

# The McPherson College SPECTATOR

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## UNDERCOVER

## NEWS

### Physical Education program approved

The Kansas State Board of Education granted the Physical Education program a two-year approval.

### Spectator wins All-Kansas Award

Spectator recognized as the outstanding four-year private college newspaper.

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## FEATURES

### Did you know that?

Discover some interesting facts about your favorite professors.

### Faculty and staff leave McPherson College

Zandra Wagoner and Dale and Katy Goldsmith prepare for life after McPherson College.

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## SPORTS

### Tracksters prepare for final regular season meet

Track team will compete at Sterling in preparation for KCAC meet.

### Coleman named Athlete of the Issue

Rick Coleman, soph., wins the javelin throw at the ACCK track meet at Bethany April 10.



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# Student prospects rising

By Sue Werner  
News Editor

McPherson College continues to work with Miller/Cook Associates, Inc. to increase enrollment by Fall 1996. Initial results show an increase this year in the number of applications received, new inquiries, and campus visits by prospective students.

"We're turning a corner in our new processes," said Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services. "We're gaining ground where we need to be gaining ground."

Since the end of the second week in February, the college has received 176 applications for Fall 1996, as compared to 166 last year. As of April 5, the college received 521 new inquiries from prospective students interested in Fall 1996 enrollment, as compared to 255 inquiries in the same time period last year.

"My sense is that as we're making contacts, people are talking to their friends and people are calling in and requesting information," Knechel said.

The admissions staff has completed 2,522 calls pre-awarding prospective students with a McPherson College scholarship or grant, and 236 prospective students have accepted the awards.

"That's generally saying that they are very interested in McPherson College," Knechel said.

The college has been working with Miller/Cook and Associates since mid-February. The consultants put together a report providing information about what influences enrollment at colleges and universities, and what has specifically influenced enrollment at McPherson College. The report then gives specific recommendations to improve student enrollment at McPherson College. The report is available on reserve at Miller Library.

The report identifies social, economic and demographic assumptions that the college should take into consideration as it develops a plan for recruitment and retention.

Some social assumptions identified were the increasingly diverse ethnic population, and an increasing population of older part-time college students.

The report also points out America's move to a knowledge-based society and the need



Photo By Jon Henrikson

Jesse Van Norden, soph., participates as a tour guide for the consultant-recommended campus visit process.

to produce students who are information literate, stating, "Producing such citizens will require that schools and colleges appreciate and integrate the concept of information literacy into their learning programs and that they play a leadership role in equipping individuals and institutions to take advantage of the opportunity inherent with the information society."

Another social assumption identified is that "religious affiliation of colleges and universities will continue to provide identity to the institution."

Some economic factors identified are that the competition for public-funds will become more acute at federal, state and local levels; that the tuition burden will fall more on students than on parents; that the rising costs of private education are likely to lead more students to begin their college experience at public institutions, and that new tax levels may cause donations to higher education to diminish.

Demographically, the report points out that after bottoming out in 1994, the size of the nation's high school graduating class will rise slowly but steadily, reaching a peak of more than 3.3 million graduates in 2005.

The report suggests specific actions that the college should take to increase its enrollment.

Although the college has experienced an

increase since 1990 in the total number of admission applications received, and an increase since 1992 in the number of inquiries received, the college's enrollment has been decreasing since 1992. In 1992, the college enrolled 150 new students, as compared to 128 in 1995.

The report states, "Despite the hard work and competence of Admissions professionals, the majority of new student applications to McPherson College failed to subsequently enroll at the institution."

The report cites some possible reasons that the college would realize an increase in inquiries but fail to realize an increase in the total number of students enrolled.

According to the report, waivers of application fees, enrollment deposits and the failure to monitor active acceptance cause the application population to be unpredictable.

The consultants recommend that application fees be collected from all students, and that tuition deposits of at least \$250 be collected by May 1. According to the report, collection of these fees would enable the college to better predict the level of commitment of a prospective student.

According to the report, inquiries that are most likely to result in an application for admission come from students who self-initiate their inquiries, students who request

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# Commencement planned

By Melissa Crowdis  
Spectator Staff

Commencement exercises for the 108th graduating class of McPherson College will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

President Paul Hoffman will address the last class to graduate under his presidency. Hoffman will retire in August after 20 years of service to McPherson College.

Along with President Hoffman, Jim Dodson, executive vice president, was chosen by the senior class to address the 1996 graduates. Dodson will also resign in August.

"There are a lot of business majors in our class and we chose Jim because he is a well-liked professor, and we will miss him next year," Jessica Boothe, sr., said.

Mia Miller, sr., will give the invocation at the ceremony. "I am honored to have the opportunity to do this," Miller said.

Campus minister Zandra Wagoner will provide the benediction. She said, "I am very honored to be asked to offer a final blessing to the graduating seniors."

Miller and Wagoner were chosen by the senior committee comprised of Jessica Boothe, Dennis Kingery, Bridget Marrs and Kelly Thaxton.

Kingery and Boothe will present the welcome. This is usually done by the class president, "but since we don't have an official president, Dennis and I volunteered to do it together," Boothe said. "I'm really excited to be doing the welcome with Dennis. We've worked well together."

"Bass at Heart" and the Senior Ensemble will be singing during commencement. "Bass

at Heart" is a men's quartet comprised of Darren Hendricks, sr., Joey House, soph., Drew Hutchison, fr., and Marc Rittle, sr.

"We are always happy to perform, and we are glad we were asked. It's the last chance that the original four of us will be able to sing together," Rittle said.

The Senior Ensemble is made up of volunteers from the senior class. According to senior Sarah Adams, they, "will be singing 'Let the Rivers Run,' under the direction of Alan Gumm."

Shingo Kajinami, chemistry, will emcee a Senior Banquet that the Alumni office is putting on in honor of the graduates. It will be Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at the Pear Tree restaurant. Rick Tyler, senior class advisor, was chosen by the senior class to speak at the dinner. "We chose Rick just because everybody loves Rick," Boothe said.



# EDITORIAL

## Where will we live?

THIS PAST WEEK THE STUDENT BODY HAS HAD ROOM SIGN-UPS. The only problem is nobody knows exactly what it is we're signing up for. Meanwhile rumors have been rife. Dotzour's getting air-conditioned. Fanny's being closed. Bitt is being opened. Men will be living in Dotzour and women in Metzler. Fanny will no longer be coed. Where's the truth?

Meanwhile the administration hasn't done anything to clear this up. Maybe they don't know what's going on. In that case, why haven't the trustees informed us? We're paying nearly \$13,000 a year, and we don't know for sure where we're living.

Then there's this forced roommate option and depending on the numbers, R.A.s will be no exception. People have to put down someone for a roommate. Why? Because of all the expected new students. Does anyone know what is going on here?

What 18 year old likes being told what s/he must do? As in "you must have a roommate. You cannot have a single room because we don't have the cash/desire to offer you the single option."

If incoming students knew this, would they come? If current students really knew what was going on, would they stay?

There are other alternatives the administration has yet to look at. (At least we haven't heard any rumors on any of these options.)

For starters, allowing upperclassmen to live off campus. Yeah, we like the residential atmosphere, but it isn't for everybody. Or the administration could change the courts policy to allow more students to live over there, if they'd miss our money too much.

The administration could buy up some of the houses across from the college and rent them to students. They could tear down Bittinger and put up a dorm worth looking at. (They could call it Fahnestock and continue a long and glorious tradition.)

As the Spectator editorial staff tried to come up with low-cost, realistic ideas (tents in the Sport Center came up, but was axed,) we realized that the administration is in a bind. There isn't a lot of extra space. But space has nothing to do with honesty.

We as students have the right to know where we're going to live next year. The administration has the responsibility to keep all students informed.

**Emilita Huston**  
for the Editorial Staff



## Procrastinators can win with finals study hints

Because finals are just around the procrastinator's corner (well, everyone else's too), I'm going to quickly get to the point...

My 10th grade, maybe it was 11th grade, I don't remember, but anyhow...the guy's name was Raymond Willard Evans and he was my American History, Government, Economic, Psychology and Sociology teacher. He was a Renaissance Man. Evans was also adopted, lived in Egypt, served in the US Navy and had 436 stories to tell...ask me what I learned.

I want to share with you some great notes that he gave us on how to study. I guarantee that they work, and it will cost you only \$19.95.

HERE ARE "STUDY NOTES" BY R.W. EVANS, WITH A FEW SIDE NOTES FROM A.F.J. LEVINSKI.

**ORGANIZATION:** Have everything you need to study.

- Folder
- Notebook
- Dated lecture notes (why did he stress this?)
- Space notes (allows the brain (brian) to rest)
- Assignment notebook (who uses one of these?)
- Planning calendar
- All material in set study area
- Analyze work (I don't remember what this means.)
- Do it right the first time
- EMPHASIZE context
- Reward your good effort (So, Amy, when you're done with this chapter, you can smoke a cigarette.)

