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Athletic forum promotes discussion

By Nathan Brubaker and Rob Larson

Interterm Staff Writers

Open discussion between the faculty and the students highlighted the athletic forum held earlier this month.

Students surfaced needs for the athletic department at McPherson College. The need for a full time trainer, adequate weight-room and more scholarship money and the lack of faculty support were the issues discussed.

The faculty representatives stated sufficient funds were given to athletics in comparison to other areas of the college. The faculty panel addressed there may be too much emphasis put on athletics not only at McPherson College but in today's society.

When interviewed, President Paul Hoffman stated students should raise issues that concern them with the administration, instead of taking alternate routes. President-

Hoffman believes that the talk is exciting and communication leads to achievement.

When answering the question about his absence at the forum, President Hoffman stated, "If I'm at a meeting people will only talk to me. I have to stay one step away." The president believed discussion would be better in his absence.

Dr. Hoffman's up-beat attitude showed sincere excitement about athletics at McPherson College. However, he stated that education is the first priority and athletics should not interfere.

The forum was a good idea but not as productive as it should have been, according to Dr. Dale Goldsmith, vice-president for academic services. Dr. Goldsmith stated that according to the coaches and the athletic director the weight-room is adequate.

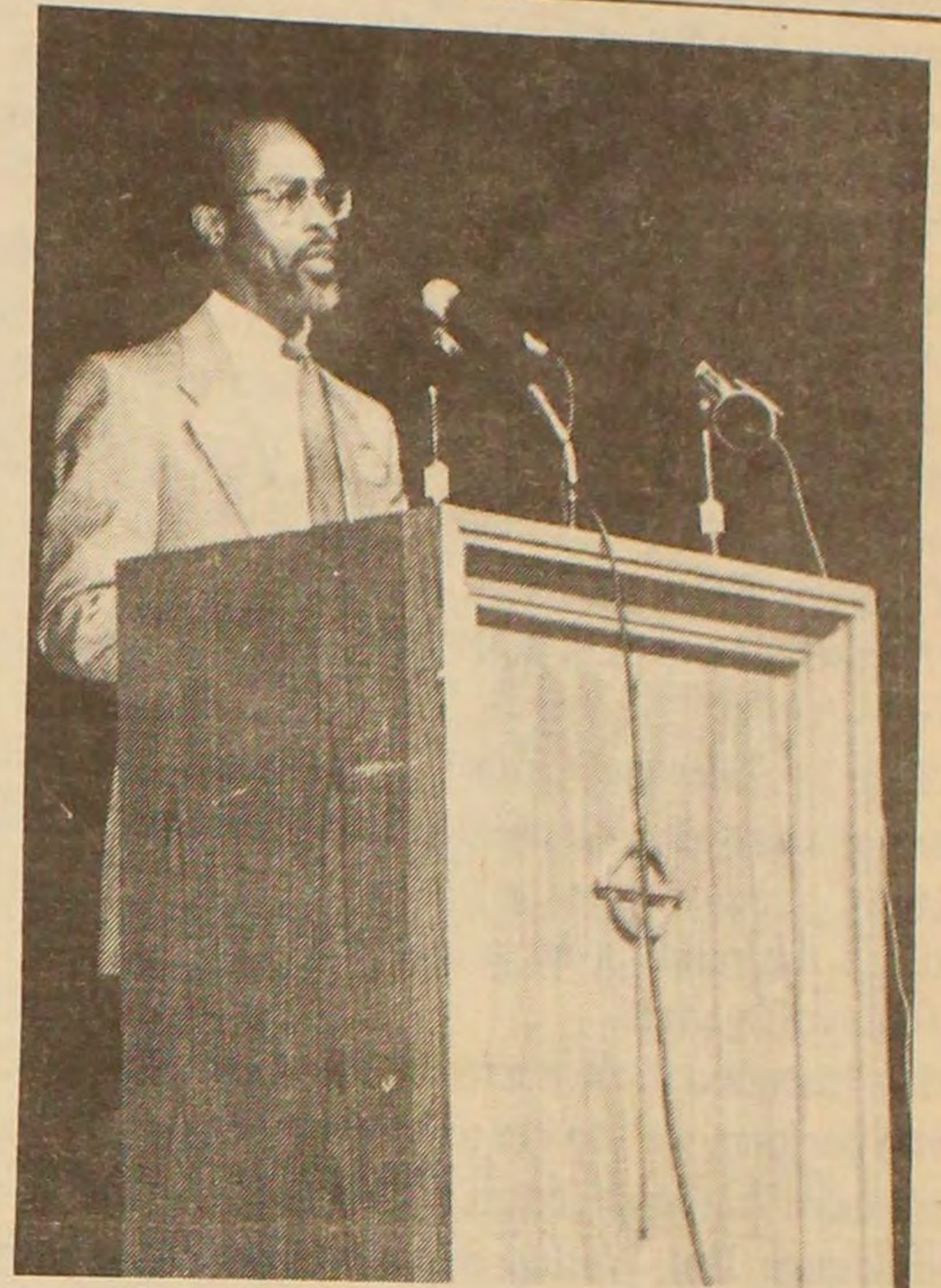
Dr. Goldsmith raised the question of how athletics fit the Brethren principles of McPherson College. We should be asking the question,

