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Escalante to speak at college

Jaime Escalante, star teacher immortalized by the movie, "Stand and Deliver," is coming to McPherson College to give a presentation this Saturday at 7 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Escalante is a much acclaimed mathematics teacher who takes disadvantaged students from the barrios of Los Angeles and transforms them into math whizzes who ace the National Testing Service's most difficult test, the Advanced Placement Calculus exam.

"The remarkable thing about Escalante is the fact that he was able to take kids who were failing and not only have them succeed, but have them succeed remarkably," said Dr. Jeanne Smith, education.

Less than two percent of high school students across the country take the AP exam for Calculus, but over the last dozen years, Jaime Escalante has badgered, coaxed, and cajoled over 600 of his students into passing the National Testing Service's Super Bowl of tests. Ninety-nine percent of those students were Hispanics from the inner city and 50 percent were females. Most came from at-risk homes below the poverty level. Out of all the Hispanic students who

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*Dr. Jeanne Smith
Education*

take the exam nation-wide, Escalante's classes account for nearly 30 percent of them.

"The neatest thing about him as I see it is the fact that he has helped these kids jump several generations from being in poverty and lower class to upper class and beyond," Smith said. "In education, this is one of the things that we are really looking for. In the 1980s the middle class shrank as the upper and lower classes grew. What we are doing is trying to get more kids educated so we can enlarge the middle class. This is exactly what Escalante's done, and he's done it in a remarkable way."

In his classroom Escalante acts as the coach of what he calls his team.

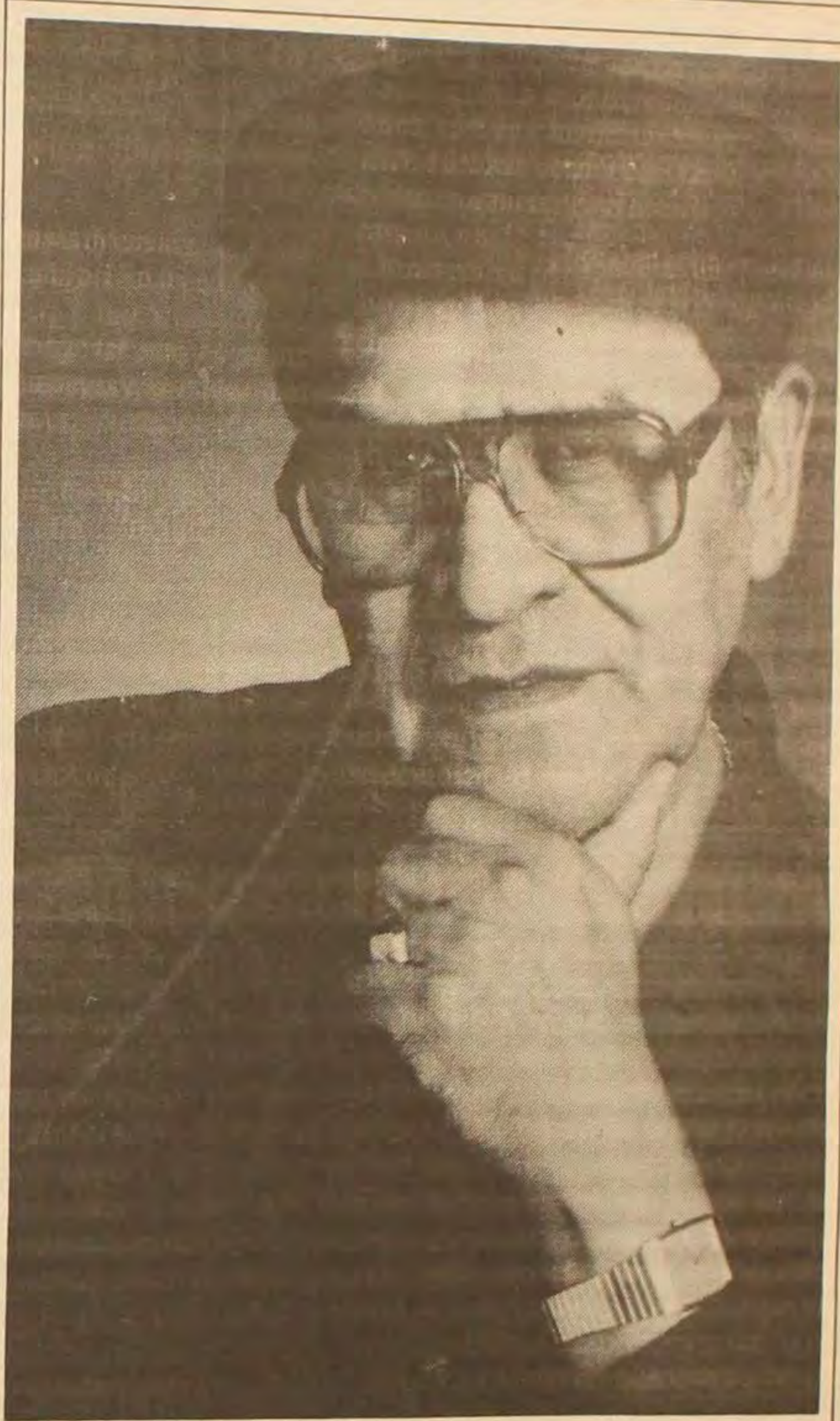
His team of students have the same characteristics of a basketball team: they wear uniforms, warm up to music before class, motivate each other and adhere to a rigorous practice schedule.

To impress reality upon his students, he asks, "Where is the money?" They answer, "In Physics, computers, biology, chemistry, and electronics." "What is the language for these subjects? Mathematics!" he shouts. "And if you know the language, you can do anything."

"Stand and Deliver" received an Academy Award nomination for Eddie Olmos' portrayal of Escalante. Supported by the National Science Foundation, the movie represents one of the rare educational stories which garnered overwhelming popular support.

Escalante was recently one of the ten national winners of the Freedom Forum's Free Spirit Award which recognizes individuals who personify the principles of free press, free speech and free spirit.

Escalante's appearance is open to the public. Tickets may be purchased at the McPherson College box office, which will be open Thursday and Friday from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday from 12 - 8 p.m.



Team recommends college for 10-year accreditation

by Sue Werner

News Editor

McPherson College is being recommended to the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges for 10 years of continued accreditation, the longest period of accreditation granted by the agency. The recommendation was announced at an exit interview by the team of North Central evaluators who were on campus March 13-15.

"The North Central team found us to have very high quality programs and were quite complimentary of what we do at McPherson College," President Paul Hoffman said.

The team assessed whether or not McPherson College met North Central's five criteria.

The college will receive the team's full, written report in the middle of

1995 Self-Study



North Central Accreditation Visit

April.

During the exit interview, the team indicated some of the institutional strengths and weaknesses that it found. Some of the strengths expected to be identified in the report include: the college's community spirit; the quality and commitment of the faculty; the appearance and condition of the physical plant; the college's solid financial base; its success in fund-raising; and quality of the self-study process and the

preparation for the visit.

Some concerns expected to be identified include: library holdings and staffing; computing facilities and capabilities; faculty work loads, salaries, and professional development; and enrollment.

Also the report is expected to reinforce that the college's assessment plan and strategic planning process should be implemented immediately.

The team is recommending that the college submit annual progress reports on enrollment for the next three years and progress reports on governance, institutional assessment and strategic planning in December 1997 and December 2000.

"The purpose of the reports is to demonstrate that McPherson College is making progress in each of these areas," said Dr. Steve

Gustafson, vice president for academic services. "They want to make sure that we continue to put the same kind of energy into each of these areas that we have thus far."

The team determined that the college is meeting its goals and its mission, despite the recent negative report from the Kansas State Board of Education, which threatens the further accreditation of the college's teacher training program.

"The issues with the KSBE appear to be more process than of substance," Hoffman said. "We have submitted an appeal and I am optimistic that our appeal will yield positive results."

"I think the team was sympathetic and understanding because they deal with these issues on their own campus as they deal with their own state

departments of education," Gustafson said.

The team evaluated and approved the college's recently developed plan for assessing academic achievement. This was the first year that members of the association were required to have an assessment plan approved by North Central.

The plan describes ways to measure whether or not students at McPherson College are achieving the skills that the college wants them to possess upon graduation.

"Obviously we are a strong institution with a long history of quality education and a strong sense of mission, which pervades the entire campus," Gustafson said. "This recommendation affirms that we're a quality institution producing a quality product."

EDITORIAL

Election process lacks class

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS WERE ONCE AGAIN AN EMBARRASSMENT to the McPherson College community. The entire process lacked professionalism.

Some speeches made by candidates were unorganized, had no direction, and made no attempt to sell the candidates. Candidates treated their speeches in a nonchalant manner. One candidate, wearing torn jeans and a tee-shirt, lip-synched his way through his speech, pretending to play a guitar. Another candidate told the audience that he knew he wouldn't win and to vote for his opponent. Still another candidate wasn't present, so an officer from SAB delivered her speech for her.

