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A North Central evaluation committee will be on campus next week to assess whether the college is achieving its mission

By Sue Werner
News Editor

A four-member committee representing the North Central Association, the college's accrediting agency, will be on campus next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

"Tell your roommates and friends that they're coming!" said Dr. Lee Lengel, history, chairman of the college's North Central Steering Committee.

The committee's purpose is to conduct a site visit to assess whether or not McPherson College is meeting the criteria necessary to remain a member of the association.

The Mission of McPherson College is to develop whole persons through Scholarship, Participation and Service

1995 Self-Study



North Central Accreditation Visit

The committee will be on 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 situations.

"They may just pick somebody at random walking across campus. They might individually find someone in the library or studying outside; there are all kinds of possibilities. Most likely, they will catch people in the cafeteria," Lengel said.

The college is asking for a 10 year accreditation. Ten years is the longest accreditation granted by the association. The college was accredited for 5 years in 1989.

In preparation for the accreditation visit, the college's North Central Steering Committee conducted a self-study to determine institutional strengths and concerns.

Some of the major strengths cited in the report were the college's solid financial basis, its qualified administration, staff, and faculty, and its strong standing with the Church of the Brethren.

Some concerns were the governing of the college, the enrollment, and faculty concerns about tenure

and promotion policies.

The North Central Association committee members who will be on campus are: Dr. Marianne E. Inman, vice president and dean of Northland College, Ashland, Wisc.; Dr. Marguerite Bennett, director of institutional research and professor of mathematics at Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio; Dr. Thomas F. Johnson, president of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Dr. Richard Smith, vice president for financial affairs at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind.

North Central's Five Criteria

- The college should have clearly and publicly stated goals.
- The college should effectively organize its human, financial and physical resources that are necessary to fulfill its purposes.
- The college should be able to prove that it is accomplishing its purposes.
- The college should prove that it will continue to accomplish its purposes and strengthen its educational effectiveness.
- The college should be able to demonstrate that it operates with integrity.

North Central Scheduled Events

Monday, March 13

8:30 a.m.—Opening meeting in President's Office.
12:30 p.m.—Meeting with full faculty. Hamley Hall, 411.

4 p.m.—McPherson College Trustees.

5:30 p.m.—Community persons, employers of McPherson College students, Experienced based Education (EBE) employers, etc. Private Dining Room, Student Union.

Tuesday, March 14

5 p.m.—Open meeting for students. Private Dining Room, Student Union.

6 p.m.—McPherson College Alumni. Private Dining Room, Student Union.

Teacher accreditation in danger at McPherson College

By Christine Hauschildt
Editorial Editor

McPherson College recently received a negative report from a negative report from the Evaluation Review Committee of the Kansas State Board of Education. That puts continued state accreditation of the teacher education program at risk.

Teacher education at McPherson College is still fully accredited, college officials emphasize, and they are convinced that an appeal of the recommendation will result in continued situation, accreditation.

"The institution is still accredited. There is no sense to panic, no sense to worry," said Dr. Kimbrell.

The college has been in the process of renewing its KSBE accreditation since last summer. A 15-member team representing KSBE was on campus in October

and November.

The college received the team's report in December. The response of McPherson College to the findings of the KSBE team, and additional materials included by the college, were reviewed in February by a KSBE committee called the Evaluation Review Committee (ERC).

Some of the weaknesses listed in the report are that decisions concerning Teacher Education policies, curriculum and programs are not coordinated through a single unit, and there is insufficient communication between some of the special methods courses offered by ACCK (Associated Colleges of Central Kansas) and the academic content areas.

Other weaknesses listed in the report were that there is no systematic evaluation of student performance, or collection of data per-

taining to the performance of students in the teaching profession or data pertaining to the quality of subsequent work in accredited graduate and professional institutions.

Another problem listed in the report was that the institution does not provide physical facilities instructional materials and supplies and other resources necessary for conducting teacher education programs.

The report also named problems that included accessibility of the campus, and a lack of curriculum library. Also, the team felt that secondary education students were not getting enough field experience.

The college wrote a rejoinder addressing the concerns named in the team report. The ERC met February 24 and made its initial recommendation that places the college's teacher education program at risk

of renewal.

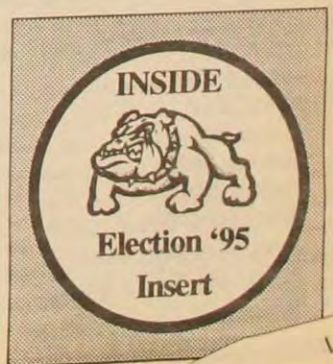
At present, the college is working hard in appealing the ERC's initial recommendation. The final decision on the appeal will be made by KSBE in June and the college will then know if its accreditation will be continued.

Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, chair of the education department, and the vice presidents met with education majors to discuss the situation. Students questions and concerns centered on job searching and the possibility of returning education majors having to switch colleges.

Dr. Kimbrell and the vice presidents assured graduating seniors that finding a job was not in jeopardy. "Life is going to go on," Kimbrell said.

"McPherson College has had a long relationship with KSBE," Dr.

Steven Gustafson, vice president for academic services said. "We are now at one point in the review process. We are highly confident we will be able to convince the Evaluation Review Committee of the KSBE that we are meeting their standards and will work diligently to upgrade areas which we feel could be further improved through additional attention."



EDITORIAL

AIDS convo sparks concern

THIS WEEK'S CONVO WAS CANCELLED due to the illness of the two speakers, Kelly Nelson and Tyler Roberts. Cheers echoed through Brown Auditorium.

How sad. Nelson is HIV positive and Roberts suffers from full-blown AIDS. Are we so insensitive to people who are HIV positive that we cheer when convo is cancelled?

In the next few years every person in the U.S. will know someone who has HIV or AIDS. Many people, especially young adults, think that AIDS only affects the gay population. This is a myth. As a matter of fact, the fastest growing group affected with the HIV virus is heterosexual women between 15 and 30.

Also, HIV and AIDS do not single out a particular group. This virus and disease pay no attention to the color of your skin, your sex, where you are from, how much money you have, how educated you are, or your race.

What does someone who has HIV look like? Chances are, very healthy. That is why many people find it hard to believe when someone has HIV. This is due to the long incubation period of the virus.

Are you at risk of contracting HIV? If you participate in risky behavior, your chances are great. Risky behavior includes intravenous drug use, and vaginal, anal and oral sex without a condom. But, you cannot get HIV or AIDS from holding hands with an infected person, nor can you get these from kissing. Also, mosquitos do not spread HIV or AIDS and sitting next to an infected person will not affect you.

People with AIDS and HIV need compassion and love. A friendly smile, a kind word, a prayer, even going to a movie helps a person in need. We are not here to judge why a person is afflicted with AIDS or HIV. It could be us someday. Instead, enjoy the time you have to spend with this person, because you won't know when it will be his/her time to go.

If we had this convo to do all over again, how many of us would really listen?

Christine Hauschildt for the Spectator Staff

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Mirror images aren't everything

I carry my office with me. The books, papers, pens, diskettes and electronic gadgets that I currently find necessary for doing church work and school work and some writing all slip nicely into a backpack. Usually.

Now, wherever I find myself with time—car, public library, airport lobby—I can be up and working in about two minutes. I didn't set out to create a portable office, but I love the way it fits my current needs and lifestyle.

On the days I drive to campus my office usually spends some time near the big window on the second floor of Miller Library. I sit just above the main entrance, and I can easily see the faces of those who enter.

I've been fascinated to observe the number who watch their own reflection in the front glass as they climb the steps and cross the landing.

I've yet to discover much of a pattern among the window watchers. They come from every group of library users, including professors. Student-age females often check their hair. Male students tend to raise their head and straighten their shoulders a bit—maybe there's a hint of a strut.

The library windows are a poor

The Token Geezer



Jim Huskins

Spectator Staff

mirror, but their size and proximity make them hard to ignore. The one universal I've noticed in the looking-glass rituals is how critical those looks tend to be.

I often wonder what's happening in the minds behind those nit-picking glances. Their thoughts seem to be saying: is this the image I'm comfortable with?

I catch little of narcissistic satisfaction on the faces that take their own measure in the library window. In fact, most of them belie at least a hint of doubt. But of course they do. These people are overwhelmingly young and single and both conditions fetch image to the top of the list of life's concerns. And that reminds me of the subtle pleasures of geezerhood.

College is a trial for me. The work is demanding and the distractions numerous, but I bother little about my image. Maybe the assurance of a love that seems brand-new after

17 years diverts that concern. Perhaps my teen-aged children sweat the issue enough for all of us. Just maybe there is something to those theories about human life cycles, and I am now past the anxieties of early adulthood and not yet arrived at midlife crisis.