"What should McPherson College be doing, not what is everybody else doing," according to Dr. Goldsmith.

Athletic director Dan Thiessen hopes students will continue to follow through with efforts started at the forum. Thiessen believes the weight-room is adequate for one person but not for a sizeable group. Thiessen believes a trainer would be good for not only athletics but for physical education, intramurals and the whole college community.

Jason Pendleton, member of the student panel at the forum, says he is disappointed at the progress made since the forum. He believes faculty should inform students of the progress on the above issues. He was also disappointed in the lack of attendance by some administration members.

Communication made the forum a big success. However, there are many unanswered questions yet to be dealt with.



In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. day, Dr. John Gaston from The Wichita State University brought to life the famous speech, "I have a dream," at a special convocation.

Schedule

Friday February 21

9:00 p.m.

Ice Cream and Social Gathering
Student Union

Saturday, February 22

9:00 a.m.

Registration and social time
music will be provided

9:30 a.m.

Welcome followed by program
by McPherson College students

10:30 a.m.

Meet your student's professors
Coffee and cake will be provided

11:45-12:30 p.m.

Visit departments

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Lunch on your own

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Open house, including all
campus facilities

2:00 p.m.

Women's J.V. Basketball vs. Bethany

4:00 p.m.

Men's J.V. Basketball vs. Bethany

6:00 p.m.

Women's Varsity Basketball vs. Bethany

8:00 p.m.

Men's Varsity Basketball vs. Bethany
All Basketball games at the Sport Center

Mac plans first annual parents' weekend

by Rob Larson

Interterm Staff Writer

All parents of McPherson college students are invited to attend the first annual parents' weekend, sponsored by Student Council, Feb. 21-22.

The Student Council has scheduled many exciting activities for you and your

parents to participate in over the weekend as shown in the schedule. Your parents will have the opportunity to meet your professors, tour the campus and watch performances of McPherson College students. Also meals can be purchased at the regular hours on Saturday and Sunday.

The Student Council would like to

thank the development office for its financial support. They would also like to thank the committees that put in that extra time and effort.

Leann Johnson, student body president, asks students to encourage their parents to come, so the first annual parents' weekend will be a great success.

Busy spring for music department

By Darin Marshall

Interterm Staff Writer

The Interterm session at McPherson College is quickly coming to a close, and the folks over at Beeghly are busy preparing for their 1992 spring schedule.

The McPherson College Music Department will be involved in several different events during the spring term. They are busy preparing to help educate people interested in keyboard, instrumental and vocal music.

On Feb. 28 McPherson College will present an internationally-known pianist as part of the Mohler Lecture Series. Professor Marvin Blickenstaff

of Goshen College in Goshen, Ind., will perform a formal piano recital and a student convocation in Brown Auditorium. Professor Blickenstaff has won several major prizes for his work in piano and has developed several teaching series for the beginning pianist.

The McPherson College choir will have a busy spring. The choir has been one of the few selected across the state to perform at the K.M.E.A. (Kansas Music Educators Association) State Convention held in Wichita.

"This is a great honor for our choir," said Dr. Steve Gustafson, associate professor of music. "In order for an ensemble to perform at the convention, they must send a tape, and invitation is

by audition only."

The annual Spring Choir tour is on once again this year. Last year's tour took students through Western Kansas and Colorado. This year, stops will be made in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. They will conclude their tour with a home performance at Brown Auditorium. A date and time has yet to be announced.

