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Awards convocation honors students, faculty and staff

The annual awards convocation noted the scholarship and participation of several students, faculty and staff.

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Two freshmen prepare for Nationals in Georgia

Katy Neusch, fr. and Chad Etheridge, fr., will travel to Marietta, Ga., and compete in Nationals at Life College.

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photo by Jon Henrikson

Hillary Schubert, fr., and sophomores Krista Faus, Amy Levinski and Marta Gingrich play while Holly Hull, fr., watches.

Dill to give commencement address

by Shelly Hendricks

Co-Editor-in-Chief

The 1997 graduating class will complete its years at McPherson College in the commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 25.

Dr. Gary Dill, president of the college, will address the first class to graduate under his presidency. President Dill will also recognize five selected alumni during the commencement activities.

The senior class selected Mr. Danny Brubaker and Ms. Heather Healy as senior class representatives to present the welcoming address.

"I'm excited that the class chose us to speak," Healy said. "It's unbelievable that we're actually going to graduate. But, I'm ready to go and move on."

The seniors chose Dan Hoffman, assistant professor of health and physical education, to present the homily.

It will "entail a reminder of the basic tenets of Christianity," Hoffman said.

"The students wanted a faculty member

who had touched the lives of a lot of students," said Dr. Steven Gustafson, vice president for academic services.

Gustafson will present the candidates and honors to President Dill. Students can receive summa cum laude, with a grade point average of 3.9 and above, magna cum laude with a 3.75 and above, and cum laude, with a 3.55 or above. According to Gustafson, there are typically 10 to 12 students that receive these academic honors.

"This is a wonderful time and celebration in the lives of the seniors," Gustafson said. President Dill will then confer the degrees and honors to the class of 1997.

Other program participants are Marilyn Sexton Mason, director of admissions, who will play the prelude, processional and recessional, Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services, who will give the invocation, and Zandra Wagoner, campus minister, who will give the benediction. Also, Dr. Alan Gumm, chair of the music department, will direct the McPherson

College Chamber Singers before Hoffman's homily.

The commencement activities were organized by the Commencement Committee. Tracy Stoddart and Hubert Freeman were the senior class representatives, Larry Kitzel, associate professor of music and senior class sponsor, Alan Gumm, music representative, and Gustafson served as dean of faculty.

The committee was responsible for recommending the speaker and other program participants to the senior class. Stoddart and Freeman involved their class by having them vote on whom they wanted involved with the program.

"I really enjoyed being on the committee. It was nice to know that the senior class actually got to choose what they wanted for commencement," Stoddart said.

Stoddart will finish her senior student teaching next fall, but will walk with the 1997 class.

"It feels really good to be finally graduating. Also scary. Soon, I'll have to go out in the real world."

Administrative structure undergoes changes

Erin Flory and Jen Bosserman

Spectator Staff

McPherson College's administrative structure is assuming a new shape as Dr. Gary Dill reorganizes his administrative team leadership to better suit his presidential style and to improve delivery of services to students. This new structure will be implemented July 1, 1997.

"Changes such as these help us to explore some creative and fresh ways of looking at things," Dill said.

Dill's new structure eliminates the three vice presidents and their separate service areas. A provost will direct four areas of the college's administration instead. Each area will have an administrative head and all aspects of the college will report to one of these four individuals.

"This is a way to have things more organized and natural to me," Dill said.

President Dill has chosen Steve Gustafson, vice president of academic services, to serve as provost/dean of the faculty. Gustafson's responsibilities will include overseeing the associate provost and dean of academic resources, the associate dean for enrollment services, the associate dean for campus life and the campus minister. The faculty, division chairs and the teacher education program will also report to Gustafson.

"I look forward to working with students, faculty and staff as we together form a community committed to teaching and learning, reflecting the values of McPherson College and the Church of the Brethren," Gustafson said.

President Dill has named Dr. Susan Taylor the associate provost and dean of academic resources. Taylor oversees personal and structure of the library, academic computing, the learning center, assessment plans, the career planning and placement

program, the nontraditional ed. program and developmental advisement.

"I'm looking forward to working with an exciting enthusiastic group of people. We will face many challenges with an enrollment increase and many of us in new positions, but I'm sure working together we can make it a successful year," Taylor said.

Karlene Tyler will take over as associate dean for enrollment services. Tyler's job includes working with freshmen enrollment, serving as registrar, keeping records and serving on a developmental advising team.

"I'm looking forward to working with Susan Taylor, Kathryn Whitacre and Steve Gustafson on a team for developmental advising," Tyler said.

Kathryn Whitacre will serve as associate dean for campus life. Whitacre is responsible for all aspects of student life.

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EDITORIALS

Reflections of the year

SO, ANOTHER YEAR IS OVER. And what will we remember as its defining moments?

We'll recall the big gifts. The host of "The Tonight Show," Jay Leno, announced his establishment of a scholarship for the auto restoration program, and how unbelievable that announcement was. Harry Stine granted a \$10 million challenge gift to keep the college alive and prosperous into the 21st century.

This year's first Convos presented new controversies for us at the beginning of the year. The gender issue appeared to never end, but somewhere along the line, we forgot about our anger. Plus, the Spectator was pleased to receive letters to the editors and know that some people did understand our purpose.

We welcomed new faculty, staff and administration in the fall. Adam Smith really does remind of us of Herb, and Dr. Kathryn Dietz returned to her alma mater. Now, we'll say good-bye to others who have graced us with their presence: Del Bonney, Marilyn Sexton Mason and Zandra Wagoner to name a few.

The Dill legacy began when we welcomed our 12th president, Dr. Gary Dill, to campus on December 1. We will remember participating in the Inauguration festivities, eating at the banquet, toasting at the ball and watching Dr. Dill dance the Hokey Pokey.

We learned about the "salad bar clause" and detected how it divided groups. Some of us even dared to go "the other side of the salad bar." Others of us were perfectly content with where we were and didn't even care.

Several of us enjoyed the theatre department's talents as it presented "Crimes of the Heart," "Peter Rabbit and Me," "Spoon River Anthology," "An Extraordinary Correspondence," "The Belle of Amherst," "My Fair Lady" and "Molly Sweeney." And new people shared their skills with the department.

Some sadly observed the end of Fanny as a co-ed dorm, yet discovered the delight in living in a different environment. Fahnstock also stood for its 55th year. And, of course, none of us will forget the infamous Fanny haunted house.

We watched Heather Healy and Jenny Stover musically present Dr. Kim Stanley the "Professor of the Year" award. And we discovered that Kim has some hidden talents we were unaware of.

