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Faculty, students visit campus cafeterias

Tahnee Carlson/Staff

A group of twelve students, faculty, and staff recently showed up unannounced at both Bethany College and Tabor College to test their campus cafeterias.

"We got a group of interested persons together to go and compare various aspects of the cafeterias," said Cheri Miller, organizer of the informal committee.

"There was no hidden agenda," said Miller. "We just went in order to get some ideas and suggestions for our own cafeteria."

The trips were paid for by Morrison's Food Service, the company used by McPherson College. So far, it is a one-time event, but it may be considered again in the future.

"I am glad that we went," said Director of Residence Life, Carolyn Coon, who went along as a tester. "I think it was good for all of us."

Visiting the other cafeterias inspired several ideas and suggestions from students concerning the cafeteria at McPherson. "Richard does his best, but this trip gave him some more ideas, and if they [the ideas] work here, he'll do them," said Coon.

The cafeterias visited work much differently than McPherson's does. They each have computers to scan students' i.d. cards upon entering—something MAC doesn't have the funds for. The

second difference is that Bethany uses Marriott Food Service and Tabor manages it's own.

The reactions to the cafeterias were varied. "There wasn't near the choice at either Bethany or Tabor that we have here," said Miller.

Coon agreed. "I would prefer to eat here [at McPherson]," she said. "Our cafeteria is much nicer, both in food selection and atmosphere."

The committee liked at the other cafeterias the larger glasses, Tabor's spotless dishes, and the fact that the hot food was hot and the cold food was cold.

Although it was an interesting experience, it wasn't necessarily representative. "To show up one day, it is impossible to judge much," said freshman Barry McMillan. "Eating in the same place day after day, you notice things and get tired of the same things."

Some observed a different overall attitude. "Tabor was much quieter," said senior Laurale Snyder. "There was no food-throwing or yelling, and I think it is because they all prayed before they ate, setting a more mellow mood."

An advantage at Tabor was two serving lines, but neither school had a grill for burgers, vegetarian options, or as many food choices in general.

The group didn't go to interview staff or students. "We just went to observe and get ideas," said McMillan.



Barry McMillan/Staff

Eric Hadley and Darci Hass hold a conversation over lunch in the cafeteria. Several students and faculty have visited area campus cafeterias observing and making comparisons.

Graduation weekend packed with activities

Jodi Roudybush/Staff

Alumni and commencement activities have been arranged for graduation weekend at McPherson College May 17-19.

The main activity for May 17 is the 9th Annual Heritage Role of Honor dinner at 6:00 p.m. This is an annual meeting for Design for Excellence leadership committees.

At the meeting members will be updating persons on progress after the first full year of the Design for Excellence campaign.

In addition, they will recognize

new members of the Heritage Role of Honor.

Alumni Day is scheduled for May 18. Alumni will have a five year anniversary reunion for classes of 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, and 1966.

From 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m., the Alumni Hospitality Center will be open, located in Friendship Hall. Students, faculty, alumni, and alumni faculty are welcome to attend.

The Alumni Banquet and Awards ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union. During the banquet, the Citation of Merit recipients will be announced. These recipients will par-

ticipate in the commencement service.

Graduates will have rehearsal May 18 at 10:00 a.m. Pictures will be taken by Mann Studios and will follow the rehearsal.

President Paul Hoffman will have a reception breakfast in the Student Union Cafeteria May 19 from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Graduates, family and friends are welcome, and can come and go as they please.

The 103rd Commencement will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. Graduates, parents, alumni and friends are welcome to attend a reception on Mingenback Mall after the ceremonies.

Stuco charges ahead by planning innovative new programs

Leann Johnson/Guest

If it's new, exciting programs and activities that you want for the new school year, you're in luck!

The 1991-92 student council members left campus last weekend for a retreat: A retreat where discussions prevailed, goals were set, activities were planned, and fun times occurred.

"We're really excited about next year," said Kristi McReynolds.

"The retreat was really worth it. We got a lot accomplished."

SIBs, one of the new programs that will be sponsored by Student Government next year, stands for Students In Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Upperclassmen who have signed up to participate will "adopt" a freshman or transfer student (their brother or sister), to guide them through the initial college experience at MAC.

Brothers and sisters will be assigned by Stuco, with hopefully

each new student having both a brother and a sister.

This will give new students the opportunity to be introduced to upperclassmen right away who will help the first month of the school year with one activity per week, but the friendships made may last much longer.

Overall, SIBs promotes involvement and greets new students with positive, enjoyable and perhaps long-lasting friendships.

Welcome Week is another event that Student Council hopes will be successful. "We want to encourage

school spirit. Hopefully Welcome Week will help that occur during the first few days of school," said Bertie Pfaltzgraff.

Overall, SIBs promotes involvement and greets new students with positive, enjoyable and perhaps long-lasting friendships.

Although details have not been

set a few decisions have been made. One idea council has is to see the long-lost tradition of freshman beanies reappear. The week will be concluded with an outdoor candlelight ceremony.

Community families and a Parent's Weekend are among the many other goals set for the new year.

Although the council will be quite busy, they hope that these goals and activities will be beneficial, enjoyable, and successful.

During my first year at McPherson College, I always walked on the sidewalks. I felt my feet pressing hard against the cold concrete. My eyes gazed longingly over the beautiful earth from the vantage point of my self-imposed distinction.

It was as if I stood on a treadmill, walking at the pre-programmed pace, facing the appointed direction, getting nowhere for all the energy I spent trying to keep up.

I looked to the sidewalk as if it were a mirror. I asked it to tell me who I was and where I should go. Inevitably it answered, but always in an ambiguous tone that I came to know and despise.

Like the concrete, I allowed myself little true emotion. I appeared bright, but flat and unmoved. I was winding, but knew not where or why.

I cracked under stress of footprints trampling over--blaming the pain on those who walked over me, rather than recognizing my own structural faults.

Commentary

One day, as I paced, I saw something unusual. A woman walked, free of the man made path, over the very land I had longed to experience myself. She looked at me with empathetic eyes. I wished to step off the path, but my feet were locked beneath me.

Rather than watch, as the treadmill carried me away, she walked along side me. Over time she taught me to risk, to step--if only momentarily--off the beaten path.

In those moments, when I allowed myself to feel the soft ground and blades of grass beneath my feet, my very life seemed transformed. Life and beauty grew together into one concept.

But still, I returned to the cold familiarity of the sidewalk, imprisoned by my own short-sightedness. I grew accustomed to jumping back and forth, on and off the sidewalk. I feared both the hardness of the concrete and the risks of life beyond it.

My experiences changed as I came to understand the two worlds I positioned myself between. My heart became softened and came to know anger, fear, love, and joy. But the anger and fear became introjected, the love and joy concealed.

Finally, one day my heart burst forth with the feelings it had hidden deep within. I sang a song of anger, my tone expressed my fear. My ticket to freedom was bought with risk--risk in solitude, for my freedom was a purchase to be made alone.

I stepped, free and clear of the hard, white world of concrete distinction. I stepped into life.

From under my bare feet, the earth offered an embrace of welcome. The grass, like my sister, she comforted me. The creatures of the land offered a harmony of joy to my song. The wind blew love through my being.