The election process was yet another unprofessional area. There was only one time to vote and only one place to vote, right after convo in Friendship Hall. Also, there were no debates between candidates and the only speeches given by candidates were on the day of election.

Publicity was minimal on Stuco's part. Stuco advertised, but it did nothing new to spark interest with students. Elections for dorm reps and class reps took place last Friday. Of course, no off-campus students knew about this since elections were held during lunch in the cafeteria.

Students need to take this seriously. People wanting to run for office should have clear, well thought out speeches with direction. Candidates should campaign long before elections. There should be debates and public forums so students are well informed of what each candidate will do for them and the college. Candidates also need to learn how to publicize better. No publicity was done off campus this year. And, there should be multiple election sites, more time during the day to vote, and petitioning should begin at the end of fall semester, since spring semester goes by so quickly.

It's time the campus faces up to these problems and makes the changes necessary because all students deserve a student government that is willing and able to do things to improve the campus community.

**Christine Hauschildt
for the Spectator Staff**

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Danger zone phenomenon is here

Danger Zone: That period of time just after spring break when professors decide that their classes are the only significant event in the universe, and students realize they can't possibly finish everything by the end of the semester, so why bother?

The "danger zone" phenomenon was first noted by Aristotle in the year 342 B.C. in a paper presented to the Athens Board of Education and Restaurant Supervision.

This probing essay was part of an appeal of the board's decision to revoke the Aristotle Institute of Learning's authorization to accredit stand-up philosophers. Without board certification these philosophers would not be allowed to practice their disreputable profession at gatherings of politicians, lawyers, bureaucrats, college professors, and—presumably—human beings.

Loss of certification meant certain loss of funding, so Aristotle called his staff of highly learned vice presidents into all-night strategy sessions. (They slept, of course, at their desks during school days.)

After weeks of high-level brain-

Students not comfortable with Stuco

Pat Crowdis was right. No one feels comfortable with our student government.

I have visited many schools in my great search for the perfect college. The one thing I heard during each tour was, "Our student government makes sure the students are very happy here." I was told that something that it is easy to get into meetings and speak up.

We don't have that. Crowdis, in his campaign speech, wearing that very interesting costume from "The Mask," said this. No one wants to go to Stuco or SAB for anything. They don't feel comfortable enough to just show up and ask for that sand volleyball pit we were promised during my freshman year. They don't feel comfortable enough to stand up and ask for the music to be put back on during meal times. They won't stand up to be on the committee which decides what we will eat this month at the cafeteria.

I have been a representative-at-

The Token
Geezer



Jim
Huskins

Spectator
Staff

storming, accompanied by voluminous snoring, the VPs finally noticed that the office secretaries had written a brilliant response to the board's arbitrary recision.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs and Braille Method Piano, Stevie I. Wonder Guilderson, rushed the document to Aristotle's office to wake him up and take full credit. The Honorable President had the good sense to recognize the paper as the answer to their problems, white-out Guilderson's name, sign his own, and rush the response to the board just in time to save the school's good name the day before graduation.

The board sobered up enough to find great empathy for a student body so beset by last-half-of-the-semester pressures that they'd

even stopped eating pizza, the new fad food just in from Rome. The vote to reinstate accreditation was unanimous, and stand-up philosophy was saved, much to the chagrin of succeeding generations.

I only wish that I had been aware of the ramifications of the Danger Zone during my first college career, some decades ago. Perhaps that would have helped me steer clear of certain overpowering urges that always struck me on or near the first of April.

I had a brilliant academic career, but only during fall semesters. By spring I always succumbed to some primal passion to hop into a canoe or strap on a backpack and disappear for several weeks.

Of course now, with the cumulative maturational benefits of advancing geezerhood to guide me, I can laugh in the face of the impossible academic hurdles standing between me and May 21.

I know I've grown enough as a human being to be able keep it all in perspective and handle it.

It's a wonderful feeling, this newfound self control. I need to celebrate! Maybe I'll have a beer and go fishing.

My Thoughts
Exactly



Jim
Garrison

Spectator
Staff

large for SAB for this school year. I work for SAB and have about the same chance of knowing what is going on that you all do.

One of the biggest things that the student government of this campus needs is to stop being an unseen force. If they stood up and took credit for things like other clubs have in the past, we would welcome and encourage more activities that we like.

For example, the Annual Fahnestock Alternative Dance is this Friday. Last year it bombed because it was under advertised. Fahnestock

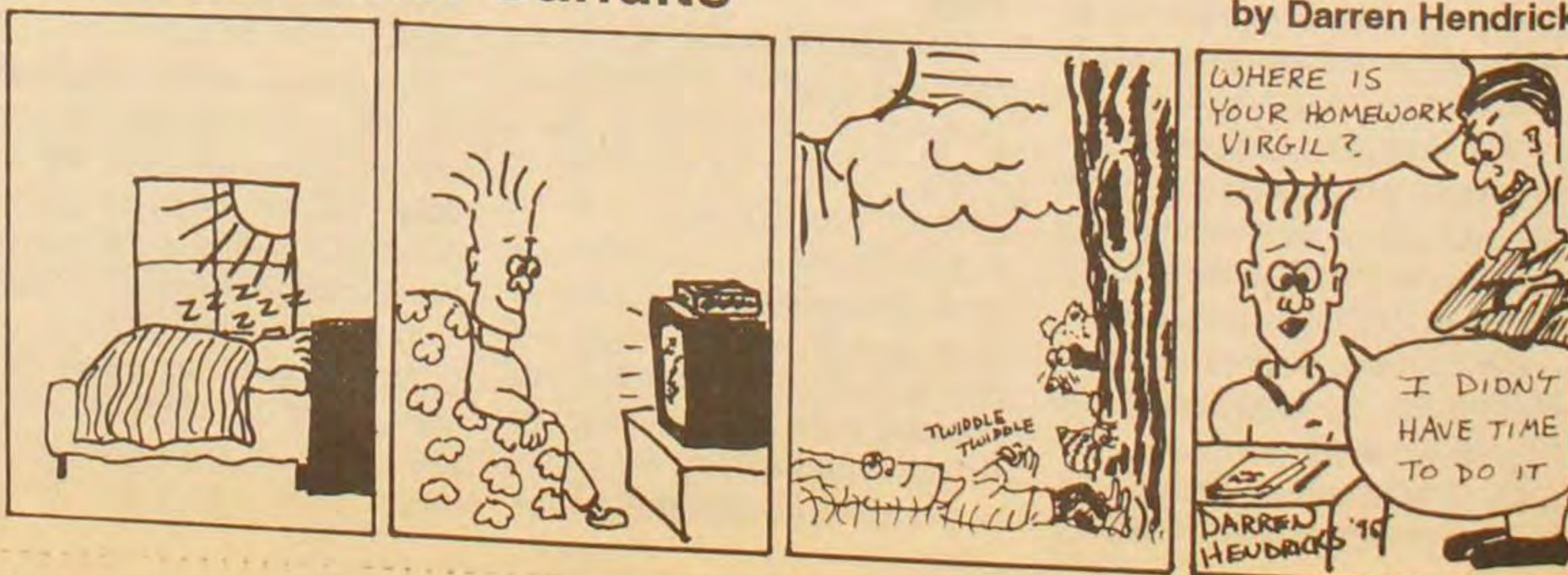
Hall has a reputation for having truly excellent dances. Just the name Fanny pulls in crowds that you don't get when you say SAB or Stuco. Ok, so I'm hyping my own dorm and the party tomorrow night, that's free advertising.

Advertising is a big problem. The Spectator rarely gets advance notice of new events. I never see anything student related on channel 5, and I hate to say it, but the banners in the halls are usually pretty juvenile.

Word of mouth doesn't work because then just the friends of Stuco members and SAB reps show up at activities. If you don't know who your Stuco or SAB rep is, then you miss out. Advertising is a key part of an activity.

The new Stuco and SAB should listen to Crowdis. If people felt comfortable with their student government, then it would get more done for us.

Raccoon Biker Bandits



by Darren Hendricks

D-Day

by Darren Hendricks



Tibet risks losing its culture

Window on the World



Pascal Reber

Spectator Staff

When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait on August 2, 1990, the response of the international community was swift. The United States and other coalition partners sent troops to the Persian Gulf within days.

There have been many similar aggressions in the past, most of those going unpunished. One of the most flagrant violations of sovereignty took place in 1951 when Chinese forces invaded Tibet.

Tibetans protesting Chinese domination were violently crushed by the invader's forces in 1959. This show of force prompted the Dalai Lama and many of his followers to go into exile.

