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Photo by Sandra Eisele

Sophomores Marc Rittle and Sarah Adams help kick off the annual phonathon in the basement of Miller Library. The goal for this year's calling campaign is to raise \$160,000.

Annual Phonathon helps raise funds, awareness for campus community

By Sarah Adams
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College annual Phonathon has begun. Many students don't understand the importance of this event or what it is about.

Starting Feb. 13 and running through March 1, McPherson College calls alumni and asks for unrestricted donations which historically end up over \$150,000.

"We depend on contributions from businesses, foundations, and alumni," said Sandra Eisele, coordinator of alumni services and community relations.

These calls aren't just about money. Many alumni are never personally contacted on a regular basis and this may be the only one they receive all year.

The Phonathon gives the alumni a chance to talk with students about the college and they also have the opportunity to give personal information that they would like passed

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Alumni Services

on to their friends.

The Phonathon has three main goals for this year. The first is to raise \$160,000 in unrestricted gifts. An unrestricted gift means the college uses the money towards its operating budget which supplies finances for the college's daily use.

"Last year we gave out more institutional financial aid than we brought in unrestricted funds, which is sure to be true for this year," said Dr. Steve Mason, director of development.

The second goal is to maintain alumni giving at 48 percent which means almost half of all alumni give a cash gift. The third goal is to keep McPherson College connected to its alumni.

Not only is the Phonathon fun for the alumni, it's also fun for the caller.

"Students are impressed with the sincerity of the alumni. Year in and year out the giving and interest of alumni continues," Eisele said.

The phones are located in the basement of Miller Library. Each evening there are prizes the caller may win which makes the calling more fun.

Expectations are high for the year.

"I hope students take away a better sense of the importance alumni hold and a better understanding of financial operations. We exceeded our goal last year and we hope to do the same again this year," Eisele said.

Stuco members eager to find worthy successors

By Dan Noyes
News Editor

McPherson College Student Council members have begun the search for the next generation of officers. The election that will determine exactly who these officers will be held Monday, March 7.

The 1994 Student Council could possibly be facing its largest challenge of the year in trying to convince students to run for the positions. If history repeats itself, there will not be much of a race.

Last year, president Mysty Rusk-Clinage ran uncontested as well as secretary Jenny Burger. The offices of vice president and treasurer had a two candidates running for each office.

Not only was last year's election few in candidates, but violated nearly every rule of the McPherson College Constitution concerning

elections. Burger, who is responsible for the proceedings of the election, is doing everything in her power to make sure things run smoothly this year. "We have taken a look at the Constitution and are going to stick to those guidelines," Burger said. By that, Burger means actual polling places will be available for students to vote as well as meeting the filing deadline requirement.

Any student wishing to run for a 1994-95 office must obtain a petition with a minimum of 20 signatures and have it turned in to Burger by Wednesday, Feb. 23. Petitions are available in the Campus Information Center.

To date, Burger said only two petitions have been received. "We are encouraging students to get their petitions," Burger said. "It is our hope to get as many candidates as possible."

Chaney fills vacant spot

By Sue Werner
Spectator Staff

Harold Chaney has filled the resident director's position in Metzler Hall. Chaney began his duties at the start of interterm.

Chaney is no stranger to the McPherson campus. He graduated from the college in December and was a two-year resident assistant. Chaney's experience as an RA made him feel qualified for the position.

"I wanted to try it," Chaney said. "It gives me an opportunity to do something different."

Chaney is enjoying his new job thus far.

"I really like Metzler Hall and the respect the guys have given me so far," Chaney said.

Chaney said he has not experienced any major problems and has some things he would like to see done in the future. "I'd like to

see us do things as a group such as ball games. Hopefully, we can get the funding," Chaney said.

Chaney's superior, Gwen McClenton, director of residence life, has nothing but good things to say.

"Harold knows how things need to run and is able to recognize things before they happen," McClenton said.

As for the awkward situation of beginning the job halfway through the year, McClenton said, "Things are no more bizarre than usual at this time of the year."

McClenton also feels that the students have responded well to Chaney's hiring.

"I feel that I have gotten a lot of positive feedback from the students," McClenton said. "I think they (students) hold Harold in high regard and consider him responsible."

EDITORIAL

Successful election in hands of student body

STUDENT COUNCIL SPRING ELECTIONS have not followed a consistent pattern in recent years. Student Council has not followed its own election procedures and guidelines causing the elections to be unorganized.

Over the past few months, Student Council has taken action to improve this process. They have worked hard to plan a legitimate election.

The first step they took was to set a petition deadline of Feb. 23. Students intending to run for a Student Council office must turn in petitions by that time or they will not be accepted.

Next Student Council set up a special convocation scheduled for Mar. 7 where candidates will have the opportunity to address the student body. After the convocation students will be able to vote at the polls in Friendship Hall until 11:30 a.m. There will also be polls set up in the cafeteria between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Student Council has worked hard to inform students about the elections by sending out letters and notices as well as by setting up a display in the Student Union that describes all of the responsibilities of the different offices.

Now that Student Council has given the student body the opportunity to have a legitimate election, it is up to the students to take the initiative and participate.

To have an election there must be candidates. The greater the number of candidates the better the elected officers. Students who believe they would be a good officer need to get a petition right away and fill it out and turn it into Jenny Burger by Feb. 23.

Next, candidates should use the time between the filing deadline and the election to campaign. They should take the time to make posters and fliers that will encourage others to vote for them. Debates should be organized so that students will know where the candidates stand on certain campus issues. The campaigning time period should be taken seriously.

Those who are not running for office should also play an active role to insure a successful election. They should help out with the campaigning by forming committees to support their candidates and by participating in the events prior to the election. Also everyone should show up at the polls and vote for the candidate of their choice. The whole process can be exciting if everyone gets involved.

The pressure is off Student Council and on the student body. It is up to all students to make this next election a success.

Michael P. Schneider for the Editorial Staff

Bulletin board shows AIDS awareness

Last week, residents of Dotzour Hall decorated each wing for Valentine's Day. Hearts of red and pink adorn the walls and the word love is splashed on bulletin boards, dry erase boards, and drawn in lipstick on borders.

However, one bulletin board, located on third floor, has drawn a lot of attention. It's titled "Love is a Many Splendored Thing." What's so neat about that? Well, the "L" in love is done in condoms and literature about AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases is on the bulletin board.

Doesn't sound very romantic, does it? Well, it's not supposed to, because getting AIDS or other STD's isn't considered part of the celebration of Valentine's Day.

The bulletin board has created some controversy, especially since it was up during Family Ties weekend. A few people have approached me about it. I'd like to address two of the main concerns.

First, people are concerned that this bulletin board is promoting sex

Campus Comments



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by displaying condoms. On the contrary, this bulletin board asks people to consider all the different diseases out there. It is not promoting sex. It is promoting awareness.

The bulletin board may have offended some people because this is a Brethren college. This bulletin board wasn't meant to offend anyone. It was meant to educate.

Many students have no idea what kinds of sexually transmitted diseases they can get by unprotected sex. They think that only certain kinds of people can get these diseases. This attitude is very

prevalent among young people. They simply believe "It won't happen to me." I'd like to believe that statement, but it isn't true. More people are being diagnosed with AIDS and other STD's every day.

Who should be telling you these facts and statistics? That's been a big argument for years among school boards, parents and teachers. As students at McPherson, we have access to a wealth of information concerning AIDS, STD's, and sex.

Nothing on this bulletin board says to go out and have sex or is meant to offend anyone. It says that the only 100% preventative method of STD's is abstinence. Do yourself a favor and learn about these deadly diseases.

If you want to be treated like an adult and play like an adult, you have to take the consequences like an adult. Become aware and stay informed. It just might save your life.

