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E.F.W.A. is this year's RYC theme. RYC will convene on campus April 18-20.

Summer jobs soon begin

Most students will spend their summers working. Interesting jobs are still available to those who start jobhunting now.

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Golf team has two in the top ten

Jamie Warren and Shawn McGowan place sixth and ninth, respectively, in Hesston tournament.

Men's 4x100 meter relay looking to break record

This year's team is 1.2 seconds shy of beating the school record of 41.9 seconds.

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10 million dollar challenge gift presented by McPherson alum

by Shelly Hendricks, Jen Bosserman and Sarah Wagoner
Spectator Staff

Harry Stine, a 1963 graduate of McPherson College, and owner of Stine Seed Farms, Inc., is presenting the college with a \$10 million challenge gift. Stine, President Gary Dill and President-emeritus Paul Hoffman announced the challenge during a special convocation on Wednesday, April 9.

Stine's gift is the largest single contribution to a private college or university in the state of Kansas.

"The preparation for living a successful, fulfilling, and useful life began for me here at McPherson. I am pleased to be in a position now to help provide better tools and facilities for another generation of McPherson College students," Stine said.

Stine will match all cash or cash equivalent gifts, dollar-for-dollar up to \$10 million, donated to the college's Enhancing the Legacy campaign. The college plans to meet that challenge within a five-year timeframe, beginning officially on July 1. The main purpose of the campaign is to raise funding for new science and fine arts buildings and renovations of current facilities.

"We have a hard task ahead of us to encourage alumni, friends, and others to support the financial part of the challenge," said President Dill. "Bob [Knechel], our director of development, won't have much free time for the next five years."

The college will first approach donors who have already established a track record here. They hope this start, along with assistance from the board of trustees, will stimulate more donations for the campaign.

"It will be necessary for us to go out and talk with people and encourage them to dig down deep to support the college," Dill said.

Stine will give an initial \$2.5 million so the college can begin work on facilities. The



photo by Shelly Hendricks

Harry Stine interacts with McPherson College students, friends and alumni after his announcement regarding his \$10 million gift.

renovation of Bittering will be first priority, so it can open for the 1998-1999 academic year. The new science building will be the first constructed, followed by a new fine arts building.

\$10 million of the total money raised will be placed in the college's endowment.

"We thought the school needed a finan-

cial gift and this [challenge] seemed the logical way to increase the endowment... and support building construction," Stine said. "The endowment funds will add to the strength of the school... for the next few decades."

"This is an exciting day in the history of McPherson College," Dill said.

Leno recognizes restoration program

by Jen Bosserman
Spectator Staff

Jay Leno, host of "The Tonight Show," announced last Friday his establishment of the Fred Duesenberg Memorial Scholarship at McPherson College, to support students enrolled in the antique automobile restoration program. The scholarship is endowed and others can contribute to its growth.

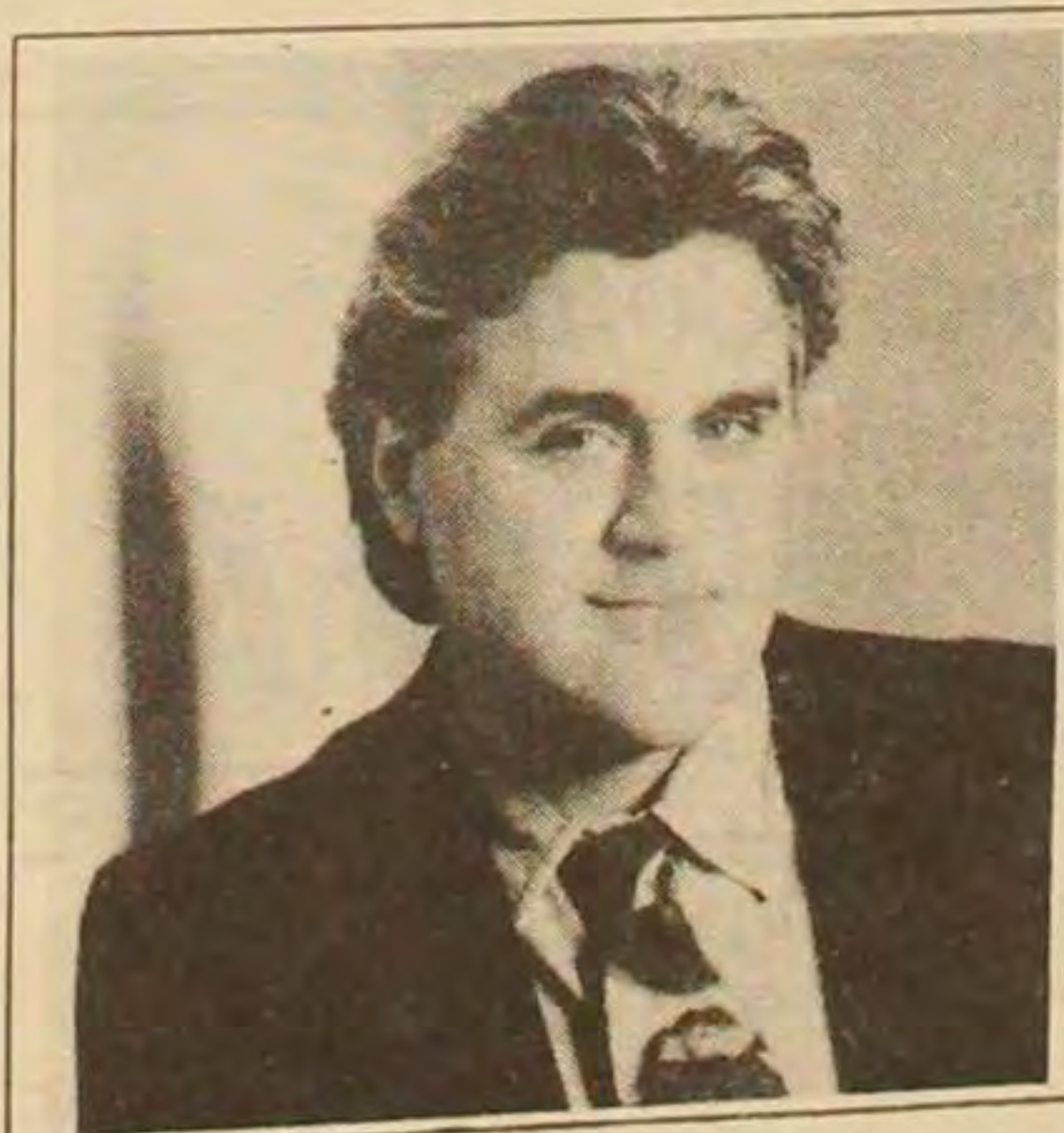
"[Leno] was so sincere and really excited about what [students] do here. He seemed so glad that he could do something to help," said David Liepelt, restoration technology graduate from Madison, Conn.

Leno made the announcement April 4 during an awards banquet at the Blackhawk Automotive Museum in Danville, Calif., after he received the Collector Car Hobby's Person of the Year award. The Meguiar family, manufacturers of car care products, sponsors the award.

Bob Knechel, director of development, and Liepelt, attended the award banquet, along with approximately 300 other guests from 26 states and four nations.

"Before the presentation we were in the lobby and it was very intimidating to be around these wealthy people. After [Leno's] announcement everyone wanted to talk to us," Liepelt said.

Before the banquet, organizers told



Jay Leno

Knechel and Liepelt to stand up after Leno's announcement and they would have 15 seconds to talk. But Leno continued speaking and Knechel believed they would not have the opportunity to introduce the college. After Leno finished talking, however, he surprised Knechel and Liepelt and invited them on stage to speak.

Knechel spoke about the college's affiliation with the Church of the Brethren and explained that it was a four-year liberal arts institution.

"Jay honored us by remembering McPherson at this time," Knechel said.

