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Watkins named Athlete of the Issue

Paige Watkins leads the women's basketball team into the first half of the season.



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Library lacks resources

By Christopher Amundson
Spectator Staff

The number of current resources in Miller Library is of concern to McPherson College's external evaluators. The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) evaluation team described the library's resources as, "uneven across disciplines, in both quantity and quality (relevancy and currency) of resources."

The North Central report added: "The total number of volumes has not significantly changed since the last NCA visit [in 1989]."

The quantity and quality of library holdings was also a weakness cited by the Kansas State Board of Education evaluation team after its visit in the fall of 1994.

Student experiences with the library seem to confirm the evaluators' concerns. Gilbert Moore, sr., a business administration major said, "Not all the sources are there... not enough sources."

The NCA team reflected similar opinions in the report; "Both faculty and students who were interviewed mentioned the 'old' books and the lack of 'current' volumes."

As a result, students doing research reports travel to area libraries. "As business majors, any project that we have to do we have to go to the Wichita State Library just to find recent information," Jose Lawrence, sr., said.

Rowena Olsen, head librarian, acknowledges inadequacies in the library holdings. "It's not as serious in some fields as other fields." Mia Miller, a senior philosophy and religion major said, "The library is pretty accurate in the religion section. For my purposes it works well." Olsen noted that the 1995 report was the "second or third time" that NCA has listed the library as a major concern.

The NCA team found the \$83,500 total library budget as the problem. "The budget for new acquisitions has been woefully inadequate," the report stated. Money earmarked for materials purchases has been \$42,000-50,000 annually, according to Olsen.

Resource material has become more expensive in recent years. "The budget hasn't increased as much as inflation [of resource prices]," Olsen said.

Private institutional libraries across the country are experiencing similar budgeting problems. "Back in the 60's and early 70's there were major government grants to buy

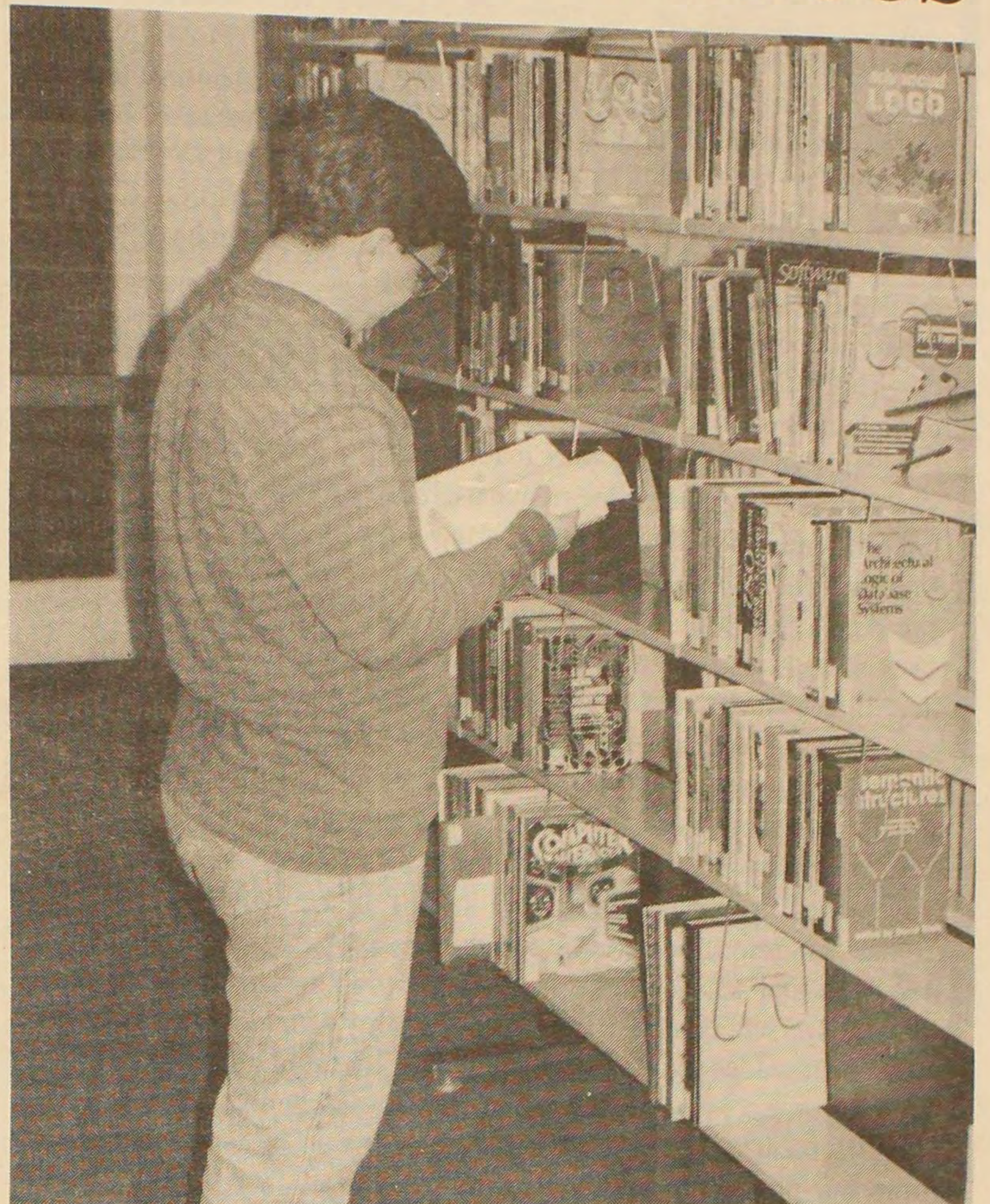


Photo By Jon Hennikson

Andy Ullom, soph., browses in the computer science section of Miller Library. Concerns have been raised about resource availability.

materials, and now there are no longer those grants available," Olsen said. Miller Library now applies for grants and generally receives \$1,000-2,000 government grants annually, according to Olsen. "We are probably hurting less than a lot of libraries," Olsen said.

"One of our neighboring colleges budgeted no money [for purchasing new library materials]," Dr. Steve Gustafson, President of Academic Services, said.

McPherson tries not to purchase books which other ACCK schools own because, according to Gustafson, "We can get anything next day from anyone of the ACCK libraries." The service is offered free of

charge to the students and faculty despite some fees which the library pays.

Some students appear to be satisfied with the interlibrary loans. "We have a large information pool; we're conglomerated with all these other schools," Nathan Reinhold, a sophomore psychology major said.

Yet other students are frustrated with the delays of interlibrary loans. "I always have to get interlibrary loans because they don't have what I need and it really inhibits my chances of getting it [research papers] done sooner," Jerry Bowen, as senior history major said.

Increasing the library's budget may be the solution to its problems. "Our administration does try to give us what they can," Olsen said. She noted the college's "limited budget" and administration's "budgeting decisions."

Olsen has communicated concerns about the materials budget and staffing for many years but said, "How seriously this is taken, I really can't answer."

Establishing a major Miller Library endowment may be the most promising solution. Bethany College has built an endowment which at one time accrued \$30,000 a year, according to Olsen.

Olsen hopes that the library is organized "in a way that makes it easier for people to find things." Gustafson believes the library has sources customers do not use; "Sometimes persons are not aware of how to use the library." Olsen wants people to ask for assistance if having problems locating material.

Olsen welcomes any comments from the librarians or the Library Committee which is comprised of Dr. Jeanne Smith, Gustafson, Olsen, Dr. Sherri DeFauw and Prof. Bruce Clary.

Miller Library Strengths and Weaknesses

Thumbs up



■ 84.5 service hours per week

■ Wide range of electronic resources

■ Capable and dedicated staff

■ Interlibrary loan

Thumbs down



■ Uneven quantity and quality of resources across disciplines

■ Limited budget with only a 10% increase in the last five years

■ Inadequate staffing to satisfy the 84.5 service hours per week

EDITORIAL

What about scholarship?

OH, WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE. 'Tis the season to be jolly. Ho! Ho! Ho! Bah, humbug! Merry Christmas to all and... good night!

That's what I am going to do this Christmas—sleep. While Mom and Pop are decorating the tree and little brother Charlie is hanging the stockings, I'll be in dream land. I imagine I won't be alone.

Many students on campus experience the depression of overparticipation—the exasperation of hopping from one campus committee meeting to the next only to be distracted by organization meetings and several jobs (several because minimum is the wage). Students' schedules are loaded with campus-wide participation and service activities, which may include Stuco, athletics, newspaper, yearbook, Habitat for Humanity, International Student Organization, Residence Life, choir, theatre, Cars Club, Business Club and the list goes on.

Participation and service are important. (Important enough to be a part of the big three of the McPherson College Mission Statement.) But, one ingredient is often left out of the mix. Scholarship.

Students balancing heavy work loads many times disregard scholarship. Service and participation does teach us through experience, but the most important reason we attend college is the opportunity to become learned. Many may argue that one can learn as much out of the classroom as one can in it. A response like that is a lazy excuse to avoid attending classes.

