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# Tuition, charges increase

By Shelly Hendricks  
Spectator Staff

Tuition for the 1996-97 McPherson College school year will be \$9,250. The tuition raise, along with an increase in room and board fees, bring the total comprehensive charges to \$13,318, a 5.5 percent increase from last year.

Several reasons account for the raise in tuition. A majority of the dollars go toward teachers' salaries and continuing education for faculty. Other portions of the money pay for academically related programs, accord-

ing to Fred Schmidt, director of admissions and financial aid.

Tuition, donations from alumni and friends, and the college's endowment are its three main sources of finance according to Steve Mason, vice president for financial services.

"Roughly 40 to 45 percent of the college's money comes from tuition," Schmidt said.

The national average of colleges' money that comes from tuition is 70 to 75 percent.

The development office raises money from donations, and the college's endowment pays the rest of the college's fees.

"Endowment plays a key role in keeping tuition down for students," Mason said.

McPherson College has the third largest endowment among private schools in the state. It is approximately \$16 million, compiling interest of about \$1 million a year. The school uses the interest for its expenditures.

"The question people often ask is 'Why don't we spend more?'" Mason said.

The administrators realize that new computers need to be purchased, as well as other things, according to Mason. However, by not making these smaller purchases, the college is able to keep its large endowment. The large endowment pays for costs that otherwise would be handled with tuition. Thus, the college is able to keep tuition costs down, Mason said.

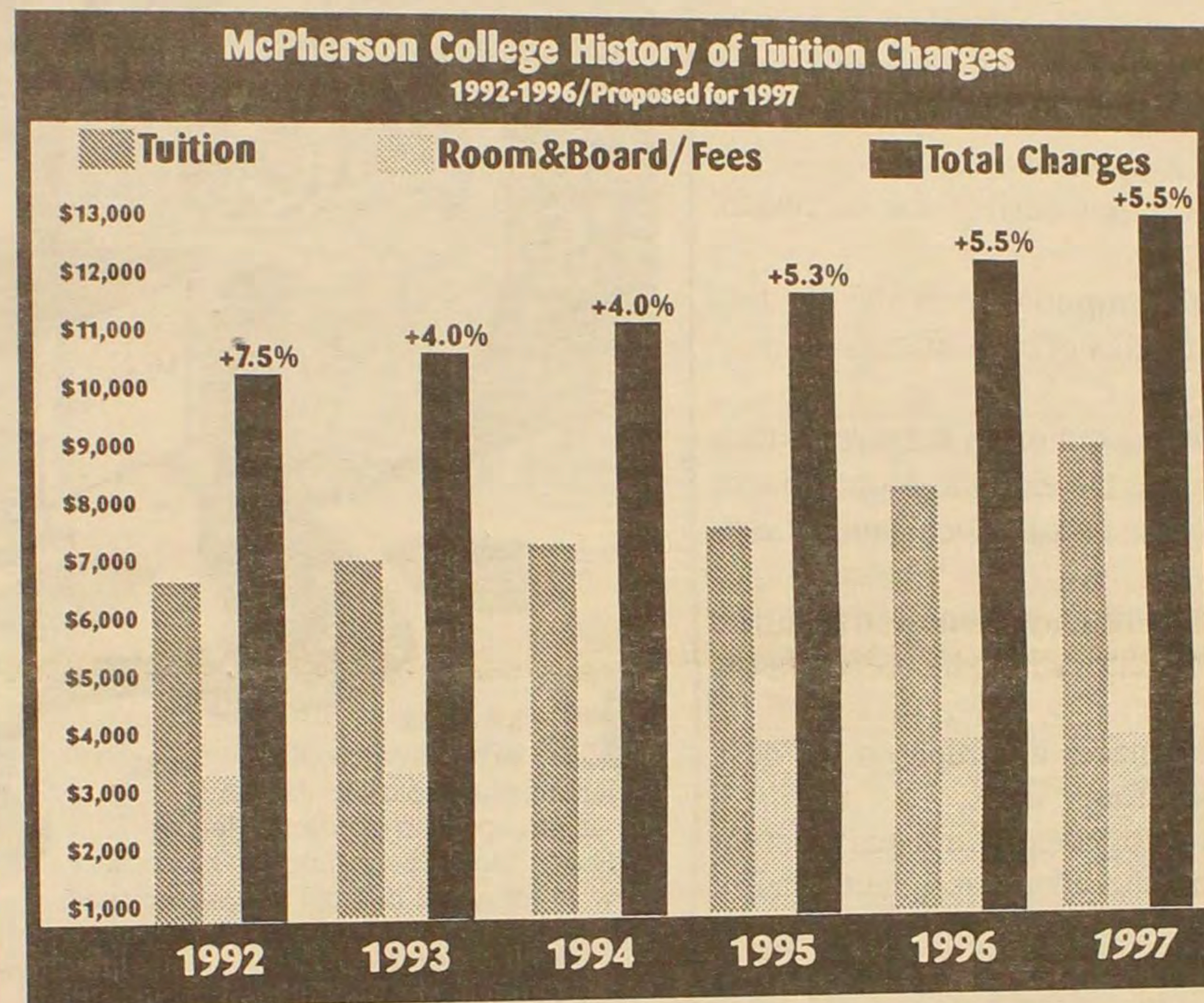
Enrollment is one factor concerning the raise in tuition. The raise in tuition should not affect enrollment size, and statistics show tuition raises cause a lesser decrease in enrollment than lowering tuition, according to Schmidt. On the average, there is a larger decrease in enrollment at colleges that lower tuition.

Also, despite the 5.5 percent increase in comprehensive fees, the college is enabling itself to provide more financial aid. There is a 30 percent increase of financial aid available to students.

"This gives better hopes for a higher retention rate at McPherson College," Schmidt said.

Another factor involved in the raise in tuition is the natural rate of inflation.

"I feel that the tuition raises are pretty natural. I am so used to the small increase each year that it does not really phase me anymore. I don't like it, but I suppose it's part of inflation," Jessica Boothe, sr., said.



# Enrollment concerns addressed

By Sue Werner  
News Editor

Two consultants hired by McPherson College were on campus Jan. 30-31 to conduct an enrollment management audit.

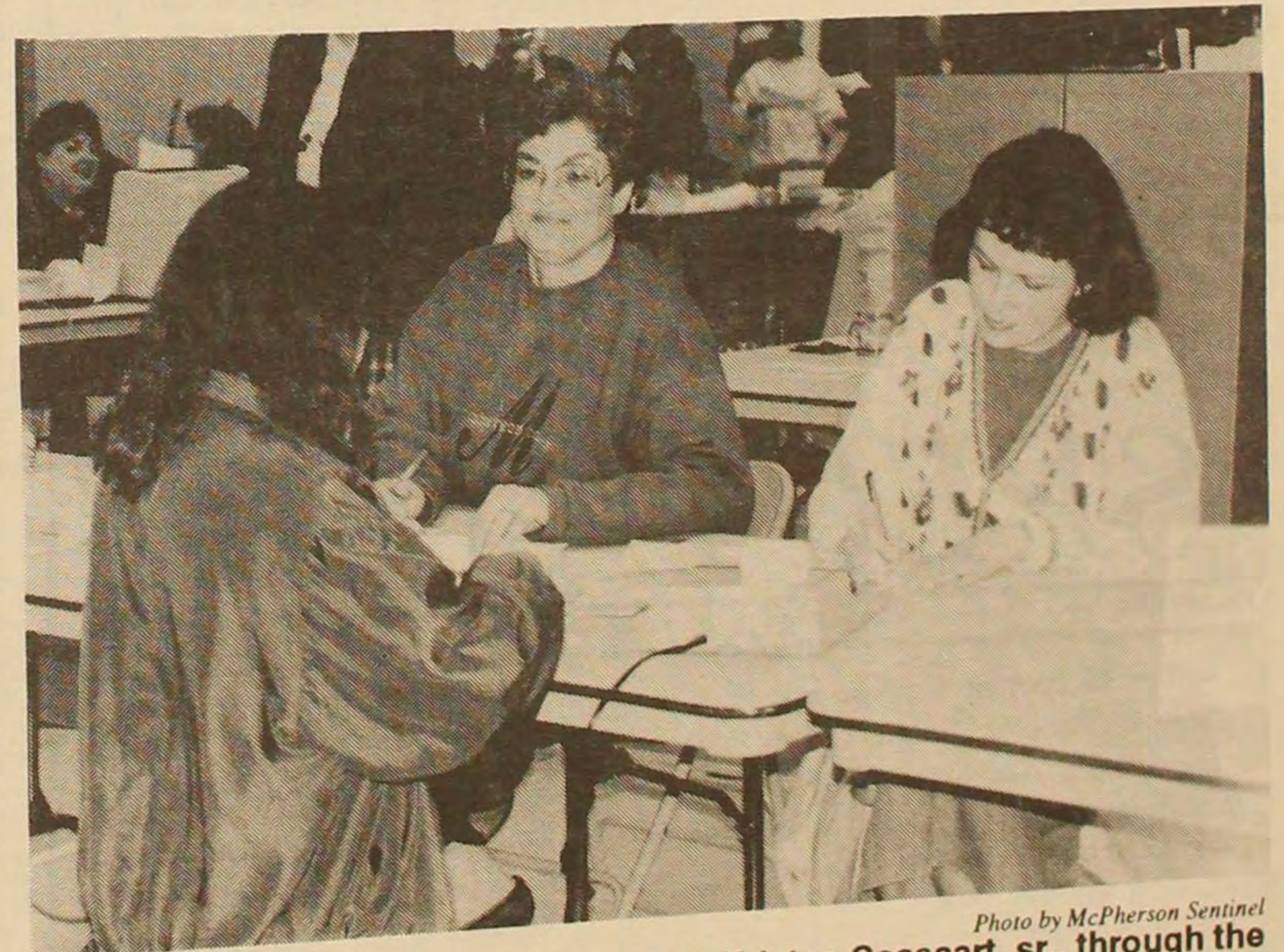
The 1995 fall enrollment of 440 was down from last year's 459.

"There's been a strong interest in the college at working at achieving an enrollment goal of at least 500 students, and preferably 500 full-time students," said Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services. "We asked them to take a very focused look at our recruitment efforts. We are most interested in a six-month action plan. We want to be as successful as we can with the fall 1996 enrollment."