In any event, I take fiendish delight in stuffing the corner of a napkin in my collar just before a restaurant meal, and visually challenging anyone who dares notice to take offense. Even this license of middle age is unnecessary, however, since Beverly says I look good in anything I eat.

To a considerable degree, I am satisfied with life. The little collection of stuff that allows me to work and express myself creatively almost anywhere, the fact that I am excited about my current challenges, and the realization that I no longer have to worry much about what I look like combine to warm my innards today.

Maybe that's why I dashed out without my jacket to run an assignment over to second floor Mohler. Yes, it's still winter! No matter. I'll be up the steps and back in the warm library in a couple of seconds. HEY! What gives? There wasn't that much gray in my beard yesterday!

Marcus Garvey stood for Black Power

By Calvin Hill Guest Writer

We have recently completed the observance of Black History Month. Are you any more knowledgeable about the contributions that black Americans have given to this country?

Let's see, what is Black Power? Clue, it's not a laundry detergent. How many of you have heard of Marcus Garvey? Black Power is what Garvey stood for. Garvey was a black nationalist leader, and one of the 20th century's most controversial figures. He became the charismatic leader of the back-to-Africa movement, which sought to establish a central homeland for blacks.

Born in Jamaica in 1887, Garvey is remembered as a self taught man with a magnetic personality. Dur-

ing his lifetime he used his talent to heighten black pride and introduce a program of educational and economic opportunity for blacks.

Garvey tried to restore to the black male the masculinity stolen from him during his centuries of slavery. He created the Universal Negro Improvement Association, which advocated the unity and blending of all Negroes into one strong, healthy race.

During an interview, Garvey was asked how he would try to further the interest of the black race, and he answered, "By spreading race patriotism among my fellows, by unfolding the annals of our glorious deeds and the fact of the noble origin, splendid achievements and ancient culture of the Negro race to those whom alien education has kept in ignorance of those things

by combating the insidious, mischievous and false teaching of school histories that exalt the white man and abuse the Negro, that tell of the white man's achievements, but not of his ignominy...."

Was Garvey's goal ever accomplished? History courses in public and private schools still fail to mention the roles that blacks, Hispanics, Asians and other races have had in this country.

We live in a time in which black-on-black crime is destroying the black community. The black male prison population is greater than the black male college population.

Marcus Garvey was seen as a militant man, but look at where we are as a country now, and look where we could have been if only we had listened.

Raccoon Biker Bandits

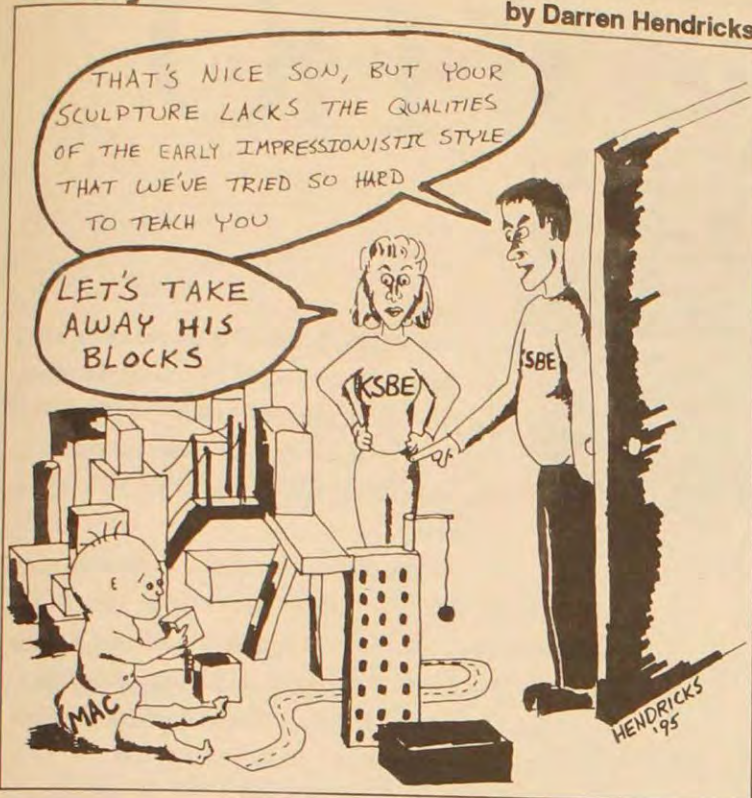


by Darren Hendricks

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D-Day

by Darren Hendricks



CAMPUS FORUM

Make sure to vote for best candidates

Love is in the air, the birds are chirping, and flowers are starting to bloom. Yes, spring is coming, and with the coming of spring are the annual Stuco executive officer elections. The competition this year is sure to make this election one of the most exciting in recent years.

For president, the student body will have a choice between two able competitors. Pat Crowdis, Stuco secretary, is running against Dennis Kingery, treasurer of SAB and FCA president.

This election will surely go to the wire and either winner will do an excellent job. It's no secret who I will be voting for next Monday.

Other offices are just as competitive. In the vice-president race, incumbent Kristin Cossaart will be challenged by Shawn McGowan, a newcomer in the election races. Both candidates are well-suited for the position. My vote will remain anonymous, but if you really entice me with monetary gains, I'll tell you.

The secretary position will be a tough battle. It is being sought by two fresh faces to McPherson and the elections. Amy Norsworthy and Chris Saunders will be bidding for your vote on Monday. This is another race that will be a good one, and my vote will be kept to myself until the thirteenth.

The office of treasurer is an open and shut race. Due to a lack of interest, Zuzana Stremnova will be next year's treasurer, as there is no one running against her. She is a business major and has experience working with money.

I have faith she will do the job.

The success of the election and their candidates depend on you, the reader. As a member of the student body, it is your responsibility to cast your vote for the candidates you feel best suited for office. I will be looking for all you Stuco-conscious students voting on Monday, March 13. Until then, listen and look for the candidates campaigning so you can make a wise choice next week.

Jerry Bowen

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.

Respect yourself and others

By Jennifer Ball

Guest Writer

Are you the one who spits your gum on the grass, drops things and doesn't bother to pick them up, sees the ground as your own personal trashcan? Well, I have news for you. You are in the wrong decade. The "me" decade was the 80s. This is the 90s and you are showing a total lack of respect for others who share this campus, the campus itself, and the earth (our home) as well. Quit being lazy! Hang onto your trash until you get to a trashcan. I promise, it isn't that hard.

Are you the one who uses all but the last square of toilet paper and doesn't bother to open a new role, or does open a new role, but doesn't put it on the holder and just throws the wrapper on the floor? I have news for you as well. The people who have to live with you are not your parents, and it is not their job to clean up after you. Show a little respect and common courtesy. Believe me, your time and effort are

no more valuable than theirs.

Are you the one who makes fun of people who are different or quiet or who won't fight back? Are you the one I see belittling others, ridiculing others, putting others down "in fun" or otherwise, to their faces or behind their backs? You guessed it, I have news for you, too. Take a good long look in a mirror. Realize that everyone has something about them that is different or odd and everyone is a potential target, including you! What makes you think that there is something magnificent about you that you can treat other people as though they are less important than you? I only hope that the time will come when the victims of your abuse will stand up to you and put you in your place.

Are you the one who borrows things and never returns them, who treats other people's things with less care than you treat your own, who takes things that don't belong to you? Well, I'm afraid you aren't going to like the news I have for you. Contrary to what you obviously think, other people and the

world in general owe you nothing! You are no more special than the people you take advantage of. I suggest you grow up!

Are you the one who has such an insignificant life that you must know every "juicy" tidbit and make sure that everyone on campus knows it as well? Do you take some sadistic pleasure in demolishing other people's reputations? The news for you isn't pleasant either. This campus seems to be exempt from privacy and slander laws, so I'm asking you to fall back on a fundamental sense of respect for other people and put yourself in their places. Would you want other people spreading your secrets? Try to understand that most people wouldn't.

Take the time and energy you spend gossiping and put it toward keeping yourself busy in more productive ways and making your own life more interesting. Do us all a favor, mind your own business.

U.S. bureau in Vietnam is first step

At the end of April 1975, the world witnessed the dramatic evacuation of the last Americans from Vietnam, most of them working for the US embassy. The last U.S. troops had been pulled out in March 1973. Some of the evacuees were also South Vietnamese that had had ties with the United States in one way or the other.

On April 30, 1975, North Vietnamese and Vietcong troops seized the presidential palace in Saigon and put an end to the Vietnam war. In fact Vietnam had been fighting for more than 30 years: first the Japanese, then the French, and finally the Americans.

