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McPherson College now has its own homepage, designed to give information about the school.

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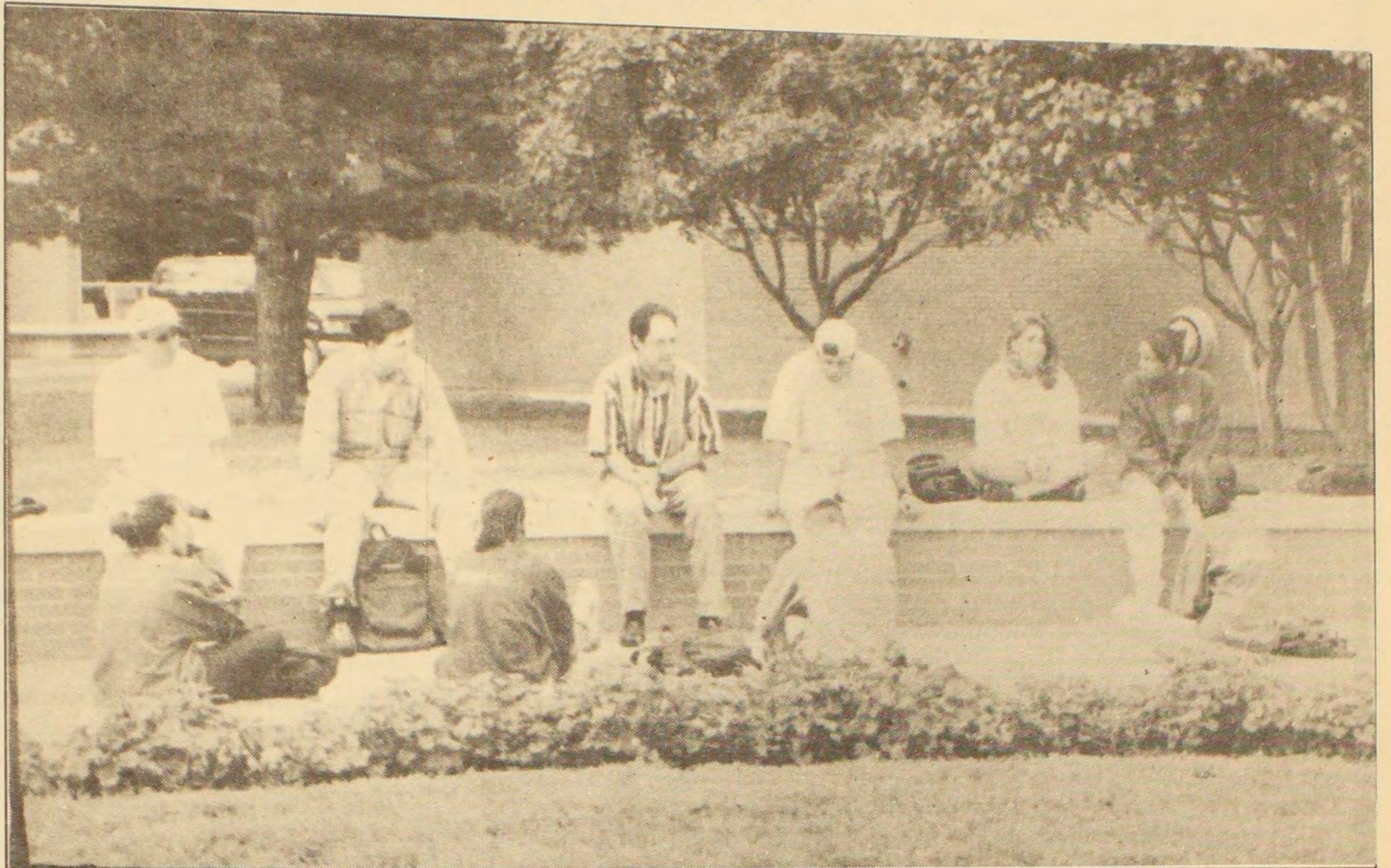
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Fall sports begin

Volleyball, soccer, and football are ready for the 1996 year.

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Class of 2000 convenes



Dr. Alan Gumm's freshman seminar group enjoys a day conversing on the Quad. The group is one of 12 seminars designed to enrich the freshman orientation experience.

Search for president continues

by Erin Flory

Staff Writer

McPherson College is currently in the process of selecting a new president for the 1997-1998 academic year.

An 11-member Presidential Search Committee, consisting of four trustees, three faculty members, one staff member, one student, one alumni and one community member, began meeting in March 1996.

Members of the search committee were appointed by various trustees, faculty and staff, and the committee met once a month from March through July with meetings lasting all day and sometimes all weekend.

One main objective of this committee was to determine the criteria they would use to select a president. The criteria were divided into three main areas: Vision Criteria, Administrative Criteria and Personal Criteria. Candidates were selected on who best fit the qualifications under each category.

After the presidential criteria had been established, it was published in several advertisements, including the McPherson Sentinel, various college catalogs, and the "Messenger," the Church of the Brethren magazine publication.

Letters were sent out to McPherson College alumni to encourage nominations for the presidency as well. Other letters were then sent to the nominees to inform them of their nomination and to encourage them to apply for the position.

The committee began their search with about 20 applications, then narrowed it

down to eight, then six, and finally the three candidates who have been on campus during the past two weeks.

The committee selected the final three candidates based on who best fit the presidential criteria. The three finalists are: Dr. Vance Yoder, Dr. Kenneth Leonard, and Dr. Gary Dill.

Dr. Vance Yoder is currently the vice president for academic affairs at Iowa Wesleyan College. He attended his first year of college at McPherson before later transferring to Manchester College in Manchester, Ind. He received a Doctor of Philosophy in Music from Ohio State University.

He has a strong background with McPherson College and the McPherson community since a majority of his family has attended McPherson College and lived in the community.

Dr. Yoder and his wife, Marilyn Jean Taylor Yoder, have three adult children, Philip, Michael and Daniel, and one grandchild.

Dr. Kenneth E. Leonard had served as vice president for university advancement at Seattle Pacific University but is currently on sabbatical leave.

Dr. Leonard grew up in Pomona, Calif., where he attended the Church of the Brethren. He attended LaVerne College in LaVerne, Calif., for his undergraduate work. He has a Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Washington.

Dr. Leonard and his wife, Marcia F. Lowber Leonard, have three children: Shawna, Kimberly and Bryan.

Dr. Gary Dill is senior vice president at Shreiner College in Kerrville, Tex. He teaches classes in philosophy of religion and Christian ethics.

He received his Doctor of Ministry at Southern Theological Seminary and has pastored various Church of the Brethren congregations. He also has a Doctor of Philosophy in Administration in Higher Education from the University of Texas.

Dr. Dill is married to Vicky Shreiber Dill, and they have three children: Emily, Issac and Moses.

Members of the Presidential Search Committee spent many hours, both as a group and individually, working to find the best, most qualified person to be the next president of McPherson College.

Committee members have spent over one hundred hours of work nominating candidates, sorting through applications, writing letters and biographical sketches, and planning campus visits.

"I have been very pleased with the committee that everyone has worked so well together and has been so dedicated. It has been a good process," said LaVon Rupel, chair of the McPherson College Presidential Search Committee.

EDITORIAL

Life is change

This is it! The year has started whether we want it to or not. Clubs are meeting, committees are assembling and profs are assigning plenty of homework.

So now what? What does this new year mean for all of us? What do we do with our time, and how do we manage the time we have? What is the point of all this activity?

Unfortunately, the answer is not simple and finding the answer is even more difficult. Part of the difficulty with managing our precious time is factoring in the changes from our normal routines.

Change is scary. I don't like change, and I dread the times when I am forced to face it. I feel smothered and overwhelmed by the effect change has on me physically, mentally and spiritually.

McPherson College is undergoing many changes during this current school year. The changes are exciting and, at the same time, exhausting. One hundred sixty-four new faces are stimulating fresh, exciting ideas and creating a new excitement and life on this campus.

As a returning student I feel the energy, but at the same time I'm feeling a sadness. I miss the class of '96. I miss what Fanny used to be. I miss my old routine.