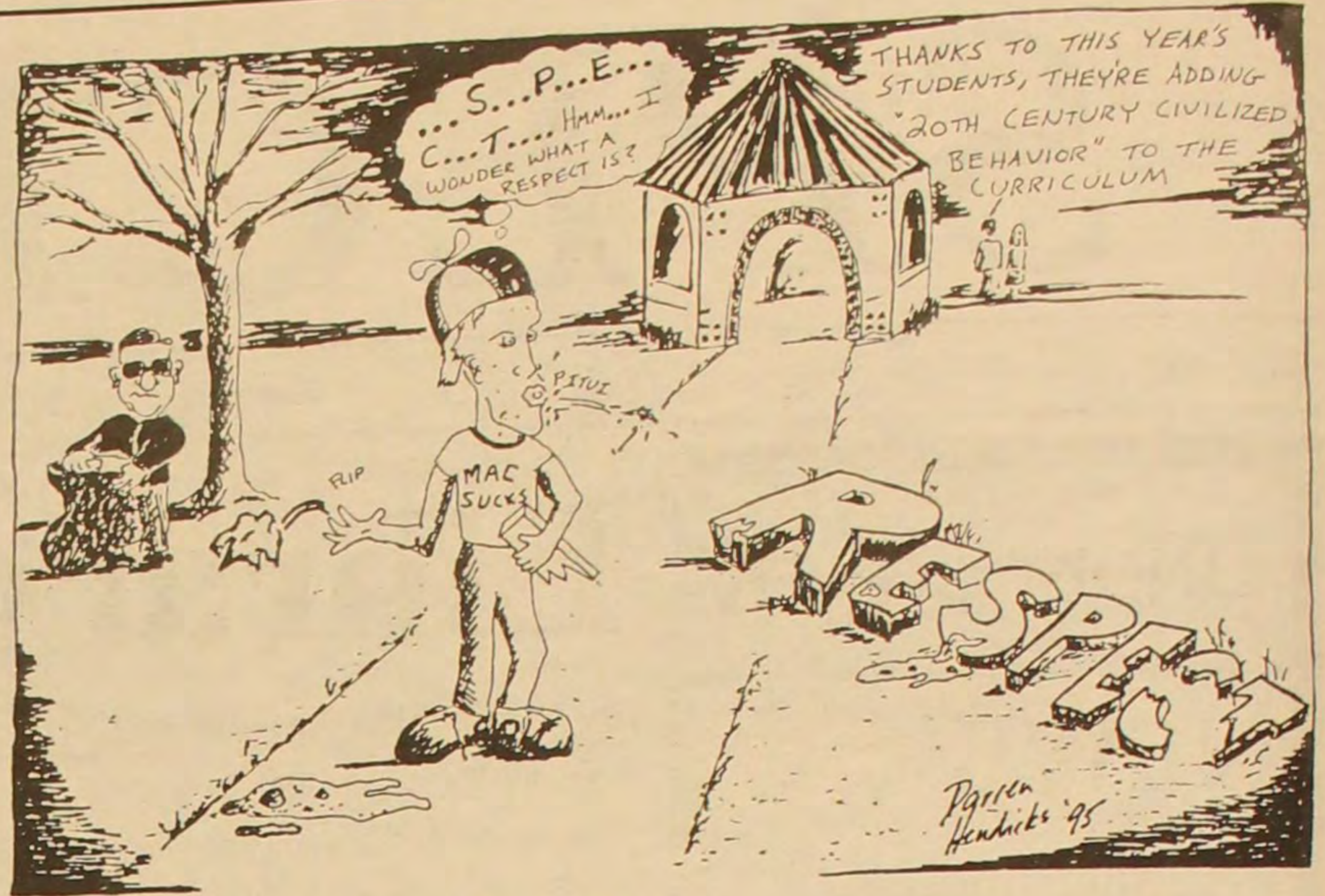
For many, classes and studies are extra-curricular activities that are done in spare time. Students' priority lists have been blurred and our role as a student has changed. We are called *students*—*student-athletes*, *student-performers* and *student-volunteers*. *Student* comes first, but, in reality does being a student really come first?

Activities not only overwhelm students, but professors and administrators as well. These people are the key to the scholarship end of our college's mission. How are we to achieve scholarship without them?

Student and teacher alike must work together to bring back the emphasis on scholarship. It is the responsibility of students to realize that when their grades start to suffer because of lost study time, they are too active. Professors must not only realize when students are slacking, but confront them as well. We are here first to get an education by learning from our professors, and second to learn through participation and service.

So, after you come back from your long winter's nap, re-evaluate why you are here and if you are committed to that reason. The best present all of us could receive this Christmas is a rededication to that other item in the mission statement: scholarship.

Michael P. Schneider
for the Editorial Staff



Life, holidays go on

By Jill Brax
Spectator Staff

Christmas traditions are an important part of the holiday season. Most families have rituals that they repeat each year to usher in the season. This was always a wonderful time for me. I loved the festivity, lights, colors, gaiety and songs. I decorated every room of our home to be reminded of Christmas. My husband, Bob, and son, Jeff, were not as enthusiastic but managed to tolerate me through the season.

Our tradition was to pile into the cab of our little green truck on the first weekend of December and head for the Christmas tree farm near Smolan. We each picked out our favorite tree and then voted on the best one.

Once we got the tree up Bob would put the lights on and then Jeff and I hung the decorations. We played Christmas music, popped popcorn, and once in awhile, if it were cold outside, made cider. I loved the way the tree made the house smell so good.

In December 1991, we spent Christmas at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. All our traditions were set aside—temporarily we thought. The hospital staff did things for patients and their families. Organizations visited and brought gifts.

Jeff had many visitors. Two of his friends came one evening carrying a small live fir

tree adorned with lights. The room became very festive when we plugged it in on his bedside table.

On Christmas day, the nurses gave Jeff some surgeons' greens to wear and the three of us attended the church service in the hospital chapel. The sermon was very special; it was given by the intensive care pastor we had grown close to.

That afternoon Bob's family, and then mine, came to visit; they were all bearing gifts and food. It was an exhausting day for Jeff but one, I think, he enjoyed.

He kept a journal of daily thoughts. One passage goes like this: "It's Christmas Eve. I should be with my father's family right now finishing dinner and getting ready to open presents. They're coming to visit tomorrow along with my mother's side, and that's all that really matters. At first I wanted to forget everything and have Christmas when I got out, but tonight I see how foolish that is. The main reasons I enjoyed this holiday was because of the family, and it's the same regardless of what four walls it occurs between." He was right.

Christmas time always gave me the opportunity to express love and joy not only to people I cared about but to perfect strangers as well. So to all the McPherson College family I wish a safe holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Rediscover God's love

First of all, I'd like to apologize to everyone for not writing on a sarcastic note. Sorry.

On the road to becoming a responsible person, I forgot how to be happy. I know this sounds unbelievable, but it happened.

I was not feeling well after Thanksgiving and I had to think about writing a paper on Biblical circumcision, and reading a book for a class that makes me feel uncomfortable. I also had a basic lack of sleep and the desire to be alone. To top it off, I wasn't able to know why I was here, who I was and what the point was anyway. I was a very sad Sam of a person. This was me.

I understand that people should not base their lives on feelings. They are only a gauge of where you are in life. I also understand that feelings are very powerful and can be an incredible driving force.

My feelings are a mess and I writhe in self-doubt. So there I was rambling about my life and someone told me that God still loved me. Yeah, yeah, yeah everyone knows that God is a loving being. It's a nice thing to say and hear but most people put it in the back of their head and go on with their lives.

OK, work on that paper, Amy... God loves me...it took me two days for that to actually sink in...God loves me... I, Amy Levinski, have been so busy in my life trying to be Little Ms. Responsible, working to pay the bills, trying my best to do the will of God—yes, I do know what it is—trying so hard to please Him, that I had forgotten the most important thing: God loves me.

Out There

By Amy Levinski



It truly blew me away. I had forgotten that regardless of what I do, He will love me. No matter how many times I royally mess up and say I'm sorry, He will love me. In my ignorance, self-pride and satisfaction, my weak moments, in the moments when nothing could knock me down, He will love me. When I am insecure and intimidated, God will still love me.

In the moments after I re-realized this good news, I was humbled, because I had also forgotten that everything I have—talents, intelligence, etc.—He had given me. Somewhere in the big ol' Bible it states that God has given us everything we need to get through this life. He has given me so much. I often find myself overwhelmed by His graciousness.

I will stop ranting and rambling about myself; my mission on this Earth is to serve and make people happy and to share the love of God with everyone. Please remember that as much as I love you, it is nothing in comparison to the amount that God holds for you in His being. This is pretty amazing if you take the time to think about it.

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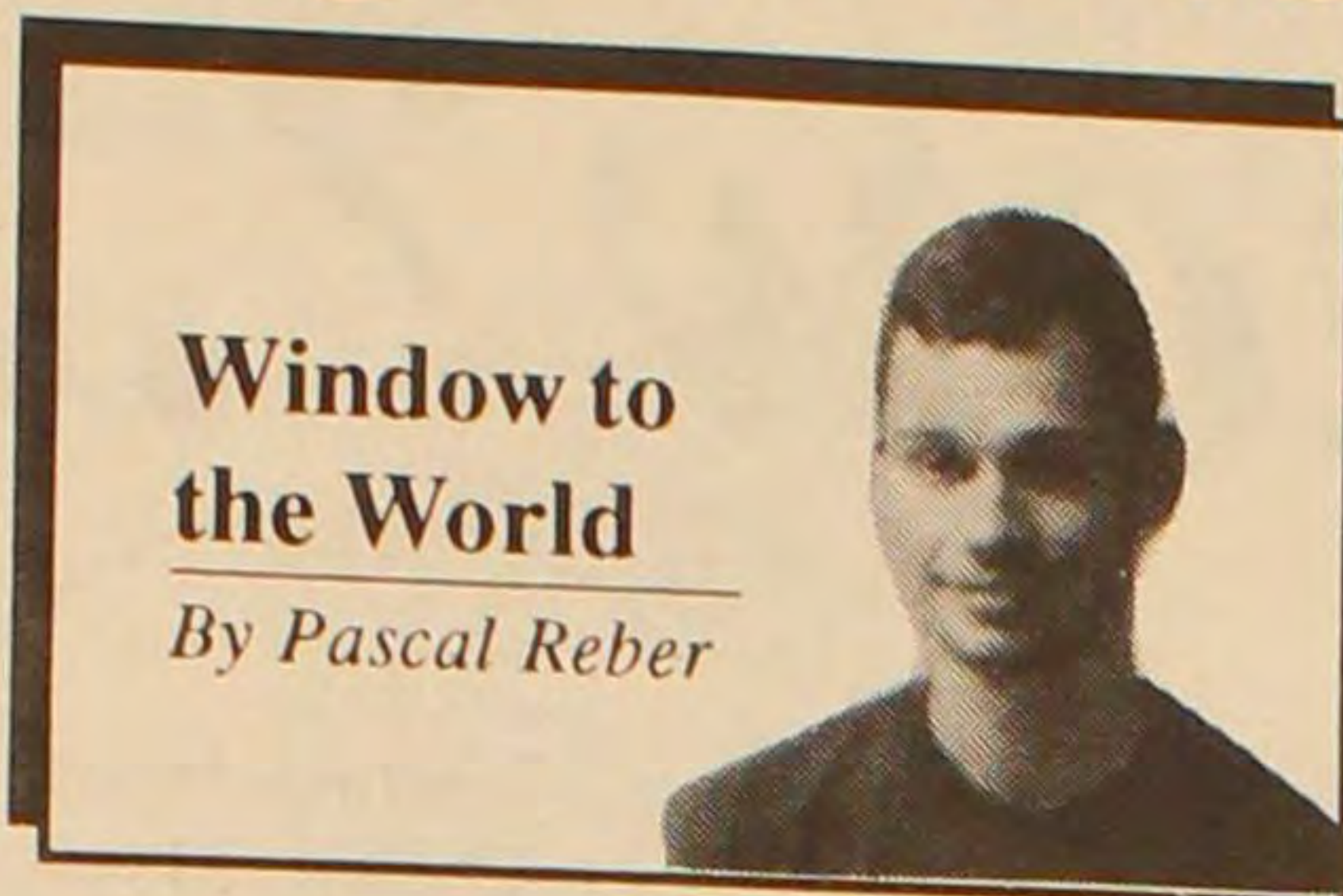
Peacekeepers go to Bosnia to ensure war's end