Since the fall of Saigon and the reunification of both North and South Vietnam under communist rule, the United States and Vietnam have cut all diplomatic relations. The US also imposed a trade embargo on Vietnam. It has been 20 years since the war officially ended, is it now time to reestablish normal relations between both countries?

Most Americans favor such a move; they want to heal the wounds of more than 10 years of fighting and 30 years of pain.

The Bush and Clinton Administrations emphasized that before any diplomatic ties be reestablished, Vietnam would have to cooperate fully on the question of POWs and MIAs. There are still more than 2000 US servicemen missing from the war.

For the past four years, Hanoi has been returning dozens of remains and has been providing informa-

Window on the World



Pascal Reber
Spectator Staff

tion about several other cases.

A normalization of diplomatic relations between the two countries would also mean lifting of the trade embargo. Most of the goods the Vietnamese were exporting and importing came from former communist countries. With the fall of the Berlin wall six years ago, this relative economic security crumbled.

Now, Vietnam doesn't have a serious economic partner and is one of the poorest nations in the world. Trading with the United States would give a big boost to the Vietnamese economy and help Vietnam out of poverty. Vietnam is slowly orienting itself toward a market economy.

A few weeks ago, the United

States opened a bureau in Hanoi with the goal of having full diplomatic relations in the coming years.

Washington insisted this was only a first step and that relations between the two countries were warmer but not yet reestablished. This action was mainly triggered by the satisfactory cooperation of the Vietnamese government regarding POWs and MIAs.

About three million Americans served in the Vietnam war, 58,000 of them died. Whatever happens in the future, we should never forget their sacrifice. Let us never forget that they fought for our freedom.

MEDITATION MOMENT

We believe in a land where sweating horses kick up the dust, forming clay ponies that sigh with red and yellow breaths. We believe in a grass-weaver, whose fingers make gentle blankets, trusting in green, yellow, and brown. We believe the horses will wear our blankets, will drift forever past our campfires, listening to us telling stories of long ago. We are waiting for the sound of hoof-beats to rise from our throats and for the tall grasses to stamp and snort in the wind. What we believe will always be—and always be true.

Anita Endress-Danielson

PROVOCATIVE WORDS

I have something to say about experience that comes out of being an Indian, but it's also a lot bigger than my race. It's got to do with my own mythology—the one I make up myself. That's what I express in my art.

T.C. Cannon



Tyler Roberts and Kelly Nelson relaxing on their couch.

Sarah Adams

Feature Editor

What will they look like? How will they act? These were just a few of the questions going through my mind before I was to interview the couple with AIDS. After all, they were too sick to come to last Monday's convocation. What will they feel like?

Growing up in McPherson, I've never been exposed to anybody with AIDS or for that matter, HIV. Finally now, after 20 years, I can put a face with the disease. Sure, we have all seen famous people from the cities announce they are infected, but we don't know them.

Kelly Nelson and Tyler Roberts are the faces and personalities I can now put with HIV and AIDS.

They met eight years ago. Tyler grew up in the small town of Cushing, Okla. and Kelly in Beloit, Kan., another small town. He was an intravenous drug user, and she an alcoholic.

"When we first met I was still using and he was recovering, so we didn't have a lot in common," she said.

Little did they know that they would meet up again and work at the same radio station, KSAL/KY94 in Salina. Tyler is the assistant engineer and she DJ's.

This time, they hit it off and ended up getting married two years later. Before starting a family, they wanted to get tested for HIV.

"We were going to start having kids and thought we'd be responsible since there's no mandatory blood tests for a marriage license in Kansas," Tyler said.

"It was always in the back of my mind that I might be HIV, but I had been tested before and it came out negative," he said.

The results came back, and it wasn't what they expected.

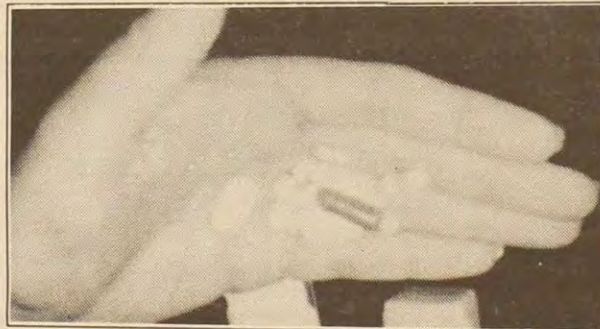
"It was pretty much assumed it would come back negative. We hadn't really discussed what would happen. I wasn't in any way prepared for it to come back positive," Kelly said.

Tyler had his test done before Kelly and the day he walked through their front door is a moment she will never forget.

"I was at home when he came home from the doctor's office. When he came in the front door he had a smile on his face, and I said, 'Thank God the test came back negative,' and then his looked changed immediately and I knew it had

AIDS

big disease hits small towns



Photos by Sarah Adams

One set of pills Kelly has to take every day.

come back positive," she said.

Tyler and Kelly have known for 10 months that they have HIV and Tyler now has full blown AIDS. When a person's T-cell count drops below the normal level, 200, that's when the disease is considered full-blown AIDS.

HIV is Human Immunodeficiency Virus which is differ-

ent from AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Many people, including the medical profession, are confused about the differences. One of the biggest misconceptions is the amount of time it takes for HIV to be detected.

When a person is infected, there is a window period that takes as few as three weeks or as long as six months to be detected. Many people still think that it takes seven years, but it's the full blown AIDS that isn't detectable for seven to ten years. After a person is considered full blown, they are given only a couple years to live.

The misconceptions about HIV and AIDS are sometimes not as bad as the way people categorize different AIDS patients.

"The thing that really gets to me is we hear people say that if you get it from a blood transfusion or through heterosexual sex you're an 'innocent' victim, but if someone were to get it through homosexual sex, you're bad. People are people and anybody is susceptible to getting it," Kelly said.

"We just want to give people the basic AIDS 101 course. It's not just the college students, it's also doctors, that don't have the correct information," Tyler said.

"AIDS is the number one killer in both men and women ages 25-44 and the highest rising group of newly infected people are heterosexual teenagers," Tyler said.

"Here we are, 25-year olds, talking to these teenagers and saying, 'Look. This information is out there for your use, so use it,'" Kelly said.

"The only problem is these teenagers are out there still having unprotected sex," Tyler said.

Kelly and Tyler live their lives day by day and don't make many future plans. They talk as often as possible to different groups and schools, usually two days per month and three times during that day. They also started the first AIDS support group in Salina.

What will you be doing over spring break?



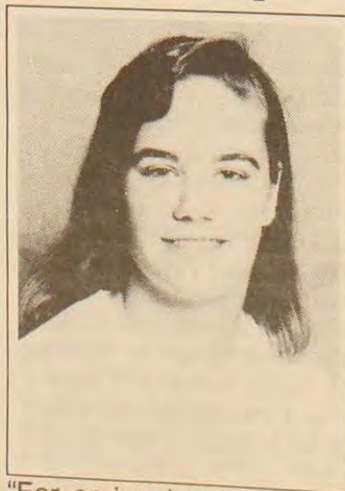
"I'm going to Las Vegas, baby!"

Melissa Sharp, fr.



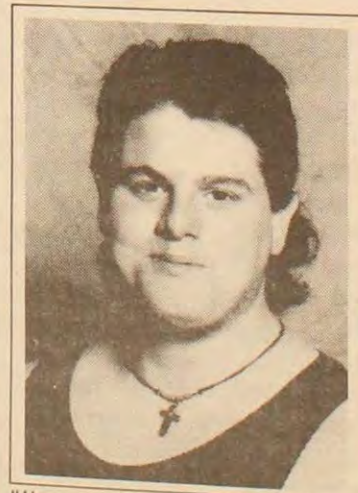
"Spending time with my family."

Edward Acosta, fr.



"For spring break I get to look for a summer job."

Sylvia Hays, jr.



"I'm going home to San Antonio, Texas."

Tim Cossens, fr.



"For spring break, I'm going on choir tour."

Teresa Boness, fr.

Bosnian student finds external peace, but struggles with internal questions

Imagine for a second that you would have to leave your country because of war. For most of us, this thought is only a distant nightmare, but for Vesna Saraba, this nightmare became reality.

Vesna was born on December 12, 1970 in the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo. She lived there until she was twelve years old and then moved to the Persian Gulf with her family.

"I did not like it. There was nothing to do for a kid of my age in Dubai, and thus I was looking forward to coming back to Yugoslavia every summer," she said.

Vesna came back to live in Sarajevo after graduating from an English high school in the small Arab nation.

