

# The McPherson College SPECTATOR

Vol. 80, No. 5

"Serving to inform a community"

November 17, 1995

## UNDERCOVER

### NEWS

#### Stuco works with a tight budget this school year

Decreased enrollment leaves Stuco with \$2,000 less than 1994-95.

#### Faculty work on an assessment plan

Dr. Susan Taylor leads the way to develop an assessment plan as Coordinator of Assessment.

See page 8

### FEATURES

#### AIDS: A personal experience hits home

Former Mac student shares her experiences as she struggles with AIDS.

#### The Names Project

The famous AIDS Quilt will be on display in Friendship Hall from Nov. 26 to Dec. 1.



See Page 5 and 6

### SPORTS

#### Basketball season is off and running

Men get their first win against York College.

#### Williams named Athlete of the Issue

Jennifer Williams, junior hitter for Bulldog volleyball, leads team through conference tournament.



See pages 6 and 7



Bulldog Stadium hosted 42 sporting events during the year, creating a worn playing field.

## Safety of field questioned

By Christopher Amundson  
Spectator Staff

Coaches, players, and the athletic trainer have raised questions about the safety of McPherson College's athletic field, and how it can be protected from overuse. The field was scheduled for over 42 events in the fall season.

Bruce Grose, head football coach, concedes that the poor field quality is primarily attributed to overuse.

"The type of grass that we have in currently is probably not conducive for all the traffic that gets on it," Grose said. The playing field is utilized by the college and the community.

Fall 1995 included: four college football games, sixteen college soccer games (women and men), eight high school football games, eight high school band practices plus eight performances, six to seven soccer games in the Striker Tournament, occasional soccer and football practices and several other nonorganizational uses.

"In the past the football field was in better shape than it is currently. There is no way in the world that a field can be used like that one is used even if you have a lot of money," Merrin Godfrey, director of the physical plant, said.

According to Godfrey, the maintenance department spends much of its time mowing, fertilizing, aerating and overseeding

the field. "We spend more money and more time by far on the football field than the rest of campus," Godfrey said.

Godfrey discussed the options of re-seeding or laying new sod but said, "Money always gets to be a big factor." He speculates that reseeded with fescue could cost \$4,000-\$5,000 and an underground sprinkler system could cost \$8,000.

According to Godfrey, a field renovation project would be difficult because the field must be used during fall when new grass typically is getting established.

Finding another site for college soccer games appears to be the most desirable

See Field, Page 8

## Faculty select Who's Who

By Melissa Martens  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College recently named twelve people to the elite group of students that make up Who's Who Among

Students in American Universities and Colleges. Seniors Sarah Adams, Jessica Boothe, Kristen Cossaart, Darren Hendricks, Monica Embers, Cynthia Jones, Amy Luebbers, Pascal Reber, Marc Rittle, Michael P. Schneider, Kelly Thaxton, and Jennifer Williams were selected for the honor by the faculty.

Candidates must have earned 80 hours of credit and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Candidates' extra-curricular activities are also considered.

Sarah Adams is a communications major from McPherson. She has been involved in volleyball, Stuco and SAB. She has also been involved with the Spectator, and served as a resident assistant



for 2 years. "The professors have done a great job making my learning experience fun," Adams said. Jessica Boothe is an English/pre-law major from Elizabeth, Colo. Boothe has been involved in soccer, tennis and SAB.

"I like the friends I make and the people I get involved with— faculty and students," Boothe said. Kristen Cossaart, an elementary education major from Salina, has been involved in Stuco and soccer and has served as a resident assistant.

"I feel like McPherson College has prepared me for the future," Cossaart said.

Monica Embers is from McPherson. Embers is majoring in biology. Embers was one of two students to receive the Burkholder Research Award, the highest honor awarded to by the natural science department.

Darren Hendricks is from Lawrence. He is an art major and has been involved in Stuco,

newspaper, yearbook, choir and band. "I am glad that my accomplishments have been noticed. I have gained a good knowledge of myself by being able to be involved in so many things other than classes," Hendricks said. "I feel I play an important role; everyone can if they want to."

Cyndi Jones is from Lamar, Colo. Jones is majoring in education and Spanish and has been involved in Peace Awareness and International Students' Organization.

"I'm thankful for small schools like McPherson," Jones said. Jones is grateful for the opportunities she's been allowed here. "I think it is really neat that we can be recognized for our involvement and desire to excel," Jones said.

Amy Luebbers is a sociol-

ogy major. "I feel I play an important role; everyone can if they want to."

See Who's Who, Page 8





# EDITORIAL

## Voice opinion through letters to the editor

THESE ARE YOUR PAGES.

The opinion pages were created for your comments and ideas. The columns produced by staff writers are to be used as "fillers" taking up the white space that you don't use. The only space reserved for the editorial staff is the space you are reading now in the editorial box. Unfortunately, it has been the letters to the editor that have become the fillers the last few years.

This year we have received five letters to the editor, three of which were submitted by staff members. This is not only disappointing, but rather embarrassing. It is hard to believe no one on this campus has any comment to make about anything we have printed this year. Nothing piques your interest or puts a thorn in your side?

Faculty, aren't you concerned about your tightened budgets, due to the decrease in enrollment?

Students, don't you care what your living arrangements are next year?

Organizations, aren't you interested in the new recycling program or lack thereof?

Administration, don't you have any comment addressing criticisms that you receive?

Issues like campus planning, fund-raising, campus-wide networking, and racism, are floating around campus. Many have been addressed by the Spectator, but ignored on the opinion pages by you.

Letters don't always have to come in the form of criticism. They can be an effective means of complementing individual or group effort, for example, a letter congratulating the cast of a play for performing well under difficult conditions such as faulty lighting in the middle of the performance.

Letters are not time wrenching projects. They are a simple, brief explanation of one's thoughts. Here is a sample letter for your future reference:

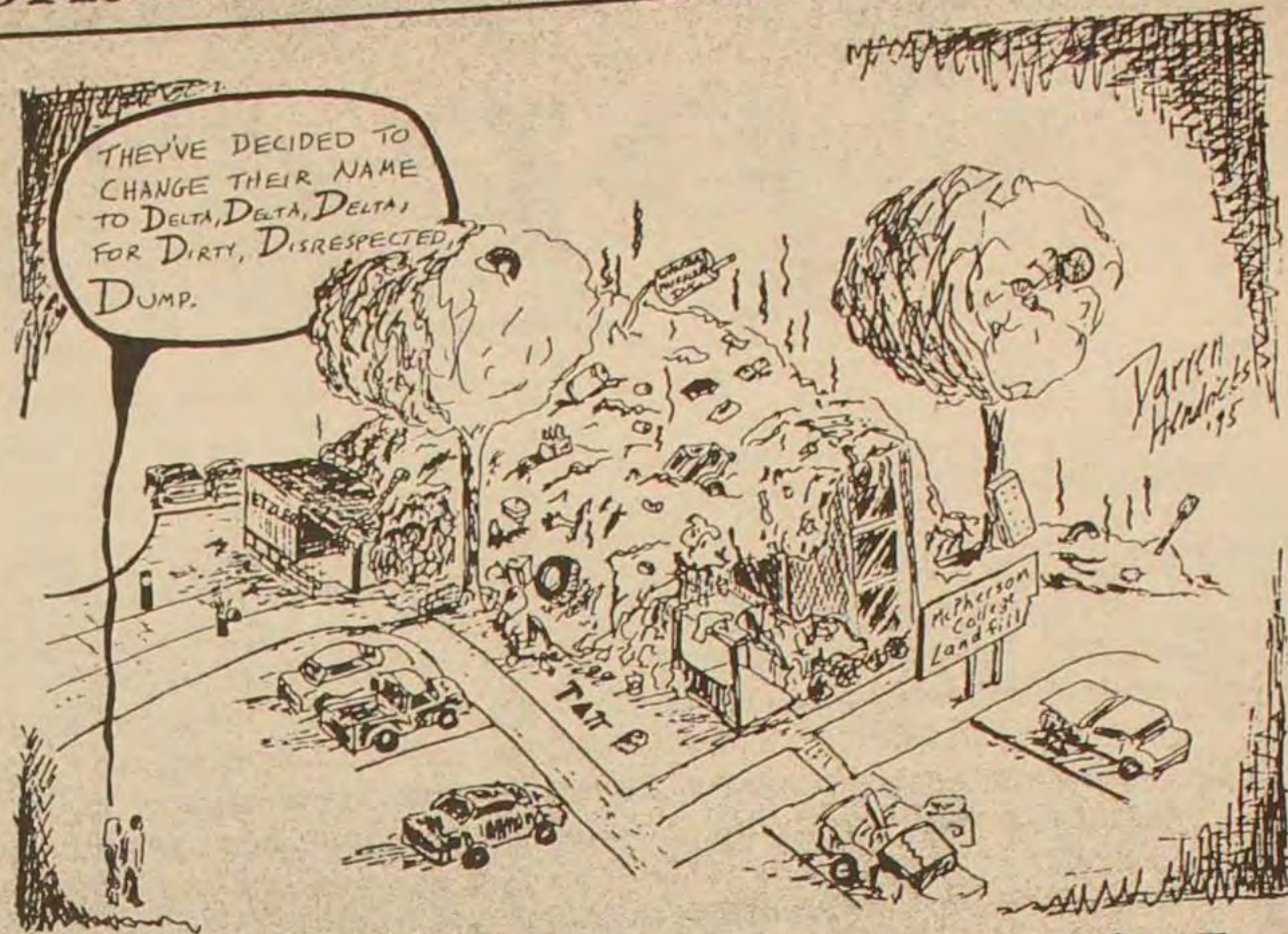
Dear Editor,

In the Oct. 19 issue of the Spectator the lead editorial featured three different ways to spell candidates: candidates, canidattes and canidates. How do you spell that word? Learn to use a dictionary. Oh yea, Glen Snell spells his name with one "n" not two.

-John Doe

We invite you to respond to any campus issues. It is your responsibility to fill the opinion pages.