Last month, an Air Force base just outside Dayton, Ohio, hosted three personalities and became the focus of the entire world. These personalities were Presidents Milosevic (Serbia), Izetbegovic (Bosnia), and Tudjman (Croatia). The three leaders came to the United States attempting to end the conflict in the Balkans.

The U.S. government chose that particular base to keep the Presidents isolated from the "outside world." They were provided with minimum entertainment to keep them focused on the task ahead of them.

It took twenty days for the three leaders to come up with a peace plan that "satisfied" everybody. The plan was signed in a ceremony attended by Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Some of the key provisions of the plan to end the war in Bosnia are



Window to the World

By Pascal Reber

- Bosnia will be divided into two political entities: a Muslim-Croat Federation and a Bosnian Serb Republic. Sarajevo will remain unified.

- All three sides have agreed to cooperate with the UN war crime tribunal, and no war criminals can be elected to a political office.

- Refugees will be allowed to return to their homes or they will be compensated.

Not everybody agrees with the plan. Milosevic was representing not only Serbia but also the Bosnian Serbs in Dayton. Rodovan Karadzic—the Bosnian Serb leader—who said he was going to support the Dayton peace plan, now appears to be against it. It seems like Karadzic—an accused war criminal—is the only one who wants the war to go on. The world has learned, the past four years, that the Bosnian Serb leader is not trustworthy.

Over 90,000 peacekeepers will be sent to Bosnia to oversee a smooth transition from war to peace. Their task will not be an easy one. They will be known as IFOR—peace Implementation Force. IFOR will be put under NATO command and will be led by more than 20,000 U.S. troops. The French and British will provide the peacekeeping operation with the greatest number of sol-

diers after the United States. The U.S. troops will have their headquarters in Tuzla, the British in Gornji Vakuf and the French in Mostar. Sarajevo will be IFOR headquarters.

In the United States, President Clinton—who does not legally need Congressional approval to send troops overseas—has been consulting with Congress and the American people to try to get support. The shadow of the Vietnam war is still vivid in everyone's memory. Sending troops to Bosnia will not be risk free, it might involve casualties. Politically, President Clinton's chances of reelection will be slim if something goes wrong in the Balkans.

Let us hope that we are witnessing the beginning of the end of the war in Bosnia. The conflict lasted for four years and cost the lives of an estimated 250,000 people. It is time to give peace a chance.

AIDS viewed in many ways

By Kathryn Whitacre & Emma Webb

Guest Writers

Editors note: Emma Webb, fr., and Kathryn Whitacre, residence life director, met to discuss the information that was provided in the residence halls during AIDS Awareness Week. Emma was questioning the lack of information about abstinence compared to the plethora of information about safe sex. This issue was discussed in light of McPherson College's identity as a Brethren institution. Out of their conversation grew the commitment to risk sharing their thoughts with the larger McPherson College community.

Kathryn Whitacre:

For me, the Quilt accomplished its task, shifting HIV/AIDS from a nameless, faceless, fearful virus to a multi-hued, richly storied tapestry known as Tim, Tom, Bobby, Roger, Warren....

I was born into the rich heritage of Christianity. I was nurtured in Sunday School, Bible School, Church Summer Camp and Bethany Seminary. I was taught the lessons of a radical, compassionate, loving Jesus. Do I have the courage to risk walking Jesus' walk or am I only able to talk the talk?

Over the past two weeks, as a community, we risked a tremendous amount. The Theatre Department presented "The Old Boy," risking that its sometimes hard-talking, raw-edged characters and scenes would inform more than offend, provoke more thoughtful discussion than anger. Zandra Wagoner, campus pastor, planned a moving, thoughtful convocation risking that students, faculty and staff would respond with openness and integrity.

Residence life staff hung posters, laid out informational brochures, made condoms available on demand, and showed HIV/AIDS related videos, risking that residents would use the information to learn, and would treat it with respect and maturity.

Bev Barbo, at the Tuesday evening informational session, laid bare her family's life for us to share, risking that she and her husband Dave's loss of their son Tim and his partner Tom to AIDS would not find us judging, but empathetic to the tortuous progression of the virus.

Did we risk enough? Should we have presented the play uncensored, feeling the harsh impact of the characters more starkly outlined and rigidly defined?

Should we have been less gentle at convocation, probing deeper for those raw emotional responses that can be elicited through heart-wrenching imagery and soul touching music and lyrics?

Should we have made Bev Barbo's presentation mandatory for all students even though her sharing raises the questions of homosexuality, race and religion? Did we risk enough?

Jesus did not do what was politically correct. Jesus did not ignore unmentionable topics and untouchable peoples. The Jesus I know would hear the vulgar language, but

attend to the individual's internal struggle for honesty and integrity.

The Jesus I know would gently approach us, but cry with us through the anguish of our souls. The Jesus I know would share information but would delve deeply into the hard issues of abstinence, safe sex and safe needle usage.

The Jesus I know would hear that Tim Barbo was a homosexual man, but would heal the emptiness of a parent grieving the loss of a child.

Did we risk enough? Maybe, maybe not. The Jesus I know would assess, plan and evaluate, but more importantly He would remember the names of the loved, the precious, the children of God...Tim, Tom, Bobby, Roger, Warren....

Emma Webb:

I'm writing this on World AIDS Day, during our own AIDS Awareness Week.

In a community such as McPherson, I didn't expect to see families who have lost loved ones come forward; I didn't expect to see so many students who have had family and friends die of such a terrible disease.

Even though the residence life staff has tried to educate the student population with the availability of condoms, I feel that there has been a terrible oversight. While we have had posters screaming safe sex, there has been no mention that the only truly safe sex is abstinence.

Even though many feel that this is a naive notion, I do not. I believe that there are students on this campus who have sex - it seems to be stupid to think otherwise - so condoms being available encourages those students to have SAFER sex. Meanwhile, there has been no mention that abstinence is the only way to protect yourself from contracting HIV/AIDS. I had a French teacher in High School who believed sex with a condom was 100 percent safe; this is naive—a condom is only 98 percent safe, this leaves 2 percent of sexually active adults playing Russian roulette with their lives.

Confronted with the choices, would you rather have sex with no condom (bad choice), sex with a condom (better choice), or would you rather practice abstinence (best choice)? The choice is yours.

Bygollygee U.



CAMPUS FORUM

Student seeks respect for performers at Mac College activities

Can I have your attention?

If you've attended any type of performance lately at McPherson College you might be thinking that the above phrase means to talk aloud and listen to head phones at a high decibel level.

I am writing to express my concern for the lack of respect that many students seem to have for performers, speakers and the rest of the college community. I attended the coffeehouse a week ago. During the open mike session, most people gave their attention to the students who braved the stage.

However, when Brett Boyer started playing his guitar a wave of talking started growing in the back. Soon it was loud enough to bother people in the front, who were listening attentively.

I sat in the back for awhile and discovered no incredible conversations that couldn't have been postponed. When Boyer talked about his music, his voice was barely audible among all the noise.

The Christmas concert last Sunday was another prime example. The talking was once again disturbing to the performers and other audience members who were trying to listen. This could probably be applied to any given convo.

Since the concert was a convocation, I realize that some people were there just for the credit, but is it really that hard to show respect for people who have worked so hard to give a good performance?

I admit reluctantly that I have been a member of the guilty party on occasion, so I'm offering a list of suggestions to help us all be quieter audience members.

- Sleep is good. I think we all complain about not getting enough. Yes, it's rude, too, but at least it's quiet.

- How about daydreaming or "tuning out" what you don't want to hear. I'm sure everyone has had practice at this with

their parents or in one class or another.

- When you have noisy neighbors who won't stop talking, do you really think that they would hate you for life if you asked them to be quiet?

- For those guilty of being the noisy neighbor here's food for thought: if something in the program is funny, terrible, or great, chances are your neighbor knows that, too, and doesn't need you to reaffirm that feeling.

- The last suggestion I have is to sit back, relax and listen. Surprisingly enough, you just might enjoy it. All the concerts and speeches are over for this semester, but let's see if next semester can be better.

-Heather Healy

LETTER POLICY

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

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

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

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

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

By Mike Horner

Did you know?...

By Sarah Adams
Spectator Staff

Christmas is a time of many unique tales and traditions. Here are some stories from campus, and other interesting facts about the holiday season.

Christmas is the only time of year that professor Dave O'Dell respects people.

Santa's workshop is located on the side of Whitface Mountain at Wilmington, New York. Santa's permanent home was completed in 1949 and has attracted over a quarter of a million people in less than a decade.

Admissions counselor Marilyn Sexton buys herself two or three children's books every Christmas.

Freshman Phelica Claiborne's family doesn't put up a tree until there's been a hard snow fall.

Instead of having a traditional turkey dinner during Christmas, senior Cullen Crossthaite's family eats Italian food.

President Hoffman sleeps in front of the fireplace with all his grandchildren on Christmas Eve.

