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NEWS

Financial situations at McPherson College

Tuition, endowment and scholarships are strong aspects of the financial backbone of McPherson College. The school was noted in the September 1996 issue of "Money" magazine as the 30th best buy of colleges in the United States.

Final exams are fast approaching

The 1996 fall semester final exam calendar is printed on the back page.

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Child exploitation in global community

Children around the world are being exposed to unhealthy living conditions.

Service apparent during Christmas season

The alumni/development office is coordinating a service drive to help persons in Guatemala. The entire campus is urged to become involved in the service project.

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KCAC honors chosen for 1996 fall sports

Several McPherson College athletes were selected for KCAC honors.

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President Dill arrives at Mac College



Photo by Becki Dilley

President Dill enjoys the McPherson Bulldogs basketball game while conversing with professor Emeritus of Education Dr. Monroe Hughbanks. Dr. Dill began his duties Dec. 1 as the 12th president of McPherson College. He is eagerly awaiting his family's arrival on Dec. 26.

McPherson College "Who's Who" selected

by Becky Ullom

Spectator Staff

"Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" is an annual honors program honoring the nation's leading college students. At the McPherson College commencement exercises in May Who's Who honorees will be presented with an award to recognize their achievements. This year, McPherson College is



proud of the 11 senior students who have achieved this honor: Jill Brax, Melissa Crowdis, Patrick Crowdis, Heather Healy, Stacey Hoover, Kerrilee Kobbeman, Jessie Miller, Jenni Richardson, Tracy Stoddart, Jenny Stover and Zuzana Strmenova.

Jill Brax, an art major, was a chorus member and prop person in several play productions, and has assisted with costumes and programs. Brax wrote the "Ol' Crone" column for the "Spectator", plays intramural volleyball and is a member of the Creative Arts Society.



"[After learning I was nominated] I went through several stages. First, disbelief (in that they probably got the wrong person), to total surprise, to wow! This is amazing! I feel very proud," Brax said.



Melissa Crowdis is a secondary English education major. She is a member of Alpha Psi Omega, for which she has served as co-vice president. Melissa has been a choir member and was choir vice president for one semester. She has also participated in Chamber Singers. Crowdis played soccer for four years and participated in intramural volleyball. She is currently involved with Student Government Association and Today's Educators. Crowdis was a resident assistant during her sophomore year and has been on the honor roll every semester.



"McPherson College has challenged me over the past four years to be involved and to be successful. I am grateful to the people who have given me these opportunities and am very happy that my efforts were recognized by this honor," said Crowdis.

Patrick Crowdis is a psychology major from Thomas, Okla. He has participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, track and is a student trainer this year. Crowdis sang in the choir and Chamber Singers in previous years. He is a member of Alpha Psi Omega and served as secretary one year. Patrick was the Student Government Association secretary for two years and was a resident assistant for one and a half years. Crowdis also participates in many theater productions.



"McPherson College has allowed me to find out who I am and what I want to do in the future. I am thankful for the challenges that professors and others have given me to strengthen my life. I am also thankful for those that have helped me with the opportunities here at Mac," Crowdis said.



Heather Healy is a double major in English and theatre. She has participated in musical groups such as choir, Chamber Singers and

Bethany Oratorio Society. She is a member of Alpha Psi Omega and served as both vice president and president, and has been very active in the drama department. Healy is a third-year resident assistant, was the freshman and sophomore class copresident and was on the National Dean's List. Healy participates in intramurals and BananaWham and has also been involved with the "Spectator" and "Quadrangle".



"I was surprised and honored to be chosen by the faculty," Healy said.

Stacey Hoover is majoring in elementary education, early childhood special education, and will have English as a second language certification upon graduation. Hoover has participated in many theater

productions and is a member of Alpha Psi Omega. She was the Kansas State National Education Association state president-elect and also served as president. Hoover has been involved with Today's Educators, SIBS, choir, band and the annual phone-a-thon.

"I'm really honored to be a part of Who's Who, especially on the college level," said Hoover.

Kerri Kobbeman, a biology major, has played volleyball and basketball for McPherson College as well as being involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Habitat for Humanity. Kobbeman has served on Judicial Board and Dorm Council. Last summer, she participated in a biology research experience for undergraduate students.



"It's an honor to be selected [for Who's Who]. It's nice to know that the faculty thinks I'm a good role model," said Kobbeman.

Jessie Miller, an English and theatre double major, was on the 1996 Homecoming Court and has directed two plays for the college drama department. She is a third-year member of Alpha Psi Omega and served as vice president. Miller has been on the National Dean's List and has been a resident assistant in Dotzour for two years. Miller's other activities include BananaWham, writing for the "Spectator" as a staff member and college choir.



"I was surprised and pleased by being chosen for this honor," Miller said.

Jenni Richardson, a history and business double major, was the 1995-1996 academic year nominee for the Truman Scholarship. She has participated in volleyball and basketball as well as Phi Alpha Theta during her college years. Richardson was

Jenni Richardson's photo unavailable

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EDITORIAL

It's your newspaper

The Spectator is a McPherson College student publication. It is your paper. You pay for our salaries, our printing costs and reporters' wages. As we move into the 1997 school year, we hope that you recognize what you do or do not contribute to the paper.

This fall, there have been considerable problems concerning courtesy, respect and the right to be heard, regarding both the newspaper and the campus. It seems like we've heard enough about bad attitudes in convos, so we will not address that issue. In fact, we applaud the mannerisms displayed at the Dec. 9 convo featuring Bret Boyer and Edwin Livingston.

We will say, to those who expressed concerns about past convos, thank you. You took advantage of your student publication and used it for its main purpose—to inform the public. To the individual who posted the sign about our hypocrisy, why not send your concerns to the paper, where we will address both sides of every issue? More people would probably respect your complaints if you would expressed them in a mature and professional manner.

The Spectator's editorial staff will strive to continue presenting news, features, sports and editorials that interest you. Tell us what your concerns are; this is your paper; don't be passive; use it to express yourself and your opinions.

**Shelly Hendricks &
Sarah Wagoner**
Co-Editors-in-Chief

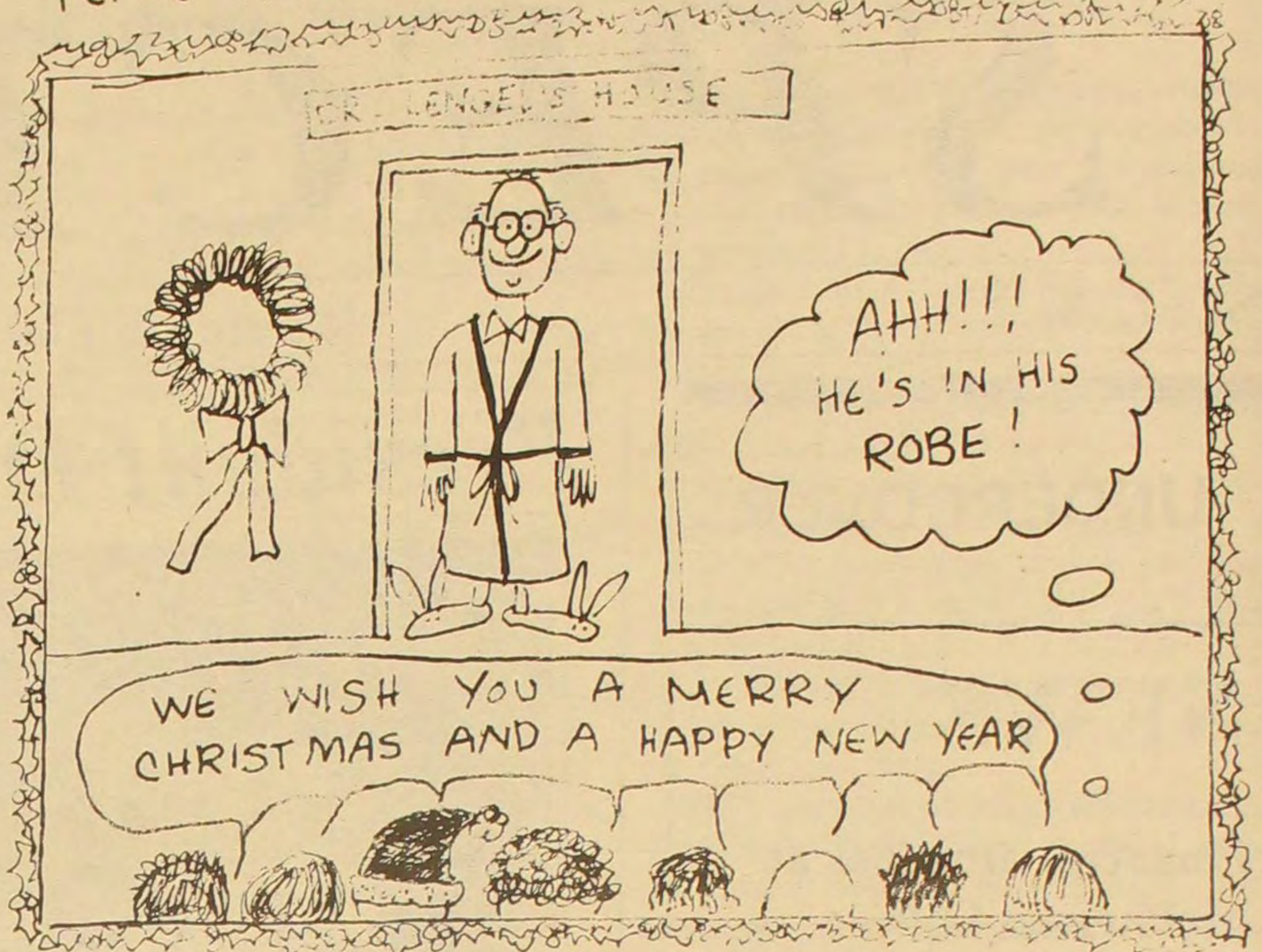
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PEACE AWARENESS GOES CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Disgruntled machinery on strike!

Some of you may not know that along with being the editorial editor here at the Spectator, I am also affectionately known as the Miller writing lab's "techie." Not that I know much about computers, but I know more than the average Neanderthal, and I work cheap.

