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Basking in the sun



photo by Jon Henrikson

Becky Dilley, fresh., does some homework and enjoys the spring-like weather at the same time.

Council elections to be held

By Melissa Martens
Staff Writer

The entire student body will have the opportunity in March to decide who it wants as campus leaders, decision makers, and representatives. It's time for Student Council elections. Every spring the student body elects new officers and representatives for the upcoming academic year.

Petitions for the executive positions were made available on Feb. 20, and are due Mar. 3, 1995. Elections for these positions will be March 13 after convocation.

Other council member petitions will be available on Feb. 27, after convo. in Friendship Hall, and are due March 13; elections for these positions will be March 27 after convo. All petitions are to be obtained by and turned in to Patrick Crowdis.

The Student Council Constitution and By-Laws sets forth the guidelines for these elections.

Four executive positions are available within the Student Council: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer; these are the

only paid positions. Every position carries with it a one year term.

The president of Student Council presides at all meetings of the student body and Student Council, and acts as the official representative of the student body, presenting all recommendations and proposals of the Student Council to the appropriate bodies.

The vice president performs the duties of the president in case of the president's absence. The vice president also serves as a student coordinator of Homecoming activities, and serves on the Student Activity Board.

The treasurer acts as the chairperson of the board of publications, pays all bills, records all financial transactions of the Student Council, conducts a semester audit of the Spectator, the Quadrangle, the Student Council, and all other student council-related organizations.

The secretary keeps a record of the attendance and business of Student Council meetings, handles all Student Council correspondence, and

serves as chairperson of the Election Committee.

Candidates for any office must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 and be a student body member. One representative is elected from each class; the incoming freshman class, off-campus students, and residents of the College Courts will choose their representatives in the fall of '95.

Each dorm has a representative, and there are eight representatives at large. Certain members of faculty and staff also sit on the board.

To be nominated, class representatives must fill out a petition which entails obtaining 15-20 signatures of members of the student body.

Resident district representatives are nominated with a petition bearing 5 to 15 signatures. A student can only sign one petition. After the petitioning process, elections are held.

"The election process is starting off pretty slow, but I expect it to pick up as more people become informed and interested," said Patrick Crowdis, soph., Student Council secretary.

Steering Committee identifies strengths and concerns

By Sue Werner
News Editor

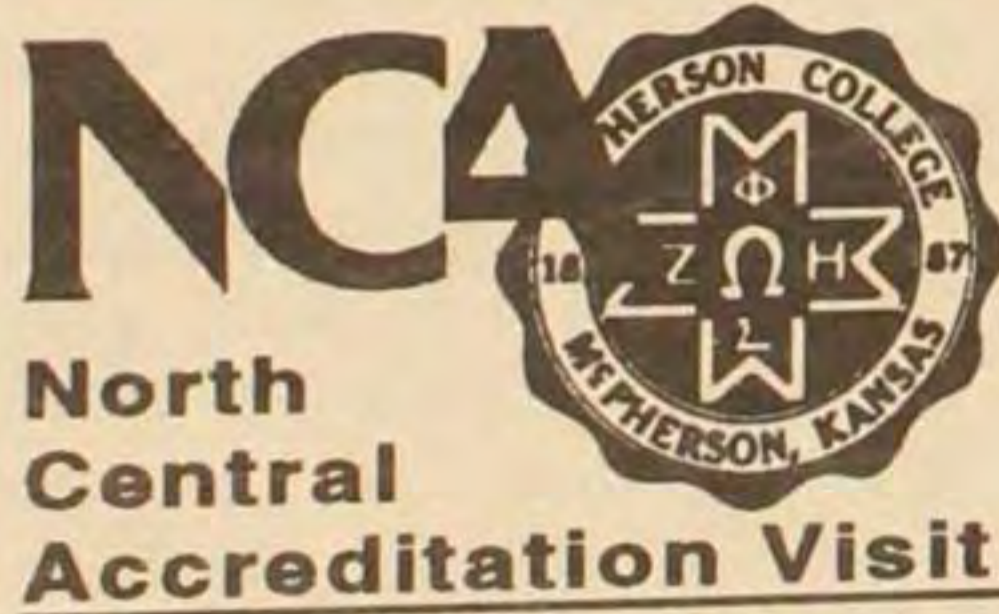
After completing its self study, the North Central Steering Committee believes that a 10-year accreditation from the North Central Association would be reasonable. Ten years is longest accreditation granted by North Central. It was accredited for five years in 1989.

A four-member committee representing the North Central Association will conduct a site visit March 13-15 to assess whether or not McPherson College is meeting the criteria necessary to remain a member of the association.

Among the major strengths that the Steering Committee identified in its report is the college's solid financial status.

"The college enjoys exceptional financial management," reads the report. It is debt-free; its operating budget has been balanced 15 consecutive years despite conservative policies on the use of unrestricted wills and bequests and on the transfer of funds; and the market value of

1995 Self-Study



North Central Accreditation Visit

its endowment has grown by nearly one-third in the past five years, from \$10.8 to \$15 million," reads the report.

"One of our major strengths is an administration that has been very careful to maintain a solid financial basis. We have an endowment that is strong and growing," said Dr. Lee Lengel, history, chair of the Steering Committee.

The report also points to the qualified administration, faculty and staff as one of the college's strengths, stating, "The administration, faculty, and staff of McPherson are competent, qualified, caring, dedicated individuals, committed to the college's mission and purposes and

to providing personal attention to students."

"We have a rapidly improving and very effective faculty," Lengel said.

Another major strength pointed out in the report is the college's strong standing with the Church of the Brethren. The study states: "Current administrators have continuously enhanced the college's reputation with its Brethren constituents and helped focus the institution's mission."

One of the major concerns identified in the self-study is the confusion that faculty have expressed about the decision-making processes of the college. "The confusion appears to stem from the absence of written descriptions of such procedures, including ways that constituent groups may participate, and to communicate these processes clearly," the report says.

Another major concern is the college's enrollment. The study states: "The college needs to im-

prove its enrollment situation without abandoning its mission as a residential, church-related liberal arts college by attracting more first-time freshmen. In particular, it needs to identify methods to convert students who have applied and been accepted to students who are enrolled."

"We certainly have worked diligently at increasing enrollment and have not been successful. That is certainly a concern," said Prof. Al Dutrow, agriculture, a Steering Committee member.

The study also points to faculty concerns about tenure and promotion policies:

"Although the faculty handbook contains sections describing the college's policies on tenure and promotion, some faculty perceive that these descriptions are vague and/or inconsistently applied. The college needs to review these policies carefully and, depending upon the findings, revise the handbook or reinterpret the policies to faculty."

The accreditation team will also be evaluating the faculty's recently plan for assessing academic achievement that North Central is requiring of all its members.

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

This is the first year that members of the North Central Association have been required to present an assessment plan. It will, however, become a regular part of comprehensive evaluations.