A shiver ran down my spine, for in that moment I knew myself, and I knew the surging power of love within me. I understood the sacred, I understood life and love within.

It is time now for me to depart this community, but I walk away from here on my own path, not the sidewalk. With me I take my four-year lesson of life.

What do I do now . . . now that my life-chapter of college has passed? Let me put it this way: you will find me off the beaten path--no shoes and no distinctions. And perhaps I will be walking along side a concrete-bound dreamer.

Lisa Ann Pierce

Ed's guide to the good life?

Dear Seniors,

I would like to start off by saying congratulations on graduating. May your life be a successful one.

Now that I'm through with all the formalities we can get down to business.

My grandpappy used to have a saying: "An empty wagon makes the most noise." Well, I'm gonna make a whole heap of noise, so you be the judge on if I'm empty or not.

What I have to say is this: GET A JOB! Do you think that those loans from Uncle Sam are gonna pay for themselves? Hell, this country needs the money from those interest rates to pay for them damaged china plates that Nancy bought (why couldn't she just say no!).

For four years you've had your fun. You've bumped your rumps at Chevy's; you've pelted pilsners at Peppy's; you've fumbled on the field, dribbled all over the court (and who's gonna clean that mess up?); and now it's

time to pay the piper. Time to go out in the real world and bring home the bacon, fry it up in the pan and serve it with some toast made of oat bran.

That's right . . . the party's over. It's time to become a useful member of society. Time to get in the rat race. **TIME TO GET A JOB!**

Now get up from under that table boy! A little hard work never hurt anybody except for my cousin Cletus. (How was he supposed to know that fence was electrified?)

When I was your age, I had five jobs! I dug ditches in the morning, milked the cows in the afternoon, laid the eggs for the hens in the evening, plowed a whole field between 10:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., and just to keep myself on my toes, I chopped wood until morning.

Then, on the weekends, I filled the ditches back in so I'd have enough work to do during the week!

So what's the deal? Get off your . . . uh . . . well . . . get on

your feet and find that job!

I know you haven't forgotten about it, after all, someone reminds you every half hour or so ("So, Frank, what are your plans after graduation?"). Ain't that a big enough kick in the butt for you?

Or do I need to slap you up side the head a couple of times like an old mule swattin' flies with his tail?

Don't you want to be a yuppy? How do you expect to pay for that BMW with Tofu on the side?

Hell, don't you want to be the next Donald Trump?

OK . . . maybe he's not the best example. But don't you at least want to reach that great American dream? You know, the white picket fence and two point five kids.

What I want to know is how do they cut those kids in half, and do you get your choice of parts?

Sincerely,
Ed Spec

The Sound of Acclaim

Dear Editor,

If there is anyone out there wondering what Mac College has to be proud of, wonder no longer.

Rick Tyler and his theatre department presented an excellent production of "The Sound of Music". It was the best musical or play that I have ever seen here at McPherson, or anywhere else.

If there was ever to be a reproduction of the movie, Melia Dell would be a prime candidate for Maria. She was perfect! Her voice was so enchanting! She made everyone believe in the innocence of her character.

I really thought he actually got choked up. I know that I did.

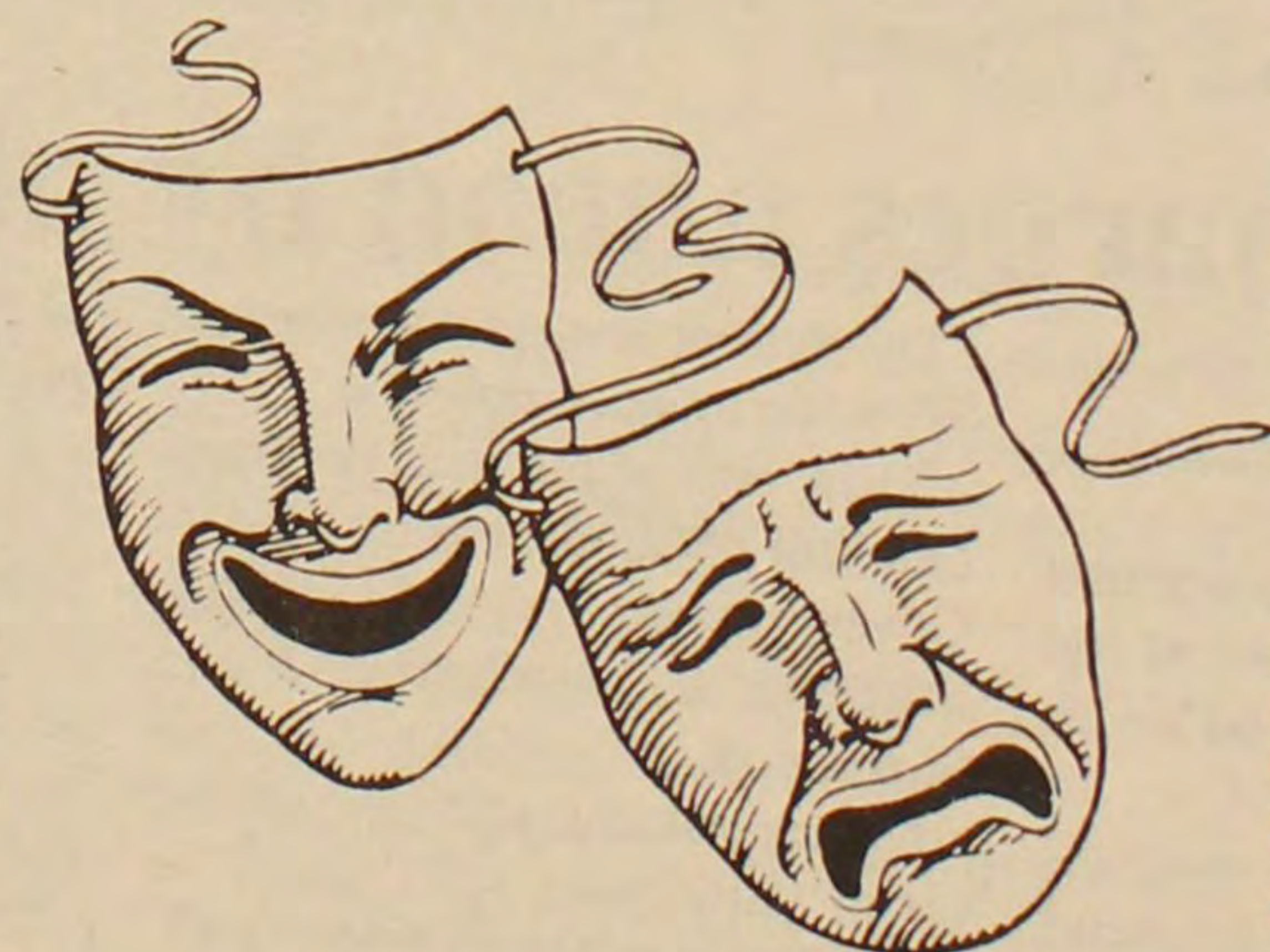
Not only did Laura Weed look stunning in her part, but I could listen to her sing all day. If I had a complaint at all about the produc-

If humor is what people wanted to see, then Eric Ratzloff did the job! Uncle Max was a spunky character and Eric made sure the audience could tell that. He made me laugh.

