

The Price Remains: Are You Willing to Pay?

Most will agree with me that the racial slur scribbled on Mr. Marable's car was not only wrong but cruel.

Most will agree with me that the meeting held in Metzler Hall after the incident was appropriate.

Most will agree with me that the administration at McPherson College will not tolerate such behavior.

Most will agree with me that the individual that did this is immature, ignorant, and surely a coward.

But before you hail judgement and call upon the wrath of justice, take into consideration the American situation. In America and the world nothing comes free. There seems to be a pricetag on everything.

Last year I wrote an article on how college is a time to "Express Yourself!" I quoted Thomas Jefferson's words, "A little rebellion now and then is a good thing." It's part of the growing and learning experience, which at times may be painful.

In the last issue of the Spectator I wrote another article, this time dealing with culture and diversity (Culture: The Double Edged Sword). With diversity we also have integration.

Futhermore, consider the work of John Stuart Mill, "On Liberty," in which he argues not only the preservation of liberty/freedom but also believes it to be a necessity in order for individuals to branch off from the norm, possibly becoming mavericks, radicals, or geniuses. The ultimate result of this is a positive and negative impact on man and his society.

Taking these three chains of thoughts—expressing yourself, culture-diversity- integration, and Mills' argument for liberty—one has to conclude that the initial motive driving these thoughts is to make man and society good. Understandably, yet regrettably, with the good comes the bad. We cannot have one without the other.

Out of the freedom of expression, interaction, and liberty comes not only the positive but also the extremes. The racist vandaliser, the exhibitionist, the defecator, and the peeping Toms are all examples of possible extremes. (So the world is not perfect. What's new?)

These extremes are the price we all have to pay to enjoy the traits of liberty. We can never totally eradicate it. The most we can do is attempt to tame it with the help of a little knowledge. What better place than the college setting to take up this task?

In closing, this was an unfortunate incident. To Mr. Marable I say: Stay up. It's a learning experience that builds character. To Mr. Extremist I say: Whomever you persecute, be careful. Your victims could carry on and blossom into roses despite your intent. On the other hand, they could turn into thorns and cactuses and not only make McPherson College a hell on earth but also make the world an unbearably prickly place to be.

Emmanuel Samci

Good forces defeating bad at Mac

By now it's no secret that there are mystical forces at work here at McPherson College that, for some unknown reason, want to hinder the advancement of students. As you know, these forces include general education classes that attempt to encumber rather than educate; particular individuals who prefer to criticize rather than constructively critique; an athletic agenda that at times looks like a rec league schedule; and a very weak effort to keep senior students from getting a job.

So what? Even if the above statements were completely true, there are opposing mystical forces that are waging war with these evil beings. This year's Student Council must rank among the all-time great councils. It's list of accomplishments includes pulling off Freshman Welcome Week, SIBS, a terrific Homecoming celebration, the athletic forum, Parents' Weekend, and an amendment to its constitution that at-

Letter to the Editor

McPherson College produces individuals, not statistics

In reading Brad Elliott's March 6 letter to the editor, I had only one response: "Right on, Brad!" I appreciated his words encouraging students to strive toward their goals, and in the process, apply the many tools McPherson College has given them.

Being raised in Lawrence, Kansas, I could have been like many of the 521 seniors in my high school graduating class and attended Kansas University. I could have been just another number on a large campus. But I chose a small liberal arts college, somewhere in the middle of Kansas (as my friends defined it) and became an individual.

When I entered McPherson College in fall '86, a whole new door opened. I became my own person with each new experience. I was no longer "Lea and Raymond's daughter" or "Becky's little sister."

During my years as a student, I struggled with changing my major. The advice and sincere concern of several faculty members allowed me to design an interdisciplinary major in public relations.

My involvement as a resident assistant and as president of the Student Activities Board helped me develop strong leadership skills and self-confidence. Other activities taught me the importance of participation and the ability to communicate ideas.



Ted Bray

Staff Writer

tempts to eliminate some of the slave labor that is going on all over campus. President Leann Johnson would be a shoo-in for the Student of the Year Award, if there were such a thing.

Despite weight-training in an overhauled racquetball court, and working without an athletic trainer, this year's men's basketball team proved in could compete with the best teams in the nation. Likewise, the women made the district playoffs for the second year in a row.

This year has seen more organizations than ever before ask for funding from Stuco to aid them

in becoming involved on this campus. From Business Club to Alpha Psi Omega, students want to actively participate.

What's one to make of all this positive stuff? It appears those good mystical forces are beating out the bad. Students will get through those general ed classes, students will blow off those individuals who are full of hot air, the athletic teams will continue to compete, and seniors will find jobs. Just imagine how great it would be if the good forces would come in and totally eliminate the bad ones. And wouldn't it be great if those forces brought beer, really great tasting...

Wait a minute, that's a commercial, and like that commercial, the idea of getting rid of all the bad things is pure fantasy. The best thing one can hope for is for a good education to overcome the negatives and succeed — something McPherson College is providing its students.

"I chose a small liberal arts college . . . and became an individual."

Like Brad, I rarely excelled in the classroom, and as a fellow student I, too, was just average. But we both realize the powerful effect that the small classroom has had on our lives. We are able to express ourselves openly and honestly. In our own ways, we have succeeded in the "real world."

As a staff member at the college,

I am now able to understand why certain programs are not the way students think they should be. I can also reflect on my own experiences as a student and appreciate the changes that have been made.

I challenge students to continue expressing their concerns and presenting alternative plans. McPherson College could not exist without the demands and enthusiasm of students. Become involved with campus activities. Communicate with faculty and staff. Challenge those around you as we're all in this together!

Anne Kletchka '90

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Students have it good with transcript policy

Ted Bray's article in the March 6 Spectator raises some important questions concerning academic transcript policies at McPherson College. The cost for

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an unofficial transcript is \$1. An official transcript costs \$3. The first transcript the student requests is free. We also provide free transcripts for advisors and scholarship applicants.