Tibet became an autonomous region of the People's Republic of China in 1965. Since the early 1980s, the Tibetan Communist Party, which is a puppet of Peking, has been in charge of governmental matters.

Tibet is known around the world for its monasteries. The official religion of the small Himalayan country is Lamaism (Tibetan Buddhism), the Dalai Lama being their spiritual leader. During the Cultural Revolution,

religious worship was banned and many monasteries were destroyed. At that time, Chinese became the official language of Tibet and agriculture was collectivized.

In 1980, the Chinese government admitted that its efforts to suppress Tibetan identity had failed and that its policies had caused economic hardship.

Today, Tibet is one of the poorest nations in the world. This is not entirely due to poor Chinese management, but to other factors such as the hostile environment. Because of those failures, holy sites were reopened and the culture and language of Tibet were no longer strictly suppressed.

Meanwhile, martial law was imposed in 1989 following rioting by Tibetans opposed to Chinese rule.

Many Chinese have moved to Tibet for new opportunities. Chinese influence can be seen everywhere. Peking is slowly destroying the most interesting culture in the world. Monasteries that were full of monks decades ago are now almost deserted.

Every Tibetan is anxiously awaiting for the return of the Dalai Lama, which will probably not take place for years.

In the meantime, China enjoys the most favored nation status with the United States. The two countries almost got into a trade war last month because China had not been respecting US copyright laws. The US could play the card of the most favored nation status to oblige Peking to change its policy towards Tibet.

Let us hope that Tibet will soon regain its sovereignty and identity. The small Himalayan country has suffered too many years under Chinese rule. It is time for the international community to do something about it. The religious and cultural heritage of Tibet are at stake.

QUIZ:

What is the capital of Tibet?

CAMPUS FORUM

Get with it

First, I would like to thank everyone who voted, regardless of who you voted for. I'd especially like to thank all the guys and gals in Fanny that helped me with my campaign.

The hoopla is over. The ballots have been counted and all my signs have been taken down. The Stuco Executive Board is set, so let's get down to business.

The fun stuff is over and this school needs help and the only person who can make it better is you. I cannot and will not make this school better without everybody's help and involvement.

Have you ever noticed how many students actually go to a men's or women's basketball game? Did you know we have a track team? There is zero enthusiasm for activities on campus. Sports is just one facet of the problem. McPherson College also offers clubs of all kinds. Unfortunately many are lacking adequate participation. It is up to the students to make these activities work and to be fun. The only reason they may be boring to you is that you made them boring with your negative attitude. It is a lot like life, it's what you make of it.

Some of the problems stem from not knowing what all there is out

there for the students. The only person to blame is the student. It is your responsibility to know your rights. If nothing else, take a half hour and read the Growl. It has all the information you need. If there isn't a group that suits you, start your own. At a college this small everyone needs to be involved.

Even the name of the college's newspaper, the Spectator, is indictive of the students' behaviors. Don't stand back and let someone else run your life, don't be a spectator. Students need to step up their actions. We can't sit around and complain about how bad life is at this college. We can't wait until it changes, we have to change it ourselves. Who else will?

This isn't just another "lets get involved" editorial. Those things never work. It's time for change! It's time to stir things up. This article is to let you know that times are changing at Mac and I hope you will join this change.

Don't be afraid to question authority. I'm not saying go out and defy it, trust me that only stirs things up with the administration. But don't be afraid to step on some toes to get something started. There is more to McPherson College than sitting in your room watching television, or going to Rumors. Don't accept things the way they are, make them better. Don't let the short time you are here slip by without

making an impact.

Stuco is for the students, so use it. If you have an idea or complaint, tell someone on Stuco. No ideas will be too outrageous. No complaints will be overlooked.

Dennis Kingery

The campus cares

In the last edition of the Spectator, the editorial was written about the AIDS convocation that was canceled due to the severe illnesses of the guest speakers. Chris Hauschildt wrote that "cheers echoed through Brown Auditorium" once students heard that convo was to be canceled. She went on to say that this was sad: "Are we so insensitive to people who are HIV positive that we cheer when convo is canceled?" I sincerely hope she was not speaking about the entire campus, but in case she was, consider this.

Granted, some of the noises probably did come from college students, but did they even know what convo was going to be about? We should also not forget that a large portion of Brown was full of high school students. Maybe they contributed to the noise?

Hauschildt said she could hear cheers echo, but could she hear my stomach hit rock-bottom when I heard that the people I'd come to

listen to were too sick to talk? Could she hear all the prayers as the entire campus stood in silence? If she did, that was not mentioned in the editorial.

This editorial did contain some important information on AIDS, stuff we should all be aware of. Using negative comments to get people's attention at the beginning is one thing, but when those remarks start to offend people, the real message of the article is lost.

Always consider both sides. The majority of this campus cares

Jenny Stover

Make the distinction

This letter is in response to Pat Crowdis' final comment in "Stuco moves to add new representatives" (Spectator, March 10, 1995.) Crowdis believes that "constantly making distinctions between people of different ethnic and racial backgrounds [doesn't promote] unity and equality." I would counter, however, that to ignore such differences is to escape into the great "melting pot" theory which, I have come to believe, means melting into "white." Here is an example:

Just the other week, it was brought to my attention that only white faces graced the picture display outside my office. I looked for myself, and was shocked to see it was true,

because my degree from Mac was in Global Awareness. I have traveled and lived abroad several times, speak several languages, have a multi-cultural family and, in general, consider myself conscious of and an advocate for diversity and differences between people. How, then, could this all-white display have happened? Because when the display was going up, I was busy with other things and did not take the time to "make distinctions." We were in a hurry, and using pictures that were readily available was quick and easy.

There is now a picture of a former student from Japan in the case, and I am working on getting pictures of former students from all races up there, but the fact remains that not making distinctions resulted in melting into white.

Making distinctions is necessary, however uncomfortable, difficult or tedious it may feel. It takes continuous effort and work and will until it is no longer an issue (which, as a nation will take several more generations). The melting pot is a myth of the white race. The only way to the unity and equality, the myth implies, is through the destruction of the myth itself. At this time in history it means "constantly making distinctions."

Sue Six

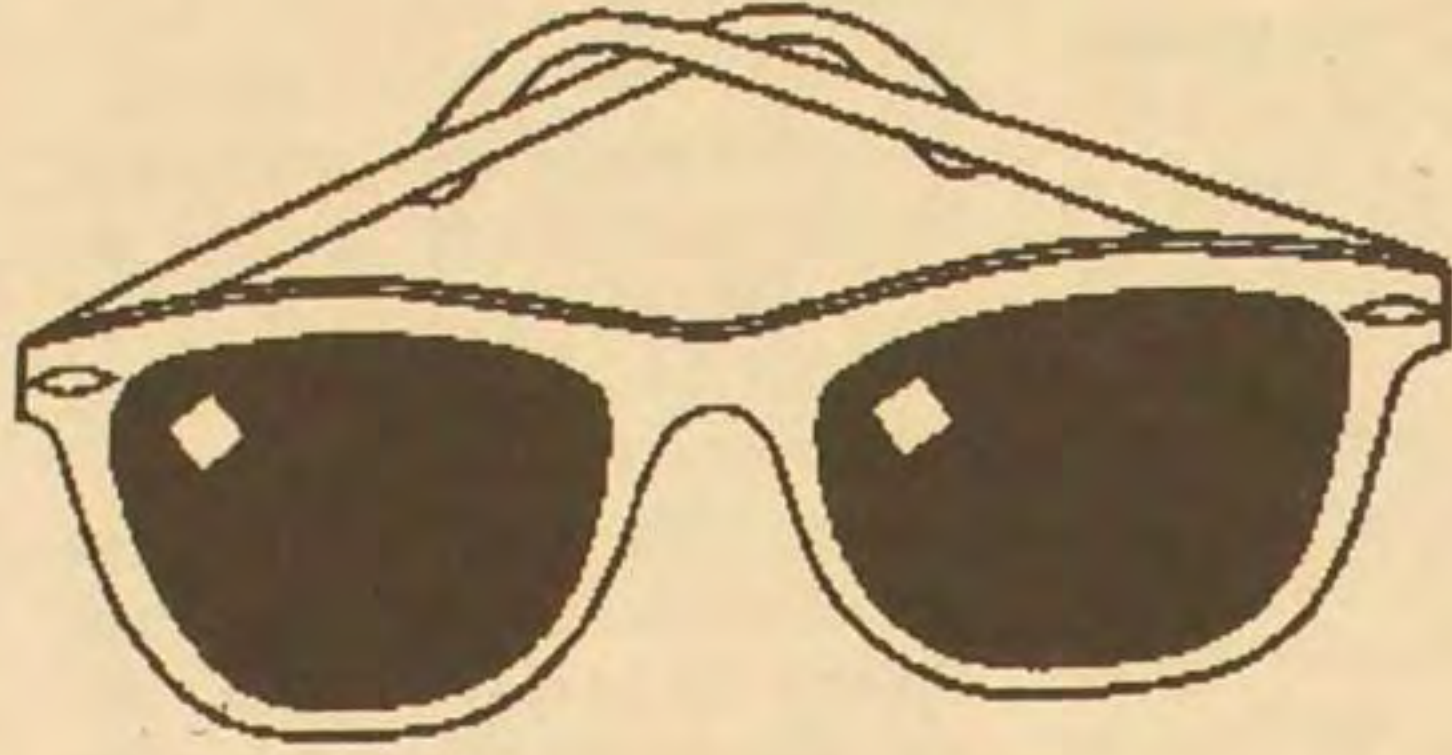
Journals from Spring Break

*A Day in the Life: Students Share
Spring Break Experiences*

Thursday, March 23, 1995

Tiffany Hall,
Pensicola, Fla.

