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Family Weekend activities get underway today, continue through tomorrow and Sunday

By Jenny Burger
Spectator Staff

It's that time again. Time for this year's Family Weekend. What? Something's wrong? Oh, yes. The name has been changed. The annual parent, family, and friend get-together has been renamed Family Weekend rather than the old name, Parents Weekend. After receiving feedback some felt that Parents Weekend was only for parents, the committee in charge changed the name to be more inclusive. The committee hopes for more participation with the new name.

Registration for Family Weekend began this morning at 8 a.m. and continues through 4 p.m. today. Family and friends have been invited to attend classes with their student today or attend a class that looks interesting to them. This is a new addition to the schedule. "We're looking forward to this weekend and hope it is as successful as last year's. We hope

the parents like visiting the classes since it is new this year. We're anticipating a very good and fun weekend," said Kristi McReynolds and Jenny Burger, co-chairpersons of the Family Weekend Committee. Tonight there is an Ice Cream and Social Gathering in the cafeteria in the Student Union. This informal time gives families and friends an opportunity to catch up and visit and intermingle with other families. There will be music, food, and games.

Registration continues tomorrow at 9 a.m. McPherson College students will present a program at 10 a.m. in the large gym in the Sport Center. The program will feature the award-winning McPherson College Choir, directed by Dr. Katherine Baker, SAB, Kristin Falen, Dance Team, and the Cheerleaders/Yell Leaders. At 11 a.m. McPherson College faculty will be available in the small gym to meet and visit with

students families. Some of the McPherson College campus student organizations will also be on

hand to show families and friends the kinds of activities McPherson College offers. Refreshments will be available. After the "Meet the Professors" reception, families and friends are encouraged to visit various departments and tour college facilities from 2 to 4 p.m. during the Open House. The Residence Halls, Fahnestock, Dotzour, and Metzler will be having a Room Decorating Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in each hall. Saturday evening at 6 p.m., the women's basketball team plays Ottawa in the last game of the regular season. The men play immediately following the women at 8 p.m.

The cafeteria will be open from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. on Friday, and from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (brunch) and 5 p.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday. The Bookstore in the basement of the S.U. will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday, and from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday.

SCHEDULE

Family Weekend

Today

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Registration
Friendship Hall
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Classes open
for families to attend
8:30 p.m. Registration
Student Union Lobby
9 p.m. Ice Cream Social
Student Union

Tomorrow

9 a.m. Registration
Sport Center Lobby
10 a.m. Student Program
Sport Center
11 a.m. Meet the Professors
Small Gym, Sport Center
11:45 - 1 p.m. Visit Academic Depts.
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Open House
All Campus Facilities
6 p.m. Women's Basketball Game
8 p.m. Men's Basketball Game
Sport Center

NEWS BRIEFS

■ **Elections.** The results of yesterday's student council elections have been announced. Elected as president was Harold Chaney. Representatives chosen from Metzler and Dotzour Halls were Brad Brummet and Kristen Cossaart, respectively. These officers will serve for the remainder of the year. Stuco elections for the 1993-94 academic year will be held at convocation on March 4.

■ **Class Agents.** Today and tomorrow 42 alumni from all over the nation will be on campus for the 1993 Class Agent Workshop. The class agents will participate in a variety of activities. Class agent responsibilities, a tour of the renovated theatre department, and a vice-presidents' update of college events are the main items on the agenda.

Sports historian provides insight, advice on campus

By Tim Woodcock

Sports Editor

Students may have exaggerated their concerns about the priority of athletics at McPherson College, according to a sports historian and philosopher on campus last week.

Dr. Jack Higgs, last week's convocation speaker, discussed the role sports have taken in today's society and responded to recent student concerns on the trainer issue at McPherson College and the lack of administration support for athletics.

"I think you have made a mountain out of a mole hill," Higgs said. "You people are fortunate to be in the situation you are in."

Higgs saw no real problems at McPherson compared to bigger universities but he did have suggestions for keeping the sports program in check. One was to incorporate philosophy of sport classes into the curriculum.

Higgs feels that the "winning is the only thing" mentality has led sports to become an entity unto itself and that they must be studied in order to keep them in the correct perspective.

Higgs went on to say that athletics should

be supported in full if a school is going to have it at a certain level and that students and faculty should work together to accomplish goals both sides will feel benefit everyone.

"As long as we don't abuse sport and realize its place, it can live right along with academia," Higgs said. Higgs attended Vanderbilt University for a year, where he excelled in football and basketball, and then went on to the Naval Academy where he played football until he severed a nerve in his deltoid muscle.

After his sports career ended he began to study the effect sports has on our culture. "Sports pervade our culture. On the evening news we have weather, news and sports. We don't know enough about sports and the important force it has in the shaping of our lives," Higgs said.

Now an English professor at East Tennessee State University, Higgs has studied extensively the history of sport and has come to some revealing conclusions. He believes sports are essentially a pagan phenomena.

The Greeks were the first to institutionalize sports with religion, politics and business. "Every time you pray before an athletic event you are actually praying to Zeus," Higgs said.

He reported he has found no evidence as to the value of sports in the scripture, but just because something isn't Christian doesn't mean it is bad.

"Sports have done a lot for me," Higgs said. "If I had the chance to go back in time and change things, I think I would have done everything the same way. I really think sports made me a better person."

Higgs believes sports have become warped in modern America, especially in the major college scene and have almost become a new religion for some. "Sports are not a Christian heresy, but there are heretical aspects in sports. Some elements of sports are distorted beyond what is good for sports or religion," Higgs said.

Higgs also discussed knighthood and the role it played in giving society the notion that one must possess a sound body as well as a sound mind. His seventh book, not yet published is called "God in the Stadium, Muscle in the Church: The Triumph of Knighthood and the Heresy in American Sports." The book will express his view that even though these knights shined on the battlefield and devoted their lives to it, they still kept religion separate.

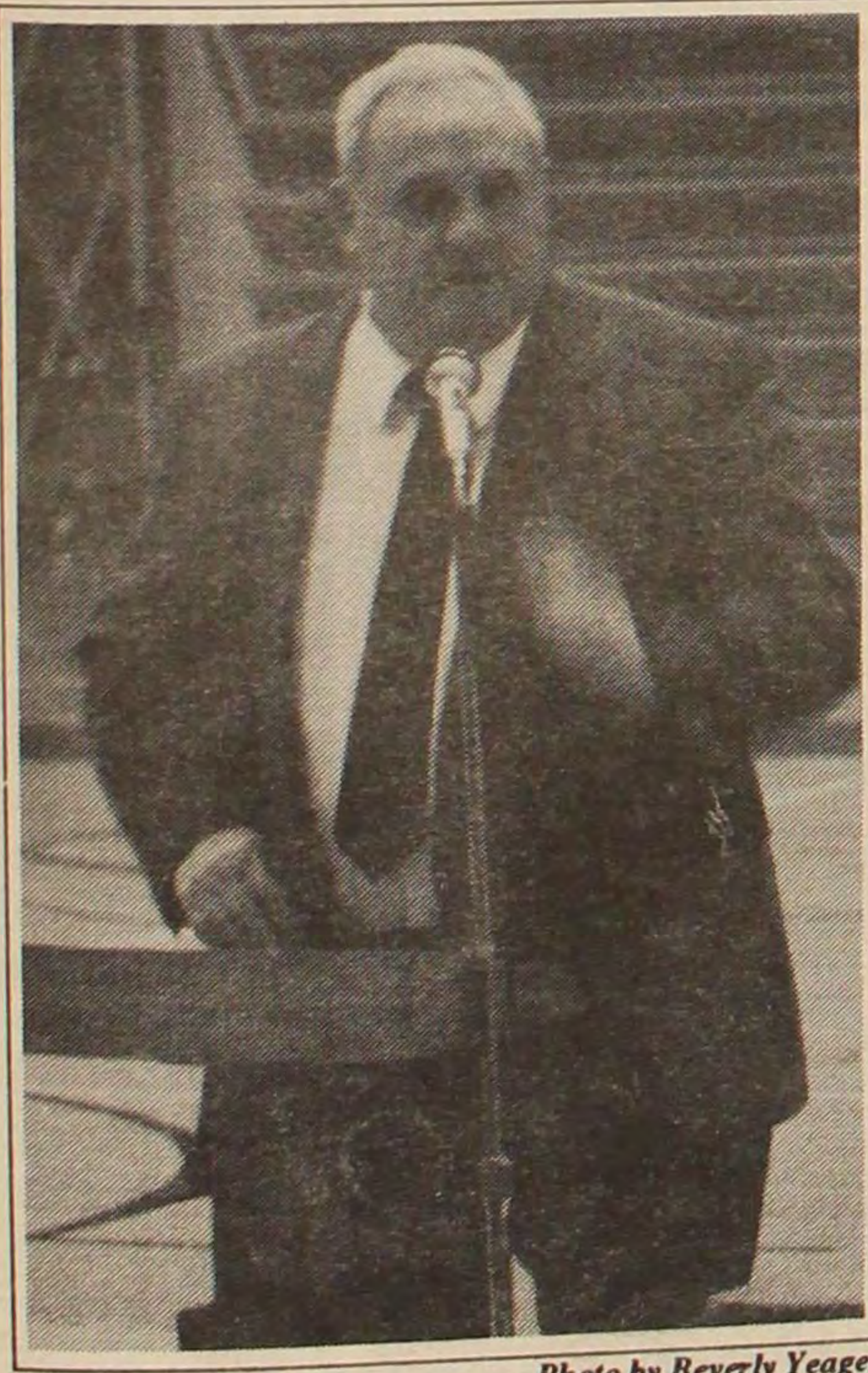


Photo by Beverly Yeager

Dr. Jack Higgs of East Tennessee State University provided an intriguing convocation topic.