Soon, we'll say goodbye to the seniors. We've learned a lot from their successes and failures. They've provided leadership in several areas; on stage, on the field, in the classroom and in living life. Thanks.

It's been a good year. I hope we remember it fondly.

Shelly Hendricks
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The Amazing Colossal Comic Strip

By Mike Horner

Understanding Soccer 101

Tell me now, where precisely are you? Right at this very moment, where are you? What are your surroundings? Are you alone? Who is laughing? Who is crying? Where is the closest couple to you? What is the nearest non-human sound?

How many of us sit around on a daily basis and notice things. I mean really notice things like another bird, another professor, or another whatever. Look around you. There is so many alternative things to our own lifestyles living around us, everywhere. Why don't we stop and notice them?

For instance, in my own little world, I barely wake up because my alarm is too quiet. However, that truth doesn't stop me from complaining whenever I hear the steady buzzing of my neighbor's alarm clock.

After a shower, I get dressed and review the plan for my day. This time includes prioritizing what I must do daily. Then, I set out and accomplish my day. After the day has ended, I realize what I did well and what I failed to achieve. Then, I hop into bed and continue the cycle.

Now, here's the interesting part. My world, that is my day to day activities, does not include lifting weights in the Sport Center, going to golf practice, singing in any group, or playing games on a computer.

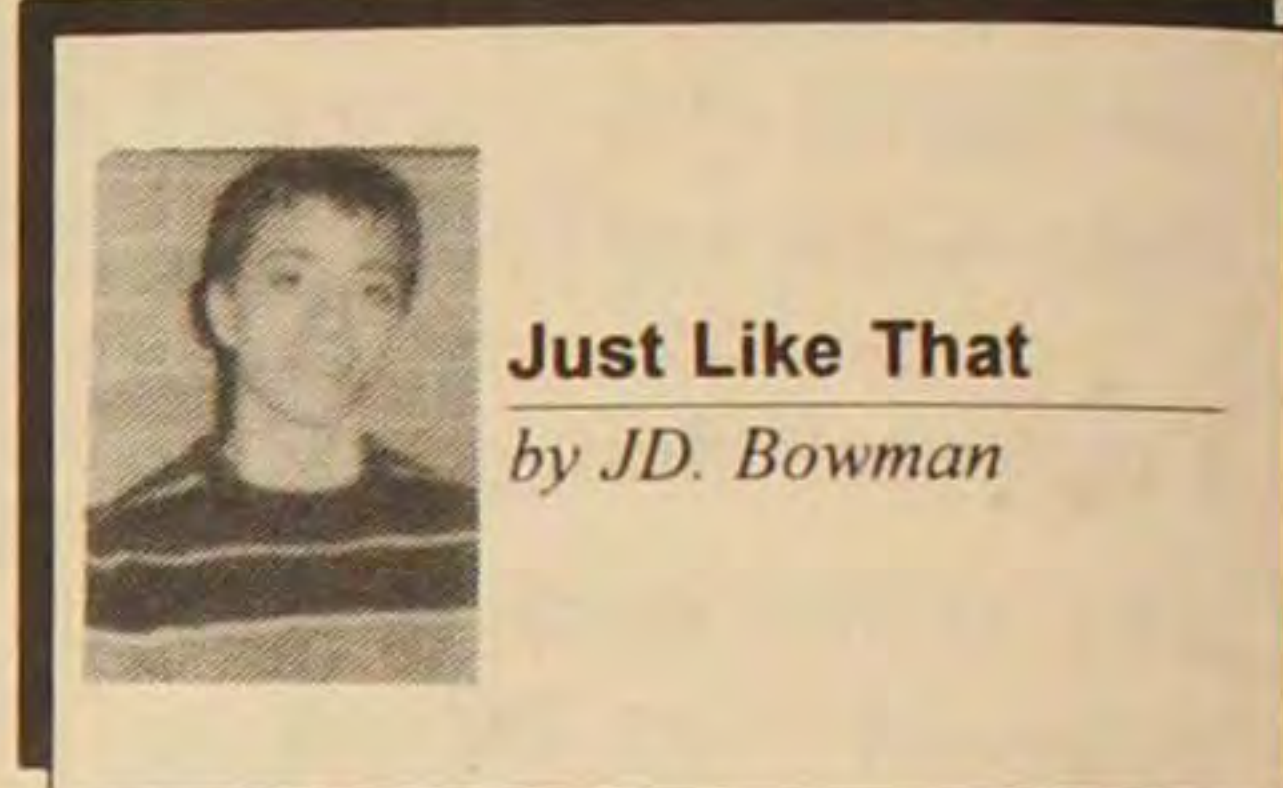
The only time I've been in the weight room was when I was giving student tours two summers ago. As you could probably guess, I don't work out every day. The only time I am addicted to a computer is when I get e-mail. After all, I don't get regular mail from the bookstore, so why not be addicted to technology?

So, every now and then, I need to also set aside time and appreciate life. However, instead of appreciating my life, I need to look around and appreciate the lives of those around me. It doesn't matter to me whether or not I know these people (or even like these people). I can still be thankful that they have helped shape this campus.

Here's a good example. This past weekend, I directed a play here at the college. There are a few reasons why any director chooses to direct a play. The best reason, in my mind, to direct this play was the fact that I wanted something the audience could appreciate. Sure, it's great to go to the theatre and laugh my way through fluff, but how many opportunities do I get to challenge my brain while I'm being entertained?

So I wanted to share my world with others. I directed a play. It was the perfect chance to share my world. I've been to Ireland, and I thrive on deep thoughts. Therefore, I brought Molly Sweeney (a thought provoking Irish play) to the stage, and thank you all who came. A special thank you needs to go to Cliff Bell because he came twice and enjoyed it both times.

Why did I mention the part about Cliff Bell? Simple. I want to be his friend. No, wrong answer. I mentioned it because Cliff doesn't always hang around the theatre. Cliff has taught me (bet he doesn't even know he did) that in order to show support



Just Like That
by JD. Bowman

for something, I need to get out there and show support. When soccer season rolls around (no pun intended), I plan on supporting Cliff in the same way.

Maybe Cliff doesn't know the difference between stage left and stage right. Perhaps he has no clue about gobos and how to wire them. And as far as he was concerned, the Irish accent sounded good... But that didn't matter, he was there wasn't he?

I'm not going to understand every single rule about soccer. Even when I played it in junior high, I didn't catch everything. But now, I know what they teach in Soccer 101. They teach teamwork. Teamwork on the field and teamwork on the campus. To me, it seems that's what the team is teaching others.

I'll never be able to tell you why anyone would want to play football or, worse, rugby, but at least I can choose to back the members of the team. At least I will be proud of their accomplishments.

