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## St. Mary's closing provokes concern for McPherson's financial stability

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Initial reactions at McPherson College to the news earlier this week that St. Mary of the Plains College would close its doors after the 1991-92 academic year ranged from shock to regret.

But after the initial surprise wore off, the question frequently on the lips of faculty, administrators, and students was: Should we be worried that McPherson College might suffer the same fate as St. Mary?

"Not really," said Jim Dodson, vice president for financial ser-

vices. "There just aren't any significant parallels between St. Mary's financial situation and the situation at McPherson College."

In fact, to his knowledge, there aren't any other private colleges in Kansas facing closure.

St. Mary announced Monday that it was closing because the Department of Education had determined the college was responsible for \$94 million in defaulted federal student loans. A large majority of the students defaulting on loans were enrolled in a truck driving school that would not have qualified for federal funds

itself without affiliation with St. Mary.

In addition, St. Mary operated at a loss in recent years and anticipates a deficit of nearly \$1 million this year.

Dodson said he received calls from alumni and was approached by several students and faculty on Tuesday who were concerned about whether McPherson's financial condition might be as tenuous as St. Mary's.

McPherson College is financially one of the most solid private colleges in Kansas, Dodson said. It has balanced its operating budget

for twelve consecutive years. The college's debt on the entire physical plant is under \$70,000, less than many home mortgages. Its endowment of approximately \$13 million is one of the top three endowment totals among the 18 Kansas independent colleges.

McPherson's student loan default rate on Perkins loan is 5.94%, one of the lowest in the state. St. Mary's default rate was 43.7%. Without the truck driving school students, however, its default rate was only 8.1%, according to a statement made by St. Mary's president.

"McPherson College and President Hoffman have reputations for responsible fiscal management and for absolute forthrightness in reporting figures," Dodson said. "We're where we are because we have made the hard decisions to keep expenditures in line and have not opted for the quick fixes and because we have worked hard at fund raising."

"We're positioned to ride out a number of years of low enrollment or other financial hardships. Our students can rest easy that their school will still be here when they're ready to graduate."

## News Briefs

### Student art reception.

The art team is hosting an art reception Sunday, Feb. 23, 8:00-9:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Students are welcome to visit with the artists.

Student artwork from 1991 fall semester and inter-term is on display in Friendship Hall through Feb. 27. Friendship Hall is open 8:00 to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 12:00 to 6:00 p.m., Sunday.

**Visit day.** Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, Feb. 29 is Visit Day for students who are interested in enrolling at McPherson College. Prospective students are encouraged to be here by noon Friday and Friday evening certain professors will host the visiting students at their homes. Following will be activities to entertain the visiting students. Saturday morning students will meet with a professor and attend other necessary meetings. Saturday afternoon the students are welcome to leave the campus.

## Exciting campus events planned for Parents' Weekend

By Beverly Yokley

Spectator Staff

This spring is the first annual Parents' Weekend at McPherson College.

"We organized the event to allow the parents an opportunity to visit the campus, meet the professors and get a taste of college life," said Leann Johnson, sr., Stuco president.

"We came up with the idea during last spring's Stuco retreat. I'm surprised it hasn't been done before," said Leslee Bray, committee member.

The committee consists of Kelli Weddle, sr., chairperson; seniors Bray, Melia Dell and Tim Cossart, freshmen Michelle Lohrenz and Ryan Hicks. Help from others include: Johnson, Sharon Knechel, vice-president for academic services, Steve Mason, director of development, and Sandy Eisele, coordinator of alumni services. It has been hard work and long hours

in order to bring this event to the college.

"The committee and professors have put in a lot of effort to make this a successful event for McPherson College," said Weddle.

Weekend events include:

### Friday, February 22

9:00 p.m.: Ice cream and Social Gathering

### Saturday, February 23

9:00 a.m.: Registration and social time

9:30 a.m.: Welcome program

10:30 a.m.: Meet with professors

1:45-12:30 p.m.: Visit departments

12:30-2:00 p.m.: Lunch

2:00-4:00 p.m.: Open house

2:00 p.m.: Women's junior varsity basketball

4:00 p.m.: Men's varsity basketball

6:00 p.m.: Women's varsity basketball

8:00 p.m.: Men's varsity basketball

## Stuco faces challenge of budget process

By Ted Bray

Stuco Treasurer

It's the beginning of a new semester, and that means budgets. Each semester, Stuco is responsible for allocation of funds to various organizations and activities across campus.

Those organizations receiving

funding consideration include all organizations recognized by Stuco, (see the back of the Grow for a list); the newly formed T.R.A.S.H. club, as well as Student Activities Board (SAB), Intramurals, and both the Spectator and Quadrangle.

In addition to the funding of these various organizations, Stuco is

responsible for paying the salaried members of SAB, Stuco, the Spectator, and the Quadrangle.

Each new semester brings new challenges to the budgeting process, and this semester is no exception. A key issue this spring is a proposal being brought to the council by the Board of Publications. This proposal is attempting

to increase what salaried members of the Quadrangle are being paid. Currently, Quadrangle members are being paid at a level significantly below that of Spectator members.

If this proposal passes, the Quadrangle will receive a 57% pay increase in salaries and will receive (See STUCO, pg. 8)

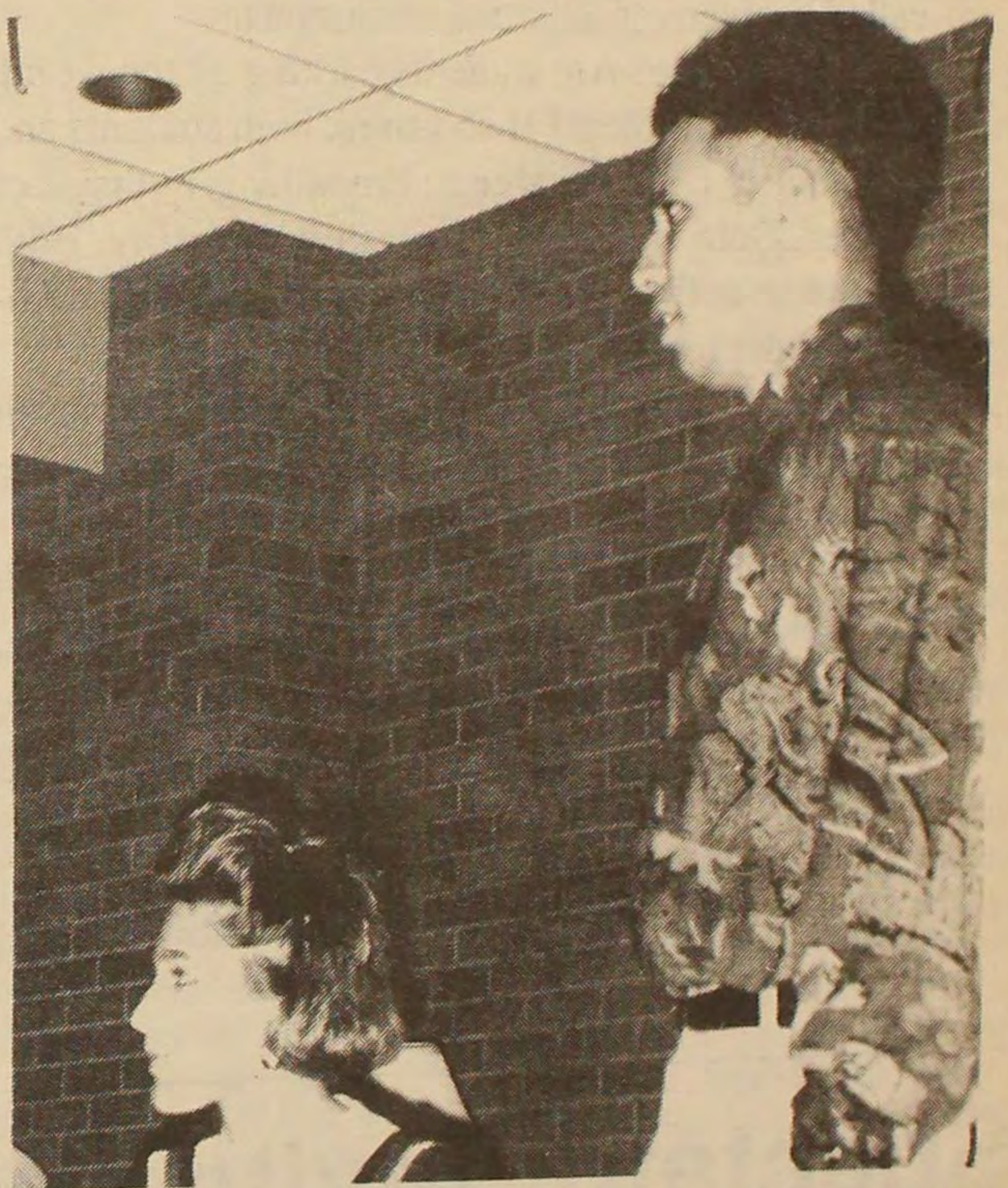


Photo by Barry McMillan

Erin Swenson, fr. and Rudy Gallardo, sr., were contestants in the Dating Game on Feb. 11. After asking a series of questions, Erin chose Rudy as her date for an evening.

Athletic Debate

# Dialogue is the beginning of metamorphosis

Change is an inevitable thing when it comes to dealing with man and his environment. The poets tell us the only permanent thing in life aside from death is change.

Right now I like to think the college is going through some change regarding athletics on the McPherson College campus.

