

UNDERCOVER

NEWS

Students present research projects at the 14th Annual Science Research Forum

The presentation is the conclusion of the year-long research course science majors complete before graduation.

Spectator honored at KACP awards night

Spectator staff members win 12 individual awards at the KACP awards in Wichita.

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FEATURES

Students must cope with various stressors daily

Learn how to handle and relieve stress.



Bowman directs Kansas debut of spring play "Molly Sweeney"

The spring production completes a year of great fine arts performances. JD. Bowman directs this play, set in Ireland.

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SPORTS

Tennis has 5-0 record

Despite a small team, men's tennis is large in skill.

Coleman and Neusch receive medals at Tabor relays on April 19

Katy Neusch, fr., wins two gold medals, in the long jump and triple jump.

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New executive council aims to improve involvement next fall

by Jen Bosserman
News Editor

The 1997-98 Student Government Association executive council plans to increase student involvement and communication between students and administration.

"My main goal for next year is to improve student morale and participation," said Shay Maclin, fr., president-elect.

"I hope that SGA will continue to improve communication between students and administration," said Becky Ullom, fr., vice president-elect.



ShaRhonda Maclin

Maclin plans to improve attendance and respect for school-sponsored events, "whether it be an art display in Friendship, a performance in Brown, or a volleyball game in the Sport Center."

Ullom realizes SGA's responsibility to help increase student participation. She wants to use personal contact to achieve this goal.

"I think students are more likely to attend an event if they are personally invited. To accomplish this, each SGA member will have to take on a lot of responsibility for personally spreading the word," Ullom said.

Maclin also finds it necessary to lay the

past—four presidents in two years—aside and build on the future to accomplish goals.

The new executive council knows changes take time and challenges must be met with a diverse student body.

"I can't promise to improve morale or communication. Such changes will come from the Mac campus in its entirety. However, I hope to facilitate SGA activities enthusiastically and run organizational finances smoothly," said Jill Gibson, jr., treasurer-elect.

The executive council wants to increase communication among students, faculty and staff by listening open-mindedly to concerns.

Student Government Association is to be a sounding board and a body with the power

to make communication changes possible. "My responsibility to the student body is to be understanding, concerned, willing to listen and ready to take action," Maclin said.

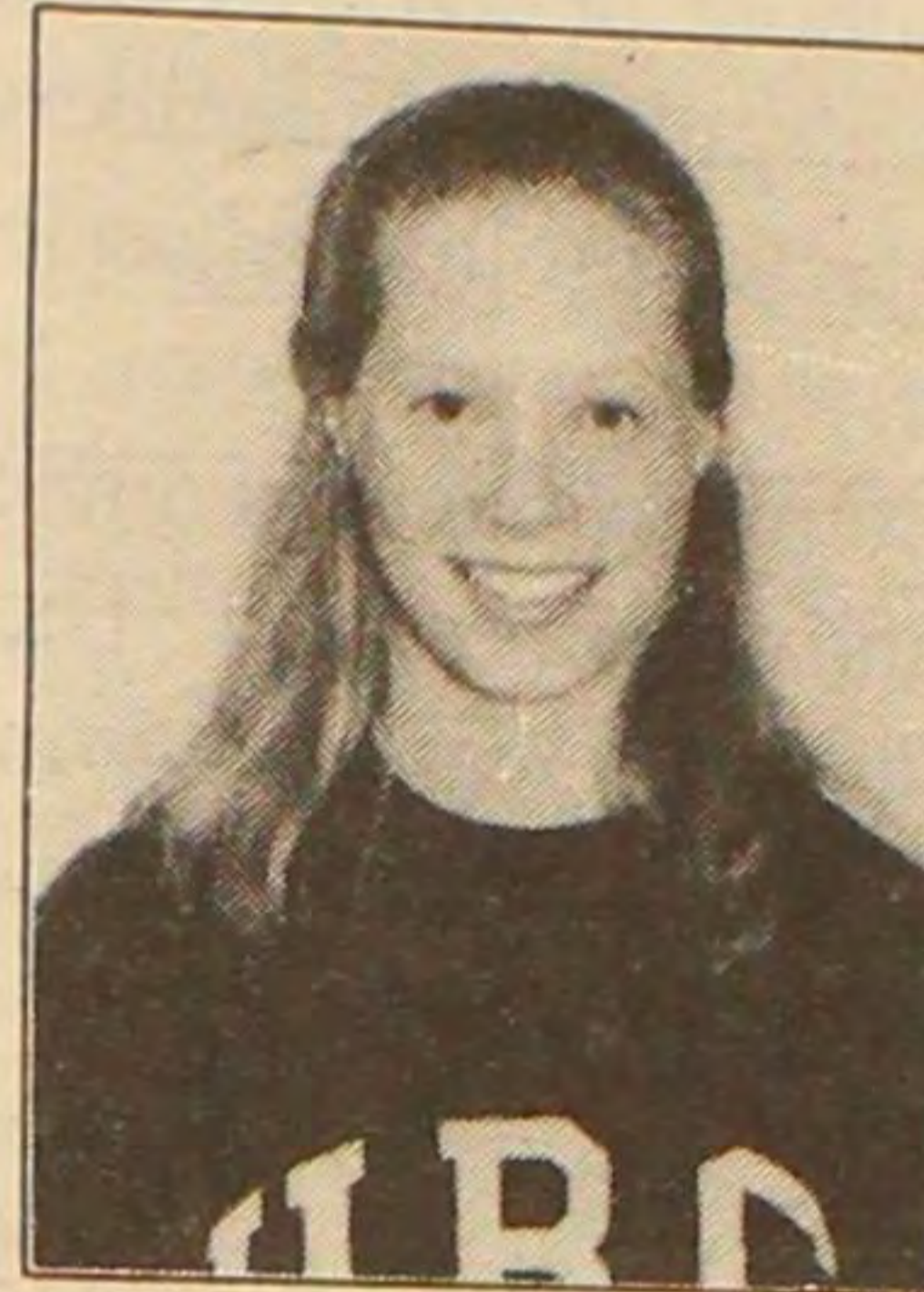
"I'm hoping students realize the opportunities that are available to them and use their student government," said JD. Bowman, sr., secretary-elect.

The new officers were elected by the student body during the April 14 convocations. Maclin defeated Ben Brubaker, jr., and Kit Eastlake, fr. for the president position.

Ullom beat Jamie Risser, soph., and LeAnna Hulce, fr. for the vice-president spot. Bowman ran unopposed for secretary and Gibson defeated Aubrey Markus, fr.

Today, students are voting for the SGA general assembly. Ballots are available in Sharon Knechel's, vice president of student services, office and during lunch and supper hours.

"I have an incredible amount of optimism and confidence in Shay as president. JD. and Becky are both exciting and intelligent people, so I'm eager to get started on next year's work," Gibson said.



Becky Ullom



JD. Bowman



Jill Gibson

Visitation hours displease majority

Spectator survey reveals students' discontent with and desire to change present visitations hours

by JD. Bowman and Emma Webb
Spectator Staff

In a recent Spectator survey, 81 percent of 150 students polled want the current visitation hours increased. However, only 25 percent of the students knew they had the power to change visitation hours.

"I do know that students have the power to change visitation hours... but I know it can only be changed every five years," said Jeremy Bernhardt, sr.

Students can change the policy according Article VII, Section A of the McPherson College Student Government and Campus Organization 1996-1997 Constitution.

The constitution states that the Student Government may initiate amendment procedures whenever deemed necessary by its members. Any student may petition for an amendment by presenting a petition bearing the signatures of 50 students.

Such an amendment shall be voted on by the Student Government unless an all-school election is specified.

Student Government implemented the current visitation hours: 12 p.m.-11 p.m.

Visitation Hours Survey Responses of 150 students surveyed

keep same visitation hours

25

extend visitation hours

30

no comment

10

implement 24-hour visitation hours

72

implement 24-hours on weekends

13



Sunday through Thursday and 12 p.m.-2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. The student body can change visitation hours every five years, according to Kathryn Whitacre. The most recent change in visitation hours occurred in 1989.

Visitation hours have evolved by slight adaptations throughout the college's history. When McPherson College opened in 1887, no visitation hours existed. Students

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EDITORIALS

Connections draw campus community closer together

CONNECTIONS ARE FUNNY THINGS. Why do we become connected, emotionally, to people, places, material possessions? Throughout my life I have become attached—connected—to my parents, brother, friends, pets and even T-shirts, pencils, pens, baby blankets, buildings, games and pictures.

McPherson College is one connection I have established. I have become attached to the sound of lawn mowers early on a spring morning, the swish of a harsh wind ripping through my hair, the cheers of numerous ultimate frisbee games, the familiarity of Dotzour, Fanny, Beeghly, Mohler, Harnly, Brown Auditorium and, yes, even Miller Library. I have become attached to faculty and staff members despite the assignments, deadlines, special projects, enrollment hassles, financial aid packets and loans.

But more than anything else on this campus I have become attached to the students and their spirit, drive and determination. The college has encountered many changes in the last three years, but no matter the changes the student body has maintained a level of confidence, pride and leadership.

There have always been students willing to step into a leadership role in order to help the college in a time of need. Tracy Stoddart accepted the responsibility of the presidency of Student Government professionally and with poise after the resignation of the association's prior president. No matter what criticisms people level at SGA, Tracy and the association stepped out from a crowd of other students and took responsibility for the leadership of the 1996-97 school year. They, in turn, established connections.