**USING THE TEXTBOOK:** Don't read one chapter in a sitting, read in sections

- Read study guides and sidelines
- Take your own section notes and compare with the section review
- Don't daydream!

**NOTE TAKING AND STUDYING:** Write more clearly

- Write down more headings
- Follow orders (odors?)
- Listen to the teacher (new concept there, Ray.)
- Always include the teacher's notes
- Write down everything on the board (use discretion in Herb's classes.)
- Don't write down *everything*
- Revise notes for yourself.

**STUDYING FOR A TEST:** A skill that needs to be developed

- Don't reread the text book
- Don't over read your notes

### Out There

By Amy Levinski



- Start studying right away
- Do something with your notes every night
- Don't cram (what's that?)
- Use flash cards to remember
- Study out loud (verses talking to yourself...)

**TAKING TESTS:** Recheck all answers

- Read all the questions first.
- Read all the directions
- Take the test in the order it is given (I have a problem with this — I like to start from the back — call me crazy, I DARE YOU.)

**TRUE/FALSE TESTS:** Look for factual information

- Look for exceptions—if one—false
- The longer the question, the more likely it will be true
- "All," "always" and "never" are false statements (this is a clue.)

**MULTIPLE CHOICE TESTS:** Check for truth

- Choose one with the most information
- "Except" and "not" are false, so disregard
- Be careful with "all" and "none of the above"

**MATCHING TESTS:** Do the ones you know first

- Read answers first
  - Always check for key words or phrases
- SHORT ESSAY TESTS:** Look for specific answers
- List answers
  - Don't overwrite (like myself on occasion.)

**LONG ESSAY TESTS:** Organize answer (use outline form.)

- Don't try to put something down that you're not sure of
  - Avoid second guessing
- Well, there you have it. I hope this will be useful to many Mac students. This is all I have to say.

Oh, by the way, when I had to turn in this assignment, I got a 49 out of 50 because I forgot to HIGHLIGHT. This is very important, the brain (brian) likes to rest and it likes things that jump out at it.

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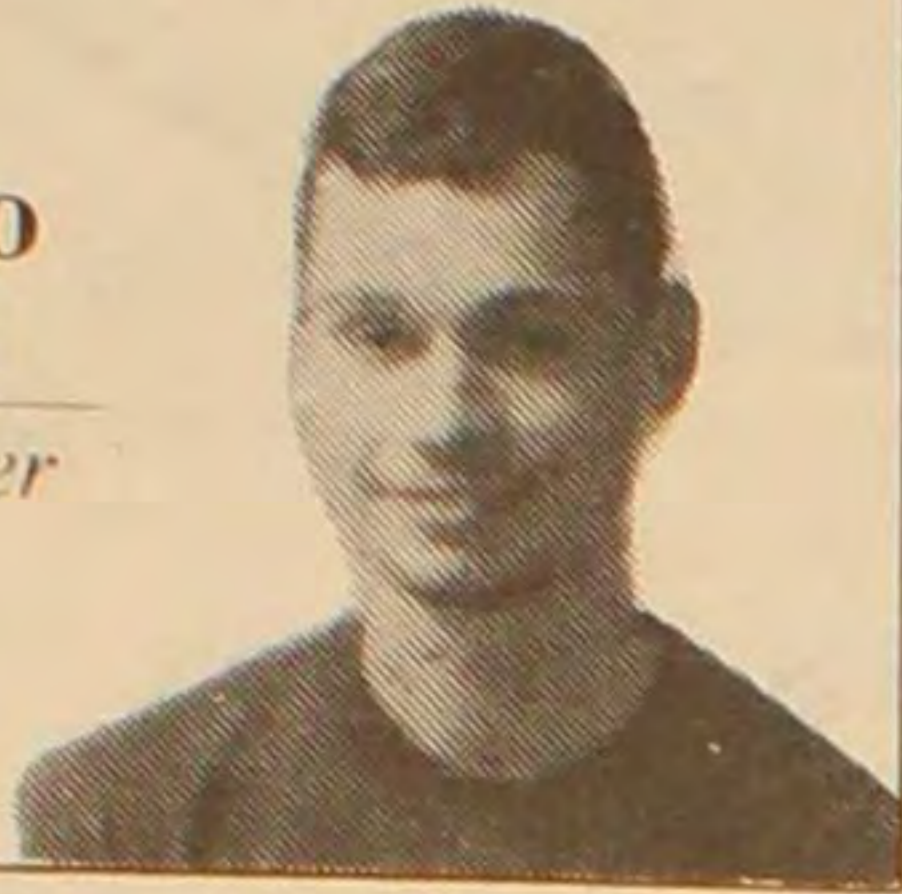
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# Romanovs still unburied

## Window to the World

By Pascal Reber



On the night of July 16-17, 1918, Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks in the cellar of the Ipatiev House in Ekaterinburg, Russia. Yakov Yurovsky, the chief executioner, was responsible for the death of 11 people that night, the Czar, his family and four people attached to the Imperial household.

After the execution, the remains of the Romanovs were brought to a secret place outside of the Siberian city. They were axed to pieces, soaked in sulfuric acid and burned. What was left of Nicholas II and his family was buried. The following night, the remains were exhumed and buried in another location. The exact burial site would remain a secret for over half a century.

After several years of private research (one has to keep in mind that under Communism, someone looking for the last Czar and his family would be punished by death), a Russian named Avdonin and his party of five people located the grave. They unearthed three skulls for identification and left the rest of the remains untouched.

With the disintegration of the Soviet empire in 1989 and the election of Boris Yeltsin to power in 1991, the official investigation concerning the remains could begin. The "bodies" were exhumed on July 11-13, 1991 and brought to the Department of Forensic Science in Ekaterinburg. Eleven people had been executed in 1918 but only nine "bodies" were recovered. It was later discovered that the two missing remains were the ones of Tsarevich Alexis and one of his sisters.

The long and tedious process to find out whether the remains were actually the ones of Czar Nicholas II and his family began soon after. Blood sample from the Romanovs' closest living relative, Prince Philip, was collected for DNA testing. It was determined with 99 percent accuracy that the remains that had been exhumed in July 1991 were the ones of the Imperial family.

The Russian Orthodox Church refused to consecrate the remains without further testing. These additional tests were positive. The burial was scheduled for February 25, 1996 but was postponed indefinitely. The Church wanted yet another series of DNA testing.

The family's remains continue to be held in a morgue at the Department of Forensic Science in Ekaterinburg.

Let us hope that Czar Nicholas II, Czarina Alexandra, Tsarevich Alexis, Grand Duchess Olga, Grand Duchess Tatiana, Grand Duchess Marie, and Grand Duchess Anastasia will be able to rest in peace some day.

# CAMPUS FORUM

## Student survives experience at McPherson College

There you are, standing at the gate, waiting to board a flight into a new life. Your stomach dissolved a long time ago. Was it the correct decision to go abroad—to go that far, and leave everything and everybody behind—to test your ability to endure?

Well, I'm surviving McPherson, Kansas. "Kansas? Where the heck is that?" I have been asked this question many, many times. Everyone knew ARKANSAS. That's the state where the current U.S. president is from. But KANSAS? It is somewhere exactly in the middle of the United States—exactly in the middle of nowhere.

The travel agent had a terrible time finding a proper connection between Hamburg and Wichita and I started to feel sorry for him. (I ended up flying into Chicago and taking the Greyhound from there.)

The only ray of hope I had before I arrived at McPherson College as a BCA student was that I knew the people who would pick me up in Salina: Jan and Meg van Asselt. These are the same people who gave me the initial idea to come to Kansas. I'd met them in Germany and they could judge me from their experiences with me. I trusted them.

McPherson College was the best decision I ever made in my entire life!

I'm surviving McPherson.

When a person goes abroad it is not just a struggle with the new environment or new circumstances—it is also a fight with oneself.

I learned a lot during the last year about other people, another culture and also about myself. I'm surviving McPherson. I was lucky to end up in McPherson. It might not be one of the most important places in the world, but it became one of the most important for me.

Life on campus is so different from what I have been used to in Germany. The friendships are so much closer and the relationships between students and teachers are much more personal. You won't find them this way in Germany. I enjoy life on campus and of course life in Fanny—especially on first floor.

In Fanny, with my friends and my roommate(s), I feel at home. I'm gonna miss my home. You folks don't know how lucky you are to live and to study here!

I came last August and these eight months passed by like nothing. Only four weeks to go....

Everybody is looking forward to seeing the semester end and leaving for summer break. This is the last thing I want to happen!

I have been told that there are only two ways to perceive Kansas: You either hate it, or fall in love with it. Well, I think in my case I've fallen in love.

I don't know how I'll survive without McPherson.

