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Eight McPherson students chosen for Who's Who

by Sarah Adams
Feature Editor

The 1994 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges includes the names of eight students from McPherson College who have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

During their time at Mac Jenny Burger, Eric Dodson, Heidi Stone Dodson, Heather Hughbanks, Rhonda Koehn, Kandee Krien, Rahila Miller and Erin Swenson have held a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or higher and have earned a minimum of 80 hours of course credit.

Besides academic achievement, Who's Who candidates demonstrate service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities, and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several nations.

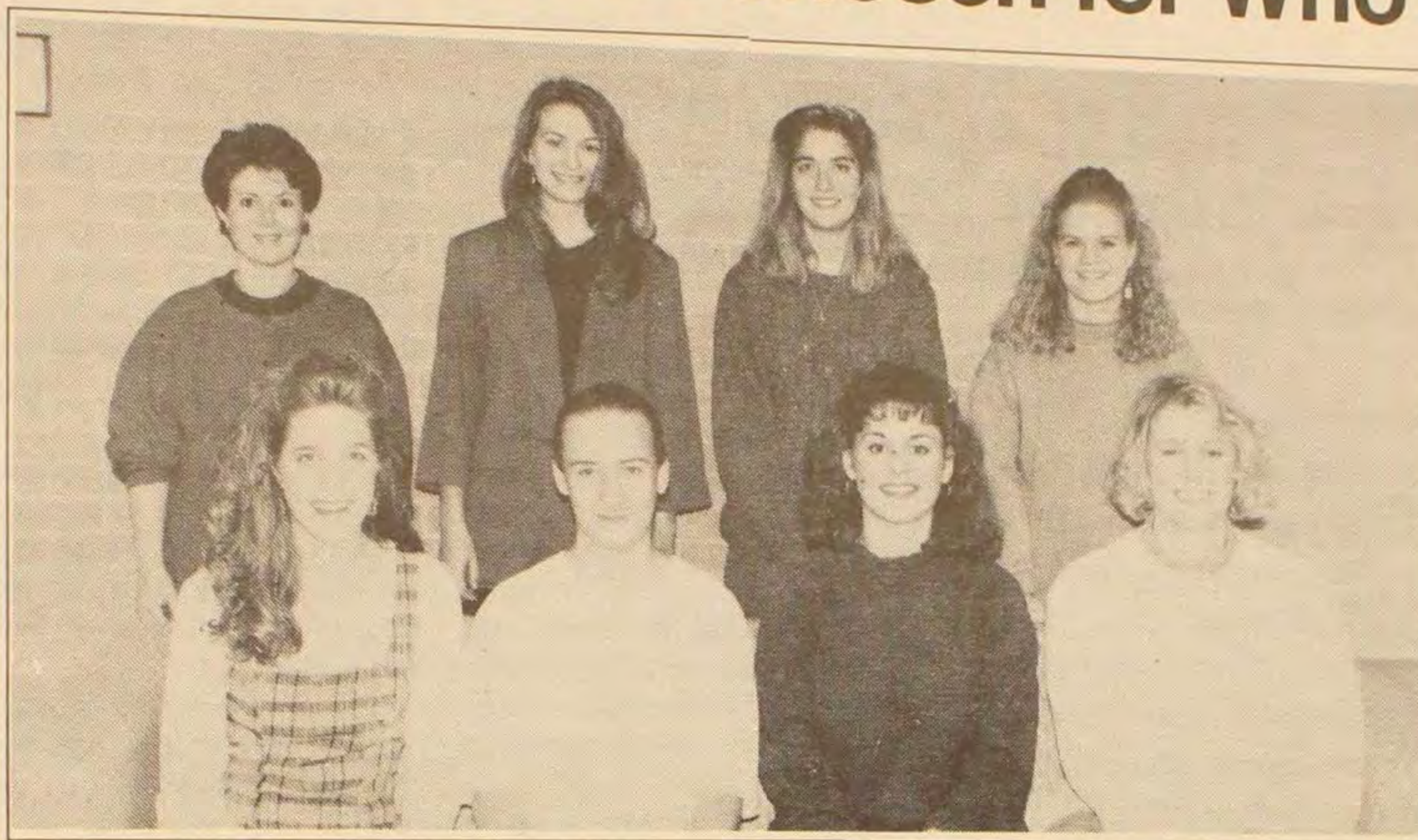


photo by Donna Richey

Back row: Rhonda Koehn, Rahila Miller, Heather Hughbanks, Heidi Stone Dodson
Front Row: Erin Swenson, Eric Dodson, Kandee Krien, Jenny Burger

Seniors who are eligible for the award are given the opportunity to fill out a questionnaire. Faculty members then read the questionnaires and vote for students they feel are most qualified to receive the award. The results are then calculated by the Who's Who coordinator. This

year's coordinator was Al Dutrow. "I was surprised and very happy. It's a terrific honor that makes me feel like I've done something worthwhile here at Mac," said senior Jenny Burger. She's a biology major from Perryton, Texas.

"It was a nice recognition. It's just

too bad I can't afford to buy the book," said senior Eric Dodson. He's a computer science and art major also from McPherson.

Heidi Stone Dodson, a senior special education major, is also from McPherson. "It was a nice honor," she said.

Heather Hughbanks, a senior biology major, said, "It makes me feel very privileged to be recognized for such a thing like Who's Who which is so widely known. She is from Gooding, Idaho.

"It's quite an honor. I'm very happy about it," said Rhonda Koehn, a senior elementary education major from Galva.

Kandee Krien, a senior from Bird City, is an accounting and economics major with an emphasis in finance. "I feel very honored to be selected for Who's Who. It's neat to think that my professors think as much of me as I of them," she said.

"It was a real honor to be put in the book. It helps to know that all the stress of homework has paid off," said Rahila Miller, a senior art and psychology major from Conrad, Iowa.

Erin Swenson, a senior cultural studies major, said "It's a real honor to be chosen by the faculty to represent McPherson College in Who's Who in America."

Student Services evaluating college's five-year enrollment plan

by Jim Garrison
Spectator Staff

One of the most important jobs of a small college is to attract the right people and keep them for eight semesters. To do this, you need a plan.

In 1990, McPherson College developed its first enrollment management plan, a five-year plan with lofty, untested goals.

"We did it knowing it was the first time, and didn't have a lot of information to go on," said Sharon Knechel, vice president of student services.

Now the college is in the fifth and final year of the enrollment plan. Student Services, admissions and other departments are now in the process of gathering information accumulated over the last four years.

This information, added to the 1994-95, numbers will tell how well the plan went and how high to set the goals for the next five years.

"We're taking stock of where we are and where we want to go from

here," Knechel said.

"We're moving ahead. Enrollment is improving, and we're making some positive changes and directions, which is what the purpose of these goals are targeted to do, to drive us forward and help us move forward. In that sense, the goals that we had set have been very successful," Knechel said.

Demographically, the goals worked well, but the college is concerned that the overall numbers weren't as high as officials had hoped.

The target was arbitrarily set at 500 full-time students enrolled 1994. There are 339 full-time students enrolled this fall. This isn't a problem, but the college is still concerned Knechel said.

Without expansion, the college could support up to 450 full-time students and that is still a goal to shoot for, Knechel said.

The college has experienced greater success meeting its retention goals. Early enrollment sessions, orientation, the Communication Studies core, and academic

advising are all critical parts of the college's retention plan, Knechel said.

"We've done some things right, we've found some things we needed to do differently in previous years and have made some adjustments and we'll need to continue to do that.

"Now, the next step that the institution is moving to is directing our enrollment management planning, moving it from only an institutional level, where we are talking goals for the whole institution, to now encouraging planning with department program areas," Knechel said.

Knechel has recently conducted three workshops with faculty to help them develop specific goals and strategies for recruitment and retention of majors in their departments. Knechel and her Student Services staff are now going through these preliminary goals and ideas as a first step in developing a new enrollment management plan.