But, I know I'll love the class of 2000, I'll learn to love "Fanny West," and I'll make a new niche for myself amidst all the madness of a new way of life. I'm learning that everyone needs to take time to "stop and smell the roses" at least once a day.

Our college life is already too short, but we forget how fast it really goes. We complain, whine and groan about so many things when there are an abundance of other things we can be happy about.

Change will always be a part of our lives, but we don't need to be scared or unhappy. Life at McPherson College is wonderful if we just put into the experience what we can get out of it—knowledge and, more importantly, friendships that will last a lifetime.

**Sarah A. Wagoner
for the Editorial Staff**

So I live in Dotzour again (or, so I don't live in Fanny anymore)

This is my first article of the semester and my big ol' desire was to write something so beautiful and profound and the school would be speechless, for my wisdom has surpassed my years. I had to pop my "vain bubble" more than 73 times. Please know that there are no original thoughts or inspirational quotes, but plenty of my own thoughts (actually what you are about to read is a big ol' tangent).

So I live in Dotzour again. It's not bad, really. I lost my social life and gained air conditioning (I don't like being cold anyway). I have to walk up three flights of stairs: the only exercise I get. I have my own room (what more be said?). My RA is resplendent, behaves in a becoming, pleasant, agreeable, delightful, charming, gracious, obliging and demure manner. (I seriously believe the Webster's New World Thesaurus has powers to manipulate and persuade.)

I don't mind living in Dotzour (it doesn't smell). It's a building, with my room, where I sleep, do bits of homework and answer my phone. Some may wonder how I could be so impersonal about not living in Fanny anymore.

So I don't live in Fanny anymore...I loved Fanny more than any place in Kansas (I know I'm keeping it in a state area, but I don't know a lot of Kansas...Chisholm Trail, here I come). Where you live melds into who you are and becomes a part of your

Out There

By Amy Levinski



person...I lived in Dotzour the first four days I was in McPherson. They were the four worst days of my life...I was afraid, scared, anxious, intimidated, petrified and nervous. To make it worse, the only person who spoke to me was Becky S. and she was mean and stole my Mt. Dew...so I moved to Fanny. I will cherish the times spent there much more than anyone knows (being the sentimentalist that I am, I hold onto lots of things more dearly than most). I have learned many truths from my Fanny Family and I wish everyone ever living in the dorm with me could read this; because when I tell you that I love you very deeply, I know that you will know this as truth and believe it...the spirit of Fanny lives in the hearts of everyone dwelling there for a time...although it's not an ideal building, the atmosphere is something we all feel but can't put into words...

So I live in Dotzour again (it's OK, Fanny will live on, although it won't be the same). Here I am, and I'm living large...so Dotzour, I'm back and I'm gonna live it up, so relax or join it. It'll be real.

Peeing on the tree

By JD. Bowman

Spectator Staff

Can I just say one thing? This campus is so much healthier than it was two years ago! [OK, here's a side note because I don't know how to do footnotes on this here machine: Congratulations to all the students (and faculty) who stuck with McPherson. I can only hope that the Freshmen "Catch the Beat of..." how wonderful McPherson really is, and they decide to stick around at least more than a semester!]

OK, I know I just complimented the campus, but now I'm just going to point out one little tiny thing. Last Monday at 11:30 a.m., convo was a wonderful dual performance. Not only were there two actors on stage, but there were also a slew of "extras" who all wanted to get their two cents in.

Well, boys, I thank you for your performance, but all of the comments and the jokes went a bit too far. How many of us were privileged to hear the wonderful comments and sounds (as well as an uncanny gym-like smell) oozing from the right of the auditorium. How I wish I were that young again.

But this story isn't going to center on my young friends. I don't have too much to say about them. The majority of people who listened and understood the point... And the people who didn't listen—well, they wouldn't have understood it anyhow.

Okay, NEW SUBJECT (kinda). Let me point out one more little tiny thing. For those of you who aren't yet aware of this (Becki Dilley), Fahnestock Hall is no longer a Co-Ed Residence Hall. I know, I know... Certain Metzler Men strongly believe that heterosexuals and homosexuals living together is considered Co-Ed... but it's not (and besides, I am not aware of any homosexuals currently living in Fahnestock).

I've learned that some people on campus dislike Fanny people because we live in Fahnestock. To those people, I say... Beware. Fanny is not just a building. It's an

attitude. It's a spirit. There are over 100 Fanny-People on this campus and over 1000 in the community.

First, we have the Fanny people living in Fahnestock Hall (the ones that haven't moved out because they've realized the awesomeness of the Fanny).

Then there is Fanny-West. This is the grouping of all Fanny women on third-floor Dotzour. Through their differences and "psycho-ness" these people have learned to live together and become friends (kinda like Melrose Place).

There are even (gasp) some Fanny People living in Metzler (dubbed Fanny wanna-be's). And let's not exclude the faculty and staff. Carol Williams? A Fanny Person. Ask her about Disco. Sharon Knechel? A Fanny Person, believe it or not. Not only is she open-minded and accepting of others, but she has a painting in her office which still is not properly hanging! I personally believe it is her own little way of not conforming. Kim Stanley? Herb Smith? Rick Tyler? I'm not a dull-enough writer to point them all out.

My point is to introduce you to the spirit of S.B. Fahnestock and to cure many stereotypes of Fanny. My point is to show the open-mindedness of Fanny. People who are open, accepting and slow to judge.

These are the true Fannyites. And they aren't bad people. They're the good Samaritans. They're the open minds. They are the ones who listened! They are among us. Look around you. Out of the next six people you see, one of them belongs to Fanny. They are the "miracle-grow" for this campus. They are what made this campus become stronger from its roots to its leaves...

This is a good thing we've got happening. Help us out, OK? I'm sorry to sound as if I'm picking on one group of people. I can think of sports-active people who are just as closed-minded as some arts people. Stop stereotyping with derogatory intentions. Please, become a Fannyite. Don't pee on that tree!

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Heartland walk to benefit AIDS victims

Two years ago in Lindsborg, seven people and one dog walked 10 kilometers in order to raise money to benefit people affected by HIV/AIDS. The \$500 that was raised in one week by the participants was donated to the Salina AIDS Task Force. Some things have changed since September, 1994, but, sad to say, not the threat and dangers of HIV and AIDS.

One change that has occurred is that the Salina AIDS Task Force is now known as the "Heartland AIDS Task Force" which serves a 31-county area in North Central and Northwest Kansas, including McPherson County. This Task Force organizes community prevention and awareness activities, provides support group opportunities, and provides limited financial

assistance to persons with HIV/AIDS for non-covered medications (i.e., pain medications, anti-depressants) and other emergency situations in which no other assistance is available.

Last year a sub-committee of the Heartland AIDS Task Force organized the "Walk-n-Roll for the Heartland." The title of this fund-raiser was chosen to be inclusive of all people, and it was the hope of the organization committee that the "Walk-n-Roll" is as accessible as possible to people with disabilities. We are very pleased to announce that, along with the generous donations of businesses and individuals, the participants of the "Walk-n-Roll," 1995, raised \$2928.37. As you can see, we found ourselves with a 585.6 percent increase in the money raised for this important cause.