Wibke Wojanowski

## Campus facilities need improvements for next semester

Next year's freshman class is going to be significantly larger than the past couple of years. This is great, but I question whether our campus is prepared for all these new students.

Are there plans to expand the computer lab in the library? If not, are there plans to at least get E-mail and Windows on the other two rows of computers down there?

Even this year, with this student population, I've heard several people complain that they don't get to use the computers because they're all full.

We should tackle this problem ahead of time and save the new students some trouble.

Also, we shouldn't overlook where all of these new students will be staying. I heard that the Trustees have approved air conditioning and moveable desks for Dotzour. (Thank you. It's about time.)

My only concern now is that we don't get booted out and moved to Metzler. The girls in Dotzour deserve to enjoy these new luxuries that are long overdue.

I don't know about Metzler and Fanny, but if there are plans to put more people in Dotzour, someone better do a serious re-assessment in regards to the condition of the furniture.

A majority of the mattresses in Dotzour need to be CHUCKED!

I'm embarrassed when checking-in a first-time freshman with her parents standing close beside and saying "Here's your room. Please pay no attention to that scanky, stained, ripped mattress that could very well be ant-infested." And then saying: "Here's your desk chair. Make sure you never relax in your chair, because if your back touches the back rest, it will probably fall apart."

My main concern is that we not only have our campus ready for the new students, but that we make them want to come back the following semester and maybe even the next year. That's the real goal isn't it?

Jenny Stover

## Food service needs immediate changes in cafeteria policies

What is up with the cafeteria? Are they here to serve us meals or to make a profit by free-lancing as a catering service?

This last week I missed brunch, because of some luncheon that was held in our cafeteria. Now, I may be new, and this may be status quo here, but this bird don't fly in my

part of the country.

We pay too much on our meal plan to play second fiddle to the private company that fixes our meals. We live with their ridiculous 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. meal program (not thinking that some of us may pull all-nighters or want a bite to eat after 10 p.m.) Are we supposed to be content with this? The whole Easter sack lunch fiasco was bad enough!

If I have to pay this much for a mandatory meal plan then I want decent food, not fat loaded cheesy pizza that is greasier than my right front axle.

I want breakfast served later, (who wants to get up at 7 a.m. for powdered eggs and do-it-yourself waffles) another meal served after 7 p.m. and a sack lunch upon request, (not with written prior notice). It's not like Wolfgang Puck is in the back cooking up filet mignon or lobster tails.

And what's the deal with only six shrimp or one steak on the days when its served? It's not like the meat is USDA prime. Tires taste better than that mess. Change, or give us a refund at the end of the year for the meals we don't eat, because I know that nobody's eating 19 meals a week and very few are pulling 14.

This is an issue that needs to be addressed immediately.

Joe Bravo

## Thanks to all for a good first year

I would like to acknowledge the kindness that all of my friends have shown me lately. They have all been very special to me.

I remember when I first stepped on campus in the fall as a student. I did not know a single person or where to begin meeting people. I was required to go to Rock Springs during orientation, and this is where I met my first friend, Val Huber. She was so nice to me the night of the dance and made me feel welcome.

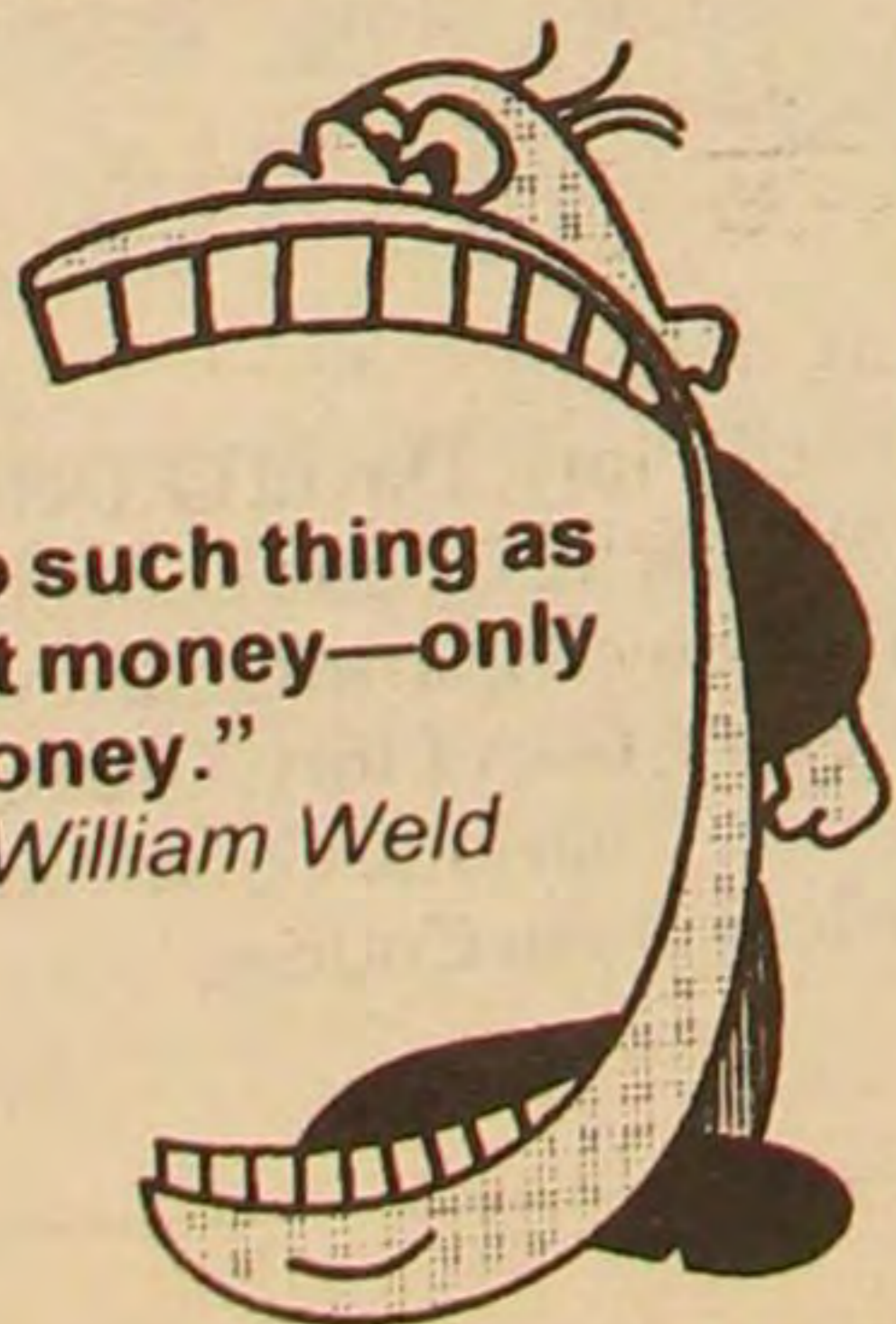
When I returned back to campus I finally was able to meet my former roommate. I was anxious to get into the groove of college life again, and was hoping to meet more than a couple of people. I was next introduced to Christy Meiers, Jayme Brown and Amy Little. The rest is history.

I would name others, but I do not want to leave anyone out, so I would like to say thanks so much for everything, to ALL of my friends. You have made my first year at McPherson wonderful.

Cheryl Harris

## The Loud-Mouth

"There is no such thing as government money—only taxpayer money."  
-William Weld



## Bygollygee U.

"BYGOLLYGEE U." IS NOW AN AWARD WINNING COMIC STRIP! CARTOONIST MIKE "TOOT MY OWN" HORNER RECENTLY WON A BRONZE AWARD AT THE KANSAS ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS CONFERENCE!



ON TOP OF THAT, MIKE ALSO WON A GOLD FOR HIS COMIC CREATION! YOU MAY BE WONDERING HOW AN AWARD-WINNING COMIC STRIP SUCH AS THIS IS PRODUCED...



AS A SERVICE TO THIS CARTOON'S READERS (ALL THREE OF YOU), WE WILL NOW TAKE A PEEK AT THE CREATION OF THIS COMIC STRIP!



MY DEADLINE IS IN TWENTY MINUTES! DRAW, YOU FILTHY LITTLE APE, DRAW!



By Mike Horner



# The hall remembers...

By Shelly Hendricks and Sarah Wagoner

Spectator Staff

Illustrated By Darren Hendricks  
Layout Editor

## Trivial memories from McPherson College's past

**Q** What professor got married because she found a parking space at the courthouse?

**A** Dr. Kim Stanley, Professor of English, got married because she figured she would never find another parking spot by the courthouse. The couple also does not know the date of their marriage or when their birthdays fall.

**Q** Who were the resident directors of Fanny and Dotzour in 1984?

**A** Current Resident Life director, Kathryn Whitacre and her husband, Chris, worked in Fanny, along with Charlotte Geisel, the R.D. of Dotzour.