Prior to their visit, the consultants, Bill Miller and Catherine Cook of Miller/Cook Association, Roanoke, Virg., were given information related to the college's procedures, publications, student prospects, financial aid, and past enrollment.

"They had identified in advance the types of areas they wanted to review and the individuals that they were interested in talking with," Knechel said. "They gained faculty input as well as input from the various offices."

According to Knechel many of the consultants' suggestions dealt with redesigning the direct mail effort, including materials it sends to prospective students and when it sends them. The consultants also made suggestions related to internal information processing. The college will receive



Merritta Hazelton and Vikki Trimmel help Kristen Cossaart, sr., through the enrollment process.

a written report containing specific suggestions.

"They focused on reviewing our information and getting a sense of what might be most successful for McPherson College based on their experience and their research," Knechel said.

The college recently implemented two new programs to help contact prospective students. Telemac was a program in which more than 40 current students worked with admissions in January to contact all

students who have inquired about McPherson College.

Also, alumni were invited to help talk to prospective students and make contacts through the Ambassadors program.

"We are finding ourselves needing to become more aggressive in terms of recruitment strategies to attract students to McPherson College and we are working diligently to, in a sense, re-recruit them each year to continue and to graduate from McPherson College," Knechel said.

Photo by McPherson Sentinel

# EDITORIAL

## Tradition absent in Stuco

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 11. But who are the candidates? With only one month before the polls open, we have no candidates for any of the Stuco officer positions.

This is not a surprise considering Stuco has made no efforts to publicize the election. Nor have any students taken initiative to publicly announce their interest in leading the student body.

This unfortunate lack of effort has been a common pattern the past few years among the student body and its student council.

Competition has been nonexistent in recent elections. Last year there were only seven candidates for the four officer positions. Former president Dennis Kingery, sr., and secretary Amy Norsworthy, jr., both won by a 75 percent margin, while treasurer Zuzana Strmenova, jr., ran unopposed.

Campaigning has consisted merely of generic signs and poorly organized speeches the day of the election. There has not been formal campaign literature from which voters can draw any viable information. Nor have there been debates or any type of public forums.

The Spectator has adopted the mission of improving the election process the last several years. We've written editorials of encouragement, provided publicity and information on the candidates through our special election inserts and are willing this year, to sponsor a debate.

But, we can only do so much. Stuco is responsible for successful elections.

However, Stuco has failed to realize the importance of the election process, and this failure is reflected in the quality of current leadership on the council.

Stuco is a tradition. Traditions must be passed on to survive. Stuco hasn't had tradition for years, partly because the election process lacks credibility. Lackadaisical candidates become lackadaisical student representatives.

It takes more than just doing what the guidelines say. Renewed tradition will only be achieved with ambitious leadership, which has been absent from Stuco for several years.

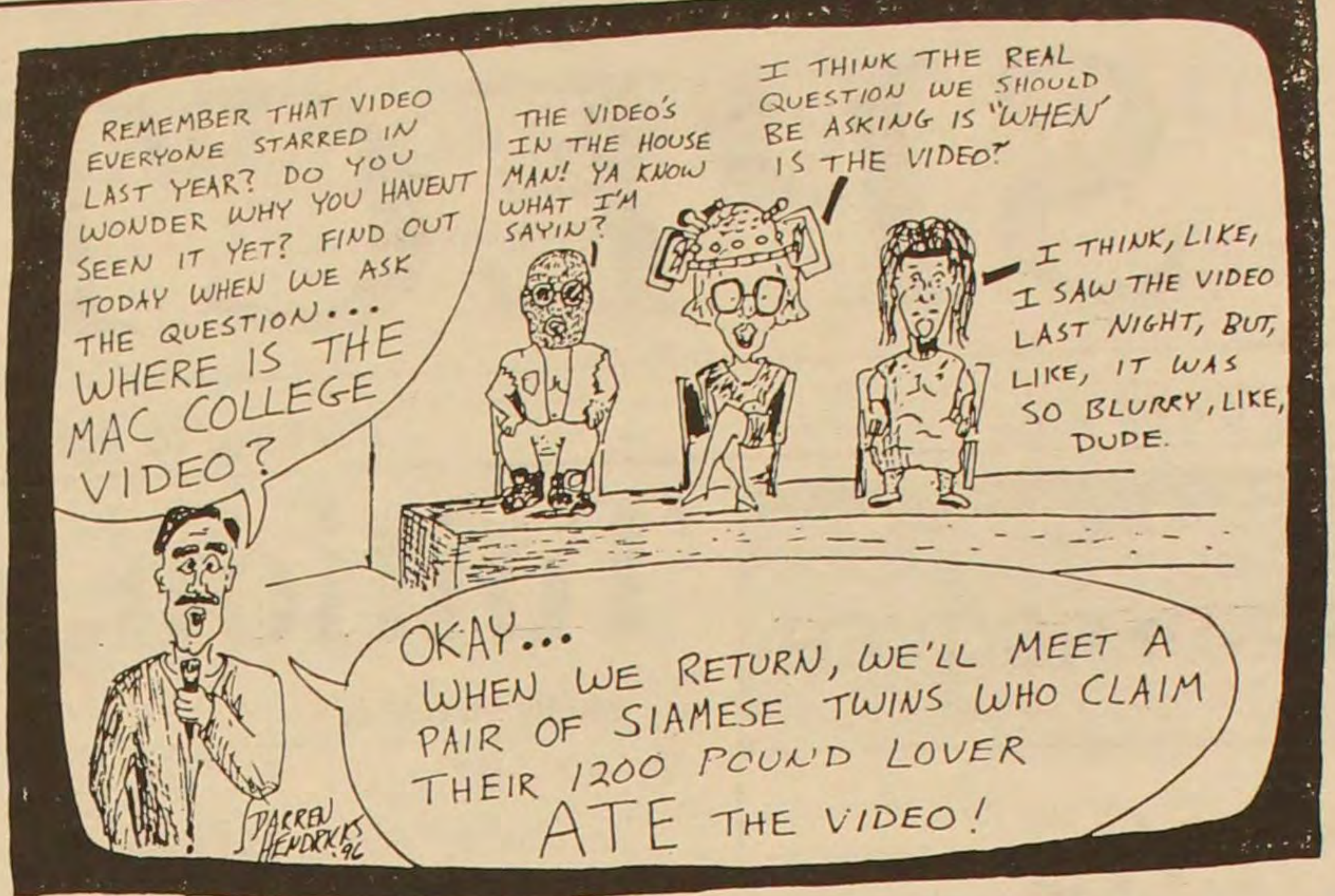
Each Stuco that passes without tradition places a burden on the next council that becomes consistently heavier through time.

Stuco has over four weeks to either throw together their usual election or create a productive process that involves the students and elects quality leaders.

Future Stuco successes rest on the current Stuco. If a poor election process occurs, chances are that next year's Stuco will follow in line. But, if the process and the people behind the process regain some credibility, a new tradition is possible.

Stuco, as you start planning the election process ask yourself this simple question: Is tradition important to McPherson College Student Council?

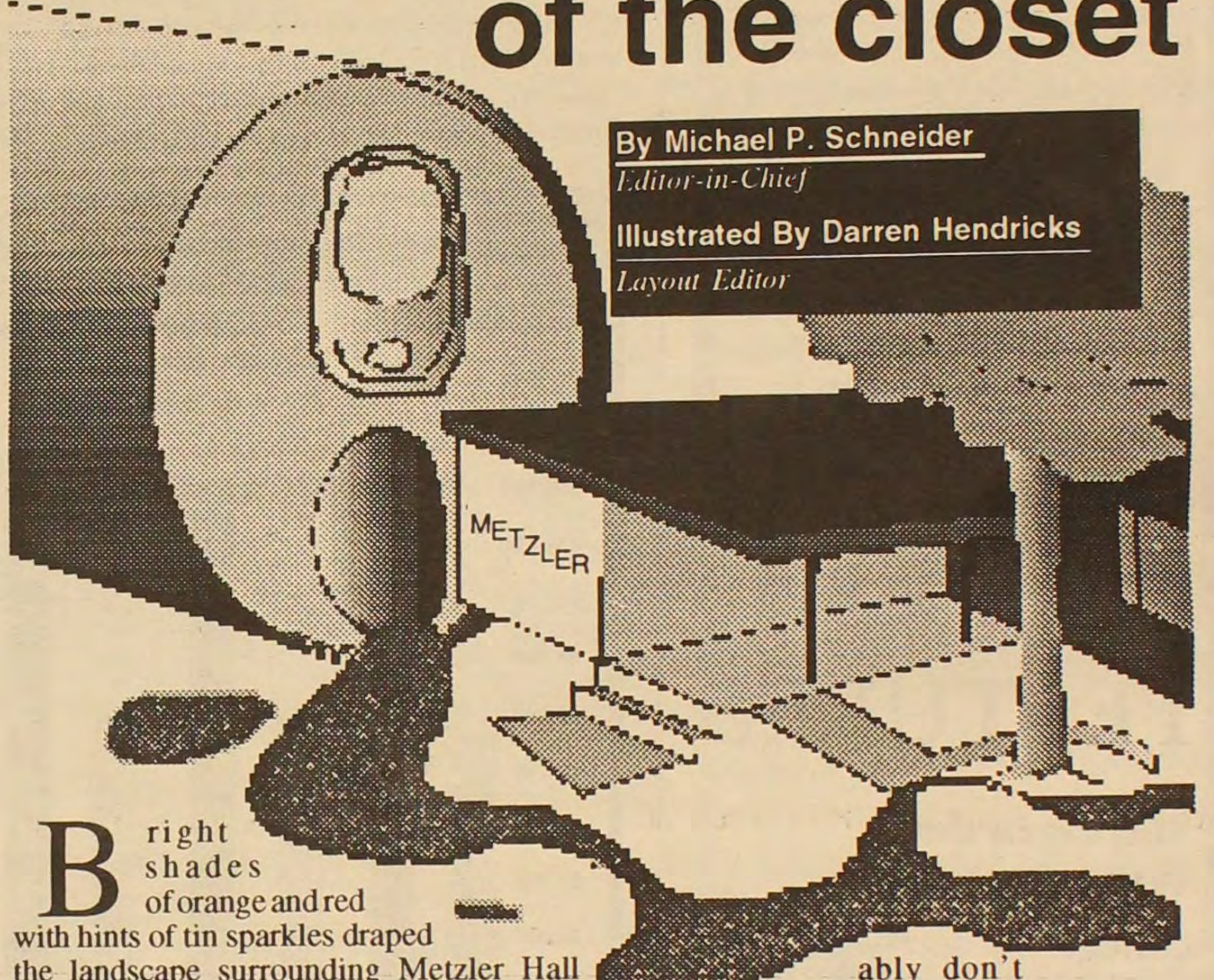
**Michael P. Schneider**  
for the Editorial Staff



## Metzler pollution out of the closet

By Michael P. Schneider  
Editor-in-Chief

Illustrated By Darren Hendricks  
Layout Editor



**B**right shades of orange and red with hints of tin sparkles draped the landscape surrounding Metzler Hall early one October morning. The scenery blew in the wind drifting across the road onto the lawn of the big green house at the end of Gordon Street.