Sexism plays role in intramural sports

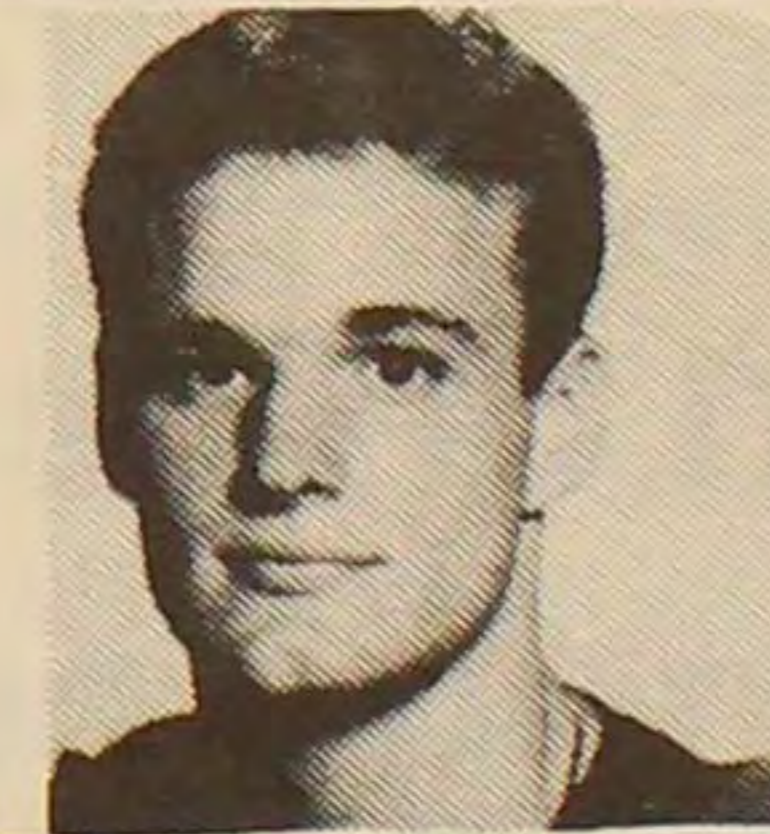
Sexism. Women not being promoted as fast as men. Women earning less than men. Women being seen as inferior. Is this wrong? Of course it is! Should it change? Of course it should!

How could a nation go about changing a situation like the one facing women today? The solution starts with improving the general attitude that men have towards women and that women have towards themselves. In this area McPherson College may be preaching what is right, but the college-sponsored intramural sports are not.

Many intramural sports are co-ed, including flag football, volleyball, and softball. In each of these three sports there are rules that I would find offensive if I were a woman. In flag football a woman must handle the ball one out of every three plays. In volleyball, if a team uses three hits to get the ball over the net, a woman must make at least one of those hits. In softball, if a man is walked, the woman behind him is automatically walked. The message here is that each team is not made up of "X" amount of players, but rather "X" amount of women and "X" amount of men.

These special rules tell players that the women need extra help when competing with men. For instance, when a man is walked in softball the rules assume the defensive team did so intentionally so it could pitch to the woman. To prevent this from happening, the feeble little girl behind the big strong man is walked as well. This

Garth's Two Cents



Garth Werner

Staff Writer

just doesn't seem like treating men and women equal.

These rules are pretty much universal when it comes to co-ed games in the United States. So maybe that is why the United States has a bad attitude towards women. And there goes McPherson College right along with

the rest of the nation and saying, "Women are inferior, so we will make special rules for them in hopes it will help them compete." Hey, the two best players on my co-ed volleyball team this winter just happened to be women and I might venture to say the same for some past softball teams.

If they get special help on the athletic side of things, maybe I could get some special help in the classroom. I haven't had a class yet that wasn't co-ed. And aren't women quickly becoming the educated sex? Well then, I should get a few points added to each of my test scores, because as everyone knows, women are smarter than men.

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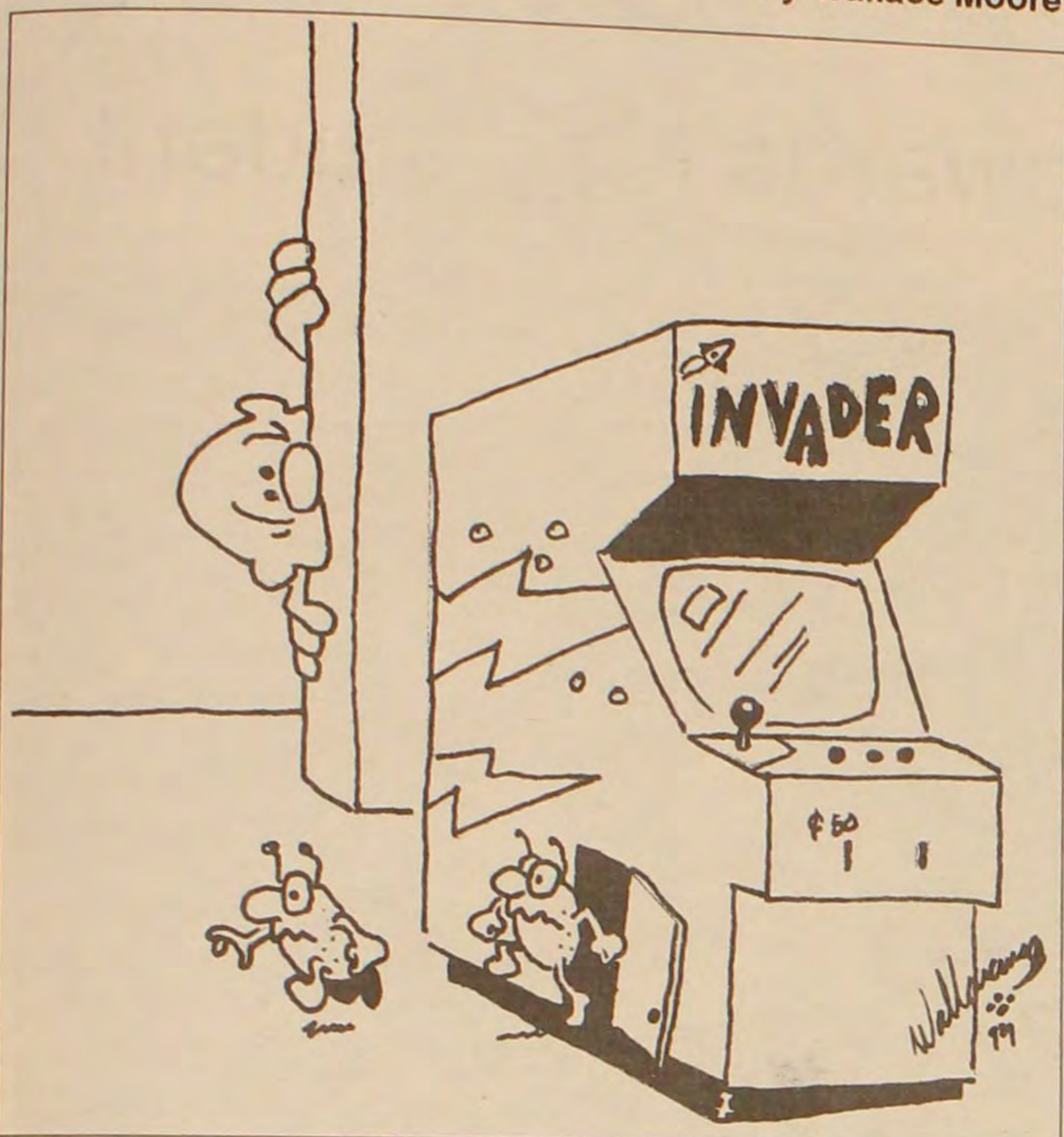
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Wally's World

by Wallace Moore



U.S. and NATO attempt to help Bosnia

We are on the verge of a new era. This change can be witnessed in the action taken by NATO in Bosnia-Herzegovina. NATO has set an ultimatum for the Serbs to pull all of their weapons 12 miles away from the city of Sarajevo, by Feb. 21 or face the consequences from the air.

NATO pronounced that they will back up their verbal rhetoric with muscle. In fact, if NATO does take military action it will be the first time since the organization was forged back in 1949.

Where does the United States fit into all of this? Until about a week ago, the United States had been in hiatus for about a year concerning Bosnian negotiations. But America has finally joined in condemning the Serbian atrocities. The peace negotiations that are

Around the World



Dan Marchewka

Staff Writer

now on the table call for a partition of the country along ethnic lines.

However, one has to wonder if peace is really on the minds of those really fighting. Territorial rights only begin to scratch the surface of the real problems that face the Balkan area.

