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Sara Myers-Compton, fr., Jandi Bacon, fr. and Krista Faus, soph., enjoy Hippy Day. Students dressed in various attire during the week of Homecoming.



photo by JD. Bowman

Board of trustees serves college

by Shelly Hendricks
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Comprised of 32 members, the McPherson College board of trustees represents various geographical locations and occupations and are elected to carry out particular duties for the betterment of the institution.

Board members are elected systematically, with representation of several interests allowed.

"I am always impressed with the board because it is made up of people who care very much about the college. Even though there are different views on how to solve problems, there is a common thread among us—doing what is best for the college. It is exciting to be around such a group of people," said trustee Tom Brubaker '68.

Church of the Brethren districts within a certain radius of the college are entitled to nominate one trustee per every 1000 members. This nominee serves a term of five years and then is replaced by his/her successor.

The Alumni Association of McPherson College is also entitled to nominate one trustee per year to serve on the board for a five-year term.

Other trustees elected by the board include one who represents the general interests of the College and 15 who are elected at large. Both positions serve five-year terms or until successors are elected.

The president of McPherson College and the district executive secretaries of the Church of the Brethren who are close in proximity to this area are considered ex officio board members.

Lastly, emeriti/honorary trustees can be selected by the board but have no voting privileges. Professor emeritus status can be granted to candidates who have taught for 15 years minimum at Mac, retired from the college with the rank of associate professor or professor and contributed outstanding service to McPherson College. They are chosen from a group of people who have served at least 12 years on the board.

Vacancies on the board, which may occur if a trustee is absent from three consecutive board meetings, are temporarily filled by the trustees until the next election.

"I feel that we have very knowledgeable members who work well together. We also have unusually high attendance at board meetings," said trustee Alberta Grosbach '55.

The board of trustees has many responsibilities to uphold in order to maintain the best environment for the college. Eight powers and duties of the board are listed in the bylaws.

Currently, the board is implementing one of their powers: to appoint a new president.

The board will meet during mid-October to make a final decision on who will be offered the presidency.

"This is an exciting time to be on the board," said trustee Anne Albright '45 when referring to the process of selecting the president. "I thoroughly enjoyed being in McPherson to meet the candidates when they were on campus."

The trustees are responsible for granting literary honors, mainly diplomas, that are typical of a college in the United States. These are presented as the board deems appropriate.

Another duty of the board is to elect an executive committee comprised of trustees. This committee cannot exert power to adopt, repeal or amend the bylaws.

Also, the board of trustees has the power to create committees that would focus on particular goals. Each new committee has at least one member from the executive committee. The president is an ex officio member of all committees.

Dr. LaVon Rupel '53 is the present chair of the board of trustees. She must preside at all meetings of the board and call necessary meetings. The vice chair is Robert Wilson '53, and Ray Shepard '70 is the secretary.

The trustees are working toward implementing new changes that will affect the future of McPherson College.

"If one were ever to be a trustee, this is the year. The decisions we make will be momentous," said Albright.

MEET THE TRUSTEES

• Anne Albright '45 McPherson, KS Retired Counselor Middle School

• Tom Brubaker '68 Rocky Ford, CO CEO and President of Valco, Inc.

• Kathlyn Coffman '53 South English, IA College Professor

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• Alberta Grosbach '55 Enders, NE Homemaker

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• Elizabeth Marie Petty '80 Greenville, MO Teacher

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• Ray Shepard '70 Fort Scott, KS President, Ray Shepard Motors

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• Philip Stover '72 Quinter, KS Attorney

• Roberta P. Strickler '70 Baltimore, MD Attorney

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• Marvin Thill Warrensburg, MO District Executive

• Cheryl Tschudin '75 Abilene, KS Food Service Manager USD #435

• John Ward '50 Lincoln, NE Professor Emeritus

• James Weaver '64 Shannon, IL President/CEO TeeLee Popcorn

• Robert L. Wilson '53 Wichita, KS Physician

• Steve Gustafson McPherson, KS Interim President of McPherson College

EDITORIAL

Campus problems point to poor communication

A famous quote in a rock-n-roll lyric sums up the most important problem facing McPherson College and, to a greater extent, humanity in general.

"What we have here is a failure to communicate." Guns and Roses (a group which I personally despise) summed up the history of humanity in this single quote. Wars have been started, kings have been dethroned, and nations have been destroyed through a lack of communication.

With Homecoming weekend here many alumni will want to know how their alma mater is doing, parents will want to know how their students are spending their time and students wonder where they'll be living next year.

Most of the problems that we seem to have on campus stem from a lack of communication skills. Non-federal scholarships, graduate school, student retention, and the dreaded voice-mail system are frustrating problems for students because they are not asking the right questions or not being given the answer they were looking for.

College is not meant to simply teach students formulas, methods and procedures for a work environment. The college experience teaches people to think, research and properly communicate the conclusions that we as higher-functioning adults come up with.

So think about what you say, in relation to how you say it. Decide if you are communicating or asking the question in the wrong way.

James G. Garrison
for the Editorial Staff

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My commitment to America

My commitment to America is to be a good citizen. Many people don't know what citizenship is. Citizenship is the responsibility of participating in the government and its activities.

Getting involved with our government sounds like such a tedious job, but let me ask you this: Is the idea of America worth the effort?

People complain about all the things that are wrong with our country. They complain that our political leaders are not doing enough about our nation's problems. People say, "Politicians are supposed to do what the people say," and they will, if we work at making our voices heard.

The United States Constitution declares that the American people shall govern themselves. It has rules that prevent any person(s) or group(s) from taking that power away from the people. It also states that citizens have privileges and freedoms that cannot be taken away.

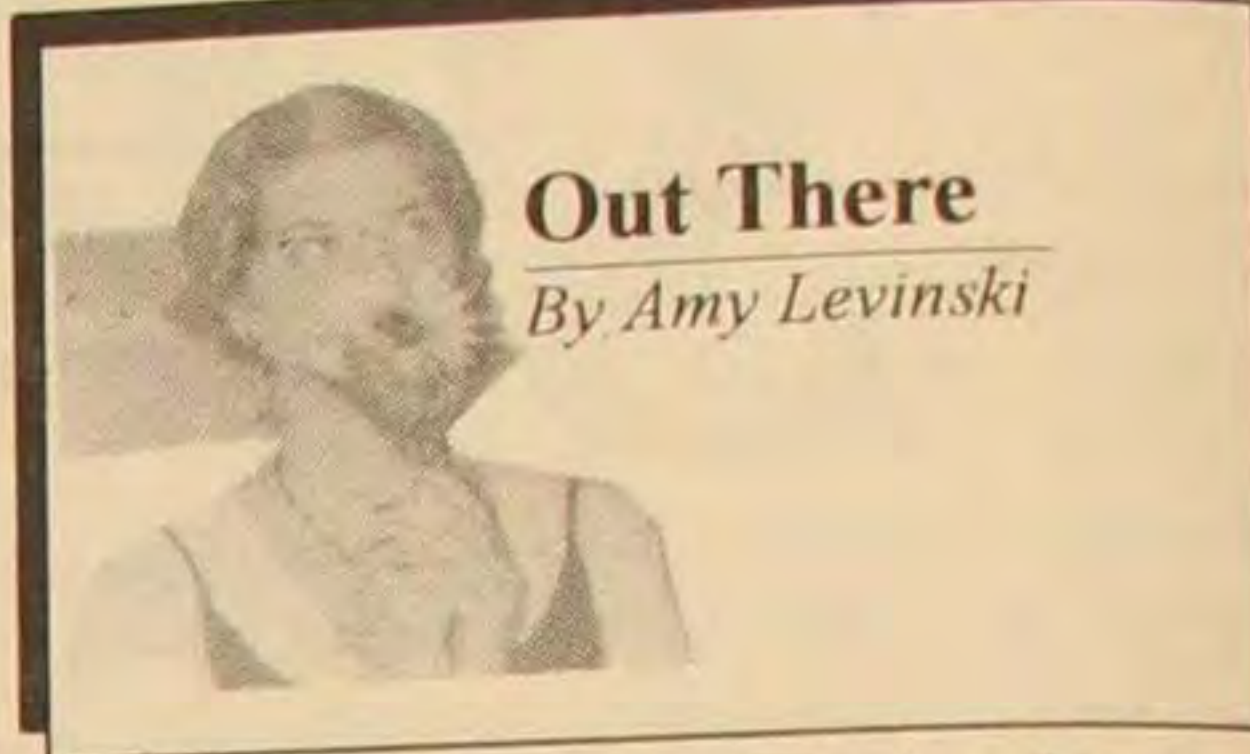
So how does one become involved? Beginning at the community level is a good place. Going to town meetings, speeches, caucuses, school board meetings, involving yourself with committees, volunteering at a food shelf or hospital. Citizenship is service.

People may think citizenship is a choice—one of the many freedoms we have. It is not a choice; it is our responsibility. The success of our government depends upon all Americans fulfilling their responsibilities and duties, which includes:

OBEYING THE LAW—Our government will operate successfully if ALL citizens obey the laws.