We are very excited about the growth of the event that will be held this year on September 28. Not only will this year's "Walk-n-Roll" be held in Salina, but a "Walk-n-Roll" will also be held simultaneously in Hays and Manhattan. The event in Salina will feature a five- and 10-kilometer option, entertainment all day, radio coverage, free coupons and free food. The events promise to provide opportunities for everyone to make positive differences in the lives of those people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

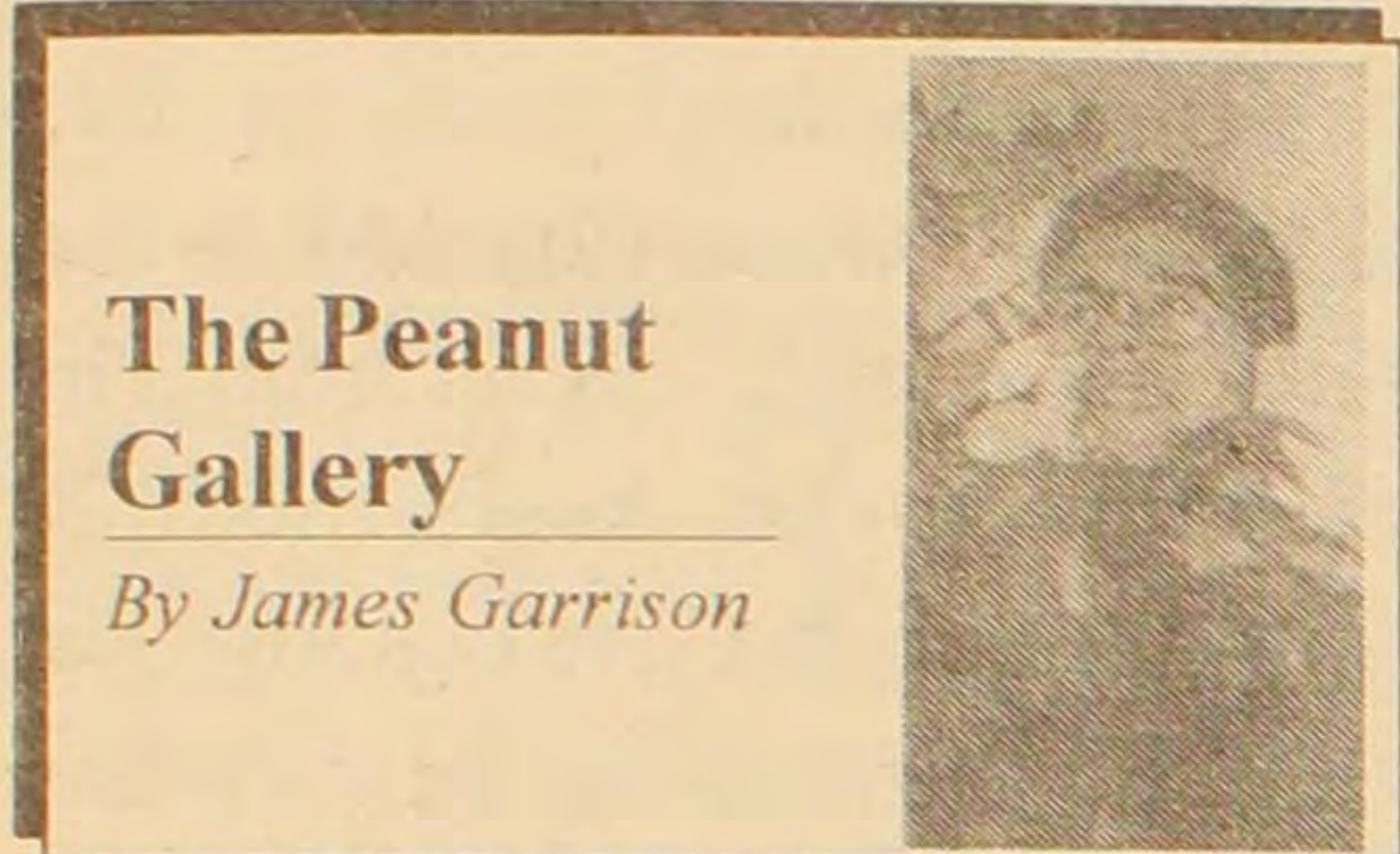
We would love to see this event continue to grow in numbers and moneys collected. Are you interested in joining us? We believe that "Walk-n-Roll" is a celebration and affirmation of life. It is a time to increase awareness, build support and cre-

ate healing as it raises money for practical and necessary needs. We hope you will consider participating in whatever way you can. In fact, the Bethany College Walk-n-Roll Team extends a healthy and friendly challenge to the McPherson College Walk-n-Roll Team to raise more money than we do for this important cause. We look forward to seeing you on September 28, 1996.

We are told that if you have questions about the Walk-n-Roll, you can call the McPherson College Campus Minister at extension #1224.

Until there is a cure...
Brenda Froisland and Deb McArthur
Representatives of the Sub-Committee of the Heartland AIDS Task Force

Education at McPherson is worth paying for



The Peanut Gallery

By James Garrison

The middle of my sophomore year, during a long discussion with my parents I asked myself, "Why am I paying this much for this education?"

I think we've all asked the same question. Let's not kid around here, this college's tuition is monstrous. Financially speaking, the tuition of this school for two years is the same price as four at Emporia State University, which I decided to try last year.

You ever heard of the saying "you get what you pay for?" Well, there's a

reason for the major price difference. I'll start with some of the easiest for you to see.

First we have larger rooms here. This is easily the biggest selling point. You should have seen the bolted-down and sailing-ship-style room I was sequestered in. Everything was either built in or nailed down. No cable, no voice-mail, no motor car—it's as primitive as can be.

Sure they had a Slip connection to their computer network, which means Internet in your dorm room, but the phone lines were put in back in 1967 during the draft. Can you say, "Line Noise?" I thought you could.

Now we move down to the food. Scoff at the food here all you want, true believers, but have you ever been physically ill after eating a main entree here? I don't mean was it good. I mean did you ever need medication and a stomach pump?

We had three cases of food poisoning my first semester. Just to be safe, I ate at their version of the Doghouse, called the Nest. Grease burgers are cooked at least, and I gained another Freshman 15 due to the lack of good, healthy food.

I don't even want to go into the problems I had with my so-called adviser. "He-man" was so busy publishing that he had no clue about the things I needed to do to graduate. According to him, I needed another three years of classes before I, as a junior, could graduate. Excuse me? Three years???? I don't think so!

The biggest thing that this great college has going for it is the faculty. I never knew how lucky I was to have virtually every professor of every class be a doctor. Not only that, but many of them are the chair of their department. Ask the chair of any department to teach a fresh-

man level course over there and you'd be sued for breach of contract and written up for wasting the secretary's time for typing the proposal.

Not only do you get a well-spring of information, but you also can get a practical application of your learning experience when the same chair of your department is your advisor. He or she knows what you need and what you can handle. Trust me, over there, they say 7:00 a.m. class, smile and watch your tail bob up to the surface after the grades come in. They don't care if you fail; they have your cash by then.

Those of you thinking about transferring at semester, or next year, just think about the quality of the education you receive here. Use the options that you are paying for and seriously think about how much you will be saving by changing schools. I did.

Student reflects on Brethren heritage

"Church of the Brethren, aren't they a cult? I heard they were basically like the Mennonites."

Being raised in the Church of the Brethren I have heard this case scenario many times. To answer the question, no, the Church of the Brethren is not a cult, and yes, it does have similar beliefs as the Mennonites. However, the Church of the Brethren stands firm with its own identity and has a message to share with the world.

So just what exactly does this church that founded McPherson College believe? One belief the Church of the Brethren upholds is Christ's call to service. Service is also one of the three goals of a McPherson college education.

The Brethren take seriously Christ's call in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, care for the sick, visit those in prison, and invite strangers home, knowing that whatever is done to one of the least of these, is done to Christ. Another passage is found in James 2:18. "But someone will say 'you have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works and I by my works will show you my faith."

So by their works the Church of the Brethren has started projects such as Heifer Project International, Brethren Volunteer Service, national workcamps, and Disaster Relief.



Brethren Perspective

By Jennifer Bosserman

Heifer Project was started by a man named Dan West. While working to feed the hungry in Spain after World War II, West watched many hungry people be turned away because supplies of dried milk and food had run out. It was then that West had a vision; instead of the people receiving powdered milk that eventually ran out, why not give them a cow so the milk supply would be endless. The offspring could then be passed on to another family so that all could go to bed at night with full stomachs.

One man's vision to give a cow was the start of a project which now sends animals all over the world to feed the hungry. The only payment required is to give the first new-born away to another family in need. Those who are receivers become givers, and life is restored both physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Brethren Volunteer Service started as a result of Brethren youth searching for a way to serve Christ, serve others and establish a Christian alternative service to war.

As stated in the Brethren Volunteer Service brochure, "Brethren Volunteer Service is persons giving of their time and skills to help a world in need. It is a way for people to work at issues greater than themselves, recognizing that their efforts may not immediately solve deep-rooted problems, but can be part of ongoing work for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation." Persons in B.V.S. work for one-year terms in the United States and two-year terms in

overseas assignments. Volunteers receive room, board, medical insurance, transportation and a monthly payment of \$45 to \$55.