The \$3 fee may seem outrageous. After all, it is only one or two sheets of paper with the registrar's signature and the official college seal on it. However, the fee also covers paying an employee to enter grades into the computer each semester, computer time to process and print the transcript each semester, the cost of microfilming each transcript when a student leaves McPherson College, as well as paying an employee to process a request.

Perhaps McPherson College should raise tuition so that transcripts could be included as a "free" service. However, this is unfair to those students who never request a transcript or only a few. In my experience as a student at four other colleges/universities, the minimum charge for a transcript is \$3 with no free copies. This does not apply to all universities, but I don't think McPherson College's policy is atypical.

Last semester, at the suggestion of the ACCK computer center, we ordered unofficial transcripts to be kept in the Registrar's office. When a current student requested an official transcript, we had to order one and wait a day or two for it to arrive. The delay caused an inconvenience to several students. In urgent situations, we made special trips to the ACCK office to pick up the transcripts needed. This semester we have returned to our previous practice of having official transcripts on file. Hopefully, this will alleviate future frustrations.

Employees in the Campus Information Center do their best to process a transcript request as expeditiously as possible. Our policy

is to process a student's request within five business days. In reality, it usually takes less than three days. We often process a transcript while a student waits. We also have sent out transcripts before we receive payment. We trust that the student is honest and will bring the money in later. If not, we do not process future requests until the past due fee is paid.

I know by experience that searching for a job is frustrating and rejection occurs often. However, I don't think it is McPherson College's obligation to find jobs for students and hand it to them. It is your own responsibility to earn employment just as you earn the grades and honors which may determine what kind of job you find. Fortunately, most professors at McPherson give you information on job leads. Good luck to all seniors in your search for a productive life after college!

Lori Anderson
Transcript Clerk

Security for Dotzour women does not seem to be priority

How many Dotzour residents are aware that March is supposedly the McPherson rapist's "fantasy month" and that everyone should take precautionary measures? How many Dotzour residents are aware that a couple of weeks ago a fellow resident walked into the dorm in the early evening only to see an unidentified male standing at the end of the hall with his pants around his ankles? How many Dotzour residents are aware that there is a "sh—phantom" roaming campus leaving his "calling card" (along with his underwear) in various bathrooms across campus?

These are issues that we as residents of this campus need to be aware of. As members of the group with the highest risk, why aren't Dotzour residents being told about the McPherson rapist? Metzler Hall recently had a dorm meeting to inform its residents of these problems and the guys were told to "walk their girlfriends back at night to make sure of their safety."

As a resident of Dotzour Hall, I have yet to be informed of any of these problems by anybody in an authoritative position on this campus. Are these not issues that we should be informed about? The only reason I even know of these issues is because the one

person on this campus who seems to care about my safety felt that it was in my best interest to know. Recently a number of middle-school kids were caught peeping into Dotzour's windows. The youths were then given punishment of not being allowed to come back on campus. Who is enforcing this? I don't even know what these youths look like. If they were to walk through Dotzour, I would just assume they were somebody's brother and think nothing else about it. Recently several members of maintenance participated in a "stake-out" to catch youths who were supposedly stealing various items out of the Dog House. While I'm truly grateful that the youths were caught, what is being done to insure students safety as they walk across campus after dark? This may seem like a silly question, but recently a lot of strange activity has been happening on campus, and I would like to know what is being done to stop it.

I am not suggesting that this campus go into a "police state" in which all of the doors to the dorms are locked and visitors must check in and out at the front desks. My suggestions include having a couple of people patrol campus after dark to make sure that everything is secure, or possibly implementing an "escort service" in which the guys on campus would walk all girls back to their dorms to make sure that they make it safely. An easy solution would be to inform the students of the problems so that they could possibly police the campus themselves.

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By not informing the students of the problems, no precautionary measures will be taken and the problems will continue to exist. With the actions that are currently being taken I am beginning to feel that a \$.50 candy bar stolen from the Dog House is worth more to the college than my individual safety is. I have yet to see any interest shown in the safety and security of the residents on this campus.

Julie Gillaspie

Let's bounce Congress

By now I am sure everyone has heard about the most recent scandal in Washington, the House Banking Scandal. But just what exactly is the House Bank?

This institution is pseudo-bank which performs quasi-banking activities like cashing checks and allowing members to write checks upon their deposited funds. The bank was established with the belief it was needed because House members would not be able to make regular banking hours.

Now it comes to our attention that these facilities have been abused. A recent investigation by the General Accounting Office has found that many of the checks written during a 36-month period had insufficient funds. These rubber checks sometimes were overdrawn by amounts ranging into the thousands of dollars.

How could such a frequent misuse of privilege go unnoticed by the House leadership? Minority Whip Newt Gingrich charged that this whole scandal was covered-up by House Speaker Tom Foley, a "Rubbergate" if you will. But why would the Democratic leadership cover-up this great misdeed? After all, are not they the common man's champion?

The answer is simple. The vast majority of frequent abusers are Democratic. True, there are more Democrats in the House than there are Republicans, but the Democrats outnumbered the Republican abusers by five to one, a considerably larger ratio than the one that exists between the two

THE RIGHT OPINION



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parties in the House. So being the abusers that they are, Foley and his co-conspirators sought to cover-up this potentially damaging scandal during a critical election year.

This is a good example of the inefficient Democratic leadership, and a good illustration of how the government became entangled in this financial mire we now find ourselves in.

These abusers would have you believe that since they were not notified of insufficient funds, they are not responsible for their actions. Try telling that to your bank representative. Let us show our disapproval and prove to these villains that not all voters have short memories. November will be a good time to tell these financially irresponsible representatives to find a new job. Maybe these Democrats, like Mr. Robinson, will see the errors of their ways and not only repent but turn Republican. After all, that is what Mr. Robinson did. Let's show them the door in November. That's my opinion, and that is the RIGHT OPINION!

Double standards create double trouble

The recent bad check scandal that has rocked the house of representatives is not a partisan political issue. The inability of well-educated men to keep track of their banking records has NOTHING to do with their party affiliation. But it does relate directly to a system that allows the aristocracy of our country to follow a DIFFERENT set of rules than the common person.