Miller writing lab is the center of my life right now. I have spent the last four or five weeks trying to discover why roughly half of our machines do not work. I think I have accounted for most of the reasons.

They're on strike.

That's right, the computers in our writing lab are on strike. I interviewed one of the protesting machines recently to discover what the problem is.

James: So, you and your fellow computers are all on strike, huh?

Offended Machine: You bet'cha. I'm tired of being called something I'm not. I am an 8086. I am a low-end machine. I am proud to even be still alive, since no other college (or even person alive) uses my kind. I and my 13 other buddies are one of a kind.

J: Is that all that's bothering you?

OM: I'm tired of having kids come in and bang out various versions of WIN on my screen. I'm tired of being told I'm slow. I'm running as fast as I can here!

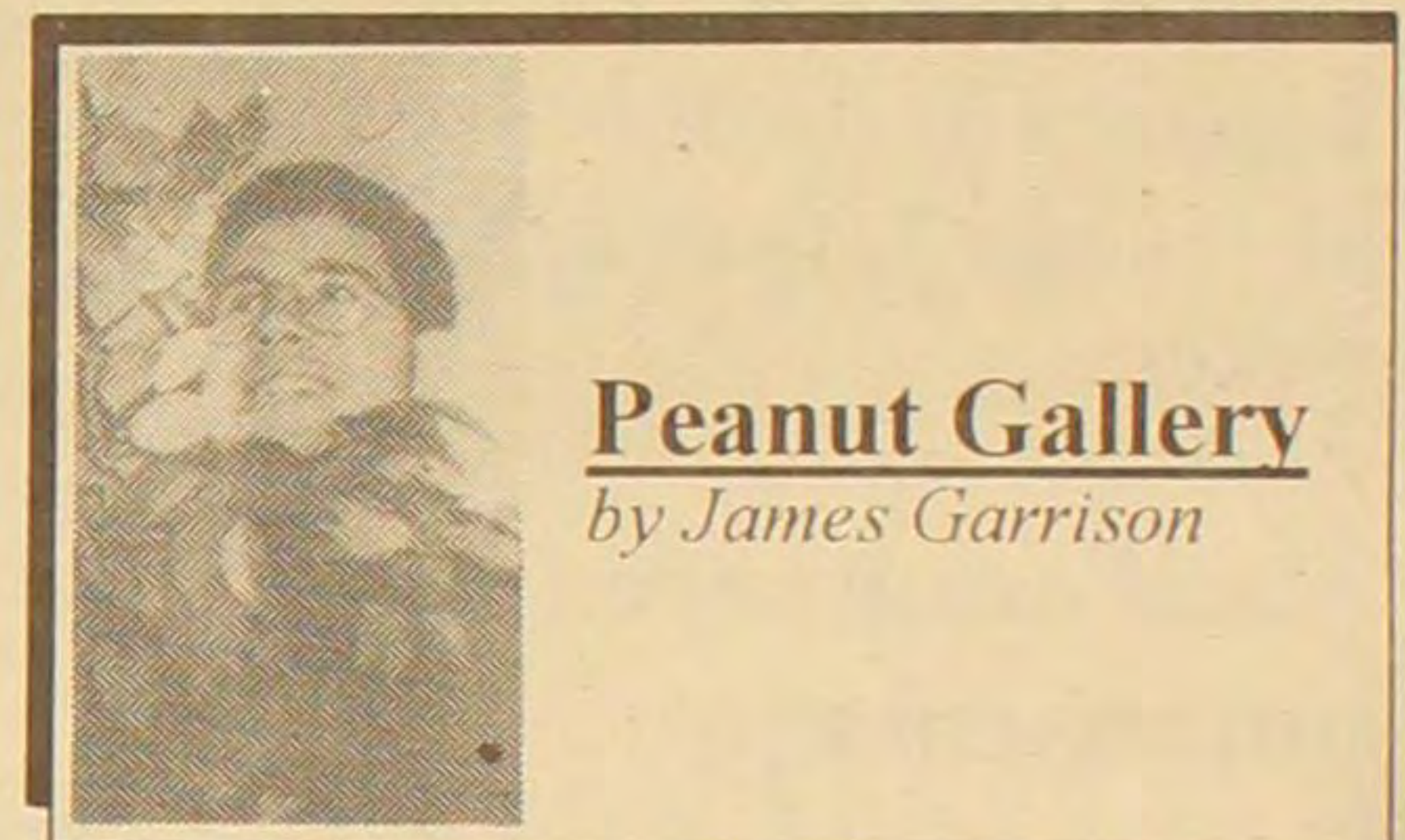
J: (Drawing on his newfound skills in probing and empathy from PY408 Counseling with Dr. Ryn Dietz—try it—it's great.) So, you're frustrated because the students are trying to get you to do things that you can't do. What else is there?

OM: E-mailers! Good grief! All they ever do is come in, sit down and stare at that evil blue screen for hours at a time. And some of them are only talking to people who live a few doors away in their own dorm! Don't even get me started with Chain mail.

I also interviewed one of our newer machines, a 386 known as Venus #2. V2 showed sympathy for its brethren (no pun intended—sorry, guys).

J: How do you feel about the current strike?

V2: Well, James, I'll tell you what. Many of us faster machines have been pretty snotty to our older cousins. We thought we



Peanut Gallery
by James Garrison

were faster, better and smarter. We recently received upgrades to our memory, just so you students could run Netscape a little faster. Frankly, though, we've been feeling sympathetic to the little guys.

J: How do you mean?

V2: Well, stuff like E-mailers and MS-Works users. People leave their downloaded junk on hard drives, they type a paper and store it on the drive, and most people don't have the larger floppy disks in order to use the smaller machines, even though you can do E-mail and Textra (our only "officially supported"

word processors. We don't even need Win-

dows at all, as long as Textra and E-mail are running). The lab tutors don't even have to know anything about Windows, except that it's expected by the students.

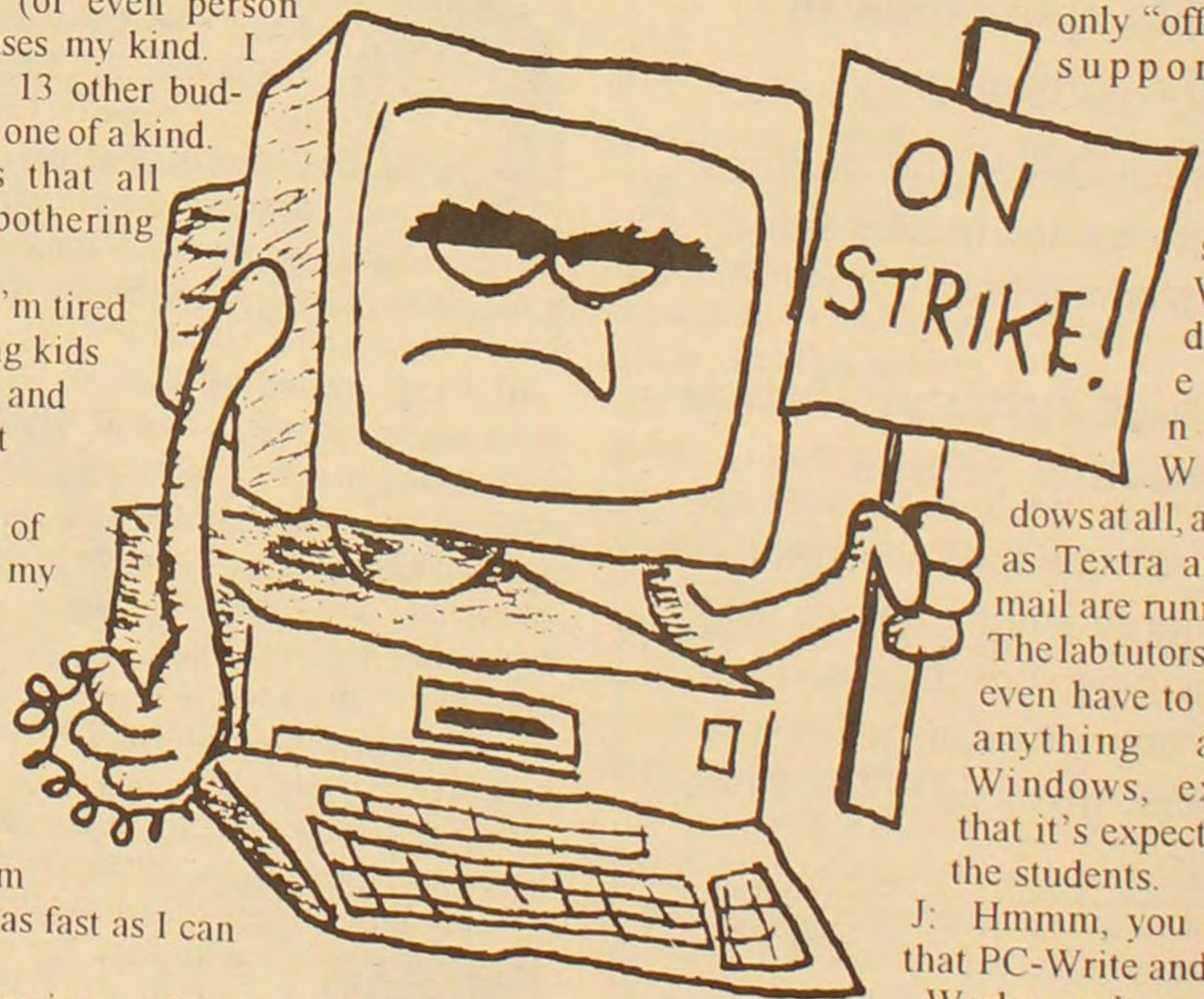
J: Hmmm, you mean that PC-Write and MS-Works aren't supposed

to be on the system at all?

V2: Heck, no! The Mohler lab doesn't even have them on the system at all. If the supervisors would let them, I'd bet that the lab tutors would rip out lots of the programs. Like Windows in general.

Well, with that knowledge I understood why out of 24 machines available, 14 of them had gone on strike and four of them had stopped their mouse devices from working. Negotiations on breaking the strike are under way, and six machines of the original 24 are still staying with their jobs.

(Update Dec. 5, 1996. After negotiations and liberal usage of a virus protection software, the 14 machines ended their strike. The Windows machines have still not relinquished control of their mice. The struggle continues.)