A band festival is on tap for the McPherson College band. On Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. at McPherson High School, Mac College along with Central College, McPherson High School and invited community performers will perform selected instrumental music pieces.

Is there life out there?

Brent W. Zamora
Interterm Staff Writer

The St. Mary's of the Plains Cavaliers Men's basketball team has a losing record this season and won't be making the District 10 playoffs.

However, you could never tell this by watching their fans. The students at SMPC act as if every game were for the national championship.

They are loud, obnoxious, rowdy, and they are having a lot of fun. They are starting to gain quite a reputation for their spirit and support as teams don't enjoy travelling three hours and then being greeted by a poor man's version of the Cameron crazies.

All this for a team that loses more than it wins.

The McPherson College Bulldogs men's basketball team is 8-3 in the KCAC should make the playoffs and is still in the running for a home District 10 playoff game.

It's intended to be a reward for teams who perform well to get to stay at home and have that home court and home fan advantage. But, Wednesday night as the Bulldogs knocked off Ottawa University in the Incomparable Sportscenter, it was just slightly more noisy than Miller Library on a Friday night.

We manage to get some pretty good turnouts at some ballgames but attendance is very sporadic and we just don't seem to get into the excitement of the games.

Our cheerleaders have done an out-

standing job all season the addition of the yell leaders has been a quality improvement. Now here's a crazy thought--what if we did chants with the cheerleaders.

I know it sounds too wild, too crazy, too uninhibited.

Let's take some pride in our teams, in our spirit, in our school, and in ourselves.

Let's show the members of the McPherson community who do come to the games that there is more basketball in this town than just the Mac High Bullpups.

Faculty support is improving, our teams always play hard and give 100%.

Let's come out at the next home game and really support our teams, let's do chants with our cheerleaders, and let's have fun.

The Tabor players say they like getting up for our games because "Mac College is just full of a bunch of stuck up rich kids."

We don't need to take that kind of verbal attack from a school weaker than us in every athletic event offered. Do we?

Guess who's coming to town tomorrow? Santa Claus? No, the Tabor Bluejays.

Let's show some pride and some spirit as we help lead our teams to wins. J.V. games start at 2:30 and 4 p.m. with Varsity action at 6 and 8 p.m.

Letter to the editor

Spirited debate rages on

Since David O'Dell further clarified his position on abortion and the other pressing social issues of our time, I would like to attempt the same. At least one student has come forward with the comment, "What did he mean" concerning my last editorial. Indeed, what did I mean? Somewhere in my past I read that a writer should say what he means and mean what he says. I wonder if the biblical writers struggled with that criterion?

The purpose of my last article was, in part, to expose the credulity of those who are unequivocally "pro-life" or unequivocally "pro-choice". At times we are all victims of our own credulity or zealotry depending how far we fall into the trap. To me, abortion or any of the other ethically ambiguous social issues are of such magnitude that one should not arrive at a position based on egocentric or ethnocentric thought. Was Christ an egocentric who wanted to create an ethnocentric empire?

Another purpose of my last essay was to counter Mr. O'Dell's assertion that each person must decide which way they stand on abortion. If one read my last article carefully I don't think they could know my bias concerning abortion. In fact, I

inferred that the only ethical solution to abortion is to transcend the whole debate; to free ourselves from "holier than thou" exchanges. To support my contention, I used the thought of Umberto Eco, Professor of Semiotics at the University of Bologna Italy.

Through much study and thought, I have come to believe there is a truth in seeing that there may be no truth. Truth is falsehood and falsehood truth, the Antichrist is Christ and Christ the Antichrist, Heaven is Hell and Hell Heaven, good is evil and evil good, the secret is there is no secret, the plot is there is no plot, this resembles that, everything is connected, humanity isn't split between the saved and the damned, it is one. Ab unho disce omnes! (from one learn to know all)

When we rescue ourselves from the specially initiated, when we crumble the walls of esotericism, when we transcend the polarity of our own thought, then just maybe, we approach the salvation Christ symbolizes. Ad majorem Dei gloriam! (to the greater glory of God)

Brad Watson

Class of 1988

Letter to the editor

Stuco speaks out on forum

As a result of the Campus Forum on athletic concerns at McPherson College last Thursday evening, the Student Council would like to state that the Forum was intended as a campus event. The intention was not to exclude the public, but rather to create an awareness among students and faculty.