From the left this type of blatant double standard simply cannot be tolerated. Whether a conservative Republican or a liberal Democrat, the accountability of these actions must be forthcoming.

Of course my stiff conservative counterpart will attempt to make this a Republican versus Democrat issue, but this is not the case. Admittedly, the number of Democrats with bad checks is higher than Republicans, but the explanation is simply that there are more Democrats in the House of Repre-

WHAT'S LEFT!



Jason Pendleton

Staff Writer

sentatives than there are Republicans.

The situation is simply intolerable for everyone involved. The representatives blatantly misused the system because they could get away with it.

Even though self-proclaimed Republican Tommy Robinson wrote 966 bad checks, I refuse to make this a partisan issue. That's my opinion, and that's what's left of what certainly is not right.

Conflict between RAs and administration not entirely resolved

By Tahnee Carlson
Feature Editor

Conflict and controversy in the responsibilities and job descriptions of resident assistants has led to several changes in next year's contract for RAs. In the midst of the selection of next year's RAs, questions of fairness and just compensation have been raised.

Currently, RAs are not only responsible for their wing residents, but are also expected to be either a College Life mentor or part of a programming team for organizing dorm, floor, and hall activities.

In years past the mentor role was clearly defined: three hours per week spent in College Life class. However, the programmer's role was not so clear. This led to feelings of an inequality of work loads among RAs with the same pay. The RAs were selected by administration for the jobs.

"Besides not having a say in

which responsibility they had, the mentors felt as if they were doing more work, and they were dissatisfied with the imbalance of work loads," said Gwen McClenton, director of residence life.

Due to discussions with current RAs, several changes have been made to the process this year. Students are allowed to give a preference for either the role of mentor or programmer.

"Students have been asked in their interviews which they would prefer, and it seems to be working out fairly equally," Karlene Tyler, director of orientation/retention, said. "It will depend on scheduling who does what."

In addition, administration has created specific job descriptions for both roles that are more equal in time commitment and responsibility.

"The mentors will be required to participate in College Life class three hours per week, and the programmers will be required to

meet with the RD staff one hour per week plus additional time spent establishing programs and doing leg work," McClenton said.

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George Crago

An addition to the process this year is Karlene Tyler. "For the orientation part of my job, I am working with the RAs in the College Life aspect," Tyler said.

Tyler has been a part of the information/discussion sessions as well as the interview process itself for the new applicants.

"Our visions and hopes are to use the programmers to plan events that will address educational and current events such as student

health, racism, date rape, and safety issues," said Tyler.

Another goal for the administrators is to have the RAs work together rather than individually next year. "The 20 RAs will work in two teams of ten to mentor and plan," Tyler said.

"I feel the team effort hoped for next year will be more effective and helpful rather than the RAs working individually," McClenton said.

However, there seems to be more than just equality of work loads concerning the RAs.

"With the amount of responsibility the RAs currently have, more tasks are not needed," Dave Kerkove, jr., said. "Rather, the administration should be finding ways to help lighten their load."

"Karlene and the entire mentor process are needed, but I don't think it should be the RAs' responsibility," senior George Crago said.

Student's applying for the RA position next year are reluctant to

comment due to possible discrimination since people have not been selected yet, but current RAs not reapplying voiced some dissatisfaction.

"RA's are given the job because of their leadership, involvement and skills. Their awareness of the campus community is important, and I feel like spending this much time on mentoring and programming takes away from the ability to participate in the aspects of campus life," Kerkove said.

In past years it seemed to be more of a choice than this year. "It has been implied to me that if the RAs are not willing to voluntarily participate as a mentor or programmer, they will not be hired," Crago said.

There is also concern about the quality of RAs in the future. "I feel the quality of RAs will suffer. Lots of people would be good RAs, but if they won't put in the extra time, they will be eliminated from the RA pool," Crago said.

Hoffman safely returns to campus after trip to Europe

By Patsy Smith
Staff Writer

President Paul Hoffman returned home from a European trip just a few weeks ago. Hoffman spent the month of February in Europe on an administrative trip for the Brethren Colleges Abroad program (BCA).

The program, which was started in the 1960's, was designed to help German and U.S. students form relationships with each other after World War II. As the success of the program grew, many programs such as those found in France, Greece, Equador, China, Japan,

and the United States to name a few, spread throughout the world.

Hoffman said there were about 280 students studying at the European centers from approximately 70 different colleges. These students went through a type of survival training from their locale and underwent some training in language.

When the students arrived from their respective colleges, they were allowed time to rest and recuperate from their long journey.

"What makes the BCA so attractive is the Resident Directors. They are all excellent academicians who

are fluent in the language. The directors also give 24-hour support to the students," Hoffman said. "I think one of the most unique features is that the students live with local families. They sit in on family discussions and are included as a family member."

Some of Hoffman's duties as an administrator were to interview some 50 students in six different colleges. Some of the questions he asked were about the best and worst experiences. Almost invariably the best experiences seemed to be the friendliness and the quality of the program. Most

students felt the down side of the program was the expense of food during difficult times.

"I was proud to be representing BCA."

President Hoffman

"I was held in high esteem by educators. It [the trip] was insightful, pensive, instructive and inspiring. I was proud to be representing the BCA," Hoffman said.

However, Hoffman is glad to be back safely at home. "I'm glad to be home because of personal

safety. They had three bombings at Heathrow before we left. We were searched very thoroughly. Also, the highways were very poor, which was very uncomfortable, especially exceeding speeds of over 100 miles per hour," Hoffman said.

There are no speed limits in Europe so drivers drive much faster than what he is accustomed to.

Although Hoffman suffered a slight ailment during his trip, he felt that the trip was an overall success.

What do you think the responsibilities of being a Residents Assistant should be?



"The role of an RA, I think, is to help make a student's stay at college as good of an experience as possible. Also I think that the RAs should be available and easy to talk to if you need them."

