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Financial aid opportunities defer high tuition costs

Ted Bray/Staff

\$40,000. That's about what it costs for a student to achieve a four year degree at McPherson College. That is what retailers would call a big ticket item, and it's what those attending McPherson College call very expensive.

To help with the financial side of things, McPherson College has created or is involved in many different scholarship, loan, and grant programs designed to aid students with the high costs of a college education.

These programs range from

academic and athletic scholarships to all types of grants, providing opportunities for students to borrow money at the lowest possible rates.

Specifically, McPherson College breaks up its financial aid package into three categories: scholarships and grants; federal aid and loans; and employment.

Scholarships available include: National Merit Scholarship, which can pay up to full tuition; Presidential Scholarship, which can pay up to two thirds of tuition; McPherson College scholarship, which is renewed with a 3.0 GPA each year; performance scholarships in football, volleyball, track, cross-

country, tennis, golf, instrumental and vocal music, journalism, and drama; U.S. minority student scholarships; and state of Kansas scholarships, based on financial need and academic standing.

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Grants and other awards include: Church of the Brethren award, which pays up to \$1,000 per year;

alumni award, which aids the children of alumni; christian service dependents grants, which benefits dependents of persons in church related professions; and church matching grants, where the college matches up to \$500 per year of church contributions.

Federal aid includes: Pell Grants, which pay up to \$2,300 per year; Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, awarded upon demonstrating financial need.

In addition several loan opportunities exist with Guaranteed Student Loans, Perkins Loans, and Supplemental Loans available to students at interest rates ranging from 5% to 12%.

Finally, numerous opportunities exist on campus for employment. The federal government provides a work-study program, where it helps pay the salaries of qualified student employees.

There you have it — a lot of possibilities do exist to help Mac students take a bite out of tuition costs.

The key first step for all students is to fill out the Family Financial Statement and get it turned into the Campus Information Center.

From there the financial aid program gets rolling. All students are encouraged to fill out the FFS, as almost everyone qualifies for some sort of financial aid.

Stuco anticipates successful year

Konni Nanninga/Staff

The 1991-92 stuco members are looking forward to a great year.

LeAnn Johnson, the President-elect said, "I'm real excited about next year."

Johnson added that the student council had a lot of goals they hope to accomplish and many different programs to concentrate on.

"The big thing to deal with is curriculum development, a mission statement and the honors program," said Johnson.

The group will try to be open-minded and would like to hear any

ideas from students no matter how off-beat they may be.

Some of the things Johnson would like to see developed are a baseball and softball team and possibly, if there is an interest, yell leaders.

Rep at large Kevin Snyder commented he would like to see more interaction with other colleges.

Both Snyder and Johnson stressed the importance of receiving input from other students. "We need to know what the student think in order to serve them better," said Johnson.

Other members of the council are Vice-President Harold Chaney, Secretary Leslie Reimer and Ted

Bray, Treasurer.

The Representatives for the dorms are Stephanie Stephens, Dotzour; David Kerkove, Fanny; and Brad Brummett, Metzler.

Kristi McReynolds, Brenda Mintzer, Tim Cossaart, Steve Walter, Melia Dell, Russell Kinzie, Eric Hadley and Snyder are Reps-at-large.

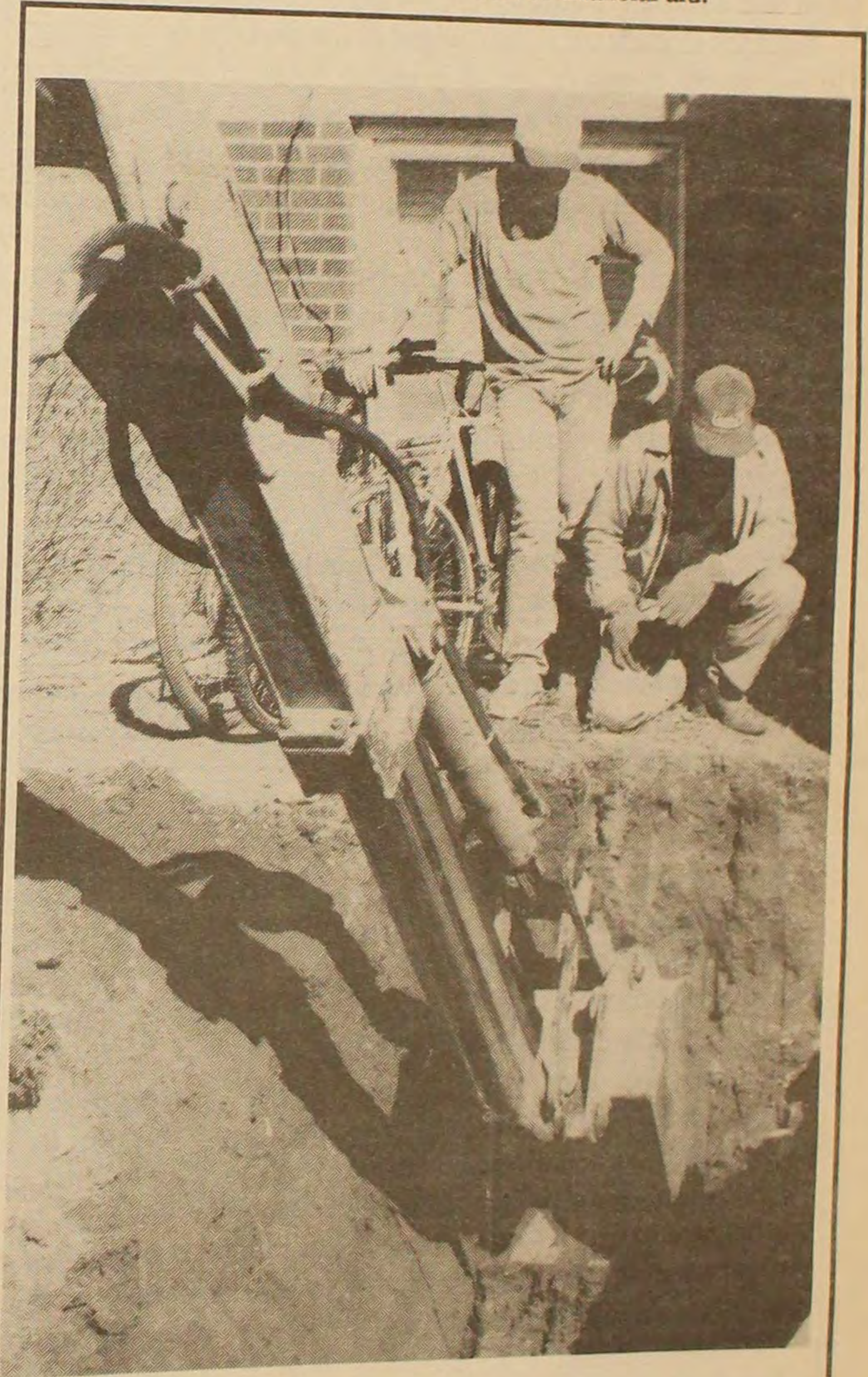
Students should feel free to talk to any of the people about problems they may have.

"I'm real pleased with the group that was elected," said Johnson. "I feel like we are going to be able to accomplish a lot of great things."



Barry McMillan/Staff

This year's Student Council members are all smiles in this recent photo. Next year's officers are excited and already planning for next year.



Barry McMillan/Staff

Fanny residents faced the dilemma of living without water when a sewer line broke. Here maintenance labors to correct the problem.

Imagine a time and place where cars are abolished, air conditioning is a dream, and leaving the lights on after ten is a federal offense. "Impossible!" you say, but this could well be a possibility that we face in the future if we are not careful with how we use our energy today.

It has been estimated that most of the oil found outside of the Middle East will run out in approximately twenty-five years at current rates of production. Even with the addition of Middle Eastern oil it is estimated that all known oil supplies will last approximately one hundred and fifty years at current rates of production.