**Michael P. Schneider**  
for the Editorial Staff



## Environment at risk

The environment is an interesting but controversial issue in American politics today. Recently legislation affecting the preservation of wetlands, refuges, endangered species and wildlife habitats moved through Congress.

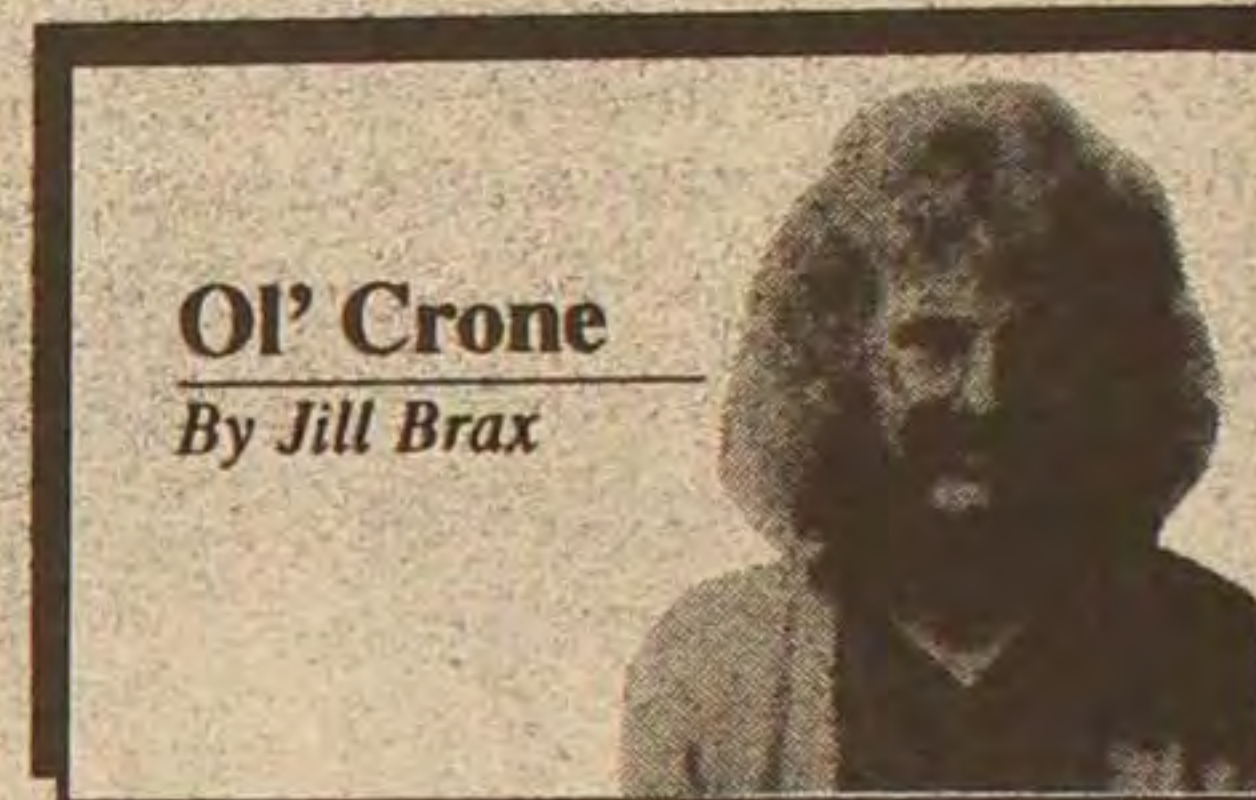
The Endangered Species Act (ESA) reauthorization bill, introduced by Senator Dirk Kempthorne (R-ID), would have eliminated all of the ESA protections for the preservation of our heritage of fish, wildlife and plant resources. It was a subversive attempt by a few Senators and lobbyists to alter our laws concerning the environment.

The bill was soundly defeated in the House on Nov. 2 1995. Had the bill passed, it would have restricted the EPA from "enforcing federal wetlands protection, restricting the amount of arsenic in public drinking water, cleaning up new toxic waste sites and setting limits on air pollution from industries and oil refineries," according to a story off internet from the Endangered Species Action Coalition.

Of the four representatives from the State of Kansas, all belonging to the Republican Party, only Jan Meyers voted against these restrictions. Todd Tiaht, Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback voted for restricting the EPA. Thank goodness, the American people are still concerned about the environment.

Environmental groups had secured 1.2 million signatures to support their cause and convince enough Congressmen to vote against the bill.

In the next few weeks, the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1995, H.R. 1675—of concern to us,—will come to the House floor. The bill's father is Rep. Don Young. Environmentalists are calling it the "Refuge Amusement Park Bill." It would



**Ol' Crone**  
By Jill Brax

"expand grazing, farming, jet skiing, off road vehicle use and other potential harmful commercial and public uses of refuges," according to a bulletin off internet from the Defenders of Wildlife.

Refuges are lands used specifically for wildlife preservation. Theodore Roosevelt was the first President to support the idea of setting aside places to help the preservation of America's fish and wildlife. This potentially harmful bill is now threatening wildlife in some parts of the United States. Let us hope that our Congressmen will once again use common sense to defeat this bill.

Our environment is being abused to the limit. Where would we be today without the past protection and management of the Environmental Protection Agency and Defenders of Wildlife.

Last week, Gary Trudeau drew on this topic in his Doonesbury cartoon. His Congresswoman, from California, expressed her feelings well when she said to the Speaker of the House: "If you want to gut the laws, let's have a full, open debate. Sneaking exemptions and changes into appropriation bills is deceitful and cowardly. It cannot be tolerated!"

## Excuses are the answer

OK, here is the scenario. You wake up and luckily make it to convo on any given Monday morning. The speaker is a typical convo speaker. After it's all said and done (around 10:30), you live happily ever.

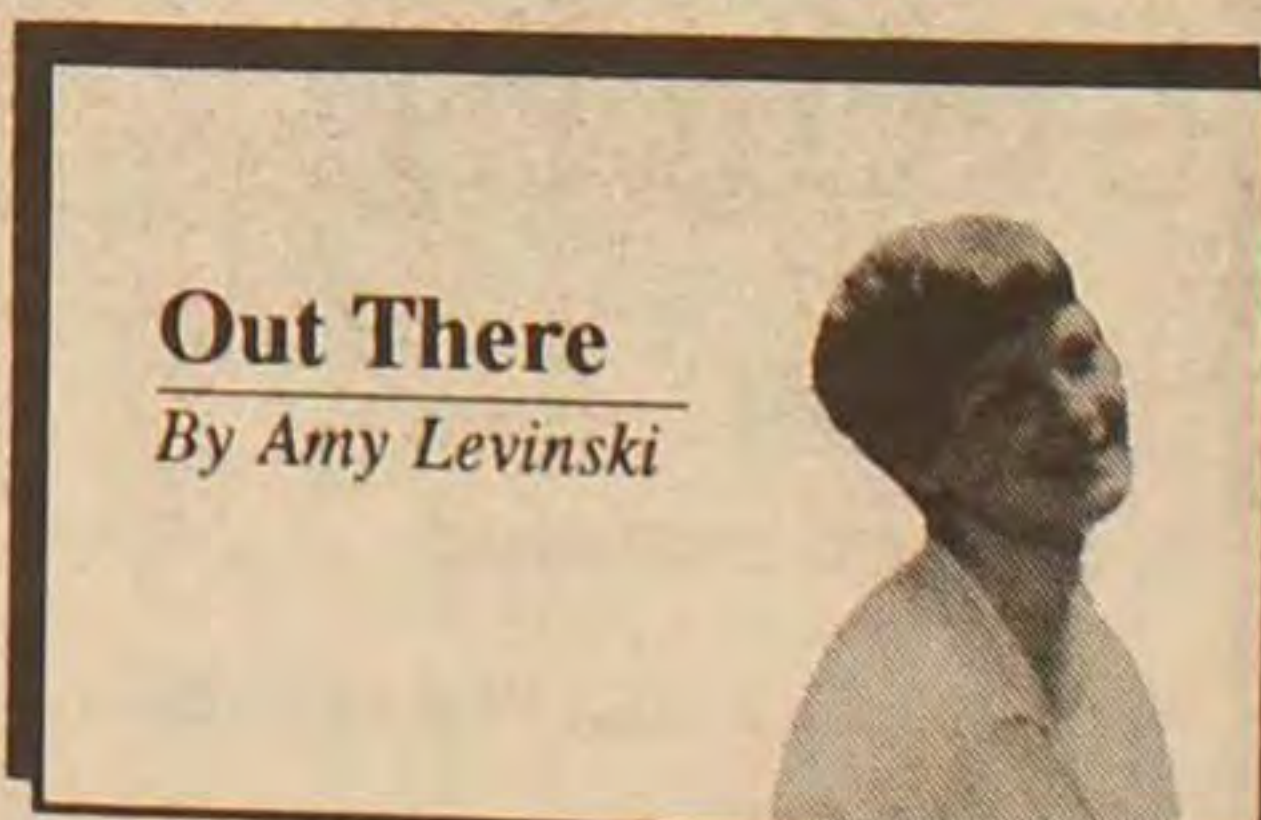
Yeah, you just remembered there's that wonderful 11:30 philosophy class you also need to attend. Great, so after an hour of blessed sleep, you make the trek to the library.

Good. There you are, in the class, doing the "let's listen" thing, and you start to remember the prior evening's activities...uh, what did Mike just write down and why has the subject changed?

If I were you, I'd be pretty frightened right now because Mr. Things, the instructor, has just asked for your opinion. HMMMMMMMMMM, what were you even talking about?

Please don't be afraid! I am your friend and I have a list of stalling techniques that you could use if you don't know the answer...

- Look confused and say, "que?"
- Ask for more information.
- Page through your notebook.
- Start fidgeting, get frustrated and scream: "I don't know!"



**Out There**  
By Amy Levinski

- Rearrange yourself in your chair, hoping you'll fall out. In the meantime, the instructor might have asked someone more prepared...

- Tell about last night's dream.
- Excuse yourself to the bathroom.

- Look blandly ahead, pretending you didn't hear the question.

- Jump up and start performing the Heimlich maneuver on someone.