EDITORIAL

Preserve military unity

THE UNITED STATES MILITARY HAS BEEN THE BACKBONE of a sometimes invertebrate culture. Its traditions and codes form a stable and worthy defense for a society that often teeters and squirms under the pressures of change brought about by freedom. It is one of the few institutions that can claim such stability. And it is through this stability that liberty has been, and will be preserved.

In order to maintain this foundation the military must require strict adherence to a discipline which creates an unrelenting attitude of duty and an extreme sense of belonging. This is what being a service man or woman is all about.

Obviously, there have been few times when the serviceman's sense of duty has been diminished. However, there have been times when the soldier felt his identity, his sense of belonging ridiculed.

One of these moments came when women were allowed to serve in all areas of the armed forces. Allowing them to serve caused a stir among the ranks that is still felt today. The tradition and camaraderie which had existed before was gone. The Air Force Academy class of 1976 still goes by the nickname L.C.W.B. or Last Class Without Bitches. As terrible as it sounds, this common sentiment made their unity stronger and their military pride more outstanding. Perhaps they were sexist, but they were trained to fight and win wars and nothing else.

Understanding how identity was damaged in this situation explains why homosexuals should not be allowed to serve. It makes no difference if homosexuality is right or wrong. It was easy for servicemen to accept women over time because there was no question of whether it was morally wrong to be a woman.

How well homosexuals can serve is not the question. Merely allowing them to serve will deteriorate the commitment of heterosexual men and women. According to military leaders, most officers believe homosexuality is morally wrong and that is reason enough to ban them from service. If they are allowed in, it will cause many servicemen to lose their sense of belonging and identity. When their identity is lost, so is a part of their sense of duty. They expect the military institution to uphold their own beliefs and values. When these values are upset, pride is also upset.

There is concern about whether a ban should be based on sexual orientation. It must be based on orientation so the servicemen and women will understand that their unity will remain intact. If the ban on homosexuals is lifted by President Clinton, the stability that was shaken when women were allowed in will revisit the military hundred-fold. This stability cannot be compromised. The base of all military service must be reinforced by duty through unity. Unity and allegiance are lost when morals are in conflict. Homosexuality cannot enter such a disciplined and refined institution. Let's hope that the Air Force Academy class of 1996 doesn't choose to nickname itself L.C.W.F.

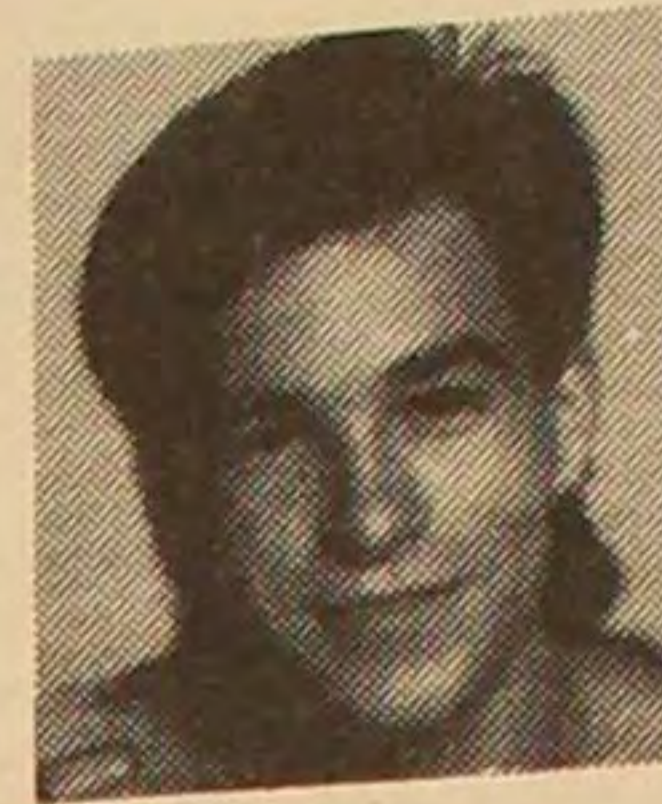
Joel Watts

Military gay ban should be lifted

Homosexuals in the military. Only one other issue sparks such a heated debate—abortion. And like the eternal abortion debate, people are fairly certain where they stand and aren't easily persuaded to change their minds.

Should a person's sexual orientation have any bearing on their right to defend their country? This is the question that President Clinton is addressing in proposed legislation which would allow homosexuals to serve in the military. Generally this is a Liberal-Conservative issue, with the ever present Christian fundamentalist influence trying to bring conservative religious thought into a purely secular, social issue.

Religion was used to justify slavery and exclude African Americans from military service years ago. Similar arguments were also used to discriminate against women. Social reform, civil rights bills and awakened consciences have allowed these minority groups to gain the rights they deserve. Only one minority group is still denied basic civil rights—homosexuals. Isn't it time we ex-



Luke Lefever

Staff Writer

amine our prejudices?

People from Europe, South and Central America, Asia and Africa immigrated to the United States seeking religious, social and economic freedom that democracy offers. When it comes down to it we are all immigrants, except for the few remaining Native Americans. Whether Swiss-German, Irish, English, French, Italian, Russian, Mexican, Guatemalan, Spanish or whatever, no one is an original American. We are all part of some minority group or another. Your ancestors came to America looking for the land of freedom and opportunity. Yet, we try to deny certain minority groups their rights because we hold a majority opinion. Is that what we

are about?

The whole premise the United States was built on was that of freedom of thought and speech. Just because it's a minority view does not make it any less valid. Should it be squashed by the overwhelming majority? I somehow was under the impression that the "little guy" was allowed to express the unpopular, unconventional view and not be in danger of persecution. Isn't that what the United States is all about—protecting all opinions, whether minority or majority held?

While you or I may not agree with the moral practice of homosexuality, do we have the right to deny them the choice to serve in the military? Are they any less human?

Who are you to judge? Let's not impose our majority impression onto another minority group. We've already done horrible things to countless Americans because the hue of their skin is darker than ours. Let's not inflict this same discrimination on more Americans because their sexual preference is different from ours.

Student Council needs resuscitation

Emmanuel Samci

Guest Writer

In my reading I recall stumbling across a stimulating thought. What the author communicated was simple: there are certain acts or situations that we all know exist but don't have the words to describe. Other cultures do. For his example he used a word that represents a truthful situation everyone knows about yet no one talks about. A silent truth. Such a truth I would like to unravel.

The truth is I am a member of Student Council. Since elected I have not accomplished any feat of

major significance. No one has and some have done less. The truth is you currently do not have a Student Council President—he up and left! The truth is our meetings are so mellow that you would think we were having a garden party.

The only critical duty Stuco performs year in and year out is the allocation of funds to other clubs on campus. This is done by one person. All the council does is ask formal questions and approve it. The truth is you are being represented by a bunch of unimaginative, complacent individuals.

Student Council is dead. It has no

pulse. The student body is itself a corpse. Leadership—we have none. Loyal opposition—we have none. Self-indulgence and complacency—we have an abundance.

I am writing as a former Student Council President, who has contributed to the demolished standard of true leadership. The only council worthy of acclamation was the one presided over by Leann Johnson. These are the facts comrades. Dare to demand performance of representatives or rot in blind bliss. Hold us accountable—send us a message!

MEDITATION MOMENT

Do not forget to meet all your difficulties with love and laughter. Be assured that I am with you. Remember, remember it is the last few yards that tell. Do not fail Me. I cannot fail you. Rest in My love.

Can you endure to the end? If so, you shall be saved. But endure with courage, with Love and laughter. Oh! My children, is My training to hard?

For you my children, I will unlock the secret treasures hidden from so many. Not one of your cries is unheard. I am with you indeed to aid you.

