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UNDERCOVER

NEWS

President Dill foresees the near future

Dr. Dill continues to examine the college and its needs.

Kansas State Department of Education to evaluate college

Members of the McPherson College KSDE steering committee await the accreditation decision of the ERC.

Student Government Association undergoes changes

Tracy Stoddart and Shay Maclin will serve as president and vice president respectively for spring 1997.

FEATURES

College bell choir forms

Several college students are enjoying the benefits gained from participation in church bell choir.

Seniors benefit from theatre projects

The McPherson College theatre department shows strength and potential.

SPORTS

Bulldog basketball continues to show strength

Men's and women's teams strive for a strong season finish.

Indoor track season is underway

Track members are anticipating a season of experience.



photo by J.D. Bowman

The Heaston Gazebo, covered with yesterday's snow, stands in honor of the college's past. It was built with bricks from previous buildings such as dormitories Arnold and Kline.

Where will students live?

by Becki Dilley
Spectator Staff

Current residence halls should provide adequate space for housing in the 1997-98 academic year, despite the expected increase in enrollment according to Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services. However, plans are being made for additional housing in the 1998/99 academic year.

"We will continue to use the three dorms that we are using now — Dotzour, Metzler and Fahnestock — for the Fall of 1997," said Sharon Knechel, Vice President for Student Services.

The student enrollment services office hopes to achieve its goal of enrolling 424 students next fall. Approximately 75 percent (318 students) will live in the dorms.

If the number of students would exceed the available housing, alternative housing options would be examined. Students between the ages of 18 and 22 would have priority to receive dormitory rooms since the current residency policy requires students within this age range to live on campus.

The Campus Life Board recently recommended not to make changes in the residency policy. Although students are restricted by this policy, housing within the community is sparse, and it could be difficult to find adequate housing for students who would wish to live off campus.

Anticipating the achievement of enrollment goals, the Campus Life Board is recommending that the renovation of Bittinger Hall be completed before the fall of 1998. This would allow the closing of Fahnestock Hall, built in 1942. Renovation of Bittinger

Hall will provide housing for 466 students, a 25 percent increase in available housing.

The Campus Life Board is sending the recommendation for the renovation of Bittinger Hall to the Campus Planning Com-

mittee. If the Campus Planning Committee gives its approval, then the recommendation will go to President Dill. Given presidential approval, the recommendation will go to the Board of Trustees as early as March 1997.

History of McPherson College Dormitories

The Dormitory (Old Fahnestock Hall)
Built in 1888, The Dormitory housed both men and women.
It was renamed Fahnestock Hall in 1917.

Arnold Hall
Arnold Hall was built in 1916 and served as a dorm for women.

Kline Hall
Kline Hall, built in 1919, provided a home for married couples and women.

New Fahnestock Hall
Constructed in 1942, New Fahnestock Hall replaced the original building to bear the name Fahnestock.

Dotzour Hall
Dotzour Hall opened in 1953 and was added onto in 1965.

Metzler Hall
With enough rooms for 158 men, Metzler Hall was dedicated in 1963 during homecoming week.

Bittinger Hall
The newest dorm on campus, Bittinger Hall, was completed in 1967.

EDITORIAL

Applaud the freshman class

We have bought Christmas candy-grams from them. Some of us will see their performance in the Family Weekend skits. And next weekend we will be blessed with the opportunity to attend their Valentine's Dance, for only two dollars.

The McPherson College freshmen, class of 2000, have presented a needed attitude to campus, one that is commonly referred to as "school spirit" but isn't as commonly apparent. (They are also learning valuable skills in how to support themselves.) This welcome change in atmosphere is something sophomores and upperclassmen should observe and learn.

Perhaps my class (the sophomores) could even elect their class officers sometime in the near future. Maybe we can begin to raise some spirit as well. After all, don't we want to set a good example for the younguns?

College becomes more meaningful and alive when all students (instead of a few overachievers) actually make an effort to promote campus life and be a part of activities. We can remember fun times spent together at McPherson College instead of weekends spent in nearby towns.

Applaud the freshman class. Their initiative brings a positive presence to the college and a unique dance to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Shelly Hendricks
Co-Editor-in-Chief

So we'll end with dots...

I was asked to write a belly aching article about things that disturb me on campus. I've been at it for two weeks, and there really isn't anything worth complaining about.

Think about it, what is the point of complaining about people who do their job, ie maintenance and food service? We have a clean campus, uninfected with wood ticks and critters of the sort (although I wish Jason Sumpter was here to chase the rabbits around). We are fed. What more can be said? You chose to go to this school.

The dorm wars: OK, so Metzler and Fanny have some closed-minded ideas about each other that, frankly, are disturbing. But nothing anyone does or says to try to appease the tension will change the mass population's opinion about each other. It is a personal decision to stop judgement and believing dogmatic thoughts that are just projected opinions, thoughts and feelings.

Is convocations worth griping about anymore? People will respect others when they learn the connotations of respect. Maybe some day, when persons realize they are making fools of themselves and showing their high maturity level, they will take it down a few notches on the "if I can make 'em laugh, then it's OK" scale. Knowing what is appropriate and when things need or need not be done is a positive sign of aging.

Oh, my gosh, I'm all out of things to complain about on this campus. What am I going to do?

Well there is ONE thing that bothers me. It's not about the school, it's about people's ideas and opinions of me.

People often tell me that I seem so in control and collected in myself and in my life. Often times people get mad at me when they've expected me to be something or act a certain way, and boy did I ever let them down. That is frustrating.

Aside from the fact that I am fun loving (if you could call spontaneity this), generally happy, a bit sarcastic at times, make jokes about most of life (hey, I think it's pretty funny), happiness is not the only feeling I experience nor want to experience. I'm not always strong, I'm not always stress free, I don't always think before I do or say something, and I don't have all of the answers. (But sometimes I think and act like I do. Chalk it up to vanity.)

I don't always know what I want and often doubt myself. So in this light, I feel sad, afraid, lonely, confused, angry and annoyed. Those are human qualities ev-

Out There

by Amy Levinki

everyone has. I choose not to live my life doing things that feel good or doing anything in my power to feel happiness continuously. If I'm sad or upset, I don't want to hide or repress my feelings. I want to experience them, understand them and learn from the knowledge that I have hopefully gained.

It is disturbing to me that there are people that expect and perhaps actually NEED me to be a strong, happy pole to lean on always. People who expect me to make them laugh and who don't understand that I feel just as them, and stumble in my walk with Christ or who get on my case when "I've let them down." I want to urge them to think about what I'm writing.

I can't be perfect (I've tried.) I can't be there (wherever there may be) for everyone always. I, too, need the strength and support of people and can't live in preconceived ideas of what an image is or synchronize with a societal view of what the correct way is to think or exist or feel.

I read some horrid advice once: "When someone asks you how you feel, always tell them you are good. No one wants to hear you complain." That is bunk (for lack of more appropriate word choices). It is important to be honest with your feelings. It's healthy and healing—mentally and emotionally.

If someone asks you how you feel, and you feel tired, stressed, confused, angry, and every other emotion one can name, tell them. Tell yourself. If they don't care or don't want to know why, so what? You are not responsible for others' feelings or even their opinions and thoughts, only your own. You are honest with yourself and being honest about being where you are will make whatever it is easier to grasp and understand. Am I making sense?

I need to be free. I need to look at life the way I do: with pleasure and joy. I hope people understand what freedom (in the mind) is. I wish I knew how to explain it so I could show everyone how to be set free.

Man I hope this was a good gripe. Maybe I'm explaining or justifying why I am the way I am. I'm not too sure. Who knows? I sure don't, so we'll end with dots....

Spoken from the heart

by Melissa Sharp

Spectator Staff

Luanne didn't know it, but a very significant event would take place the night of the big game. She played her own game on this night and just got done watching the boys game. The boys team won a tough game and deserved praise for their performance. They had worked really hard the week before and even showed team spirit by shaving their heads.

After the game Luanne was walking out the door to leave the building. As she did she held the door for the captain of the basketball team, Derek. As he walked through the door, an indescribable feeling overwhelmed her body. Everything stopped, and they looked directly at each other.

Luanne felt she should to say something to Derek, but she was confused about why she felt this way. She felt she should say, "Hi, how are you doing? You had a good game tonight." Confusion was her first thought because she had never talked to him before, and he was older and more popu-

lar. Instead of saying anything to Derek, she just walked away thinking that he was "too cool." She looked back at him. He put his head down and walked into the locker room.