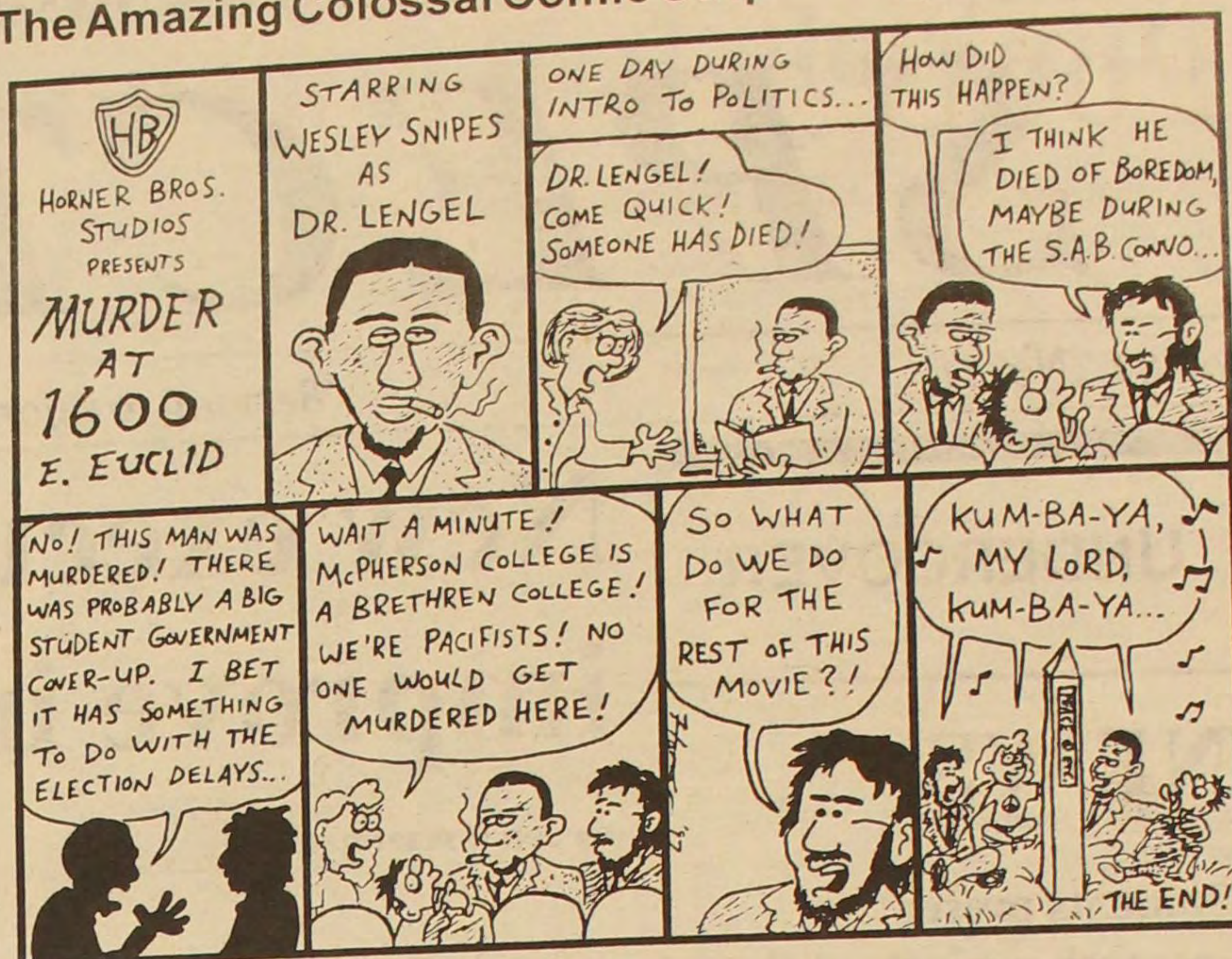
Students, no matter how hard they might try to hide it, are proud of McPherson College and its accomplishments. It shows through the students who decide to make college a rewarding and fulfilling experience by living by the familiar mission statement of "Scholarship, Participation and Service."

So, why do we establish connections? Any McPherson College student, present or past, should have no confusion about why McPherson College connects so many people together. This is a community that cares about what happens to the students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. And, in return, those same constituents pay respect to this community through hard work, dedication and a passion that is felt far beyond the 1600 block of East Euclid.

Sarah Wagoner
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The Amazing Colossal Comic Strip

By Mike Horner



Stop getting married

What is happening with relationships these days? What happened to the good days? Where is that confident, proud group of individuals who are in love with themselves? What has caused this recent outbreak of rushing into relationships to get a false security?

I have seen so many lovers blossom and diminish in these last months. It's scary. In fact, this past year, left-overs of four engaged couples have told me of their relationship's demise. The scary part is they have always confessed these things in my room. (I'm beginning to believe that my girlfriend and I should stop hanging out there.)

These past two years, engagements and weddings seem have become the popular thing to do. Something is wrong with that picture! The wedding fad here at Mac is about as bad as the pregnancy fad in high school.

Please know, I am not trying to be disrespectful to couples who are happily engaged. I don't want to sound as if I am unsupportive. There are a few couples out and about on this campus that have thought about being engaged before rushing into anything. I commend those few. There's a big difference between a couple who has dated two years before a six month engagement and a couple who dated three months before a three year engagement.

There is just a feeling about relationships and engagements which seems to have been tainted this year. They aren't as special. They aren't as celebrated. The current re-



Just Like That
by JD. Bowman

sponse upon hearing news of a recent engagement is, "oh, great, them too?"

The point is simple, or at least I think it is. We, as a society, need to keep the relationship sacred. We need to realize that a relationship is special and needs to be cherished. We should stop running to something, and start enjoying what we have.

An engagement is not a completely separate part of the relationship. It is part of the marriage stage. An engagement is a public announcement that you will soon be getting married. Who wants to be engaged for three years? Anyone engaged will tell you that the relationship is different than dating.

So what's the hurry? Enjoy what you have. You won't have it forever. Take time to stop and smell the roses. If you're in love and convinced that you will marry, congratulations. But remember, you will be married for a lifetime... and looking at the big picture, you will only date for a short time.

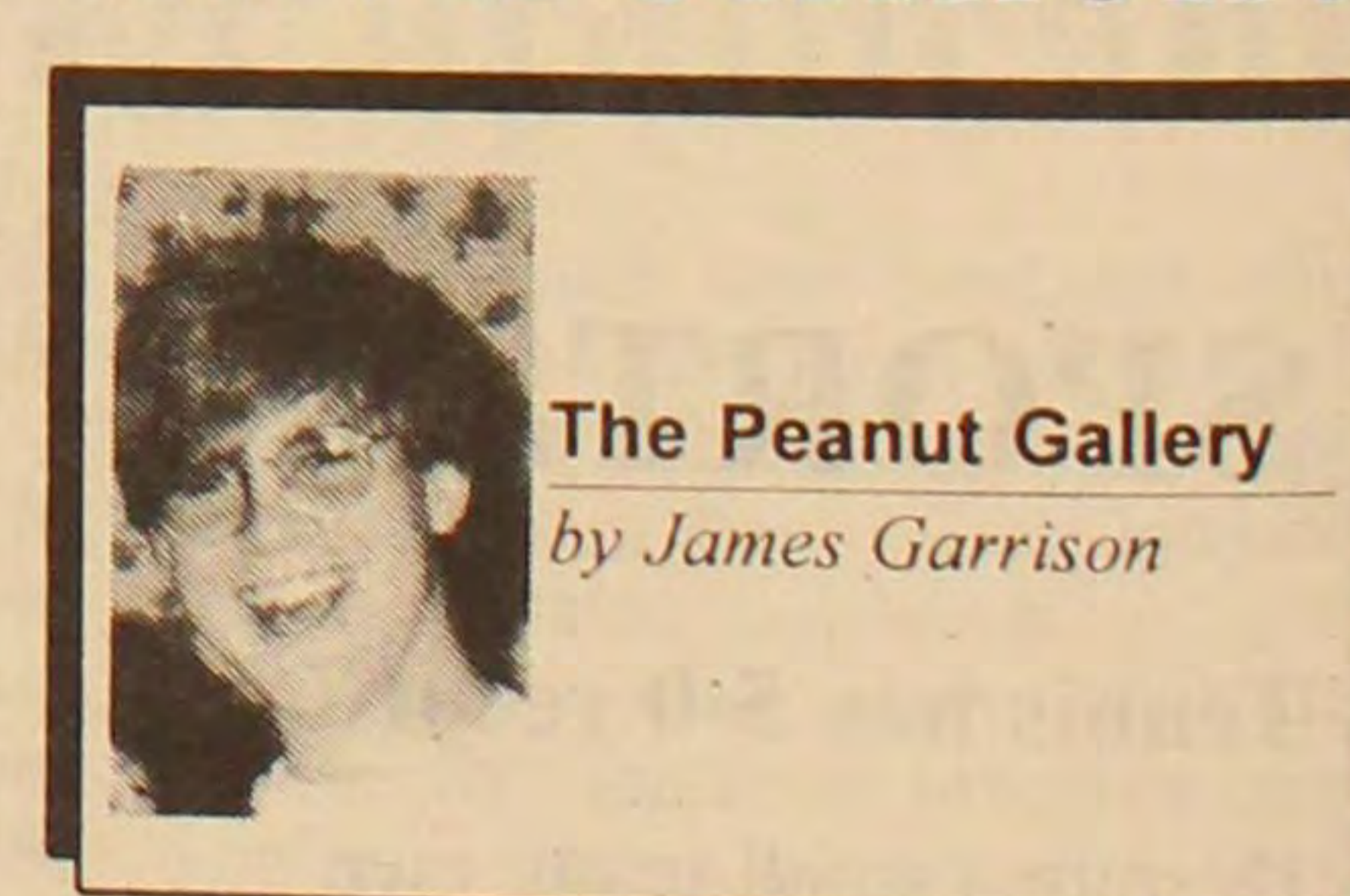
Date. Don't get engaged unless you are ready for the marriage to take place. Enjoy the freedoms that you have before the fiance. Pretty soon, you'll be married, and your dating life will be gone... Just like that.