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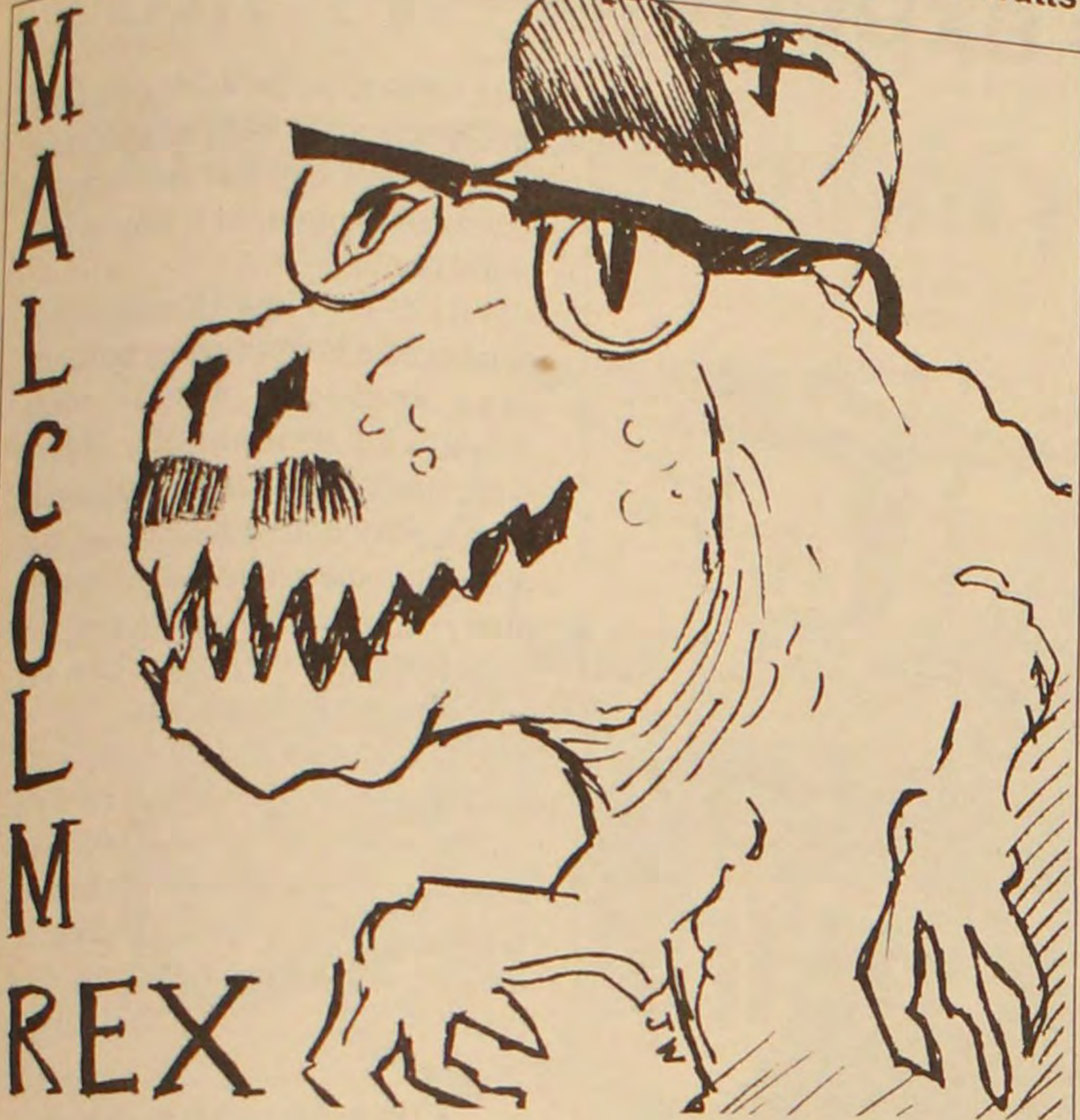
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Civil Rights Champion of the Paleolithic Age.

CAMPUS FORUM

School pride

I would like to congratulate our student section which showed an amazing display of school pride and support at the basketball games against Tabor last weekend. Even though it seemed Tabor had more fans and faithful followers, it was our students who remained standing, screaming and yelling to the final buzzer. Let not our school pride end here! We have one home game left and possibly two if the men can earn a home playoff spot. Come out to the sports center this weekend and have some fun, get wild and crazy and cheer the Bulldogs to a victory!

Brian Huber

Acoustical problem

I've been at this college for three years and in this time I've seen some strange things. Most surprising to me is a seemingly inherent ability of the staff to fail to learn from their mistakes.

Last semester we had a convo in the gym, discussing relevant topics with the vice presidents. I couldn't understand why we would move a convo into the gym when the speakers don't need to move around. During that convo the acoustics were miserable. Students couldn't understand everything said. I thought the powers-that-be would have learned from their mistake. I was wrong.

Last week we had a convo in the gym on athletics. I sat in the front row directly in front of the speaker. Regardless, I couldn't

understand about one-third of what he said. The fact is Brown Auditorium and the Brethren Church provide better acoustics. I hope in the future, ridiculous situations like this can be avoided.

Scott Bowman

Black history

This is Black History Month, a month set aside to recognize blacks who have helped shape America.

As a young African-American growing up in America, I heard stories of how this great country was built. But, the stories varied depending on the storyteller. The fact is that our black and white forefathers both contributed to the building of this nation. The difference is my forefathers did it for free.

Black History Month is like "hush money." When persons commit a criminal act they make what is called the big pay off. They pay off the authorities to look the other way. Black History Month is nothing but a consolation gift.

If our country truly wanted to make amends then black history would be included in the curriculum with American and European history. It should be a requirement. Blacks have a rich history.

I have a forgiving soul. Show me, McPherson College, that you have a forgiving soul by restructuring your curriculum to be inclusive.

William Harris

Clinton preaches wrong message

Wednesday night President Clinton presented his much heralded State of the Union Address, outlining his new economic initiatives.

This was just an economic speech and for this I give Clinton low marks. True, the main reason he was elected was to fix the supposed economic quagmire we are in, still, he mentioned crime only twice, and he didn't mention foreign policy at all during his hour long dialogue.

Crime is consistently placed among the top three of Americans' concerns, so Clinton should have mentioned it. Although the world is a much safer place due to the fall of communism (thank you Bush and Reagan), there are still several foreign hot spots that concern the U.S. but maybe if we ignore them they will go away.

I was pleasantly surprised by some of Clinton's economic plan. His new college loan program might be successful if it can be administered within acceptable cost guidelines. It states that college loans should be available to all, and the student would have the option of repaying the loan or serving the country in a variety of ways. This includes law enforcement work and teaching.

Reforming the welfare system is another good thought. This Democratic sacred cow has grown out of control.

The Right Opinion



Troy Unruh

Staff Writer

Clinton would like to provide training for welfare recipients and put them to work in the private sector if possible—in the public sector if necessary. This is the catch: is Clinton going to create good paying government jobs for these people, or is he going to continue their welfare wages and put them to work digging ditches and cleaning streets. Hopefully the latter.

Taxes, taxes and more taxes. Clinton says he is responding to the voter's wishes, but how many of you voted for Clinton saying, "Oh, I hope Bill raises my taxes so those wonderful people in Washington can build Bill a track AROUND the White House." I doubt few of you did.

Clinton wants to raise the tax rate on the top two percent of America's wage earners. Clinton says the tax system isn't fair and the rich get off lightly, but actually the top one percent of wage earners

pay approximately 40% of all income taxes, quite a bit I think. But the middle classes taxes won't be raised, Clinton claims.

Not quite true. Clinton has scrapped the middle income tax hike for now but has replaced it with his vaunted BTU tax. This tax would levy fees against all forms of energy. Gas will increase, electricity will increase, and the prices of goods in the stores will increase since production and transportation costs will go up. It makes an income tax hike sound almost preferable. The BTU tax is regressive. That means that the less money you make, the larger percentage of your income will be spent paying for this tax. After all, is it going to hurt me or Ross Perot more to pay that extra 8 cents at the gas pump. I think that answer is clear.

Clinton is a Democrat, pure and simple. He will tax and spend for his four years, and no matter what anyone tells you, taxes never solved any problems. We would be better off to cut spending, pass a balanced budget amendment, and cut entitlements. This too, will call for sacrifice, but that is what is needed. Washington is incredibly inefficient. Who else could produce a \$500 hammer? Until our spending habits are confronted, our problems will persist. That's my opinion and that is the RIGHT OPINION!

Americans must sacrifice for future

President Clinton finally laid out his full economic plan Wednesday night. He championed our call for change, and challenged Congress to deliver. He blamed the last two decades for our current deficit problem, high unemployment, a lack of adequate health care coverage, low wages, low productivity, and no job training.

America has to get its vision, will and heart back, Clinton said. We have possibilities our parents could not even dream of. It is time for the American Dream to reach us and our future generations. It is time, the President said, all took responsibility for our situation. Every American must sacrifice.

Clinton's economic plan had four fundamental points. First, it shifts the emphasis in public and private spending for consumption to investment. Second, it changes the rhetoric of the past into the actions of the present by honoring working families in every part of public decision making. Third, it substantially reduces the federal deficit honestly and credibly in the beginning by using the most conservative estimates of government revenue instead of the most optimistic. Last of all, it seeks to earn

What's Left!



Dan Marchewka

Staff Writer

the trust of the American people by paying for these plans with (1) government waste and inefficiency, (2) cuts, not gimmicks in government spending, and (3) fairness in the way additional burdens are borne.

Clinton firmly stated that creating jobs is the most important issue. He urged Congress to enact immediately his \$30 billion recovery program. Along with infrastructure repairs, it will include an environmental clean-up that will create as many as one million new summer jobs. But, we must not forget that his goal is long term.

This plan has a deficit reduction program which will lower interest rates, raise the rate of economic growth, provide more

high quality jobs, improve productivity and improve our economic competitiveness in the world.

Clinton also tackled the health care dilemma. By the year 2000, 20 percent of the country's income will go toward health care. We are the only advanced country in the world without a health care package. Now is the time to give every American adequate health care.