The fall of the Berlin wall in 1989 changed a lot of things behind the "iron curtain." In the following years, Yugoslavia undertook the process of changing from a Communist to a market-oriented economy. A partition of Yugoslavia was almost inevitable. Slovenia and Croatia separated first, followed by several other republics. The Bosnians were probably the only ones to love the old Yugoslavia.

"We were the most patriotic and did not want to be divided," she said.

People in Bosnia and Herzegovina wanted to go back to the old days, when Tito was still the country's leader.

In February 1992, a referendum was organized where the people of Bosnia had to vote whether they wanted to still be part of Yugoslavia or declare their independence. The Bosnians were mostly against independence, but they realized that it was inevitable and voted for it. Bosnia became the only republic to be immediately recognized by the international community as a sovereign state.

"The Serbs cut Sarajevo in half using barricades made out of old cars," she said.

They were against Bosnia's new found "freedom." "People were involved in all kind of peace rallies," Vesna said.

The barricades were finally lifted but the Serbs came back a few days later. Serb snipers opened fire on a huge crowd which had gathered outside the Parliament building.

"This was not an isolated incident. Things like that happened all over Bosnia at the same time. We then realized that war was at our doorsteps," said Vesna.

Everybody in Sarajevo was angry at what was going on. "We supported each other," she said.

During the first few days of seige, people living in the



Photo by Jon Henrikson

Exchange student Vesna takes time out to play pool.

Path to Independence

By Pascal Reber

Spectator Staff

capital gathered a lot of food. The stores ran out of goods very quickly.

"Food was rationed in families," Vesna said.

The shortage became very bad.

"We ate rice and spaghetti all the time; we were lucky if we had ketchup," Vesna said.

Schools and universities had been closed since the beginning of the conflict.

"The streets were full of people during the day but at night, nobody dared going outside," she said.

Night was a time of tension. There was a lot of shooting and shelling.

"I still can hear the noise of shells going through the air," Vesna said.

Vesna and her family spent most of their night in the cellar

waiting for the shelling to stop.

"The Serbs had burnt the main post office. We thus could not call. They had also shut off the electric and water supply to the city," she said.

"I was not afraid. It was much tougher to get used to the pressure and a whole new way of life," Vesna said.

"Four of my cousins are fighting. One of them was able to escape. I have also many friends on the front lines, some of them have been killed and others have been injured," Vesna said.

Vesna had been pressured by her parents to leave the capital.

"It was a tough decision to make. At first I thought I was going to be gone for a couple of months only but..." She left Sarajevo on July 26, 1992.

"The trip was very scary. We had to take back roads across the countryside," she said.

Vesna stayed in Croatia and Slovenia for two weeks and then obtained a visa to go back to the Persian Gulf. She spent from August 1992 to July 1993 in Dubai working as a chemistry lab assistant in her former high school. Having no opportunity to find a job or pursue her studies, she went to Vienna to visit some friends. She tried to obtain a refugee visa from different embassies, but her application was always rejected.

Finally, she submitted an application to the US embassy and after a six-month procedure, she was allowed into the United States. Vesna arrived in America in March 1994. She went to Fort Hays where she lived with a cousin and then came to McPherson College.

In the first year of her "exile," Vesna got two phone calls and two letters from her parents. Communication with the outside world was almost impossible for the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

"For the past four months, I have been able to call my family. I cannot send letters from the United States. One of the best ways to communicate is through E-Mail," Vesna said.

Vesna is a chemistry major and wants to go to graduate school and then work in a lab doing research.

"I want to make a difference. I want to help rebuild my country once the guns fall silent," she said.

Vesna is still not sure whether she made the right decision in leaving her country.

"If I could choose again between leaving and staying in Sarajevo, I would stay," she said.

Robert Big Elk travels on behalf of peace and prayers

By Christine Hauschildt

Editorial Editor

He lost his father at a young age, was taken away from his mother and sent to boarding school where he was beaten, humiliated, and had his head shaved because of his race. This was the childhood Robert Big Elk.

Big Elk was at McPherson College from February 27 to March 1. He spoke at convo and visited with faculty, staff and students in World Religions, Philosophy, American Minorities, College Communication and American Literature. He also gave pottery demonstrations to ceramics students.

Big Elk is of Omaha and Lakota descent. As a young man he ran away from boarding school numerous times to find his mother. When his mother died, Big Elk cut off one of his fingers out of respect for his mother.

He attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N. M., from 1963

to 1968. He has also attended the University of Colorado.

The designs of Big Elk's pottery come from designs of the Lakota and Omaha nations 1500 years ago. In 1992, Big Elk was invited by the Bush Administration to tour Spain as a national representative of all Indian nations. He exhibited pots and appeared in traditional dress.

His pottery is adorned with ancient designs of indigenous people. For Big Elk, the colors on his pottery represent all people.

Big Elk hopes that his work will inspire a deeper communication between Indians and non-Indians. Despite his traumatic childhood, Big Elk has come full circle to forgive and love everyone. He travels all over to try to build peace. He tells this from his viewpoint.

Much of Big Elk's bitterness toward the white man's religion comes from his personal experiences and the past experiences

of Native Americans in this country.

The turtle appears on much of Big Elk's pottery appears the turtle. "The turtle is an ancient symbol, created to honor the Earth. There are many Native American legends that tell of the Earth being created on the back of turtle. It is said the reason the turtle walks so slowly is because it carries the weight of the world on its back. The turtle is a healer and a teacher. That reminds us to slow down and pay more attention to all of creation around us, and interact with the natural world. The turtle itself shows us that everything we need is within all of us," said Elk.

"He came here with a message and the message was a positive one," said David Lopez, sr.

"Black, white, yellow and red make up all the nations and we should learn to live with each other," Lopez added.



Jon Henrikson

Robert Big Elk prepares the clay to throw a pot.

SO LONG, SENIORS

By Erik Vogel
Spectator Staff

For the three McPherson College Bulldog seniors, Jonathan Coachman, Jarod Miller, and Adam Clark, Tabor College marked the site of their last collegiate basketball game.

Each one of the trio contributed in a different way to the success of the men's basketball team. After a slow start, the squad ended with a 15-13 record, thanks in part to the efforts of the three seniors.

For Coachman, that Saturday night brought to a close a brilliant career. For four years, Coachman has been an invaluable asset to the program, and he leaves McPherson College as the school's top scorer, rebounder, and assist man. Despite playing with almost an entirely new cast and various nagging injuries, Coachman was named co-player of the year in the conference, sharing the award he captured last year as a junior.

Lacking size and bulk, along with some front teeth, Jarod Miller battled his way into the starting line-up his senior season. Although only 6'5", Miller held his own as the Bulldogs starting post player. Miller's numbers soared toward the second half of the season as the team climbed back into the KCAC play-off race. Noted for his superb jumping ability, it was his clutch rebounding and free throw shooting down the stretch that contributed to the team's success.

However, in his final home game, Miller received lift-off and he recorded his first jam of the season.



Adam Clark may not be a household name in the greater McPherson area, but his efforts did not go unnoticed among Bulldog coaches and players. Clark, known as AC, provided some bulk and plenty of hustle in practice and games. Always on the floor for a loose ball or in the paint to yank down a rebound, Clark was a team player who recognized his role and played within his capabilities.

After years of playing together as teammates, these three left their mark on the program and the younger players they played with. Combining humor with heart, this trio gave Bulldog fans many memories to cherish forever.

"I enjoyed having the opportunity to play basketball over the last three years. I made a lot of great friends. I also really appreciate our two great coaches. Thanks for all the great times."

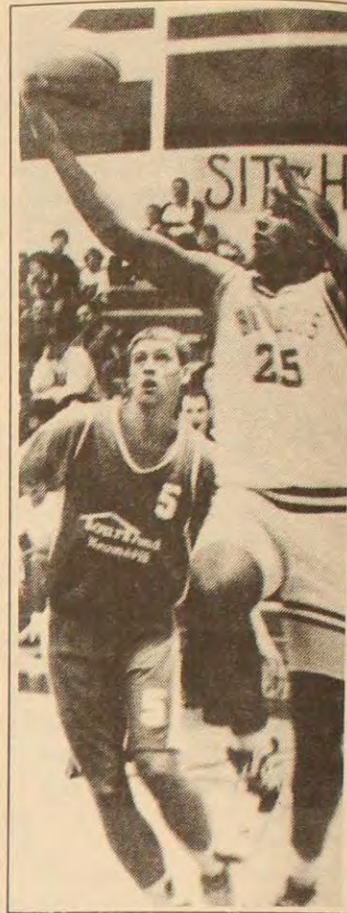
Adam Clark

"I've been fortunate enough to play four years for two terrific coaches and some great home town fans. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunities that I have had."