In the effort to share God's love through acts of service, "volunteers bring hope to shattered lives, offer food and shelter to those in need, and build understanding between individuals, groups, nations, humanity, and the world we share."

Disaster Relief is a program designed to rebuild and restore lives after natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes. Disaster relief workers volunteer their time to rebuild homes or watch children while families work to put their lives back in order.

Workcamps are designed to share Christ's love and meet basic human needs. For a week volunteers pay to repair buildings,

watch children in day care centers, or serve in soup kitchens and homeless shelters. Workcamps focus on involving junior and senior high youth as well as young adults. They provide a way for people to relate directly with those in need and serve those who are usually considered as servers.

For me, workcamp opened my eyes to a new way of life—a life of service. It was through such experiences that I felt Christ's call to live as a servant. Money and material possessions I acquire are not the focus of my life. I find an everlasting joy in service, and the ability to be content with what I have.

Through all of these services the Brethren seek to reach out to the needs of others and share Christ's love with the world in an active way. But most of all, the Brethren seek to continue the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together.

Dog Breath

"There are times when silence has the loudest voice."
-Goethe

THE AMAZING COLOSSAL COMIC STRIP BY MIKE HORNER

Panel 1: "HOWDY DO! IT'S US, YOUR FRIENDLY McPHERSON COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION!"
"HELLO!"

Panel 2: "IT'S A BRAND NEW COLLEGE YEAR, AND BOY-OH-BOY, ARE WE EXCITED!"
"THAT'S RIGHT! THANKS TO THE MILLER/COOK CONSULTANT FIRM, OUR FRESHMAN POPULATION IS HUGE!"

Panel 3: "YESSIREE BOB! THE MILLER/COOK CONSULTANT FIRM REALLY PULLED THRU FOR US! WE HERE AT McPHERSON COLLEGE COULDN'T BE HAPPIER!"

Panel 4: "OKAY, SO MAYBE WE WISH WE HAD READ THE FINE PRINT OF OUR CONTRACT A LITTLE CLOSER..."
"MILLER/COOK ADMINISTRATION HALL"



Road Trip 101



By **Jessie Miller**
Staff Writer

The term "road trip" has been redefined by Dr. Lee Lengel, professor of history and politics and a McPherson College alumnus. "101" is not even the correct level—no where near it, in fact.

Lengel, in his thirty-fourth year of teaching at McPherson College, has been road-tripping, or "collecting highways," as he calls it, for over 40 years.

"It started when I was a kid," Lengel said. "My family lived in Kansas but was based in Colorado, so we traveled a lot between the two states."

He very much enjoyed making these and other trips with his family but really got hooked on maps and highways when a case of the measles kept him from making one of these trips.

"To keep me from feeling sorry for myself because I couldn't go, my mother showed me a map and helped me find the route my father was taking on the trip. That's when I became hooked. It's just sort of expanded over the years," Lengel said.

Expanded is right! To Dr. Lengel, collecting highways is a hobby that deals only with two-lane U.S. highways marked with the shield sign, not the four-lane interstates. To "collect" a highway one must travel it from its beginning to its end. However, this does not have to be done in one stretch.

"That would require traveling the distance twice," Lengel said. And why travel a stretch twice when there are so many other highways out there to be collected!

To make the most out of a trip Dr. Lengel will travel only a certain stretch of a highway, leaving the other parts of it for a more convenient time. For example, this summer he worked on collecting four different U.S. highways. He traveled half of U.S. 412 from Tulsa, Okla., to Columbia, Tenn. As a whole, it runs from Columbia,

Tenn., to Springer, N. M. Then in northern Tennessee he picked up U.S. 41 in Clarksville and traveled it to Tampa, Fla. Next he crossed to Palm Beach and from there went to Natchez, Miss., collecting all of U.S. 98. (That's one more notch in the steering wheel!) From Natchez he traveled U.S. 61 to Wynonna, Minn. Then he came back home on U.S. 14 and U.S. 80, which he has already collected, for a total of 5,400 miles. But that's not very long to Dr. Lengel!

"A medium-sized trip is from 4,000 to 6,000 miles," he said.

The biggest single trip he has made was to Alaska. It took him and his son one month to make the 10,000-mile journey.

"I would collect highways whenever I had a chance to go anywhere," Lengel said.

When completing his master's at Duke University and later his Ph.D. at the University of Oregon, Lengel utilized the travel distance to increase his collection. The hobby continued into his early married life, too.

"I started doing it on vacations with my wife, Nancy, but she doesn't care much about collecting highways," he said. "She likes to travel, but she prefers to get there, see what there is to see, and then come home."

About 15 years ago, Dr. Lengel started traveling by himself again.

Nancy, who is now the registrar's secretary at McPherson College, was working as a travel agent and did not have much time to travel with him. So he started going alone again.

"I like doing it on my own," he said, "so I don't have to worry about boring my family."

Even now, Nancy does not normally go. But Dr. Lengel sees to it that she can share in his hobby in some way.

"If I find something interesting on a trip I'll take her back there so she can see it, too," he said.

"What I most enjoy is seeing the country and the geography of the U.S. and visiting the museums and scenic places along the way. I also like meeting the interesting people," Lengel said about his hobby.

His favorite stretch of highway is U.S. 287 from Rawlins, Wyo., to the Grand Teton National Park.

"There are lots of pretty places in this country, but not many of them come close to the beauty found there," he reminisced.

Two of the major trophies Dr. Lengel has added to his collection are

U.S. 20, the longest highway in the United States, stretching from Boston, Mass., to the Oregon coast, and U.S. 6, which goes from Provincetown, Mass., to Long Beach, Calif.

Other prize highways include: U.S. 30, which extends from Atlantic City, N. J., to Astoria, Ore.; U.S. 40 from Atlantic City to San Francisco, Calif.; U.S. 50 from Ocean City, Md., to San Francisco, Calif.; US 60 from Virginia Beach to Los Angeles; U.S. 70 from Atlantic, N.C., to Los Angeles; U.S. 80 from Savannah Beach to San Diego, Calif.; and U.S. 90 from Jacksonville, Fla., to Van Horn, Texas, along with many others.

This list, which is certainly not the whole of his collection, has been the downfall of many sets of tires and the cause of retirement for more than a few car engines. It might not be very obvious to the average "Joe on the street," but U.S. 10, which goes from Detroit, Mich., to Seattle, Wash., is missing from this list of triumphs.

There is no cause for alarm though, because, as Dr. Lengel assures, "I'll get THAT one next summer!"

The old U.S. highway system was created in the late 1920s. Its peak years were between the 1940s and '50s. In 1956, during President Eisenhower's administration, the interstate system was established. Kansas had one of the first interstates built.

The old system was set up in a grid. All highways that travel east and west are the even-numbered highways. The one that is farthest north is U.S. 2; the farthest one south is U.S. 92. All of the highways that travel north and south are given odd numbers. The highway that is farthest east is U.S. 1, and they progress west to U.S. 101.

Frosh gains political scoop

By Sarah Marie Hendricks
Staff Writer

A platform built to perfection; an audience surging with patriotic cheers; banners, posters, shouts of promised victory. Where is this political fiesta? A place called the Republican National Convention.

This August, Krissy Williams, fr., won a trip to the Republican National Convention in San Diego, Calif. Krissy is from Russell, Kan., Bob Dole's home town. Dole sponsored 85 voters from Russell to attend the

final two days of the convention.

Voters entered a lottery draw, and those picked won an all-expense-paid trip to sunny California. Among the winners were 11 of Krissy's classmates and her father. The 85 winners were flown to San Diego on Dole's private plane, the Citizenship, to listen to Dole's acceptance speech and his farewell address.

Upon their arrival in sunny San Diego, Krissy's group had time to tour the city and catch a glance of the convention center before they were taken back to their hotel to get ready for that night's speeches.

The group needed to be at the convention center early in order to be prepped in the "art of cheering." They were told when and when not to wave, how high they could wave, and when they could cheer.

That night after Dole's acceptance speech, they were invited to a private party with Bob Dole, his family, and his friends. The next day they attended Dole's send-off from San Diego. After the farewell address there was a private brunch for the people from Russell, before they boarded the jet back to Kansas.