The nuns had such a lovely sound when they sang together. The children were not only adorable but they did a very grown up job of singing and acting for being so young.

Thank you Rick, cast, and crew for a fantastic musical. You have given the college and the McPherson community something to take pride in once again.

Sincerely,
Leslee Reimer



Steve Hoover sent chills up my spine when he sang "Edelweiss".

tion, it would be that Laura did not get to sing as much as I would have liked.

RISIBLES



The End
 Day becomes Month
 Month becomes Year
 Yet what never will change
 Is the degree of his fear
 As he falls with a
 Heavy sigh
 The man truly fails
 But the dream never dies

Brent W. Zamora

Silence is your enemy.
 Lips can be read, but minds
 NEVER

Believe this and take to heart;
 If you don't say no
 You're really saying yes.
 An opinion that belongs to
 you

Is much too valuable
 For another man to guess.

James P. Bland

Dear Mister Rapist

Dear Mr. Rapist,

I just wanted to drop you a line to say thanks.

Thank you for your special brand of violence that has robbed too many women of their right to choose when, where, and with whom they want to express their sexuality.

Thank you for the fear you have instilled in many women who don't even know you (and if they did, they probably wouldn't want to), and for making it impossible for me to take a walk around the block at 8:30 p.m. like I used to do.

Thank you for making me lock my door during the middle of the day, and for making me sleep with the lights on and the closets checked in the home that I paid hard-earned money for.

Thank you for the rumors about you--where you are now, how many women you've conquered, what type of person you are, when you were supposedly caught, and so on.

Thank you for the lack of trust you have so graciously given to us. I do not know what I would do if I were not able to look at every man on the street and wonder if he was the one. I would probably lose my mind.

Thank you for confusing the police department. Every now and then they need a good scandal to keep them on their toes, and by golly, you have really got them going.

Thank you for adding the necessary fuel to an already raging fire of ignorance; for the stereotypes that continue to chase after the victims of your "selfless" habit because they just had to live in that house and they just had to go to sleep at that time of night in that four-piece, floor-length, flannel pajama suit with mud packs on their faces and curlers on their heads.

Thank you for causing us to lose the support of our families and friends who just cannot understand why a person like me would let herself get raped.

Thank you for a court system that allows you more rights than it allows your victims, for the security in knowing that you will be out on probation in a year's time to pick up where you left off, and for making me so frustrated that I could kill you if I saw you (which, actually, I couldn't, because guess who would go to jail?).

Thanks for nothing.

Sincerely,

An Unadoring Fan

Students SPECTacular!

Anne Kletchka/Staff

Indifference . . .
 Lack of interest . . .
 Lack of emotion . . .
 Apathy . . .
 McPherson College?

Over the years these words have echoed across campus, spilling forth from the mouths of students, faculty and staff. Students are apathetic. They don't care about being involved. They are selfish and indignant individuals.

When I hear these remarks, emotions begin to stir within me. Having attended McPherson College, I remember being involved in numerous activities as were many of my friends.

We took a stand for what we believed in, and we strived to make the college community a prosperous place. We became involved not only for a personal gain, but also for an institutional gain.

There were dedicated individuals during my college generation. There are dedicated students NOW.

Second semester I was given the unique opportunity to work with a group of students. This group is responsible for many hours of work which resulted in reaching their goal of producing a bi-weekly publication throughout the semester.

The McPherson College Spectator staff should be commended for their talent and dedication. The majority of this group entered the semester knowing little, if nothing, about producing a newspaper.

Melissa Holderreed, Editor-in-Chief, and Lisa Pierce, Editorial Editor, are largely responsible for the re-organization of *The Spec*. At the beginning of the semester, they expressed concern about the lack of direction the publication was receiving.

After many meetings and recruiting efforts, *The Spec* was well on its way to becoming a reality.

However, reality would not have been possible without the work of additional staff members. Susan Schultz, Feature Editor, exhibited ample talent and commitment while being involved in other activities.

Brent Zamora, Sports Editor, returned to the staff from last year, offering his valuable insight.

Michele Dalton, News Editor, successfully expanded her high school knowledge and provided a strong base to the staff by becoming involved. Lisa Lauver, Business Manager, sold ads beyond her quota and often worked independently in designing her work.

Barry McMillan, Photography Editor, contributed his natural talent and a tremendous amount of

time to capture images on film.

James Bland, Assistant Editorial Editor, joined the staff later in the year and became a dedicated member.

Brent Wine unofficially joined the staff as "computer consultant." He is highly respected for his patience and knowledge!

The staff's success is also due to committed reporters. Special recognition is directed toward Konni Nanninga, Jodi Roudybush, Ted Bray and Tahnee Carlson for their constant involvement.

I have witnessed a genuine care and concern by this group. They possessed the desire to learn. There were endless questions, many hours of writing (and re-writing), and extended hours working with a computer that didn't always want to cooperate.

The group's enthusiasm never dwindled, even at 3:00 or 4:00 a.m., when they were trying to meet a deadline.

The Spectator staff has erased the accusations of apathy. I can only hope that next year's staff is not faced with the challenge, once again, of "proving" that they DO care . . . that they ARE involved.

Concern . . .
 Involvement . . .
 Dedication . . .
 McPherson College?

Usually, in this box, I go on and on about how editorials should be submitted to *The Spectator*, but, since it's the end of the year, why should I solicit any more articles? I think I'll go ahead and say what's really been on my mind: 1) every editorial that I have received this semester has been printed, 2) every article that I have authored has been printed with my name on it (in other words, none of the anonymous articles were mine), and 3) I hope you didn't miss your chance to share a piece of yourself with the community you live in.

Oh . . . I almost forgot: opinions expressed in this public forum do not necessarily reflect those of *The Spectator* Staff or McPherson College.

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Seniors forge ahead and look back

Susan Schultz/Staff

The school year has drawn to a close, and with it, seniors have begun to prepare for a new phase of their lives.

Many different paths will be followed as the Class of 1991 embarks on its voyage into life after McPherson College.

Jon Paden is planning to teach first grade at Washington Elementary School in McPherson, and Peggy Bahr will be teaching third grade there.

"I plan to work at a camp in Colorado as a maintenance man for the summer and hopefully year-round for a few years. Then I plan to get into some construction-related area," said Brad Unruh.

Tracey Hughes' plans include working for a while, paying back some loans, and going to graduate school for a masters in either counseling psychology or social work, with a special emphasis in women's studies.

Lisa Pierce commented, "The next two years of my life are reserved solely for 'R & R': reading and retreat. I need time to really discover the next turn in my life and the meaning behind it."

"My plans after graduation are to go back home in St. Peters, Missouri, and work for WES Construction Company as a foreman. This company is owned by my parents and after five years of full-time employment their plans are to hand over control of the company to me," said Jesse Martin III.

Lisa Lauver plans to teach drama, speech, and English somewhere in Kansas.

Shannon Hull and Denise Butler will be getting married on June 22. Butler said, "In the fall I'll be student teaching in McPherson at the elementary and high school for the whole first semester. For the future I want to teach in the public schools and as a private teacher." While she student teaches Hull will be working in McPherson. He said, "I plan to go on with more schooling in medicine in the fall of '92."