Add to these facts that two-thirds of all known oil supplies are located in the volatile Middle Eastern region, where at this moment hundreds of oil fires are burning uncontrolled, wasting billions of barrels of oil a day. It is apparent that America needs an agenda for energy conservation and alternative energy sources.

Commentary

It is safe to assume that there will not be any technological breakthroughs that will significantly alter the world's energy supply before 2010.

And even if a technological breakthrough is discovered before 2010, it would not reach the market until about thirty to fifty years after its development. Therefore, we must concentrate the bulk of our efforts on existing forms of conservation and alternative sources of energy.

America already uses about eight to ten percent of its energy in renewable forms (most of it in the form of hydroelectric power) and it is possible for that percentage to grow.

The use of direct and passive solar energy in buildings throughout the nation would reduce heating costs by about fifteen percent.

In states such as Colorado and New Mexico, whole communities are being designed and built to employ the technologies of solar heating and thermal mass, allowing these homes to maintain a temperature of sixty degrees without furnaces or air conditioning. These designs are relatively inexpensive and can be built practically anywhere in the nation.

Buying cars that have a fuel efficiency higher than forty miles per gallon and car pooling would save over 2.4 million gallons of gas a day.

An increase in the use of nuclear energy and fuel cells, along with the use of wind power to produce electricity would reduce our need to import oil.

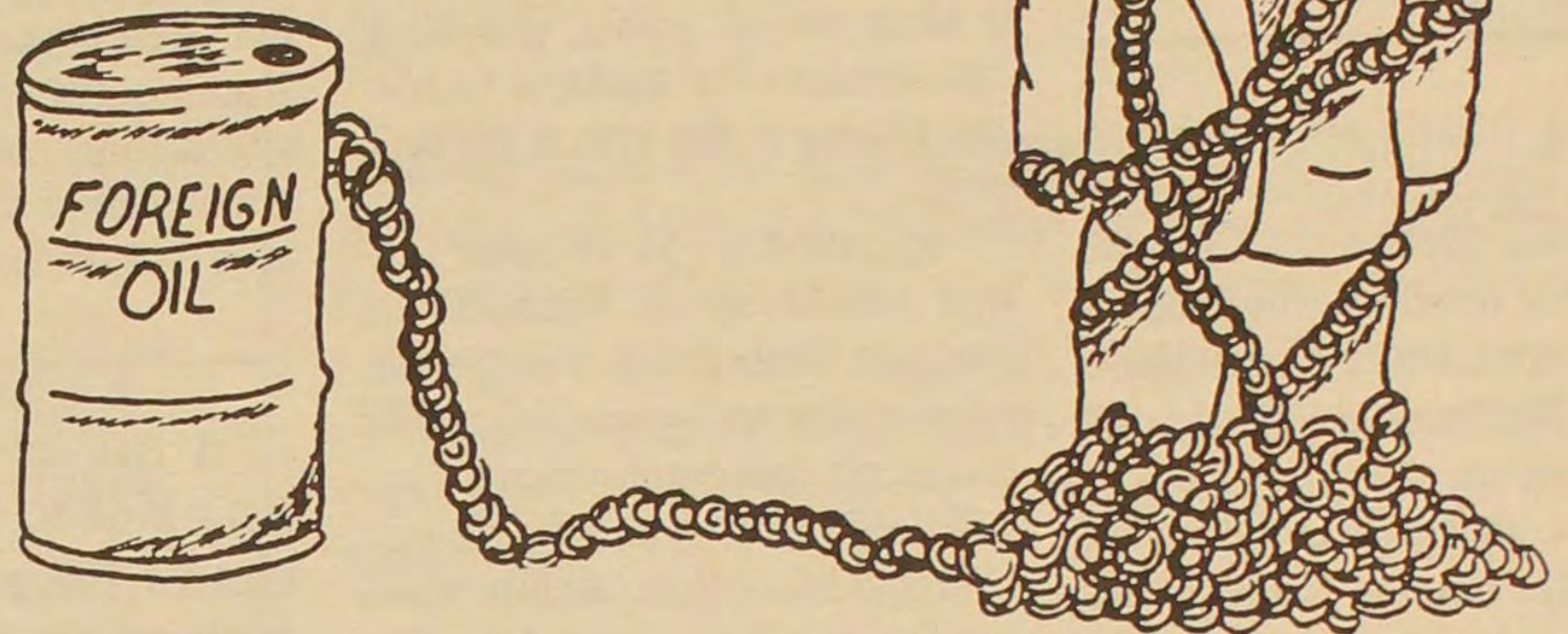
Eventually there will come a time when the world's supply of fossil fuels will be depleted, and if present estimates are correct, that time could come during the lifetime of our children or grandchildren. The important question to ask ourselves is, "Will America be prepared for that time?" We may find the answer surprising.

So now is the time to begin a national agenda on conservation, to lobby congress to start implementing a fund for long-term research into alternative energy sources, and for each and every American citizen to evaluate her or his own use and waste of energy. Or will we, like other generations of Americans, pass this problem on to our children as has been done with our national debt?

But that's an editorial for another issue . . .

James P. Bland

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Students humor alumni

Dear Editor,

Occasionally, the best-laid plans of men and women do work out! This was definitely the case surrounding the Alumni Board's Alumni Night basketball games on February 16.

Special thanks need to go to several people and groups. First of all, we need to thank the college for allowing the Alumni Board to sponsor this event, Bruce Clary for his planning and oversight, and the Alumni Board members that volunteered their time and energies.

Second, our basketball teams

played no small part toward the success of the evening with their exciting, hard-fought, well-earned victories.

"Ten or twenty years from now you will also appreciate the efforts of young men and women that take time to humor us old, returning alumni."

But a special thank you goes out to the young men and women who performed at half-time. The en-

thusiasm displayed by this group made a significant contribution to the events of the evening. With all the alumni in attendance, this dance routine made a positive statement on a wide range of people, and we appreciated it. Ten or twenty years from now when you current students return to the college to participate in some alumni event, you will also appreciate the efforts of the young men and women of the college that take time to humor us old, returning alumni.

Gregg Stockstill '74
Alumni Board President

Who Should I Love?

Emmanuel Samci/Guest

I am confused--we live in troubled times. This thing called life can be joyous and overwhelmingly refreshing yet instantly it can turn gruesome, ugly, and frightening.

I hear about the fighting, suffering, and starvation in Africa, Asia (Middle East), Europe, and even here in America. We repeatedly hear about the atrocities that one man commits against another--the list never seems to end.

What is my purpose? What is your purpose? What is man's purpose? Is there a meaning to this unpredictable life?

"The twentieth century man just doesn't give a damn!"

The seasons come and go and man still lingers on, rigid and persistent in his wicked, conceited ways, driven by his wants and blindfold to the hurts and needs of

others. The twentieth century man just doesn't give a damn!

Who is my brother? Who should I love?

Life is too precious to go through unquestioned and unaccountable for one's actions. However meaningless life may seem, sometimes there is an invisible bond between all humans. A bond that recognizes each as a human being with worth, a bond that makes each one of us a brother and a sister.

We are all brothers and sisters--Saddam Hussein is still our brother.

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A Note from Mister Ed

Dear Editor,

Often, as I walk around the campus, I hear many people discussing the conditions of the cafeteria, or the cost of tuition, or some dorm rule or other, and most of what I hear is not praise.

And all of that is fine with me. After all, there are many things that I find upsetting also, but what really makes me mad about these discussions is that most of the time I hear the expression "There's nothing we can do about it."

Well, that's got to be one of the stupidest things that I've heard of in all of my life! There are plenty of things that you can do about

something that is troubling you. One of the most powerful means of voicing your opinion (and bringing about change!) is in your hands right now.