Krissy thought Dole seemed "respectable" and felt that he had "a warm person-

ality." She thought the convention resembled a giant pep rally.

"Everyone was totally energized," said Krissy. "Being a first-time voter really got me excited. Now I really want to vote. Before the convention I said, 'I'm eighteen—I get to vote.' Now it's, 'Wow, I get to vote!'"

Maybe the perfect platform, the banners, the posters and the crazed shouts of victory have more of an effect on voters than most people think. At least that seems to be true for Krissy.

New faculty shape the future of McPherson College

By Rachel Gross
Staff Writer

Change seems to be the word-of-the-year at McPherson College. Our student body is changing, our president is changing and our future is changing. Along with these positive changes comes a change among the faculty and staff. Kristin Caskey, Dr. Kathryn Deitz, Steven Swartz and Ted Bray are only a few of the new faces on campus.

Kristin Caskey is a welcome addition to the art department, serving as assistant professor of art and interior design. Caskey received a master of fine arts degree from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She has also obtained a bachelor of science degree from Cornell College. Caskey's most recent position was education director for the Lawrence Arts Center and project co-coordinator for the Keepers of The Waters in Chengdu, China.

Professor Caskey is having a wonderful experience at McPherson College.

"I am wonderfully pleased with the students in my classes. They are responsive and very interested," Caskey said.

She encourages a peer atmosphere in her classroom and enjoys conversing with students often.

"The college community has been extremely welcoming. It's nice to be back in a liberal arts school," Caskey said.

Caskey will continue to work on personal projects including shows in Kansas City, at the University of Kansas, and an exhibit in Friendship Hall here at McPherson College.

Dr. Kathryn Deitz, assistant professor of behavioral science, is another new face on campus.

"I'm really excited to be back at McPherson, and I'm even more excited to be teaching."

Dr. Deitz has a doctor of philosophy degree in counseling psychology from the University of Iowa, where her research centered on formative tensions in organized

psychology in the United States. She also has a master's degree from McPherson College.

It has always been Dr. Deitz's dream to teach at a college like McPherson, but she never imagined that she would stumble upon an opportunity to actually teach here. Deitz is enjoying her classes and especially the students.

"The students aren't afraid to ask questions. It's important to realize that asking a question teaches you as much as listening to an answer."

Although he previously taught at McPherson College from 1979-1983, Steve Swartz has returned as assistant professor of technology. Steve made the decision to return because of his desire to teach. His previous position as a production manager in Waukesha, Wis., had not allowed this freedom.

"The atmosphere here is relaxed, and there is a lot of freedom. It's a great atmo-

sphere for learning," Swartz said.

Professor Swartz hopes to create more awareness of the technology department. He believes more recruiting and advertising of the department will benefit both the department and the college.

Ted Bray, a McPherson College alumnus, is teaching as a guest instructor of marketing in the business department. He is also employed at Alliance Insurance Agency as the agency interface coordinator. Bray manages the electronic connectivity to Alliance customers.

Bray has always wanted to teach but never had the opportunity until now. He is enjoying his classes and the students.

"The students want to be in class, they're receptive, and they enjoy participating," Bray said.

Bray received two undergraduate degrees in marketing and management, as well as a graduate degree in business management from Kansas State University.

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Returning player Aundrey Myers, jr, carries the ball downfield. The Bulldogs begin regular conference games on Saturday against Sterling College.

Bulldogs kick off season

by Summer Snodgrass
Staff Writer

The McPherson Bulldogs are on the prowl again. The 1996 team is entering the football season with expectations to better their record of 4-6 from last year.

"I'm going to do whatever it takes on my part to make this team successful," said Rudolph "Turtle" James, sr.

The rest of the team lists 20 returning letterwinners, eight who received honors last year. There are seven returning defensive starters and five returning offensive starters.

Also adding to the list are 12 transfers from locations such as Panama City, Fla., to Los Angeles, Cal., and even Sin City itself, Las Vegas, Nev.

Eddie Hester and "Turtle" James are last year's All-Americans. Also, a good base has already been set for next year's squad with the 11 red-shirts on stand-by, who hope to lead Mac in upcoming years.

Head Coach Bruce Grose has a full coaching staff this year consisting of Tom Ferguson (offensive backs), Dave DiMaggio (defensive coordinator), Mike Hill (defensive line), Perry Warden (offensive line backers) and Mike Jonte (defensive backs).

The Bulldogs will try to win a championship with the classic single-wing offense. McPherson will become the only school in America to run the historic offense and hopes that this will be an advantage over its opponents.

The team kicked off the season playing the Trinity Tigers in San Antonio, Tex. "Inspiring" is the only way to describe the way the Bulldogs played on their road trip. While the score was 30-6 in favor of the Trinity Tigers, the game was much closer than the final score would suggest.

"Three plays decided the game," said inside line backer Brian Ward, sr. "If they go our way we win, but they went their way and we lost. It's just too bad it was that close."

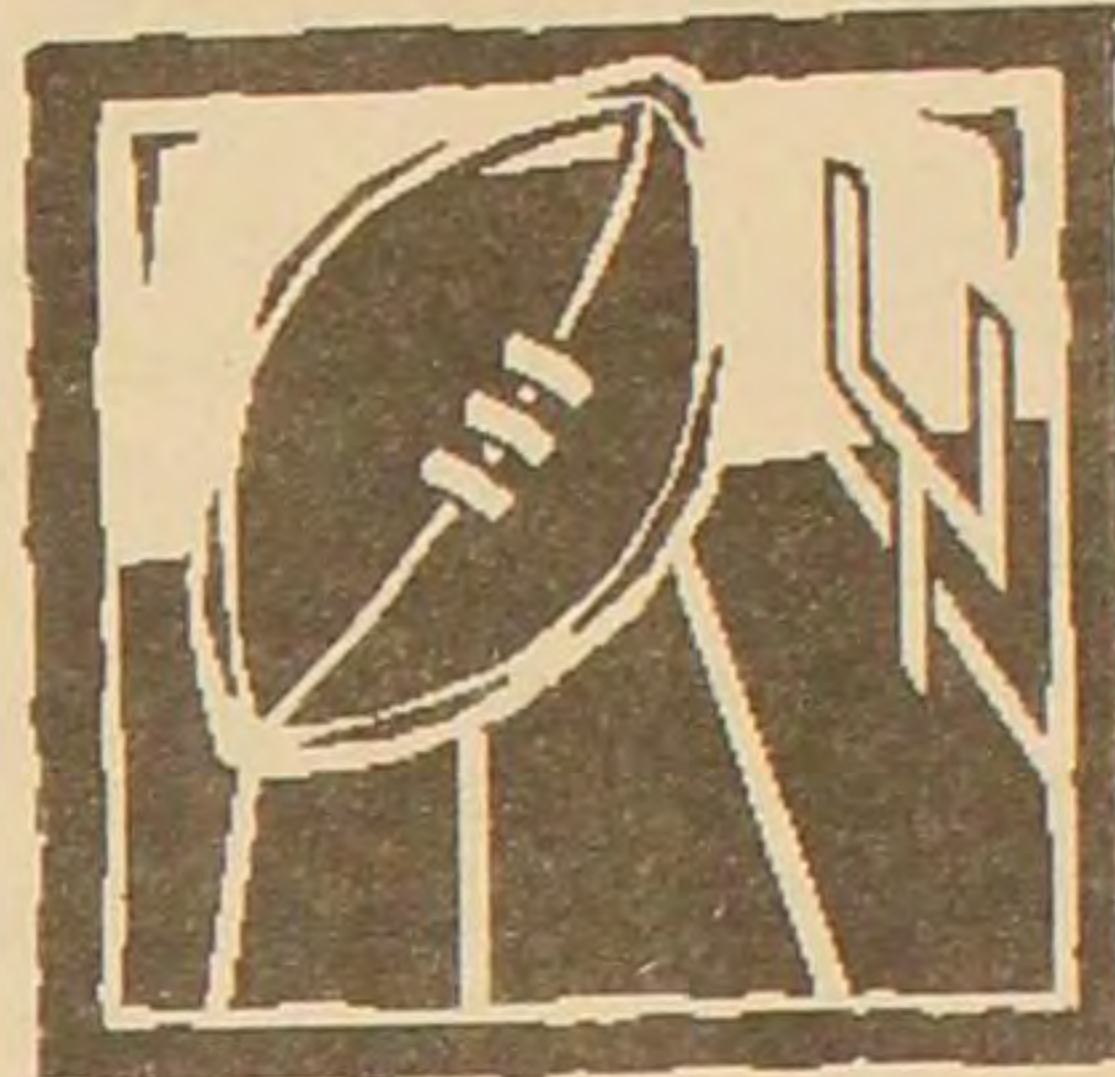
Even though Mac didn't get the breaks it needed to win, once the team got in since they played well.