"I plan to work at Camp Eder this summer as Arts and Crafts Director in Pennsylvania. Then it's time to get a job lined up. I want to go to art school and eventually graduate school. My goal is to get into historical preservation of homes and to be a practicing artist," said Laurale Snyder.

Craig Henderson will be attending law school at Washburn University next year.

Cathy Simmons said, "We are

leaving McPherson right after graduation and moving to Ames, Iowa. I will be working on a Master of Science in Industrial Technology at Iowa State University and will be a graduate assistant there."

Bob Nelson plans to settle down in Phoenix, Arizona; become certified as a strength/conditioning coach; start making babies after about six years; buy a house; own a nice car; and become debt free.

Thom Champion exclaimed, "I will be attending KU Medical School next fall!!"

Stephanie Meyer plans to be a successful accountant. "Also, I want to live in a big city for awhile (couple of years). I plan to get married (someday) and have a couple of children," she added.

"After graduation I am planning to stay in McPherson and work part-time at MAC AIR and a couple other part-time jobs. This summer I will be working here at the college," said Rhonda Wipperling.

Brent Atwater has two plans in mind, "Plan A: to attend law school as well as study international relations and try to work for the State Department. Plan B: to keep going to school (a.k.a.-professional student) in order to stay out of the real world as long as possible. It's ugly out there!"

As for me, I plan to get a job, any job for now. Eventually I want to go on to graduate school, in two or three years, depending on whether or not I go into BVS (Brethren Volunteer Service) or not next spring.

A lot has happened at McPherson College over the past four years. There have been many changes in the campus and the people, but the memories we have accumulated are a kind of bond between the people that share them, and they will keep MAC alive in our hearts even after we are gone.

While looking ahead at their new lives the seniors also reflected on the good, bad, and just plain funny times they experienced here.

Hull said, "I remember the night the gazebo served as a temporary parking lot, including for my car."

Martin remembers the water fight between members of Metzler and Dotzour his sophomore year. He said, "Some girls rushed me throwing water balloons and buckets of water... By the time I got in my room I was drenched... some guys knocked... they appeared to be victims also... we went after them. Well, the guys came equipped. One guy had a fire extin-

guisher, the others had buckets, balloons, and water guns. It was time for war... the girls panicked when they saw the artillery we had... We hit them with everything we had... The fight went to the park and all around campus. They went for reinforcements, but the reinforcements weren't ready for the devastating force of Metzler's men... those were the days McPherson was really a college where students could have plenty of fun."

Simmons recalled "having the people in the cafeteria sing Happy Birthday to me as I was going through the lunch line."

"Freshman year I met my roommate, Jay Dell, thought he was a chemo out-patient because he had a butch haircut," related Paden.

Hughes said she remembered "being in plays, especially *Greater Tuna*, *Tartuffe*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and my *One-Woman Show*; 'hallway conversations'; working with the Reader's Theatre; working on my research paper; riding the Funcycles; and working on 3rd South Homecoming decorations the first year."

Wipperling said, "The best experience I had at MAC was spending my junior year in Marburg and returning to friendly faces and supporting friends."

Unruh stated that he remembered "spending time in the basement due to storms and not knowing what was going on; playing frisbee with a variety of people; and meeting a lot of great people over the four years that I was here."

"Hallway conversations, hallway conversations, and more hallway conversations! And by the way, did I mention hallway conversations?" asked Pierce.

"I remember moving into the dorm for the first time and a girl in a blue Mustang about ran over me in the alley! She turned out to be my roommate!" related Bahr.

Henderson said simply, "I will never forget the great times I had with all my friends."

Nelson said, "My fondest memories have been: playing four years of college football; meeting interesting people (different cultures); raising hell on campus (freshman year 3:00 a.m. Fanny dorm raid--we stole their Christmas sleigh made out of cardboard); meeting the future Mrs. Nelson; having Dr. Lengel as one of my professors (I always enjoyed his 'high class' attitude--for example 'Good morning Mr. Nelson!'); football parties; and my bachelor party!"

One person shared, "I'll never forget the time my roommate thought I was a toilet because she went to a football party. Figure it out."

Another added, "I remember when a certain somebody was handcuffed to a certain flagpole."

Lauver remembers the practical jokes played as friends, especially first floor Dotzour's tradition of dunking people on special occasions--in a bathtub filled with cold water, fully clothed--like Diane Feasenhiser's birthday and when Denise Butler got engaged.

"The close friends I've made here, and the genuine concern of the professors are the two things I'll remember about MC," said Atwater.

Meyer said, "I have tons of memories, right M.G.?! Some of the mentionable ones are: road trips home with M.G.; the dorm meeting when Jonathan Rothrock ran out of the apartment to the lounge and yelled 'Oooh--sexy!' to all the women; shaking like a leaf at the first home VB game my Freshman year; going to Districts; beating St. Mary's at the Bethel Tournament; lots of practical jokes in the dorm; and I'll never forget all the prep for and taking the CPA exam."

"I remember when the horn on top of Brown had a mind of its own during Honor's Convo," said Champion. He added, "I remember when there was no gazebo."

Snyder said, "I want to thank Wayne Conyers for inspiring me to become an artist. He will always be a role model. He has definitely had a powerful influence on my life... to the remaining student body, college life is very short, so get involved in as much as possible and be your own person and strive