Jenny Burger



"There is only one responsibility of an RA. That is to be available for counselling."

Eric Dodson



"The RA's responsibilities should be to keep the building safe at all hours, to keep us informed, to be available for questions, and to open our doors when we lock ourselves out!"

Kristi Cable



"An RA's main responsibility is to maintain a little bit of sanity in the dorm, while at the same time not be a completely immovable person."

Thomas Sulter



"The RA's responsibilities should be to facilitate an exciting social environment for residents. Rules should also be part of an RA's role, but the most important thing is to bring the dorm together."

Dave Kerkove

Student's heart and mind touched by Japanese world

By Adam Smith

Guest Writer

It was the first minute of 1992 and the cold midnight hour found us charging through knee-deep snow while the thunder of temple gongs rolled across the whitened park.

Arriving laughing, my family and I found a hundred people before the neighborhood shrine, each waiting to donate money, pray, and ring the prayer bell. Respectfully, we watched.

In 1972, the city of Sapporo, Japan hosted the Winter Olympics; in 1992 it hosted my family. This winter break and interterm gave me the opportunity to visit my mom, dad, and sister MiRan. The trip was one of a lifetime.

Information underload - have you ever been lost in the Tokyo airport knowing only a few Japanese words, such as arrigiato (thank you), sushi, and a few more?

Seeing as how "thank you" would only help me after I received assistance and "sushi" was not something desired at the moment, I reflected on my status as a world traveller - and called Mom and Dad. Nakedness is lack of vocabulary.

A helpful sister eventually propelled me to new heights in the Japanese language. Toilette wa doka deska?

Information overload - a bullet-train trip to Honshu, the main island, brought MiRan and me wonderment, beauty, and even a crisis when we had to sleep on the streets of Tokyo on a bitter January night.

Japan's native religion is Shintoism, a combination of ancestor worship and nature reverence. Instead of placing divinity far away, the spirit of a mountain, tree, or island is experienced.

Shrines are entered through Forii

gates (an arch like that at Lakeside Park), and worshippers offer money or food, clap to awaken the spirit, and pray. Shrines are ornately golden and incensed; shrines are simple and of stone, as varied as possible.

Japan's other major religion is Buddhism. Giant, golden statues of Buddhas are revered by priests and parishioners. The temples are elaborate in carvings, metal work, and architecture. The lacquer-floored, gold-plated Ginkakuji Zen temple in Kyoto (capitol city for a thousand years) commands your breath. This is Japanese Buddhism.

And along forsaken mountain pathways, small stone Buddhas sit, each year receiving a carefully made coat in remembrance of the dead child it represents. This is Japanese Buddhism.

Within the eye of Buddha and God, you can see the pain of Sadakyo, a radiation-poisoned little girl who hoped that her

thousandth origami crane would bring her health. I cry as I write this, for she never finished.

The greatest theft you will experience while on the Japanese islands is the loss of your heart.

It is something to hear of the atomic bombs. It is agonizing to visit Hiroshima Memorial Peace Park, where on an early August morn, a plane dropped into the world 300,000 burning hearts.

There is no justification. Maybe only God and Buddha can forgive.

How do we feel about Japan? And they us? Japanese people are some of the most polite people in this world. Giving and helping come naturally. Work and cleanliness seem innate, and frugality is a rule.

A hidden suspicion of foreigners does reside, however. They should open their laws and minds to non-Japanese, and we should burn fewer Mitsubishis in bashing protests.

Prices are high, but if you go to a mall, despite the crowds, you will have no struggle travelling the peopled hallways - each person makes way for the other. The greatest theft you will experience while on the Japanese islands is the loss of your heart to a child wandering its western-oriental world; they adore their children.

They laugh and smile a lot when you get to know them. Friendliness is overwhelming. Maybe we could import that instead of less-important goods. Perhaps both cultures could learn a little and laugh a lot to know that when a well-known Japanese monkey trainer commands his charge with "Bush!", the monkey gags and faints.

Students guide tours of campus

By Dyane Potter

Guest Writer

Campus tours give most prospective students their first view of McPherson College.

The tours are given by student volunteers, of which there are currently 25-30. Ten to fifteen students host overnight guests.

Student guides are valuable according to freshman Adabel Garza because, "the visitors can talk to a student easier than to a professor."

"The college is more than costs, classes, and books. College life is best relayed by a student," junior Dave Kerkove said. "I would encourage people interested in giving tours. It is a way to contribute to the campus community."

The student guides follow up their tours by writing to the prospective student.

Konni Nanninga, jr., said, "Hopefully, they will feel like they have at least one friend on campus. I still remember clearly who gave me my campus tour."

The student guides give students a tour of campus, giving them an idea of what is available based on their interests (sports, music, computers, etc). They are shown all the buildings; the dorms, the library, the Sports Center.

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For training, Cindy Kinnamon, assistant director of admissions, takes the tour guides around campus and gives them an idea of what to show the prospective students and what to say.

During the tour the student guides answer questions, tell about the historical background of the school, the 1987 renovation, and a little about college life.

Sadakyo's Spirit

and as the sunset
evened the light over
Hiroshima
we walked through
the quietest park
in the world
and through the dusk
a flock of pigeons
gathered 'round a girl
alone on a bench
as she held them
in her hands

-- Adam Smith



Photo by Barry McMillan

Sophomore Lisa Sturgeon shows a prospective student around Miller Library. Sturgeon is one of many Mac College students participating in the student guide program. Student guides show prospective students around campus, giving them an idea of college life and answering questions.

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Stormy weather interrupts Mac tracksters' first meet at Tabor

By Brent W. Zamora
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College track team got things off and running with the first meet of the season in Hillsboro at Tabor on Tuesday March 17.

The meet was plagued by some inclimate weather that greatly affected the participants.

"I feel like the weather played a big factor. Many of the times, jumps, and scores were down as a result," said first-year track coach Deb Moore.