After Knechel spoke, Liepelt described the auto restoration program's objectives.

The program emphasizes historic authenticity and in-depth research of antique cars. He explained that students also learn business skills, so they can choose to establish their own restoration program. Also, Liepelt told the audience about models they have restored.

"The crowd gasped and were obviously impressed by the quality of cars students restored. They realized it was a real program," Knechel said. "It was like we became the celebrities. Leno expressed a concern, put his money on the line, and introduced the [college] it affected."

After speaking, Liepelt and Knechel interacted with television broadcasters expressing an interest in visiting McPherson. Also, they met magazine editors, major collectors and business owners inquiring for more information about the college. Liepelt visited with the owner of the Imperial Palace [casino and hotel] and automobile collection and the director of the National Automotive Museum.

"The college likes to think we do a lot of things different from other schools but really, the only thing that's totally unique about McPherson College is the auto restoration program," Liepelt said. "That unique thing is putting us on the map and bringing attention to the entire college. I want the school to remember they are being watched and to make an effort to make every program the best it can be."

EDITORIALS

Take advantage of the opportunities given you

A "HI" WHEN YOU WALK BY, friendly faces, nice residence halls and buildings, caring staff, pretty flowers by the circle drive, a brand new president, good classes with excellent faculty, very cared for (mowed) green grass, small class size, wonderful tours given to bring in others, (A GREAT NEWSPAPER), opportunities to participate in various organizations (athletics, SGA, drama productions to name a few), a quiet library, above average students who are determined, humorous, and capable....

What do all of these things have in common? They are all the experiences and opportunities that can be found here at McPherson College.

Many other colleges do not offer the opportunities we have here at McPherson, especially the small class size and that friendly "hi" when you walk by. Then there is the dedication and genuine concern of the faculty and staff for students. Our newly inaugurated president is fortunate to be amongst some of the best professors and students that one can come by.

McPherson's facilities are in good standing compared to other area colleges. The residence halls are in very good condition to allow for above adequate living for students (and the residence life staff helps keep serene living quarters). Class buildings are kept in good shape for a productive learning environment. Such facilities allow students to grow as persons, mentally and emotionally.

Passersby can't help but notice the green grass. The green is enhanced by adequate care, such as watering and mowing at crucial times of the day. Any passerby will probably notice the beautiful flowers in front of the library and around the circle drive, which may make them smile that day.

A big part of McPherson College is the opportunity for students to get involved in almost anything they choose. If they have enough desire and dedication, they can do anything they put their mind to.

No matter how small and insignificant you think something may be, remember that Jay Leno found out about our little ole college here in Kansas. So what you do does make a difference to at least one person out there.

Don't take for granted the simple things such as walking to class everyday, seeing the green grass, hearing the laughter of friends and using your hands to read textbooks and talk on the phone to family.

Remember all of the opportunities you do have at McPherson College, and be thankful for all you have in your life.

Melissa Sharp
Sports Editor

The McPherson College

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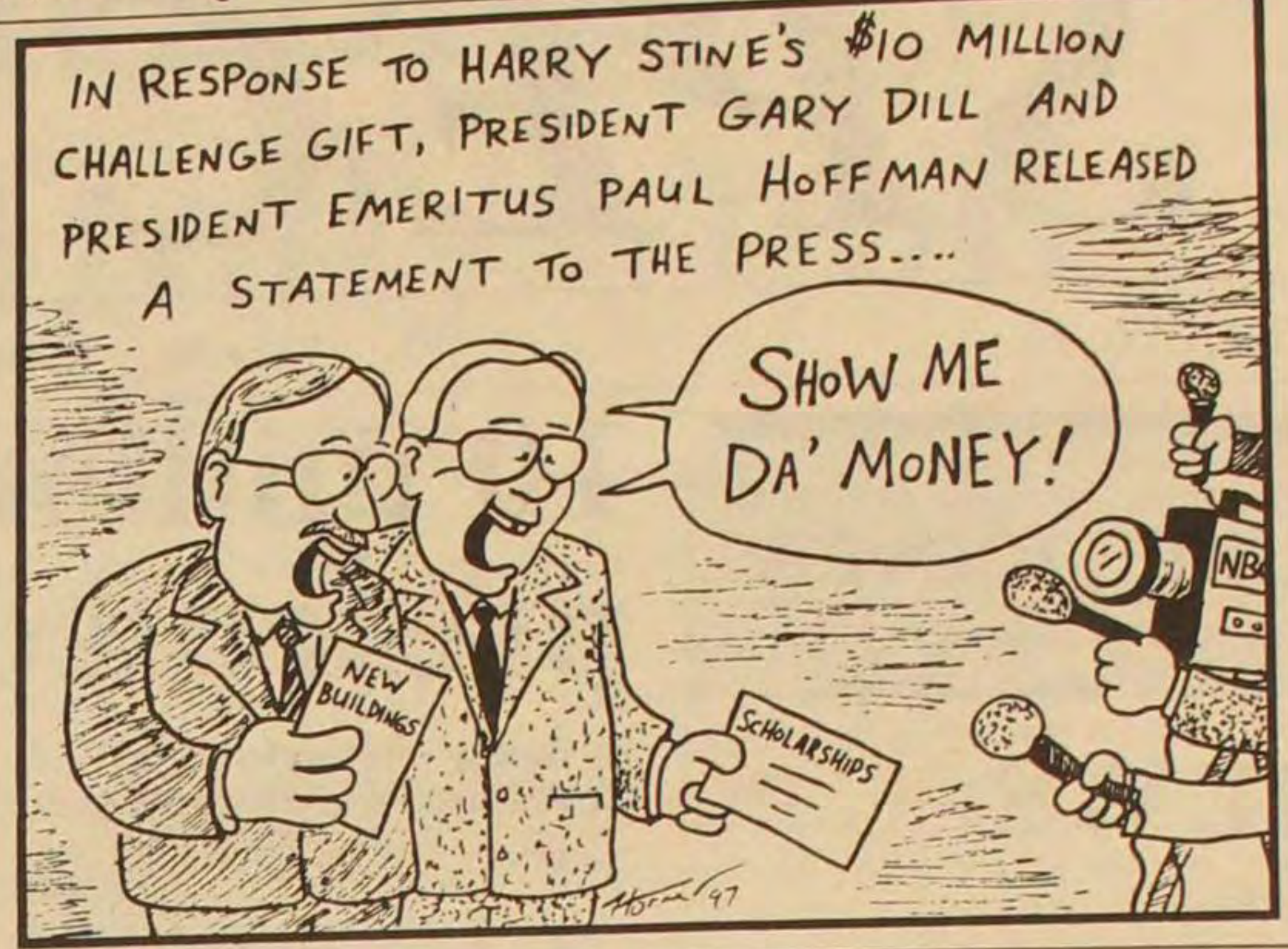
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Impressions of art, impressions of Kansas

by Kristin Caskey
Guest Writer

My charge for this piece is to write about "impressions" of art. I must make clear at the start that I am an artist and a member, by virtue of this, of the cultural elite. Artists are cultural producers. The work that artists do is not something which is divorced from the culture they live in; rather, it is informed by that culture in all its myriad and sometimes tawdry glory.

That said, regardless of our differences — we all have an incredible opportunity as humans to create something new everyday. That thing may be a poem, a new chemical combination, a friendship, a bomb or a piece of music.

This new creation (viewed as either positive or negative depending on your personal culture) now allows us another incredible opportunity. We get to discuss, argue and (in some elemental way) understand more about our world and our fellow humans. That's the big picture for me. I believe that each and every creative act is necessary and, in some way, "art."

So, how does this all fit into this week at McPherson College? If you have walked through Friendship Hall recently, you have seen what my personal addition to my culture is (at least, for this year).