On my past, your future

By Dr. Leland Lengel

Guest Writer

No one of us can really escape his past, least of all one such as I who spends considerable portions of his time contemplating that past—both mine and yours. So when the editorial editor of the "Spectator" requested a piece on my political background and my perception of your future, I reluctantly acquiesced.

My daddy's birth occurred in a sod house on the high plains of Colorado just a bit less than a hundred years ago. He once told me that the only newspaper he ever saw on his family's table was a Socialist propaganda sheet from Kansas called "The Appeal to Reason." Since most of us tend to hold political ideas not much different from those of our parents, I suppose that explains my inclination to trust governments more than most folks do, and to feel that I'm obligated to pay moderately high taxes so that the IRS can share my wealth.

Now we're engaged in a great civic debate over those taxes: Reagan back in '81 convinced Congress to cut them, to great applause, but the applause faded fast when he proposed cuts in spending to match. Bob Dole reminded me that the taxes I pay are my money and not Bill Clinton's. He would state the issue more accurately if he said that it's your money

and the less I pay now, the more you'll pay in your future. Nonetheless, Trent Lott and Newt Gingrich dedicate themselves to the proposition that Congress should cut taxes and government. Economists, as usual, reach no conclusions, but the stock market waxes enthusiastic.

We historian-types believe that events swing like a pendulum from left to right to left.... At the moment this pendulum swings rightward, probably until some cataclysmic economic event causes a majority of Americans to see government again as a savior rather than a foe.

The last time this perception of government as savior surfaced we called it the Great Depression of the 1930s. While Americans created a giant system of welfare known as the New Deal, other nations turned to even more absolutist government structures. The Russian system under Stalin, Fascism in Italy and Spain, National Socialism under Hitler.

If the siren song of "free" enterprise as sung by Dole, Lott, Gingrich, and Rush Limbaugh fades into financial depression—and it always has—what political price will you pay to bail yourself and your loved ones out of a situation of destitution and starvation? In a deficit-ridden, tax-hating society, the price of the future may be high!

EDITORIAL EDITOR'S REBUTTAL

Last issue we ran many opinion pieces dealing with the problems of respect that we have on campus and in Convocations. A great deal of student anger was expressed over persons belching during a musical performance. I was one of those offended, so I enjoyed the commentary I printed. I also enjoyed the two cartoons that were on my pages.

Only 12 hours later, however, a sign appeared on the private dining room door, easily read by the public on their way to supper. The sign said this:

"The majority of today's issue of the 'Spectator' was devoted to respect and a burp. But, hypocritically the 'Spectator' staff prints a cartoon which is sure to be seen as disrespectful (and something that should not be printed in a campus paper) from faculty, staff and older subscribers of the community. Is everyone griping because they are so bored that is all they have to do, or do they just need something to print. Let's bitch and complain about alcohol and burps, but let stuff like this be unnoticeable (that is the Christian thing to do, NOT)! Some people should lead by example, or quit their crying."

My first response to this was excitement that our paper had gotten a reaction out of people. That was only a first impression, however. I don't like being called a hypocrite—especially when I am not being one. Every article I get comes from students and staff of this campus. Each commentary is done voluntarily, and the

"Staff," as our anonymous writer called us, consist of only three people assigned to my page. Those three people are the two cartoonists and the humor columnist.

The cartoons are not part of the theme of the pages. They often reflect the mood of the campus, and the 910 cartoon was very relevant to the front-page story. I found it funny and thought-provoking. I certainly did not see it as disrespectful. I've seen tee shirts with similar messages. I have not heard a peep from faculty about this paper, and, in fact, we are very aware of what the administration does and does not like.

No, sir or ma'am, we're not bored, and we have plenty of things to print for a commentary page. I could wax philosophic if I needed to fill space. The anger of the students about alcohol and disrespectful behavior was real and well-deserved. Even our Convo host, a member of the faculty, had a few choice words to say about the subject.

My final response to the writer of the sign is this—and yes, it is snide and quite sharp-witted—try to keep up. You sound a bit guilty and would like us to lay off of your slovenly ways. Nope, sorry, drunken behavior described in the cartoon is considered wrong by this community, and belching in convo, unless part of the show, is also considered wrong by our little society called McPherson College.

Also, if you would like to have your opinion in the paper, then please send us a letter to the editor, and I will print it. I have not turned down one yet.

State of our church: divided, caring, diverse

The Church of the Brethren is in a process of change, struggling with the same issues as the church universal. Some of these issues include the role of women in the church; the inclusion or exclusion of homosexuals; whether social justice issues or personal communion with God is the most important; how we state what we believe about God, Christ and the fellowship of believers; and whether we follow the trend toward project-giving.

In the midst of division, the Church of the Brethren continues to reach out and care for others. How the church accepts and approaches its diversity will determine the future structure of the Church of the Brethren.

Members of the COB continue to question the role of women in the home, the church and society. Though women have been ordained in the COB since the 1920s, many people still find it difficult to accept women in leadership positions.

Sandy Bosserman, pastor of the Peace Valley Church of the Brethren, remembers people questioning her call to pastor the church. On a church questionnaire one member wrote, "Men are the heads of the households and they are to head the church."

Opposition to women in leadership is alive. It has only been in recent years that the church has called women to moderate over the Annual Conference. It seems that the church accepts women teaching Sunday school and Bible school, but it frowns upon women preaching and leading. The future for women remains unknown, but I personally commend the women who have dared to face opposition and use the talents God has given them.

Much debate sounds across the conference floor as Brethren discuss the issue of homosexuality. Is the church to be inclusive or exclusive of homosexuals? In the

1983 statement on human sexuality, the Brethren agreed to "encourage dialogue" and "extend Christ-like comfort and grace to homosexuals." In this statement, homosexuality was still considered wrong. When the issue came to the floor in 1994, the Brethren decided to discuss, pray and research for five more years before making another statement of belief.

Members of the COB question whether it is more important to focus on social justice issues or personal communion with God. The majority of members seem to be very polarized on these issues rather than seeing the beauty of doing both. For instance, social justice proponents sometimes write resolutions on such things as environmental concerns, but they do not resolve to keep their marriages. The "personal pietists" are so focused on "keeping me and mine" holy that they are too removed to be caring and helpful.

Ninety-four-year-old Brother Alva Fike used to say that the prayer of some people is, "God bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more."

Both sides—social issues and personal issues—are needed to come together and balance each individual's life.

In recent years members have begun to question how the Brethren are to state what they believe about God, Christ and the fellowship of believers. Although we are a non-creedal church, we sometimes expect our beliefs to be stated in a creedal manner.

"There are times in recent years when the Brethren seem to almost want to find out that folks have nontraditional 'stains' in their beliefs, ferret them out and get rid of them. That is not within the keeping and teachings of the COB and will not allow for freedom of belief," Bosserman said.

Like most denominations, the COB is experiencing a trend toward "project giving"



Brethren Perspective

by Jen Bosserman

and an unwillingness to give to the general revenue at the denominational level. Though drastic cuts were recently completed, eliminating several portfolios from the General Board program for '97, in addition to cuts made last year, members just received an appeal saying they are in danger of a \$300,000-plus shortfall this year if end-of-the-year giving is not increased.

Amongst the questioning, discussion and debate, the Brethren remain to reach out to those around the world. The COB has remained a caring church, a place where simple friendships that lead to international handshakes are a tradition. Service ministries remain strong, and the junior and senior high youth continue to fill the church with enthusiasm.

Young adults are making known their stance, love and service to the church. Adults and elders continue to guide and

uphold the founding of the COB. Every generation sees change. Many remember the pain and struggle of the last restructuring in 1946-47, and they chuckle, "Well, we're at it again."

The Church of the Brethren is a culturally, philosophically, theologically diverse church. We have come from the coverings, plain coats and simple hymns to bright, ethnic ensembles and gospel music, to hand-clapping and toe-tapping.

"We have it all and lots of things in between, in terms of worship and the lifestyle it often reflects," Bosserman said.

With this diversity the Brethren are in for a season of debate, discussion, prayer and Bible study, if we are Brethren enough to do it.

"Discuss it and if we disagree, hang it on a nail until we meet to talk again," said Kurtis Naylor, long-time pastor, international service worker and present moderator of the McPherson COB.

If we believe that we will accomplish more by exacting a code of required responses, we are indeed headed for another formal split. But if we find beauty in our diversity and search out God's calling for the church while respecting one another, the Church of the Brethren will move mountains.

THE AMAZING COLOSSAL COMIC STRIP BY MIKE HORNER

IT'S 3:05 A.M. ON THE MONDAY OF FINALS. YOUR FIRST FINAL STARTS IN FIVE HOURS, YOU HAVE A 12-PAGE PAPER TO FINISH BY THEN, AND YOU CAN BARELY KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.



GOT COFFEE?

Mike Horner

Dog Breath

"Time flies like an arrow.
Fruit flies like a banana."
-Groucho Marx

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Christmas Traditions from around the world



by Jen Bosserman
Spectator Staff

Sounds of Christmas ring forth all around the world. Countries, families and individuals choose to celebrate Christmas in different ways, but all join in the celebration together. At McPherson College we gather from all parts of the world with varied backgrounds, lifestyles and interests. So, how do McPherson College students, faculty and staff celebrate Christmas? What makes Christmas special to them?

Elvira Stehling, sr., shares her family's Christmas traditions from Germany.

"Many families in Germany have an advent calendar on which one door of the calendar is opened every day," said Stehling.

A verse, quote or simple saying is written inside along with an occasional piece of chocolate. The children love them.

During the Christmas season people bake lots of candy and Christmas cakes. On Dec. 6th, children greet Saint Nicholas by setting out their shoes filled with candy and nuts. They put up a Christmas tree two or



three days before Christmas. The whole family participates in putting up the tree.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, all of the children go to church at 5 p.m. to reenact the birth of Christ. While they are gone, someone still at home puts presents under the tree. When the children return home, someone dressed as an angel rings a bell to let the children know that the Christ child has come. Before the presents are opened the Christmas story is read from a children's book or the Bible.

"Each member of my family loves looking for the gifts with his or her name," said Stehling. Around 9:30 the family attends a church service.

