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## Spirited fans support the Mac basketball team

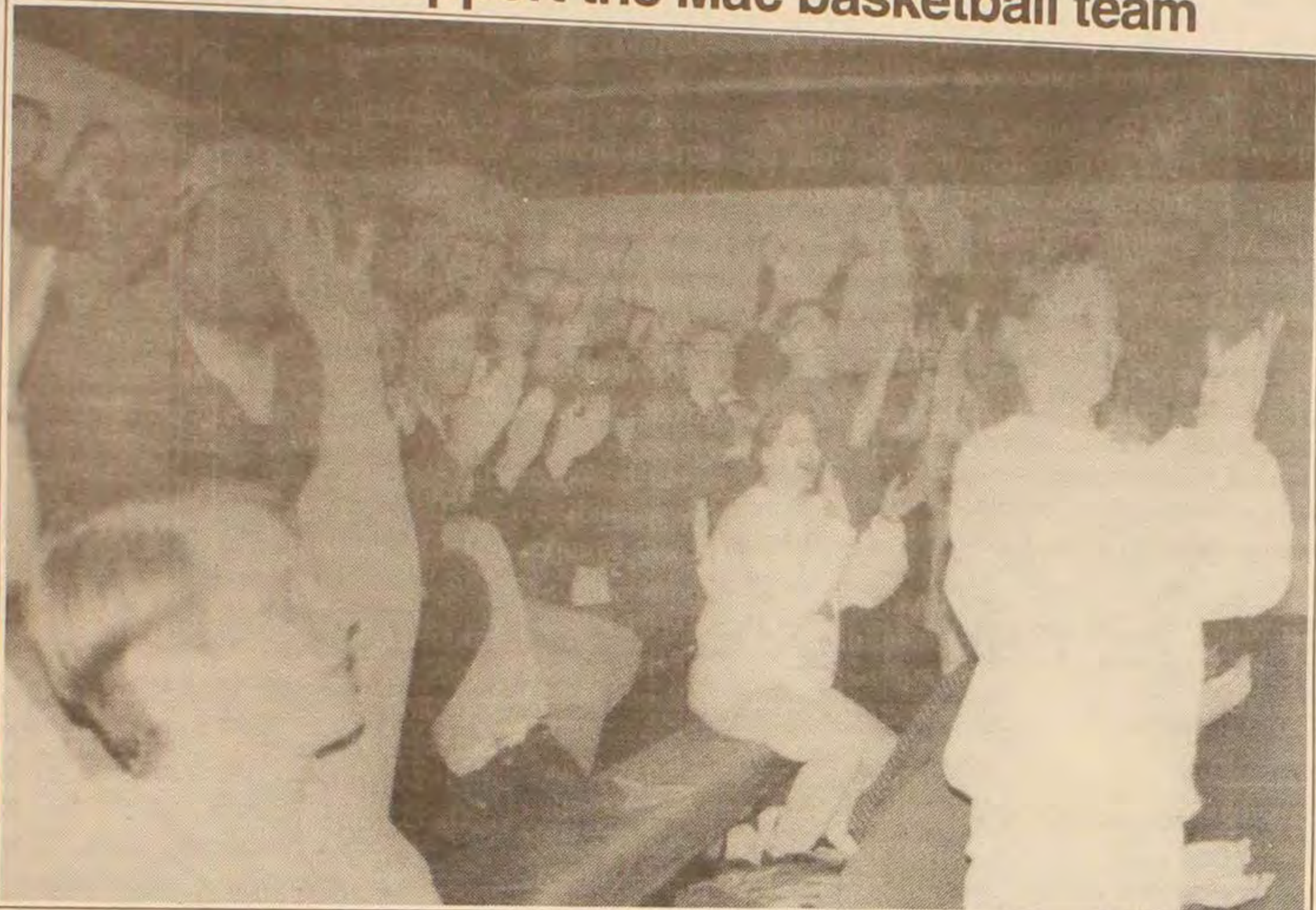


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Chris Saunders, soph., Shawna Warren, sr., Kristin Grimes, soph., and Becky Standafer lead the McPherson crowd during the men's game as the Bulldogs continue their streak of five wins.

## Robert Knechel begins position as director of development this month

By Amy Levinski  
Staff Writer

Robert Knechel is the new director of development at McPherson College.

As director of development, Knechel is primarily responsible for fundraising and assisting the college in keeping in contact with its main external constituencies.

Knechel was the campus minister at Manchester College in Indiana (1971-1983), the associate administrator of Timbercrest Retirement Community in Manchester (1983-1990), and was employed by The Prudential Life Insurance Company of America as a manager of Prudential Preferred Financial Services in Northern Indiana (1990-1994).

As part of his job, Knechel is expected to travel 50 percent of the time and in this time he meets personally with people and tells them the McPherson story and how they can be part of it.

"If we can match people's philan-



courtesy photo

### Robert Knechel, Director of Development

thropic motivations with our mission and if we can get those to meet, then we can establish a relationship with them," Knechel said.

Knechel believes that working in fundraisers gives people the opportunity to love and care tangibly.

"It's one thing to care about people generally," Knechel said, "but there's also another dimension of loving and

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Robert Knechel  
Director of Development

caring for people that can also take on some tangible forms. It goes beyond the words 'I care about you' or 'I believe in you' in this cause. Unless we do something to make it happen, the words aren't enough. Asking and inviting others to financially commit to the mission of this college goes a long way to keeping this place a reality."

"I am pleased that Bob Knechel has joined the McPherson staff. His experience and skills will be useful as he provides leadership to the department in the time ahead," Dr. Steve Mason, vice president for financial services, said.

## Is Mac College credible?

By Sue Werner  
News Editor

McPherson College is preparing to prove its credibility as an institution of higher learning. The North Central Association, the college's accrediting agency, will send a four-member committee to assess whether or not McPherson College is meeting the criteria necessary to remain a member of the association, March 13-15.

"The committee can make recommendations about the college's affiliation with North Central Association ranging up to a 10-year accreditation down to kicking us out of the association," said Dr. Lee Lengel, history, chairman of the college's North Central Steering Committee. "Our main interest at this point is to see that we get a 10-year accreditation."

Accreditation is a way to measure whether or not the college is fulfilling its goals and purposes. The representatives from the North Central Association will be on the campus meeting with administration, faculty, staff and students.

Some of the committee's communication with students will be during scheduled, structured meetings. However, the committee will also be actively seeking out students to speak with in more casual environments.

"It is of concern to us that students be receptive to their [North Central] questions and respond as honestly and effectively as they can," Lengel said.

The North Central Steering Committee consists of Lee Lengel, history; Al Dutrow, biology; Susan Taylor, English; Dr. Steve Mason, vice president for financial services; Dr. Steve Gustafson, vice president for academic services; Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services; and Bruce Clary, English, report editor.

The committee conducted a self-study to determine institutional strengths and concerns. They gathered all available data and information to determine whether the college fulfills certain criteria that North Central will be looking at.

■ First, the college should have clearly and publicly stated purposes. This includes McPherson's Mission Statement. McPherson College's mission is to develop whole persons through scholarship, participation, and service.

■ Second, the college should ef-

## 1995 Self-Study



### North Central Accreditation Visit

fectively organize its human, financial and physical resources that are necessary to fulfill its purposes.

■ Third, the college should be able to prove that it is accomplishing its purposes. This year North Central is requiring all of its members to produce a faculty-approved assessment plan.

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.

The need for assessment stems from the public's general lack of confidence in the education system.

■ Fourth, The college should prove that it will continue to accomplish its purposes and strengthen its educational effectiveness. A new process had been approved by President Hoffman that will generate a five-year plan for goals that the college should reach. A strategic planning committee will review the plan and revise it as necessary at the end of each year.

■ Finally, the college should be able to demonstrate that it operates with integrity.

"We need to make sure that we adhere to the Brethren values and to the values of the higher educational culture," Clary said.

Lengel hopes that everyone in the McPherson College community will cooperate with the North Central Committee in any way that they can.

