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## Ghouls and goblins invade Dotzour Hall



photo by Donna Richey

Shelly Knopp fr., and Selena Askew fr., hand out candy to the trick-or-treaters that made their way through Dotzour Hall on Halloween night October 31.

## Faculty struggles to write assessment

By Sue Werner

News Editor

McPherson College faculty are scrambling to develop an assessment plan before the North Central Association accreditation visit March 13-15. The North Central Association, the college's accrediting agency, is requiring all of its members to have an approved assessment plan by June 30, 1995.

An assessment plan describes ways to measure whether or not students have the skills and abilities that McPherson College wants them to possess.

"We're going to have to get together and hit hard and seriously to get this plan together," John Burden, psychology, faculty chair, said.

The college must write a plan that states what it wants its students to be able to do, and how it is going to determine if students are indeed obtaining these skills. North Central's major concern will be to evaluate the ways the college plans to measure students' abilities and how it uses the information it collects about student learning.

Ultimately, a good assessment plan should benefit students.

"For years in academia, the stress had been focused on the 'sage on the stage,' a teacher who is simply giving out information to the students. Assessment encourages us to turn things around so that the emphasis is on student learning rather than surveying material," Dr. Steve Gustafson, vice president for academic services, said.

Assessment will force faculty to ascertain whether students are reaching the goals that are set for them. Changes will be made in teaching methods and programs to insure that students better meet the goals.

Students will know exactly what will be expected of them at the college, and what they will have learned and accomplished when they graduate.

"The need for assessment stems from the public's general lack of confidence in the education system," said Bruce Clary, English.

"Basically, assessment is an answer to public criticism of education in the last five, ten, twenty years," Clary said. "We want people to know that McPherson College graduates leave with certain kinds of skills."

Educational Policies Committee approved a preliminary plan in January for what will need to be included in an assessment plan.

That document states that "McPherson College will strive to develop an effective assessment program that includes the following components: Institutional assessment of General Education competencies and rubrics, departmental assessment of advanced competencies, departmental assessment of goals for major programs, and course-embedded assessment (or classroom assessment) of individual course goals." The plan suggests that the faculty focus on each of the selected components over a reasonable timeframe.

The faculty unanimously passed a draft of a philosophical statement on assessment at their Nov. 2 meeting.

The statement gives measures that the college could use to evaluate a program. Self-reported information, such as student, faculty, and alumni surveys would be one measure. Also, student work would be evaluated within courses and in some general education areas, through portfolio assessment. The statement suggests a third party review of programs every three years.

The statement also suggests the use of commercial standardized tests, but states "Our own mission statement, goals, and objectives, not the criteria of standardized tests, will drive assessment at McPherson College."

This is the first year that members of the North Central Association have been required to present an assessment plan. It will however, become a regular part of comprehensive evaluations, which all colleges undergo every five or ten years.

## KSBE team evaluates education program

by Christine Hauschildt

Editorial Editor

A 15-member team representing the Kansas State Board of Education evaluated the college as a whole and assessed the education department in a campus visit Oct. 30-Nov. 2.

The KSBE team interviewed faculty, students, and student teachers, examined the college's evidence room and reviewed faculty vitae.

The team conducted an exit interview with college administrators and selected faculty on Nov. 2. They provided a preliminary summary of their findings, going over the strengths and weaknesses they found.

"The team was pleased with the financial status of the college," Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, chair of the education department, said. "The students spoke highly of the col-

lege and the education they are receiving when interviewed by the KSBE team."

There were mixed reactions from students on their interviews with KSBE team members. Doug Wine, sr., was in the group of education majors who had not yet begun their student teaching.

"Their questions were properly asked and seemed appropriate," Wine said. "However, the group that interviewed us seemed to really grill the secondary education majors."

The KSBE team asked questions about the availability of professors, student's knowledge of Quality Performance Accreditation (QPA), teaching practica for all Introduction to Education students, and the PreProfessional Skills Test, required of all education majors.

Tammy Kerkove, sr., was among a group of student teachers interviewed by the KSBE team.

"It was interesting to see the process that the college had to go through to get accreditation," Kerkove said. "I did feel that the team was looking for a hole in the program. It seemed like they were looking for flaws."

The student teachers were asked about their knowledge in the field of education, including full inclusion and multiculturalism.

The college will receive the team's final, written report in less than 30 days. That report will contain the team's recommendation to KSBE for the further accreditation of the college's teacher ed program.

"I'm terribly relieved it's over," Kimbrell said. "I'm thrilled all of us can get back to taking care of business. But, we do have to trust the team. I feel they did their job and took a lot of time researching for the evaluation."



# Discipline comes in many forms

## EDITORIAL

### Language intensive courses challenge McPherson students

McPHERSON COLLEGE has addressed the need to communicate more effectively by adopting Language Across the Curriculum. LAC not only benefits students but also prepares them for post-graduate experiences.

All college students want to be thought of as smart, but what makes a student smart? Is it what he eats, how he combs his hair, what clothes he wears? No, smart students describe problems and solutions clearly and accurately and engage professors and peers in interesting and informative discussions. Smart students write easy-to-read, interesting papers and exams. All of these behaviors involve the skillful use of language. Being a smart student means having control over specialized usages of language.

In the fall of 1992, a Language Across the Curriculum Task Force met to discuss and figure out ways to implement a new curriculum designed to meet the needs of McPherson College students. After being approved and adopted, the new curriculum was added into the 1993-94 academic catalog. Students in the graduating class of 1997 must meet the LAC program requirements.

LAC includes two Communication Studies courses for freshman, language intensive courses in both lower and upper divisions, informal and formal writing assignments, oral communications and presentations, and portfolios.

This may seem to students like a lot of extra work designed to make the college experience more of a hassle than what it is worth. But students should be aware that job markets are competitive and with more people attaining college degrees, companies will seek out individuals who are well versed in language and are able to express themselves and knowledge of their field.

**Christine Hauschildt**  
Editorial Editor

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Way back in 1985 I bought a puppy: Australian Shepherd, female, mostly brown. I was taken with her disposition and intelligent eyes, but I didn't know at the time she was the best dog ever.

I don't want to insult her memory by saying she seemed human. She was never fickle or foolish or mean-spirited. This pup came with wisdom and understanding and depth of character I'd never seen in an animal. Her deep-amber eyes showed plainly that she was deciding if she'd keep me. I guess I passed. We named her Leah. That's Hebrew for "wild cow."

We intended Leah to be a cattle dog—to help herd and pen our livestock. One of our three Guernsey milk cows was half wild, and was especially hard for Beverly to catch when I was away on business.

I'd never had much success training dogs. Leah showed me that I'd just been accustomed to stupid dogs. She was phenomenal. She learned everything in two lessons. Before long she went everywhere with me. And that dog could work livestock.

Cattle and sheep dogs are born with the instinct to work. It's not something you can teach. If a dog has that instinct, all a human trainer can do is "put handles on it." That

### The Token Geezer



**Jim Huskins**  
Spectator Staff

is, you can teach the dog to obey the common commands and follow directions. If yours is a sure-enough stock dog, that's all you need. Leah would have opened and closed the gates if I'd asked her, but I had to do something.