Some other strengths identified in institutional self-study report include the diversity of the student body, its membership in ACCK, its well-maintained campus, and its low student-faculty ratio.

Other concerns named in the report include low salaries, lack of ethnic role models, the need for additional unrestricted gift income, and the need to enhance accessibility to educational facilities.

EDITORIAL

Student Council needs committed leadership

LEADERS ON CAMPUS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. It is election time. Petitions for executive seats on Student Council are due Friday, March 3. The petitions for the other seats are due March 13. It is important that candidates turn in these petitions promptly.

Before even turning in a petition, students considering Student Council must realize the commitment. Representing the student body is a job. Student Council is not a club, so just being a member is not enough. Every member must remain active throughout the year for Student Council to be successful.

This year's council is a prime example of what happens when its members occasionally participate. A quorum was not present at the last Stuco meeting on Feb. 19. Consequently, Stuco was unable to allocate funds to Today's Educators for one of their future events. All business had to be put off until this coming Sunday because members failed to attend the weekly meeting. This was not the first time this year business has been postponed due to irresponsibility.

Stuco needs people who will be loyal to their commitment and assume the role of leader. It is our obligation as voters to choose people who will fulfill this commitment. The student body needs to take this year's election seriously. Investigate the candidates by attending the campaign events and reading the pre-election issue of the Spectator. Listen to the candidates' speeches on Monday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m., prior to the election. Finally, use your voting right and participate in the constitutionally-organized Stuco elections on March 13 and March 27.

Next year's Student Council starts now. Stuco needs leaders who are not just interested in being elected but who are actually willing to assume responsibility. Vote for those who are committed to McPherson College on March 13.

Michael P. Schneider for the Spectator Staff

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Retrogression for real progression

Now—where was I? Oh yes: progress. What is it? Have we made any? Are we better off than our grandparents or Thomas Jefferson's contemporaries or those who heard Aristotle lecture as he wandered through the grounds of the Lyceum in ancient Athens?

We want to believe that our lives are improving, and anyone who can convince us that s/he has progress to sell will always find a ready market. Even the hint of stagnant progress is a powerful tool.

Ronald Reagan won a landslide presidential victory in 1980 by convincing America that we were not better off than we had been four years earlier when his opponent first took office. Reagan promised to move us forward—into the 1950s. I think he succeeded. So, are we better off? Well, yes and no.

I discount out of hand most of the so-called evidence of our betterment. Rapid transportation gives us plenty of time to contemplate traffic jams and airport lobbies. Computerization allows more and more people to spend vast amounts of time processing an astounding quantity of information about which we understand less and less. Genetic engineering has finally given us the potential to create Frankenstein's monster. (Is his name AIDS?)

Have we done anything really

The Token Geezer



Jim Huskins

Spectator Staff

progressive? Two things stand out in my mind as having been genuine improvements in the human condition: antibiotics and refrigeration.

Many of the killing and crippling plagues that dogged us for centuries were brought to bay in a decade by antibiotics. Keep in mind that these drugs were not generally available until the 1950s. Their problem is that they worked too well. We were too happy to over-use them, and now many strains of common diseases are showing frightening immunity with no "miracle drugs" on the horizon.

Refrigeration, too, was too good for our own good. It was wonderful to be able to preserve food in a near-fresh state year round and have a cold glass of milk whenever we wanted, so we didn't bother to ask questions about the side effects. Now a gaping hole in the ozone threatens to make skin cancer and blindness as common as the cold, and some are even concerned that artificially cooled environments

may give us all crippling arthritis.

Have we done nothing right? I can give one unqualified affirmation to progress: we make the best bicycles the world has ever known. That's no trivial accomplishment. A good bicycle is transportation and sporting equipment and exercise machine, but bicycling transcends mere function. Bike travel makes environmental and economic sense that no other mode—save walking—can even approach, and today's bicycle technology, while tending toward gimmickry, can be elegant: frame designs and materials to suit every size, taste, and function; bearings totally sealed against the elements; gears that click into place with no fuss; pedals as easy to use as step-in ski bindings; extreme light-weight or extreme load-carrying capacity.

The cost of owning a car is currently estimated at 100 times that of owning and using a bicycle for transportation, so a good bike is the only item of sports equipment that will, if used, pay for itself and make a profit over time.

My bicycle may not have the flash of mag-lev trains or a space station or magnetic resonance imaging, but to me it represents technology at its finest. The only drawback I can find is that it tends to make me go slower and stay closer to home. I suspect Aristotle might call that progress.

Racism still exists in America today

By Christine Hauschildt
Editorial Editor

As I sat in my living room watching the PBS series, "Eyes on the Prize," I was shocked and angered by the scenes on my TV. Black children, as they entered the first desegregated schools in the South, were harrassed, yelled at, and even physically attacked by angry, bigoted whites. Whites felt violated by these children coming into their all-white schools. "It would be different if it were a Chinese person or a Spanish person coming into our schools," a white teenage girl said, "but Negroes, well, they're just so different from us."

I sat in awe as I listened to Martin Luther King, Jr., deliver his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. A prominent

figure in the civil rights movement, King preached non-violence, even though across America, blacks were beaten and killed because they were standing up for their rights as Americans.

Turn on your television today and you'll see a growing number of hate groups on the rise. Ever heard of the Skinheads? Skinheads are gaining momentum with young white males and their targets of violence are usually blacks. The Ku Klux Klan, it is reported, is now appearing on a number of talk shows, spewing their racial hatred to the mass audience, still dressed in their ridiculous robes.

Why haven't things changed? Why is it that the mortality rate for young black males is so high? Why is there still so much racism?

For one thing, we aren't educat-

ing children about the history of minority people in this country. If we just took the time to do this, the effects would be phenomenal.

Another thing, take a look at what you see on TV. Are blacks portrayed in a positive light? What kinds of professions are represented by blacks? How is news handled about blacks? What kinds of shows are available to the public about African-Americans?

When we begin to assess these issues and begin to deal with the fact that racism has not gone away, it is just taking on other forms, we will begin to see a decline in deaths of young black males. We will see the positive effects on our children. Denying people their rights to know who and what they are is cruel and unacceptable.

Raccoon Biker Bandits

by Darren Hendricks



D-Day

by Darren Hendricks



Just say no to the Seventies

The Seventies are coming back, and I want it stopped right this instant. I'm not going to stand by and let it happen again.

The fashion industry has been trying for years to get the Seventies to come back to life. There are probably warehouses full of platform shoes that people in Paris are trying to move, with no luck. So seeing models nearly break their ankles in the crazy things isn't a new occurrence. They try to bring back Naugahyde every so many years, and the house that my parents just bought still has wood paneling.

Now the Seventies Preservation Society and their wacky friends have heated the battle. They have enlisted the aid of Hollyweird and begun a harmful campaign.