"We are interested in putting our best foot forward for them, so we hope students and everyone else connected with the campus will be aware that they are here," Lengel said.



EDITORIAL

## Warning signs for suicide

WE RETURNED from Christmas break shocked and saddened by the unexpected death of a friend and fellow student, Brad Brumnett.

We will never know why Brad decided to end his life, but there are important things we need to know about suicide and whom to turn to for help.

We all experience depression at some time in our lives. Depression may appear at times when we have struggles, like grade time, the beginning of the school year, or a break-up.

Severe depression, if not treated, can lead to suicidal ideas.

Symptoms to look for include:

- Neglecting grooming habits and neatness
- Experimenting with drugs and alcohol
- Inability to concentrate on reading or assignments
- Withdrawing from family and friends
- Failure to attend classes and sudden drop in grades
- Lack of appetite, weight loss, and sleep disturbances.

Other signs include giving away precious possessions and "winding up" affairs.

If you suspect a friend or relative of contemplating suicide, get help immediately, even if he or she will be upset. There are many counseling services and agencies to turn to.

Students and faculty may talk confidentially with Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services, Kathryn Whitacre, director of residence life, and Zandra Wagoner, campus minister.

Additionally, crisis hotlines are available: *Crisis Management Services* (1-800-794-0163) and *First Call for Help* (1-316-669-0159). These hotlines offer crisis intervention along with information about suicide and depression. Prairie View, Inc., of McPherson (241-4556) offers individual, group and family counseling and referral services.

On behalf of the McPherson College community, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Brad. And to Brad, we miss you and we'll never forget you.

**Christine Hauschildt  
for the Spectator Staff**

## Black history still not being taught

By **Christine Hauschildt**  
*Editorial Editor*

The 90s is the decade of global awareness. We should be celebrating our diversities and ending racism. How far we have not come!

"Racism is alive and well and healthy in America," Dr. Donald Sharp said at convo on Monday. He's right.

No, we're not lynching people because they are African-American, nor are we making them sit at the back of the bus but how many of us learned about the black cavalries that served in the Civil War? How many of us have read books in classes by Maya Angelou, Alice Walker, or Angela Davis? Why does this country still refuse to teach its children black history?

Carter Godwin Woodson graduated from Harvard in 1908. He grew up in poverty, which he overcame, to become the only child of slaves to ever receive a Ph.D. in history. Woodson grew-up hearing stories

of his mother's life as a slave. His father escaped from his owner in 1864 and joined the Yankee cavalrymen to serve under Sheridan and Custer.

When Woodson announced he was going to do a scientific, factual study of the history of African-Americans, his Anglo peers laughed at him. A Harvard colleague asked Woodson, "Why would anyone want to study creatures [African-Americans] from the jungle without ancestry, without achievement, without background?" Woodson's response was, "We have a wonderful history behind us. If you are unable to demonstrate to the world that you have this, the world will say to you, 'You are not worthy to enjoy the blessings of democracy or anything else.'"

For 35 years, Woodson researched black history in the U.S. He questioned why black history wasn't taught in schools.

Woodson created Negro History Week in 1926. In time, Negro History Week became known as Black History Month. Woodson dedicated his life to educating people about African-American history, or the Cause as he called it. To Woodson, the Cause was important because black history was a part of American history.

Woodson died in 1950 at the age of 75. His goal was to have black history part of college curriculums across the U.S. He wanted Americans to know that African-Americans were part of the history of the U.S. and they had a right to their history.

Woodson wrote, in 1928, "The full impact of the work being done by the Association will not be appreciated for the next fifty years." Fifty years have come and gone and where are we today? Where is black history in the elementary schools? The high schools? McPherson College?

## How far have we really progressed?

By **Jim Huskins**  
*Spectator Staff*

How do Geezers define progress? It's a burning question—one that I'm sure will soon surface as an amendment to the "Contract With America." (Moment of awed silence, please.) But until the Speaker of the House calls me up to take the pulse of Geezers, I will go on record on behalf of my aging colleagues everywhere: When it comes to meaningful progress, we ain't doin' that great.

Nay! say the nay-sayers. (They feel obliged, of course.) We've entered a marvelously progressive age! Non-gender-specific persons on the moon! Wal-Mart in every back yard! Fifty-seven varieties in every coffee shop! Toll-free access to The Home Shopping Network in every automobile! Powerbook computer in every college student's backpack! (Well, maybe not just yet.) These are the best of times I'm told.

I must answer on behalf of all Boomers-cum-Geezers who would be happy to answer for themselves if they were not working 80 hours a

week to pay for their labor saving devices: horse biscuits!

This delusion of having entered the gilded age is nothing new. I remember back in '84 (that's 1984, Mr. Orwell) when Pat Jobe, an editor of the newspaper in the small North Carolina town where we lived, stopped me on the street with the glow of euphoria shining about his face.

There was a political campaign that summer, and Pat was fresh from the newsroom. "Jim," he gushed. "It's a joy to be alive in a time of such progress! We have a woman on the Supreme Court, we have a black man who is a serious contender for the nomination of one of the national parties, and Southern Baptists are speaking to one another in the liquor stores!" Somehow I fought back an incipient surge of optimism.

Another decade has passed. The Supreme Court is less gender skewed, but no minority member has yet made a national ticket, and a recent unscientific survey shows that most Southern Baptists now send their yard-boy to the liquor store. So much for communication.

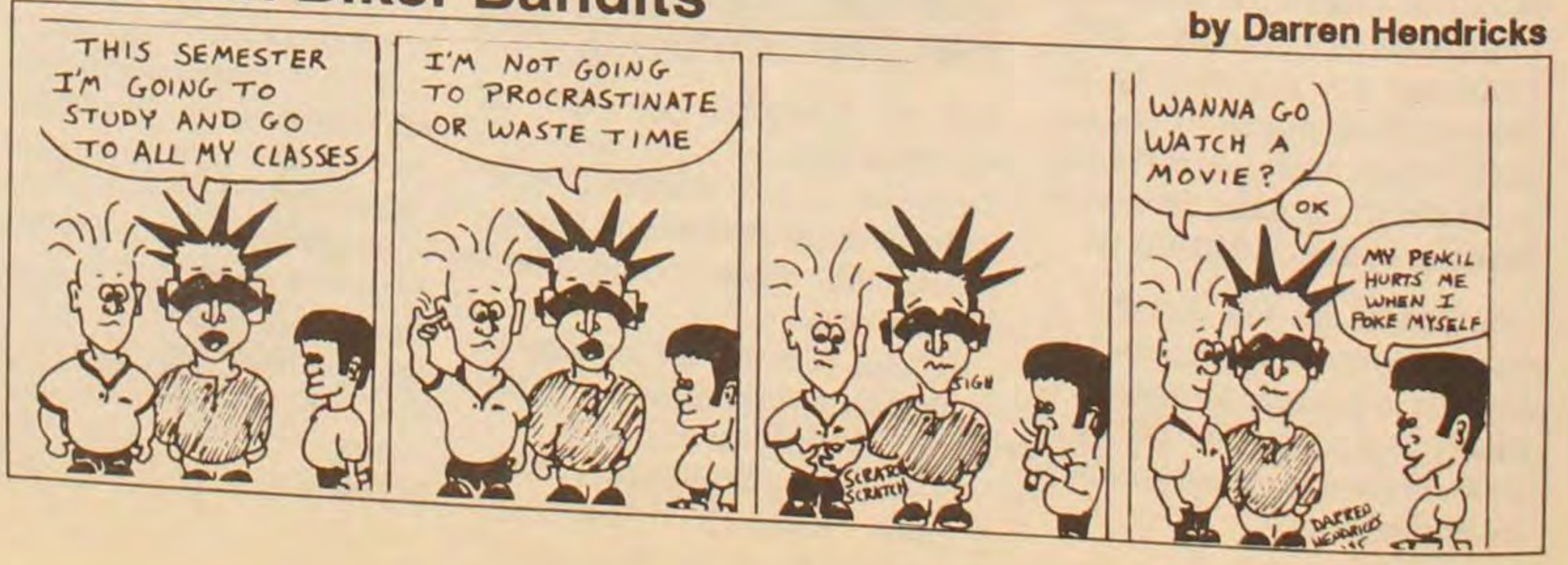
Far worse is the terrifying tendency of life to imitate television. Teen-aged girls have always disagreed over boys, but now the rules of have changed. Once it was enough to call each other names for a few days, and in extreme cases some pushing and scratching in the school hallway. Now it's knives in the heart, and an empty locker at Nickerson High School. Is that progress?