Little things mean a lot. Instead of sitting behind a computer and pointing fingers or running around the field and telling jokes, shouldn't we all be supporting each other? This is a small community and an even smaller campus. Shouldn't we pull together and come out on top rather than pulling apart into our little groups?

Now, look around you? Right at this moment, where are you? Are you alone? Is someone crying? Do they need help? Is someone else lonely? Even if you don't know them, can you remedy that?

Are you helping the community or are you hurting it? Are you being supportive? Did you go to last night's show... the game... the meeting? Are you picking apart your neighbors before you look in the mirror?

Dog Breath

"A bad habit never disappears miraculously; it's an undo-it-yourself project."

Abigail Van Buren

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CAMPUS FORUM

Thanks, Doghouse

I would like to say a special thank you to Chris who runs the Doghouse. She is always so pleasant, willing to help. She has great food and goes out of her way to accommodate her customers. I especially appreciate her friendliness throughout all the hours I've spent studying between classes in the Student Union. Chris definitely deserves to be recognized for the terrific job she does. Thank you.

Patti Flentrophe, soph.

Knechel clarifies Visitation story

In the April 25th issue of The Spectator, the staff reported on students' dissatisfaction with the current visitation hours. Information was included about how students could go about changing the current policy.

The process described in the article is incorrect. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the process so as to minimize misunderstanding and confusion.

The April 25th article states: "Students can change the [visitation] policy according to Article VII, Section A of the McPherson College Student Government ... 1996-97 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 will be voted on by the Student Government unless an all-school election is specified."

The procedures referred to above and outlined in the Student Government Constitution apply to amending the Student Government Constitution only; they do not apply to recommending changes in the policies of McPherson College.

I believe the staff reporters may have inadvertently confused changing college policies with changing procedures under which Student Government conducts its business.

The Student Government Constitution does state that one of the "powers and duties" of the student government is to "...make appropriate recommendation to the appropriate body concerning student life" (Article II, Section A, #4).

Student Government does have the power and the responsibility to be aware of student concerns, suggestions and ideas; to research the extent of the concern and desire for change; and to identify sound solutions which can be put before college committees and officials as recommendations for change in college policy.

The current visitation hours policy was approved by the Board of Trustees in the spring of 1988 and implemented that same semester. The president of the college recommended the policy to the Board of Trustees. The president based his recommendation on the support of the Campus Life Board for the visitation hours proposal developed by Student Council.

Student Council prepared that proposal over a two-year period researching student interest as well as grounding their suggestion in sound educational and student development principles.

The 1987-88 Student Council made two suggestions as part of their request for extended visitation hours: 1) that the 1988-89 Student Council would evaluate the visitation hours program to see if it was working as intended; 2) that a moratorium would be placed on requests for increased visitation hours for five years.

The visitation hours policy which is in place today is the result of the work of Student Councils during the years 1986-87 and 1987-88. The 1988-89 Student Council followed through on the pledge to evaluate the new hours during that academic year. They reported the results to the Board of Trustees in the spring of 1989.

Three Student Councils built on each other's work to effect a change in McPherson College's policy. They committed time, energy, strong communication skills and, most importantly, good thinking supported with evidence from the research literature in an effort to continue to improve the quality of the total educational experience for students.

Sharon Knechel, Vice President for Student Services

Senior asks for final solutions for campus

As a graduating senior, I know all too well the negative attitude that fosters from senioritis and spring fever. It's my hope that I don't come across as extremely negative; I truly do love this college.

However, I also believe in saying what I think and raising awareness that might bring about improvement. So, here are several issues that I've often wondered about here at Mac. They're all just little things, but little things can make a big difference.

At McPherson, we are excellent at looking at the big picture. We plan strategically and wonder about the long-term future of the college. So much so, in fact, that the little things are frequently overlooked.

I've been frustrated many times with the statement, "Down the road it will be better for everyone." It will be better for the campus community if we hold off on this plan or that decision. Who is this benefiting campus community?

The average student is here four years. Let me repeat that, four years. Why not make that four years the best possible for those particular students? Why must we wait for the huge, overall improvements? Little things matter!

During my four years here I've waited for better phone systems, for higher technology, for a recycling program, and for new benches. I know those things might very well come along in the future, and won't they be nice—for my younger cousins or brothers.

So, before I leave, let me just ask a few simple, little questions: Why can't we have recycling receptacles? Even if they don't match the campus decor, as we've been told, couldn't we make do until the ultimate campus-wide program is established?

Why can't we have benches and flowers in front of Fanny? Sure, that residence hall might be torn down eventually, but meanwhile, the residents who live there right now would benefit.

Why not purchase a inexpensive handheld scanner for our computer lab? True, it would soon be outdated and replaced by this major technology renovation we keep hearing about, but those of us who'll never benefit from the system overhaul sure could have benefited from scanning job and graduate school applications.

And how about ash trays or cigarette butt receptacles? I know, I know, we don't want to promote smoking, and we must wait again for another decision from higher up the ladder. Don't worry, I'm sure that while we're waiting, the many cigarette butts scattered all over the lawns by our doors won't promote smoking and will look very attractive.

Why can't we have some computers in our dorms? I hear my authorities telling me to just wait until all the fiber optic lines are installed and all the new computers up and going. I did I waited right up until I graduated. I would have rather dealt with outdated, better-than-nothing machines.

And what about change machines? I realize the possibility of vandalism. I also

know that if little things truly were a priority, we would have had 24 hour quarter venders long ago.

On the topic of feeding money to machines, why must we pay 10 cents to our one-and-only copier when all over town photocopies cost a nickel?

And finally, why is the bookstore only open until 4 PM or earlier everyday? Don't get me wrong, here. I'm not saying that the bookstore staff needs more hours, but I am suggesting that one day a week the hours could possibly be extended for those of us who student teach or are part-timers with an all-day work schedule and simply can't pick up those packages during normal hours.

Enough is enough. I'm sure that for all of these little details there is a logical explanation—there always is. I'm also fully aware that this letter will probably result in accomplishing nothing. Nonetheless, thanks to those of you who took the time to hear me out.

If you're not leaving Mac, why not fight for the little things? I can assure you, waiting won't bring them to you.

Cyndi A. Jones, sr.

Caskey exhibit closes

I would like to applaud Kristin Caskey on her show in Friendship Hall during the month of April. This sensitive, articulate woman got the entire campus community talking about art and freedom of expression. It was great.

Jill Brax, sr.

Praises for Sodexo

After eating two scrumptious bagel reubens at lunch on Tuesday, I felt compelled to share my strong feelings of affection for the Sodexo food staff here at McPherson College.