Another controversial issue concerning these peace talks is the

offer the United States has made to the Serbians. This offer consists of a willingness to lift sanctions against Serbia on a step-by-step basis in exchange for cooperation at the bargaining table.

United States and N.A.T.O. appear to be attempting black mail. It reminds me of when a mother tells her child that if he or she is good, he or she can have a cookie. One still must question the intentions of the Serbs if peace is achieved through these means.

There must be some kind of peace in the Balkan Peninsula, and this is definitely a step in the right direction. Maybe only a combination of force and diplomacy can end the bloodshed in Bosnia's three-sided civil war.

Speaker stereotypes men at convo

Jim Garrison

Spectator Staff

The last thing I really need to know on a Tuesday morning is that I have feelings too. I already have a complex with St. Valentine's Day without some woman coming around telling me that I have a problem expressing my feelings about it. For those of us that came to Convocations knowing who was to speak, Dr. Sandra J. Coyner's speech left something to be desired. I was told that she would be speaking about the differences in communication between men and women. This is something I would like to know so I can change and maybe someday have a chance at a meaningful relationship. Instead, Coyner spoke about a birthday, namely the birthday of Susan B. Anthony.

Coyner spoke about the birthday of a great woman, yes, but she had a few ideas about it that bothered me. Anthony's birthday is not a federal or even a local holiday. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday was last month, and we kept right on going with classes.

Washington and Lincoln, both who have federal holidays on their birthday, are not even remembered. If I asked someone on the street when Lincoln was born, or even when President's Day is, they would give me a blank stare.

The point is that no one does birthdays very often around here. Sure, Anthony's birthday would be a great excuse to party, but would anyone really care?

Coyner struck me as a somewhat mixed up person during her speech. On more than one occasion, she herself stereotyped the gender she wants equality for. She continually spoke of St. Valentine's Day as a "woman's

holiday." She said that women are the ones who get all the gifts and that men are the ones who must reluctantly give up sports to do his lover's bidding. What a crock.

As a male, I do not wish to be stereotyped as some dope who lives for a game on the tube. I also resent the stereotype that men give all the presents and flowers. I was a junior in a 6A school (6000 students or more) and I worked in the gym during St. Valentine's Day. This meant that I had to sort through nearly 12,000 bouquets of flowers and balloons that were delivered during the day. More than a few were addressed to the boyfriend. This is also the reason I got a complex about the holiday, but it does prove the point that stereotyping is done by both sides of the fence. I also was angered that Coyner falsely claimed that St. Valentine's Day is secular. For those of you who do not know, that means the holiday has no relation to a church. This is wrong.

Commercialism has removed the "St." which I have been adding throughout this article, but that St. does mean Saint. St. Valentine's Day was and still is the feast of Saint Valentine.

I don't want to be too condescending about the speech. I did agree with her about a few things. Traditional and modern roles of women are not opposing. I also agree that there are problems with

equality. It always makes me angry when I hear about how women who do the same job as men get lower pay. That is an outdated mentality on the employers' parts and should be stopped.

A common misconception on Coyner's part is in her statement about how girls are sexually harassed as early as elementary school. The door swings both ways, ma'am. Sexual harassment is not exclusive and that is a fact.

I did agree with Coyner when she said people need evidence to back up statements they read in the media. Let me tell you something though. Polling is not very scientific. Coyner said there was a conservative backlash in the media, yet she cites polls to back herself up. Kind of inconsistent there, huh?

Coyner ended her speech with a time-warped attitude when she told the men in the audience not to be afraid to show our feelings. Ma'am, I do not know what hole you were in during the 80s, but men found out about expressing their feelings and showing sensitivity.

I have no problems expressing my emotions and this time my feelings were of disappointment.

PROVOCATIVE WORDS

Shallow men believe in luck, believe in circumstances; it was somebody's name, or he happened to be there at the time, or it was so then, and another day it would have been otherwise. Strong men believe in cause and effect.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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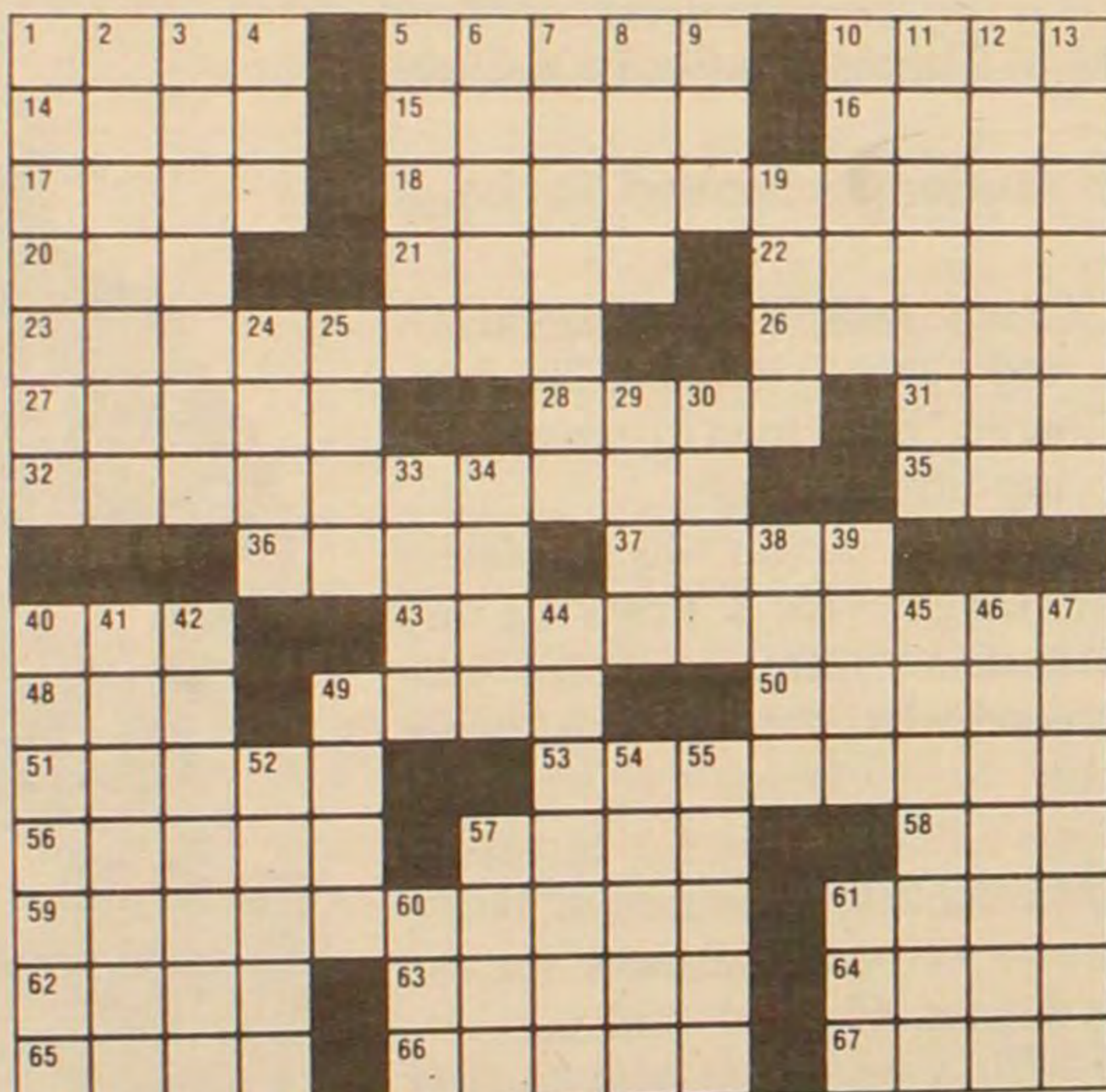
Only they who give thanks for little things receive the big things. We prevent God from giving us the great spiritual gifts, because we do not give thanks for daily gifts.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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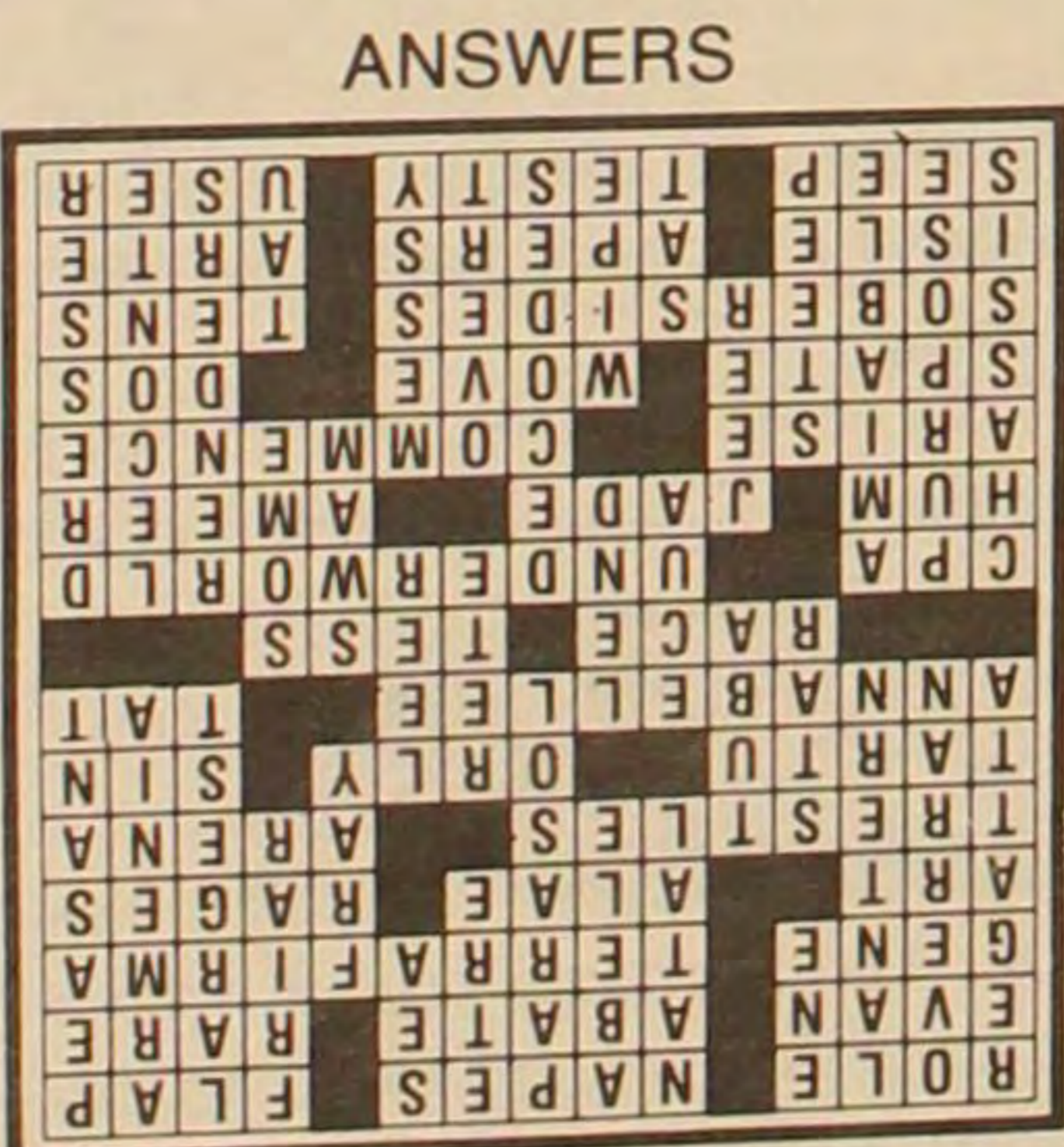
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"HER KIDS"