Not that I haven't seen signs of improvement. We're making the best bicycles ever. And plenty of things indicate that we've about run the course on the unique set of circumstances following World War II that allowed two generations to grow up with an entitlement mind set. Dare we hope that the big-brained creature might be struggling toward humility? Is there a rumor circulating that individuals make a difference—good and bad?

Just in case that's true, it's my duty as a Geezer to share the secret of the meaning of life. The only thing that really matters is—Darn! There goes my Powerbook batterrryyyyyyy....

## Raccoon Biker Bandits

by **Darren Hendricks**



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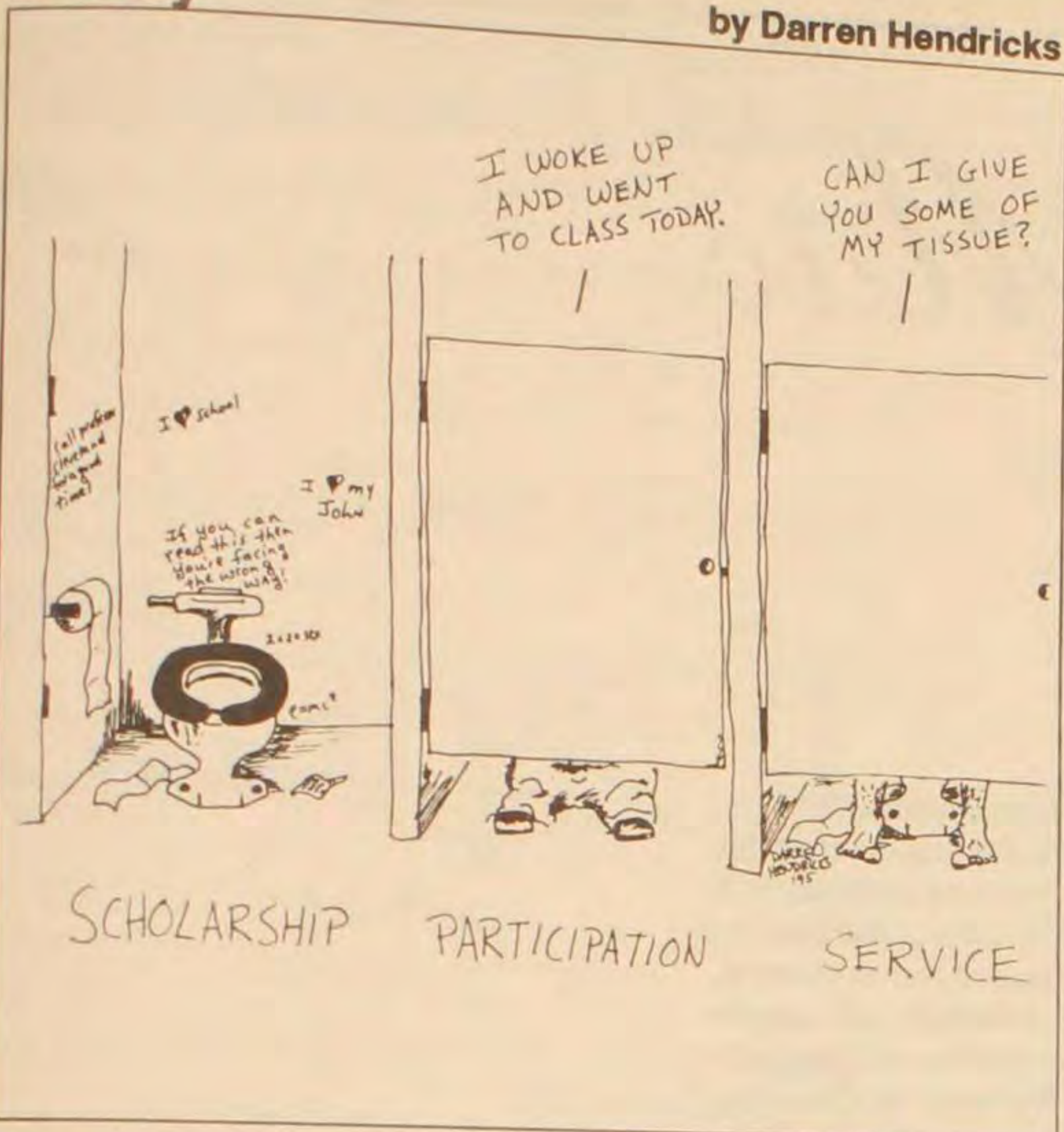
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D-Day

by Darren Hendricks



# New hours wanted for Fanny

I'm not sure anybody outside of Fahnestock knows this, but Fanny is a co-ed dorm. It has been for three years.

The dorm has no laundry facilities, no kitchenette, one lounge, faulty wiring, nasty tasting faucet water, antiquated heating that rarely works, no paper towel dispenser, one pop machine, one snack machine, one shower for each floor and one lonely water fountain.

The dorm has only two things that can compensate for these faults. It has a tradition that outdates the rest of the college. With Beeghly, Frantz and Harnly Halls being torn down to make new buildings, Fahnestock Hall will be the oldest building on campus. You may not know this, but the true name of the hall is New Fahnestock Hall, rebuilt in 1942 because of a fire.

We celebrate S.B. Fahnestock's birthday annually. Our toga parties are renowned throughout the ACCK. Our Haunted House is a high point in McPherson's Halloween activities. The Mighty Fanny Run and the spring Ultimate Frisbee games are the last of the great fraternal events known to the college. Our tradition is one of the best kept commodities of the college.

The other compensation is that this is a co-ed dorm. This means that males and females can live together in harmony in one building. Many colleges have done this, but

## My Thoughts Exactly



Jim Garrison  
Spectator Staff

Fahnestock Hall's co-ed environment is only three-years old and is still in its infancy. The rules that apply to the dorm are still geared to the separate-but-equal style of Metzler and Dotzour. The males still outnumber the females, two floors to one. The visitation hours are still the same.

This is a problem. Back in the years before the term co-ed had ever been created, the rules were strict about the safety of females and males. These rules included locking the women in their dorm after 10 p.m. and grounding them for being late, dorm mothers that made marine nurses seem cute, and rules and curfews.

The rules have changed over the years, but as the views about cohabitation of sexes, in the real world changed, the rules of college dorms crept along at ultra-conservative paces. As a conservative myself, I cannot fault the powers-that-be for being cautious. However, there is a limit.

As an experiment, Fahnestock Hall decided, without permission,

to see what would happen if the rules were changed. The visitation rules as we all know are noon to 11 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 2 a.m. on weekends.

In a co-ed dorm, this is impractical and inconvenient. This limits the female population to their floor and excludes them from many traditional activities and privileges, such as the water fountain.

Our experiment was to make the halls (not the rooms themselves) a neutral territory where any resident could roam for 24 hours a day seven days a week. The plan was a success. There were no complaints and the residents enjoyed the freedom of the use of the entire building's facilities. After Residence Life was notified, we were rightfully busted, but are now looking for a legal way to change the rules of visitation.

One of the ways for this rule to be legally changed is to gather signatures from a majority of the student body on a petition. Fahnestock Hall will be creating this petition to change the rule over the spring semester.

I would like to humbly ask that you consider this proposal and sign this petition. After all, a change in the status of Fahnestock Hall may be a catalyst for a change in your hall, too. It might even inspire people to transfer from their dorm to ours. We do have a few rooms open.

## CAMPUS FORUM

### Spirit lacking at basketball games

It was a dark and stormy night in the Tabor College gym. We stood amidst a bevy of Bluejays and mourned the loss of Bulldog fans. We were, victims of relentless pecking, without a growl or howl to be heard for miles.

