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Increase in students swells enrollment, dorm occupancy



Photo by Donna Richey

Jacqueline Baker, soph., Michelle Lohrentz, sr., and Anna Johnson, sr., go through one step in the enrollment line.

Preliminary figures show an increase of five percent

By Pascal Reber
Spectator Staff

Increased enrollment has filled Metzler, Dotzour and Fahnestock hall almost to full capacity.

Preliminary figures show that the fall enrollment may be up as high as five percent.

The official enrollment figures come out on the twentieth day of classes. There were 339 full time regular students enrolled last fall. A five percent increase this year would mean an enrollment of 355 students.

The increase is perhaps due to the intensive publicity campaign un-

dertaken by the college during the past several months, according to Mr. Fred Schmidt, director of admissions. "Compared to last fall, there has been a very high retention percentage as far as returning students are concerned," Schmidt said. "The people enrolled this year appear to be very strong academically and have a very broad range of interests, especially in music."

Half of the students on campus just graduated from high school. About 40 students transferred from other colleges.

The majority of students come from Kansas, but many other states and countries are represented. This year's international students come from Bosnia, Slovakia, Japan, Spain, France, Germany, Ecuador, Nigeria and Mexico. Three of these students came through the B.C.A. program.

Mac enters new year with three new vice presidents

By Sue Werner
News Editor

McPherson College has three new vice presidents. Dr. Steve Gustafson is the new vice president of academic services. Steve Mason has filled the position of vice president of financial services and Jim Dodson took on the new position of executive vice president and treasurer.

"I'm excited about the position because of the opportunity it gives me to be of service to McPherson College and to interact with the students, staff, and faculty. Dr. Gustafson said. I enthusiastically support McPherson College's mission of developing whole students through scholarship, participation, and service. As vice president for academic services, I see myself as an advocate for the educational process," Gustafson said.

Gustafson wants students to know that they can come to him with any questions or problems.

"I want to remind students that my door is always open to advise and counsel regarding concerns which they might have," Gustafson said.

Some of the challenges Gustafson sees this year are implementing the new general education curriculum and preparing for reviews of the college by the Kansas State Board of Education and the North Central Association this fall.



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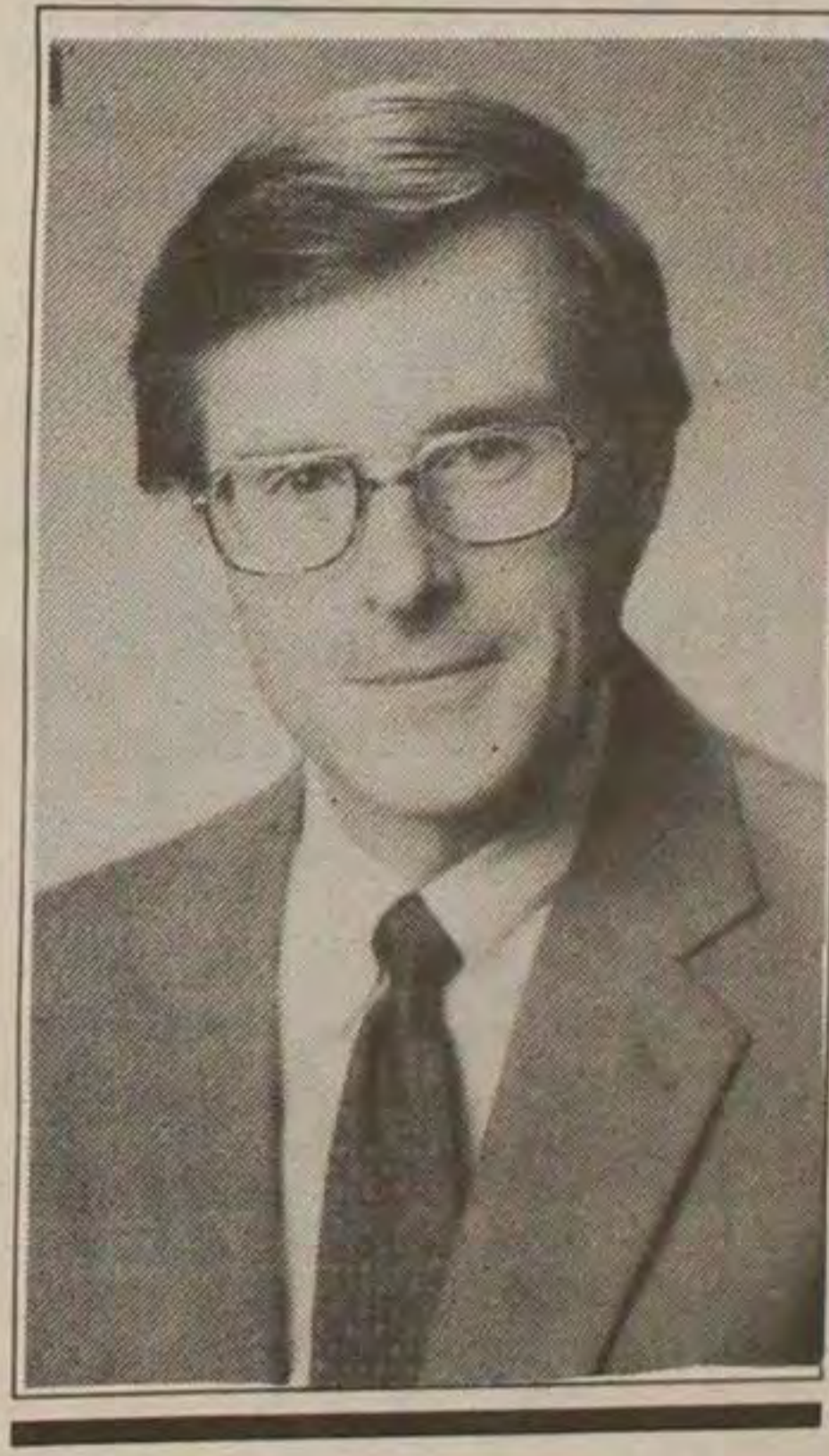
Gustafson is in his fifteenth year at Mac. He served as a faculty member in the music department for 14 years and is the chair of the music department. He served on numerous committees of the college, including the Educational Policies



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Dr. Steve Mason

Committee, Academic Services Committee and the North Central Steering Committee among others. He served as vice president of academic services for five months in 1991, when former vice president Dale Goldsmith was on sabbatical



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Mr. Jim Dodson

leave. Dr. Steve Mason, new vice president of financial services, views the job of maintaining the financial quality of the institution a welcome challenge.

"Personally, it is a wonderful op-

portunity and professionally it is a wonderful challenge," Mason said.

"My primary interest is with the students. Students are the reason the college exists, and I am interested in doing whatever I can to make their experience a good one," Mason said.

Mason started at the college in 1990 as the Director of Development. He worked with fund-raising and relation building with friends, local community and alumni of the college.

Jim Dodson takes a new position this year. Formerly the vice president of financial services, Dodson is now the executive vice president and treasurer.

"The very best part of the job is that I get to talk to people who graduated from this college many years ago. I hear a lot of interesting stories about what they have done, and I can convey to people what the current student body is like," Dodson said.