Losing sight of an academic and necessary environment

It's election time again, and I was going to engage in some hilarious media-style mudslinging about each of our new rep-at-large candidates, but since I'm running this year, I've decided not to do so. You all can probably make up evil thoughts about all of them anyway.

What I want to beef about is the recruiting being done on campus. As you all know, we have a Christian ethic applied to this campus. As it should be, we're a Christian college. As such we get a pretty good influx of people who go to this college because their family has for generations. They're almost all first-year students this year and they are also the ones running everything because they get involved. I salute them, and I wonder what they smoke to have the energy to do what they do and if they'll lend me some.

Recruiting these kids isn't hard. It's the rest of the students that I'm worried about. Look around you as you read this. How many athletes do you see sitting near you? How many artists do you see near you? Now how many auto rats do you see? Is the number dwindling? Now how many biolo-



The Peanut Gallery
by James Garrison

gists or chemists do you see?

You may be scratching your head at this, but the point is when was the last time you saw a new non-Brethren student transfer in because we have a great academic program in their field? Now how many new track, volleyball or basketball recruits did you see come in at semester?

Are we letting administration forget the main reason this college was created? Brethren colleges are academic havens, not extra-curricular events with a class every Tuesday. When are we going to see more time spent in drawing "thinkers" to the college and less time with a great receiver or star center who will drop out at the end of his or her season?

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Footwashing unifying for Brethren

Brethren must be strange people, they wash one another's feet. Why would you wash someone's dirty, nasty feet?

Most people connect foot washing to negative connotations, so why do the Brethren consider lovefeast and footwashing unifying experiences and a renewal with Christ?

As a child growing up in the Church of the Brethren, I never fully grasped the significance of lovefeast services. All I knew was that Elverda Oellig brought me a ziplock bag of unleavened bread and mom took the left-over grape juice home. And once, during a lovefeast, my brother fell asleep with his face in the plate of chopped beef and broth.

At age seven, I sat by my mother's side during the Easter season lovefeast, just to watch of course, for children were not allowed to participate. Men circled around tables on the left side of the fellowship hall and women on the right. Seventy-three year old Alva Fike read scripture verses by candlelight. Then they washed one another's feet.

I watched as they knelt, washed one another's feet, stood up and embraced each other. I watched the glow in their faces, and



Brethren Perspective

by Jen Bosserman

I sensed the unity among them. I wished someone would wash my feet and hug me. I wanted to know what it felt like.

As the last person's feet were being washed, Mom turned to me and said, "Jenny, would you like me to wash your feet?"

I smiled. I thought she'd never ask.

So what's the big deal? Mom washed my feet.

The big deal is that I began to grasp Christ's call to servanthood and understand the importance of unity in the church.

Brethren are among the minority of denominations that participate in a footwashing, a re-enactment of the Last Supper. Brethren follow Jesus's words in John 13.

Jesus's death lurked near as he ate one last meal with his disciples. Jesus went to Simon

Peter and knelt to wash his feet. Simon Peter said "Lord, not just my feet, but my head and my hands as well."

Jesus replied, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean."

When he finished washing their feet Jesus said, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

The Brethren believe in a renewal of spirit and unity, a blessing when they wash one another's feet. Members seek forgiveness before partaking in lovefeast and bending their knees in humble servanthood.

In Jesus's time, servants washed people's feet when they entered a home, for people traveled barefoot long distances on dusty, dirty roads. Only the inferior servants washed the guest's feet.

By kneeling and washing the disciple's feet, Jesus placed himself in the social status

of a servant, as he did the majority of his life. To Christ's followers, this symbolizes the role we should take as servants to one another, not placing ourselves, or thinking of ourselves, as better than another. We are all equal.

This message remains just as alive and valuable today as it did in Jesus's time. We often see ourselves or others as inferior in the classroom, the basketball court, the stage, or the choir room. But Christ challenges us to see ourselves and others as servants to one another. How can we help one another?

Today, Lovefeast practices vary from unleavened bread and grape juice to crackers and grape kool-aid. Men and women sometimes sit together, or go to separate places to wash feet. But the act of kneeling and washing a brother's or sister's feet remains the same.

The Brethren take seriously Christ's call to servanthood. Footwashing services sets the Brethren apart from many other denominations. Footwashing services drew me to Brethren beliefs and practices at age seven. Footwashing services teach the importance of loving and serving one another, creating equality.

CAMPUS FORUM

Student irate at fellow students

I have to say that after Monday's Convocation, I was highly disappointed with the actions of my fellow peers. I thought that the Student Activities Board program would be sort of a break from the norm, a little excitement and fun.

I enjoyed hearing the crazy awards and the laughing but I was very upset at a set of people who were sitting in front of me. Throughout the whole Convo, they were griping about the so called "stupidity" of the Convo.

One individual even said, "What does this have to do with highering our education?" (This was the same person who sent an e-mail to the entire campus telling us of his two-kegger at his apartment last Friday night. That definitely has a lot to do with our higher education.)

Why can't you just sit through Convo, and be quiet for 30 minutes instead of making rude comments and being disrespectful to the speaker? I know that most of our mothers or teachers taught us how to sit still. So, I know we probably have not forgotten it by now. You might not like Convo but there is nothing we can do about it and we have to go. So just sit there with your mouth shut if you don't like it and let the other people who enjoy it, enjoy it.

Oh and to all of you people who got up and left before Gina got through speaking, you guys are real mature. You couldn't even wait two minutes more when she would have been done. Gosh, for all those times you gripe about cafeteria food, you sure were in a hurry to get there.

Jessica Miller, freshman

Appreciate what you have in college

The old truth about not appreciating what you have until it's gone is kicking in gear. College isn't exactly "gone" for me but in the literal sense, it will be in that certain number of days that I refuse to count down. Why should I?

These past few weeks I've been savoring college... living next door to my friends, having my bathroom cleaned for me, eating meals I don't have to worry

about preparing, etc. I walk in my room and revel in the fact that I have everything I need right there in that little cubicle (minus my piano, of course). Yes, I have a new appreciation for all these little things.

Anyway... by now, the wall of complete and utter uncertainty has smached into me and more than likely, every other graduating senior you know. Let me say it's exciting, it's scary, and it's real. For some reason, I thought graduation would never really happen. It was always just some vague event years down the road.

So I'm 22, graduating with a college degree, two of the best friends I could ask for, a network of new acquaintances, vivid experiences, a faith that's being newly established, and the security of knowing this college will be here for my 25th class reunion. It feels pretty good.

Savor these days folks. What else can I say.

Thanks Mac.

Jenny Stover

LETTERPOLICY

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- 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.

Time to play solitaire

I'm sitting here at Turkey Creek trying to understand the game of golf. I just don't get it, even though "I am Tiger Woods." But, it is nice outside so it really doesn't matter. I just want to talk about life.