Art, for me, is a way of synthesizing information that I come across when looking in history, literature and popular culture at large. I am inclined to tackle difficult issues in my work. Part of this comes from my personality. I love a challenge, and producing significant commentary on my culture is a constant, joyful presence.

I realize that some of the images I take on may not be what you expect of "art." The piece titled "Cosmetic Alterations" uses images which I have appropriated from three major French paintings. These paintings are: Gustave Courbet's "Sleepers" (1866), Gustave Courbet's "The Origin of the World" (1860), and Francois Boucher's "L'odalisque" (1752). There is a title card next to this work which explains how these pieces were adapted.

I have had the opportunity to stretch my horizons this week. Surprisingly, they were stretched to include the right-wing, and it hasn't been

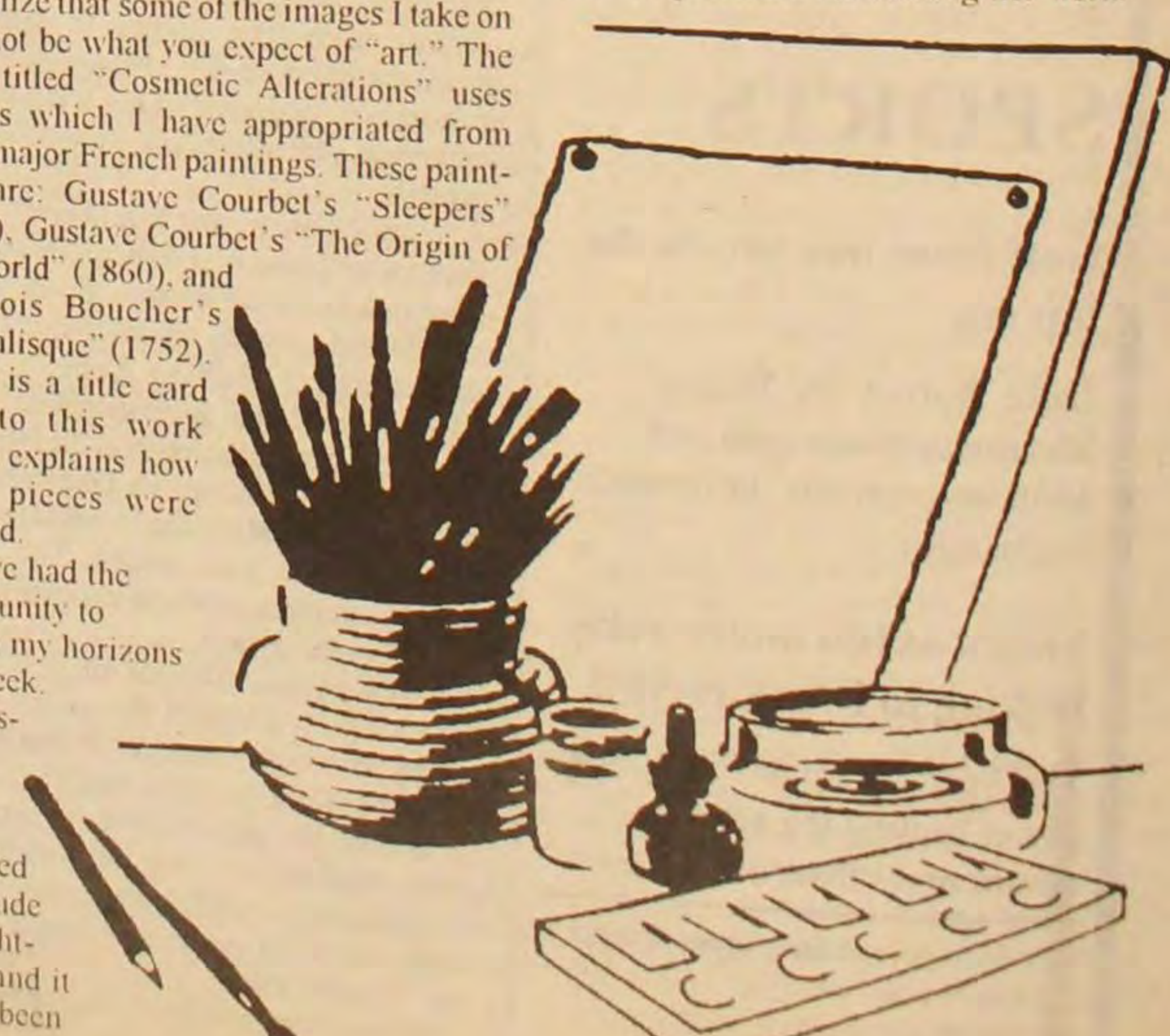
all that painful. In addition to the cultural elite/artist thing, I am an east coast liberal raised as an atheist, so central Kansas is an extreme for me. I got to make a choice about how to present my work as an artist to the campus. I could leave things exactly as they are (because I work at a truly diverse liberal arts college, yeah!), or I could produce a second stage of the piece. Since I have gained a new understanding about the culture in central Kansas, I decided to make "clothes" for the figures to be "worn" during certain events.

This decision was not something I was bullied into. Instead, I see it as an opportunity to help some of my fellow humans to "get past the image." (Thanks for the phrase, Wayne Conyers.) Once you get past the image, it gets easier, I promise.

So, go read all about "Cosmetic Alterations" when they have their clothes on. Try to think about these images as what they are: my feminist recreations of very prevalent views of women which are found throughout mainstream western art. These images are not pornographic. These are pieces you will find in art history classes, books, on postcards, and in major museums.

Then, please, please, please come and talk to me about the why. Remember, art can't hurt you; in fact, it may help us all to learn more about each other.

Editor's note: Kristin Caskey is assistant professor of art and interior design at McPherson College. She will be hosting a gallery talk and reception in Friendship Hall this Tuesday, April 15, from 7-9 p.m., where she will be available to explain and answer questions concerning her work.



Church of the Brethren: We're not what you may think

Identity is a crazy thing. It revolves around what impressions people obtain. Everyone is looking from a different perspective, so they form different impressions. My description of Church of the Brethren young adults (myself included), differs from many people on this campus.



Brethren Perspective
by Sarah Marie Hendricks

"peace-pushing, military-bashing, long-haired, tree-hugging, femi-Nazis who didn't shave their legs or take regular showers." This opinion was based on their previous impressions of young adults in the Church of the Brethren.

Talk about misconception! We sat around that evening laughing until we cried! Not

only were we not femi-Nazis but we even shaved our legs! We had a lot of important things to say about peace, war and the military, and we took a mature, non-accusatory approach when we presented them.

The counselors went on to express their surprise that after they had gotten to know us a little bit better things were not quite what they expected. In fact, they gave us credit for being ourselves and not filling that stereotype, although, they said that we did have to admit to being just a tad bit on the hippie side of things.

I got more than just a good laugh from that conversation. I gained an understanding about what kind of impressions Church of the Brethren young

adults leave. We are a diverse group of people, varying from liberals to conservatives. Some of us drink, smoke pot, and party like there is no tomorrow. Some of us believe pacifism and peace is tangible through witness while others join the military and work for peace that way. Some of us are so Bible illiterate that it's embarrassing, yet we still manage to be dubbed "Bible beaters."

So if we aren't stereotypical, why do we stand out from others? Is it because we aren't ashamed, shy, or afraid to express who we are? If you really want to know who we are individually, my suggestion would be to take a closer look. Approach us. Ask us. Don't assume anything about us.

CAMPUS FORUM

Friendship Hall fiasco

At first sight of the three silkscreens in Friendship Hall, I was shocked. I could hardly believe that they were being displayed here at McPherson College. Then I thought about it some more, and it no longer bothered me.

I am sure someone "high-up" approved Kristin Caskey's display in Friendship before it was hung, so who am I to censure it?