ADMISSIONS GOALS
Five-Year Goals and Results

	Freshmen		Transfers		Full-time Enrollment	
	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
1990	100	72	30	55	315	330
1991	110	76	45	49	354	336
1992	120	91	55	67	399	364
1993	125	95	60	41	452	339
1994	125	98	60	NA	498	356

RETENTION GOALS
Five-Year Goals and Results

Fall to Fall	Freshmen		Sophomores		Juniors	
	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
90-91	75%	76%	67%	69%	91%	90%
91-92	77%	76%	70%	81%	93%	91%
92-93	80%	53%	72%	73%	93%	87%
93-94	80%	65%	75%	70%	93%	87%
94-95	80%	TBA	75%	TBA	95%	TBA

EDITORIAL

New Year brings resolutions

THE APPROACHING NEW YEAR is a time for making those resolutions. A survey of some of McPherson College's finest individuals produced McPherson College's Top Ten New Years Resolutions:

10. Save money
9. Quit chewing finger nails
8. Stop procrastinating
7. Be kind
6. Try something new
5. Stop smoking
4. Make better grades
3. Exercise
2. Stop cussing
1. Lose weight

How many people actually follow through with their New Year's resolutions? In January people are excited about the new year and the chance to resolve a lingering problem or habit, but by Spring the resolution is forgotten.

The fact is, not many of us enjoy sitting down and writing a list of things to accomplish in the upcoming year. Some of the resolutions listed above may sound familiar. Many of you will agree that these resolutions are not easy to achieve.

The main reason we don't like making resolutions is that obstacles discourage us from attaining them. Before making a resolution, realize that on the way to achieving it that you must overcome adversity.

Time is just one adversity that we face everyday. Many of us don't have time to dedicate to our resolutions. The best way to overcome this obstacle is to chose a resolution that you are sincere about accomplishing.

Your resolution must take priority over other things that are important to you and you must be persistent.

The holiday season is a good time for us to set goals, but the key is to stay motivated throughout the year and stick to the goals.

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Student success inspires teacher

By Christine Hauschildt
Editorial Editor

A year ago my senior student teaching seemed so far in the distance. My how time flies! A week from today will be my last day of student teaching.

When I tell people I'm student teaching, they smile and ask, "What grade?" That smile quickly turns to a frown and an exasperated groan when I say, "I teach junior English." I hear the standard, "I'm glad it's you and not me", or "How do you deal with that age group", and even "You're crazy!"

I was scared at first of looking stupid or saying the wrong thing. But as time went on, I felt a strange bond forming between myself and all 110 of my students. Each day I learned a little about life from them. Even though they are high schoolers, they have a lot of insight that most of us forget once we enter college. There is nothing more beautiful than seeing life through the eyes of a teenager. They aren't hung-up on deadlines, final exams, test scores, and college education requirements.

My students will be future politicians, nurses, teachers, engineers, businessmen, or whatever they choose to become. Never will I be in such a diverse group as I am with

my high school students.

I have learned that part of teaching is the success of the individual. This is based on what is important to the student and the teacher. I based my success as a teacher on my students individual successes, no matter how big or how small.

I have been lucky to have seen this success in one of my students. His name is Alex and he is from Central America. He came to the U.S. when he was seven. His mother was young and couldn't take proper care of Alex and he fell in with the wrong crowd. By the age of thirteen, Alex was part of a deadly street gang in Texas. He was involved in several armed robberies and arrested numerous times for selling drugs. Alex was picked up by authorities and sent to Kansas to a special boys home. It was discovered that Alex was an alcoholic and had been since the age of six. Alex also tested LD (learning disabled). This was the result of physical abuse from his mother when he was a small boy.

Alex came to Salina South a year ago and was a walking time bomb. But teachers refused to give up on him.

Alex is one of my E.S.L. students. Although his spoken English is quite good, his written English is at a first grade level. He also reads at

a first grade level, due to being L.D. This semester I have seen why teachers won't give up on him.

Alex is a fighter. He wants to do good. Two weeks ago, Alex read a chapter to me from "Black Beauty." This book is at a sixth grade level. Some may say, "Big deal", but for myself and Alex, this was a great accomplishment. I didn't beg Alex to read, he told me he wanted to. When he read, he struggled and I had to pronounce some words for him, but he did it. I kept my emotions subdued. I told Alex I was proud of him and that he should be happy with himself. He turned to me and said, "Miss H., I knew I could do it," and he smiled. After school, in my car, I cried. Alex succeeded, and I was there to share in it.

I know Alex and other students like him will face more difficulties as life goes on. Things won't be easy for Alex; but a moment of triumph and glory go a long way, especially in the eyes of a teenager.

For people who think I'm nuts for teaching high school or who tell me I'm wasting my time, I would respond with a quote from the famous basketball coach John Wooden, "They ask me why I teach and I reply, 'Where could I find more splendid company?'"

Writer finds name to be offensive

I am sick and tired of being discriminated against! The word Caucasian is a derogatory word and I will not stand for it any longer! From now on, I will be called by my true politically correct (PC) demographic name (ethnic is also bad).

I am a Scottish, Irish, German, French Huguenot, Southern, Catholic, conservative, Republican, voting age, academic, comic book reading, science fiction enthusiastic, visually challenged, sexually untouched, gravitationally inclined, heterosexual American and I want my equal rights too!!!

From now on, no one will call me Caucasian (yuck, even saying the word makes me feel unclean), but my true, PC designation. If anyone calls me anything but a Scottish, Irish, German, French Huguenot, Southern, Catholic, conservative,

My Thoughts
Exactly



Jim Garrison

Spectator Staff

Republican, voting age, academic, comic book reading, science fiction enthusiastic, visually challenged, sexually untouched, gravitationally inclined, heterosexual American, then I will personally sick the dogs of law on them and they will feel the wrath of Lawyers Unleashed!

I am not Anglo-American either. There is no English or Anglo-Saxon blood in my heritage, and I feel insulted by the very thought of being lumped in with those tea drink-

ing sissies. Being Scottish, Irish, German, French Huguenot, Southern, Catholic, conservative, Republican, voting age, academic, comic book reading, science fiction enthusiastic, visually challenged, sexually untouched, gravitationally inclined, heterosexual American, I have problems that are uniquely my own and you have no right to judge me or people like me.

I am so mad about not having a special section on government forms and being passed up by scholarships because people discriminate against Scottish, Irish, German, French Huguenot, Southern, Catholic, conservative, Republican, voting age, academic, comic book reading, science fiction enthusiastic, visually challenged, sexually untouched, gravitationally inclined, heterosexual Americans. We will have justice!

Raccoon Biker Bandits



by Darren Hendricks

D-Day

by Darren Hendricks



Should U.S. trust the I.R.A.?

Window on the World



Pascal Reber

Spectator Staff

About a month and a half ago, the leader of Sinn Fein (the political branch of the Irish Republican Army), Gerry Adams, came to the United States. The main reason for his coming, a coming that he had been denied many times by the Clinton Administration, was to seek support, both moral and financial, for the newly established cease fire in Northern Ireland. During his ten day trip, Mr. Adams was able to talk with the Irish Community on this side of the Atlantic. Among them, Senator Edward Kennedy, D-MA. To fully understand what has taken place in Northern Ireland in the last twenty-five years, we have to look first at its tormented history; then talk about the creation of the I.R.A.; and finally deal with the role of the British government.

During the 1600s, Scottish and English Protestants settled in Ulster in great numbers. They became predominant over the native Catholic population. The Catholics were strongly in support of an Irish nationalist movement, while the Protestants were bitterly opposed to the formation of an Irish state, that would put them in a minority position. In 1920, the Home Rule Bill was passed, and it created separate parliaments for both Ulster and the

South. In 1921, Ireland was partitioned, the North which was predominantly Protestant would remain a part of the United Kingdom, while the South would have complete independence from the crown, and thus become a new nation.

In 1968, fighting erupted between Catholics and Protestants. Since the Home Rule Bill was adopted, the legislature of Northern Ireland had been mainly dominated by Protestants.

The Catholics decided to fight their way in. In 1969, the British government sent troops to restore order in this troubled part of the United Kingdom. Matters started to escalate when the Irish Republican Army got involved that same year. The I.R.A.'s main role was to fight the British government by way of terrorist acts in order to obtain independence.

For the last twenty-five years, the Irish Republican Army has been "terrorizing" the British Isles. Finally, this year, Gerry Adams, acting as the spokesman of the paramilitary organization, announced a cease fire.