We recognize that there was a misunderstanding. That forum was intended to inform the campus community, both students and ad-

ministration, of current issues and concerns. It is our hope that as a result of this, a future forum will enable the public to discuss its views and opinions.

Community involvement at McPherson College is greatly appreciated. We hope that this involvement will continue in the future.

Leann Johnson, McPherson College Student Council president

Future journalists at work

By Jonathan Coachman
Interterm Staff Writer

If you're looking for an interesting and fun class to take, you might think about Journalism.

Nine students signed up for this interterm class and found it to be informative and fulfilling.

The big project that our class took on was producing this edition of the Spectator. Each student was assigned his or her page and was then responsible for getting it done.

But there was much, much more that we did during this month. It all started with a field trip to Wichita on Jan. 15.

We had three different stops to make in Wichita and they all had to do with different kinds of news media.

Our first stop in the morning was at KFDI Radio. We all found out how high-tech the radio industry

has gotten even if it was a country music station. We were given an excellent tour and made to feel like we belonged in the "Ranch family."

We then made our way to the Channel 12 station to tour their facilities. To our most pleasant surprise we were invited to sit inside the studio during the broadcasting of the noon news. The newscasters, to our amazement, were just like you and me. They were serious about their jobs, but they can joke around with the best of them.

Our third and final stop of the day was probably the most interesting of them all. It was at the largest advertising agency in Wichita. They represented some of the largest companies in the United States. Pizza Hut, Coleman, and Goodyear are just a few of the companies that they have.

The second, and final, field trip took us to Lawrence and Kansas City on Jan. 24. This trip was dedicated to the newspaper industry as we toured three, count them, three different newspapers.

In the morning we visited the Lawrence Daily Journal which was a very unique newspaper. It is also the regional printing place for the USA Today newspaper. We were treated to free t-shirts and newspapers as a part of our tour.

We then went to Kansas City and toured the Associated Press and the Kansas City Star. The Associated Press we were told, has the highest technology of any newspaper service in the world. It was really impressive.

If this all sounds like fun, be sure and sign up for this class next year at interterm time. It will definitely be worth your while.

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"The Voice of the Prairie"

Theatre class entertains campus with interterm production

By Heather Willams, Sandra Strode

Interterm Staff Writers

The theatrical production "The Voice of the Prairie" was performed in Brown Auditorium, Jan. 23-25.

The production was a result of the interterm class consisting of six people, Rick Tyler, professor/actor, Beth Keister, Fr., Shane Kirchner, Sr., Alan Leffew, Sr., Stephanie Stephens, Jr., and Thomas Suiter, Fr.

Rehearsal time was approximately two and a half weeks in which these six people designed, directed, built, and costumed in preparation for opening night. Most of the actors were responsible for portraying two characters for the performance.

"The Voice of the Prairie" was set between 1895 to 1923. The play told of two children, a possessed young boy and a battered blind girl who met as runaways to escape their family indifferences.

As fugitives, stealing food and

always on the run, represented their way of life. During one of their vast adventures, the children were abducted. The girl was able to escape having to leave her friend behind.

During years of separation they both went on to lead separate lives, she a teacher and he a radio personality. Fame lead him to New York where he was reunited with his long lost friend. Radio brought them together, while keeping them together.



Shane Kirchner and Beth Keister take a courageous leap in their performance of "The Voice of the Prairie."

JOIN US!

SAB plans festive spring activities

By Sandra Strode

Interterm Staff Writer

The Student Activities Board has worked hard to prepare a fun-filled spring schedule for everyone here at McPherson College.

They have planned various activities from a tailgate party to Kansas Wesleyan on February 15, to golfing at Turkey Creek, May 6, with many other activities in between.

On February 8, Dave Rudolf, a comedian, will be in Jesse's Cellar after the Sterling basketball game to perform for the students.

The first Parents' weekend ever will be held February 21 and 22. It is also the last game of the regular

season against Bethany.