I attended the athletic forum last month. Regrettably, when I left, I felt there seemed to be two distinct opposing sides: the students aggressively pursuing their perspective and the faculty representatives presenting their job descriptions and more or less stating protocol.

Discussion about money and the purpose of McPherson college shed light on where athletics really falls with this institution. While this may enlighten students on where the college is coming from, it does not really tell us where it is going or tell us what to do with the so-called problem of athletics on campus.

So where are we? Are students barking up the wrong tree? Is there a problem? If so I think both students and faculty have to acknowledge it. Empathy is required of both sides. Both sides have to clash with reality. Both sides have to define certain words: participation, competitive, athletic assistance, and athletic facility.

Listening to one another is advised and most of all compromising. Both sides should be cautious not to demand outrageous requests from the other. Stuco does presently have a committee of students working with students and eventually dealing with the administration. Right now they are taking surveys to discover the magnitude of the problem. The goal should be defining and addressing the flaws within the bounds of reality.

Emmanuel Samci

# College's responsibility for students does not end with graduation

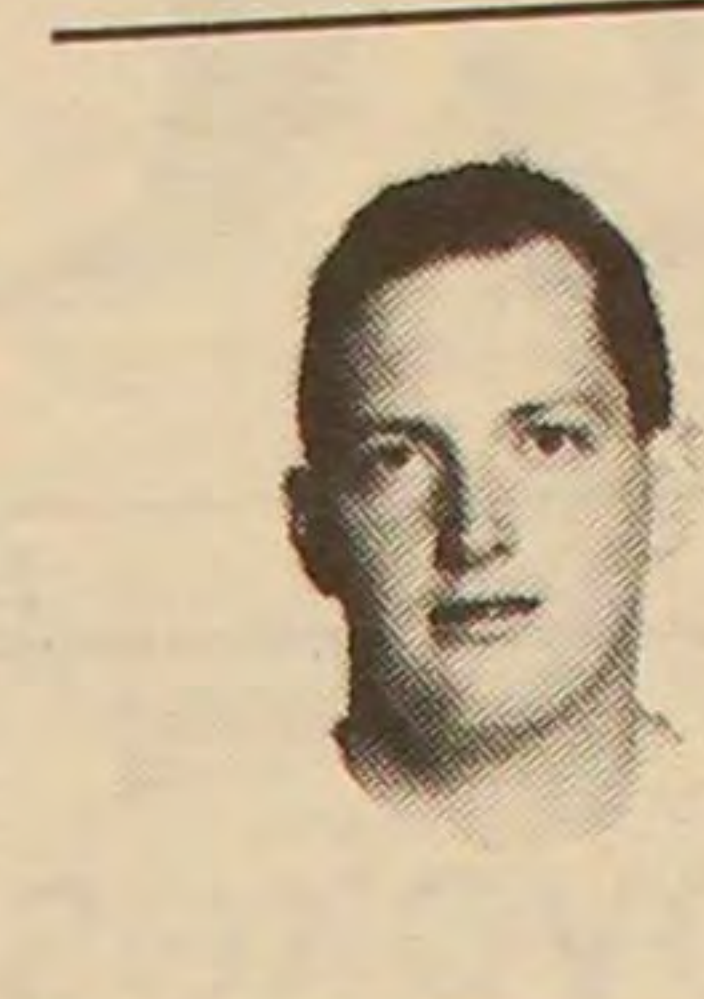
The purpose of education. This issue was debated heavily last semester as the battle heated up over the topic of athletic concerns. I want to ask again this semester, what's the purpose of education? More specifically, I want to ask, "What's the purpose of education at McPherson College?"

The issues of athletics are worthy of debate, but the theme of this column centers around what happens to students AFTER they graduate from here, rather than what happens to them while they are here.

As a senior, the future has become cloudy for me. Remembering back to when I was a senior in high school, I recall how concerned I was about the future — no more high school. Do I go to college, and where? Most college students faced similar questions. Now, as a college senior, doubt once again comes in to the picture.

I think about being a senior in high school, and I remember when my phone rang. On the other end was a McPherson College recruiter, telling of all the wonders to be found here at McPherson. I was told of every benefit I would receive, and more. Sound familiar?

Well, truthfully, I believe choos-



Ted Bray  
Staff  
Writer

ing this college was my best choice—almost. The personal attention and support I have received has been invaluable. The friends I have made are forever, and the education I purchased has been one of high quality. So, what's missing you ask?

What's missing? Until I became a senior, I thought everything was pretty much in place. But at the beginning of my senior year I began what most people call a job search. I wanted to find employment in an area that fit my skills. To my surprise, McPherson College told me that this job search was going to cost me \$15, (for printing my resume). That's \$15 above the \$40,000 or so that I will have paid for education already.

Is it even ethical to tell a customer who has just purchased your product for \$40,000 that you need \$15 more? That's what business people call "not good business." O.K., maybe charging to do your resume isn't that bad, even if it

takes you MONTHS to get it, (this is a confirmed rumor). What about having prospective employers coming to visit the campus? What about it? I haven't seen any, (besides the career fair).

This is not directed towards one person or group, but to the mission of the college. What's going on here is something similar to pitching a no hitter through 8 and 2/3rds, innings and then losing the game on an error by your placement center, excuse me, shortstop. Maybe things would be different if this college had a money-back guarantee. A \$40000 investment should come with something more than a \$15 charge for a resume and no one to hand it to.

The purpose of education at McPherson should include doing everything within the college's power to properly place its graduates in positions that meet the graduates' skills, abilities and interests. I don't know how much this college spends on helping students find post-graduate employment, but it appears to be very minimal.

One can only wonder how many more good students, (and they're lots of them here), would wind up in good positions with companies if this college concentrated more on helping its graduates get jobs.

# Enlightenments

- You have to get up and eat so while you are at it you might as well attend classes.
- Being an adult doesn't mean you're always right.
- Complaints and complainers will always be with us. So will ignorance.
- There are no great men.
- Friends may come and go but memories last forever.
- Decisions now have serious repercussions — I would hate to be a day late and a dime short.

# Spectator invites letters; asks writers to follow letter policy

The Spectator's editorial pages provide a public forum for student opinion. Through letters to the editor, students may air concerns, opinions, and suggestions.

The following policy guides the publication of all letters to the editor and is printed in full in the first issue of each semester.

All letters will be handled by the editors.

All letters must be signed when they come to the editors, and unless sufficient reason is given, the signature must accompany the letter when it is published.

Everything will be published within the limits of space, good taste, and the laws of libel. The editors reserve the right to edit letters to make them conform with the stated standards. If changes of any consequence are made, the editors will notify the writer.

To submit a letter to the editor to the Spectator, drop it in campus mail addressed to the Spec; give it to one of the editors; or leave it in the envelope on the bulletin board outside the Spectator office, which is located in the southeast corner of the Student Union basement. The final deadline is Monday before the Fridays on which a paper is published.

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# "Fried Green Tomatoes" promotes value of friendship

Fried Green Tomatoes  
(PG-13)  
Director: Jon Avnet  
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## REVIEW

Erika Wottrich

Based upon the novel "Green Fried Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café" by Fanny Flagg, "Fried Green Tomatoes" is a touching, sensitive movie about friendship that actually narrates two stories.

Mary Kay (Kathy Bates) is an unsatisfied housewife whose frustration with her life and unfulfilling marriage leads to compulsive eating. To save her marriage she attends a women's self-help group. But that does not provide the answers she needs. During a visit with her husband's aunt in a

nursing home, she meets Ninnie (Jessica Tandy).

This old woman tells Mary Kay about the life of Idgy, one of the owners of the Whistle Stop Café (and whom the viewer learns late in the movie is Ninny herself). The Whistle Stop is a little ol' café with fried green tomatoes on the menu. It is owned and operated by Idgy/Ninny and her friend Ruth, whom Idgy had saved from her abusive husband. But their happy life is interrupted when Ruth's hus-

band comes to the town. . . .

Mary Kay is fascinated by the story as well as the old lady who tells it. Soon she is a regular visitor at the nursing home—but not to see her relative. The relationship between Mary Kay and Ninny grows quickly. And through the influence of Ninnie, Mary Kay finds the energy to change her life.

Through Ninnie's narrative flashbacks, "Fried Green Tomatoes" also depicts the story of Idgy (Mary Stuart Masterson). Outwardly the two stories have nothing the current action, one realizes how Idgy's story influences Mary Kay's actions.

The movie's main message is the value of friendship. Its approach is slow, not so that it gets boring, but

rather to give the audience time to create emotions. And the story of Idgy is so interesting that every time Ninnie stops, you are as anxious as Mary Kay to hear the continuation.

The actresses' performances are very satisfying. In some of the humorous parts the character of Mary Kay slides into ridiculousness. But besides this, Kathy Bates as well as Jessica Tandy give their characters credibility and depth.

I enjoyed this movie very much. It is full of emotions and leaves viewers feeling bitter-sweet. "Green Fried Tomatoes" is a movie you will not soon forget.

# U.S. must put Japan in perspective



Emmanuel Samci

Editorial Editor

As Bush concludes his trip to Japan he can not but regurgitate old feelings of political "bashing" between the two nations. Upon returning home with his "hardworking" business bosses the Japanese accuse Americans of being lazy and operating on a poor work ethic. It has always been a mystery to me why a true adversary burning with animosity will dare tell his enemy what it is they are doing wrong. (Let that sink in.)