Mr. Adams was elected to the British Parliament in 1983, and then again in 1987. At first, British Prime Minister John Major took the announcement carefully, saying that words should be accompanied by deeds. So far, the cease fire has been holding.

The position of the British government toward the I.R.A. has always been very strong. All the British Prime Ministers in the last twenty-five years have not allowed compromises with terrorist organization to take place.

The trip by Mr. Adams to the United States was mainly undertaken to assure the American/Irish Community the sincerity of the I.R.A.'s word. Can we really trust the Irish Republican Army after all the crimes they have committed? Only the future will tell.

CAMPUS FORUM

Lack of heat is cruel punishment

I would like to know what the women of Mohler hall have done to Maintenance to deserve the cruel punishment of a bathroom with no heat. It has been this way for at least two winters and I, for one, CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!!!

Jill Brax

LETTER POLICY

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

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- 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

The Talk Back Line is a new feature for the editorial pages this year. If you don't have time to sit down and write a letter to the editor, or if you like the convenience of using your phone, then the Talk Back Line is for you. The editorial department invites students, faculty, and staff to call.

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- Callers will have one minute to speak their mind.
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- Callers names will be published with their comments on the editorial pages.

Self-test helps for self-diagnosis

By Suellis Kelley

Spectator Staff

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of three articles devoted to the risks of alcohol use and abuse. The final article will detail the physical and especially the emotional costs of alcohol abuse.

According to CNN, 44 percent of college students participate in binge drinking, drinking when a man consumes five drinks consecutively and a woman consumes four. These "binges" usually take place on the weekends and therefore the term "weekend drunk" has evolved. Many alcoholics begin as weekend drunks.

The study of alcoholism, its causes and effects, is a relatively new science. Researchers agree that alcoholism is a disease that is progressive and no cure exists. "Physicians who are familiar with alcoholism agree," says the *Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous*, "there is no such thing as making a normal drinker out of an alcoholic." However, the effects of the disease can be arrested by not drinking.

Alcoholism does not discriminate. It affects people in all social classes and in all professions. Drinking affects people in different ways—some lose inhibitions while others isolate, but a trait that is common among practicing alcoholics is the

obsession to control how much they drink. "Real alcoholics" become "control drinkers," who attempt to limit the amount they drink but continue drinking.

The *Big Book*, (the basic text for Alcoholics Anonymous) describes this reality. Common methods used to control the amount of alcohol consumed are "Drinking beer only, limiting the number of drinks, never drinking alone, never drinking in the morning, drinking only at home, never having it in the house, never drinking during business hours, drinking only at parties, switching from scotch to brandy ... swearing off forever (with and without a solemn oath), [and] reading inspirational books" The list goes on forever.

The simple fact is—alcoholics do not drink responsibly. For alcoholics, "One is too many, a thousand is not enough."

No one, but you, can decide if you are an alcoholic. The following is a self test. If taken honestly, this test can assist in self-diagnosis

1. Do you lose time from school or work because of drinking?
2. Do you drink to lose shyness and build up self-confidence?
3. Is drinking affecting your reputation?
4. Do you drink to escape from study or home worries?
5. Does it bother you if somebody says maybe you drink too

much?

6. Do you have to take a drink to go out on a date?
7. Do you ever get into money trouble over buying liquor?
8. Have you lost friends since you've started drinking?
9. Do you hang out now with a crowd where stuff is easy to get?
10. Do your friends drink less than you do?
11. Do you drink until the bottle is empty?
12. Have you ever had a loss of memory from drinking?
13. Has drunk driving ever put you into a hospital or a jail?
14. Do you get annoyed with classes or lectures on drinking?
15. Do you think you have a problem with liquor?

If you answered YES to four or more questions, you are probably in trouble with alcohol.

Do not despair if you decide you are an alcoholic. Millions of respectable and intelligent people have walked in your footsteps before you and have found hope.

If you have any questions about alcoholism, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are located at 216 S. Main, in the SOS building or at Memorial Hospital.

You are always welcome to attend as a guest or a member. It is your choice.

Joyeux Noel
 VESELE VIANOCE
 Feliz Navidad

Merry Christmas

By Heiko Scholz

Spectator Staff

It's easy to tell that Christmas is drawing near. On campus, colorful lights outline many windows and campus mail is starting to increase.

For most of McPherson College's international students, though, this is their first American Christmas. Surprisingly, many of the Christmas traditions are comparable, but there are also numerous differences in the way Christmas is celebrated.

"I like the winter time," said Renate Hirning, a senior German student. "We have Christmas markets where you can buy all sorts of specialties, like mulled wine," she said.

She has always enjoyed this time of the year "because the family gets together on Sunday afternoons." What she misses most is snow at Advent, but this Christmas that won't be a problem, she will be going home for break.

Fish is the traditional Christmas dinner in Slovakia. Zuzana Strmenova, soph., started to smile as she remembered her family's way of celebrating.

"We had two carps in our bathroom for two days—one for our neighbors and one for us," Strmenova said.

The days before Christmas are complicated. On Christmas Eve, they cook and prepare carp that is served with potato salad and caviar. During the day, all of the family members decorate the dining room. For the children the biggest time is yet to come.

"After dinner, we open the presents under the Christmas tree," she said.

Still, the season is not over because Slovaks keep their decorations until the day of "Three Kings."

"Christmas is a family festival in France," said Catherine Blache, a junior.

On December 24 and 25, every family prepares a variety of special meals. "Foie gras, which is goose liver, is typical along with smoked salmon, turkey with chestnut filling and specific candy or chocolate are common in the French tradition," she said.

On Christmas Eve, presents are laid under the Christmas tree after dinner and are opened the next morning. It's also a familiar tradition that some families go to midnight church.

Freshman Johnson Chow says that, "Christmas in Hong Kong is a bit like the British festivities."

Most of the families go out to eat dinner or dress up for a party or ball on December 24. Christmas dinner is very similar to American customs and consists of turkey, ham, pumpkin pie and Christmas pudding. Christmas lights, like those that can be seen in McPherson, have also become traditional, except they are mostly put up on skyscrapers.

For María Belen Sáenz, a senior from Ecuador, "Christmas season starts on the first day of December."

Every household sets up a nativity scene under the Christmas tree. Ecuadorians pray for the birth of the baby Jesus throughout December. During this time, a cloth hides Jesus, until, on Christmas Eve, it is symbolically lifted.

Christmas in Ecuador is a major family holiday that is celebrated with dinner and presents. "A typical Christmas dinner is turkey or pork," said Sáenz.