**Q** What administrator traveled the Orient Express at the age of eighteen?

**A** Karlene Tyler, Registrar, went to England after graduating from high school, since she knew she didn't want to go to college. She spent two months working in a local department store, when a friend of hers suggested that she travel to India. She traveled from London to Istanbul by the Orient Express. Then, she rode by bus or train through Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. After six months abroad, she decided to attend McPherson College.

One day all the silverware disappeared from the college cafeteria. Several days later, it was discovered—in a silo south of town.

**Q** Who was Glenn "Oop" Anderson (Class of 1975)?

**A** The 6'3", 220 pound senior linebacker and defensive end received contract overtures from the Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions, New England Patriots, Atlanta Falcons, and the Cleveland Browns. He signed with the Cleveland Browns in 1975.

**Q** What incident caused the fumigation of the cafeteria?

**A** A few years ago, some auto-restoration students blew up a live rat in the cafeteria microwave. Don't worry—They had to purchase a new microwave.

**Q** Who spent hours from kindergarten through graduate school perfecting first position?

**A** Mary Flagg, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, took 12 years of ballet, as well as folk, modern and belly dancing lessons.

**Q** What was special about the 1971 McPherson Women's Basketball team?

**A** The team, coached by Dr. Doris Coppock, went undefeated until losing their last game by seven points to Kansas State University in the state tournaments. They also traveled to Nationals in Amarillo, Texas.

Brown Auditorium lost all its seats twice in order to avoid the dreaded chapel/convo. On one occasion, all the seats were unbolted from the floor and pushed toward the stage. Another time the seats were taken to an abandoned silo.

Fanny residents got in to the spirit of Homecoming's theme "One Moment in Time". They stole all the clocks from all campus buildings and took them to Fanny.

**Q** What professor received a silver medal?

**A** In junior high, Dr. Kim Stanley, English professor, won a medal for tumbling at the Lubbock County Fair.

**Q** How does history repeat itself?

**A** Raymond Flory, 1940 graduate, taught Leland Lengel, 1956 graduate, and both were professors when Lowell and Gary Flory (1965 and 1968 graduates respectively) attended McPherson college.

**Q** What professor competed against the McPherson underground newspaper?

**A** When Dr. Susan Taylor, assistant librarian and English professor, was editor of the Spectator there was an underground paper, Common Sense, which addressed radical issues of the time.

**Q** Why was the Lagoon a source of torture for some McPherson College men?

**A** About a generation ago, newly engaged men were captured, thrown in the trunk of a car, and dunked in the Lagoon, now known as Lakeside.

**Q** Who have walked the halls of McPherson College as students?

**A** Raymond Flory, Kent Noffsinger, Susan Taylor, Lowell Flory, David O'Dell, Stan Miller, Carl Dummer, Bruce Grose, Brad Stucky, Kathryn Whitacre, Leland Lengel, Doug Burkholder, Rick Tyler, Alan Gumm, Karlene Tyler, Terri Grooms, Merrin Godfrey, Dean Reynolds, Gary Fike, Jana Goering, Jan Van Assalt, Bruce Clary, Gary Flory, Glenn Snell, Roger Trimmell, David Barrett, Winona Godfrey, Ray Santee, Charlotte Geisel, Jennifer Williams, Al Dutrow, and Lynn Armstrong all attended McPherson College.

For some reason, past McPherson College students had a fascination for cows. In the early 1940's, a live cow was found on fourth floor Harnly, and the Sirloin Stockade cow appeared on the front lawn of the S.U. in the 1980's.



# Losing part of our religion

By Emilita Huston  
Features Editor

**Editors Note:** Next year McPherson College faces a huge change, as along with the President, six faculty and staff members resign. Next issue Wes Pauls, Terri Grooms and Glen Shell will be featured.

Next year's students will find a different campus, religiously speaking, as Zandra Wagoner, campus minister, and Dale and Katy Goldsmith, religion and anthropology professors, leave to minister to new flocks.

## Zandra Wagoner

Known by faculty and alike as giving and trustworthy, Zandra Wagoner is resigning after only two years as campus minister. She doesn't know yet exactly what she will be doing.



Zandra Wagoner

"I'll be doing part-time work for an organization within the Church of the Brethren, and exploring and discovering what my next direction will be," Zandra said.

She said that she enjoyed her two years here, but needed time for herself.

"I'm seeking for what is life-giving and what will bring me happiness," Zandra said. As campus minister, Zandra is advisor to the four ministry groups: Peace Awareness; Brethren Identity Group; Habitat for Hu-

manity; and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, with Kevin Pettis. Being part of such groups was a highlight of the job.

"The weekly chapel services were always a joy for me, and especially the campus ministry groups," Zandra said.

Zandra helped organize coffeehouses, retreats, devotions, Habitat workdays, and other get-together opportunities. Zandra was also instrumental in the showing of the four panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt. They were exhibited in Friendship Hall last fall.

"That is the thing I felt most proud about," Zandra said.

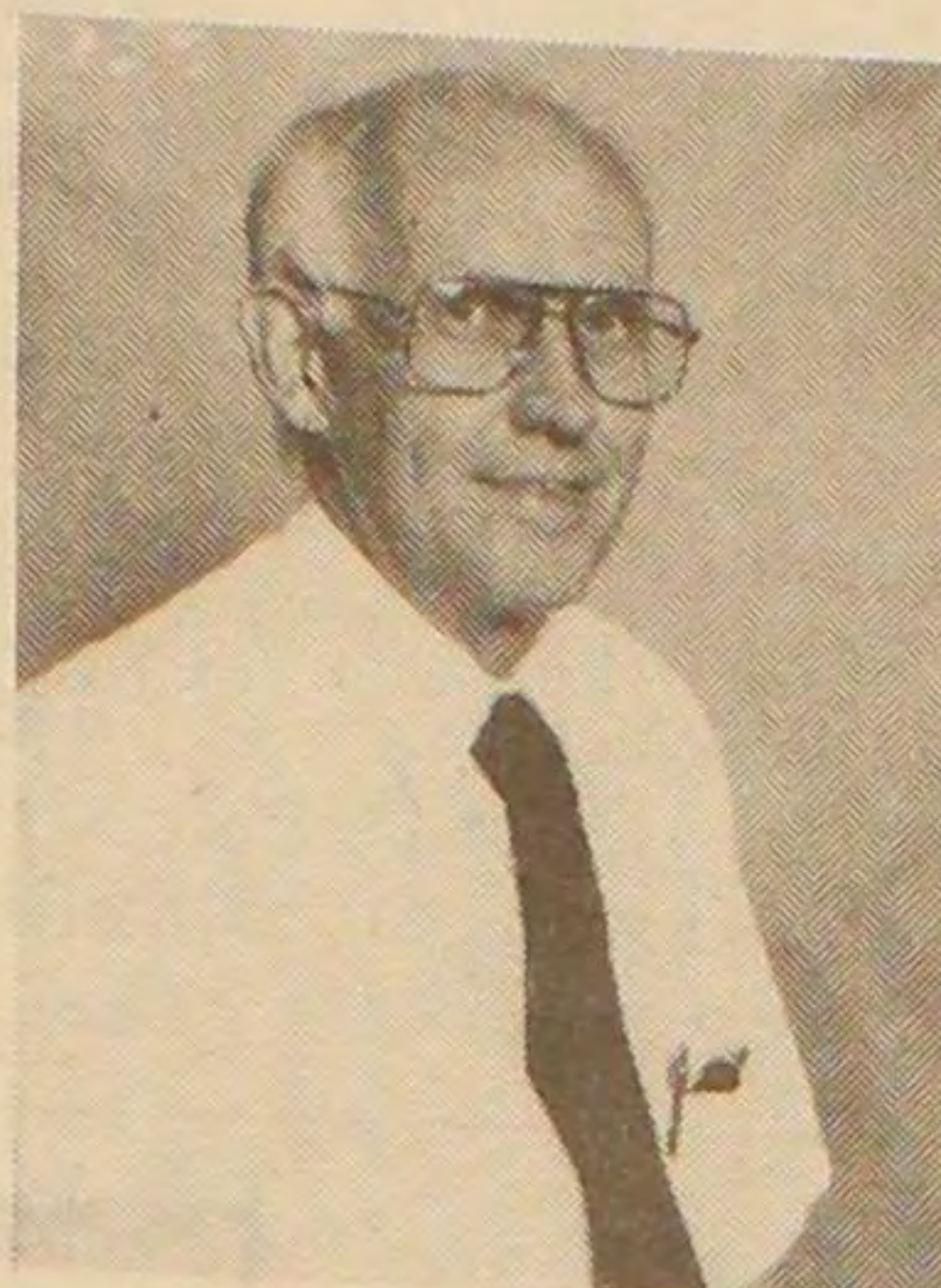
She still has a few activities to organize before the end of the year, but she's looking forward to the change.

"For me it's exciting to have the space to think of what's next," Zandra said.