Inner-city teaching experience rewards Mac student

By Dyane Potter

Spectator Staff

Last spring, Lora Coffman of the Urban Life Center posed the question, "Dyane, why don't you do your student teaching in Chicago?"

I asked doubtfully, "Is that possible?"

The answer to my question was yes. It is possible to student teach in Chicago. It is not easy, but it is worth the work and worry.

This was not exactly my safest option. I was the first person from McPherson College to student teach through this program. Chicago Public Schools (CPS) doesn't have a reputation for being particularly stable, and I was betting on my future.

In fact, this fall while the other student teachers were beginning to plan lessons for their classes, I was still nervously awaiting the opening of school in Chicago.

In mid-October when I arrived in Chicago, the schools were open; but the teachers had not signed their contracts, the state legislature had not approved the CPS budget, and my freshmen had yet to receive their books.

I taught at Kenwood Academy, a public high school with approximately 1800 students on the Southside. Kenwood is an inner-city school, and it has to cope with violence, gangs, truancy and lack of funding. Shortly before my arrival, one of Kenwood's students was shot in the head on his way home from school.

Kenwood is also one of the best schools in the city. In 1993, ninety percent of the graduates enrolled in college. The school seems to be a safe environment, and I would mostly credit that to an excellent administration.

I had freshman and junior English classes, and I coached the varsity cheerleaders. I worked with more than 100 students with an entire spectrum of abilities and motivation (or lack of). I had brilliant writers, dramatic readers and cheerleaders with voice control that could blow you out of the gym.

I also had students that never came to class, a parent who threatened to beat her child, several students who came to class high and at least one functionally illiterate freshman.

I have more experiences and stories than I could ever possibly tell, but one student enters my

thoughts most often since I left Kenwood. I've changed his name to Charlie, and this is his story:

When I first met Charlie, I was still observing in his freshman class. Charlie sat in the back row, as did I, but he had apparently been absent for three weeks.

I learned a lot by eavesdropping on the first day Charlie decided to come to class. I listened to stories of his sawed-off shotgun, running from the police and how if things get too bad one can always escape to Minnesota. That was the most I ever heard Charlie say to one of his classmates.

That night a silent rage burned inside of me. I wondered why Charlie even bothered coming to school, and I was scared that his gangster mentality would corrupt "my kids." I had no idea how to deal with this kind of student.

I really had to force myself not to think this way. After all, Charlie was one of "my kids," even if his loyalty was somewhere else. The time he chose to spend in my class was mine to work with, and I was determined to take all I was given.

Charlie really wasn't a discipline problem in class. Although he intimidated the other students, he mostly tried to blend into the wall. He rarely spoke, but quietly did his work while he was in class. He missed 40 of the 45 days in the first quarter of school, and he failed English.

"I have a million hopes and dreams for Charlie's future, but he does not. I can wish the best for him forever, but until he does, it won't work. When you can't envision a future, life is a pretty bleak situation."

When the new quarter began, Charlie's attendance improved, and I made every attempt to talk to him. I took over his class in the third week of the new quarter.

At some point I made a connection with Charlie. I'm still not exactly sure how I did it, but the real turning point came when he told me that he didn't want to share his writing with "these people" (a reference to his classmates). When I asked why, he said they were strangers. He didn't want to share with people he didn't know, especially when they didn't act like him. I told him I understood because I was living in a house full of strangers and explained how different my roommate and I were.



Pictures courtesy of Dyane Potter

Above: The inner-city classrooms in Chicago reflect a variety of cultures.

Right: Charlie, one of Dyane's students, proved to be a rewarding challenge.

Charlie had almost perfect attendance while I taught his class. He still sat apart from the class, and only once did I convince him to work in a small group; but he was there and was attempting to communicate with me. This was a definite improvement!

Charlie said, "I'm not like them." And I quietly replied, "I know, Charlie," and I tried to explain that being different is OK.

Charlie's insight was absolutely on target. He's not like his classmates. Most freshmen joke around a lot, but Charlie does not play.

Also, most of the letters I received held promises of better grades or better behavior for the new year. Charlie's did not. Although I prompted him to find something he wanted to improve or change, he couldn't think of anything so he wished me a safe trip and reminded me that he was not coming to school because I was leaving.

I have a million hopes and dreams for Charlie's future, but he does not. I can wish the best for him forever, but until he does, it won't work. When you can't envision a future, life is a pretty bleak situation. And attending school, where he feels isolated and alone, to improve a future that he can't imagine, doesn't hold much value in the mind of fourteen-year-old Charlie.