- Say: "Matta, baby!"

- Ask your neighbor, in an audible voice, for the answer.

- Say: "Things!"

- Improvise: "Elephants. They have big trunks, so does my Volvo. My Volvo is so dirty. I dreamt I blew up my Volvo once. Did I say that elephants have big trunks?"

The McPherson College

# SPECTATOR

Vol. 80, No. 5

"Serving to inform a community"

November 17, 1995

The McPherson College Spectator is an official publication of McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas 67460, under the sponsorship of the Student Council of the college. The Spectator is published six times a semester, allowing for the interruption of school holidays. Subscription information is available on request from the above address.

Editor-in-Chief

News Editor

Editorial Editor

Feature Editor

Sports Editor

Photography Editor

Layout Editor

Advertising Sales Manager

Advertising Design Manager

Business Manager

Adviser

Michael P. Schneider

Sue Werner

Pascal Reber

Emilita Houston

Jennifer Richardson

Jon Henrickson

Darren Hendricks

Bryce Brewer

Darren Hendricks

Jesse Van Norden

Bruce Clary



# Shalom, Prime Minister Rabin

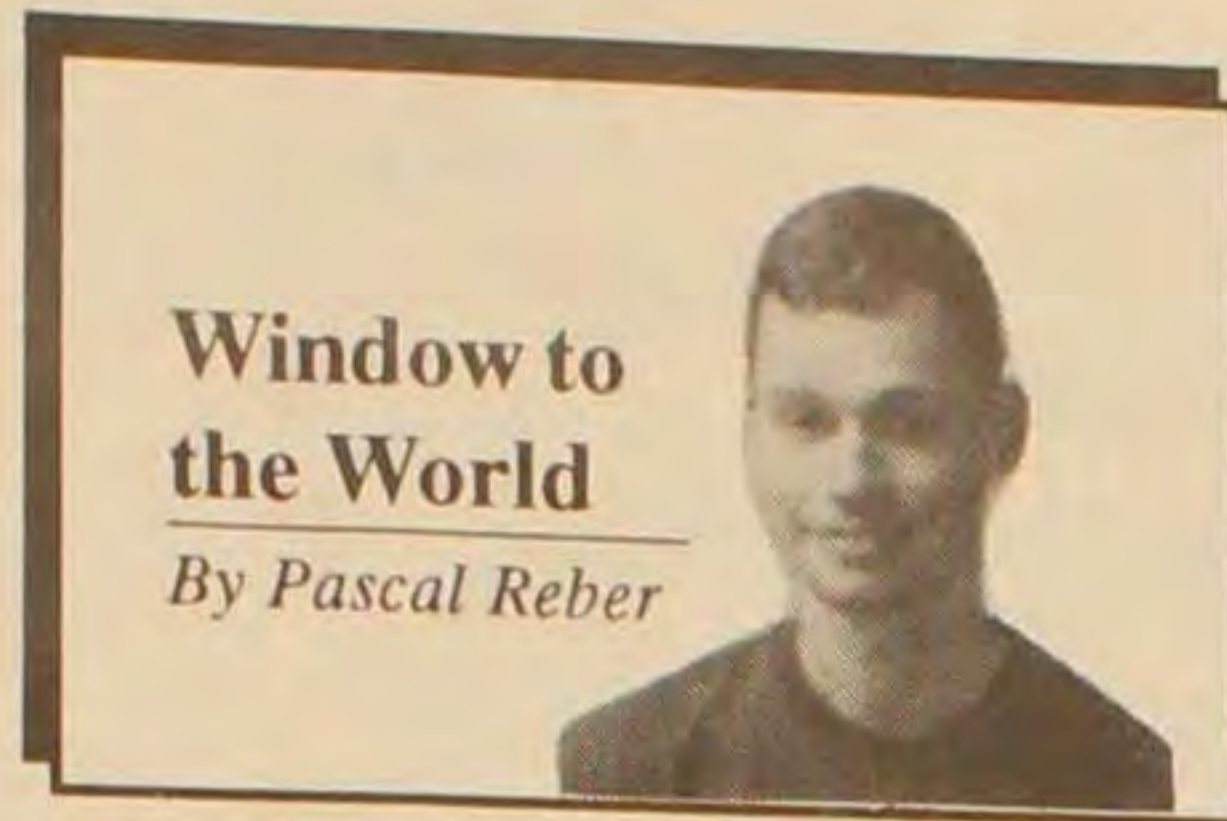
The world is mourning a great leader. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated Nov. 4 by Yigal Amir, a 25-year old law student and member of a Jewish extremist organization known as Eyal. Eyal is opposed to the Mideast peace process initiated by Rabin and has accused Mr. Rabin of being a traitor. The assassination sent shock waves around the world.

Yitzhak Rabin was born on March 1, 1922. He had been a soldier all his life. He fought in the Israeli War of Independence and was one of the architects of the creation of the Jewish State.

As chief of staff of the Israeli Armed Forces—a post that he held from 1964 to 1968—Mr. Rabin planned the Israeli victory in the Six-Day War in 1967.

Rabin became Prime Minister of Israel in 1974 but resigned in 1977 after his wife had been found guilty of violating tight Israeli currency regulations.

Rabin regained prominence in 1984 when he became Israeli defense minister. He held that post under two Labor/Likud govern-



## Window to the World

By Pascal Reber

ments and directed the handling of the 1988 Palestinian uprising (Intifada). Rabin captured the leadership of the Labor Party once again in 1992, and succeeded Yitzhak Shamir as Prime Minister.

Despite his war exploits, Rabin will be remembered for his peace efforts. Rabin made his government's plans clear in 1992. He wanted to cut back Israeli settlement in the West Bank and the Gaza strip and to negotiate Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territory.

Yitzhak Rabin was the cornerstone of the peace process in the Middle East. Egypt and Jordan are now at "peace" with the Jewish

State. Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat have worked together during the past three years to make the concept of Palestinian self-rule in Jericho and the Gaza Strip possible.

One of the most memorable moments in the peace process took place at the White House in 1993 when President Bill Clinton nudged both Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat into their "historic handshake."

Not everybody in Israel, and for that matter in the Arab world, is in favor of peace. Rabin died because he believed in peace.

The question on everybody's mind is, Will the peace process continue? Shimon Peres, acting Israeli Prime Minister, has pledged to continue Rabin's work. Rabin and Peres were the main artisans of the peace process.

Israel and the Arab nations have reached a point of no return; they are bound to continue what they started. Leaders on both sides are vowing to continue the legacy of Prime Minister Rabin.

After lying in state for 22 hours in front of

the Knesset—an estimated one million people had passed the flag-draped casket—Rabin was buried Nov. 6 at Mount Herzl National Cemetery.

Leaders from around the world attended the funeral. Among the most prominent personalities were President Clinton, King Hussein of Jordan, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, English Prime Minister John Major, Helmut Kohl and many others. The greatest tribute to Rabin was that several Arab leaders were present at the ceremony.

The leaders of the world praised Prime Minister Rabin: "He had courage, he had vision and he had a commitment to peace," King Hussein said.

"Now it falls to all of us who love peace and all of us who loved him to carry on the struggle to which he gave life and for which he gave his life," President Clinton said.

Let us never forget Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the reason why he gave his life. His legacy will endure.

Shalom, Yitzhak Rabin.

## Turkey-day block

It has been a diligent life for this writer. He has led a healthy life, eating the proper modifiers, consuming the MLA's recommended auxiliary verbs and abiding by the Surgeon General's warnings on split infinitives. He practiced parallelism three times a week for forty to fifty minutes each day, and he never mixed tenses without just cause.

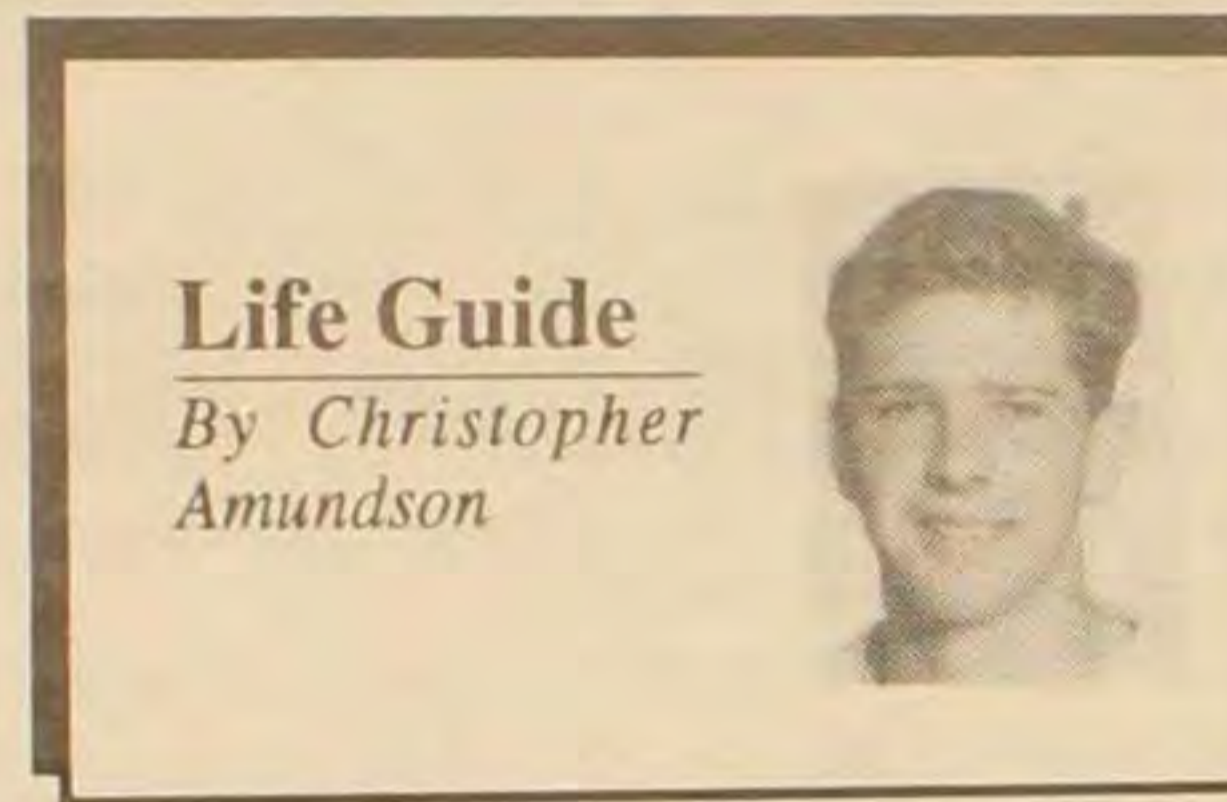
At every meal he paid particular attention to his phonics, carefully mulling over the spelling of each word and recording those that posed problems. He maintained a well balanced diet of properly spelled verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs.