The man residing in the big green house raked the colorful scenery into a big bag, but instead of dropping the bag with his other trash at the end of the driveway, he walked across the street, past Metzler Hall, directly, to Mohler Hall and into the vice presidents suite to deliver the bag.

The man propped the bag up against one of the empty desks and started back to his big green house, when the only secretary in the office noticed the man and his bag. She asked him if he needed assistance. He soberly described to her what was in the bag, where it came from and went on his way.

The secretary shrunk in embarrassment, as she dragged the bag into one of the vice president's offices.

What should have been in the bag wasn't. Replacing October leaves and twigs were fast food sacks, candy wrappers and aluminum cans. Litter.

The man in the green house at the end of Gordon Street is a daily victim of senseless disrespect by the residents of Metzler Hall.

It has been about four months since this quiet incident, and I would be surprised if this isn't your first time to hear this story.

The man in the big green house at the end of Gordon Street makes a valid point about the pollution problem at Metzler Hall, and what do we as a campus community do? Nothing.

Maybe this man should have just thrown a big fit and dumped all of the garbage on the floor in the suite's lobby (a behavior that would have drawn some attention), but he rather simply and peacefully attempted to make his point, which was rudely ignored.

The question is: Whose problem is this? Obviously the vice presidents are avoiding the problem, because the campus community wasn't notified about the incident nor was there any care given to the pitiful situation at Metzler.

The faculty, staff and administration prob-

ably don't know about the pollution problem, because the only reason they go to the Metzler side of campus is for "large printing jobs" in Templeton Hall.

Where is Stuco, dorm council, the resident director, the director of residence life and most importantly the MEN of Metzler? Where are those guys that claim to "be their own dog?" We're dogs all right.

Regrettably the residents take the least responsibility of them all. Since the incident a tail pipe has been thrown onto the Metzler roof, dorm windows have been broken, rotten chicken wings were spilled in the stairwell, vomit has stained hallway carpets, trash has blocked the doorways and empty food containers have floated in the wind like dust.

Bittering Hall sure sounds nice about now.

Metzler Hall is an embarrassment to our campus community, and with all the hard work that we are doing to improve relations with the community and increase enrollment, it's ironic that anyone could ignore Metzler Hall.

Metzler Hall pollution has gotten to the point were it is affecting the community. One community member pointed this out, but there has been no change, because we can't seem to decide whose problem this is.

This problem is yours, yours and yours. It is our problem.

We need to focus in on how to solve the problem, rather than where to point the finger. Whether it is administration, Stuco, or residence life putting pressure on the residents to clean up or the residents taking their own initiative, something has to be done now.

It's time to start picking up our own trash. To the forgotten man in the big green house at the end of Gordon Street, I apologize for my irresponsibility. That was my trash that blew over into your yard.

I hope the McPherson College community will remember you not as the man who lives in the big green house on the end of Gordon Street, but as our neighbor.

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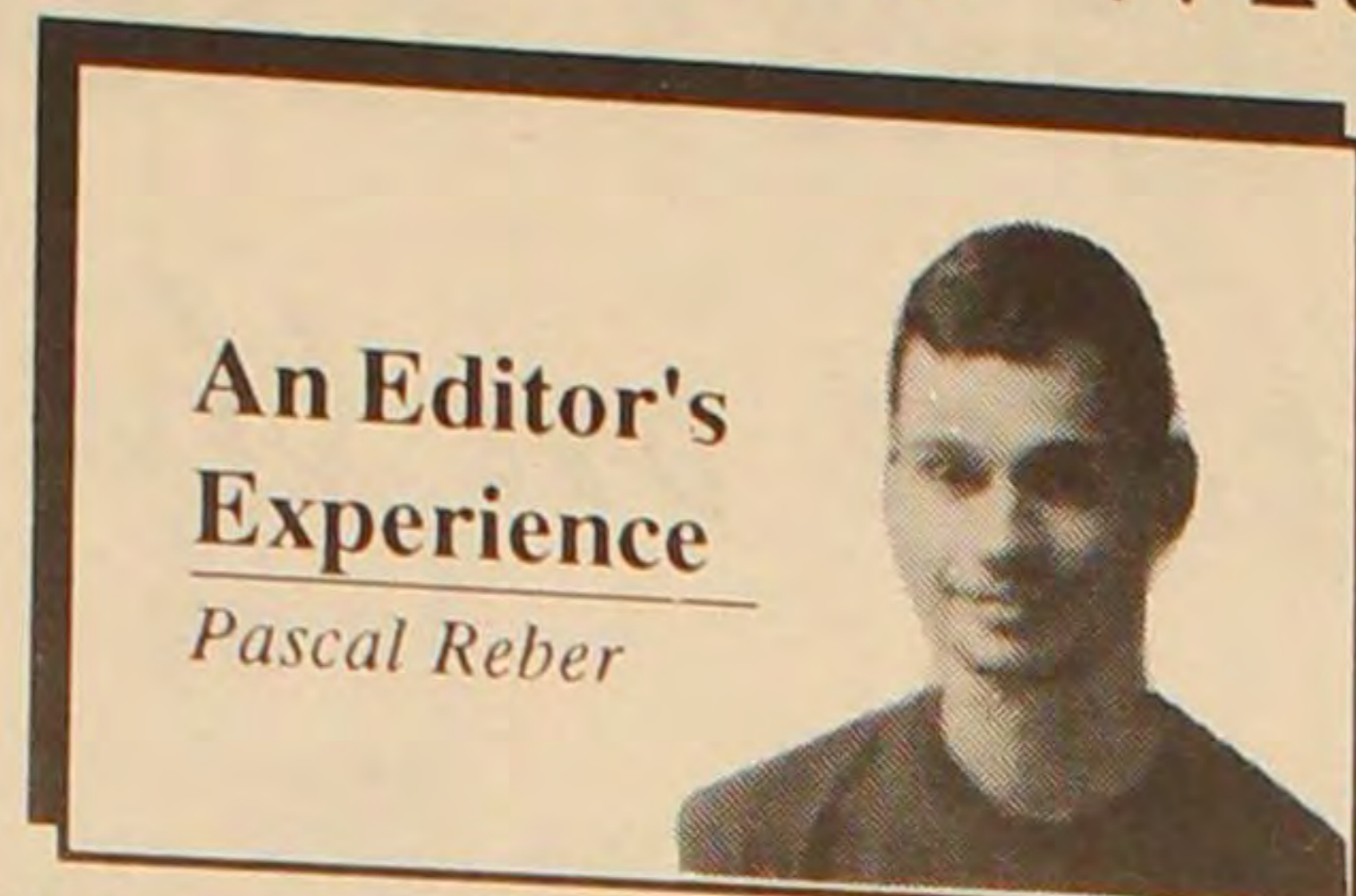
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# Editor begins series with reflective thoughts

*Editor's note: This is the first column in a series that will continue for the remainder of the semester dedicated to the graduating Spectator editors and a reflection on their years at McPherson College.*

I came to the United States for the second time in my life in 1991. At the time, I was a foreign exchange student in Leoti. I graduated there in 1992 and followed two of my friends to McPherson College. I can hardly believe that four years have gone by already. A famous French poet, Lamartine, said in one of his poems: "Could we not on the Ocean of Age throw the anchor but one day?" Believe me, I wish that were possible!



**An Editor's Experience**

*Pascal Reber*

lege, my four years have been an experience that I would not trade. The close friends that I have made here will remain my friends forever. Bryce, Shannon, Darren, Michael P., Gilbert, Jess, Sue, Amy, Sarah, Mitch, and Heather. Our little group has gone through a lot of crazy times since 1992. I just wish that everything could be like it was

before. Leaving them in May will probably be one of the saddest moments of my life.

What I have liked the most about the college is its friendly atmosphere and the personal attention that students get from teachers. Nothing will ever be able to replace that.

In a few months, I will receive a B.A. degree with a major in history and a minor in English. I would like to thank Dr. Lengel and Kim Stanley for putting up with me through the years. The example they have given me will be a guiding light throughout my life.

A recurrent comment that I have heard during my college years was how bad the food is. Personally, the food served in the cafeteria is as bad as people say it is. Of

course, it wasn't Mom's cooking, but I always tried to make the best out of it.

Highlights of my college years include my trip to Israel during Interterm 1994, the house that we rented from Roger Trimmel with our group of friends — remember the ten pizzas or the "it's in an alley, I mean," — playing tennis and ping pong with Glen Snell — by the way he still owes me a revenge in ping pong, — going to Dallas with the Business Club, watching the grass being mowed each day and so many more that if I were enumerating each one of them I could write a novel.

If I had to give one piece of advice to this year's freshmen, it would be to make the best of your college years, because what you do here will determine the rest of your lives.

## Black History Month inspires memories of a courageous woman

I don't know about all of you young people, but this "old crone" did not like the cold weather we experienced a week ago. I came close to not writing a column this semester because as you all know, I'm not getting any younger and I need to preserve my energy. However, since this is Black History Month, I decided to put forth the effort one more time.



**Ol' Crone**

*By Jill Brax*

to hear her will always remember her compassion and sincerity.