Charlie was just one of my students, and he was the exception, not the rule. Most of the freshmen in my classes wanted to be good

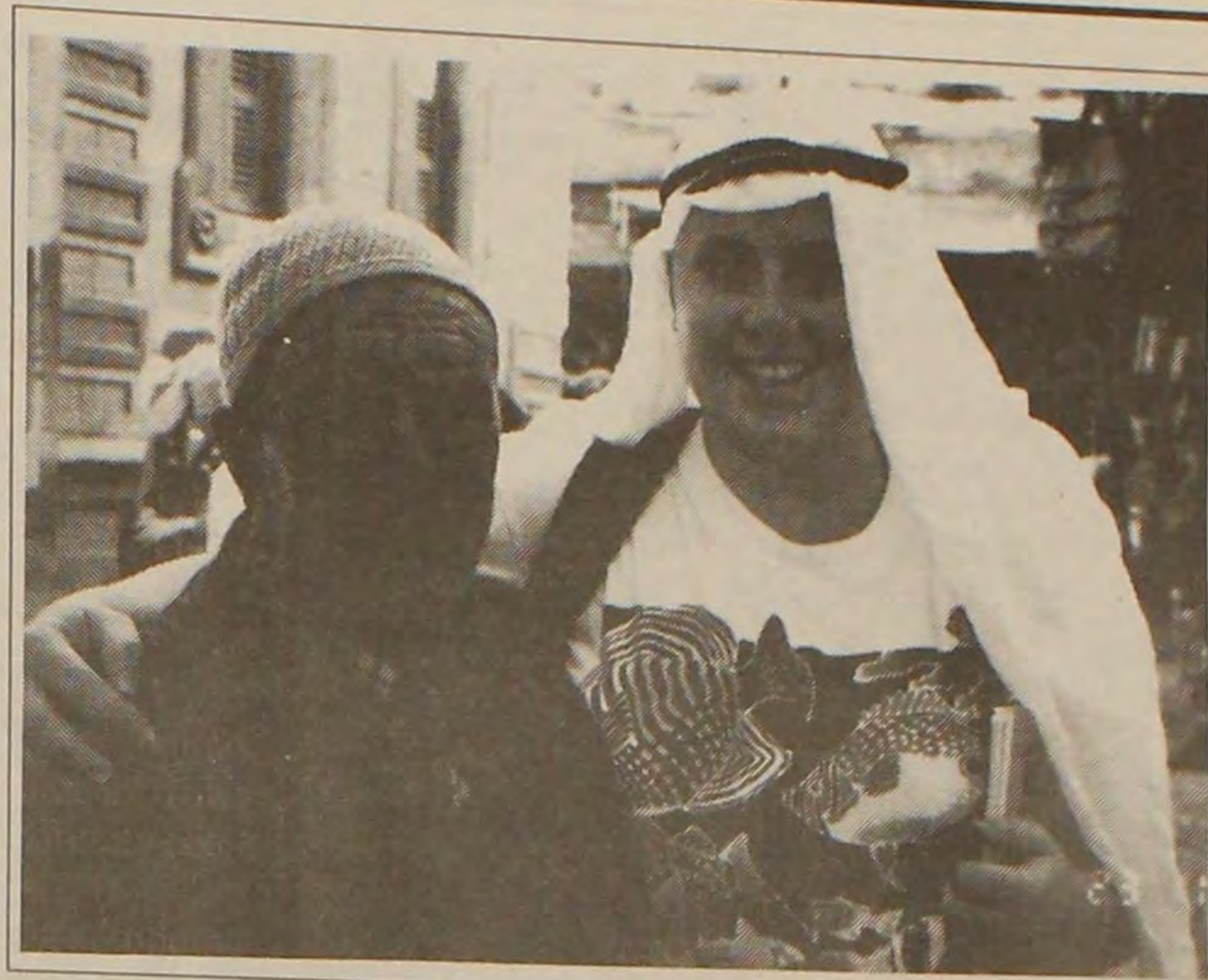


students, and they were not afraid to tell me so.

The juniors were a little more weathered by the system, but, in general, they worked for me. I had the pleasure of grading beautiful poetry and letting inner-city youth tell me what lessons we should learn from Macbeth.

The cheerleading squad, whose sponsor coaches almost 100 girls in dance team and cheerleading, welcomed my help, and they pushed each other to excellence everyday.

Deciding to student teach in Chicago was the best decision I could have made for myself, and I'm glad that I took the risk.



Photos courtesy of Amy Barr and Sue Werner
 Left: The Dome of the Rock, where Muhammed ascended to heaven, is in the Old City of Jerusalem.
 Above: Amy Barr, sr., has her picture taken with a local merchant in Old City.

Students follow in footsteps of Christ

By Sue Werner
 Spectator Staff

Editor's Note: Two trips were offered to students over interterm. Over 20 students spent 11 days in New York and Washington D.C. as part of an Investments class. The second trip offered was a travel course to Israel. The following is one student's thoughts on her experience in Israel.

This interterm, 22 lucky people took Herb Smith's travel course to Israel. It was the most wonderful, memorable experience of my life. I witnessed cultures so vastly different from my own that they are hard to comprehend. I walked where Jesus walked and saw the sights that he saw. Best of all, I shared the experience with some really great people.

Jerusalem is a beautiful city. It cannot be compared to any place I have ever been. The limestone buildings, green land and palm trees reminded me of a story-book.

We spent several days in Jerusalem, touring the churches

and trying our hands at the bargaining with the merchants in the old city.

What struck me about the city was the differences in the people. We saw Orthodox Jewish men dressed in black from head to toe, Muslims wrapped in sheetlike robes and wearing the traditional headdresses and even some shepherds herding their sheep, looking exactly as I would have pictured them in the Bible.

It was an awesome feeling to walk the Via Dolorosa, where Jesus carried his cross, and to see the olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane that were actually alive when Jesus was there. We

saw the Western (or Wailing) Wall, where Jewish people come from all over the world to pray and to write notes to God. We went to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, and had communion in the Garden Tomb, where Jesus may have been buried.

We went to the top of Masada, a mountain overlooking the desert where over 900 Zealots committed mass suicide because they knew that after three years of trying, the Romans were finally going to the top and take the Zealots captive.

We saw so many things, and each impacted us greatly. It was not, however, just the biblical sights and the ancient ruins that made the

trip such an excellent experience. We were in awe and deeply touched by some of the things we saw, but we were also able to relax and have a great time together.

For many of us, a highlight was swimming, actually floating, in the Dead Sea. The water is so full of minerals that it is impossible to sink. After our swim we really lived up to our tourist title and covered ourselves in the black mud from the seas that is said to make skin soft and cure arthritis.

Looking back at the pictures Garth Werner, Marcus Nielsen and our very own President Hoffman get the prizes for the most mud-covered! (The mud really did make

our skin soft).

On this trip I had the opportunity to do things that I thought would never be possible for me. How often do you get to go on a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, take a refreshing dip in the Mediterranean, or ride a camel?

I learned more on this trip than in any class I've ever taken. I learned about thousands of years of history, about different world religions, as well as my own, and about the cultures and customs of Israel's fascinating people.

Not only was it the most effective learning experience of my life, it was also the most fun and exciting.