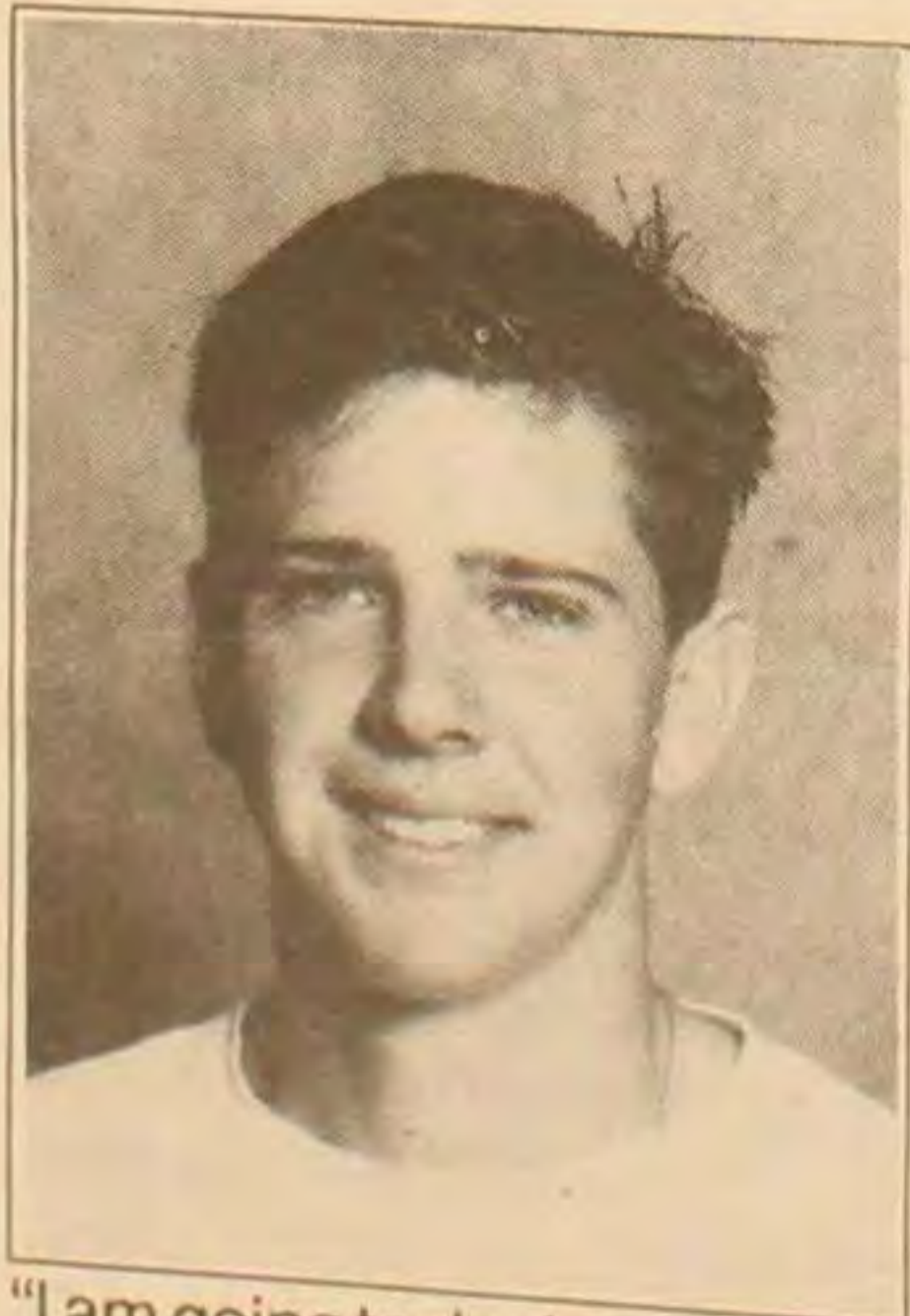
"Children have to organize a play or sing carols before they get their presents," she said.

Celebrating Christmas is done in many ways around the world, but the one similarity is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

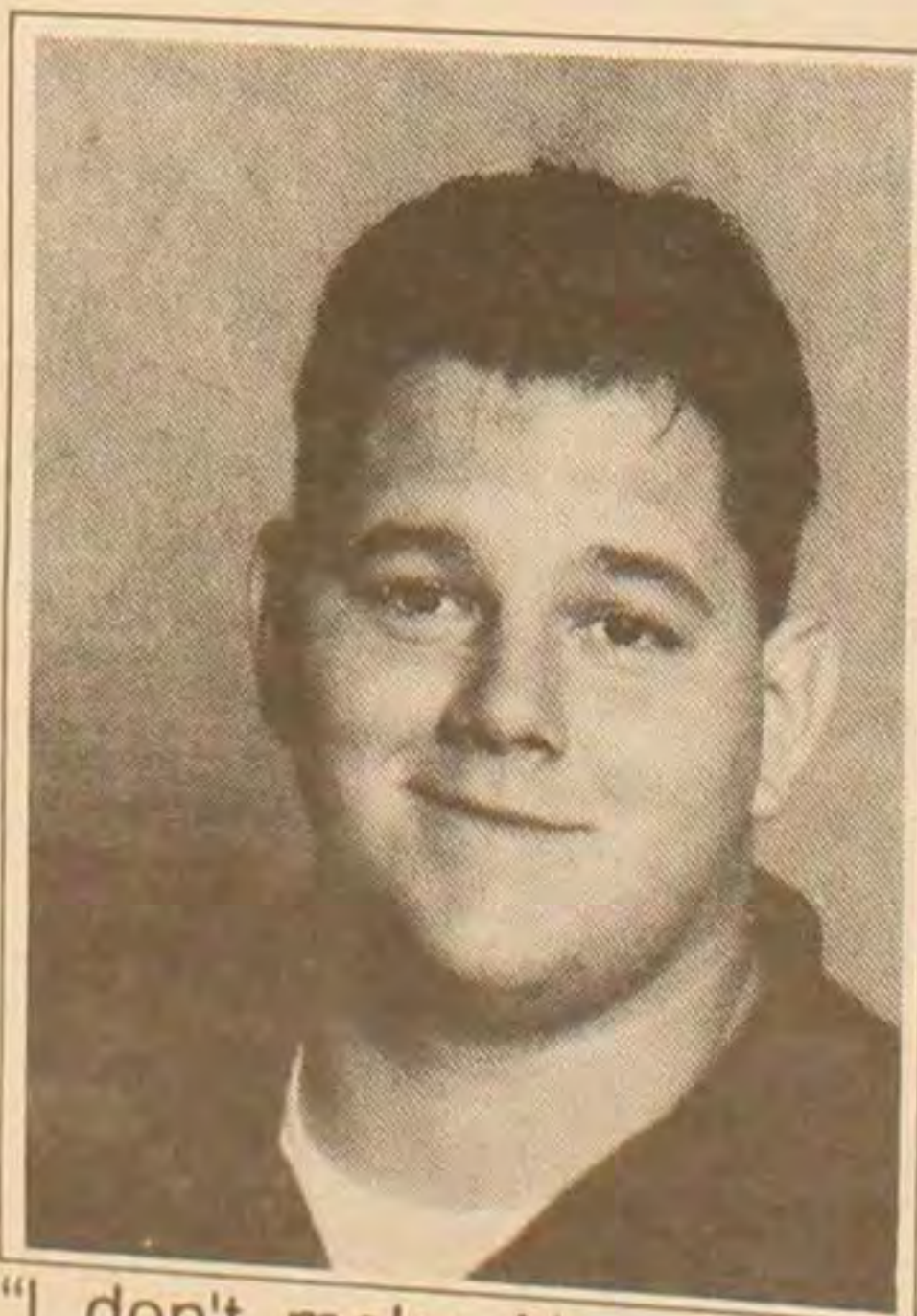
What is your New Year's resolution going to be?



"What I really need to do most is stop procrastinating."
 Jennifer Ball, jr.



"I am going to declare a major in '95...maybe."
 Chris Amundson, fr.



"I don't make New Year's resolutions."
 Danny Ramsey, soph.



"To always have a positive attitude toward everyone."
 Andrea Bess, fr.