A couple of years after Leah arrived, we changed jobs and moved. We sold our cattle, and we didn't need a stock dog, but Leah was family. She missed her work with the cows, but she still had the house to guard and the children to watch over, and she seemed satisfied.

Then came the spring of 1990. Leah was not yet five. Our extraordinary dog apparently found some rat poison in a neighbor's shed. I cried for days, and I vowed I'd never love another dog.

But four-and-a-half years mellowed me, and now we have livestock again. A dog would be a lot of help. A few weeks ago, I leafed

through the Saturday paper and found an ad for Australian Shepherd pups. That afternoon I brought home a muddy, mostly black female. We cleaned her up, and named her Sheila.

Sheila is not as smart as Leah. She has the instinct to work, but she takes more training—a lot more. Maybe this is a mistake. Maybe I don't have time for a dog. Maybe, though, I just expect too much. Perhaps Sheila needs more from me than the shadow of an old love.

The other morning, like usual, I let Sheila out as I went to tend stock. She ran off some puppy energy while I watered our weanling colt. When he'd drunk his fill, I led him to the road for lead-rope training. Sheila followed us.

She was focused. She quartered back and forth behind us with all her attention on the colt. She was doing just what a stock dog should, but the colt was already leading well, and Sheila was distracting him.

I wanted her to leave him alone, and without thinking I said sternly, "Sheila, down!" To my amazement, she dropped to her belly and stayed there until I told her to get up.

"Wow!" I thought. "Maybe this is going to work."

# Peace spreading slowly in Middle East

Since earning its independence on May 14, 1948, the small nation of Israel has fought five wars with its Arab neighbors.

On Wednesday, October 27, 1994, Jordan and Israel signed an historical accord formally recognizing each other's existence.

The accord provides for economic and cultural exchanges between the two countries. Israel also pledged to give back 162 miles of Jordanian territory seized during the First Palestine War in 1948. The leader of the PLO, Yasser Arafat, was thus able to come back to his homeland after more than 20 years in exile.

The new Israeli policy toward its Arab neighbors is viewed favorably in the West, but many Israelis, as well as Arabs, are opposed to

### Window on the World



**Pascal Reber**  
Spectator Staff

the peace process. The fundamentalist group HAMAS, a separate branch of the PLO, has committed several terrorist acts to show its opposition to any "Arab peace" with the Jewish State.

Syria is next on the list. Its president Hafez al-Assad is very reticent to consent to any kind of peace with Israel. The fact is, Damascus is under pressure from its Arab

neighbors and the West to bury the war axe. Syria's main demand for peace is the restitution, by Israel, of the Golan Heights.

The white dove is slowly making its way through the Middle East. The courage and tenacity of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, as well as the other actors in the process, should be an example for us all. Let us hope that the dove will fly to other horizons, such as Iran, Iraq, or even Libya.

### QUIZ

Who was Prime Minister of Israel from 1969 to 1974? (Answer in the next issue of the Spectator.)

Answers to last issue's Window on the World Quiz: (1) Ahmad Hasan Al-Bakr; (2) Baath.

### Raccoon Biker Bandits

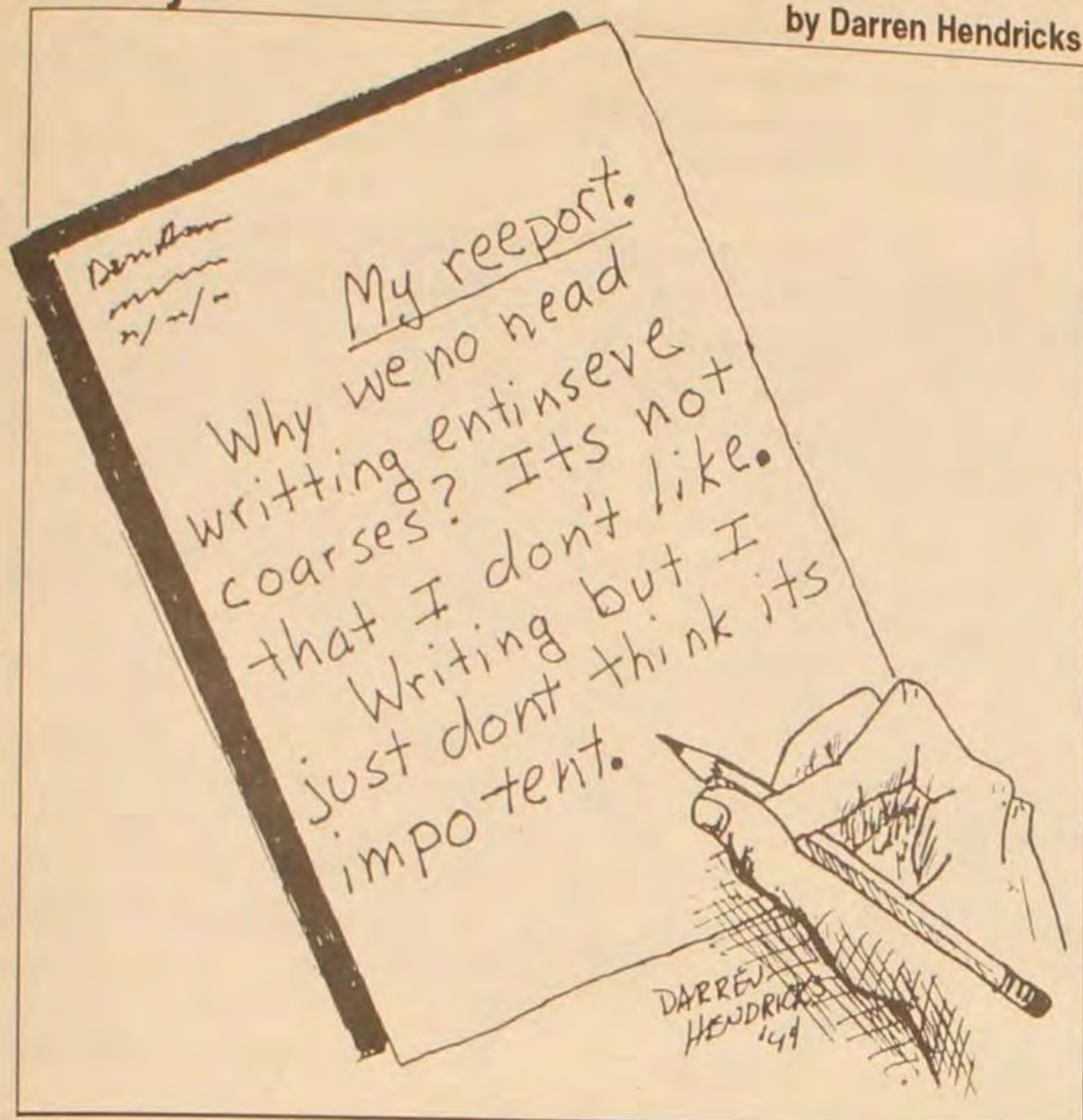


by Darren Hendricks



D-Day

by Darren Hendricks



# Underage drinkers endanger others

by Suellis Kelley

Spectator Staff

**Editor's Note:** This is the first in a series of three articles devoted to the risks of alcohol use and abuse. The second article will provide a self-test to determine if you have an alcohol problem. The third article will detail the physical and especially the emotional costs of alcohol abuse.