When she got home that night she knew she should have said something to Derek and felt really guilty. The next morning when Luanne went to school, she found out that Derek had taken his life the night before. The cool, popular, basketball captain whom everyone liked called his girlfriend and talked for awhile that night. He said that he loved her so much that he was going to go through with it. So he leaned over a shotgun while still on the phone and pulled the trigger.

To this day Luanne feels guilty about not saying anything to Derek. She believes that God was working through her on that night to try and save a life. Sometimes Luanne doesn't know if her advice helps, but she always speaks from her heart. And she doesn't think anyone is "too cool" for anyone else. Do you?

*Names have been changed to protect the identity of persons in the story.

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BVS—A challenge to be different

"I slept and dreamt that life was pleasure, I woke and saw that life was service, I served and discovered that service was pleasure." (Rabindranath Tagore)

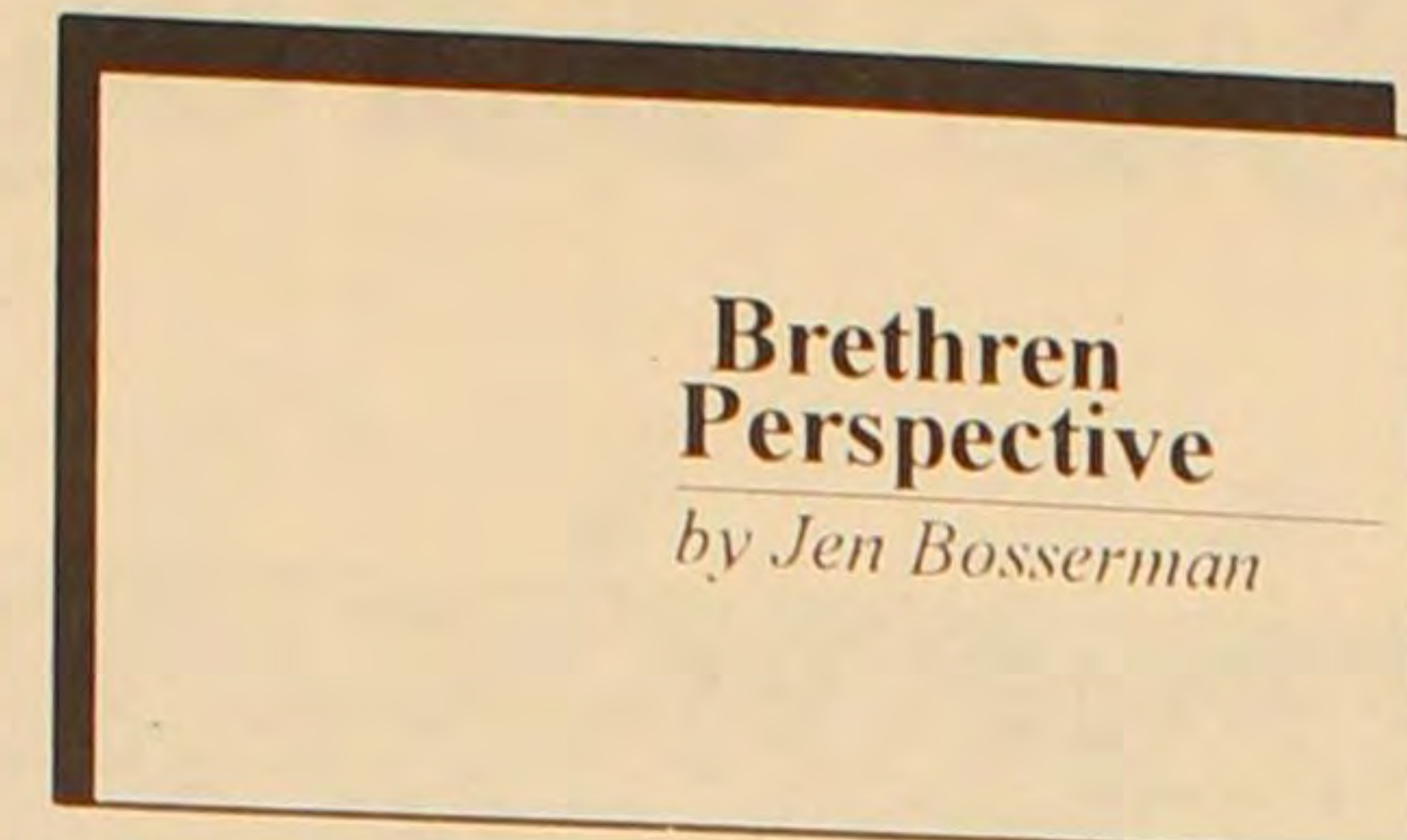
People often search for the meaning of life and long for happiness. Society teaches us to buy more, to own more, and climb the social ladder toward positions of authority and power. Then we will truly be happy.

Is it possible to miss the rung of happiness in our haste to reach the top of the ladder? What is it that puts a spark in our eyes and allows us to smile from deep within?

Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) provides an opportunity to answer these questions while helping people in need.

BVSers find happiness through service as they work 40 hour weeks and are paid \$45 a month. It is not a high paying check or the power found in authority that brings these workers pleasure. BVSers find joy in sharing God's love and lifting up the oppressed.

Alexander Mack, founder of the Church of the Brethren (COB), said that members of the COB would be recognized "by the manner of their living." In efforts to be



Brethren Perspective

by Jen Bosserman

faithful, the COB has a special concern for the poor and oppressed, those who are without power and are voiceless. The COB is a peace church and works to solve injustice in a nonviolent manner. Out of these traditions, BVS was established in 1948 by the youth to provide an intentional avenue for sharing God's love through acts of service.

BVSers may serve one year in the U.S. or two years aboard working with a specific project. Presently there are over 200 positions in 35 states and over 20 nations. The categories of projects include children, youth/young adults, older adults, community services, farm workers, disabled persons, housing, camping ministries, hunger/homelessness, education, domestic violence, community organizing, environmental concerns, agriculture, prison systems, peace,

refugees and health care. BVS will endeavor to place a person in a project where his or her skills are used and the need is greatest.

The first few weeks of BVS are spent in orientation. Each orientation group is made up of approximately 25 to 35 people. Orientation provides a supportive and challenging environment where volunteers have the opportunity to explore their faith and personal values, examine global social concerns, and discern project placement with the help of the BVS staff. The goal of project placement is to find the best match between a volunteer's strengths and skills and a project's needs and requirements.

BVS encourages volunteers to live simply as they are only paid \$45 a month. However, room and board are provided as well as transportation to the work site. Medical, dental, optical, and life insurance are also provided. Participants in BVS are eligible for deferment of government student loans. Loans are deferred for three years.

To be in BVS you must be 18 years of age, be of sound physical and mental health, and have a high school education or equivalent experience. Couples must be married at least six months and one year is preferred. Volunteer workers must have a willingness to examine and study the Christian faith and be committed to the goals of BVS: working for peace, advocating justice, serving basic human needs, and maintaining the integrity of creation. It is essential that each volunteer bring a willingness to grow and a desire to serve.

No, you will not be a millionaire and you will not be well known, but you will find true joy in living. To spread God's love and to look into the eyes of neighbor knowing that you've truly impacted one another's lives can bring nothing but happiness.

The choice of how we choose to live our lives is entirely up to us. BVS is a challenge to be different. It is a challenge to bend our knees in service, look into the eyes of those we come in contact with, and see Jesus. BVS is an opportunity to discover the meaning and joy of life.

On having children or breeding

The Wheel of Time keeps turning, as Robert Jordan says, and now I know what he means.

One of the biggest things that has happened to me over the last (nearly) four years that I have been away at college is the amount of changes that have occurred to all of my friends back home.

I'm only one year away from the dreaded five-year reunion of my old high school. For those of you who just got out of high school, this may still seem like a far off-time. For others, it's a faded memory on the way to the twenty-fifth year reunion. But it is still a big stepping stone.

The five-year high school reunion is a time when we go home and show the friends of yesterday what we made of ourselves. I will be holding a shiny new B.A. degree (God grant that I make it through student teaching with a good evaluation), be still single and struggling to find a job. Some of my friends will have regular jobs and hus-

bands or wives. One or two will be just paroled.

Then there are the ones with kids. Some of my classmates already have three- or four-year old children!

I'm not ready to have kids yet. I'm not even ready for a cat. I still use a bicycle to get places, and I do

laundry at home. I take vacations by sitting around in my parents' place and these people are already "breeding!"