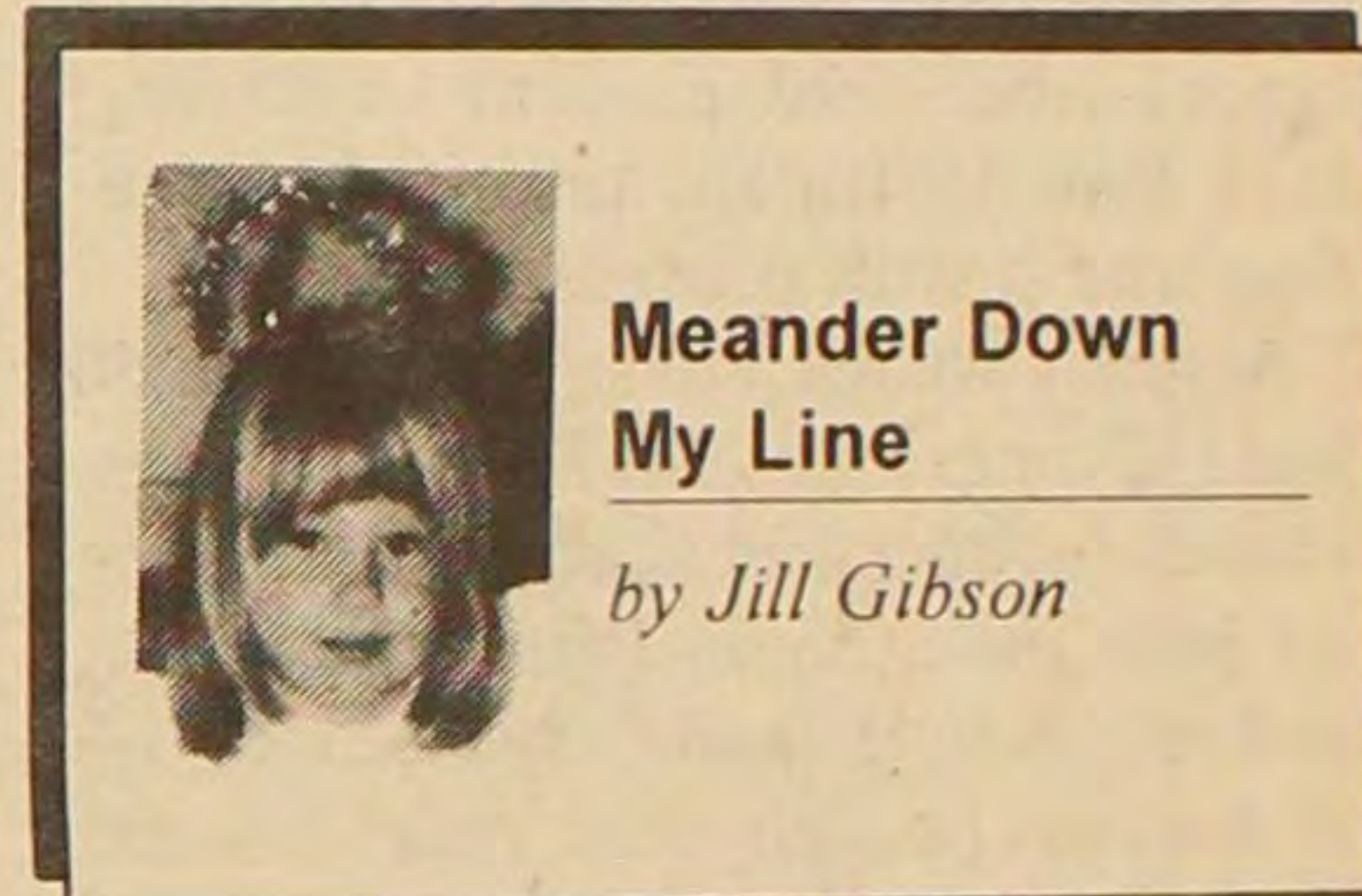
Philosophizing (either aimlessly or not) is such a wonderful pastime! Right now I'm going for the latter, even though my very patient and understanding editor, JD., will go insane. After all, it is my column and I can subject my readers to anything, right? Are you drawing the parallel to this week's convo?

Here are two quick questions to ponder: What's up with the sticker thing on steak and shrimp night in the caf? And, why aren't there any fun dance clubs in McPherson?

I really love spring! It amazes me how God's beautiful earth wakes up, opens it arms wide to the heavens and flourishes. New life, growth and freshness surround us all. It's as if the heartbeat of creation pulses through my soul and melts away winter's chill. Change is everywhere. It is so good to be alive!

On the other hand, I'm craving the change to summer. That's because with warm weather comes softball fever. I love playing ball. Oh, for clarification, I'm talking about real Nebraska softball. (I'm not proud or anything!)

I also need to express some feelings about the Mac men's soccer team. Are they not the coolest people to walk the McPherson campus? They are true individuals, and at the same time I believe it's appropriate to stereotype a bit. They all seem to have great attitudes. They're fun to talk to, which means a lot to me. In fact, I'd say they're so



Meander Down My Line

by Jill Gibson

exceptional they deserve to be honorary Fanny members. Wait! I don't mean how Fanny is this year. They would belong back when Fanny rocked this school.

So anyway, today I made some copies with the help of Carl Dummer. He knows more about copy machines than I thought any human could ever know. He must also have a lot of patience with the copy-illiterate of the campus. He probably spends some of his free time laughing at how ditzy we appear!

That is a good thing, though. Smile at whatever situation you're in. It's therapy.

Confusion is good for the soul, too. In that case, I really am thriving. Seriously though, it is important to question and analyze life. Isn't that the reason we're here—other than to do extracurriculars, of course? We should develop and grow until we die, by doing meaningful activities like watching 2 a.m. cartoons.

I guess I'm done for now. Usually I feel the need to wrap this up in some grand, prophetic way. However, there doesn't need to be a point or a moral to everything. You can look for meanings in situations. You can make up something if nothing profound strikes you. But, I worked really hard on my last couple of columns; now it's time to play some solitaire.

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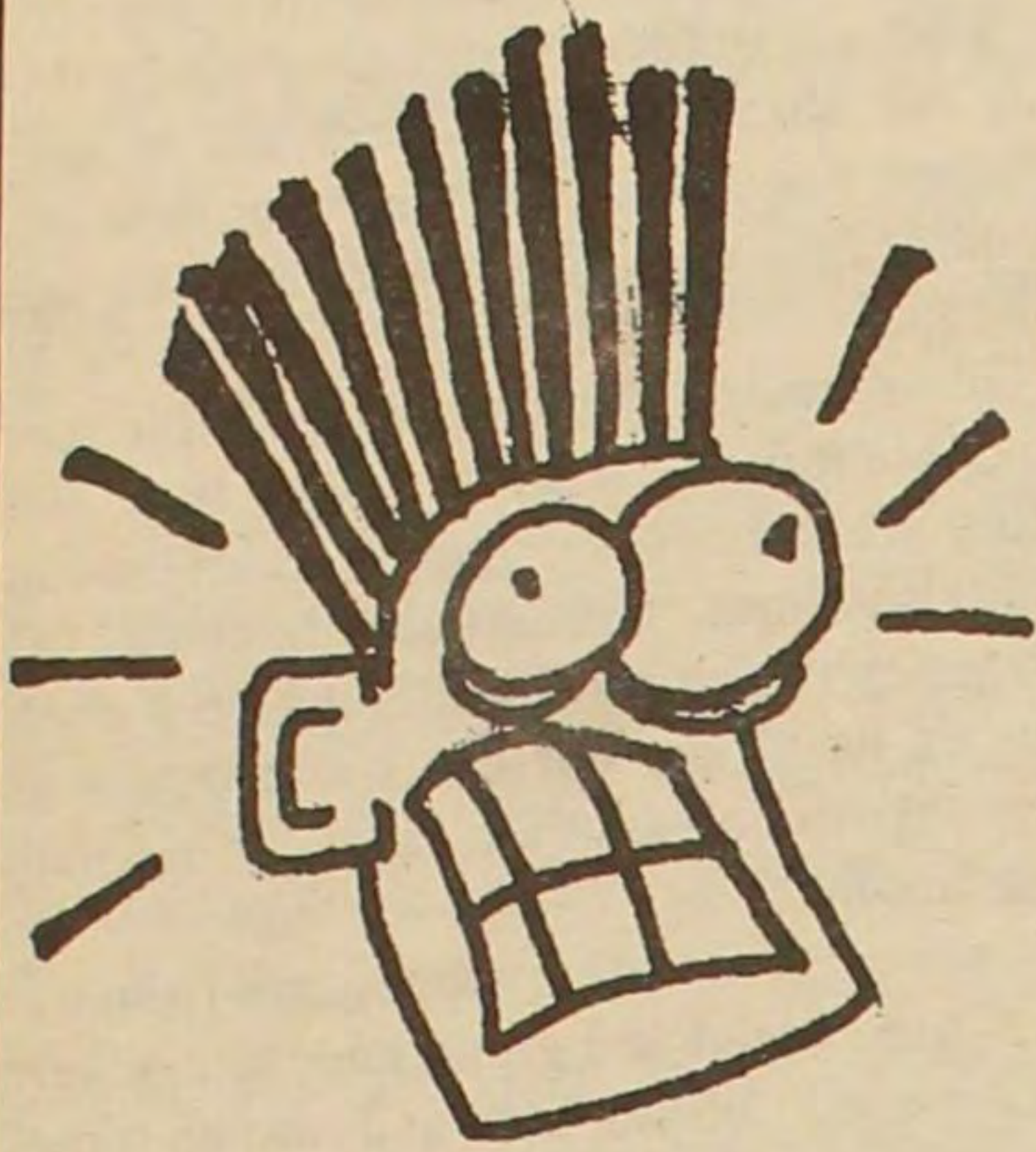
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Dog Breath

"All the troubles of man come from his not knowing how to sit still."
-Blaise Pascal

STRESS!

and how to handle it



by Sarah Wagoner
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Layout Editor

Stress. It is an endless problem college students face everyday of every week of every year. We dread it, fear it, and fight it, but it never seems to go away. Instead of fighting it perhaps stress should be accepted as a part of life and handled accordingly. "We're all stressed all of the time in some way. We have hundreds of stressors on us everyday, but we probably ignore about 90 percent of them," said Dan Hoffman, physical education and health professor.

Actually we react to stress between 50 and 100 times a day. The sun in your eyes, clothes rubbing your skin, glasses resting on your nose, noise, lighting in rooms and offices and lack of sleep are examples of stressors (any physical, psychological or environmental event or condition that initiates the stress response), according to Hoffman.

"I'm all for stress to a certain extent. It becomes bad when it overwhelms us," Hoffman said.