I woke up to a beautiful warm sunny day. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. My friends and I went out for breakfast and then headed to the beach.



The white sand was amazing and even through the water was cold, I swam all afternoon. Between the stress of swimming and tanning, I walked along the shore collecting seashells.

We stayed until 2 p.m., then headed back to the hotel to shower and change for a night on the town at a dance club called, "Rum Runners."

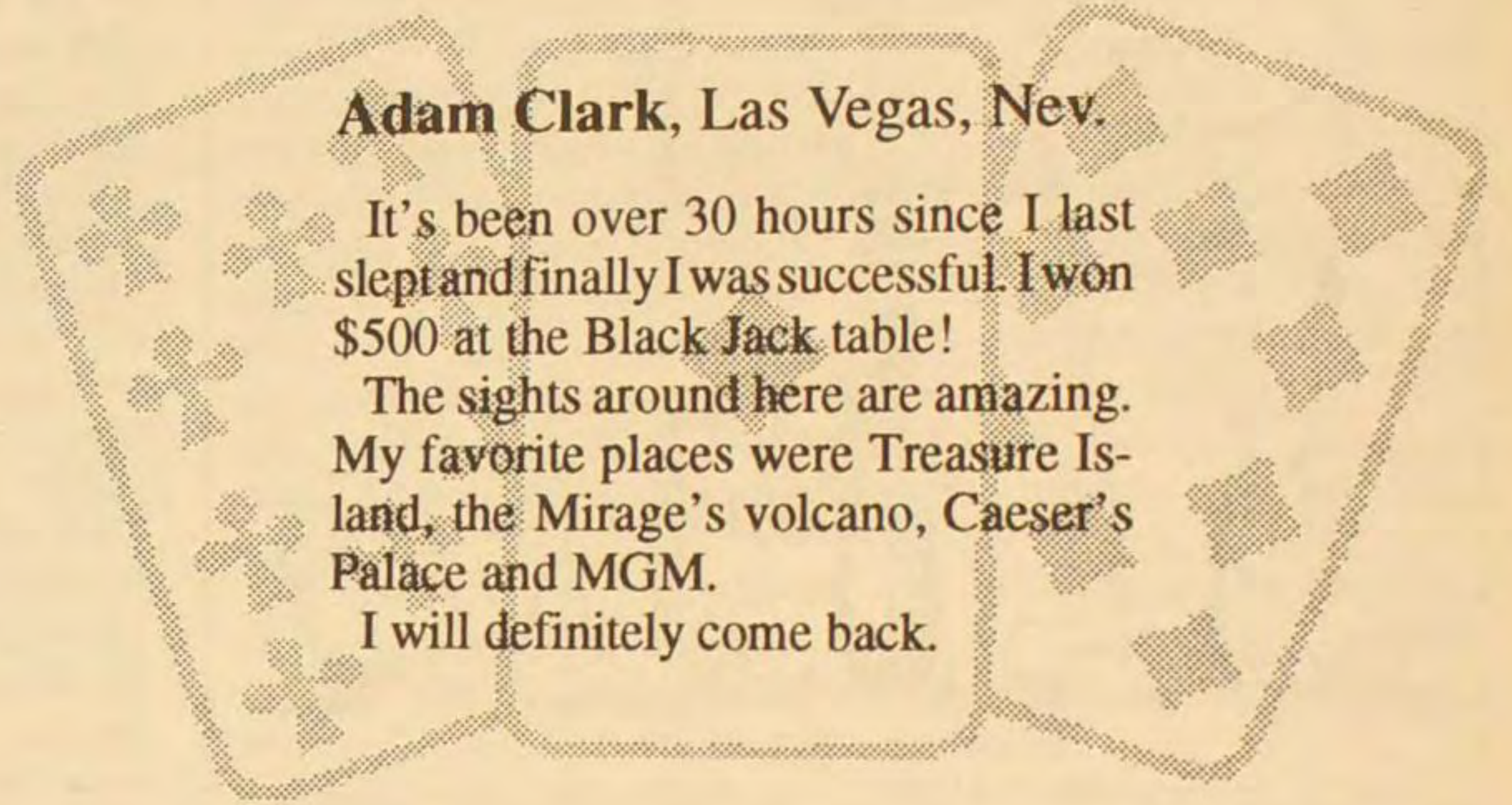
This is one of the most relaxing vacations I've ever had.

Adam Clark, Las Vegas, Nev.

It's been over 30 hours since I last slept and finally I was successful. I won \$500 at the Black Jack table!

The sights around here are amazing. My favorite places were Treasure Island, the Mirage's volcano, Caesar's Palace and MGM.

I will definitely come back.



Michelle Horner, Springfield, Colo.

I've enjoyed choir tour this year because we went to the Southwest, my part of the country.

This morning we sang at my high school in Springfield. It was great! When I was introduced as one of Springfield's own graduates, the audience clapped and cheered for me. I felt like a celebrity! It was also fun because people from the church that my family and I attend were there.

Tonight, I get to stay at home. I can't wait to sleep in my own bed!



What is your favorite family Easter holiday tradition?



"My mom hides Easter eggs for me and my sister."

Stasi Zirkel, jr.



"We would color Easter eggs and have a big hunt."

Robb Mitchell, fr.



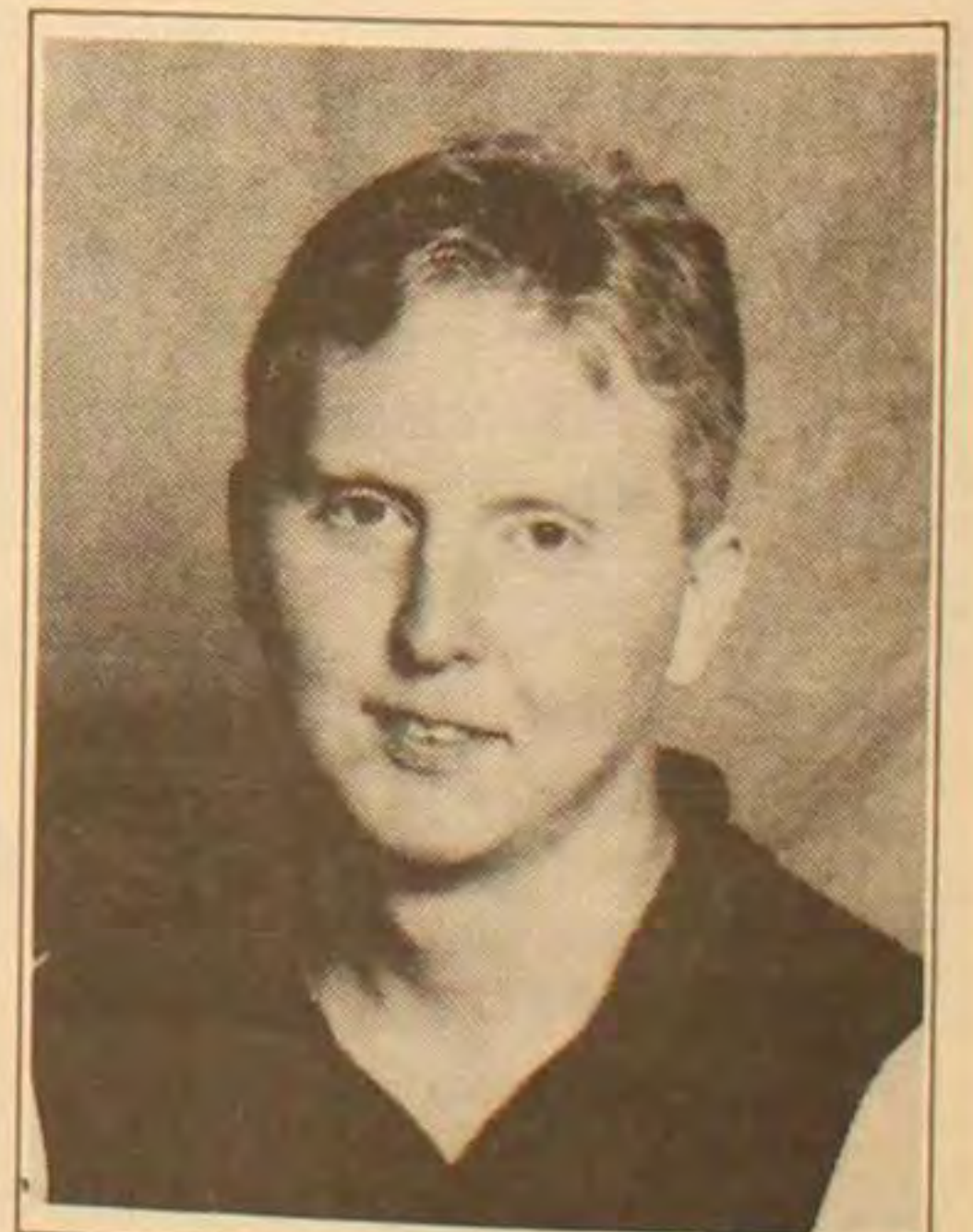
"The Easter bunny would come at night and hide eggs."