A large number of underage, McPherson College students drink alcohol off campus. Few underage drinkers realize, however, that their actions not only legally jeopardize themselves but also the businesses and bartenders.

The risks to underage drinkers are written in law books and probably sound like gobbledygook.

Kansas law (K.S.A. 41-727) states that "No person under 21 years of age shall possess, consume, obtain, purchase or attempt to obtain or purchase alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage.... Violation of this section by a person 18 or more years of age but less than 21 years of age is a class C misdemeanor for which the minimum fine is \$100.... In addition...the court may order the offender to do either or both of the following: (1) Perform 40 hours of public service; or (2) attend and satisfactorily complete a suitable educational or training program with the effects of alcohol or other

chemical substances."

So what happens when an underage drinker is caught drinking a beer at a bar in town?

"First the individual is removed from the bar, their name and address are taken, and then they are told to leave," Dean Vincent, chief of the McPherson Police Department, said. "Afterwards charges are filed and a report is sent to the city prosecutor. A warrant is issued and the individual is picked up and taken to the county jail. The person has the right to be released on bond and is given an appearance date for the municipal court."

This is just the beginning. On a first offense the minimum fine is \$100. The maximum fine is \$500. The individual could also receive a sentence of 30 days in county jail.

"Don't forget the court costs, that usually costs \$101," County Attorney Ty Kaufman said. "And the probation fee of \$25." Thus the smallest amount a person will pay for conviction on a first offense is \$226. "That's a pretty expensive beer," Kaufman said.

Meanwhile, the bartender faces consequences as well. The American Beverage Control (ABC) fines bartenders between \$200 and \$500 for a first offense. For a second offense the bartender receives a minimum fine of \$500 and the maximum fine is up to ABC. In other words, the sky's the limit.

A bartender rarely has an oppor-

tunity for a second offense because the bartender is usually fired. Bar owners often fire the bartender after the first offense because the owner is also fined \$200 to \$500.

"If a second offense occurs within a two- to three-year period, ABC will fine the owner \$500-plus and close the bar for two to five working days," Ruth Ann DeWild, owner of Z's Bar, said. ABC padlocks the door of the business.

On a third violation the fine is \$1500-plus and the business is closed by ABC for 30 days.

"If the business is closed for 30 days, I might as well close my doors and forget it. People will find other places to go and won't come back," DeWild said.

"ABC can pull the liquor license. Once that happens you can't buy the license back. Someone else could buy the license for you and you could manage the bar, but as far as being an owner of the business, it's impossible," DeWild said.

Since most bars are open 16 hours a day, 312 to 365 days a year, bartenders and bar owners are exposed to many opportunities to serve underage drinkers.

Most drinkers think of bartenders as their friends. We need to show our friendship by not risking ourselves or their livelihoods. I am sure our neighborhood bartenders Janice, Barbara, Tonya, and Brad will appreciate our effort and respect.

## CAMPUS FORUM

### Student protests demeaning names

A good friend of mine has been through a lot this year. Because some ignorant people have made demeaning comments about him, he hasn't enjoyed this year like he has the years past.

I came to Mac, because of the strong Bretheren heritage, and its beliefs in open-mindedness. Now, a few ignorant people are tearing down all I have believed in. For those involved I hope this hits home and makes you aware that what you are doing is wrong. Stop hurting people you don't even know.

For those not involved, I hope this helps you gain awareness of events on campus. We are a small school and a small community. Let's not ruin our image by making ignorant, stereotypical comments to our brothers and sisters.

Jerry Bowen

treme Closeup to Sarah Wag-  
oner for her portrayal of A Stu-  
dent; Best Outtake to Sarah  
Adams (actually Sarah Adams'  
hair); and Best Canine in a Dan-  
gerous Stunt to Lady Carson  
Baby Boo Benson (Carsey).

The Take #52 Award—shared  
by Erin Cassidente and Teresa  
Boness; The Just-Be-Natural and  
Don't-Move-an-Inch Award,  
shared by Eric Dodson and  
Wayne Conyers; and The Nearly  
Toast Award to Clay Tarpley.

And here's the best news: the  
production team will be back  
one more time (in November).

By that time, we'll be planning  
for specific, final shots we need  
to complete the video, so I hope  
it won't be quite so chaotic. But  
then again—that's Hollywood!

Del Bonney  
Director of College  
Communications

### Awards for all who helped in video

I'd like to say a great big  
THANK YOU to all the students  
who helped me during the three  
days of video production over  
Homecoming. For those who  
never caught exactly what was  
happening as I snatched them  
from the lunch line or off the  
sidewalk, we're making a video  
for the college for use in fund  
raising. And, yes, I will find  
some way for everyone to watch  
it when it's done.

So for now for the first round of  
Academy Awards—the envelope,  
please: Best Actor in a  
Romantic Lead to Jason  
Sumpter; Best Actress in Ex-

### LETTER POLICY

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

The following policy guides  
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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.

## Courts offer specialized environment

by Michael Carnahan

Guest Writer

The poor condition of College  
Courts was brought to light by the  
Spectator last spring. Now another  
staff writer, Jim Garrison, has  
reiterated the same old tired story.

Yes, the Courts are not in the  
best condition. Hear me when I  
say, "They are old." As a 24-year  
old student at Mac College, the  
Courts provide the specialized en-  
vironment students like me need. I  
live there, and I've grown tired of  
the Courts being put down by the  
students who don't.

In the last Spectator, Garrison  
listed several reasons he'd rather  
live in the Courts than in  
Fahnestock Hall. I will explain  
why Jim wouldn't want to live  
there.

Courts residents are governed by  
the same community code applied  
to the rest of the student body. This  
code clearly prohibits the posses-  
sion or use of alcoholic beverages  
or illicit drugs on campus. The  
curfew has been adapted for mar-  
ried couples but applies to remain-  
ing tenants. Some students do vio-  
late the code, but these violations  
are more prevalent in the dorms.

Parties? There is not enough  
square footage in any one of the  
units to accomodate more than  
three or four people comfortably. I  
don't know what Garrison defines  
as a "wild" party. If it is four loud,  
intoxicated college students in the  
Courts, Jim needs to get out a little  
more. The walls in the apartments  
are thin, but so are the walls in the  
dorms. A noise problem has never  
been a real issue. The residents of  
the Courts do a good job at polic-  
ing themselves.

Another issue Jim felt important  
was that of furnishings and air  
conditioning. Every person living  
in the Courts signed a lease and  
was informed beforehand that these  
things are not provided. All the  
residents knew what they were  
getting into and should have made  
arrangements for these things. Jim,  
sometimes in life we are left to  
provide for ourselves.

Tomorrow morning when you  
wake up in Fahnestock Hall, Jim,  
wipe your eyes and take a look  
around. Do you see all those cracks  
in the walls and ceiling? Adorn  
them and you could have that Col-  
lege Courts feeling.

The parking lot does collect wa-  
ter, the grounds don't get the at-

tention they need, the siding on the  
outside of the buildings is faded  
and old. What's the point? These  
aren't basic human needs. These  
are expensive repairs. When the  
College has the money, I'm sure  
they will be corrected.