Yes I said "breeding." There is a big difference between having kids and breeding. Breeding is when you aren't ready, aren't prepared, aren't hoping, aren't wanting a separate life form of your own species to be created through your own actions and raised to adulthood. Having a child is loving someone and actually wanting to procreate, even though you don't know what kind of terror you are letting yourself get into.

I'm not going to go into my own habits and



Peanut Gallery

by James Garrison

Dog Breath

"Listening, not imitation, may be the sincerest form of flattery."
-Joyce Brothers

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CAMPUS FORUM

Cafeteria behavior concerns student

I'd like to bring an issue to the attention of the student body—your behavior. On many occasions it has been noticed that the students have been leaving the cafeteria with the large red drinking glasses. Some of the said glasses have been thrown in the garbage by certain students. Although students do pay an amount of money to eat in the cafeteria, that fee does not cover the destruction of cafeteria property. Do you do the same thing at home? Do you bend spoons, break salt and pepper shakers, spill dressings on the floor and leave your plates piled on the table? In short, do you behave this way or eat out of a trough? In the future, please treat the cafeteria not necessarily the way you would your home, but better. Thank you.

Mary Sentz Sr., jr.

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The Amazing COLOSSAL Comic Strip

by Mike Horner

In the spotlight

by Sarah Marie Hendricks and
Becky Ullom

Spectator Staff

SENIOR PROJECT. Sound scary? Five McPherson College students actually enjoyed preparing their senior projects, or comparable responsibilities. Seniors Erin Cassidente, Heather Healy, JD Bowman and Jessie Miller and Teresa Boness, jr., all took demanding positions in various theatre productions this year. From completing a senior project in acting, directing, or designing, to directing simply for experience, the students made commitments of time and effort.

The 1996-97 McPherson College Theater season began with a touching production of "Crimes of the Heart." Healy opted to act instead of direct for her senior project. "Crimes of the Heart" opened Homecoming weekend. Rick Tyler directed a cast of upperclassmen, including Miller, Cassidente and James Garrison, sr., Boness and Steve Benne, soph.

The three central characters of the play were Lenny, Meg and Babe, portrayed by Miller, Healy and Boness. Healy put much thought into choosing a character for herself.

"Lenny's character was the farthest stretch from my own personality. I thought it would be the most challenging for me," Healy said.

Lenny, Meg and Babe, sisters in the production, go through emotional changes throughout the show. Because of the intense script, Healy chose actors with whom she already had a working knowledge.

Healy read "Crimes of the Heart" in a class her junior year. When she began looking for a play for her senior project, she read "Crimes of the Heart" again and liked it better the second time. Thus, she chose the play.

The actors spent much time and practice establishing the southern accent required for their characters. Also, the characters are all very inter-connected. This interconnectedness had to be discreetly visible. Another challenge the actors faced was finding a balance between confusion because of too little information, and dullness because of too

much information.

"It was a heartwarming production, and I think most people could relate to it very well. Each of us could probably see a little of ourselves in one character or another. I hope the audience had as much fun with the show as the cast did," Healy said.

Even though she is a junior, Boness, a speech/theater major, directed "Spoon River Anthology" this January.

"I directed this play to gain some practical experience. I needed to take a "trial run" at directing to see if this is what I want to spend my life doing," Boness said.

Entering the production, Boness knew that some of the audience would not understand the play's theme. However, she felt confident that each audience member could connect on a

personal level with at least one of the many characters.

"I learned a

lot from this production.

My true love in theater is stage managing. There is a big difference between stage managing and directing," said Boness, "This cast used a lot of new actors. It was a challenge for the actors to adapt to the many different roles each had to play."

Performance dates were Jan. 16, 17, and 18.

Cassidente chose "An Extraordinary Correspondence," a play adapted from the books Griffin and Sabine by Nick



"Spoon River Anthology" cast members from left to right back: Steve Benne, soph., Mary Sentz Sr., jr., Jamie Risser, soph., middle: Michael Baker, jr., Jenny Stover, sr., Jeremy Thuma, soph., Zandra Wagoner, campus pastor, front: Jennifer Taylor, high school student.

Bantock, for her project. The play will be directed by Rick Tyler, and co-stars Cassidente as Sabine and Patrick Crowdis, sr., as Griffin and Jeremy

Bernhardt as the narra-

tor. Because this play

was originally a book,

part of Cassidente's

senior project in-

cluded arranging

Bantock's

book

of Emily Dickinson. Miller describes Dickinson as "a reclusive poet who was very intelligent." She chose this play because it ties in with her senior thesis which she is preparing for her major.

"The Belle of Amherst" is a different type of show in one noticeable way, it stars only one woman. Miller has cast Karlene Tyler, registrar, as Emily Dickinson. This production is also a more intimate affair. Tyler will be talking directly to the audience, who will be seated on the stage.

"This is a good way to introduce an audience to Emily Dickinson and her poetry. I hope that they feel more comfortable with it, because some of Emily's poetry can be rather complex," said Miller.

This is the third time that Miller has directed.

"I like it. It is neat to have a vision for something—to have a concept and follow through with it."

"The Belle of Amherst" will open on Feb. 28 and run through Mar. 2. This production will also be presented during convo on Feb. 24.

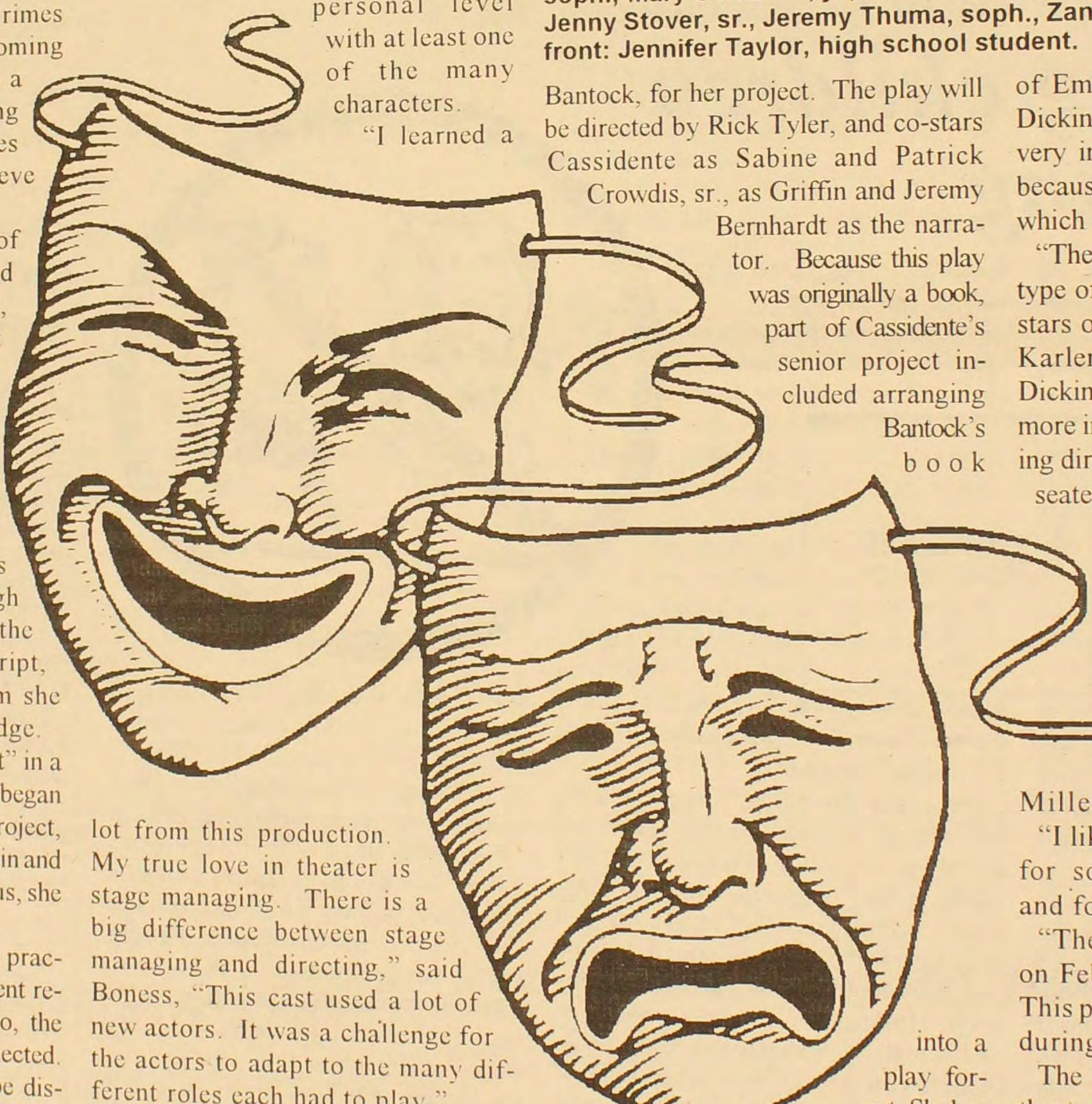
The last production of the 1996-97 theatre season is "Molly Sweeney." It will be directed by Bowman. This production is the story of a blind woman whose husband pushes her to restore her sight. The play is unique because it closed on Broadway in December of 1995. Bowman had to call New York in order to receive the rights to perform the production.