In 1979, Jordan retired from public life and began teaching political science at the University of Texas in the LBJ School of Public Affairs. She wasn't sure whether teaching would be fulfilling for her but she liked the idea of playing a role in helping young people go into government. In the December 1992 issue of *NEA Today*, she was asked what ideals of citizenship she hoped to convey to her students. She replied, "That we're fortunate to be living in a country with a democratic form of government. We're the ones, living in this moment and at this time, who are called upon to implement the ideas and ideals that were a part of the founding base of the country."

Barbara Jordan learned to live with limitations. At the time of her retirement from public life she had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) and eventually was confined to a wheel chair. She discovered early that her disability had no effect on the quality of her mind. In a response to a question about how MS had changed her life, she said, "I assessed the physical limitations and the things that still worked. I felt I should treat the limitations as irrelevant and refuse to let them be an impediment."

Barbara Jordan died on January 17, 1996, from complications resulting from multiple sclerosis and leukemia. I admired her self-confidence, her ability to articulate her thoughts and beliefs, and her courage to pursue her dreams.

Black History Month was started by Carter G. Woodson in 1926 to recognize the achievements and contributions of African Americans. It initially lasted a week but was changed to a month in 1976. There are many African Americans that I admire and could choose to talk about. I have chosen a woman who first caught my attention with her booming voice and richly articulated vocabulary. Her name is Barbara Jordan.

Since her earliest days, Barbara Jordan felt the need to make a difference. Born into poverty on February 21, 1936, in Houston, Texas, the youngest of three sisters, she attended Houston's segregated public schools and eventually graduated cum laude from the all-black Texas Southern University. "B.J.," as her friends called her, was part of a debate team that, one year, tied with Harvard. She proudly said, "When an all-black team ties Harvard, it wins."

Barbara Jordan was one of American politics' pioneer black women. She was the first black to serve in the Texas State Senate. It would have been fun to watch her take on the "white male establishment." When her fellow congressmen said they couldn't have a woman in congress because the building did not have a woman's bathroom, Barbara simply said: "Build one." Four years later, she became the president pro tempore of that conservative body.

While she was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, she became the first black woman to deliver a keynote address at a Democratic National Convention (1976). Anyone who was fortunate enough

## CAMPUS FORUM

### Disgusted student opposed to public display of affection

Love has been around since the beginning of time. Sex has been around for about as long. The combination of the two ultimately coincides.

Couples in our society, and more noticeably recently, on the McPherson College campus, have dropped the curtain on private relationships and exposed themselves for public display. Go to the lobbies of any of the dorms and chances are you'll see a couple practically making out.

To me, a double standard exists. I am all for holding hands and basic public displays of affection. If a couple is in love, I'm very happy for them. However, I strongly urge some couples on campus to start using discretion in their P.D.A. Some of their current actions are making other people extremely uncomfortable.

Please, leave the private matters private, and leave the lobbies public. Thank you.

Jeremy J. Bernhardt

### Tuition increase piques student curiosity

This past month, the McPherson College students were notified that their tuition would be increasing by 5.5 percent for the 1996-1997 school year.

I've heard several people asking for more specifics on the reason why tuition is increasing again. Is this just inflation, or will the increase help with the building projects? Perhaps our professors will be receiving a raise?

On behalf of many curious students, I would appreciate if someone would respond to this question in a similar letter to the editor.

Jenny Stover

### LETTER POLICY

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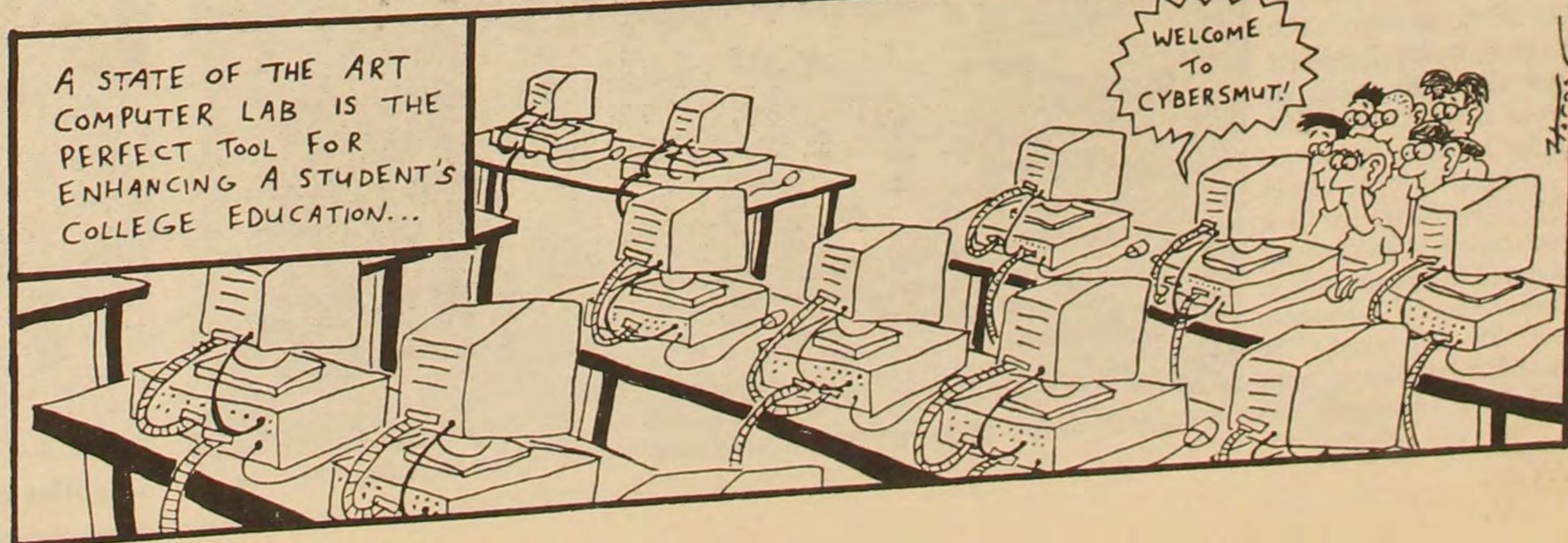
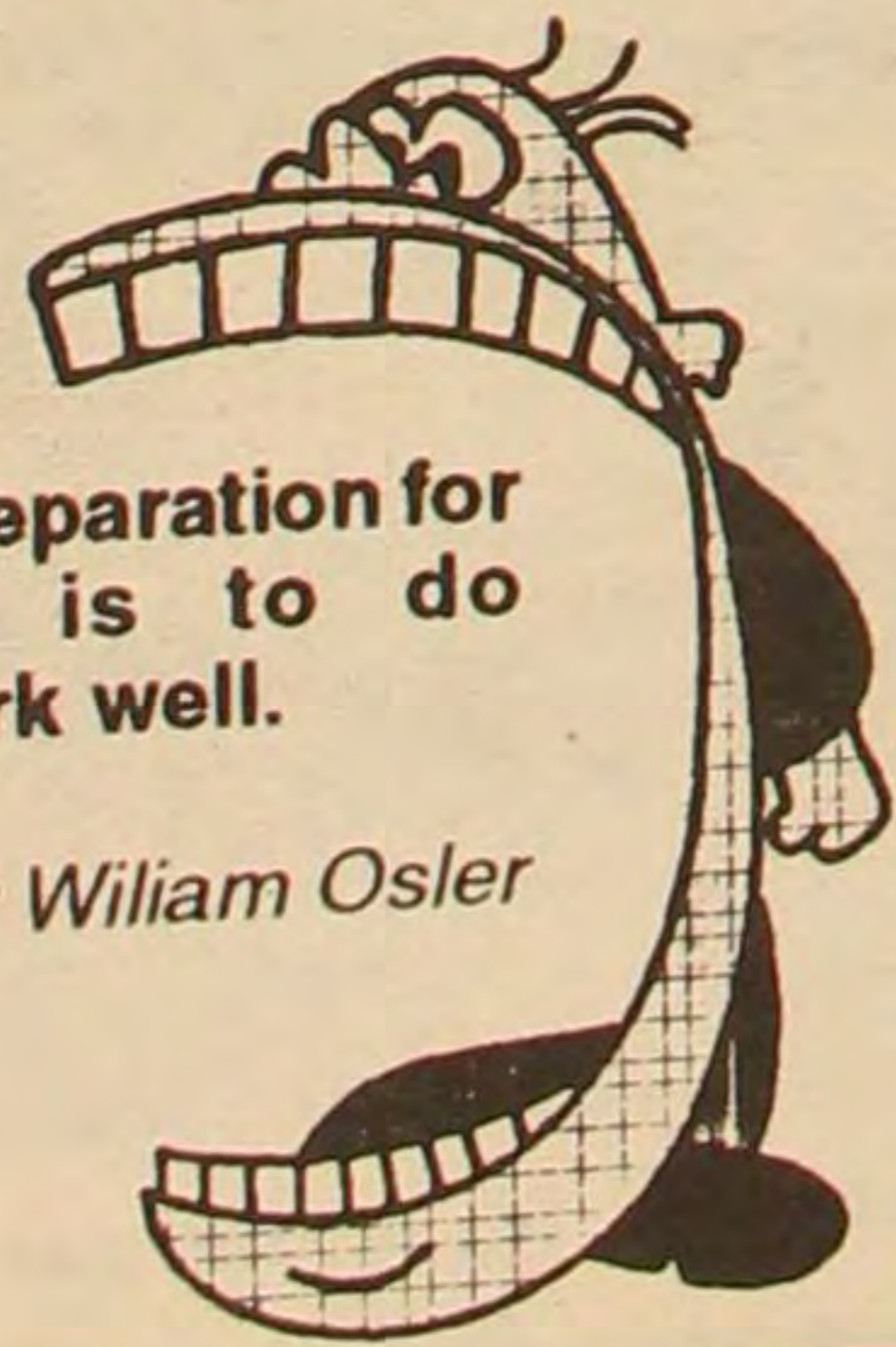
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### The Loud-mouth

The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today's work well.

-Sir William Osler



By Mike Horner

# Jungle Trips and Desert Excursions

## MAC students take on the world

By Cyndi Jones  
and Shelly Hendricks

Spectator Staff

**M**cPherson: a small campus where students pursue big ideas. Interterm: the time when students pursue those big ideas in culture.