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES—We as United States citizens have the duty of defending our country if it is threatened. Ask yourself this: Do I have enough pride in my nation to fight for it?

VOTING IN ELECTIONS—There are people who have told me that they won't vote or register because they haven't paid attention to candidates or issues; they don't want to vote wrong or irresponsibly. That in itself is wrong and irresponsible. We live in a country where WE THE PEOPLE decide what kind of life we want to live and, although voting is a responsibility we have to our country, it is also a privilege (one that only 50 percent of Americans take advantage of).



Out There

By Amy Levinski

Are people so unmotivated and care so little about what goes on in this country and who leads it, to actually not pay attention, register and vote?

TAKING PART IN THE GOVERNMENT—We as citizens should feel obligated to serve in government offices, but many people think "What can I do?" or "Who will listen to me?" Many people are turned off by political leaders because of a few "career candidates." People do not see themselves making a commitment to what they believe, or they are more interested in their image than with reality. I understand that people may feel frustrated and powerless, but it is my personal belief that EVERYONE has power and energy inside, and persons only FEEL helpless because they're either unaware of that power or they don't know how to channel the energy.

BEING INFORMED—We need to be aware of what our political leaders are doing so we can conscientiously vote, and we have the responsibility of telling our representatives what we want.

Our freedom depends on our willingness to serve our country.

The preamble to the Constitution delineates our duties as citizens: "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain this Constitution of the United States."

I know everyone and their dog named Boo can't lead, for followers are needed. But if you are bothered enough, I urge you, encourage you, challenge you to use the power and vehemence to make a difference, regardless of the degree. Citizenship is service. (It says in the Bible if you want to become great, you must become a servant—hey, look at Jesus.)

I asked the question earlier: Do you think America is worth the effort? I do.

Experience a reality check

There are so many different aspects of the Church of the Brethren that I've had a hard time choosing what to write about. I love the Church of the Brethren for many different reasons. I love its commitment to service and humility, its work with peace and social justice issues, its efforts to live simply and its inclusiveness toward others different from its own members.

I went to my high school homecoming football game last Friday. That was definitely an eye-opening experience. The characteristics I mentioned above seemed to be lost and even to be nonexistent in a high school setting. I experienced a very-much-needed reality check. The ideas and values that are so important to me are incredibly hard to find in high school, and if they are found are hard—very hard—to hold onto.

When most people enter college their whole way of life changes. They no longer see the world through the eyes of their high schools or their town; they begin to see the world through their own eyes and choose their own standards of life.

Part of the reason that the values I mentioned earlier may be nonexistent in high schools is that people are more dependent on their parents and usually haven't been challenged to really think about their lives or the lives of people who are different from themselves. In college you have to choose for yourself how simply you want to live your life, whether you want to drive a car or ride a bicycle, buy brand-name clothing or nonbrand-name clothing, decide how often you go out to eat, and even how much the career you choose pays.

Brethren Perspective

By Erin Flory

Choosing what we believe helps determine who we are. Every opinion we have or decision we make is working to help us see who we are. With the upcoming presidential election, who we choose is a reflection of who we are and what we believe. We choose the classes we take based on our interests and what we want to do with our lives. Choices surround us every day and strengthen us with every decision we make.

In high school, students probably depend more on their peers. But if they haven't already, people must also choose what they believe about social issues and what they're going to stand up for and what they're not. Now they can see more of their whole selves. They begin to really see themselves and who they want to become.

You may be wondering what this has to do with being Brethren. Well, for me the Church of the Brethren has helped me to see and strengthen these beliefs. I have felt challenged by the Brethren beliefs I mentioned before and have begun to see where my own future lies.

Whether Brethren or not, I think every college freshman should go back to his or her homecoming game for a "reality check." I'm sure that even people who aren't Brethren and may or may not share these same beliefs about service, humility, simple living, peace, social justice and inclusiveness would probably realize the same thing I did.

Put your hands down and let me hear

by Shelly Hendricks
Co-Editor-in-Chief

I need a script to enjoy a play. I cannot hear myself speak. I never wake up to the loudness of thunder. I don't wake up to the fire alarm in Dotzour at four o'clock in the morning. Without my hearing aids, I cannot hear the barking of a dog, the whistle of a train, or the "hello" from a friend.

There are unique traits within every human being that characterize who we are and how we interact with others. When we attend to those individual features apparent in another, we can communicate more completely.

Most persons are aware of one of the greatest influences on my personality, of my interaction with others—my hearing impairment.

I was born with my deafness, which is severe/profound. I can hear sounds reasonably well with the assistance of hearing aids. Sometimes I am apprehensive of the future because the older I become, the more

hearing I lose. Without my hearing aids, I perceive little to no sound.

Even when I wear my hearing aids, I have considerable difficulty distinguishing words, which is why I rely heavily on reading lips. Lip-reading is an essential aspect of my communication with others. Often, that is forgotten or unnoticed.

Many times I will talk with someone who looks away or holds a hand in front of his/her mouth. So, instead of communicating freely, I try to discern what was stated. Then, I miss present comments and it just snowballs. Thus, it is very discouraging to attempt participating in group conversations.

My hearing loss has certainly provoked some interesting comments and reactions. Often, when people first learn that I am deaf, they immediately speak louder and over-enunciate. Neither helps me understand better.

It is critical for my comprehension and communication with others that they learn how to assist me in communication. There have been several occasions when I have

replied to what a person said, only to receive a laugh or weird glance because my comment was entirely unrelated to the subject.

It doesn't hurt to be deaf. But it is frustrating when I miss the punch lines or plots of movies, which is often. Not being able to converse freely with someone because I do not know what was said is agitating.

There are many occasions when I never hear the joke, and it saddens me. I love to laugh, but I rarely understand funny comments until they are repeated to me. By then, they have lost their impact.

Being deaf is rather indescribable, although I have attempted to explain it. Deafness is not a feeling one can understand by plugging ones ears for a day. People have asked me if I wish I could hear and, admittedly, yes, there are occasions that I envy those who can understand the teacher's every word or comprehend the topic of a group discussion.

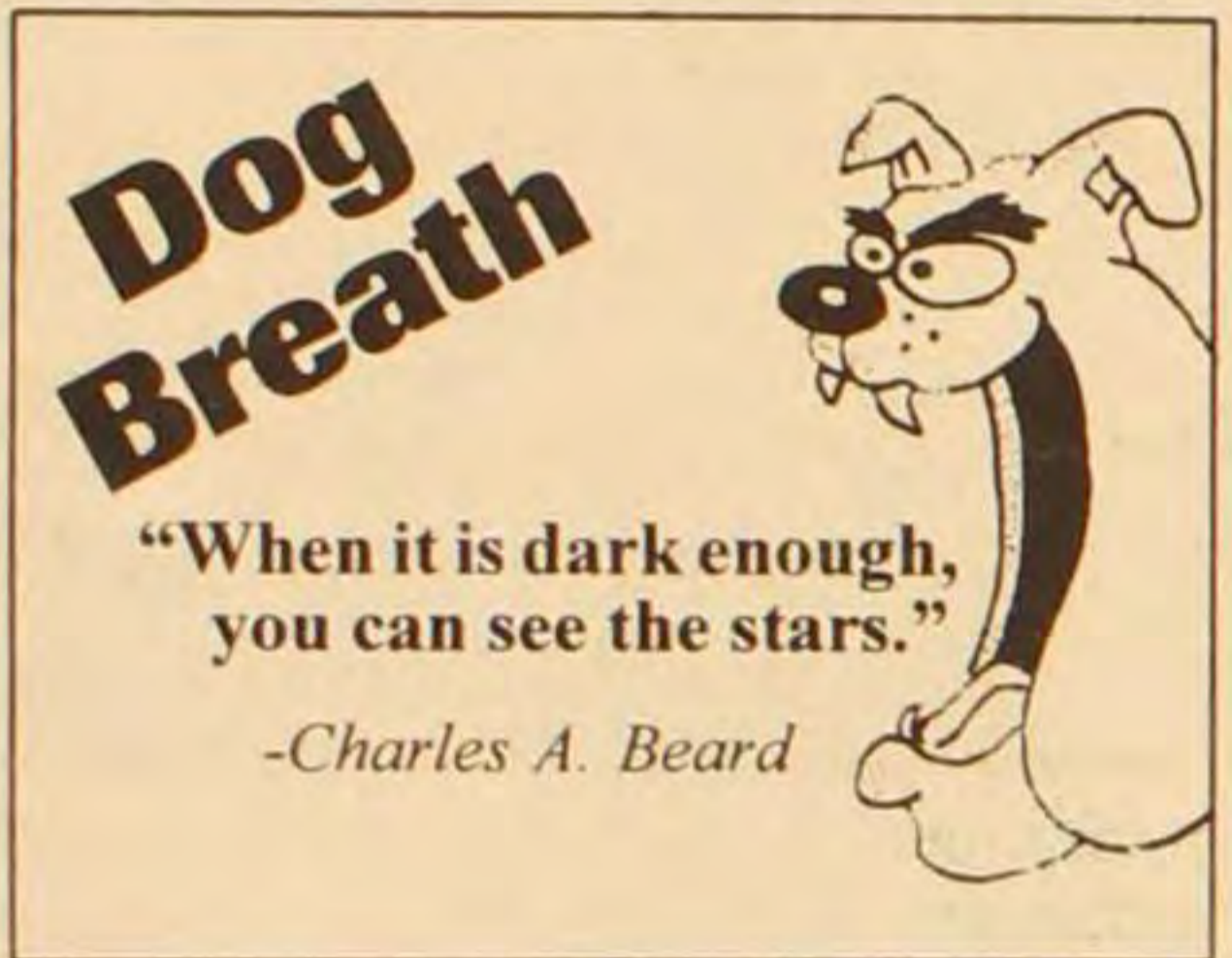
Yet, I don't know what I am missing. I do

not know if what you hear and what I hear with my aids is similar or very different. I cannot cover my eyes and know what it is like to live my life blind.