There are some silent realities when it comes to U.S.-Japanese relations: There is no way the Japanese can ever "buy out" America. That's ridiculous! I just don't see America becoming a Banana Republic—that sounds more like the third world's painful reality. The biggest investors in America are the British, not the Japanese. Maybe it's time for Queen bashing. While the U.S. may fear being "bought" up, how many countries have they invisibly purchased? On the other hand, "If America sneezes Canada catches a cold." According to Time Feb. 10, "The U.S. exports more to Japan than it does to Germany, France and Italy combined."

Yes, the U.S. and Japan do have a complex relationship. At times it is easy to look at one's success as the other's failure, which in turn creates further tensions. Rather we should look for the big picture. You'll be surprised who really is laughing.

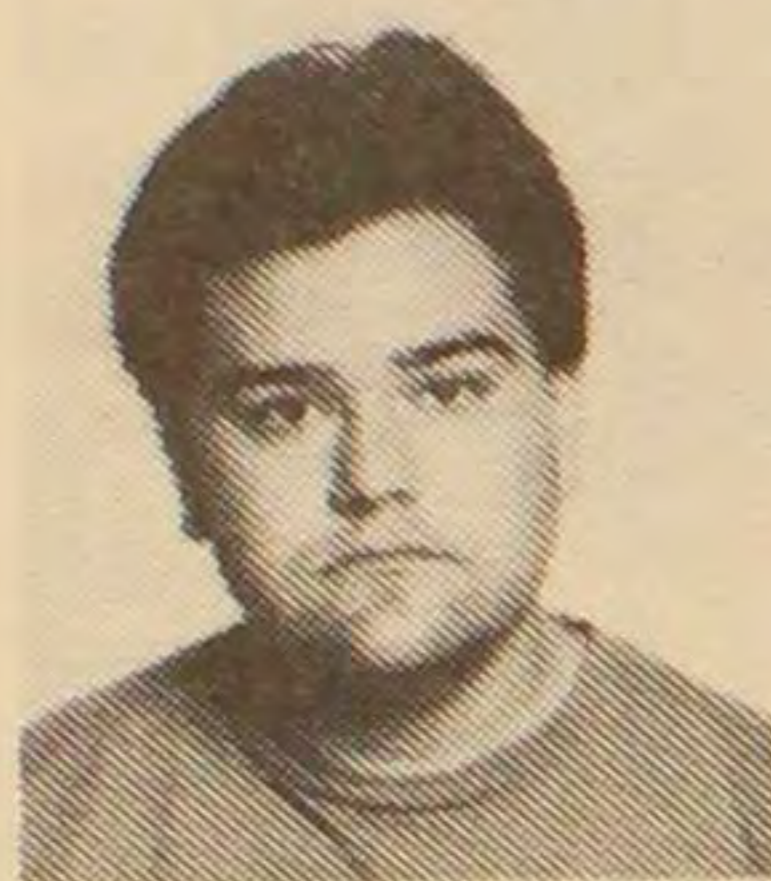
# New Hampshire sets tone for the political race

With the New Hampshire primary finally over this week, we can now begin to see who the serious challengers for the presidency in 1992 will actually be.

When the votes were tallied the results mirrored predictions of pollsters earlier this week. Bush received 58% with conservative columnist Patrick Buchanan receiving a significant 40% of the Republican vote. This could represent the most serious challenge to the president's campaign. Sure it is most likely that Bush, like most incumbents, will receive his nomination for the Republicans party ticket. But if New Hampshire is a true sampling of the rest of the nation, this country's voters may be frustrated enough with the perceived lack of Bush's domestic leadership to leave the Bush camp and vote for the Democratic candidate, whether it be in protest or the belief of his platform.

So should we write off Pat Buchanan? The answer is yes. His bulldog-type conservatism may be appealing in a state whose motto is

## THE RIGHT OPINION



Troy Unruh

Staff Writer

"Live Free or Die," but his ideology will fall woefully short of the majority of states.

Buchanan's only hope is to garner the vote of those Republicans who are disappointed with Bush's taxation and the current state of the economy, so he will have enough delegates at the Republican National convention to show the Bush campaign that their man has made a few mistakes in his first term.

The Democrats, too, had an interesting finish in Tuesday's primary. Political unknown Paul Tsongas garnered 34% of the vote with Arkansas governor Bill Clinton, of Enquirer fame, finishing

second with 28%. These are two Democratic candidates who will undoubtedly be competing for their party's nomination for the rest of the summer.

Clinton, who experienced a drop in the polls after several news articles appeared in newspapers about his private life and past record, was shown to be regaining ground in the last several days of the primary and is a sure bet to be in the race for the long haul.

But the real surprise here is Tsongas and his leap into the spot of frontrunner. This man has been running a campaign which is sparsely financed and lightly staffed. When that fact is added to his admitted lack of charisma, it is a wonder that he finished as he did.

The other three candidates made a poor showing with Harkin 11%, Kerrey 11%, and Brown 9%. Democratic superman Mario Cuomo attained a few scant percentage points and I hope that is the last we hear from him and his supporters this race.

So do the Democrats have a candidate that is... And can he

give a beleaguered George Bush a run for the presidency? And will he be able to get more than 35-40% of the popular vote? Those are questions which can only truly be answered as the year progresses and November rolls around.

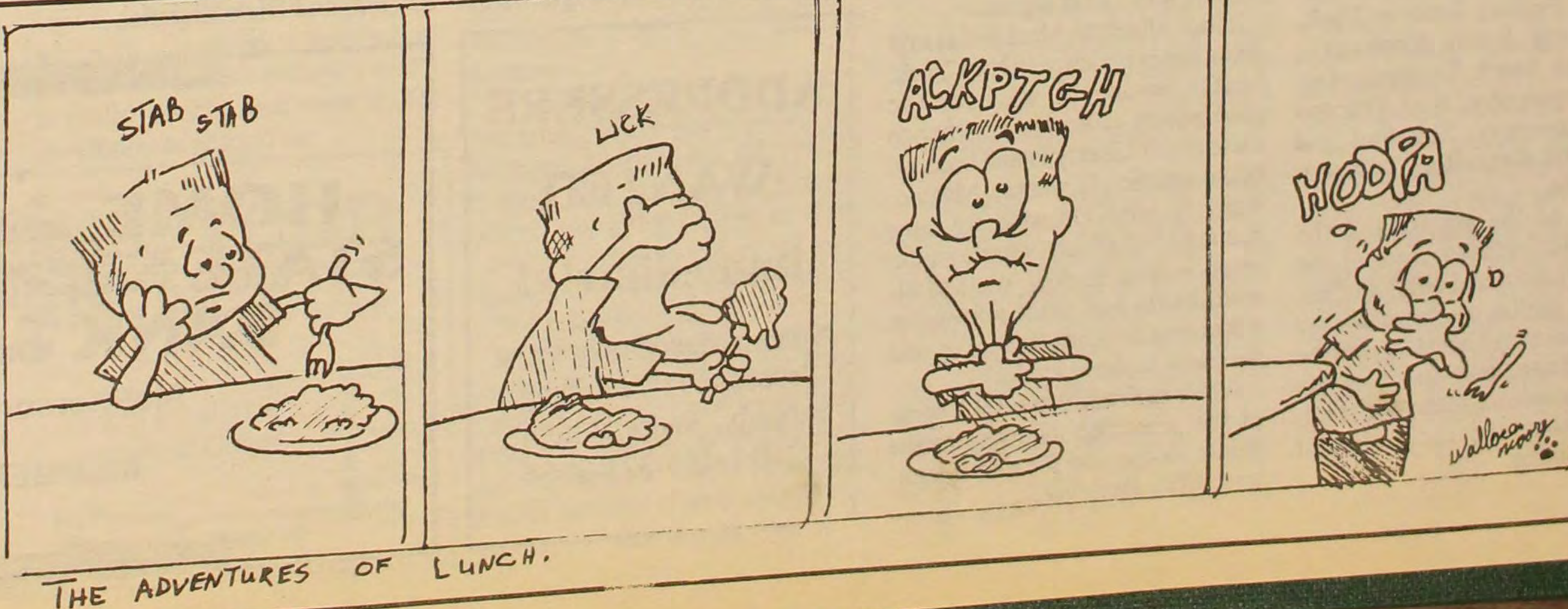
**"Voters may be frustrated with the perceived lack of Bush's domestic leadership to leave the Bush camp and vote the Democratic candidate."**

But I say, yes, at least two of their candidates are electable—Clinton and Tsongas—and they should be able to capitalize on several weak points of Bush's record, and in all likelihood, this election will be closer than the last two.

But can they win? That's the big question, and the answer is no! And that is the RIGHT OPINION!

# Wally's World

by Wallace Moore



# Students discover world on Interterm trips

## Chicago inspirational experience

by Heidi Stone

Guest Writer

Living on 51st street in Chicago, was an experience that I'll never forget. Instead of just taking a class on big cities, I wanted to live a big city over interterm. So, I decided to fly to Chicago for three weeks. I learned so many things while in Chicago. I learned that some of the most inspirational people have little or nothing. I felt the power of Martin Luther

King Jr. as we all enthusiastically sang "We Shall Overcome" in front of the South African Embassy. I saw determined and dedicated people work on improving neighborhoods and the public school system.

I cherished talking to a diverse group of people and listening to their stories. I learned that the world needs to break down its segregated walls and learn how to love one another in order to survive. We all have a part to play.

## Trip opportunity to touch lives

By Erin Swenson

Guest Writer

Through the Urban Life Center, we had the opportunity to study Chicago: its people, its government, its problems, and its hope.