## Katy and Dale Goldsmith

The religion department will be losing one of their own. And the anthropology department as well. Drs. Dale and Katy Goldsmith will be moving to Oklahoma for Dale Goldsmith to accept a job as vice-president for academic affairs at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Katy Goldsmith isn't planning on working, "at least not right away," she said.

Dale Goldsmith has taught at McPherson College for 27 years and has short-term teaching experience at the University of



Dale Goldsmith

New Mexico, University of Tennessee and Maryville College (a private Presbyterian college in Tennessee). He also taught in Mexico for two years. From 1986 to 1994, Dale Goldsmith served as vice-president for academic services at McPherson College.

He does plan to do some teaching, as well as deal with some of the problems he sees awaiting him.

"I suppose the main thing is to help make the school more responsive...To

prepare people for jobs. Other things that we're going to be trying to do is start a college life/freshman retention class, an ESL program, and there's always the challenge of recruiting new faculty," Dale said.

Both professors say they will miss the students here.

"I cannot say enough wonderful things about

them. We always had students here when our children were growing up," Katy said.

"What I'll miss most," she adds later, "are the interterm trips. I think that is the ideal way to teach."

They knew where Panhandle State University was because during the interterm

trips to New Mexico that they co-taught, they spent the first night in Guyman, Oklahoma, the nearest town of any size. They found out about the job through The Chronicle of Higher Education.



Katy Goldsmith

"We knew of the school because of all the times we've been back and forth," Katy Goldsmith said.

Their leaving with President Hoffman is merely a coincidence.

"That's when the opportunity came up. We knew we wanted to go someplace else and this was a good opportunity," Katy said.

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## Ground crews open season

### En Vogue

By Erik Vogel



As the days get longer and the sun shines brighter, the indoor winter sports will dwindle and nature's game, baseball, will be alone in the center of the sports arena.

Although domes and roofs still cover a few ball parks, the fresh scent of spring filters deeply into the nasal passages of hardball fans everywhere.

With no strike preventing the beginning of the 1996 campaign, all teams have taken to the diamond, some in search of a division championship, or the next best thing—modern baseball's invention—the wild card berth.

While the winter for players means staying in shape, competing in off-season leagues and improving baseball job skills (hitting, catching, and throwing), groundskeepers take a much different approach to the dormant months.

Often forced to watch the game's action from behind a chain-link fence, beneath a humming scoreboard or stationed on a John Deere AMT, the "Bob Vila's of fescue" take time out in the off-season to try new mowing patterns in the outfield grass, as well as experiment with varying chalk-line widths.

A grounds crew member in some localities may even get the cherished opportunity to throw a curveball from the bullpen pitcher's mound—something never allowed during an eight-game home stretch in the middle of July.

Like a catcher needing knee surgery after a laborious summer, an infield may require reconstruction, a result of heavy activity and scorching temperatures. Innocent blades of grass may be victims to the hard choppers, sliding catches, and various toxic substances of constant summer abuse.

Fearful groundskeepers must examine every inch of the field for mildew, grubs and Brown Patch before releasing it to activity each spring.

Insect or fungicide occupation is as damaging to a diamond as a blister is on the tip of Greg Maddux's right index finger. Both cause an inconvenience and even worse—an inability to perform properly.

Unlucky indoor stadium crews who vacuum outfields instead of mulch mowing them, may not find anything extra-special with the coming of spring.

But, around most fields, grounds crews are sharpening blades, waxing mower decks, unrolling tarps, and spray painting bases as white as the afternoon sun.

These labor-intensive outdoorsmen all dream of hearing voices—like Ray Kinsella—the Iowa farmer who built a ball field in the middle of his corn crop for the great "Shoeless" Joe Jackson.

When they are alone on those spring and summer nights, with only the sound of a Ford tractor drowning out the chirping of talkative crickets, groundskeepers reminisce about the games played on THEIR field.

Each one has a story to tell about the player who ran through the outfield wall to catch a fly ball or a joke about the rookie who played an entire game with a "kick-me" sign taped to the back of his jersey.

Between the lines life exists for the groundskeepers, thus we label them "Keepers of the Grounds." Uniformity and perfection is their goal; their ambitions mirror the players who compete on their fields.

So, this summer when your reading in the sports section about a slugger who can't seem to hit a curveball, remember that grounds crewmen who is tackling an equally formidable opponent called crabgrass.

Baseball has arrived and not only have the boys of summer returned, but so have the men and women of summertime: Groundskeepers.

## Sankner pleased with team's success

By Melissa Sharp

Spectator Staff

Amid the unforgiving Kansas winds and ever changing temperatures the McPherson College men's tennis team is preparing for the KCAC tournament championships on May 2-3, at Wichita State University.

Head coach Rebecca Sankner is pleased with her team's progress thus far in the season.

"When I started out I didn't know what to expect. The overall training for the team was very sparse," Sankner said. "They are still working on their fundamentals. The men are working very hard to do what I have asked of them. They seem stronger since they have started working on their basic skills, and I am pleased with the overall progress of the team."

The team has been competing in matches with area schools as well as KCAC schools. This past Monday, April 22, the team traveled to Sterling where they had an overall showing of six match wins and three match losses against the Warriors.

Sankner was proud of the team's effort at the match. "I am very pleased with our victory this past Monday. We were down

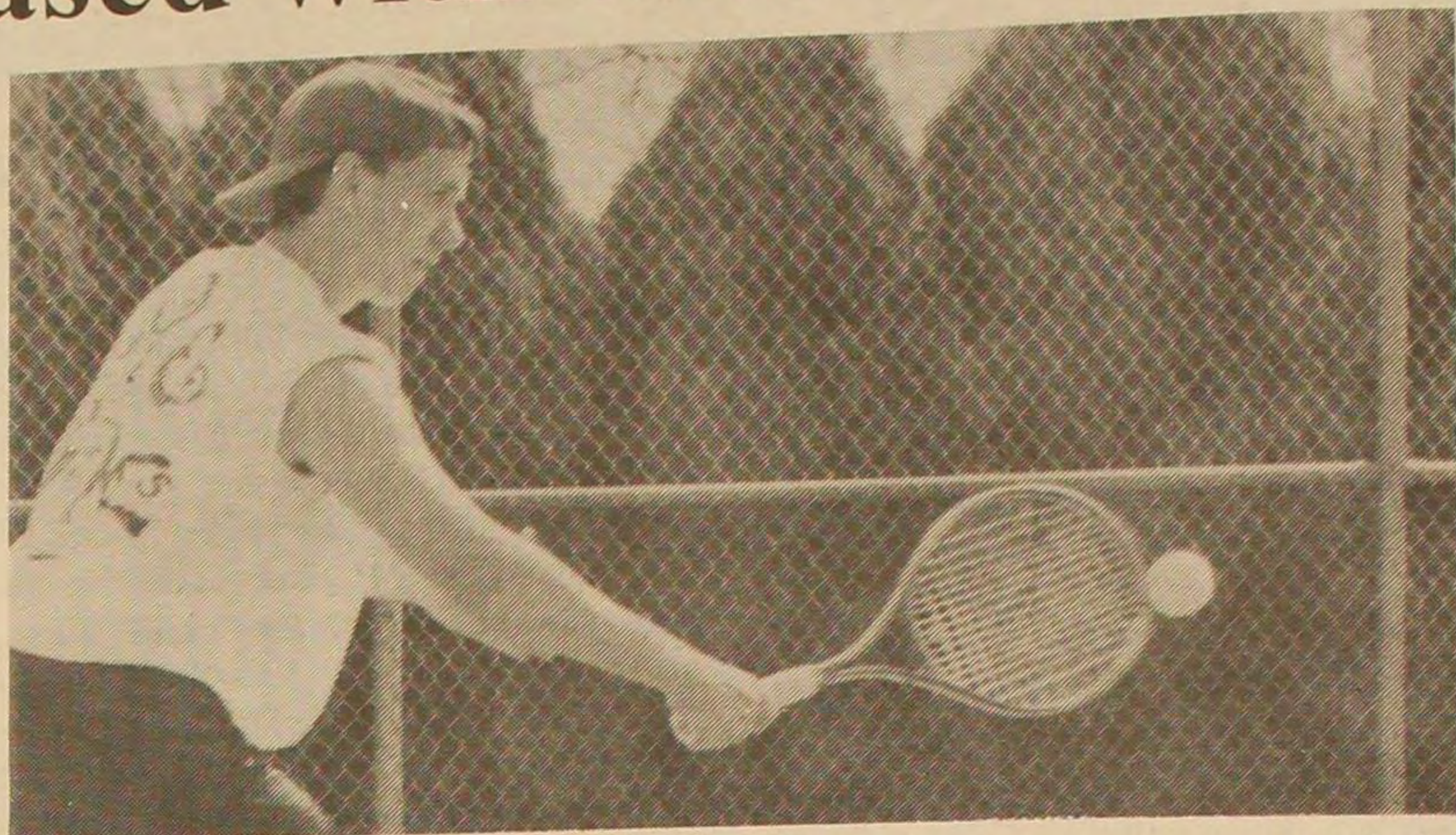


Photo By Jon Henrikson

Joey House, soph., practices his backhand in preparation for KCAC meet.