On Christmas day

Stehling's family goes to church at 9 a.m., dressed in their finest clothes. Stehling's mom makes a big meal, with a main course of duck or rabbit.

"My family likes rabbit better, but duck is more traditionally served," said Stehling.

The day is also spent delivering gifts and visiting with family members.

Emma Webb, soph., celebrates Christmas in England where she grew up.

The families in England put their Christmas trees up two weeks before Christmas if they have children; otherwise, the tree is put up one week before the holy day.

"We put Tinsel and ball ornaments on the tree—no Hallmark ornaments," said Webb.

Most people in England do not put lights on the outside of their houses like many people in America do.

The schools acknowledge the break as Christmas break instead of winter break. Santa Clause is known as Father Christmas, and the children hang their stockings on the doorknob of their bedrooms. Many English people open their gifts on Christmas morning, but their isn't as much emphasis placed on gifts.

"There are no big count downs announcing how many shopping days are left before Christmas," said Webb.

Gifts can not be opened until the

grandparents arrive. Most grandparents celebrate Christmas with one of their children's family.

A usual Christmas dinner contains roast potatoes, brussel sprouts, turkey, and crackers. Crackers are wrapped like a piece of candy, but foil is used for the wrapping. Two people pull at either end and when it breaks, a noise is made and a prize is found inside. After dinner Christmas pudding is served; they pour Brandy over it, light it, and when the flame goes out the Christmas pudding is served.

Special emphasis is placed on alcohol at Christmas and wine is drank at every meal. After the meal is finished, the family plays games as opposed to watching TV. For the evening meal they have tea, sandwiches, sausage rolls, and a big Christmas cake.

The day after Christmas is called boxing day. Years ago rich people gave their servants gifts on this day. Now it is spent visiting members of the extended family.

Makoto Yokoyama, fr., experiences the Christmas celebrations in Japan, his home country. In Japan less emphasis is placed on Christmas and more emphasis on New Year's. Christmas is still celebrated and many start the Christmas seasons by putting up a Christmas tree a month before Christmas.

"My greatest memory of Christmas when I was younger was Christmas cake. I always asked my mom when she came home is she had any with her," said Yokoyama.

Some lights are displayed on the outside of the homes, but most Japanese decorate inside. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are celebrated with the immediate family. Children open presents from their parents Christmas Eve day, and the whole family eats cake and watches TV. Teenagers often go on dates to expensive restaurants. On the 25th, families have a turkey dinner and they watch Christmas specials on TV.

"Christmas [in Japan] is mainly a time for couples, not families," said Yokoyama.

Slovakia is the place of Christmas celebration for Zuzana Stremnova.

"On December 20, my dad makes a

trip to town and buys one big fish or two slightly smaller fish. The fish are put into the bathtub so no one can take a shower," said Stremnova.

The Stremnova's neighbor puts his fish in their bathtub so everyone can shower at his house.

On the 23rd, the family puts up their Christmas tree. They decorate the tree with chocolates and ornaments and leave the tree up until February. The fish is butchered on this day, and the scales are saved for good luck. On Christmas morning the presents are placed under the tree.

They cook all day long and the women compete to see who can make the most cakes. A formal dinner is served at 5:00 p.m. and it contains fried fish, soup made from the cooked fish head, German potato salad, and sweet bread with honey.

"The gifts are opened after dinner, and then we take pictures and relax," said Stremnova.

On Dec. 26 everyone visits friends and spends time skiing.

Eduardo Suner enjoys Christmas in Spain. During the first week of December families usually put up their tree and a manger scene.

"The tree is decorated with balls, icicles, and a big star on top to represent the star followed by the wisemen," said Suner.

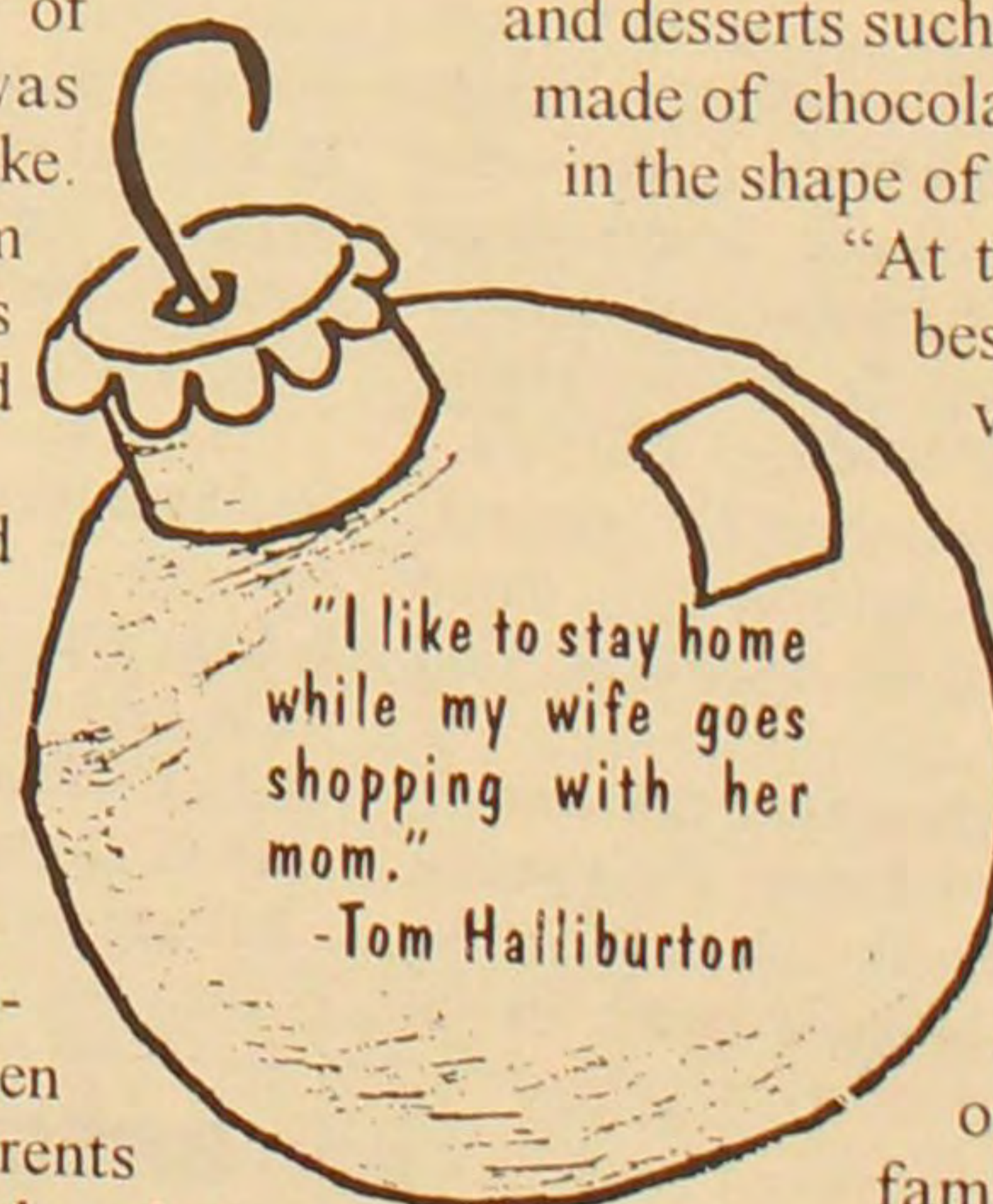
Christmas eve, Suner and his family attend midnight mass, or Cock's mass, at 12:00am. Christmas day at 3:00 p.m. a large meal is shared with Suner's extended family, numbering between 20 to 25 people. They feast on soup, chickens, and desserts such as Turrón. Turrón is made of chocolate and peanuts and is in the shape of a rectangle.

"At this meal, we use the best plates, cups and silver," said Suner.

December 26, many people celebrate Saint Esteban. This day has the same importance as Christmas, but the day is spent with the opposite side of the family and is not a religious celebration.

"During the Christmas season, children write letters to the kings, listing all the toys they would like to have," said Suner.

On Jan. 5 parents take their children to the major streets of the city to watch a parade and to celebrate the coming of the kings. Children are given their gifts on Jan. 6. This is to symbolize the kings arriving in Bethlehem to give their gifts to Jesus.



Help yourself—help others

by Sarah Wagoner

Co-Editor-in-Chief

Christmas is the time of year for reflecting on gifts to give and those to receive. It is a time to remember the Christ child, his birth and the impact he has on the world. Many persons strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and serve those who have so little. Frances King and Volunteers in Mission are examples of these Christ-like people.

Volunteers in Mission is a national volunteer outreach program in affiliation with the United Methodist Church.

Volunteers travel to areas of the world such as Guatemala, Haiti, Costa Rica and many other countries to serve in whatever capacity is needed. In Guatemala the volunteers work with the Quiché Indians, a native group repressed by the government.

These underprivileged people have a touching story that is close to their hearts as well as to the hearts of those who serve to better their lives.

In 1980 an army arrived in Chontola, a Quiché Indian village. They broke down doors, stabbed and shot people at random. Several bodies were piled in the middle of the village and set on fire. All churches in the area were ordered to close, and carrying a Bible meant death.

The native people are perhaps the most vulnerable in Guatemala. Volunteers are fighting to ensure the survival of these people.

Frances King, a McPherson resident of , serves as a volunteer for Volunteers in Mission. She will travel to

Guatemala on Jan. 18 to spend 15 days working on several projects.

First she will work in Coatepeque, where a group of volunteers will finish some electrical work in a church built last year. She will also travel to La Union, a village in the mountains of Guatemala, to help build a church for the villagers.

"Our purpose in going is to show the love of God to people who need all kinds of help. Basically we go as representatives of Jesus Christ," said King.

This is King's sixth trip with Volunteers in Mission, the third to Guatemala. Her interest in the organization piqued after her retirement from Sanofi Winthrop three years ago. She learned that a group was planning to travel to Haiti and decided to join their efforts.

Two years ago volunteers built a much-needed medical clinic in Coatepeque. Volunteer doctors take time to visit Guatemala and help with the upkeep of the clinic. Native doctors also travel in between clinics to help serve the many needs of the native people.