Whereas some like to bash the food service day after day, I have developed a deep appreciation for the work that is done by our campus cafeteria.

Any job that requires massive and frequent preparation of a disposable product or products will, with time, have flaws. Yet, for the most part I am pleased with, and genuinely filled by, the meals our food service prepares.

I can remember my first breakfast experience here at Mac, when Sodexo was known as Morrison's Hospitality and my eager 18 year-old body had awoken at 6:45 for some hot food before my 7:30 class. I rushed over to the cafe and not being a big scrambled egg fan, asked if I could get some fried eggs—over-easy—just like Mom would make for me. To my surprise, they brought me out a plate with two nearly perfectly cooked eggs on it and from that day on I was a fan of Sodexo.

Now, nearly three years later I still get excited when the menu offers me a reuben on dark rye, twice-baked potatoes, cherry crepes or shrimp. Mexican buffet day always fills my stomach to the brim and when a fresh Caesar salad is a choice, I usually go for it.

I'm not afraid to go back for seconds, even thirds on occasion, when bierocks (topped with a little Grey Poupon and a side of green beans and bacon) are being served.

And when I come to breakfast on Thursday mornings, it is always a treat to find that there are homemade cinnamon rolls and pull-apart bread sitting in the fresh pastries section.

And in the following week or so, Sodexo will provide our weary minds and bodies with late-night snacks during finals. I know I'll be serving up myself a dish of nachos and scooping up some of that bubble gum ice cream I've loved since childhood and I hope you will be too.

Erik Vogel, jr.

Response to the Peanut Gallery

Jim Garrison has blessed us once again with his ill-advised, opinionated and uninformed observations. He seems to think that athletes are not thinkers and that this school has a dwindling supply of them with no reinforcements coming in.

I've got something to tell you, Jimbo, it's people like you who make all the freshmen and sophomores leave. Instead of supporting all of the programs at this school, you tend to run down and degrade the ones you don't like.

Athletes work extremely hard day in and day out to give this school something it can be proud of. When we take the field, court, or step on the track, we always look up in the stands to see if anybody appreciates what we do, and I have yet to see you there.

How about trying out for a sport, Jim? As informed as you seem to be about athletics I'm sure we would love to have you come out for football. Even George Plimpton had the guts to play football before commenting about it in "The Paper Lion." (Yes, we read, how about that!)

Look around you, Jim: How many athletes are biology majors, chemistry, pre-law? I know on my floor alone (2nd floor Metzler) two people have not played a sport here and we have four pre-meds, three pre-law, two chemistry and three history majors. That's not all of them, but I'm pretty sure you can't be a bonehead and do what these people do.

We are student athletes, Jim. The student comes first. Without school we can't play the sports we love. What have you done, Jim? Besides write your little column every issue and a couple of plays. If I'm not mistaken, we have a couple of athletes in the theater, too.

A wise man once said, "You can never know anything until you understand it, you can never understand anything until you know it, but you can never have the full knowledge and understanding on anything until you experience it."

So in conclusion, until you run a race, make a lay-up, score a touchdown, win a match, sink a putt, or score a goal with a McPherson jersey on, shut up! You have no clue what you are talking about. Stop being part of the problem and start being part of the solution.

Help build us up instead of running us down and life might be a little better on campus. Write about something you know about next time. It's obvious from the conclusions you made you are not a great "thinker" either.

Joe Bravo, soph.

We would like respond to the Peanut Gallery. James Garrison informed us on his views towards the athletes at this school. He believes that the athletes at this institution aren't "thinkers."

If James Garrison would get his head out of the computer and start looking at the facts, he would know that some of the best "thinkers" here at Mac are athletes.

Hey, James, look around you. Over half of the students here came for athletic reasons. Just because your computer thinks for you, don't get on the athletes' back.

One question for you, James: where would this school be without athletics? We're not saying athletes run the school, but we do contribute our fair share.

Ryan Dhu, fr.
James Lopez III, soph.

All School's Day 1997



photo by Jon Henrikson

Quentin Alsip, soph., and Mike Bascom, fr., compete at a carnival game.

by Becki Dilley

Spectator Staff

McPherson County All School's Day is Friday, May 9, 1997. Activities are planned for All School's Day both on campus and in the community. The theme of this year's festivities is "Tie Your Memories Together with Bandannas" in honor of McPherson's 125th anniversary celebration.

Student Activities Board is planning a "Big Event" for the campus community. Activities will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. outside the S.U. and move into a variety of activities including an egg toss, yo-yo contest, balloon shaving, water softball, Twister, ultimate frisbee and tie-dyeing. Free t-shirts will be given away for tie-dyeing. Prizes will be awarded for all activities.

"Come and have fun," said Amy Levinski, SAB director. "I appreciate everyone coming out and having fun at the activities we did this past year."

The 84th Annual parade on Main Street will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday. After the parade, the McPherson High School Band and the McPherson Pipe Band will play Irish tunes on the Nation's Bank plaza.

Janis Willard, the All School's Day Committee general chair person, estimated between 30-35,000 people will attend the parade and other events.

"As the general chair person, I've been like a communications center. There are about 300 volunteers that put All School's Day together. I've been excited to be a part of it all. My favorite part is the anticipation. It's like Christmas, like you're waiting for something to happen. Being involved in the planning, I've been able to know very early what is going to happen."

According to Willard the committee is offering \$150 as incentive for any group that registers a float in the parade. With legitimate receipts, the committee will give \$100 more, totalling the contribution to \$250 to aid in construction costs.

"I grew up in McPherson and I've been to almost every All School's Day event over the years," said Willard. "Growing up, I just loved getting ready for it. We always mowed the lawn, because it was like getting ready for company. It's a time to show what McPherson is all about."

Around the turn of the century, there were about 126 one-room school houses in McPherson County. At that time, few people continued their general education past the eighth grade. The county superintendent had to go to each location to confer the graduation of each eighth grader.

"Not all of the 126 schools had a graduate, but you can imagine how much travelling that would be anyway," Willard said.

In 1913, eighth graders began coming to



photo by Jon Henrikson

Cotton Candy is just one of the many foods enjoyed at the 1997 carnival.

McPherson, the county seat, to celebrate their graduation. There was a ceremony and a parade in their honor. In 1914, the events officially became known as All School's Day.

During the parade's early years, each school wanted to have the best float. With 126 schools participating, there were many floats.

"Over the years there has been the consolidation of most of the schools. The recognition of the eighth graders has changed to the recognition of seniors, and of children [students] of all ages," Willard said.

The May Fete, an event which showcases the talents of various students, began Wednesday night and continues tonight at 7 p.m. in the Lakeside Park Bandshell. The senior class of each of the six county high schools selects a king and queen in the fall. They represent their school at All School's Day festivities by presiding over the events at the May Fete and riding on a float in the parade on Saturday.