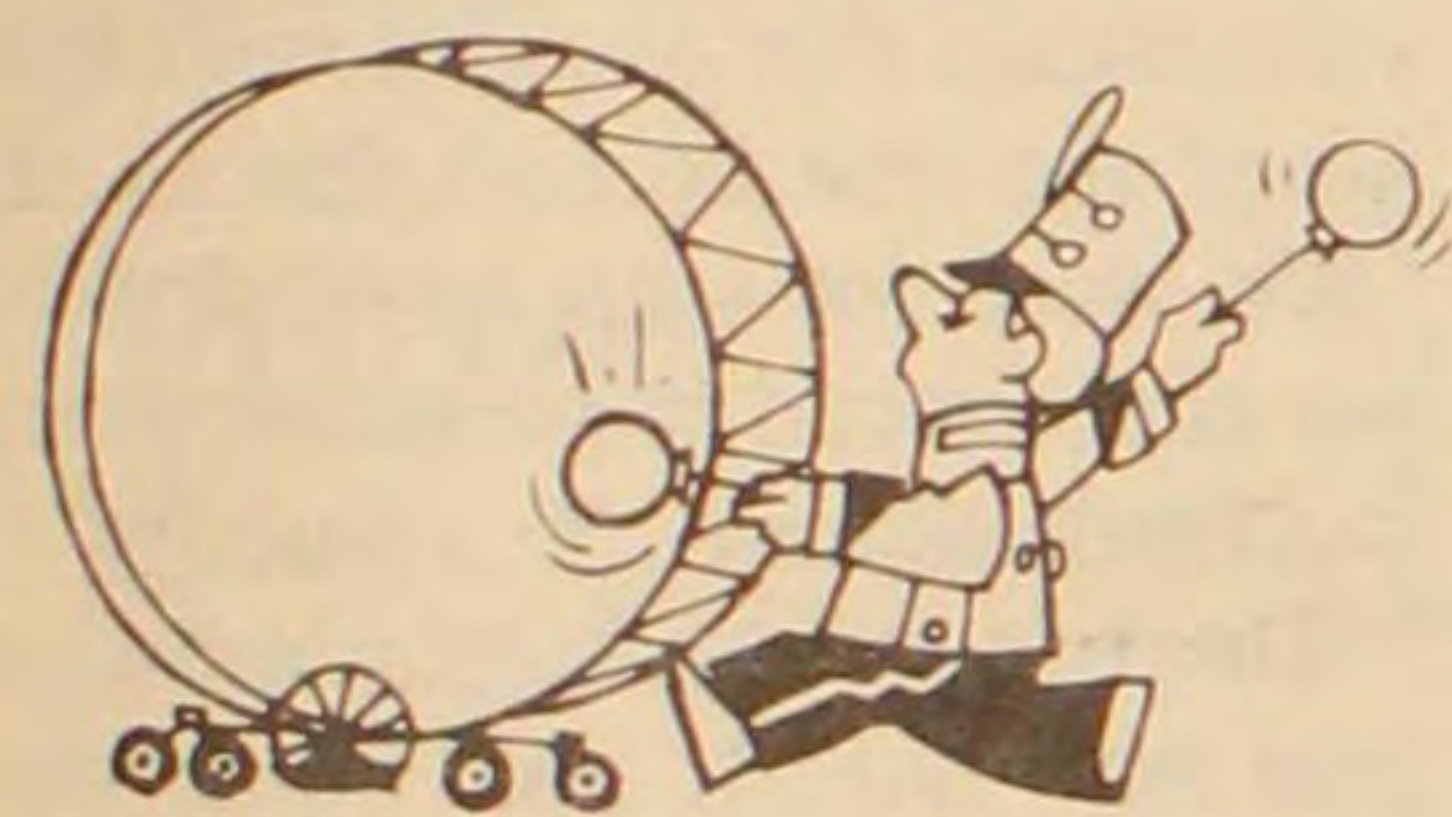
There are other exciting events planned for students such as a movie night Feb. 28, a lip sync contest March 13, a country dance night April 4, a campus clue game April 10, and bowling plus miniature golf on April 14.

A Scavenger Hunt will take place April 24, with more to come in May. On May 2, be sure to take part in waterslide baseball.

Watch around campus for information on dates and times of these events.