Where is our "Bulldog Pride?" It certainly wasn't at Tabor on January 10! Hillsboro is approximately 30 miles from McPherson. Funny, so is Rumors. Yet, we see more Mac students at the club than at athletic events.

Are people ashamed to wear red and white? One would assume that was true at Tabor, especially since there were only about three people (faculty included) in our crowd wearing Mac apparel. Whatever happened to "Be-true-to-your-school?"

It's bad enough that the student body neglects athletic events, but the coaches seem guilty as well. It's always sad to see the women's basketball team leave when time remains on the

clock in the men's game. However, that is almost understandable considering the men rarely make it to the beginning of the women's games.

Let's not forget the junior varsity games. If the student crowd for the varsity games is small, then the crowd for the J.V. games is non-existent. Parents of J.V. players deserve a pat on the back. They are usually the only ones who "bother" to show up.

We're all proud to attend McPherson College, but when the gym is filled with what seems to be the entire student body of the opposing team, it's hard to keep the ol' chin up. We're doing the best we can with the resources we have, but we need some help. With such a small campus, we should pack the gym, especially for home games. The players are not only athletes, they are also friends, relatives, boyfriends or girlfriends. It's been an exciting season! So, get out and support the Bulldogs.

The McPherson College  
Cheerleaders

## LETTER POLICY

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

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

- All letters must be signed. Unless sufficient reason is given, the signature must accompany the letter when it is published.

- Everything will be published within the limits of space, good taste, and the laws of libel.

- To submit a letter to The Spectator, drop it in campus mail. The final deadline is Monday before the Friday on which a paper is published.

## War in Russia causing problems

Since December 11, 1994, the world has been witnessing the war in Chechnya. Chechnya was once "quiet" state in Russia, but inspired by dreams of independence, it all changed from peace to war.

We all remember when Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia declared their independence from Moscow. The three Baltic Republics led the way for the creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States. The Soviet Union passed away. Now, Moscow is well aware that if they let Chechnya go, other states will follow, totally disintegrating Russia. Huge political, economic, and military problems could result. The biggest threat would be to world stability.

Boris Yeltsin sent 40,000 troops to the area to counter the revolutionary ideas of the Chechens. So far, more than 4,000 Russian soldiers have been killed.

Many of the targets hit by the Russian army and air force have been civilian, even though Moscow claimed they were military. The war has brought to the surface many problems concerning a power

## Window on the World



Pascal Reber  
Spectator Staff

struggle within the Kremlin walls. Is Yeltsin really in charge or is the military? During the four years he has spent as the "most powerful" man in Russia, Yeltsin has been submitted to many trials. The most vivid was when he gave the order to fire upon the Russian White House to put an end to the take over of the building by Communist hard liners. The slow pace with which Yeltsin is achieving his political and economic reforms prompted Russians to wonder whether they were better off under Communism.

After weeks of fighting, the international community pressured the Russian leader to stop bombing civilian targets in the Chechen capital. Yeltsin promised but the bombings never stopped. Did the mili-

tary have total control over Yeltsin or did he break his promise?

Dudayev, the Chechen leader, is ready to negotiate but negotiations have not taken place. The Chechen rebels surprised many observers by resisting the Russian military machine. Driven by ideas of independence, those same rebels do not want to give up. The war is unpopular in Moscow; most of the Russian soldiers do not want anything to do with the conflict. They feel they are killing their own brothers.

What can the international community do? The answer is: not a whole lot. Chechnya is part of Russia and the conflict is a matter of Russian internal affairs.

Is Yeltsin going to emerge a winner both politically and militarily in the coming weeks? Will Chechnya become another Afghanistan? Will it gain independence? Only the future will tell.

**QUIZ:** What is the name of the Chechen capital? (answer in the next issue of the Spectator.)



# Romance at Mac

By Melissa Martens  
Staff Writer



*J*e amo, ich liebe dich, Je t'aime, ani ohevet othka, lay ovelay ooyay. No matter how you say it, the words "I love you" are never more visible than around Valentine's Day. It's amazing how the Great Hallmark Holiday can bring so much joy and grief all at once. Looking back on past Valentine's Days, it is easy to wish for the innocence of children. In first grade all it took was one of those heart-shaped-Pepto-Bismol-flavored candies sporting the phrase "Hot Lips" from the glue-eating boy across the row to make one blush and swoon. Today's college students expect roses, expensive perfume and candlelight dinners to satisfy them. No longer do decorated cereal boxes and Tom & Jerry valentines suffice. Now that we are older, romance, spontaneity, creativity and extravagance are the key elements for a truly enchanting Valentine's Day. So how does one actually go about doing that on a McPherson College student's budget? Well, most of us would probably have to throw extravagance out the window and rely heavily on creativity (and desperation). Since minimum-wage campus jobs can barely supply

the much-needed cafeteria supplements, and it's too cold to pick dandelions from the church yard, here's my recommendation: If you are cheesy and fun-loving, and find this frivolous February fiasco a pain in the neck, I suggest you take advantage of campus facilities and plan an evening of magic a la MAC. You could begin by leaving your significant other an inviting voice-mail (or campus mail) message and then greet him or her at the door of the S.U. holding a hastily folded paper rose made from yet another credit card application.

Serve your loved one the cafeteria's finest, obeying the color motif set forth by the celebrated holiday. Start off with a steamy bowl of tomato soup. Follow it up with a rosy slice of ham and a dollop of mashed potatoes. To make your dining experience complete, top the meal off with a bowl of the cafeteria's infamous red gelatin. For added enjoyment, bring along a battery-powered candle for that romantic glow. After a stroll (or tango) through the gazebo, treat your special someone to a two-dollar night at the movies. If you are feeling saucy you'll stop at the local Happy Chef for a drink before calling it a night.