Jonathan Coachman

"My fondest memory is winning five slam dunk titles. I brought pride to the McPherson Bulldogs and it was a great group of guys to end my career with."

Jarod Miller



The end of a season brings hope for next, for never

The climax of a season brings joy and sorrow; For some it brings no tomorrow

Erik Vogel
Spectator Staff

It is a day that no player anxiously awaits. Worse than a loss, more painful than an injury, it is that day when you know your career is over.

Sometimes we as players think that the opportunity to play will always be there. And that is true. Pick-up games, alumni battles, and an empty gym to shoot in will most likely be available to all former athletes.

However, the thrill of putting on a uniform, walking onto the floor sandwiched between a crowd of patrons and an army of opposition, that is something we experience for such a short part of our life. Once it is gone, it

may never be again.

As the basketball season comes to a conclusion, players all across the country will take the floors of countless gyms knowing that this may be their last game. From high schoolers to professionals, and those in between, the emotions of playing in that last game will be present.

The madness of March brings joy and glory to basketball competitors and fans everywhere. It also brings

heartache and agony to those who come up the victim, not the victor.

Maybe it is just a game that connects families from miles apart, brings old classmates back together, and communities closer. Maybe it is just a game that triggers memories of old and allows us to enjoy the moments of today. Maybe it is just a game that can make you a hero on Friday and a fallen warrior come Saturday night.

What a splendid year of basketball it has been. Some ballplayers will be playing in their last game, while others will be looking forward to many more years of competition. Fans hope to see a win, a title, or something they can hold onto forever. But in the end there will be a winner and a loser. There will always be ecstasy and agony. There will always be first and then the rest. It has been that way forever, and always will be.

Cagers season ends

By Jonathan Coachman
Sports Editor

Bulldog men make it to semis before losing at the buzzer

The outstanding run for the men's basketball team came to an end Feb. 25 as they lost a heartbreaker to Tabor College, 73-69.

This was the second year in a row that the cager's season has ended at Hillsboro. Last year, after finishing second place in the regular season the Dogs also finished second in the tournament. This year, however it was a semifinal matchup that lived up to its pre-game billing.

Always a close game when McPherson and Tabor step on the court, the beginning looked like it was going to be anything but that. The Bulldogs fell behind quickly in the first two minutes. They were able to climb back into it and took a lead 20-19. At the half it was a one point game with Tabor on top 34-33.

"We were right where we wanted to be," said coach Roger Trimmell. "We neutralized their crowd and played our game."

The second half began the same way the first half did with Tabor scoring the first seven points to take

an eight point lead 41-33. But once again the cagers stormed back to take a 48-46 lead.

Down the stretch it was nip and tuck the whole way. The Bulldogs took their final lead 69-68 on a basket by Jonathan Coachman with 1:02 remaining in the game.

A free throw by Tabor's Jesse Herrmann with 45 seconds left tied it at 69. A missed shot by Chris Owens with 25 seconds to go set up the final shot for Tabor.

After a timeout Tabor was able to work the ball around to their hot three-point shooter, Bryan Vincent, with 11 seconds to go. His shot touched nothing but net to give the Bluejays the victory.

A foul with one second left decided the final margin. The Bulldogs were led by Chris Owens with 17 and Jarod Miller and Jonathan Coachman with 16 points a piece.

Despite the disappointing loss, Trimmell was still happy with the effort his players gave.

"We gave it everything we had and more," said Trimmell. "I think that everyone who was at that game will say it was one of the greatest college basketball games they have had the pleasure of watching."

Love-Love

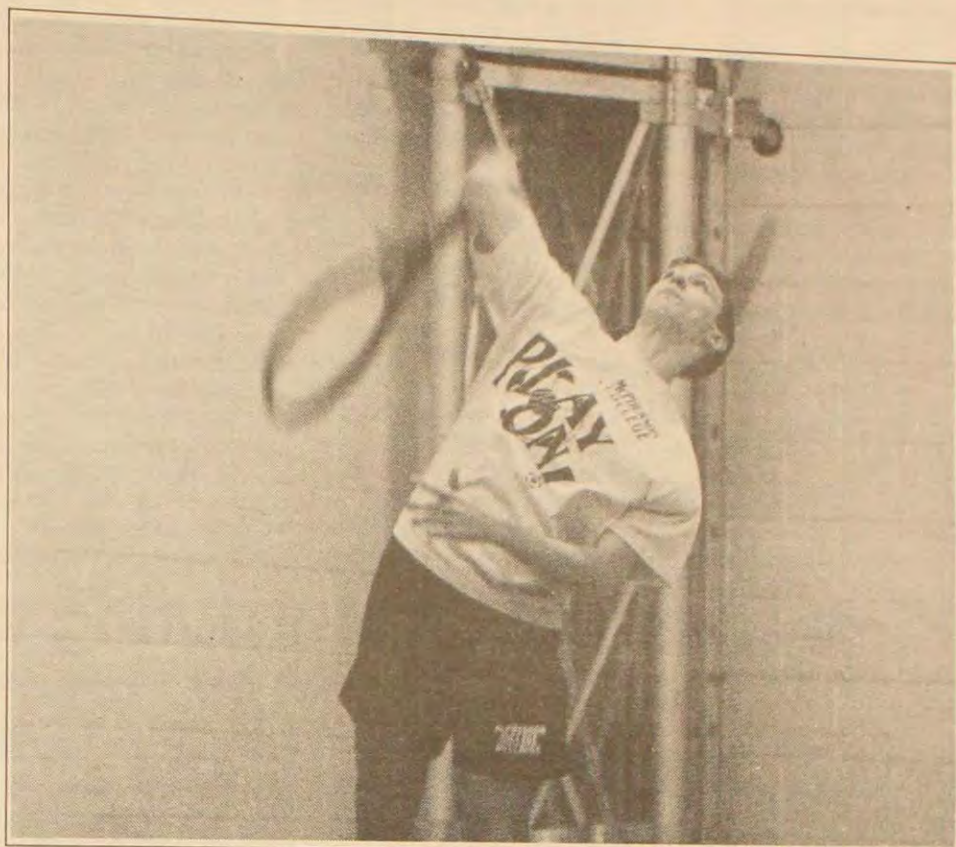


Photo by Jon Henrikson

Joey "Brick" House prepares to serve in a recent practice. The men's tennis team will have their first meet Tuesday afternoon at Southwestern. The team is coached this year by Dave Barrett in his second season. A full review of the opening match and of the team will appear in the next issue of the Spectator.

Strap it up and settle in for March Madness

I love basketball! I can't get enough, I can't watch enough, I can't talk about it enough. It takes a time like the first three weeks of March to remind me just how much I LOVE THIS GAME!

I have gotten out of a February Frenzy of my own and I thought that once I was done I wouldn't care about it anymore. WRONG! All of a sudden March Madness arrives, and the blood starts pumping again. All the way from the high school playoffs to the NCAA playoffs, I want to see it all.

I had forgotten until this past week how much fun high school basketball really can be. I had the pleasure of watching my brother win his sub-state game and advance on to the state playoffs this past Wednesday. Although they lost, I couldn't have been more proud of him or his team.

His school, the Hoisington Cardinals, hadn't been to the state playoffs since 1944. Just think of all the people who went through that school and community who never had a chance to feel how it feels or taste how it tastes. And that's just one community. Think of all the other communities around not only the state but the entire country who never

Coach's Corner



Jonathan Coachman

Sports Editor

get that opportunity.

I was at McPherson High School for two years and in those two years was a part of two state championship ballclubs. After winning I thanked those guys for giving me the chance to experience the whole atmosphere. I didn't necessarily have to win to enjoy it. Being there was enough. The fact that we won was a bonus.

I wish every high school basketball player could have that chance to play in an arena that would probably hold more people than is in their home town. To play in a gym where both rims are exactly ten feet. To bring your community together in one big place for at least one or two nights where everybody is on the same side

March Madness also means college basketball. It means the cul-

mination of a season full of battles against old foes and new. College basketball is by far the most exciting form of basketball in the entire world. It still has the enthusiasm of high school basketball only with players who have brought those same skills and taken them to the next level.

Next week the NCAA playoffs begin. There will undoubtedly be the usual upsets and also the heavyweights having their own way on through to the Sweet Sixteen. But unlike a lot of other things such as race car driving or the America's cup or even brussel sprouts, it never gets old.

Each game is a fresh, new exciting ballgame. And I know that at least one time in each of our lives after one of these games we have done this: Raced to the garage and picked up our old, beaten up, worn out ball. Even though it was after dark you can still see the rim of the basket you have out in your driveway. You take a couple of dribbles to the right and then back to the left and as you're going up for the shot you say, "Jordan can win the game for North Carolina if he sinks this

jumper. And it's good! Carolina wins! Carolina wins!"