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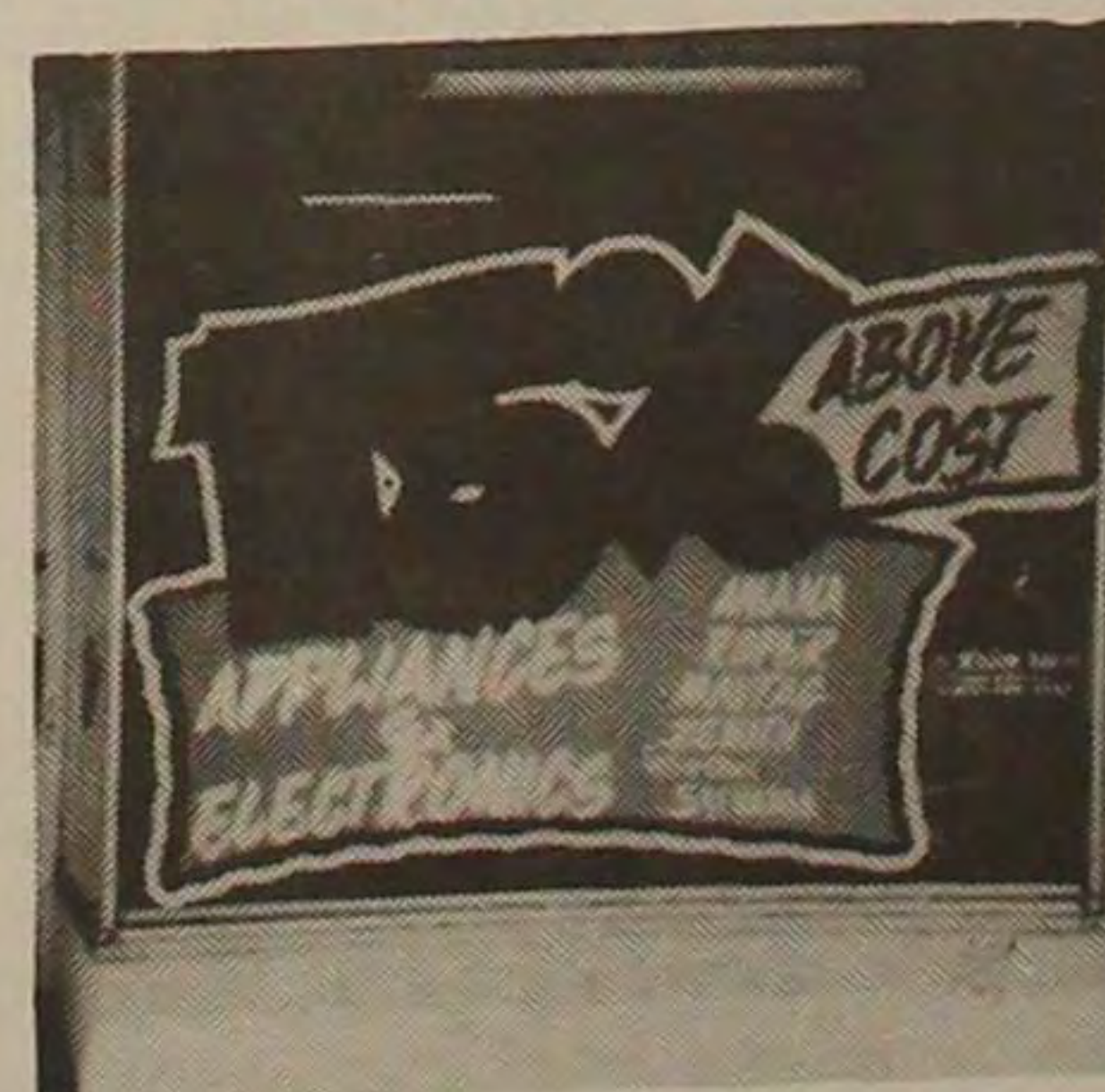
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Dogs tied for KCAC lead

By Tim Woodcock

Sports Editor

Once again, the Bulldog men's basketball team is in charge of its own destiny.

While the Dogs were sweeping intra-county rival Bethany down in Lindsborg, 78-70, the Ottawa Braves were handing KCAC leading Tabor its third conference loss, 76-61, to help propel Mac into a first-place tie.

Both teams now have 11-3 conference records with two games remaining. Mac has its hands full going on the road tomorrow at Sterling and then finishes the regular season here Tuesday against Ottawa.

"With a little help from Ottawa and Sterling, we've gotten ourselves in a position to take our future into our own hands," Coach Roger Trimmell said. "We just need to take care of business the last two games."

For Mac, a win-win finish should give them three home games for the playoffs. Mac, usually a tough team to beat in the Sport Center, would benefit greatly from that scenario.

Wednesday night started out on a bad note as leading scorer Jonathan Coachman, jr., went down with a sprained ankle with 17:39 left in

the first half. The Dogs showed no letdown as they stepped up and led 24-13 at one point. The younger Swedes weren't about to go down and clawed back to tie the game 31-31 and were down just four, 35-31, at halftime.

In the second half, Mac was up by 12 points before the Swedes went on an 11-0 run, closing the gap to 60-59.

This time it was Mac's turn. After a timeout, Willie Marshall, sr., got a steal and fed Coachman for a lay-up. Matt Richardson, soph., then hit a three to make it 65-61.

Down the stretch, it was Robb Collins, sr., hitting eight straight free throws to seal the victory. He ended up the night perfect from the line and led the team with 20 points.

Coachman, who came back to play all 20 minutes of the second half, was second leading scorer with 13 points. Matt Richardson, soph., added 12 off the bench. Seniors Brian Holloway and Justin Hill each had 10 points.

"I was pleased we could come away with the win," Trimmell said. "Bethany has showed a lot of improvement throughout the season. We just executed well down the stretch to get a big road win."

After losing back-to-back games in early January, the Dogs went on

a seven game win streak culminating in what had to be the game of the year so far--Mac versus Tabor.

In a standing-room-only gym at the Sport Center, the Dogs handed Tabor its first conference loss, 83-70. Coachman and Collins finished with 29 and 26 points respectively. Coachman's play in that game and a Bethel win earned him KCAC Player of the Week honors.

It was two nights later that the Dogs seemed to have blown their chances for a conference championship, losing at Southwestern, 88-56. The loss put them two games behind Tabor, who won at Friends the same night.

The Dogs didn't give up, though. After beating a tough Bartlesville Wesleyan team, Mac dominated Friends in a must-win game, 80-67. This time it was Sterling that received the Bulldog cheers as they defeated Tabor 98-79 and gave the Dogs another chance at the crown.

All of this, combined with Wednesday night's events, come together as what may be one of the most exciting finishes in KCAC history.

If you add in the conference tournament that decides who will go to the National tournament in Idaho, Bulldog fans have reason to get excited.



Photo by Tim Woodcock

Sophomore Matt Richardson lets a three pointer fly in last Saturday's action against the Friends Falcons. Richardson was 2 for 3 from behind the arc in the Dogs 80-67 win.

Does anyone care about Tonya, Nancy or the Olympics anymore?

Is anybody else sick of the Tonya Harding story, sick of turning on your television and seeing an obviously guilty skater singing her sob story to the press?

I know you readers value Sportscenter as much as I do, but lately I've become a little turned off by the continued coverage of this ridiculous matter. I wish the authorities would take care of this situation a little bit faster than the current pace so we could go back to hearing about real sports news.

The Harding-Kerrigan incident did bring to light a serious issue that must be addressed. What ever happened to security at events like the National Skating Championships? How can a hitman get so close to the ice that immediately after a skater performs he can attack her and get away.

If you ask Monica Seles or Nancy Kerrigan, they will agree with me. With all of the high profile people around the U.S., more money needs to be put into

Coach's Corner

Jonathan Coachman

Staff Writer



security so these people are not sitting ducks.

Speaking of sitting ducks, whatever happened to Olympic tradition? I can remember that not too long ago, my family and I would sit down together and watch all three hours of the Olympic telecast. If we missed

anything, we thought it was a tragedy. Like most Americans, we felt we were a part of it, that if we were not watching, somehow the performances of our athletes would not be as good. I remember feeling sad and dejected if some tragedy happened or if an American suffered a disappointing loss.

Where has American pride and tradition gone? I will be the first to admit that I haven't watched one minute of these winter games and didn't even know they were coming until the middle of January.

Unfortunately, I'm afraid that other sports such as basketball, with its incredible media coverage, have taken precedence

in our lives and we don't want to interrupt our regularly scheduled programming in order to watch some snow bunnies on CBS. Unless you are an avid skier, skater or hockey player, it is really hard to get into watching a Russian and Norwegian face off for three hours.