It is now time to rethink government. He suggested 150 spending reductions worth an estimated \$160 billion. If we wait just ten years the deficit will be at \$63 billion annually. That is almost 80 percent of our Gross Domestic Product. Interest alone on the deficit will be the governments most costly program, and we will still be the world's largest debtor. Even though the pill is hard to swallow, it is necessary to cure the nations ills.

PROVOCATIVE WORDS

Do you have any milk fed chickens? Well, wring one out and bring me a glass.

—Groucho Marx

Interterm trips allow students to experience . . .

. . . the wonders of European cities

By Dyane Potter
Feature Editor

Religious Reformers--that was the title of the course, but it was much more than that for the 14 of us that traveled from McPherson to Europe during interterm.

Our first stop was Amsterdam, The Netherlands, a city tied to the past with its narrow streets and canals, but at the same time a very modern city with speeding cars and legalized drugs.

A large part of our trip was spent in Germany. We stayed at a monastery, where we attended services and sang and danced with "our monk." We went to a performance of the famous opera, "Madame Butterfly," in Muenster. In Marburg, we visited Erika Wottrich, a former McPherson College student, and stayed out almost all night with her and her friends. We spent a moving weekend in what was East Germany with a trip to the eerie Buchenwald concentration camp.

Then we traveled to Switzerland where we shopped and shopped and shopped. We saw the bears of Bern, enjoyed the underground shops, were entertained by Central American street musicians, and went hiking in the Alps. It was gorgeous!

One of the best parts of our trip was the people we stayed with. We had four homestays. We were amazed at the openness and honesty within the families, and this seemed to lead to an incredible closeness between parents and their children. We had discussions about Neo-nazism, American politics, educational philosophy, music and food.

We returned to The Netherlands just before our journey home and visited the North Sea. We stayed in a horrible youth hostel that encouraged our thoughts of returning to the States, even though it meant an end to a great trip.

. . . Tropical life in Central America

By Amy Barr
Guest Writer

I hate spiders!! What on earth was I doing taking a tropical biology trip to the rain forests of Guatemala and Belize where spiders thrive? This is a question I pondered many times during the 17 days we spent in Central America.

Five students and Dr. Buzz Hoagland from McPherson College flew to Belize, and the following day traveled into Guatemala.



Students enter the gates of Buchenwald concentration camp while on the European tour. The trip was part of the Religious Reformers class offered during interterm.

Photo Courtesy of Dyane Potter

We spent three days there before returning to Belize, where we hiked into the rain forest and then traveled to South Water Caye, an island off the coast of Belize. We went to open markets, a zoo, the Mayan ruins of Tikal, and enjoyed caving, cliff diving, snorkeling, and sailing.

This trip was designed to be both a cultural and biological experience. Compared to our lifestyle, the people we met lived in poverty. At Blue Creek in southern Belize we were around Indian children. To them we were a tourist attraction, and to us they represented a dying culture. We visited a banana plantation, where we learned that the workers got up at sunrise, quit work at sundown, and were only paid \$1 an hour.

We were required to do one major project dealing with some aspect of biology. People had projects from observing fish to catching crabs and shrimp. Throughout the trip we also did many smaller projects such as calculating the diversity of trees in two different forests, netting bats, dissecting bats, an iguana, and snake, spider hunting, and observing all types of marine life.

We gained a lot of knowledge on this trip. It wasn't a lot of book work, but an actual hands-on experience where what you learned was crucial to returning home safely. The trip was a lot of fun, but it took a lot of hard work and tolerance. Despite my fear of spiders, I would definitely go again!

. . . Geology of the Southwest

By Garth Werner

Guest Writer

This January, as you trudged through that icy 12-degree wind and over those freshly plowed pathways to class where you spent three hours taking notes on a lecture, 12 students under the expert tutelage of Dr. Richard Zerger were exploring the deep cavern of Carlsbad, N.M., and hiking to the summit of 7,000 foot peaks in Big Bend National Park, Texas.

Upon arrival at Carlsbad Caverns, N.M., we set out on a three-hour tour through the monstrous caverns, descending 38 stories into the earth. We experienced beautiful rock formations, forests of stalactites and stalagmites, and underground caverns big enough to house seven football fields and several 747s.

Next we drove to the Chisos Mountains in Big Bend National Park, where we stayed for the next five days. In the mountains we experienced 70-degree weather and dry, pine-filled air. Our group spent time hiking, rock climbing, sand skiing, and an afternoon lying in the sun and sitting in a natural hot spring.

Dr. Zerger made each outing educational by pointing out the geological significance of each area. We also saw many deer, road-runners, javalinas, and even an armadillo (if you want to count

road-kill). We spent days hiking and soaking up sun and nights watching the sunset and gazing at the stars. It brought out the outdoorsperson in all of us, and we were all a bit sad at having to leave.

On the way home we stopped and dug for fossils, toured a Texas ranch and spent an evening in San Antonio visiting the little stores and taking boat tours along the famous River Walk.

Though riding long hours with 12 others and 26 duffle bags in a 15-passenger van may not always be the way to go, the geology trip I took this interterm couldn't have been better.

. . . Life in the Big Apple

By Marcus Nielsen

Guest Writer

Interterm 1993 was a great experience for me. When I told everyone I was going to New York City for a week, one of the main responses was, "Don't get mugged!" When they told me this I just said to myself, "Yea right, that would never happen to me."

Little did I know that with two days left on our trip, at about 10 p.m., on our way back to the hotel, two guys would decide to mug Byron White and me. They came from behind us, put guns in our backs, and said, "Don't turn around or say anything; just give us your wallets." This really scared us and being the nice and cooperative guys that we are, we calmly handed

over \$190 to our new friends. After this Byron and I went straight back to the hotel and did not want to leave our room until it was time to come home.

While in New York, I experienced a lot more than my mugging incident. I saw three Broadway productions. These were amazing to me. I had never seen a play before and so this was quite an experience. I also went to many museums and art galleries and learned to appreciate the artworks in the museums.

This trip was a great experience for me. I saw a different part of the nation and a number of different kinds of people. I would definitely recommend this class to someone looking for a fun and educational class.

. . . Challenges of urban living

By Adabel Garza

Guest Writer

The first time that I talked to Virginia, a representative of the Urban Life Center (ULC), I knew I had to go. I had also heard many good things from other people who had gone so I couldn't resist. I thought of it as a challenge.

The neighborhood we lived in was great. It's a predominantly African-American neighborhood on the Southside, that to say the least is not on the tourists' guide to Chicago. The first few days I was really scared and felt uncomfortable. When we would get on the bus outside our house, we were the only people that were not African-American. I enjoyed it because it made me very aware of my surroundings; and if you had never felt like a minority, you did the moment you stepped on the bus.

The students at ULC are placed in internships so they must work a few days a week. My internship was at Trilogy, a center dealing with the mentally ill. I really got some "hands on" experience with the clients. I was able to distribute medication, read clients' charts, and interact with the clients.

The second night we went to the Checkerboard Lounge, which is a blues club. It was really a time of bonding for our group. Everyone started talking to the students from different colleges and had a chance let their hair down. I knew that was the start of a great term.

Unfortunately, the end of the month came too soon, and I was really sad. I became close to so many people. The fact that our group had to separate was hard to imagine.

From engines to upholstery, from retailers to retirees

By Emilita Huston

Spectator Staff

During the month of January, men come to McPherson College from around the country to learn about restoring

old automobiles - everything from the engine to the upholstery - in the only degree-granting automobile program in the country.