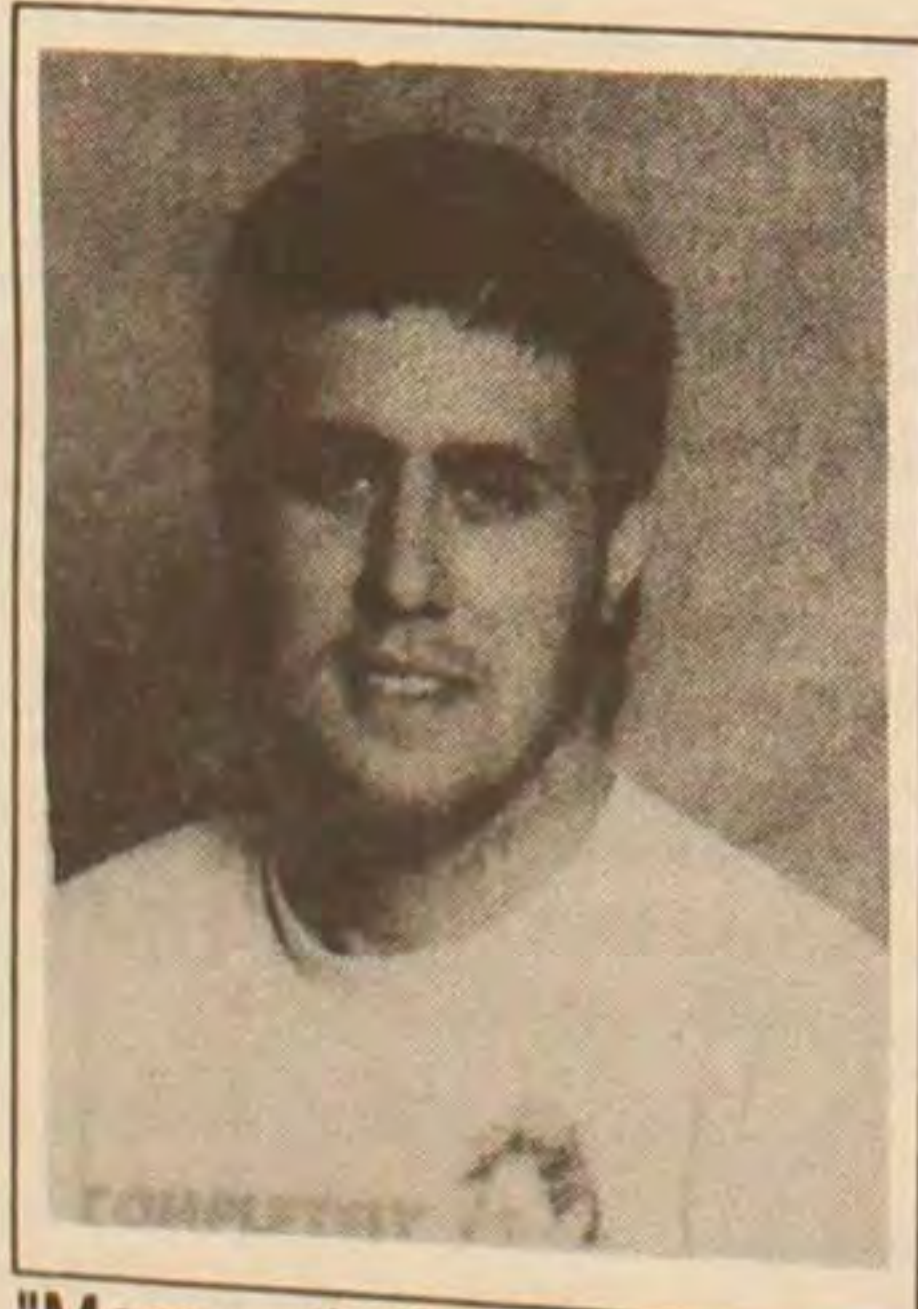


## What can students do to improve school spirit?



"Better publicity."

Christy Meiers, fr.



"More activities like bowling on Fri. and Sat. nights."

Chuck Huen, jr.



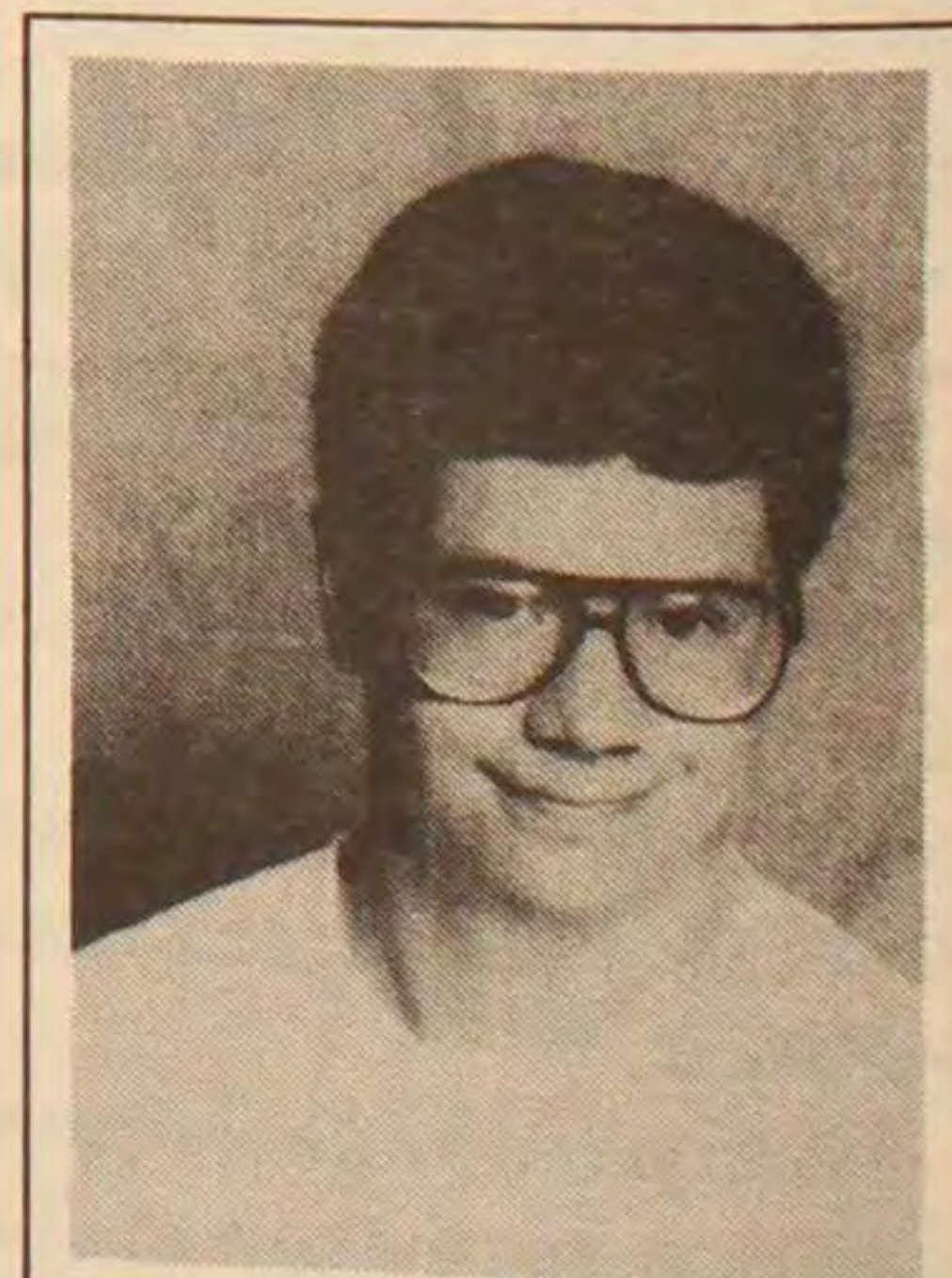
"Start a pep club to get students more involved."

Eric Wiechman, fr.



"Have more pep rallies to get people involved."

LyChelle Gibbs, fr.



"Better attendance from students."

Andy Ullom, fr.



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# POWER vs. Poverty

## Credit card abuse brings college students nightmares

Becky Rausch  
Spectator Staff

"Charge it!" Uh-oh. Famous last words for poverty-stricken college students. Do we really need that shiny new Visa or Mastercard, or are we jumping into the over-rated credit game?

Credit cards are enticing in more ways than one. Some people see credit cards as the gateway to adulthood—a rite of passage. Others, however, have a more practical outlook. They see them as a convenient way to begin the establishment of their own credit record.

For whatever reason, your pursuit of a credit card should be evaluated in depth before making any commitments. Some questions found in various pamphlets to ask yourself are: Am I an impulsive

buyer? Can I budget my money well? What realistic restrictions should I place on myself? What if I lose my credit card in a river and someone in Oklahoma charges \$600 worth of fake fingernails and hair dye in my name?

If you make the decision to own that small but significant piece of plastic, there are a few general, but less-than-well-known guidelines to follow.

To avoid credit nightmare, Jacque Jones of Consumer Credit Counseling gives these tips: Always try to pay more than your minimum required payment. Never charge more than you can pay off in two months, three months at the most. Never charge more than you've allotted for in your budget. Never give your account number to friends or to individuals over the phone.

Keep all of your receipts and make sure they coincide with your monthly statements. If your bill is incorrect, or your card is lost or stolen, call your credit card company immediately.

Remember, future employers, loan officers, and landlords will carefully review your past credit endeavors when they consider your monetary reliability.

Managing money is no easy task, especially for college students. Credit is part of adulthood, and a bad start could affect finances for the remainder of your adult life.

If you find that you are developing or have developed a bit of credit trouble, don't be afraid to turn to someone more experienced. Call Consumer Counseling in Salina or Hutchinson. Their services are free, confidential and effective. Happy shopping!

# Sinbad creates another blockbuster in "Houseguest"

So far, everything that Sinbad has done has turned out a winner. "Houseguest" is no exception.

This film is a delightful romp through the trials of a poor dreamer, played by Sinbad, who learns to grow up after staying with a semi-dysfunctional upper-middle class white family. His transformation from immaturity occurs when, fleeing loan sharks, he passes himself off as the long lost friend of a total stranger. He weasels his way through the encounter and has everyone believing that he is a famous dentist. During this constant gamble to stay "in character" he



By Jim Garrison

manages to solve everyone's problems and save the day.