From the moment a student arrives on campus, college is a stressful experience. Leaving home, managing finances, living with a roommate, having values tested and handling personal problems are only a few of the situations new students cope with during their first year of college life.

Often college students are unable to find an outlet for stress. Unrelieved stress can cause mental and physical problems such as headaches, backaches, loss of appetite and constant fatigue and depression.

When a muscle is tense, it takes 20 minutes for it to completely relax; thus causing headaches and lower back problems. Stress also contributes to the onset of some diseases because it weakens the immune system.

Coping with stress is attainable. Managing time, setting priorities, establishing goals, achieving goals and taking breaks from activity are effective coping methods, but they take time and effort on the part of each individual.

tips for relieving STUDY STRESS

- DO choose a quiet study place.
- DO learn to manage your time.
- DO take breaks.
- DO recognize your limitations.
- DON'T give in to peer pressure.
- DON'T skip classes.
- DON'T rely on cramming.
- DON'T hesitate to seek help such as tutoring or visiting with your professor.



STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES for relieving stress

First, tense all your muscles by raising your toes as if to touch your shins. Hold it while tensing your legs and buttocks, clenching your fists and jaws, closing your eyes tight, taking a deep breath and holding it, so you are tense all over. Then let go all at once.



Take a deep breath. As you let it out, let your eyes close. Imagine snuggling down in a warm bed. Or lying on a beach at a favorite lake. Or taking a luxurious warm bath. Maintain the feelings of calm as you gently activate yourself.



Take a deep breath. Hold it for about three seconds. Then let it out all at once (with a sigh, if you want). As you exhale, let your jaw relax, your shoulders relax, and think "calm." Let your teeth remain slightly apart (we should go throughout the day with a slight space between our jaws).

HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH STRESS?

"I listen to loud music, usually heavy metal, or I run."
-Steve Benne, soph.

"I work out or run. Basically any physical activity."
-Cherice Marsalis, jr.

"I play my guitar."
-Ryan Dhu, fr.

"I work at my job."
-Brent See, soph.

"I walk, or I play the piano. I pound on it or compose."
-Jenny Stover, sr.

"Take a bath, a hot bath, and read a book."
-Christy Meiers, jr.

"I don't handle my stress at all, but I like to bash a soccer ball against a wall or lay down and listen to one of my meditation tapes."
-Krista Faus, soph.

"I procrastinate."
-Patrick Crowdis, sr.

"I sleep."
-James Lopez, soph.

From Broadway to Brown Auditorium

Broadway hit "Molly Sweeney" comes to McPherson College as a student project

by Becky Ullom
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Theatre Department is continuing in its long history of successful productions by presenting the Broadway smash hit "Molly Sweeney," by Brian Friel, May 1, 2 and 3. This show will mark the Kansas debut of this play.

Molly Sweeney is a mixture between a factual story and a fable for today's society. Set in Donegal, Ireland, this story follows Molly who has her sight restored by Dr. Paddy Rice because of pressures applied by her husband, Frank Sweeney.

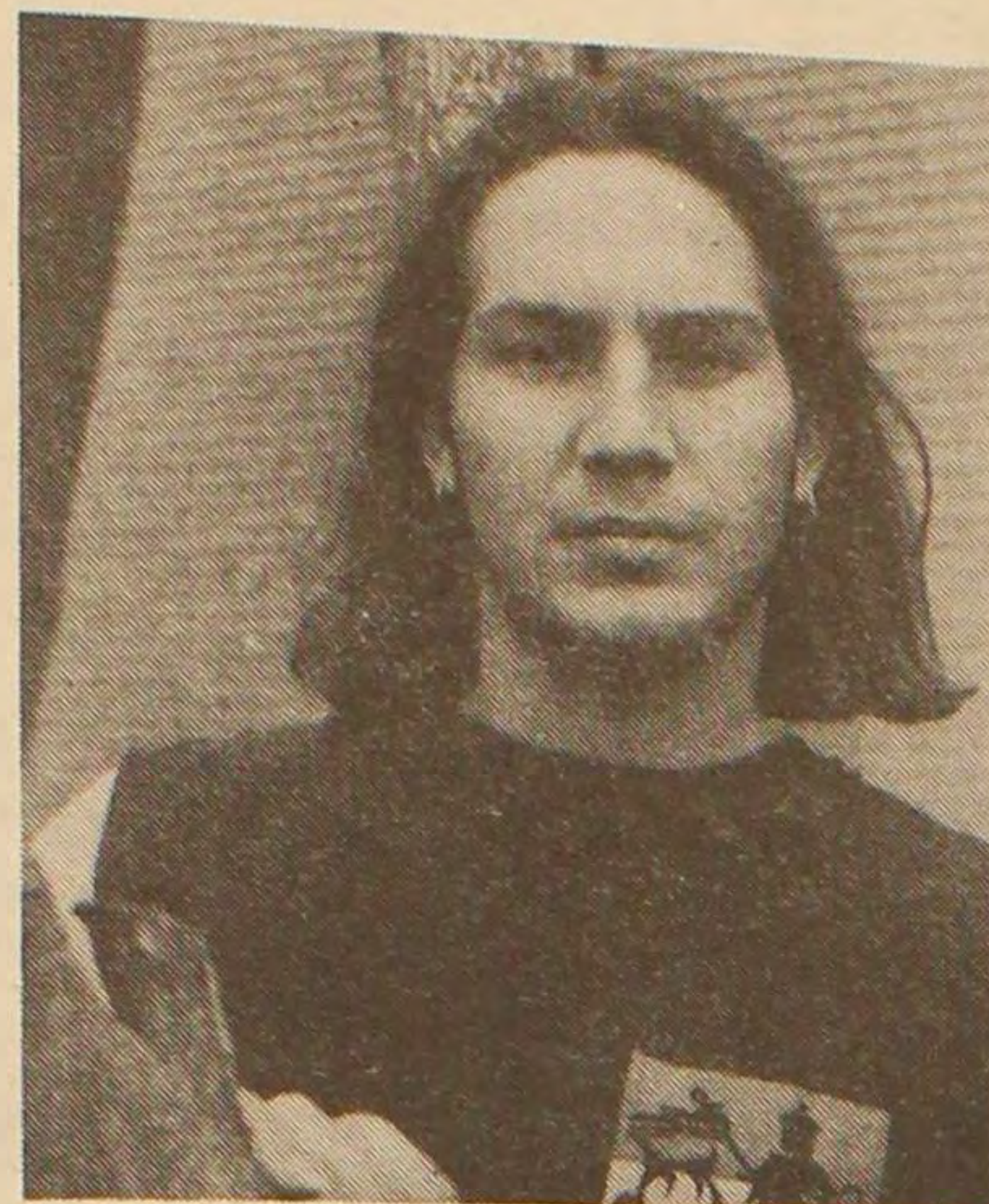
The production is JD. Bowman's directing project for this year's theatre season. He had many reasons for choosing "Molly Sweeney."

"The story line is interesting enough, but the underlying theme—that is the theme of forcing one's ideas (whether about religion, morals, thoughts, politics, etc) onto another person—that is what excites me about this production," Bowman said.

"Molly Sweeney is very contemporary—it closed on Broadway in August, less than a year ago. The whole play is built on monologues the actors present directly to the audience. A way of talking about the other characters rather than talking to them," Bowman said. "It's a beautiful story, and the community is ready to hear the play's message."

The cast consists of Heather Sue Healy, sr., Michael F. Bisceglia III, soph., and Dr. Rick Tyler, chair of the speech and theatre department.

"I've worked with Heather before. She is immensely talented. I'm lucky to get this last chance to work with her and now in a different capacity. Mike is a new face to the stage here at Mac, but I am continually impressed with his compassion for his character. It's been tough directing my advisor,



Michael Bisceglia

Rick Tyler. He usually is the one holding my hand and directing me. However, the shoe feels good on the other foot," Bowman said.

Bowman expects challenges producing special effects with a low budget and assuring that the show communicates its deeper message to the audience. The technical crew, headed by Sarah Stover, fr., will be working throughout next week to get the desired effect of the show.

"Josh Ebaugh has been great to work with. His knowledge of how to achieve a certain special look is a gift. I say, Josh light this and make it look like a tree, and he says, no problem," Bowman laughed.

The audience will be seated on stage for this performance in order to draw them closer to the characters, according to Bowman. Melissa Crowdis, sr., will be signing the entire production at Sunday's performance.

"It gives the audience a sense of looking closely at themselves. The production is based on evaluating society," Bowman said, "and I hope they realize how closely this story hits home."



Heather Healy

Having spent time in Ireland last year, Bowman is excited about this cultural opportunity.

"Ireland was terrific. I hitch-hiked for three days around Blarney, Skibberdeen and Killarney. The people and the food are things I still miss. I'm glad for another chance to share a bit of my world with others," Bowman said.

An authentic Irish meal will be served at the First Nighters meals on Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon before the show. The menu includes bangers and mash, shepherd's pie, cabbage wraps,



Dr. Rick Tyler

mixed vegetables, brussels sprouts and assorted fruit shortcake for dessert. The dinners are only offered to those who pay and make reservations through the box office. Special discounts are given to students wishing to make reservations for the meal.