Two days a week we worked at our various job placements, two days a week we attended seminars that dealt with our specific area of study, and the remaining three days we spent running all over Chicago trying to make it to all of our planned activities.

Even though they did have a lot planned for us, we never visited any of the "tourist" attractions.

Instead, we attended a poetry reading, a blues bar, a Haitian art gallery, a recycling center, Operation PUSH, and Dearborn Homes (a low income housing development) to name just a few of our activities.

Although those activities meant a lot, my best experiences occurred at my job placement, The Mantle. The Mantle is an education center basically for women and children that provides such services as tutoring, typing, and computer classes.

Since The Mantle was only two-and-a-half blocks away from where we were staying, I was able to walk to work and really get to know the neighborhood.

For once in my life, I was actually helping some of the people who really needed it! I was able to touch so many people's lives which really gave me a sense of fulfillment. Not only was I able to learn about other people in Chicago, but I was also able to learn about myself. My experiences in Chicago have definitely changed my life forever and have given me a new view of life!



Photo from Erin Swenson

Erin Swenson (fr.), Heidi Stone (fr.), and Dyane Potter (soph.) pose by an Urban Life Center picture in Chicago. They went to Chicago for their interterm trip to take part in volunteer services and to learn about the city. Sophomore Kathy Johnson also went, but is not pictured.

## A learning experience

By Dyane Potter

Guest Writer

Spending January at the Urban Life Center is like dropping from a plane into the ocean. There's no going back to the plane (at least for 3 weeks) so you had better learn how to swim--fast.

On my first day, I was given a map, a partner, and a list of addresses to find. My partner and I soon found ourselves in a public housing development, and to our disbelief we learned we had found the right place.

U.L.C. isn't a vacation. Most of the places we went were not on the tourist maps. We were bombarded with information about Chicago's schools, government, economy, and racial tensions.

We were exposed to different cultures, religions, and lifestyles. And we learned the essentials, like how to survive on 51st Street at night when you're alone and happen to get off at the wrong stop.

The best planned part of my interterm was my internship at an agency which offers help to immigrants. I worked in a fourteenth floor law office downtown and at an ESL school in a Latino neighborhood.

The hardest part of the program was living with twenty-two people in one "house," but that also created one of the best things.

I think we all got to know each other better than we ever would have had we stayed on campus.

## Trip to Washington D.C., New York more fun than campus learning

By Stephanie Hill

Guest Writer

After a two week intense study of investments, fifteen students headed for New York and Washington D.C. to apply what they had learned.

While in New York the group had appointments with TIAA-CREF, New York Futures Exchange, Federal Reserve Bank, New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange Options Department, First Chicago Trust Company, Standard and Poors and Depositors Discount Brokerage.

Some of the sightseeing the group did included tours of the United Nations and NBC Studios. At NBC studios the group saw the sets of Saturday Night Live and the Today Show, and how they are able to broadcast all the live sporting events and their regular programming.

Some of the various other sights that members of the group hit were Hard Rock Cafe, Carnegie Hall, "Cats" the musical, shopping at Sax Fifth Avenue and Bloomingdales, Museum of Modern Arts, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Empire State Building, World Trade Center, World Financial Center, Grand Central Station, and Times Square.

Junior Elizabeth Meckfessel said about her experience in New York, "After having to wait for the government to decide whether to close down Liberty Island because of the weather, Stephanie, Maggie, and I decided 'Oh well, we have been waiting all day, what's a little more waiting to do?' We had already had to wait on the subway for a shooting accident to clear up and the trains to move again."

While in Washington D.C. some of the scheduled sights were the White House and the Old Executive Office Building.

Other places people went were Arlington National Cemetery, Kennedy Center, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian, National Archives, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Ford's Theatre and the Peterson Home, the place where President Lincoln died, Federal Bureau of Printing and Engraving, The Pavilion, and the Washington, Lin-

coln, Jefferson and Vietnam Memorials.

Some of the scheduled appointments were the United States Chamber of Commerce, Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System, Congressional Budget Office, Federal Trade Commission, AFL-CIO, Robert Dole, Nancy Kas-sebaum and Dick Nichols.

"All in all, it was a hell of a lot more fun than hanging out in Kansas," said sophomore Joel Flory summing up the trip.

Professor Lowell Flory coordinated and supervised the two week trip of McPherson, Bethel, and Tabor College students.

Two 2+2 students went on the trip also.

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## Trip to Costa Rica opens eyes

Imagine a pleasantly warm day with the tide crashing in on white sandy beaches. The hot sun shining down on your increasingly red skin. Where are you? At Manuel Antonio Park in Costa Rica. This is only one of the many beautiful places we stayed at while studying the diversity of the tropical rain forest.

"Although I enjoyed the entire trip, I thought the most fun time was that spent on the beach," Kevin Davidson (sr.) stated. Brian Krushwitz (sr.) and others readily agree. Jodi Weddle (sr.) said, "I felt the trip was an all-around good experience."

Each place we visited was almost completely different than the others. The Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) helped to plan this trip, although a lot of time and effort was put into planning by the professors, Gilford Ikenberry and Dwight Platt (Bethel College).

"This trip allowed us to meet students from other ACCK schools and to develop friendships," commented Shannan Kirschner (sr.). The schools involved were McPherson, Tabor, Sterling, and Bethel.

A few of the places we visited were La Selva which was a tropical lowland forest, Manuel Antonio (a coastal moist forest), and Palo Verde (a tropical dry forest which normally includes a low, wet, marshy area where a lot of waterfowl nest, but because of a severe drought, there was little of the marsh left and not very many birds were nesting there).

We also visited Monteverde, a cloud forest, named so because it is nearly always submerged in a cloud of mist or fog. We saw Poa's Volcano, but due to the thick cover of fog we were unable to see the crater.

The last day in Costa Rica we went to an archaeological site and saw the remains of an ancient Indian village. All of these places seemed really relaxing compared with the capital city of San Jose. Its narrow streets were always crowded with people as well as cars, which have the right of way over pedestrians, so WATCH OUT!

The Central Market was impressive. It was fun to see the

numerous stands of pottery, weavings, and art.

"The food in Costa Rica wasn't bad, it was just different. Even though we had a lot of beans and rice, most of the time the food was pretty good," said Krushwitz.

Our days would usually begin around 5:30 and would end near 10:00, although we had free time during the day. Most days we would hike between three and ten kilometers.

We spent this time observing a variety of things including leaf litter, epiphyte cover on the trees, the different types of birds and animals, many of which we had never heard of.

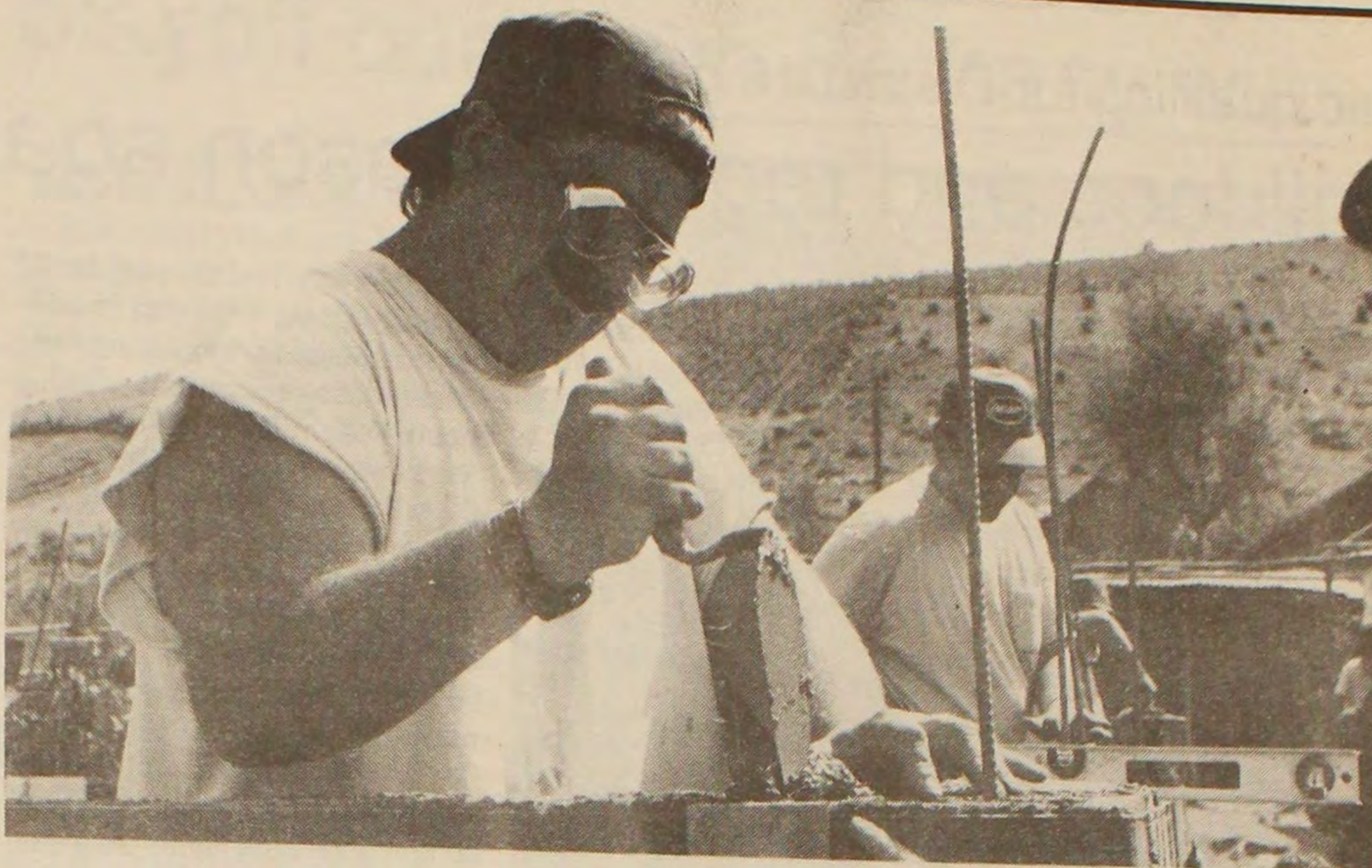
"Blue crowned motmots, resplendent quetzals, scarlet macaws, were just a small sampling of the many brilliantly colored tropical bird species. Although some of the people on the trip may have gotten a bit carried away with their binoculars, we all learned alot," said Kirschner.