Maintenance does an excellent  
job—period. They service the heat-  
ing units on a regular basis. I have  
had to call them three times, and  
each time I got same-day service at  
the time of day I specified.

If maintenance is annoying you  
with their regulations, follow the  
regulations and you won't be bother-  
ed. If they show up at inconve-  
nient times of the day, live with it.  
Maintenance has a job to do, and  
the world doesn't begin and end  
with students.

Aside from raising tuition and  
building new facilities, the college  
does the best job it can with what  
it has. The support staff is aware of  
problems and help when they can.  
There are things that can be done  
to improve the Courts, but why  
harp on the obvious?

Jim, when you become eligible  
to live over here, instead of carv-  
ing yourself a little piece of heaven,  
stay home and research the facts  
for your next article.



The Schneider home is decorated in fall orange and brown. Posters of pilgrims and Indians adorn the windows. Pumpkins and gourds rest outside the front door. A warm feeling pervades the Schneider house. It is Thanksgiving.

Meanwhile, the Adams home is elegantly decorated with festive arrangements placed throughout the house. Spice-pumpkin candles burn steadily giving the house a pleasant aroma. It is also Thanksgiving at the Adams home.

Sarah Adams grew up in McPherson with a mother, father and two brothers. Michael Schneider grew up in Rossville, Kan., with a mother, father and a younger brother. Listen in as Sarah and Michael talk about their Thanksgiving Day traditions.

"We don't usually wake up Thanksgiving morning until we smell the food cooking. Mom is up bright and early getting dinner ready, but we don't eat until 2 or 3 p.m."

"Wow! I couldn't wait that long."

"I really can't wait either, so I eat a snack in the morning and starve until dinner time. I wish we could eat before 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. I get really crabby because I can smell the food, but I can't eat it."

"We usually eat around noon. Nobody gets crabby because we all help with dinner and nobody at my house is afraid to sample the food."

"So who do you have over for Thanksgiving dinner?"

"We usually have a small group. My mom, dad, brother, and maybe an aunt, uncle or some friends. We never have more than 10 or 11 guests."

"We don't even have that many. It's just my mom, brothers and me."

"We get dress nicely and mom gets out the crystal and china. We light candles and drink wine with our meal. We start with a prayer and then we pass the food. Our meal is

kind of formal."

"Well, our meal is not proper at all. We pray and then go through the food line piling our plates high. Some people sit at the table, but others of us sit on the couch and eat off t.v. trays. We aren't afraid to watch the football games while we eat our turkey!"

"Football and turkey, what an inappropriate mix. So, what else do you eat?"

"Besides turkey we have potatoes and gravy, stuffing, corn, a casserole, jello salad, a veggie tray, and my favorite... yams!"

"No way! I hate yams!"

"Sarah, I love yams."

"Michael, my whole family hates yams. We never have them, because they are disgusting. What are yams anyway?"

"They are just sweet potatoes and they are good. I'll eat them anyway they are cooked. Just take them out of the can and heat them in the microwave with marshmallows on top and I'll be happy."

"We have the basics, except no yams. Turkey, creamed corn, potatoes and gravy, stuffing, and my favorite hot rolls. Oh yeah, and pumpkin pie, which I hate with a pas-

sion."

# The Schneiders

## Two Thanksgiving Day Traditions

"A conversation between friends"

# The Adamses

them once a year. What other time do you eat pumpkin pie and yams besides the holidays?"

"Good point, but I still love them both."

"Back to my favorite, rolls. The hotter the better. My mom makes the best crescent rolls. The bread will either make or break the meal."

"You're right, without good bread there might as well not be a meal. All that food just goes together so well that it wouldn't be right not to have good bread."

"Speaking of all that food, I like to take my turkey and potatoes and gravy and stuffing and mix them all together and call it a feast!"

"No way! I thought I was the only one who did that!"

"Isn't it good all mixed together?"

"I love to slide my turkey into my mashed potatoes and gravy and stuffing. That is truly the

best way to eat a turkey dinner."

"When we were little kids, we got money underneath our placemats."

So, after we get done eating we look for the cash under our plates."

"Your family is confused."

"No way!"

"This sounds like a cross between Santa Claus and the tooth fairy."

Money underneath your placemats at Thanksgiving... can I come over this year for dinner?"

"We've always done it."

"Then there's always the post-meal tradition."

"Oh yeah!"

"I think you know what I'm thinking of, Sarah."

"Uh huh!"

"You have a date with a pillow, too?"

"Yea, we eat and then fall asleep. Then we wake up go back for more food."

"More yams!"

"No, more turkey, potatoes and gravy, and stuffing."

"And more pumpkin pie!"

"Suit yourself!"

"Don't worry, I will."

"Does your family eat turkeys sandwiches for the next couple weeks or so?"

"Turkey sandwiches, turkey and noodles, turkey casserole..."

"Anything with turkey, huh?"

"Yes, anything that tastes close to good with turkey, we have."

"I guess it's a small price to pay for such a good dinner."

"Isn't Thanksgiving wonderful!"

"It sure is, but I'm a little disappointed. I won't be able to enjoy Thanksgiving at home this year."

"I won't be home for Thanksgiving either. I'll be spending it with another family."

"I'll be on the ski slopes. My family is a little disappointed that I won't be home."

"I guess our lives are changing. We won't always be going home for all the holidays."

"At least we know that we are always welcome at home to eat a little turkey..."