This interterm was no exception. Classes and individual programs in education, biology, religion and fine arts offered many traditional classroom alternatives, ranging from an afternoon at the Wichita Symphony Orchestra to an inside view of the Egyptian Pyramids of Giza.

### Costa Rica

Dr. Sherri DeFauw co-taught the class tropical biology, but the classroom was the rainforests of Costa Rica.

A main purpose for the trip was "to introduce students to tropical biology. We focused in on five tropical ecosystems," Dr. DeFauw said.

The most exciting aspect of the course was "seeing how diverse tropical areas are as far as plants and animals are concerned," said Mike Epps, sr. "We have always talked in school about how we should save the rain forests, but being there really put a new perspective on how important it is to preserve our ecosystems," Epps said.

"Biodiversity there was incredible, compared to the United States," said Kerri Kobbeman, jr. "We would go one place and see something completely different from what we had just seen. It made me think of all the things we take for granted and waste. How we are spoiled and don't realize what luxuries we have."

### Egypt

Half way around the world, in the Sahara desert, Drs. Herbert and Jeanne Smith led a group of college students, townspeople and college alumni to Egypt under the course name of Egyptian Education and Religion. The group spent two days in Rome as well as eight days in Egypt.

"The main purpose of the trip was to look at the Egyptian school system, history, and religion to show how many things in American life today originated in Egypt," Dr. Jeanne Smith said.

The trip included a four-day cruise down the Nile river. "It was a wonderful place to relax after a long day of touring," Marcus Nielsen, sr., said.

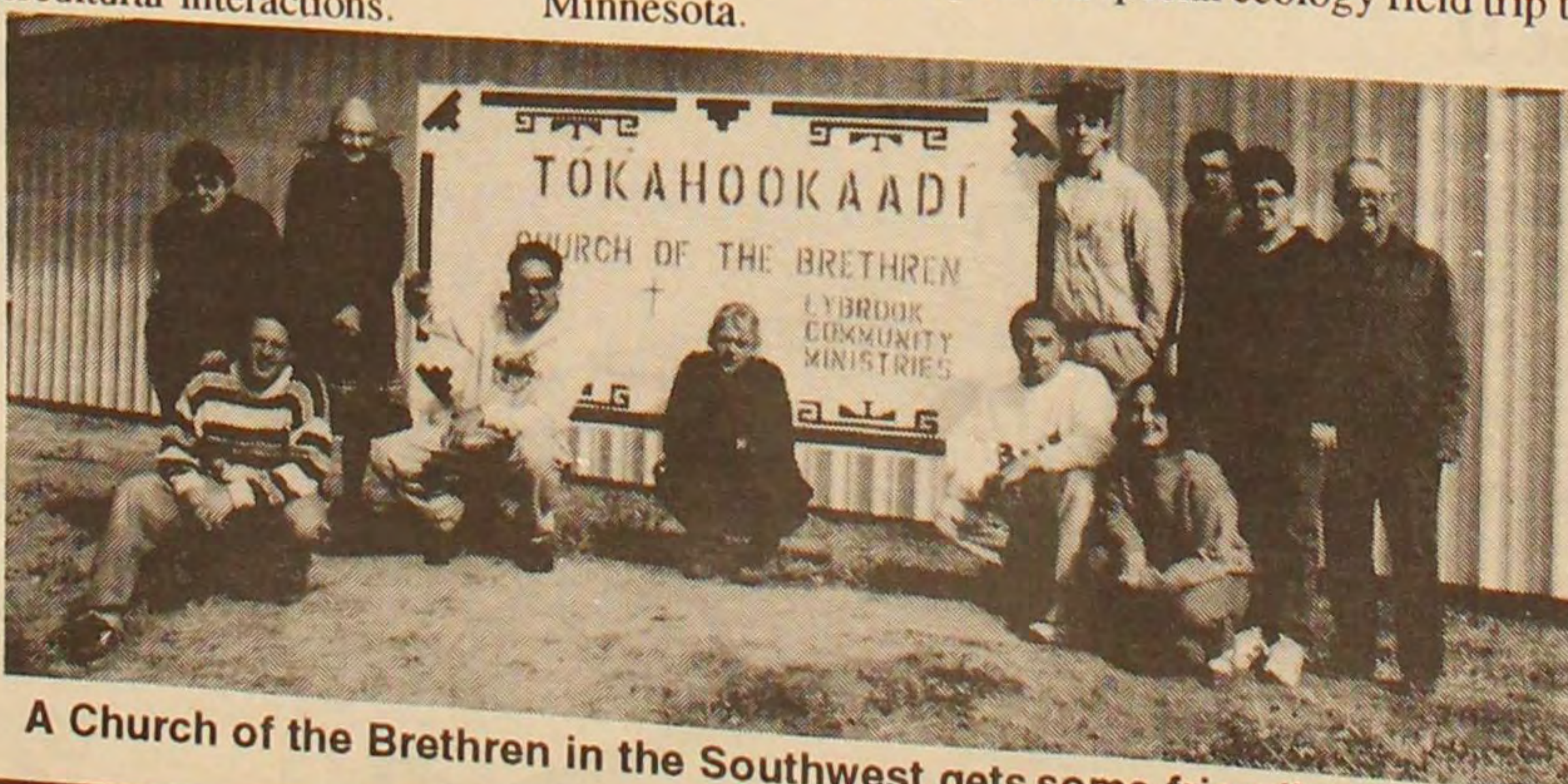
One of the best aspects of the trip was "seeing how people of the country of Egypt lived," said Nielsen.

Others agreed. "The trip made me realize that I should be more grateful for what I have. Many of the Egyptian people that we saw owned very little, but they seemed happy and content with what they had. It made me learn that I take a lot for granted," Sue Werner said.

### New Mexico

But cultural differences span the United States, as well as between countries. Nine students and two professors, Drs. Catherine and Dale Goldsmith, took it upon themselves to explore these differences in religions of the Southwest. Dale Goldsmith said that they tried to emphasize two goals: to have an interdisciplinary course showing the perspectives of an anthropologist and a Christian theologian; and to stress intercultural interactions.

Jennifer Bosserman, fr., said that her most exciting day on the trip was when the group went to Bandolier Park where they were allowed to explore and climb in the dwellings and kiva. "[It] reminded me that in the United States we have such varied cultures and that we need to take the time to study each one," Bosserman said. She also noted, "The people who tried to bring religion to the Indians didn't



A Church of the Brethren in the Southwest gets some friendly visitors.

pay any attention to the religion they already had."

Mia Miller, sr., and Nathan Reinhold, soph., also spent three weeks in New Mexico at the Church of the Brethren mission in Lybrook. They studied how the Church of the Brethren interacted with the Navajo culture.

"I researched both the failures and the successes that the church ministry experienced at Lybrook," said Miller. "The Lybrook community is struggling and the future of the ministry is undetermined, so I had a particular interest in how other church struggles paralleled that."

### New York

On the other side of the country, McPherson, Bethel and Sterling College students were learning the ins and outs of business and life on the East Coast with the investments class.

Prof. David O'Dell taught the first half, and then Prof. Lowell Flory and students were off to New York and then Washington, D.C.

The class went everywhere from the New York Stock Exchange to the Statue of Liberty to the World Trade Center.

"The best part was watching the sun set over the top of the World Trade Center," said Jamie Warren, jr.

"New York is a great place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there," Gilbert Moore, sr., said.

In Washington, the group visited the U.S. Capitol and got to visit some people there.

"The best part of the trip was going to the U.S. Capitol and meeting Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum," said Moore.

This trip has been "done for at least the last 20 years every two years," Flory said.



Students visiting Washington D.C. get the best view in the house.

### Individual Study

Nathan and Mia were not the only individuals who did independent study over interterm. Marc Rittle spent a month in New Windsor, Md., working for the On Earth Peace Assembly. The only college student there, he worked with Brethren Volunteer Service workers, manning the bookstore and helping with projects honoring peace.

"Being around wolves," highlighted Jenny Amiot's interterm experience as she studied, tracked, and worked with her favorite animal, as part of a special ecology field trip to Minnesota.



Grave robbers? No, just Mac students Brandon Smith, fr., Bryce Brewer, sr., and Andy Ullom, soph.

### Music Appreciation

Some students who stayed on campus learned about cultural aspects of music and art through short day trips around the state. Drs. Larry Kitzel and Stephanie Brunelli led these trips for baroque and classical music. Students visited the Nelson Art Gallery in Kansas City, and the Reuter Organ Factory in Lawrence.

"I never really thought about the organ before, but it is really interesting. Everything is made by hand, which gives the organ a more sentimental value because you know it has been made by somebody," said Jesse Van Norden, soph.

The class met a pianist with the Wichita Symphony before the performance, giving students a unique perspective to the music.