In Slovakia, junior Zuzana Strmenova's country, it is customary to decorate their Christmas tree with chocolates.

Christmas began as Christes Masse, a religious festival originating with the angels' song on Bethlehem's plains.

As late as 350AD a specific date was set for the observance of the birthday of Christ, December 25, by Julius I, Bishop of Rome, even though it is said they had celebrated it since 98AD.

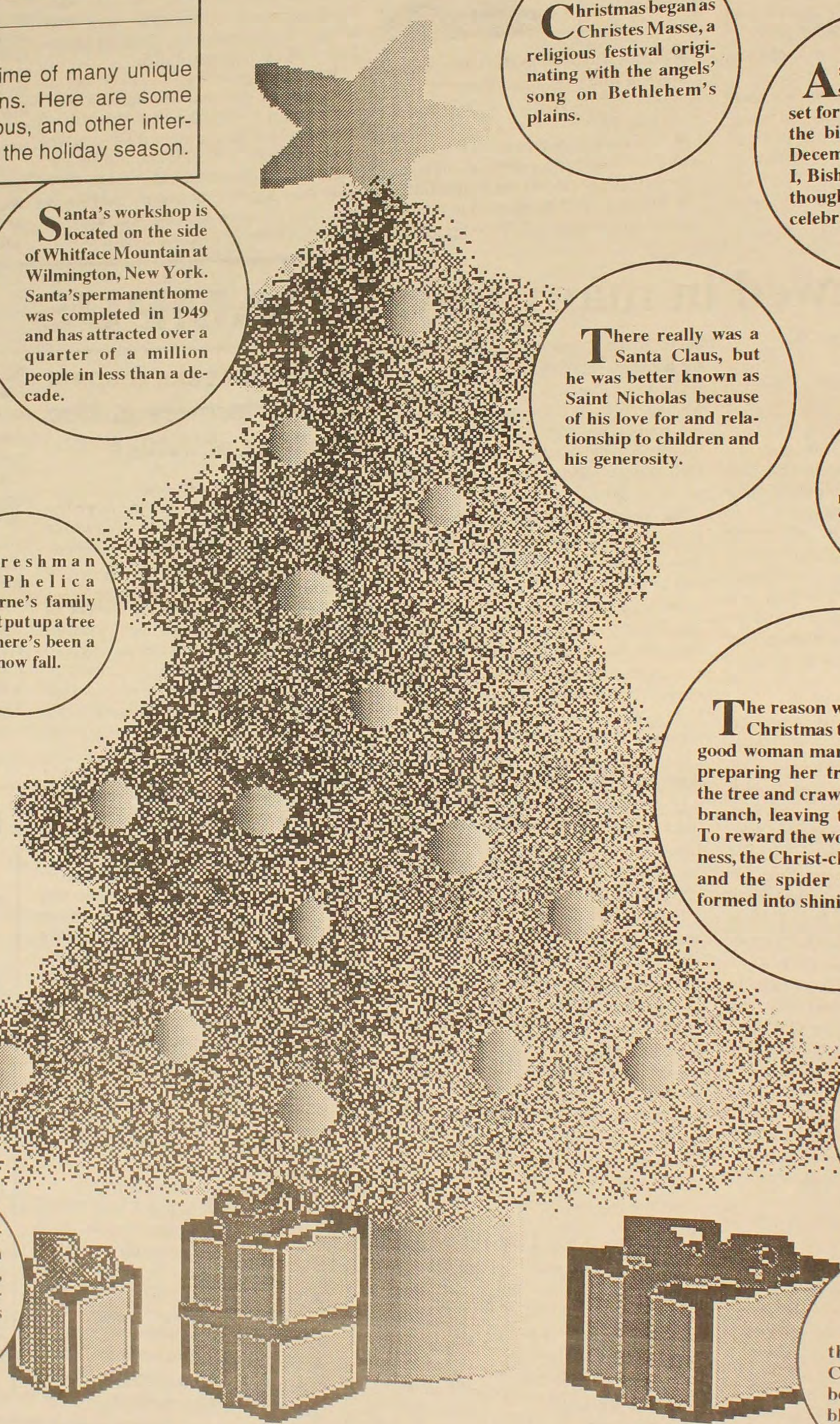
There really was a Santa Claus, but he was better known as Saint Nicholas because of his love for and relationship to children and his generosity.

In the language of flowers, mistletoe means "Give me a kiss".

The reason we put tinsel on our Christmas trees is because of a good woman many years ago. After preparing her tree, spiders visited the tree and crawled from branch to branch, leaving their webs behind. To reward the woman for her goodness, the Christ-child blessed the tree and the spider webs were transformed into shining silver.

There are five communities in the United States and one in Canada named Christmas.

Holly represents the crown of thorns worn by Christ, and the red berries represent the blood.



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3, 4, 7 p.m. Sat, Sun
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1, 2, 8 p.m. Sun

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featuring Ann Zimmerman
Dec. 8, 9-11 p.m.
124 S. Main, Lindsborg

'Tis the season for giving

By Emilita Huston
Features Editor

Christmas is the season for giving and in McPherson, people are giving. From the college to the community, people are giving time, money and dedication. From churches to civic organizations, people are trying to make McPherson a better place to live.

Every year at Christmas, the college's development office sponsors a service project. In the past, they've collected books, done angel trees, Toys for Tots, and like this year, collected food for the Food Bank.

"We kind of have a revolving program. We rotate through," said Marcia Walters, who started the program five years ago.

The food collected will be taken to the McPherson County Food Bank today.

Some programs work together. "Christmas baskets are put out by the Lions and Kiwanis clubs. The [Boy] Scouts collected the food and any food left over from the baskets will go to the Food Bank," said Verne Young, who works at the Food Bank.

In addition to the food, mittens, gloves, caps and coats will be distributed with the baskets, thanks to the Mitten Tree.

The Mitten Tree began in 1980 by the Home Supreme Extension Homemakers Unit, a women's group. The Progress of Women now sponsor the drive to help children in the area stay warm.

"We furnish the tree and the Progress of Women decorate it," Lorene Smith of Home State Bank and Trust said. People are asked to donate the outerwear.

Formerly done by Kmart, the Angel Tree is a chance for people to "adopt" a child and give them a present.



Photos By Jon Henrikson

Lorene Smith of Home State Bank and Trust stands proudly by The Mitten Tree.

"Started when Kmart left town and someone came to me and said who's gonna pick this up?" Joan Burkey said.

The Chamber of Commerce now spearheads the project. Names come from the school district and anybody who walks in wishing to register their family.

Distribution is county wide and is done by the Chamber and several other agencies, including SRS, Red Cross and the Senior Center. Distribution will be made Dec. 16.

Other groups postpone their giving just a little.

"We sponsor a young girl in the Dominican Republic and we send her a card and some extra money," said Rowena Olsen, librarian and Soraptimist. "But then during this time we're taking in applications for our youth citizenship award and training award. Those we give in January."

But something would be amiss if churches were not part of the season of giving.

For about eight years, the First Baptist Church has been involved with the Prison Fellowship, a national Christian organization founded by Charles Folson, a Watergate convict. While in prison, he realized the most silent of victims were the children of inmates.

"I was in the food service at the McPherson county prison for about eight years. This can be pretty devastating to these kids. It really touched my heart," said Candy Lundberg, who currently heads the church's involvement in the program.

Each year, Steve Baker, the pastor, and Lundberg, decide how many children the church can adopt. They get the names of children from the regional office in Wichita, where inmates have sent the application forms they filled out.

With the help of volunteers, the caregivers of these children are called and gift ideas learned. Each child receives two gifts: a toy and an article of clothing; both gifts are given in the incarcerated parent's name.

The congregation chooses angels off a Christmas tree and a few weeks later, wrapped gifts lie under the tree.

Gifts are delivered three to four days before Christmas.

"A lot of times I get a note from [the inmates] saying

thank you for doing this," Lundberg said.

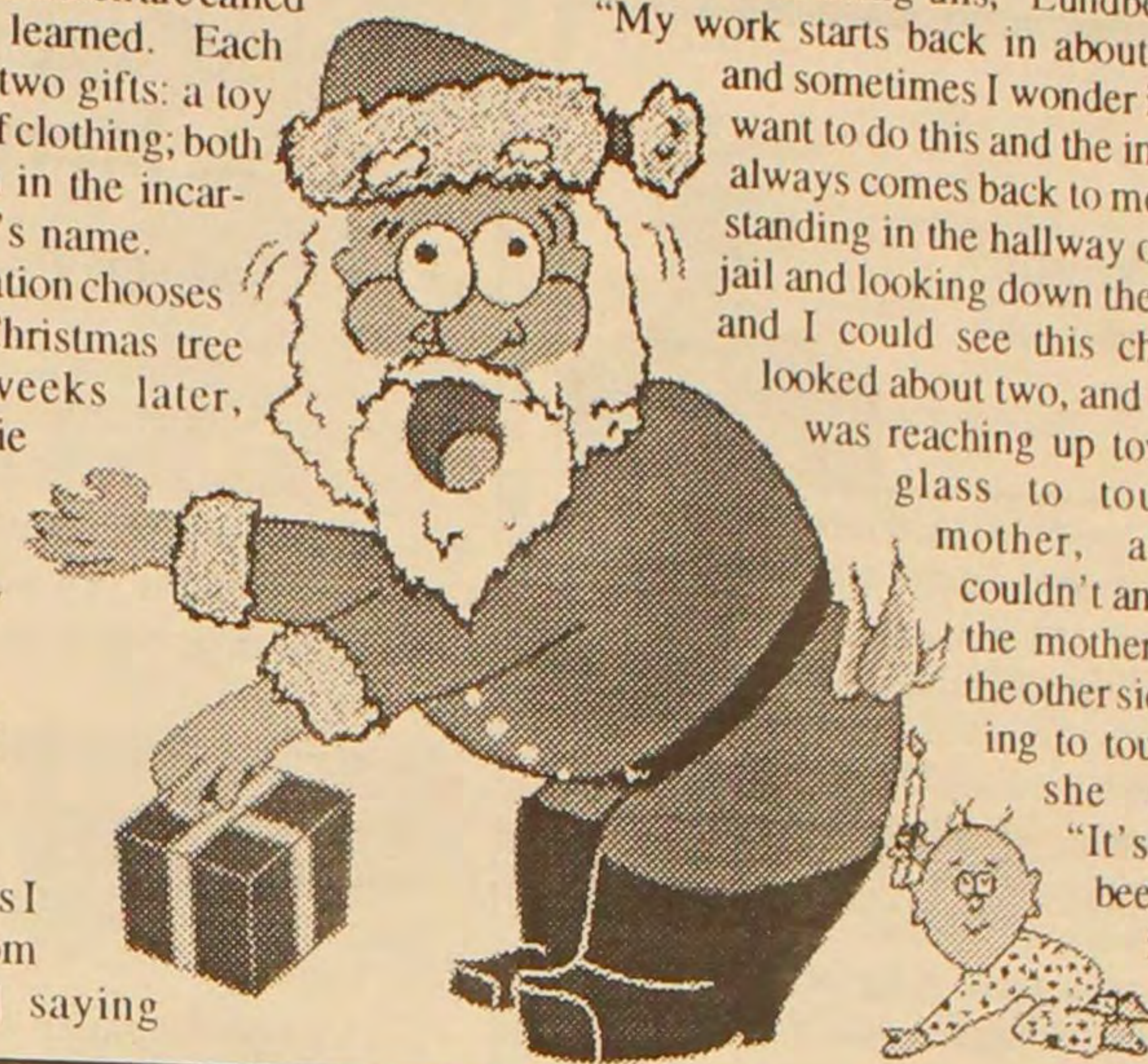
"My work starts back in about August, and sometimes I wonder if I really want to do this and the image that always comes back to me is I was standing in the hallway of the old jail and looking down the hallway and I could see this child. She