It's true. Look at the latest films to come out. "Wayne's World 2" features the dreaded YMCA song. "The Brady Bunch"...well, that's all I need to say. John Travolta is making movies again. But the kicker was on the tube. The Monday Night Movie, usually pretty lousy with its "based on a true story or two"

My Thoughts Exactly



Jim Garrison
Spectator Staff

flair, recently showed—I shudder to say it—a disaster film.

Disaster films rocked the Seventies with their stories of bad chicken and stewardesses who had to land planes in hurricanes. The Airport series, the Airplane series, the disaster at such and such feet, everywhere you looked, there was another jet crashing.

The apocalypse is upon us. If we revert back to the Seventies, somebody just shoot me now. I don't want to have to go through it again. Weren't we traumatized enough?

I have this theory about the Seventies. See, the Seventies was penance for the fun we, as a universe,

had during the Sixties. The free love and plentiful drugs, the incense and peppermints, finally got to us and caused the great hangover of the galaxy. This monster hangover lasted about nine to eleven years. It wasn't our fault. Afros, Huggy Bear, "Starsky and Hutch"—all of that stuff was because we were sick, man!

If we willingly let these preservationists take us back to that time again, we will have no excuse. We must stop this insanity before it catches on. At least stop it before Disco comes back. The most insane thing to ever come out of the Seventies, except for pet rocks, chia pets, the clapper and hair you could keep your keys in, had to be Disco. Who the heck thought this stuff up? Were they high when they did it? What the heck is "Boogie-oggie-oggie" anyway?

Let's just stop now and decide if we really want to endanger a species like the Nauga to make more places for lounge lizards and couches for Brady homes.

CAMPUS FORUM

Ideas change with experiences

Editor's Note: Emilita Huston, jr., a former Spectator feature editor, is studying in Quito, Ecuador, during the 1994-95 academic year. The Spec received the following letter at the end of the first semester.

I came to Ecuador with little knowledge of the country or people. Not wanting to be disappointed, I tried to expect nothing. I packed a few clothes, some stereotypes and got on a plane. Now, after three and a half months here, I am amazed by my response to this place. The best way to analyze my experience is through my stereotypes.

My biggest stereotype—and the one everybody warned me of—is that every man here is a sexist pig. However, I find it much like the U.S.—some are worse than others.

One thing is that I like being treated like a lady a lot (not all) of the time. My brother opens the car door for me, holds it while I get in, and then shuts it. When I ride the bus, the men offer me or other women the empty seats. One day I told a man to take the seat, he did a double take, chalked me up as a crazy gringo, and then offered it to another woman.

Another stereotype I had of Ecuador was that it was a Second World country, with many old-fashioned American laws. Nope. It didn't take more than our first ride from the airport to the hotel to figure out traffic laws were nonexistent.

About the second week here we went out to see the site of the university. (Although we're having classes there, it's still not

finished.) It blew my mind to see boys—they looked to be nine or ten—working a man's job. Ecuador does have child labor laws, but when your family needs the money, what do you do?

Another stereotype I had was that I would be outside the sphere of American influence. What was I thinking? I have Oreo cookies, Marlboro cigarettes, and MTV, although I have yet to see an American beer.

I figured everybody would only speak Spanish. In my family, eight children, their spouses, and most of their children all speak at least some English. Only my mother, the maid and her family do not.

So many things bother me here: the classism, the sexism, the traditionalism. Yet, I often feel I've come home. What will I do when I return to the U.S. and someone I'm talking to backs away because I'm in their personal space? And food. When I return, I'll dream about the incredible soups, the best meat I've ever eaten and the varieties of popcorn here.

What has and will change the most is me. Quiteños are *tranquilo*. "Mellow" would be my translation. Bus late? *Tranquilo*. Power out? *Tranquilo*. But it especially applies to personal relationships. Treat people gently. Or at least politely.

I am also a much bigger fan of the United States. We are sexist, racist, classist, religious society and have many problems. But it's my society. My culture. I can't change anything here, but I can work to help effect a change in the U.S. because it is my world and I can understand it. Or much of it, anyway.

Emilita Huston

U.S. shouldn't forget war in Bosnia

At one time, Bosnia and Herzegovina were part of the former Yugoslavia. Following the example of both Croatia and Slovenia, Bosnia declared itself independent in March 1992 and was immediately recognized by the international community. The Bosnian Serbs took arms against the move. The Serbs systematically expelled Muslims and Croats from the area under their control.

The Bosnian Serbs now hold about two-thirds of Bosnia. We all remember the vivid pictures of concentration camps shown on TV, a direct result of the ethnic cleansing by the Bosnian Serbs. Has the war in Bosnia been forgotten?

Though we don't see or hear about the war, people die every day as a result of small arms or artillery fire. The ones suffering were and still are civilians. Several cease fires have been signed in the past two and a half years but none held more than a few days.

Early on, the international community imposed a trade embargo on Serbia. An arms embargo was also imposed on all the former Yugoslav republics. Some countries favored lifting the arms embargo affecting both the Muslims and Croats to give them a chance against the better-armed Serbs. However, the international community was fearful that such a move would actually spread the war to other parts of the Balkans. As a result, it was never lifted.

Since the beginning of the con-

Window on the World



Pascal Reber
Spectator Staff

flict, the capital, Sarajevo, has been under constant pressure. Karadzic's forces had siege of the city for many months. It was only recently that the Bosnian Serbs had to put an end to their siege. It came as a direct result of the NATO bombings and threats against them.

Meanwhile, Sarajevo is still subject to sniper fire. During the last three months, the towns of Bihac and Mostar—both of which have been declared "safe havens" by the United Nations—have been the targets of Karadzic's forces. Humanitarian aid has been pouring into the former Yugoslav republic. Under the protection of the UNPROFOR, the humanitarian convoys have always reached their destinations, sometimes after several days of negotiations.

Proposals to end the war have been rejected by Karadzic. Two weeks ago, the international community proposed a new plan to achieve peace. The plan would call for lifting the trade embargo imposed on Serbia. In return, Serbia

would pressure the Bosnian Serbs to stop fighting and accept a peace plan that would divide Bosnia along ethnic lines. The United States, the United Kingdom, France and Russia support the plan.

The war in Bosnia was caused as a direct result of deeply rooted ethnic differences that have been present for centuries. The main question is can we really trust the Bosnian Serbs? Let us hope the war will end soon.

QUIZ: Who is the president of Bosnia and Herzegovina?

ANSWERTO THE QUIZ FROM THE LAST ISSUE:
Grozny

PROVOCATIVE WORDS

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but the content of their character. This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. I have a dream today.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MEDITATION MOMENT

What's done to children, they will do to society.