However, the loan shark is still after him. Finally after a lot of wheeling, dealing and plenty of Sinbad-esque humor, everyone is happy and the lights come up to a pleased audience.

The story itself is an obvious vehicle for Sinbad. If it didn't have any plot in it, other than the fact that he moved in, then it still would have kept people laughing. The plot is as syrupy as a sit-com, although it manages to pull off a better and semi-believable ending. The film just sings "Sinbad!"

This isn't a bad thing though. Sinbad has a special style all his own. He does a good job of playing the same type of character that he created in his stand-up comedy routines. The beginning third of the movie reflects this, showing him at his best, yet having nothing to do with the plot of the film. The

film is suited to his talents.

Phil Hartman, known for his roles on Saturday Night Live, plays the uptight father whose home Sinbad invades. The various quirks of a semi-dysfunctional family are expressed and spot-

lighted well enough to make you think, and the rest of the cast holds up its end of the comedy.

This is a movie I'm glad I saw, but I'm glad I didn't pay the full price for.

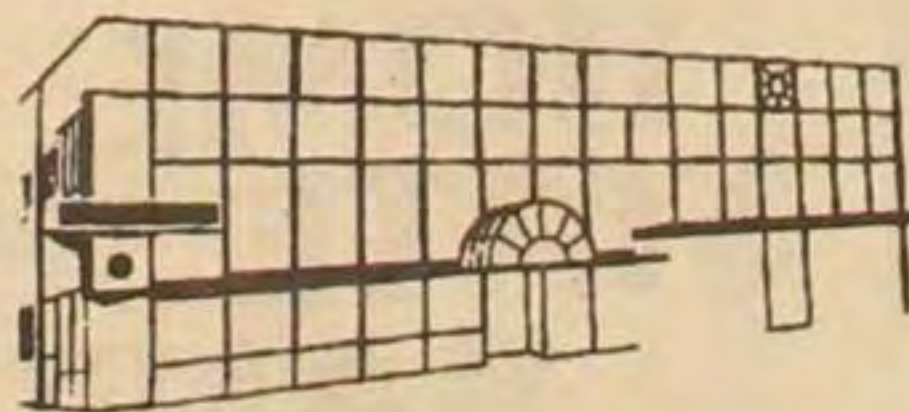
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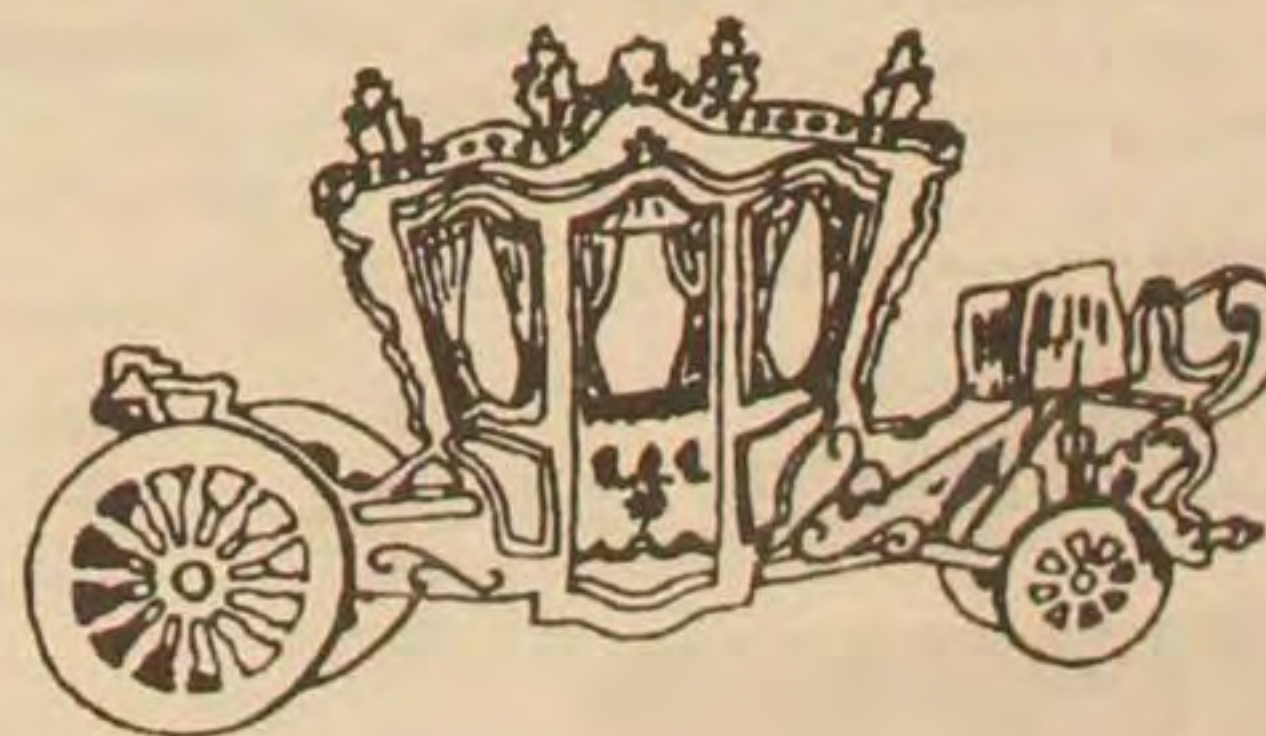
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Matt Richardson (44), watches as Jonathan Coachman goes up for two Wednesday night against Southwestern. The Bulldogs won the game 88-86. The team travels to Colorado Springs tomorrow for a game against Colorado College.

## Dogs on a roll, win five in a row

By Jonathan Coachman  
Spectator Staff

It's time to head west to the Rocky Mountains! The red-hot McPherson College men's basketball team is heading to the cold country as they travel to Colorado Springs to take on Colorado College tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The team enters the contest on a serious roll. Wednesday night marked the Dogs fifth victory in a row as they knocked off Southwestern, 88-86. The Bulldogs set a school record by making 15 three-pointers. Brandon Rice had seven threes on his way to 24 points while Matt Richardson added six threes as he also had 24 points. The victory improved the team's overall record to 11-11 and 6-7 in the KCAC.

The Bulldogs posted another big victory on Monday night beating Tabor 74-70. Tabor came into the game tied for second place with a record of 8-3, only one game behind KCAC leader Ottawa. The cagers, however, put four players in double figures led by Brandon Rice with 17 points. Rice also had

the outstanding play of the night when he stole the ball and raced down court for a powerful two-handed dunk. Chris Owens added 16 points, including four three pointers, and Jerrod Miller and Jonathan Coachman added 14 points apiece.

"We're starting to come together as a team and play really well," Coach Roger Trimmell said. "I stated at the beginning of the season that it may take a little while for us to get things going, and now it is starting to happen."

The Bulldogs started their streak with a 104-65 victory Jan. 30 at home against St. Mary's of Leavenworth College. All but one of the Bulldogs broke into the scoring column led by Doug Delay with 14 points. Anthony Minor had a career high with 13 points and Brandon Rice also added 13.

Two days later the men traveled to Kansas Wesleyan and beat the Coyotes rather easily, 99-72. Coachman led the Bulldogs with 30 points, Brandon Rice added 19, and Chris Owens had 18.

"We've started to change our game plan and put in some new plays," Coach Trimmell said. "This game against KWU was the game where the entire five really started to understand what we were trying to do."

Last Saturday night brought a trip to Bethel to play a team who earlier in the season overcame a 20-point deficit at the SportCenter to defeat the Bulldogs. Consistency was the name of this game as the men led from start to finish in a 80-72 victory. Trimmell said this game was a total team effort.

"Now that our new players are beginning to mature, we are getting major contributions from more than just a couple of people," he said. "Because of this fact we are going to be a tough team to beat coming down the stretch."