1-2 in doubles, and then went 5-6 in singles. It was a very good team effort, there was a lot of cooperation and support," Sankner said.

The team thus far has an overall record of 3-2 with a 2-1 record in the KCAC. There are six athletes competing as individuals, Brandon Reyes, Dave Weins, Joey House, Pascal Reber, Mark Frazier, Mark Boyer

and Brandon Cusick. Reyes and Reber comprise one doubles team along with the Weins/House team and the Cusick/Frazier team.

"I think our players are gaining more composure and they will be tough at the KCAC tournament," Sankner said. "I expect good results from the men."

## Golfers finish fifth in KCAC

By Brian Cooper

Spectator Staff

The McPherson College golf team competed in the first round of the KCAC tournament this past Tuesday. The team talents and abilities as well as endurance were put to the test in the 27 hole first round contest.

Ryan Schmid displayed his accuracy and leadership by carrying the team with a score of 117, what he considers to be close to if not his best tournament performance of his career.

Bryce Brewer was close on Schmid's heels shooting a 118. Behind the team leaders were Chris Williams and Jamie Warren shooting head to head each turning in a score of 126. Chris Saunders finished with a 130.

"Even though the winds picked up during the course of the day, I think we played the best as a team that we have all year," Brewer said.

The final round of the KCAC tournament was Wednesday and the winds once again played a limiting role in the golfer's rounds. Bryce Brewer and Chris Williams lead the team with rounds of 124. Brewer, who led the McPherson team, finished the tournament with a 242. Williams and Schmid tied in their overall scores with a 250. Jamie Warren followed close behind turning in an overall score of 251. Chris Saunders shot a 273.

Southwestern and Bethany shot head to head running away with first and second places. McPherson finished fifth overall in the final placings of the KCAC tournament.

The condition of the greens created problems for all competitors, which in turn affected the overall outcomes. The golfers had no problem reaching the green, but when it came down to putting, they just couldn't sink the ball in the hole. Despite this factor, the season ended on a positive note for the MAC golfers.

"We played to our best abilities and as a team," Brewer said.

Last Thursday the team competed at the Southwestern invitational. The team finished 16th in the final standings. Chris Williams led the team shooting a 176. Bryce Brewer and Ryan Schmid battled for the second spot on the team each shooting 181. Jamie Warren trailed with a 184 and Chris Saunders followed shooting a 186. The team finished with a combined team score of 719.

Having ended the 1996 season, the team will look to build on and expand the talent that they have.

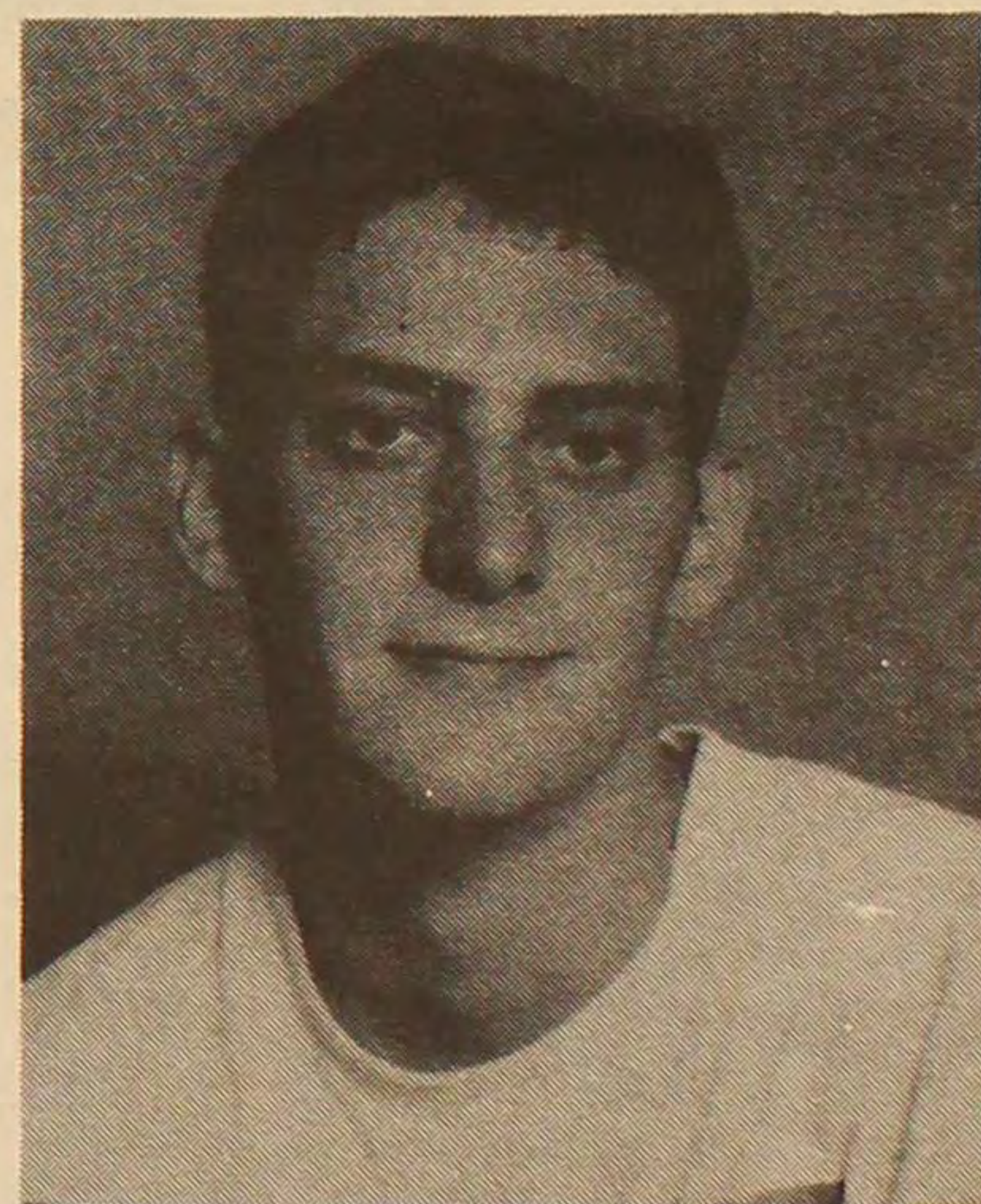
"We have a good base to build from for next year. A couple of the guys are graduating, but we have some young guys to bring some experience to next year's season," head coach Roger Trimmell said.

## ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

This week's Athlete of the Issue is trackster Rick Coleman. Rick recently won the javelin throw at the ACCK meet held at Bethany on April 10, with a throw of 153'11". Coleman's winning throw was 12 feet further than the second place throw.

Coleman also placed third in the discus against some very stiff competition at the McPherson Invitational on April 13. "Rick was up against some tough competition and his placing throw of 128'10" was only three feet behind the winner," head coach John McNamara said.

"Rick is a very talented athlete who competes in three events at every track meet. He throws the shot, discus and javelin and does all three events very well," McNamara said.



