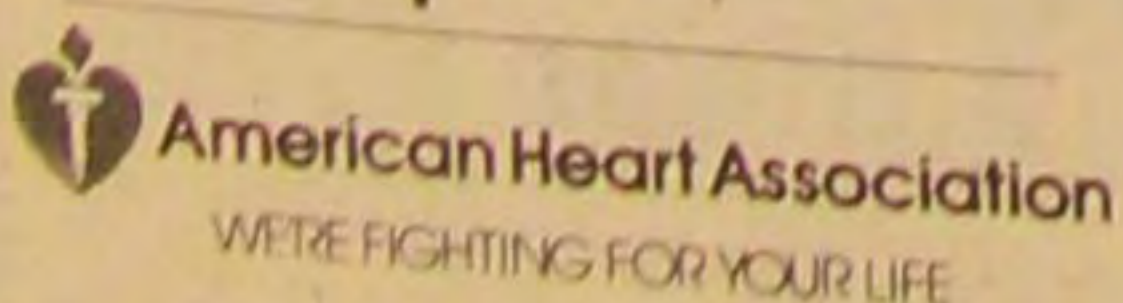
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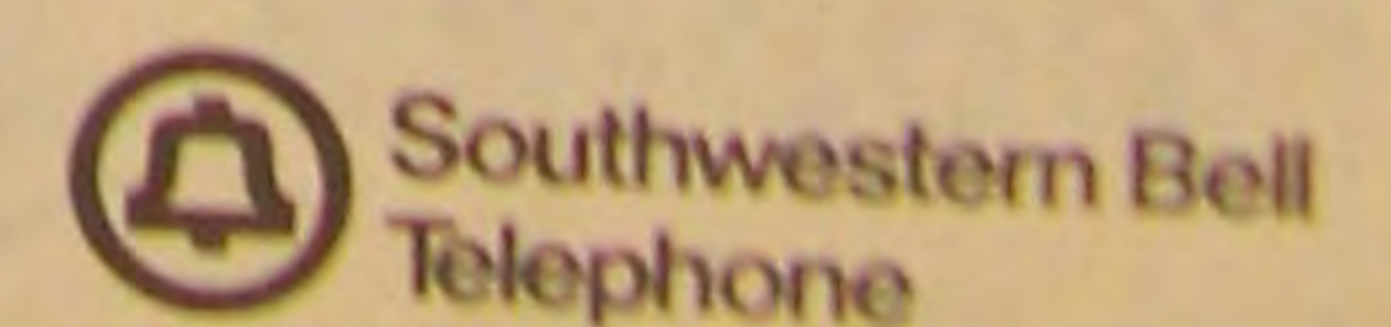
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