Dodson's responsibilities involve the cultivating and investing of the endowment and annuity funds of the college.

Dodson started at Mac in 1979 as the business manager and treasurer, and then became the vice president for financial services in 1986.

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EDITORIAL

Be committed to McPherson

COMMITMENT. IT'S A WORD THAT FRIGHTENS MANY PEOPLE, including college students.

One reason is the responsibility that comes with committing to another person, group, or cause.

Over the past few years at McPherson College, there has been a change in the attitude toward commitment. One area in particular has been the football program.

Last year, Bruce Grose joined McPherson College as head football coach. He carried a heavy burden: a new, unexperienced football team, young in age and small in number. But Coach Grose never gave up on the team or the college.

Not only has he more than doubled the team in size, but he has begun rallying support from the community by chartering a bus to San Antonio for the team's first game. The support Coach Grose is generating is something that has been lacking for years in McPherson.

Commitment from the community is crucial to the morale of our college. Community support boosts the confidence of the players and shows students that the community cares.

Students also need to show commitment to the school. Attending games, going to plays, being a part of Student Council, and even getting the community involved in our school events are just a few of the things we can do to get involved.

We shouldn't be content standing on the sidelines waiting for a touchdown. Together, we should commit ourselves to our community and school to show our support.

Commitment is a big responsibility. It takes time, energy and lots of persistence. But the end result is the satisfaction of knowing that each of us has made a difference.

Christine Hauschildt for the Editorial Staff

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Choosing college over mid-life crisis

The other day I flipped a coin. I was trying to decide between going to college and having a midlife crisis.

College won, and it's a pity. Now some poor, starving psychoanalyst will have to put off remodeling the lake house. Maybe I've short-changed some lawyers, too, but I suppose that balances with the fact that the Flory brothers must share my tuition in some small way.

My dilemma didn't involve college at first. I was only looking for an antidote to cynicism. That's what happens when you work for so long in an institution that almost no one has anything good to say about.

For years, now, I've made my living amid power games and in fighting, budget struggles and closed door deals. That's right, I'm a pastor. I needed an infusion of idealism and significant values, so I did the logical thing and applied to grad school. Imagine my shock when those obstinate people had the nerve to tell me to finish my bachelor's degree first. Well, should I play their game or have a wild affair with a twenty-year-old bar maid? Decisions, decisions.

So, now I'm cramming a four-year degree into twenty-four years. It's a tough program, but rewarding in its own peculiar way. My college career kept getting interrupted by important stuff. Fall semesters and I got along fine, but by spring a lot

The Token Geezer

Jim Huskins Staff Writer

of backpacking and trout fishing needed done, and no one else seemed to have the time.

Then I took one year off to play music and another to join the carnival. I transferred half way across the country twice and changed majors at least that often. I needed time to find myself through farming with horses and learning to drive a buggy.

Getting married required attention to minor details like making a living, as did the first child. And the next. And the next. And the next. I really shouldn't be going to school now since we're awaiting the arrival of yet another Huskins.

Here I am, a McPherson student, and—big surprise—my cynicism is being shaken at its foundations. Take first convo, for instance. Our president stands up and tells us that the real game is not how far we can see or reach with our tech toys, but rather what kind of people we choose to be.

A few months ago I might have said, "Wake up, Dr. Hoffman. You're out of touch." I thought things were different now. I thought college students were only

here for credentials. After all, there are doors to kick down, ladders to climb. There's the "B" career track: BS, MBA, BMW. What's all this hooey about faith and helping others and being "good." Bring on the cars and the condos.

That, at least, is what I've heard for ages from the "Me" generation. But apparently the "X" generation is different. I know some students, now, and I like what I know. Back in the olden days, we went away to college to change the world—to make it better. We were the Woodstock generation (the original, that is.) We could still hear our martyr-heroes saying, "Ask not what your country can do for you..." and "I have a dream."

We'd been forced to grow up with Vietnam and the civil rights struggle, but it was before Watergate and Reaganomics and junk bonds and Iran/Contra. We had dreams named justice and equality. We talked of clean water and an end to hunger. Some of us did, anyway. Maybe we were naive. Maybe we just got distracted.

Maybe, though, if there are more people at McPherson like some of the ones I've met, the dreams are still thinkable. Big dreams, that is. I don't want to fool around with any little ones. I've seen us walk on the moon. Now I'd like to see us walk the streets of Wichita after dark.

Returning to school both relieving and exhausting

By Suellis Kelly

Spectator Staff

When summer vacation began, I was both exhausted and relieved. First I tried to unwind from the stress and demands of the previous semester.

My idea of unwinding was to read four and a half books—no tests required. Next I rented numerous movies beginning with the more academic "Gettysburg" and eventually working down to "Ernest Scared Stupid."

By the Fourth of July weekend, feeling free of most intellectual restraints, I obtained \$200 worth of fireworks and discovered that my yard had too many trees for a safe fireworks display. To avoid the

trees I lit the fireworks six feet from my front porch and off to one side of the yard. After almost catching both my house and my neighbors' house on fire, I retreated.

In the weeks that followed I redeveloped an interest in shooting pool. I spent time at the YMCA and Randy's practicing shots and reflecting on my tenuous knowledge of geometry.

I turned to my computer and became the most proficient solitaire player who has ever existed. It became painfully clear to my family that I should get back in school. Though resistant to the idea, I knew that to achieve my goals college is a necessity.

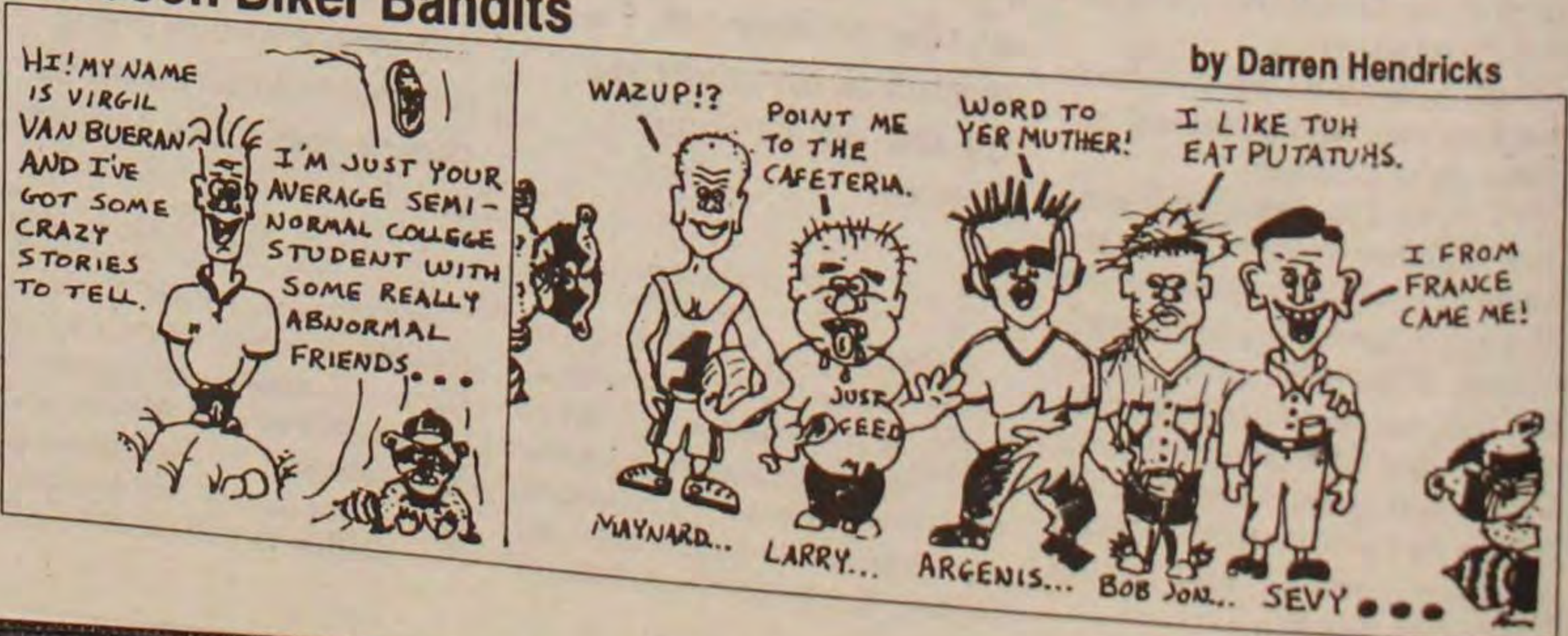
In the back of my mind I knew that my family, the college and even our