Karl Menninger

Trilogy of professors reflects ideals of knowledge, application, peace and understanding

The Flory philosophy supports McPherson tradition

By Chris Amundson
Guest Writer

Some people may consider the Florys a legacy or a tradition at McPherson College. Gary Flory, professor of conflict resolution, disagrees, and his father Dr. Raymond professor of history describes them as, "Just a bunch of guys around here having some fun is all."

Whatever the label or description, Raymond, Lowell, and Gary Flory epitomize the integrity and purpose of McPherson College. This trilogy of professor Florys reflect the ideals of knowledge, application, peace, and understanding.

The roots of the current Flory clan at McPherson College are practically as old as the school itself. Mrs. Raymond Flory's father attended school here in the early part of the 1920s. Later, Raymond came from Iowa to attend McPherson where he met Rowena Frantz, who later became his wife. Like their father, Lowell and Gary both did their undergraduate work at McPherson before graduate school at the University of Kansas.

In addition to the three professors, three other Florys are part of the campus community. Glen Flory, Raymond's brother, works in maintenance. Jana (Flory) Goering, Raymond's brother, works in the business office. Allison Flory, Gary's daughter, is a freshman.

Since his retirement from full-time teaching, Raymond teaches one class a semester and serves as a guide for bus tours. Raymond is a vivacious man who gets a charge out of life. Before teaching he always said, "One job in the world that I want to do is be a teacher at McPherson College."

Raymond has always loved McPherson College because, "It's refreshing to discuss intelligent things with intelligent people."



Photo by Donna Richey

Lowell Flory, Gary Flory, and Raymond Flory in front of the entry to their alma mater.

In our trilogy of ideals, Dr. Raymond Flory stands for knowledge. Raymond claims that he does not try to dwell on the past too much. "Not trying to prove anything, just have fun...read about the human critter."

Lowell Flory is the second point of our trilogy; he stands for critical thinking. At his high school graduation from McPherson in the 1960s, Lowell saw a PhD. in history and a collegiate teaching position in his future.

His aspirations finally came true in a round-about way. After earning his master's in organizational communication he de-

cidied to obtain his law degree. He and his family moved back to McPherson after he earned the J.D. He then practiced law with Gary for three years. Later, he began teaching at McPherson and is now the chair of the economics/business department.

Lowell is a man on the edge of moral integrity. (His students know that his tests put them on the edge of insanity.) Lowell wants his students "to grow...and be pushed to the very limits of their capability."

As a complement to analytical reasoning, Lowell hopes that his students will maintain "a value system that is credible to them-

selves as well as this institution."

Prof. Gary Flory is the final addition to our trilogy. He stands for peace and understanding. He is a visionary man on the forefront of a new frontier.

Conflict resolution caught on in the United States in the 1970s and has, as an academic discipline, spread the last ten years. Gary was a busy man before he began teaching people how to peacefully resolve their conflicts.

After graduating from McPherson in 1968, he taught high school English and later moved to Washington, D.C. While in D.C. he decided upon a career in law. Having been accepted into law school at Georgetown University, he decided to come back to Kansas and study at KU, where he began his family and obtained his law degree.

Gary started a successful law firm and Lowell joined him four years later. Sixteen years passed and conflict resolution caught his interest. He is now in his second year of teaching conflict resolution at McPherson.

Gary tells of conflict resolution. "It is a basis or a certain mindset that allows them to look at those things [conflicts] as problems that can be solved...and then to look at it in terms of how to go about it."

Whether teaching the history of the "human critter," demonstrating profitable and ethical business skills, or blazing the path of a peaceful society, the Florys represent what is best about McPherson College.

The three have an understanding of Brethren thought. They possess the ability and position to transfer these ideals to future pillars of McPherson College.

Do you think Mac needs a campus wide clean-up day?



"Yes, I think underclassmen should keep it clean."

Adabel Garza, sr.



"Yes, we should take pride in our campus."

Pete Woyan, jr.



"Yes, I think it would be a good idea."

Laura Luett, fr.



"Yes, it will bring unity to the campus."

Kevin Thrift, fr.



"Yes, it's good to have a clean campus."

Maria Sainz, sr.



Have you ever wondered about the maintenance department?

Sarah Adams
Feature Editor

Have you ever wondered, while walking to your 7:30 a.m. class, on a snowy February morning, why the sidewalks are snow-free? (Those of you leaving the wrong dorm know.)

Have you ever wondered, on a beautiful spring day, why the flowers around the gazebo and circle drive look so nice?

Have you ever wondered why McPherson College has the best

looking campus in Kansas?

Have you ever wondered, during a football or basketball game, who picks up all the sticky Blowpop sticks and candy wrappers?

Wonder no longer. The maintenance department does these many thankless jobs, and many more, day in and day out.

"The good students at McPherson College are like the maintenance department, they're taken for granted," said Merrin Godfrey, head of the maintenance department.

After twenty-three years, Godfrey has seen it all. During this most recent snow storm, the maintenance crew cleared snow from 2 p.m. to 12 a.m., took a break, and went out again at 4 a.m., but that's not unusual. His day starts around 5:30 a.m. every morning.

With 10 or 12 full-time employees and at least 40 part-time workers, Godfrey gets to know a lot of students. "We get to see another side of them

"It's fun to interact with different students on campus. We get to see another side of them and they get to see another side of us."

Merrin Godfrey
Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

and they get to see another side of us," he said.

Godfrey, who also knows students through a variety of campus clubs such as Habitat for Humanity, says, "It's fun to interact and be involved with different students on campus."

"I work with really good people and it's great to work outside," said Jason Achilles, a senior, who has worked for the maintenance department for seven years.

Knowing the job well, Achilles said, "I like to work with the flowers. It's nice to be a part of something that is so appreciated."

The maintenance department, like many other areas of McPherson College, doesn't get much recognition. The next time you hear someone complain, don't forget to put in a compliment.



Bud Dahlstrom, above, and Matt Friesen and Gary Fike, right, work on a variety of flowers seen around campus.



Photos by Jon Henrikson

"The Quick and the Dead" dies and the 1970s are here

I am reviewing two films, the Sharon Stone western, "The Quick and the Dead" and "The Brady Bunch Movie." As a vehicle for Stone, "The Quick and the Dead," drove about as well as Toonces the cat, which is right off the cliff and burning. "The Brady Bunch Movie" is a huge spoof of the original series and doesn't pull any punches. I truly enjoyed it.

Stone's "The Quick and the Dead," had some very beautiful moments, with Gene Hackman and Leonardo DiCaprio. They were almost enough to make this a decent western. The director obviously did not know a darn thing about how bullets work. There is no way that a bullet could make such a perfect circle in a man's head, hand or whatever without lots of blood and other interesting tissue matter. And for another thing, hollow point bullets weren't



By Jim Garrison

even invented yet.