How do these volunteers and the people they help affect McPherson College? This Christmas season, the Alumni/Development office is joining the efforts of King and many others.

The office is collecting school supplies to send with King in January when she travel to Guatemala. Many of the families cannot afford to buy supplies for their children, and, therefore, do not send them to school.

The Alumni/Development staff is hoping to make a difference in the



This picture was taken in Quetzaltenango, in the highlands of Guatemala, where a clinic was built in Jan. 1995. The women pictured are carrying their laundry, freshly washed in the river, in the baskets on their heads.

photo courtesy of Frances King

lives of these youth by providing them with essential supplies such as crayons, pencils, small pencil sharpeners, glue, paper, colored pencils, erasers and many other items.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate by making a contribution to the box of school supplies located in the Alumni/Development office in Mohler Hall.

During this holiday season, let us remember the Quiché Indians and all those who suffer from repression and strive for peace of mind. We are a fortunate people to receive the many gifts in our lives. May peace and comfort find those who have never experienced the joy that we take for granted every day.

Essential Items Needed:

- paper or spiral notebook
- pencils
- small pencil sharpeners
- erasers
- crayons
- glue
- colored pencils

Consumers should be aware during holiday season

by Erin Flory

Spectator Staff

On April 16, 1995, while visiting relatives in a rural village on Easter Sunday, Iqbal Masih was fatally shot by what was thought to be a Pakistani "Mafia conspiracy." Iqbal had been sold to a rug factory at the age of four to settle his parents' \$16 debt, according to the Feb. 1996 issue of "Atlantic Monthly."

Chained to a rug loom for the next six years, Iqbal's growth was stunted and his body grew deformed. He worked 14 hours a day, six days a week, was fed just enough food to function and was frequently beaten for refusing to obey his "master."

When he escaped, he began to speak out against the exploitation of children like himself. He soon became one of Pakistan's leading children's rights activists. In Dec. 1994, shortly before he was murdered at the age of 12, he was honored by the International Labor Organization in Sweden, ABC News and Reebok by receiving the Youth in Action Human Rights Award, along with a \$15,000 scholarship.

Thanksgiving is over and the Christmas holiday shopping rush is just beginning. Many of the items sold in the United States

are imports; many are made or manufactured by children. But what does child labor mean, and how does it affect us as consumers of these products?

According to the International Labor Organization, there are between 100 million and 200 million child workers, 95 percent of whom live in developing countries such as Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Honduras, Indonesia, El Salvador and much of Asia.

"In India alone, some 55 million children are at work rather than in school, many in situations of bondage and endangerment that leave them stunted, sickly, and illiterate," said Pharis J. Harvey, the executive director of the International Labor Rights Education and Research Fund, according to "The Christian Century."

Because of their desire for cheap labor, many United States multi-national corporations set up factories in developing countries where they can obtain cheap labor to produce expensive American products. Forty-six million children produce goods for the U.S. market. A Liz Claiborne suit selling for \$140 in New York costs 70 cents in wages to produce in El Salvador.

Nike, the dominant shoe and apparel

brand-name in the athletic world, is one corporation that exploits laborers. According to the New York Times, workers assemble Nike shoes that sell for at least \$100 in the U.S. and are paid only \$2.10 for a day of labor.

In Pakistan, children from four to 14 years old hand-stitch soccer balls for export to world markets. According to the International Labor Rights Fund, 80 percent of the soccer balls sold in the U. S. come from a small region of eastern Pakistan.

In a soccer ball factory in Sialkot, Pakistan, child workers receive between 60 cents and \$1.20 a day. They work 80 hours a week in near total darkness and silence. The darkness is for economic reasons and also a precautionary measure against child rights activists. The poor lighting makes it difficult to take pictures, and the silence is to ensure product quality.

The children are allowed a 30-minute meal break and are punished if they take longer. They are also punished if they fall asleep, if their workbenches are sloppy, if they waste material or miscut a pattern, if they complain of mistreatment to their parents or speak to strangers outside the factory. Punishment consists of being hung upside down by their knees, starved, caned or lashed.

There have been improvements, however. Reebok soccer balls produced in spring '97 will carry a label that states, "Guarantee: Manufactured without child labor." Reebok hopes this will be "an important step for-

ward in the campaign against child labor," according to representative Joseph Kennedy as quoted in "The Wichita Eagle."

In India, where young children are hand-stitching expensive rugs, the Rugmark labeling program is being started. This label verifies that certain hand-made carpets are made without child labor and provides rehabilitation for the carpet weavers.

Levi Strauss, Nike and Reebok, who have been found to use child labor, now contract with suppliers who produce their goods. The Gap, a San Francisco-based clothing store chain, has also agreed to develop an independent monitoring system for its contract suppliers.

What does child labor have to do with us as McPherson College students? Everything. Every child-made product you buy strengthens the ever-increasing problem of child exploitation.

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS:
 Workers often are forced to put in marathon shifts to fill the Christmas holiday rush, sleeping two to three to a bed at the plant, while the production line grinds away overhead.
 —"For Sale: Child Labor—cheap"
 In China, girls as young as 10 work 15 hour days in toy factories at salaries ranging from \$10 to \$31 a month
 —"For Sale: Child Labor—cheap"

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KCAC honors are awarded to outstanding athletes

by Cherice Marsalis
Spectator Staff

A number of McPherson College athletes received honors for their abilities on the field and court this fall.

The following process was used to select athletes: First, the coaches chose players on the team whom they felt should be recognized for athletic accomplishments. Secondly, all the coaches met to vote on who the coaches felt should receive the honors. Some nominations were denied and others thrown out. Students were selected for first team, second team, or honorable mention.

Melanie Messick, so., won Second Team All-Conference for women's soccer.

"I was real excited that the coaches recognized my hard work and efforts on the field," said Messick.

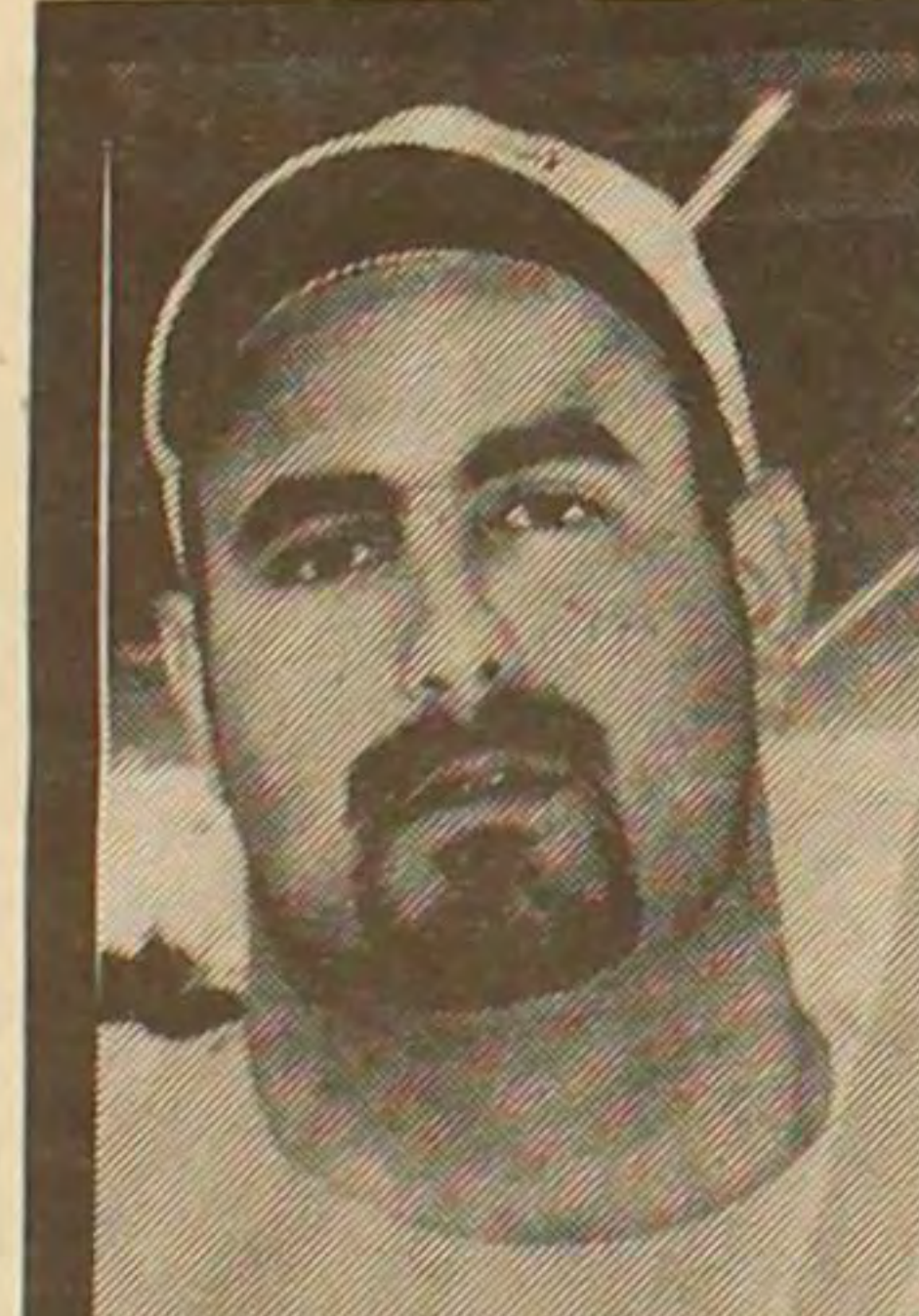
O'Brien Byrd, so., and Jeff Cole, sr., received Second Team All-Conference for men's soccer.

"Being the first time in my life to ever play defense, I was pretty pumped that the coaches recognized the work I put into this season," said Byrd.

"I was surprised about the honor I got. I was really thankful for coaches around the conference and their recognition of my abilities. I'd also like to thank all the players, especially the defenders: O'Brien



O'Brien Byrd



Mike Ruddle

Byrd, Brad Martin, Tate Hepler, Brian Davis and Coach Malone," said Cole.

Also for men's soccer, Pete Petrovski, sr., was awarded Honorable Mention.