community were behind me. For example, at the Bookshelf, 204 North Main, any student showing a McPherson College identification card receives a 10 percent discount on books. Scharf's Hallmark, next to the Bookshelf, offers us the same discount. Also, McPherson Business Machines, 114 West Euclid, allows McPherson College student the same discount with the exception of promotionally priced items.

As the last three weeks of vacation slipped away, I read books and slowly regrouped for the new academic year. You all may have had similar experiences and would probably agree that it is both a relief and a source of exhaustion to return to the structure and intellectual stretching that college provides.

Raccoon Biker Bandits

by Darren Hendricks



D-Day

by Darren Hendricks



CAMPUS FORUM

LETTER POLICY

The Spectator's editorial pages provide a public forum for the campus community.

The following policy guides the publication of all letters to the editor:

- All letters must be signed. Unless sufficient reason is given, the signature must accompany the letter when it is published.
- Everything will be published within the limits of space, good taste, and the laws of libel.
- To submit a letter to The Spectator, drop it in campus mail. The final deadline is Monday before the Friday on which a paper is published.

TALK BACK

New this year for the Spectator editorial pages is the Talk Back Line. The Editorial department invites students, faculty, and staff to call the Talk Back Line and express comments, campus issues, political concerns or questions which are a concern. Keep these things in mind when calling the Talk Back Line:

- Callers will have one minute to speak their mind.
- Please be courteous in your comments and leave your name and number.
- All comments made on the line are eligible for publication.
- To call Talk Back, dial 1000, extension 1115, or off-campus callers, dial 241-0742, extension 1115.
- Callers names will be published with their comments on the editorial pages.

PROVOCATIVE WORDS

The beauty of strong, lasting commitment is often best understood by a man incapable of it.

-Murray Kempton

New crime bill will benefit Americans

Earlier this month the Senate passed the toughest crime bill in the history of this country.

The bill calls for thirty billion dollars in additional spending. The money will be used for building new prisons, putting more police officers on the streets, drug courts and rehab centers and funding for the Violence Against Women Act.

The bill also provides monies for prevention programs such as midnight basketball, and other youth programs. These programs are essential to stopping the epidemic of crime in this country, because prevention programs are able to give young people an outlet for their energy other than hanging out on street corners and joining gangs. Also, it costs less to prevent adolescents from committing crimes than it does to incarcerate them as juveniles and adults.

The bill also includes the "Three strikes and you're out policy," which

The American Agenda

Ryan Groff
Staff Writer

puts violent criminals in jail for the rest of their lives after their third violent offense. This provision is essential to the bill because it will keep repeat offenders from ever harming anyone again.

Unfortunately, in a hypocritical move, the Republicans almost defeated the crime bill. They raised a point of order against a trust fund that pays for the bill. The point of order stated that the trust fund violates the budget act. The trust fund, which was initiated by Senator Kerry from Massachusetts, materialized from cutbacks in federal employees.

When the bill first went through the Senate last year, all but two

Republicans voted in favor of the trust fund. They changed their minds about it when they saw an opportunity to politically embarrass the president by not passing a major piece of his domestic agenda. Another reason for the point of order came from pressure put on the Republicans by the biggest self-interest group in the country, the National Rifle Association.

The NRA did not like the fact that the bill bans nineteen military-style assault weapons. For some reason they believe that by taking these guns away from the American people, hunters and marksmen will not be able to thoroughly enjoy their sport. They have yet to give an explanation for why hunters need an Uzi submachine gun to hunt deer.

If the Republicans and the NRA had been successful in their attempt to defeat the Crime Bill it would have been a major blow to the American people and their safety.

U.S. should help Russia rebuild its economy

With the seizure of several grams of plutonium by the German police a few weeks ago, the existence of a "nuclear material black market" became almost a certainty. Several Western governments, including the United States, suspect Russia as the possible source. What are the dangers of such a market and what can we do about it?

Since the break up of the Soviet Union, organized crime in Russia has flourished. Members of such organizations know well that countries such as Libya, Iran or Iraq would pay millions to be able to get nuclear components. Those nations and others are on the list of countries supporting terrorism.

The bombing of the World Trade Center earlier this year is still vivid in everyone's mind. One can imagine what would have happened if the people involved in this senseless

Window on the World

Pascal Reber
Staff Writer

act would have used a small tactical nuclear weapon.

Russia has assured Western governments that the plutonium seized in Germany was not coming from its nuclear installations. There is no way we can be absolutely sure, Russia is going through tough times economically, many cuts were made, meaning less control of Russia's nuclear plants. The possibility of stealing nuclear material became real.

A few weeks ago, the FBI opened its first bureau ever in the Russian capital. The Federal Bureau of Investigation emphasized that its pri-

mary goal would be to help the Russians crack down on organized crime.

What Russia really needs to achieve that goal is to rebuild its economy, an economy destroyed by more than 70 years of Communism.

Boris Yeltsin is trying to convince Western governments that without their financial and technical help, Russia could go back to Communism.

Was the world a safer place when the United States and the Soviet Union were facing each other in a hostile way? The fact that nuclear components could end up in terrorist hands and be used to build a bomb is a scary thought.

Let us help the former Soviet Union rebuild its economy. It's our best hope to keep that from ever happening.

Volunteers serve themselves but not their cause

My Thoughts Exactly

Jim Garrison
Staff Writer

about and stick with them, not for anyone else's benefit, but for our own. I'm not really in the Computer Users Group because I want the rest of campus to understand computers; I'm in it because I want to be with people who like the same things I do.

Sure, the rest of campus benefits from what we do, and the Internet linkup in the spring will be nice, too. But service to others should help out

the server as much as it helps the "servee." Not that having a home for a needy couple isn't a great thing, but Habitat volunteers might just be building a house from the simple subconscious need to beat things with a hammer.