"This is a kind of talent night where school kids are involved in different kinds of singing, dancing, and cheerleading. Some are school related and some are community events," Willard said.

Comedian's phone call no joke to Matthaei

by Becky Ullom

Spectator Staff

Marylyn Matthaei, secretary to the vice president for academic services, was simply doing her job at 4 p.m. on March 17 when Jay Leno, host of "The Tonight Show," called McPherson College.

Prank phone calls are a common occurrence in the vice presidents' office, and it is Matthaei's job to screen the calls before passing them on to Dr. Steve Gustafson, vice president for academic services. When Leno called McPherson College to discuss a scholarship gift, Matthaei had a hard time believing that the voice on the other end of the phone was actually his.

"I answered the phone," Matthaei recalls, "and the person identified himself as Jay Leno from the 'Tonight Show'. I said 'uh-huh,' because I didn't believe him. I could not understand why Jay Leno would be calling us. Also, he was so very soft-spoken on the phone. Not at all the big, boisterous personality he has on TV," Matthaei said. Leno explained to Matthaei that he was

interested in giving money to establish a scholarship for the college's auto restoration program.

"I wasn't very excited or enthusiastic, because I still thought it was a prank call. We talked for a while, and he explained that he was used to people not believing him. He told me that he couldn't even order a pizza for himself, because the restaurant would think it was a prank call and hang up on him," Matthaei said.

Leno asked to speak to Gustafson, who was in a meeting in the president's office. Matthaei asked to take a message, but Leno did not wish to leave one. Instead he asked to speak with Stan Miller, assistant professor of technology.

"After that I was convinced that it was Jay. I figured that if he knew Stan, he had probably done his homework [on the college]," Matthaei said.

Unbelievably, Miller, Gustafson and Steve Mason, vice president for financial services, were all in the same meeting in President Gary Dill's office. Matthaei proceeded to interrupt the meeting so that Leno

could talk to the appropriate person.

Matthaei asked Gustafson to take the call. "He asked me to have Steve Mason take the call, so I knew he did not believe me. I had to assure Dr. Gustafson that it really was Jay Leno on the phone, and that I thought they should talk because Jay wanted to give the college a scholarship," Matthaei said.

After convincing the meeting's participants of the caller's identity, Leno was put directly through to President Dill.

"President Dill thought it was too good to be true also, because he experienced disbelief about Jay's identity just like everyone else. Jay managed to convince President Dill of his true identity, again using the pizza story to make his point," Matthaei said.

Excitement was high in the vice presiden-

tial suite after Matthaei hung up the phone.

"The cliché 'bouncing off of the walls' would be an appropriate adjective for the secretaries' energy level," said Donna Swenson, secretary to the vice president for financial services.

Amy Haas, jr., a student worker in the vice presidential suite, was also present at the time of Leno's call. She was not allowed to tell anyone about the call and the scholarship because Leno wanted to announce the scholarship at a later time.

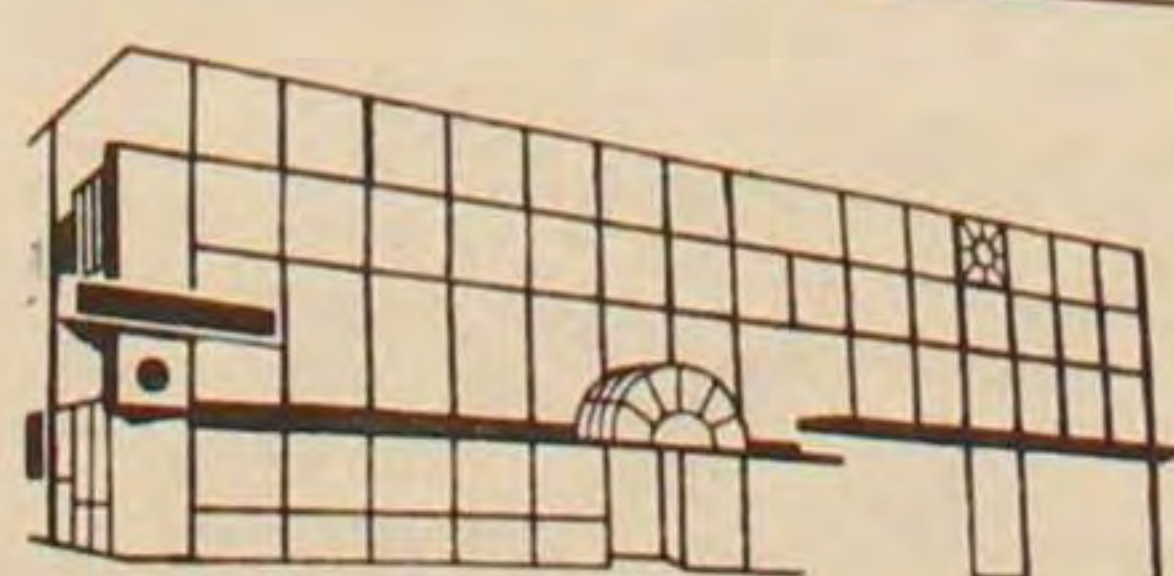
"The students did a great job of maintaining confidentiality," Matthaei said.

Marilyn Sexton Mason, associate director of admissions and financial aid, was also in the office at the time of the call.

"It was so wonderful to have him discover us here in Central Kansas," Mason said.

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People Weekly interviews McPherson senior

by Erin Flory
Spectator Staff

Cyndi Jones, a senior elementary education major, had an unexpected surprise two weeks ago when People Weekly magazine asked her for an interview. People is featuring graduating college seniors around the country in an upcoming issue.

People contacted McPherson College and asked for names of possible seniors to feature. Del Bonney, director of communications, suggested Jones. Jones says she was probably chosen because of the college's small size and because of her diverse interests, such as rodeoing and studying abroad.

Joanne Fowler of People flew from Chicago to interview Jones on April 22 and 23. While here, she tried to get a perspective of Jones's life and interests by talking with some of her friends, professors and by visiting the elementary school where Cyndi student teaches. Fowler "shadowed" Jones for two days, gathering information for the story.

Later, a photographer from Kansas City took pictures of Jones and her horse. After Jones's parents brought her horse to McPherson, she demonstrated the rodeoing skills she has acquired since childhood.

"The photographer took some crazy pictures. He took some of me riding my horse in my cap and gown," Jones said.

She also rode her horse and ran barrels for the photographer while he took approximately 280 pictures.

Jones's interest in rodeo began at an early age. "I rode a horse by myself the same day I took my first steps," Jones said.