"On the trip, we had a large group of bird watchers. By the end of the trip, I didn't want to see another bird, although I will never view caged parakeets in the same way again," said Kruschwitz. "There were insects everywhere in Costa Rica. One night Robin Morgan awoke to a very large scorpion one foot from his head!"

As it was the first trip to the tropics and to a third world country for many of us, it really expanded our world views. It is clearer now how everything fits together, and how we have to work together for the good of the world and its people.

"Not only was it an environmental experience, but it was a cultural experience as well," said Patty Gesch.

It was wonderful to be able to have a hands-on learning experience. I don't think any of us would have learned as much about tropical ecosystems by reading textbooks or seeing slides. Being there created its existence in our minds. We did many comparisons between the different forests and kept a daily journal of everything. We also answered a number of questions we were assigned to do. It really opened our eyes to the environment around us.



Seniors George Crago and Pete Hanson stuff mortar between cement blocks in order to build houses in Guatemala during their Interterm trip.

Photo by Barry McMillan

## Habitat For Humanity builds future for Guatemala

By Jason Frantz

Guest Writer

The slight hum of engines increased as we gained momentum. Suddenly the sensation of moving ceased as we broke free from the earth and jetted heavenward.

Laying on a straw mattress in an unheated hotel room, exhausted from physical work and feeling good about it. As you fall asleep, you say to yourself, "The first dog to bark at me when I get home is going to get its mouth taped shut." or "That dog is lucky I don't have a slingshot."

Walking under the dark canopy of the tropical rainforest in the early morning hours before dawn. Fog hugging the ground and aiding the forest in concealing its inhabitants. Hearing the squawking of green parrots, the howling of the howler monkey, and the far off roar of the jaguar joining in the jungle chorus.

These were just a few of the experiences that nine McPherson College Students and three advisors experienced this past interterm when they left behind the comforts of the United States and traveled to rural Guatemala where they worked with Habitat for Humanity International building houses.

On Sunday, January 12, 1992, the group, headed by Corinne and Monroe Hughbanks and David Valeta, met in Dotzour Lounge where we said good-bye to those who had come to see us off on a journey that would take us about 1,800 miles from home.

At 5:40pm the following day, we landed in Guatemala City. After clearing Customs, we loaded into taxis that whisked us away to our hotel where we would be staying for the next few days during orientation. Although we had been

planning this trip since last September, none of us really knew what to expect. Boy were we in for a surprise!

Do you remember all the Blue Bird school buses the U.S. got rid of back in the 70's? They're the Guatemalan public transportation system!

Although the maximum seating capacity signs are still posted in the front of the cab, they are ignored. Maximum seating capacity of 54 American style translates to 100 people plus chickens and whatever else fits, in Guatemala.

Although the natives were used to these chicken buses, we Americans had some major adjustments to make.

On Wednesday, January 15, we started our journey to the worksite by taking a walk to the nearby bus terminal. Tired from our rapid trek of 20 blocks to the terminal, we sat down in our seats where we would spend the next five hours on a non-stop trip.

Soon we were speeding down the winding mountain road they call the PanAmerican Highway.

Given the roads conditions and the driver's "pedal to the metal," we were in for an experience as we practiced "grab the armrest and keep yourself from squishing the person sitting next to you" and prayed the driver wouldn't get too close to the road's edge which sometimes plummeted 200 feet down.

Five hours and three dead dogs later, we arrived at San Juan Ostancaico, the mountain where we spent the next week and a half working with the local natives.

As we disembarked from the bus, the natives eyed us with great curiosity.

The average Guatemalan man is a lean 5'6" while most of us in our group were considerably taller and

larger.

These physical differences made for some interesting encounters with low door thresholds, protruding ceiling light bulbs, and the typical native straw bed (long live George!)

Despite these differences and the language barrier, the Guatemalans openly welcomed and accepted us.

Together, we worked side by side under the supervision of the village mason.

The project was building residential homes of concrete cinder blocks for the natives.

During a week's time, we were able to prepare the site, pour the foundation, and nearly complete the exterior and interior walls.

The natives showed their gratitude by honoring us with a farewell party.

Some of the local children entertained us with their lip syncing of an American band. We were also favoured with a variety of native foods and songs.

On the fun-loving side of our trip, we stopped at the town of Panajachel located on the shore of Lake Atitlan and Chichicastenango.

To wind things up, some members of the group took a two day trip to Northern Guatemala, most commonly known as the Peten. Here we hiked through the jungle and among the majestic ruins of the great Mayan civilization at Tikal.

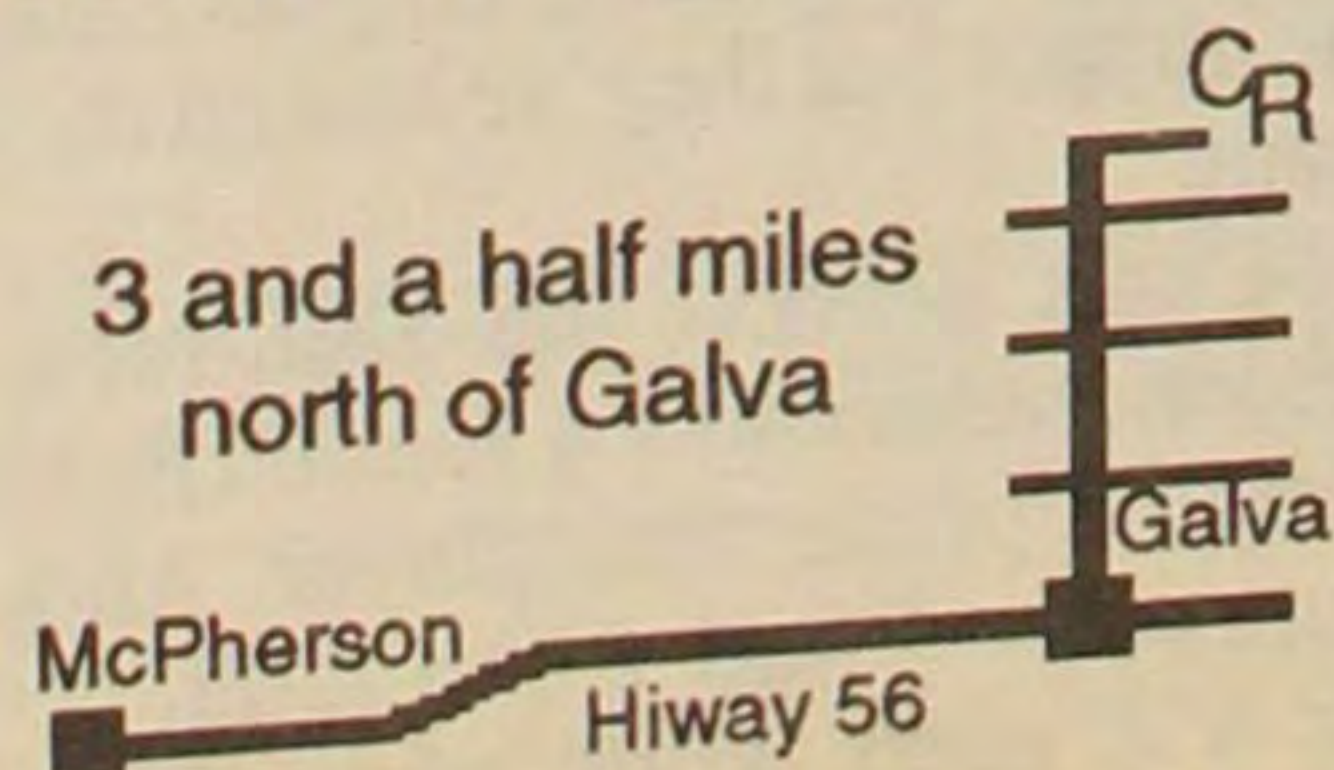
While we walked among the ruins, we could only imagine what it might have been like to walk through the streets of the then-bustling metropolis which now stood silently vacant concealing its mystery in the surrounding jungle.

Finally, on January 30, we arrived back in McPherson eager to tell others about the experiences and people we had encountered.



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Mac qualifies for District 10 play

## Bulldogs end regular season against Bethany Swedes

By Brent W. Zamora

Spectator Staff

Just when the Friends University Falcons thought it was safe to get back into the KCAC race.....Shark Attack.

Chris Starks, dubbed "The Shark" by teammates and fans,

drained a game winning three-pointer with two seconds left propelling the Bulldogs to a 70-68 homecourt victory over the Falcons on Feb. 12 to put the Dogs back in the District 10 playoffs for the fourth time in five years.