"I am very excited about this performance because it is the premier in Kansas," Bowman said.

The production is also unique because the three characters interact with the audience, not with each other.

"Sweeney is going to be a big step for me. I am hoping that this performance helps the audience as much as it has helped me," Bowman said.

Bowman has not pre-cast the performance. He encourages anyone to audition for parts, which include one woman and two men. Performance dates are set for May 2-4.

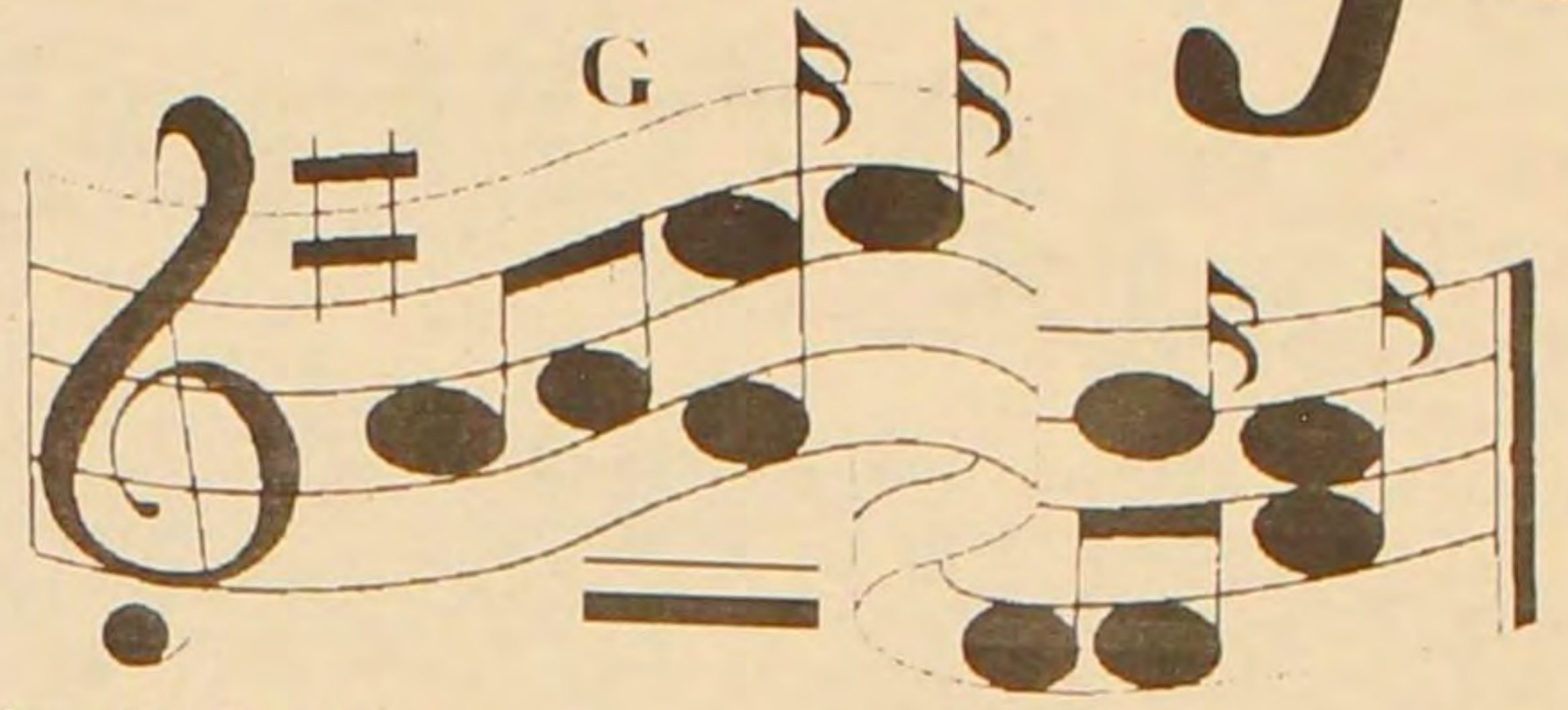


Erin Cassidente is featured in tonight's performance of "An Extraordinary Correspondence," her senior theatre project.

Photo by JD Bowman

Miller is directing "The Belle of Amherst," by William Luce. "The Belle of Amherst" is based on the life

McPherson College Bell Choir



by Valerie Huber
Spectator Staff

A month of practices that started in mid-November has led to the debut of a group of 15 white-gloved college performers.

No, it is not the McPherson College Mime Club. It's the new College Church Handbell Choir.

Winona Godfrey, the instrumental coordinator at the McPherson Church of the Brethren and also works in the college bookstore, thought about starting a bell choir of college students several years ago. Last fall she decided to act on the idea and sent notes to all Brethren students on campus, inviting them to play under her direction.

At first, she received about 10 responses, but people continued to ask about the group.

By their first performance in December the group had grown to 15 including: Sarah Stover, Becky Ullom, Sara Myers-Compton, Sarah Hendricks and

Erin Flory, fr., Matt Friesen, Mark Godfrey, Drew Hutchison, Jamie Risser, and Jennifer Bosserman, soph., Andy Ullom, Laura Luett, and Sarah Wagoner, jr., David Liepelt and Jenny Stover, sr.

Godfrey directed Flory, Wagoner, Friesen, and her son, Mark in the church's younger handbell choirs; however, not all of the members in the new college group had performed together before. Some members had never played hand bells before their current experience.

Jenny Stover said she learned quickly. Her only previous experience with bells was when she was about six years old, and a handbell choir came to her church. She was one of several people that they pulled out of the audience and invited to play.

Godfrey said having a combination of new and experienced bell players works well.

"They're able to watch each other and pick up techniques, and some of the ones

who have played before help the ones with less experience," said Godfrey.

Laura Luett, who played handbells throughout high school and one year in the church's adult handbell choir, agreed.

"It's really neat to be working with kids who want to be doing this. It's not something that we were pushed into," she said "It's just something we all wanted to do."

The group formed in November and had six Sunday evening practices before its first performance.

From the beginning, Godfrey stressed the importance of taking care of the five octaves of Melmark handbells, which cost nearly \$10,000 and were purchased through memorial gifts started in 1986.

In addition to a common musician's rule of no gum or candy, everyone is required to wear white gloves while playing the handbells. This keeps hand oils from tarnishing the bells or causing the bells to lose their pitch. The bells must also be polished at the end of each rehearsal.

The College Church Handbell Choir's

first performance was at the McPherson Church of the Brethren morning service on December 15, the last Sunday before Christmas break.

"I think it went really well, but it could have been better," said Jenny Stover.

That evening, the group received a second chance to improve its performance at the church's festival of music. At both performances they played Mannheim Steamroller's "Traditions of Christmas" by Chip Davis.

The group is looking ahead to its next performance on Mar. 2 at the McPherson Church of the Brethren morning service, which will begin at 10 a.m. In that performance, the choir will perform "Melody in F" by Cynthia Dobrinski and "Surely the Lord is in This Place," a selection which will be sung and rung simultaneously.

Godfrey, who is pleased to be directing the group, looks forward to future performances and is happy to see that their practice has paid off.

"It's a good group," she said, "they've come a long way and I'm very proud of them."

Mac alum returns to Harnly Hall

by Becki Dilley
Spectator Staff

If you take science courses, you will likely see a new face this semester in Harnly. Except this isn't just another student.

Adam Smith will be teaching College Biology II and Environmental Science with Dr. Jonathan Fry. He will also teach Evolution and a course on economic theory to real world development.

This isn't Smith's first time to be in McPherson's classrooms. He attended McPherson High School and then graduated from McPherson College in 1994 with a biology major and math minor. Smith said he always had many different interests and wanted to choose a field that he hoped he wouldn't regret.

"When I was little I liked to play with frogs and insects, so I thought biology would be a safe bet," Smith said.

After deciding on biology, he chose to focus on ecology, a sub-discipline of biology, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"We always called it Chapel Thrill," Smith joked.