She began rodeoing in different competitions at the age of three. She began compet-



photo courtesy Cyndi Jones
Cyndi Jones

ing seriously at age eight and was a member of the National Little Britches Rodeo Association. She was also a member of the Junior Rodeo Club from age eight to eighteen.

Jones was elected National Rodeo Queen during the 1993-94 year.

Her freshman year she did the national rodeo promotions. She spent interterm traveling every weekend doing rodeo promotions. Jones says she turned down rodeo scholarships to larger schools to come to McPherson College even though she can't do as much rodeoing here.

While in college, Jones has participated in a variety of activities. She has been involved in Peace Awareness, International Students Organization, Today's Educators and has written for the Spectator. She was selected for Who's Who in American Col-



photo courtesy Cyndi Jones
Cyndi Jones, sr., navigates around a barrel during a rodeo exhibition.

leges and Universities and helped start the campus recycling program and the Habitat for Humanity Chapter.

"I have known since I got here I wanted to teach elementary education, to study abroad, and to be involved in the Spanish Circle," Jones said.

Though Jones's story has to be approved by People editors, having the story written has been an exciting and interesting experience for her.

"It will be interesting to see what of my life they choose to publish. I'm still a little skeptical, so we'll see," Jones said.

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Tim Herra, jr., lines up his putt. He helped the men place sixth in conference.

Golf finishes sixth in conference

by Melissa Sharp
Sports Editor

The McPherson College golf team wrapped up its 1997 season placing sixth in the KCAC tournament held in Hesston May 2-3.

Even though the weather was uncooperative, juniors Tim Herra and Jeff Williams and seniors Ryan Schmid and Jamie Warren stroked it out to place sixth in the conference. Over two days the men shot 27 holes per day with scores as follows: Schmid 123/126, Warren 120/129, Herra 139/139 and Williams 134/136.

"If we would have had a fifth man for this tournament, we could have easily gotten fourth instead of sixth in the conference," Warren said.

The team played a one day, 36-hole tournament at Southwestern College on April 23.

Warren led the team with a score of 91/80 since scoring was marked in two 18 hole standings. Only four Mac men played in this tournament.

The Mac team placed fourth at the Friends, Terradyne tournament on April 15. McGowan, Schmid, Warren, Williams and Herra all individually placed.

The team will lose seniors, Schmid, Warren and McGowan, leaving only Herra and Williams for the 1997-98 team.

"Schmid and I had a good tournament to end our senior season. We are ready to pass the torch on to Jeff and Tim to take over the team," Warren said.

1996-97 athletes provided fans with great moments

As the 1996-97 sports schedule winds down, Bulldog spring athletes are putting the finishing touches on their respective seasons, while off-season workouts and recruiting efforts continue for those whose sport is currently dormant.

Speaking of dormant, the McPherson College football stadium has undergone its annual re-seeding, compliments of the Guru of Grass and Grounds, Merrin Godfrey, who has once again resurrected the beaten tundra.

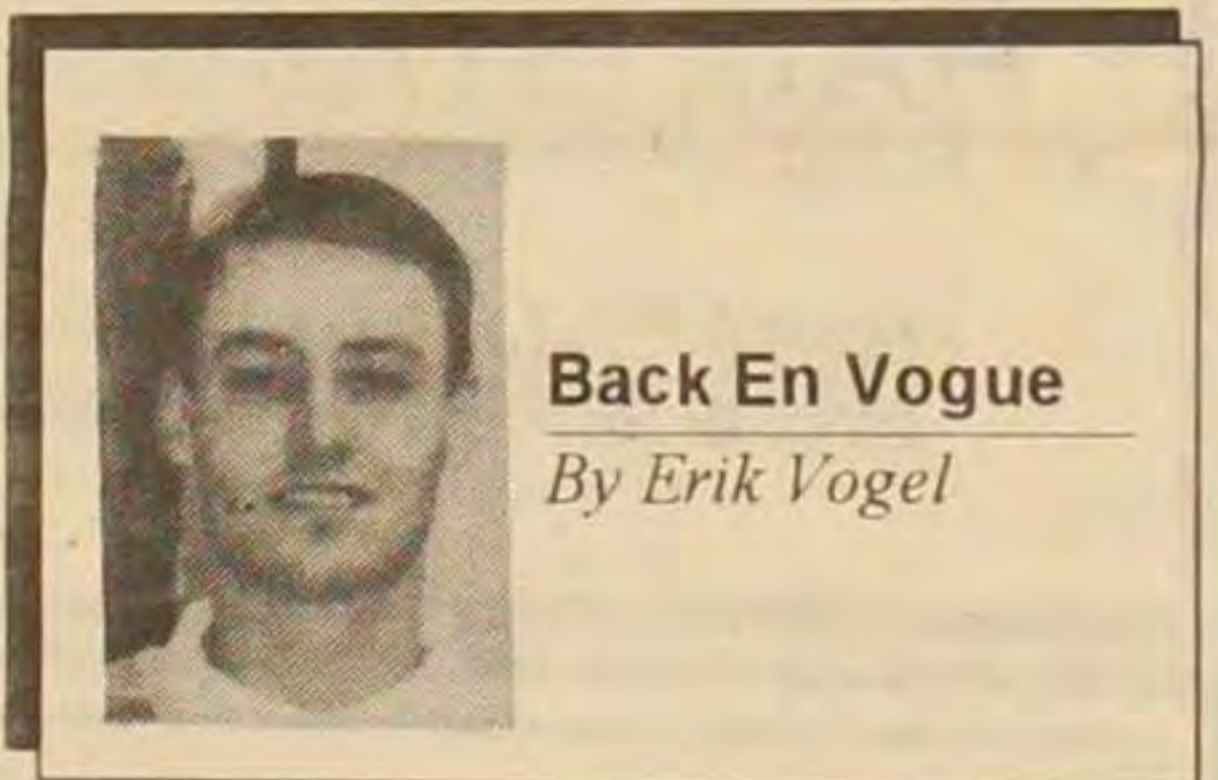
A brief look back at the year in Bulldog sports reveals both successes and disappointments. Nonetheless, next year will inevitably bring another opportunity for a large portion of our campus's students to compete in the sport(s) they love.

•For the first time during the Bruce Grose era, the Bulldog football team finished with a non-losing record (5-5). Grose continues to dedicate his recruiting efforts throughout the U.S., logging highway miles at a Lee Lengel-like rate.

Grose loses possibly the greatest player in Bulldog history, "Turtle" James. James, along with fellow seniors Eddie Hester, Aundrey Myers, Brian Ward and Tim Schoepflin, competed in the National All-Stars game April 19, in Dallas, Texas.