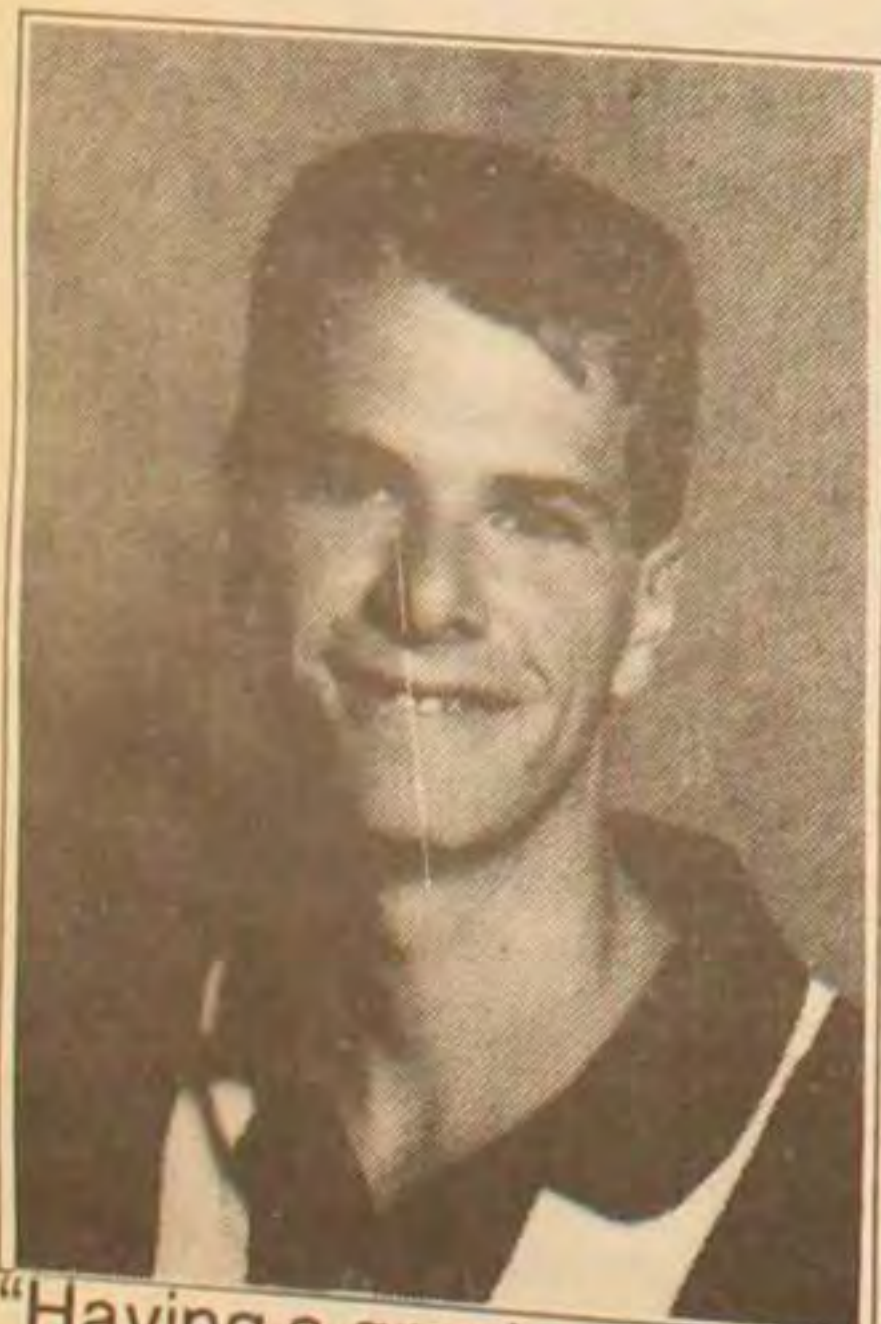
"And potatoes and gravy..."

"And stuffing..."

"And pumpkin pie!"

"Michael, do you really like yams?"

## What is your favorite Thanksgiving Day tradition?



"Having a great meal with really good friends."

Mark Boyer, soph.



"Watching dad get nervous carving the turkey."

Michelle Lohrentz, sr.



"Going to my grandma's house."

Amber Spillum, fr.



"Going to the Young Adult Conference."

Jerry Bowen, jr.



"Taking time to think about what I'm thankful for."

President Hoffman



# McPherson College hits the jackpot with new professor



By Suellis Kelley  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College hit the jackpot when it hired Dr. Anne Saddington. Dr. Saddington received her degree from the University of Irvine and is from Newport Beach, Calif. She taught at U.C. Irvine while earning her Ph.D. in comparative culture.

When she found out she was chosen to teach at McPherson College, she happily packed her bags and moved only two weeks before classes started. She says that the change has been wonderful.

"I was teaching at UCI, which is a big college with big classes. I wanted to be in a more personal environment and have the opportunity to know my students on a more personal level," said Saddington.

This semester Saddington is teaching three classes—Social Psychology, Research Methods and the

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*Dr. Anne Saddington  
Asst. Professor of Sociology*

Sociology of Addiction. Her goal as a professor is to help students "achieve the ability to think critically about what goes on in the world rather than accepting things at face value. I believe it is important for students to have a well-rounded view of the world to have a well-rounded education."

Saddington's husband is an Accountant. She has four grown children and two grandchildren.

"I am sure I will enjoy McPherson for many years to come."

Photo by Donna Richey

Dr. Anne Saddington demonstrates as senior Steve Weed watches.

## "Sister Act" and "The Crow" are best bets to rent

Back at Fahnestock's Videorama, I caught four movies that are available now on home video, "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit," "Threesome," "Housewife from Hell," and "The Crow." Of the four, I would just like to say stay away from that third one.

"Sister Act 2" stars Whoopie Goldberg who gets back in the habit and helps her sisters get children interested in school again. Sister Mary-Clarence, the new music teacher at St. Francis High School molds her unruly gang into a choir and wins the hearts of the audience as well as the All State Choir Cham-



REEL  
TALK

By Jim Garrison

pionships. Sequels aren't always as good as the original, but "Sister Act 2" is about the same as the first one. "Threesome" is interesting. Deal-

ing with a controversial topic, this film starring Steven Baldwin serves up a lot of good laughs about college and dorm life and takes an interesting look at love triangles.

Please avoid "Housewife from Hell." This isn't a credible B movie and I can't even remember who starred in it. Avoid, avoid, avoid. Run and hide.

Finally, "The Crow" starring the late Brandon Lee. Although Lee only made a few movies, he was rapidly becoming one of the big names of action adventures. "The Crow" has certainly made cult sta-

tus. Lee plays, ironically, a man who was killed senselessly and returns from the dead to hunt down the people who killed him and his fiance.

Lee died during production, and the added computer generated scenes are not only very good, but actually indistinguishable from the rest of the movie the first few times you watch.

"Sister Act 2," "Threesome," "Housewife from Hell" and "The Crow" are all available on video.

Next time I will be reviewing "Junior," "The Santa Clause," and "Star Trek: Generations."

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# New found depth key to women hoopsters' season

*Lady Bulldogs look to rebound and rebuild from last season*

**Jennifer Buschbom**  
*Spectator Staff*

The McPherson College women's basketball team will open its season at home when they host the McPherson College Classic on Nov. 17, 18 and 19. Their first round opponent will be Panhandle State with tip-off set for 8 p.m.

Head coach Marlys Gwaltney will be starting her second year. The women are coming off of a 1-25 season where they showed much improvement throughout the season.

This year's group looks to be 15 women strong. At times last year the women had a hard time suiting up 10 players.

The women unofficially opened their season with an impressive 68-44 win over the alumni Nov. 5.

Amy Ross and Merri Green led the Bulldog offensive attack with eight points, Jenni Buschbom added seven, while Nikki Adler, Tiffany Hall, Melissa Sharp, and Trisha Young, had six each.

Overall, Coach Gwaltney was pleased with the performance of the team, although there are things she would like to work on.

"The alumni game was a lot of fun, and provided a good introduction to the season for the younger girls," said Gwaltney. "We ran the offense well, but we still need some improvement on the defensive end of the floor."

Jen Williams and Amy Ross pulled down a large portion of the team's rebounds with 13 and nine, respectively.

The team is returning all but two players from last year and have added quite a few new faces.

Returners include juniors Tiffany Hall, Kelly Thaxton, and Jen Williams, and sophomores Jenni

Buschbom, Kerri Kobbeman, and Trisha Young.

New faces to the team this year are junior transfer Merri Green and freshmen Melissa Sharp, Andrea Bess, Paige Watkins, Amber Spillim, Amy Ross, Nikki Adler, Jamie Smalley and Mary Zodrow.

Gwaltney has a positive outlook for this year's season even though the team was picked to finish ninth in the conference.