At the Activities Fair, all the various clubs were trying to get you interested in the things they like. There are some that will even try to make a difference in the community, but only because it fits their needs, not because it is required of them. Don't take my word for it, go check it out and see what I mean.

You might just save the planet without even knowing it.

McPherson College welcomes Brunelli to music staff

By Lanesa Ness
Staff Writer

Dr. Stephanie Brunelli, one of four new faculty that joined McPherson College, will join the staff of Beghley hall.

Coming from North Carolina, where the weather doesn't reach over 80 degrees, was a big shock.

Before moving to McPherson, Brunelli taught at Bervard College in Bervard, N.C.. While finishing her doctoral studies and class work, she taught for a year at Ames Community College.

Growing up in Wyoming and doing undergraduate work in New

York prepared Brunelli for a future of opportunity. During her junior year at college she traveled to Germany. "In January, I went to West

third grade. She prefers classical music, but doesn't have a favorite composer. In her spare time she likes to read, go for walks, cook, and travel.

Brunelli also relishes the students. "I enjoy being able to devote all my time to teaching and preparing for classes. I also like teaching so many piano students privately," she said. Another class she enjoys teaching is piano for non-music majors. "I have a good showing this semester and I'm looking forward to better attendance next semester."

In the perfect world, Brunelli dreams of students who bring chocolates instead of apples.

"I enjoy being able to devote all my time to teaching and preparing for classes."

Dr. Stephanie Brunelli

Berlin for a month. During that time, the Berlin wall was still up and that was a fantastic time full of eye openers and getting to see how a different culture lives."

Brunelli has played the piano since



Dr. Stephanie Brunelli takes an opportunity to help freshmen students Alison Flory and Jayme Brown.

Dave Hits A Home Run

McPherson College staff member proposes in a unique way

Kerri Snell
McPherson Sentinel

There are some contracts that even professional baseball players don't want to break. When David Barrett solicited the aid of Minnesota Twins pitcher Scott Erickson in proposing to Linda Vialpando, he was more than happy to do his part to keep negotiations from breaking down.

Vialpando, a preschool teacher at Kids Campus South returned home from work as usual on Sept. 2, where she prepared a "regular" meal of lasagna for herself and Barrett.

She said she asked him what his plans were for the evening and he was ambiguous about what he wanted to do. Suspecting nothing, Vialpando decided to relax for a while on the sofa.

Moments later, Barrett pulled out of the couch cushions an encased autograph baseball for Vialpando to inspect, asking, "By the way have you seen my new autographed base-

ball?"

Because Barrett enjoys collecting autographed sports memorabilia, especially baseballs, his soon-to-be-fiance still didn't realize that in her hand was not only an autographed baseball from her favorite pitcher, Scott Erickson, but a diamond engagement ring.

When she read the inscription on the baseball, "Linda, will you marry David?" it took a few minutes for the words and the ring to sink in.

"I think I was in shock," said Vialpando. "I couldn't believe the baseball. I think I was more excited about the autographed baseball than about the diamond ring." She said yes to Barrett's romantic pitch and the couple

plan to marry Aug. 12, 1995. They are also planning a trip to the Minnesota area next summer where they hope to catch a Twins game and watch Scott Erickson

pitch.

Barrett and Vialpando met while students at McPherson College. He graduated in 1990 with a degree in business management. He is currently employed in the admissions department and as a head

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Linda Vialpando

soccer and assistant tennis and basketball coach.

Vialpando earned a degree in 1992 in elementary education. She has been employed at Kids Campus South since its opening in 1993.

What's been your biggest adjustment in moving into the dorm?



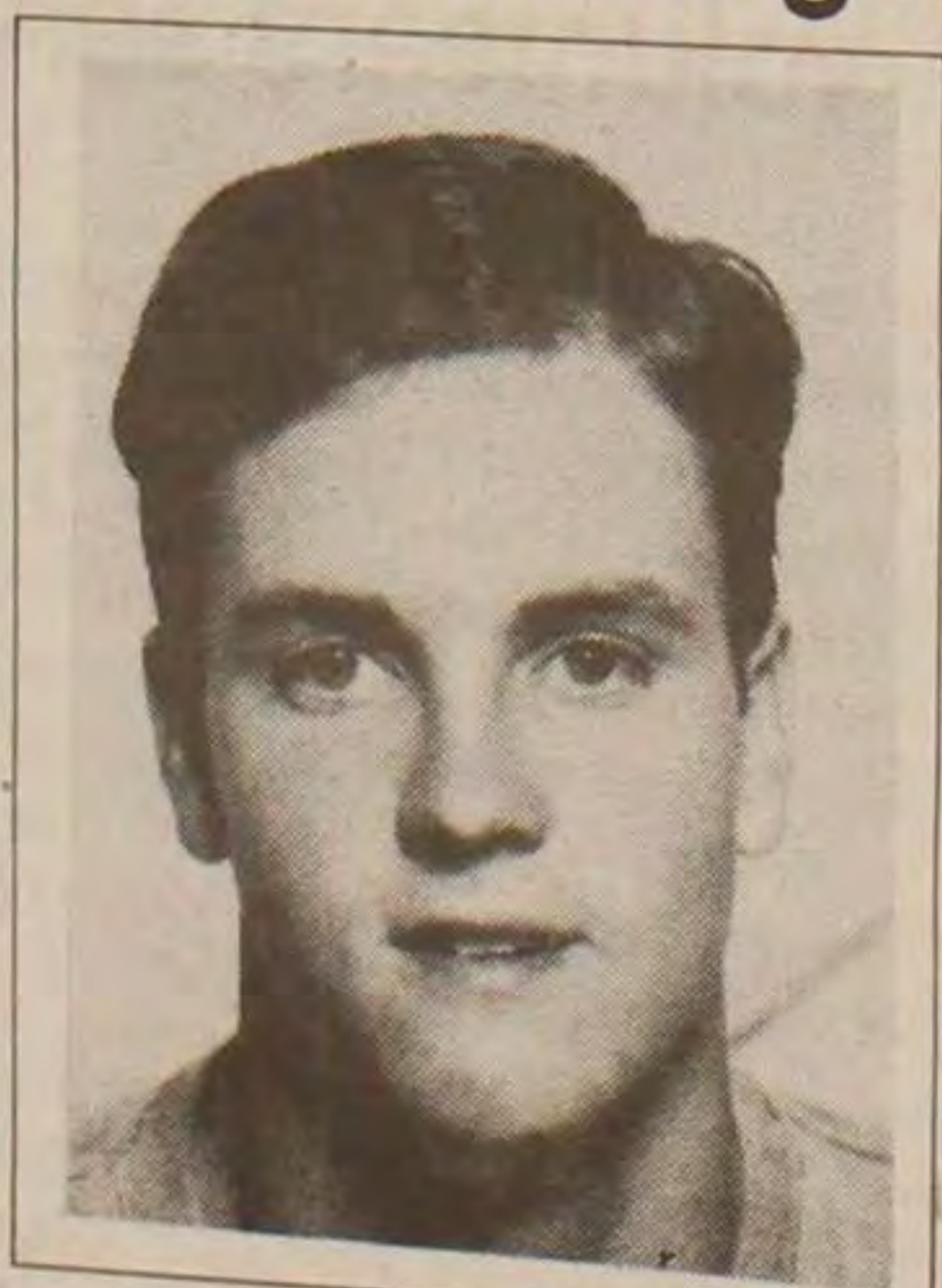
"The noise that comes from the freshmen next door."