And in his play he remembered what his minister had said: "Do not indulge thyself . . . everything in moderation." So the writer kept his paragraphs simple and did not allow them to wander into states of disrepair.

His accountant advised: "Watch your limited resources." So the writer was cautious when drafting letters to avoid spending his "I did this" and "I did that" in wasteful fashion. He stayed out of debt by avoiding "I owe you."

But something went wrong one fall day. He was diligently following his pen into other words, and he began to experience a writer's block. "Oh no!" he said as he recognized the symptoms—a closed mind, meaningless sentences, mismatched modifiers. Until a complete disregard for organization overcame him.

Our fair writer knew the end was near so he began to pray. "Oh Father Pentel, you fine superball, please do not let my ink run



## Life Guide

By Christopher Amundson

dry for I am not through with my mission. The world awaits with fresh reams of paper waiting to be shaped into paragraphs, stories, chapters, books and novels."

Father Pentel heard the most holy plea as did Saint Bic and the martyred Saint Eraser Mate. The gods did not place on their caps to the plea but put together their heads and drew a common line among them. They acted together as three pens in a pocket protector to let love and mercy flow forth by granting the writer continued existence.

But the martyred Saint Eraser Mate proposed one stipulation. "The young writer must not remember the place which he saw." They agreed to allow White Out, lord of the correctionworld, to hide this incident from the writer's memory.

Our writer awoke from a deep sleep on Thanksgiving morning refreshed and with burning ideas in his mind. He rushed to his computer to type thoughts as good as Gouda. As the words trailed behind the cursor he caught a reflection in the glowing VGA monitor—a black ink stain on his white shirt pocket. He stopped typing in mid-sentence, pressed return and slowly keyed, "THANK YOU."

## CAMPUS FORUM

### Metzler residents need to respect their property

McPherson College is a beautiful campus due to hard work and nice facilities.

It saddens me to see disrespect for these facilities, particularly Metzler Hall.

It is hard for me to believe that anyone would want to treat their "home" as some occupants of Metzler treat it. I am shocked at the amount of trash that lies in the parking lot and the filth in the stairwells.

Metzler Hall is of particular importance to me because it was named in honor of my great-grandfather, Burton Metzler.

My great-grandfather was a loving, kind man who served McPherson College for many years. When Metzler Hall is treated with disrespect, so is my grandfather.

Please take time to pick up trash that is in the building or parking lot and put it in its proper place. Take pride in Metzler Hall and respect it for yourselves and for my great-grandfather.

- Sarah Wagoner

### 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.

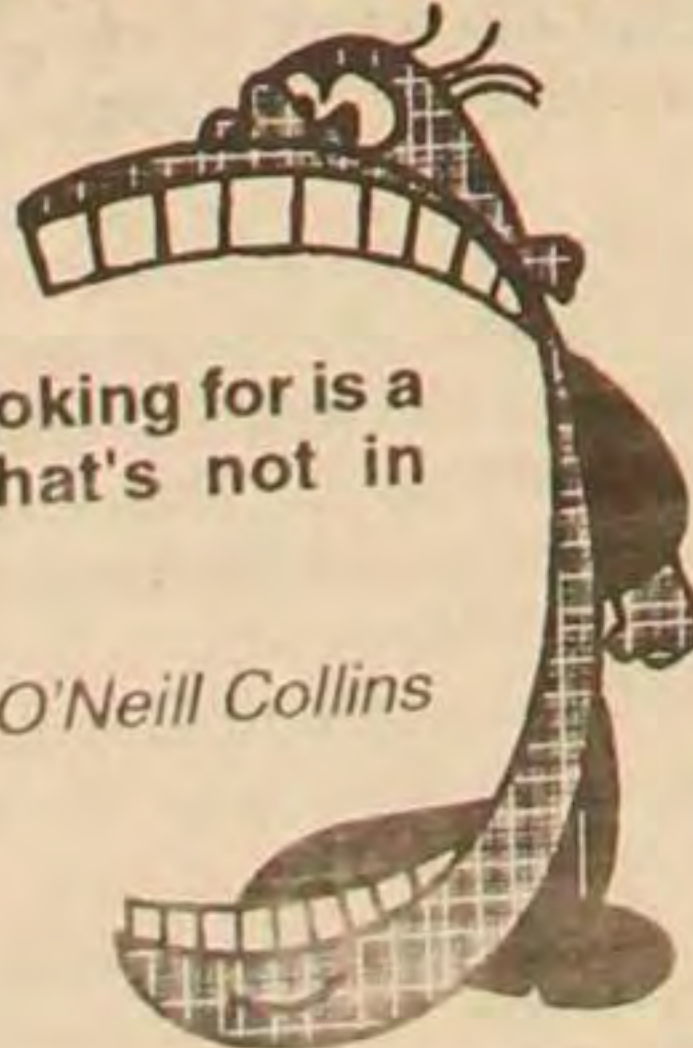
- The final deadline is Monday before the Friday on which a paper is published.

- To submit a letter to The Spectator, drop it in campus mail.

### Bygollygee U.



### The Loud-mouth



What I'm looking for is a blessing that's not in disguise.

-Kitty O'Neill Collins



# AIDS

## A personal experience hits home

By Suellis Kelley

*Editors Note: This article appeared in the Oct. 7, 1994 issue of The Spectator. Suellis is a former staff writer. It is important to note that Suellis didn't receive a full AIDS screen at the time this article was published.*

I went to get tested for HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) at the McPherson County Health Department a couple of weeks ago—but I didn't do it out of fear. I did it to make a point.

College students are currently one of the highest risk groups for contracting the HIV virus and STDs.

"The fastest growing groups testing positive for HIV are adolescents (13-19) and heterosexual women," said Melanie Green, from the Reno County Health Department.

Statistics also show that college-age students are at the greatest risk for contracting STDs. During the January-June 1994 reporting period in the state of Kansas, those who tested positive most frequently for STDs were in the age group of 15-24. Of the people who tested positive for chlamydia, 78 percent were in this age group, for gonorrhea, 69 percent, and syphilis 40 percent.

The statistics reflect that most people in this age group are not in permanent or monogamous relationships—frequent, multiple partners being one of the highest risk factors in contracting AIDS or

other STDs.

Unfortunately, adolescents and college-age adults are among the least likely to submit to testing to learn if they are infected. Fear of the truth and negative social connotations, not to mention the universal "it will never happen to me" syndrome, no doubt explain much of the reluctance among college students to be tested.

But uncertainty about test procedures and methods, costs, and confidentiality may play a bigger role in students' resistance to testing than generally recognized.

My experience suggests students have little or nothing to worry about. The tests themselves are easy and painless, administered by sensitive, caring people, and affordable even on a college student's budget.

I made my appointment at the McPherson County Health Department, easily accessible in downtown McPherson.

My nurse, Sonja, led me to an examination room, and we both sat down. Sonja used the Formica table for a desk, and I faced her. She assured me my responses to the questions would be confidential and that I had a choice—to take the HIV test anonymously or by using my real name.

She told me that by taking the HIV test anonymously I would receive a code number and my name would not be used. She explained further that the test would take 10 days to two weeks to arrive at their office.

Sonja then told me that I had to make an appointment to get the results and that the staff never gave the results, even negative results, over the phone. She added that

positive results are reported to the state for statistical purposes. Kansas law protects the identity of people who are tested for HIV.

She asked me again if I was sure I wanted to take the HIV test. I said I was certain.

Then Sonja pulled out a sheet of paper that had a list of questions on it and began. Had I ever used intravenous drugs or shared needles when injecting drugs? Had I ever had sex with someone who had shared needles? Had I ever had sexual contact with someone who is infected? Had I ever had a blood transfusion? Had I had multiple sexual partners or had my partner had multiple sexual contacts?

I was amazed at how relaxed I felt as I answered the questions. Sonja was sweet, understanding and compassionate as she guided me through the 15-minute process, which included some pre-test counseling and primary education about AIDS.

"AIDS is caused by the HIV virus which attacks the body's immune system. People who have been infected by the virus produce 'antibodies' to [fight] the infection. These antibodies are what the blood test measures," Sonja told me.

It takes up to six months for the antibodies to appear from the time of infection, she said. This time lag from the time of exposure, to the time that the test will read positive is called the "window period."

The test is 99.8 percent accurate, so if the test comes back negative, and it has been six months since the last high-risk exposure, the negative test probably means that

the individual does not have the HIV virus.

The HIV virus is actually very hard to get, Sonja told me, and cannot be passed on through casual contact, including being coughed or sneezed on, or eating foods prepared by someone infected with the virus. Also, AIDS—which is actually the combination of deficient immune system and the infections that develop when the immune system is impaired—does not develop in the HIV-infected person for eight to ten years. Meanwhile, the infected person will appear healthy and be capable of infecting others.

Abstinence is the best way to avoid contracting HIV or STDs. Using condoms, considered "safer sex," is not always effective because people do not consistently use the condom correctly, the condom leaks or the condom breaks.

Sonja took me to another room and drew my blood. My blood was not tested for HIV/AIDS because I was not in a high risk category. I had answered no to the questions above, and had already been tested for HIV after a blood transfusion. However, my blood was tested for syphilis. The HIV/AIDS test costs only five dollars. The STD screening costs the same amount.

If you answered yes to any of the questions written in this article, you are in a high risk group and should be tested. If you have concerns about your sexual history, talk to a nurse.