Starks netted 25 against Friends

and then scorched the nets for 23 against Kansas Wesleyan in a 69-58 combination Valentines Day, 41st birthday present for Bulldog head coach Roger Trimmell. Starks was named KCAC player of the week for the second time this season and pumped his average up to a 17.9 points per game clip.

Sophomore point guard Robb Collins continues to illustrate why he is considered by many to be the best point guard in the KCAC. The Bulldogs' playmaker had 14 points against the Falcons while dishing off nine assists, including the game winner to Starks.

"Hey! It was entirely Robb's decision. He could take the shot himself or hit the open man," stated Trimmell, who was elated following Mac's season sweep of the Friends Falcons. "The last time Mac swept Friends was my senior year here," added the 1973 Mac graduate.

Collins added 16 points in the win over Kansas Wesleyan. Sophomore center James Nelson had big games against the Falcons and Coyotes, combining for 19 points and 11 boards.

Freshman phenom Jonathan Coachman continues his strong play as Mac's super sub and had games of eight and 13 respectively

in the two Bulldog wins.

Daniel Johns and Brian Holloway continue their defensive dominance and outstanding boardwork, while Darren Crumrine, Ted Busse, Andy Tanking, and Kent Wine help to lead the Bulldog bench brigade.

Mac entered its game with the Southwestern Moundbuilders with an 11-5 KCAC mark looking to avenge an earlier loss to the Moundbuilders.

The Dogs jumped out to a 9-0 lead, but the Builders surged back

"The last time Mac swept Friends was my senior year here."

Coach Trimmell

behind the strong inside play of Brady Butcher and perimeter game of Brian Markle and cut the lead to one at the half.

The game went back and forth in the second half before the Builders pulled out the 85-78 win.

Starks again led the way with 25 points, followed by Collins who had 19, including five three-pointers. Nelson added 14 and Holloway and Johns grabbed seven

boards apiece while Andy Tanking led the bench brigade with six points. Coachman threw in five and Crumrine gave the Dogs a big lift off the bench with three assists and a steal.

It's not yet known who Mac will play in the first round District 10 game, but possibilities include Tabor, who knocked off Mac twice this year by one point, Baker, or even these same Southwestern Moundbuilders. The Bulldogs will more than likely open on the road and will need strong fan support. District pairings will be announced Monday, Feb. 24.

Regardless of all that, the Dogs have a game to play this Saturday against intra-county rival Bethany.

The Swedes have been playing well as of late as they beat Southwestern last Saturday night. It looks to be an exciting game as this is Parents' Weekend and Alumni Night. Everyone will be in town for the big game.

Saturday's basketball action starts at 2 p.m. with j.v. women, 4 p.m. j.v. men, 6 p.m. varsity women, and varsity men begin at 8 p.m.

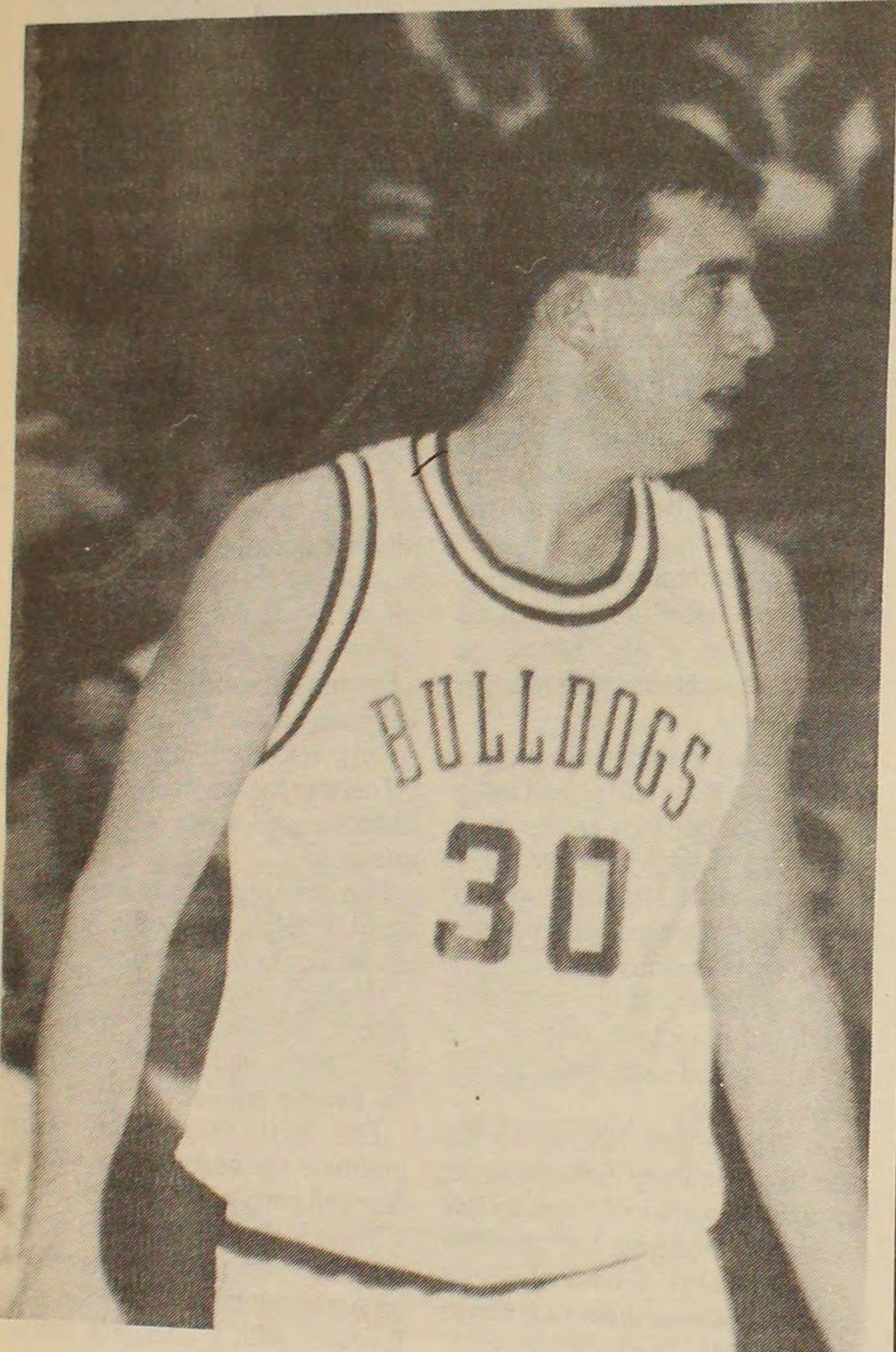


Photo by James Chaney

Senior Chris Starks gives his look of determination after putting in a great week of basketball. Starks was named KCAC player of the week for the second time this season with 25 points against Friends, which was decided by his last second 3-pointer, and then poured in 23 in the 69-58 win over Kansas Wesleyan.

### Sports View

## If dreams could come true...

Brent W. Zamora

Spectator Staff

Greeting and salutations everyone. I'm Baaaaack, or in any event, still here. The rumors of my demise were grossly exaggerated. A few quick thoughts about some things.

Cheers to the cheerleaders, yell leaders, and dance team members for what has been an outstanding job all year long. Saturday's final home game against Bethany should be great. Let's send our teams into the playoffs with the fan support that they deserve, because don't forget that we play Bethany, our biggest rival. Coach Trimmell said it best a few years ago. "Hey! If Bethany was playing the Russians, I'd show up wearing red."

Speaking of Coach Trimmell, I had a very strange dream the other night. It seemed that the Bulldogs had made the final four and Coach Trimmell was having a conversation with Dick Vitale. Yes, Dickie V himself was chat-

ting with the Bulldogs' mentor and it kind of went like this:

"Dickie V here with R.T. baby!, the Michaelengo of KCAC coaches. Coach Trimmell, it's been a tough trip but you're finally here. The Final Four baby! How's that make you feel?"

"Hey, Dick, this is what its all about."

"Coach Trimmell, you got a tough test playing against Duke, the defending national champs. How are you going to be able to compete?"

"Well, hey! We're just going to have to get after it because there's winners and weinies in this world and my name isn't Oscar Mayer," replied Coach Trimmell.

Then Dick started talking about some of the Bulldog players and the impact that they've had on the team.

"Chris Starks, the Bulldogs senior leader, he's a real PTPer, baby! A prime time player. And that point guard Robb Collins. He's a ginzu knife player. He

slices, he dices, he makes just the right cuts and oh! is this kid a sharpshooter.

"And this James Nelson. This guy is 6'1" on his tallest day, but he's a post player, baby! He says, 'Get me the rock. You can't stop me, baby!'"

"Brian Holloway and Daniel (DJ) Johns. These guys are all Windex players because they clean the glass, baby! And what about that bench? Talk about depth. They're the Atlantic ocean, baby! Gritty, gutty, Darren Crumrine, he's the diamond in the rough and Andy Tanking, this kid is cash from tri-fecta. Jonathan Coachman, this fab frosh is a real diaper dandy. Chris Webber who, baby!"

Then Dick asked Coach Trimmell, "So, R.T., baby! If you beat Duke, then what are your plans?"

Coach replied, "Hey, I think I'll listen to Coach K's post-mortem radio show and head on over to Roy's Pit."

Then I woke up with a strong craving for ribs.....