Hester, James and Myers all have participated in various pro football league combines. According to Hester, they are at the wait-and-see stage, with hopes that they can land a roster spot with a Canadian, World or Arena League team.

•Both the men's and women's soccer teams had tough seasons. The men finished 5-14, while the women improved considerably as the year progressed. With a relatively young group of players, the men's squad looks to be solid next year despite losing some



Back En Vogue

By Erik Vogel

key leaders due to graduation.

After his first year at the helm of the women's program, head coach Sammy Lane has had time to get acquainted with the players and will look to improve his team for conference play next year.

•Women's volleyball captain Jen Williams earned KCAC post-season honors, while senior Kerri Kobbeman and junior Amber Spillum both had statistically good seasons.

Despite not making the conference tour-

namment, the women played close matches and even knocked off conference powerhouse Sterling during the season. The team graduates four seniors.

•Under the direction of head coach Mel Wright, the women's basketball team qualified for the KCAC conference tournament for the first time since the tournament's conception. With freshman phenom Hillary Schubert returning, the girls are looking forward to a very promising 1997.

•Following a 9-3 start, the men's basketball squad suffered through a difficult second-half of the season, finishing with an overall record of 11-14, 4-12 in the KCAC.

•Having wrapped up their season over a week ago, the men's golf team concluded its spring schedule by finishing sixth in the KCAC tournament. This lovable group of five missed taking fifth by only six strokes.

•Track team members—both men and women—received numerous individual

cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or higher during the past year.

McPherson College had 25 student-athletes named to the 1996-97 KCAC Academic All-Conference team.

Football: Tim Armbruster, jr., and seniors Danny Brubaker and Chris Kunz.

Men's Basketball: juniors Shane Sundahl, Erik Vogel and Ryan Wenzel.

Women's Basketball: juniors Amy Ross and Amber Spillum, and seniors Kerri Kobbeman and Staci Shoemaker.

Men's Tennis: juniors Josh Hofflinger and Joe House and senior Mark Boyer.

Women's Tennis: sophomores Jenny Amiot and Lori Fleming.

Golf: Jamie Warren, sr.

Volleyball: Marie Vacura, soph., juniors Jayme Brown, Melissa Sharp and Amber Spillum, and seniors Kerri Kobbeman, Jennifer Williams and Trisha Young.

Women's Soccer: seniors Melissa Crowdis and Tracy Stoddart.

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Tennis team concludes 1997 spring campaign

by Tony Segovia
Spectator Staff



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Joey House, jr., practices his swing. He will continue to play next year.

The McPherson College tennis team concluded its spring campaign with a winning record of 6-3. The team won its first six meets, but lost its last three.

The Bulldogs finished fourth, behind power houses Bethany, Bethel and Tabor at the KCAC tournament on May 2-3.

The team won all first-round matches except two. Without playing their second round-matches, the team was sitting in a comfortable fourth place.

The team lost all of its second round matches to Bethel, who won the tournament.

"The team had a rough time in the tournament. I don't think the team was really ready for tournament play, but they gave a lot of effort and I was proud of them. One match in the tournament summed up the season as a whole. We felt like our backs were always against the wall," head coach Becky Sankner said.

Mark Boyer, sr., and Brent Johnson, fr., battled against Tabor for third place in the number two seed doubles. The duo lost their

first game, 2-6. They fell behind 0-5 in game two but came back to force a tie-breaker and won the set, 7-6. The final set went to another tie breaker game and the pair won 7-5 to capture third place.

"Brent and I talked about the match after the game, and we were just happy that we didn't give up. We were the only members on the team left playing in the tournament and we hadn't placed yet, so we wanted to do something for the team," Boyer said. "We were pretty exhausted, but I don't think it was a lack of fatigue. I think it was because we were on an emotional high."

The Bulldogs finished their regular season winning one of their last four meets. The Bulldogs defeated Sterling 6-3 on their home court April 23. The team lost to Bethel and Bethany by the score of 0-9 at McPherson on April 28. The team lost 2-7 at Tabor on April 24.

"I'm really looking forward to next year's team. We are going to be stronger with three returning players and three new recruits. We are losing three outstanding players Mark, Josh Hofflinger and Shawn Stratton," Sankner said.

Neusch, Etheridge prepare for NAIC National track and field meet

by Melissa Sharp
Sports Editor

Freshmen Chad Etheridge and Katy Neusch, will have the opportunity to go to Nationals at Life College in Marietta, Ga., May 21-23.

Neusch did not officially qualify for nationals but was close throughout the season. In the triple jump she missed the qualifying distance by only nine inches, and in the long jump by 10 inches.

Etheridge was only .34 of a second from qualifying in the 100m, and only .64 of a second away from qualifying in the 200m. His performances also qualify him to participate at Nationals.

At the KCAC meet at Sterling College on May 2-3, McPherson earned six medals. Medals were given to the top three in each event including relays.

Individual women's results were: Neusch triple jump-36'6" (first) and long jump-16'11" (second).

Individual men's results were: Rick Coleman, jr., discuss-127'4" (third) and javelin-170'1" (third); Turtle James, sr., 100m-11.19 (second) and Etheridge 200m-22.68 (fifth).

The men's 4x100m relay team consisting of Etheridge, Matt Friesen, soph., James and Antonio Ford, fr. placed second with a time of 43.23 seconds.

The men placed eighth and the women placed ninth at the Loyce Miller Invitational at Sterling College on April 26.

Nikki Unruh-Carey finished fifth in the 100m with a time of 13.67 (fifth).

Results for men were: Rick Coleman, jr., shot put-41'6 1/4" (third), discuss-126'2" (second) and javelin-162'10" (third), Cameron Koster, soph., triple jump-39'11 1/4" (sixth), Etheridge 100m-10.8 (first) and 200m-21.9 (first), Friesen 100m-11.3 (fifth).

"We had two other individuals very close to going to nationals also, Rick and Turtle, and last year we only had one that qualified to go."

National qualifiers and other members of the track team will compete in the Moka Midstates meet Saturday at Baker University.

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8 Student admissions employees provide boost

by Michael Baker
Spectator Staff

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series of articles on recruitment. The previous story covered increased numbers in enrollment. It explained reasons for the increase, including the letter writing campaign and immediate information concerning financial aid. This week's recruitment story focuses on student workers' influence on increased enrollment.

Student admissions workers are contributing to the increased enrollment numbers under the college's new recruitment program. "Without the student workers in the of-

fice, it would have been impossible to make these new, effective changes," said Anne Kirchner, who will be the new director of admissions starting July 1.