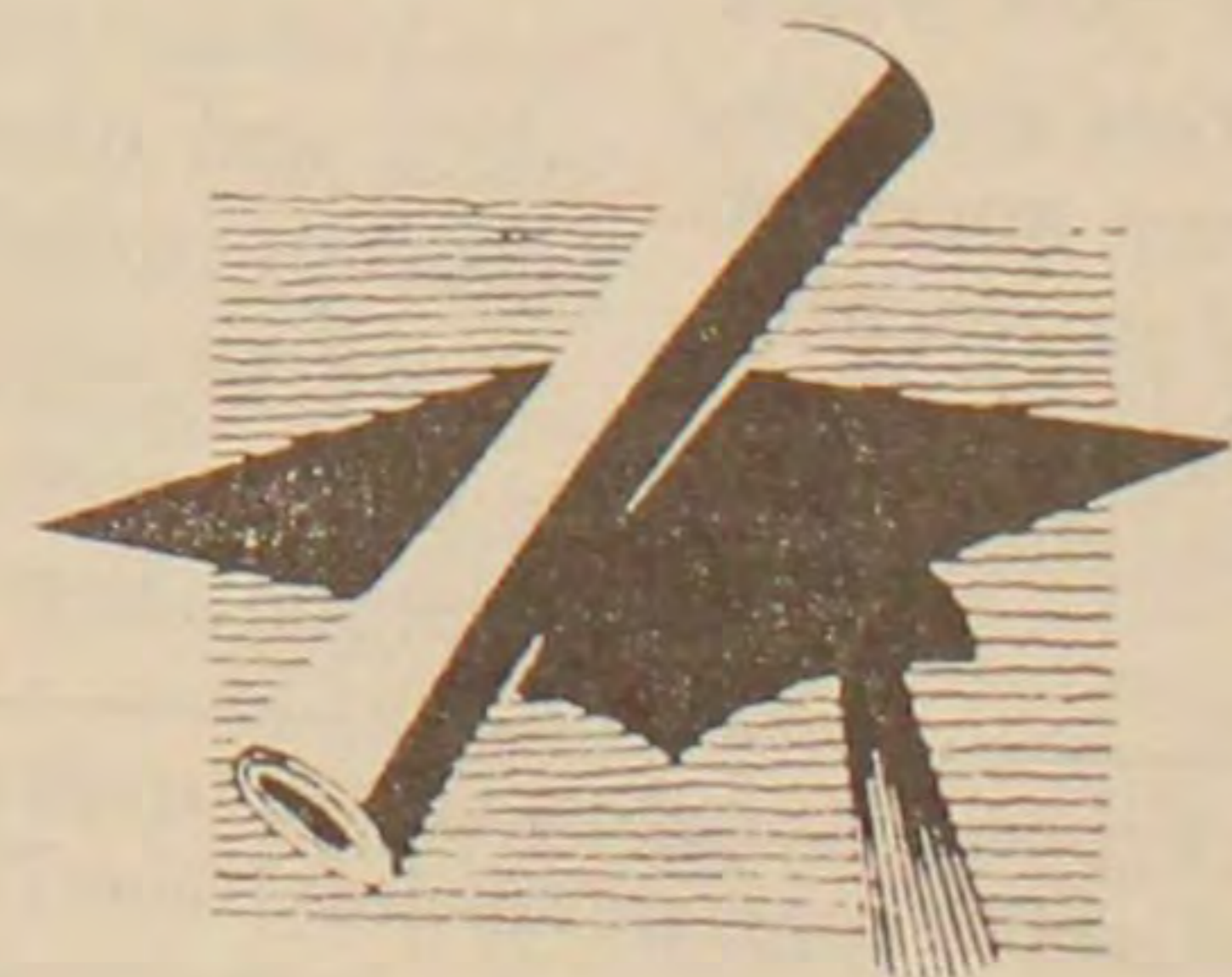
for your own goals. This is what college is all about: finding oneself and completing a goal. To my fellow graduates I will miss you all and the times we've shared, best of luck to you all!"

"I remember when they tore down Arnold and Kline and built the gazebo, along with the new sidewalks and parking lots. I'll always cherish talks with friends, late nights at Happy Chef, having to sing in Convo for Alpha Psi initiation, being silly with Lisa and Donnell and everyone else, and European and domestic choir tours," stated Butler.

As I look back on my years at MAC I remember: the Centennial Scholars competition; being a Fanny groupie; walks to the park at all hours of the night and morning; Alex Haley; the Joffrey Ballet; pink sidewalks; cockroaches; passing out during the middle of a song on choir tour; constant construction on the campus for nearly two years; not recognizing the campus when I first got here because it had changed so much since I had visited; putting sand in people's beds; basketball games; walking on the railroad tracks and collecting stuff; Coronado Heights; the Scheme; good friends; stairway conversations; all-nighters studying and working on plays and the *Spectator*; road trips... there are too many to try to list them all.

My time at MAC has been very valuable to me. For four years it has been more than my school; it has been my home. Even though I am anxious to move on with my life I will miss it here very much. I hope that the students and faculty continue to carry the warm, friendly, caring attitude that makes McPherson College the special place that it is.

Congratulations seniors!



The Spectator staff wishes you success!

Music moves many

Wendy Noyes/Guest

Slowly the house lights dimmed until the theatre went black.

One lone voice began to chant, soon to be answered by a haunting chorus.

Brown Auditorium was filled with *The Sound of Music*.

It took a lot of hard work by the cast and crew to pull a show of this nature together in a little over a month, and they did so with much teamwork.

The entire cast put many hours into rehearsal and set and costume construction.

The show did have a few problems before opening.

The loss of the Mother Abbess was the most heartfelt. Donna Richert was unable to play the part due to pneumonia. Her talents were greatly missed.

However, Susan Newton learned the part quickly and was able to fill in. She put a lot of effort into it and did a wonderful job despite the short amount of time she had to work on learning the part.

When Newton took over the part of the Mother Abbess, Sue Ferree stepped in to take over her part as a nun.

When asked about the commitment it took to have her son, Scott, who played the part of Kurt, at rehearsals, she replied, "Scott real-

ly enjoys it (theatre) so we try to be supportive, but it's a time commitment for the whole family."

The overall opinion of the cast was a positive one.

"I enjoyed getting to know all the people, but it was a lot of hard work," said Scott Ferree.

"I enjoyed working with kids and adults from the community. It was a lot of fun," commented Steve Hoover, who portrayed Captain Von Trapp.

Looking back on the past month Melia Dell, who played Maria, recalled, "It didn't seem to be as stressful as it could have been. The cast got along really well with each other."

As a cast member, I can appreciate the closing of the show, but if I were given a second chance I would do it all over again.

The opportunity to work with Rick Tyler, the director, and Steve Gustafson was remarkable and they both made being in the show a pleasure.

I strongly encourage everybody to take part in at least one production and I assure you it will be worth every minute of your time and effort.

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Scott Ferree, Marshall Anderson, and Melia Dell perform "The Lonely Goatherd" during The Sound of Music. Barry McMillan/Staff

Researchers present findings

Tahnee Carlson/Staff

Monday, April 29 marked the end of about a year's worth of work and proved to be a great relief for the two senior biology majors. On that day Shannon Hull and Todd Frankenbery presented their senior research projects after working on them since last spring.

"The purpose of the projects is to 'do' science," said Dr. Gilford Ikenberry. "The students learn by doing real research and actually experiencing science."

The projects began last spring in the Science Methods course where the students proposed a question and began to plan out their project. They then continued this year by reviewing literature on their topic and finding a way to collect data, run the experiment, and analyze.

"The students work closely with an advisor and a co-advisor," said Ikenberry, "and although it is up to the student to get the project done, the advisors are available in case of problems."

A program such as the research experiments is unique to McPherson College. "Most other schools don't have a program like

this," said Ikenberry, "and if they do, it's not a requirement of everyone. It may be only for graduate scholars."

In the past, other ACCK schools have participated in the program, but for the last few years McPherson has been the only one.

Hull's project was an "ecological study using chemical extracts of sunflowers." He received the National Science Merit Research Award for his work.

"The worst part was having to spend every night working on it," said Hull. "It's a big relief not to have to spend all my evenings in Harnly."

After getting married this summer he hopes to get an internship job before continuing his schooling the following year.

Frankenbery's project was about how sunflowers grew after adding nitrogen to the leaves and soil. He then observed which grew better and which had the most nitrogen uptake.

"The hardest part for me was the chemical analysis," said Frankenbery. "There were problems with the procedures and we weren't getting the right results. The best part was presenting it and getting it over with. There was lots of pressure

and now I don't have to worry about anything else really."