looked about two, and the child was reaching up toward the

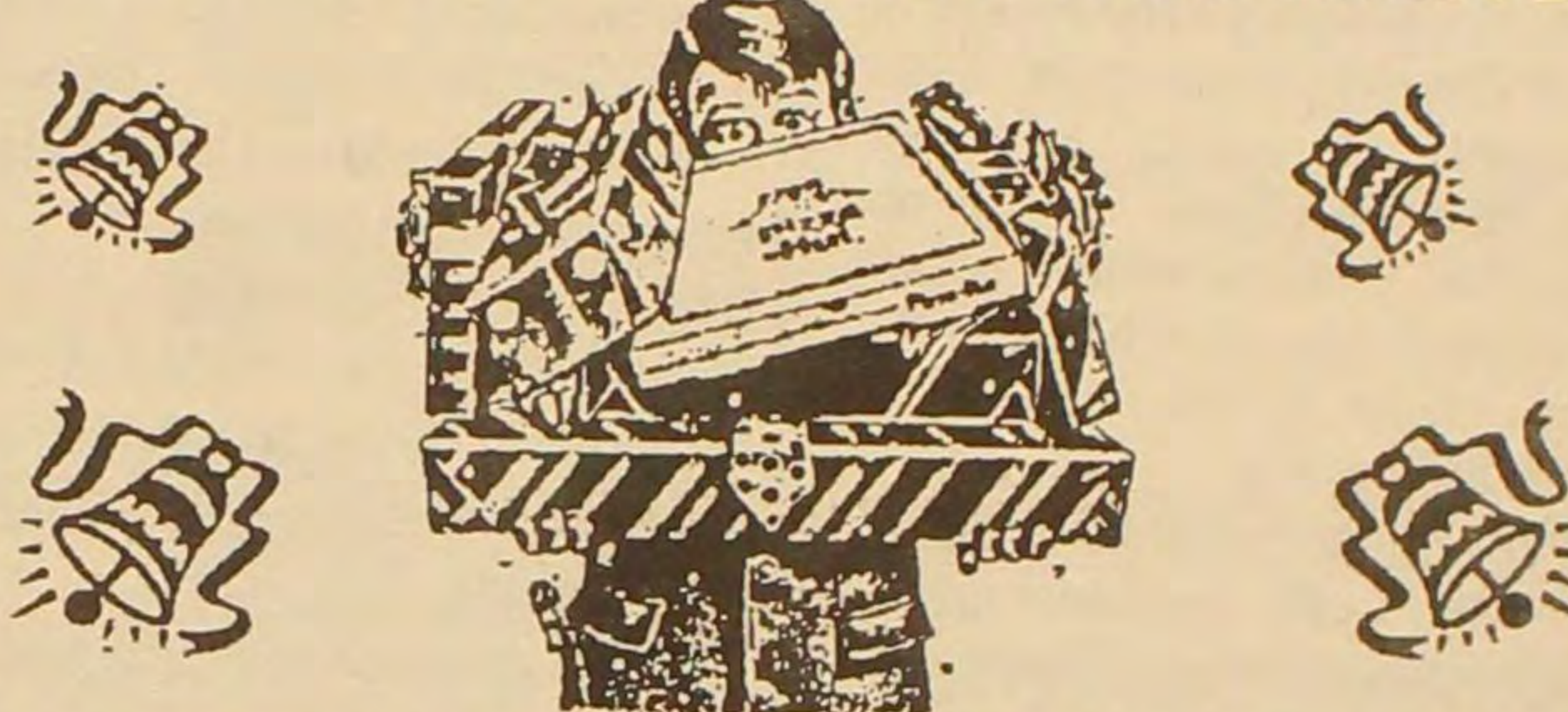
glass to touch her mother, and she couldn't and I knew

the mother was on the other side, wanting to touch her," she paused.

"It's always been a blessing."



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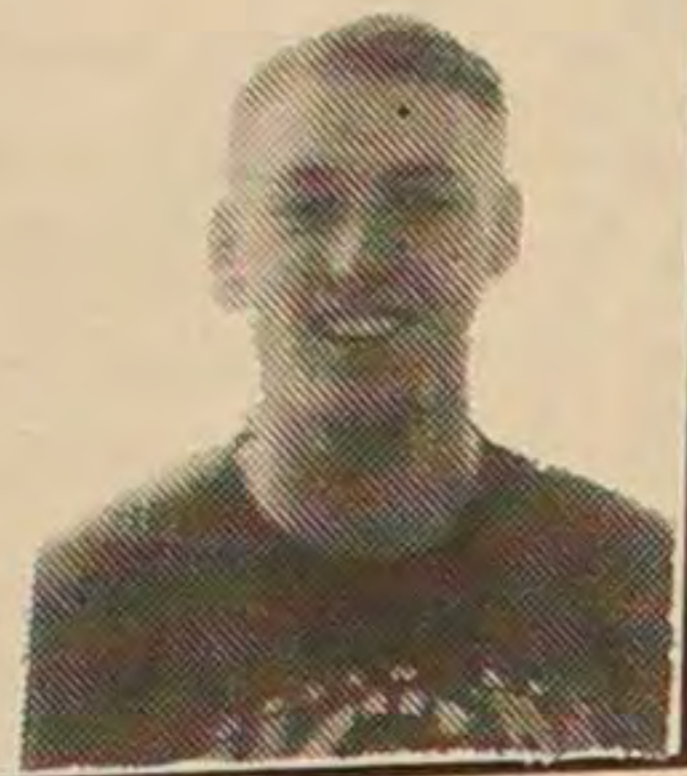
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Christmas gifts for all

En Vogue

By Erik Vogel



As the Christmas season approaches, shoppers will scurry to malls and stores to make those final gift purchases for their loved ones. Amidst all the hustle and bustle of the festive season, I often forget to give gifts to those who have made the world of sports the controversial, yet entertaining business that it is.

I have made my list and checked it twice, and although many may be deserving of gifts, here are the presents I was able to get on sale and wrapped in time to reach my deadline.

■ To the Northwestern Wildcat football team I give a vase of roses. After tasting defeat for decades, I hope that the Wildcat faithful enjoy their trip to California and come home with a Rose Bowl victory.

■ To Kansas University head basketball coach Roy Williams I give my envy. As the boss of arguably the premiere basketball program in the country, good cheer is not only experienced in the Williams' household at Christmas, but often heard in the form of loud cheers at Allen Fieldhouse during round ball season.

■ To all those McPherson College fisherman and hunters, I give continued unseasonably mild weather. May your nets spill over with trout and bass, and may you encounter large flocks of pheasants.

■ To the nearly 130 remaining pro baseball players who are free agents, I give nothing. Free agency has rewarded mediocre talent with million dollar contracts and taken away the comradeship that used to encompass ball teams.

■ To all those football fanatics, I give plenty of chips, dip and pizza carryout. If you do not enjoy this collision sport, I hope your house is equipped with an additional television set and you have access to a Blockbuster video store.

■ To the men's Bulldog basketball team, I give baggy shorts with a nine-inch inseam and wide-armed tank tops. To the women's squad, I give you my respect and some much deserved good fortune. May your hustle and hard work pay dividends in the form of wins.

■ And finally, to all Mac students, faculty and staff, I give my hopes of a happy and joyous holiday season. Enjoy your time away from the books, as well as the taste of home cooked meals.

Netters beat the clock to win

Matt Richardson scores with time running out to beat St. Marys

By Jenni Richardson
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team beat the buzzer at the St. Mary's Classic in Leavenworth with a bucket by Matt Richardson. Saturday's contest proved to be a challenge as the dogs defeated St. Mary's, 57-56.

The previous night, the Bulldogs dropped a tough loss to Avila, 63-66. Jason Snodgrass led the scoring for the men and was the only player in double digits for the team, with 16.

Coach Roger Trimmell was pleased with the team effort in both contests. "We came out a little flat against Avila the first night, but it was good to see the guys bounce back and come out ready to play against St. Mary's," Trimmell said.

Snodgrass was named to the All-Tournament team. "Jason really stepped up his game that first night. The whole team seemed to be cold and he did some needed scoring to keep us in the contest," Trimmell said.

The Bulldogs opened conference play on Nov. 31 at Sterling. In another close game, the team pulled out a 78-77 victory over the warriors.

"It was good to start the conference season with a win," Trimmell said. "The guys played a good hard game."

The Bulldogs had a balanced offensive attack, receiving 17 points from Chris Owens, 15 from Matt Richardson and 11 from Mike Walker.