Because seating for the production is on stage, reservations are required, as only 100 seats are offered per performance. Proceeds from both the meals and the productions will go toward Alpha Psi Omega, the campus chapter of the national dramatic society.

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Athletes earn medals for performance

Men's 4x100 meter relay team wins gold in ACCK meet at Bethel on April 16

by **Melissa Sharp**
Sports Editor

Tracksters participated in the Tabor Relays on April 19 and some athletes earned medals for their performances.

Official results from this meet were not available at press time, but Rick Coleman, jr., took home a medal from the discuss, and Katy Neusch, fr., gained medals in both the long jump and triple jump.

There were also good performances by Chad Etheridge, fr., in the 100m and 200m. However, the men's 4x100 meter relay was short one runner because of a hamstring Brett Johnson, jr., suffered.

After being postponed from its original April 9 date, the ACCK Bethel meet took place on April 16 in which only schools from the KCAC were invited. As a team, both the men's and women's teams placed sixth, with scores of 61 and 25 respectively.

McPherson men's individual results were Rudolph Turtle James, sr., 100m-10.95 (first); Etheridge 200m-22.66 (first) and 100m-11.12 (third); Matt Friesen, soph., 200m-23.56 (sixth) and 100m-11.28; Johnson, 100m-11.69 (tenth); Coleman, shot put-40'11" (third), discuss-125'11" (second) and javelin-162' (second).

The men's 4x100 meter relay team, consisting of James, Johnson, Friesen and Etheridge placed first in this all-conference meet with a time of 43.32.

Neusch earned a first place medal in the long jump with a jump of 17'8" and another gold with a triple jump of 35'3".

Other women placing were Nikki Unruh-Carey, fr., 100m-13.97 (fourth); Dorothea Langer, fr., 800m-3:06.74 (sixth); and Serena Hooker, fr., shot



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Rick Coleman, jr., warms up for the javalin competition during the Bulldogs April 16 meet at Bethel.

put-24'4" (twelfth).

"Probably the best single performance at the Bethel meet was Katy Neusch, who was 10 inches away from national standards in the long jump and only two inches away in the triple jump," head coach John McNamara said.

"Other good performances were Rudolph James who won the 100-meter, and Chad Etheridge who won the 200-meter."

Tomorrow the team competes in the Sterling Invitational and returns to Sterling May 2-3, for the KCAC meet.

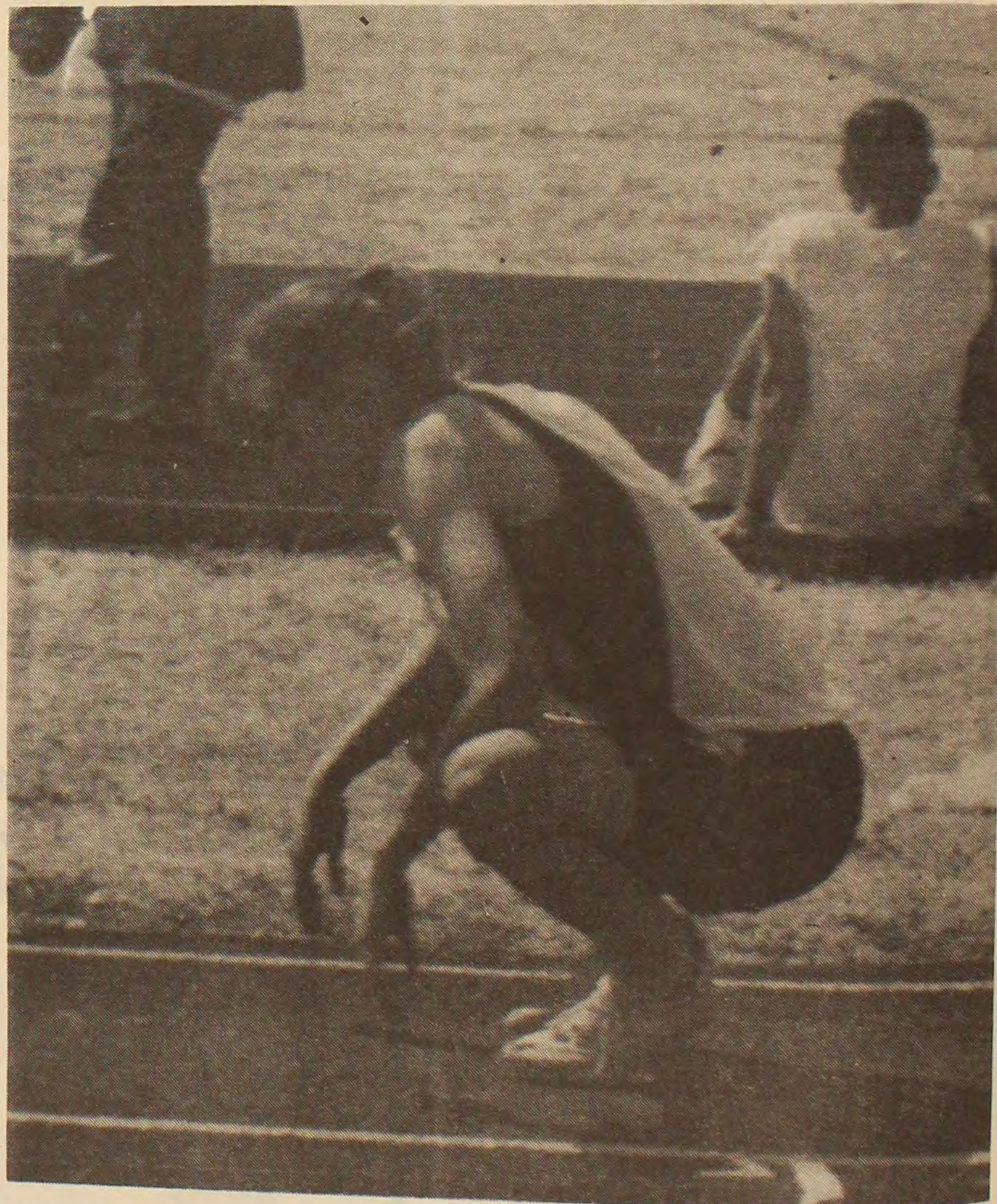
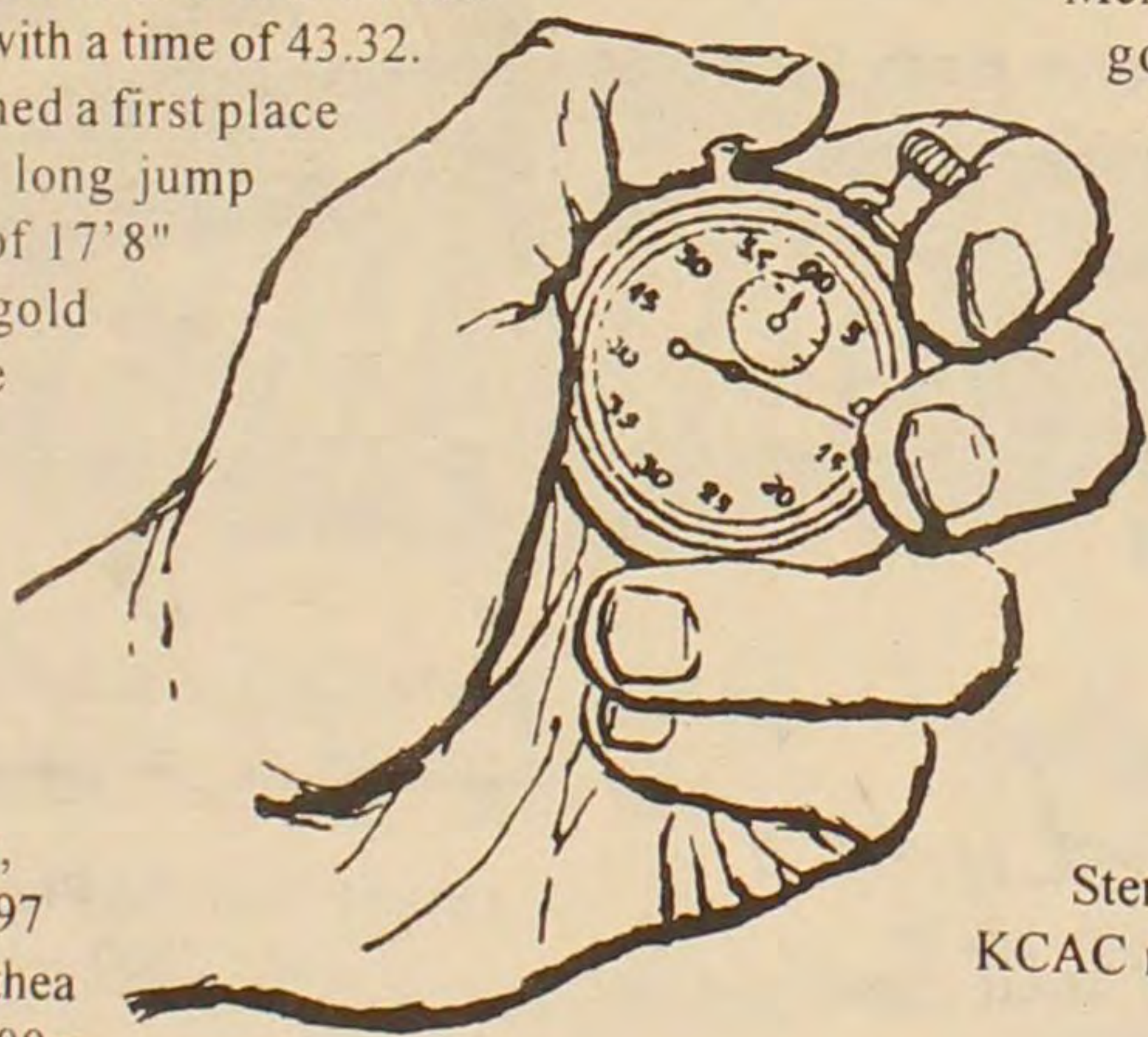


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Katy Neusch, fr., takes time to mentally prepare herself for her events, the triple jump and long jump, in the April 16 meet at Bethel.