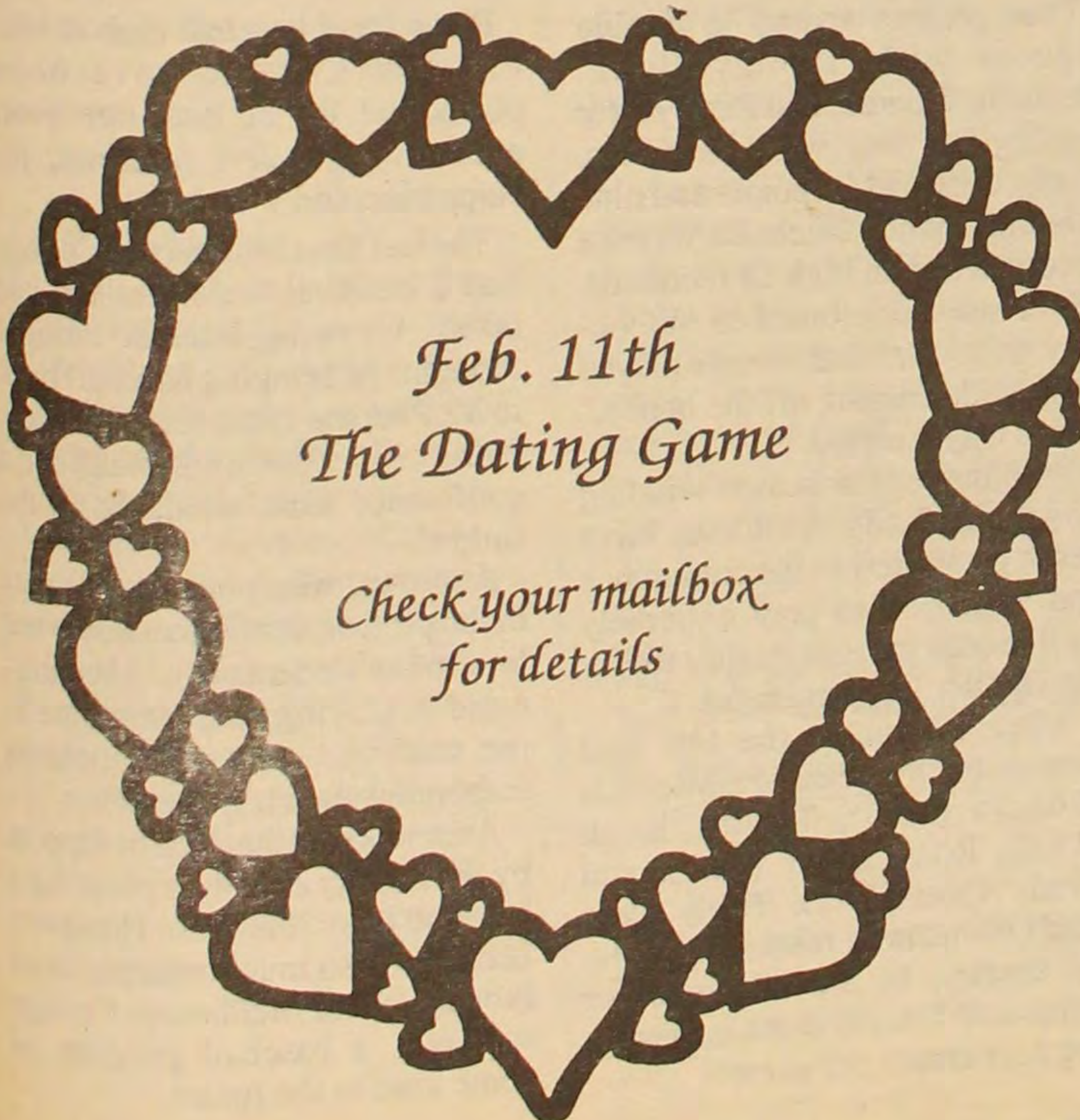
"SAB meets every Monday 9:30 p.m. in the upstairs lobby of student union. Anyone is invited, all ideas are welcome," Kristi McReynolds

Save Lives!



Give Blood

American Red Cross
Blood Services, Wichita Region



Feb. 11th
The Dating Game

Check your mailbox
for details

Students share learning experiences abroad

By Heather Willams

Interterm Staff Writer

Bull fights. Flamingo dancing. These are some of the events most of us have only heard and dreamed of. Although, Mac is fortunate to have students just returning from this way of life.

Sharrie Grove, Sr. and Darci Hass, Sr. both spent their fall semester in Spain. Sharrie, a Spanish major, was required to explore a Spanish culture. Darci on the other hand is involved in the English program.

Just because they were considered foreigners, they were given no slack. Professors taught classes in Spanish and new cultures had to

be accepted, even things as simple as mealtimes, eating lunch at 3 in the afternoon and dinner at 10 at night. We Americans would starve.