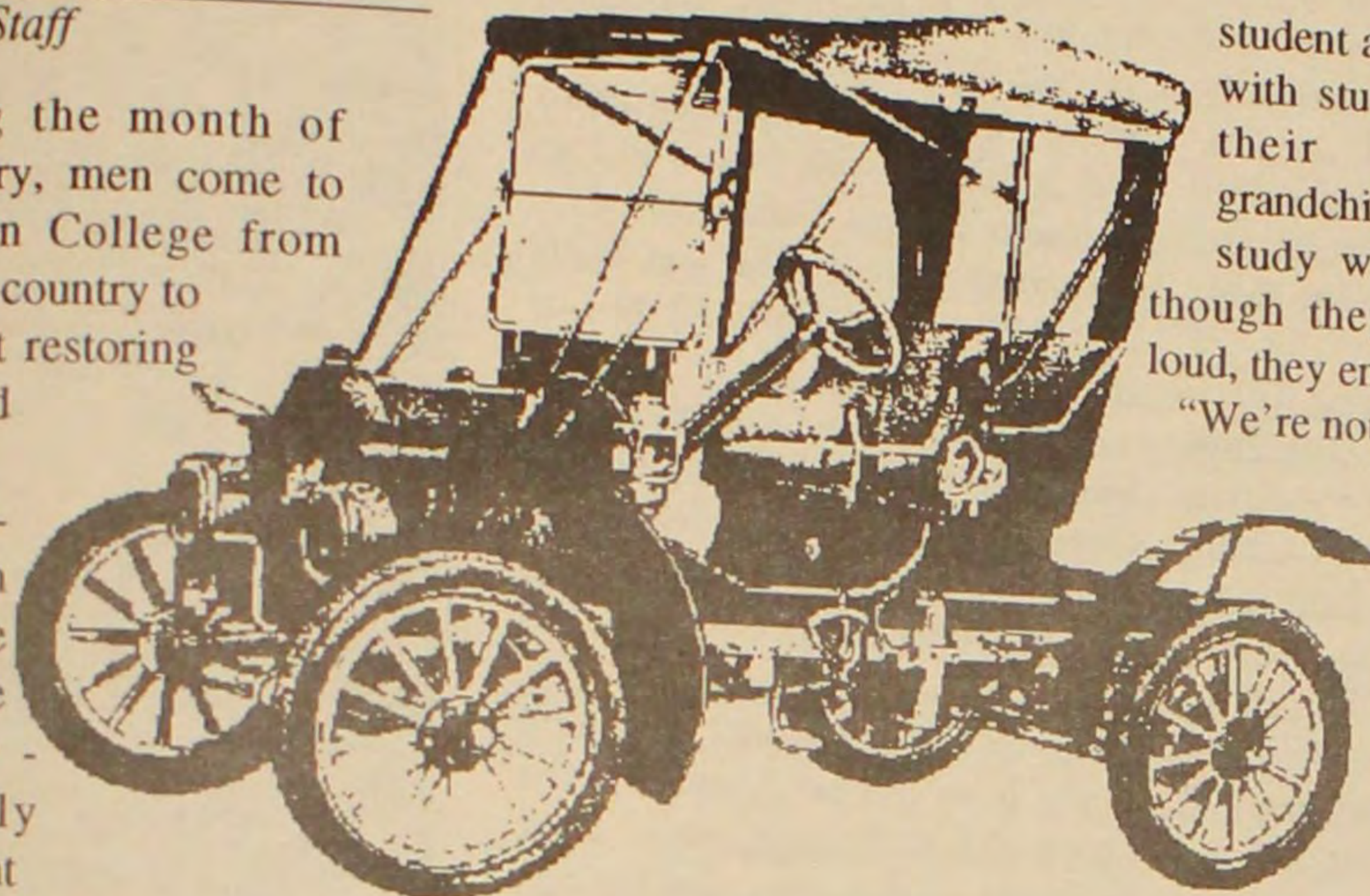
What makes this program really unusual though is the number of non-traditional students. And their diversity, retailers to retirees.

"It's like taking everyone in the country and bringing them together

and they all have a similar interest. . . It's amazing that you can find 36 people with the same interest," said Bill Clark, a recent retiree from Eastman Kodak, who took the course.

It's a three week program, each week being one credit. There are nine different courses.

Bob Riley and his son came to see the campus and take a one-



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*Bill Clark
Honeoye Falls, N.Y.*

week course in restoration.

"We get along. We don't fight that much so we can do these things," said Riley, a professor at Frostburg State University in Maryland.

And while Riley hasn't been away from school for 30 years, Pete Woyen had the opposite idea. "I came to see if it merits going back for a full two-year course."

The men apply like any other

student and live in the dorms with students who could be their children or grandchildren. They eat and study with them. And although they call dorm-living loud, they enjoy it.

"We're not pushed off into one little group. The schedule is very routine: same class, same coffee-break, same supper," Riley said.

The gripe? "At 3:30 everybody goes their separate way. There's not a lot for people our age to do here," Clark said.

The interterm class is taught by Stan Miller, Jim Willems and Tim Bowers, has been around for about 16 years, and is still a

well kept secret. Both Bob Riley and Bill Clark found out about it at the Hershey, Pa. flea market. The booth was set up right next to the shuttle bus stop. "It was raining, so I took shelter at the booth. I don't know if I would have heard about it otherwise."

"There are a lot of auto tech programs but not ones that highlight old cars," said Woyen. "It's really specialty work. In a way, it prepares you for a lifestyle."

"Auntie Mame"



Photo by Beverly Yeager

Student Director Stephanie Stephens, sr., Dee Ann German and Scott Ferree rehearse a scene from "Auntie Mame." Performances are Feb. 26, 27 and March 4, 5, 6. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the play starts at 8 p.m. Seating is limited to 60.

Gere, Foster make "Sommersby" a hit

Sommersby
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about her formerly abusive husband returning as a radically changed man. She believed her long absent husband to be dead and had accepted the marriage proposal of a kind neighbor (Bill Pullman).

Laurel's doubts about Jack soon fade and she's first to support him when he urges the neighbors to pool their resources and try a new cash crop--tobacco.

Still, there are general doubts as to whether or not Gere's character is, indeed, Jack Sommersby. When being fitted for boots, it is dis-

covered that his feet are two sizes smaller than they once were and he doesn't recognize the name of his former best friend. The plot really picks up when Jack is arrested and tried for murder, with a black judge (James Earl Jones) presiding. It's safe to say that the courtroom scenes are tense and powerful.

"Sommersby" is an old fashioned romance/drama with good but telegraphing soundtrack music. Gere and Foster are good, as would be expected of either singly, but they are unexpectedly great together as a team. I am no fan of "period" films, but these two really take a viewer to the time the story takes place. The script could have been better in order to live up to the fine cast, but "Sommersby" is definitely worth the price of admission.

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McPherson has much to gain with win over Ottawa

By Tim Woodcock

Sports Editor

Coach Roger Trimmell and his Bulldog basketball squad have one thing in store for the Ottawa Braves this weekend—a long bus ride home Saturday night.

The Bulldogs, 14-11 overall and 10-5 in the KCAC, are tied with Ottawa for second place behind conference leader Sterling. The Dogs have already clinched a district playoff spot but a win against Ottawa could propel them to fourth in the District, giving McPherson the home-court advantage in the first-round to be held a week from today. Whatever the case, it's one of the biggest games of the year for the Bulldogs.

In their first meeting at Ottawa, the Dogs came away with an 88-76 victory. It was much closer than the score as the Dogs were down 45-37 at halftime. Coach Trimmell was happy to get away with the win at Ottawa, but this game is at home where the Bulldogs have lost just once all season, that being to NCAA Division II powerhouse Washburn.

"It's going to be a tough game, no doubt about it," Trimmell said. "The place will be packed for Alumni and Family Weekend.

We're going to give them something to cheer about."

At Lindsborg Wednesday night, the Dogs did away with Bethany handily, winning 86-58. This game was tight in the first half with the Dogs up just 22-20 with 7:11 left. That was as close as the Swedes would get as McPherson went on an 11-0 run sparked by Jonathan Coachman's lay-up and foul. The halftime score was 40-29.

In the second half, the Dogs started where they left off. With a balanced scoring attack and tenacious defense, the Bulldogs manhandled the much younger and slower Swedes, holding them scoreless until 12:32 left in the game. "Our defense looked better tonight than it has in a while," Trimmell said. "Hopefully, this win will give us the needed momentum going into the Ottawa game."

Leading the way for the Bulldogs was Coachman, soph., with 16. Brian Holloway, jr., had 13 and led the team in rebounds with nine. Robb Collins, jr., had 12 points and Tony Oakes added 10.

Last Saturday, the Bulldogs finally got to play in front of a crowd that typifies Bulldog basketball. They used it to their advantage winning 98-95 against the

always tough Tabor Blue Jays. "I'm really appreciative of the student and community support we had," Trimmell said. "It had a playoff-type atmosphere."

In this run-and-gun game, both teams played well, but it was the Bulldogs' scoring balance and clutch free throws that secured the victory. In the first half, the lead changed hands several times until a Gunner Boss layup at the halftime buzzer gave the Bulldogs a 48-40 lead.

An eight-point lead in a Tabor game isn't much and the Blue Jays proved it fighting back to within one, 70-69. Mac was too much, going on a 9-2 run and then icing the game with free throws. "Robb, Tony, Gunner and Jonathan all hit some big free throws at the end," Trimmell said. "Dan Noyes and Daniel Johns also came off the bench and gave us a lift." Coachman had 21 points on the game. Oakes and Collins both scored 16. Boss finished with 14 points and Holloway had 10.

The month of February has been a good one for the Dogs. After a disappointing 3-6 January, McPherson has turned things around going into the Ottawa game 5-1.

It all started in a big way as the Bulldogs snapped conference leader Sterling's 10-game win-

ning streak by a score of 88-78. "That was a big game for us," Coach Trimmell said. "For an entire 40 minutes, that was probably our best game of the year."

It was tight the first 12 minutes until the Dogs ripped off an 11-2 run and led at halftime, 44-35. In the second half, the Warriors never got close. The scoring attack was balanced with five Bulldogs in double figures. Oakes was leading scorer with 16. Hill and Willy Marshall, jr., added 12 points apiece.

After losing to District 10 foe Baker 94-88 the next night, the Dogs knew they had to pick things up. They traveled to St. Mary-Leavenworth on February 8 and won easily 89-73.

Against Bethel, Coach Trimmell knew it would be a battle if the Dogs did not shoot well. They were not outstanding and led just 37-31 at half. In the second half, the Threshers were within striking distance the whole way but fell short 72-70. Trimmell said the difference was late in the second half when Coachman fed Holloway for three straight layups enroute to a career-high 25 points. Oakes was second leading scorer with 15 and Coachman was right behind with 13 and eight assists.

Gametime is 8 p.m. Saturday.



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Darren Crumrine, sr., shoots a jumper against Sterling.

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Students need to keep the spirit alive for more than just the big games

It was a showdown at the Doghouse. Two teams battling for playoff contention. As the fans settled into their seats, there was that all too familiar sense of just another night in the KCAC.