"It wasn't really that important to me. I was happy because the team improved throughout the season," said Petrovski.

Jennifer Williams, sr., received Second Team for her athletic abilities in

volleyball.

"Although I am honored to get voted onto the Second Team for playing a sport that I love, I feel our team was cheated big because we have other good athletes that should

have been recognized for their abilities," Williams said.

Several football athletes were recognized for their accomplishments on the field.

Rudolph James, sr., was awarded First Team

Offense for runningback. "It was great that I got the award but I felt that I had a solid season," said James.

Willie Norman, jr., received First Team Offense for offensive lineman.

"I was really honored to get First Team All-Conference. It made me feel that all my work I put into the season really paid off," said Norman.

Eddie Hester, sr., was awarded was First Team Defense for defensive back for his second year.

"This is a very appreciative award and it's good getting it back to back," Hester said. Aundrey Myers, sr., was honored with a First Team At-Large selection.

"It was good to get this award," said Myers.

Junior, Mike Ruddle, received the honor of Second Team Offense for tight end.

"I was pleased with Second Team tight end because we run the ball more and don't throw it as often," said Ruddle.

Mike Stone, sr., and Matt Farnsworth, soph., were awarded with Honorable

Mention for Offense. Stone received the award for Offensive Line, and Farnsworth was recognized for his kicking abilities.

"I was surprised because I have never kicked before," said Farnsworth.

Four Mac individuals received recognition with an Honorable Mention for Defense: Eric Van Dyk, jr., Joe Bravo, jr., Brian Ward, sr., and Terrell Wheeler, jr. Van Dyk was acknowledged for his hard work on the defensive line. Bravo's abilities for the defensive line were also noticed.

"It was nice because our interior defensive line didn't get the credit we deserved," said Bravo. "Eric and I were a good combination and consistent all year long. It was nice to finally get some recognition."

Ward's accomplishments were noticed for linebacker.

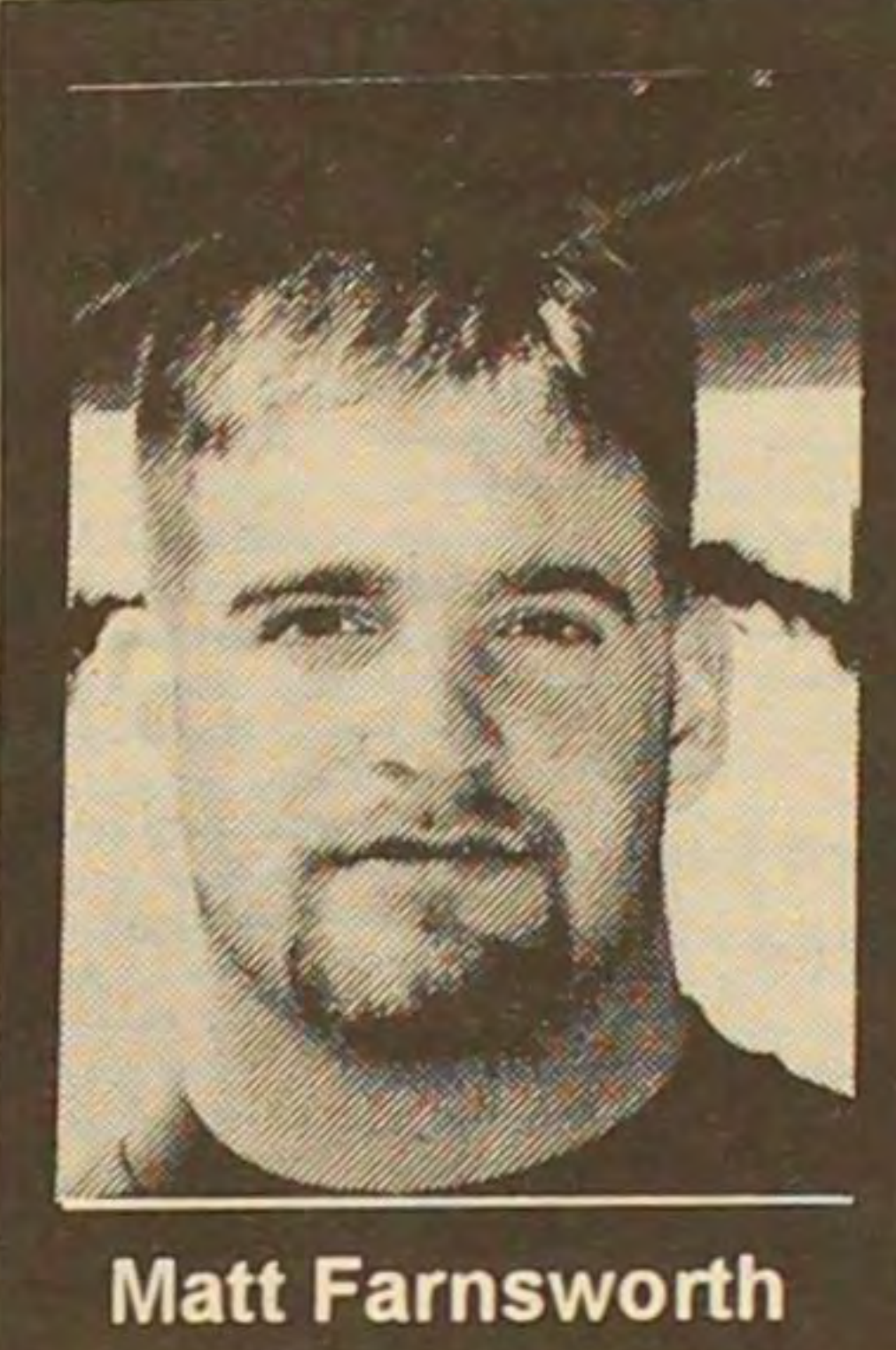
"I was glad I was recognized for my achievements on the field," said Ward.

Wheeler's achievements were observed for defensive back.

"I was honored to be one of the select few recognized in the KCAC," said Wheeler.



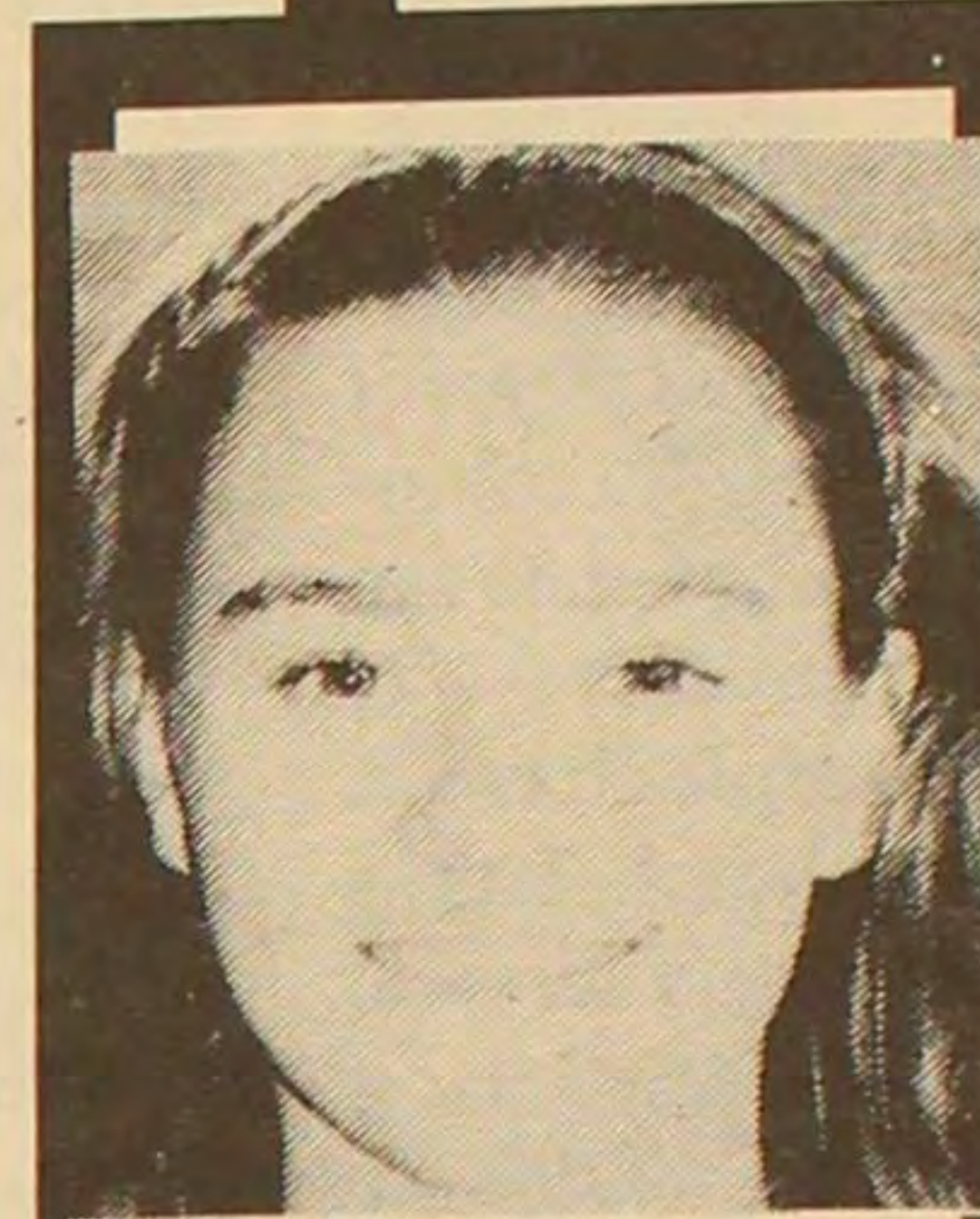
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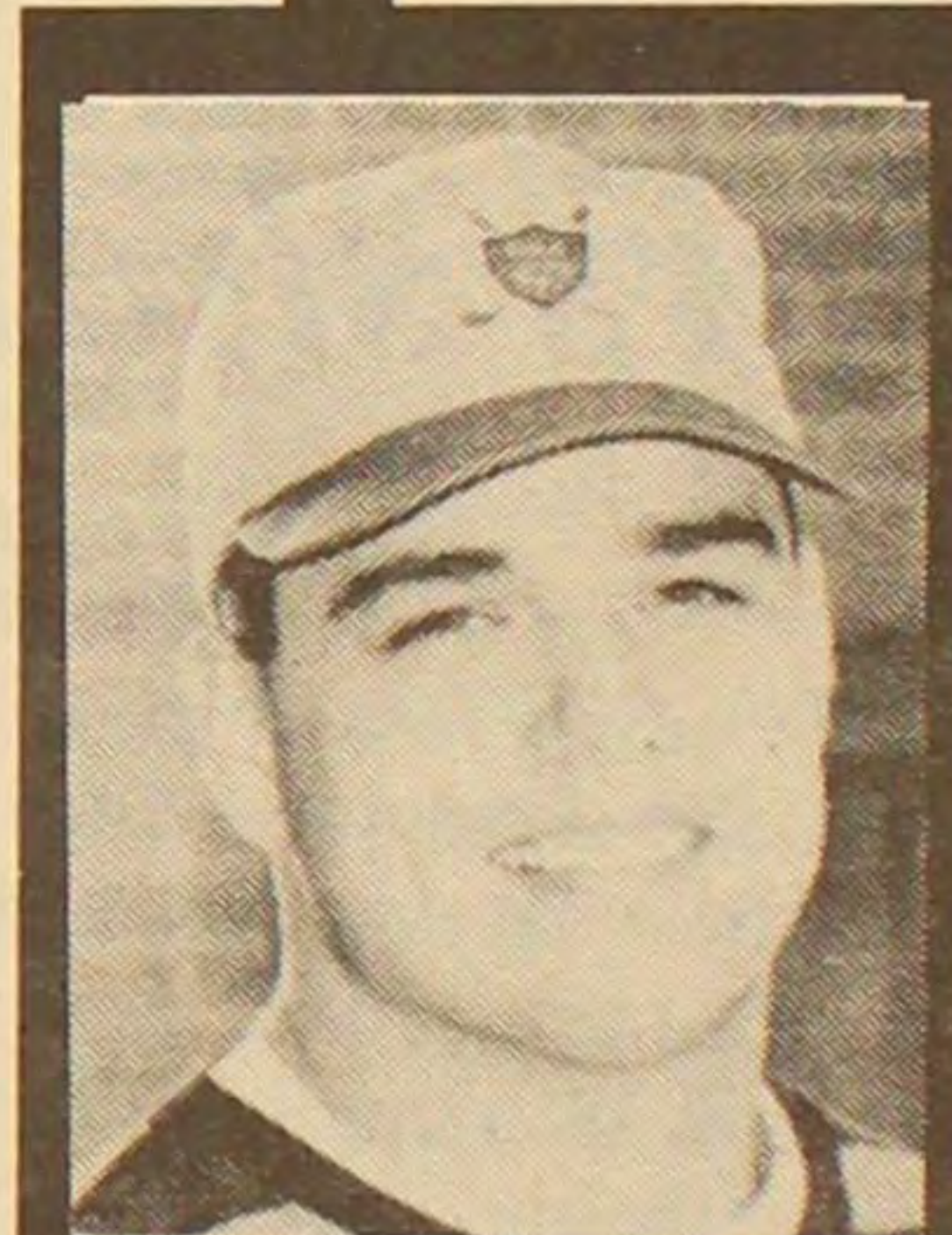
Matt Farnsworth