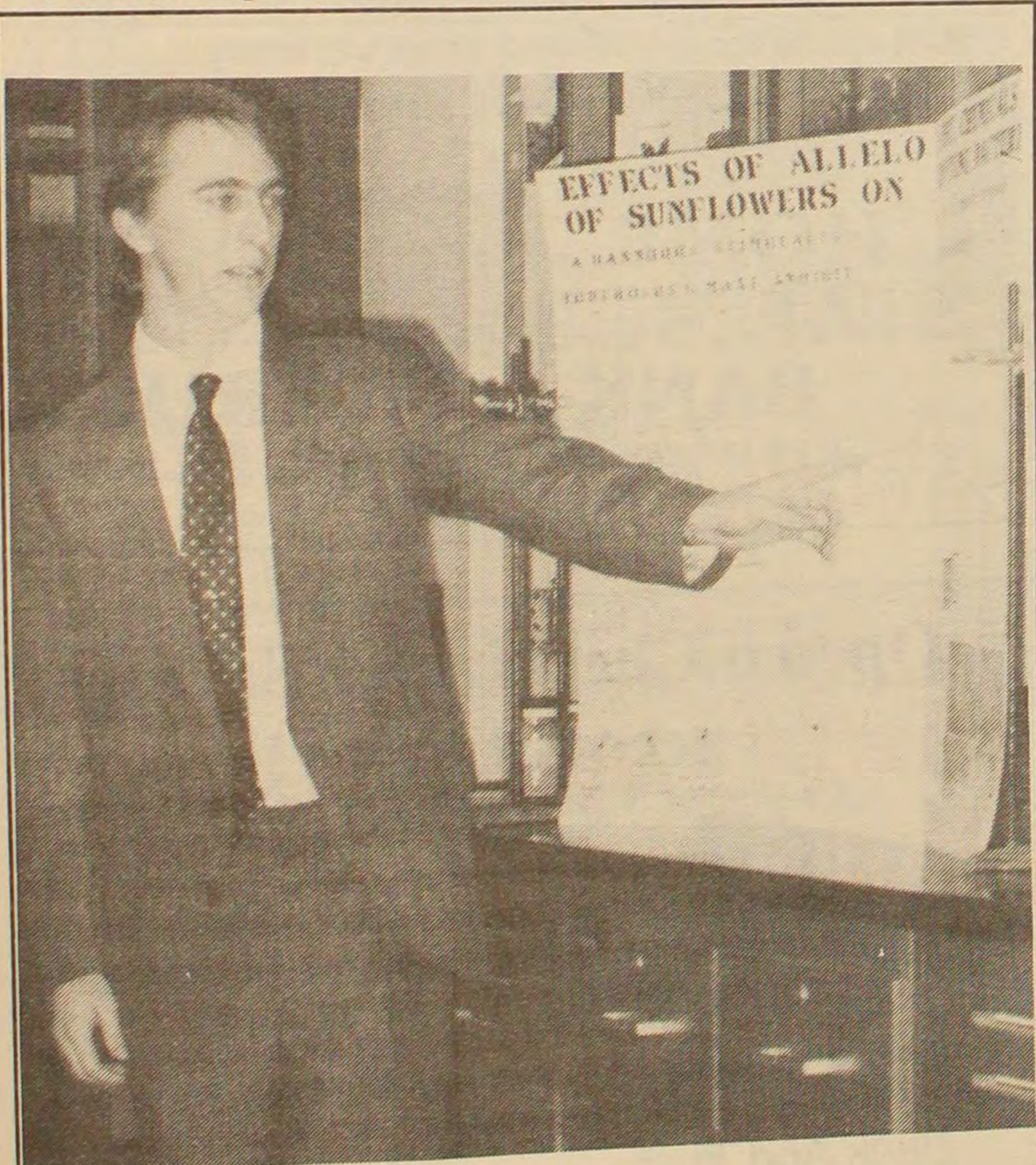
The preparation for Frankenbery included going to K-State twice to do research, drawing up a proposal, doing tests, and analyzing. "I started my junior year and worked all of my senior year," he said. "Then I worked last semester and finally finished."

The number of students presenting projects this year is unusually small. "Next year we will have about fifteen senior projects," said Ikenberry.

When the students are choosing a project they must take into account a number of things. "The students need to consider the expertise of the faculty, the kind of equipment available, and funds," said Ikenberry.

The presentations include writing an abstract (summary) of their research paper to be handed out to the audience and making a poster with pictures or some type of visual aids.

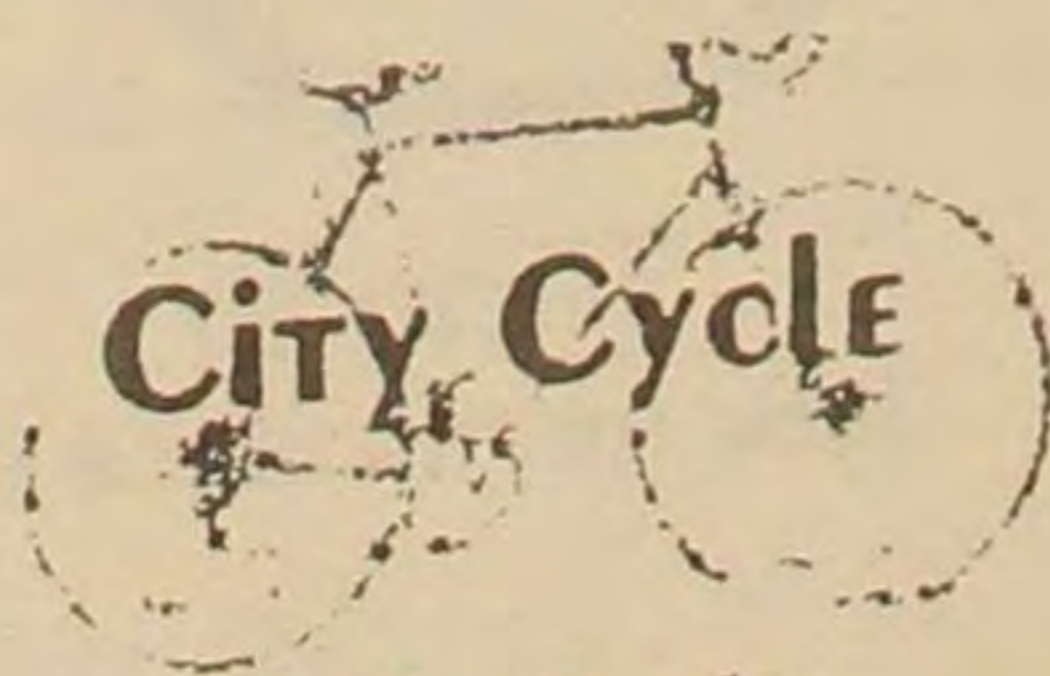
"The projects went pretty well," said Ikenberry. "The approach of the projects is to do experiments that will answer a proposed question, and they were all able to come to a conclusion."



Barry McMillan/Staff

Shannon Hull presents his senior biology research project on April 29, work that won him the National Science Merit Research Award.

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Thanks for the memories

Brent W. Zamora/Staff

Greetings and salutations.

Let me begin my final editorial by wishing all of you good luck on your finals and in the coming months ahead.

I would also like to offer my congratulations to Randy Semadeni, Jim Van Goethem, and Christy Allen on their selections as athletes of the year.

When I sat down to write this, my final editorial as sports editor of the *Spectator*, I was looking to write something truly profound.

I had that look on my face that Doogie Howser gets just before he gives the viewers the lesson of the week.

I wanted to write a piece that I would receive praise for, something thought provoking and perhaps slightly controversial.