Trimmell is pleased with the overall progress of his team. "Our big men on the inside are really starting to come along. They are getting some much-needed experience, and the team is starting to come together," Trimmell said.

At the pre-season tournament, held at Bethany College Nov. 16-18, the Bulldogs lost all three games. They lost the first contest to Culver-Stockton 75-88, the second to nationally ranked Concordia College 57-85 and their final contest to Rosary College 71-72.

Tomorrow the Bulldogs face another conference opponent, Kansas Wesleyan, at home. Game time is 8 p.m.

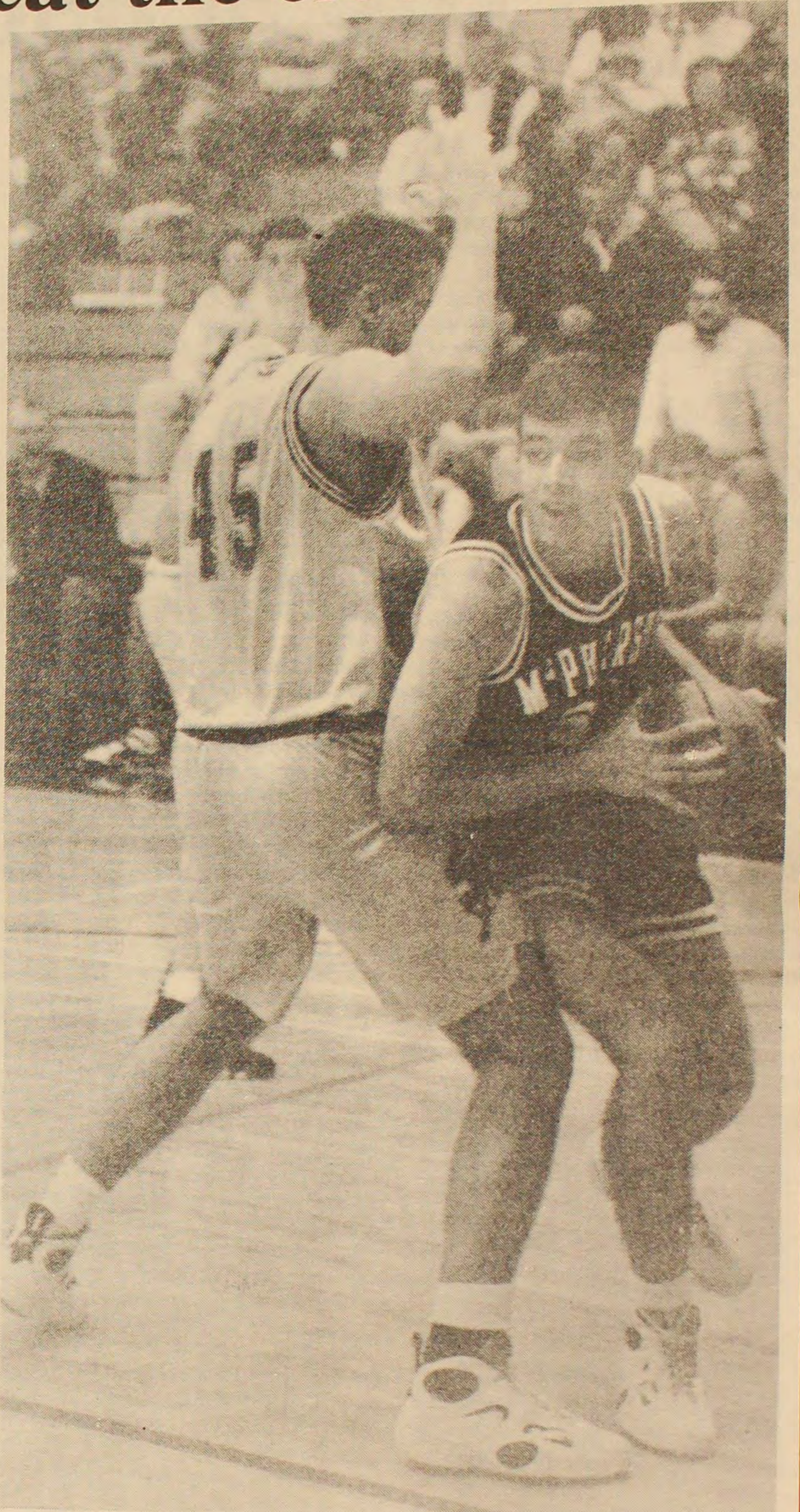


Photo By Jon Henrikson

Ryan Wenzel drives the baseline around the defense to score in their loss to Avila. The Bulldogs finished the Tournament at St. Mary's Leavenworth with one win.

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BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball

Nov. 16	Culver-Stockton	L	75-88
Nov. 17	Concordia	L	49-61
Nov. 18	Rosary	L	71-72
Nov. 29	Sterling	W	78-77
Dec. 1	Avila	L	63-66
Dec. 2	St. Marys	W	57-56
Dec. 6	Ottawa	W	73-71

Women's Basketball

Nov. 16	Graceland	L	59-75
Nov. 17	William Woods	L	38-65
Nov. 18	Avila	L	48-62
Nov. 29	Sterling	L	39-91
Dec. 1	Mid-Am	W	65-62
Dec. 2	St. Marys	L	65-77
Dec. 4	K. Newman	W	73-65
Dec. 6	Ottawa	L	38-90

BULLDOG CALENDAR

Men's Basketball

Dec. 9	Kansas Wesleyan	Home	8 p.m.
Jan. 6	York	Away	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Bethel	Away	8 p.m.
Jan. 13	Tabor	Away	8 p.m.
Jan. 17	Southwestern	Home	8 p.m.
Jan. 20	St. Mary's	Home	8 p.m.
Jan. 22	Friends	Away	8 p.m.
Jan. 24	Bethany	Away	8 p.m.
Jan. 27	Sterling	Home	8 p.m.
Jan. 31	Ottawa	Home	8 p.m.
Feb. 3	Kansas Wesleyan	Away	8 p.m.
Feb. 5	Bethel	Home	8 p.m.
Feb. 7	Tabor	Home	8 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Dec. 9	Kansas Wesleyan	Home	6 p.m.
Jan. 5	Sterling Classic	Away	TBA
Jan. 6	Sterling Classic	Away	TBA
Jan. 10	Bethel	Away	6 p.m.
Jan. 13	Tabor	Away	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	Southwestern	Home	6 p.m.
Jan. 20	St. Mary's	Home	6 p.m.
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Feb. 5	Bethel	Home	6 p.m.
Feb. 7	Tabor	Home	6 p.m.

KCAC honors Mac athletes

McPherson College has five athletes who were named to the All-Conference first team for the 1995 fall season. Athletes are nominated by their coaches. The winners are then chosen by a majority vote of all the coaches in the conference. Two of this year's first team athletes represent the football team and three were chosen from the men's soccer team. A number of athletes received second team and honorable mention honors as well.

Rudolph "Turtle" James, a 5'10" 175 lb junior quarterback, rushed for a total of 867 yards and passed for 1020 yards on the season. James was named KCAC offensive Player of the Week twice during the season.

Eddie Hester, 5'10" 185 lb, was a starting defensive back for the Bulldogs. Hester had 55 tackles this season and was ranked seven in the nation with six interceptions. He was also given KCAC Player of the Week honors for his defensive efforts.

Gilbert Moore, senior, was the starting goalie for the men's soccer team. Moore racked up 207 saves on the season, including two shut-outs and only allowed 39 goals in 20 games played.

Pete Petrovski, junior, was a major offensive threat for the soccer team. Petrovski scored nine goals, and had 21 assists on the season. He has also been named team captain for the 1996 season.

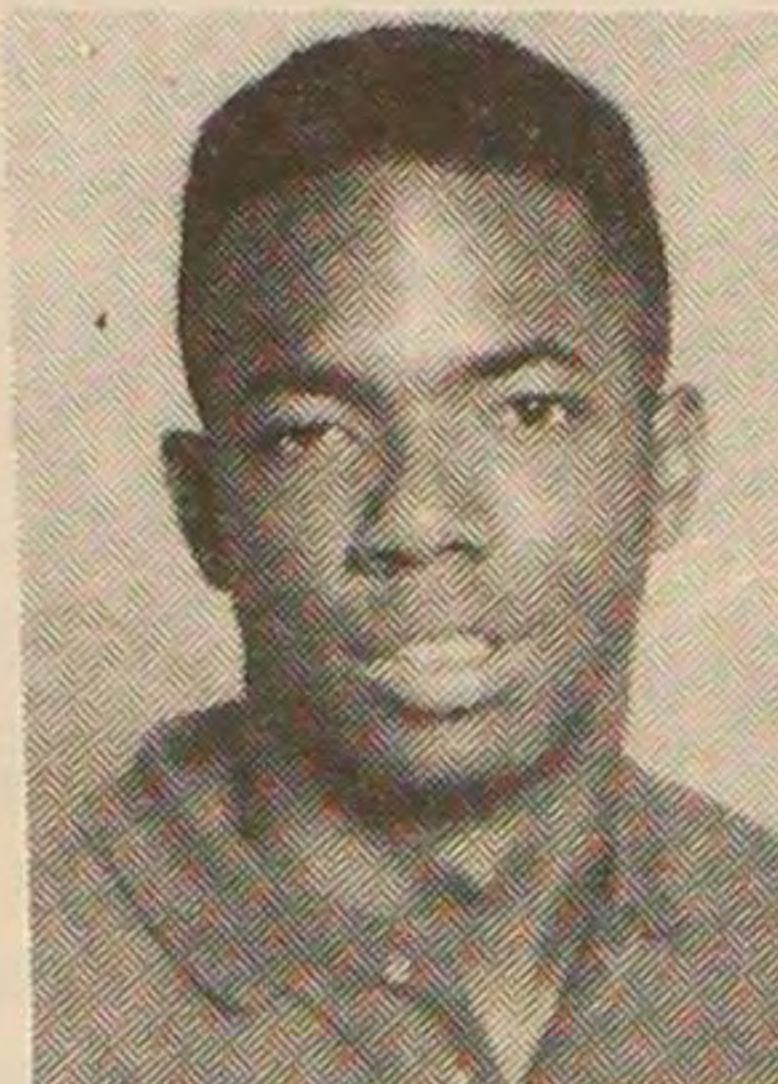
Tate Hepler, junior, started on the defensive end of the field for the soccer team. He has also been named team captain for the 1996 season and received the team award "Mr. Hustle," for the 95 season.