"Many other teams in the conference lost a number of players. Some lost up to eight or nine seniors. I think you're going to see a new KCAC this year, and we will be right in the middle," said Gwaltney. "We have a much more balanced team this year with both an inside and an outside game."

"Even though this is a rebuilding year, I believe we will earn a great deal of respect, and the future of our program is looking bright," said Gwaltney.

The women will play Dec. 7 at home against Kansas Wesleyan.



Photo by JonHenrickson

**Kelly Thaxton shoots for two in the alumni game. The women begin their regular season Nov. 17 in the McPherson Classic against Panhandle State at 8 p.m.**

# Men cagers need new and old to mesh to meet potential

**Jonathan Coachman**  
*Sports Editor*

The 1994-95 edition of the McPherson College men's basketball program takes the floor officially for the first time this weekend in the Kansas Wesleyan Classic. The men played last night against Culver-Stockton and play tonight at 6 p.m. against Columbia College.

The Bulldogs are coming off one of their best seasons in school history. They finished the 1993-94 season with a 20-9 record, only one win short of a school record.

The Bulldogs finished second in the KCAC, only a final regular season loss to Ottawa preventing the men from a first-place tie with Tabor. The Bulldogs also finished second to Tabor in the post-season conference tournament.

After defeating Bethany and Friends in the first two rounds, the Bulldogs never got on track in the championship game.

Coach Roger Trimmell is looking for similar results this year only with a better outcome.

"We came very close last year and with a little luck would have gone to the national tournament,"

Trimmell said. "We have two goals this year, and those are to accomplish the two titles that eluded us last year."

It will be a tall order for the Bulldogs as they have to replace eight seniors, including four starters off of last year's ballclub. In Robb Collins and Brian Holloway, Trimmell had two guys that played in a McPherson College record 113 ballgames.

"We certainly lost a lot of experienced players from last year," said Trimmell. "I have confidence, though, that our new guys will be able to step in and do the job for us."

Expected to make an impact immediately are junior college transfers Chris Owens, Brandon Rice and Jason Snodgrass. All three have played well in the two preseason games.

These three will try and blend with the returning lettermen Matt Richardson, Jarrod Miller, and Jonathan Coachman. Expected to

step in and contribute from last year's jv team are Doug Delay, Jason Dingman, Ryan Schmidt and Adam Clark.

Coach Trimmell is also expected to suit up two freshmen who have looked impressive in the preseason as well. Michael Dreese from Ellinwood and Eric Vogel from McPherson are expected to back-up Chris Owens at the point guard position.

"Our success this year will be hinged on how fast everybody learns to play together," Trimmell explains. "We don't have a great athlete to take over the game so we all have to rely on each other to be successful."

The Bulldogs had two games last week at the Sport Center. A Slavic club team from the Czech Republic gave the Bulldogs all they could handle Nov. 1. The Bulldogs trailed by as many as 18 points in the first half and by 12 at halftime. The cagers scored the first 15 points of the second half

and held on for a 68-63 win. Coachman led the Bulldogs with 22 points Owens added 15.

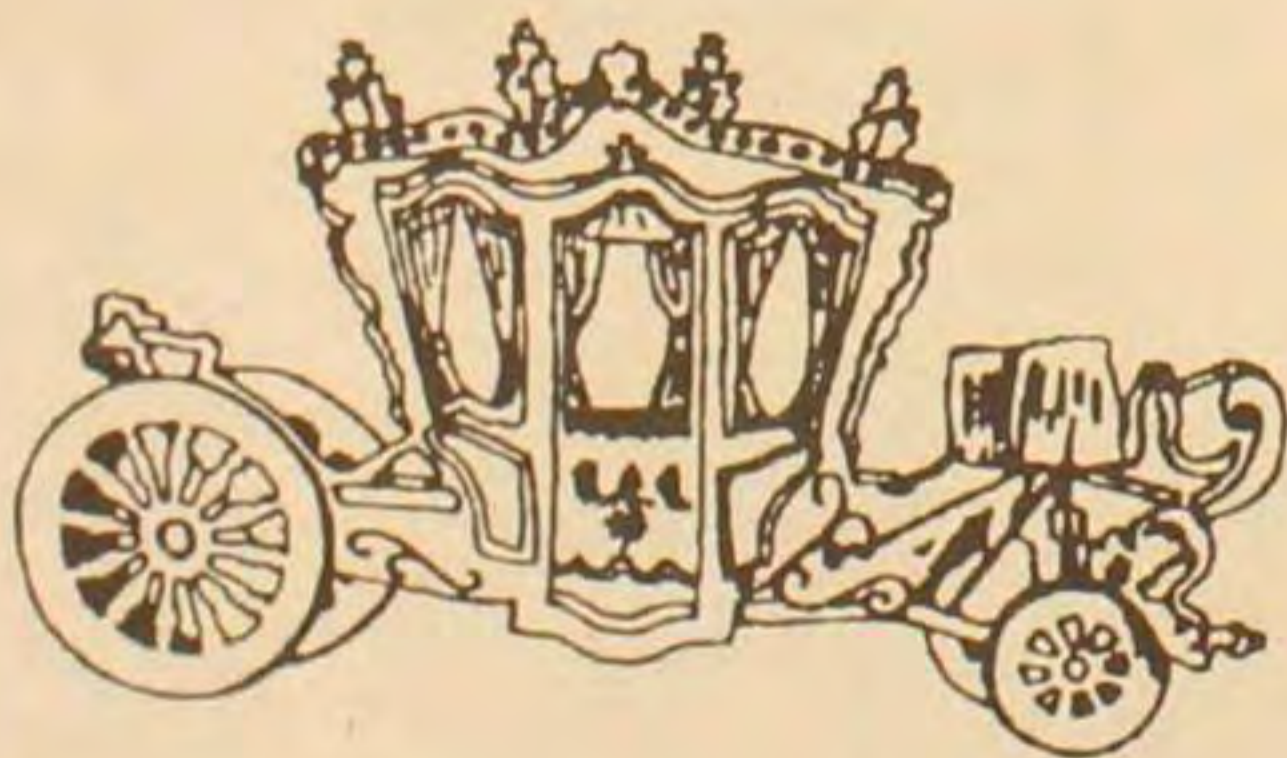
The Bulldogs played their annual alumni game on Saturday Nov. 5. The cagers looked much better, rolling to a 127-80 victory. A McPherson College record 17 three-pointers were made, including five by Brandon Rice, who led the Bulldogs with 17 points. Matt Richardson added 16 points as the Bulldogs put six players in double figures.

"We played a lot better against our alumni," Trimmell said. "We still have a lot of improvement to do, however, if we want to compete for a conference championship."

The McPherson College jv team opened its season last week in Dodge City at the Dodge City Classic. Friday they trailed Dodge City only 38-30 at the half before the wheels fell off, dropping the opening game, 93-59.

The game Saturday against Frank Phillips resembled a track meet more than a basketball game as the Bulldogs outlasted Frank Phillips, 130-110. Anthony Minor poured in a team-high 43 points on 17 of 18 shooting. Emmanuel Roland added 27 points. Other members of the jv team include Ryan Wentzel, Rick Coleman, Jeremy Savage, Scott Plummer, John Wahl, Michael Walker, Chris Curtis, Josh Hofflinger, and Daniel Keller.