"Unless you let someone know that a problem exists they're just going to think that everything is hunky-dory"

Not only does *The Spectator* reach you, it also reaches a person who shares the same opinion as you do, and a person that repre-

sents an organization or group that you have some grievance with. And brother, AT&T doesn't reach out and touch that many people in such a profound way!

I also guarantee you that unless you let someone know that a problem exists they're just going to think that everything is hunky-dory! To use an old phrase, "People are not mind readers, so let them know what's on your mind!"

Yours Truly,
Ed Spec

Editor's Note: Not only can Mister Ed talk, he can write, too. So follow his example and write an editorial, too!

Is it party time for the U.S.A.?

David Valeta/Guest

Have you ever been invited to a party and not felt like going? That's how I have felt the last few weeks.

Our country has been in a state of euphoria over our victory in the war with Iraq. We have been celebrating our success, our technological superiority, and the relatively few casualties our side suffered during the conflict.

But I find that within myself I can only find feelings of great grief and sadness, not joy.

I am grieving for each human being who lost their life in this conflict; the hundreds of so-called "Allies" and the tens-of-thousands of so-called "Enemies".

I grieve for our nation that we are so willing to resort to violence in order to solve our problems. And I grieve for our nation because we seem to be more and more willing to believe that "might makes right".

America is a wonderful country with wonderful ideals. But somehow we seem to be choosing morally questionable positions in dealing with our neighbors in the world.

We are selective when it comes to protecting the rights and interests of human beings. It seems that we value some humans (particularly those of Western Culture) more than others.

The situation with the Kurdish

people in Iraq today is one example of this. Yes, we feel it is wrong; yes, we say it should not be happening, and we are responding with some help.

But it seems to me that America should be a country that responds to human need and starving refugees with the same intensity, commitment and financial resources that we put into the making of war.

irresponsible. I would respond that a commitment to pacifism is not a passive acceptance of the status quo or a retreat into uninvolvedness with the world and its problems.

Rather, it is a commitment to active peacemaking, to tirelessly look for solutions to the problems of the world in a just and non-violent way. The way of Jesus has not been tried and found wanting; rather, it has simply not been tried.

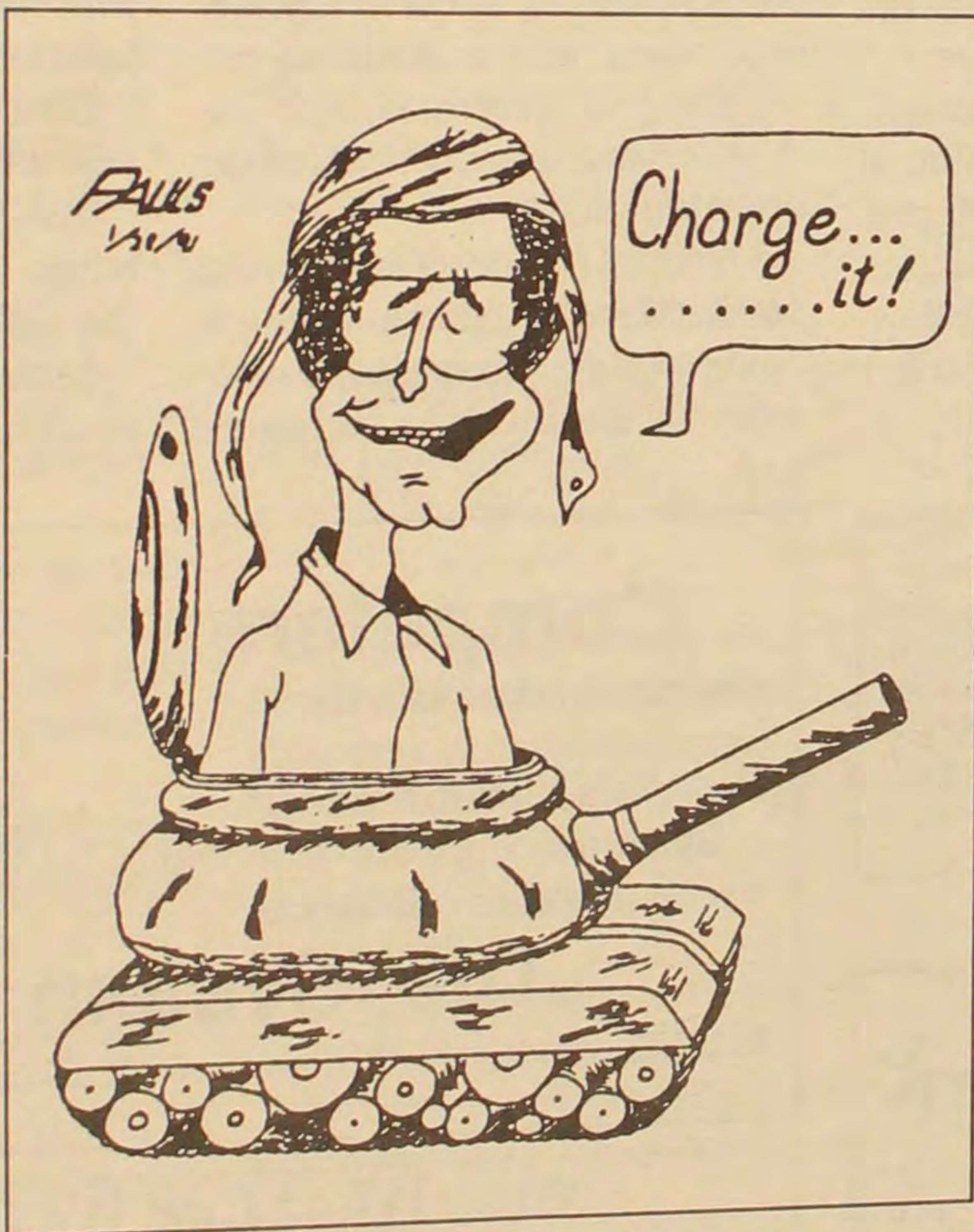
There are more options than violent ones to solve the problems of the world. We simply have not exerted our moral and political will as a notion to work in peaceful ways to the same degree that we are committed to violent ways.

I know that not everyone will agree with me. That's OK; we need to talk about our different opinions.

I believe that war is an extremely poor way to bring about peace.

My fervent desire and prayer is that our country (and others) would commit as much time, money and creative energy to the pursuit of war. Who knows? Perhaps the result might be a peaceful world!

I'm sorry that I cannot come to the current party, but I hope there will be a party in the future which I can come to and kick up my heels in joy and celebration, in peace.



She's got the FFS blues

Konni Nanninga/Staff

Government loans, scholarships, federal grants, and money—each and everyone of us needs to have some sort of financial aid to attend college. But is the amount each person receives a fair amount for them? I think not.

I'm not going to put the blame totally on McPherson College and the Financial Aid Department because it's not their fault. They receive from the government a statement saying how much aid each of us can receive. The problem lies with the information that the government uses to determine our need.

I was working on my FFS the other day with my mom. I discovered that they ask for your parents' income, what was paid for medical expenses, and what was owed on your home.

From these figures they determine how much money your parents can contribute to your education. This is where the problem occurs.

Sure . . . maybe my family can give me \$2,000 a year to go to school. But I'm paying for my school by myself, so they don't give me that much money.

OK, so I'd get more aid if I would claim to be independent. But if I wanted to claim independence I would have to quit school and work for two years to make enough money to be independent. That just wouldn't work.

So I'm stuck.

I think that another problem lies with the amount of aid given to people. I know of people who receive money to go to college from their parents.

I look at these people and can tell that they are not really very poor either; but in talking with these people I find they are getting more aid than people who are paying their own way.

I know that there is most likely very little I can do to change the way the government works. What I suggest is that there be a change in the questions asked on the FFS.

One improvement would be to drop the amount of money needed to be independent. Another possibility would be to ask more specific questions about the amount of money each student receives from their family.

If the state of financial aid continues as it is, many small schools like McPherson will lose students to larger universities which cost less money to attend.