There he received his Master of Science of Ecology degree.

Smith decided to return to McPherson when the college offered him a position for the spring semester. He is excited about teaching here having experience teaching lab at the University of North Carolina.

"It's different to see it through a teacher's eyes because you have to talk the whole time," Smith said.

Smith said he would leave a lab session at UNC with a natural high, and he is looking forward to doing that here, too.

Smith won an award for being the best teaching assistant while at UNC. The students nominated him and then he was selected by a larger group.

"It was kind of neat," Smith said, "and I won \$50!"

Smith is the third member of his family to be a part of the McPherson College faculty. His parents, Dr. Herb Smith, chair of the philosophy and religion department, and Dr. Jeanne Smith, assistant professor of education, both teach at the college as well.

"We kind of have a separation of family and school," Smith said.

Smith said the family had that understanding when he was a student here as well. His father wouldn't say, "Adam, you need to study more," and he wouldn't say, "Yeah, Dad, class really sucked today."

Although Smith enjoys teaching, his future plans include leaving school for a while. Someday he hopes to be a field biologist in the Great Plains area.

The biology department is currently taking applications for a broadly

trained biologist with a Ph.D. to fill an assistant professor position. Applications are due the first of March. Three applicants will be chosen to come for interviews and teach a class. There will be times scheduled for students and faculty to meet with the applicants. One of the three applicants will be chosen for the position by the end of March. If none of the candidates is qualified, the selection process will begin again.

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Bulldogs show improvement

by Melissa Sharp
Sports Editor

With an overall record of 7-12 and a conference record of 2-7, the women's basketball team came on strong winning three-in-a-row to start off interterm.

At the Saint Mary's Classic in Leavenworth, the Bulldogs defeated Saint Mary's on Jan. 9 with a score of 64-47, and then on Jan. 10 they defeated York College by two points, 53-51. On Jan. 11 they were victorious over Colorado College, 53-40.

The Bulldogs have a strong defense to compete with in their remaining six regular season games.

"We have an outstanding defense right now, and we are getting better and better each practice," Wright said. "We will be hard to deal with during play-off time for the other teams in the conference."

The Bulldogs are tied for sixth with three other teams in the conference. Sterling is on top of the conference, Bethany is second, Friends is third and Bethel is fourth.

"I think this year we are working more as a team, and everyone is getting along," Andrea Bess, jr. said. "I also think that our defense is awesome right now."

Bethel being fourth in the conference didn't stop the Bulldogs from beating the Thrashers by 20 points.

They continued on the road beating Tabor with a score of 59-55, which

gave McPherson two conference wins in a row.

"I think we're overall pleased with the season up to date, even though we had about a two week bout with the flu. We probably could have pulled out those games if we all had been healthy," Wright said.

Having only two seniors, Staci Shoemaker and Kerri Kobbeman, to aid in leadership, the Bulldogs must now depend on only one due to an extensive knee injury that was sustained by Kobbeman after Christmas break. The injury required surgery and she is out for the rest of the season.

"We are very competitive in the conference, and we have a chance to be in the top four places going into the conference tournament," Wright said. "The top four seeds get a home floor advantage."

Going into the rest of the season, the Bulldogs will have the assistance of Hillary Schubert, fr., who was selected KCAC player of the week during the second week of January.

Tomorrow the Bulldogs will take on Ottawa at 6 p.m. during Family Weekend. At the last match-up between the teams, McPherson was defeated by 10 points.

Feb. 10, the Bulldogs compete against Kansas Wesleyan. Feb. 13, they travel to Newton to challenge Bethel. Saturday Feb. 15, they will take on Tabor beginning at 6 p.m.

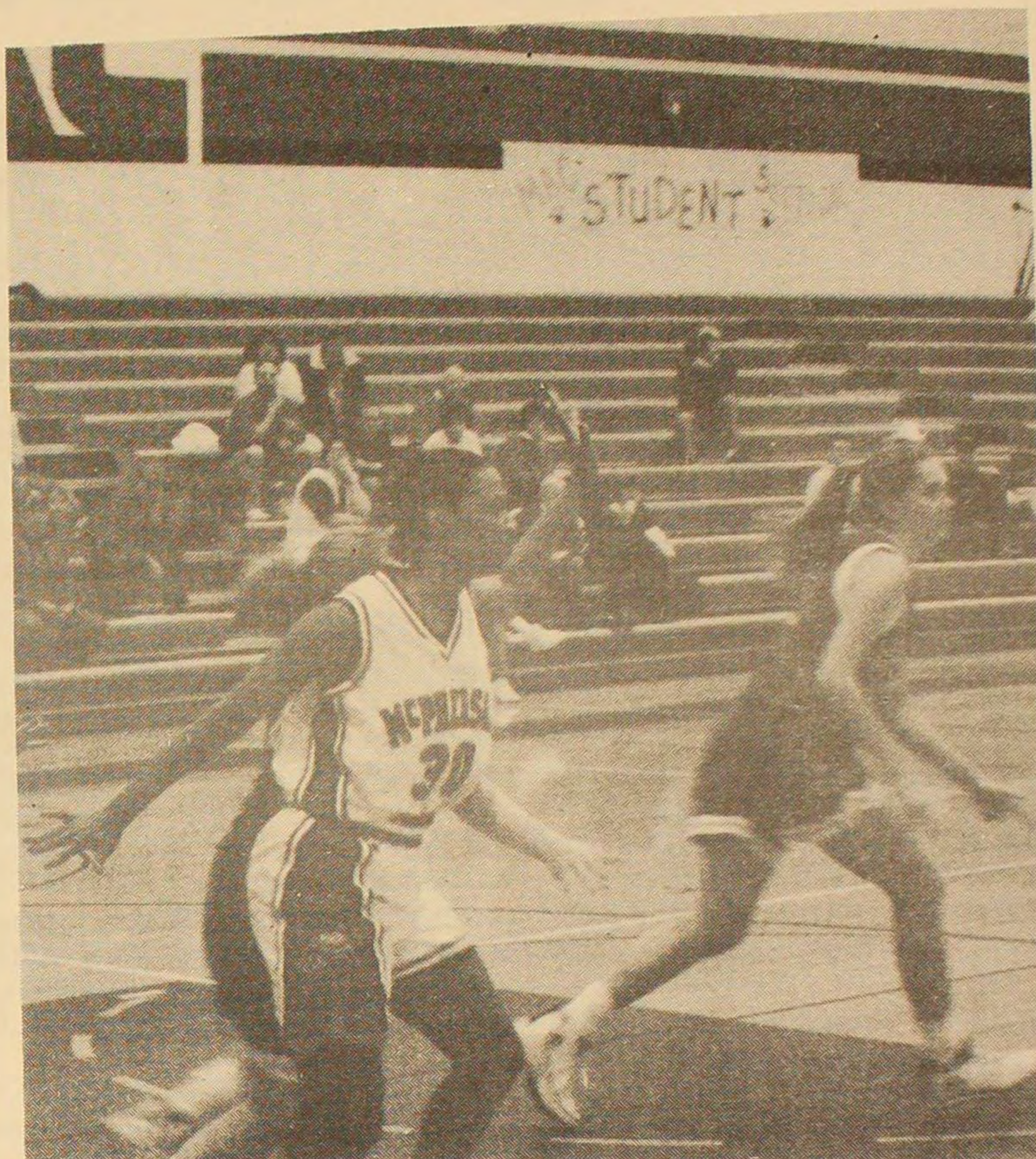
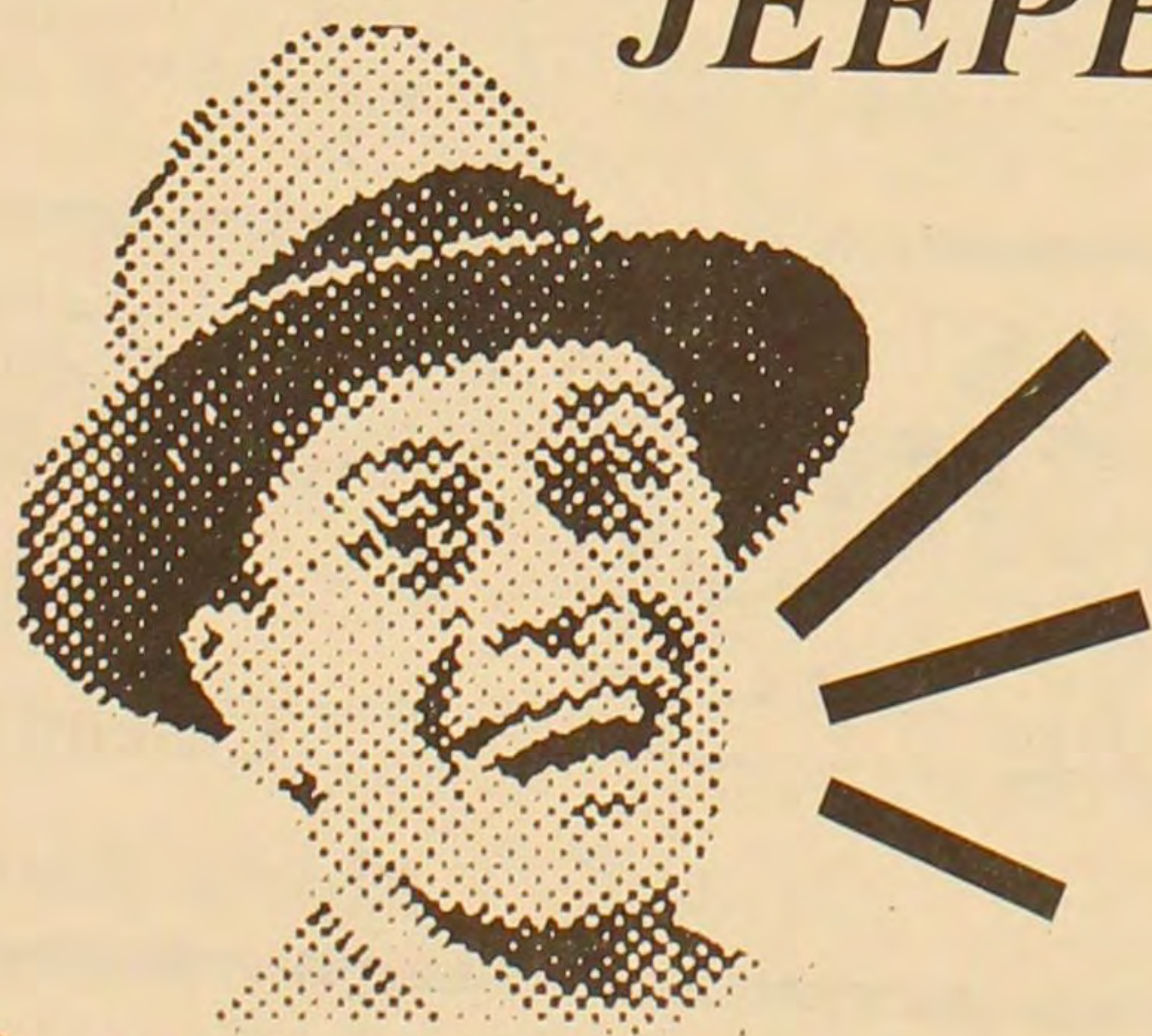