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# Soccer team reaches finals before falling

Jonathan Coachman  
Sports Editor

Men's soccer started its season with two goals: 1) to compete for the conference title, and 2) to win the conference tournament and continue on to regionals for the first time.

An eight-game losing streak dashed the team's hopes for a KCAC title, but going into last Saturday the hope of regionals was within their grasp.

After defeating Bethel and Bethany in the first two rounds of the conference tournament, the Bulldogs trav-

eled to Wichita to battle the Friends Falcons for the third time this season. The Falcons beat the Bulldogs the first two matchups, 2-0 and 3-1.

The Falcons, however, proved why they went undefeated in the KCAC by defeating the kickers again, 2-0. Coach Jerry Malone explained his thoughts on the entire tournament.

"I am very proud of the way our team responded to the challenge. We weren't playing very well and were able to come out of our slump in time to do well in the

tournament," Malone said. "Friends is a very good ballclub and was clearly the class of the conference this year."

To get to the finals, the Bulldogs traveled to North Newton to play the Bethel Threshers. This marked the return of Mario Rodriguez, who had been injured for the previous eight games. It must have been a good luck charm as the Bulldogs rolled to a relatively easy 4-1 victory.

The second round brought the Bethany Swedes, who finished second in the KCAC with an 8-4

record. It was a battle of two evenly matched teams as they had to play into double overtime which is sudden death. The Bulldogs pulled out the dramatic 3-2 victory, moving them into the finals.

"I had a five-year plan to win the conference when I started here," Malone said. "If we can keep our focus for an entire season next year, we definitely will be a favorite to win the KCAC."

The Bulldogs ended the season with a record of 9-12, 4-3 in the KCAC.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bulldogs vs. Swedes

The football plays its final game tomorrow against intra-county rival and KCAC leader, Bethany College. Game-time is 1:30 at Bulldog Stadium.

The gridders come into the game with a record of 0-9, coming off a 14-13 loss last week against Tabor. Mac led the entire game until 1:03 to go in the game when the Bluejays finally took the lead. Quincy Walters and Roderick Hornbuckle scored the touchdowns for the Bulldogs.

Oct. 29 the Bulldogs dropped a 56-7 decision against Kansas Wesleyan.

### Women's soccer ends

The season came to an end for the women kickers as they lost to Friends in the conference tournament, 17-0. Their final record was 1-15.

"We showed consistent improvement," said coach Dave Barrett. "We should only get better next year."

# Volleyball team begins KCAC tournament play today

Melissa Sharp  
Spectator Staff

The women's volleyball team begins pool play today in the KCAC Conference Tournament at Bethel College. The women play the top-seeded host at 3 p.m. and then take on Tabor at 8.

The tournament is pool play all

day Friday and Saturday morning. All pool play matches will be the best two out of three games. The top teams from each of the two pools advancing to the semifinals on Saturday.

Pool A consists of Bethel, Tabor, Bethany and McPherson. Pool B is made up of Sterling, Friends, Southwestern and Ot-

tawa. The Bulldogs play their third pool match against Bethany at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The women gained another win in their regular season finale against Kansas Wesleyan with scores standing as 13-15, 16-14, 15-9, 12-15 and 15-13.

Also in regular season, Bethany defeated McPherson 6-15, 15-13,

8-15 and 5-15.

The Bulldogs played in their last two home games against Sterling last Wednesday and against Ottawa on Saturday. They were defeated in both with scores being (Sterling) 5-15, 8-15 and 12-15 and (Ottawa) 9-15, 15-4, 7-15 and 2-15.

# Thanksgiving a time to nurture family and—yes—sports traditions

In less than two weeks one of my favorite holidays will be upon us: Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving carries with it a lot of tradition among families.

With all of the things that are changing in the world today it is a comfort to know that you always count on the same things when the last Thursday in November rolls around.

In the world I live in there are two Thanksgiving constants: 1) Eating as much as noon so that the traditional nap throughout the Detroit Lions game does happen, but not so much that your internal clock fails to wake you up at exactly 3 p.m. for the beginning of the Dallas Cowboys game. 2) Hoping every year that the next day the Oklahoma Sooners will somehow beat the Nebraska Cornhuskers to ruin their national championship hopes.

I would be willing to bet that 90 percent of all sports loving Americans live on the same schedule at Thanksgiving time that I do. Going

## Coach's Corner



Jonathan Coachman

Sports Editor

through this ritual every year has become a family affair. The entire family may not be sports fans but the big meal does have to be planned around these gridiron games.

Unfortunately in my family I am the only sports fan in the house. The other family members will do anything in their power to keep that one sports fan from participating in the tradition of Thanksgiving.

I realize there is a bigger meaning to Thanksgiving than football games and turkey. But these two things do represent Thanks-

giving in a big way.

In sports, especially football, tradition is an important part of any program. Traditions that go back for hundreds of years are still observed today. Recognizing these traditions is a healthy way for organizations such as professional teams, colleges, or even families to come closer together.

Two high schools in Ohio, for example, have played each other in football on the last Saturday of the year for 117 straight years. Canton McKinley and Massillon are only separated by seven miles. They have two of the top programs in the country every year. Yet every year when they line up across from each other you can throw out the current and past records because all those guys know is that they've been waiting, some of the players all of their lives, to play in this one game.

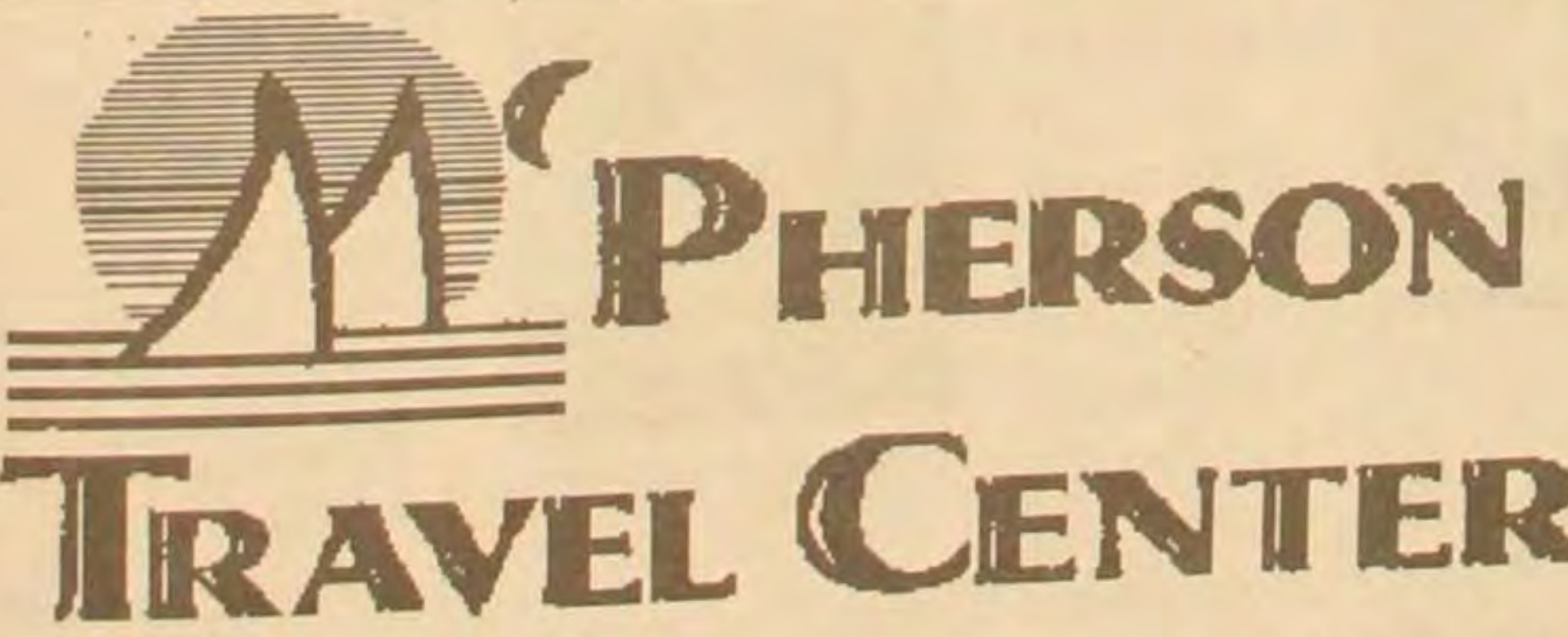
This is only one example of hundreds of similar rivalries across the country. Many participants in