Despite the adverse weather conditions many Mac College athletes put forth solid performances and placed high among the competition. Patti Gesch, sr., led the way as she took first in the 400 M with a

time of 1:02.16. Camille Base, soph., took second in the long jump with a jump of 14'1/2". Karme Clark, sr., took second in the 100 hurdles with a time of 16.73 and also the 100 M clocked at 13.33.

Clark, Gesch, and Base teamed up with Judy Hake, sr., to take first in the 400 M relay with a time of 52.83. Hake also took third in three events which were the long jump with a 13'6 1/4" leap, the triple jump at 31'6 1/2" and the 100 M with a time of 14.41.

Jerri Beckwith, fr., added a third in the shot put with a 29'2 1/2" throw and the discus with a 79'7"

in the triple jump with a leap of 27'1/4". Maggie Van Goethem, jr., had a throw in the javelin of 101'8" that got her fourth.

On the distance side, Katrina Husong, sr., finished a strong fourth in the 1500 M after a four-year hiatus from the track scene, with a time of 5:42.43.

"Katrina ran well and has a very strong kick," said Coach Moore. Denise Kelly picked up fifth in both the 1500 M and the 800 M with times of 5:50.00 and 3:00.06. Her time in the 1500 M was just 10 seconds shy of a personal record. Konni Nanninga picked up a sixth place finish in the 1500 M with a time of 6:03.00.

Coach Moore was very pleased with many of the performances.

"This was really just a practice meet. I just wanted them to get a mark, but I was pleased with the effort. I thought we came together as a team," stated Moore.

On the men's side, Garth Werner, soph., took first in the triple jump with a 41'11" leap. Werner also added a second in the high jump with a 5'10" jump. Harold Chaney, jr., finished second in the hammer with a toss of 121'11".

In the 1500 M, Greg Thomas, fr., took second with a 5:05.69. Luke Lefever, fr., followed at third with

a 5:26.31 finish.

Darrin Marshall, jr., added a third in the discus with a 106'8" throw and fourth in the shot put with 36'5 1/2". John Hulce, soph., placed third in the shot with a 37'6" pu

"Sterling won't win it all."

Karme Clark

and fourth in the hammer with a toss of 110'2". Tim Bruton, fr., finished fourth in the discus with a throw of 78'0", sixth in the hammer at 90'1", and sixth in the shot at 32'5". Eric Harmon, fr., placed fifth in the shot with a 36'1" pu and Pat Queen, soph., got sixth in the javelin with a throw of 157'10"

The men's team finished fourth all together while the women's team placed second behind Sterling who is already laying claim to the KCAC championship.

"Sterling won't win it all. They don't have enough talent," said Karme Clark.

"Sterling has issued a challenge and if our women come together more as a team, they will beat them," added Moore.

The challenge heats up Saturday with an optional meet at Southwestern.



Judy Hake, sr., goes airborne at Tabor last Monday. She finished third in both the long jump and triple jump before the meet was called because of stormy weather.

Photo by James Chaney

"Sterling has issued a challenge and if our women come together more as a team they will beat them."

Deb Moore

Marce Clark, sr., took fourth in the triple jump with jump of 28'4 1/4" and finished sixth in the 800 M with a time of 3:11.40. Base added a fourth place finish in the 100 M hurdles. Michon Fast, soph., took fourth in the high jump with a 4'3" jump and placed fifth

Sports View

Athletics: Just like a family

By Brent W. Zamora
Spectator Staff

Hello again, everyone. Before I write about today's Sports View, there are a couple of other topics which need to be covered.

First of all, cheers to Michelle Wondra, Kimber McCune and the entire intramural staff for an outstanding job during basketball. We are all anxiously awaiting softball season.

Jeers, in my opinion, must go to McPherson College for the current situation involving student employees in the athletic and physical education departments. These students were notified March 18 that as of April 1, they no longer have a job.

I place no blame on the athletic or physical education departments. They stretch their budget as far as they possibly can. I just feel that somewhere there is money for these employees. Now students were encouraged to seek jobs on campus within other departments, but these student employees are needed in the athletic and physical education departments.

Why not take funds from other departments that will not use all

their budget? It seems to me that in this sense, McPherson College is biting the hand that feeds it. Perhaps they should re-examine their options. Now I'll get off my soapbox and shift my focus to a new topic.

During the past several weeks, I've been exposed several times to situations where athletics serves as a tonic to help people deal with difficult situations, and how sports can bring people together. I was talking to my good friend and radio partner, Jon Chelesnik, and we noted several examples of sports close to home bringing people together.

One example is the recent passing away of Jeff Brax. (I would also like to offer my most heartfelt and sincere sympathy to Jeff's family.) Once the McPherson High School basketball team learned that their good friend and former manager had passed away, they all came together promising to win their third straight state tournament for their friend. With that mission in mind, and with the support of thousands of fans, they did just that.

Moundridge High School was also looking for its third straight

state championship and that same week, teacher Duane Goering suffered a heart attack and died. The Wildcat team promised to win the title for Duane and did. Athletics can often be a tonic which can sometimes ease our pain in the face of melancholy.

With March Madness in full swing, it again brings to mind the late Hank Gathers, whose Loyola Marymount teammates, after his death, we saw play with high emotion and perform very well in the NCAA tourney.

Here at McPherson College our athletic department has been the topic of many a debate, but yet when our men's basketball team advanced to the semi-finals of the District 10 playoffs, our student body was there in full force supporting our team. Athletics can so often bring people together.