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Andrea Bess, jr., guards a Wesleyan opponent at their Jan. 15 match-up.

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The Pack is back

I can remember when being a Green Bay Packers fan wasn't that much fun.

My wardrobe, which was composed primarily of sports T-shirts, included just one piece of Packer apparel. On carefully selected days, when I chose to wear the Green and Gold, people would offer condolences to me for supporting such a sorry team. Some folks just figured that my mom got a good deal on the shirt at a garage sale. I always said that it was a gift from my aunt who lived in Wisconsin.

However, if you stick with a team long enough (or they don't relocate to another city) amazing things can happen. Although 29 years is a long time for any group of fans to wait.

When the Green Bay Packers met the New England Patriots in New Orleans for Super Bowl XXXI, it marked the arrival of not only a group of special players and an even more special coach, but also a cult of funny speaking, fanatical Wisconsin die-hards longing for a trophy named after their famous mentor and coach.

Despite playing in the National Football League's smallest and coldest city, the Pack built their championship team by attracting and developing the league's most promising players. This hasn't always been the case. I can remember when the Packer's starting quarterback was Anthony Dilweg and Monday Night Football in Green Bay meant a battle between the city's top two Pop Warner teams.

For years, followers of the league's most respected organization sat frozen on Sunday afternoons as the Minnesota Vikings and Chicago Bears

ran, passed and marched all over the Packers. That hurt—a lot. Yet, people still came to Lambeau Field on the Sabbath out of love and longing for the past. Church, followed by a pre-game tailgate party, always made the fans gracious and free-spirited, usually in that order. You see, only a higher power could give Packer fans comfort after a whipping at the hands of the evil Bears.

The fans, though, have not changed. They still fill Lambeau for every home

game. However, the players now leap into the stands instead of hopping onto a train out of town immediately following each season. Being called a Cheesehead use to be a disgrace—now

it is a fashionable piece of headgear worn by all kinds of Packer Backers. And the Bears didn't even go to the playoffs this season. It doesn't get much better.

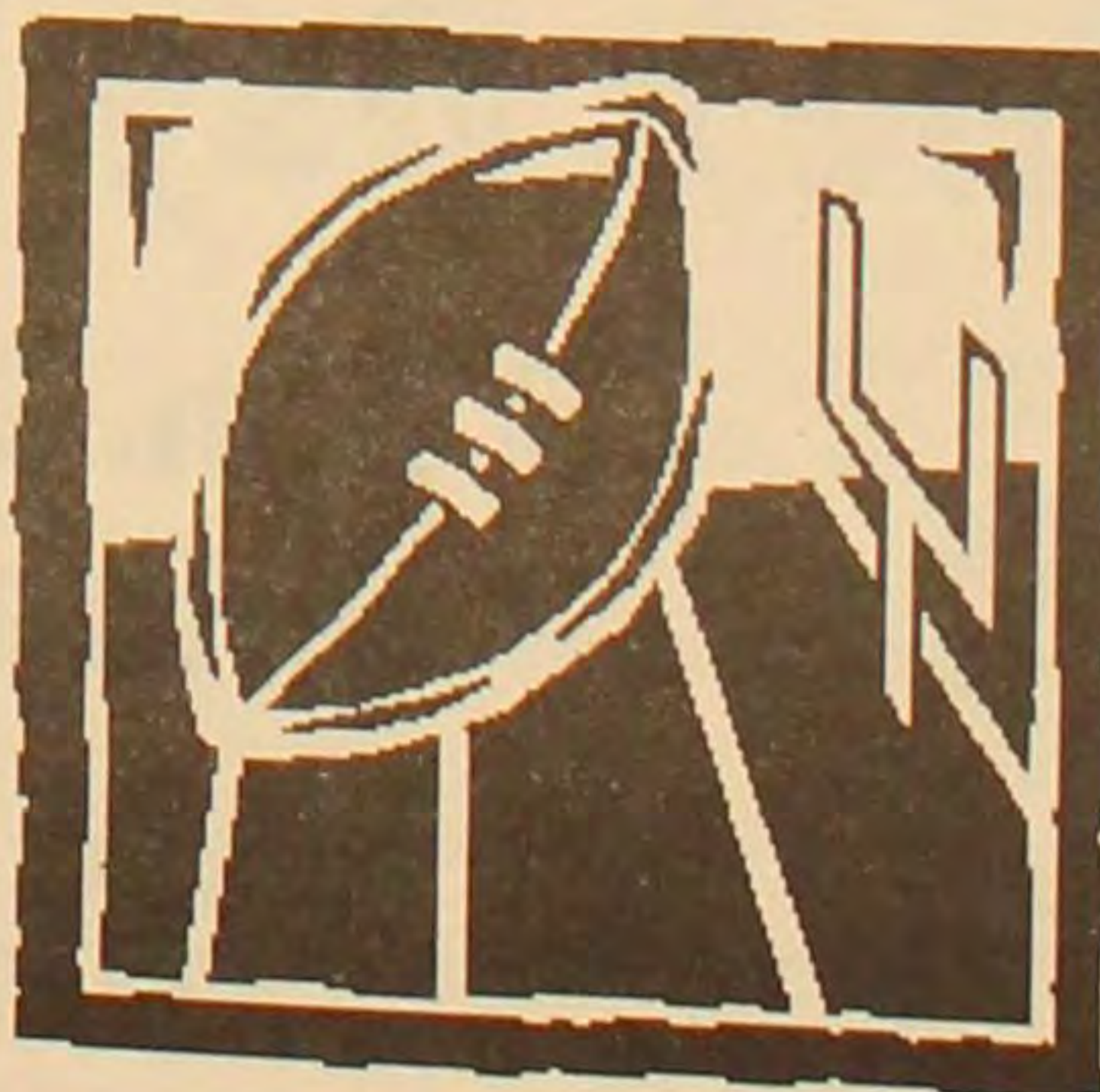
I know that all across the Badger state; in Oshkosh, Kenosha,

Sheboygan and especially Whitehall; Packer followers celebrated their team's return to glory with a juicy bratwurst, a bag of cheese curds and a tray of homemade spinach balls. For the city of Green Bay, a three-hour welcome home for the team was icing on the cheesecake.