Those of you who know me know that although I'm short in stature I've never had a problem reaching my back so I can pat it a few times.

Instead of getting Reebok pumps I should purchase an ego booster. If my ego gets a little deflated just pump it up.

But, then I was watching ESPN and I saw a news story on the death of Chucky Mullins.

Mullins, was an outstanding collegiate defensive back who became paralyzed after making a touchdown saving tackle.

Mullins, fought back through rehabilitation but died this week of complications of a blood clot in his lungs. Mullins was 21.

So, here's a kid who died before ever getting a real chance to live. He died while in the "prime" of his life. I wonder how many times Chucky Mullins patted himself on the back.

Then I began thinking about the death of Hank Gathers, the late Loyola Marymount star he died of a cardiac arrest last year.

These were two outstanding young men who had their lives cut short participating in the sports they loved.

Individual recognition is a good thing. Everyone who works hard at something should receive the satisfaction of hearing someone say nice job.

But, today we have become so engulfed in receiving praise that we have a tendency to forget about the things which are truly

important.

Things like family, friends, team, and love. I want to take time right now to recognize every individual who gives of himself/herself to not only make athletics at McPherson College great but for making McPherson College great.

Keep working hard, never quit, and always give your all. The rest will take care of itself.

I'd also encourage those students who are thinking about leaving Mac to reconsider everything this place has to offer.

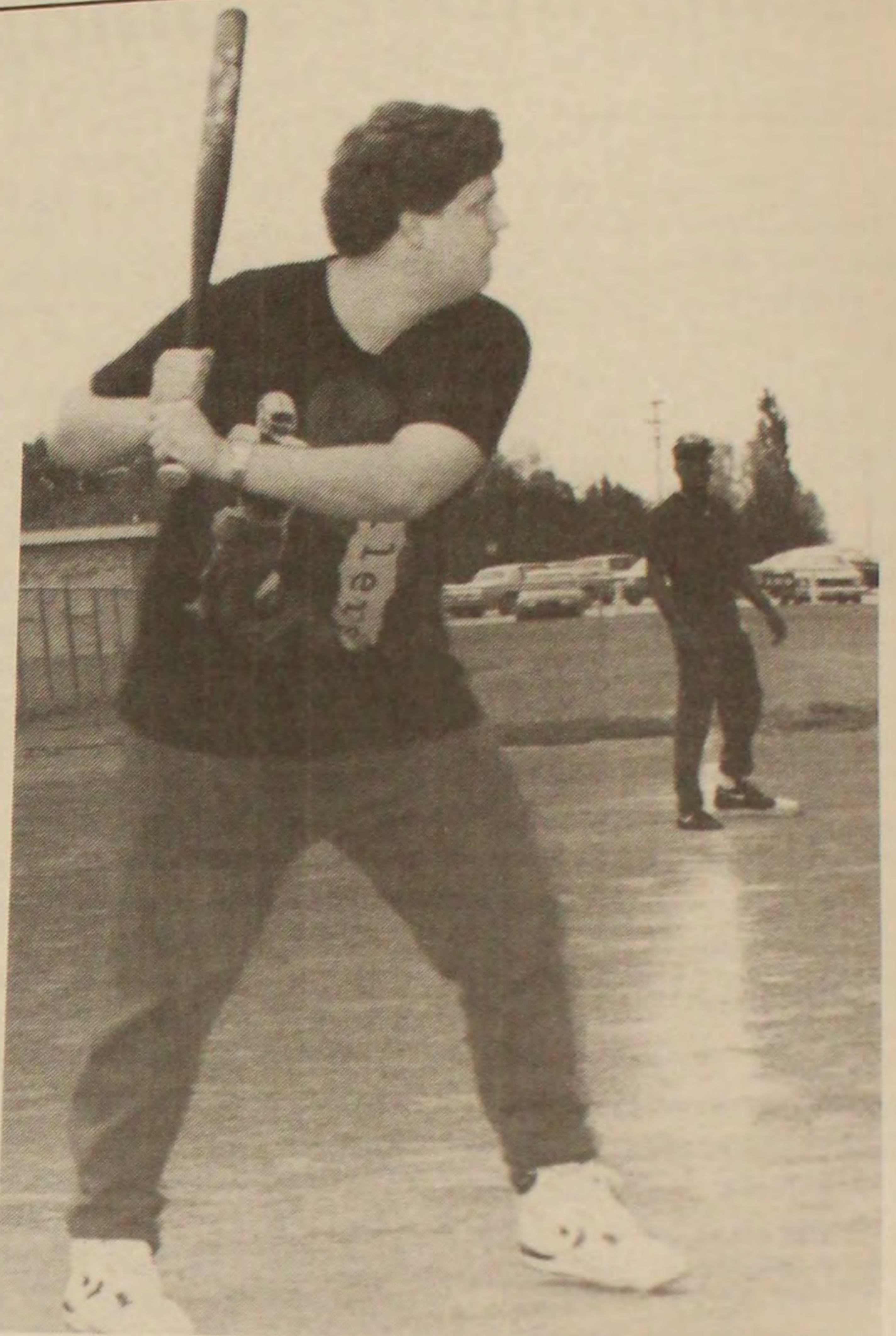
They say that the only thing in life you can truly call your own are mistakes.

Well, I apologize for mine and I want to thank all my loyal readers for what has been a great year and a half as your editor.

Tim Woodcock is taking over next year and I wish him all the luck in the world.

Now I'd just like to thank the Hank Gathers and the Chucky Mullins of the world one more time for everything they gave us.

Not just entertaining us with their athleticism by touching us with their hearts.



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Duane (big stick) Bucher awaits the chance to bring home Andre McCorvey in recent intramural softball tournament action.

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Athletes of the year selected

Brent W. Zamora/Staff

Brown Auditorium was the location for Thursday May 2, Honors Convocations as professor Dan Hoffman announced the selections for the 1990-91 McPherson College male and female athletes of the year.

Senior Christy Allen was named as the female athlete of the year for her outstanding participation in basketball and outdoor track.

Allen, who earlier in the convocation was named as the physical education student of the year wished to thank coach Dan Hoffman and Dr. Doris Coppock for all their support over her four year career.

Allen, plans to attend Kansas State University next fall in a graduate assistant capacity in the field of biomechanics.

Allen, was an All-American as a sophomore in the javelin. She also owns the school record for that event.

Allen, who was hampered

throughout much of her career with knee injuries said "My only regret is that due to injuries I was unable to participate in all three sports all four years."

Hoffman, who coached Allen in both track and volleyball stated "Christy is an outstanding student, a very good athlete, and is extremely active campus wide, we made a good choice."

After a great deal of deliberation there was a tie in the voting for male athlete of the year.

So, for the second time in the last three years there were co-recipients named.

Honorable Mention All-KCAC offensive lineman Jim Van Goethem and All-KCAC post Randy Semadeni were selected for their outstanding efforts on the field, the court, and in the classroom.

Van Goethem, was an Academic All-America selection this past fall and served as an offensive captain for the Bulldog football team.

Semadeni, was an academic all conference selection and led the

Bulldog basketball team in scoring while serving as a tri-captain and helping to lead the team to the District 10 playoffs for the third time in four years.