"It was a learning experience for everyone," said Jeff Williams, fr.

Once the defense meshed together as a unit, they played very well. Most teams need to play a few quarters together before everyone is on the same page.

The "Big Unit" defense racked up five sacks, four credited to the defensive line, and an interception by outside linebacker Greg White. The Mac offense also played better once they got a few snaps in. In the fourth quarter, quarterback Rudolph "Turtle" James ran a draw play up the middle for 19 yards.

These are the first steps for the team and like Coach Grose says, "In order to show improvement over last year, we need to start building one step at a time."



End zone is not the dance floor

When the average somebody goes to work he does his job and goes home, pure and simple. Why can't this carry over into the sports world?

Recently, Keshawn Johnson, wide receiver for the New York Jets, scored his first touchdown in the NFL and felt the need to throw his helmet and make a fool of himself. What's the big deal?

If I'm not mistaken, that's what the man is paid millions of dollars for. You never hear of a plumber jumping up and down carrying on like an idiot because he fixed a stopped-up toilet.

Granted, football is an emotional game played by emotional people, and I could understand if it was the scoring point to carry the team to the Super Bowl. How-

ever, this was just a regular season game and the Jets were shellacked!

Whatever happened to the days of Dick Butkis or Walter Payton when a player would do his job and go back to the huddle?

Now, don't get me wrong, a little flair every now and then is pretty cool and fun to watch, every now and then.

Defensive lineman for the Kansas City Chiefs, Neil Smith, has turned his "homerun swing" into a trademark, and it is original.

But for some reason every taxi squad player does their "Manu Manu the slender 'I gonna get some poi' dance." It is overkill and perverts the game.

Why? Are these athletes that attention-starved? I have more respect for players like Barry Sanders, who just flips the ball to the referee when he scores.

Lou Holtz, head coach of the Notre Dame Fightin' Irish, once said, "Our players don't do dances in the end zone,

we like to act like we've been there before."

Also, if you are a great player people will notice, whether you take off your helmet so everyone can see how ugly you are, or if you just walk back to the huddle.

All I am saying is this: there is a time and place for everything. If I want to go see people dance I'll get ballet tickets, but if I want to see a football game, I want to see a football game!

You don't have to do a dance after every touchdown or tackle. Don't worry; the guy doing the stats will make sure you get credit for it.

Sportsview

By Joe Bravo

BULLDOG CALENDAR

Football

- September 21 vs. Sterling (away)
- September 28 vs. Bethel (home)
- October 5 vs. Bethany (away)
- October 12 vs. Friends (away)
- October 19 vs. SWestern (home)
- October 26 vs. Tabor (away)
- November 2 vs. KW (home)
- November 9 vs. CO (away)
- November 16 vs. Ottawa (home)

Volleyball

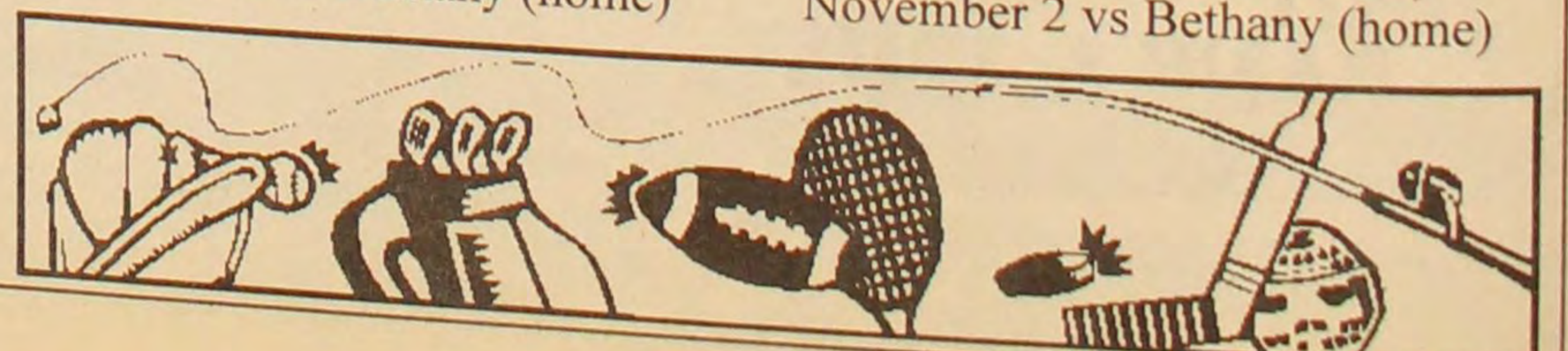
- September 25 vs. Bethany (home)
- September 26 vs. Hesston (away)
- September 28 vs. CO (away)
- October 1 vs. Sterling (home)
- October 3 vs. Ottawa (away)
- October 5 vs. KW (home)
- October 8 vs. Bethel (away)
- October 10 vs. Tabor (home)
- October 14 vs. SWestern (away)
- October 15 vs. Friends (home)
- October 16 vs. Hesston (away)
- October 22 vs. Friends (home)
- October 24 vs. Bethany (away)
- October 28 vs. Sterling (away)
- October 30 vs. Ottawa (away)
- November 2 vs. KW (away)
- November 5 vs. Bethel (home)
- November 7 vs. Tabor (away)

Men's Soccer

- September 21 vs. OKCU (away)
- September 24 vs. Friends (away)
- September 26 Soccerfest (home)
- September 28 vs. Sterling (away)
- October 2 vs. Bethel (home)
- October 5 vs. Tabor (home)
- October 7 vs. Bethany (away)
- October 10 vs. KW (home)
- October 15 vs. Ottawa (away)
- October 19 vs. Friends (home)
- October 23 vs. Sterling (home)
- October 26 vs. Bethel (away)
- October 29 vs. Tabor (home)
- November 2 vs. Bethany (home)

Women's Soccer

- September 26 vs. OK (home)
- September 28 vs. Sterling (away)
- October 2 vs. Bethel (home)
- October 3 vs. Central (home)
- October 5 vs. Tabor (home)
- October 7 vs. Bethany (away)
- October 10 vs. KW (home)
- October 15 vs. Ottawa (away)
- October 17 vs. St. Mary's (home)
- October 18 vs. Friends (away)
- October 23 vs. Sterling (home)
- October 26 vs. Bethel (away)
- October 29 vs. Tabor (home)
- November 2 vs. Bethany (home)



Soccer opens with alumni

by Cherise Marsalis
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team opened up their season at home on September 7 with a scrimmage against the McPherson Alumni.

The final score was 6-3 with the Alumni coming out on top. The players that made their shots were Cliff Bell, fr., with one goal, and Pete Petrovski, sr., with two.

The second game for the Bulldogs was at the Greenville tournament on September 11, in Enid, Okla., against Phillips University. The game ended with Phillips University beating Mac 6-1. Brent Johnson, fr., scored the lone Bulldog goal.

Game two pitted the Bulldogs against Greenville, the host of the tournament.

"The game vs. Greenville was the weakest game yet, not due to the field players but due to the difficulties in goal," Coach Jerry Malone said.

The loss of last year's goalie has created a hole on this year's team. However, Josh Ebaugh, soph., is trying to fill that position. Unfortunately, Ebaugh suffered a bruised shoulder injury in the game.

Next to go in as goalie was Jeremy Emrick, fr., but he suffered a dislocated thumb. Finally, the game ended with Jason Selmlee, fr., taking the responsibilities as goalkeeper.