I just hope that the wait won't be nearly three decades before the Green Bay Packers win another world title. But if it is, the folks of the Great North will now have a new story to tell in place of the historic Ice Bowl: where they were on January 26, 1997 when Desmond Howard raced 99 yards to bring the title back to Tittletown.

Back En Vogue

by Erik Vogel



Dogs look to finish season strong

by Jenni Richardson
Spectator Staff

The Bulldog men take on the Ottawa Braves tomorrow night in a rematch of a pre-Christmas contest in which the Bulldogs were victorious. The game begins at 8 p.m. and rounds out Family Weekend activities.

The team began the second round of conference play on Feb. 1 at Lindsborg against the Bethany Swedes. Although the game was close the entire way, the Bulldogs came up short at the final buzzer, losing 79-83.

Ryan Wenzel was the leading scorer for the Bulldogs with 15 points and pulled down seven rebounds. The loss dropped the team to 3-6 in the conference.

"The guys are really playing hard. I can't fault them for effort. We're in a position at the end of the game to win, we just have to start putting it away," said Trimmell.

In another tough contest on Jan. 29, the Bulldogs hosted the Friends University Falcons. Again the team came up short, 66-70. Tim Herra turned in a good performance, leading the team with 20 points. Wenzel again hit the boards hard, grabbing six rebounds in the contest.

If Trimmell faults his team for anything it is their free-throw shooting.

"In our last two contests, we have only been shooting around 50 percent. When they are free shots, we should easily be making 75-80 percent or higher. When you're playing in close ballgames like we are, free throws can be the difference in a win or lose," said Trimmell. "I think the guys are hanging in there. They're getting frustrated, but that's understandable."

Next week, the Bulldogs have a full schedule meeting with Kansas Wesleyan on Monday, Bethel on Thursday, and Tabor on Saturday. All games begin at 8 p.m.



Rick Coleman, jr., attempts a shot over his Kansas Wesleyan opponents. photo by Mark Godfrey



Emanuel Roland, jr., looks on as Tim Herra, jr., goes up for a rebound. photo by Mark Godfrey

Tracksters start season

by Summer Snodgrass
Spectator Staff

Indoor track meet has the track and field events as outdoor track, with the exception of javelin and discuss. The biggest difference between indoor track and outdoor track is that indoor track is half the size of a regular 400 meter track. Sizes of indoor tracks vary, the one in the Sports Center is 137 meters, the official size is 200 meters. Regular outdoor events take place in indoor track such as the 100 meter and 800 meter races, but there are some events which are rare to outdoor track meets. These events are the 50 meter, 60 meter and 300 meter sprint races.

"Indoor track is a very short season. A lot of people use it to get in shape for the outdoor track season," said head coach John McNamara. "The teams are normally small for indoor."

"I've never done indoor track before so it's an interesting experience, and so far I think it is going okay. I'm using indoor to get ready for the outdoor season," Matt Friesen, soph. said.

Ten runners started off interterm conditioning for the indoor track season. The McPherson College indoor track team consists of Jandi Bacon, fr., Joe Bravo, soph., Heather Cloud, fr., Matt Friesen, soph., Eddie Hester, sr., Rudolph (Turtle) James, sr., Brett Johnson, soph., Cameron Koster,

soph., Aundrey Meyers, sr. and Jamie Risser, soph.

"There is a lot of interest this year compared to the previous years," said McNamara. "If the people who have come out go to all the meets we'll have a big team."

The indoor season began on Feb. 1 at Doane College in Crete Nebraska. McPherson College had four men participate at this meet. Friesen and Johnson competed in the 60 yard sprint while Bravo competed with the shot put, and Risser ran the 800 meter race.

"I was very pleased with everyone's effort they put forth," McNamara said. "Matt was top performer and had a great race."

Tentative Outdoor Track Schedule

- Feb. 1 Doane College Classic
- Feb. 8 University of Nebraska
- Feb. 13 Kansas State Univ.
- Feb. 15 Lincoln, Nebraska
- Feb. 27-28 Indoor Nationals
- Mar. 1 Indoor Nationals

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Dill examines college needs

by Sarah Stover
Spectator Staff

President Gary Dill, who will be inaugurated on Mar. 7, plans to familiarize himself with the college's background and functions before he implements major changes. "I think it is presumptuous of a new person to step into a place that is working well and to begin to make lots of changes without first understanding the place. For the rest of this academic year I'll be wanting to learn as much as I can about how we do things," Dill said.

"The first thing on the agenda is getting to know the people who work here, getting a sense of the rhythm of how McPherson College does its work, and seeing ways in which I can fit into that rhythm to make it stronger."

He does not foresee having to make any major changes in the near future.

"With the beginning of the next fiscal year (July), I will consider the possibility of some adjustments. . . Some things may be conceptualized a little differently, more efficiently."

One change Dr. Dill intends to make is to have every employee of the college prepare a specific job description. Once each employee's responsibilities are defined, he will work to make adjustments and improvements.

"Any changes that will be made will not be very visible to anybody because the changes will not be big, dramatic things.

They will be more fine tuning," Dill said. Planned changes affecting students include plans for continual upgrade in technology on campus. If plans are carried through, there will be "some computer connectivity in every residence hall" by next fall. The fiber optic backbone of the college should be in place, and every employee of the college who needs a computer will have access to one.

Changes that were in progress prior to Dr. Dill's arrival continue. Bittinger Hall renovations could begin as early as next fall depending on results of the trustee meeting this spring. Its tentative plans for completion would be the fall of '98. Dr. Dill made it clear that these were only plans, and nothing has been decided.

Also, other action taken before Dr. Dill assumed office should result in an upcoming freshmen class that is more academically qualified and larger in number than classes in recent years.

Dr. Dill will take the opportunity to learn more about the college during the trustee meetings on Mar. 6 and 7. His inauguration will take place Friday, Mar. 7, at 2:00 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. A symposium of Church of the Brethren history will also be presented Thursday, Mar. 6, as a part of Dr. Dill's inaugural activities. Dr. Dill feels this will be an excellent opportunity to examine the continued relationship between McPherson College and the Church of the Brethren.

College awaits decision

by Sarah Wagoner
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Members of the McPherson College Kansas State Department of Education, KSDE, steering committee are in Topeka today, awaiting the decision of the Evaluation Review Committee. The ERC will make a recommendation based on all evidence submitted by the college. The committee can either fully accredit, accredit with stipulations or not accredit the college. The college has a right to appeal any decision made by the ERC and ask for a hearing.

This decision is one of the final steps in the accreditation process McPherson College has been involved in since the summer of 1996. The purpose of this process is for the state to evaluate whether or not the college is meeting standards set by the state.

An on-site evaluation team visited campus in October 1996 for two days to evaluate the accuracy of the college's institutional report. The KSDE steering committee worked on the institutional report throughout the 1995-96 school year in preparation for the on-site visit.

The team met with several groups and individuals on campus; committees, faculty, students, alumni, cooperating teachers from the McPherson school district and various administrative staff.

They also studied various student files to determine if the education department was completing student portfolios and other paper work.

On Dec. 5, 1996, a report was sent from the on-site team to the college stating what standards were not met and the rationale for the team's reasoning. The steering committee met on Dec. 9 to discuss the report and begin writing a rejoinder, an explanation from the college explaining how certain standards were met by the college.

From Dec. 9-20, many members spent time writing and re-writing the rejoinder. After Christmas, the vice presidents of McPherson College and their secretaries finished the remaining work on the document.

"We all know a lot more about the accreditation process than we knew before," said Dr. Kim Stanley, chair of the English department and member of the KSDE steering committee.

Jan. 14, 1997, Dr. Gustafson, vice president for academic services, President Dill and Kimbrell delivered the rejoinder to the director of Teacher Education in Topeka. He distributed the rejoinder and other supporting paper work to the Evaluation Review Committee, which is made up of public school teachers, administrators and four people in higher education.

The committee also received copies of the institutional report and the on-site evaluation team report.

"It's a real stressful process," said Dr. Kimbrell, chair of the curriculum and instruction department and the KSDE steering committee.