Sometimes, I wonder if it would not be better to display those works at a time when there is not going to be so many young Brethren people here on campus. Regional Youth Conference is hosted by Mac College next weekend, April 18-20. What about all the trustees, alumni, and Mr. Stine? What might they all think?

I am not sure those works give a great impression of our college, but maybe they help to give a more accurate impression of us. They are forms of art from Kristin Caskey, a professor hired by McPherson College.

If those works of art are something that the college officials approve of, then potential students and supporters of this institution should know that. If it is part of us, it shouldn't be hidden. People should not be presented with a false representation, should they?

Cameron W. Mahler, sr.

A plea to students to get involved

Back in the old days (in the year 1994), when I was being recruited by various institutes of higher learning from about everywhere in the United States, I opened and read most of the paraphernalia (except of course the one from Waco, Texas). Somewhere along this process, I chose McPherson.

I don't remember why, but I do recall something either I read or was told about here. I believe it went something like: "McPherson College is a small campus of about 450 students. We are proud of our small size and the opportunities it gives our students. At McPherson, you can participate in anything you want to."

Participate in anything? Does this mean that even one of little skill can be involved? The answer is yes. Everyone can be involved.

If you were to ask me today who I felt was involved on campus, I might be able to answer by counting these people on my fingers and toes. Last time I checked, I only had a total of 20 fingers and toes, which should be plenty.

This, of course, might be a bit harsh.

There are definitely more than 20 people involved on campus, but I believe the actual number is closer to 20 than it is to 450.

Some may argue that they never know when or how to get involved. Yet, on any given day, one can find close to a hundred signs plastered around campus begging for anyone to get involved. The mailboxes are constantly flooded with pleas for involvement.

Some of the people reply, and some of the weight is relieved. Then, the strangest thing happens. These same people, who are already overburdened, reply to the call again and again.

These valiant few can only give 110 percent for so long. I challenge the rest of the student body to step up to the front and carry the flag of involvement. Some of those currently involved need a rest.

Unless the recruiting speeches have changed, new students probably hear the same thing I did three years ago. I urge anyone who feels that things need to change on campus to get involved on campus. Only you can make a difference.

Ben Brubaker, jr.

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.

Peace and freedom don't come without a fight

During this week's convocation, a peace pole was dedicated. In other news, our nation's flag has been missing from its pole for several weeks. What are your impressions of this subtle message?

Crazy me! I'm assuming everyone knows what I'm rambling about. Brethren or not. Traditional Brethren values include simple and peaceful living. International conflict (a.k.a. war) is generally taught as wrong, and sometimes this has translated into opposition to our government. There are also Brethren who hold differing views concerning peace and our government.

We live in a country that is far from perfect. Of course there will be times when we don't approve of federal decisions. However, this is a wonderful country and I love the USA's history and its tradition of freedoms!

Do we as young adults understand our freedoms? Do we respect what other humans endured to give us the freedoms we take for granted?

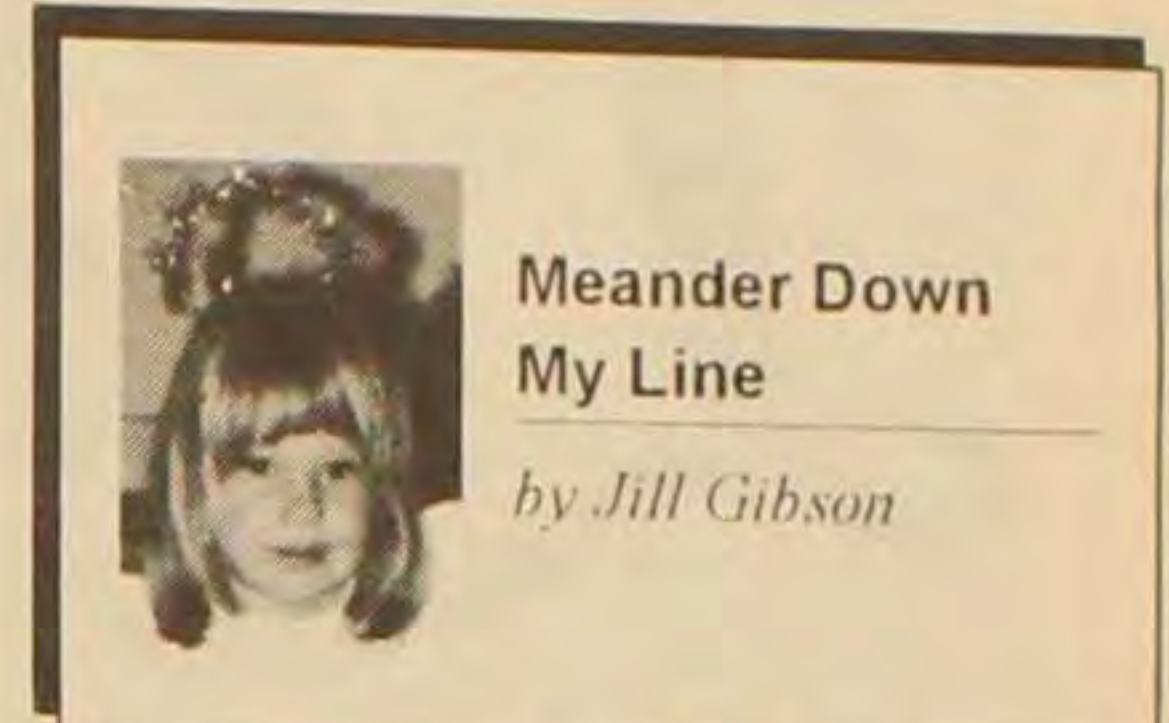
Those men and women were not always brave, I would assume, but they were heroic. They knew a working system of justice and peace would not show up on their doorstep without a battle.

War for the sake of freedom and justice is not wrongful, senseless violence. Sometimes it is necessary to protect and defend what we hold dear—religious freedoms, life, family, a public voice—the list goes on.

Eventually I hope all of us can draw a line where we would forcefully resist threats against some value or belief. Thankfully our forefathers (and foremothers) did fight for our benefit.

The Civil War and the World Wars alone are simply fairy tales to a generation that has enjoyed peace. Terrible war and deep suffering are not anything we have had to deal with personally. However, I do realize we deal with civil conflict. Harmful social problems continue to spiral out of control.

That is why we need government—to control the true senseless violence. Who among us would oppose our police force unconditionally? Yet that force is a powerful, government ordained weapon of protection.



Meander Down My Line
by Jill Gibson

Therefore, it seems that promotion of absolute pacifism could cause chaos, fear, and an increase in violence. This is a great illustration of something a wise, dear friend once said to me: "Pacifism is terrific in theory, but there's no such thing as a true pacifist."

What exactly is pacifism? Is it the belief that "All war is sin"? Is it a conviction to bring socioeconomic equality to all people? Is it frustration with a federal government that sustains a military? Is it dedication to restoring God's earth to a Garden of Eden? Is ANY of what I've just asked realistic?

Humans are sinful by nature, and with our imperfection comes conflict, power, oppression, fear and war. Alleviating social problems is a noble cause, but total elimination is honestly impossible.

At the dedication of the peace pole we were given a litany that read, "I dare to believe, always in spite of everything, in our power to create a renewed earth where justice and peace will flourish."

I disagree. What lasting peace can come from a human-devised system? If we want to talk about lasting peace, then let's talk about heaven. Let's talk about inner peace and renewal that comes from God.

So instead of a peace pole, how about an "inner-peace pole?" I know that was corny. I know peace and service are good. But shouldn't our primary focus be to spread the peace and faith found within ourselves?

And what about re-raising our flag? It should be a brilliant reminder of our history. It should remind us that we won the freedoms of expression and religion. We CAN work for peace and good—BECAUSE OF God's grace and because of our flag.

E-MAIL

The Spectator can now be reached by e-mail! Send your questions, comments and letters to the editor to:

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Dog Breath

"I couldn't wait for success...so I went ahead without it."