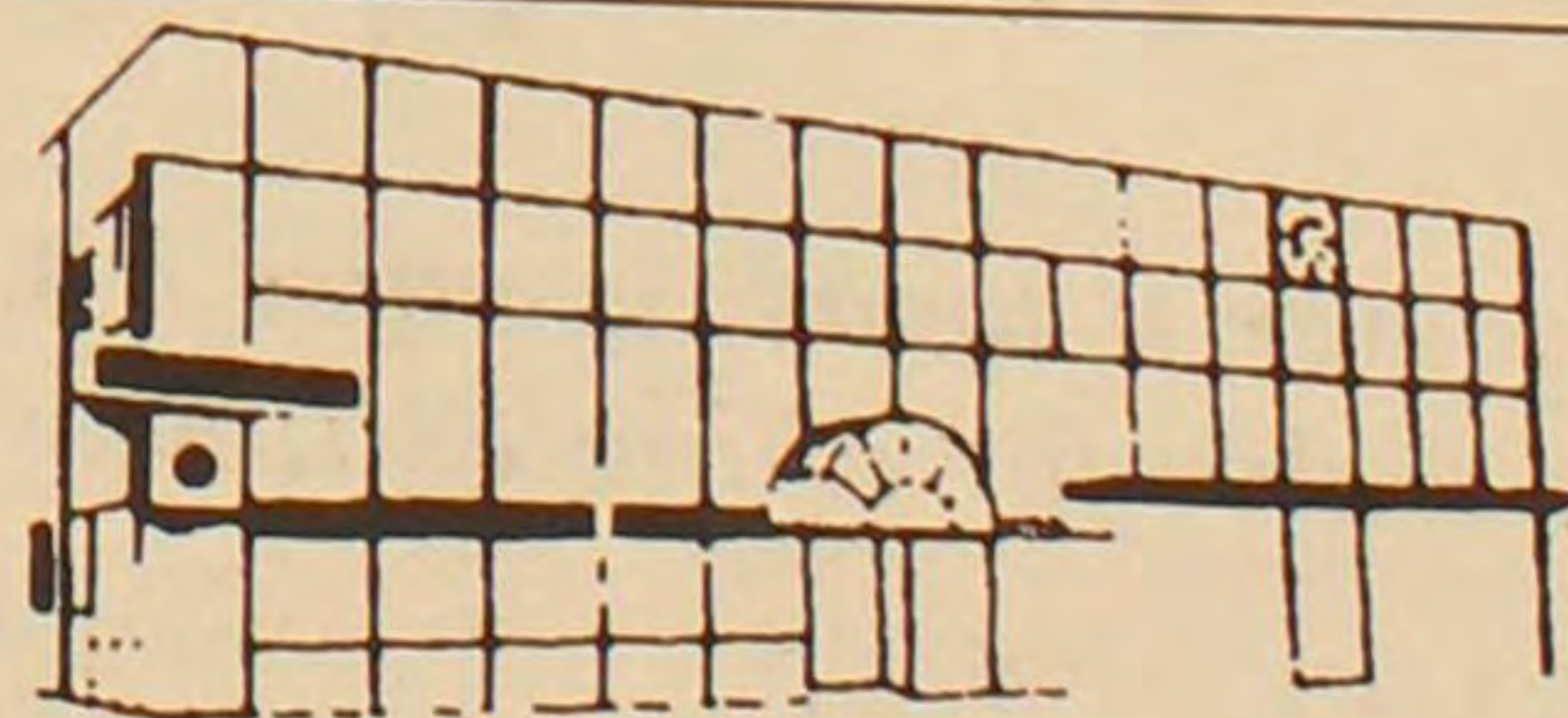
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# Track team prepares for conference meet



James Lopez, fr., tries to pull away from the pack as he rounds the turn, heading into the last lap of the 800 meter run.

Photo By Jon Henrikson

By Wes Balen  
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College track team is preparing for the final meet of the regular season before heading to the conference tournament. The team will travel to Sterling tomorrow for their last tune up before the Kansas Collegiate Athletics Conference league meet to be held at Southwestern College.

"The season has gone very well," said head coach John McNamara. "Everyone has been performing very well and there have been no major disappointments."

According to McNamara, the most consistent of the Bulldog performers has been Rick Coleman. Coleman placed third in the discus at the McPherson Invitational on April 13, with a throw of 128' 10", and sixth in the ACCK meet at Bethany. He also brought home a first place finish in the javelin with a throw of 153' 11".

"Rick's performance this year has been kind of a surprise," McNamara said, "not because of his athletic ability because I knew he had talent, but because I wasn't quite sure where he was as far as going out at the beginning of the year."

Coleman attributes his consistency to harder work both in and out of season, and also to the warmer temperatures. "I've worked very hard in practice this year and I really hit the weights hard over the summer, but I really feel the key to my performance has been the great weather we've had this season."

Also placing at the McPherson Invitational was the 4X100 meter relay team consisting of Jason Barta, Pat Crowdis, Brett Johnson and Matt Frieson who finished third with a time of 44.1 seconds.

The team competed at the ACCK meet in Lindsborg on April 10 at Bethany College. Coleman was one of a number of Bulldog competitors who brought back medals. The 4X100 meter relay team placed second, Jason Barta took fifth in the triple jump (40' 10"), Phelicia Claiborne received a fifth in the discus (30' 4 1/2") and Tiffany Hall and Jamie Smalley finished fourth and fifth in the triple jump with leaps of 31' and 29' 8" respectively.

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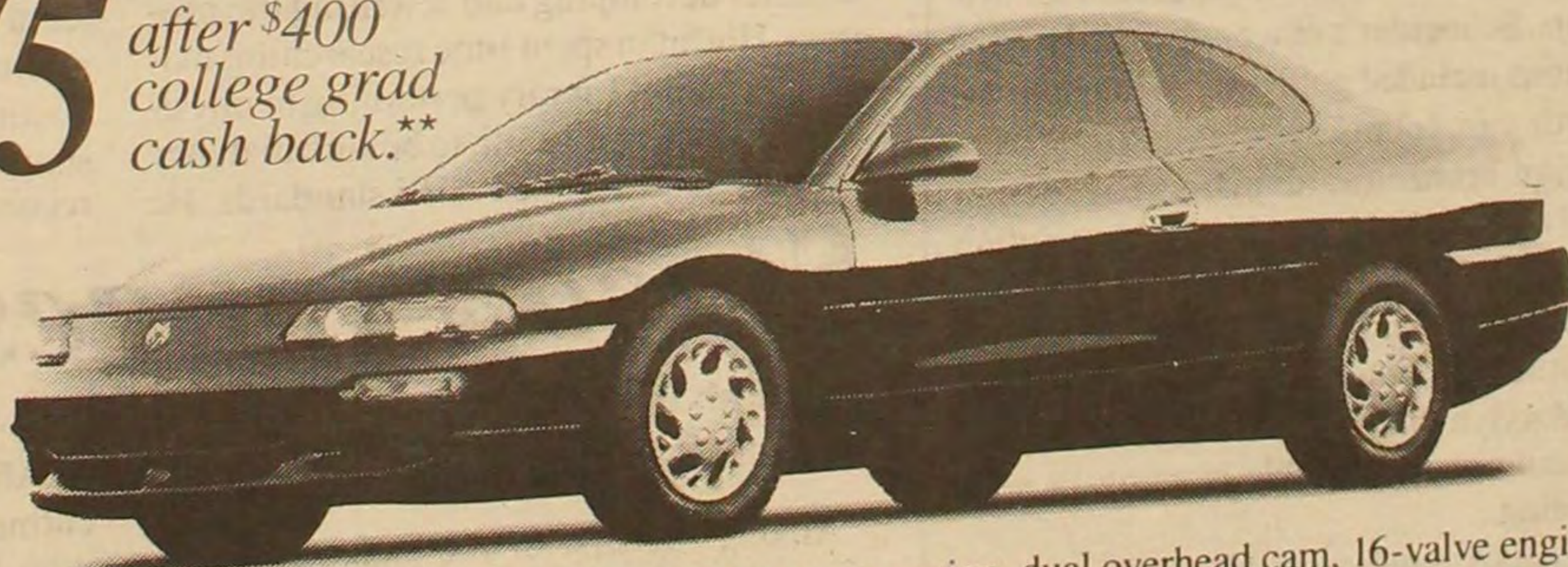
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# 8 New tour route adds focus

By Michael P. Schneider  
Editor-in-Chief

A new more focused campus tour winds through the McPherson College campus as more visitors are anticipated.

The McPherson College admissions and financial aid staff, with advice from Miller/Cook Associates, Inc. consultants, are attempting to create a cleaner more organized approach to the admissions process. By implementing this new admissions philosophy, staff members hope to increase prospective student interest while preparing for more visitors.

At the center of admissions and financial aid efforts is the campus tour, which has been modified to mirror the new marketing efforts and to accommodate the increase in campus visitors.

"Our goal is to provide consistently good visits with more focused campus tours," said Marilyn Sexton, associate director of admissions and financial aid.