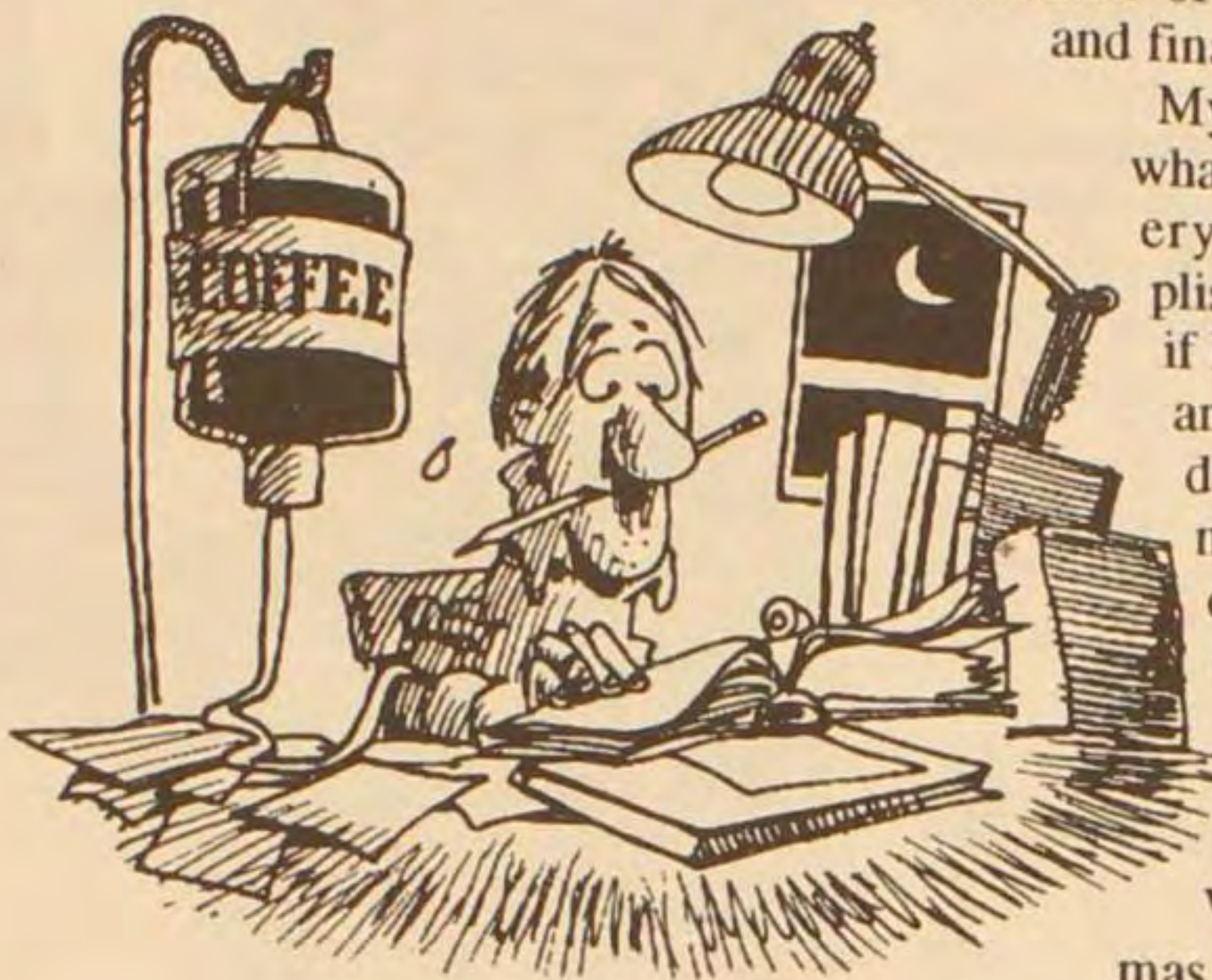
"To be more a part of residence life."
 Steve Weed, sr.

AAAGH!

Finals are here, Christmas is right around the corner and stress is running rampant

Suellis Kelley
Spectator Staff

Okay, so I have to write an article about stress at the most stressful time of the year. The encroaching chant echoes: holidays, finals, visiting family, visiting "friends" I have not seen since last year, finals, the cold weather, a finicky car because of the cold weather and finals.



My mind is racing—what if I don't get everything accomplished in time? What if I show up in class and my professors don't even recognize me and if they do, what if they determine I am too stupid, banish me and do not let me take the tests? What if the Christmas shopping doesn't

get done or the presents don't get wrapped? What if I forget the most important thing I need to accomplish and I can't remember what it is right now? What if I never sleep

again?

I am convinced that stress, sanity and survival are closely interrelated. Because of stress I am questioning my sanity and have become deeply concerned about my survival. I try not to make impossible demands on myself but the holidays coupled with finals are making impossible demands on me.

Okay, okay, so maybe I should research ways to reduce my level of stress. Perhaps I could find someone to hypnotize me or maybe I could find an expert in Yoga or Zen. What if I paid a doctor enough money he would perform acupuncture on me or train me in biofeedback? Maybe Prof. Dan Hoffman could teach me how to use the equipment in the exercise room and I could begin an intensive stress reduction program. Perhaps I could take a crash course in Transcendental Meditation!

Alright, so now I am hyperventilating. I could breathe into a brown paper bag. Maybe I could cup my hands over my face and breathe my own air back in.

Maybe I could avoid deep rapid breathing and take a couple of slow cleansing breaths. I think I'm going to faint—I'd better put my head between my knees!

Hey, while I was down there I noticed a pain in my stomach and an itch on my arm. I must have a peptic ulcer. I hope the itch isn't eczema. My heart is pounding. I must be developing high blood pressure. Or are my arteries clogging? See what stress has done to me?

Now I am mad. I have a king-size headache, my lower back hurts and my shoulders are tense. I guess I'll just stew in my own juices or yell at the aspirin bottle because I can't get the cap off!

Great, the phone just rang. How can I get any work done with so many distractions!

Okay, I need to escape. I think I will crawl into bed and pull the covers over my head. I will unplug the phone and act as if no one is home. But what if I miss that important phone call?

While I was lying in bed it dawned on me that I probably should have followed Colleen's advice to take a deep breath and just relax.

"Star Trek: Generations" lights up the silver screen

Spectator Staff

"Star Trek: Generations" is quite an enigma to many fans. It serves as a way to sever ties with the old generation on the silver screen and to tie up some loose plot lines from the Next Generation series that was recently cancelled.

To me, this movie was like "Back to the Future 2." You needed to know the first and third movies to truly understand the second one. In "Generations," the same idea applies. We find out what happens to dear old Captain Kirk and set up a new beginning for the Next Generation Crew's journey through the silver screen. Seen from this point of view, I hope many viewers can understand some of the nuances of the movie.

One of the high points in the film is the talented Brent Spiner, who plays Lt. Commander Data. His portrayal of a Data with emotion



REEL TALK

By Jim Garrison

was so well done, he almost steals the show.

"Junior" is by far one of the most hilarious new films I have seen. The premise is simple and interesting enough scientifically except for the wonder drug being tested. Let's get a man pregnant and feel what 50 percent of America feels by just being a woman. The wonder drug, Expectane, is supposed to help the body accept embryo

tissue and prevent miscarriage for mothers who normally could not have children.

It becomes interesting when Arnold Schwarzenegger is conned into becoming the human test subject. The hilarity begins when the drug actually works and Schwarzenegger and his partner Danny DeVito decide to actually have the baby.

This is a great film for first-time couples who want to find out if they are really ready for this giant step in their relationship. It's also a great film just for the laughs.

"Interview with the Vampire" is the third of our reviews for this issue. Tom Cruise performs well in this remake of the popular book by Anne Rice. Brad Pitt, the star of the movie has good hair, but there are too many nose to nose scenes for my taste, and some viewers

may find full frontal nudity for prolonged periods a bit much for their taste. This movie is like Bram Stoker's "Dracula," only much easier on the brain due to Rice's screenplay. This movie is rated R for a good reason. It has plenty of gore and lots of fun vampiric violence.

Finally, consider this top ten list when renting over the Christmas.

10. "Speed"
9. "Sleepless in Seattle"
8. "The Crow"
7. "Miracle on 34th Street"
6. All of those Claymation Christmas Specials
5. "Noises Off!"
4. Any Disney Animation
3. "The Ref"
2. All Star Trek movies
1. Anything by Tom Hanks or Harison Ford

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Men cagers eye key KCAC battle

Dogs hang tough through first part of the season, but in for a long road

Jonathan Coachman
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team closes out its pre-Christmas schedule on Saturday as they entertain the Bethel Threshers at 8 p.m. Both teams come into the game with a 1-1 record in the conference.

The Bulldogs evened their record at 4-4 overall on Wednesday when they defeated the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes for the second time this season, 101-75. The men had a balanced attack as Jarrod Miller led the way with 18 points, Chris Owens and Jonathan Coachman each had 17.

"We're still trying to find our way this year," said head coach Roger Trimmell. "Our chemistry is just now starting to come together."

The men cagers opened their season Nov. 9 with a buzzer-beating victory over Culver-Stockton, 75-74, as Chris Owens hit a jumper with only three seconds left for the

win.

The second night of the tournament the Bulldogs ran into a tough Columbia College team. The Bulldogs played strong, but lost it down the stretch, 94-87. Again the Bulldogs had balanced scoring as Coachman led with 22 points, Brandon Rice added 20, and Jarrod Miller had 19.

The Bulldogs had an easy time of it in an 82-55 non-conference win against Kansas Wesleyan Nov. 13. Jarrod Miller and Matt Richardson led the Bulldogs with 19 points, and Chris Owens added 14.