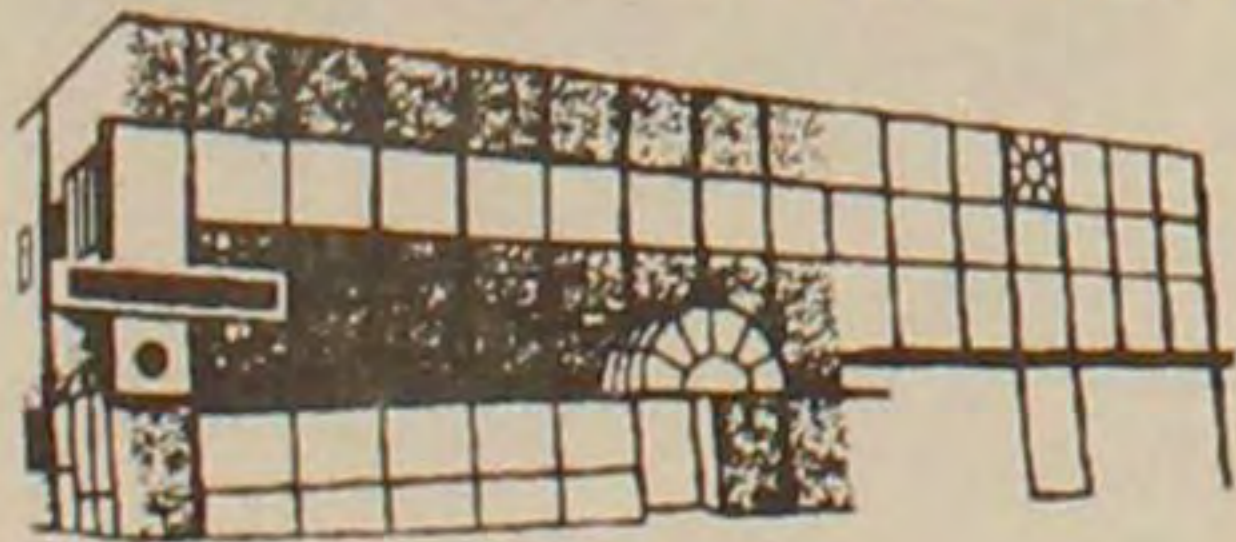
Finally, I have one quick thought about Michael Jordan playing baseball. Everybody get off his back. Granted, he may not have a major league bat or arm, but he does have a major league heart. He's worked harder already than some baseball players have in their whole career.

If he's willing to put in the work and effort then why not give him a shot? He's already said that he will play in the minors if it means he will get a shot at the majors someday. Even if he doesn't make it, I applaud him for sticking his neck out and giving it a shot.

Most of us would have said we wanted to play ball again and gone out to the local softball league and signed up. I hope he makes it not only because he's a good guy but to also prove all of the skeptics wrong.

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Mac women still battling

By Jan Fairchild

Spectator Staff

The McPherson College women's basketball team had a rough time of it Wednesday night in Lindsborg losing to an unconscious Swede team, 90-29.

For the Mac women, it was just the opposite as nothing seemed to go right. Jenni Buschbom, fr., led the team with eight points.

"It's a hard way to finish against the top teams in the KCAC," head coach Marlys Gwaltney said. "We just weren't quite ready to play tonight."

With two new coaches and many young players, it has been a tough rebuilding year for the women's basketball program. Eight of the ten women on the team this year are freshmen and sophomores. "The freshmen, such as Kerri Kobbeman and Jenny Buschbom, have done a really good job with not succumbing to the pressures of a varsity floor," Gwaltney said.

The women's conference record of 0-15 and overall record of 1-21 is misleading to what really happens on the court. "The scoreboard and record can't show their efforts," Gwaltney said. "There have been obvious improvements within the team and the girls never give up."

Last Saturday's game against the first place Friends Falcons exemplifies the women's tenacity. The women led Friends for part of the first half and were only down 27-22 at the break. But with senior Camille Base injured and the team short on reserves, the Bulldogs lost respectfully, 55-42.

Much of the team's improvement can be attributed to the coaches. Coach Gwaltney is grateful for the help she has received from assistant coach Darren Crumrine. "He has done a remarkable job," she said. "He has had many other responsibilities as a student, but has still done a great job. His insight for the game has really helped us out."

Coach Gwaltney is optimistic about next season. The team will lose two seniors, Base and Kimber McCune, but returns everyone else, many of whom gained valuable experience this year. "The size of the team and the struggle of the season has really pulled us all together," Base added. "We've become really close, which has helped our teamwork."

The women finish out the season on the road tomorrow at Sterling and then back home for the finale against Ottawa. Game times are at 6 p.m.



The four McPherson women basketball players that are Presidential Scholars are from left to right: Camille Base, Kelly Thaxton, Jenni Buschbom and Kerri Kobbeman. Photo by Sarah Adams

Four Presidential Scholars lead team

By Sarah Adams

Spectator Staff

Finding a four-leaf clover is just as unusual as finding a basketball team with four Presidential scholars, but look no further because McPherson College has just that. Camille Base, sr., Kelly Thaxton, soph., Kerri Kobbeman, fr., and Jenni Buschbom, fr. make up this remarkable group of athletes and scholars.

A Presidential Scholarship is an honor that only twelve students out of each class are entitled to have. During high school, each student's guidance counselor makes nominations for the award. The student then has to apply with a written essay and three references. If the application is accepted, the student will come to the college for a personal interview. After the interview, the Presidential Scholarship committee goes through all the information about each student and picks twelve. If the student accepts the scholarship, they have to maintain their G.P.A. at a 3.2.

Base, from Smolan, has many honors. She is the senior class vice-

president, a member of M-Club, participates in track, and works in the Learning Skills Center. She is in the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and on the National Dean's List. Base agrees that having to maintain a certain G.P.A. to keep the Presidential Scholarship is helpful. "I knew I could keep the grades," she said. "But it's that added extra push that helps." After graduation, she plans on working for a year and then pursuing her master's degree.

Thaxton is from Las Animas, Colo. "I don't feel any added pressure being a Presidential Scholar," Thaxton said. "Basketball is my time to forget all the pressures for two hours." During her free time, she works for admissions, is a member of S.A.B., M-Club, F.C.A. and editor of the Quad-angle.

"The demands are tougher now than in high school. It's harder to find time to study and participate in extra-curricular activities," Kobbeman, from Lincoln, said. She is a member of F.C.A. and Habitat for Humanity, coaches sixth and seventh grade girls bas-

ketball team and plays volleyball.

Buschbom, from Assaria, is just as involved as the three others. She is on two Stuco committees, gives tours for prospective students, and referees basketball games for the YMCA. "When I play basketball, I don't think of anything else," she said. "Grades were very important in high school, so the transition to college wasn't much different."

This basketball team not only has incredible athletes, but also an incredible coach. Marlys Gwaltney was an Academic All-American in track her senior year and a GTE Academic All-American in volleyball her junior and senior years at Fort Hays State University. "I can relate, because the girls are dual-sport athletes and all year round there are pressures both academically and competitively," she said.

Being a scholar on and off the court is something not all students can do. McPherson College truly has its own four-leaf clover.

Indoor team runs at district meet

Eric Escudero

Spectator Staff

Not big, but mighty may be the best way to describe the McPherson College track team which is preparing for the spring by competing in the indoor track season.

Earlier this week, the team ran in the District 10 meet. Frank Clinage, sr., earned a second place finish in the 300 with a 32.8. Jenny Stover, fr., also finished second in the 600 with a 1:35.7 as did Hubert Freeman in the 60 at 6.9. Finishing in third place in the 300 was Freeman with a 34.2 and in the 400, Stover with a 1:03.6.

The team got its first experience of the season Jan. 29, at Hays in the Alex Francis Track meet. The only female Bulldog competitor, Stover, ran impressively, turning in a time of 40.75 to finish in fifth place in the 300. In the 600, she finished fourth with a time of 1:39.1. Stover ran a fast 8.03 in the 60, but did not place.

The men also turned in some fast times in their first meet of the season. Clinage ran well with a time of 33.41 in the 300, good enough for second place. Other Bulldog runners in the event included Freeman who had a time of 34.49; Patrick Crowdis, fr., 34.78; and Curtis Banks, fr., 36.17. The

Bulldogs also entered the Doane College Invitational at Crete, Neb. Stover again turned in good times, running a 1:03 in the 400, a 2:49 in the 800 and a 41.31 in the 300.

Tough competition prevented the men from placing. The highlight was Clinage's time of 6.64 in the 60, which was good enough to qualify him for the prelims. However, he was forced to drop because of a bad hamstring.

Top finisher for the Bulldogs in the 300 was Freeman, with a 35.07. Freeman also was the top male Bulldog finisher in the 400 at 55.08. "The indoor track season is short and sweet and we are going to try to get in good shape so we are prepared for the outdoor season," she said.