The score was 6-1 in favor of Greenville. Pete Petrovski scored the only goal of the contest.

The fourth game that the men played was against Tennessee Temple University. Despite a strong showing, the Bulldogs lost 4-0.

"Despite the scores against Phillips and Tennessee Temple the team played really hard," said Malone.

At the preseason ranking, the Bulldogs were ranked third in the KCAC. Malone



Pete Petrovski, sr., will be leading the men's soccer team during the 1996 season.

thought this was a little low until difficulties came into the picture.

First, Clay Porter, fr., came into the season with his shoulder injured and Carter Anderson, fr., is ineligible.

Malone mentioned the team has a lot of starting freshmen, and they are learning the details. The men must also be more intense about playing their games.

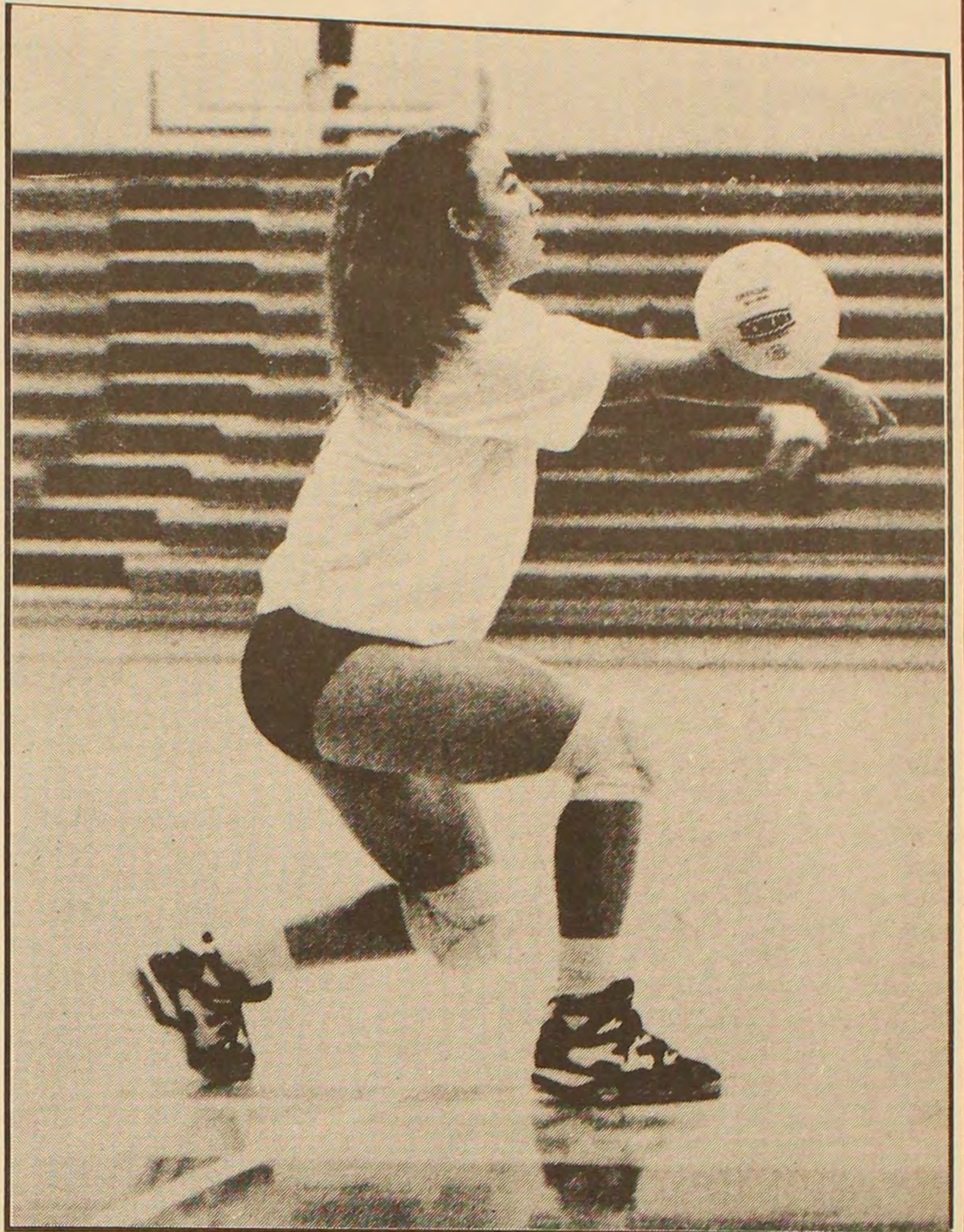
From a player's perspective, O'Brien Byrd said, "We're a great bunch of skilled individuals that need to come together and work as a team."

"The seniors are showing good leadership," Malone said. "I feel the team has a good chance of coming out with a winning season."



Volleyball set to win

by Willie Norman
Staff Writer



Senior Amber Spillum is a returning starter on the 1996 McPherson College women's volleyball team, under the coaching expertise of Dan Hoffman.

With returning academic All-American Jennifer Williams, sr., the Mac volleyball team is looking solid this early in the season.

The women jumped into an early start with the first match on September 11 against Southwestern.

Head coach Dan Hoffman and the Bulldogs hope to be top contenders in the KCAC this year.

The team has a lot of young players this season who bring new talent. However, the team is still "working out the

kinks," as noted by returning player, Melissa Sharp, jr.

The team should have plenty of time to work on details before the KCAC tournament, which is scheduled after their first 22 matches.

Based on last year's results, the team is looking forward to this season, especially playing against Sterling and Bethel. They meet Sterling on October 1 (home) and play Bethel on October 8 (there).

When asked how the team should do this year, Sharp said, "We can do it," referring to a KCAC championship.



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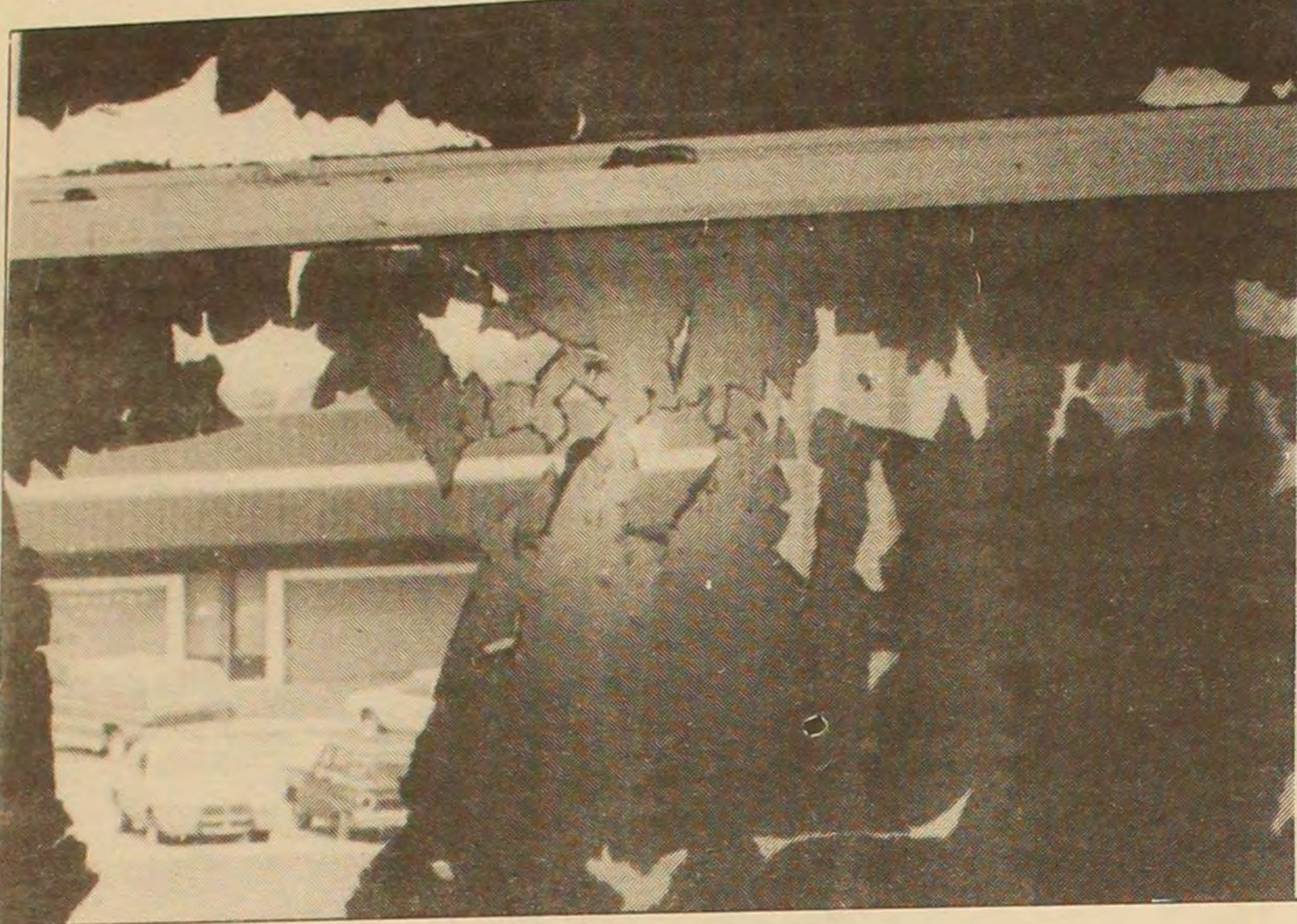
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Bittinger plans begin