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Matt Friesen, soph., and Brett Johnson, jr., prepare for the 4x100 relay. Along with Turtle James, sr., and Chad Etheridge, fr., the four sprinters won the gold medal at the Bethel meet April 16.

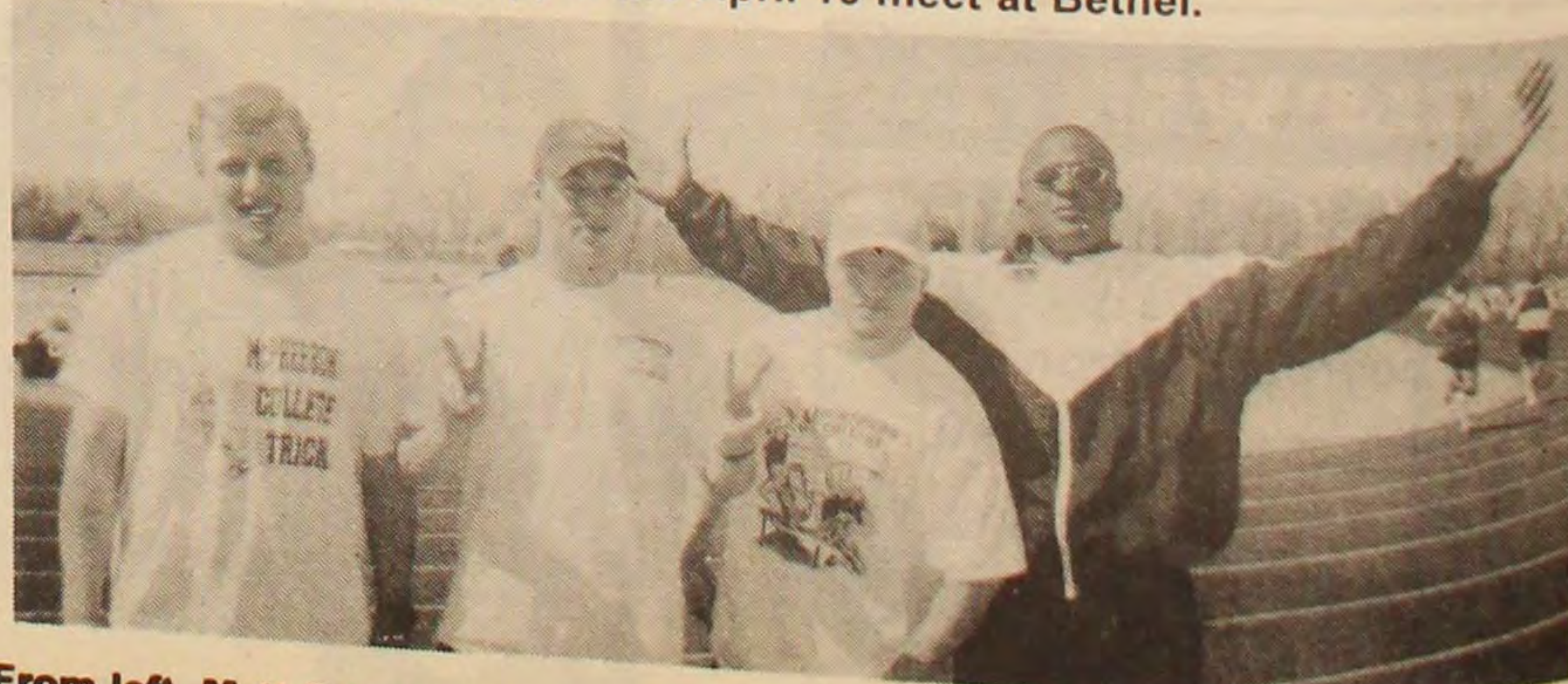


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From left, Matt Friesen, soph., Brett Johnson, jr., Chad Etheridge, fr., and Rudolph "Turtle" James, sr., take a break from competition.

Jackie's legacy

En Vogue

By Erik Vogel



Can you imagine what must have been going through Jackie Robinson's mind 50 years ago, when, for the first time ever, a black man was allowed to play in a major league baseball game?

If not Jackie Robinson, who would have emerged as the first African-American to erase the color barrier in professional sports?

Had Jackie Robinson not been so determined and talented, would we be enjoying the amazing talents of Michael Jordan, Ken Griffey, Jr., Emmitt Smith and most recently, the youngster Tiger Woods—black athletes who have excelled?

In pro baseball today, blacks account for 17 percent of the league's 1,100 performers; low compared to the NBA and NFL, where, respectively, 80 and 60 percent of today's players are African-Americans.

Sports have come a long way in half a century. Many can and will argue that prejudices still exist and that minorities are constantly having to better their white counterparts to earn a roster spot or athletic scholarship.

But, it is absurd to believe everything will someday be perfect. The system will always produce isolated incidents of discrimination and racial inequalities.

However, for Jesse Simms, Jackie Robinson's grandson, and the thousands of black athletes like him, the opportunity to play and to be great is a reality—without the distraction of death threats, hate mail and verbal taunts—things Robinson endured on the playing field so that future generations of young blacks would not have to.

Robinson was unique. Besides being a talented athlete and baseball player, he possessed amazing communication skills, making him a natural spokesperson and ambassador for the black community.

Dodgers president Branch Rickey was one of the first persons to recognize Robinson's "other" skill. He offered Robinson more than just a baseball contract—Rickey provided the fuel for the torch Robinson would carry from that April day at Ebbets Field until his death at the age of 53.

Following his inaugural season with the Dodgers, Robinson was selected Rookie of the Year.

The "Black Meteor" was named the league's most valuable player in 1947.

During his 10-year career, Robinson led Brooklyn to six pennants and one World Series crown.

He played in six All-Star games, achieved a .311 lifetime batting average and by the time he retired—after the 1956 season—13 of the 16 MLB teams had added black players to their rosters.

Another lasting legacy of Robinson's occurred in 1959, when both the major and minor baseball leagues were officially desegregated.

Furthermore, Robinson became the first African-American elected to the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.

He also received the Medal of Freedom from then-president Ronald Reagan in 1986—14 years after his passing.

All Jackie Robinson ever wanted was a chance. And in the process of grasping this dream, Robinson pried open a virtually impossible door—one that was locked and bolted with a crowbar called "Segregation" for 71 years—not by force, but instead with firmness and courage.

Robinson's ambition and inner strength has given black athletes the chance to experience greatness years after that monumental afternoon in Brooklyn. It's pleasing to see that 50 years later, America and baseball have not forgotten the feat of Jackie Robinson.

Tennis team has earned 5-0 record

by Melissa Sharp

Sports Editor

Although the tennis team has had many postponed meets, they have earned a 5-0 record for the season.

"The 5-0 record is wonderful, and it's a sign that the men are doing well under pressure," head coach Becky Sankner said. "There have been many times that they have come back from behind for the win."

The team challenged Central College April 21, a meet postponed from April 4 due to rain. The men won 8-1 as a team.

Individual results for single matches were: Dave Wiens, jr., 6-2, 6-4, Joey House, jr., 6-3, 6-0, Mark Boyer, sr., 6-0, 6-0, Shawn Stratton, fr., and Josh Hofflinger, jr., won by default and Brent Johnson, fr., won an exhibition game.

Results for doubles were: Wiens-House, and Stratton-Johnson winning by default, and Hofflinger and Boyer were defeated 3-6, 6-2, 2-6.

On the McPherson courts, the men went 6-3 for a win against Friends University April 19.

Single results were: Wiens (defeated) 6-4,

6-4, House (defeated) 6-0, 6-3, Boyer (won) 6-0, 6-0, Stratton (won) 6-3, 6-2, Johnson (won) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, Hofflinger (won) 6-2, 6-1.

Pairs results were: Wiens-House (won) 6-

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—Becky Sankner

4, 6-2, Boyer-Stratton (defeated) 6-3, 1-6, 7-5 and Johnson-Hofflinger (won) 6-1, 6-0.

At the Bethany match held on April 17, McPherson defeated Benedictine, 5-4.

Individual results were: Wiens (won) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, House (defeated) 7-6, 4-7, 6-3, Boyer (won) 6-0, 6-0, Stratton (defeated) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, Johnson (won) 6-1, 6-2, Hofflinger (defeated) 4-6, 4-6.

Doubles results were: Wiens-House (won) 6-4, 1-6, 7-5, Boyer-Stratton (won) 7-5, 3-6, 6-2 and Johnson-Hofflinger (defeated) 3-6, 4-6.