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Women's ensemble overcomes adventure

Women's Ensemble

"Pu-u-u-sh! One more time! You can do it!"

One might expect to hear these words outside a delivery room—but, no, they were heard on a snowy road in northwest Kansas, somewhere between Colby and the Nebraska border as the McPherson College Women's Ensemble pushed the old white LTD Car #1 out of the ditch, not once, but twice, on St. Patrick's Eve.

One member of the ensemble, sophomore Elizabeth Meckfessel, was already in Enders wondering, "Where are they? Are they safe? Am I ever going to see my faithful friends again?"

As we slid into the first ditch, those in the car wondered, "When

is this going to end?" Other exclamations included, "Dear God, please keep us from rolling over...We're okay, we're okay, no one's bleeding...I'm not going on any more of these school trips because the last time we hit a deer, and now we're in a ditch."

The two men who stopped to help the women push the car out of the left-hand-side ditch probably laughed as the women slipped in the ice and the mud, falling on each other, exclaiming, "Oh, excuse me. Did I hurt you?"

Back on the road, persons inside the car said, "Wow! That was fun! So much energy! I feel great...Look at that other ditch! That's really steep! We could have gone off that one...Be grateful that you're alive! I don't need to hear this!"

The lead car kept watching Car #1, saying, "Well, she made it over that hill," until—"Uh-oh, I don't think they made that one. Let's pull over and wait for them. Let's see if that car slows down when it gets to the top of the hill"—and it did.

"Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha! I can't believe this happened again!" gasped Michelle Walker, junior, in the lead car. Freshman Adeola Grillo added, "I hate snow!"

A man in a mini-van with three other people in it stopped, got out, and said, "You're going to need a tractor to get that out. There's a farm four or five miles down the road."

"No, we're going to push it out!" And we did.

The man who said we couldn't do it was shamed into helping us,

looking at us like we were crazy to try.

Senior Rhonda Wipperling, who sprained her wrist pushing the car the first time, directed, "Now bounce it, and when it comes up, push."

Katherine Baker, Choir Director/drill instructor/Lamaze partner, yelled, "Pu-u-u-u-ush! Come on! One more time! You can do it!" When senior Susan Schultz slipped, Shannan Kirchner, junior, said, "She's under the car. Are you hurt?" Baker snapped, "No. Now get up and push."

Wipperling drove the cursed vehicle the rest of the way; Baker drove Wipperling's car. Every time we came to a sign that said, "bridge may be icy" Baker shifted to second—unless the car was already in second.

We sang every song from this year and last year except the one beginning "Oh when shall I see Jesus," because we felt that it was too soon for us to meet our maker.

Junior Melia Dell and Kirchner made up alternative words to new songs, like, "There's a little wheel a turnin', turnin', round in the mud, I feel like pushing the car out, I feel like swearing very loud."

We finally got to Enders, Nebraska, drank hot cocoa, laughed hysterically, and washed the mud out of our clothes.

Singing at the church the next morning, we told the people that we were very glad to be with them. The ensemble members said that they weren't nervous—and why should they be? After all, they were in the ditch the night before, and what is singing compared to that?

Spring breaks

Jodi Roudybush/Staff

Mac College students began their 10 day spring break on March 28.

Some went home; some stayed here; others traveled.

Freshman Mysty Rusk said, "I'm going home to Westcliff, Colorado. Then I'm going to take my grandmother's car and go to New Mexico and hang out with my parents."

Stephanie Hill, sophomore, had her vacation planned.

She said she was going to Wichita. "April Fool's Day plans are the doctor and the dentist and I get my car fixed. The rest of the vacation I'm going to be a couch potato," she said.

Tina Vasquez, freshman, and Wendell Kennedy, junior, drove the country-side.

To begin their trip, they went south to Oklahoma for two or three days to visit Wendell's family. Then they headed east to Pennsylvania to visit some of Tina's family.

Many students went on choir tour for spring break.

Freshman Wendy Noyes said, "We will tour southeastern Colorado and northwestern Kansas. We will get back Wednesday, and then I am going to Ohio with Duane Bucher and Amy Lockwood to visit with Amy's family."

Although the resident directors were allowed to take a break and leave the campus, Stacey and Terry Bruton, Metzler Hall Resident Directors, stayed.

Stacey said, "Terry's brother, Tim, is coming to visit for a while and break will be nice for the fact that we can just relax."

FCA revives with spirit

Brent Zamora/Staff

There is a group on the McPherson College campus dedicated to fellowship, fun, and worship.

This is by no means a new organization. Yet it is a group in the midst of an identity crisis.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is currently meeting on Wednesday evenings at 9:30 p.m. in the Student Union.

The group had a strong following first semester, but, when

everyone became involved in studies, winter sports, and other activities, FCA's numbers dropped considerably. However, now behind the direction of advisers Dan Thiessen, head football coach, and David Valeta, campus minister, the group is starting to come together once more, and is anxiously attempting to generate more enthusiasm and awareness about the organization.

Members feel that it is important for the Mac College community to realize that FCA is not just for athletes, but that it is open for anyone

who wants to have a good time, meet new, interesting people, and take an enlightening break from the vigor of school and work.

Currently there is a nine-member committee comprised of interested students who work along with faculty/staff advisors to plan functions and activities.

Officer elections for next school year will be held soon.

Give yourself a much needed break—go to FCA next Wednesday night, and bring a friend.

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Seniors present studies

Tahnee Carlson/Staff

Months of preparation and anxiety are finally over for this year's three senior psychology majors.

Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, signaled the end of undergraduate psychology studies, and the feelings involved were mixed.

"When the students give their presentations, I am always quite proud. It represents the culmination of the psychology program," said Psychology professor John Burden. "But it is also sad because it does mark an end of the program."

The students all expressed relief about being finished.

"It feels wonderful," said Tracey Hughes. "I think all three of us feel as if a big load is completely gone."

"I was real nervous, but I think I did pretty good."

Jay Dell added, "It is the best feeling in the world. It was fun doing it, but it's good to be done."

They started working on their research last semester, and for the most part felt satisfied with the results after their presentations.

"I did better than I thought I would," said Stacey Bruton. "I was real nervous, but I think I did pretty good."

Burden felt that they all did really well. "They were all well-prepared, and they all handled their questions without being thrown or nervous," he said.

All three seniors really appreciate the support and help from Burden.

"He's helped so much and has been so great to work with," commented Bruton.

Hughes added, "John was very helpful. He knows a good deal, and gave us lots of ideas about our presentations."

According to the students, the practice presentations were the most helpful in preparing.

"I was more nervous during the practice session than the real thing," Hughes said. "I guess it was partly because there were more people there to impress."

The questions the judges asked seemed to be the most stress-causing of anything. "They were

tougher this year, I think," said Burden, "but I'm not sure why."

Hughes stayed up most of the night before her presentation worrying. "I was awake until 4:00 a.m. wondering what I should say, what they would ask, and how I would respond," related Hughes.

"The best part was the satisfaction of knowing you've contributed to research."

Dell, who did his project on "how visual motor behavior rehearsal affected concentrational levels in game statistics in intercollegiate basketball players," thought the worst part of the experiment was having to go to other libraries for information.

"It was a pain to travel to Wichita and Kansas State University in order to do my research," said Dell, "but the best part was the satisfaction of knowing you've contributed to research."

Bruton's project was about how trait anxiety affected the performance of high school girls shooting baskets. She felt that the worst part was presenting it because of the nervousness, but she concluded that, overall, it was fun to do.

"I couldn't believe it, and I still can't!"

Hughes' project was on the effects of exposure to information concerning date/acquaintance rape. Her hard work was rewarded with winning the #1 award in Undergraduate Research in her section (Social).

"I couldn't believe it," Hughes said, "and I still can't!"

The most common advice to future psychology majors seems to be to start early.

"The most important thing is to realize that all your courses feed into the process," said Burden. "It's not just a psychology presentation."