I know, we all substitute our favorite team and player in that situation. But the point is, we all have done it and most probably still are doing it.

Basketball gives us dreams. Great, vivid, magical dream of hitting that last shot, or pouring in 40 points in one game. That's what makes it great to be a part of this game either as a fan, as a coach, or as a player. It takes all three to make it work.

As the tournament approaches there are going to be some surprises that you might not suspect. Look for Wisconsin Green-Bay to go farther than anyone thinks. Look for Kansas to make another trip to the final four. Also look for Oklahoma to give a whole bunch of people some fits. This year is very difficult to pick a national champion because of all of the parity. If I had to go with one team though it would be: Arkansas.

There are still a lot of games to be played around the state this weekend in high school and for the next three weeks around the country. Don't miss out on the fun. Who knows what you'll see.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men cagers garner awards

Three McPherson College basketball players received post-season KCAC honors: Jonathan Coachman: Was named to the unanimous first team after averaging 22 points and 9 rebounds a game. Also named co-player of the year in the conference. This was the second year that he received this award.

Matt Richardson: Was named honorable mention all KCAC after averaging nearly 13 points a game. One of the deadliest shooters in the conference connected for a personal record of six three pointers against Southwestern.

Chris Owens: Was named honorable mention all KCAC after averaging 14 points a game. Had a season high of 25 points.

Intramural tournament set

The regular season for five-on-five basketball came to a close last night. Team #7, captained by Orlando Alfaro were the champs with a record of 6-0. Playoffs begin this Sunday with the finals set for next Thursday at 8 p.m. Festivities will begin at 7 p.m. with a slam dunk and a three point contest.

Stuco moves to add new representatives

By Melissa Martens
Staff Writer

The McPherson College Student Council recently made a motion to revise the constitution to include two additional representative positions.

Calvin Hill, admissions counselor, came before the board at the March 26 meeting to suggest that Student Council include representatives of Multicultural Forum and International Student organization. The motion passed after a lengthy discussion.

There was some confusion as to what exactly would be expected from these new positions. The final decision was that the two new positions would be offered for the up-

"I feel the student body could improve its diverse population by having diverse representatives in the student government"

Calvin Hill
Admissions Counselor

coming year, but it wouldn't be necessary that they be filled.

Hill proposed the revision because "there is a lack of multicultural organization and involvement on campus. I feel the student body could improve its diverse population by having diverse representatives in

the student government." He hopes that ethnic students will use the Stuco positions to enlighten the campus community.

Stuco treasurer Nathan Brubaker, and President Jenny Burger both said that it is a good idea.

"Hill made a good presentation," said Brubaker. "The purpose of Student Council is to hear ideas from everyone, and the new positions offer us a way to improve campus representation."

Kristen Cossaart, Stuco vice president, added another viewpoint. Cossaart felt that the international student representative was a good idea, but because they would only be on campus for nine months and would have to be voted on in the fall, they would miss out on much of the

previous year's planning.

"Multicultural' includes anyone from any culture—it could mean a European Caucasian," Cossaart said.

"We already have people from other cultures on Stuco. With the revision we will have to revamp the constitution, and there is no guarantee that people will even run for the positions."

Patrick Crowdis, soph., secretary, agreed, "Having diverse representation is great and I encourage that; I am also in favor of making Stuco larger and more powerful. However, I don't feel that constantly making distinctions between people of different ethnic and racial backgrounds promotes unity and equality."

McPherson choir to tour during spring break

By Melissa Martens
Staff Writer

Instead of planning trips to sunny beaches, snowy mountain tops, or Mom and Pop's, the 40-some member McPherson College choir will be touring the Southwest during spring break.

In past years the traditional annual tour went during school, and members had to make up the missed classwork, but in recent years the choir has toured during spring break.

This year the choir is planning to do 14 concerts in Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado over the course of 10 days. The choir tour offers an opportunity for representatives of the McPherson College student body to interact with various Church of the Brethren congregations.

For most choir members tour serves as a vacation, despite the hard work and long hours on the road in a bus. Incorporated into the

schedule is a half day of skiing and/or shopping for those interested.

Sean Dell, jr., is "hoping for more free time. In the past there have been more scheduled concerts, and it was quite hectic."

Several choir members said they are also excited about visiting home towns. The tour offers even more opportunities for the international student members.

Annette Fennesey, a junior from London, is looking forward to "entertaining people and seeing different parts of the country."

Dr. Alan Gumm, director of choral music, said he is also excited about the upcoming tour, and that he has been busy putting together the itinerary. He is glad to "finally be able to concentrate on the choir instead of travel arrangements."

"I anticipate a huge payoff for the choir, musically," Gumm said. "They've put in a lot of hard work. It is going to happen beautifully."

McPherson College Choir Tour Schedule

Friday, March 17

7:30 p.m.—Garden City Church of the Brethren, Garden City

Saturday, March 18

7 p.m.—Perryton Mennonite Church, Perryton, Texas

Sunday, March 19

10:30 p.m.—Pampa Church of the Brethren, Pampa, Texas

7 p.m.—Clovis Church of the Brethren, Clovis, N.M.

Monday, March 20

2 p.m.—Menaul School, Albuquerque, N.M.

7 p.m.—La Vidallena Lifecare, Albuquerque, N.M.

Tuesday, March 21

12:30 p.m.—Takahookaadi Church of the Brethren, Lybrook (Cuba), N.M.

Wednesday, March 22

7:30 p.m.—Wiley Church of the Brethren, Wiley, Colo.

Thursday, March 23

10:30 a.m.—Springfield High School, Colo.

7:30 p.m.—Scott City High School, Scott City

Friday, March 24

7:30 p.m.—Leoti United Methodist Church, Leoti

Saturday, March 25

7 p.m.—Quinter Church of the Brethren, Quinter

Sunday, March 26

11 a.m.—Quinter Church of the Brethren, Quinter

4 p.m.—Wilson Opera House, Wilson

Sunday, April 2

2 p.m.—McPherson Church of the Brethren

Agriculture department has new system on trial basis



Prof. Al Dutrow, agriculture, and Cameron Mahler, soph., experiment with the new computer system.

By Bill Brugger
Spectator staff

The agriculture department received a new computer service called Farmdayta, a current news market service provided by Broadcast Partners, in December. The service is directed toward agriculture majors but provides information that can be useful to many students.

Farmdayta provides information such as up-to-the-minute weather conditions for the entire United States, financial news, USDA reports, crop prices, classifieds, and even Paul Harvey News. The service is at McPherson on a seven-month trial basis and is currently provided by the agriculture alumni. The college will decide whether or not to keep the program following the spring semester.

"I find it useful for many of the classes I teach. It provides updated information valuable to students, as well as professors," Prof. Al Dutrow, agriculture, said.

"It's useful because you get up to date information on markets, and articles from people that analyze the markets, and provide you with insights," according to Mike Bretz, a junior agriculture/animal science major.

Although this particular program is geared towards agriculture majors, there are other options that could be included to make the computer more useful to other majors, such as business, as well as the general student body.

The computer is currently located in Harnley, room 308. Farmdayta is available for all students interested.

NEWS BRIEFS

Spring Break

All halls close for Spring Break at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 17. The halls reopen at noon on Sunday, March 26.

Class Agent

The alumni office is looking for a 1995 Class Agent. The class agent writes two letters to classmates per year, using information sent to them directly from classmates or through the alumni office.

The class agent also works with the alumni office in coordinating the five-year reunion. Interested seniors should contact the alumni office. Votes will be cast at the senior banquet in May.

Jaime Escalante

Jaime Escalante, star teacher immortalized by the movie, "Stand and Deliver," will give a presentation Saturday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Escalante is a much acclaimed mathematics teacher who took disadvantaged students from the barrios of Los Angeles and transformed them into math whizzes who aced the National Testing Services's most difficult test, the Advanced Placement Calculus exam.

Reserved tickets are \$16; general admission tickets are \$11, and student tickets are \$9.

Tickets are on sale at Peoples Bank, Bank IV, and Home State Bank (north location).

Tickets are also available through the McPherson College box office, which is open 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Proceeds from Escalante's visit will go to the Fund for the Advancement of Science and Mathematics, a scholarship fund for his students.

Stuco Petitions

Petitions for Student Council representatives are due March 13. They should be turned in to Pat Crowdis by 5 p.m.

Financial Aid

Students returning the McPherson College for the 1995-96 school year need to review their financial aid eligibilities by beginning the process now.