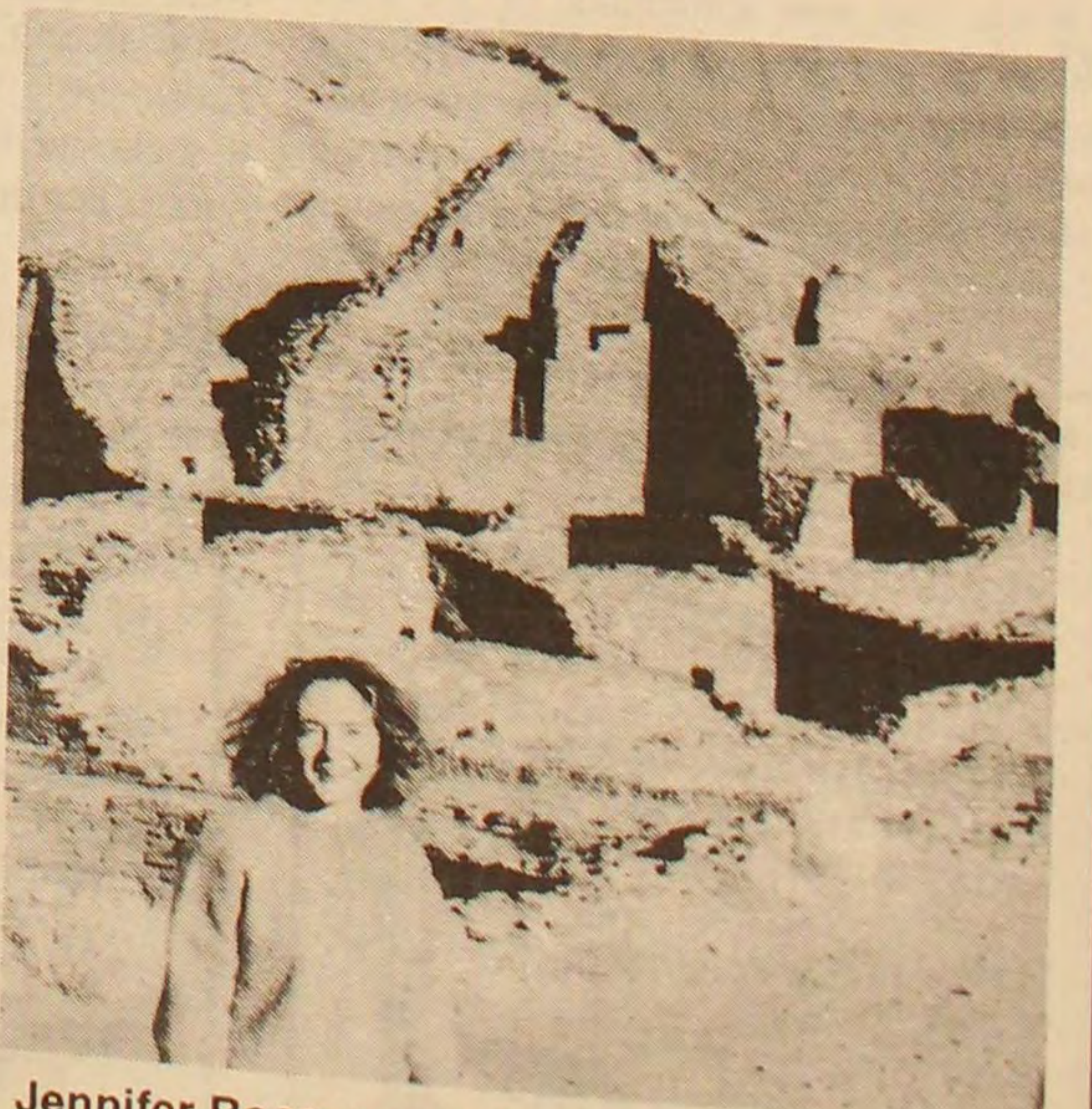
"The concert was kind of long, but a few pieces were really interesting and the acoustics were awesome," said Brian Cooper, soph.

He also talked about his visit to the Nelson Museum.

"The Van Gogh was interesting. It was very textured, and looked like finger painting. It made me want to touch it," he said.

McPherson students experienced culture through many methods outside of the classroom and that's what they liked best.

"You can't compare what you gain through field experiences with how you learn in a classroom. You come to understand people in their world and that makes it real. More personal," said Mia Miller.



Jennifer Bosserman, fr., is our guide today.

# Staying in Shape, While Staying in College

By Melissa Sharp

Spectator Staff

Illustrated By Darren Hendricks

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In the Sport Center at McPherson College around 4 p.m. the intercollegiate basketball teams practice using both gyms, a fitness room is filled with people using the exercise equipment and a weight room bustles with activity.

In the racquetball court two people chase around for a little blue ball, and in the lobby an assembly of runners stretch and prepare to go on their daily run.

McPherson College students are becoming more focused on health and fitness awareness in our campus community. Seeing students, both athletes and non-athletes, in the Sport Center is a good sign of this.

Health and wellness are an important part of everyone's life, not only in the physical aspect, but in the emotional, social, intellectual and spiritual components that make people happy with themselves and their own well-being.

"We have students in the fitness room early in the morning, and a large bunch again around 3 p.m. in the afternoon," Dan Hoffman said. "All throughout the day we have people in there using the equipment."

Equipment in the fitness room includes two stationary bikes, two treadmills, and a bowflex machine which works the arms, legs and back. There is also a trampoline, a leaper and a stair climber for use to work the legs.

The weight room is available to all students. The weight room contains two bench presses, two incline presses, a leg press, dumbbells and squat bars.

Students wanting to start their own fitness program, can talk to any one of the coaches in the Sport Center to get some help on how to make a personalized program.

"When beginning a program, starting out in moderation is the key. The magic number is three times a week, which is a good way to get the most for the least," Hoffman said. "Going at least 40 minutes each workout at a low to moderate rate is a good idea, but if the person is in better shape they can probably do a higher intensity workout."

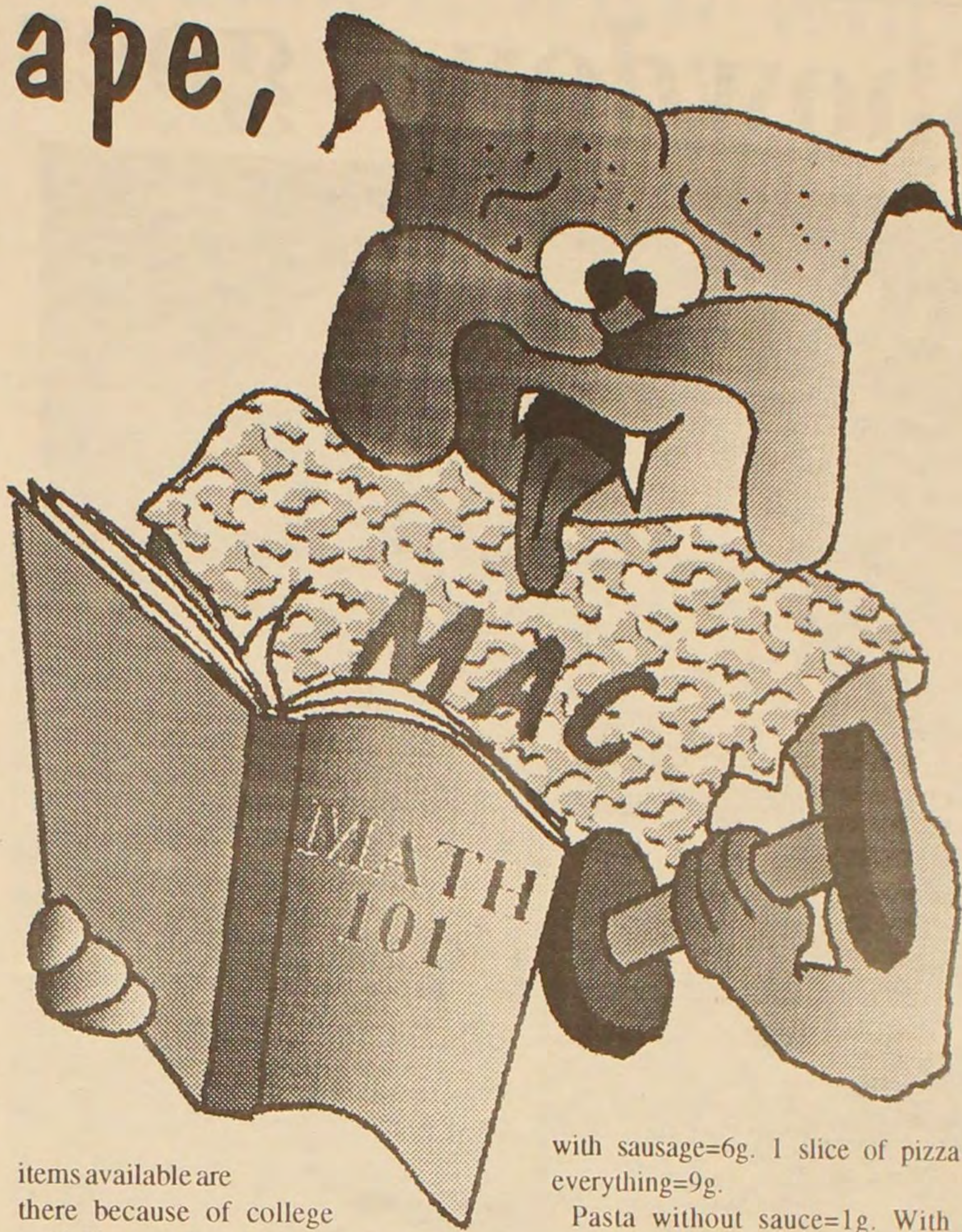
Doing the stairclimber, running or lifting weights are all good ways to get a good workout. The best activity is to do what is most comfortable for the individual.

"I encourage people to keep their goals reasonable when first starting out," Hoffman said. "Realistic goals are good to start out with so there will be some progress in the beginning."

Not only do students need to exercise, but they also have to eat healthy. Hoffman commented that there is a fallacy with people thinking that exercising makes you hungry. In fact the opposite is true: exercising makes you less hungry.

Some good ways to eat healthy at the cafeteria are to keep fresh fruits, vegetables and carbohydrates, like pasta, on the list of foods. Keep fatty foods and desserts to a minimum, and concentrate on low-fat items. The cafeteria usually has a menu for the day, and it contains information of calories and fat grams per item. Paying attention to this could help students keep tabs on what they are eating.

Many students complain about the food in the cafeteria, but the majority of non-entree



items available are there because of college guidelines, such as juices, milk, cereals, salad bar items and other beverages. The main menu items are chosen by Richard Sabatos, director of food service.

"I base the menus following the college guidelines, and on what I think the students like," Sabatos said. "Students can come to me directly in person and suggest a certain menu idea, or get a certain item ordered such as cereal. Or if they have their mother's recipe from home, bring it to me. Also, if any students have any fat-free or vegetarian recipes they want me to try, just bring it in and we'll talk."

Some fat gram information: 1 slice of pizza with cheese and sauce=4.5g. 1 slice of pizza with cheese and no sauce=4g. 1 slice of pizza with pepporoni=7g. 1 slice of pizza

with sausage=6g. 1 slice of pizza with everything=9g.

Pasta without sauce=1g. With meat sauce=12g. Meatless sauce=3g. There are two fat-free dressings in the salad bar: Honey Dijon and French. Most breads are 1g per slice, and dinner rolls are 3-4 g. per roll. Most cereals are low in fat, yet high in sugar content.

If any students have any questions about fat grams or any other nutritional information, they can ask Richard about their concerns.