However, through the willingness of family, friends and professors, I have never felt defeated by my deafness. People are always willing to answer my couple or three or four "What?"s. They will ask if I heard a comment and never become frustrated with me, even if I become discouraged.

As some may have observed, several of my friends are now learning sign language as a means of communication. I have greatly appreciated the assistance from these people since it helps me enjoy life more.

We each can accept the opportunities to communicate with diverse groups of people. Adapting to the needs of other persons, whether they are visually impaired, deaf, dyslexic, or whatever the special trait, can strengthen relationships. We should never let ignorance be a barrier in communication.



CAMPUS FORUM LETTER POLICY

The Spectator's editorial pages provide a public forum for the campus community. The following policy guides the publication of all letters to the editor:

- All letters must be signed. Unless sufficient reason is given, the signature must accompany the letter when it is published.
- Everything will be published within the limits of space, good taste, and the laws of libel.
- To submit a letter to the Spectator, drop it in campus mail. The final deadline is Monday before the Friday on which the paper is published.

Senior issues warning to fellow classmates

by Jessie Miller
Spectator Staff

Ah... I'm a senior now. That means it's time to write a sappy sentimental editorial about being a senior. Well, that's just not going to happen yet, because at the moment I don't feel very sentimental. I think the more proper phrase would be something like, "AGGGHH!" or "GRRRRR!" and a few things most people believe I would never say.

I'm working on getting into grad school but I've run into several snags, and this is the source of my stress. I thought that I was getting a jump on the whole ordeal by picking up a GRE (Graduate Record Exam) packet-things in the SES towards the beginning of the semester. (It's just like the ACT only it gets you into grad school, and it takes about six hours.)

"Yea! Good job, Jessie! You've taken the first step; you've picked up the packet!" I praised myself as I took it right to my room and set it neatly on my shelf... where it was

soon buried under new assignments, old papers, dirty Kleenexes, and the occasional and unfortunate Percy (my parakeet) dropping.

As it turns out I was just a bit too proud of my accomplishment. I didn't pick it up and actually start reading it until about a month ago. Let me tell you, I'd forgotten how delightful anxiety attacks really can be. I'd missed the deadline for the first exam, which was last Saturday. The application and fee should have been sent in sometime in August, before classes even started. How was I supposed to know? I thought I would be just fine starting this whole grad school search process when I got here.

Now, as a result, I am going to have to take the test in December, right after finals are over here. Yea. My scores are not going to meet the deadlines of the universities that I am applying to. Each one that I have looked into wants a fully completed application—that means financial aid, three recommendations from professors who know your work,

an example of scholarly writing, GRE results, and I'm sure that there are many other things I haven't found out about yet, by Jan. 15. The GRE results won't arrive until Jan. 17.

If I don't make that deadline I won't be able to enroll for the fall semester. And that means that the six-month grace period on my loans will have passed before the next spring semester. AGHHH! How was I supposed to know when this stuff was due? Now all I can do is pray that my scores will arrive at the universities early or that the schools will have some leniency.

I haven't even mentioned the fact that it takes several hours to figure the whole GRE packet out, plus the time it takes to actually fill it out. And you have to have done enough research on your universities to know where you want your results sent—and you'd better know because there is a fee for having them send out extra results.

I'm frustrated because I didn't know anything about how to start the graduate

school search process. Granted, we are seniors who are mostly over 21 years of age, and we should be responsible for ourselves by now, but if we've never done this before how do we know where to start, let alone WHEN to start?

Surely there is something that Mac can do to help out. Maybe send out flyers to juniors who are considering grad school to let them know that stuff has to be done even before you come back for your senior year. I'm not trying to make myself less responsible for my situation; just give us a place to start.

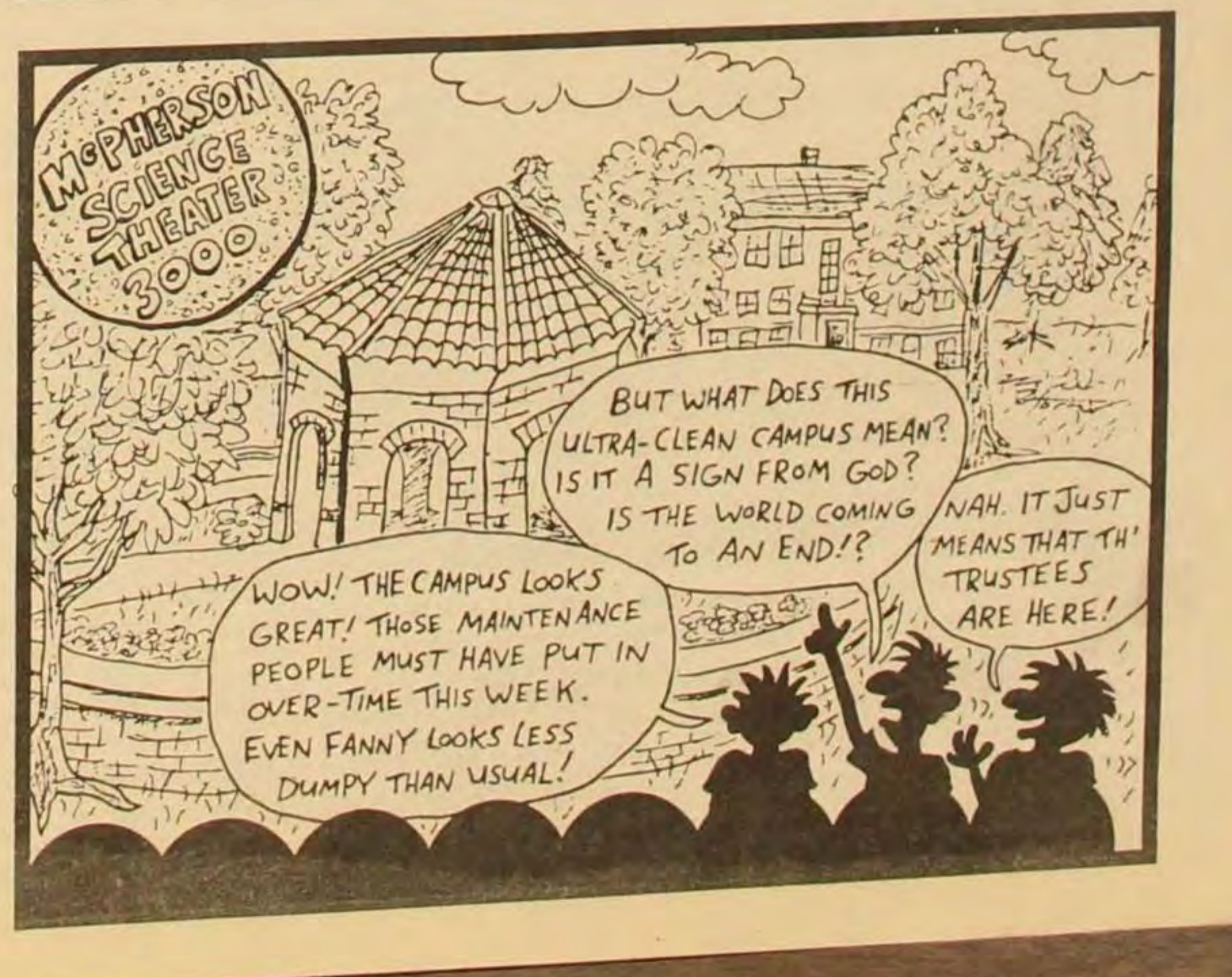
Juniors, you've been warned by a stress-ball senior: If you are considering grad school, get on it second semester! Because if you don't, it's going to come around and bite you in the butt and make your senior year a whole lot more hectic than it should be.

Hopefully, I'll make the deadlines. But if I do get accepted, I'll arrive for the first day of classes with a less-than-full head of hair.

910 by Andy Wagoner

Attn: Due to the birth of Madonna's baby, Andy had to make an emergency visit to California to see the mother and child. He will be back next week. Thanks for your understanding.