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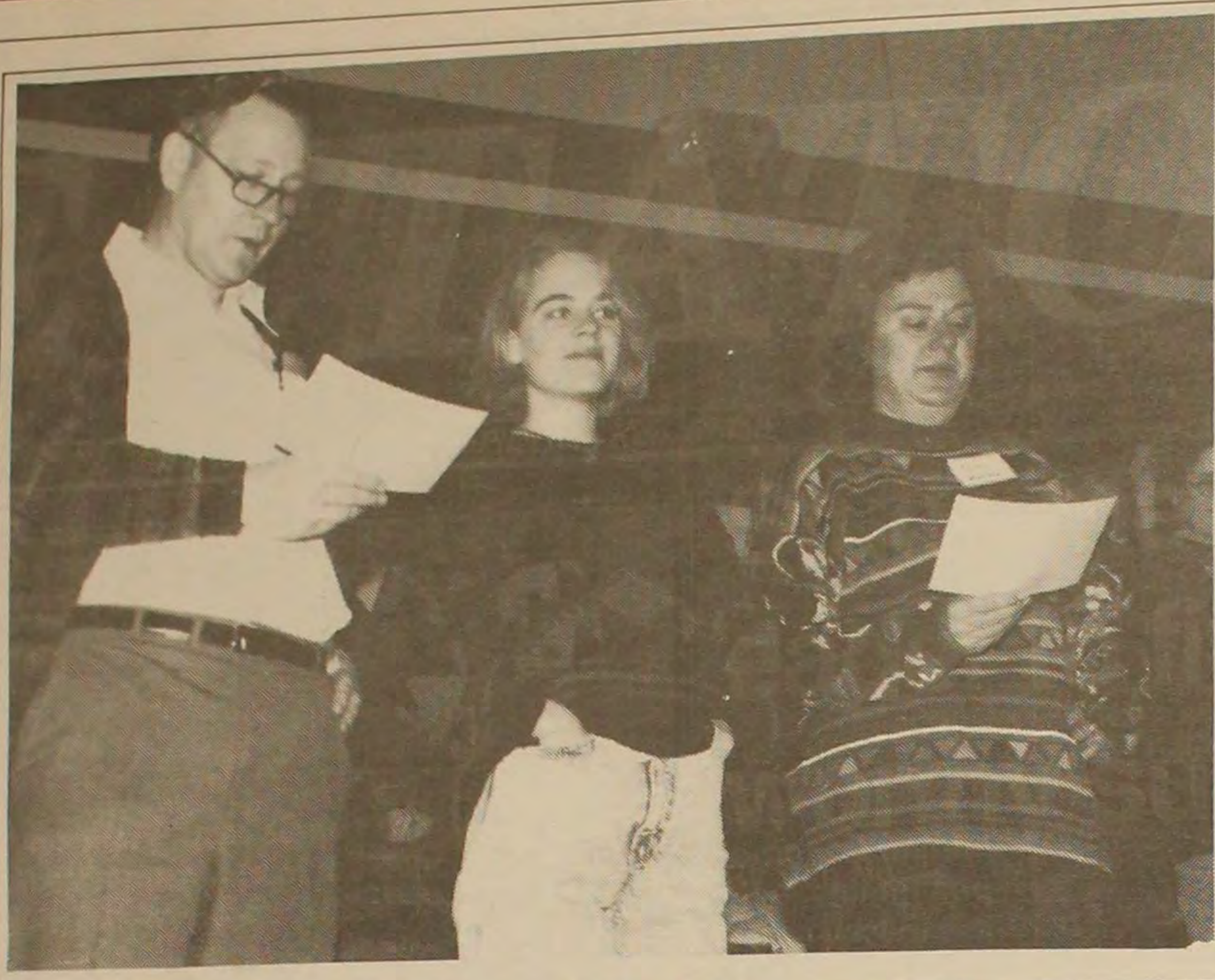
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Left: Paula Worley, sr., stands with her parents and sings the school song. Above: members of the dance team, from left to right, Yolanda Mowrey, Heather Healy, Stacey Hoover, Christine Hauschildt, and Jayme Barrows perform a routine. The activities were all a part of the third annual Family Weekend.

Family Weekend ties up campus community

By Sarah Adams

Spectator Staff

The McPherson campus community was all tied up last weekend entertaining students' families for Family Ties Weekend. Jenny Burger, head of family weekend, was pleased with the turn out of approximately 100

family members.

"We had about 150 reservations for the weekend, but I think the weather might have affected the turnout," Burger said.

The weekend started with registration at 9 a.m., at 10 a.m. there was a program in the Sports Center that involved Stuco,

S.A.B., the dance team, the cheerleaders, and the voice of Kristen Falen.

"This year we wanted to personalize the program, we really tried to involve the audience," Burger said.

To do so, Stuco taught the audience the school song, the

dance team did two performances, the cheerleaders taught a cheer, and Kristen Falen sang "Light My World." Heather Hughbanks, Michael Schneider, Jenny Burger, and Pat Crowdis told funny stories about their families when they were young.

After the program, parents had

the opportunity to meet the professors. The rest of the day was left open so families could spend time together.

"We didn't want to schedule so much to where you didn't have time to spend with your family which is the whole concept of the weekend," Burger said.

Quadrangle staff, sponsor overcoming obstacles

By Jan Fairchild

Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Quadrangle. Every student receives one, reads it, looks for familiar faces, and enjoys its candid photos. It reflects the quality of McPherson College. But in recent years, the yearbook has lacked support.

A small handful of students produced the 1993 yearbook, none

of whom were returning. Last spring, the Board of Publications pleaded to the students to help out or lose the yearbook. Approximately ten students responded.

They comprise the 1994 Quadrangle staff. Kelly Thaxton, editor-in-chief, said, "This year started out really slow, but things are pulling together as the year progresses. I'm optimistic about the final

product." The staff just met a big deadline Feb. 14. The next deadline is in March.

The Quadrangle still has some needs to be met. One problem, the need of a sponsor, has recently been solved. Previous sponsor, Sara Coonrod, moved away at the end of the first semester. Chris Boyer, previously an admissions counselor, replaces her, beginning March 1. The Quadrangle has also

received some minor improvements recently which should help to meet deadlines.

"Dale Goldsmith has been a big help in trying to get us the things that we need to produce a yearbook," said photography editor, Jessica Boothe. Current staff hope McPherson College will have a better yearbook to present to students.

Stuco, SAB planning a variety of spring activities

By Eric Escudero

Spectator Staff

The Student Council and Student Activities Board are on a mission to make student life at McPherson College as fun and enjoyable as possible.

Stuco has been working to organize the election of next year's officers which will take place March 7. Petitions are available in the CIC from Jenny Berger. They are due Wednesday, Feb. 23 for anyone interested in running for office.

Stuco has also released the results of a survey about student

concerns that was handed out before Christmas break. There were 185 responses to the questionnaire. Of those, 25 people smoked and had a concern for more ash trays, 106 people saw a need for left-handed desks, 130 people would like a sand volleyball court, and 34 people would like a rock wall. Stuco is already working to get left-handed desks, which will be in place in several classrooms very soon, and trying to locate the funds to build a sand volleyball court.

The recently released survey also showed that the Mexican buffet was the most popular buffet, while

students wanted prime rib for Christmas dinner, and for finals snacks finger food such as popcorn and fruit were suggested.

Another Stuco supported project is the childcare task force. This is a program to provide students with children with a daycare center to take care of their kids while they are attending class. The Stuco sponsored movie night is going well, and will continue as long as students continue to pick up their trash.

SAB sponsored events this spring include a Casino Night, Mac Olympics, and the Lake Wassy party. SAB has also made it pos-

NEWS BRIEFS

■ **Harnly Hall.** All are invited to an open forum to express opinions, beliefs, and other issues related to the question of replacement or renovation of Harnly Hall. The second of two of these forums is Monday, Feb. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Private Dining Room.

■ **Hockey.** The McPherson College FCA is sponsoring a trip to a Wichita Thunder hockey game on Wednesday, Feb. 23. Any persons interested in going need to contact Dennis Kingery, Matt Skar, or Trisha Young.

■ **Coffeehouse.** Peace Awareness is sponsoring a coffeehouse in the Student Union Basement on Thursday, Feb. 24, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Chuck Neufeld will be in concert as well as open mike times.