After this weekend the Bulldogs have just three games left, including trips to Friends and Bethany. The cagers final home game will be Feb. 21 against the Sterling College Warriors at the SportCenter.

## American pastime set to begin, or is it?

Two monumental things happened on Aug. 12, 1994. Most importantly I turned 21 years of age, and secondly Major League Baseball decided to go on strike. Almost six months later I'm still 21 and baseball is still on strike.

There has been debate after debate over the issues of this strike and why these rich men cannot come to an agreement. Well my column this time is not going to deal with any of that which baseball had, but that which it is lacking.

■ Just over a week ago Utah Jazz point guard John Stockton established himself as one of the greatest point guards in NBA history when he broke Magic Johnson's career assist record. When asked how he felt about the award and being held in such high regard, Stockton humbly said that he was just happy to still be playing. Playing basketball to him is a privilege and not a right, which is why he plays with such great intensity and enthusiasm at a high level every night.

### Coach's Corner



Jonathan Coachman

Sports Editor

■ Three weeks ago I traveled to Stillwater, Okla., to watch the big Monday matchup between Oklahoma State and Oklahoma. The entire student section for the Cowboys was filled to capacity two hours before the game as all students were joining the cheerleaders and band in several cheers. The enthusiasm in that arena was incredible. Those people felt fortunate to be there and witness a great basketball game and didn't care who knew it.

■ Two weeks ago I refereed several games in the Junior Bullpups basketball tournament which included 50 different teams from across the state at the fourth, fifth,

sixth, and seventh grade level. It made me remember when I played at that level and how the world stopped with every two points that I made. I also remembered how each game, no matter who it was against, was the most important game in the world that day. Regardless of whether I won or lost, I was always excited to play, because I knew that I enjoyed it, and I also knew that there were people in the stands who enjoyed watching me play, too.

■ John Daly is one of the more controversial figures on the PGA golf tour. He's had a bout with alcoholism and his temper has often gotten the best of him. Last fall, after having a verbal altercation with a fan, he decided to take some time off. In the first tournament of 1995 Daly came back with a new attitude and outlook on life.

Daly will admit that before, when he was mathematically out of a golf tournament, he would simply quit. However when he made his comeback last month,

he had transformed his entire attitude. He told the press that he realized that fans were paying good money to come see him play golf. Regardless of whether or not he had a chance to win, he must play to the best of his ability because these fans appreciated his ability to play golf and deserved for him to give his best effort.

■ For those of you who are sick of this baseball strike, so am I. When the president of the United States has nothing better to do than to try and help these grown men settle a debate, it is getting ridiculous.

Regardless of whether or not they settle this thing, the bottom line is that major league baseball has a lot more changing to do than simply in the board room. These men have the ability to play a game that we all love. But when it is played with no enthusiasm and flare and excitement most of us would rather they stay on strike.

Maybe baseball will realize this and change its ways in a hurry.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Coachman receives honors

Senior Jonathan Coachman was recently named the KCAC and National NAIA player of the week. The honors were for games against St. Mary's, KWU, and Bethel. Coachman set the all-time McPherson College record for most career points scored, rebounds, and assists against Bethel. He was honored in a presentation before the game against Tabor Monday night.

#### Students to tour with basketball league

McPherson College students Fernando Alaniz and Orlando Alfara have been selected to participate in the Mexican-American Basketball League which is based in Des Moines, Iowa. Both men will be traveling the Midwest and the Southwest for tournaments.

#### Intramural hoops continues

Intramural five-on-five basketball will begin this Sunday.

Three-on-three basketball concluded at the end of January with the "Regulators" emerging the champions. The team included Joe Marable, Wallace Moore, Hubert Freeman, Brian Ward and Willie Williams. Williams, a freshman, has been a part of every intramural championship this year. Marable was voted the MVP of three-on-three.

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# Women cagers look to finish out season with success

By Jenny Buschbom  
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs will be in action this evening in a solo tilt when York College out of Nebraska comes to the Sport Center. Tip off time is set for 7:30.

The women have been busy in the last month, a month that saw them win two ballgames and at times play very well. One of their better performances came earlier this week when the Tabor Bluejays came calling.

A nice crowd was on hand to watch the Lady Bluejays hold off a late rally by the Lady Bulldogs and win 66-53 Monday night. Although they came up short on the scoreboard, Coach Marlys Gwaltney was pleased with her team's performance.

"We played a good, fundamental game taking care of the ball and blocking out," Gwaltney said. "It was an exciting game to watch, and I was very pleased with the team's effort."

Gwaltney also still sees areas where she would like her team to improve.

"Overall, we need to become more aggressive and physical, especially on the inside," Gwaltney said. "Better ball movement will also help the offense to be more productive."

The Lady Bulldogs have been entertaining a full schedule during the

past few weeks. Capping off the month of January were two wins over Kansas Newman and St. Mary's of Leavenworth.

The team withstood a furious rally to beat Newman, 77-73. The game featured three technical fouls on Gwaltney, resulting in the emergence of "head coach" Matt Richardson from the stands to help the women bring it home. Gwaltney said she was very proud of her team after the win.

"The girls came together very well as a team and showed a more intense style of play, with better communication," Gwaltney said.

The lady cagers had good scoring balance that night as well. The women had five players in double figures, led by Amy Ross with 15, Jenni Buschbom, Tiffany Hall and Andrea Bess with 13 apiece, and Jen Williams added 12.

The girls also posted a 64-53 victory over St. Mary's. Gwaltney credits both victories to the play in the first half of the games.

"The team came out strong and set the tone early, committing only 14 turnovers in both first halves combined," Gwaltney said.

The Lady Bulldogs continue conference play next week as they face Friends on Feb. 15 and Bethany on the Feb. 18.



Photo By Jon Henrickson

Jenni Buschbom, soph., plays tough defense against the Ottawa Braves, while Tiffany Hall, jr., looks to give her assistance. Their defense was not enough as the Bulldogs fell to the Braves.

# Track team looking for improvement from old and new

By Chris Owens  
Spectator Staff

## Runners gear up for a good season and set sights on nationals

The unseasonably warm weather is giving the McPherson College track team valuable preseason practice time.

Last year, the men's team finished fourth in the conference while the women's team turned in a fifth place performance. Both teams have lost valuable seniors, but Coach Deb Moore is confident in the returnees and has high hopes for the freshman class.

"We have a lot of fine athletes in that freshman class," Moore re-

marked. "I look for them to help us a lot."

The indoor track teams ran three weeks ago at Fort Hays State where Coach Moore was pleased with both the men's and women's performance.

"With a little more practice and fine tuning both teams will be extremely competitive," Moore said. "We just have to get more meets as a team under our belt."

The men's team will rely heavily on returnees off of last year's squad, including senior Joe Marable, and sophomore sprinters Hubert Freeman and Patrick Crowdis. Freshman hurdler Willie Williams and high jumper Rick Coleman should impact the team as well.

"I'm looking forward to the season for a couple of reasons," Freeman said. "First because we have a lot of young talent, but also because our 4x100M relay team has a good chance to qualify for nationals."

On the women's side, returnees Teria Taylor and Ali Stufflebean will be greatly depended upon in the short distances. Highly-touted junior college transfer Gentry Swartz and freshman Kelly Box will run in the long distance events.

Coach Moore has also been impressed with freshman runners LyChelle Gibbs and Zuzana Strmenova and expects good things from each of them.

The discus and shot-put will be handled by Becky Rausch, another Lady Bulldog that Moore believes will augment the team.

"I'm very excited and optimistic

about our team this year," says Rausch. "If we can combine the new people with the experienced ones, we could have a very good season."

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Left to right: Michael P. Schneider, jr., Kande Krien, sr., Thomas Suiter, sr., Melissa Martens, soph., J.D. Bowman, soph., Tammy Kerkove, sr., Becky Rausch, soph., Chris Amundson, fr.

## New resident director and two resident assistants hired

By Melissa Martens  
Staff Writer

McPherson College filled three residence life positions during interterm.

Chris Owens, sr. is the new resident hall director in Fahnestock Hall. He filled the vacancy left when Mysti Rusk-Clinage resigned during the winter break.