THE AMAZING COLOSSAL COMIC STRIP BY MIKE HORNER



Homecoming '96

Meet the '96 Homecoming Court

By Erin Flory and Becky Ullom
Spectator Staff

Homecoming is a tradition that McPherson College has honored and enjoyed for many years. A part of this tradition is the coronation of Homecoming royalty. The student body nominated 10 students who represent leadership and involvement in various aspects of campus life.

Nikki Adler, daughter of Jim Adler and Lynn and Steve Hilgers, is a junior majoring in business administration. She has been active in many organizations on campus. She has co-directed intramurals for two years, is a member of SAB, and serves as a resident assistant. She has played basketball for three years and served as assistant coach for the U-11 Strikers.

Adler enjoys playing basketball, watching McPherson College men's soccer games, and spending time with her family and friends. After graduation Adler plans to work somewhere in the marketing field.

"I am very excited and honored about being nominated for Homecoming queen. I am looking forward to all the activities throughout the week and weekend," Adler said.

Jessie Miller, sr., is the daughter of Daryl and Rosy Miller. She is a double major in English and theatre and plans to attend graduate school to obtain her master's and doctoral degrees in English and American literature. She would like to teach at a small college similar to McPherson.

In her years at McPherson, Miller has been a member of Alpha Psi Omega and served as its vice president for one year. She has been a resident assistant during her junior and senior years and participated in the college choir for three years. She has been involved with the Spectator for two years and placed on the honor roll for three years.

Miller enjoys reading, playing with animals, playing her guitar in her spare time, and being outdoors. She will always remember the friendships she has made in college, which have been an important part of her life at McPherson College.

"I'm excited about this year's Homecoming," Miller said. "There are so many new and different events planned. I'm pleased to be a part of it all."

Sarah Wagoner, junior elementary education major, is the daughter of Alan and Deb Wagoner.

While attending McPherson College, Wagoner has been a member of Habitat for Humanity, Peace Awareness, Brethren Identity Group and Today's Educators. She has written for the Quadrangle, is currently the co-editor-in-chief and features editor of the Spectator and is the student representative on the Presidential Search Committee.

Wagoner has also been on the Honor Roll and is chairman of the issues committee on Student Government.

Wagoner enjoys singing and music of any kind. She values the friendships she has made at McPherson College, the Brethren connection she feels and the quality of education she has received. Wagoner's future plans include teaching, serving in Brethren Volunteer Service and having a family.



Photo by JJ Bowman

Homecoming candidates are from left to right in back: Roy Johnson, Paige Watkins, Jesse Van Norden, Jennifer Williams. Front row left to right are: Erik Vogel, Nikki Adler, Jessie Miller, Eddie Hester, Sarah Wagoner, and Turtle James.

"I was really surprised when I found out I was part of the Homecoming court. That may sound like a generic comment, but I am truly honored to know that students see me as a leader. I know the Homecoming activities will be very beneficial for students and alumni. There needs to be more interaction between these two groups, and homecoming is a great time for all kinds of interaction," Wagoner said.

Paige Watkins, daughter of John and Ann Watkins, is a junior majoring in physical education with an emphasis in health. Watkins played basketball her freshman and sophomore years and was an Academic All-Conference Athlete.

She enjoys spending time with her family, friends and two nephews. After graduation, Watkins plans to attend graduate school or study physical therapy.

Jennifer Williams, sr., daughter of Keith and Linda Williams, is also a physical education major. She has been active in volleyball and basketball throughout her college career.

Williams was nominated the Female Athlete of the Year during the 1994-95 and 1995-96 academic years.

She was a volleyball Academic All-American Athlete, Second Team All-Conference, and Academic All-Conference for three years. Williams has also been an Academic All-Conference basketball player for two years.

In her spare time, Williams enjoys playing with her dog Breck, buying shoes, hanging out with friends and playing sports. She plans to attending graduate school for a physical therapy degree, or teach and coach volleyball and track.

The student body nominated five men to represent McPherson College as king candidates in the 1996 Homecoming court.

Jesse Van Norden is a junior from Leoti, Kan. He is majoring in business adminis-

tration, with an emphasis in management. Van Norden has been a resident assistant for two years, business manager for the Spectator, a member of the golf team, played in the band, and has been the usiness club historian.

He is currently pursuing a job offer from Cargill Industries in Minnesota.

"I was surprised to be picked, but it felt good to be recognized as a positive force in the student atmosphere at McPherson College," Van Norden said.

Erik Vogel is a junior accounting major from McPherson, Kan. He has been a resident assistant in Metzler, written for both the Spectator and Quadrangle, served as junior and freshman class president, and was Academic All-Conference for basketball during his sophomore year.

Vogel loves to watch and follow the Green Bay Packers football team, enjoys sports trivia, watching movies, and visiting minor league baseball parks.

He plans to attend graduate school to obtain a master's in business administration. He is also interested in taking the CPA exam.

"Being selected as a member of the Homecoming court by fellow students is a very nice honor. All of the activities make for an enjoyable week, and it is especially nice to have alumni back on campus for the weekend festivities," Vogel said.

Roy Johnson is a junior biology and chemistry major from Dawsonville, Ga. Johnson is currently serving as the Student Government president. He is also involved in Today's Educators, Fellowship of Christian

Athletes, Creative Arts Society and participated in the 1996-97 U.S. National Collegiate Weightlifting Championship as well as the American Championships.

Johnson enjoys ceramics, piano, biology, government and weightlifting. He plans to further his education in graduate school and pursue a doctorate in virology. Johnson has considered teaching biology and chemistry at the high school level.

"I consider it to be a great honor to be chosen as a representative of the student body. I enjoy the positive attitudes about this college that are very apparent this year and am proud to be a Homecoming candidate for Mac," Johnson said.

Rudolph "Turtle" James is a senior sociology major from Houma, La. James has been named KCAC Football Player of the Week twice and was chosen to be on the First Team All-American in football.

Fishing and hunting fill up most of James's free time, but he also enjoys working with handicapped children.

James hopes to either work with handicapped children or become a detective.

Eddie Hester, from Mesa, Ariz., is a senior physical education major.

He was chosen as the KCAC Football Player of the Week, All-KCAC for football, and Second Team All-American.

Hester enjoys playing football, basketball, lifting weights, listening to music and laughing.

He plans to successfully finish this year in football and then proceed to the next level of football. He is also interested in the teaching program.

"This is the first time I've ever been on a homecoming court. It's quite an experience," Hester said.

The heart of Homecoming

By Jennifer Bosserman
Spectator Staff

Home is where the heart is. How does McPherson College capture the hearts of people, spurring them to call this campus home? Is it the 2 a.m. bathroom bonding-sessions, or the midnight runs to Happy Chef?

Could it possibly be stripping down to your briefs and participating in the Fanny run? Perhaps it's the small-college atmosphere, the close personal relationships and the quality of education a student receives at Mac.

No matter what memories touch your heart and spark a love for McPherson College, many alumni, family, friends and students will join together in celebration this weekend.

After enjoying a delicious meal in the cafeteria at 5:30 on Friday evening, the college tennis courts will sizzle as the 1996 McPherson Alumni Challenge Cup begins. The competition includes a men's singles and mixed doubles tournament. Matches will start with mixed doubles competition at 7 p.m.

"This event is an experiment, and we will see what happens. We're looking forward to it being a successful annual event," said tennis coach Dr. Becky Sankner.

Tonight at 8 p.m. "Crimes of the Heart" will be performed by the drama department in Brown Auditorium. Dr. Rick Tyler, chair of the theatre department, finds "Crimes of the Heart" to be one of the strongest shows McPherson College has ever produced. A hardworking staff and an excellent set support the production. According to Tyler, the attitudes of the cast contributed to enjoyable and productive rehearsals.

"Crimes of the Heart" is a Pulitzer prize-winning play that captures a slice of life among three sisters. The play touches on family relationships and how their importance is often overlooked until it is almost too late.

Heather Healy, sr., selected the show as her senior research project and chose four female theatre majors to star in the production. Students, faculty and staff are admitted free with their college ID.

Peace Awareness and the Creative Arts Society are cosponsoring a coffee house on Friday at 9:30 p.m. All talents, as well as family, alumni and friends are encouraged to join in an evening of food, fun, fellowship and open mike.

The tolling of the midnight bell will tip off the 1996-97 basketball season with Midnight Madness. Twenty-eight men are out for the team this year, and coach Roger Trimmell seems positive.

"We've been very successful for the past 10 years and we plan to continue with that success," Trimmell said.

After a late night with the basketball team, Saturday morning activities will be-

gin with the annual Run-Walk-Ride. Everyone is invited to run, walk or ride their bikes on a two- or five-mile course. Registration is \$8.00 and will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Heaston Gazebo. The races start at 8:30. All participants will receive a free T-shirt.

At 9:30 a.m. alumni are invited to rehearse with the choir in Beechly Hall. Alumni and choral students will practice a song to be performed in Sunday's concert. Immediately following rehearsal, the Renaissance Troupe is scheduled to perform in Heaston Gazebo at 10 a.m.

Other activities for the morning hours include alumni registration from 9-11 in Friendship Hall, open house in Miller Library from 9:30-11 a.m. and campus tours that will leave from Friendship Hall between 9 and 11 a.m.