Hughes suggests, "You should definitely work closely with John. He is a good resource person, and don't be afraid to ask him for helpful points, criticisms, and complaints."



Publicity

The McPherson College Concert Choir prepares to embark on its Spring 1991 trip through Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado.

Choir tours Colorado

Susan Schultz/Staff

The lawn behind Beeghly Hall was a sea of red and black as the McPherson College Concert Choir prepared to leave for their Spring 1991 tour on Thursday, March 28.

The first stop was Ellinwood High School, and then it was immediately on to Garden City, where the choir shared with the members of the Brethren church there in a Maundy Thursday Love Feast and footwashing service.

Friday morning was spent traveling to Flagler High School. Sophomore Kevin Saffer's family hosted the choir for roller skating and basketball in the recreation center at the Bethel Church of the Brethren in Arriba, Colorado. That was the sight of the only injury on tour--one that resulted in junior Bret Bowman wearing a neck brace for the rest of the trip. That afternoon they traveled to Rocky Ford for a concert at the Brethren church there and encountered a snowstorm.

By the next morning the skies had cleared and they were off to Colorado Springs for a day of sightseeing. The choir toured the United States Olympic Training Center there first, then went on to the Garden of the Gods where they climbed around on the rocks. They wrapped up the afternoon at the United States Air Force Academy by looking at and singing in the chapel. Freshman Sheri Engler

said, "I enjoyed getting to see Colorado and meeting so many people." That evening there was a concert at the Brethren church in Colorado Springs.

Easter morning breakfast was at the church. They drove to the Denver Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren and shared in a short worship service, their music providing the remainder of the service. When they were finished there, the choir went to Red Rocks for an afternoon in the sun. A concert at the Northern Colorado Church of the Brethren in Windsor wrapped up the evening, and all went home with their host families to get a good night's sleep to be prepared for the next day.

On Monday the bus climbed into the mountains to the Eldora ski lodge, where it let out part of its riders, and the rest went on to Estes Park for a day of shopping and sightseeing. "I had a blast skiing with my friends and meeting new people in the churches," commented sophomore Kevin Snyder. At the concert in the Haxtun Church of the Brethren that night people could tell who had gone skiing and who hadn't because of the red faces.

Tuesday they traveled to the high school in Weskan, Kansas, and then on to the Quinter Church of the Brethren. "I really appreciated receiving the lovely flowers at Quinter," said Katherine Baker, Director of Vocal Music, in response to the gesture of appreciation made by the choir.

Wednesday morning excitement was in the air as they headed toward Hays High School, the last stop of the tour. When it was over they knew that it would only be a matter of hours until they could take off separately for the last few days of spring break.

The tour went well. As Campus Minister David Valeta said, "We were well received by the churches and schools that we travelled to, and it was a fun, problem-free, successful tour." Baker commented, "It was the most relaxing tour for me personally because the students really took charge of their own actions and of the set-up at the various performances. They were really courteous to me."

Junior Brian Kruschwitz remarked, "It was the most aesthetically pleasing choir tour I have so far experienced."

The general consensus seemed to be that it was successful and fun for all.

Freshman Kim Merkey said, "For my first choir tour it was pretty good. I was scared because everyone said it gets tense, but I got along great with everyone."

"It was a lot better than last year because everyone got along real well and made it a lot of fun," said Steve Hoover, sophomore.

"This was the best choir tour I've been on yet. I had a lot of fun," said junior Melia Dell.

Adeola Grillo, freshman, summed it up by saying, "It was tiring, but it was fun."

Mac needs own field of dreams

Brent W. Zamora/Staff

Hello everyone. I hope your spring break was enjoyable. Just a couple of quick thoughts before I climb up onto my soap box.

Congratulations to the Duke Blue Devils and all their loyal fans for a job well done. though I'm sure KU fans are still heartbroken. Smart money is on the Chicago Cubs to win the NL East, the NL pennant, and the whole show is 1991.

Now where did I leave that soap box? Oh, here it is.

Soccer at McPherson College, sounds like a good idea, I don't have a problem with soccer. It is a lot of fun and I think that we can easily field a men's team.

Getting enough numbers to field a women's team may be more difficult. We have many outstanding female athletes here, but most play volleyball, cross country, or tennis in the fall or are preparing for basketball and indoor and outdoor track in the winter and spring.

People say that soccer is the sport of the future. But, what's wrong with sports of the past?

Speaking of the past, what is America's pastime? Any guesses? Well, if you said soccer wrong. Thank you for playing anyway. We have some nice consolation prizes for you backstage. I think you win the game of clue for that brilliant answer.

America's pastime is baseball. In fact the one constant in America has been its love for the

grand old game.

From day games at Wrigley Field to finding out who has been fired in New York. It has been this country's passion for many generations.

I asked eighty men on this campus if McPherson College were to field a baseball team would they play?

The answer was an emphatic yes for sixty seven of them. 67 of 80 said they would at least go out for the team.

Those kind of numbers will put you in the hall of fame. Too bad at McPherson College they can't put you on a team.

I asked twenty five women if they would play softball if it were offered at Mac College. Seventeen said they would.

"It's time to be promoted from the minors McPherson College, the majors are waiting for you."

17 of 25, that's a pretty good batting average, but at McPherson College it doesn't mean much.

By the end of my personal survey, along with rumors of a new sport coming to McPherson College I had people telling me that we were fielding a baseball team next year.

Soccer will help us recruit, it is positive for those students involved in BCA who come over

from Europe. But, I feel baseball and softball would be an incredible recruiting tool.

It's time for baseball and softball, McPherson College.

We need to continue moving forward --adding soccer is a positive step but as we continue to move towards the future let's take some of the past with us.

Several KCAC schools field teams in baseball and softball. Why should we be different?

McPherson College wants students to pursue diversity in their college careers, let's give them another option.

The interest is more than there. It is time to be promoted from the minors McPherson College, the majors are waiting for you.

Students, make your opinions heard, time is running out. Voice your opinions via the *Spectator*. Your letters will be printed..

Students often complain about the food service at McPherson College. They often complain about the ever rising cost of tuition at McPherson College, Please board of trustees, administrators, and athletic committee members don't let this oversight be your third strike in recruiting more students and making current students happier.