-Jonathan Winters



photo by Jon Henrikson

Chris Constien, fr., Sharon Knechel, Genelle Wine, fr., and Sarah Stover, fr. enjoy a morning selling flowers in Covent Garden of London, England.

My Fair Lady

Lerner and Loewe's musical comes to McPherson College as a joint production

by Sarah Wagoner
Features Editor

The famous musical production, "My Fair Lady" by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, has drawn audiences to the theatre for the past forty years.

Tonight through Sunday yet another crowd will be drawn to the seats of Brown Auditorium as the McPherson Opera House Preservation Co., Inc., and the McPherson College Theatre Department present the anticipated production.

"This has been a great experience, and I've enjoyed working with college students and others in the production. This production is more professional than others I've been in; cast members seem to take it more seriously," said Genelle Wine, fr.

Tonight and Saturday's performances begin at 8 p.m. The Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$10 for reserved seating and \$8 for general admission tonight and tomorrow. The Sunday performance is \$5 general admission with no reserved seating.

All funds raised for the production go toward the restoration of the Opera House. Because the event is a fundraiser, college students will not be admitted with their ID's and must pay the full admission price.

The production is being co-directed by David Hanna, a member of the McPherson Opera House Preservation Co., Inc., and Dr. Rick Tyler, chair of the speech and theatre department.

Nancy Sager is the assistant director, Doris Coppock is the music director and Wendi Dilley Engler, jr., is the choreographer.

The directing team is supported with a strong, talented cast of 31 consisting of McPherson College students and staff, high school students, and community members.

College members included are freshman Michael Bascom, Sara Compton, Chris Constien, Dustin Gregg, Sarah Stover, Krista Faus and Genelle Wine; sophomores Steven Benne, Mark Godfrey and Drew Hutchison; juniors Becki Dilley and Sarah Wagoner; and JD. Bowman, sr. Shane Kirchner, assistant manager for food services, Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services, and Kathryn Whitacre, director of residence life are also among the cast.

College orchestra members include se-

My Fair Lady

PERFORMANCES

Friday, April 11 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 12 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 2 p.m.

niors Stacey Hoover, Dave Liepelt and Shelly Ware, sophomores Christy Essman and Mike Horner, Jenny Williams, campaign coordinator, and Winona Godfrey.

"It's been a learning experience working with the community. I'm glad for the once-in-a-career opportunity," Bowman said.

Along with raising funds from admission prices, private dinners were purchased and served in various host homes in McPherson. Various groups, whose numbers were determined by the hosts, booked a dinner and donated at least \$30 per plate, which included a ticket to the show.

The McPherson Opera House is located on Main Street two blocks south of Kansas Ave., its home for the past 108 years.

E.G. Clark organized the first meeting of the McPherson Opera House Company on Nov. 12, 1886. He sold enough stock in the company to open its door in 1889.

In 1986 the Opera House Preservation Company started with only a small group of members, but it has grown to a 775-member group whose goal is to sustain an active visual arts and dance leaning center, community theatre, exhibition gallery and retail/restaurant/entertainment facility.

The company, through fund-raising, has addressed the building's initial restoration. The long range restoration plan is organized in several phases including stabilization of the west wall, construction of a new roof, framing and installation of 52 windows, and restoration of the west wall. Phase six and seven will complete the interior of the building.

"Along with expanding cultural intrigue, we hope to promote an avenue of long-term economic development for our city," Hanna said.



photo by Jon Henrikson

Laura Taylor Glunt and Chris Higgins perform as Eliza Doolittle and Professor Henry Higgins in tonight's 8p.m. production of "My Fair Lady."



photo by Jon Henrikson

Becki Dilley, jr., and Genelle Wine, fr., prepare JD. Bowman, sr., for his unwanted wedding while Sarah Wagoner, jr., and Jen Taylor look on.

Another summer, another job

by Mike Baker and Sarah Wagoner
Spectator Staff

The spring semester will soon be ending, and for many that means the hunt for a summer job is just beginning. For the students who are staying in McPherson through the summer months, finding job might be difficult.

McPherson is not a large city and, therefore, jobs have to be searched for. But with a little investigation, a summer job can be found to help pay summer rent and fall tuition.

The college is a smart place to start a summer job search. Many departments and offices hire students to work full time over the summer. And, because work study is not implemented during the summer, all students are eligible for campus employment.

Many students work off campus during the school year. And, those who employ these students will need to find replacements for the summer months.

One of the job-seeking student's best resources is his friends. Ask friends where they work during the school year and inquire about open positions for the summer. It might even be a good idea to take a friend with you.

After all, if your friend is a good worker, most likely a potential employer will trust your friend's judgment of you.

Don't limit yourself to McPherson. There are many neighboring communities in which one could commute. Lindsborg, Salina, Hutchinson, Inman, and Hesston are all about a half-hour away or less.

Finally, if none of these solve your job-seeking dilemma, keep a close eye on the want ads and check for jobs. Also, don't forget to look in the papers of neighboring communities.

Many students use the summer to explore opportunities away from campus and the

community. Several students searched for and discovered exciting job opportunities to fill their desire to explore other avenues.

Jamie Risser, soph., is participating in the Ministry Summer Service, a program recently established through the Church of the Brethren. He found out about the position through the Young Adult Ministries office of the church and went through an extensive application process.

Risser will participate in an orientation program May 23-30 in Richmond, Ind. Students who participate in the program receive a \$45 stipend and a \$2,000 scholarship.

Risser's responsibilities will include anything from teaching Sunday school or Vacation Bible School to leading worship services.

"I have been thinking about ministry as a possible career choice and this experience will give me a chance to determine if ministry is the right thing for me," Risser said.

Sarah Stover, fr., will spend her summer as part of a conflict resolution team at Camp Eder, a Church of the Brethren camp in Pennsylvania.

She learned of the opportunity through another student on campus who participated in a similar program last summer.

The program is sponsored by On Earth Peace Assembly (OEPA). Stover will begin orientation in New Windsor, Md., on May 30. She will receive a \$1,200 stipend for the entire summer.

Stover will hold a staff position at Camp Eder and will be responsible for leading workshops, along with her team member, for participants in the camping program at Eder.

"I'm really looking forward to working at Camp Eder this summer. I think it will be a great learning experience, and I'll meet a lot of new people," Stover said.

Dustin Gregg, fr., stumbled upon a ben-

HOW TO SURVIVE THE INTERVIEW

- Dress up for a job interview at any business. It is always better to be way overdressed than underdressed.
- Type a resume and bring it to the interview. This will show the employer that you are serious about the job.
- Include a business card and professional photo with the resume if possible. This will help the employer to remember you and make it easier for him or her to reach you.
- Do not tell the employer about when you can not work in an interview, unless he asks. Tell the employer these dates after you have the job. Most likely, the days you need off will not be a problem, and this way, the employer doesn't get the impression that you are not willing to work.
- Be honest. Don't tell the employer that you have skills that you don't have. Also, don't be afraid to address major concerns you have about the job or workplace.
- Be reachable, or at least have an answering machine. If the employer can never reach you on the telephone, he might get frustrated and offer the job to someone else.

official job last summer when he worked for the Horse Feathers and Applesauce professional theatre company in Winfield, Kan. Gregg is hoping to participate in the company for a second summer this year.

He discovered the opportunity through his high school drama teacher, auditioned for the company and was offered a job in the set shop of Horse Feathers and Applesauce.

He helped create and build sets and served as a waiter at the dinner held before each theatre performance. Gregg would participate in similar activities this summer.

Workers at Horse Feathers and Applesauce

are provided with lodging from dorms on Southwestern College's dormitories.

The amount of pay each person receives depends on the role played and jobs carried out in each performance.