Saturday afternoon's activities will kick off with the football game. The game starts at 2 p.m., when the Bulldogs challenge Southwestern. Fans are encouraged to cheer the team to a Homecoming victory.

From 4:30 until 6:30, browse through the Homecoming Fair located on Mingenback Mall. The fair provides an opportunity for campus clubs and organizations to share their purposes and activities for the year.

A cookout will take place during the fair, as well as the coronation of Homecoming king and queen on the steps of Miller Library at 5:30 p.m.

Next on the docket is the men's soccer game against Friends at 7 p.m. in the college stadium.

Saturday evening's events will be capped off with the Homecoming dance in the Student Union from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The dance will feature a country/farm theme, but never fear—all types of music will be played.

All participants are encouraged to dress comfortably and enjoy the evenings festivities.

The McPherson Church of the Brethren invites all to join in a time of worship and praise with friends and family on Sunday morning at 10.

At 1:30 p.m. the music department will perform a classics concert in Brown Auditorium. The choir will take a different approach this year as it performs more difficult music at its first concert.

Dr. Alan Gumm, choir director, feels that this will "better prepare the choir for spring tour and that it will help the choir to peak earlier."

Gumm acknowledges a strong sense of growth in the choir over the past three years and believes this concert will be the result of that growth.

"The choir can relax after this and recognize that the hardest job was done well," said Gumm.

No matter which activities people choose to participate in, Homecoming 1996 is bound to capture our hearts and bring us home.



Tracy Stoddart, sr., and Cyril Russell, coordinator of alumni services, worked together with the Homecoming committee for many hours to carefully plan activities and events for Homecoming weekend. Homecoming has been an Mac College tradition for over 60 years.

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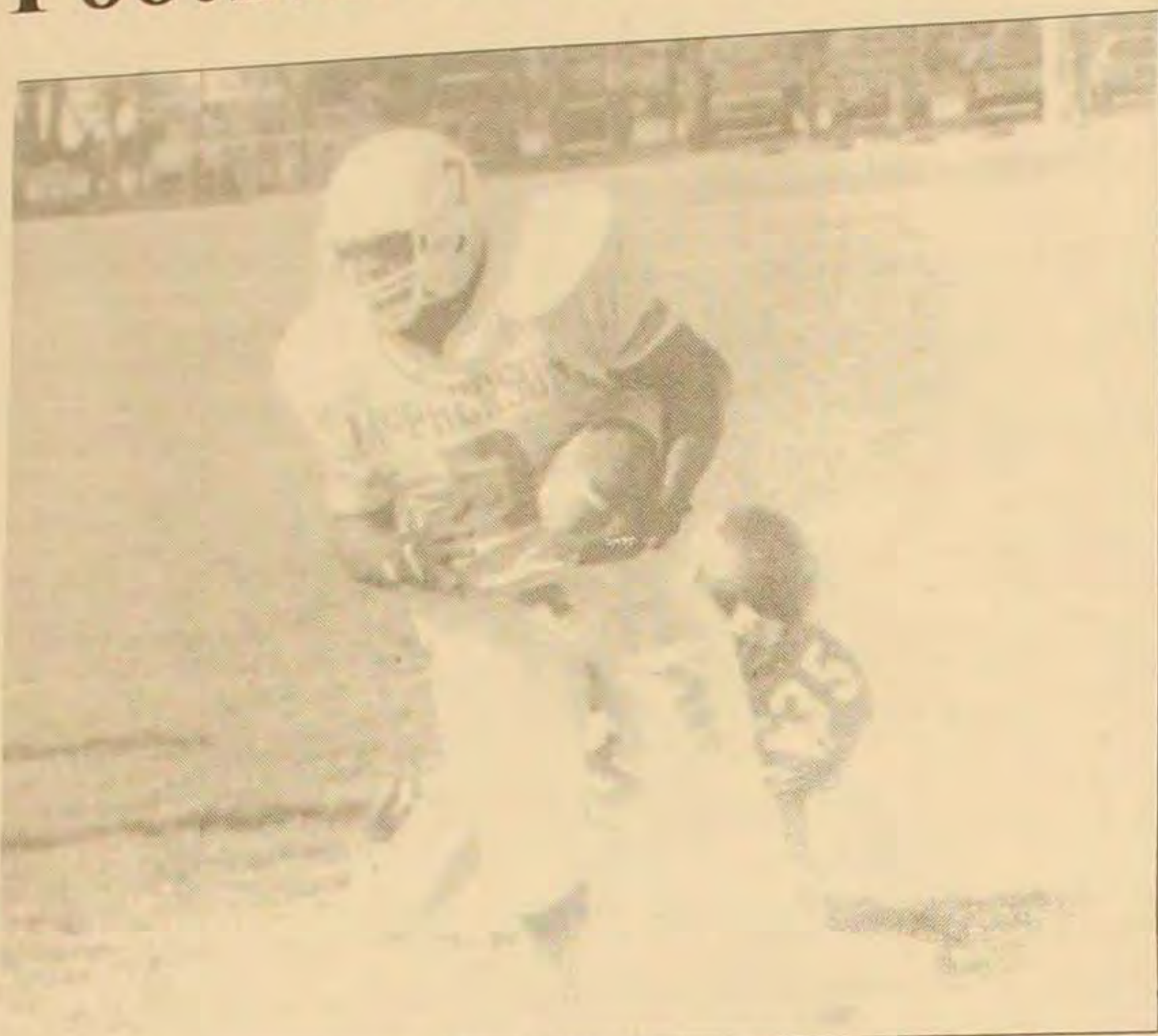


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Football team anticipates exciting Homecoming

by Jennifer Williams
Spectator Staff



Aundrey Myers, jr., leaves the Falcon defender behind.

photo by Mark Godfrey

In its last two outings the Bulldogs have tested their mettle against two tough KCAC opponents: Bethany College and Friends University. Although playing hard on both occasions, the Bulldogs fell prey to both teams.

"The pro teams have bad games and so do college teams," said head coach Bruce Grose. "We've just had two back-to-back, but we have got to put that behind us."

With the Friends Falcons scoring three touchdowns and two safeties in the first quarter, Oct. 12 turned out to be a bad day for Mac.

"Some positive aspects did happen, though, and we can build on that for next week," Grose said.

One positive aspect that Mac players can build on is their new look on offense. They still run the single wing but have changed the personnel a bit. Preston Taylor, fr., stepped up as the Bulldog quarterback but still splits time with Rudolph "Turtle" James, sr.

"All I do is go out there and play; my playing time is up to the coach. But you can

bet that when I get on the field, I'll do whatever it takes to try to win the ball game," Taylor said.

Prior to playing Friends University, the Bulldog "Big Unit" defense had the number-one ranking against the rush in the KCAC, largely due to the powerful defensive line consisting of Eric Van Dyke, soph., Robert Thorson, sr., Joe Bravo, jr., and Richard Reisen, jr.

"We are strong against the rush, but we need to step it up against the pass," said senior defensive back and leading tackler Eddie Hester.

The Bulldogs hope to change the losing trend that has swept them over the last few games this week at Homecoming, when they squad off against Southwestern College. While Southwestern has a better record and is favored going into Saturday's game, Coach Grose thinks this will be a game to remember.

"It's always fun playing in front of a Homecoming crowd, and we hope to put on a good show," Grose said.

Kickoff is at 2 p.m. in the friendly confines of the Bulldog stadium this Saturday.

All's fair in sports until doughnuts make you fat

What is cheating, really? Is it cutting in front of someone in the dinner line, or setting the deck at Spades? Webster's Dictionary defines it as "to swindle, defraud or cheat; to play unfairly." (It also says "to be unfaithful to one's sexual partner," but that doesn't really apply here.) So what is it?

I know what you're thinking. "What are you getting at?" Well, I'll tell you. Is what the kid who sat in the right-field stands at Yankee Stadium last week during game one of the American League Championship Series did, cheating?

For those of you who have no idea what I am talking about, here is the scoop. The New York Yankees won game one of the series by one run, but here is where the controversy lies.

Yankee Derrick Jeter hit a solo shot towards the right field fence. Just as Baltimore Oriole right-fielder Tony

Sportsview

By Joe Bravo

Tarasco was about to try to rob Jeter of his home run, a 12-year-old fan reached out and knocked the ball over the fence.

Tarasco complained to the umpire that this was interference, but the umpire did not see the kid interfere so he made a judgment call—home run. The Orioles were furious and played the rest of the game under protest, and they ended up losing 4-3. Is this cheating? I say no. If there is no foul, there is no autopsy. An official's

word is law on the field in any sport, and athletes have to accept that as truth, whether the official made a bad call or not. I also don't think that the kid honestly was trying to help the Yankees but just trying to get a souvenir.

In sports when a call goes against you, no amount of crying, pleading or pouting is going to help. This kind of thing happens all the time in sports. If I had a doughnut for every time an offensive lineman has kept a defensive player from making a tackle and the offense scored and the officials didn't throw a flag, I would be really fat. This can and does happen a lot; just trust me on this one.