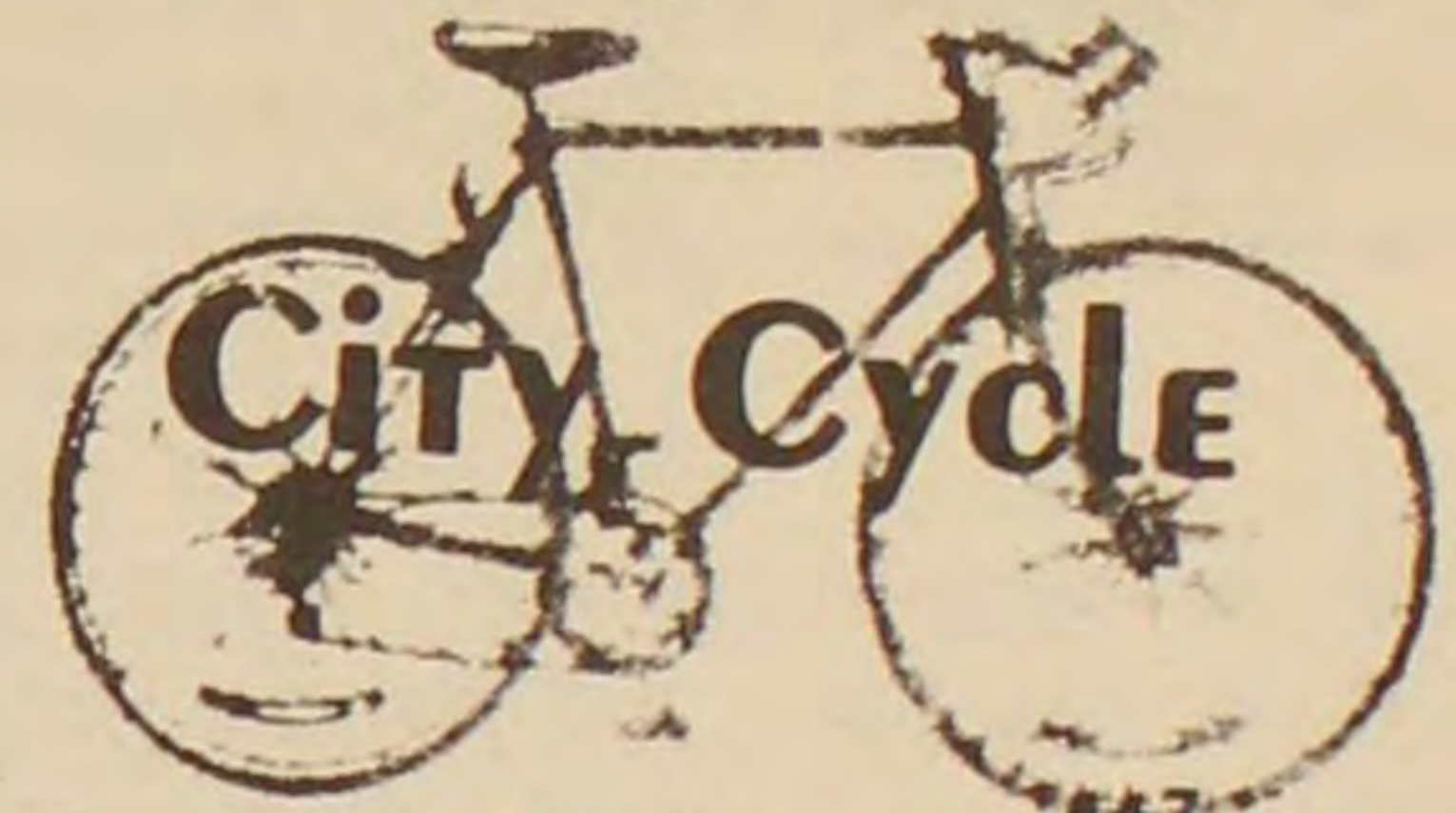
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William Harris shows off his All-American form during the hurdles in a recent track meet.

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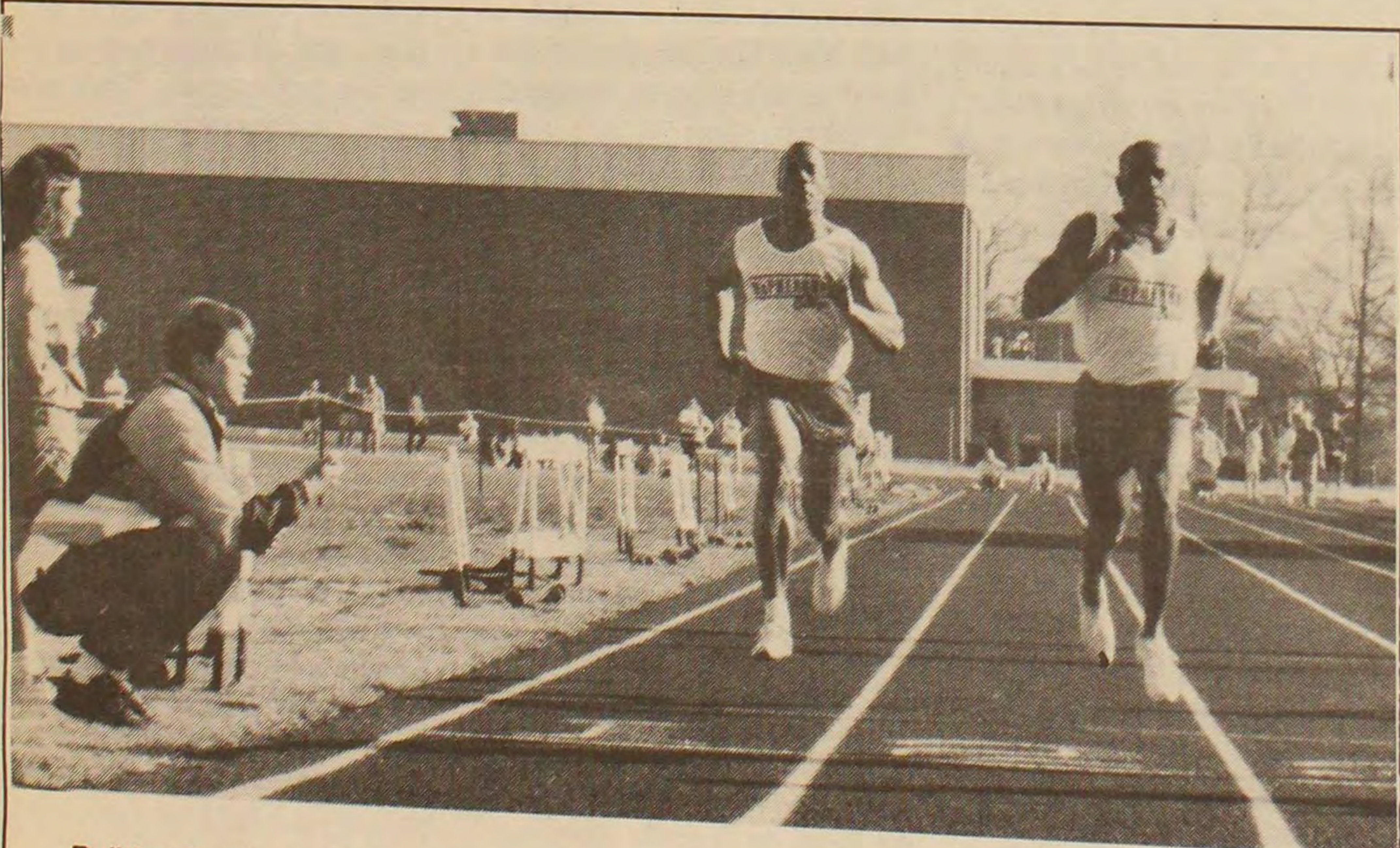
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Bulldog Track stars Danny Hall and Andre McCorvey display their athletic prowess during a recent track meet.



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Malone heads soccer

McPherson College will field men's and women's soccer teams beginning with the fall semester of 1991.

In recent years McPherson College students have played soccer as a club. However, the decision to field soccer teams next season means that the teams are intercollegiate athletic teams and no longer a club.

The decision to implement the new sport comes following review and discussion by the athletic committee.

At various times during the past 10 to 15 years groups and individual persons have recommended soccer as an intercollegiate activity.

The most recent proposal recognized soccer as a growing sport and oftentimes one area of interest for students the school might not otherwise attract.

McPherson College president Paul Hoffman has challenged the athletic department and athletic committee to continue to study the intercollegiate athletic activities at Mac College to determine the appropriate number and types of activities for McPherson College.

Mr. Jerry Malone has accepted responsibilities for coaching men's soccer and coordinating the implementation of the soccer programs for men and women.

Malone, is a faculty member in Psychology at Central College in McPherson. He will continue his position there and assist McPherson College on a part-time basis.

Malone brings 25 years of involvement with soccer, including four years as a collegiate soccer player and 14 years coaching soccer at Central College.

Under his direction the Central College Tigers won two national junior college soccer championships in 1986 and 1987. His teams finished as national runner up in both 1984 and 1985.

Malone currently serves as president of the McPherson strikers Soccer Club.

He holds an advanced diploma through the National Soccer Coaches Association which is the highest credential in coaching for soccer.

Malone will begin his appointment at McPherson College immediately in order to make preparations for the fall 1991 season.

At a later date the college will be identifying an individual to coach the women's program.



Track squad reaches for the top

James Bland/Staff

It's Spring and that can only mean one thing. Track season has begun.