The men cagers traveled to Olathe for the Mid-America Classic on Nov. 19 and 20. They opened the tournament with Mid-America, and came out on the short end 106-85. Coachman, Miller, and Owens combined for 50 of the 85 points.

The following night Southwest Christian Ministries was the opponent and the Bulldogs were able to use their speed to their advantage, running away with a 110-79 victory.

The Bulldogs opened up conference play Nov. 30 losing to the Ottawa Braves 82-69. It was a game that they trailed by only four points

with four minutes to go but couldn't get any closer.

"We have got to become better finishers," said Trimmell. "We are a very talented team but we must have better focus at the end of a ballgame."

Last Saturday the Bulldogs took another loss, this time at the hands of Avila College. Leading by 15 at the break, 46-31, the men were unable to hold on, and lost in overtime 92-87.

"At this point we are right where I want to be," Trimmell explained. "If we can go into Christmas break 2-1 in the conference we are sitting in a nice spot to make a run at it in January."

The men were in this position last year going into Christmas after being picked low in the pre-season choices.

The Bulldogs were also picked low this season, seventh and fifth respectively, in the preseason coaches and media poll. Tabor was the unanimous choice to run away with the conference title as they return four key players from a team that went to the national tournament last year.

The Bulldogs will travel to Hillsboro for their yearly battle Jan. 11.

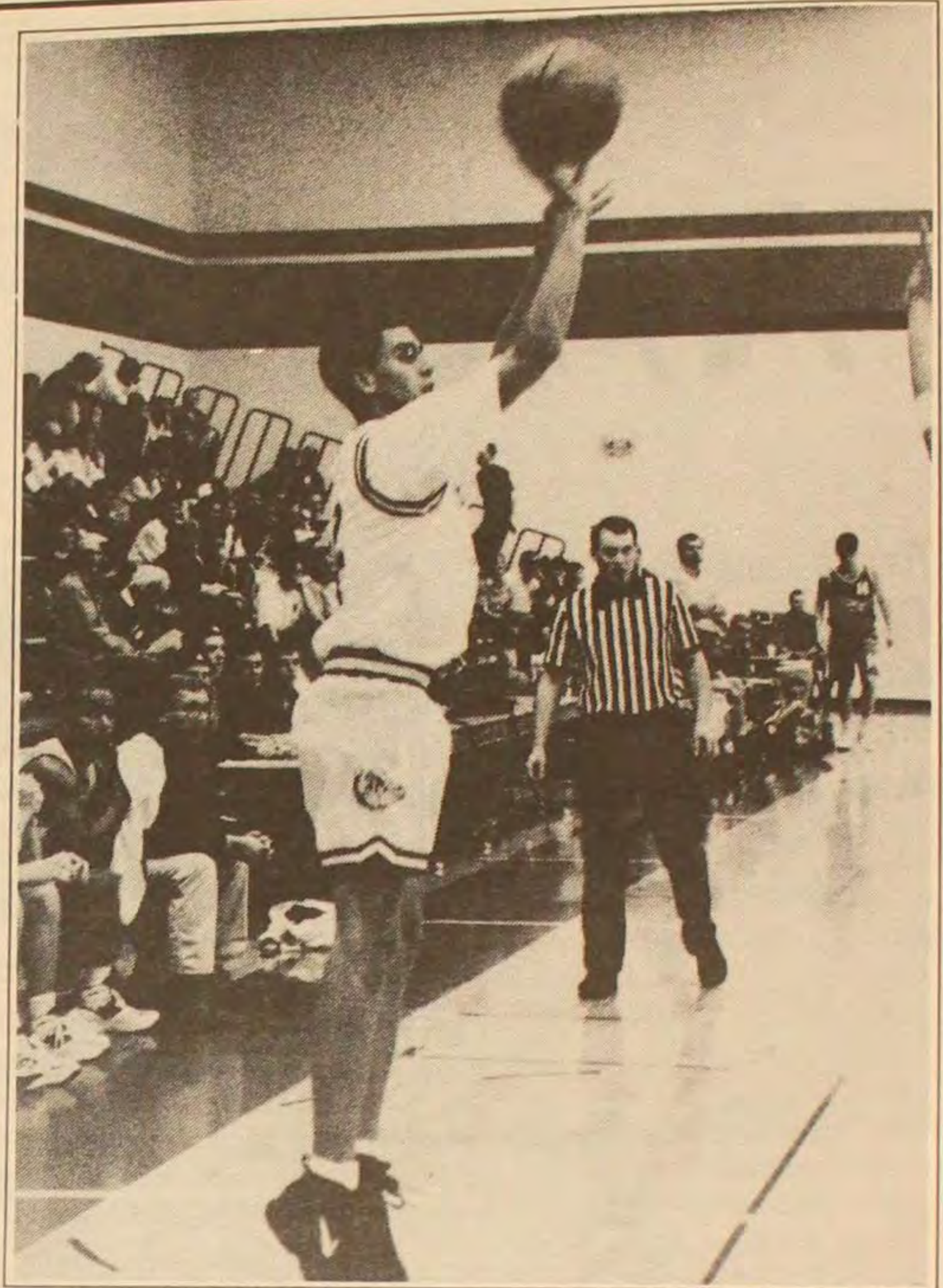


Photo by Jon Henrickson

Brandon Rice shoots for three at the Sport Center. The Bulldogs will be in action Saturday against Bethel at 8 p.m.

Christmas brings gifts to those that are good and bad

Ah yes! The Christmas season. A time of rejoicing, thanking, and, of course, giving. I feel like I need to give back a little something to the sports world through my Coach's Corner, since it gives me so much. I hope my small gifts somehow bring joy to the hearts of all.

To George Foreman: I give to you a body of a 20-year old. Rarely in the sports world do we see a champion with a heart as big as

yours. Your body has slowly been depleting, but your will to win and your enjoyment for boxing has not. I wish that your attitude toward sports and life could rub off on other greedy, unhappy sports celebrities.

To the Los Angeles Clippers: I give to you a win. Records are made to be broken, but the one you are about to break isn't an enviable one. On any level of basketball starting the year off 0-17 would

Coach's Corner



Jonathan Coachman

Sports Editor

definitely make for a long season.

To the Baseball and Hockey players: I give to you a brain. I also would like to add a word to your vocabulary: compromise. Give us all a break and come to an understanding. You have thrown off our viewing schedule for the last five months but it is time to come together and try to struggle living on a minimum salary of \$109,000.

To Jerry Rice: I give to you a trophy case. With each game you play you continue to show what

being a true professional is all about. You are already the greatest receiver to play the game with the records to prove it. You still have many good years left in you so you will no doubt need more room for your awards. Your style and grace will never be matched on the football field.

To Martina Navratilova: I give to you a recliner. After 20-plus years of playing top-level tennis, it is time that you relax. You are personally responsible for bringing to women's tennis the popularity which it has today. There are the rare sports stars that people will never to forget regardless of age. You are one of those stars.

To Curtis Banks: I give to you a loaf of Iron Kid's Bread. Playing for the Bulldogs football team this year was, to say the least, physically exhausting. But playing on both sides of the football for an entire 10-game schedule, injury