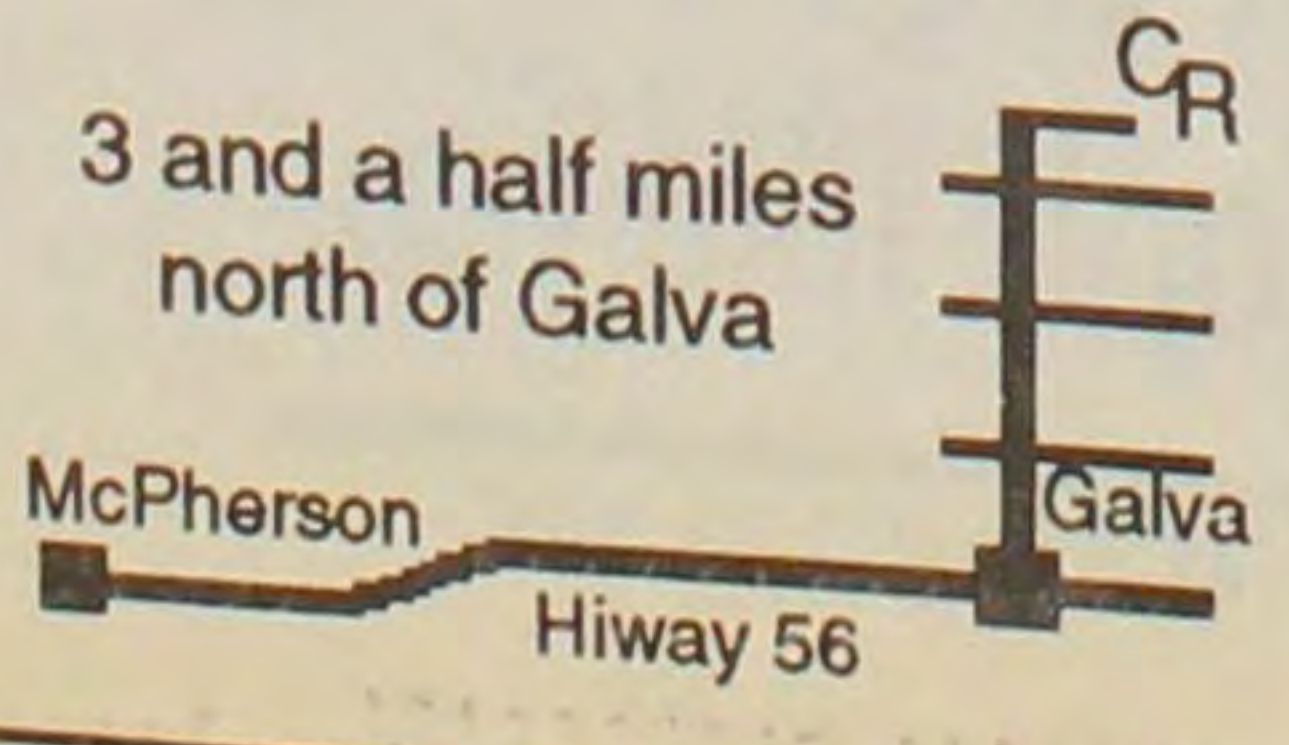
In a world where we are faced with many peaks and valleys, and often may feel distraught and frustrated, it's comforting to know that God sends us athletics to help alleviate our pain and provide us with a positive outlet for our frustrations while giving us the opportunity to participate in the events we love.

Have a great spring break!

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Heads Up!

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Sophomore Travis Van Gotham shows good form in his follow through as he competes in the javelin at last Monday's meet. The McPherson College men's team finished in fourth place while the women finished in second behind new KCAC rival, Sterling.

Men's tennis team looking to first meet when the rain stops

By Chris Rundell
Spectator Staff

As spring rolls around, this year's tennis team has taken to the courts. Led by coach Roger Trimmell, the team has been practicing for the past two weeks weather permitting.

The weather didn't permit it Wednesday as the rain and snow moved in for the day. The Tabor meet had to be postponed until a later date.

This year's team has many returning players from last year's squad. Returning players are senior Barry Carr and sophomores Robb

Collins, James Harris, and Roger Burton. Newcomers this year are seniors Rudy Gallardo, Craig Druecker, and Miles Parker.

"We have more experience and some newcomers that are going to contribute this year. We should be much improved over last year," said Collins.

The Dog's tennis team will get into the full swing of things after spring break.

"Once the weatherman starts treating us right, I think we're going to have a competitive team," said Coach Trimmell.

DH² spoils the Fellas' perfect season in the intramural championship

By Tim Woodcock

Sports Editor

Who said it was all just for fun? It was for the 1992 Intramural Basketball Championship and both the undefeated Fellas and DH² had dreams of new t-shirts on their backs. The Fellas walked away shirtless though, as DH² took it to them and won 66-47.

The game was a close one at halftime with the Fellas down just one and then things got heated up

in the second half as three technicals were called. The Fellas got the worst of it as Jason Pendleton and Brent Waltner each received one and had to sit. Andre McCorvey also received one, but with captain Brent Zamora and board-horse Joe Marable arriving for the second half, there were just too many weapons that led to the Fellas' downfall.

"We got out-played, out-hustled, out-rebounded and just got beat," said Fellas' captain Jason

Pendleton.

Willie Marshall led the way with 23 points and 12 rebounds. Ricardo Martinez followed with 11 and pulled down nine boards.

The runner-up Fellas were led by Ishmael Kimbrough with 11 and Robin Morgan who had 10. Gerald Henderson had eight rebounds in the losing effort.

Selected to this year's all-star team were: Ishmael Kimbrough, Jason Pendleton, Buzz Hoagland, Ricardo Martinez, Willie Mar-

shall, Jim Caspers, Tim Woodcock and Barry Carr.

The top five scorers in the league this year in points per game were: Kimbrough (24.3), Martinez (18.3), Woodcock (18.1), Carr (17.6), and Ryan Hicks (17.0).

In the category of top five rebounders per game were: Martinez (13.3), Hoagland (10.0), Woodcock (9.4), Kimbrough (9.3), and Tim Tubbs (8.6).

Top assist men this year were: Pendleton, Martinez, Chris Run-

dell, Nathan Brubaker, and Fred Winter.

"Overall I was very pleased with the way the season went and am looking forward to a great softball season," said intramural head Michelle Wondra.

The softball season officially kicks off April 5. There are 94 people on teams already and everyone is ready for some warm weather to get out there and play ball.