You can't expect the team that benefits from this to give back the advantage they received from the situation. It's like getting a bank error in your favor. I don't care whose mistake it is; I'm not

giving the money back. However, I do not agree with the Yankees giving the kid box seats behind home plate for the rest of the series, because this condones his actions. He will forever be remembered in baseball history as the unsung hero of game one; let it end at that.

One last unrelated point, since this will probably be the last time I write about baseball until spring training next year, unless this year's World Series is the best in a long time—I wanted to let people know that McPherson College used to have a baseball program, and I think it has been gone for way too long. If you are interested in playing baseball here at Mac, even as a club team, talk to an administrator. They will let you know who to talk to about it. This spring, I think it's time to bring Bulldog baseball back to Mac.

Bulldogs achieve first win of the 1996 season

by Willie Norman

Spectator Staff

After starting the season 0-8-1, the McPherson women's soccer team beat Tabor in a 1-0 game on Oct. 5. The lone score of the game came with eight minutes left in the second half on a free kick by freshman Dorothea Langer.

The Bulldogs opened up the game playing really tough. Within the first 15 minutes, the Bulldogs knew that they had a great chance at winning.

"This victory was a great thing for the team. It showed us that we do have what it takes to win. We were able to play really good defense, and that is what won the game for us," said second-year player Krista Faus.

Defense did prove to be the key to the Bulldogs first victory. They knew they had to step up their play to win the game.

Apparent from previous games, the Bulldogs are a second-half team. Thus they felt they were in control of the game after half-time. Not only did they keep Tabor from scoring, the Bulldogs also scored the winning goal. The team stepped up and took the challenge.

"The whole team started playing a lot more aggressively. No one was about to let this one slip away from us," said Faus.

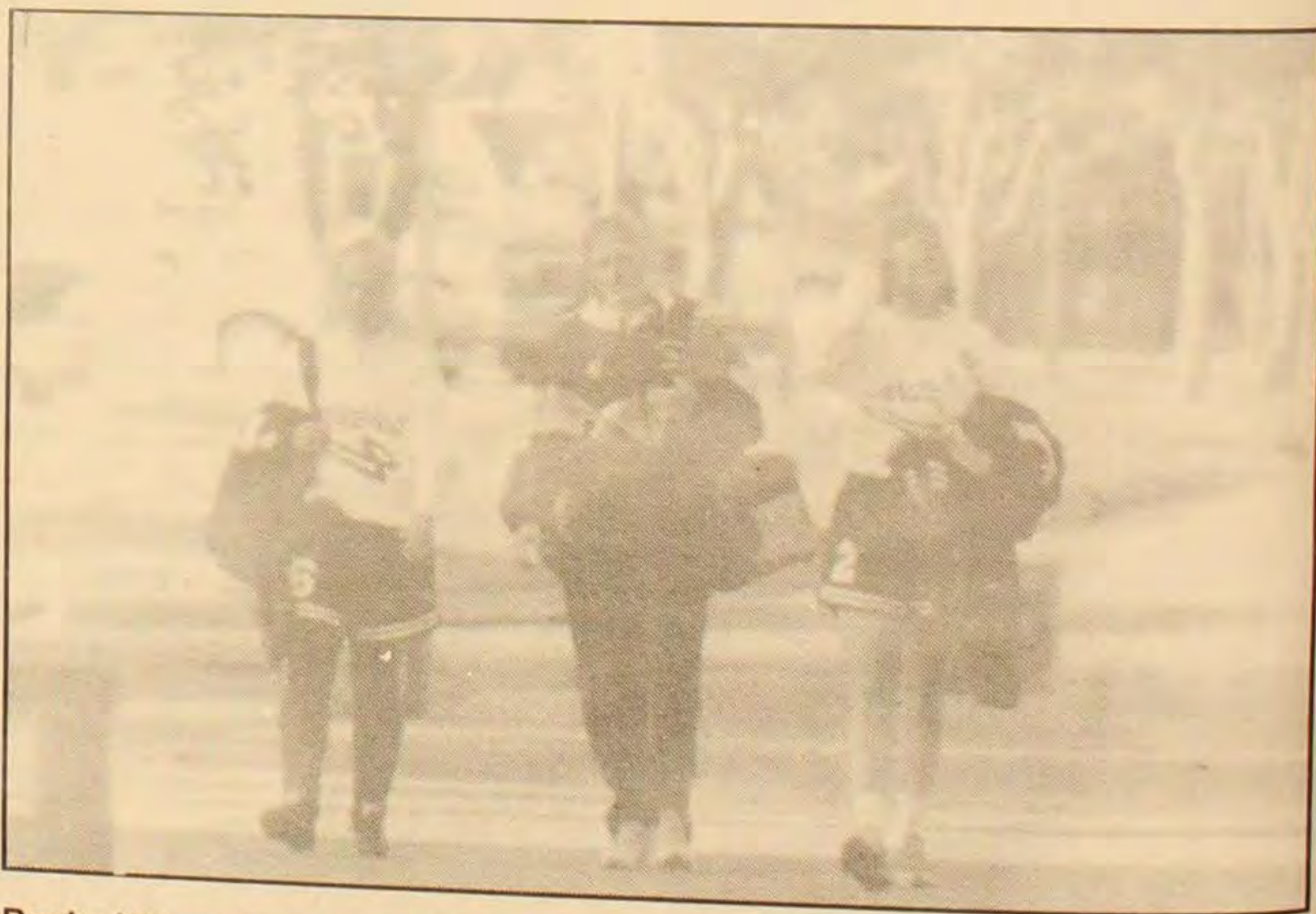
Defense has been the main focus of this year's soccer team. The Dogs are playing more aggressively than they have in the past and are playing up to the ability of the other teams. "We just have to start playing our game instead of playing the other teams'," Faus said.

The team has seen a few misfortunes already this season. Two of their best players, Langer and Faus, are plagued with nagging injuries. This does not help the team, as both Langer and Faus are relied upon not just for their ability but also for their knowledge of the game and leadership.

Because a majority of the team is made up of people who are playing organized soccer for the first time, it is up to the players who have played before to step up and be leaders for the new team members.

Playing three to four games in a week also takes its toll on the team. Because of the small team size most of the players are needed on the field at all times. Several games a week tire the team, both mentally and physically, who cannot afford to miss valuable practice time resting.

The Bulldogs will continue to challenge their opponents, as well as themselves, throughout the remainder of the 1996 season.



Becky Ullom, fr., Leanna Hulse, fr. and Sarah Stover, fr., retreat from the stadium after the Bulldogs beat Tabor 1-0 on Oct. 5.

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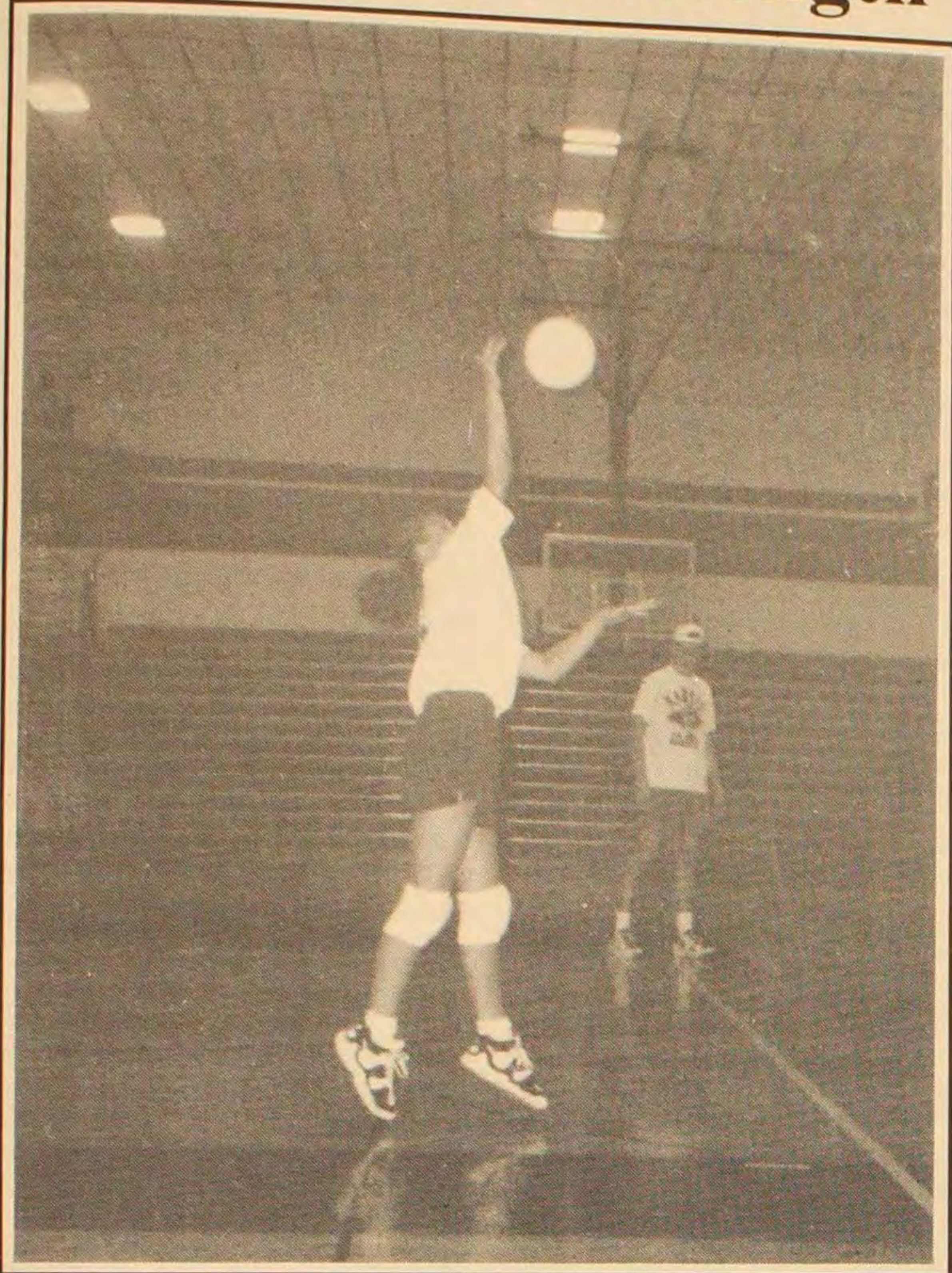