The team defeated Southwestern College, 9-0 at the McPherson courts April 15.

Individual results were: Wiens, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6, House, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, Boyer, 6-0, 6-0, Stratton, 6-3, 6-2, Johnson, 6-1, 6-0, Hofflinger, 7-6, 6-2.

Pairs results were: Wiens-House, 6-4, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, Boyer-Stratton, 6-1, 7-5, Johnson-Hofflinger, 6-0, 6-2.

Next meet for the men takes place April 28 at home against Bethel College.

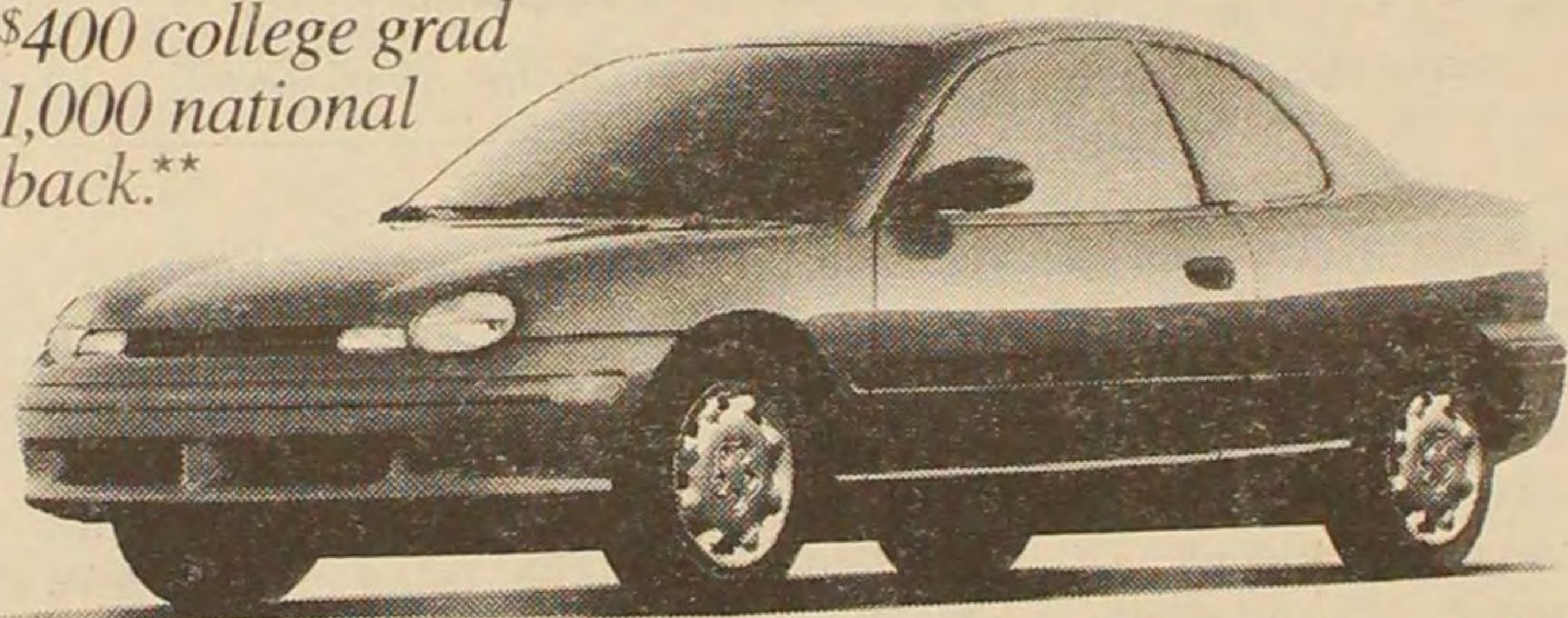
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Back left, Shawn McGowan and Dwight Abbey, middle left, Jackie Huen, Shelley Ware, Tye Spillum and Kerri Kobbeman, front left, Hubert Freeman, Eli Makings and Chris Kunz

14th Annual Science Research Forum marks end of college career for 10 seniors

by Shelly Hendricks
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The 14th Annual Science Research Forum marked the end of 10 seniors' year-long research projects. The forum occurred April 18 in Miller Library.

"I enjoyed doing the research, but presenting it was nerve-wracking," said Hubert Freeman, biology major, who plans to attend dental school in the future.

The senior research course is designed to give seniors experience with planning, conducting and reporting their research. Students construct a research proposal with the assistance of their advisor.

The class requirements involve research, formal and informal writings and oral reports of individual progress. The forum presentation is the final event students complete for the class.

"The presentation forces the students to have everything come together all at once... It gives students a chance to be a real professional," Frye said. "The research gives students 'an appreciation for how difficult it has been for science to prove what we know.'"

During the presentation, the students were required to give an introduction that explained their research rationale with goals and objectives.

The presentation sequence must be organized to facilitate the audience's comprehension. Finally, their conclusion must have been scientifically justified and based on their results.

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—Dr. Jonathan Frye

"It was amazing how I was going out to determine one thing and to come up with that and solve that one thing," said Shawn McGowan, biology major, who is applying to chiropracting school, medical school and a physician's assistant program. "It was good experience, but I'm glad it is over. It was a lot of time and a lot of work."

After their presentation, students answered questions from the audience. This allowed them to indicate their general knowledge of the subject while still understanding their limitations. It also strengthened their ability to accept criticism.

The senior research project "has helped me to understand how I can use research to expand the general knowledge," said Rod Samuelson, chemistry major, who wants to attend medical school and specialize in brain injury rehabilitation. Samuelson's research will be published in the summer 1997 edition of "The Kansas Speleological Society Journal."

The students' research results are reported in written format in the Cantaurus, the McPherson College science research publication.

"It is a good taste of what I plan to be doing and that it doesn't always work out the way you plan it," said Eli Makings, biology major, who is applying for conservation officer for Kansas Wildlife and Park and hopes to work in wildlife biology.

"Students find the whole experience pretty stressful. But the stress isn't necessarily bad. It can make you stronger," said Dr. Jonathan Frye, associate professor of biology.

1997 Cantaurus composed of senior science research projects

Dwight Abbey, agriculture

"A Field Scale Evaluation of a Genetically Engineered Corn Hybrid Resistant to European Corn Borer"

Hubert Freeman, biology

"The Difference Between Heat and CO Measurements of Metabolic Rates in Mice"

Jackie Huen, chemistry

"The Effects of Vitamin E on the longevity of Drosophila melanogaster"

Kerri Kobbeman, biology

"The Effects of Mycorrhizal Suppression on Tallgrass Prairie Forbs"

Chris Kunz, chemistry

"Bayesian Inversion of Gamma Spectra"

Eli Makings, biology

"Factors Influencing Meadowlark Nest Site Selection"

Shawn McGowan, biology

"The Effect of Hydrocarbons on the Growth and Germination Patterns of the Plant Brassica rapa"

Rod Samuelson, chemistry

"Bacteriological Investigation of the Schermerhorn Park Cave In Cherokee County, Kansas"

Tye Spillum, chemistry

"Detection and Concentration of HAP's (Hazardous Air Pollution) in Gasoline and Diesel 1"

Shelley Ware, biology

"The Effects of NaCl on the Germination of Brassica rapa and Atriplex patula"

Spectator wins KACP awards

Members of the Spectator staff attend the KACP awards in Wichita on April 17

Andy Wagoner	Second place	Editorial Cartoon
Mike Horner	Honorable mention	Cartoon Strip
	Third place	Cartoon Strip
	First place	Cartoon Strip
	First place	Feature writing
Shelly Hendricks	Honorable mention	News writing
	First place	Personal Column writing
James Garrison	Honorable mention	Editorial writing
JD. Bowman	Honorable mention	Personal Column writing
Jen Bosserman	Third place	Column writing
Jill Gibson	Honorable mention	Column writing
Erin Flory	Honorable mention	Column writing

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Visitation hours

were not allowed to spend social time with the opposite sex without permission from the president.

The college implemented visitation hours in the early 1900's. Then, students had to "retire" at 10 p.m., according to the 1988 Quadrangle.

While visitation hours may seem conservative compared to state universities, other ACCK or Church of the Brethren colleges have similar or more conservative hours.

Some institutions require special stipulations, such as leaving the door open or cracked when a member of the opposite sex is alone in the student's room.

McPherson ranks conservatively when compared to other Brethren related schools. McPherson and Bridgewater College (Va.) do not permit 24 hour visitation.

Juniata College (Pa.) and Manchester College (Ind.) allow 24 visitation hours on weekends. Elizabethtown College (Pa.) and the University of LaVerne (Calif.)

have open visitation, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

ACCK colleges have stricter policies for visitation. Some of these policies include visitation for Tuesday evening and Sunday afternoon only (Tabor) or every Sunday afternoon (Central).

Sterling College's policy requires students to place a shoe in the doorway of the study portion in the suite while the opposite sex is in the room.

Bethany, Bethel and Kansas Wesleyan uphold different policies for each residence hall on campus. These policies are similar to the current policy at McPherson.

"I like the visitation hours as they are now because... I like being able to not look all put together after a certain hour and not having to worry about people just walking around the dorm," said Rachel Gross, fr.

"I support implementing 24 hour a day, seven days a week, visitation hours. I feel like we should be keeping up with other more progressive institutions," said Ryan Dhu, fr.