Holly Sechler, sr.



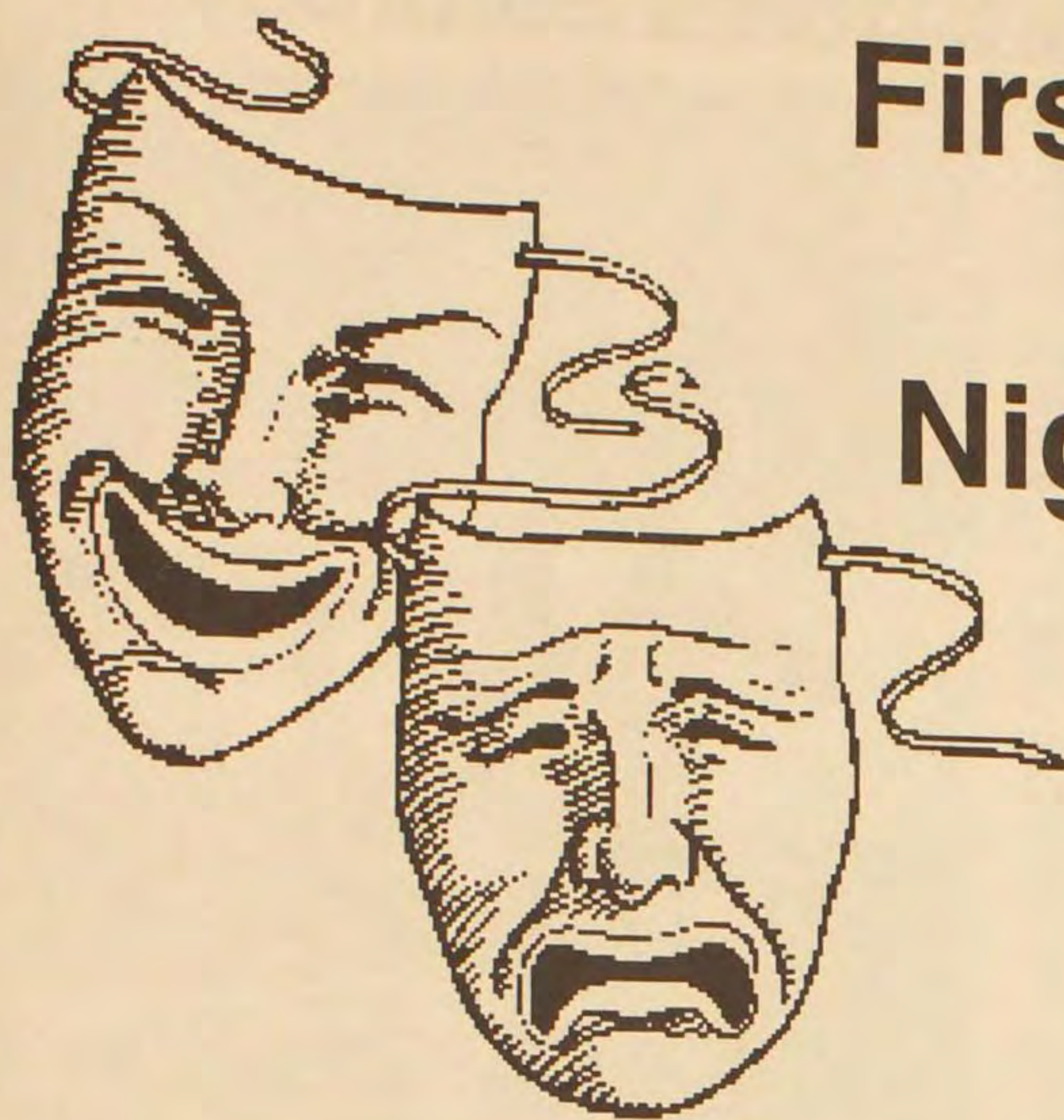
"I'm going to miss dyeing the Easter eggs."

Willie Williams, fr.



"Spending time with my family."

Jon Henrikson, jr.



First Nighters play many roles

By Melisa Martens
Spectator Staff

First Nighters has been an important aspect of the McPherson College Theatre Department since 1977. Prof. Rick Tyler implemented the idea during his first year at McPherson College.

"It was difficult to get the community to come to our productions, so we decided to establish the First Nighters to gain some snob appeal," Tyler said.

His main objective was to prove the theater could be something the community could enjoy.

First Nighters is a dinner club for the theater. Members enjoy a meal and entertainment prior to the production. The first year, there were only 27 members and it was free. Rick and Karlene Tyler cooked the dinner in their kitchen at home.

Now, 17 years later, memberships cost \$45 per person (faculty receive a discounted membership), and members are entitled to admission. Planned, prepared and served dinners accompany each of the productions throughout the year.

The idea caught on and grew slowly over the years. There are currently about 160 members, only

about 30 of which are college employees.

"We get quite a few retired faculty, and surprisingly, a large number of the members come from the Cedars," Tyler said.

First Nighters is an elite group, and members are invited to join; there is not open invitation.

"Not just anyone can join. It would lose some of its appeal if we opened it up," Tyler said.

Dr. Leland Lengel, history, member of the First Nighters says it is a "Great opportunity to be involved with the theater productions and to interact with community people."

The drama fraternity on campus, Alpha Psi Omega, is mostly responsible for putting together the First Nighter events. They receive help from friends of the theater and students wishing to fulfill the new service requirement.

"The idea is still growing and evolving, but it's good to know there is a strong interest in the theater" said Alpha Psi Omega secretary, J.D. Bowman.

One of the best aspects about First Nighters is the link between the college and the community. The club brings in many "regulars," and people from town get to know the actors and students.

Oscar begins to rust as the Academy loses touch

I am disappointed with the Academy Awards. It isn't a problem with the televised show. Dave was great. But the Academy seems to be losing touch more every year.

As a fan of science fiction, the Oscar never goes to my favorite movies, but I have grown to understand this. Even the famous "King Kong" was bested by some Southern film in color that lasted two hours too long.

The problem comes when the members of the Academy try to



By Jim Garrison

toot their own horns. The big example this year was Jessica Lang's nomination and reception of the Best

Actress Oscar. Had anyone even heard of the film she was in? Probably because it was made five years ago! She probably didn't even remember making it.

The best actress for films should have been Jodie Foster for her performance in "Nell." Jessica Lang and "Blue Sky" should be disqualified for excessive dust.

Another problem with the Academy awards is they never

nominate the popular films. "River Wild" wasn't nominated and neither was "Abyss" back when it was new.