But as the announcer got on the horn, out came the newspapers. The jeering of the other team started. The fans were on their feet.

But why the surprise you ask? A rowdy crowd is always expected in a Tabor-Mac game. Tabor is known for its great fans.

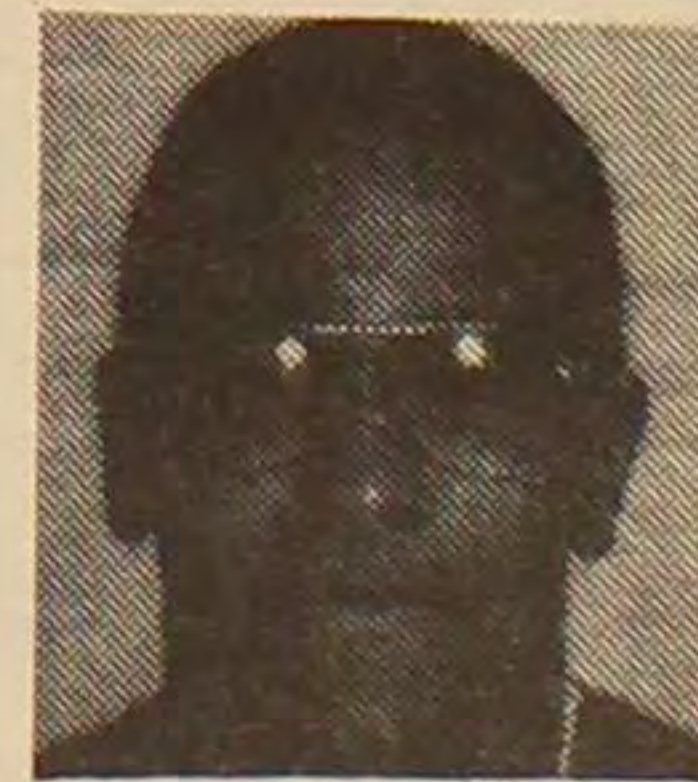
Double-take!! These fans were wearing maroon and white and chanting "Bulldogs!! Bulldogs!!" Could it be? Were these McPherson College fans, students no less, on their feet? In the first half!! Was this for real? Yes, it was.

For the first time all year, a total game was put in by everybody involved. Both players and fans put in a full forty minutes. And for the first time all year, the hunger for a much-needed win was seen in the fans' eyes as much as the players.

As I looked into the crowd as they chanted "Traitor" to a close friend of mine, I was thinking, "Are you serious? This is

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Jonathan
Coachman



Staff
Writer

awesome, baby."

A smile came to the mouths of everyone at the game. This is what college athletics is all about. Everyone coming together for a common goal. I give our fans an A+ for their effort last Saturday night.

I have to ask the question though, where was that type of enthusiasm all year? We need to have that kind of support all year long, not just when it is supposedly a big game. The psychological difference it makes is incredible. As the Road Warriors would say, "Oh, what a rush."

So I have a challenge for all McPherson College students and fans.

There is one home game left tomorrow night against Ottawa, who is tied with us for second-place. If the Dogs want a home playoff game, a win is a must tomorrow night. I want twice the excitement that was there last week.

The girls' game starts at six so let's have the place rockin' by 5:45. Let's show the parents and alumni that school spirit isn't dead, it was just hibernating for a while. It is the last home game for the seniors so it would be great if a huge crowd showed up to cheer them on.

If everybody gets involved, we can start to rejuvenate the togetherness that this college so desperately needs. We need to get this school hoppin' and there is no better time than the present.

Pride is a terrific fighting tool and there is a lot on the line for both the men and women. The fans should feel this pride, too. So let's show everybody Saturday night. And in the immortal words of Yogi Berra, "I'll believe it when I believe it."

Bulldogs have it out with Swedes in double overtime

By Tim Woodcock
Sports Editor

The McPherson women's basketball team has just one game left this weekend against the Ottawa Braves.

There are no playoff hopes for the women, but they do hope to give the Braves the kind of game they gave the Bethany Swedes Wednesday night.

Bethany had already clinched the home playoff berth and were not prepared for the battle Mac gave them. It took double overtime and a little luck as the Swedes hung on against this fiery Mac team, 92-88.

Regulation was dominated by the Bulldogs. They led by as many as 10 points in the first half and led 35-30 at the halftime.

The second half was much the same with McPherson ahead they whole way. They were up 75-73 with time running out when Mann from Bethany drew the foul underneath and made both free throws to send the game into its first overtime, 75-75.

In the first overtime, Roxy Hofer, soph., took over and scored six points for the Bulldogs as both teams changed leads until they were tied at 81-81. With ten seconds left Bethany jumped ahead 83-81.

The women drove down the court and Janette Joyce, sr., got away the shot, but it was no good.

Camille Base grabbed the board and was fouled on her shot as time ran out. After a Bethany time out Base calmly hit both ends of her free throws to send the game into

double overtime, 83-83.

Mac got the tip for the second overtime. Hofer put in the first two points, but on defense she picked up her fifth. Hofer played an incredible game scoring 32 points and grabbing 22 rebounds.

After getting the score tied 88-88 on free throws by Kimber McCune, jr., and Joyce, sr., the Bulldogs were forced to foul. Bethany hit their free throws and dodged their last bullet winning, 92-88.

"We don't have anyone to blame but ourselves," Gayer said of the loss. "We had them beat but you've got to give them credit. They never gave up and hung in there."

The women shot the best they have all year making 33 of 67. It was on the free throw line where it hurt. "We missed 10 going 18-28 from the line and had 30 turnovers but were still in this game," Gayer said.

The McPherson women should hold their heads high. Several players turned in some great performances. Behind Hofer's team-leading 32 points was Joyce with 25. Base also had a big game with 14 points and kept the game alive with her clutch free throws at the end of the first overtime.

Trudy Case had just three points, but led the team in assists with nine, more than half of them to Hofer.

Last Saturday the women Bulldogs dropped a decision to the Tabor Blue Jays 88-66. McPherson made Tabor earn this victory. The Bulldogs trailed just 18-17 halfway into the first half until Tabor went on a 12-2 run. Mac countered with a run of its own and

deadlocked the game 37-37 on a Joyce three-pointer.

Case gave Mac its only lead as she scored the first bucket after the half. It was all Tabor after that. "We gave them the outside shot and they shot it well," Gayer said. "We were also outrebounded 45-32."

Case had a great game scoring 23 points. Joyce scored 13 and Hofer added 11.

Fans at North Newton last Wednesday saw two different teams when they watched the McPherson women. Down 8-2 the first five minutes and eventually trailing 17-2, Coach Gayer was wondering if a shot would ever fall for the Bulldogs.

Then the press started to click and by half, McPherson was ahead, 41-27. "It was an amazing turn around," Gayer said. "We do always seem to play our best ball against Bethel." Defense was a key for the Bulldogs. Base held Bethel's leading scorer to just 12 points, and Case had five steals in the first half.

In the second half, they never looked back, going on to win, 69-49. Hofer cleaned the boards for 12 rebounds and led the scoring with 17. Joyce was right behind with 16, shooting better than 50 percent.

The women now stand at 4-23 on the season, but Coach Gayer is optimistic about the Ottawa game. "We'll match up better against Ottawa than we did against Bethany," Gayer said. "We'll have the opportunity if we play good defense, rebound, and put the ball in the basket. You have to do that in order to win."