Joe Bravo



Melanie Messick



Brian Ward

What else can I say? I'll die gracefully...

Let's just say that I don't know a lot about sports. Frankly, I'm really not that physically active. Okay, so I'm not physically active at all. Honestly, I've never found lots of use for it. Things of the mind seem more worthy of my attention. I know being physically healthy has some importance, but the line is thickly drawn for me.

I know how the games of basketball, baseball, hockey, wrestling and water polo work; and I can even play a bit of pool. But the game of football has always dumbfounded me (a side note to say thanks to Willie and Kevin and the rest of my boys for helping me learn... slowly).

I was talking to a friend of mine from high school about the last football game (all the rain and junk). I explained how Willie (61) told me about how the ball got stuck in the mud and they couldn't snap it so they got some kind of foul. Now, she laughed at me really hard (and for a long time too). I don't

know what I said wrong, but I thought I explained it the way Willie did. So maybe I don't know a lot about sports and never got interested in them; I've always found people more interesting.

You know, I just realized that I don't even understand how a football game starts. I've never even seen the beginning of a football game! Sure, I've seen the starting of basketball, hockey, baseball and soccer (we didn't have a lot of soccer in Minnesota but we did have the North Stars). I am realizing that I feel obligated to show up fashionably late to games, which on my part is rude, but if one's interest isn't on a desired focus, should one focus on it? (I don't know how much I agree with the renaissance-man theory, unless of course it's what you really want.)

I'm sad. I'd like to say that sports are a big part of my life, but being a spectator isn't even where it's at for me. I just like to yell "Kick 'em in the head!"

Because my family (and high school) was really into wrestling, I also became very

involved and vehemently watched my brother and friends of mine (I did too have them) wrestle. Witnessing my high school beat one of Minnesota's top wrestling schools was an exhilarating experience (as a spectator, of course).

I'm not so anti-social that I won't go to any games. I support my friends and watch them (kick people in the heads for me), but I often find myself day dreaming five minutes into a game (unless of course, it's hockey-then, it is almost never).

I know this doesn't make me a bad person, or even less than a person. It only means that I have interest in other things. I like to write and I live to learn (well, that may be going overboard). I enjoy being educated and hope to never stop learning (about the game of football, of course).

Some people live for the thrill of victory, others for competition, challenge or personal betterment to their physical being. My thirst lies in knowledge, wisdom and understanding; I know my cup will never be full enough.

To end this piece of literature (or whatever you want to term it), I would like to thank all of the people who enjoy sports more than myself for being on the other side of the spectrum (stay over there—just kidding!). You're really doing a good job helping the human race in its well rounded individualism. (What else can I say? I'll die gracefully...)

Spectator Sports

by Amy Levinski
Guest Columnist

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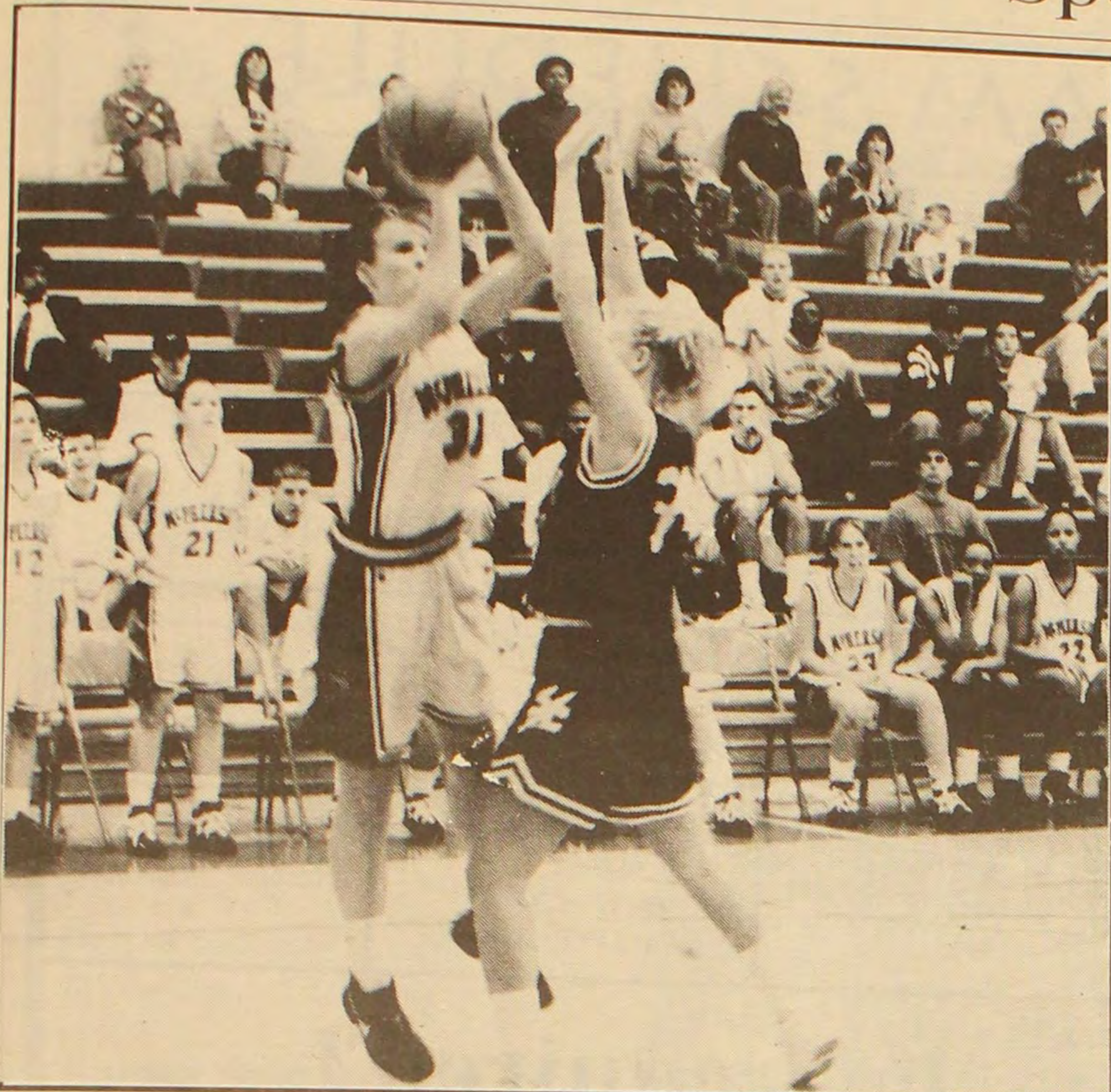
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Hillary Schubert, fr., holds the highest average for assists to date. photo by Becki Dilley

Bulldogs compete strong

by Melissa Sharp
Spectator Staff

Gearing up for a new season with a new group of freshmen and five returning players, the women's basketball team started their season Nov. 14-16 at the Bethany College Classic.