Jaime Taverez, soph.



"Having to eat the cafeteria food."

Shawna Warren, sr.



"Being responsible to get up and go to classes."

Ryan Schmid, soph.



"Living in a 12-foot by 13-foot cell opposed to a big house."

Rebecca Rausch, soph.



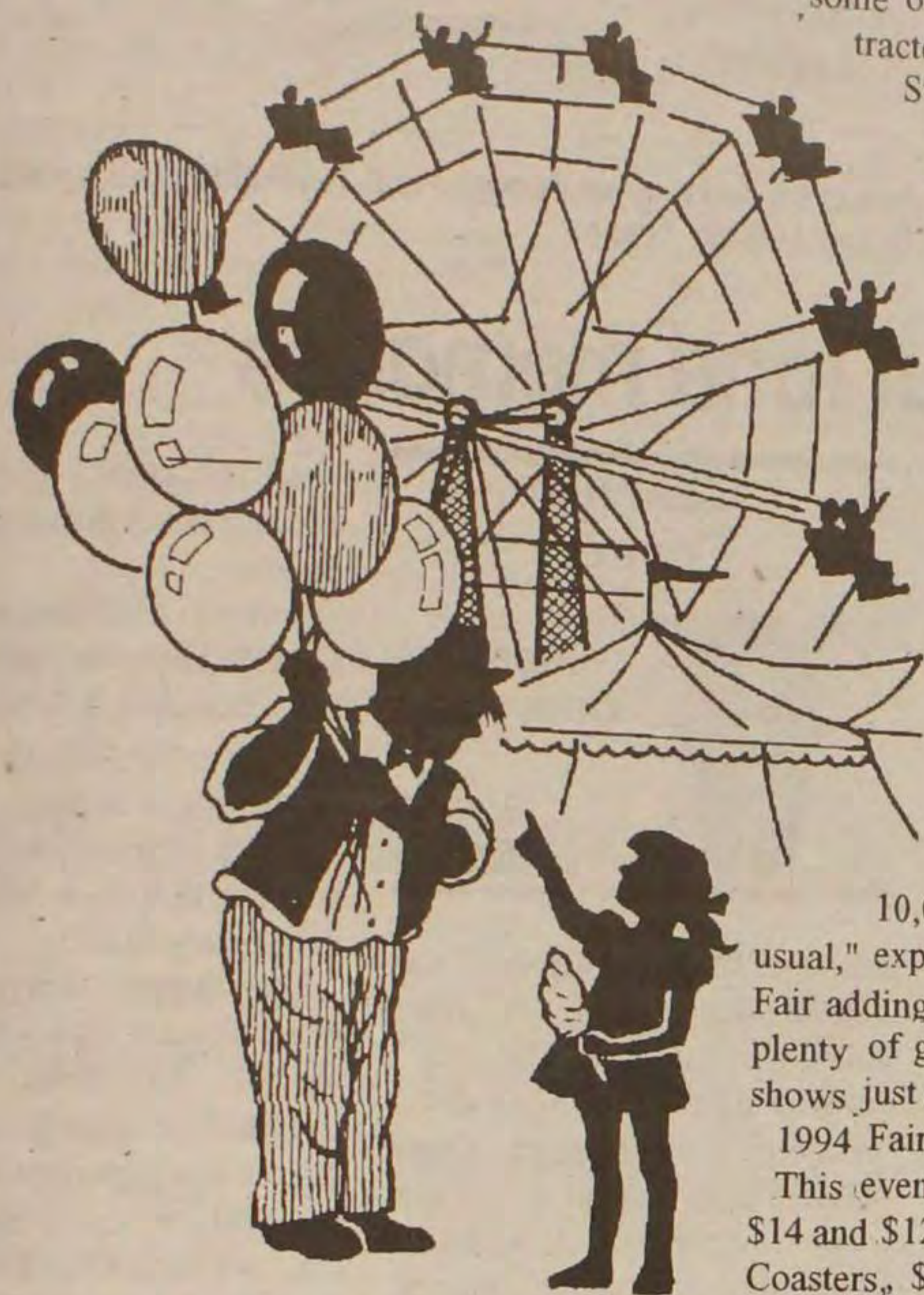
"Showering with more than one person."

J.D. Bowman, soph.

The Fair Is in the Air!

By Melissa Sharp
Spectator Staff

The smell of funnel cakes and carmeled apples is in the air, screams from the roller coaster or ferris wheel can be heard miles away, and craftsmen from across Kansas are selling their goods. Yes, it's State Fair time again. When was the last time you piled up in a car and went to



the fair? Or, the last time you took a care-free day to ride some rides, have your palm read, see the head-less woman, or gone to a concert? Well, here's your chance. The fair begins today and runs for 10 days.

Rides and concerts aren't the only attractions. In fact, some of the biggest showings are for the car races or tractor pulls. Car races are run on Saturdays and Sundays, and on Monday. Race time begins at noon and tickets are priced at \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. The Monday evening race, featuring NCRA Outlaw Sprints and Road Runners, start at 7pm. Tickets for this race are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children.

The annual State Fair Truck and Tractor Pull is on Tuesday with competitions at two different times, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

Wednesday and Thursday will be a Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association rodeo starting at 7 p.m. each evening. The cost of the tickets are the same price as the truck and tractor pull.

Another huge attraction are the concerts. Last year, The Fair had two shows -- Garth Brooks and Alan Jackson--which sold out the 10,000 seat grandstand. "But that is highly unusual," explained Bob Gottschalk, general manager of the Fair adding, "We want everyone to realize there are still plenty of good seats available. Any rumors of sold out shows just aren't true."

1994 Fair concert dates and ticket prices are as follows: This evening Diamond Rio and Sammy Kershaw, \$16, \$14 and \$12; Saturday, Sept. 10-Wayne Newton with The Coasters, \$18, \$16 and \$14; Sunday, Sept. 11, Kathy Mattea with Boy Howdy, \$16, \$14 and \$12; Friday, Sept.

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Emilio Navaira and Lisa Lopez	Friday, Sept. 16	\$10, \$8, \$6
The Statler Brothers and Moore & Moore	Saturday, Sept. 17	\$16, \$14, \$12
Mark Chestnut and Suzy Boggess	Sunday, Sept. 18	\$16, \$14, \$12

16, Emilio Navaira with Lisa Lopez, \$10, \$8 and \$6; Saturday, Sept. 17, The Statlers with Moore & Moore, \$16, \$14 and \$12; and Sunday, Sept. 18; Mark Chesnutt with special guest Suzy Bogguss, \$16, \$14 and \$12.

Fairgoers may either phone in orders or go to the ticket office located in the Administration Building near the 20th and Poplar Streets entrance to obtain tickets for the grandstand shows.

The ticket office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. accepting MasterCard or Visa. The phone number is 669-3618.

Anyone wanting to know general information about the Fair can call toll free 1-800-363-FAIR.