"I would recommend the experience to anyone. Coming out of high school and being forced to be around other people was a great experience," Gregg said.

With a little persistence and a head start, summer job searches are bound to be successful. Think through various opportunities, ask questions and keep an open mind.

E.F.W.A. ("eff-wah") brings youth to campus

by Becky Ullom
Spectator Staff

E.F.W.A. ("eff-wah") is coming! Confused? E.F.W.H. is the theme of the 1997 Regional Youth Conference (RYC) for the Church of the Brethren. RYC will be held on the McPherson College campus April 18-20. One-hundred youth from four districts are expected to gather for fellowship and exploration of aspects of fear and hope.

"RYC is a great way to get away from school and meet new people from around the region," Genelle Wine, fr., said.

The weekend agenda includes workshops, a drama performance by Mac students, service projects, worship, social time, a mid-

night movie, and the world's largest game of "Twister."

Workshops will be held throughout the weekend. They include: Faith and Public Policy (Church of the Brethren Washington Office), Youth Ministry in the Church (National Youth Staff), and a challenge/ropes course. Also offered will be art (McPherson College Art Department), drama (McPherson College Theater Department), and clowning workshops. Informational workshops on McPherson College and Brethren Volunteer Service will also be included in the weekend activities.

"RYC gave me a chance to know the campus and other Brethren students who were either already attending Mac, or were planning to come here. Knowing that I

would already have friends on campus when I got here as a freshman made starting school easier," Ben Brubaker, jr., said.

Youth will participate in service projects at various locations, including a homeless shelter, a nursing home, a domestic violence center, and an environmental protection agency. In small and large group sessions throughout the weekend, the youth will share ideas about life as a contemporary Christian.

"I'm really excited about helping because I think that having college students involved during RYC weekend is a perfect opportunity to promote the college to future students," Sarah Marie Hendricks, fr., said.

Leadership for the large group sessions will be provided by Debbie Eisenbise and Lee

Krahenbuhl, from Kalamazoo, Mich. They serve as pastors of the Skyridge Church of the Brethren. They have lead youth work camps and other denominational youth conferences.

Eisenbise is scheduled as a main speaker at the 1998 National Youth Conference, NYC, in Ft. Collins, Colo. Krahenbuhl is a singer/songwriter. He composed the 1994 NYC theme song, and was asked to compose the 1998 NYC theme song.

"It's an important time each year for Church of the Brethren youth to come together. The youth are encouraged to explore their traditions and wrestle with their questions about life and faith," said Zandra Wagoner, campus minister and coordinator of RYC.



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Eddie Hester, sr., and Johnson Chow, jr., compete against each other.

White belts compete in karate tournament

by Shelly Hendricks
Co-Editor-in-chief

Four McPherson College students participated in a martial arts tournament this past Saturday at the McPherson Community Center.

"This tournament was a really exciting experience for me. We got to see a lot of other people who are involved in the sport. Most of them were children," said Dorothea Langer, fr.

In first event three contestants formed a team to negotiate an obstacle course. Johnson and Langer competed on the same team.

In the second event, the competitors engaged in a form of fighting that involves no one in front of them. The first form is done with a group and the second form is an individual event.

"We could show our katas and do some fighting, and all was kept in a very nice and warm atmosphere," Langer said.

In the last event, the students participated in regular martial arts fighting. They fought other individuals in their same level, which is determined by belt and stripe. All McPherson College students currently possess white belts.

"It was a good experience for me, and I plan on pursuing the sport further. I would really enjoy getting a more in-depth grasp of the martial arts," said Eddie Hester, sr.

The students learned about the tournament through the self-defense class that they attend. Sandra Price-Byrd began instructing the course last fall. It is a one credit hour course that meets twice a week.

"I enjoy the class because it is a good workout, and I learned a lot of different things about martial arts that I never would have known before," said Johnson Chow, jr.

"I encourage everybody to take a class like this because it truly is a special class that offers something other college classes can't give you," Langer said.



Dorothea Langer, fr., was one of four McPherson College students who competed in a karate tournament April 5.

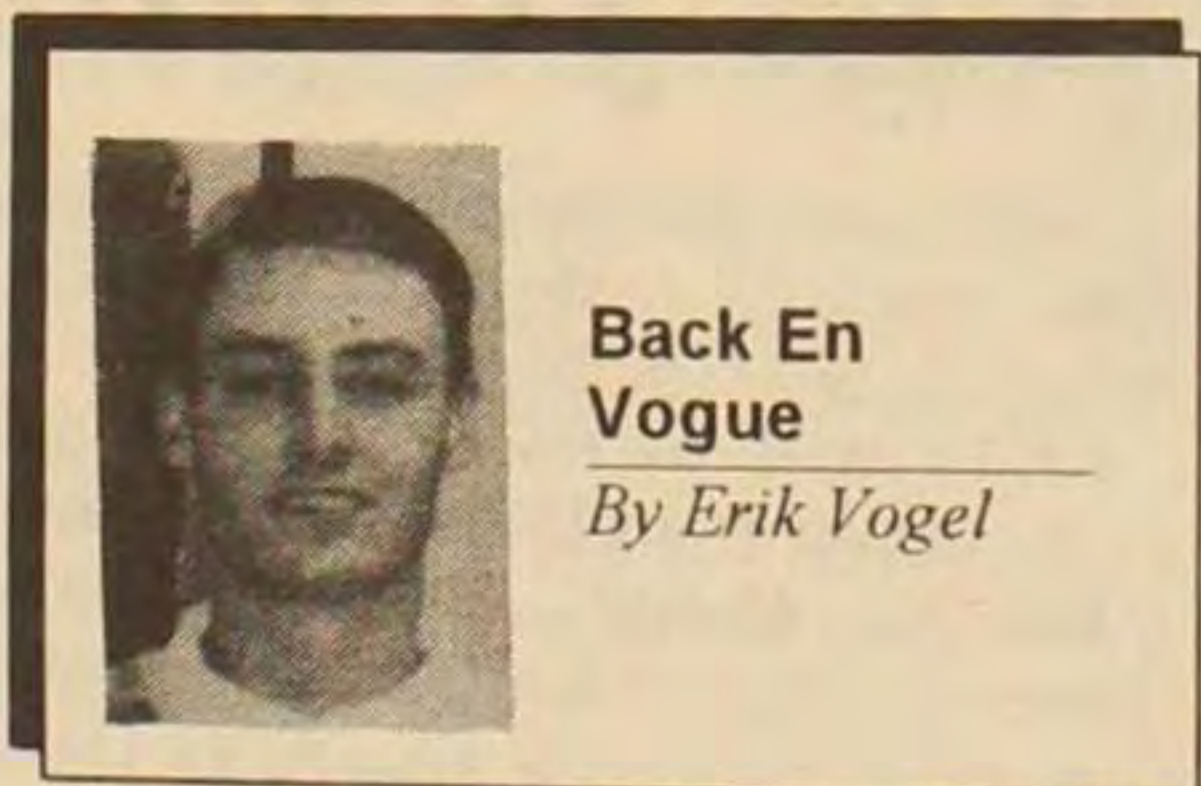
Is baseball still America's favorite pastime?

Everything was perfect.

No clouds in the Arizona sky that Monday afternoon. Sunshine was everywhere; the full effects of which my skin didn't feel until a few days later.

My ticket to the Milwaukee Brewers versus San Diego Padres spring training game put me 14 rows up on the third base side. I passed the aluminum bleachers and instead headed further down the left field line to sit on a grassy hill, which provided seating to those who preferred natural, rather than metal, buttocks support.

As I looked around at the setting, I began to think about more than just the baseball game I was about to watch.



Back En Vogue

By Erik Vogel

And suddenly everything wasn't perfect.

It really didn't bother me too much that my ticket for this pre-season exhibition game cost me \$7, that a plain, white Milwaukee Brewers T-shirt was selling for \$18, and the players walked down to the field in a fenced off, secu-

rity-guarded area, almost like they were being "protected" from the fans.