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Kerri Kobbeman, sr., displays her powerful serving ability.

by Joe Bravo
Sports Editor

When most people gauge the success of an athletic team, they tend to look only at the win/lose column. However, numbers never tell the whole story. While the Bulldogs have captured only three wins this season, they have demonstrated improvement with every game.

"This team is not Team U.S.A., but we are competitive. There hasn't been a game all year that we've been out of from the start," said head coach Dan Hoffman.

Mac has been hit hard by injuries. Summer Snodgrass, fr., and Melissa Smith, fr., were both injured last week in the same game and may be out for the rest of the season. This provided the Bulldogs a chal-

lenge going into the double-header against Mid-America Bible College and Kansas Newman College on Oct. 15.

"Our lack of communication and our inability to cover the floor killed us," Snodgrass said.

The Bulldogs lost to both teams, 3-0.

The Bulldogs' next attempt at victory will come on Oct. 22 against Friends University. Although the Falcons are favored, the Bulldogs remain optimistic.

"We will be all right if we play up to our abilities," said senior Jennifer Williams. "If we do that, winning will take care of itself."

The Bulldogs will have the home-court advantage playing the Falcons in the friendly confines of the "Dog Pound."

Tennis team sees potential

by Willie Norman
Spectator Staff

The women's tennis team is on their way to a record-setting year. Not only did they win their singles match against Sterling College, they also won their doubles match. Building on this win, Jenny Amiot, soph., beat her Bethany opponent 6-3 and 6-0.

"Jenny did a good job," said head tennis coach Dr. Becky Sankner.

In the Bulldogs doubles match against Bethany, Lori Fleming, soph., and Amiot played a close match but lost 6-1 and 7-5.

"Teams are having to play much more seriously. Our girls are hitting harder and trying more aggressively to get points," said Sankner.

The ladies have improved every step of the way towards the KCAC tournament, which marks the end of the tennis season.

"The girls are able to take advantage of opponents' mistakes," said Sankner.

With the end of the season drawing near, Sankner has started thinking about the off-season. Little can be done during the winter,

but Sankner hopes the Bulldogs will continue to work hard in the summer to maintain the skills they have acquired and to build on their game even more.

Not only will Amiot and Fleming be returning, but Sarah Hooton, soph., and Chris Constien, fr., will also be competing for the tennis team next season.

Along with a few possible prospects coming in next year, the returning players and Sankner are eager to put a full squad out on the court. With a full squad, the tennis team will have a better chance to compete for a KCAC championship.

Until next season rolls around, Sankner depends on the leadership and hard-work ethic of Amiot and Fleming. Already having a taste of McPherson tennis, Hooton and Constien will have a good nucleus to work with. Hard work and dedication will be the building blocks of what the tennis team hopes will become a successful program.

With a lifetime of tennis under her belt, Sankner is up to the challenge of making McPherson tennis a highly respected program throughout the KCAC.

Aggressive Bulldogs play strong

by Cherice Marsalis
Spectator Staff

In spite of the final outcomes, the men's soccer team has been playing with all heart.

The Bulldogs lost 7-2 against Kansas Wesleyan on Sept. 16, despite the efforts of freshmen Cliff Bell and Clay Porter, who each scored a goal.

On Sept. 18 the Ottawa game was an adventure in itself. The Bulldogs, determined to win, shut out the opposition with scoring led by Porter and Jeff Cole, sr.

"This is the only game so far that the men have played start-to-finish," said Jerry Malone, head soccer coach.

McPherson had a more positive outlook for a victory going into the game versus Oklahoma Christian University of Science/Arts on Sept. 21. After 90 minutes of high-intensity play, the Bulldogs were defeated 3-1. Pete Petrovski, sr., pounded in the lone goal, assisted by Bell.

On Sept. 24 the McPherson men played one of their long-time rivals, Friends University. The game resulted in a 7-1 loss, with Porter making the lone goal for the Bulldogs.

An outing on Sept. 28 pitted the Mac men against Sterling. McPherson had to play one man short on the field due to Brad Martin, fr., receiving a red card for hitting someone. The dogs were blanked 6-0.

On Oct. 2 the Bulldogs battled against Bethel College but lost 5-1.

"This wasn't one of the men's best games. They didn't play up to their ability," Malone said. One drawback for the men was a result of

Martin having to sit out due to his red card.

In the annual Soccerfest the Bulldogs battled cross-town rival, Central College. The men jumped out early with goals by Scott Pennington, fr., and O'Brien Byrd, soph. Central battled back, but goals by Petrovski and Porter clinched the victory, 4-2.

The next to challenge the abilities of the men's soccer team was Tabor College on Oct. 5.

Malone remarked proudly, "This was a strong game for the men. The team played together and played aggressively."

At halftime, the score was 1-0 with the Bluejays in the lead. Then in the second half the opponents came out strong and ended up taking the game. The final score was 4-0.

On Oct. 7 the Bethany Swedes were the next to challenge the Bulldogs to a duel. The men played with great skill and intensity. At halftime, once again, the score was 1-0. Then the Mac men fell short and let a few goals slip by them.

A few downfalls the men dealt with included sick players and a couple of players who were not 100 percent healthy. The Swedes were the victors in this game, 3-0.

Kansas Wesleyan came to the "Dog Pound" to fight it out on Oct. 10. KW has the top two goal-scorers in the conference, which kept the Bulldogs busy on defense. KW took the game against Mac, 6-0.

October 15 the Bulldogs traveled to Ottawa University. Porter scored two goals, and Petrovski added another, leading the Bulldogs to a 3-2 victory over the Braves.

The Bulldogs will battle rival Friends University for their Homecoming game tomorrow.

"The guys have a chance at winning this game as long as they play hard and stay healthy," Malone said.

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Communications enhance relations

Communications department links outer communities and college campus

by Emma Webb

Spectator Staff

The communications office is a place to enhance relationships between the campus community and surrounding communities and students' hometowns. This office provides services such as creating press releases, assisting with development of the McPherson College viewbook, creating the alumni magazine and producing the weekly "Communicator."

Press releases are often created by the student support staff, which consists of Stephanie Williams, fr., Greg White, fr., Shelley Ware, sr., and Cherice Marsalis, jr.

This year an emphasis is being placed on sports, since many newspapers reserve space specifically for athletics. An example of a sports-related press release was the feature about Roy Johnson, jr., going to the national collegiate championships.

This is one way the communications office builds a relationship with communities while achieving its present goals. Communications staff contact hometown newspa-

pers when a student is on the honor roll, receives an award or has earned a position in one of the many organizations on campus.

Another job undertaken by communications personnel is the production of the alumni magazine, "The Review," which has increased from three black-and-white magazines yearly to three tabloids and one color magazine a year.

Production of the alumni magazine is a job that will soon be opened up to all students. According to Del Bonney, director of college communications, a one- or two-credit class will be offered for the first seven weeks of second semester. The students will learn to create the alumni tabloid that alumni and friends of the college receive three times per year.

Persons can be involved with the communications office even if they do not work or take a class in communications. Persons are encouraged to go to the office anytime they have a concern or item of interest that campus, local and home communities should know.

"That is what the communications office is for—the enhancement of relationships between students and all of their local communities," said Bonney.