The McPherson thinclads are looking in fine shape to place well in the top three teams in the KCAC.

With the return of several key point scorers from last season on both the mens and womens squads and the addition of some quality freshmen runners, this may well be one of the finest teams fielded from McPherson in the past few years.

Head coach Dan Hoffman along with assistant coaches Deb Moore, Dan Thiessen, and Karen Walter have implemented a training program that can only compliment an already talent laden team.

The men's squad has already garnered first place wins in meets at McPherson and Tabor.

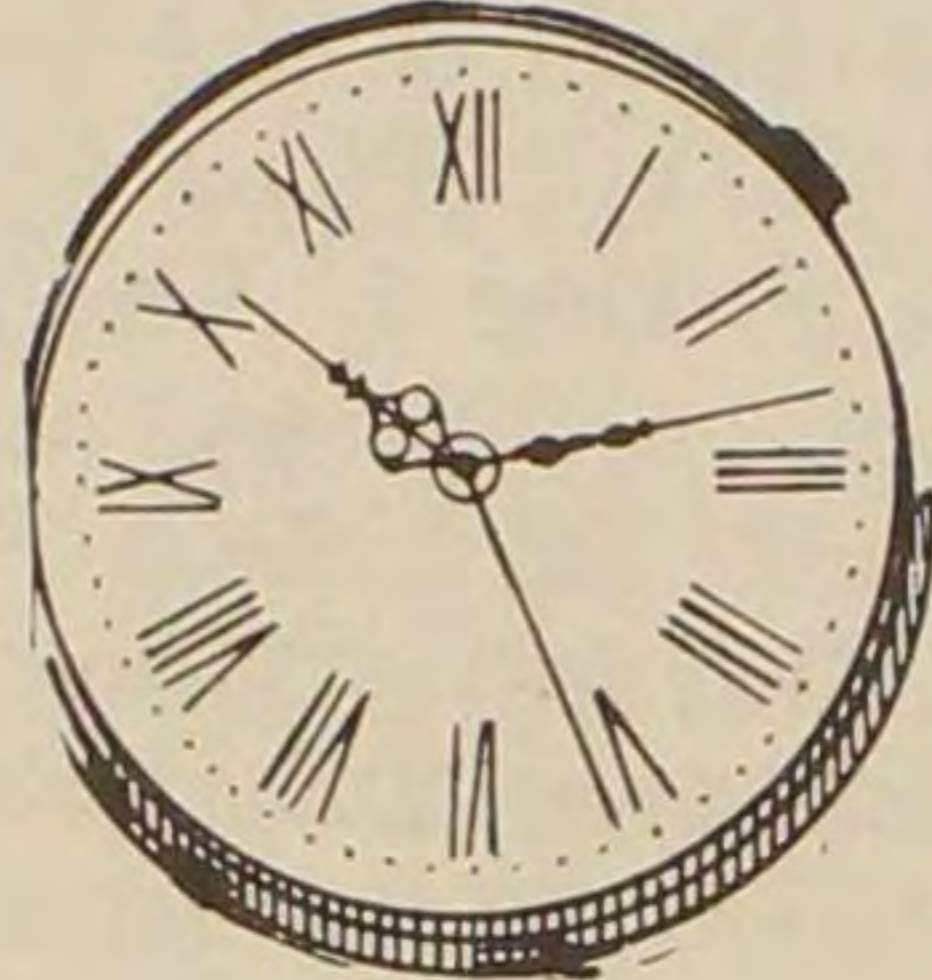
The team placed first at the

ACCK meet with strong performances by Terry Bruton shot, discus, and javelin; Harold Chaney hammer; Frank Clinage 100, 200, 400, 4 x 100, and 4 x 400; Danny Hall 4 x 100; William Harris 100, 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, 4 x 100, and 4 x 400; Ishmael Kimbrough long jump, triple jump, 100, 4 x 100, and 4 x 400; Willie Marshall high jump, 800, 1500, and 4 x 400; Andre McCorvey 4 x 100; Justin Mitchell 5000, and 1000; Jason Pendleton javelin; Benny Rice 400 hurdles and pole vault; Aaron Unruh pole vault and high jump; Steve Walter long and triple jump; and Garth Werner triple jump.

The women's squad is having a spectacular season also, with second place finishes in meets at McPherson and Tabor. The womens squad took second place at this years ACCK meet with outstanding performances from Christy Allen javelin and discus; Camille Base 100 hurdles, 400

hurdles, 4 x 100, 4 x 400, and long jump; Karme Clark 100, 100 hurdles, 400 hurdles, 4 x 100, and 4 x 400; Michon Fast 200, 4 x 100, high jump, triple jump, and long jump; Patty Gesch 200, 400, and 4 x 400; Judy Hake 4 x 400, 4 x 100, long jump, and triple jump; Denise Kelly 1500, 3000, and 5000; Konni Nanninga 800, 1500, and 3000; Jodi Roudybush long jump; Mysty Rusk 400, high jump, and triple jump; Michelle Sleichter 1500, 3000, and 5000; and Margaret VanGoethem javelin.

The team has a meet coming up this Saturday in McPherson, it should prove to be very exciting as McPherson faces track powerhouse Southwestern College. Coach Hoffman said that he wants to own the track on Saturday. So, let's all be there to watch the signing of the deed.



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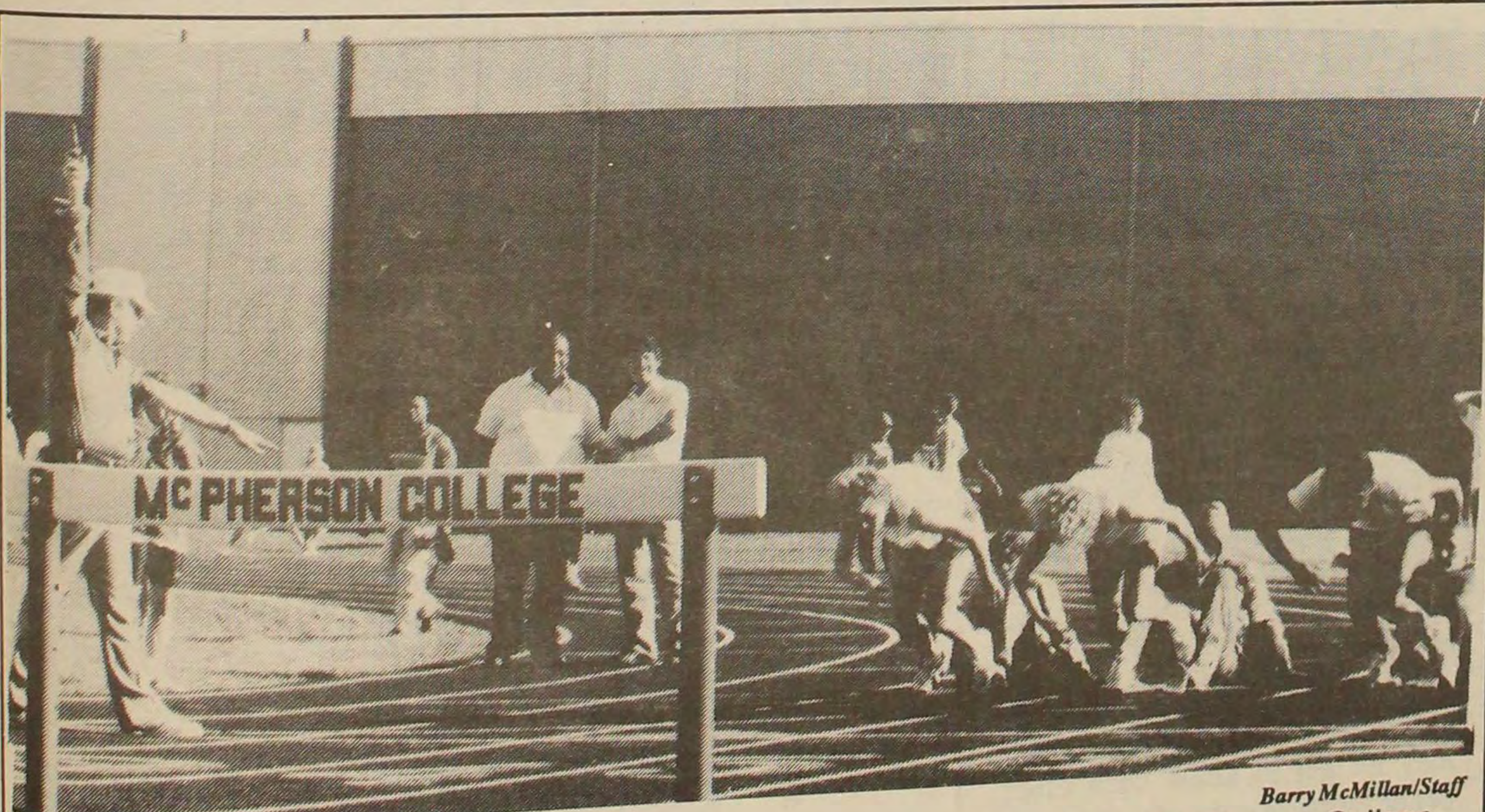