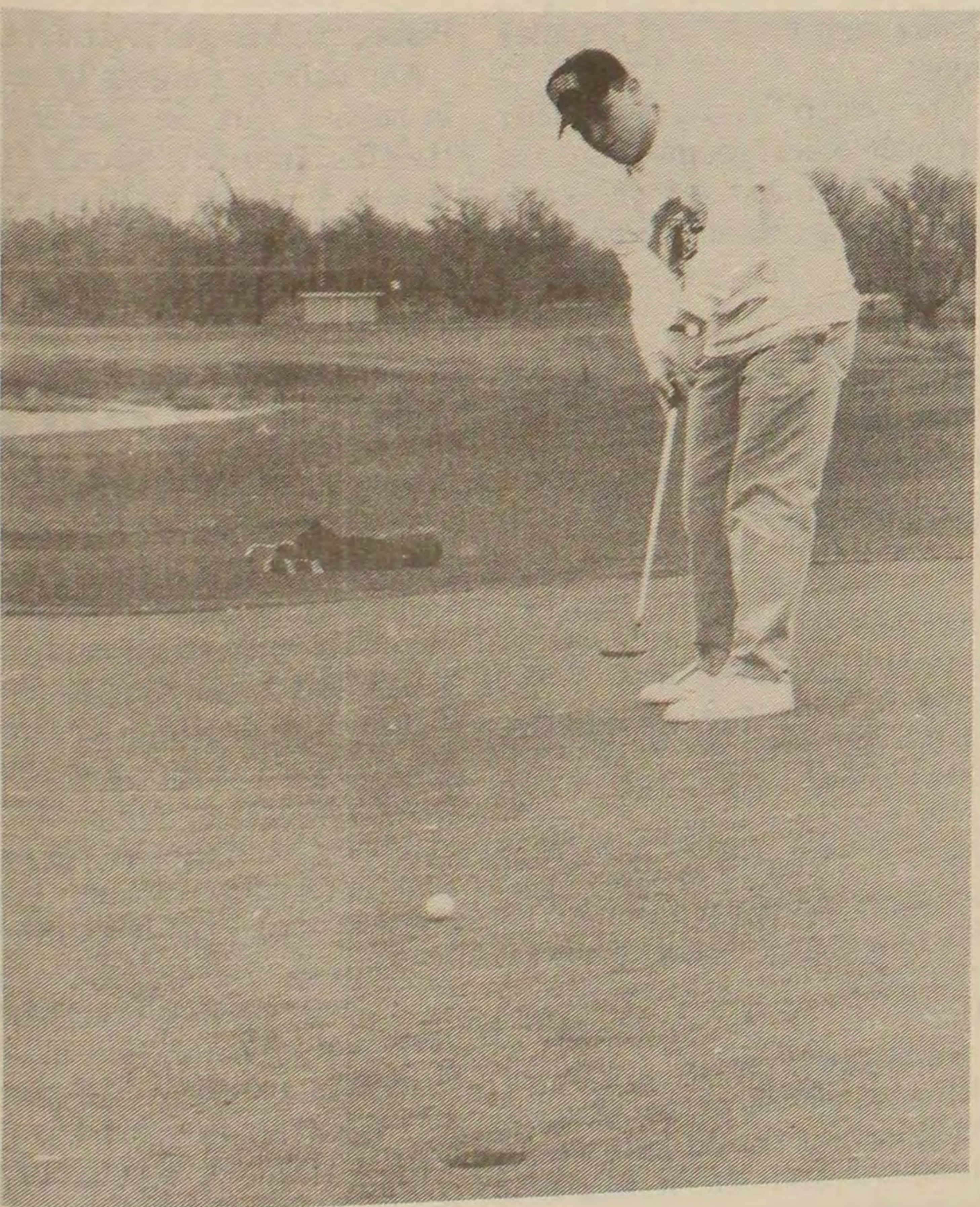


photo by Barry McMillan

Freshman Nate Brubaker shows his good putting form during a practice round out at Turkey Creek earlier in the week.

Mac golfers struggle with wind

By Tim Woodcock

Sports Editor

The wind proved to be fatal as the McPherson College golf team started its season Monday at the Southwestern Invitational.

Held at the hilly and breezy Winfield Country Club, players from all schools watched as the gale force wind and lightning fast greens took their golf balls all around the course and helped their scores rise far above what was expected.

"We didn't golf as well as we had hoped to, but the scores from everyone else were not very good either as only one player broke 80," said coach Doris Coppock.

Members of the 1992 golf team include seniors Chris Starks and Rudy Gallardo; juniors Frank Clinage and Andy Tanking; sophomores Jeff Middleton, Brent Paul, Tim Woodcock, and Kim Murkey; freshmen Nate Brubaker and Adabel Garza.

The golf team practices out at Turkey Creek Public Golf Course, south of town, which just had the back nine finished last year. The

weather hasn't allowed a lot of quality practice time, but this is Kansas and one can't expect too much.

The team traveled to the Friends Invitational in Wichita on Thursday and looks for a big improvement.

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Racial vandalism creates campus-wide concern

By Patsy Smith

Spectator Staff

An occurrence of racial vandalism has shocked and angered the McPherson College community.

A vehicle belonging to Joe Marable, soph., was vandalized when a racial slur was etched into the paint of his car while the car was parked in the parking lot north of Metzler Hall in front of Templeton Hall on March 7.

Many students expressed disappointment and outrage during a special meeting called at Metzler

Hall to discuss the problem.

Terry Bruton, resident hall director, read from the Growl, McPherson College's student handbook, about the policies regarding individual rights and expectations.

A few days after the meeting, in an interview with the victim of the vandalism, Marable said, "I've already put it all behind me. I may be a little less sociable because I'm not sure who did this."

Marable said that he was surprised at how much support he has received from McPherson Col-

lege, both students and staff. He said that some auto restoration students offered to repair the damage for only the cost of supplies.

"It would be ignorant to believe it (racism) can't exist at McPherson College."

Gwen McClenton

When asked what he would tell future students, Marable said, "I have never seen or had any

problems with racism or prejudice until this incident. I would just tell them that it (racism) is here."