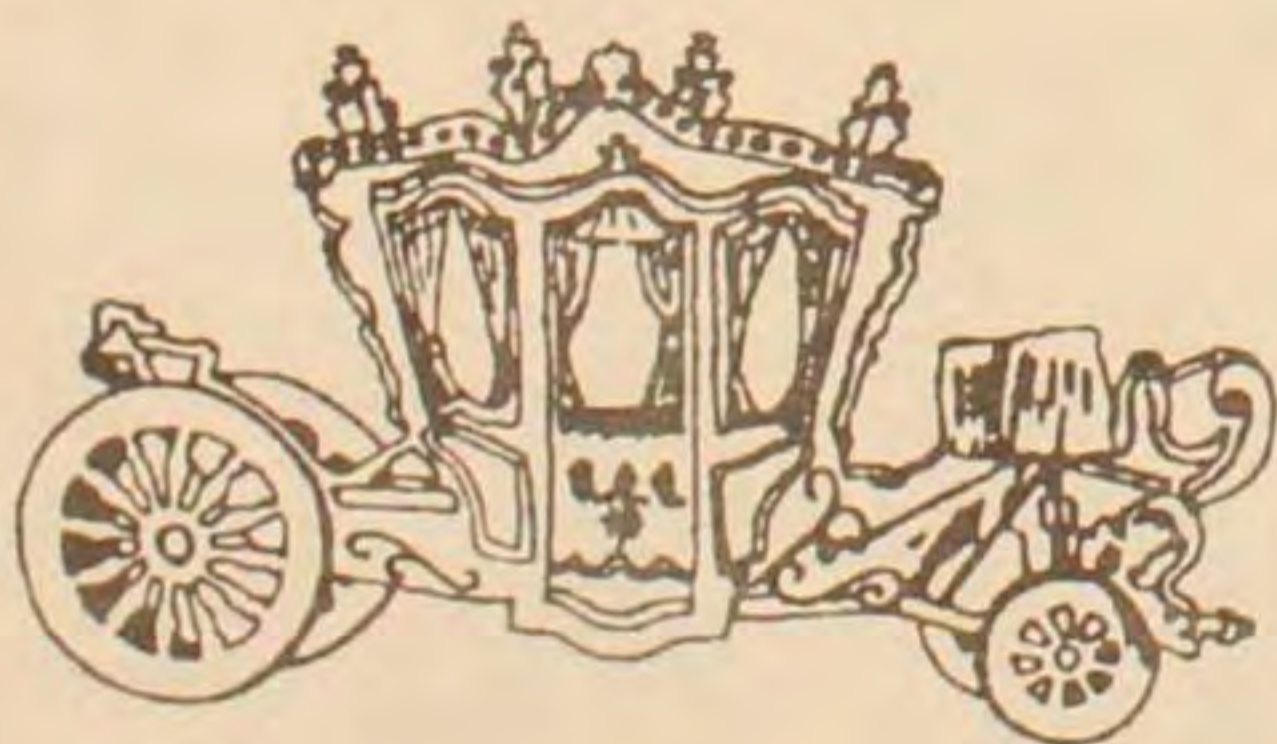
free at such a high level of intensity, makes you an iron-kid. I wish you the best of luck as you move on with your life.

To Dennis Rodman: I give to you a box of diapers. Being resident bad-boy for the San Antonio Spurs has made you worse than ever. Take some lessons from your teammate David Robinson on how to act older than a 5 year old. You're a great basketball player, but grow up.

To the Notre Dame football team: I give to you... Wait a second, haven't you already received a gift from the Fiesta Bowl when they asked you to come play Colorado on January 2. This is a perfect example of good quality teams getting snowed in order to put a marquee name in their bowl. With a record of 6-4-1, you should be swapping places with Kansas State in Hawaii. Consider yourselves lucky that you're not watching in South Bend on New Year's.

I hope that you all have a pleasant Christmas season. Christmas is a time to relax and enjoy yourself. Sports can be a big part of that if you want it to be. If not, at least sympathize with the sports fans in your family who may want to watch the game before opening presents. It's important, or at least fun. Merry Christmas.

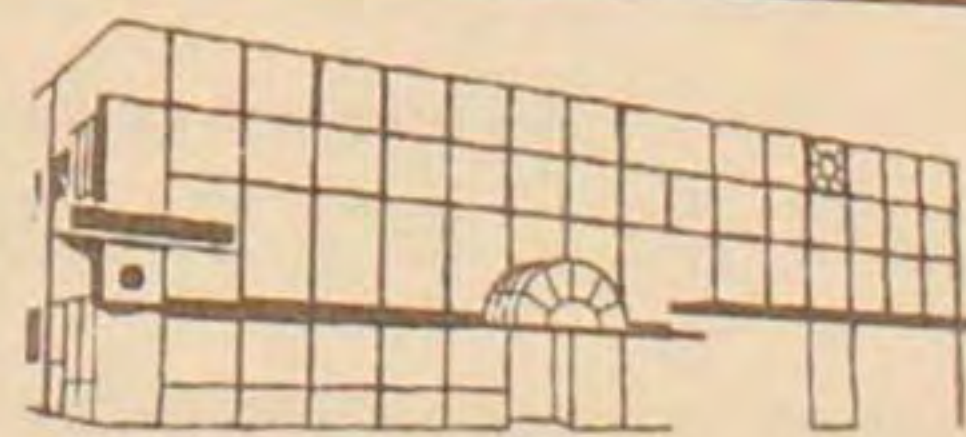
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Lady Bulldogs break into the win column

Jenny Buschbom
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs won their first game of the year this week as they held off a feisty Kansas Wesleyan ballclub, 64-61. This victory was their first conference win in more than two years. The win moved their record to 1-5 overall, and 1-1 in the KCAC.

"The team showed a great deal of poise which is something that has been lacking this year," Gwaltney explained. "At times we were down by as much as ten, but we took smart shots and played well on the defensive end of the floor."

Point guard Tiffany Hall led the team in scoring with 17 points. Jenni Buschbom and Amy Ross contributed 15 and 14 points respectively. Andrea Bess also added 12 points.

The lady cagers will be back in action tomorrow night in another conference battle when the Lady Threshers from Bethel come to the SportCenter. Game time is set for 6 p.m.

Coach Marlys Gwaltney feels it will be a good, but challenging game. "Bethel is very quick and also has some size on the inside," Gwaltney said. "They are very aggressive on defense, as well as efficient with the ball. If we can play intelligently, and not slip into their type of run and gun style of play, it could be a very good game."

The Lady Bulldogs opened their regular season in the McPherson Classic where they played Pan-handle State and Concordia College. The team came out of the tournament 0-2, losing to Pan-handle State, 79-62, and to Concordia, 80-42.

Ross led the team in scoring both nights scoring 18 in the first contest, and 12 in the second.

The Bulldogs opened conference play with a 80-61 loss at Ottawa.

This past weekend they also played in the Pan-Handle State classic losing to Pah-Handle 85-60 and Harden Simmons 89-46.

Saturday will be the cagers final action before Christmas.



Photo By Jon Henrickson
Kerri Kobbeman (34) and Andrea Bess (30) sandwich an opponent. The women cagers are coming off their first victory of the year. They play Bethel tomorrow at 6 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Bulldog gridders end season
The McPherson College football team ended its season Nov. 12 with a 48-12 loss to Bethany College. The team ended its year with an 0-10 record but showed considerable improvement toward the end of the year.

The gridders closest game of the year came just prior to the season finale as they gave the Tabor Bluejays all they could handle in a 14-13 loss. Tabor scored in the final minute of play to pull off the victory.

Volleyball team falls in KCAC tournament

The volleyball team had its season come to a end Nov. 11 and 12 when they traveled to North Newton for the conference tournament at Bethel College.

The spikers lost all of their matches in pool play. They opened up with Bethel and Tabor on Friday night and came back Saturday morning to lose to Bethany.

"It was the best season we've had since I've been here," said Sarah Adams, jr. "We really started coming together as a team culminating in our best performance of the year beating KCAC champion Bethel."

And on the eighth day God created ESPN

Eric Vogel
Guest Writer

Since the Christmas season is now upon us, it is time to give thanks for the many things we have. Let us not forget our families, friends, good health, and the basic essentials we often take for granted.

It is the time of year to also recognize a family that often goes unnoticed by many of us sports fans. This family lives far away from McPherson and they probably are not on anyone's Christmas card list. It is our friends at ESPN.

It was nearly 15 years ago when "the total sports network" came into existence, and it was love at first sight for this sports fan. Just sports, nothing else.

No "Donahue" or gourmet cooking shows, just sports. From exercise shows to lumberjack championships, rifle shooting contests to foot-

ball, ESPN has covered it all.

They have introduced us to Michael, the man who could fly, and Barry, the young Wichita boy who could, and still does, run. We saw the "Flutie miracle" over and over, as well as midnight madness from all across the country.

ESPN has been ringside and courtside, down on the field and inside the huddle, and wherever they were, we were, too. Whether it is early in the morning or late at night, someone is behind the desk at ESPN making sure everything that should be known, is known.

I remember when I was just a youth and I heard a certain voice leading me to that coveted channel 7. Years later, the "big show" is now seen on channel 23, yet the passion with which these folks report the latest sports news is like the feeling you get after

finding that lonely nickel in the pocket of your winter jacket.