"In order to enjoy yourself, it takes patience to understand another culture" Sharrie Grove

Their trips of course, were not all work and no play. They visited Barcelona, where the Olympics will be held, Alumbra, a palace in Granada, and a palace where peace conferences are held in Madrid.

Into the Streets

COOL unites community, students

By Sandra Strode, Heather Willams

Interterm Staff Writers

A new program, Into the Streets, introduces students to community service and provides students to volunteer on a regular basis.

Into the Streets is a program designed by the Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL). It is a program uniting four campus organizations in an effort to address common issues in the McPherson community.

There are many benefits one can achieve as a member of Into the Streets. This program promotes student leadership because it is a student created, student lead program. It increases the quality and quantity of students involved in working to solve community problems. It promotes better working relationships between different student groups, administrators, faculty, and community leaders. It also promotes stronger relations with one's respective communities, increasing media

coverage of student capabilities. The Into the Streets program is designed as a year-round activity because the problems needed to solve are year-round problems.

A committee is being formed at Mac in order to have the kick-off in the fall. For more information for your group, please contact Adam Smith, Sharon Knechel and Wendy Noyes.

"It's a way of bringing the campus together to work in the community," said Wendy Noyes.



Tadd Holliman looks for the end zone after intercepting another pass.

Holliman receives honor

By Nathan Brubaker
Interterm Staff Writer

McPherson College Free Safety Tadd Holliman is recognized as one of the top players in the country as he was named to the NAIA all-American honorable mention team.

Holliman had a banner year which consisted of eight interceptions in nine games, three of which were returned for touchdowns and one that was returned for a two-point conversion. The self-proclaimed "Magnet-Man," which refers to the attraction between him and the football, finished fifth in the nation in interceptions.

Tadd also led the team with six fumble recoveries and was second

on the team with 104 tackles.

Holliman's list of honors for this year are a mile long. He was a team captain for the Bulldogs and was voted "most valuable defensive player of the week" on two separate occasions. He was also voted Most Valuable Defensive Back, as well as Most Valuable Defensive Player by his teammates at the end of the year. Holliman was named to the KCAC all-conference first team, and to the all-district honorable mention team. The free safety topped this list off with all-American honors.

The team leader brought a lot of respect and recognition to the Bulldog program. He will be greatly missed next year.

Indoor track starts

By Darin Marshall
Interterm Staff Writer

The McPherson College men's and women's track and field squad began the '91-92 indoor portion of their schedule this interterm.

Jan. 7 was the first day for official practice as Coach Moore greeted a relatively small team. "Having a relative small team gives us a chance to work more on individual events," said Coach Moore.

On Jan. 18 the Bulldogs began competition as they traveled to Crete, Neb., for the Doane Invitational. On the women side, Marce Clark placed third in the Triple Jump with a leap of 30 feet 5 inches. For the men, Luke Lefever placed third in the thousand meters with a time of 2 minutes 55 seconds.

Jan. 22 took the Bulldogs to Fort State University for a small

meet. For the women, Karme Clark placed second in the 176-hurdles with a time of 24.5 seconds, and she also placed fifth in the 60-hurdles with a time of 9.61 seconds. Judy Hake placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 15 feet 2 1/4 inches. Marce Clarke also placed fifth in the Triple Jump with a leap of 28 feet 3 1/2 inches.

The month of February will be a busy one for the squad. Their schedule will take them to Kearney, Neb., on the 1st and the 8th. They then return to Doane on the 15th. They will travel to Kansas State University on the 22nd, and then on the 29th the District-10 meet will be held.

The Indoor season will conclude the first week in March with the National Track and Field Championships to be held in Kansas City, Mo.

Bulldogs surprise conference

By Pat Noyes
Interterm Staff Writer

The McPherson College men's basketball team was picked to finish sixth in the KCAC, but these Bulldogs have different thoughts.

"After the first half of the season we have put ourselves in a position to win the conference title and to also make the playoffs," said head coach Roger Trimmell. The Bulldogs are currently in third place with a 8-3 record. "The KCAC has come down to a five team race," added Trimmell.

The Dogs have gotten most of the

always tough KCAC away games out of the way playing 13 of 18 games on the road. "This puts us in good shape because we play five conference games at home in the second half of the season," Trimmell said.