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# Lady Dogs can clinch playoff berth with Bethany win

By Chris Rundell

Spectator Staff

The McPherson College women's basketball team enters the last game of the regular season rated eighth in the NAIA District 10 standings and the opportunity to make the playoff by winning their last game against rival Bethany this weekend.

The lady Dogs kept their hopes alive with a 81-67 victory over the Southwestern Moundbuilders Wednesday night. The lady

hoopsters were up at half 39-35 despite not being able to get the offense into a rhythm.

"Southwestern shot the ball better at home and we just didn't take good shots," stated head coach Glenn Gayer.

The second half was a different story as the lady Dogs got back on track putting the game away. "The game was well out of reach before subs went in. It was good to get people in since we will be losing Tammy Bunk, Michell Wondra, and Karla Van Donge to gradua-

tion. The subs have gained valuable experience this year."

Bunk led the team with 18 points and Wondra and Roxy Hofer added 17 apiece. Van Donge poured in 10 in the winning effort. Leading the team in rebounds was Trudy Case with 11 and Wondra with 10.

Before the Southwestern game, the Bulldogs won four of six games with victories over Ottawa (79-66), Bethel (58-55), Sterling (74-71), and Kansas Wesleyan (84-67). The two losses were to Tabor (69-82) and Friends (65-68). These victories plus the win over Southwestern give the Dogs the chance to make the playoffs for the second year in a row.

The ladies are now focused on the Bethany game this Saturday which is also Parents' Weekend. "We need to shut off Bethany's strong inside game. That is their strength and if we control it, we will compete better with them," said Gayer.

"The ladies need to get in a consistent rhythm on offense. Many people need to score instead of one or two so they can't cover just one or two people. Our guards will need to shoot well so our inside/outside game will be important," added Coach Gayer.

The women's game starts at 6 p.m. "We need all the crowd sup-

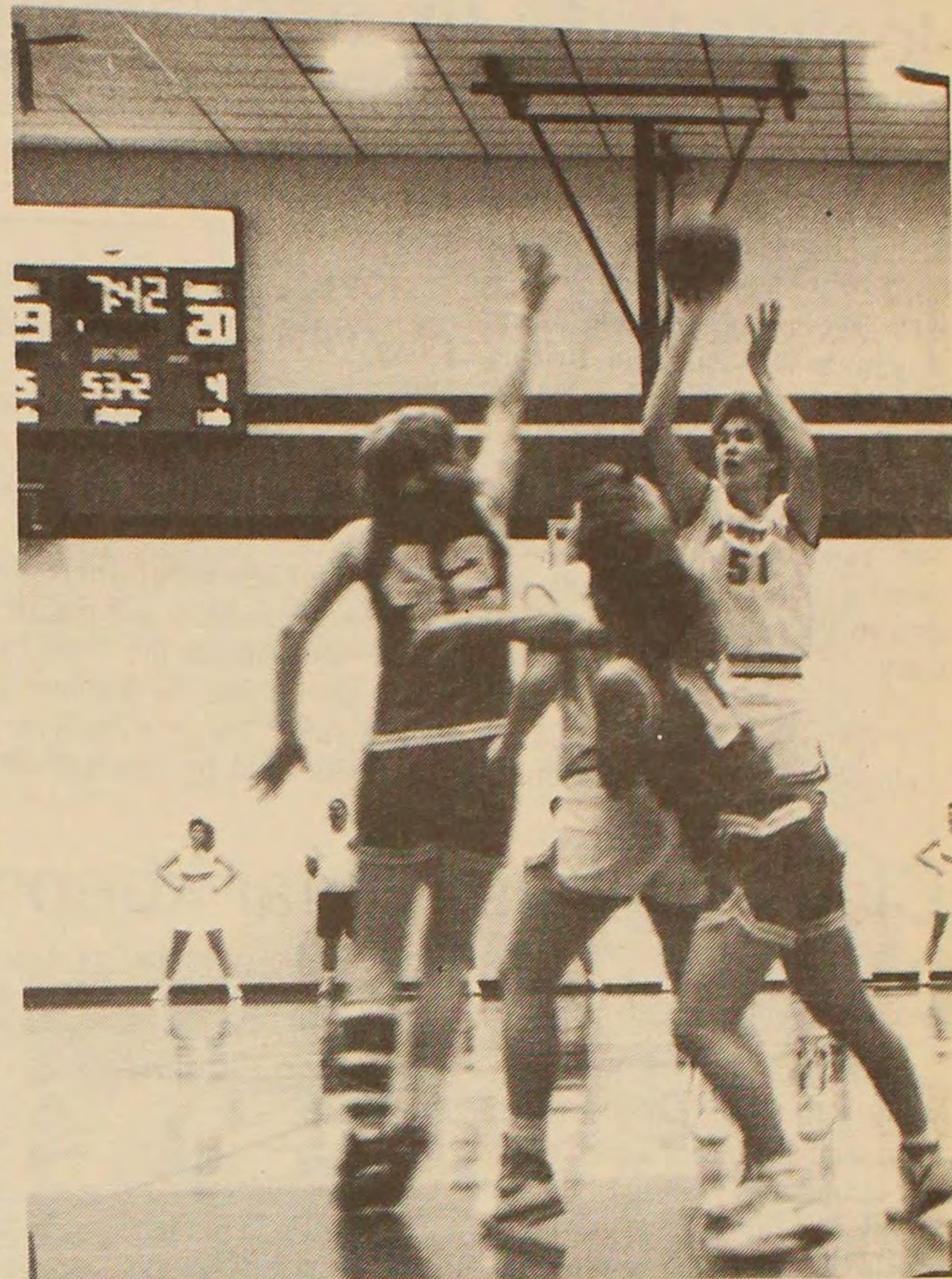


photo by Luke Lefever

Senior Michele Wondra goes up for the shot strongly as Mac beat Sterling in this game 74-71. Wondra leads all scorers on the team with 14.0 ppg.



Photo by James Chaney

The McPherson College cheerleaders and yell leaders stand tall as they look to get the crowd going in a recent home game.

## The Fellas dominate Intramural Basketball

By Tim Woodcock

Sports Editor

The McPherson College Intramural Basketball League is in full stride with The Fellas out in front of the race with a record of 4-0. The question is: Can they have the perfect season and go undefeated throughout the tournament? We'll have to wait and see.

The league this year consists of six teams and is not as strong as in years past. There have been some down-to-the-wire games already this year, though.

The other teams and their records are as follows: Buzz Bombs 3-1, DH<sup>2</sup> 2-2, 3-Ballers 2-2, Savages 1-3, and Team five 0-4.

The top five scores per game are Ishmael Kimbrough (23.8 ppg), Ryan Hicks (19.8), Brent Waltner (19.8), Ricardo Martinez (18.5), and Barry Carr (17.3) despite only playing two games.

Top five rebounders in the league are Ishmael Kimbrough (47), Tim Tubbs (39), Tim Woodcock (39), Brent Waltner (38), and Buzz Haogland (37).

Not too many people are giving

up the ball to their teammates this year, but these guys do it more than anyone else as assists: Jason Pendleton (16), Chris Rundell (10), Fred Winter, Nathan Brubaker, and Ryan Hicks all with six assists.

Stealing the ball most often is Chris Rundell with (10), Jim Caspers (9), Jason Pendleton (9), and Bryan O'Neil and Brent Waltner, each with eight.

The season finishes up this Tuesday with the Savages vs. Team five at 7 p.m., Buzzbombs vs. DH<sup>2</sup> at 8 p.m., and The Fellas vs. Threeballers at 9 p.m.

The annual end-of-season tournament will begin on March 3 and finish March 8.

## Indoor Track team looking strong for district meet

By Brent W. Zamora

Spectator Staff

Mac's 1992 indoor track team is about as solid and competitive as they come. The all-women lady Bulldog team has solid athletes in every event and could be sending people to Nationals depending on their performance at the District 10 meet at Ahearn Field House on Kansas State University Feb. 26.

Bulldog head coach Deb Moore is pleased with the team's effort. "I really appreciate the way the ladies have come out and worked hard. Hopefully it will all come together and be beneficial to everyone," stated Moore. The team is very senior oriented with five of the six members being seniors.

Members of this year's team in-

clude seniors Karne Clark, Marce Clark, Denise Kelly, Patti Gesch, Judy Hake, and freshman Teria Taylor.

Taylor, Gesch, Marce, and Karne are all holding down the sprinting responsibilities with Karne hurdling and Marce jumping. Hake is also a jumper while Kelly serves as the team's only distance runner.

The team is hoping to get prepared for outdoor track while still being competitive but having fun. "As of now we're sticking to the schedule, but we're not just out to participate. We want to win," stated Karne Clark.

"The team continues to improve.

I was very pleased with their effort at the Doane meet," added Moore.

Some of the top times include Karne Clark's 7.66 in the 60 yard dash, 9.38 in the 60 yard hurdles, and 40.77 in the 300 yard hurdles. Marce Clark had a 8.7 in the 60 as well as 30'5" in the triple jump and 14'8 1/2" in the long jump at Doane. Hake also competing in the long jump leaped 15'2 1/4". Kelly had a time of 3:26.76 in the 1,000 meters and a 6:47.24 performance in the 1,500 meters.

Taylor has looked good with a 7.85 in the 60 and 42.89 in the 300. Gesch has a back injury, but hopes to be ready for districts.