"The frustrating part of it is that it is completely on process. It's incredible how labor intensive this is. A lot of hours were put into the process."

NEWS BRIEFS

Librarians receive awards

Rowena Olsen, director of library and media services at McPherson College, received the 1996 Distinguished Service Award from the College and University Libraries Section of the Kansas Library Association. Olsen has served as director of the college library since 1975.

Raymond Santee, public services/clerical assistant at Miller Library, received the 1996 Outstanding Library Parapro-

fessional Award from the Kansas Library Operations Association. Santee was a founder of the Kansas Library Operations Association.

Amelia Earhart Convo

McPherson College will host an evening convocation Monday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. Actress Kate Griffin from Salina will perform "Amelia, Her Story," a one-woman show on Amelia Earhart.

SGA undergoes change

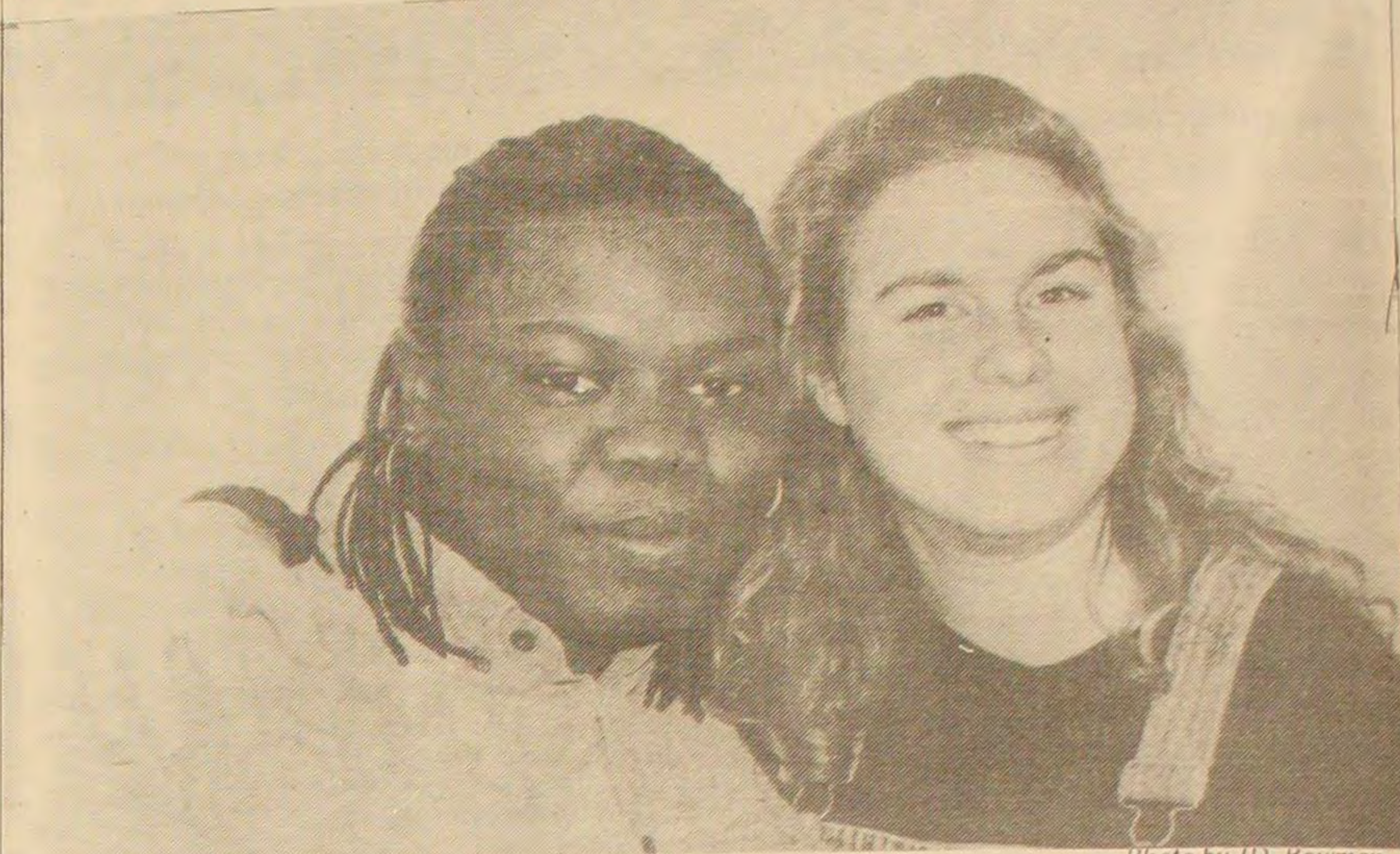


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Tracy Stoddart, sr., and Sharhonda Maclin, fr., assumed new leadership positions in SGA as president and vice president respectively.

by Mike Horner

Layout Editor

The McPherson College Student Government Association experienced change this year as Tracy Stoddart, sr., took over the SGA presidency and several student leaders stated new positions in the organization. Stoddart assumed the role of SGA president in January after the announcement that Roy Johnson, seated president, would not return to the college for spring semester.

"I was disappointed that Roy needed to leave," said Sharon Knechel, vice president for academic services and SGA sponsor, "and I think Roy also was disappointed that he was not able to complete the year as student body president. I have appreciated the work that he has done."

Stoddart, who had been acting SGA vice president, became president in accordance with the SGA constitution. She had not expected to assume the position of presidency.

"When I found out [Roy] was leaving, I was surprised and shocked," Stoddart said. "But as I talked about it with other people and started thinking about it, I realized I just needed to step up and take charge."

Stoddart also recognizes added benefits as SGA president.

"As my aunt said, it will look good on my resume, but that's just a perk of the job," Stoddart said.

Stoddart met with SGA members as president for the first time on Jan. 19. At this meeting the group discussed successful and unsuccessful goals the group had set at their retreat last spring. Despite being in charge of the meeting, Stoddart said she was there

not to "lead things, but to guide them."

Student Government Association also made plans for the spring semester including SGA's participation in President Dill's inauguration on March 7. Stoddart encouraged the importance of the student body's participation in this and other spring events.

"I feel very comfortable [as president], especially with the staff I have. All the members have been very supportive, and that helps a lot," Stoddart said.

Sharhonda Maclin, fr., assumed leadership of the vice presidential position. Maclin ran unopposed after Stoddart's move to the presidency position. The student body elected her to the vice presidency on Jan. 27.

"I'm happy to represent not only the freshman class, but also Mac College as a whole," Maclin said.

Student Government Association welcomed four other new members to its already diverse group. LeAnna Hulce took over Maclin's position as freshman representative, while James Garrison replace Brian Ward as senior representative. Marko Nantias, fr., was appointed International Student Organization representative, and Candy Hayden volunteered to fill the off campus representative position.

"The entire [Student Government] association has very effective and talented people. I have great confidence that they will continue to work and achieve their goals for the spring semester," Knechel said.

Student Government Association meets every Sunday at 9 p. m. in the Trustee Room of Miller Library. All students, staff and faculty are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Court on campus

The Kansas Court of Appeals will hold sessions on the McPherson College campus on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, Feb. 18 and 19. These hearings will be actual cases, not demonstrations.

"Students will see the law actually being made instead of seeing the sterile result on the printed page," said Lowell Flory, professor and chair of business and economics.

Court will come to order in Miller Library, room 105. Students, staff and faculty are encouraged to sit in on the hearings, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18 and at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19. If they use the south door of 105, visitors can come and go.

The Court of Appeals is a mid-level Kansas court. All cases heard have been decided at a trial level. At least one party is dissatisfied with the trial court's decision and is appealing.

"The cases include several criminal convictions, a child custody dispute, a personal injury claim from an auto accident, an employment contract dispute, a workers compensation appeal and

others," Flory said.

Although the Court of Appeals is located in the Kansas Judicial Center in Topeka, panels of judges often go out "on circuit," holding hearings around the state.

"That is more convenient for attorneys appealing the cases, and also provides an opportunity for the public to observe the court process," Flory said.

A three-judge panel will hear arguments of attorneys from McPherson and surrounding areas. Attorneys will make formal presentations, but will likely be interrupted by judges' questions.

"It will be an interesting and unique opportunity to witness our legal system in action," Flory said.

A complete docket is available on the bulletin board beside Prof. Flory's office (Mohler room 213) and on the information center opposite mailboxes in the Student Union. The docket lists the names of the parties in the cases, the attorneys arguing the appeal and provides a summary of the case. The docket may be found on the internet at <<http://www.mcpherson.edu/mcbus/busindex.html>>.