Students need to complete the 1995-96 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), turn in the Student Aid Report, provide copies of tax returns and turn in an Institutional Verification Form if selected, and mark the awards as accepted or rejected on a Financial Aid Award Notice.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Kingery vs. Crowdis

Student Council secretary, Patrick Crowdis, faces SAB treasurer, Dennis Kingery, in race for Student Council President

By Michael P. Schneider
Editor-in-Chief

Dennis Kingery leads this year's race for Stuco president. A Spectator poll conducted March 6 showed Kingery with 65 percent voter support over his competitor Patrick Crowdis, who had 35 percent.

Both candidates are looking forward to the election on Monday and have lofty goals if elected president.

"My main goal is to bring back the council to the students. I want it to be their council instead of an elite group of people nobody knows about," Crowdis said.

Crowdis also looks forward to taking care of unfinished business.

"I want to see the sand volleyball court finished, continue to make the College Courts a bigger part of campus and support the revisions to the constitution," Crowdis said.

Kingery is concerned about a lack of student participation on campus.

"I want to find things that students want to do so they will get involved. I would also like to

see an increased relationship between the students and administration. We should all work together," Kingery said.

Crowdis and Kingery are equally interested in building a strong relationship with the rest of council.

"I want to be a friend, leader and follower. I will listen to what the other members of council have to say," Crowdis said.

"Student Council is not just a job to put on your resume. I want all the members to understand their responsibilities and do more than just show up to the meetings," Kingery said.

Both candidates are actively involved on campus but confident that they could successfully fulfill the duties of president.

Crowdis is currently a psychology major, secretary of Stuco, a resident assistant, and member of the track team, choir and band, but feels this involvement will make him a better Stuco member.

"Being an active member of campus gets me out with the people. I am a people person and feel I would deal especially well with faculty and administration," Crowdis said.

Kingery is currently an accounting/finance major, treasurer of Student Activity Board and a member of Business Club and the football team. Kingery believes there is a need for someone on campus who wants to see something better happen to McPherson College.

"I've never been this motivated to do anything in my life. I have a strong desire to make a positive impact on the college and leave something behind for others to build on," Kingery said. "My business background will help Stuco with its money matters, and I feel I can relate to anyone on campus."

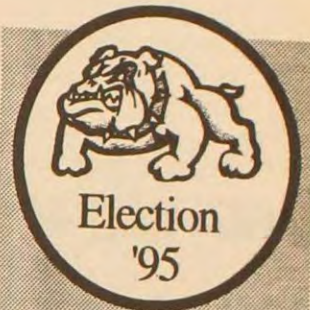
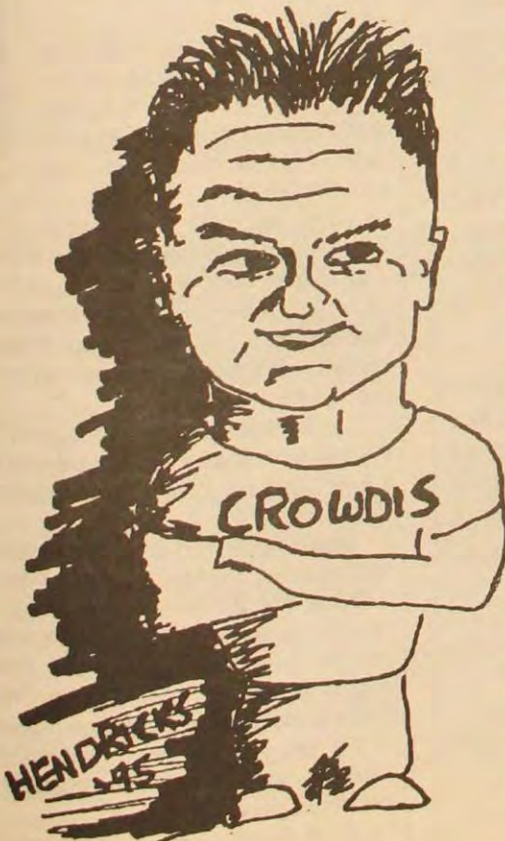
This year's election carries the load of many issues. At the top of the list are the recent concerns that the Kansas State Board of Education has in regard to teaching training.

"Stuco's main responsibility is to support the faculty and administration who are working on the appeal because it is vital for us to be accredited," Crowdis said.

Kingery added that is also important that Stuco make sure the student body is getting all the information concerning the appeal process.

Other issues riding on this year's election relate directly to Student Council itself. The first deals with Stuco's recent discussion about reorganizing the constitution.

"There is a lot of unneeded paperwork and hassles we go through in everyday business and



ELECTION POLL

PRESIDENT

Dennis Kingery 65%
Patrick Crowdis 35%

VICE PRESIDENT

Kristin Cossaart 53%
Shawn McGowen 47%

SECRETARY

Amy Norsworthy 83%
Chris Saunders 17%

The poll was taken Monday, March 6, before convocations. Results are based on 146 replies.

Election Info

■ Polls will be open immediately following convocations on March 13 in Friendship Hall and close at 10:30 a.m.

■ All students are eligible to vote including seniors.

■ Ballots are cast only for executive offices. Elections for other offices will be March 27.

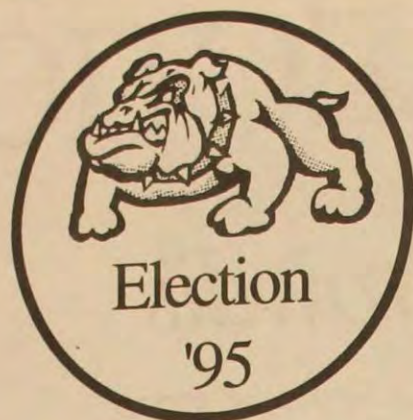
reconstruction would make Stuco more efficient," Crowdis said.

"The time period specification for elections is just one example of why the constitution needs to at least be revised. There is too much of a rush put on students to get petitions in and for an election to take place, because breaks always get in the way," Kingery said.

At a recent Stuco meeting, council made a motion that the constitution be amended to add potential representatives from Multicultural Forum and International Student Organization. Both candidates agree that this will benefit the council as well as the student body.

"If these organizations are interested in having a representative, then Stuco should take advantage of it. The new representatives would give us two more ways of looking at things," Kingery said.

"It is a good idea because we will get a better representation of the campus. Adding members helps disperse the responsibilities and by enlarging Stuco it will allow us to do more or do what we do now better," Crowdis said.



STUDENT

"Student Council takes a lot of responsibility and must rely on their good judgment and learn to delegate responsibilities."

Secretary candidates ready to commit

Norsworthy and Saunders look forward to dealing with the issues as their race for secretary of Student Council draws to an end

By Michael P. Schneider
Editor-in-Chief

Amy Norsworthy was clearly in the lead in the race for Student Council secretary according to a Spectator poll conducted March 6. Norsworthy accumulated 83 percent of the student opinion. Her opponent, Chris Saunders, had 17 percent.

Norsworthy is a freshman biology major from Clovis, N.M.

Saunders is a junior college transfer from Concordia, Kan., studying math on the secondary education level.

Next year one of these two candidates for secretary will be in charge of the election process and both are interested in improving the process.



Chris Saunders

"I would like to see elections here have a primary stage, but there just isn't enough interest yet. The main thing is to create interest by exposing students to Stuco," Saunders said.

"One way to create interest in the election process is by personal contacts. I wouldn't have thought seriously about running if Pat Crowdis hadn't encouraged me," Norsworthy said.

Norsworthy also believes that elections need to be better publicized and that public debates should be held.

Both candidates want to focus on improving the involvement of students on campus.

"I want Stuco to become more popular with the students by making them feel like they can participate," Saunders said. "As secretary I am responsible for the minutes. I want to publish the minutes in newsletter form and send it out to the students. I want students to be involved in what is going on."

"The campus needs to become more unified, by getting people involved and bringing

them out of their own little worlds and take advantage of the small school atmosphere," Norsworthy said. "I also want to work on improving the organization of the Sport Center for the non-athletes on campus."

Norsworthy and Saunders understand the issues Stuco deals with and believe they are ready to deal with them.

"One issue Stuco is struggling with right now is how to revise or reorganize the constitution, which definitely needs it. I have reorganized a constitution before when I was the secretary-treasurer at Cloud County Community College. My experience would help this tough process," Saunders said. However, Norsworthy feels differently about the constitution.

"I've been through the constitution a couple of times and besides the election

deadlines it looks pretty good," Norsworthy said.

The candidates do agree that the recent campus planning will benefit the future of McPherson College.

"The new buildings will improve the overall image of the campus and the new labs will be a great advantage to the students," Norsworthy said.



Amy Norsworthy

"By meeting the ADA requirements we will attract more students to campus. Basically, the new buildings will be a better educational tool," Saunders said.