Hackman and DiCaprio made this film enjoyable to watch. Casting them as father and son was a stroke of genius. Hackman has years of talent and experience that enabled him to take a mediocre stock villain and create a man we could despise, yet feel for. DiCaprio is an amazing young actor, someone to watch for on awards night any year. He also created a believable character out of a role that amounted to nothing on paper.

This was the main problem of the film. They should have fired the screenwriter on the first read through. If Stone had any brains, she would never have done anything so cheesy that the main character has the least lines and no real name. The script looked as if it had been written by an eighth grader. I know, I have a few like it in my file cabinet.

"The Brady Bunch Movie" on the other hand gets my vote for Spoof of the Century. Even "Robin Hood: Men in Tights" doesn't top this for sheer laughs. The actors looked almost exactly like their television counterparts, and the cameos were done very tastefully.

This spoof centers on the premise that the 1970s were so long ago that there is no way to bring them back, and, in fact the

1990s would reject them and shun them.

The Bradys are all stuck in their own little time warp, with Marsha and Jan in miniskirts, Greg and Peter in bell-bottoms and Cindy with her cute little lisp. Even Mike, the father, is stuck in his architecture with a stylish 1970s split-level home design.

The biggest joke is the time warp that the Bradys are living in, but the original series itself is spoofed

with many references to sex in the clean cut manner that they have and Mr. Brady's almost non-stop capsulized morals. There is a big in-joke with all of the fans who had watched the original series, but you don't need the prior knowledge of the show to get a great kick out of it.

If you were stuck on a desert island with a choice of these two movies, I'd get season tickets to the Bradys.

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Matt Heidebrecht, Pat Crowdis, Joe Marable, and Hubert Freeman practice coming out of the starting blocks. Track will get into full swing the second weekend of March.

Women end season

By Jenni Buschborn
Staff Writer

The Lady Bulldogs finished their 1994-95 season on a positive note with a good performance against Sterling College. Although the team did not post a win, Coach Marlys Gwaltney was happy with her team's showing.

"I was very pleased with the effort put forth, especially in the first half," said Gwaltney. "It was a good match-up and neither team played the game like it was a contest between the top and the bottom of the conference."

Freshman Amy Ross turned in an exceptional performance, scoring 24 points to lead the team.

"Amy played a very smart game, and I think her performance is a good sign of things to come in the future," said Gwaltney.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season 3-25 overall and 1-15 in the KCAC. However, the outlook for next year is promising since that the team graduates no se-

niors this year and will have the entire team returning.

"I'll be looking to recruit some height and outside shooting ability since those were the areas where we were hurting this year," said Gwaltney. "We need to have some players who are not afraid to shoot on the outside perimeter."

Regardless of the team's record, Gwaltney also feels that her team showed improvement throughout the season.

"It's been a frustrating year, and many people tend to overlook the fact that we're so young," said Gwaltney. "When you're trying to rebuild a team with a lot of youth and inexperience, there's bound to be some problems. The last game of the season, however, showed that regardless of our opponent, we're going to come out and play hard."

The Lady Bulldogs did not finish high enough in the conference standings to participate in the end of the season tournament.

Springtime evokes visions of water, sand

Ho hum, ho hum. So what if it's sunny and 70 degrees outside in late February while I'm inside trying to fulfill my educational responsibilities.

Why do I care if the grass is turning green, the leaves on the trees are coming back, or I hear the sound of little kids down the street rollerblading?

I'll tell you why I care! Don't you think I would rather be on the putting green with Michael P. Schneider breathing down my neck than in front of a computer with him doing the same thing.

Until about a year ago my attitude toward golf was similar to most people's in the non-golfing world.

It made no sense to me that people would pay such a pretty penny to go out and hit little white or orange or pink balls into water, sand, or trees.

I will admit that I had on a few

Coach's Corner



Jonathan Coachman

Sports Editor

occasions borrowed some clubs and gone to the driving range to test my skills. After hitting two buckets for the price of one (the balls only traveled a few feet so I hit them again), I was so frustrated that I swore off the game forever.

I was baffled, mystified, even confused about how to make a small ball go so far so accurately. Nothing was more embarrassing than seeing a 6 foot 150 pound guy (a.k.a. Schneider) doubling the distance of my drive.

After taking some time off, how-

ever, I decided to do what every golfer at the end of the day swears he/she will not do: try it again.

Something magical happened that day on the driving range. With a little instruction I was able to make the ball rise and fly. With every swing the sweet sound of Pat Summerall's voice became louder in my ears, "Coachman, the newcomer to the tour has this shot for birdie and the win".

I decided to take the plunge and try the course. Every shot came and went as did Pat Summerall's voice in the distance. On the range, balls never got lost because there was no water. However, after nine holes of playing I made a major contribution to the range ball fund at Turkey Creek. In fact, a couple of days later I recognized one of my balls, only it had a red stripe around it.

Since that day I have played many rounds of golf and lost many dozens of balls. Why does somebody continue to go out and be frustrated day after day? Why does somebody whose most popu-

lar line on the course is, "Hey Schneider, where can I drop?" continue to hack? And why does somebody who has two six-putts in intercollegiate play continue to abuse golf courses across the state?

It's a simple answer: That one shot. You know the one. You can shoot a 63 on nine holes but there was that one shot on hole number 4 that was so beautiful, so pretty, that you know it will happen again someday.

Ah yes, golf. The game that causes empty wallets, hours of wasted time, and unhappy spouses. Without this beautiful game think of the world we would live in. We'd be forced to spend our time watching replacement baseball players for \$2 a ticket. We would be forced to mow the lawn. We would be forced to watch old reruns of "Archie Bunker's place" and "Alice".

It's for reasons like these that we should appreciate golf for the great sport sport that it is. Thank God for golf!

SPORTS BRIEFS

Intramural basketball in full swing

Intramural five-on-five basketball is underway with each team having played three games. Each team seems to be evenly matched as every team has at least one win. Team seven is off to the best start at 3-0.

Several players are making a scoring impact in the league with Orlando Alfaro leading so far, averaging 42 points per game. Chris Curtis, Brian Ward, and George Stover are all tied for second averaging 25.5 points. Games continue Sunday and conclude the week of March 17.

Golf to get started

The golf team is set to start official practice this week at Turkey Creek golf course. The team will be able to try something new this year as it appears it will be able to field more than a full team.

Before every match there will be a playoff to determine which five players will represent the college. Because of increased numbers, the team will be playing in more tournaments this spring.

All-Star game set

The Central Kansas All-Star basketball game has been set for Saturday, March 18, at the Sport Center.

This game brings together the exceptional high school talent from Central Kansas. There will be a girls and boys basketball game and girls volleyball.

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Cagers dump Moundbuilders, meet Tabor Saturday

By Jonathan Coachman
Sports Editor

The matchup that everybody wanted is going to happen. By virtue of their 87-62 thrashing of the Southwestern Moundbuilders and Tabor's 95-86 victory over Bethany, the McPherson College men are set for a semi-final playoff showdown Saturday night in Hillsboro. Game-time is set for 7:30 p.m.