Being tested may be one of the most considerate and important things you can do for the person you love and yourself. The shame—and the potential tragedy—is not knowing and passing it on.



Suellis Kelley experiences what is involved in an AIDS test.

## Experience becomes reality

By Marylyn Matthaei

Spectator Staff

One year ago, when she was a McPherson College English major, Suellis Kelley researched and wrote the accompanying AIDS article "to make a point." She never dreamed she had acquired the HIV/AIDS virus herself.

Ms. Kelley was diagnosed HIV positive by Dr. Allan S. Hooper in McPherson on July 27, 1995.

Her first reaction to the diagnosis was that the test must have been a false positive.

"He said I was a 'very sick girl' and that he had rechecked the results three times."

Kelley was hospitalized on July 29, 1995, with a white blood cell count of 1.5 at Memorial Hospital in McPherson and was transferred to St. Francis Hospital on July 30.

By August 3, Kelley was too weak even to open a door by herself. On that day a different doctor told her she had a T-cell count of 34 and to "make the proper arrangements for death." Stunned, she arranged for the purchase of an urn for her own ashes.

"Most often when an individual's T-cell count drops below 50 the chances for that person's survival are slim, because the T-cells are the helper cells.

They act to tell the body's white blood cells where to go to fight off infection and illness," Kelley said.

A low T-cell count seriously compro-

mises the body's immune system, causing it to malfunction or become nonfunctional, Kelley explained.

Too ill to continue her education and care for her daughters, Kelley moved back to San Diego, California, on September 26, 1995, where she lives near her father.

Just last week Kelley learned that she could begin taking a new drug called Saquinavir in four weeks. Only 90 patients have used Saquinavir so far, and Kelley will be in the second group of 90 to try it.

With her low T-cell count, she is "afforded the opportunity to become included in test groups fairly easily. From the blood test results over a month ago my T-cells have risen to 259, and my current white blood cell count is in the normal range, 7.1," Kelley said.

Kelley counts her blessings, explaining that she does not suffer yet from any of the common AIDS-related viruses.

I am literally suffering from the AIDS virus itself. This creates an extra interest in my case for doctors, because they can watch the progression of the disease itself rather than the progression of the opportunistic infections," Kelley said.

"The AIDS virus is like a flu. I have all the symptoms of the flu: aching joints, aching bones, aching muscles and nausea."

Kelley also suffers from AIDS wasting disease, which causes malabsorption of food and nutrients. She has lost approximately 60 pounds in the last few months.

She must eat 6000 calories a day to maintain her current weight. Kelley usually has no appetite but makes herself drink six to eight cans daily of Ensure, a high-calorie

dietary supplement.

Her medicines include AZT and DDC in combination therapy, a method that has been proven successful at prolonging both life and quality of life for persons infected with HIV.

The new drugs, including Saquinavir, are called triple therapy. Although they have been researched only a short time, Kelley reports that individuals infected with HIV have shown "remarkable improvement in T-cell counts and decreased viral loads."

This 35-year-old mother of two contracted AIDS as a result of being raped in September of 1992. She was the victim of a stalker in San Diego who broke into her home.

Kelley had previously been tested for HIV because of the rape, "but that test produced a false negative result."

Had she been treated more promptly, Kelley feels an extra 10 to 15 years could have been added to her life.

Kelley's daughters Melanie, age 16, and Hannah, age seven, now live with their grandfather.

"My daughters are doing as well as can be expected with all the sudden changes in their lives," Kelley said. Hannah, the youngest, stays with Kelley on weekends.

Four different nurses and attendants assist Kelley with basic house cleaning chores and laundry, up to four hours daily. A grief counselor comes to her apartment once a week.

"My strength is slowly returning, and I find that I can enjoy the things I used to do, like reading, watching movies and 'playing' with my computer. At this point, I am proud to announce I can walk a whole block

and a half without having to sit down and rest," Kelley said.

"My prognosis on September 22, 1995, was that I would have a 'terminal event' within the next 18 to 24 months. But I am hard-headed and do not believe I am going to die within that time frame. In addition, with the new medicine, who knows?" Kelley asked.

Her dream is to return to McPherson College someday to complete her degree in English, but she is worried about being accepted on the campus and in the community.

Kelley's mission for the present is to educate herself and others about HIV/AIDS. She warns that statistics show 40 million people are expected to have AIDS by the year 2000.

She urges young people, especially, to have safe sex or to abstain. She urges anyone who has doubts to ask for a blood test.

Kelley is not bitter about having the AIDS virus; she is still outspoken, blunt and witty and trying to make her life the best that it can be. "I know God must have had a reason for this happening to me; I just don't know what it is yet," she said.

Kelley made a remark that may seem flippant to those who do not know her, but she insists that it sums up concisely her attitude toward her disease. "I'd rather own an urn than be in one," she said.

The AIDS virus has not affected her sense of humor.



# THE NAMES PROJECT

By Heather Healy  
Spectator Staff

Above the glow of candlelight one night in 1985, Cleve Jones asked his fellow marchers to write names of loved ones and friends who had died of AIDS on placards and to tape the placards to the outside of the San Francisco Federal Building. To Jones, this sight looked like a patchwork quilt. Thus, the vision for the AIDS Memorial Quilt was born.

This event was part of a march organized by Jones, a gay AIDS activist, in memory of Harvey Milk, a gay San Francisco city commissioner who had been assassinated seven years earlier. They made the patchwork on the wall because the number of people in San Francisco who had died of AIDS had passed 1,000 just prior to the memorial march.

Jones realized his dream for a quilt two years later when he and others joined to organize the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Jones made the first panel of the Quilt by spray painting his friend's name, Marvin Feldman, onto a cloth about the size of a grave.

Panels soon began to arrive from all over the United States, and eventually, the world.

Today, the quilt has more than 30,704 individual panels. When eight of these panels are received from the same region they are sewn together to form a twelve foot by twelve foot section.

Four of these 12-by-12's will be on display in Friendship Hall from Nov. 26 through Dec. 1.

One of the panels on display is in memory of a former McPherson resident, Warren Hjerpe. The panel was constructed by his friends and family and was dedicated in 1991.

Warren was the first child of Floyd and Eloise Hjerpe, born and raised in McPherson. After his graduation from McPherson High School, he attended McPherson College and later transferred to Bethany. He also attended a cosmetology school in Wichita.

He moved to Los Angeles in 1970 where he achieved his goal of owning and managing his own salon. He even earned some national repute.

"He took me around to places for introduction. The thing that most people said about him was that he was such a good person. In my opinion, any mother would prefer that description of a child than any other," said Mrs. Hjerpe of a visit to her son.

Warren was diagnosed with HIV in 1988. He was quite ill by the fall of 1989. His doctor was dedicated to keeping him well.

"[The doctor] told me on a visit that he had probably learned more from caring for Warren than we would all ever appreciate," said Mrs. Hjerpe. "I do know that Warren was probably the best teacher I ever had, and not just about AIDS."



Photo By Marc Geller

**A volunteer "handmaiden" mends a panel of the Quilt in Washington, DC. A section of the quilt will be displayed in Friendship Hall Nov. 26 - Dec. 1.**

Warren lost his battle on December 8, 1990, at age 41. Warren's family and friends helped make the panel.

"Making the panel was therapeutic. It's an expression of your love. We have all been open about his illness and cause of death. To my knowledge, none of us has been subjected to unkind treatment because of Warren's illness. Our friends and relatives are the kind of people who don't mind and the people who do mind don't matter," said Mrs. Hjerpe.

Warren's panel includes: hearts that signify his family's love for him; a bowl of popcorn; scissors for his profession; a telephone, because that was a vital connection; and a small strawberry that represents an escapade when three-year old Warren and a

neighbor girl raided a strawberry patch.

Another panel that will be on display was made for a Wichita native named Fritz Fiedler. He was born in October of 1957 and grew up in Wichita. "Fritz was a people person, he loved his friends and they loved him," said his mother, Bev Fiedler.

He lived in Usalito, Calif., until he decided to come home to die. Fritz was diagnosed with HIV in 1987.

"He never blamed anyone. He was a jolly fellow with a good mental attitude. This helped keep him healthy," said Mrs. Fiedler.

Fritz lived well until the last year. For the last six months of his life he was blind due to complications of AIDS. Fritz died in September of 1991 just one week before his 34th birthday.

Fritz's panel did a lot of traveling while it was under construction. It started with a 27-inch by 27-inch cloth that had been a sort of security blanket made for Fritz by his aunt.

His mother sent the cloth back to his aunt, who added another 27-inch by 27-inch square to it and shipped it back to Kansas. Then Fritz's family added the words "Our Hearts" to the new square and sent it back to Oregon. Fritz's aunt then finished the cloth by making it into the full three feet by six feet panel.

Fritz's parents started the Wichita chapter of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. The organization gives support to those who need it.

"We hope that these deaths aren't in vain. Hopefully, people will learn from the Quilt and they will take precautions to prevent acquiring the disease," said Mrs. Fiedler. "People don't realize how bad an AIDS death can be. Fritz was six feet and one inch tall and his weight averaged 180 pounds. When he died he weighed less than 100 pounds. Fritz didn't suffer as much as many others have."

One of the goals of the AIDS Memorial Quilt is to illustrate the enormity of the AIDS epidemic. The display that will be in Friendship Hall is a very small portion of the Quilt. If the entire Quilt were laid out without walkways between the sections it would cover 13 acres or 12 football fields and would weigh 36 tons.

Yet the quilt, as large as it is, represents only 12 percent of all U.S. AIDS deaths. It also includes panels for people from 28 other countries. "I hope people will see that these were real people, real lives that were lost. Because of stigmas about the issue it is often hard for people to see how much this has and will affect us. The quilt allows for a more open expression of this," said Zandra Wagoner, campus minister.

"When you see the Quilt, it really makes you understand that these are human beings that were sick, died, and now people miss them," said Mrs. Hjerpe.