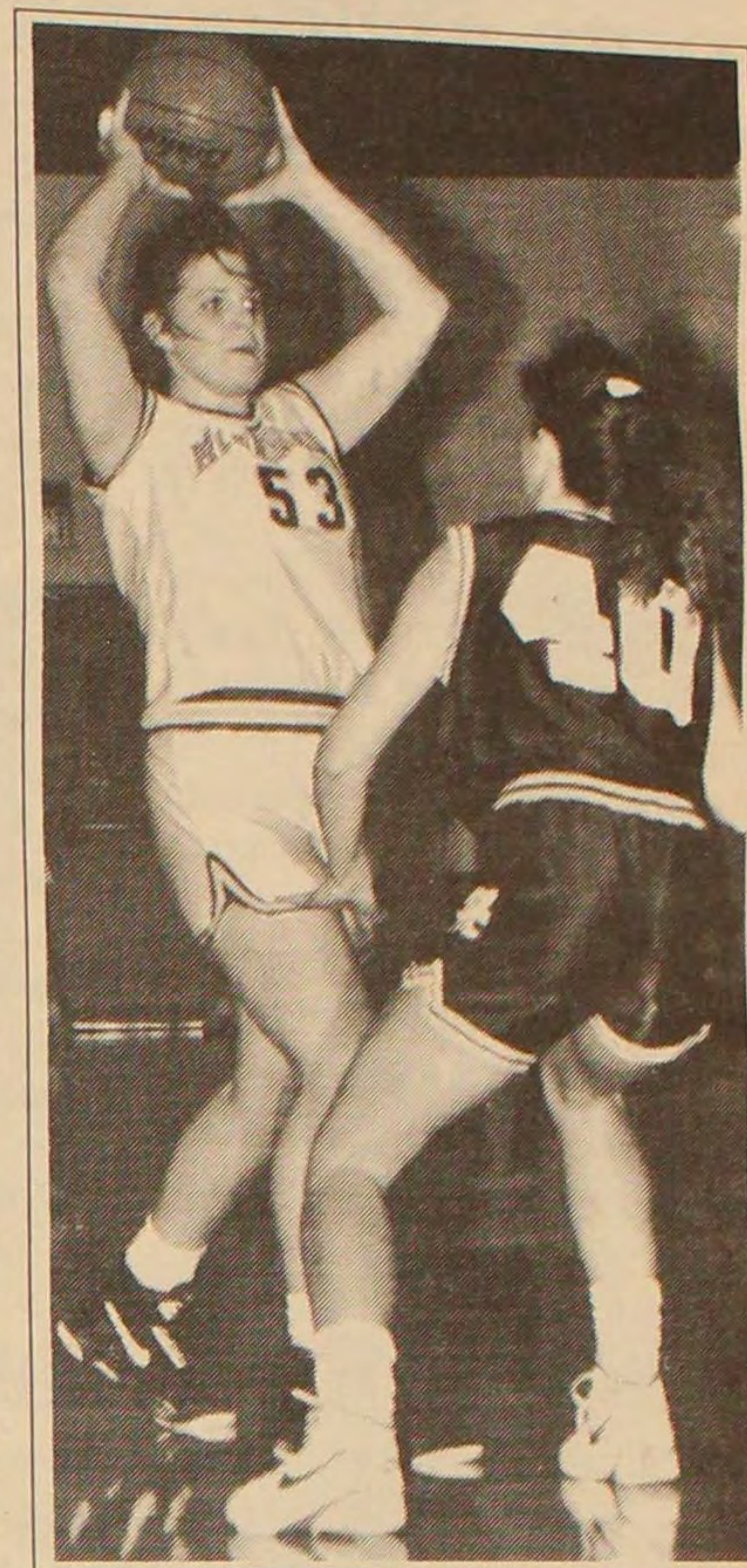


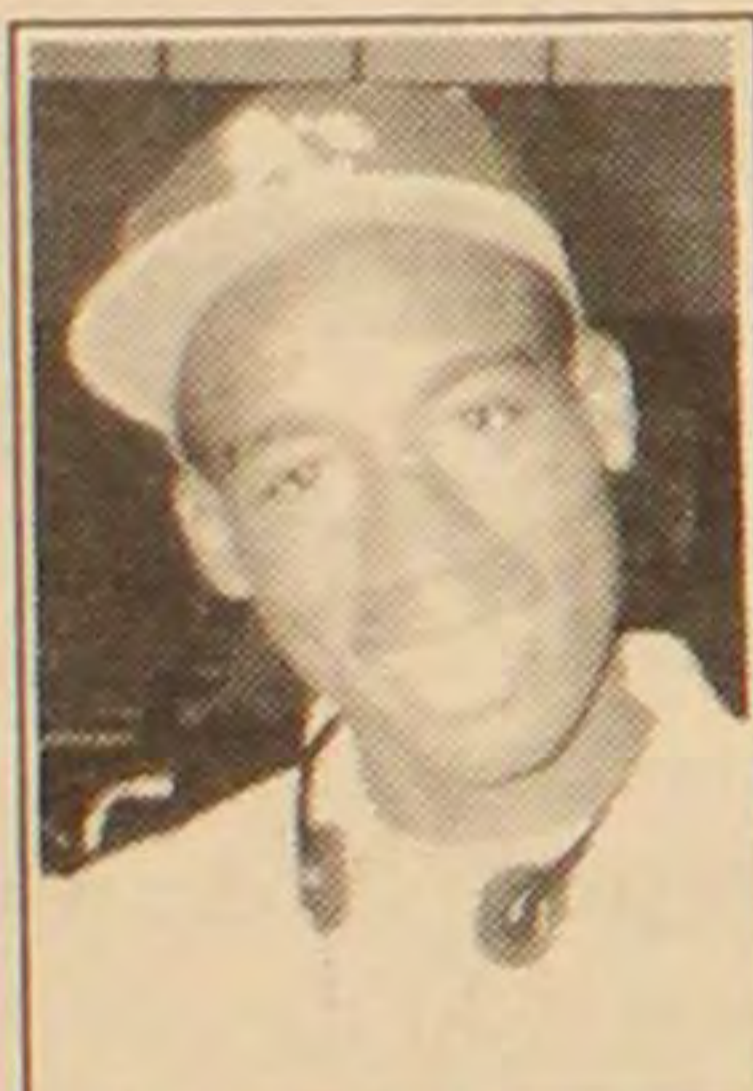
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Senior Trudy Case looks upcourt for some help against Sterling.

Afton Moxey out to rewrite record books at McPherson College

By Tim Woodcock
Sports Editor

"When I left home, it was 85 degrees and then I was graciously welcomed to McPherson by 23 degree weather," said Afton Moxey, a freshman from the Bahamas.



Afton Moxey

Moxey's long jumping for this year's Bulldog indoor track team has been keeping things hot.

Moxey, from New Providence, Bahamas, has been long jumping for five years. He is affiliated with the Bahamas Tiger Track Club and last semester went to the Success Training College affiliated with the College of the Bahamas. Now he is at McPherson jumping for head coach Deb Moore.

"The facilities here have impressed me," Moxey said. "I'm sure I could go somewhere and find better, but all that matters is that I get to train indoors out of the cold weather." He likes the atmosphere at McPherson thus far. "I came here so I could start small and be on my own," said Moxey.

He may be starting small in the sense of the college, but not by the

distance of his jumps. Last Saturday, he jumped at Kearney and was just one inch short of the gold with a 23' 10" performance. His first two meets of the year indicated Moxey's talent. After winning the Alex Francis meet at Hays with a jump of 22' 6 3/4", he went back the next week to the FHSU Invite and won again with a leap of 22' 4 3/4". At the KU indoor meet with several Division I schools present, Moxey flew to a second place finish going 23' 4 1/4".

He attributes much of his success to mental preparation. "The day before a meet, I try to relax," said Moxey. "Then before I go to bed, I

try to make myself dream about the distance I am going to jump the next day."

On the day of the meet Moxey focuses and concentrates all his energy on his jumps. "There's a saying, you don't talk track, you do it," he said. "On the day of the meet, I don't say anything."

Moxey has already qualified for Nationals by jumping better than 23' 0", but has his eyes set on another record. He wants to break the outdoor record indoors, a distance of 24' 2 1/4". He may be able to do just that at the district meet next Saturday at Kansas State. The record there is just 23' 11". Al-

though he hasn't jumped that far in competition this year he thinks it is possible. "I think I can break it," he said. "I want to give McPherson College some respect in the conference."

Moxey has already done that with his attitude and willingness to work. "He is a very coachable athlete," said Moore. "He already has good fundamental skills, but will still listen and work with his coach in order to improve even more."

Other track notes:

Wendy Hartman, sr., ran a 6.02.6 mile and 2.34.0 800M at the Kearney meet last Saturday. Wendy is just returning this year after laying

out for three years. "She's making some really good progress in bringing her time down," Moore said.

Patti Gesch, sr., is coming off a recurring back injury and did not run at Kearney. Gesch is scheduled to run at the district meet at K-State. Freshmen Jessica Boothe and Larry Manous are both out with injuries. Sean Dell, fr., and Stacey Nunn, soph., are preparing for the outdoor season.

The District meet is at Ahearn Fieldhouse on the K-State campus in Manhattan. Field events begin at 3 p.m. and running events at 5 p.m.

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New sign on Bittinger puts college on the map

By Dan Noyes

News Editor

The latest addition to the McPherson College campus sits on Bittinger Hall. A sign identifying the college was placed on the south wall of the dorm nearly three weeks ago.

The intention of the sign is to make travelers on U.S. 56 (Kansas Avenue) aware that those buildings they see are in fact a part of McPherson College, according to Jim Dodson, vice-president of financial services.

"A campus planning committee chaired by now retired Dr. Merlin Frantz, realized the need for a sign nearly six years ago," said Dodson. It was originally to be a part of the

college's centennial renovation program. When the committee realized that there was not enough funding for the sign, the idea was scrapped.

"In the spring of last year a restricted gift to be used only for the sign was given to the college," said Dodson. The donors that made the sign possible prefer to remain anonymous.

Graphic Systems of Wichita designed the sign. The company has done many other designs for the campus, including the maps, dorm room labels, and lettering on other buildings. The sign, which cost \$2,342, will also have two lights added to it in the near future.