And so did Tony Gwynn's actions. A veteran of the league—considered by many as one of the best pure hitters of all time—his choice to leave the game after the fifth inning seemed reasonable considering it was just a spring training outing. However, his brushing off a group of autograph-seeking youngsters seemed terribly cold amidst the 92-degree heat.

It's not surprising that baseball has lost a lot of fan support. Recent surveys have revealed that American society is disgusted with the players and owners alike. Bitterness still looms from the long strike which alienated many avid, devoted baseball fans.

However, beyond the disliking of how a player acts, or how much a ticket costs, or how a spring training location is selected, something has changed in our world today more so than baseball—the game—has changed.

The game has always been considered slow and somewhat boring. Yet, it appealed to all generations because it had become a component of our culture.

Today, we live on a planet that has changed so much that baseball has found itself having to adapt to a group—a new generation—that has trouble relating to its symbolic importance and pace.

Baseball has meant rivalries, fresh-roasted peanuts, fathers and sons, and so much more to our country. Historians recall old World Series games like they do monumental civil war battles. Listen to an old-timer tell of his passion for a team—the Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Giants, Chicago Cubs—and you will realize baseball truly was a piece of America.

As I sat out on the sprouting green grass and watched as the Padres beat my Brewers, I found myself becoming impatient and apathetic towards the game I was watching before me.

I wanted it just to be over. Then, I could look forward to coming back again tomorrow and doing it all over again, just to say that I had.

There is no denying that baseball is different now than it was in 1900. But, it was I who had changed more since my first game in 1978, than the game had in nearly a century.

I'm not sure what will become of baseball, whether or not its sacredness and tradition can carry it through the constant transition of 21st century America. I hope that children will always act like I did when I was a kid upon entering a pro baseball stadium, becoming absolutely giddy with excitement.

I just wish that I will feel that way again someday. And I want baseball to be the reason I do.

BULLDOG SPRING CALENDAR

MEN'S TENNIS

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 15	Southwestern	4:00pm	home
April 17	St. Benedictine (TBA)		Bethany
April 19	Friends	12:00pm	home
April 21	Central	3:30pm	home
April 28	Bethel	3:30pm	home
May 2-3	KCAC	9:00am	Wichita

GOLF

Date	Meet
April 15	Friends, Terradyne
April 23	Southwestern
April 29 & 30	KCAC Championships

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Date	Meet
April 19	Tabor Relays
April 26	Sterling Invitational
May 2-3	KCAC (Sterling College)
May 10	Mokan Midstates at Baker
May 21-23	Nationals (Life College, Marietta, Ga.)



Winter weather halts spring sports

by Melissa Sharp
Sports Editor

Tennis, track and golf meets were cancelled this week due to the cold and wet weather. Information about earlier competitions follows.

Men's 4x100 meter relay hopes to break school record

The McPherson College men's 4x100 meter relay team came within 1.2 seconds of the McPherson school record at the Bethany Swede Invitational meet on March 20.

The team raced in 43.15 seconds, and the standing school record is 41.9 seconds. The relay team consists of seniors Eddie Hester and Turtle James, Brett Johnson, jr., and Matt Friesen, soph.

"Our relay team got third place, and we beat all the teams in our conference that were at that meet," said John McNamara, head track coach. "We missed the school record by a little over a second, and I think that we'll break it this season."

At the Bethany meet both KCAC teams and community college teams competed. Team scores were not kept, only individual results from each event for every school.

McPherson men's individual results were: Rick Coleman, jr., javelin-seventh, 161'3.5", shot put-39'7" (10th), and discuss-122'3" (13th); Cameron Koster, soph., long jump-16'10.5" (22nd); Friesen 200m-24:22 (13th) and the 100m-11:67 (15th); James 100m-10:95 (sixth); Hester 100m-11:60 (14th); and Johnson 100m-11:67 (15th).

The women's individual results were: Nikki Unruh-Carey, fr., 100m-(seventh), 14:06, and Kathe Widner, fr., 100m-(10th), 14:66.

"I think that we are a little bit stronger than we were last year," McNamara said. "We have a couple women sick right now, so hopefully we'll get them back in shape soon."

The track team will host the McPherson invitational at the McPherson college track, tomorrow.

Golf team places two in top ten at Hesston tourney

The McPherson College five-man golf team participated in a two-day Kansas Newman Tournament in Wichita on March

23-24. The first day was held at Wichita State University's Braeburn course and the second day was held at Reflection Ridge, a private course.

Senior Jamie Warren and junior Jeff Williams tied as the team's low scorers for the tournament. Senior Tim Herrs represented the team in the long drive contest, and the team had a banquet after the first day.

The team placed third at the Hesston College tournament on Hesston's municipal course on March 20.

"Our season has been up and down so far. The highlight this spring has been the Hesston tournament, where we placed third as a team and had two people place in the top ten," Warren said.

Individually, Warren with a score of 80, and Shawn McGowan, sr., with a score of 83, placed sixth and ninth.

"Each one of us have personal and team goals which we are striving to achieve," Williams said. "We are all working hard to overcome the tough competition in the KCAC."

Tennis team gains sixth man

The tennis team beat St. Mary's College of Leavenworth in the first meet of the season. With only five men, the team had to forfeit two matches because they could not fill number six singles and the number three doubles spots. Each member played a singles match and won.

Number one doubles, Joey House and Dave Wiens, juniors, were defeated by St. Mary's. Number two doubles, Shawn Straton, fr., and Mark Boyer, sr., were victorious in their match.

Josh Hofflinger, jr., recently joined the team to fill the number six singles position, and to play in the number three doubles position.

"I feel really good about the team we have this year, and with the depth of the team," said Rebecca Sankner, head tennis coach. "We have less experience this year compared to last year because we lost some seniors."

A meet scheduled for last Friday against Central was postponed due to rain. This meet is rescheduled for Monday, April 21, at McPherson College.

"For the rest of the year I am looking forward to competitive toughness, wisdom and a lot of hard work," Sankner said.



Mark Boyer, sr., won his singles match during the college's first meet of the season against St. Mary's college of Leavenworth. Boyer and his doubles partner, Shawn Straton, fr., also won their doubles match during the same meet.

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Student body to vote in postponed election

by Shelly Hendricks
Co-Editor-in-chief

The student body will vote for the 1997-98 Student Government Association executive officers on Monday, April 14. The original election date, April 7, was postponed because of incorrect election procedures followed by the election committee.

Ben Brubaker, jr., Kit Eastlake, soph., and ShaRhonda Maclin, fr., are candidates for SGA president.



Brubaker

"I am running mainly because I'm tired of being part of the problem and wish to become part of the solution. I have been at Mac the longest, serving on Student Council for two years, vice president last year. I feel this makes me the most experienced candidate," Brubaker said.

Eastlake is a transfer student from Panhandle State University who began attending the college in February 1997.

Maclin began her SGA responsibilities as freshman representative and became vice president second semester.



Maclin

"I bring creativity, enthusiasm, experience, new ideas, wonderful leadership abilities and motivation. I am running to plant a seed and tender to it in my next three years," Maclin said.

"The college needs positive leadership and I can offer my qualities to work for the students." (Spectator was unable to reach Eastlake for comment.)

Jamie Risser, soph., and freshmen Chad Ethridge, LeAnna Hulce and Becky Ullom are competing to fill the vice president position.

Risser served last year on Student Council as the freshman representative.

"I can make a difference. I have the necessary experience to carry out the tasks required of me. I am willing to listen to people and I respect opinions of others," Risser said.

Ethridge believes his experience in team-oriented sports will help him be a strong leader for student government.