THE  
OLD  
BOY

by a. r. gurney

NOVEMBER 17, 18, 19

## Wichita

**Public Ice Skating**  
Mon. and Wed. 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$3.00  
Kansas Coliseum (316) 755-1243  
(bring your own skates)

**Clay Walker and Neal McCoy**  
Nov. 17 8 p.m. \$19.50  
Century II Concert Hall  
(316) 263-4717

**"The Nutcracker"**  
Dec. 9, 8 p.m. Dec. 10, 3 p.m.  
Century II Concert Hall  
(316) 236-4717

## "Oklahoma"

Oct. 5 - Nov. 26  
Wichita Crown Uptown Theatre,  
1-316-681-1566

**MU330 "Ska" Music**  
(mix of alternative reggae/rock)  
Wednesday, Nov. 22  
Special Guests: Gal's Picnic and O'Phil  
Wichita Cotillion

## Topeka

**"Treasures of the Czars" exhibit**  
9 a.m.-8 p.m. daily  
Kansas International Museum, 4th and Quincy,  
800-269-0901, \$15

## Hutchinson

**Kansas Cosmosphere Movies**  
**"Living Seas"**  
1, 2, 8 p.m. Mon-Fri  
11 a.m., 12, 1, 2, 8 p.m. Sat  
1, 2, 8 p.m. Sun

**"Race the Wind"**  
3, 7 p.m. Mon-Fri  
3, 4, 7 p.m. Sat, Sun  
Kansas Cosmosphere, 662-2305



# Bulldog basketball tips off season

## Men beat York College

Jenni Richardson  
Sports Editor

The McPherson men's basketball team posted its first win of the 1995-96 season with a win over York College on Nov. 11, 114-76.

Coach Roger Trimmell was pleased with the team's overall play. "This was an excellent team effort. I had the opportunity to play a lot of the guys and get them some floor experience. Everyone stepped in and did a good job," said Trimmell.

Not only was Trimmell pleased with the game as a whole, but he was happy with the inside/outside game the team played. "As I said before the season, some of our younger inside players need to step up their game. I was very pleased with the progress I saw during this contest," Trimmell said.

The team had a balanced scoring with five players in double digits. Matt Richardson led the offensive attack with 24, followed by Brandon Rice with 18, Ryan Wenzel with 15 and Mike Walker and Emmanuel Roland with 12 and 10 respectively.

Doug Delay pulled down nine rebounds to lead the team, followed by Richardson with seven and Roland with six.

In their first contest of the season, the Bulldogs traveled Nov. 8 to Alva, Okla., to play Northwestern. They lost 49-61. Richardson and Rice were the only Bulldogs in double figures, scoring 16 and 12 respectively.

The Bulldogs are preparing to face the



Photo By Jon Henrikson

### Jason Dingman, jr. drives the ball to the basket in the alumni game

#2 ranked team in NAIA Division II tonight at the Bethany Classic, as they take on Concordia College out of Concordia, Neb. Tip-off time is set for 6 p.m.

The men face Roseary in a 4 p.m. contest tomorrow. The Bulldogs faced Coverstockton last night, but results were unavailable.

"It looks like there have been some tough teams invited and they will give us a good challenge. I see these tournament games as good preparation for our conference play, which will begin after Thanksgiving break," Trimmell said.

The Bulldogs' first conference contest will be Nov. 29 when they take on the Sterling Warriors.

## Women Bulldogs gain experience from alumni game

Melissa Sharp  
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldog basketball team started its 1995-96 season with the annual alumni game on Nov. 4. The younger Bulldogs defeated the veterans, 67-56.

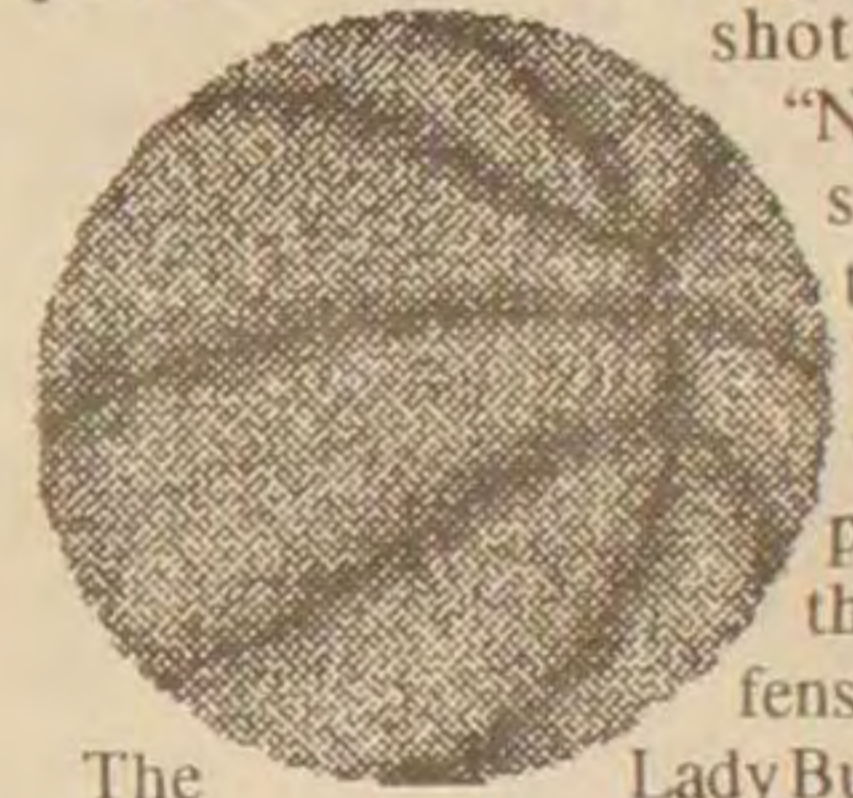
Coach Mel Wright thought that the alumni game was a good chance for the players to get to know each other on the court. "We began to get better acquainted with each other, and we had a chance to run the offense," said Wright.

The team received offensive contribution from many different players. April Turpin led the Bulldogs in scoring with 13, followed by Jenni Richardson with 12. Andrea Bess and Kelly Thaxton had six apiece, while Staci Shoemaker, Nikki Adler, Jennifer Williams and Amy Ross added four each.

Wright said that he felt one of the strong points of the game was good shot selection.

"Not many bad shots were taken," said Wright. He was also pleased with the team defense as a whole.

The Lady Bulldogs will be in action tonight and tomorrow at the Kansas Wesleyan Invitational, playing at 6 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.



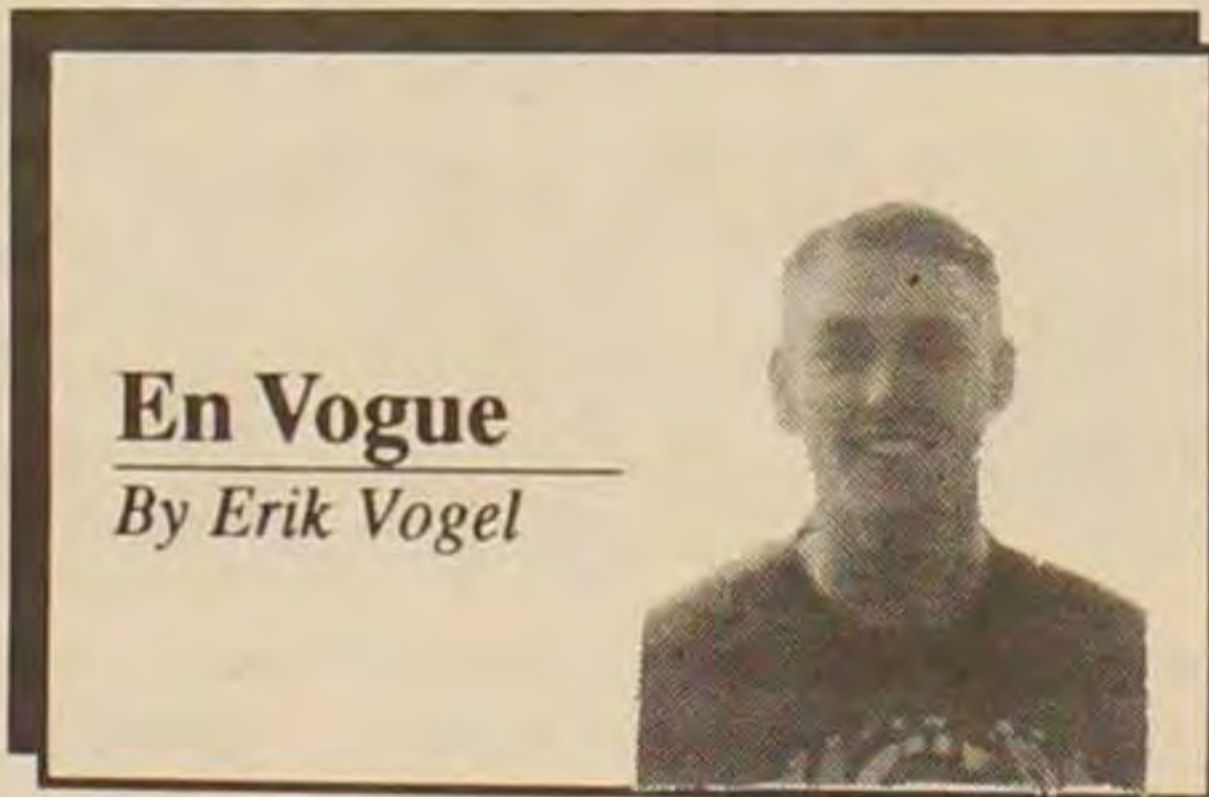
# Teams' departures leave cities and fans empty

For Sale: Professional football team. Looking for eager and enthusiastic customer base. Desiring a city that will provide stadium and labor force. Must be financially stable. Apply in person or call, 1-800-NEW-DEAL.

Ads like this seem to be popping up all across the country. During a year when relocation has become the popular theme around the National Football League, it is further proof that the players are no longer center stage; instead, the owners are the main attraction.

Former Houston Oiler and Atlanta Falcon coach Jerry Glanville has said the NFL stands for "Not For Long." The league has been holding true to Glanville's nickname.