Eating and exercising regularly are essential to keeping physically fit. Using the facilities that the college offers and eating right in the cafeteria are good ways to start.

"Between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. we meet in the Sport Center lobby to stretch before running. Anyone can come and join," Hoffman said. "All newcomers welcome."

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# Showdown goes to the Bluejays

By Jenni Richardson  
Sports Editor



Chris Owens, sr., hits two of his 13 points against Tabor Wednesday night. The Dogs came up short 48-62.

Photo By Jon Henrikson

The men netters dropped a game in the conference standings as they lost by 14 to their conference rival, the Tabor Bluejays.

Matt Richardson and Chris Owens led the team in scoring with 13 points apiece in the 48-62 effort.

The team has been playing many of its other games down to the wire, and the contest against Bethel in the Sports Center Monday night was no exception.

The team pulled out a 70-68 victory over Bethel on a last second shot by Matt Richardson, leaving only three seconds on the clock for Bethel to throw up a desperation attempt.

Coach Roger Trimmell called a 1-4 low set which left Richardson at the top of the key for a one-on-one move to the basket. "He can either take the shot, or dish to the open man," said Trimmell. "It has been a very successful play for us this season."

Richardson and Rice led the offense for the team, scoring 17 apiece. Chris Owens added 14.

The Bulldogs faced the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes in Salina on Saturday. This was another contest decided in the last minutes of the ballgame. Owens stepped up to score 18 points in the game, and Richardson added eight rebounds.

Coach Trimmell feels his team is really playing well right now. "Our guys are really into the flow of the game. They have been coming out strong which is good to see, and the seniors have been stepping up to take some good leadership roles for the younger guys to follow," Trimmell said. "We have a lot of experience in close game situations, which will be to our advantage here at the end of the season."

The men had a busy inter-term schedule in which they finished out the first round of conference play, and began the second. Highlights include:

■ Jan. 5, the Bulldogs brought home a 76-54 win over York College. Richardson and Mike Walker scored 15 apiece to lead the scoring.

■ Jan. 9, the team put together a buzzer-beater over Bethel College, 59-57. Rice led the offense with 14.

■ Jan. 13, the Bulldogs experienced a tough loss to the Tabor Blue Jays at Tabor, 70-102.

■ Jan. 17, the team showed an impressive win over Southwestern, 89-70. Rice had 24 points to lead the scoring, and Richardson had eight rebounds.

■ Jan. 20, the Bulldogs played host to St. Mary's in a 76-54 win. Rice again led the scoring with 18, and Richardson had 10 rebounds.

■ Jan. 22, the men traveled to Wichita and dropped a tough decision to Friends, 75-82 in overtime.

■ Jan. 24, the team had a decisive win over Bethany 93-79. Richardson led the scoring with 27 points and Eric Vogel had five rebounds.

■ Jan. 27, the Bulldogs started the second round of conference play with a win over Sterling College, 91-66. Richardson again led the scoring with 27 and also added nine rebounds.

■ Jan. 31, the team put together an impressive performance in a 82-69 victory over Ottawa. Richardson had 23 points and Walker pulled down nine boards.

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## Insiders excited about season

By Wes Balen  
Staff Writer

The McPherson College indoor track team is gearing up for its season under first-year head coach John McNamara.

The athletes are learning to adjust to McNamara's quiet nature. "Coach McNamara is really quiet but he really knows what he's talking about. He is very concerned with making sure you're in the event you're most comfortable with so you will perform well," said O'Brien Byrd, fr.

The team was in competition on Feb. 3 when it took part in the Tiger Classic at Doane College in Nebraska. Roy Johnson finished fifth in the weight toss, while Byrd, running in his first meet, captured his best time in the mile of 5 minutes 16 seconds.

"I was excited, I've been training really

hard for this, but I guess I started out too fast and ran out of gas," Byrd said. "But it's still my best time."

The Bulldogs will be competing at Hays on Feb. 15, against several other KCAC teams in the last tune up before the NAIA finals in Lincoln, Neb. Finals competition is scheduled for Feb. 28-March 1.

McNamara feels the athletes have a good chance for success. "I expect a couple people may win their event and everyone else should do fairly well," McNamara said.

Overall, McNamara has been pleased with how things have gone this year. "We have a good team with a lot of guys who have high potential and lots of athletic ability. We just have to get more people out to increase our numbers."

McNamara replaces former coach Deb Moore.

### BULLDOG CALENDAR

#### Women's Basketball

Feb. 10	Southwestern	Away	6 p.m.
Feb. 13	Mid-Am. Bible	Away	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Friends	Home	6 p.m.
Feb. 20	Bethany	Home	6 p.m.

#### Men's Basketball

Feb. 10	Southwestern	Away	8 p.m.
Feb. 14	Fl. Hays	Away	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Friends	Home	8 p.m.
Feb. 20	Bethany	Home	8 p.m.

# Women look to finish season with win

By Melissa Sharp  
Staff Writer

The Bulldogs will be heading to Winfield tomorrow to match up with Southwestern. The contest is scheduled for 6 p.m.

"We feel like we have an opportunity to finish the season on a positive note, and have had good games with the teams we're finishing with," Wright said. "Because of previous experiences we feel we have a chance to finish with some good wins at the end of the season."

In an evenly matched contest the McPherson College lady bulldogs experienced a tough loss to the Bethel College Lady Threshers, 72-61, last Monday night.

Despite the loss, Coach Mel Wright was pleased with his team's performance.

"I think the Bethel game demonstrated an entire team effort like we have seen all year long," said Wright. "We had a lot of hustle and enthusiasm. One of our goals this year was to get our turnovers to 10 or less per game, and we only had 12 against Bethel. We also had a very strong rebounding effort by everyone."

Amy Ross led the scoring with 17 points and pulled down nine rebounds. Paige Watkins added 14 points, followed by Jenni Richardson with nine. Jennifer Williams

pulled down eight boards on the night, and Watkins added five.

The team traveled to Kansas Wesleyan last Saturday and played a tough defensive game, with both teams only scoring single digits during the first 10 minutes of play.

Although the half-time score was 28-16, the Coyotes quickly jumped out to a 20-point lead in the second half, until the Dogs came back to within four of KW. Late in the game KW hit key buckets to put them on top 55-46.

"KW hit a couple of three pointers as a result of transition right before the half to put them on top for half-time," said Wright. "We just couldn't quite reach them in the second half."

Watkins led the team with 13 points and was the only player to score in double digits for the Lady Bulldogs.

During the interterm session, the Lady Bulldogs played a number of contests including a tournament at Sterling. Highlights include:

■ Jan. 5-6, the team played in the Sterling Classic taking on Concordia College the first night and York the second night. In the first contest the team fell short, 72-40, but was victorious in the York game, 59-56.

■ Jan. 9, traveling to Newton, the women played Bethel College in a losing effort, 75-61. Amy Ross was high in the contest with 22 points.

■ Jan. 13, against the Tabor Lady Jays, the Lady Bulldogs played a tough game, falling to the Jays, 74-43.

■ Jan. 17, the team hosted Southwestern in a game where the women led until the last eight minutes of the game. The final score was in favor of Southwestern, 79-68. Watkins led the team with 15 points.

■ Jan. 20, the women faced St. Mary's of Leavenworth, and although they had a lead

at half-time, St. Mary's pulled out the victory, 74-62.

■ Jan. 22, traveling to Wichita, the Lady Bulldogs again ended up on the losing end, 89-48.

■ Jan. 24, the women traveled to Lindsborg to take on the Bethany Swedes. Even though the game was close, the team lost, 65-52. Stacy Shoemaker led the scoring with 13.

■ Jan. 27, saw the beginning of the second round of conference play with Sterling. The final score was 79-58, Sterling.

■ Jan. 31, the Lady Bulldogs played the Ottawa Braves and lost the contest 94-63.

## Here's to the official

Their job is to do nothing wrong and everything right. Often they have only a few co-workers to aid them in their task.

Physical harm is a possibility, but unlikely. However, emotional trauma can often haunt them and drive them to seclusion.

Who are these highly criticized, unappreciated men and women? Sports officials.

Many kids don't have the desire to be an umpire, a referee or a line judge when they grow up. It is unusual for someone in college to major in officiating and minor in business administration.

But, as the saying goes, it's a tough job, and somebody's got to do it.

Most players, coaches and fans view sports officials as the enemy, sometimes an additional opponent. Often referred to as a "zebra", "Blue", or some other unique, descriptive name, these sports regulators must tolerate verbal abuse—they even expect it.

Nonetheless, everyone seems willing to lend a hand to a ref. Spectators will donate eyewear, clothing, fresh produce and even construct a banner for an official. Also, do not be surprised if a cold beverage ends up beside a crew chief.

Not only must sports officials be able to detect fouls, violations and boundary infractions, but they must also chase down small rodents, deflate beachballs and predict the arrival of an oncoming thunder-

storm. Not an easy job, but anyone can do it better than the way it is done.

These field policemen are just like you and me. The only difference? They heard their calling from the "Gods of Officiating" and were cursed-or-granted-with the opportunity to athletic games.

For those who blow the whistle or throw the flag, fear is not an option and fan mail is rarely a problem. Their hope is to go unnoticed. Yet the reality is that they probably cannot escape the endless personal insults that accompany the job.

If you happen to take in a game anytime soon, I hope in the midst of raging fans, drooling with venom from a seemingly butchered call, you will stand up and yell the following line: "That was a super call and you, my officiating friend, are doing a great job!"

And if you survive the lynching that follows, remember that there is always a spot in the business for the few, the proud—the men and women we call officials.