these games aren't old enough to know or really comprehend the magnitude of what they are playing for. All they know is what they have read and been told. But somehow some source bigger than what is inside the athletes shows them how important the game really is. This force can be very powerful.

Unless we are reminded, society tends to dismiss traditions as unimportant. But to keep connected with the past, traditions must be kept alive and with even more enthusiasm.

That's why I enjoy sport traditions more than anything. So many people young or old can participate in something of common interest. Enjoying sports is an activity that is lifelong. Thanksgiving helps us to remember how important and enjoyable it really is.

I hope that you all have a nice Thanksgiving and get reacquainted with your families. And if anybody sees the third quarter of the Lions game, let me know what happened. Happy Thanksgiving!



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### Theatre presenting "Music Man"



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Sharon Knechel, Glen Snell and Dale Snell rehearse a scene from "The Music Man." The theatre department is presenting the musical on Nov. 18, 19, and 20.

## Student receives honor from FFA

By Sue Werner  
News Editor

Cameron Mahler, soph., was recently chosen to receive the American FFA (Future Farmers of America) Degree, the highest degree that the organization offers. FFA has a membership of over 428,000. Only 1,457 members will receive the degree.

FFA is a national organization that offers agricultural education to students in public high schools.

The organization's mission states that "FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education."

Mahler, an animal science major, became a member of the FFA in 1988.

"It's great to have obtained the goal set six years ago, my freshman year in high school," Mahler said.

According to the FFA handbook, to be eligible for the American FFA Degree a member must have received the State FFA degree, have been an active member for the past three years, and

have a record of satisfactory participation in activities on the chapter and state levels.

Also, the member must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural program, or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the last school attended.

The member must have graduated from high school at least twelve months prior to the awards convention.

The member must have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program through which a member has exhibited comprehensive planning, managerial and financial expertise.

Finally, the member must have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement and have achieved a high school scholastic record of "C" or better.

Mahler will receive the award this weekend at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City Nov. 10-12.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Hunger Banquet

Peace Awareness is sponsoring a campus fast from supper on Wednesday, Nov. 16 - lunch on Thursday, Nov. 17, and a Hunger Banquet on Nov. 17, at 5 p.m. in the college cafeteria.

Faculty and staff can participate in the fast by giving up 1-3 meals, and donating cost of the meals to Oxfam America, a non-profit organization that works to alleviate hunger and poverty.

Students can participate in the fast by sacrificing 1-3 meals in the cafeteria. Morrison's Food Service will donate the cost of fasted meals to Oxfam.

The Hunger Banquet is prepared and divided among the guests in proportions representing the earnings of people who live in high, middle, and low income countries. The banquet is meant to demonstrate the inequalities of living conditions

Oxfam will receive \$1.50 from each \$6 banquet seat.

### Friendship exhibit

Friendship Hall will exhibit art by McPherson High School students throughout November.

The exhibition is an annual event and serves to represent the talent involved within art courses offered at McPherson High.

Art displayed in this year's show includes works of ink, charcoal, collage, photography, mixed media and acrylic paintings.

A mosaic clay tile piece along with a few jewelry projects are also included in this year's show, according to the students' art instructors, Elizabeth Liljeren and Stacy Hall.

### New staff member

Sue Six begins her position as coordinator of alumni services and community relations Nov. 14.

Six graduated from McPherson College in 1988 with an interdisciplinary degree in Global Awareness.

### Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving break begins on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Classes resume Monday, Nov. 28.

The residence halls will close at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, and reopen at 12 noon Sunday.

## Students react to Republican victory in elections

Heiko Scholz  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College students had mixed feelings about the Republican landslide in Tuesday's general election, but for the most part, students seem to share the widespread disenchantment with the state's and the nation's Democratic leadership.

Kansas elected Republican Bill Graves as governor—a post currently held by Democrat Joan Finney—by nearly a two-to-one margin over his opponent Jim Slattery. They chose Democrats to fill only two significant posts, and left Republicans in charge of the Kansas house with an 81-44 majority.

Kansas' four U.S. Representatives and two U.S. Senators will all be Republicans in 1995-96.

Freshman Crystal O'Dell is "glad the Republicans took over."

As an active voter, she expected a political change in the United States.



Crystal O'Dell

"Voters are fed up with the situation in America, not necessarily with the Democrats."

Melissa Martens, soph., is also "pleased that Republicans have control of the House of Representatives."

Because of the surprising election results, she has "a much more optimistic outlook on government now."

"Change will be difficult as long as Clinton is in office," Martens said.

The President is largely taken into account when looking for answers.

Thomas Suiter, sr., explains that the voters' choice was not surprising, "as Clinton couldn't keep up to his promises."

Consequently, the enthusiasm for the Democratic party two years



Melissa Martens



Thomas Suiter

ago turned to the contrary. Additionally Suiter states, the public expects too much of government and "people always see the bad sides."

Senior John Hulce was pleased but "surprised by the landslide." He had "hoped for the Senate," but did not foresee the Republicans winning Congress in addition to that.

Kerri Kobbeman, soph., was one of the minority displeased with voters' decisions.

"Unfortunately, everyone is very negative about Clinton," Kobbeman said.

Due to the conservatives' gain in power, she is afraid that "women's rights, like abortion, will be taken away," especially on the states' level. She expects "negative changes."



John Hulce



Kerri Kobbeman

Heather Healy, soph., said the "surprising results" showed that "people want change." "Most of the incumbents lost because of the nation's desire for change," Healy said.



Heather Healy

Her hopes for the future are that the Republican House of Representatives and the Democratic President "will put differences aside."

Nathan Reinhold, fr., agrees that people want change.

Reinhold maintains that "Clinton promised change, but the changes he made were not those people wanted."

According to Reinhold, the main problem is that "Clinton gave more power to Washington."



Nathan Reinhold