The Los Angeles area lost two teams—one to Oakland and one to St. Louis prior to



### En Vogue

By Erik Vogel

the start of the season. Ironically, both Oakland and St. Louis were victims of prior franchise departures.

Now it seems likely the Cleveland Browns will be heading to Baltimore, former home to the Colts, who have since moved to Indianapolis. Talks have also surfaced claiming that the Cincinnati Bengals are

considering relocating to Cleveland—that is, if the Browns depart.

Furthermore, rumor has the Seattle Seahawks possibly venturing to L.A., while the Buccaneers may leave Tampa Bay for residence in Orlando.

The Arizona Cardinals, who heard the cry "Go West, young men" and headed to the desert, alienating St. Louis fans, may journey back eastward to an available city.

So what does this mean for sports fans? First, do not purchase season tickets for the upcoming season unless you are prepared to drive 400 miles to watch a home game.

Second, a code called "NFL Ethics" should be established and strictly enforced by the league police, forcing team owners to take a course in morality.

Third, it means that the fans do not matter anymore, nor do the players. Only the owners and wealthy business men, who think that scoreboards should be used to monitor the changing stock scene, should have any influence.

As teams continue to abandon cities they have called home for decades, fans are left victimized and deserted, their years of loyalty and passionate affection disregarded by the greed and selfishness of money-hungry owners.

If an owner decides to move the team to another city, it not only triggers economic loss, it removes the heart and soul of the city as well.

Ballclubs form bonds that hold people together. Where else can you combine 60,000 individuals into one location and keep their attention on a single object for nearly three hours?

So, on Thanksgiving afternoon, when you are nestled up in that warm afghan, motionless from the earlier feast and awaiting that traditional NFL match-up on the tube, don't take that quarter-long nap this year.

When you awake, the Detroit Lions will have moved to Los Angeles and become the "Warriors," while the Minnesota Vikings will have abandoned the "Great North," relocating to Louisiana where they will sport the nickname, "Cajun Vikes."

## BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

## BULLDOG CALENDAR

### Football

Nov. 4 Tabor W 14-21  
Nov. 11 Bethany L 0-57

### Men's Basketball

Nov. 4 Alumni W  
Nov. 8 N. West. L 49-61  
Nov. 11 York W 117-76

### Volleyball

Nov. 4 Bethel L 1-2  
6-15, 6-15, 13-15  
Nov. 10 & 11 KCAC Tourney  
Southwestern L 0-2  
1-15, 2-15  
Friends L 1-2  
6-15, 15-4, 4-15  
Bethel L 1-2  
15-1, 15-1, 15-1

### Women's Basketball

Nov. 4 Alumni W 67-56  
Nov. 11 Central College Scrimmage L 78-74

### Men's Basketball

Nov. 16 Bethany Classic 6:00  
Nov. 17 Bethany Classic 6:00  
Nov. 18 Bethany Classic 4:00  
Nov. 24 Hesston Classic JV TBA  
Nov. 25 Hesston Classic JV TBA  
Nov. 29 Sterling College Away 8:00  
Dec. 1 St. Mary Classic TBA  
Dec. 2 St. Mary Classic TBA  
Dec. 6 Ottawa University Away 8:00

### Women's Basketball

Nov. 16 K.W. Classic TBA  
Nov. 17 K.W. Classic TBA  
Nov. 18 K.W. Classic TBA  
Nov. 29 Sterling College Away 6:00  
Dec. 1 St. Mary of Lewistown 2:00  
Dec. 2 St. Mary of Lewistown 6:00  
Dec. 4 Kansas Newman Home 7:30  
Dec. 6 Ottawa University Away 6:00

### Lube-Oil-Filter \$18.95

on Ford and Chrysler vehicles with up to 5 quarts of Mopar or Ford oil. Other in-stock oils \$19.95

241-1042



2075 E. Kansas • McPherson, KS 67460



# Grose pleased with season

## Football team ends season with a 4-4 conference record

By Danny Brubaker  
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College football team has finished one of its most successful seasons in recent years. The Bulldogs finished with a 4-6 record, including a forfeit earned when Kansas Wesleyan used an ineligible player.

The year marked a number of "firsts" for third-year head coach Bruce Grose. He picked up his first victory with a 36-29 defeat of Southwestern. He won his first Homecoming game when the Bulldogs defeated Ottawa University, 30-14.

"I feel like the season went very well for us," said Grose. "We showed improvement throughout the season, and we competed with teams nobody thought we could compete with."

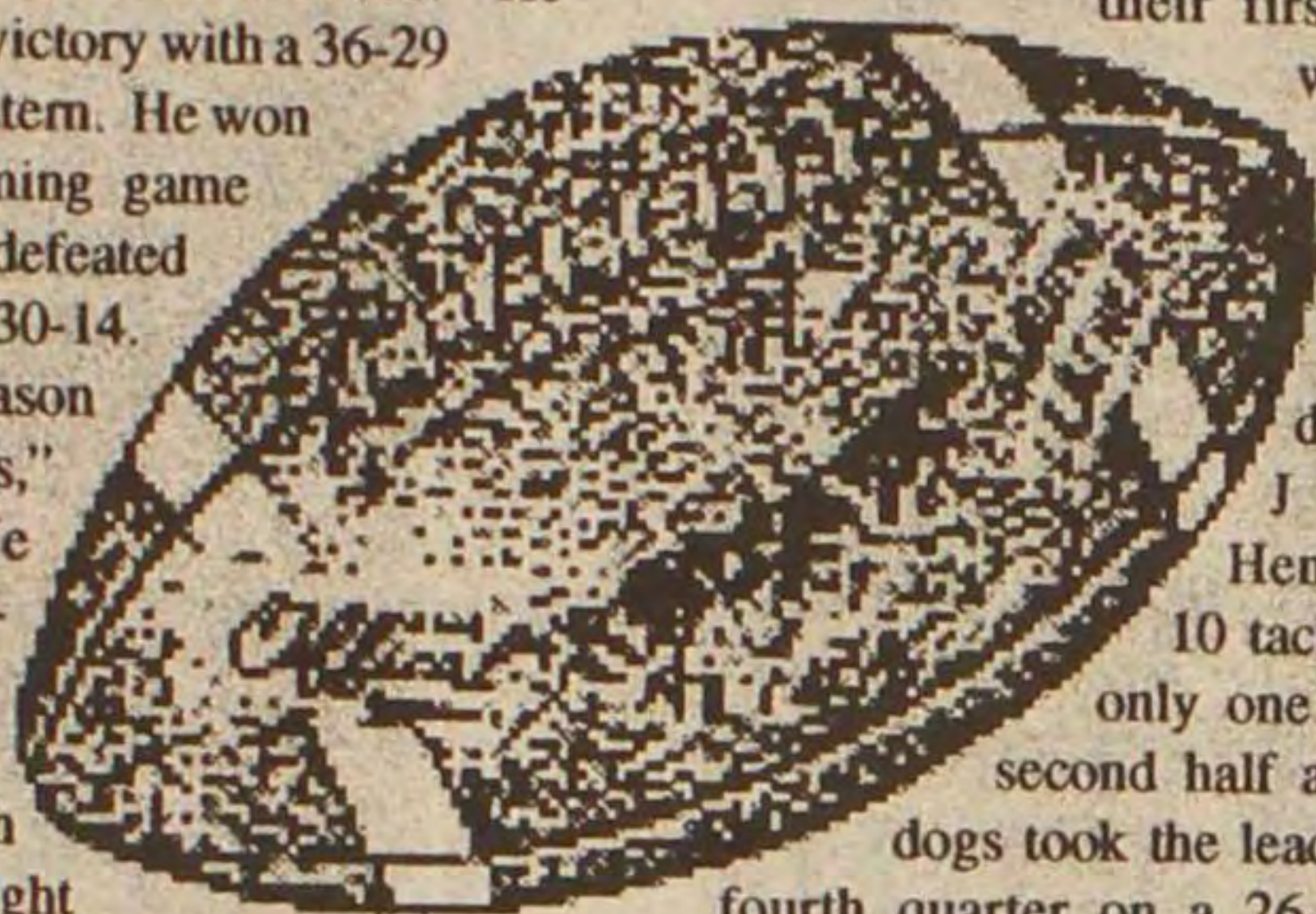
Coach Grose holds high hopes for next season. "Unlike recent years, most of the players are talking about coming back instead of leaving. We are definitely looking to compete in the top half of the conference

next year and hopefully make a run at the conference title," said Grose.

Grose points to depth in the offensive and defensive lines as well as the secondary, as key factors that will be addressed during the recruiting process. "Lack of depth in those positions hurt us as the season went on this year," Grose said.

McPherson finished the season with a 21-14 victory over arch-rival Tabor College and a 57-0 loss to Bethany College, currently ranked in the top 10 in the country.

Against Tabor, the Bulldogs had to overcome a 14-7 half-time deficit to pull out a come-from-behind win. McPherson came out in the second half and tied the game on



their first possession with a 51-yard touchdown run by Anthony Upshaw. The defense, led by James Henderson with 10 tackles, allowed only one score in the second half and the Bulldogs took the lead early in the fourth quarter on a 26-yard run by Aundrey Myers.

The offense had a total of 331 yards rushing including 141 by Upshaw and 138 by Myers. Defensively, Brian Ward, Tim Armbruster and Ian Luzny each had nine tackles.

# Volleyball season comes to close

By Melissa Sharp  
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College volleyball team finished its '95 season last weekend at the post-season KCAC tournament in Newton. The ladies went 0-3 in the tournament, losing to Southwestern 15-1, 15-2, to Friends 15-6, 4-15, 15-4 and to Bethany 5-15, 15-12 and 15-4.

Coach Dan Hoffman felt the team was prepared for the tournament. "I thought we went into the tournament ready to play. A couple of things didn't go well with us against Southwestern. We ended up playing conservatively instead of aggressively," coach Hoffman said.

"Against Friends we bounced back and won the first game and made them move on the back row. Then against Bethany we definitely had more pizzazz than they did in the first game, but we let them come back in the second game."

The Bulldogs were picked to finish last in the conference by the other conference

coaches, but ended up finishing seventh out of nine teams.