by Mark Godfrey and
Andrew P. Wagoner

Staff Writers



Due to the future demise of Fahnestock Hall, administration and trustees of McPherson College will once again address the student housing situation.

Dr. Stephen Mason, vice president for financial services, explained the possibility of renovating Bittinger Hall so it will be operational by the 1997-1998 school year.

"A year from now, we're going to be in a real housing crunch if we don't do something with Bittinger," Dr. Mason said.

However, the decision to open Bittinger Hall does not rest solely on the shoulders of the on-campus administration.

"Ultimately, it's the Board of Trustees who will decide whether this is the appropriate direction to go," Dr. Mason said.

Currently, there are many problems with the mechanical aspects of Bittinger Hall.

"The overall shell of the building is in good condition, but the mechanical aspects of the building leave a lot to be desired," said Merrin Godfrey, director of maintenance services and overseer of buildings and grounds.

"When a building sits for a long time, it is harder on the building than when it is being used on a regular basis," Godfrey said.

Building materials also need to be considered.

"When Bittinger was built, the supplies used were not the best quality to begin with," Godfrey said.

Five years after Bittinger Hall was built, the pipes were already beginning to leak. The ventilation system also leaves many questions that will need to be answered by the contractors, maintenance personnel, and architect David Haines, who has done projects such as the design for air conditioning of Dotzour Hall.

Several changes will be made to Bittinger so that it can adequately accommodate the students it houses.

"A computer lab could be located in the large lobby at the south end of the building," Dr. Mason said.

Bathrooms will possibly be redesigned depending on whether or not the dorm is single-sex or coed. In Bittinger each room has its own bathroom, so it is realistic that four women could share a room on one side of the hall while four men share a room on the other.

"The design certainly facilitates coed housing," Dr. Mason said. "[It] allows for the dorm being coed by floor or by room... That is all up in the air as of now."

Many decisions have been made, and many decisions are yet to be made. If the number of students attending McPherson College continues to increase, the possibility that Bittinger Hall will be reopened in the fall of the 1997-1998 academic school year is looking good.

Enrollment increases for fall 1996

by Sarah Mae Stover

Staff Writer

Returning McPherson College students may have noticed an increase in the number of new faces on campus this fall. This year's primary figures show a total new enrollment of 164, up from last year's 128—that's a 44 percent increase in freshman enrollment and a general enrollment increase of 28 percent from the 1995-1996 school year.

There are several reasons for the increased enrollment, including a new recruiting process implemented in February 1996. Also, the curriculum and schedule have been revised.

The financial aid program has also been simplified. As a result, award letters were available to students earlier than in other years.

Although official figures are not available until October, Fred Schmidt, director of admissions and financial aid, stated that there has been a "significant increase" in the amount of aid given.

If McPherson College sustains its recruiting efforts, enrollment should continue to rise. Maximum enrollment is an issue that will be addressed over the next year or two. There is currently an effort to discover the most efficient number of students for the college, while addressing the issues of additional housing and the rate of growth. How large can we be without losing our sense of community?

Upper-level classes have room to grow, although some freshman and general education classes will be expanded.

"We can still add some students without adding additional faculty or staff," said Dr. Susan

Taylor, vice president for academic services.

Taylor noted that the efforts of staff members also increased enrollment.

"I cannot give enough credit to our admissions staff. Mr. Fred Schmidt and Ms. Marilyn Sexton, associate director of admissions and financial aid, in cooperation with Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services, provided strong leadership in developing and carrying out the plan. They, along with the admissions counselors and other staff members, have worked long and hard on recruitment. Their dedication and enthusiasm have been contagious and have, in my opinion, helped build morale on campus," Taylor said.

Of the 164 new students enrolled, 114 are freshmen. This year's freshman class brings increased ACT scores and high school GPAs; the average ACT is up by .45 of a point from last year's average of 21.22, and the GPA is up to 3.21 from last year's 3.16.

Geographically, the largest increases have come from Kansas and Oklahoma. Numbers from other states are up as well and are expected to rise continually.

The male/female ratio has also changed among the freshman class. Last year's ratio was 48 males to 31 females; this year's ratio is 65:49.

Among this year's freshmen, there are 16 Brethren students and 19 children of alumni, 10 of whom are also Brethren.

Although the number of minority students has decreased, the number of international students has increased to four.

<http://www.mcpherson.edu>

by Valerie Huber

Staff Writer

McPherson College students may have been exposed recently to McPherson College's latest addition to the Internet, a homepage.

The college began to discuss the possibility of an Internet homepage during spring semester of 1996. Discussions for the page involved what to include and who the designers would be.

A committee comprised of Del Bonney, Kris Boyer, Professor Mary Flagg, Dr. Bob Neufeld, Brad Stucky, and Andy Ullom, Jr., formed and discussed the possibilities. Computer science major Chris Saunders, sr., presented other ideas of his own.

Eventually, the group decided to include nine points on the front page. These nine interest-oriented headings would link viewers to information about the college, such as academic majors, student organizations, athletics, a campus map and alumni information.

Changes are still being made to the homepage to make information more accessible to its viewers. Kris Boyer, co-adviser to the Spectator and adviser for the yearbook, hopes to see more publication of campus activities and events posted on the page.

Backing Boyer, Chris Saunders plans to form a student organization that would maintain and update the homepage. However, present questions, comments, and suggestions should be directed to Saunders at Saundecl@mcnet.mcpherson.edu. He has already interacted with many who have shown an interest in the page, including McPherson College presidential candidate Dr. Gary A. Dill.

Saunders, whose senior project became the homepage, recognized the benefits of the college being on line. He saw the homepage as an excellent information source for current and prospective students and employers, as

well as for alumni, faculty, family and friends. Boyer agreed that it would be a great recruiting tool for persons wishing to continue their education.

"Not to mention," Saunders said, pleased with the increase in strength of the computer science department, "prospective computer science majors will see first-hand our capabilities in their field."

Saunders enjoyed being a part of the team who created the homepage and had only positive experiences to recall.

"I didn't do it to gain anything for myself," he said. "It was something that needed to be done for the college. More students should push for what they see as being important. I just don't think they realize that we have the power to make changes in the future of this."



NEWS BRIEFS

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All Curriculum and Instruction (education) students are asked to be part of a meeting on Monday, Sept. 30, at 3:45 p.m. in Miller 101 in which the upcoming KSBE (Kansas State Board of Education) meeting will be discussed.

Coaches are being asked to excuse their teacher education students for 30 minutes to take part in the meeting.

Habitat workday

The McPherson College Habitat for Humanity organization is sponsoring its first workday Saturday, Sept. 28. We'll be tearing down and rebuilding a front porch in Hutchinson. You don't need any special skills, just a willingness to work! We'll leave campus at 7:30 a.m. and return no later than 1:30 p.m. Sign up outside the campus ministry office.