"I haven't ever been to the Fair before because I live in Texas, but it sounds like fun and I'm going to try and make it," said freshman Andrea Bess Said.



"The Client," a big box office hit among students

"The Client"
Rated R



REEL TALK

By Jim Garrison

I came into this film with a preconceived notion about John Grisham's movies, namely that they are sad comparisons to the books they adapt. I lost that attitude quickly because "The Client" knocked my socks off.

This movie had it all, beginning with a suspense filled trip through the woods into a chase through a morgue and even had a couple of dead bodies to liven up the fun. Two boys out in the woods start this

thriller by witnessing and trying to stop the suicide of a well known mob lawyer. There is a scuffle and the lawyer tells a secret that sends

the youngest boy into a shock induced coma and the eldest on an adventure filled hide and seek chase to find the body before the mob does. Grisham has a firm grip on lawyerisms and is a master at constructing complex plots which he does well here. However, the best thing in this movie are the characters. Grisham loves his main characters and makes you actually see them as people. Susan Sarrandon, who plays Reggie Love, the attorney who is hired to help the boy, performs beautifully and gives a wonderful character that I could not

only believe, but actually feel for. The acting on a whole is exceptional. The director does a good job using camera angle and lighting to create a suspenseful atmosphere.

I am pleased to note that several other people who had read the novel before coming enjoyed the film and approved of most of the changes. This is a major improvement from the other two Grisham movies "The

Firm" which was twisted around until you couldn't recognize anything save names of people and the book, and "The Pelican Brief" which was a wonderful book, but turned out to be, as one critic commented "Turkey Too Long."

All together, a good book often doesn't translate into a good movie, but "The Client" does. Watch for this one on Oscar night.

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Expectations running high, Bulldogs ready for opener

By Bill Brugger
Staff Writer

McPherson College football is back, and that statement might carry more weight this season as the program practically doubled its size during the off-season. This summer the Bulldogs acquired 10 transfers and 26 freshmen to accompany their 14 returners, which gives them a squad of 50 players going into this season.

When asked which players he expected, or needed an immediate impact from this season Coach Bruce Grose said, "This team runs such a team oriented offense it is too early to tell who the impact players will be. The lack of experience running our offense could hinder our more talented players at the beginning of the season."

The Bulldogs first test will come on September 10 in San Antonio Texas against Trinity University. The Trinity Tigers are a division three school that were undefeated last season in conference play and finished with a overall record of 6 and 4.

The Bulldogs will be leaving for Texas at 4:00 am on September 9. The team will stop in Ardmore for breakfast, then push on to Waco where they are expecting to warmup and practice at Baylor University. The Bulldogs will then arrive in San Antonio late Friday evening. On game day following breakfast, the team will visit the Alamo and San Antonio's Riverwalk. Coach Grose thinks it is important to incorporate fun activities to go along with the job at hand, "We're definitely going down there to win a football game, but we also want to make it a lot of fun too." Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 Saturday evening with the team arriving back home early Sunday morning.

There will be a lot of community support as Bulldog fans who were fortunate to reserve a seat on the bus have the opportunity to ride down with the team.

Once in San Antonio the Bulldogs face a very formidable opponent in Trinity. With only one freshman that is a hopeful starter, the Trinity Tigers bring in experience and the ability to work well together as a unit, something that the Bulldogs are hoping to create for themselves this season.

Even though Trinity has had one more week of practice than the Bulldogs, there is no question that the Bulldogs are better prepared for the season than they were last year. Where this is most evident is in the offensive line which now averages 260 pounds compared to last year's line which averaged just over 200 pounds.

With the many new looks, all of the expectations hopefully will become reality starting with this Saturday night.

Tennis team ready to put racquets to the test

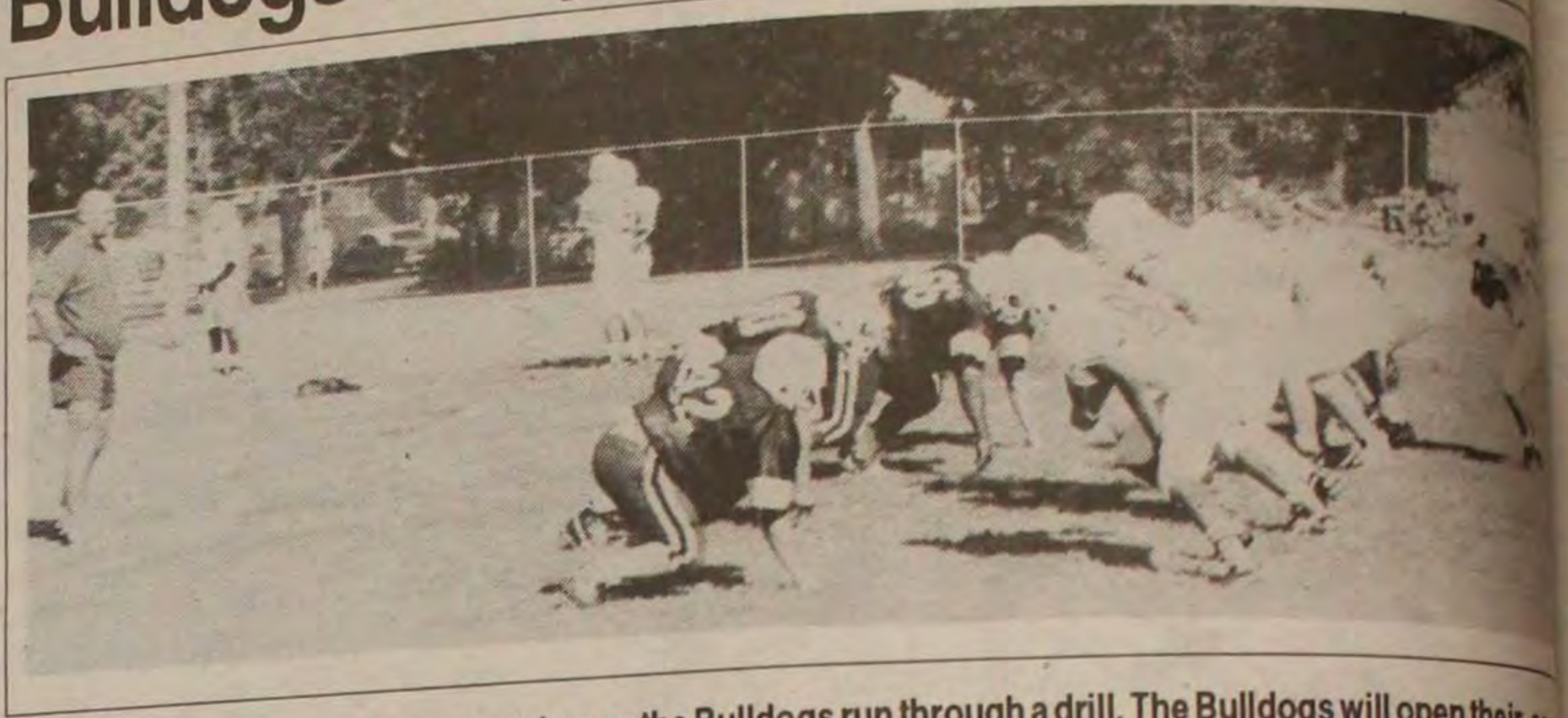
"Fortitude" will be the motto used by the McPherson College women's tennis team this fall. The team, led by first-year coach Barbi Harris, comes into this year with only four players.