There are several factors which are considered by the coaches when selecting the athletes of the year. The criteria used to reach this decision is listed as such.

The athlete should be in good academic standing, the athlete should be very outstanding in one sport, all sports are considered equal with no major and minor sports.

The athlete must demonstrate good citizenship, good sportsmanship and leadership skills. Classification should not be considered unless all other things are equal and/or having previously received the award.

It should be considered to be quite an honor to be nominated. These are not made lightly, and represent qualifications listed above.

Track team excels

James Bland/Staff

If you haven't seen the McPherson College track team in action this year then you've been missing one of the most spectacular seasons ever.

There have been magnificent performances on both track squads this season.

The womens squad in particular has had an outstanding season.

Head coach Dan Hoffman stated that he was very pleased with the performances turned in by the womens team this year. "They have been dedicated and dependable throughout the entire season," said Hoffman, "we had over 85% of the women reach a new personal record this year."

One of those women was Konni Nanninga who set a new school record in the 5000 meter run with a time of :22.50.6. Christy Allen will once again be returning to the NAIA national track meet in Texas in the javelin.

The sprint medley team of Karme Clark, Judy Hake, Patty Gesch, and Camille Base will be competing in the District 10 meet

at Sterling College this Saturday with their eyes on qualifying for Nationals.

The mens team has its stars also, Frank Clinage and Ishmael Kimbrough have dazzled crowds with their performances on the oval and in the long jump pit.

Look for Kimbrough, who has the school record in the long jump, to qualify for his second trip to Nationals at the District 10 meet.

Speedster Clinage will also be attempting to qualify for Nationals on Saturday.

"This has been a super group to work with," said Hoffman, "They applied themselves well to the program and their performances prove it."

Gesch and multi-eventer Benny Rice had nothing but praise for the coaches and the program. "The coaching was great, I was in peak condition at just the right time," said Rice. "The program is more flexible than my previous school," stated Gesch, "I haven't felt burned out at all this season."

And with the spectacle that Hoffman and company have put on this season this track fan is a long way from being burned out also!



Barry McMillan/Staff

Professor Dan Hoffman presents senior Randy Semadeni with his award for being male athlete of the year. Semadeni shared the award with senior Jim Van Goethem. Christy Allen was the female athlete of the year.

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Negotiations regain partial movie priveleges

Ted Bray/Staff

The students of McPherson College, through strong efforts by members of the movie committee, have received a partial pardon on the strict sentence imposed on them last week.

Through negotiations with theatre management, the movie committee, (formed two weeks ago by student council in an attempt to save the movie privelege), has successfully won back a part of that privelege.

The agreement, worked out late last week, will allow part and full

time students to attend movies, Monday thru Thursday nights, for \$3.00.

It is the goal of the theatre that the price will reinforce the fact that seeing the movies for free was a special privelege.

This is a reduction from the theatre's original decision to not give the college any break in prices at all (that would mean \$4.50 per movie).

Specifically, the agreement involves members of a permanent movie committee meeting with theatre officials once a month, starting next fall.

In those meetings, members will be kept aware of problems occurring at the theatre. This consistent communication between the theatre and the college will hopefully prevent major problems from building up, like they did this year.

While the \$3.00 per movie price tag is expensive, it is still less than the \$4.50 students were faced with before these negotiations took place.

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It is hoped by both sides that student behavior next fall will improve, and the opportunity for better movie priveleges will exist in the distant future.

Student council encourages student ideas concerning this issue. It was unfortunate that this situation had to occur.

However, the task now is to look ahead and show the people of this area that McPherson College is a school interested in bulding a strong community.

Special banquet planned to honor graduates

Konni Nanninga/Staff

The 1990-91 graduating class will be treated to a special banquet this year for the first time in recent years.

"The last time there was a banquet like this was in the late 1960's," said Anne Kletchka, Development Counselor. "We wanted to recognize seniors, in ad-

dition to other alumni, during graduation weekend."

The Development office will host the banquet on May 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Manor.

There are several reasons for having this banquet. "It is a way for the college to say thank you," said Kletchka.

Ken Queen, Director of Career Planning, will present information on how the graduates can continue

to use the Career Planning and Placement Office.

Bruce Clary, Assistant Director of Development will introduce the class to the class agent program. The program is the primary way to keep them informed about class members.

Information is channeled through class reunions, class newsletters, and the Alumni newsletters, the *Review*. Clary

will also announce who will be the class agent for the class of 1991.

Steve Mason, Director of Development, will speak to the students about their alumni responsibilities to the college lence. President Paul Hoffman will also speak.

Invitations have been sent out to the seniors. Reservations are due May 10. Senior are encouraged to return the reservation cards and vote for class agent.

Students complete research

Ted Bray/Staff

When you ask a professor what he or she likes most about teaching, it might take them a moment to come up with an answer. That can't be said for Shingo Kajinami, the chemistry professor here at McPherson College.

When asked what he enjoyed most about teaching, Dr. Kajinami took less than a second to let out a response that was worthy of a good page in my spiral notebook. That's not to say he talked too much, but rather to show how impressed he was with the students.

That was Dr. Kajinami's answer to the question. "It's great to see young students grow from their freshmen year to their senior year. It's such a short time when you think about it: only four years. That transformation is really neat, and that is what makes it all worth while for me," said Kajinami.

He pointed to two seniors who were completing their research, Tom Champion and Karen Abshier, as students who have really matured while he has known them.

Champion studied metabolism for his research project--how sunflowers get, store, and use

focused on how the plant regulated a particular enzyme within the plant.

"Tom is going on to medical school," explained Kajinami, "and this research provided him with perhaps his last chance to find out a curiosity. He will be a physician, handing out perscriptions, and won't have the opportunity to do this again. It will also be helpful for Tom to see how research like this is used in producing the medicines he prescribes later on." Abshier used her research project to aide her directly in her upcoming career. "Karen is going into the health or pharmeceutical area, and her research will help her," said Kajinami.

Abshier studied the effects of acid rain on sunflowers, and found that plants receiving acid rain experienced inhibited growth. She sprayed a diluted sulfur dioxide solution on the plants -- the same solution that falls to the ground every day across all regions of the world.

"They are both excellent students. I know that they will both make a difference in the world. I enjoy watching freshmen change to seniors, becoming more responsible citizens," said Kajinami.



Tracey Hughes presents Professor Rick Tyler with the Professor of the Year Award during Honors Convocations on May 2.

Barry McMillan/Staff

News Briefs

A trip to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City is scheduled for May 17. Students may sign up and pay the \$15.00 fee in the Campus Information Center. The group will leave campus at 6:30 a.m. and return at approximately 11:00 p.m.

Cash for Books. The College Bookstore will be accepting used books on May 15-16. Students may bring their books to the bookstore from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity is hosting an "alternative" birthday party for President Paul Hoffman on May 12. The party will be in the gazebo from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. In case of rain the party will be moved to the Student Union Dining Hall. "Gifts" given will be used to help build the students first Habitat Home in McPherson.

Don't forget to check out the senior art exhibitions currently on display. Laurale Snyder's is located in Friendship Hall and Duane Bucher's in the Student Union. Other student artworks are also on display in Friendship Hall.