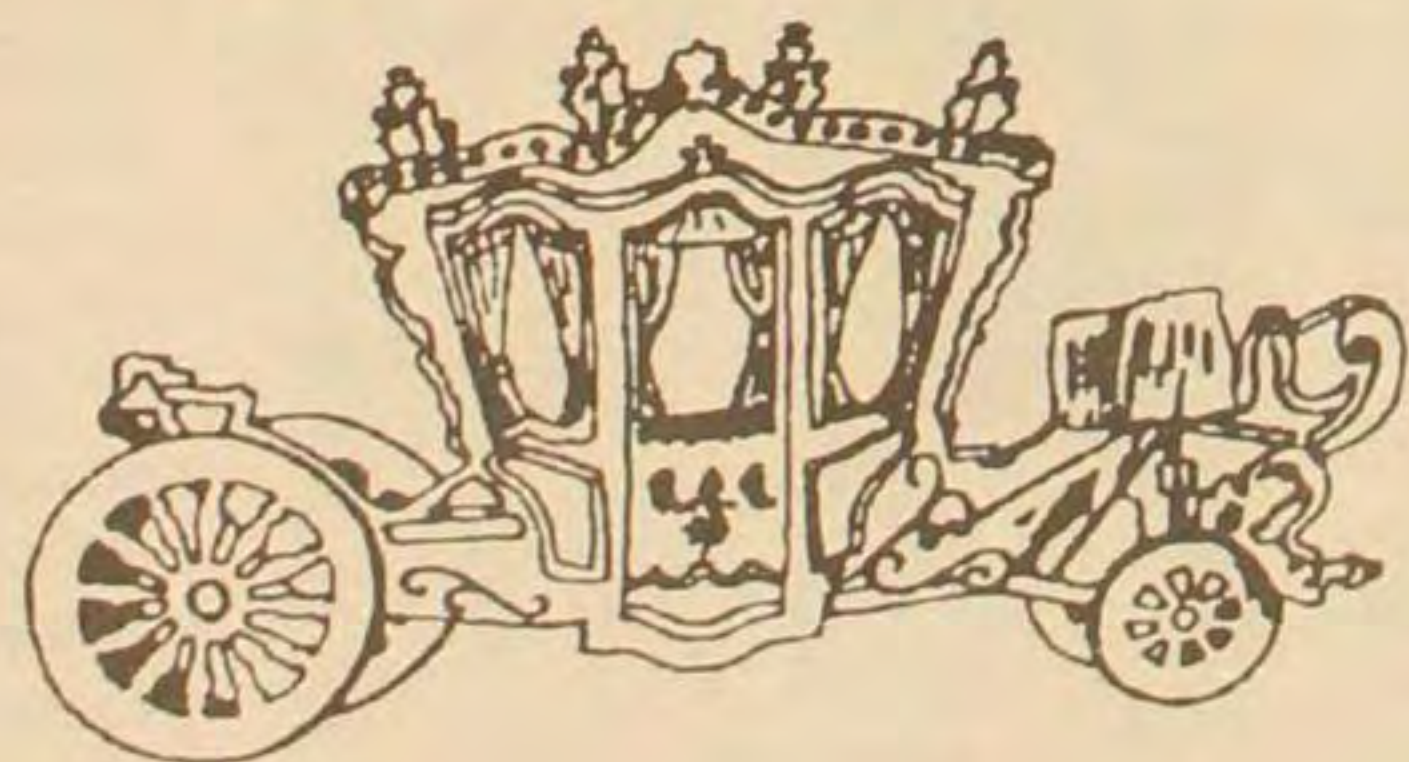
The Academy doesn't even listen to it's own people. The whole "Hoop Dreams," fiasco was evidence of this problem. People were outraged that such a highly acclaimed film didn't even get nominated for anything important. What's worse, the only category they were nominated in, editing, was won by "Forrest Gump."

Go rent "Hoop Dreams," when it comes out, you'll see what I mean. They are just too exclusive.

I only wish they had a different way of voting for the movies that receive the highest honor that can be given them. I would also like to see anything with dubbing or subtitles to be disqualified, but I don't think that will change either.

For next time: "Pulp Fiction," "Outbreak" and on video, "Ed Wood."

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Track team has encouraging start, home Saturday

By Jonathan Coachman
Sports Editor

The McPherson College track team will host their first home meet of the year this Saturday as they welcome five teams to McPherson College stadium. The meet starts at 12:30 p.m. Many workers are still needed to help with timing, raking, and running events. Anybody interested should contact Coach Deb Moore at Ext. 1242.

The team has prepared for this meet with two recent track meets. The first one came prior to spring break at Southwestern and also last Saturday at Bethany.

Southwestern Invitational

The team was only able to take four participants to the Moundbuilder Invitational. Willie Williams, Rick Coleman, Jarrod Miller and Jamie Smalley were the lone representatives.

Jarrod Miller was the only Bulldog who placed with a third place finish in the high jump. He jumped a personal best 6'6".

Coach Deb Moore was happy with the initial results. "I am really pleased with the effort of the team so far," said Moore. "It's really amazing that Jarrod can lay out of track for a year and come back in the first meet and jump a personal record."

Rick Coleman also broke personal records in the discus and shot put with a throw of 126'6" and a shot of 40'11 1/2". Jamie Smalley had a fine finish of her

own in the shot put, breaking her own personal record with a shot of 28'5 1/2".

"Rick is really going to be a contributor for us in several events," said Moore. "Right now we're just trying to find out which events are his best."

Bethany Invitational

A full compliment of athletes were on hand for this meet which made for a host of personal records to be broken. Because of the lack of numbers it is not possible for the team to win a team title but individual numbers is what they are going for.

"Our emphasis right now is on individual accomplishments," said Moore. "If everyone can improve themselves and their results then that will help us score better as a team."

Personal Records: 100M: Jason Barta running 11.4, Patrick Crowdis 11.6, and Brett Johnson 11.7.

110M Hurdles: Willie Williams 15.9

200M: Jason Barta 23.1

400M: Lychelle Gibbs 1:04.7

400M Hurdles: Willie Williams 1:05

800M: Lychelle Gibbs 2:41.4

1500M: Cameron Mahler 5:30

4x 100M: Barta, Williams, Johnson, Crowdis 44.7

High Jump: Roderick Hornbuckle 6'2"

Long Jump: Jamie Smalley 13'7", Willie Williams 19'11", Jason Barta 21'5 3/4", Roderick Hornbuckle 21'5 3/4"

Triple Jump: Jamie Smalley 27'11 1/2", Tiffany Hall 31'10"

Shot Put: Monica Embers 32'7", Damian Harris 32'

Javelin: Cameron Mahler 113', Rick Coleman 153'3

Despite no placing in this meet Coach Moore is still very optimistic. "This team works extremely hard," said Moore. "As long as we stay together we will continue to work in the right direction."

Coach Moore also mentioned a couple of team members who are starting to round into form and will be leaders this spring.

Teria Taylor, sr., is the returning conference champion in the 1/4 hurdles and is expected to repeat this year. Also returning is Ali Stufflebean throwing the javelin.

"These two should really keep us together with their leadership," said Moore. "They both know what it takes to win and should be a good example to the younger athletes."

Also released this week was the Missouri-Kansas best list which had a couple of McPherson College athletes listed.

Roderick Hornbuckle ranks eighth in the long jump at 21'5" and also eighth in the high jump at 6'2". Jarrod Miller ranks sixth in the high jump at 6'4". Lychelle Gibbs ranks fifth in the 400 meter at 64.23. The 400 Meter relay team ranks fifth at 44.94.

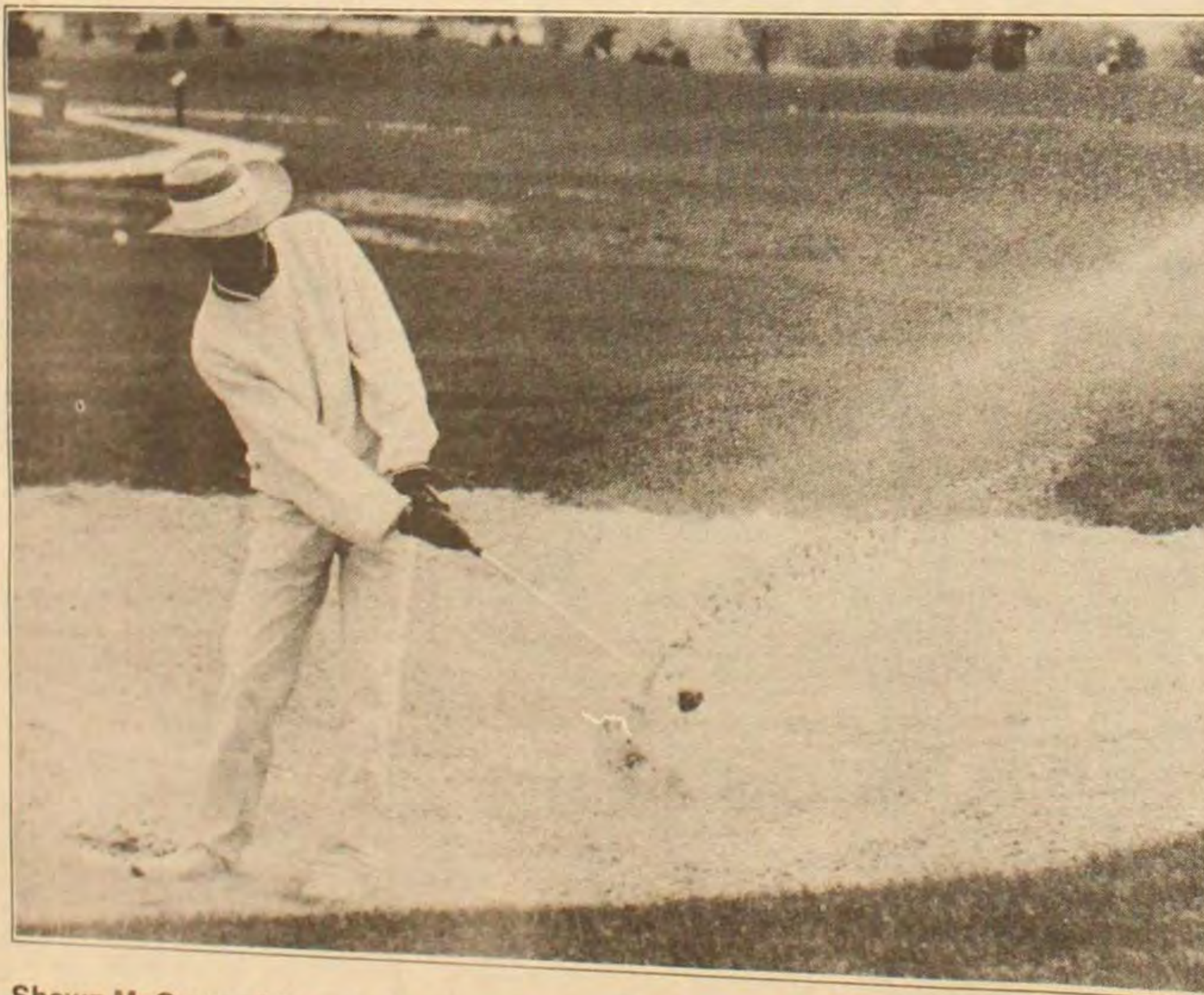
"It's really good to have so many in these rankings," said Moore. "It shows that our athletes rank right up there with the best in our division."