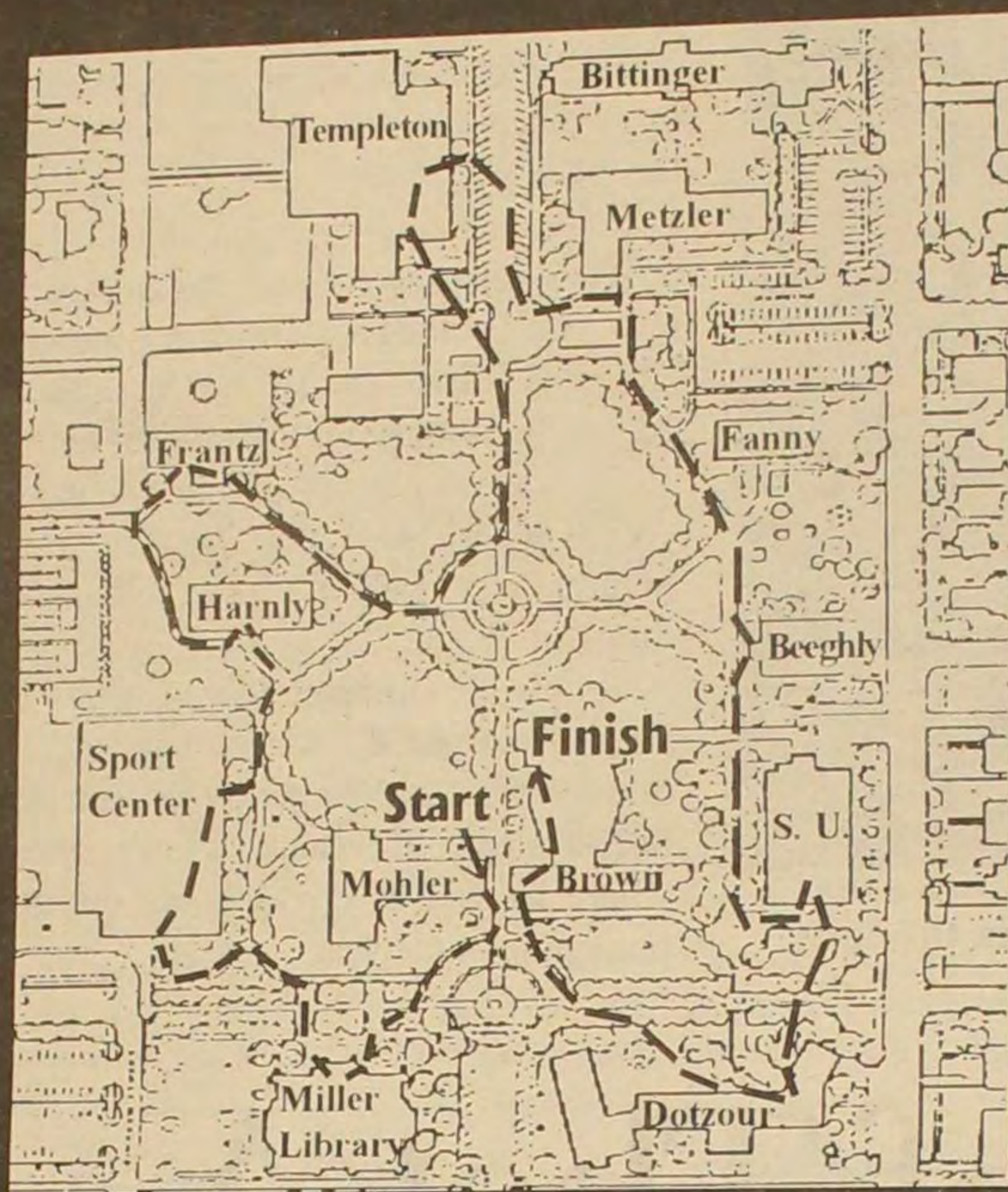
Tours are currently given by 12 resident assistants who are on call for about three hours a week. Tours last 45 minutes to one hour and are scheduled every hour from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays.

The tour guide system is working effectively, as opposed to the old system where admission counselors randomly phoned volunteer student tour guides, often moments before the tour.

Tour guides are required to dress professionally and follow the planned route.

Highlights of the tour include the Sport Center, the newest sports facility in the KCAC conference; Harnly Hall, the location where the first synthetic diamond was made; and Brown Auditorium, where

## McPherson College



## Tour Route

Art By Darren Hendricks

President Hoffman once spoke in front of a curtain decorated with underwear—after noticing the underwear he said, "I'll be brief."

Student guides are encouraged to visit with prospective students about the unique parts of the college during the tour, while introducing visitors to McPherson College

people along the way.

"We would hope that everyone on campus sees themselves as helping to host campus visitors by just saying 'hi' to new faces or by letting us know if something along the tour route needs attention," Sexton said.

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## Consultants report recommendations

that ACT or SAT scores be sent to the college, students whose first contact with the institution is an application for admission or financial aid, students who have visited campus, and students who have relatives who attended the college.

The consultants suggest that ACT report forms received be kept and used as a means of gathering important information about prospective students. The ACT report provides self-reported academic information, a listing of academic support services of interest, college choice information, student's official test scores, and academic major information.

The report points out that "the number of applications for admission and the number of actual enrollments for those students who visited the campus are lower than we generally see at other colleges and universities."

In 1995, 453 prospective students visited the campus. The college enrolled 128.

Actions have already been taken to put the consultant's recommendations for campus visits into effect. The consultants suggest that overnight visits may be hard to control and that some campus events may attract students who are more interested in the event that enrolling at the college. The report suggests that the college have specific goals associated with the visit experience, including serving to differentiate the institution from competitors, and employing guides who are trained to focus on responding to visitors as individuals rather than on communicating pre-selected information to groups.



Photo By Kris Boyer

The Spectator was represented by 20 staff members at the Wichita Marriott for the 1996 Kansas Associated Collegiate Press Spring Conference. The Spectator received the All-Kansas Award.

## Spectator wins All-Kansas

The McPherson College Spectator received the All-Kansas Award at the annual awards program of the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press April 12. The award recognizes the Spectator as the outstanding student newspaper for 1995-96 in the four-year private college division.

In addition, the college's yearbook, *The Quadrangle*, received the bronze award in the overall four-year college yearbook category.

Nine student journalists combined to earn 29 total awards in individual categories.

Darren Hendricks, sr., received a total of 11 individual awards, including gold awards in photo essay design, editorial cartoon, single infographic design, and yearbook cover design. Hendricks also won silver awards in interior page design and freehand illustration, a bronze award in freehand illustration, and honorable mention recognition in interior page design, special section design, single ad design, and single infographic design.

Michael P. Schneider, sr., was named second runner-up in the Kansas Journalist of the Year competition (four-year newspaper division). Schneider has served as

the editor-in-chief of the Spectator for two years. Schneider's other individual recognitions included gold awards in photo essay design, column writing, and front page design; bronze awards in front page design and news writing; and honorable mention for editorial writing, interior page design, special section and news writing.

Other individual award winners include: Marylyn Matthaci, sr: gold in feature writing and honorable mention in news writing.

Chris Amundson, jr: honorable mention in column writing.

Jon Henrikson, jr: gold in photo essay photography, silver in sports photography, and honorable mention in special section photography.

Mike Horner, fr: gold and bronze for cartoon strip.

Jenni Richardson, jr: honorable mention in sports writing.

Erik Vogel, soph: gold in sports column writing and honorable mention in sports feature writing.

Sue Werner, sr: gold in series writing and honorable mention for special section and news writing.

## P.E. program approved

By Jessie Miller

Spectator Staff

The Kansas State Board of Education granted the new Physical Education program a two-year approval after its March 22 meeting.

The Physical Education program was denied accreditation last year, and had to apply to the KSBE for recertification as if it were a completely new program.

"An upgrade report will be made in the summer of 1997 to show how the college has improved the weaknesses in the program. Then, possibly in 1998 a small KSBE team will come out to check the program once again. Then the program will go to the usual five year review process," said Dr. Steve Gustafson, vice president for academic services, said.

Dan Hoffman, associate professor of physical education, spent the most part of last semester developing and rewriting the program. Hoffman spent time researching material in Miller Library pertaining to physical education and health to be sure that they were adequate for the KSBE standards. He

met with the Physical Education, Psychology, Biology and Education departments to document each area that affects the Physical Education major and show that they meet KSBE standards. He also met with Physical Education staff members on campus, in the ACCK, and state wide to develop ideas that will improve the Physical Education department.

This document was delivered to the KSBE in Topeka in November for consideration. A three-member team representing the KSBE found that it was in compliance with KSBE standards with the exception of two areas and did not give recommendation for approval.

Hoffman then had 30 days to write a rejoinder in which it was argued that the three-member team had missed evidence which had been supplied in support of those areas. The meeting on March 22 was to evaluate the original document, the three-member team review and the rejoinder together. The rejoinder successfully showed that original document was in compliance with KSBE standards and the new program was granted recommendation for approval.

## Stuco changes name

By Sarah Wagoner

Spectator Staff

Among the first of the changes implemented by the 1996-97 Student Council is an organizational name change from Student Council to Student Government. President Roy Johnson believes the change will lend itself to a more organized system of student leadership.

Student Government plans to bridge a gap that exists between the administration and students and improve the student life on and off campus.

"The college can stand still and remain in a comfort zone, or move forward and improve. We [Student Government] want to work toward improvement," Johnson said.

Student Government hopes to work closely with the Student Activities Board to encourage and support an energetic campus by

being models of that energy.

"After I took office I became instantly enthusiastic. If we [Student Government] aren't, the students will begin to doubt us as their leaders," Johnson said.

A recent Student Government retreat focused on various group building activities. Members participated in obstacle courses, group relays and small group discussion. Each of these activities focused on the need for change and diversity within Student Government and McPherson College.

Small groups discussed problems currently on campus, solutions to these problems, barriers, resources and various goal statements.

"My plans are to create an atmosphere at McPherson College that creates the desire for a wonderful campus life program. But in order to do this everyone must undergo some type of change," Johnson said.