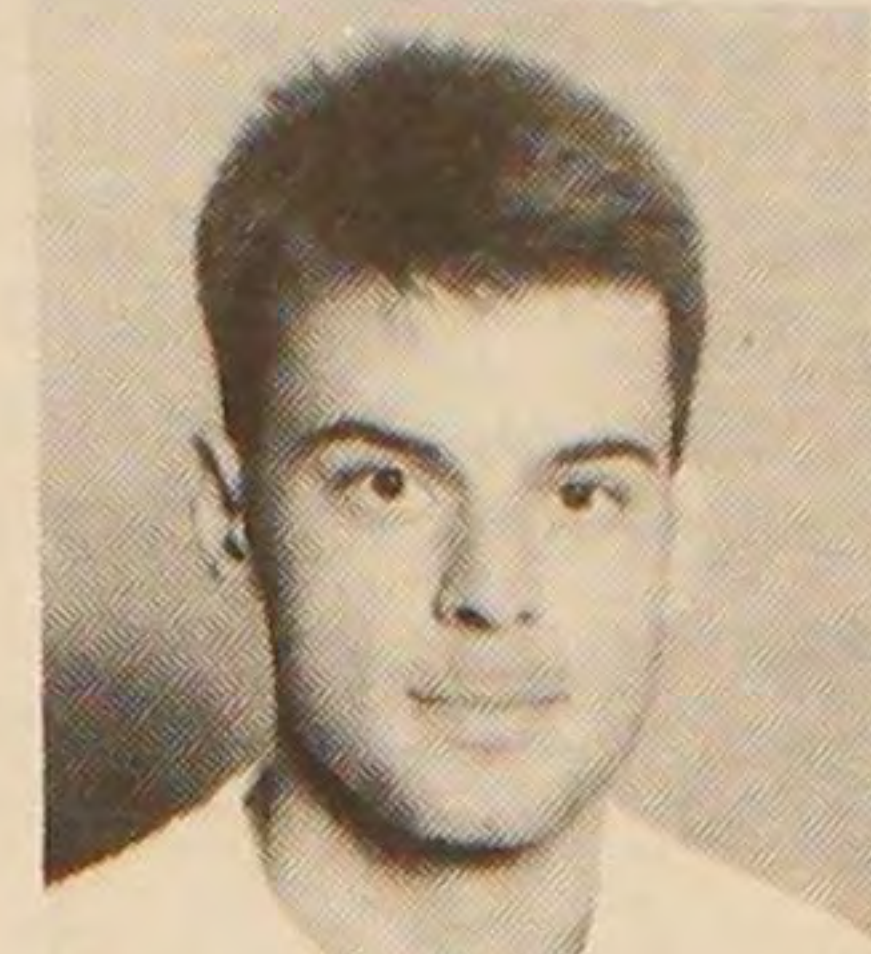
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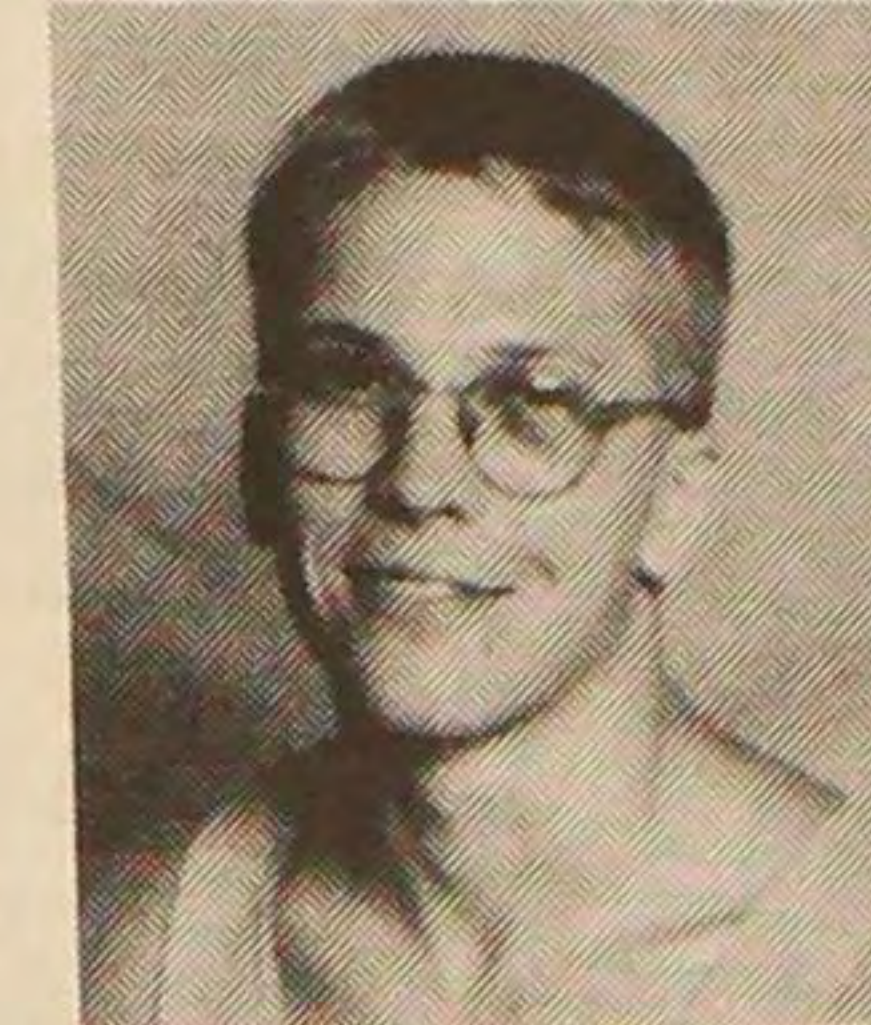
Eddie Hester



Gilbert Moore



Pete Petrovski



Tate Hepler

KCAC Second Team

Football

Aundrey Myers
Brian Vanderlin

Men's Soccer

Mario Rodriguez
Miguel Mendez

Women's Volleyball

Jennifer Williams
Merri Green

KCAC Honorable Mention

Football

Damian Harris
Carlos Lott
Tim Schoepflin
Robert Thorson
Anthony Upshaw
Brian Ward

Men's Soccer

Jose Lawrence

Women's basketball get season's first win

Lady Bulldogs beat Kansas Newman

By Melissa Sharp
Spectator Staff

The Lady Bulldogs captured their first win of the season Monday when they defeated Kansas Newman, 73-65. Amy Ross led the team in scoring and rebounding with 16 and eight, respectively.

The team started off their season at the Kansas Wesleyan Tournament in Salina Nov. 16-18. The ladies were defeated the first night by Graceland College of Iowa 75-59. April Turpin led the scoring with 17, followed by Jenni Richardson with 12 and Amy Ross and Kelly Thaxton with eight apiece.

The second night of play, the team was again defeated by William Woods College, 65-38. Ross scored 16 points in the contest. In the final game of the tournament, the Lady Bulldogs took on Avila College and were defeated 62-48. Paige Watkins was high for the night with 12.

Amy Ross, starting post/forward for the Lady Bulldogs, was named to the All-tournament team at St. Mary's. Andrea Bess brought home the first place trophy for

winning the free throw contest. Bess made 18-20 free throws for the title.

Although the team went 0-3 in the tournament, Coach Mel Wright feels that some of the reason for the slow start was the fact that the girls involved with volleyball were still in transition. "I think at the KW tournament the volleyball girls were still in the process of getting into basketball," Wright said. "We had problems with the offense and thinking too much. We also lacked some conditioning, but we did have some bright spots throughout the tournament."

The ladies opened conference play with Sterling on Nov. 29. Sterling came out with the win, 91-39. Coach Wright felt that the team may have been a little timid about playing the nationally ranked Warriors. "They play with outstanding confidence, and we were realistically intimidated," Wright said. "Our reaction on defense was a little slow because of the tension."

This past weekend the team traveled to Leavenworth to play in the St. Mary's Classic. The team lost both contests, the first night losing to Mid-America Bible College by only three, 65-62, and the second night to St. Mary's 77-65. Paige Watkins led the team in scoring both nights with 16 points in each contest.

Coach Wright was optimistic about his

team's performance. "With the tournament we had many good spurts, and we were in position to win both of our games," Wright said. "In the future we will win our share of games."