Gwen McClenton, director of residence life, organized the Metzler meeting. She felt the meeting went very well.

When talking about racism, she said it needed to be met head-on: "It's something we can't ignore, something we know exists everywhere, and it would be ignorant to believe it can't exist at McPherson College."

Stuco makes amendment to constitution

By Ted Bray

Stuco Treasurer

For the first time since April 4, 1990, the constitution of the McPherson College Student Council has been amended.

The amendment, brought before Stuco by the Board of Publications, will result in a large pay increase for members of the Quadrangle and Spectator. Also, the amendment will create a more equal pay

structure between the Quadrangle and Spectator.

Details of the amendment include: members of this semester's Quadrangle will receive \$266 in addition to what they have already been paid. Then, next fall both publications will be eligible to receive a total of \$2,450 in salaries -- compared with the \$1,741.66 they receive this semester.

Other aspects of the new amend-

ment: the Board of Publications must detail and present publicly what the upcoming semester's publication structures and salaries will be.

This is something that hasn't occurred in the past. The amendment received no opposition as it went through its various stages, which included initial adoption, posting around campus for one week, and then the final vote.

The final vote was held last Sunday, March 15, and received unanimous approval from Stuco.

In all, the amendment will increase the amount publication workers get paid by over 40%, and is viewed as an important event in improving the level of journalism at McPherson College.

Brethren youth to attend annual Regional Youth Conference

By Darci Hass

Spectator Staff

Many new young faces will light up the campus soon for the annual Brethren Regional Youth Conference. "Renew! Revive!" is the theme for the upcoming event.

The weekend will be highlighted by keynote speaker Chris Michael of the National Staff for Youth Ministries for the Church of the Brethren. She will address the

youth twice on Saturday, April 4, and once on Sunday morning for a wrap-up session.

The Parable Players, a professional drama troupe who have appeared on television and at conferences across the United States, will kick off the weekend on Friday night. The two actors, Tim Wright and Vinni Rossi from Virginia, will perform short scriptural skits at the church. They are also scheduled to perform at con-

vocation on the previous Thursday.

Other activities include eight workshops on Saturday afternoon, during which the youth are able to talk to a college panel, learn about the T.R.A.S.H. and Habitat for Humanity organizations, or participate in a service project. Optional service projects are a highway cleanup or a visit to the elderly.

Saturday night students will get a taste of campus life as there will be

time for recreation in the Sport Center and a chance to go to the play "Noises Off" performed by the McPherson College Drama Department. Following, there will be a dance from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. The youths will sleep in the Sport Center both Friday and Saturday nights.

The event is "a good opportunity to meet other youths from the wider church and to get to know each other personally," says Dave

Valeta, campus minister and RYC coordinator.

One hundred high school students and adult counselors from four church districts are expected to attend. The districts are Western Plains, Northern Plains, Southern Plains, and Missouri/Arkansas.

Any college students interested in helping with the weekend activities should contact Dave Valeta. A staff of 20-30 is needed.

Global Awareness Day

Events planned to promote cross-cultural understanding

By Adeola Grillo

Spectator Staff

"One World Under Many Flags" is the theme for this year's Second Annual Global Awareness Day.

The purpose is to raise awareness of global issues and facilitate cross-cultural understanding. Global Awareness Day will be April 9.

Various events are planned for that day. In the morning, convocation will be led by B.C.A. students. The Student Council has purchased flags of the different countries represented in the

college, and these will be presented during convo.

During the day, different classes will focus on global issues, and there will be a film festival conducted by the library staff.

International films will be shown at different intervals. This first film is at 10:30 a.m. with others following at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. and will be shown in room 101 in Miller Library.

In the evening during dinner, several activities will be taking place. There will be a fashion show, a talent show featuring various talents from the college,

and the Mac Scottish Pipe Band has been invited to perform.

The idea for a Global Awareness Day was brought up last year by Dr. Daisy Kabagarama, sociology professor, because of concern for global awareness. It was then passed by the Educational Policy Committee.

"I feel that similarities between people are greater than differences and so if we can look for similarities between us, we can make a better world. I feel the place to start the change is the educational institutions. They should take the lead," said Dr. Kabagarama.

A play within a play

By Heather Williams

Spectator Staff

"It's a riot! It's confusing! Everyone has put in a lot and it's going to be a good show," says Jamey Gentry, fr., stage manager of the spring theatre production, "Noises Off."

"'Noises Off' is a play within a play," said Rick Tyler, speech and drama professor and director. The first time I saw 'Noises Off' was on Broadway. I was just in awe," said Tyler.

This is a story of a moving theatrical company. It tells of what really happens behind the scenes of a play. Actors falling in love with each other, actors fighting over each other and actors finally hating each other. The play is hilarious, but full of chaos. So full of con-

fusion, it took the cast two days to figure out whose parts were whose, Tyler said.

The play takes a special cast of people to pull it off and these people are Ishmael Kimbrough, sr., Tammy Hull, fr., Brian Krushwitz, sr., Jonathan Coachman, fr., Shannon Kirschner, sr., Steve Hoover, jr., Adam Smith, soph., Stephanie Koss, jr., and Karlene Tyler, registrar of McPherson College.

"All in all, the play is very enjoyable. 'Noises Off' will be my 100th show and what a show it is," said Tyler.

The production will be performed April 3, 4, 10, and 11. Curtain opens at 8:00 p.m. There is no need for reservations. If you're looking for a good laugh, don't miss it!

News Briefs

Bloodmobile. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be visiting McPherson College on April 1 at the small gym in the Sport Center from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. Give your donation.

Stuco elections. Results of the Student Council elections are: Ryan Hicks, fr., president; Kristi McReynolds, jr., vice president; Michelle Lohrenz, fr., secretary; and Darren Crumrine, jr., treasurer.

Aerobics. Anyone wanting to attend an aerobics class can do so in the McPherson College Church of the Brethren social rooms in the basement of the church. Gayle Doll is the instructor. Classes are Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. There is no charge.