The men cagers entered last night's game as the number five seed in the playoff system by means of a tie-breaker with Sterling. Southwestern had beaten the Bulldogs by one point earlier this year in Winfield 72-71. But last night they were not to be denied.

Ahead 37-32 at the half, Mac went on a 19-5 run to open the second half and for all intents and purposes put the game out of reach. The run was keyed by two three-pointers a piece by Chris Owens and Brandon Rice. Coach Roger Trimmell was obviously pleased.

"That second half was probably the best half we've played all year," said Trimmell. "We were able to play good defense which helped us get into our offense. It was an all around good effort."

The Bulldogs were led by Jarrod Miller with 25 points and Brandon Rice with 22. Chris Owens added 17 and Jonathan Coachman had his second consecutive triple-double, tallying 16 points, 15 rebounds, and 10 assists.

The victory moved the Bulldogs record to 15-12. They have won nine out of their last 10 after being only 6-11 five short weeks ago. Trimmell isn't surprised by his team's recent surge.

"That's not a bad record if you look at where we were and then look at where we have come," said Coach Roger Trimmell. "I'm really proud of the way the guys hung with the program until we were successful. I've always said that if we can learn to play together we could be a very dangerous team."

The Bulldogs went into the playoffs coming off of a big 82-69 win over Sterling College on Tuesday. The Bulldogs were ahead six at halftime but fell behind early in the second half.

That's when Matt Richardson took over. Trailing 56-53, Richardson scored 13 straight points to put the Bulldogs ahead by 10. Held scoreless until the second half, Richardson scored all his points in a four minute time period, finishing with 15.

"Matt just caught fire," said Trimmell. "He stepped up his game when we needed him to. That's the sign of a leader."

Other Bulldogs had good games as well. Jarrod Miller continued his good play leading the way with 21 points, followed by Jonathan Coachman with 20 and Chris Owens with 13.

The Bulldogs took a five-game

winning streak on the road Feb. 11 to Colorado Springs to take on Colorado College. This team was a formidable opponent having beaten Southwestern earlier in the year.

The cagers started out slow but righted themselves to pull out the victory 98-94. Coachman led the Bulldogs with 27 points followed by Richardson with 18.

Coach Trimmell was pleased with the win despite the sluggish start.

"All that stuff about the altitude affecting your stamina is psychological," Trimmell said. "No matter where and who you play you must come ready to get after it."

The following Wednesday was not as kind however to the Bulldogs. The red-hot Friends Falcons were all that stood in the way of a seven-game winning streak. The Bulldogs, however found out that Garvey Gymnasium is a tough place to win, dropping the game 78-63.

Jarrod Miller had a solid game with 19 points followed by Richardson with 16 and Owens with 10.

Last Saturday the Bulldogs again went on the road to Lindsborg to take on rival Bethany. Bethany gave them all they could handle before a late run by the Bulldogs gave them a 98-93 win. The cagers also had five people in double figures.

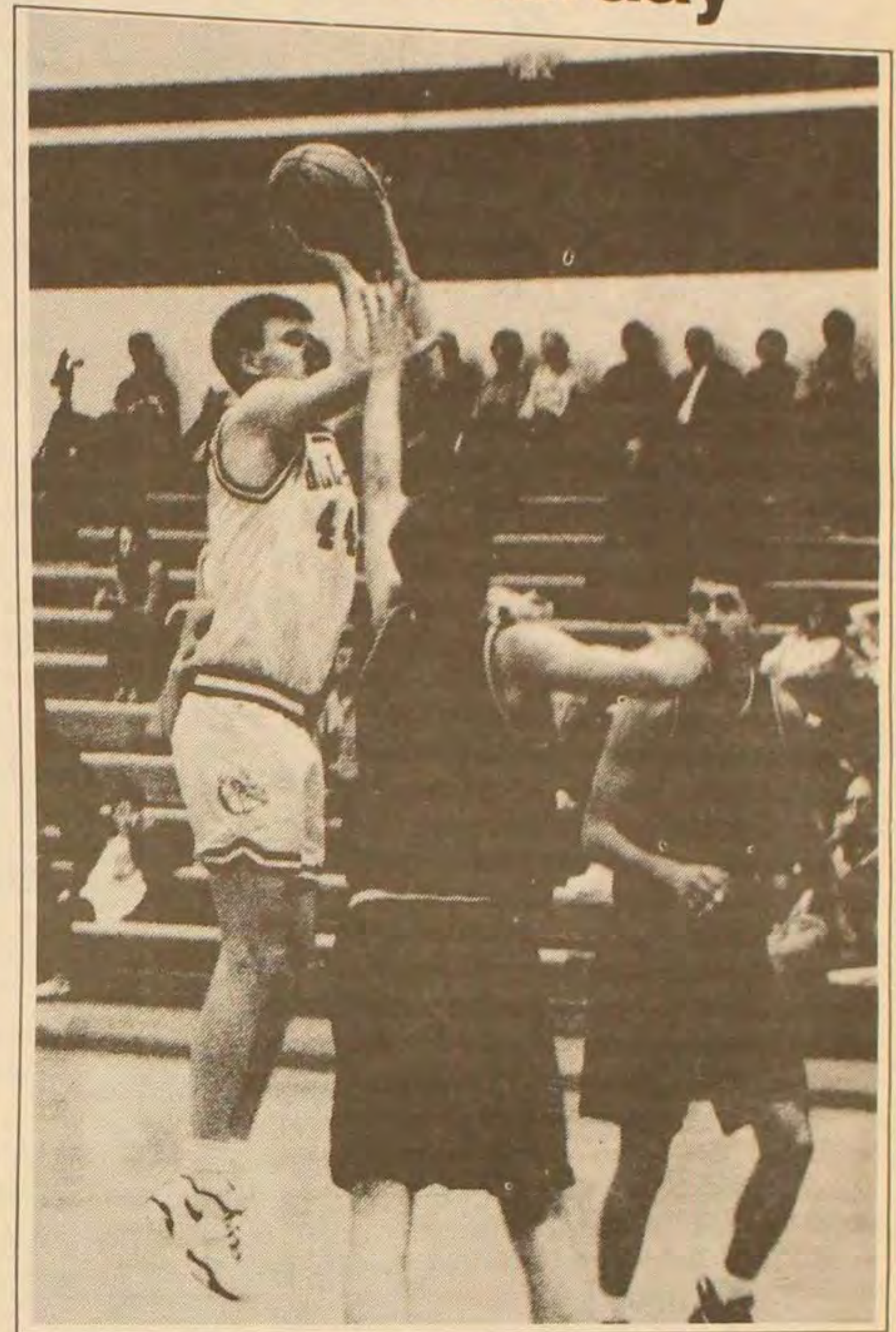


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Matt Richardson (44), shoots over two Sterling College defenders. Mac won the game 82-79. The Bulldogs will be on the road again tomorrow night for the second round of the playoffs against Tabor.