### En Vogue

By Erik Vogel



## ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

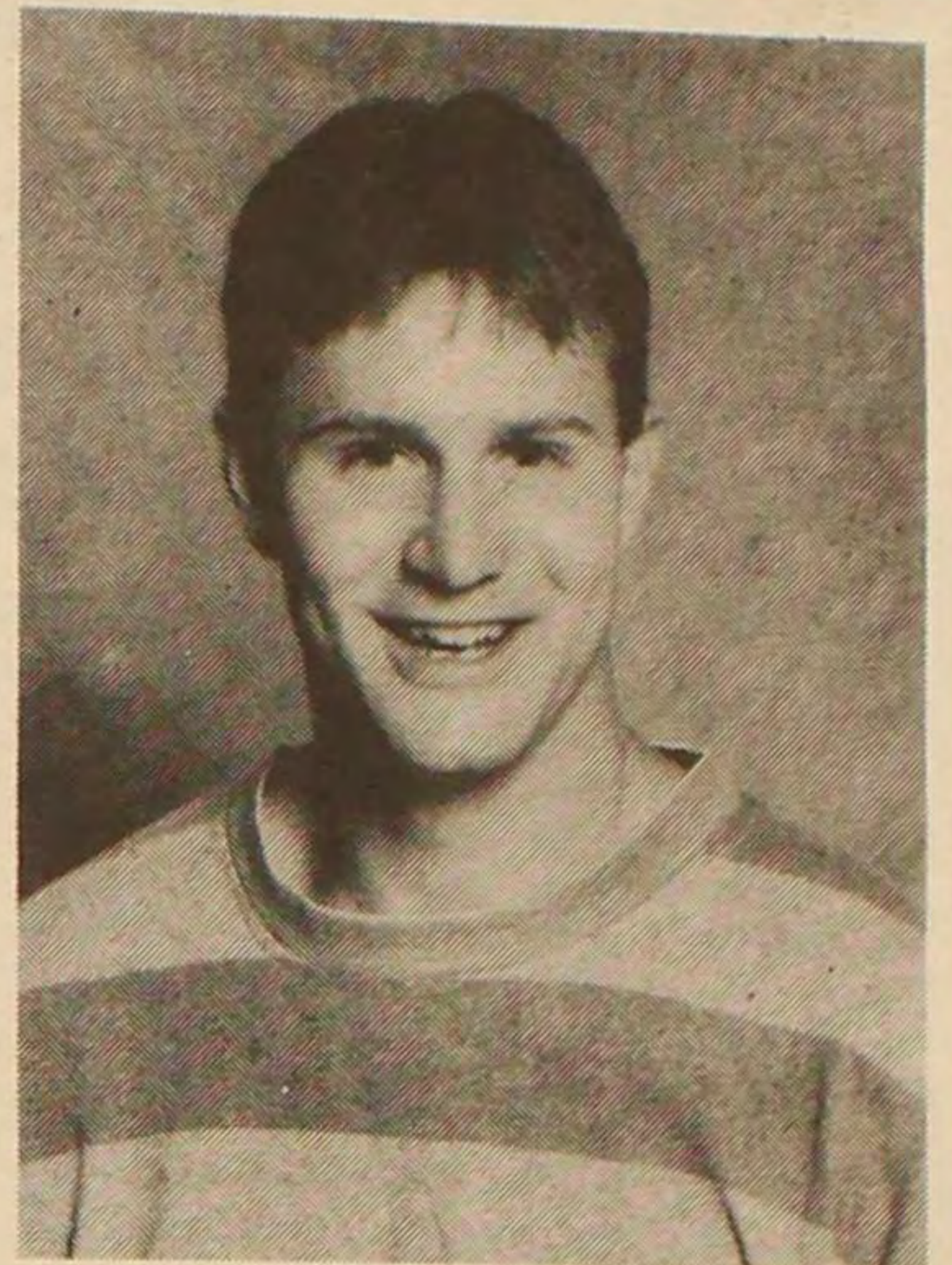
This week's Athlete of the Issue is Matt Richardson.

He was named KCAC Player of the Week during the interterm session and has played a key role in the team's current record 14-8 overall, and 10-3 in the KCAC.

Richardson was chosen KCAC Player of the Week, Jan. 24. He scored 27 points in two consecutive games against Bethany and Sterling, and had 23 points and nine rebounds against Ottawa.

"Matt's really playing well. He takes the open shot when he's got it, and works hard on the boards," Trimmell said.

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## An ultimate activity



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James Lopez, Jr., and Dennis Kingery, Sr., celebrate an unexpectedly warm afternoon on the ultimate frisbee playing field.

## Class agents celebrate anniversary

By Sarah Wagoner  
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Class Agent program is celebrating its 20th birthday this year. The program began in 1976 under the direction of Paul Wagoner, then associate director of development, and Gerald Holmann, then director of development.

Past and present class agents will be on campus Feb. 16-17. President Hoffman will speak at a dinner on the 16th. A luncheon appreciation banquet is to be held on the 17th. The weekend will conclude with Alumni Night at the basketball game against Friends University. Alumni who have coached or are presently coaching will be recognized at half time of the men's game.

Administrators believed the program would build a stronger relationship with alumni and between classmates. Concern was that alumni felt that they were being contacted only for donations.

Wagoner and Holman called alumni who they felt were involved in college activities, well liked, and interested in their fellow classmates. They found agents for approximately two-thirds of the classes. These agents sent a letter to classmates, and showed a genuine concern for their well-being.

"Class agent programs are unique. State schools don't have a connection with their alumni like small schools do. The class agent program builds relationships between classmates," Cyril Russell, Director of Alumni, said.

Class agents today are still carrying out the past traditions along with some new responsibilities. These responsibilities include attending a workshop early in the year, writing two class letters a year, and planning their class reunion every five years. In order to write their class letter, each class agent receives an information package from the Alumni Office.

## Campaign focuses on community

By Michael P. Schneider  
Editor-in-Chief

Around 30 McPherson community members gathered for a volunteer breakfast on Feb. 1, to start the 1996 McPherson College Business Campaign.

These community members have been calling on approximately 200 local businesses to support McPherson College. The campaign focuses on a "peer calling on peer" approach.

"Community members calling on their peers, saying they need to support the college and its students, carries a lot of weight," Bob Knechel, director of development, said.

The volunteers are divided into three divisions--professional, retail and service-- according to who they will be contacting in the community. Each volunteer selected five businesses to contact between Feb. 1 and Feb. 14.

"Amanda Gutierrez in development has put a lot of time and effort into the campaign," Tim Cossaart, a volunteer in the

retail division said. "I like the idea of business people calling on business people, because it's not just 'Mac College knocking at the door' anymore."

Currently, several volunteers have made their contacts and with five more days left in the campaign, project coordinators are optimistic, according to Amanda Gutierrez, coordinator of giving programs.

"We've had a positive response from our volunteers, and I'm looking forward to seeing the results," Gutierrez said.

The campaign stresses the importance of college and community cooperation.

"Woven together, we are a part of the strong fabric of the community," the campaign literature says.

"This is the first step in building the relationship between the college and community," Gutierrez said. "The development office is enthused to get out in the community and let people know that we want them to be a part of the college."

Although volunteers will be asking for contributions, the primary goal of the cam-

paign is not monetary.

"None of our fund-raising campaigns is high pressure. First and foremost we focus on people, not dollars," Knechel said. "Our number one goal here is to reestablish our relationship with businesses by reminding them we are here and we are important to the community and they are important to us."

The importance of the college to the community is reflected not only in the \$7 million that it circulates in the community, but also in the valuable people from the college that participate in the community, according to Knechel.

Community importance can be seen in the fact that this is a "tremendous community for job opportunities," Knechel said. "We all get caught up in our own individual work and forget about the other roles that make this a total community."

The development office has not done a systematic business campaign since the early 1980s. Previous campaigns have relied solely on McPherson College staff making calls to businesses.

## No candidates for Stuco election

By Christopher Amundson  
Spectator Staff

No students have formally announced their candidacy for Student Council offices, according to Amy Norsworthy, Stuco secretary.

A newly-elected McPherson College Student Council (Stuco) president, vice president, secretary and treasurer will take office on April 15. The students are to vote by secret ballot for Stuco officers on March 11.

Shawn McGowan, Stuco president, has not decided whether he will run for office again. McGowan recounted why he ran for the presidency after Dennis Kingery's removal: "It was easy for me because I saw something I wanted to see accomplished."

Candidates must meet two criteria: they must have at least a 2.0 GPA and be a student body member. Eligible students must submit a signed petition by March 4 to become nominated. Students can get petitions and instructions from Norsworthy.

The council regulates and supervises student organizations and activities and acts as student representatives to the administration, trustees and other colleges.

Some council members note that Stuco's

engine has slowed to an idle since Kingery left office.

"I don't know everything that he was trying to accomplish, but not much has gotten done since he was there," Norsworthy said. "I hope to see the fire that was in Stuco when he was there."

McGowan offers advice to students thinking of seeking a nomination, "Don't run because someone comes up and says, 'Hey, you would be a good candidate.' Run because you want to change things."

Stuco members are elected for one-year terms. They hold weekly meetings during the school year and are expected to be involved in student activities.

"Understand that it's a lot of hard work. Understand that it's up to you to fulfill the responsibilities of that certain position," McGowan said.

The four officer positions are paid positions with the following salaries: president, \$530 per semester; vice president, \$220 per semester; secretary, \$275 per semester and treasurer, \$250 per semester.

Elections for Stuco representatives will be held one week following the officer elections. Students will vote for representative at large, resident district representatives

and sophomore, junior and senior class representatives.

Additional information about Stuco can be found on pages 17 to 26 of "The Growl." Any interested persons should contact Norsworthy or another Stuco representative.

### Where are they now?

A look back at past Stuco presidents

**1963-64 Stephen Mohler**  
President of Insurance Associates

**1964-65 Lowell Flory**  
Professor Business/Economics

**1974-75 David Wine**  
President of Mutual Aid Association  
Moderator of Church of the Brethren

**1991-92 Leann Johnson**  
Multi-categorical fifth and sixth grade teacher.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Phonathon

McPherson College will begin its annual Phonathon tomorrow, Feb. 10. Approximately 20 students will work calling alumni for donations.

The Phonathon is an annual fundraiser for the college but also serves as an act of communication with alumni. The alumni office uses the information to update individual files and learn about events happening in the lives of McPherson College alumni.

This year's Phonathon goal is \$180,000 with 15 percent alumni participation. The national giving average is 21 percent. Last year 46 percent of alumni gave during the Phonathon and throughout the year. The Phonathon concludes on Feb. 29.

### "Dialog Day"

President Hoffman has asked that Thursday, March 7, be set aside as a "Dialog Day." Members of the Board of Trustees will be on campus to participate with members of the campus community in structured and informal dialog.

"Dialog Days" were held on a regular basis in the 1980s. All members of the student body are encouraged to participate.