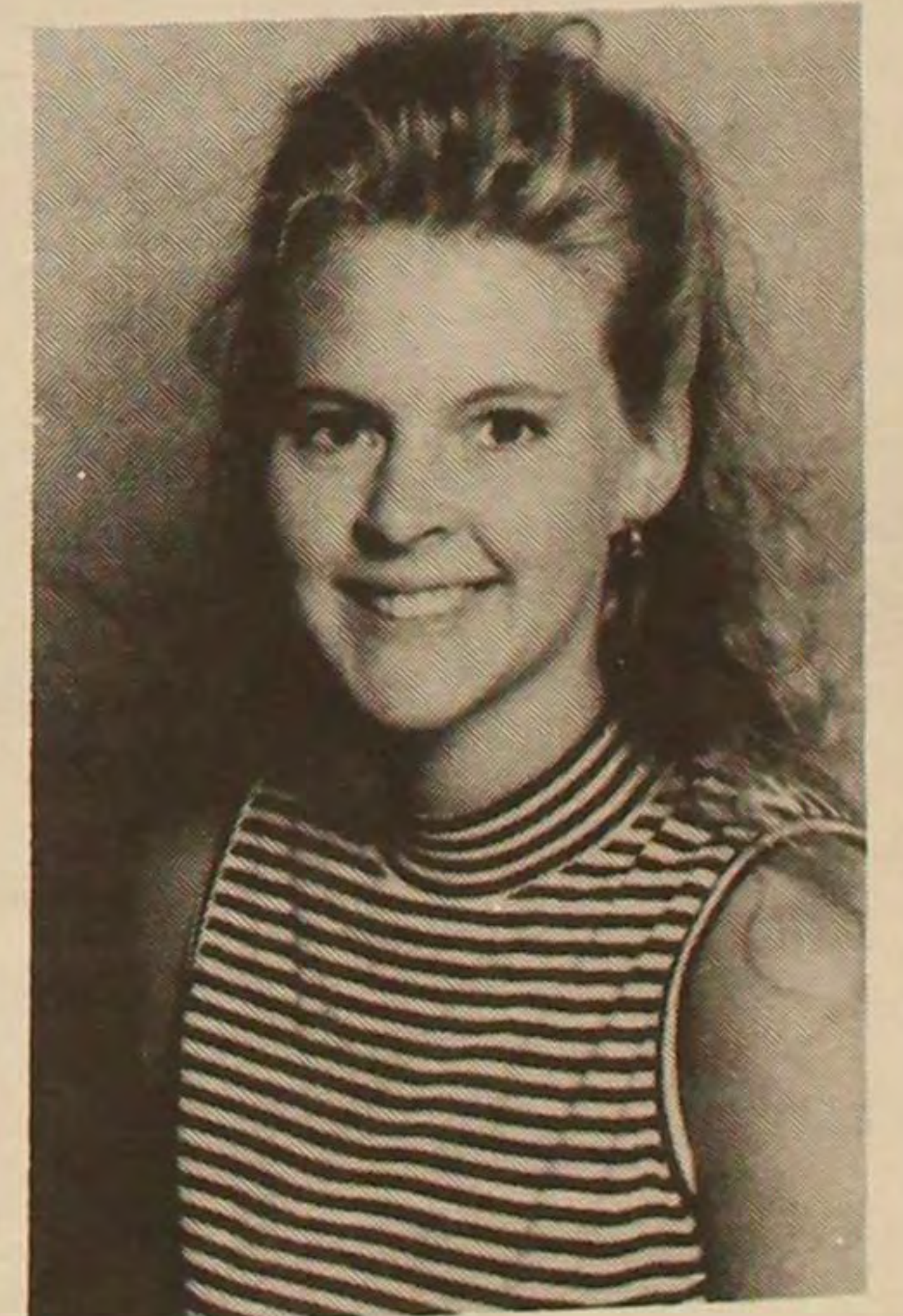
Kansas Wesleyan at home. The contest begins at 6 p.m. Following Christmas break, the team begins the second half of the season with the Sterling Classic Jan. 5-6.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Paige Watkins, soph., has been named this week's Athlete of the Issue. Watkins is a point guard for the Lady Bulldogs and one of the team's best offensive threats.

Watkins play at the Leavenworth Tournament and in the contest against Kansas Newman on Monday pleased Coach Mel Wright. She led the team in scoring and rebounds the first night with 16 and 11 respectively. Watkins also turned in 16 points in the second contest of the tournament.

"She's a totally unselfish player," Wright said. "Paige shoots her shot when it comes open and right now is our best outside offensive threat. She also does a good job of putting pressure on the ball at the defensive end of the floor."



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Students may receive more aid

By Marylyn Matthaei
Spectator Staff

Returning students at McPherson College may be eligible for a 30 percent increase in financial aid dollars for the 1996-97 academic year.

"The college has authorized an increase in institutional financial aid dollars of approximately 30 percent on the average for all returning students and a similar amount for new students," Fred Schmidt, director of financial aid, said.

A Nov. 28 announcement from the office of financial aid urged continuing students to complete their Federal Application for

Financial Aid (FAFSA).

Students may then schedule an appointment to review "amounts and types of financial assistance for which they may apply for the next academic year," Schmidt said.

"Returning students shall be awarded institutional dollars under the same program guidelines that were in effect when they entered the college," Schmidt said.

Amounts of institutional awards given to returning students may be adjusted, depending on individual circumstances. All returning students are eligible for consideration to receive an increase, although not all will receive an increase.

Several changes have been made in financial aid available for new students.

A total of 21 scholarships in the amount of \$4,000 each will be available to new students, compared to 12 such scholarships available in the past. The number of athletic scholarships will also be increased.

Standards for Presidential Scholars will be stricter next year. Candidates must meet two of three criteria to be eligible for nomination: ranking in the top 10 percent of a student's senior high school class, rather than the top 15 percent as previously; a composite ACT score of 30 rather than 28; and a grade point average of 3.75 as opposed to 3.50 in the past.

"Because other academic and athletic scholarship programs were expanded, the

number of Presidential Scholar recipients will be decreased from 12 to six for the 1996-97 academic year," Schmidt said.

The college will also award a \$4,000 Brethren Grant annually to every Church of the Brethren student unless they have received one of the other major scholarships.

The increase in scholarship and grant programs puts us on the competitive edge for attracting students who want to excel, according to President Paul Hoffman.

More details of the program and changes may be found in the new financial aid brochure published by the financial aid office and available after December 8.

Russell joins college's alumni staff

By Melissa Martens
Spectator Staff

Cyril Russell is the new coordinator of alumni services and community relations. He fills the position left vacant by Sue Six.

Six was employed by McPherson College for one year. She completed her duties this past October and moved to Portugal.

Russell has been a resident of McPherson for three years. He was formerly employed by Hutchinson Community College, where he worked for five years in student service areas such as admissions and financial aid. Prior to that, Russell worked in admissions at his alma mater, Phillips University in Enid, Okla.

"My job here will be exciting and different," Russell said. "I've primarily been in contact with students, and now I will be

working mostly with alumni, community and the colleges' friends."

Russell's new position at McPherson college includes planning Homecoming activities, coordinating the phonathon fundraiser and being in charge of Alumni Day.

"There are good things happening now in terms of what's going on with alumni," Russell said. "It is my goal to continue and maintain this trend. I also want to find new opportunities to serve the alumni and promote the image of this college and its community."

Russell graduated from Phillips University in 1981, with a B.S. in communications, and has since completed a master's

degree in management at Friends University.

Russell researched McPherson College prior to accepting the position.

"I didn't know much about McPherson

College... but I've found that it is similar to what I experienced at Phillips," Russell said. "I got a good feeling. I enjoy working in an educational setting that has strong church ties, history and tradition."

Russell resides in McPherson with his wife and two children.

"I am very excited and happy to be here. This is a good opportunity for me to get in touch with the community," Russell said. "I think schools like McPherson College are important and necessary."

Russell is also looking forward to involvement with the current student population.

"The students here are future alumni," Russell said. "I would like to cultivate more awareness... how students will be able to continue to be involved with the college after graduation and what they can look forward to. This school has a group of caring alumni, and there are numbers to back that up," Russell said. "I look forward to maintaining that."



Cyril Russell

Bittinger renovation cost triples

By Heather Healy
Spectator Staff

The estimated cost of renovating Bittinger Hall has nearly tripled from the initial \$300,000 estimate. The additional cost stems from the need to remove and replace the plumbing and the heating and cooling units.

The hall has gone unused for many years and the building has deteriorated extensively.

The Bittinger Hall Renovation Committee has been working on a plan to update the dorm thoroughly while adhering to a strict budget. Only the previously estimated \$300,000 is currently available for the renovation.

To reduce the renovation costs, the com-

mittee has proposed removing the plumbing from the current bathrooms (Bittinger currently has a semi-private bathroom for every two rooms) and changing these spaces into personal storage areas for the students occupying the rooms on either side. Heating and air conditioning would also be installed in this space.

Bathrooms would be built in the area midway through the hall on each floor that formerly served as large lobbies. Kitchen and laundry facilities would also be installed and space for a smaller floor lobby retained.

The committee hopes removing the "suite" bathrooms and building one large bathroom will significantly reduce the cost of renovation. With Bittinger's current layout

many bathrooms would have to be replaced.

The exact cost for renovation of Bittinger is not known, but when the final estimate is received, it will most likely go to the executive committee of the trustees for approval, according to Steve Mason, vice president for financial services.

It would only go to the entire Board of Trustees if the estimate is completely out of the range the committee has been looking at.

"We want to do the job right, so we're taking the time to figure out what's the best course of action," Mason said.

Another important factor in Bittinger renovation is whether or not the project can be finished by next fall. The college had initially hoped to open Bittinger for student use in 1996-97.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE 1995 FALL SEMESTER

TIME	Saturday Dec. 9	Monday Dec. 11	Tuesday Dec. 12	Wednesday Dec. 13	Thursday Dec. 14
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7 p.m.		Monday Night Courses	Tuesday Night Courses	Wednesday and Thursday Night Courses	

NEWS BRIEFS

E-mail available next semester

E-mail will be available to students when they return for second semester. Students will be able to request individual e-mail accounts and IDs by filling out a form that will be available in the Student Enrollment Services office.

E-mail will allow students to communicate electronically anywhere in the world through the Internet hook-up in the Miller and Mohler computer labs.

Winter Semi-Formal

The Winter Semi-Formal will be held tonight at the Student Union from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

Scholarship search available

The 1996-97 computer scholarship search program is available in the Mohler Hall Computer Lab.

Students can stop by the Student Enrollment Services Office for information and instructions on how to use the program.

RA positions available

There are two openings for male Resident Assistants. Students may receive information and applications at the Residence Life Office in the Student Union. Applications for the position are due Dec. 15.

Two choir options in spring

Concern choir will offer two choices for those interested in singing spring semester.

Anyone who wishes to be involved in choir can join the new "all campus choir" which will meet only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:45 to 1:35. This will be a relaxed group for people who just want to sing for fun.

Those interested in going on tour to Chicago during spring break can audition for the select group, which will have a more rigorous rehearsal schedule of 12:45 to 1:35 Monday through Friday.

Ambassadors Program

The first McPherson College Ambassadors Workshop was conducted on campus Saturday, Dec. 2.

The program is a joint effort of the Student Enrollment Services and the Alumni Office. The purpose of the program is to involve McPherson College alumni and friends more actively in student enrollment.

Objectives of the program are to create greater awareness of McPherson among prospective students and to develop more direct, personal ways of encouraging them through the enrollment process.