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Track participants are just out of the blocks in the first meet of the year at McPherson College. Mac College athletic director Dan Hoffman and Bethel athletic director George Rogers look on.

Congress reduces grant cut

Jody Roudybush/Staff

An 8% cut in the Kansas Tuition Grant seems to have fallen through thanks to the U.S. Congressmen.

The cut which would have affected a number of students has been thrown out and restated to last year's amount, \$1700 per recipient, along with a bill that is a "cross-the-board cut."

This means that all state

programs, such as road, public transportation, public schools, etc., all have a 3% cut.

The original \$1700 will be decreased to \$1650 which is only \$50 less. However, if taxes are raised, it could alter the figure.

Glen Snell, Financial Aid Director said, "In this environment, we don't want to take any cuts in the Kansas Tuition Grant at all with the increasing college costs and inflation in general."

Snell urges recipients to write

their congressmen and thank them for not allowing the 8% cut.

If thoughts of the 3% cut should increase, students should write to targeted senators and let them know it is unfair to reduce the grant when tuitions are rising and that the current program has been very beneficial.

To thank the congressmen, a list of addresses have been posted at the information center in the Student Union.

Mac hosts national art exhibition

Publicity Office

McPherson College is hosting the AESTHETICS '91 juried national art exhibition, April 8-28, in Friendship Hall.

AESTHETICS '91 is a competitive exhibition whose primary purpose is to recognize creativity as evidenced in the visual arts. The exhibition encompasses both two and three-dimensional works and encourages the collecting of these original creations.

AESTHETICS '91 is sponsored by Aesthetics Limited, a group of McPherson art aficionados. Jurors for this year's show are Kepka Belton and Julie Britton.

Belton is an artist, teacher, writer, inventor, and lecturer from Ellsworth. She has received several national grants, the most recent from the National Endowment for the Arts. She was a winner of a 1988 National Heritage Fellowship Award.

Britton, also from Ellsworth has experience in commercial advertising design, photography, and video productions. She is widely known for her work in Black and white and hand colored intaglios and has works in galleries in Kansas, Missouri, Maryland, and Virginia.

Award winners for AESTHETICS '91 are: Best of Show-"Avatar Station," watercolor by Gordon K. Sherman, Mound City, KS. First place 2-Dimensional-"Electric Rain," watercolor-pastel by Carol R. Brooks, Chattanooga, TN. Second place 2-Dimensional-"Family Traditions," intaglio by Patricia Browne, Metairie, LA. First place 3-Dimensional-"Robe of the Warrior III," porcelain by Leslie Parsons, Midland, MI. Second place 3-Dimensional-"Viewing the Eclipse," ceramic-raku by Philip R. Johnston, Oshkosh, WI. Directors' Award-"Fairies in the Morning," oil by Claude Schuch, Brandon, FL.

Merit awards were: "Roadblocks," stoneware by Philip Allen, Ames, IA; "Memories of the Great Depression," porcelain by Richard Burkett, San Diego, CA. "Spotted Vase," clay-paint by Dale Allison-Hartley, Emporia; "Partly Cloudy II," aquatint by Wilfred Loring, Hingham, MA; "Harvester Mask," ceramic by John McCuistion, Tacoma, WA; "Western Bridge," hand-colored etching by Frank Nichols,Hays; "Proeta #2," watercolor by Yoko S. Pettingill, San Rafael, CA; "Quietus," acrylic/oil by Susan Sales, Santa Fe, NM; "The Lady and the Outlaw," watercolor by Anna Seeber Shaw, Oberlin; "Almost Daily," mixed media by Richard L. Stauffer, Emporia; "Second Story," jewelry-brooch by Vernon G. Theiss, N. Dartmouth, MA.

The AESTHETICS '91 exhibition is open to the public free of charge.

RYC promotes fellowship, service

Tahnee Carlson/Staff

Music, workshops, and service projects are on the agenda for this year's Regional Youth Conference (RYC).

"RYC is a conference for Church of the Brethren youth from seven or eight states in grades 9-12," said Dave Valeta who is organizing the weekend. "It is held once a year on the McPherson College campus."

The theme for this year's conference is Committed for Life...Ready to Serve. "It is a take-off from last year's NYC [National Youth Conference] titled "Challenged in the 90's...Committed for Life," said Valeta.

The weekend will begin with a Friday night concert by Michael Kelly Blanchard. "He's been to the college before and plays both

piano and guitar," Valeta said.

The leadership for the conference will be Mr. Tim McElwee who is working on his doctorate in peace studies. "In May he will become head of the Church of the Brethren office in Washington D.C.," Valeta said. The concert will be in Brown Auditorium at 9:00 p.m.

"One thing that is different this year from other years is that a service project will be involved," said Valeta. "Saturday afternoon the students will be able to choose between making cookies for the blood mobile, working at the Cedars, and doing clean-up work at the Senior Center."

Twenty to thirty McPherson College students will be participating in all areas of the conference. "McPherson students will be involved in leadership, music, workshops,

and behind the scenes preparations," said Valeta.

"The conference also involves lots of staff," said Valeta, "especially maintenance. Charlotte Vancil in particular has been a great help."

The visiting high school students will be sleeping in the gym as usual. "It helps to have everyone in one place to make announcements and keep organization," commented Valeta.

In the past the students have stayed in dorms, but sponsors have discovered the gym provides the best atmosphere.

"Being in one place fosters good group spirit," said Valeta, "and they all get to know each other better by staying together."

News Briefs

The Junior-Senior Formal is scheduled for April 19th at the Holiday Manor. The banquet starts at 7:30 p.m. and the semi-formal dance at 9:00 p.m. Tickets for those attending both the banquet and dance are \$3.00 for singles and \$5.00 for couples. For the dance only, tickets are \$2.00 for singles and \$3.00 for couples. Tickets will be sold the week of April 15 during lunch and dinner.

ACCK Special Education Stipends of up to \$4500 are available for the 1991-92 academic year. These are for full and part-time students seeking certification in Behavior Disorders and at least junior standing by Fall 1991. Applications will be accepted until April 15. Contact Glen Snell for application.

A Resume Writing Workshop is scheduled for April 18 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Private Dining Room of the Student Union. This is for students interested in getting a resume compiled and completed for a job interview. If any questions concerning the workshops contact Ken Queen.

Registration for fall 1991 and Interterm 1992 has started. These are due in the Campus Information Center by April 19.

Intercollegiate soccer programs for men and women will be included in the athletic program beginning the fall semester 1991.



A concert by performer Michael Kelly Blanchard is scheduled for April 19 at 9:00 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

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