Photo by Jon Henrikson

Teria Taylor practices her hurdles out at the Stadium track. Taylor is the defending conference champion in the 1/4 hurdles. The track team will host a six team meet on Saturday.

McGowan Hacks!



Shawn McGowan hits out of a sand trap in a practice round at Turkey Creek. The golf team will play Hesston and Central College Monday at Hesston.

Photo by Jon Henrikson

Gwaltney resigns as Mac head coach

By Jonathan Coachman
Sports Editor

McPherson College women's basketball coach Marlys Gwaltney has resigned her position as head coach. Gwaltney resigns after two years on the job and a combined record of 4-46. Gwaltney told her team of her decision Tuesday night.

"It was an uphill battle from the start," said Gwaltney. "It was time for somebody to take over that has more knowledge."

Under Gwaltney the '94-95 Lady

Bulldogs showed a marked improvement even though it didn't show up in the win column. The

team's win total did triple however from the previous season and the team is heavily dominated by freshman and sophomore.

Gwaltney had already started on the recruiting trail having just signed a 6-0 center from Colorado this week. She compared her to Amy Ross who was a bright

spot for the cagers this past season. Gwaltney also served as a college instructor and team trainer as well as assistant volleyball coach



Marlys Gwaltney

Mac student to run ultimate physical test

By Erik Vogel
Spectator Staff

You may not see his face on a Wheaties box. He probably won't star in a Reebok commercial. Besides, he prefers to wear Nike's. And it is highly unlikely David Letterman will seek his companionship on the late night show. However, Cullen Crosthwaite will participate in a sporting event most of us would never even attempt.

On April 17, Cullen will run in the 99th annual Boston Marathon. His road to Boston has been a difficult and demanding one, similar to the hilly, lengthy course he is determined to complete.

"I've been looking forward to this race for a very long time," commented Crosthwaite. "I worked so long and hard for so many years that I am dedicated to finishing this event."

At the age of 13, Cullen decided he wanted to run in this storied event. Inspired by his father, who ran in two marathons including Boston, Cullen became hooked on long distance running.

To run such a race, not only do you need the desire, but an incredible work ethic as well. Requirements for a Crosthwaite work schedule include: time to train, a

steady six to eight mile base before four months of intense training, which includes 30 to 40 miles weekly, and the ability to stay healthy.

Despite knee surgery last year, the stress of a full college course load, and working two jobs, Cullen hopes to accomplish his goal of finishing the 26.2 mile race. He feels he can run the race in about three and one-half hours.

"After the knee surgery I was just hoping that it would heal quickly enough for me to train," said Crosthwaite. "Fortunately enough I've stayed relatively pain free."

A sprinter in high school, as well as a soccer player, Cullen hopes to run in next year's event, if his body and schedule is willing. Other races may also be in his future. Kansas offers a different climate and terrain for running, compared to his home state of Connecticut. If he chooses not to run competitively, Cullen will continue running to relieve stress "as a test of his will."

Although he won't officially be entering the marathon, Cullen will join thousands of other runners for this yearly event. He may just be a number, but his efforts prove if you put your mind to something, it can come true.



Photo by Jon Henrikson

Cullen Crosthwaite heads out for his daily jog. Crosthwaite runs anywhere from 5 to 10 miles a day. He will be participating in the Boston Marathon on April 17.

SPORTS BRIEFS

New coach in place

Kevin Pettis has recently joined the McPherson College football staff for the 1995 football season. His position is defensive coordinator. Kevin has several years of experience. He also played on the 1987 NCAA II National Championship Troy State of Alabama team. Along with his coaching responsibilities he will assist track and assist in weightroom supervision. High energy is a trademark of Kevin's and Coach Grose says to look forward to exciting things from the Bulldog defense in 1995.

Golf team plays matches

The McPherson College golf team had a home dual match yesterday with the Friends Falcons. Bryce Brewer took second overall with a round of 78. Jonathan Coachman and Scott Plummer each shot 93.

The team played in the Kansas Newman Classic at Reflection Ridge and Wichita State on March 26 & 27. Michael P. Schneider shot a 89-90=179 and Bryce Brewer shot a 90-91=181.

They will next be in action Monday at Hesston Municipal Golf Course.

Jordan's return good for basketball, (show) business

Let's just say that Elvis had lived. While living he decided to retire in the prime of his career. And let's also say that nobody but himself wanted to see him retire from a career in which he brought so much positive energy and excitement to those who truly loved him.

Now let's say that after a two year hiatus Elvis decided to make a comeback after a valiant effort at a career in bongo drumming failed because of a lack of support from the bongo drumming union.

If Elvis decided to do this how many people do think would accept him back with open arms? Everybody. And could he come back to the stage in primetime form? Doubtful.

Coach's Corner



Jonathan Coachman

Sports Editor

But the bottom line is that if this scenario would have happened the effect on the entire world would have been a tremendous one and I would have loved to have seen it.

Fortunately for me two weeks ago I was able to watch the return of a "hero" that is possibly bigger than Elvis was or ever will be.

With the return of Michael "Air" Jordan the entire sports world got a shot in the arm that it desperately needed. I'll be the first one to stand up and say I turned on my first NBA game this year simply to watch Jordan and the new Jordannaires.

Unfortunately his first time out was less than glamorous as the rust from two years off showed very evidently. However, it only took him a few short games to round back into the form that we have all grow to expect and awe at.

Everybody was amazed at a 35 point performance in Atlanta which included the game-winning shot at the buzzer. But what really made sportsfans stop and take notice was when Michael took center stage at Madison Square Garden. As if scripted out of something in

Hollywood, Jordan strolled into New York with his first big, physical test against a New York team with whom Jordan had many a battle. When the dust finally settled Jordan had ripped apart John Starks and the New York Knicks defense for 55 points and a game winning assist.

With the several celebrities at courtside the court at times seemed as if it was up on a stage and all of the players were helping Michael perform. As a basketball fan I was amazed, as a sports fan I simply admired.

And what about the effect he had on the world other than sports. I was recently in Las Vegas and spoke with a man who was from Illinois. In January out of loyalty this man bet 50 dollars on the Chicago Bulls to win the NBA

title. At the time the Bulls were 50-1 odds to win. With the return of Jordan they have now dropped to 3-1.

The USA Today did a profile on all of the products that Jordan endorses. With all 5 companies combined just the potential of Jordan returning caused a 2 billion dollar change in stock prices.

The sale of Chicago Bulls merchandise also began to rise again after tapering off in the last two years. With their newest gimmick "He's Back" on everything merchandise is hot.

Regardless of the reasons Michael Jordan has for his return one thing is for sure. Wherever Michael goes he affects everything in a major way. There isn't one move that he makes which doesn't effect someone financially. With all of these types of pressures no wonder he wants to get back out on the court.

I think that this comeback also shows sportsfans something else. Michael Jordan is a basketball player, period. Number two Michael Jordan is a businessman. But no matter how much money he makes or endorsements he does, Michael Jordan loves what he does best. And what he does best is play the game of basketball, period!

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Theatre department to perform comedy "Beau Jest"

by Bill Brugger
Spectator Staff

The theatre department will present "Beau Jest," a comedy by James Sherman, April 27, 28, 29 and May 4, 5 and 6 in Brown Auditorium.