Cullen Crosswithe, jr., took over Owen's previous position as a resident assistant in Metzler Hall. Mitch Maestas, jr., filled a resident assistant position in Fahnestock after Erik Harmon, sr., resigned from the position during the winter break.

Since the RHA position needed to be filled immediately, there was no time to advertise.

Kathryn Whitacre looked into the current staff for possibilities. The position of RHA requires that the person be a student.

Owens is very pleased with his new job.

"I like it. It is a nice and quiet place. I enjoy being there and being around the people," Owens said.

The residents of Fanny also seemed pleased with the staff changes in their dorm.

Jim Garrison, soph., said that Owens, "has a lot to learn about Fanny." "Chris is the best thing to happen to Fanny in many years," Jerry Bowen, jr., said.

Maestas is also pleased with his new job. He said that he expected it to be different from the Metzler environment and is "glad for the opportunity to experience Fanny."

Gilbert Moore, jr., a current RA in Fanny also commented on the staff changes. "I think the changes are good," said Moore. "The transition was smooth and well received."

The staff changes in Metzler were received with equal enthusiasm.

"I'm glad Cullen applied. He's a good RA," Harold Chaney, Metzler RD, said.

Cullen was an RA in Metzler last year; he applied and was hired for the '94-'95 year, but decided not to return in the fall. When he came back in January, he applied for the open position because his "previous experience was a good one." He said that there are changes from last year, but he likes the job. "The residence life department is more efficient," Crosswithe said.

## Honor roll announced

The office of the vice president for academic services has released the names of students earning academic honors for the fall 1994 semester.

Students enrolled for at least 12 hours credit and earning a grade point average of 3.55 on a 4.0 scale are named to the Honor Roll. Students earning a GPA between 3.25 and 3.54 receive Honorable Mention.

Students receiving academic recognition by classification were:

### Seniors

*Honor Roll:* Catherine C. Blache, Anita Boesker, Amy Dee Call, Karen S. DeCou, Ana Della Costa, Heidi A. Stone Dodson, Christine M. Hauschildt, Lucinda J. Hollingsworth, Brian Holloway, Heather Hughbanks, Anita L. Huber, Tammy L. Kerkove, Rhonda E. Koehn, Lisa Sumner Lacock, Lisa A. Lloyd, Michelle E. Lohrentz, Bruce L. Lolling, Rahila Miller, Susan M. Newton, Sherry K. Pruter, Meyahuel Ramirez, Benny Dean Rice, Maria Belen Saenz, Erika Janelle Saffer, Michelle Saffer, Julie L. Schultz, Holly A. Sechler, Terrence D. Stucky, Patricia Triana, Patricia J. Unruh, Shawna L. Warren, Tammie Wilson.

*Honorable Mention:* Kande Krien, Heidi J. Reichenborn, Thomas P. Suiter

### Juniors

*Honor Roll:* Jennifer A. Ball, Jessica A. Boothe, Michael A. Bretz, Donna Louise Burns, Kristen R. Cossaart, Monica E. Embers, Amy M. Hollinger, Beverly J. Johnson, Michael T. Moorman, Janet L. Mulch, Pascal Reber, Wesley Sechler, Kelly R. Thaxton.

*Honorable Mention:* Jennifer E. Faus, Lora J. Pyle, Peter D. Woyen.

### Sophomores

*Honor Roll:* Jeffrey A. Avery, Mark L. Boyer, Jennifer L. Buschbom, Stacey Lynn Hoover, Kerrilee E. Kobbeman, Christopher L. Kunz, Mollie J. LaPrad, David J. Lopez, Amy J. Luebbers, Anthony Paul Minor, Jessica L. Miller, Yolonda S. Mowrey, Donna J. Richey, Jennifer A. Stover, Zuzana Strmenova, Valissa DeWild Taggart, Chasity D. Vaughn, Jennifer R. Williams.

*Honorable Mention:* Donita J. Bartlett, Julie A. Cromwell, Patrick L. Crowdis, Jason J. Long, Geraldine Qusted, Becki L. Regier, Amber D. Switzer.

### Freshmen

*Honor Roll:* Tim Armbruster, Jayme M. Brown, Gregory C. Donkle, Alison Marie Flory, Timothy M. Garner, Amy S. Gaumer, Joshua L. Hofflinger, Valerie Huber, Amy D. Norsworthy, Amy H. Ross, Amber R. Spillum, Erik H. Vogel, Ryan Wenzel.

*Honorable Mention:* Edward A. Acosta, Christopher Amundson, Selena Askew, Leann M. Beaton, Joseph A. House, Laura M. Luett, Nathan S. Reinhold, Sarah Ann Wagoner.

### Specials

Renate Elke Hirning, Sandra Garcia Manas, Douglas W. Wine.

## KSBE identifies problems in teacher education

by Christine Hauschildt  
Editorial Editor

The 15-member team representing the Kansas State Board of Education that visited McPherson College late last fall identified four major categories of standards that the teacher education program is not adequately meeting. The team reported its findings in its On-Site Evaluation Report, which the college received at the end of last semester.

Although the On-Site Evaluation Report names the major problems found by the team during its visit, the college will not find out which programs are fully accredited and which are provisionally accredited until Feb. 24.

The evaluation report assessed standards that were and were not met, and weaknesses of the college's education program.

The KSBE felt that curriculum changes and decisions at the college need input from the teacher education program.

At McPherson College, curriculum changes are considered and approved by Educational Policies Committee. However, no member of the education department sits on EPC. The KSBE felt the teacher education program needed a say in the changes. This finding came up

numerous times throughout the report.

"This [standard] can be met. We're working on finding a solution for this," said Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, chair of the education department.

Next, the KSBE cited a lack of curriculum library. The team found a lack of materials—in particular, textbooks—for teacher education students to use and to see when teaching. In particular, textbooks.

Accessibility of facilities on campus was another major standard cited. The KSBE said many facilities were unsafe, including Harnly Hall.

Last, the team believed that secondary education students were not getting enough field experience. Currently, secondary education students can do their practicum observations in the fall of their sophomore year and then not set foot into a classroom again until spring of their senior year.

"Yes, this is just not enough experience," Kimbrell said. "Most departments have no problem with this at all. We are very conscious of this. However, we are not out to put more hours and cost onto secondary education majors."

A possible solution may be to require secondary education students to put more observation time in (up to 40 additional hours). However,

this wouldn't be in a formal setting. The students would use their own time and log observations in journal form.

"The departments are all willing to help in the process," Kimbrell said. "The additional hours of observation would be a non-credit situation so students won't pay an overload."

This will not affect elementary education majors because the KSBE believed they have met the standards.

During the second week of January, the vice presidents and education faculty met with Dr. Phil Bennett, director of teacher education for the KSBE. Dr. Bennett helped to interpret each standard in the report.

The evaluation cited standards and gave rationales for the decisions of the KSBE. However, the KSBE didn't give any recommendations on standards which were not met or are weak.

"Some standards they [the KSBE team] cited were ambiguous and therefore hard to address or hard to interpret," Kimbrell said.

The college has written a rejoinder which addresses the standards that the college believed were misfindings. The college also addressed standards they agreed with,

but could see things that could be changed to make improvements.

"We're aware of the problems and we are, at this point, willing to work to fix them," Kimbrell said. Dr. Kim Stanley, English, wrote the rejoinder, and department chairs wrote responses for certain areas cited.

The education department is disputing two of the problems identified by the committee.

The KSBE said the goals of the teacher education department were too broad.

"These goals, though, are based on a body of knowledge," Kimbrell said. The KSBE also said that the teacher education department had inadequate written evaluations of the education program.

"Our evaluation procedures are probably the best," Kimbrell said.

The college has a chance for appeal if it doesn't agree with the final decisions of the KSBE. "Everything's out of our hands until Feb. 24," Kimbrell said.

Next fall a report will be written stating that McPherson is taking steps to address the standards.

"What is being required in accreditation in the 1990s and the proof colleges must show of doing our jobs is insurmountable. It is never finished," Kimbrell said.