Currently, five students work in admissions: Andrew Hutchison, soph., Michael Bascom, fr., Brian Cooper, soph., Emma Webb, soph. and Marie Vacura, soph.

They carry out several duties that assist admission counselors. One of their main jobs includes giving campus tours.

"Students workers are able to provide prospective students a campus tour at any hour of the day. This is a good part of the student workers' job, and it helps our office run smoothly. We would not be able to keep

up without them," Kirchner said.

Student workers must maintain positive attitudes and serve as a sounding board for prospective students because recruits voice many of their questions to student workers.

"The hardest thing about working in admissions is putting bad feelings aside on a rough day," Webb said.

"One of the hardest questions students ask is, 'What's the worst thing about Mac college?'" Webb said. Many students also ask what the food is like and "I just tell students we have a lot of variety."

Working in admissions provides an opportunity for students to develop job skills for the future, and it helps students take

pride in this school, according to Vacura.

Vacura began working in admissions because "I'd get to meet a lot of people, and it would help to increase my communication skills. I like to see the mannerisms students use to communicate. They tend to have different attitudes, and that's really interesting."

Vacura finds working in admissions rewarding because she has the opportunity to talk with prospective students and answer their questions, such as why she chose to attend Mac.

"I tell students that I came here because the school is smaller and I can participate in a lot of activities. That's good for students to know," Vacura said.

Celebrative Awards

The annual awards convocation honored students, faculty and staff in Brown Auditorium on Monday, May 5. Dr. Steven Gustafson, vice president for academic services, introduced scholarship awards and Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services, introduced participation awards.

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All Conference Academic Athletes

See awards story in Sports, page 6.

Participation and Leadership Award in Cheerleading

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Professor of the Year Award

Dr. Kim Stanley, associate professor of English

Outstanding Service Award

Patty Lusk, secretary to the president

New computers next fall

by James Garrison

Spectator Staff

Three years of work will pay off this summer for the McPherson College Computer Policy Committee when a major technological upgrade will result in new computers for faculty and staff as well as for campus computer labs.

Faculty and staff will receive new Pentium 133 PCs with Windows 95 and Microsoft Office Pro 97. The machines will be networked to enable e-mail for all interoffice memoranda, said Steve Mason, vice president for financial services.

Campus employees have already received a memo with an order form, should they wish to purchase a computer for home usage so they can be compatible at home as well as at work.

Mason is in charge of implementing the upgrade and of hiring a network administrator. The new network administrator will be in charge of network service and security, but the position is still evolving,

said Mason.

The position should be filled by July 1, and the installing of computers will be complete by fall.

Also to be changed are the 15 computers in the Mohler lab, which will be replaced with similar Pentium 133s. The older 486 DXs currently in the Mohler lab will be moved to the Miller writing lab to replace the older computers there.

The 486 DXs and the 10 486 SX machines currently in the Miller lab will be upgraded to handle Windows 95 and Microsoft Word 97. Word 97, said Mason, will then be the campus standard word processor.

Future upgrades include setting up networked labs in each of the dorms. The nature of these labs, what they will be like and how they will be run are all dependent on the new network administrator and will probably not be in place for at least a year, Mason said.

Another future upgrade will involve upgrading the current 56.6K link to the Internet to one with larger bandwidth.

Students will break from their studies to visit the "Windy City"

JD. Bowman

Editorial Editor

Twenty-nine McPherson College students and faculty members will fly to Chicago for a break from spring studies, Saturday, May 5. The trip is a joint project of the newly formed Creative Arts Society and the established dramatic society, Alpha Psi Omega.

"It'll be great to see the art. But mostly it'll be great to get away, to get out, to have fun, and to get lost. Hopefully, we'll find our way back by Sunday," Mike Chrislip said.

Mike is a member of the Creative Arts Society in his spare time between being a non-traditional student and working for maintenance.

Alpha Psi usually plans one or two study breaks per year. Those breaks have included trips to Salina, Cabaret Old Town in Wichita or to various theaters around Kansas City. This will be Alpha Psi's first trip to Chicago.

Teresa Boness, sr., and president of both Alpha Psi and the Creative Arts Society,

proposed the idea of combining the two humanities-based groups for the trip.

"Chicago is the art capitol of the Midwest. It seemed like the best place to take both groups considering their interests. It's practically perfect for both groups to enjoy," Boness said.

Alpha Psi members are funding the trip by proceeds made from dinner theaters hosted throughout the year. The money Alpha Psi members raised is covering the cost of their airplane and hotel fees. Members of the creative arts society will pay their own costs.

"It's been really exciting to have a goal that not many clubs have and work towards that goal for the past year. Having a goal like Chicago has made the work a lot easier and more exciting," said Melissa Crowdis, sr., vice president of Alpha Psi.

"Chicago is the Mecca for the arts. I can't wait to get a good look at the Chicago Art Institute and take in a couple of shows. This is the chance of a lifetime," said Jeremy Thuma, soph., and member of both organizations.

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Administration changes

"It will definitely be a challenge. I'm anxious to begin...after a couple of days off," Whitacre said.

The campus minister, yet to be named, will lead chapel and sponsor clubs such as Habitat for Humanity, Peace Awareness, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Brethren Identity Group.

President Dill met with this core group of people and worked out the new administrative structure.

"This administrative model brings together curricular and co-curricular functions as we strive to develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and ser-

vice," Gustafson said.

The goal of this administrative structure is to deliver services to students in the most efficient and effective way possible, while allowing staff personal to focus on one particular job.

"I hope these positions will be a whole focus, instead of just being part of other jobs," Dill said.

President Dill will continue to work out details of the new administrative model.

McPherson College also experiences change in personnel. Resignations in the administration prompted job transferring and shifting.

Dr. Steve Mason, vice president for finan-

cial services and treasurer, and Del Bonney, director of communications, resigned effective July 1, '97. Marilyn Sexton Mason, associate director of admissions and financial aid, and Zandra Wagoner, campus minister, resigned effective June 30, '97. Wagoner leaves McPherson College to pursue a PhD in theology, ethics and culture from Claremont Graduate School in California. Richard Dove, instructor in auto restoration, resigned to focus on his restoration business in Lindsborg, Kan.

Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services, resigned for fall of next year as she will return to the University of Min-

nesota to complete her doctoral work. Sharon Knechel will serve as director of institutional research, strategic planning and institutional evaluation upon her return in January 1998.

Anne Kirchner has accepted the position of director of admissions, and Fred Schmidt will continue to serve as director of financial aid. Bob Knechel will take over as chief development officer, and Shirley Reissig will assume the job of chief business officer. These positions will be effective July 1, '97. Jean Lichty Hendricks has accepted the renewed position as director of church relations effective Sept. 1, 1997.