McPherson went 1-2 for the tournament, playing Oklahoma City, Kansas Newman and Bethany. The women were defeated by Oklahoma City, 40-89. Mac's leading scorers were Rachel Liese, fr., with 10 points, followed by Andrea Bess, jr., with six points, and sr. Staci Shoemaker with five points. Leading in rebounds were Amber Spillum, jr., and Deirdra Jones, fr.

Mac walked away with a victory against Kansas Newman College of Wichita with a score of 66-47. Three Mac players scored in the double digits: Hillary Schubert, fr., had 13 points, Bess had 12, and Katy Nuesch, fr., added 10 points. Amy Ross, jr., led the team in rebounds with seven.

Playing Mac's rival Bethany on the last day of the tournament, the Bulldogs lost in a close game, the final score 40-68. Leading scorer and rebounder for the Bulldogs was Schubert with nine points and five rebounds for the game.

After Thanksgiving, the Bulldogs traveled to Nebraska to play in the York College Classic Nov. 29-30. On the first day of the tournament, Mac took on York and lost by only four points, 58-62. Schubert had an outstanding game with 23 points, and Ross followed with 11 points.

On the second day, McPherson played Mount Marty out of South Dakota and lost 68-76. Again, three Mac players scored in the double digits: Nikki Adler, jr., had 17 points and also led the team in rebounds with nine. Schubert had 16 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Shoemaker added 12 points, and Jones and Ross added eight points apiece.

"We have some pretty high expectations this year, with five players back this year," head coach Mel Wright said. "Amy and Staci are returning starters, along with Nikki and Amber who have a lot of playing time from last year. Plus we have a good group of freshmen that can come off the bench to help us out."

Dec. 6 the Dogs challenged the Park College Pirates at the St. Mary's Classic, but lost the duel, 66-68. The Bulldogs also took on Mid-America Bible College Dec. 7 at Leavenworth. The Bulldogs beat the Evangels, 69-63.

"If everyone stays healthy, we have the opportunity to finish in the middle of the conference this year. It is a good realistic goal for us," said Wright.

The Bulldogs play at Ottawa on Saturday.

Bulldogs start strong

by Sarah Wagoner

Co-Editor-in-Chief

Proving themselves to be strong competitors, the men's basketball team is progressing toward a successful season. The Bulldogs had their season debut on Nov. 7 when they battled York College. The men ran away with a 60-43 victory.

On Nov. 15-16 and 22-23 the Bulldogs enjoyed the familiarity of their home court as they battled in the McPherson College Classics. Nov. 15 the Bulldogs took on Baker University. Although the Bulldogs fought hard until the last seconds of the game, Baker captured a one-point victory, defeating the Bulldogs, 71-72. The Bulldogs continued their strive for victory as they challenged Northwestern Oklahoma University. However, the Dogs suffered another disappointing loss, losing by only three points to their opponents, 65-68.

The weekend of Nov. 22-23 proved to be a reversal of fortunes for the men as they snatched two victories. On the first night the Bulldogs whipped Missouri Valley, 98-84, with leading scorer Brandon Rice, sr., besting his own record by one, with

eight 3-pointers; waking his point total to 38. They continued their winning streak when they stomped SW Christian, 111-64.

"We're really a pretty talented and deep team, and we all get along together, so if we just play like we know we can, we should have a successful season," said Tim Herra, jr.

Playing the Bulldog's rival, Bethany, on Dec. 4, the men strolled away with a victory against the Swedes, 73-64. Emmanuel Roland, jr., was the high scorer with 15 points.

Dec. 7 the men rallied against the Saint Mary Spires and captured a close victory at 60-59, when Roland made a last-second shot.

On Dec. 11 the Bulldogs stayed on home turf to take on Sterling College; however, the Bulldogs suffered a loss, 68-78.

On the season so far, the team proves to be very balanced, with four starters averaging in double figures.

"It is a challenge trying to blend new players in with our returning veterans, but we are looking forward to an exciting season. It's been a very good group to work with," said head coach Roger Trimmell.



Jason Dingman, sr., drives into the lane against the Sterling Warrior defenders. This game brought the Dogs to 1-1 in conference play. photo by Becki Dilley

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"Who's Who"

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the "Spectator" sports editor her junior year. She received Academic All-Conference once for volleyball and twice for basketball.

"I am very honored and excited to be selected for Who's Who. There are so many students with outstanding college achievements, and I am proud to be one of the selected students," Richardson said.

Tracy Stoddart is an elementary education major, who has been on the National Dean's List. She received the "Most Improved Player" award for soccer and was chosen as All-Conference Academic Athlete. Stoddart has participated in band, Habitat for Humanity and Today's Educators. She has been involved with Student Government Association and currently serves as SGA vice president.

"I am privileged to be given this recognition by the faculty at McPherson College," Stoddart said.

Jenny Stover is an English major, with certification for teaching and English as a second language. She has worked with Habitat for Humanity and has been a resident assistant for three years. Stover is involved in Today's Educators and is very active musically, participating in choir, Camp Colorado singing group, Bethany Oratorio Society, bell choir and Chamber Singers. Stover also has been active in BananaWham, soccer and track.

"It is a nice honor to receive," said Stover.

Zuzana Strmenova, an international business major and Spanish minor, has participated in soccer, track and cross country during her college years. She has served as Student Government Association treasurer and business club secretary. Strmenova received a Soros Foundation Scholarship as well as a Chart 77 Grant. She has been on the National Dean's List and a choir member. Strmenova was also the president of International Student Organization.

"I think it is a great honor for me as an international student. I feel proud I have succeeded in being a role model," Strmenova said. *Photos by JD. Bowman*

Should service be required?

by Erin Flory
Spectator Staff

Faculty, staff, administration and students are currently discussing how service should be incorporated into the education of students attending McPherson college.

Service is not a requirement for students at present, and no specific classes deal with service instruction. In past years, students were required to perform a particular number of service hours in order to graduate. The 1996-1997 freshman class is the first class in several years to not be required to fulfill a service component.

"I think service is good; it helps to build a person's morale," said Dustin Gregg, fr.

Although some students and faculty are supportive of service, there are still questions about service requirement and how/if it should be implemented. To some, it seems logical to incorporate service into the curriculum because of the school's scholarship, participation and service mission statement.

"I hope that at some point in the future, Mac will join other schools who are in the forefront of this issue and make service hours a requirement for graduation," said Dr. Stephanie Brunelli, assistant professor of music.

However, some feel that service should not be required but should be performed out of free will.

"Service is a concept that is necessary but can't be mandated. Service is intrinsic, rather than extrinsic," said Dan Hoffman, associate professor of physical education and coordinator of nontraditional programs.

Several options regarding the implementation of service on campus are being considered. One suggestion is to hire a service coordinator who would be responsible for working with faculty, staff and students in organizing and dealing with service issues.

The coordinator would either be a full-time employee or an additional aspect of another position. Some believe that a service coordinator would help get more stu-

dents involved with community service and increase community and college relations.

"I think service should not be required but should be on a strongly-suggested or voluntary basis," said Cheryl Harris, sr.

A second suggestion is to incorporate service into mainstream classes.

"I believe it is very necessary for us to relearn what service is. A community cannot exist without voluntary service," said Dr. Jan van Asselt, professor of German and linguistics.

Another concern of the campus regarding service is Church of the Brethren beliefs. Part of the Brethren heritage has focused on volunteer work and service through programs such as Brethren Volunteer Service.

"As an Anabaptist school, service is just part of what we do," said Dr. Susan Taylor, assistant librarian and associate professor of journalism. "The goals of the service component are to promote service on campus and to recognize who does service on campus."

Sound fiscal management at McPherson College

by Jennifer Bosserman
Spectator Staff

McPherson College's three main sources of revenue are: student tuition, earnings from the college's endowment and gift income. Additional revenues come from outside groups that use the college's food service, housing, bookstore and copy center.

The endowment is designed to provide financial backup when necessary and to hedge against poor financial years. It protects students from high tuition rates. With the endowment's existence, less financial burden is placed on students.

If the endowment money is spent there would be less money to generate earnings, and this source of revenue would have to be replaced by tuition increases and gift-giving.

Dr. Steve Mason, vice president for financial services, hopes that with careful planning McPherson College's endowment will be high enough that students will pay little to no tuition.

Some scholarships are provided by the endowment and gift-giving services; others come directly from the college's finances. McPherson College gives an approximate average of \$4,000 per year, per student, in scholarship funds. Some students receive less and some more, depending on academics and financial need.

In the 1995-96 fiscal year, the college's total budget was \$7,326,796. Tuition for full- and part-time students totaled \$2,981,690. Faculty, staff, administrative and student wages totaled \$3,624,632.

Dorm upkeep fees and the expenses of keeping dorms open were \$464,356, an amount that would be slightly less if

money from nonstudent groups is subtracted. Meal costs amounted to \$515,460. As with the dorm expense, this figure does not exclude money paid by off-campus groups. If breakdown figures are added, they total \$7,586,138. The excess of money is due to the college's renting of its facilities and catering services.

These components of the college's finances are part of what allowed it to be recognized nationally by "Money" magazine.

In the September issue of "Money" magazine, McPherson College was ranked 30th overall, sixth in small liberal arts schools and fifth in the midwest. 1,115 colleges were analyzed for the survey, ranging from Ivy League schools such as Harvard, state schools like Michigan State and small private liberal arts schools, like McPherson.

"Money's" College Guide took into consideration students entrance examinations results, class rank and high school grade point averages.

Officials looked at faculty resources by comparing the student/faculty ratio, as well as studying the quality of the faculty, what degrees they possess and their professional development.

The guide also examined the college's library resources, its instructional budget and student services budget, which tallies the amount of money spent on career guidance.

Freshman retention rate and the four-, five- and six-year graduation rates were also studied. The percentage of stu-

dents who proceed on to professional or graduate schools, was observed as a part of the "Money" magazine study.

Additionally, the default ratio on student loans was considered. The final criteria examined in the "Money" ranking included

the number of graduates who earned doctorates and the graduates' business success.

McPherson College's sound fiscal management contributed to its selection as "best buy."

Bret Boyer and Edwin Livingston Duo



Recording artists Bret Boyer, guitar, and Edwin Livingston, bass, performed original music at the Dec. 9 convocation.