"With only four players, we are forced to forfeit four matches which makes it impossible to win any. We will be looking more for individual achievements."

The women seem to enjoy the comradery from the small group. "All four of us really enjoy playing together," said Shelly Cruse, soph. "We have a lot of good teamwork and good attitudes which really helps us work well together."

Members of the team include Cruse, Sarah McLallen, (sr.), Leslie Hiebert, (jr.), and Shelly Knopp (fr.)

The team opens up play here on Friday and Saturday playing Bethel and Tabor respectively. Harris hopes that they can get some people out to watch them play. "With our small numbers we need all the support we can get," she said. "The girls are working so hard they deserve it."



Defensive coach Harold Chaney watches as the Bulldogs run through a drill. The Bulldogs will open their season tomorrow against Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Fall brings out fond memories

For athletes, the beginning of each school year brings new enthusiasm and expectations.

As every school year begins it conjures up memories of years past and anticipations of years to come. My fondest memories are not of the recent past but of the care-free days of elementary school.

Thinking about the scary future just makes me appreciate those wonderful "old" days.

The vivid pictures that cover the screen of my mind don't involve the young days of basketball, the baseball games, or even the wonderful piano lessons. Instead, it was the beautiful days of fall that bring back the most pleasant memories.

If I said it was the school that I remember most I would be lying. Fall meant the beginning of the BFL: Backyard Football League. Every day at four o'clock until dark you could find us in my backyard playing the game as hard as we could, playing each game as if it were our last. If we lost we sometimes acted like it was our last.

I was like every other kid in America between the ages of six and twelve. The hardest thing about doing my homework in the fall was convincing mom to let me do it after dinner. The sacrifice of

Coach's Corner



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missing "Different Strokes" was a small price to pay for the many hours of satisfaction "the fellas" enjoyed after school every day.

Playing football became a way of life. But more than that, it was a way to make new friends through a common game with a common goal. Each November, however when the basketball court came calling the football cleats were put away and completely forgotten until the next year.

When you reach a certain age, though the body becomes too big to play with the little boys and too fragile to play with the boys your own age. It's at this point in a young person's life when the decisions have to be made. I decided I didn't want to play football for the school because I liked soccer much better.

Consequently the "true" football players in our group and myself grew somewhat apart. But we never stopped being friends. We

just didn't see each other very much because of our different sports interests.

Going to McPherson College is kind of like playing backyard football. During a four year period you give the college experience everything you have because the back of your mind though is there that soon this care-free existence will end.

You interact with people every day every day who will be friends for life. Your lives though will eventually separate a great part of you. It is important that the time that you are here is time that you can look back on and say, "I made an impact. I made a difference."

For seniors like myself this is the last year. For many of you this is your first year. Whether it is your first, second, or last make sure that you make every day a good day. On the playing field or in the classroom, make every moment count.

If you analyze it college is like the fall. With every day something changes and everything becomes a little brighter. Or as my dear football-loving grandfather used to say, "Life is like a bus stop, it changes with every step."

Good luck to everyone this year. It should be a great year. Remember: If you play before the bell, don't forget to do your homework after.



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Volleyball team drops opener, but shows much promise

By Melissa Sharp
Staff Writer

McPherson College volleyball team began its season on the road Tuesday night as they travelled to Hays to take on Fort Hays State University. The Bulldogs dropped their opener in three straight games 15-1, 15-4, 15-5.

"I was really glad we played a tough opponent and got a chance to play together before the tournament in Newton," said head coach Deb Moore. "We did really well against Hays considering they have a really strong team and had already played some before us."

"We have a lot of depth and enthusiasm," said junior Sarah Adams. "Our team has a lot of talent in all of the areas and I'm looking forward to a very good year."

The junior varsity team's first match was against Central College on Sept. 1 at home. Central

College took control of the match with three straight game wins.

"Overall we did pretty good going up against a team that practiced for two weeks before and have already played in a pre season tournament," said assistant coach Marlys Gwaltney. "Offensively we are a much stronger team than last year, but defensively we have some things to work on." The McPherson College volleyball team consists of senior Sandra Strode, juniors Sarah Adams, Merri Greene, Tiffany Hall, Kelly Thaxton and Jennifer Williams; sophomores Jenni Buschbom, Kerri Kobbeman, Amy Schroeder and Trisha Young; freshman are Andrea Bess, Jayme Brown, Amy Ross, Melissa Sharp, Jamie Smalley and Amber Spillum. Managers are Renate Hirning and Lanesa Ness.

This weekend the varsity team will travel to Newton for the Bethel Invitational. The first match for McPherson is at 2:30 on Fri. Then Bulldogs will play at 7 and 8:30 p.m. On Saturday, tournament play will begin at 10 a.m.



Several McPherson College volleyball players wait for their turn to hit in practice. The Lady Bulldogs opened their season with a loss at Fort Hays State University. Their next action is this weekend at the Bethel College Invitational.

Dogs' soccer teams looking forward to wins, respect

Maturity, experience are key ingredients for the success of the Bulldog kickers

By Jonathan Coachman
Sports Editor

In the preseason KCAC coach's poll McPherson College men's soccer team was picked to finish fourth. For many fourth year teams this type of a finish in the conference would probably make them happy. Not for this bunch.

Coming off his most successful recruiting year to date, head coach Jerry Malone is slowly building a program such as the highly successful program he ran at Central College. If you ask Malone he will tell you that it is no suprise.

"We started this program with the intention of being a conference contender within five years," Malone said. "This is our

fourth year and we feel very confident that we will be in the hunt throughout the season."

To field this competitive team Malone went after the junior college circuit in order to add size and experience to his somewhat inexperienced squad from year's past. They now have eleven upperclassmen compared to four last year, to go along with a fine group of freshmen.

These increases also mean the largest team that they have ever fielded. Over twenty players will suit up for the Bulldogs with as many as seventeen fighting for major playing time. "With all of the talent we have it makes for better scrimmages in practice," coach Malone said. "That should help us prepare better, consequently making us perform better."

Coaches aren't the only people seeing the significant improvement. Senior Dan Marchewka, the only player to play on all three teams, says that this is the best team he has

ever played on. "We don't have a weak position on the field," Marchewka said. "With the experience and talent that we now have, there is no telling how far this team can go."

A KCAC championship is definitely the team's goal this year. Coach Malone says that this is the first year that the goal realistically can be reached. "We needed to mature physically and mentally," Malone said. "We now look like a mature four-year college soccer team."

Malone feels that with the depth of the team and their tough non-conference schedule that his team should hit its peak around conference time.

The team opened its season yesterday by travelling to Enid, Okla. to play Phillips University. The results were not known at press time. The Bulldogs home opener is scheduled for tomorrow at 1 p.m. against Graceland College.

Lady Kickers hope increased numbers will improve results

Cherice Marsalis
Spectator Staff

For the first time the McPherson College women's soccer team is starting the season with a full roster. 14 players have reported, the most ever.