"I can actively lead our student body toward a more prosperous future and set many standards for future administrators to follow," Ethridge said. "A strong administration reflects the attitude of the student body, and I feel I have the qualities



Risser

of a good leader, the desire to make things happen, and patience to listen. These are the basic principles for a successful vice president."

LeAnna Hulce is currently the freshman representative for SGA.



Ethridge

"I am running to become more involved with the school and the students. With my background, I will bring leadership and teamwork into that office," Hulce said. "Plus, I don't give up, when things are going wrong, no matter how bad things may become."

Ullom served as Colorado State first vice president of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America during her high school years.

"I believe that this college has huge potential, and I want to help bring about the kind of changes that will allow us to reach our potential, collectively and individually," Ullom said.

"I hope that I can serve the McPherson College student body next year with my skills—from organization to professionalism."

JD. Bowman, sr., is running unopposed for SGA secretary. He is currently President of the Fahnestock dorm council.

"I support how students can make a difference. I am excited about how much say the students could have and I want to give power back to them," Bowman said.

"As an energetic senior, I will have the excitement and freshness in this office and yet, my age is beneficial, as I understand how things already work."

Jill Gibson, soph., and Aubrey Markus, fr., are candidates for treasurer.

"I feel that running for SGA treasurer will not only be a benefit to the student body but also to myself. I think this will be an excellent experience for me to increase my leadership abilities, but most importantly, serve the student body," Markus said.

Gibson was freshman representative last year and is currently the Dotzour representative for SGA.

"I'm excited about the prospect of assuming greater responsibility within SGA! I've loved the past two years of involvement and feel confident in my knowledge of the system. Dedication, enthusiasm, experience and knowledge of the system are key traits



Hulce



Ullom



Bowman

Election procedures unconstitutional

by Shelly Hendricks
Co-Editor-in-chief

Student Government Association determined its proposed April 7 elections were invalid due to incorrect election procedures, violating the Student Government constitution.

Four student body members, JD. Bowman, sr., Ben Brubaker, jr., Cameron Mahler, jr., and Andy Ullom, jr., recognized the violations and brought them to the attention of Student Government Association members at the April 6 meeting. They explained that any violation of the constitution during elections would render that election invalid and elections must be held a second time.

Brubaker noted that the qualifications necessary for candidates running for an SGA office were not mentioned on the petitions students completed when they filed to run. Students must be a student body member and have at least a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

SGA affirmed that candidates must have a cumulative 2.0 GPA from their McPherson College coursework only. However, since the election committee failed to state these qualifications on the petition, SGA did not abide by the constitution.

Two presidential candidates failed to meet all of the requirements noted in the constitution. Both appealed their cases. One candidate based his appeal on the claim that cumulative GPA should include his transfer work. SGA rejected the appeal, due to its definition of cumulative GPA.

A second candidate felt he should be allowed to run despite his GPA from his transfer school. SGA ruled that his mid-term grades would be accepted as a temporary GPA. If the candidate is elected, and he has below a 2.0 GPA after spring semester, he will be asked to resign from the position.

Bowman also pointed out that petitions did not explain that students could sign only one petition per office. The SGA constitution states that petitions should include that information.

Three vice-presidential candidates were ineligible to run according to the constitution since they had duplicate signatures on

their petitions. The election committee initially proposed to waive that rule. However, after declaring the April 7 elections invalid, SGA designed a new petition with all appropriate information.

Bowman also asked about the role of SGA secretary in the elections. The constitution says that the SGA secretary should chair the election committee and perform the necessary duties. However, the current secretary did not chair the committee responsible for the April 7 election.

Tracy Stoddart, sr., SGA president, explained that when the election committee was established, the current secretary had intentions to run. Student government members determined that the secretary should not serve on the committee and run for an office. Later, after the committee was formed, the secretary chose not to run and sat on the committee.

The last concern the four students addressed regarded the publication and dates of the election. The constitution says that elections should be held between March 15 and April 1 and that students should be given at least three working days' notification before the day of the election. However, due to lack of involvement, SGA postponed elections, thus moving them past the given time frame in the constitution.

The students believed they had not been properly informed about the election dates. Stoddart reminded them that Amy Levinski, soph., and former election committee chair, had submitted a memo to the student body concerning the extended election date due to lack of involvement.

Student government members listened to the concerns of the individuals and voted to strike the elections and begin procedures again.

Stoddart spoke at the April 7 convocations and issued a public apology to the student body members for the confusion and inconvenience caused by the elections.

"Through this process, Student Government has learned that we need to take a more pro-active stance and explicitly publicize election procedures," Stoddart said. "Student Government is an important voice on campus and I hope that students will step forward and be a part of next year's SGA."

I can bring to the executive council," said Gibson.

The Student Government Association general assembly elections will be held Monday, April 21 during Convocations.

Students interested in



Markus

running can pick up a petition from Brian Cooper, soph., SGA secretary.

Editor's note: Executive officer petitions were not due until 5:00 p.m. today, so there maybe other candidates running who are not mentioned.



Gibson

Recruitment changes increase accepted applicants

by Michael Baker
Spectator Staff

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles on recruitment and the admission process at McPherson College. Future articles will explain the financial aspects of recruitment, the impact of staff and student workers, and the alumni letter campaign.

Major changes in the recruitment process explain sky-rocketing numbers of accepted applicants to McPherson College.

"We have increased the amount of contact with prospective students through mail and phone. Also, we have increased the amount of financial aid students receive here at Mac," said Fred Schmidt, director of admissions and financial aid.

As of April 7, 683 students have applied for admission, according to Schmidt. The college accepted 509 of these students.

Accepted applicant numbers have increased over the last seven years, but never to the extent of this year.

McPherson College had accepted 292 applicants by the first week of April in 1995

and 294 in 1994. 219 were accepted in 1993 and 244 in 1992.

Schmidt said that increased numbers in enrollment positively influenced current students.

"We had an increased number in referrals given by current Mac students. Everyone on campus—faculty, staff and students—contributes to the increase in enrollment of new students," Schmidt said.

Overall camaraderie among staff members in the admissions office has risen, according to Marilyn Sexton Mason, associate director of admissions and financial aid.

"The staff feels good about what they're doing and is doing it well," Mason said.

Student workers in the admissions office contribute to the increased recruitment.

"The interaction that campus visitors share with admissions assistants, student workers, is crucial. The assistant can provide a visitor and their family with an important perspective of what it is like to be here as a student," Mason said.

Sending letters written by alumni and

students of McPherson College to prospective students comprises another important process in recruitment.

Prospective students receive 10 letters in all. Alumni write on their professional letterhead. Two letters come from students currently enrolled at McPherson. A lawyer sends one letter, the Director of Trees for Life sends a letter and prospective students receive one letter from a popcorn manufacturer (free popcorn included).

This letter campaign has had a positive effect on recruitment. Tyler Kerst, a high school senior from Colorado, recently visited the college based solely on the fact that he received these letters.

"Tyler was not even considering McPherson College until he received these personal letters from alumni. This is what prompted him to visit the college, and now he is planning on attending in the fall," said Lynne Kerst, Tyler's mother. Tyler was not available for a quote before press time.

Kerst is not the only student that responded to the letter writing campaign.

"Many letters have been sent to me in recent months from distinguished McPherson College graduates... I appreciate every one of them," wrote Jon Hodgson in a recent letter to Schmidt.

Finally, another aspect that attracts prospective students involves immediate information concerning financial aid. When a student expresses interest in the college, the financial aid office determines how much scholarship and financial aid money that student will receive. This process moves quickly because of McPherson's small size. Most other colleges are incapable of providing such fast and efficient service.

"It was nice to know how much money I was getting right away. This gave me more time to decide on which college I wanted to go to," Hodgson said in a telephone conversation.

More in-depth coverage of the letter writing campaign, the impact of student workers, and the financial aspects of recruitment will be covered in the next two Spectator issues.