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## Pianist, former faculty member to be featured in 17th annual Mohler Lecture

By Darci Haas

Spectator Staff

Professor Marvin Blickenstaff will be the feature of the 17th annual 1992 Mohler Lecture Friday, Feb. 28 at convocations and also at 8 p.m. that evening in Brown Auditorium.

Blickenstaff is a professor of music at Goshen College, Goshen, Ind. Years ago he was a faculty member of McPherson College, arriving the same year as Dr. Ikenberry.

"I remember when he had a studio on the fourth floor of Harnly

Hall. He would practice several hours a day. I loved to hear him play while I worked on the floor below," said Dr. Ikenberry.

"I loved to hear him play while I worked on the floor below."

Dr. Ikenberry

Professor Blickenstaff is not only an acclaimed lecturer and pianist, but he also carries the titles of editor and author. A beginning piano series "Music Pathways," was co-authored by Blickenstaff

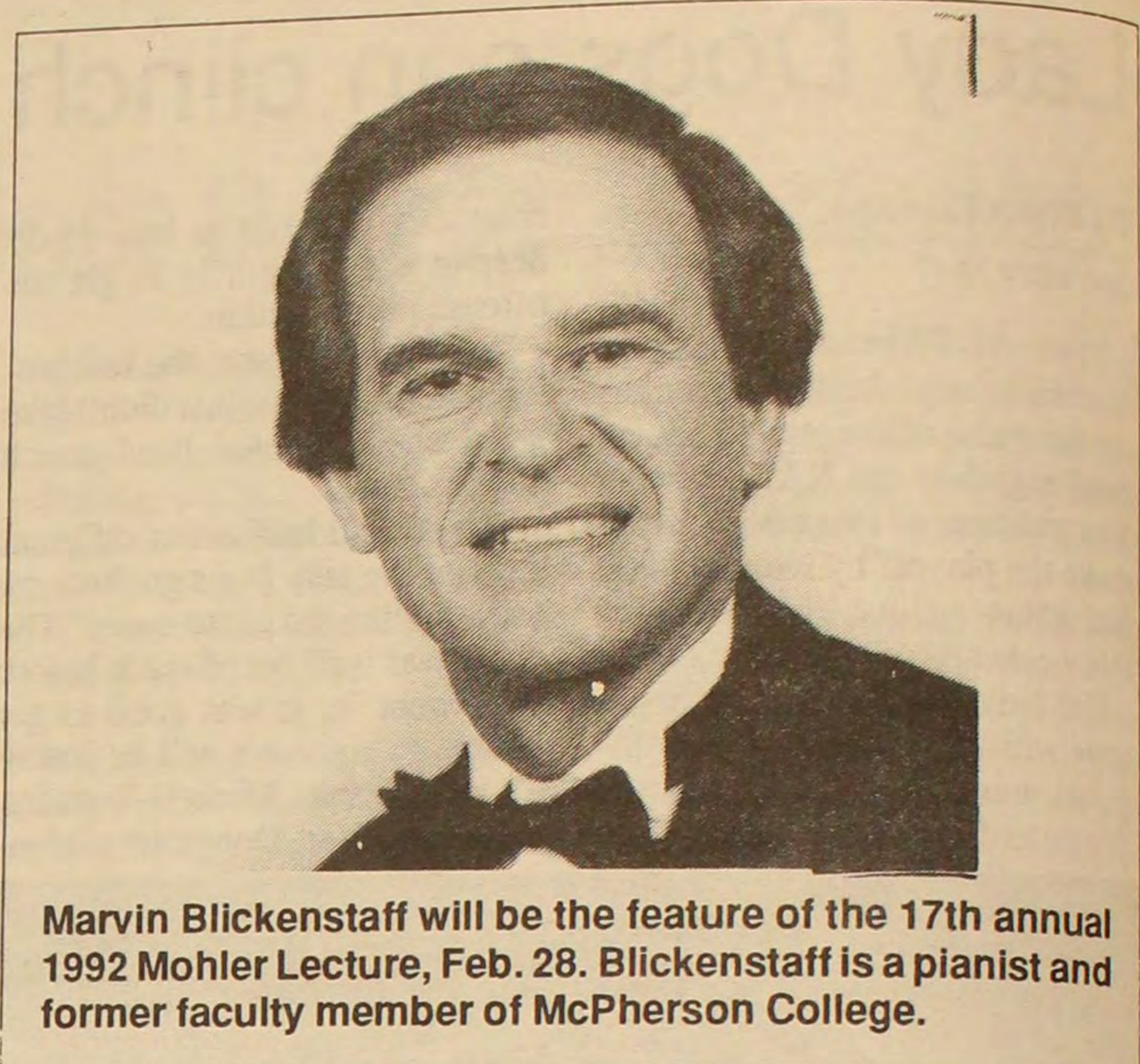
and he is an assistant editor of the "Keyboard Companion."

Dr. Steve Gustafson is eagerly awaiting the performance and says that the convocation is to be a "teaser" for the evening lecture/recital. "It will be well worth seeing," said Gustafson.

"It will be well worth seeing."

Dr. Gustafson

The campus community will be in for a fascinating performance by this renowned recitalist and lecturer.



Marvin Blickenstaff will be the feature of the 17th annual 1992 Mohler Lecture, Feb. 28. Blickenstaff is a pianist and former faculty member of McPherson College.

## Class agent seminar keeps alumni in touch with campus activities

By Chris Rundell

Spectator Staff

Approximately 35-40 class agents will be attending a class agent seminar on McPherson College campus this weekend.

Class agents are volunteer graduates who write newsletters

informing classmates of how classmates have been. These agents plan their class reunions and keep the classmates in touch with one another.

These volunteers meet here once a year to attend a seminar in which they cover McPherson College

news from the past year and so they can relate the information to their classmates.

"This program is unique in that the people volunteer their time so they stay in touch with the college and its activities," said seminar director Sandra Eisele. "People

don't realize how important this program is for those who don't live close enough to McPherson. This way they can still receive information about the college," she said.

A banquet hosted by college students kicks off the festivities tonight at 6 p.m. Tomorrow the

agents can attend either a reunion planning seminar or a newsletter writing seminar. Sharon Knechel will give the address and a Class Agent of the Year Award will be given. The banquet is a token of appreciation for the volunteers who put forth a great effort to serve their school.

## Auto Restoration to be highlighted on local television program

By Darci Haas

Spectator Staff

The students and faculty members of the Auto Restoration Department got their chance to be in a television program recently.

The 30-minute presentation was filmed on campus and will be aired nationally on Better Television Network. There is a BET station in the Topeka vicinity.

Duane Matson, an assistant

professor in the department, said the date for air time is yet uncertain, but will probably be in the next week.

Video producer, Rod Booth, an entrepreneur from Lenexa, Kansas, makes videos about antique cars and sells them to TV networks across the state and nation. He was referred to the McPherson Auto Restoration program by two McPherson alumni who were in an "Antique Car Show" video near

Kansas City.

The video begins with Dr. Ikenberry's car, which is just beginning restoration. This is followed by scenes of the town and college campus. Duane Matson is shown giving a demonstration in class.

Other participants in the video include Jim Wolmes, auto restoration instructor, Tim Bowers, sr., and Jim Edwards, sr.

Bruce Clary, director of

publicity, gives a description about the college.

"There's a lot loaded into the 30 minute program, and it's a good opportunity for national exposure for the college," said Matson of the video.

## Stuco

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compensation similar to that of Spectator staff members.

In addition to the Board of Publications proposal, Stuco is faced with reimbursing the SAB. Due to an accounting mistake last spring, Stuco must now give to the SAB money that was supposed to have been given a year ago.

The challenges keep coming for the members of this year's council, but they are accustomed to them by now. This is their second time through the budget process, and last semester's experiences will help.

The main workload of the budgets rests with the executive council: Leann Johnson, sr., President; Harold Chaney, jr., Vice-President; Leslee Bray, sr., Secretary; Ted Bray, sr., Treasurer, and Tim Cossart, sr., who assists with the process. These people meet to review each budget, and then make final recommendations to the entire council.

In all, it takes around two weeks for the whole process to be completed. The council is ready for the task.

As Tim Cossart says, "Let's go in, and get it done."

## Individual picture schedule

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Freshmen and Sophomores . . . . . Thursday, Feb. 27  
Brown Auditorium  
9:30 - 11:30

Juniors . . . . . Thursday, March 5  
Jesse's Cellar  
After Convocations

Seniors . . . . . Thursday, March 12  
Jesse's Cellar  
After Convocations

\*\*\* Students with a 10:30 class have priority

## College choir receives high honor of performing at KMEA convention

By Heather Williams

Spectator Staff

"A nice pat on the back," says Katherine Baker, vocal director of McPherson College, about the recent honor the choir has received of performing at the Kansas Music Educator's Association's (KMEA) annual convention.

The KMEA workshop is an in-service that deals with certain topical issues currently occurring in both vocal and instrumental education with teaching techniques, certification, and reformation of today's ways of teaching.

The workshop is devised to honor certain groups in the music profession, while being allowed to be a model for other teachers.

"Since the audience is full of professional musicians specializing in ages from elementary to college they will be highly selective and very critical," comments Baker.

The choir was selected after submitting a tape to the state panel, which chooses only few college choirs from Kansas. The choir will be performing songs from the twentieth century.

"The kids today aren't taught to appreciate the music of today," Baker adds.

The choir will be performing Saturday, Feb. 29, at 9:30 a.m. at Century II in Wichita.

The choir will perform for Parents' Weekend at 9:30 a.m. in the Sport's Center.