Both candidates are aware of the commitment they are potentially getting themselves into and are ready to fulfill their duties if elected.

"I am committed to everything I do and am ready to give 100 percent to the job," Norsworthy said. "I am open minded to people's ideas and pay close attention to the details."

"A lot of people on campus think elections are popularity contests. That's not why I am running. I'm running because I want to make a difference. I wouldn't run for this office if I wasn't ready to make a commitment to serving the student body," Saunders said.

V.P. race tight

Spectator poll shows Cossart narrowly leading McGowan, 53 percent to 47 percent

By Sue Werner
News Editor

Two students are competing for Student Council vice president in this year's election. Kristen Cossart, jr., is the current vice president, and is running for the position again. Shawn McGowan, jr., is currently a representative at large on Student Council.

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

Cossart began her career in Stuco as the Dotzour representative in the spring of '93. She was a representative at large in '93-'94 before being elected as vice president.

Cossart believes that being a member of Stuco has taught her about communication, both within Stuco and with the rest of the student body. She believes that she has learned a lot through experience and is ready to take the time and effort for another term as vice president.

"I've been involved in Stuco, and I've seen a lot of what works and what doesn't work. I have learned a lot through experience," Cossart said.

Cossart is pleased with the possibility of reorganizing the Stuco constitution.

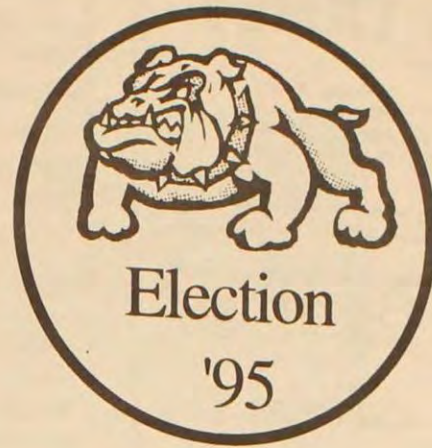
"I feel like the constitution is very structured right now, and I think with reorganizing the constitution, it would give more leeway in subjects that come up. One of the major parts of the constitution is how Stuco is set up, and we are considering other positions which would result in a more mixed variety of people."

One of the vice president's major respon



Kristin Cossart

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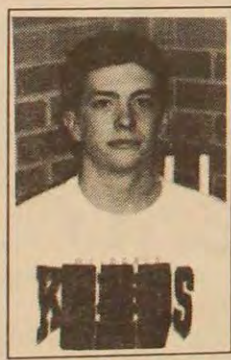


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ts as election draws near

is organizing the Homecoming ac-
Cossart was pleased with this year's
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that Homecoming this year went
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al, and I thought the coronation went
ould like to see more interest in the
fair," Cossart said.
believes that participation in activi-
beginning of the year is important.
that the initial days on campus are
portant as to how the rest of the year
to go. Showing a lot of enthusiasm
Welcome Week will set the mood for
the remainder of the year,"
Cossart said.
Cossart plans to work to make
efficient meetings and encourage
the student body to attend.
"I want to work with the presi-
dent in running more efficient
meetings. I'm really excited about
both of the presidential candi-
dates. I feel like I would easily be
able to work with either one of
them," Cossart said.
Cossart encourages members of
the student body to
come to Stuco with
any issues or con-
ndent body is welcome
to any and all of the
every Sunday night at 9
ould just hope that any-
who has a concern about
ould mention to a Stuco
member," Cossart said.
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said.
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and on campus.
that I have the experience and the
to achieve vice president. If I am

ected, your views will be honored, not just
mine, It won't just be me as vice president.
It will be everybody working together through
change," McGowan said.
McGowan agrees with Cossart that the
reorganizing of the constitution will be a
welcome change to Stuco.
"We already made some changes to the
constitution earlier this year. I feel that they
were good ones," McGowan said. "The con-
stitution is old, and it does need changed."
McGowan thought that this year's Home-
coming was successful, and if he is elected,
he does not plan on making many changes.
"I thought the last Homecoming went very
well. It was well organized and publicized,"
McGowan said.
Some changes McGowan does plan on
making are with the meetings, and the stu-
dent involvement.
"I feel that interest in Stuco is dropping.
It's a big problem and change is needed
badly. I want change mainly in the meet-
ings. Right now it just feels like we are going
through the motions."



Shawn McGowan

McGowan believes it is important for stu-
dents to get involved in campus activities
and to get involved and com-
municate with Student Coun-
cil.
"Another goal I have is to get
more people involved. We
should have more activities like
casino night. Also, I want to try
to get people to understand that
we're there for them. If they
need anything, they should
come to us. They should know
that we will try our best to fulfill
their needs," McGowan said.
McGowan believes that Stu-
dent Council will be able to deal
well with students' needs, if
students bring them to meetings.
"We'll be able to take students' needs, and
they won't just be heard, they will be dealt
with. We will actually be able to act out and
hopefully fulfill their needs," McGowan
said.

Student runs unopposed

*Strmenova brings credentials
and desire to get involved*

By Sue Werner
News Editor

Zuzana Strmenova is running unop-
posed for Stuco treasurer in this year's
election. Strmenova is an international
business major.

The treasurer acts as the chairperson of
the Board of Publications, pays all bills,
records all financial transactions of the
Student Council, and conducts a semes-
ter audit of the Spectator, the
Quadrangle, the Student
Council, and all other Student
Council-related organiza-
tions.

"I want to get more involved.
I didn't feel like I was very
well informed last semester.
What I know is accounting
and treasurer business, so I
will be good for that,"
Strmenova said.

A major concern for Stuco
this year has been the Quad-
rangle debt. The debt has been
lowered from \$15,000 to un-
der \$10 thousand, but there is still a long
way to go.

"I would like to think that the first thing
to do would be to see if it is possible to get
more money from the college for Stuco.
If not, we could sit down and see how
much money we can reduce from other
organizations to pay back the debt,"
Strmenova said.

Strmenova doesn't think that the rais-
ing of student fees would be a fair solu-
tion to the problem.

"I have heard that raising each student's
fee to pay back the debt has been dis-
cussed. I don't think it's right to raise the
fees. I think that would be the last thing
to do," Strmenova said.

Strmenova is pleased with the motion
to add Multicultural Forum and
Intercultural Student Organization rep-
resentatives to Stuco.

"It will help them to be informed and be
able to participate and raise concerns,"
Strmenova said.

Strmenova has several goals for her
term as treasurer. She would like to boost
student participation in Stuco.

"I think that they should announce what
is done at the meetings more. Also I think
that electing more representatives would
be good. It would help to spread informa-
tion," Strmenova said.

Concerns that Strmenova
has are the price that students
pay for the meal plan and the
difference in price between
the 14- and 19-meal plan.

"I would like to see if it's
possible to have a system
where we don't pay a fixed
amount for meals. Perhaps
we could introduce a plan
where you purchase meal tick-
ets. You would pay for the
exact number of meals that
you eat," Strmenova said.

Strmenova is enthusiastic
about taking on the responsibility of Stuco
treasurer.

"I'm doing this both for the college and
for myself. I want to try to handle the
responsibility," Strmenova said.



Zuzana Strmenova

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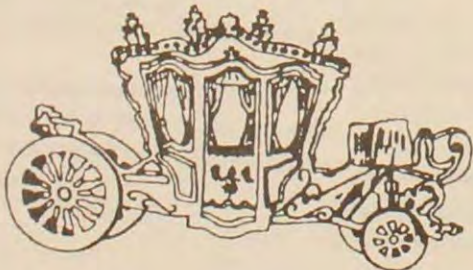
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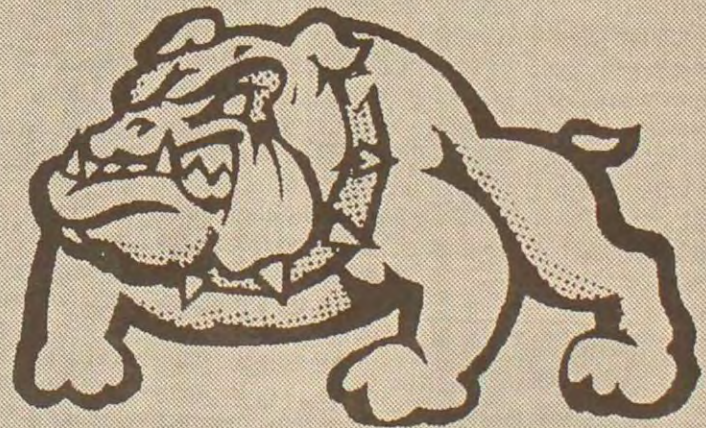
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