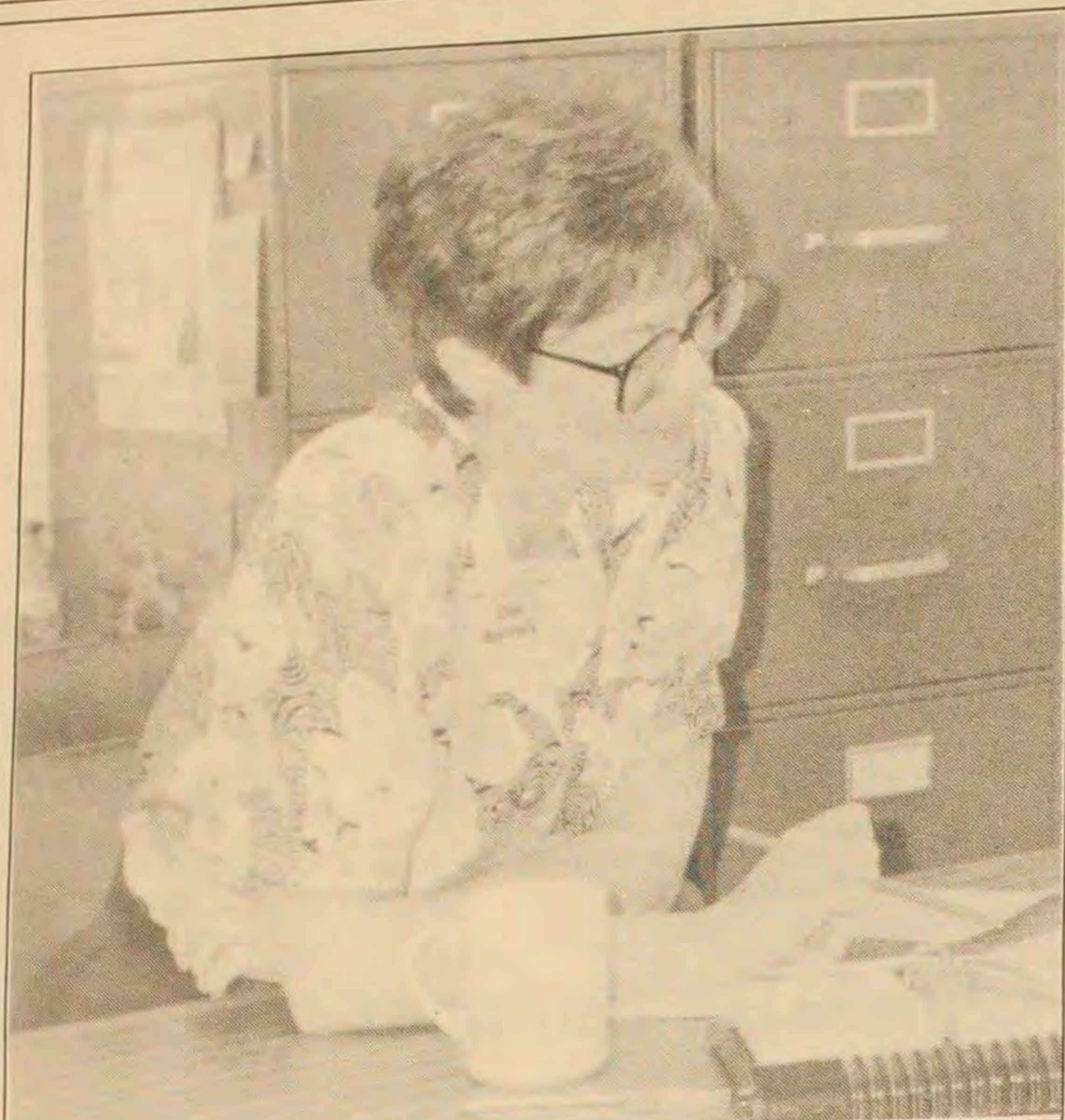


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Scholarship revision successful

by Sarah Stover

Spectator Staff

McPherson College was advised by admissions consultants Miller/Cook Associates in Feb. 1996 to change its institutional award process. The new process, which does not require auditioning, the preparation of tapes or scheduling of interviews, is much simpler for the students and the administration.

Only two kinds of financial awards, merit-based and need-based, are now offered by the college. Merit-based awards are determined by looking at a student's high school GPA and ACT/SAT scores. College tran-

scripts are the determining factor for transfer students. Need-based awards are determined using a federal formula.

Previously, there were many types of awards available, including academic scholarships, performance scholarships (theatre, sports, music), Church of the Brethren grants, minority grants and alumni grants. Students awarded under the old system still receive the same amount of aid; it may simply be renamed to fit the present system.

"Our objective is to enable any student who is both capable academically and desirous of attending McPherson College to be here," said Fred Schmidt, director of admissions and financial aid.

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Currently 90-95 percent of all full-time students receive institutional aid. The aid package per person has increased an average of \$1,000 from last year. This accounts for a \$473,000 increase over the amount of institutional awards given in 1995, bringing this year's total, according to preliminary figures, to \$1,438,018.

The increase in awards has caused a decrease in the number of student loans. This year there has also been a decrease in the number of Kansas Tuition Grants, down to 104 from last year's 126.

"Our goal is to award approximately the amount of demonstrated need or direct cost, whichever of the two numbers is less," Schmidt said.

Direct cost for resident students is approximately \$13,300, which includes room, board, tuition and fees. For nonresidents, the figure is \$9,518 and does not include room or board.

ACCK celebrates 30th anniversary

by Jennifer Bosserman

Spectator Staff

Associated Colleges of Central Kansas, comprised of six colleges in the central plains of Kansas, is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary this year. Officials at Bethel College, Bethany College, McPherson College, Sterling College, Tabor College and Kansas Wesleyan University combined resources to form this group.

The association was developed in the mid-1960s, when most small, private, liberal arts colleges across the nation were struggling to survive financially and socially. As Vernon Newfeld, former president of Bethel College, watched the doors to several colleges close, he called together the presidents of five other colleges in central Kansas.

Newfeld hoped to reduce costs, particularly in the football program. Although the cost cuts never occurred, the meeting did result in one of the first voluntary academic consortiums in the nation, the ACCK.

The consortium's goal was to enhance the academic programs while cutting expenses. By the mid-70s the six ACCK colleges were in the black, while other private colleges still struggled.

The success of the ACCK can be contributed to the geographical proximity of

the member colleges and their historical foundations. Each of the ACCK colleges was formed decades ago by a religious denomination to train future church leaders. The founders believed that a small-college atmosphere better promoted a holistic-valued education.

Dr. Howard W. Johnson, past executive director of the ACCK, described the consortium's academic education.

"I'm not talking about the broad, newly conceived liberal education, not just the classics but a broad, getting-hands-dirty, experiential education. You shouldn't just think of these six colleges as sleepy little places, missionary havens by the side of the road.... They are dynamic places," said Johnson.

Formation of the ACCK allowed this type of education to continue.

"The ACCK colleges back one another up. If one of us dies, it will hurt all the rest of us. There is competition among the ACCK colleges, but it is on the football field and in recruiting students. The ACCK gives us opportunity to offer greater academic variety than we could offer alone," said Galen Snell, president of McPherson College during the mid-70's.

Greater academic variety includes the sharing of professors and the interchange of students who need specialized or upper-level courses not offered by their own colleges, or simply regular courses that

might be offered on another campus at hours more convenient to students' academic schedules. Adoption of a similar academic calendar and provision of a courier service to shuttle mail and other resources among the various campuses enhances each college's offerings.

The colleges were able to afford complete computerization of business and registration offices, with the advantage of buying supplies and equipment in large quantities.

Programs such as special education are offered that otherwise would be unavailable. Library interloan systems provide a greater selection of resources. A variety of travel courses and hands-on work may be experienced during January interterm.

Associated Colleges of Central Kansas has continued its tradition for 30 years. Currently, special education classes are taught at the ACCK central offices in McPherson. Workshops, such as the choral session with John Rutter, are now feasible. Interlibrary loan, student exchange and the courier system continue to augment the many outstanding features provided by the consortium.

"The reason this consortium has been able to last so long with relative success is the equality of its members," said Connie Andes, director of the ACCK.

NEWS BRIEFS

Johnson takes silver

Roy Johnson, jr., took a second-place medal in Olympic weightlifting at the U.S. National Collegiate Championships, held in Gainesville, Ga.

Johnson competed as a superheavyweight and received an overall score of 285 kg for two lifts, the snatch and the clean and jerk.

This placing qualifies him for national weightlifting competitions.

UPS scholar selected

Marie Vacura, soph., has been selected as a UPS scholar and recipient of a \$2,750 scholarship. She joins 17 Kansas students who are sharing \$46,750 in scholarships from the UPS Foundation's educational endowment fund.

KACRAO elects secretary

Karlene Tyler, McPherson College registrar, has been elected the 1996-1997 secretary for the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (KACRAO).

KACRAO is a voluntary professional education association that contributes to the advancement of higher education by the professional development of its members and the use of high standards of professional ethics.

Alumni receive awards

Three graduates of McPherson College are being honored during today's Convo. They are receiving the college's Young Alumni Award. The recipients are: Dr. Rick Doll, Rev. Christy Young Dowdy and Dr. Vicky Christy van Santen.

Strategic Planning Committee update

On Saturday, Sept. 21, the executive committee of the board of trustees received the plan as outlined by the SPC. The board will review these goals and objectives. Also, the committee is discussing the option of conducting a survey to gather information from all constituencies.