These men and women have led this nation to unexplored terrain in the field of sports. For in this day and age it's not just the scores people want. They want energy, sarcasm and wit.

People are yearning for Sunday evening and "NFL Primetime." VCR's are being set each night for 10:30 (11:30 eastern) to capture every word from the lips of the ESPN cast. Has there been anything as valuable to the nation since the invention of white bread? Only Sportscenter, only Sportscenter.

Some of you may ask, "What has ESPN given back to society?" For starters, the famous "Plays of the Week," where each Sunday we see the accomplishments of athletes on and off the field.

And how about the implemen-

tation of the W>A>T>C>H program, bringing families closer together. The ESPN band has released countless musical theme songs that have touched the hearts of millions.


I woke up one night in a cold sweat, just having dreamt that Sportscenter had gone snowy on me due to a winter ice storm. Thank goodness it was just a dream.

So the next time you can't sleep, turn the TV to channel 23 and see where dreams come to life and sports is treated in a whole new way. I'm sure you'll like it, because the crew at ESPN "is just Good People."

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Ice storm hits Mac



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Jennifer Williams struggles to scrape the thick layer of ice off her Jeep windows Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Committee writing general education assessment plan

by Sue Werner
News Editor

In two meetings last month, the faculty gave final recommendations and suggestions concerning the assessment of the college's general education perspectives to a committee charged with writing a final plan.

The writing committee, consisting of Susan Taylor, English, John Burden, psychology, and Jonathan Frye, biology, is to write an assessment plan for the college's ten general education perspectives and present it to faculty for final approval in early January.

"The perspectives are different aspects of the intellectual life that students are expected to be exposed to," Bruce Clary, English, said.

These areas include aesthetics; history; social dimension; natural sciences; technology and culture; wholeness/health/fitness; religion/beliefs/values; integrative seminars; global/intercultural experience; and service experience.

The plan for the assessment of general education perspectives will be part of an overall assessment plan that the college is preparing for the North Central Association, the college's accrediting agency.

The college is required to have an approved assessment plan by June 30, 1995.

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

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.

Among the assessment measures likely to be included in the final plan are the ACT COMP test and portfolios of student work.

Not every student will be evaluated, but a random sampling will be done to ascertain whether students are obtaining certain skills.

The college's complete assessment plan includes the institutional assessment of general education competencies and rubrics, departmental assessment of advanced competencies, departmental assessment of goals for major programs and course-embedded assessment of individual course goals.

The academic departments are currently turning in their own assessment plans for their specific major. The plans define what a student with a certain major should know and how the faculty will find out if they are achieving these goals.

The assessment plan for the advanced competencies was due last spring. The advanced competencies are minimum expectations for graduation. They include written and oral communication, computer literacy, information literacy and mathematics.

NEWS BRIEFS

Semi-formal Christmas Dance

Student Activities Board is sponsoring a semi-formal "Winter Wonderland" dance tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the S.U. Cost is \$2.50 for singles, and \$5 for couples.

Christmas Break

Residence Halls close at 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16 and reopen at noon on Monday Jan. 2.

Friendship Hall Exhibit

Friendship Hall will exhibit the artworks of Stacey Hall, Richard Stauffer, and Larry Schwarm through January 6.

Stacey Hall of McPherson has been teaching art at McPherson High School for the past three years. She received a bachelor of fine arts and a master's degree from Emporia State University. She has concentrated on glass and sculpture for the past eleven years, and her work has been shown throughout Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Schwarm and Stauffer are both faculty members in the art department at Emporia State University.

Schwarm teaches photography along with other art courses at Emporia, and is showing his color photographs of prairie grass fires.

Stauffer is associate professor of art. He received his master of science degree from the University of Kansas.

Theatre to present "Lend Me a Tenor"

The theatre department will present "Lend Me A Tenor," a play by Ken Ludwig in Brown Auditorium Feb. 3, 4 and 5. Auditions for the play will be held the first week in January.

Students show off Mac

by Melissa Sharp
Spectator Staff

Showcase McPherson is the theme for this year's McPherson College Family Weekend to be held February 3-5.

Family weekend is hosted by McPherson College Student Council, led by co-chairpersons Jenny Stover, soph., Michael Schneider, jr., and Jennifer Williams, jr. The purpose of the weekend is to show families what is going on at McPherson College. This will be the fourth consecutive year for family Weekend.

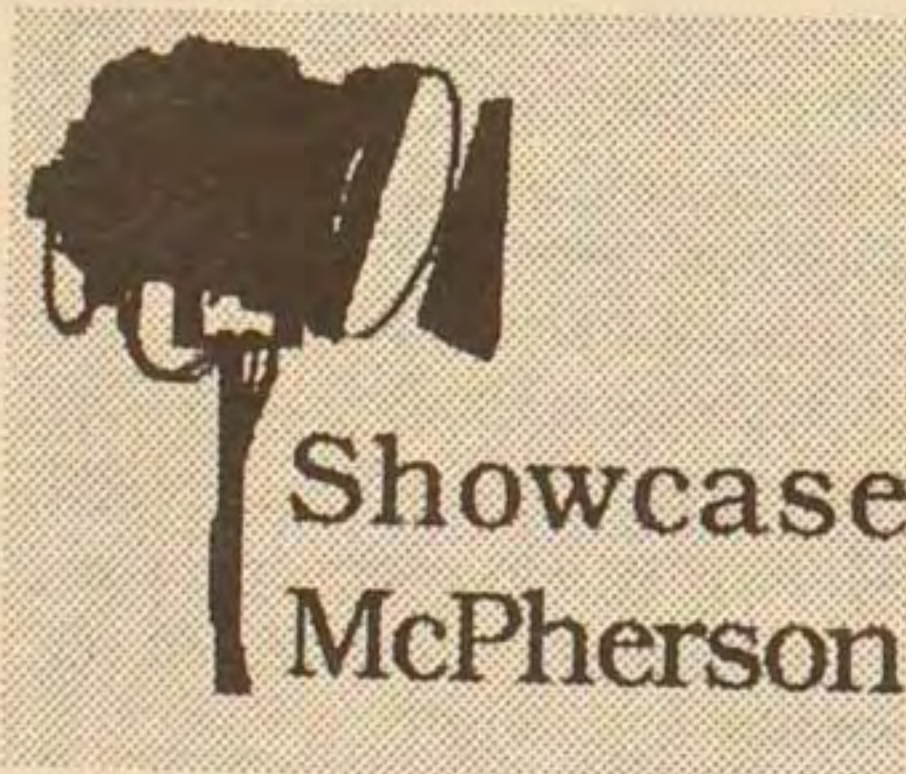
"Our goal is to get as many students involved in family weekend as possible. By getting the students involved, hopefully there will be more students in attendance," Schneider said.

Visitors will find a variety of events to take part in during the event. Some include visiting with professors, watching McPherson students perform and socializing with other families.

Some activities will be a little different from past years according to Stuco President Jenny Burger, sr. There will be an addition of a tailgate party due to the away basketball game.

"I hope students will encourage their families to come and see what we are doing here at McPherson," Burger said.

"I think that Family Weekend has been important to show that we are truly one community,"



Stuco sponsor Sharon Knechel said.

The hospitality schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 3
8 p.m.- "Lend Me A Tenor" play

8:30-10:30 p.m.-Registration, Student Union Lobby

9 p.m.-Coffee House, Student Union

11 p.m.-Late Night Bowling

Saturday, February 4
9 a.m.-Registration, Sport Center Lobby

10 a.m.-Welcome, followed by program by McPherson College students

11 a.m.-Meet your student's professors

2-4 p.m.-Games, Sport Center

5 p.m.-Tailgate Supper, Sport Center

5:30 p.m.-Carpool to basketball games

6 p.m.-Women's Varsity Basketball vs. Bethel at Bethel

8 p.m.-Men's Varsity Basketball vs. Bethel at Bethel.

8 p.m.-"Lend Me A Tenor" Play.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE 1994 Fall Semester

TIME	Saturday December 10	Monday December 12	Tuesday December 13	Wednesday December 14	Thursday December 15
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7 p.m.		Monday Night Courses	Tuesday Night Courses	Wednesday and Thursday Night Courses	