The play is about a Jewish girl who ends up torn between two men. One is a non-Jewish man of whom her traditionally rigid parents disapprove, and the other is a man she hires to play her Jewish doctor boyfriend to please her parents.

"The play is interesting and challenging. It is original and incredibly funny; it has an interesting twist. It's clever and engaging, Annette Fennessy, sr., stage manager, said.

The cast members enjoy acting in the comedy and working with student director J.D. Bowman, soph.

"I love the play. It was meant to be really funny, and I'm excited that J.D. is directing because he brings a lot to comedy," Kelly Thaxton, jr., said.

Sarah Adams, jr., plays the lead role of Sarah. This is Adams' first performance in a McPherson College play.

"My goal was to do a school play before I graduated. I really like J.D. a lot and wanted to work with him," Adams said. "He has a feel for theater and acting and how all this is supposed to come together."

Jonathan Coachman, sr., who plays the lead role of Bob, says "the whole cast is a lot of fun to work with. J.D. has been great. He is a good actor himself, so he makes it easier for us."

Bowman has acted in several plays at the college and is enjoying the challenge of directing.

"I directed in high school a little bit and I like directing a lot. I like the idea of working with others to bring the show to the theater, and this show has made it really exciting. What's really exciting is that my cast is so good. That is a great way to end the season."

Jerry Bowen, jr., believes that a student director has a lot of pressure,



photo by Michael P. Schneider

Sarah Adams, jr., and Jonathan Coachman, sr., rehearse a scene from "Beau Jest."

but is excited about working with Bowman and some new faces.

"It's a very good script. I think the cast is fresh and young and has more energy than I've seen in any production I've been in. I was a little nervous at first with all the new faces, but J.D. has done a really good job of bringing the best out of

everyone and it has really been great," Bowen said.

Cast members are: Sarah Adams, Sarah Goldman; Jerry Bowen, Chris; Jonathan Coachman, Bob; Pat Crowdis, Joel; Kelly Thaxton, Miriam; Jeremy Bernhardt, Abe.

Internet now available in Miller

by Jim Garrison
Spectator Staff

Students and staff of McPherson College now have access to one of the newest and most up-to-date resources available — the Internet.

The Internet is a new addition to the Communications Lab in the lower level of Miller Library.

Users can now find and retrieve research material, entertainment, and even an up to the quarter hour weather satellite report through the World Wide Web, Gopher, and FTP sites around the world.

The lab does not yet have one of Internet's most popular features — electronic mail, or e-mail. The mail server program is currently being configured for the lab's system.

The mail server works like a post office by handling any mail that comes to the addresses Mcpherson.edu. This works like the post office boxes in the S.U. basement, said Thomas Suiter, sr. Suiter has been configuring the system with the help of Brad Stucky, maintenance.

Though not yet available, e-mail accounts will allow users to send

and receive messages to people around the world. Users will be able to keep up to date with ongoing projects at other colleges, learn how to tune their car or just discuss their favorite hobbies with other like-minded people.

The Miller Communications Lab is the only location on campus which currently has this service. People may use one of the several Packard Bell 486 computers to use Internet services. The programs available are found in Windows. Lab assistants are available at posted hours to help interested users.

Lecturer focuses on electronic age

by Melissa Martens
Spectator Staff

Dr. Nadine Pence Frantz delivered the annual Religious Heritage lecture Sunday night and Monday morning, April 2-3. Dr. Frantz's lectures were gathered under the billin, "Theology for a Tetris Time."

Frantz received her master of divinity from Bethany Theological Seminary, and she currently is professor of theology there.

Sin and redemption was Frantz's convocation topic. She spoke of the technologically advancing modern world, claiming that we live in "image mode," that our society is immersed in a culture composed of

images. Computers, television and advertising are all based on images.

In addition modern society is fluid. The way we write is one example Frantz gave of how our current culture is fluid, permeable and non-permanent. Mistakes are no longer difficult to erase.

Frantz has applied these technologies to the Bible. "What losses and gains are made," Frantz asked, "when we switch from books to multi-media?" She mentioned aspects of the debate centered around the proposition of having an electronic multi-media version of the Bible.

"Some think it is a worldly in-

terpretation of the Bible," Frantz said. "Others argue that it is good because images stay with us longer, and multi-media presentation may be better able to depict how Biblical events might actually have happened."

Frantz showed an example of an electronic multi-media Bible story. She closed her lecture by saying that people need to learn who they are.

"To get throughout this fluid society where we are required to be many people," Frantz said, "you need a center—a wholeness, and to be called to yourself."

NEWS BRIEFS

Room Sign-up

Room sign-up for next year will run from April 10-13, in the upper level of the Student Union. Cost for a double room is \$775 per semester. Cost for a single room will increase next year to \$1279 per semester.

Students need to reserve a room at the time scheduled, write their name on the floor chart in the appropriate room, and complete the room reservation form. The schedule for room sign-up is as follows:

Same room sign up: Monday, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Next year seniors: Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Next year juniors: Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Next year sophomores: Thursday, 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Stuco representatives

The 1995-96 Student Council representatives were elected on April 23.

Representatives-at-large are: Valerie Huber, fr., Jason Sumpter, jr., Trisha Young, soph., Amy Luebbers, jr., Becky Rausch, soph., Gina Railsback, soph., Sean Dell, jr., and Dan Brubaker, soph.

Class representatives are: Becky Standafer, soph. class; Kristin Grimes, jr. class; Jerry Bowen, sr. class.

Dorm representatives are: Darren Hendricks, Metzler; Kristin Falen, Dotzour; Ben Brubaker, Fahnestock.

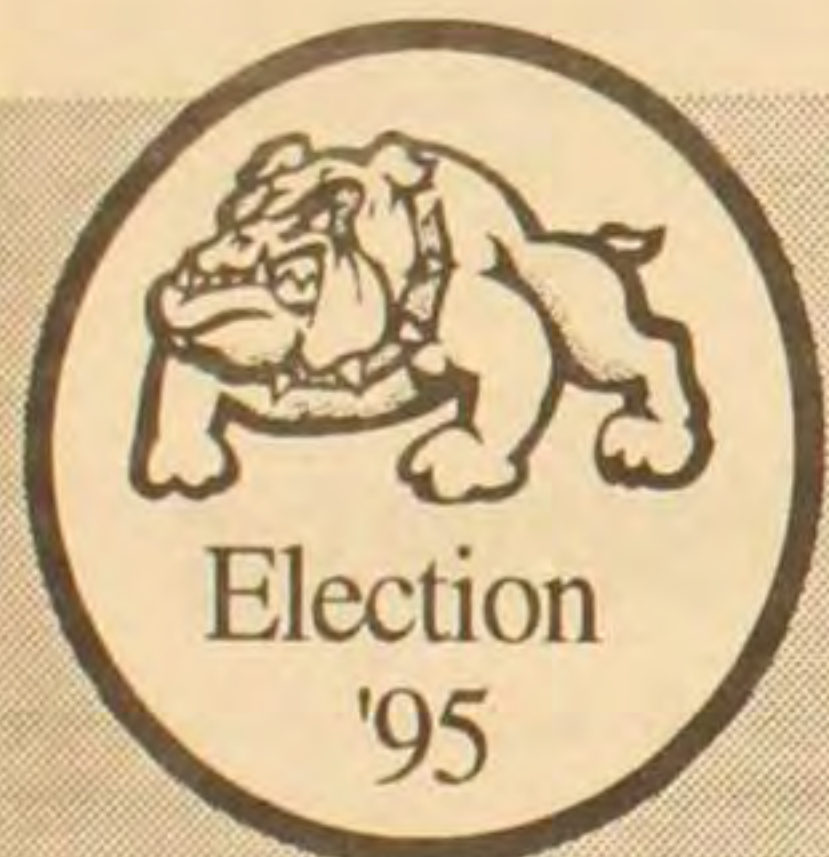
KSBE appeal hearing

The Evaluation Review Committee of the Kansas State Board of Education has scheduled a hearing in Topeka on April 20 to hear McPherson College's appeal of the ERC's accreditation recommendation.

The Evaluation Review Committee made an initial recommendation on February 24 that places the teacher education program at risk of renewal.

Since that time, McPherson College has been hard at work preparing the appeal of the recommendation. The final decision on the appeal will be made by KSBE in June, and the college will know then if its accreditation in the teacher education program will be continued.

College officials created a "think tank" consisting of 14 faculty and administrators. The think tank met three times for several hours at a time to go over standards for which McPherson College was cited and to brainstorm strategies for responses in the appeal.



ELECTION Results

PRESIDENT

Dennis Kingery 75%

Patrick Crowdis 25%

VICE PRESIDENT

Kristin Cossaart 50.5%

Shawn McGowen 49.5%

SECRETARY

Amy Norsworthy 75%

Chris Saunders 25%

The election took place on Monday, March 13. Results are based on 201 ballots.