The Bulldogs had key wins on the road over Ottawa and a double overtime victory at Friends. This was the first time the Dogs have beaten Friends at Wichita since coach Roger Trimmell took over as head coach 10 years ago.

The Bulldogs will try to move themselves into second place within the next week, when they

try to avenge earlier losses to second place foes Tabor and Sterling. The Dogs play Tabor tomorrow and Sterling a week from tomorrow. Both games will be played here at the Sports Center.

Roger Trimmell expects the second half of the season to be tough. "Traditionally second round games are close no matter who you play," Trimmell said.

The key to the Bulldogs success has been the great "team" effort put forth by all 14 players. This will also play a role coming down the final stretch of the season.

'Yea Buddy' upsets 'Staff Studs'

By Jonathon Coachman
Interterm Staff Writer

Going into the 3 on 3 intramural championship last Tuesday, the "Staff Studs" had cruised to a 9-0 record with their good outside shooting and depth.

But decimated with injuries and at one point having to play with two and a half players was too much for them to overcome a tough "Yea Buddy" team who downed them 28-24 to win the title.

The "Staff Studs" team, who proved once again that with age does not go talent, started the season with five healthy players and ended the season with two. Dan Hoffman and Jim Van

Goethem were both nursing injuries and to make things worse Steve Mason pulled up lame with a knee injury half way through the championship game. That left long-range shooting ace Glenn Snell and Buzz Hoagland to bring it home, but they came up just short.

Not to take anything away from "Yea Buddy" who came into the game with a deceiving 7-3 record but played like a championship team. While Ishmail Kimbrough was blocking shot after shot and Brent Waltner was knocking 18-footers like clock work, Emmanuel Samsi was calmly running the show. Jason Pendleton and Andre McCorvey were also members of

this team but were unable to make it for the final game.

This win also set a milestone for one of "Yea Buddy's" members. For Ishmail Kimbrough it was his fifth intramural title here at McPherson College and when asked what made this one different from all of the rest he had this to say. "We were rot with adversity, but we endeavored to preserve, bringing forth victory. Yea Buddy."

There was a consolation game that saw D.F.A. take home third place with a 26-23 win over team 6.

The next intramural competition will be 5 on 5 basketball and people are asked to sign up in early.

Lady Bulldogs on the rise

By Chris Rundell
Interterm Staff Writer

The McPherson College women's basketball squad completed the first half of conference play with two wins and seven losses. They had victories over Bethel and Southwestern which placed them in a tie for eighth place with Kansas Wesleyan. The Lady Bulldogs had many close games with K.W., Friends, Sterling, and Bethany but could not pull off a victory.

As the second half of K.C.A.C. play began, the women lost a close game (68-71) at St. Mary's of the Plains in Dodge City. The Lady Bulldogs had not won at Dodge City in recent history and the three-point defeat did not indicate how close the score really was. The next test for the team was the visiting team from Ottawa. The ladies played inspired basketball even though they were beaten by a margin of 23 points. For their efforts

they won the game 79-66.

Four players scored in double figures with Tammy Bunk, Michelle Wondra, and Roxy Hofer leading the way with 18 points. Trudy Case had 14 points and nine rebounds, while Michelle Wondra recorded a team high 11 rebounds. "Everyone contributed to the victory as several individuals played well while coming off the bench," coach Gayer added.

With the regular season winding down the Lady Bulldogs have seven games left in the conference and will need to play extremely well in each game to qualify for for the District 10 tournament.

After 17 games the top four scorers for the team are Michelle Wondra (13.5), Tammy Bunk (13.0), Roxy Hofer (11.7), and Trudy Case (11.2). Trudy Case leads the team in rebounding with an average of 8.2 rebounds per game and Tammy Bunk is averaging four assists per game.

Baseball hopes come to an end

By Nathan Brubaker
Interterm Staff Writer

Plans for a baseball club at McPherson College have been postponed for at least one year, according to Jon Andrews, Jr., Nappanee, Ind.

The last time McPherson College had a baseball team was the late 60's. Growing interest brought thoughts of bringing baseball back to McPherson in the form of a club. If the club went well, plans for a conference team would be in the future.

Andrews, who played a big part in the project, sent letters out to see how many students would be interested in playing on a team here at the college. Over 50 students responded showing interest.

Andrews said that lack of support by the faculty ended all plans for a baseball team this year. However, because of so much interest, there is a chance for McPherson College to have a baseball program of some kind in the future.