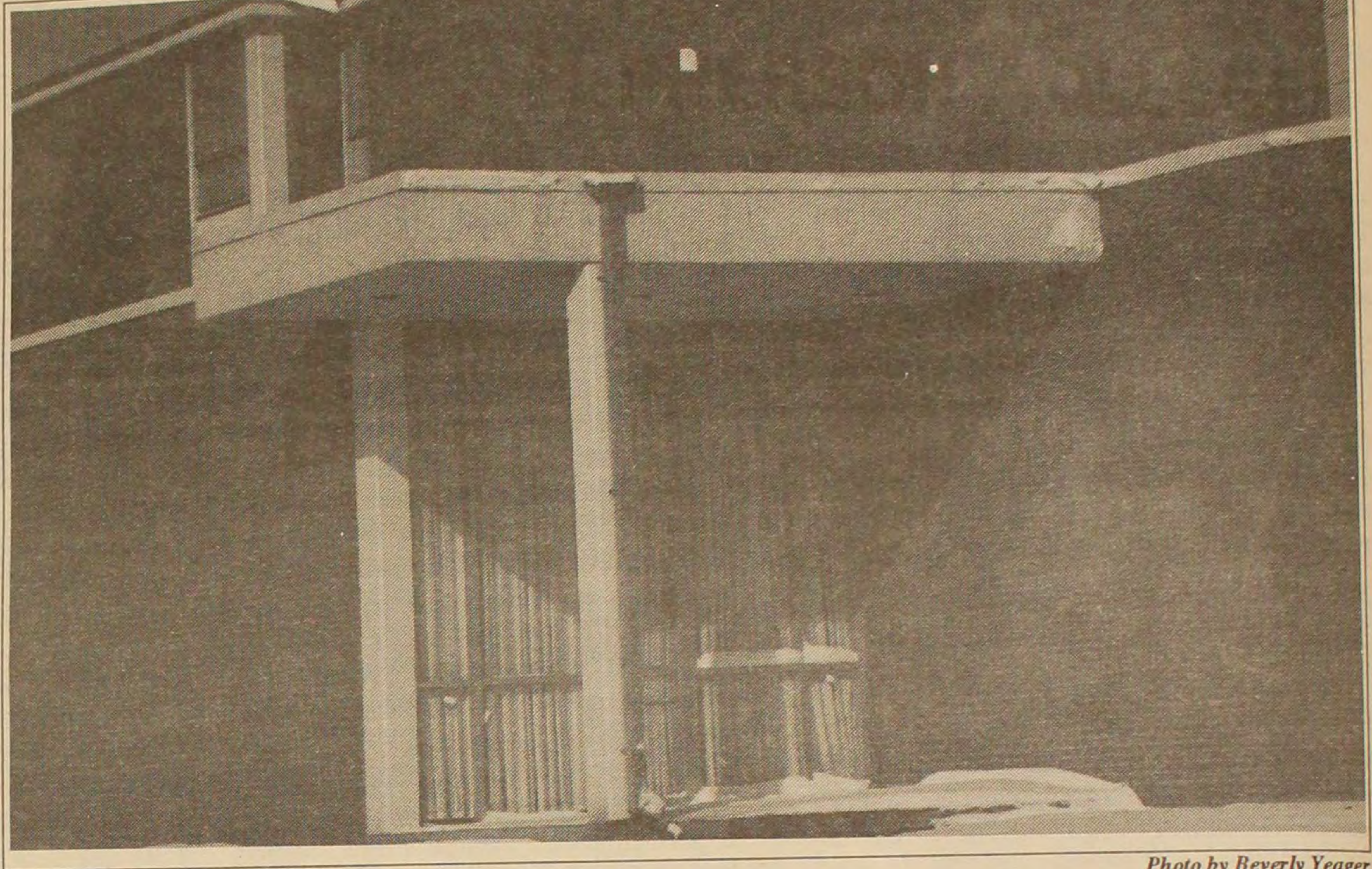


Photo by Beverly Yeager

The new sign on Bittinger Hall is the latest addition to the McPherson College campus. The next phase of the project is to illuminate the sign.

Phonathon callers anxious for new campaign

By Tahnee Bowman

Spectator Staff

Goals are set and callers are signed up as this year's annual phonathon gets underway. Students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni all plan to take part in earning the college some money. February 21-24 and 27, 28 and March 1, 2, and 6, 7 are the days set aside for callers to contact alumni and other donors in hopes to reach this year's goals.

Sandra Eisele, coordinator of alumni services and community relations, is organizing the phonathon and will hold a training session for callers on Wednesday, February 17. "We have a lot of new callers this year. Twenty-one students have signed up and only four of those are returning callers," said Eisele.

Last year the goal was set for

"The phonathon is the most effective way to reach the largest number of donors."

*Sandra Eisele
Coordinator of
alumni services*

\$150,000 to be raised during the days of the phonathon. This goal was passed as the college made \$177,000. This year's goal is \$160,000. "Another goal is to increase our alumni giving to 46 percent while it is now approximately 43 percent," said Eisele.

The overall purpose of the phonathon, besides to raise money, is to keep McPherson College connected to its alumni. "The phonathon creates the most effective way to reach the largest num-

ber of potential donors in the shortest amount of time," said Eisele.

Each call made on the phonathon is very important. "It (the phonathon) may be the person's only contact with the college all year," Eisele said.

The students are excited about this year's phonathon. Mysty Rusk, jr., has worked the phonathon for two years and is returning this year. "It was really neat to get to talk to people, especially if you found someone who is working in your major," said Rusk.

Michelle Berkey, sr., starting her third year of calling, is hopeful about this year. "I think being Brethren and getting to talk to Brethren people while supporting the school is interesting and important," said Berkey. "I'm excited and if everyone works together, we can have another great year of call-

ing."

February 18 marks the Presidential kick-off of the phonathon. "The president, administrators, faculty and staff will begin the phonathon by calling the large donors and the ones who may need an administrative call," said Eisele.

A new addition to the phonathon is the fact that there will be Brethren Colleges Abroad students making calls to foreign countries.

As incentives, student callers receive \$5.00 an hour for calling and a pizza party at the end of the phonathon. Students are also eligible to win one of three prizes. First place is a \$100 gift certificate to the bookstore and \$150 in Chamber Checks redeemable in most downtown businesses. In addition, there will be periodical incentives such as a small pizza to the best caller each session.

Financial aid director named

By Dan Noyes

News Editor

John Hoffman began as the new financial aid director during inter-term. Hoffman is a graduate of McPherson



College with a **John Hoffman** degree in mathematics. He also received a degree in theology from Bethany Seminary.

Former financial aid director Glen Snell, is taking on a full-time teaching job in the business and accounting departments. "I will miss the interaction I had with the entire student body," Snell said, whose classes have a limited number of students.

"I am still learning," Hoffman said. "I have been told that it will take six months to one year before I get adjusted to everything and I am looking forward to that point," Hoffman said. "Glen (Snell), along with other members of the administration, have been very helpful to this point," Hoffman said.

Currently, Hoffman is learning the many sources for financial aid and how they operate. "I am barely getting my feet wet," Hoffman said. "I realize that this will be a stressful job and that we won't always be able to get what we want," Hoffman said.

"The part of the job that I am looking forward to the most is providing financial counseling for the students."

Students named to the fall semester honor roll

By Amy Call

Spectator Staff

The McPherson College honor roll for the fall semester has recently been announced. To be eligible for the honor roll, students must earn a grade point average of 3.55 during the previous term. Students obtaining a grade point average from 3.25 to 3.54 are placed on honorable mention.

Freshmen earning a place on the honor roll are Jennifer Ball, Jessica Boothe, Kristin Cossaart, Monica Embers, Kristin Falen, Lesli Hiebert, Mitchell Maestas, Stacey Nunn, Kandi Price, Michael Schneider, and Kelli Thaxton.

Freshmen earning honorable mention recognition are Sarah Adams, Jayme Barrows, Dennis Kingery, LaStacia Knoll, Pascal Reber, Marc Rittle, and Stasi Zirkel.

Sophomores earning honor roll status are Mark Archer, Eric Dodson, Heather Hughbanks, Tammy Hull, Kandee Krien, Rahila Miller, Ronald Olsen, Heidi Stone, Erin Swenson, Steven Weed, and Tammie Wilson. Sophomores earning honorable mention status are Nathan Brubaker, Amy Call, Anita Huber, Joseph Iseman, Barry Kingery, Kerry Lacock, Luke Lefever, Bruce Lolling, and Dan Marchewka.

Juniors placed on the honor roll

are Gunner Boss, Tahnee Bowman, Henry Chiu, Sherry Coopple, Brenda Cossaart, Michele Dalton, Cindy Erickson, Michon Fast, Izumi Fukuoka, Kenneth Kennedy, Barry McMillan, Dyane Potter, Travis Van Goethem, and Fred Winter. Juniors placed on honorable mention are Susan Blubaugh, Sheri Engler, Jan Fairchild, Jeff Griffith, Adeola Grillo, Justin Hill, Erika Kitzel, Susan Newton, Shannon Peters, Patricia Unruh, and Tim Woodcock.

Seniors earning a place on the honor roll are Tyson Burden, Matthew Cantrell, Darren Crumrine, Diane Feasenhiser, Eric Hadley, Dan Hall, Edna Hansen, Darci

Hass, Deanna Heefner, Jennifer Herman, David Kerkove, Pam Krause, Kirsten Koehn, Anita Mast, Elizabeth Meckfessel, Brenda Mintzer, Konni Nanniga, Cynthia Noll, David Pownell, Yoko Shintani, Troy Unruh, Nicole Williams, and Curtis Yeager. Seniors earning a place on the honorable mention are Susan Ash, Bradley Scott Bowman, Bret Bowman, Steven Hoover, Laura Weed, and Kent Wine.

Special additions to the honor roll are Shin-ichi Asada, Arnaud Cartier, James Edwards, Arthur Hicks, Naoko Ihara, and Ariyuki Kondo.