Two members of the squad received All-Conference honors. Jennifer Williams and Merri Green were both selected to the second team All-Conference.

Hoffman believes that the year as a whole went well with the changing of the goals and philosophies of the team. He was pleased that the ladies accomplished the goals they had set by being in shape, having fun and keeping volleyball in perspective the entire season.

"I have very much appreciated working with the seniors this year. They did a good job of switching coaching philosophies their last year in competition," said Hoffman. "I was very pleased with their attitudes and their willingness to play in different positions from what they had played in previous seasons."

Looking towards next season, Hoffman believes it is essential that the underclassmen get their hands on the ball. Recruitment will also play a big role next season as half of the starting line-up graduates.

# ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Jennifer Williams has been chosen as this week's Athlete of the Issue. Along with this honor, Williams has also recently been named to the KCAC Second-team All-Conference.

Throughout the season, Coach Dan Hoffman feels Williams provided a great deal of versatility to the team. "She was able to attack from the front or the back row, and always seemed to be able to get the ball over the net when we were in awkward positions."

Williams led the team in kills for the season with 170. She was also second on the team with a serving percentage of 92.6 and in defensive digs having 79 on the season.

"Jen has an excellent work ethic and is just an all-around good athlete," Hoffman said.



# HOME STATE BANK & TRUST

McPherson, Kansas  
MEMBER FDIC

Full Service Locations  
Main Bank/223 N. Main/316-241-3732  
North Bank/1300 N. Main/316-241-7404  
Auto Bank/Euclid & Maple/316-241-3780

ATM Locations  
24 Hour Drive up/North Bank/1300 N. Main  
Walk in/Green Lantern/Texaco/115 W. Kansas

# The McPherson Sentinel

Don't miss the news about McPherson and McPherson College. Get your student subscription today and the paper will be delivered to your door.

Call 241-2422

Get your subscription started today!

**NO COMMITMENT!**  
(washes out in 6-8 shampoos)



Give your COLOR a little KICK!

MANUFACTURER'S COUPON EXPIRES 1/31/96

Save \$2 on any Shade of Glints

543678

08151 22982 5

---

**CLAIROL**

*Lighten up*

*Frost & Tip*

*Hairpainting*

Introducing NUANCES, the first Highlighter enriched with a unique complex of natural ingredients - sunflower, almond and apricot oils and aloe vera - that gives you subtle, natural looking highlights.

**Wal-Mart!**

FROST & TIP defines your look with natural-looking dramatic highlights.


MANUFACTURER'S COUPON EXPIRES 1/31/96

Save \$2 on any Shade of HIGHLIGHTING

543660

08151 20082 4

**Peoples Bank and Trust**



Main Bank: Mon-Fri 9 - 5  
Drive-Up: Mon-Fri 8 - 5:30 Sat 8:30 - 12  
VIA Automatic Teller 24 hours

101 S. Main 241-2100



## Stuco budget tight for fall semester

By Sarah Adams  
Spectator Staff

McPherson College Student Council is keeping a close watch on its budget. With 17 fewer full-time students than last fall, Stuco has almost \$2,000 less to allocate.

Stuco treasurer Zuzana Strmenova, sr., accounts the money shortage to the shortage of students.

"Organizations are still asking for the same amount of money, if not more, even though there are fewer students," Strmenova said.

Even though the budget is tight, it's not unlike any other year according to Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services and faculty advisor to student council.

"It's typical that a Student Council would feel that there's more money at the beginning of the semester and end up being more cautious at the end of the semester," Knechel said.

One major concern Stuco has is the Quad-rangle debt. It's balance is down from \$20,000 to \$13,000, and Stuco is continuing to work on ways to lesson it. A solution Strmenova is proposing is through recycling. Next semester an emphasis will be put into recycling which has the potential to save the college \$2,000 a year. She would like to see that money go toward the Quad-rangle debt until it's paid off.

Another bite out of Stuco's budget was the proposed salary increase of the Spectator staff. Stuco has a cap on how much money can be allocated toward publication salaries. This cap is 10 percent of the student activity fee or \$2,450, whichever is greater. The proposal would increase the cap to \$3,000.

As for next semester, Stuco will try and leave approximately \$1000-\$2,000 for the upcoming council. In the past this has been done as a courtesy to help the new council plan Welcome Week. This council will strive to uphold the same tradition.

"I don't foresee us having any problems finishing the semester. Zuzana has done a good job keeping track of all the bills and necessities," Knechel said.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Brubaker voted in

Ben Brubaker was elected vice president of Student Council at convocations, Monday, Nov. 6.

The position became vacant when former vice president Shawn McGowan, jr., stepped down to run for Stuco president.

Because Brubaker ran unopposed, the student body had the opportunity to vote yes or no on the ballot. Stuco recently changed its constitution to make a yes or no vote mandatory in cases where a candidate is running unopposed for a Student Council officer.

"I think that this year's Stuco is one of the most active that we've had in awhile. We're trying to get things changed on campus and I'd like to help get that accomplished," Brubaker said.

#### Food Bank

The Alumni/Development office is collecting food for the food bank. Students and others are encouraged to contribute at least one can of food to the food bank by December 8.

## Braving the cold



Photo By Jon Henrikson

Leslie Hiebert, sr., William Williams, soph., Nikki Adler, soph., and Becky Standafer, soph., bundle up to show their support at a Bulldog soccer game.

## Hess stresses ethics in business

By Sarah Adams  
Spectator Staff

Earl Hess focused on his beliefs of carrying personal values into the business world when he addressed students at convocations Monday, Nov. 13.

Hess grew up during the 1930's Depression. He watched his father, who worked as a share cropper, give to the church even though the family was financially strapped.

He remembers his father walking behind a horse-drawn plow which has now been taken over by air-conditioned, stereo-

equipped tractors.

Even though technological advances have made life easier for many, he questioned why children are still going to bed starving.

"Despite all the technical successes, something has gone terribly wrong. Our culture's moral development has not kept pace with the scientific development of science," Hess said.

Hess started out as a teacher but it didn't bring him the satisfaction he was looking for. Instead, he set out to start his own business. His business, Lancaster Laboratories, grew 20-25 percent annually.

Lancaster Laboratories provides daycare, services for the elderly, and fitness centers for its employees. The work force is 60 percent female. Each month the company has a special interest and this month it's honesty.

Hess enjoys working with college students because he feels they shape today's society. He asked us to question ourselves: Why am I here? What is my relationship with my Creator? Hess left convocation with a challenge, "Seek out a company that wants your heart as well as your brains," he said.

## Mac faculty work on assessment plan

By Heather Healy  
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College faculty is working to develop and put into place an assessment plan that it presented last spring to the North Central Association, the college's accrediting agency.

Dr. Susan Taylor has undertaken the new position of coordinator of assessment. Dr. Taylor's main role will be to see that the college's assessment plan is carried out. She will also be working with a committee to develop a plan to assess the new general education requirements.

The faculty and staff were required to present the assessment plan as a part of the accreditation process. Assessment is a way to measure whether or not students are gaining the knowledge and skills that McPherson College wants them to possess.

Three types of assessment are already or will be going in effect. To assess the 10 perspectives of the general ed program, a

standardized test called the ACT Comp will be given to all freshmen and selected seniors this spring.

The test is only being used as a tool for the college to assess itself and will not have any affect on a student's academic status.

In addition, professors in each department are writing a growth plan for their majors. These plans will assess the objectives of each major. The plans will decide if students in that major need skills in any of the five competencies above the freshman level or beyond what they learn in the general ed requirements.

For example, English majors will need to learn Desk Top Publishing but won't be required to have additional math skills beyond the general education requirements.

Exams are already in place at the freshman and sophomore levels to assess the five general education competencies.

Another possible assessment technique the committee is exploring is interviews with selected seniors to see how they can

integrate knowledge from all their classes. This would be used in assessing the 10 perspectives of the general ed program.

"The real goal and North Central's goal is to improve student learning. It is really important for us to study the information from the assessments to see how we can do a better job," Dr. Taylor said. "We can see if courses need changes or if new ones need added, and we will be able to see how to teach better."

### Field: Concern voiced for safety conditions

Continued from page 1

way to reduce the use of the athletic field. According to Grose, the field works well for football, but is not designed for soccer.

"It's not big enough to be a soccer facility," Grose said.

"It is most dangerous for soccer because they have plastic mats to cover drainage holes. I've seen people slip on them," John McNamara, athletic trainer, said.

McNamara has not "seen any direct injuries" due to field conditions but said, "An uneven field is bad for ankle injuries; also a hard slick field is dangerous."

"I have seen some people roll their ankles," Dan Marchewka, senior soccer player said.

He would like to see a complex be a joint effort of McPherson High School and the college. Discussions have explored an alternate soccer game field at the high school but no action has been taken, according to Grose. Two new soccer practice fields north of the College Courts were recently seeded by Godfrey and will be available for use later this year.

### Who's Who: Students selected by faculty

Continued from page 1

ogy/philosophy/religion major from Leoti. She has been involved in yearbook and Stuco and is currently a resident assistant.

"The profs make a big impact because they are so willing to go out of the way for every student," Luebbers said.

Pascal Reber is a history major from LaChaux de Fondes, Switzerland. Reber has participated in tennis and cross country and is active with the Spectator.

Marc Rittle is a sociology major from Montgomery, Ill. Rittle has been involved in Peace Awareness and has served on the Dorm Council.

"McPherson College is a place of opportu-

nity. There are many programs here to take advantage of," Rittle said.

Michael P. Schneider is a communications major from Rossville. Schneider has been involved in Stuco, is a member of the Board of Publications, and is the editor of the Spectator.

Kelly Thaxton is from Las Animas, Colo. Thaxton is majoring in business administration. Thaxton has been involved in SAB, yearbook and basketball.

"I think the size of this school increases the opportunities," Thaxton said.

Jennifer Williams is a physical education major from Saginaw, Texas. Williams has participated in SAB, volleyball and basketball and has served as a resident assistant.

"McPherson College allows me to be my own person and make my own friends," Williams said.