After a week of practice head coach Dave Barrett is extremely impressed with the progress his team is making. "The girls are working and playing well together. With this kind of progress we will be very competitive right away."

There is good reason for this optimism as Barrett has five new freshmen to accompany the nine returning players. These players come in with significant credentials and a lot of soccer experience.

Along with this youth comes enthusiasm for the game. Freshman sweeper Selena Askew says that the team is tired of practicing and ready to play. "The anticipation of our first game is killing us. We just want to put on the uniforms and bear down."

The Bulldogs opened their season yesterday at nationally ranked Southern Nazarene College. Results were not known at press time. The team's home opener is set for tomorrow against Graceland College at 11 a.m.

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Stuco and S.A.B. sponsor Welcome Week

By Blaine Bratcher
Spectator Staff

In the Orient, people kindly bow to each other. During the days of the American west, Native Americans bellow a deep, "HOWWW!" On the hot sands of the Arabia, two men kiss each other on both cheeks.

"Here at McPherson College, it takes a whole week to greet and welcome people returning back from summer vacation," Wendy Dilley, fr., said.

This year's Welcome Week at McPherson College provided numerous activities. With help from Student Council and Student Activities Board, the week brought together new, transfer, and returning students through participation and sport.

Welcome Week, beginning on Saturday, Aug. 27, and ending on Sunday, Sept. 4, included a wet-and-wild water balloon fight, a ice-cream social, two dances, bowling, a midnight movie and a (indoors) cookout.

Other activities included a "scaasure" hunt, a campus Activities Fair, and the S.I.B.S. selections, which teamed each participating freshman with an upper-classman

to attend activities with.

The S.I.B.S. selections was popular among Mac freshman.

"S.I.B.S. allowed the chance for freshmen to meet and interact with returning students," Wendy Dilley, fr., said.

Another favorite was the water fight.

"I loved getting wet!" Nathan Reinhold, fr., said.

The activities gave returning students a chance to meet the new students.

"The opportunity to meet freshman was plentiful," J.D. Bowman, soph., said.

"Welcome Week this year was good but not enough people showed up. For future Welcome Weeks, there needs to be further participation," Jerry Bowen, soph., said.

"Early in the week, things went well. However, we would have liked to have more people. The help we received from Student Council and others was great. We just need to find ways to maximize the number of people," Pete Petrovski, soph. said.

Student organizers felt that this year's Welcome Week was a success. In the words of freshman Scott Noland, "It kept you from missing home."



photo by Donna Richey

Jerry Bowen, jr., and Jennifer Stover, soph., share a dance in the Heaston Gazebo at the Snowball dance. This was one of the many activities held during welcome week.

Students intern at National Institute of Health

By Mitch Maestas
Spectator Staff

This past summer Heather Hughbanks, Paula Worley and Chris Owens participated in internships at the National Institute of Health located in Bethesda, MD.

"It was a chance to work with the nation's top scientists and doctors and learn from them on a daily basis. The authors of many of the papers in the most renowned scientific journals were our neighbors and preceptors", Heather Hughbanks, sr., said.

The students lived in hospital

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Heather Hughbanks

rooms and were treated as if they were patients, having their meals brought to them three times a day and undergoing several thorough physical exams.

"There was no privacy at all, you were checked on practically every

hour and were asked to tell your medical history to every doctor that walked in the door," said Hughbanks.

"The three of us are all pre-medicine students and so experiencing what a patient feels like during his/her stay in the hospital was an excellent experience," Hughbanks said.

All three students agreed to participate in a lipid metabolism study. Their diet consisted of high fat foods and their blood and urine was collected at regular intervals to see how the lipids had metabolized.

They in turn had opportunity to do research in the various laboratories

of the N.I.H. Each of the students chose six research labs that were interesting and interviewed with each lab. Then each student chose a lab which had an opening position.

"I worked in the National Cancer Institute where I assisted in research in which we took normal skin cells from mice and caused them to become cancerous in order to understand how they functioned", Chris Owens, sr., said.

The three science majors found out about this opportunity through other students who had participated in the program and their professors at McPherson College.

Drama department to present "Our Town" next month

By Ryan Groff
Spectator Staff

The theatre department will be presenting "Our Town" during homecoming weekend.

The play is about ordinary, daily life in a New England town at the turn of the century. It focuses on the lives of George Gibbs and Emily Webb. The part of George will be played by Chris Amundson and Emily will be played by Heather Healy. Another key part is that of the Stage Manager, played by Jim Huskins.

"Our Town" is a Pulitzer prize winning play by Thornton Wilder. The play is divided into three acts, and each act symbolizes a stage of human life. Act I mirrors birth and childhood. Act II deals with love and death, and Act III is old age and death.

The play is unique in that the scenery is composed of a ladder, chairs, tables, bench, and other equipment.

"The minimized stage adds to the audience's focus on the acting," director Jurahee Shriver said. Mrs. Shriver is the high school drama

teacher.

The cast is composed of 21 people. The youngest is Dale Snell who is only eight years old.

"I have a good feeling about the cast. We work well together," said Erin Cassidente, soph., who plays Mrs. Gibbs.

Student roles are Jim Huskins, Stage Manager; Thomas Suiter, Dr. Gibbs; and Jerry Bowen, Howie Newsome.

Erin Cassidente, Mrs. Gibbs; Tammy Kerkove, Mrs. Webb; and

Chris Amundson, George Gibbs.

Also Emily Trimmel, Rebecca Gibbs; Dale Snell, Wally Webb; and Heather Healy, Emily Webb.

Mindy Wilson, Professor Willard; J.D. Bowman, Mr. Webb; Jim Garrison, Simon Stimson; Valerie Huber, Mrs. Soames.

Also John Hulce, Constable Warren; Becky Rausch, Samantha Craig; Jeremy Bernhardt, Joe Stoddard.

Wendi Dilley, Stacey Hoover, Jennifer Taylor and Teresa Boness, townsfolk.

NEWS BRIEFS

New campus minister. McPherson College has a new campus minister and counselor.

Zandra Wagoner will start her new position as campus minister at the beginning of October.

Wagoner graduated from the University of California with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a minor in religion.

Wagoner has served the Church of the Brethren as a member of the National Young Ministries, the National Young Adult Workcamp, the Outdoor Ministry Resource Travel Team and the National Council of Churches Young Adult Ministry Team.

New exhibit in Friendship Hall. Drawings and photographs of some of the designs of architect David Haines will be on display in Friendship Hall during the month of September.

Haines designed the gazebo and the entrance way for McPherson college. He is currently working with the Campus Planning Committee on possible building replacement and reconstruction on the campus.

Haines is an internationally known architect. He placed in the top five of the Paris Prize, an international competition for architecture.

Haines graduated at the top of his class from the Kansas State Architecture School in 1965.

Business club trip. The business club will be going to Dallas, Texas for its annual trip on September 21-24.

Cost for the trip is \$40. Anyone interested in going can pick up a registration form from Shelley Gibbons, ext. 2207 or any of the business faculty. Registration and payment are due by September 14.

Computer lab hiring tutors. The new computer lab in Miller Library is hiring tutors who will be in the lab from 12 p.m. to close each day.

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