Video games bring a sense of satisfaction, control

By Erik Vogel
Staff Writer

We all read and hear about the arrogance of today's sports figures. They anger us with their high salary demands, unwillingness to sign autographs, and overall child-like behavior. They are about as annoying as that guy who drives down the interstate with his blinker on, leaving us all asking the question: When is it going to stop?

The 20th Century has granted us a great equalizer in the war against the professional athlete. Although our opinions and thoughts are often ignored by everyone, we do possess

one last power. This is the holy grail of entertainment: the video game.

It started out with helpless, nameless characters moving about a colorless screen. We controlled their actions with a simple joystick or a paddle. We loved what those Intellivisions and Atari's did for our lonely afternoons.

However, advancements were made, and today we can play countless sports games on numerous systems. The players have names and faces, real life announcers speak words of wisdom to us, and we can choose our own opponent. All around the world,

in living rooms of young and old, video basketball, baseball, football and hockey, are being played by fans. We have little impact on what goes on in the world of sports, but the Nintendo, Genesis, and Super Nintendo allow us the opportunity to control the games action.

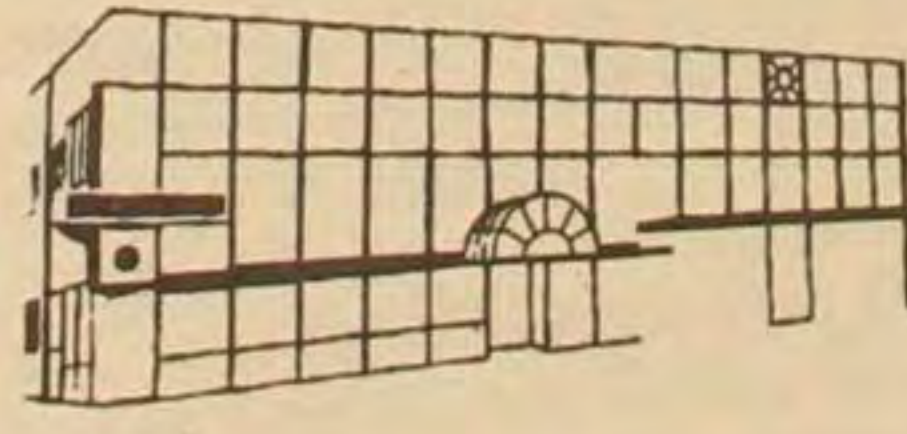
So, if you are tired of Derrick Coleman's whining, or you believe John Stockton should play the post, just touch the controller and your wishes are granted. Maybe you want Barry Bonds to do some catching, or Hakeem Olajuwon to bring the ball up the court and shoot three pointers, it can all happen with video game sports.

It seems we have no control over the games we love to watch. Owners, players, and managers bicker over everything from salaries to where they sit on the team bus. Do not fret good people, technology is

our negotiator and we need not worry about our Sega Genesis going on strike. The video game may possibly be the only future hope we have of keeping a tie to professional athletics.

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Annual phonathon on its way to achieving donor goals

By Bill Brugger
Spectator Staff

This year's phonathon is well on its way towards its \$160,000 goal. The phonathon had raised approximately \$138,000 by Wednesday, according to Sue Six, coordinator of alumni services and community relations.

"It's going great. I am really amazed," Six said.

The annual phonathon began on Feb. 11 and runs through Feb. 28.

Ten McPherson College students have been hired to call alumni and ask for donations to the college. The funds collected from the phonathon are unrestricted funds, which are used for financial aid and for the day-to-day operations of the college.

"Each year it is really important for the college to raise money that can be used wherever it is needed. A lot of funds are designated for certain things like scholarships, but unrestricted funds are needed to help balance the budget," said Robert Knechel, director of development.

The development office employs students each year to call alumni of the college and ask for unrestricted

gifts.

"We feel free to approach alumni and ask for gifts to this college each year. Students' tuition pay about 48 percent of what the college needs. Somehow we have to make up that balance. When alumni were students here, the alumni helped them to make up the balance. It's kind of one generation helping another generation to allow them to have this kind of educational experience," Knechel said.

The goal is to reach alumni giving of 48 percent.

"Alumni historically have been very supportive of the college. That is incredibly important," Knechel said.

Student callers have motives other than money when they call alumni. The phonathon is also a way for the college to keep in touch with what alumni are doing and a way for alumni to keep in touch with the college and with each other.

Students ask questions about alumni's family, job, and any information he or she would like to share.

The students also answer questions the alumni might have about the college. The college feels that it is important to maintain a relation-

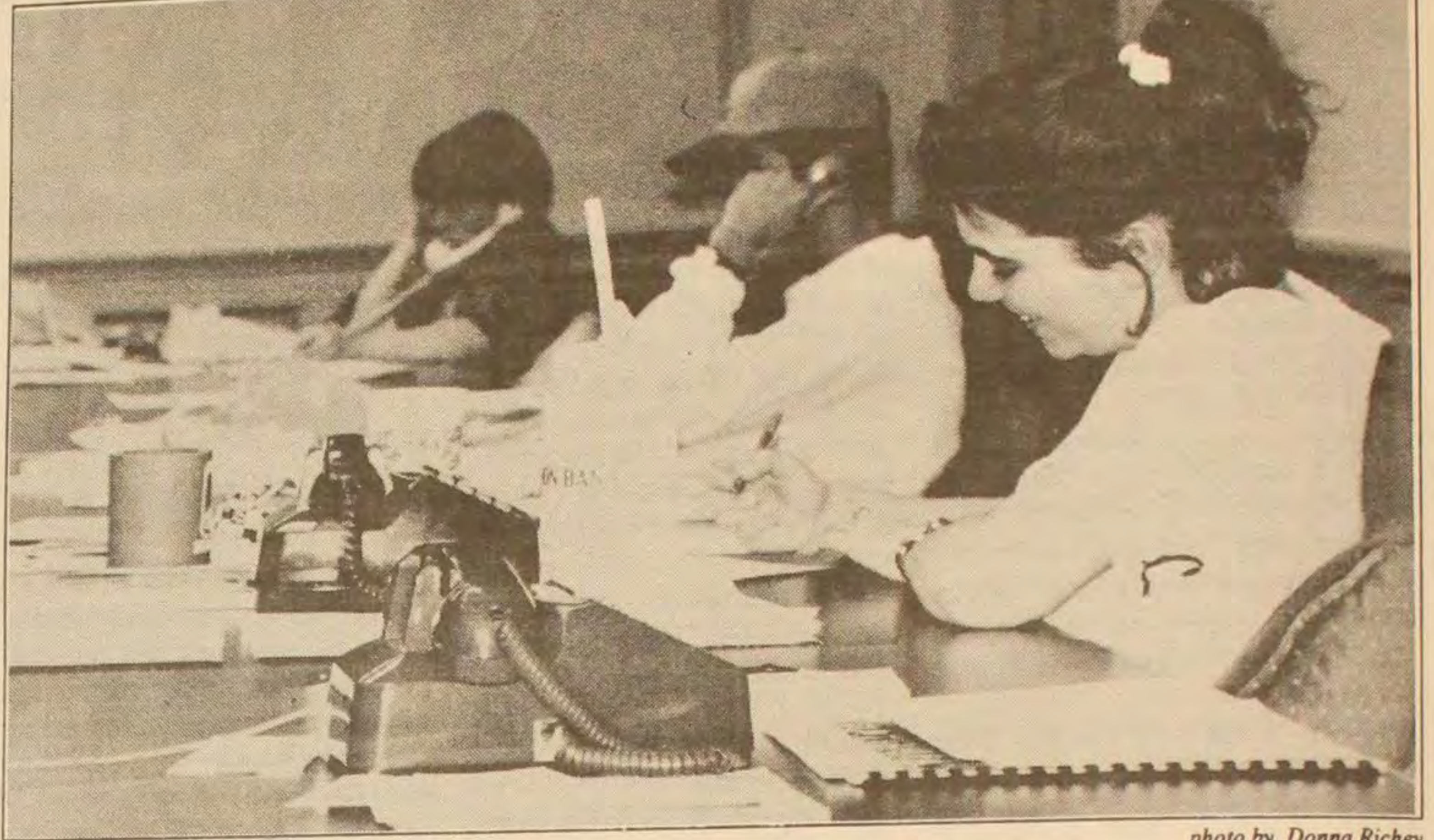


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Jayme Barrows, jr., Michael P. Schneider, jr., and Jessica Decker, soph., call alumni at this year's phonathon. The phonathon continues through Feb. 28.

ship with alumni.

"We learn so much from our alumni," Knechel said. "By carrying on the reputation of the college wherever they go, they are enhancing the prestige of the college. It is an evolving and expanding relationship that we have with our

alumni."

The students participating in the phonathon seem to be enjoying the experience.

"I really enjoyed Sue Six. She made it a lot of fun," Kim Ebersole, soph., said. The students had positive feelings overall, but said the hardest part

was talking to those who didn't contribute and being turned down over and over.

"It was hard asking for money, and then talking to some people and finding out they are in the midst of a family tragedy," Jayme Barrows, jr., said.

Theatre department to present "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday"

By Mitch Maestas
Spectator Staff

The theatre department will present "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday," a drama by Mike Brady, March 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

The drama tells the story of how David, played by Jim Garrison, re-enters reality, with the aid of family and friends, after the death of Gillian, his wife.

Cast members are: Garrison, David; Erin Cassidente, Esther; Heather Healy, Rachel; J.D. Bowman, Paul; Melissa Martens, Cindy; Tammy Kerkove, Kevin; and Annette Fennessy, Gillian.

Jesse Miller, a sophomore drama major, is directing the production. It is unusual for Miller to be directing a play as a sophomore since drama majors normally do not direct a play until they are seniors.

Rick Tyler, drama professor, decided that it would be better if students had the chance to gain experience directing earlier, instead of having to wait until they are seniors to have a chance to direct a production.

Miller selected this play a year ago and rehearsal began on Feb. 9. Miller feels that the play is making progress due to the fact that the cast is working well together and responding well to her as a student director.

"I was nervous at first, but I am feeling much more comfortable with directing," Miller said.

J.D. Bowman, who plays Paul, finds the play a challenge, but is enjoying Miller as a director.

"It's really hard because it's a very serious play, so it makes everyone edgy while we're practicing. I do feel fortunate to be directed under Jesse, but sometimes it is hard to remember that she is a director and not just a co-worker," Bowman said.

"After working on it for so long on paper it is rewarding to see the characters come to life and begin to develop personalities of their own," Miller said. "It's a great show with a great message and I look forward to presenting it to the public."

Class agents are coming

By Michael P. Schneider
Editor-in-Chief

Former alumni from around the country will be gathering at McPherson College this weekend for the annual class agent workshop.

"The workshop is an opportunity for them to refresh skills and to reenergize themselves as class agents," Sue Six, coordinator of alumni relations and community services, said.

Class agents act as intermediaries between their class and the college. Agents collect news about their classmates and produce a newsletter that is sent to the alumni.

"It is also a time for them to come back and visit with friends," Six said.

During the workshop sessions alumni services will be looking for input from the agents about changes in the class agent program.

"We want to make the class agents feel like the program is theirs and not dictated by us. One change we will discuss this weekend deals with the Class Agent of the Year award. Presently, it seems that a class agent can only win the award once. We want to come up with a better way to recognize achievement. Another change deals with reunions. We want to find out if it would be more convenient to alumni if reunions were scheduled for summer," Six

said.

Also on campus this weekend are the alumni board members, who represent all McPherson College alumni. The alumni board was invited specifically to take part in the discussions.

"Having both groups on campus this weekend was done intentionally. It is important to have interaction between the class agents and the alumni board," Six said.

1995 Class Agent Workshop Schedule:

Friday, Feb. 24

6:00 p.m.- Mexican Buffet in Private Dining Room

Saturday, Feb. 25

8 a.m.- Buffet Breakfast in East Cafeteria

9 a.m.- Administrative Update in Friendship Hall

10 a.m.- Featured Departments in Friendship Hall

12 p.m.- Lunch with Student Hosts in Student Union

1 p.m.- Small group discussions in Student Union

3 p.m.- 1995 Class Agent Photograph

3:15 p.m.- Class Letter Mini-Workshop in Mohler 204

6 p.m.- Appreciation Banquet in Friendship Hall

Sunday, Feb. 26

A.M.- Shuttle to Wichita Airport from Holiday Manor

P.M.- Shuttle to Wichita Airport from Holiday Manor

NEWS BRIEFS

"Fun Flicks"

"Fun Flicks," interactive video, will be held in the Student Union on Wednesday, March 1 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Participants can make lip-sync videos, or mini movies. Participants will receive a copy of the videotape.

Guest lecturer

The division of science and technology is sponsoring the guest lecturer Dr. Vicky Van Santen from the pathology department of Auburn University Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. in Harnly Hall, room 308. Santer is a 1973 graduate of McPherson College.

Peace lecture

Peace Awareness Project will arrange for carpools for those interested in attending a peace lecture by Walter Wink at Bethel College Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 27, at 8 p.m.

Wink is an author, peace activist and biblical theologian. He will be presenting a lecture series called "The New Order of Jesus: Toward a Domination-Free Society."

Wink will speak on "The Myth of Redemptive Violence" on Sunday, and "Jesus' Turn on Nonviolence" on Monday.