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Financial overhaul affects students

McPherson College admissions office has readjusted the distribution of financial aid, causing difficulties for some programs. Work study and Brethren Colleges Abroad are two areas that have been restructured.

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"An arm and a leg at a time"

Landmines are a growing concern in countries where war exists.

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Are men's and women's athletics equally treated at Mac?

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The Bulldogs play Friends in their final season game. The contest may determine whether or not the men will play in the conference tournament.

Women's Basketball

The Bulldogs beat Southwestern College on Feb. 19 and will compete in the playoffs.

Campus prepares for week of inaugural activities

by Shelly Hendricks

Co-Editor-in-Chief

The Inaugural Ball, which will be held March 1, marks the beginning of the activities celebrating President Gary Dill's induction on March 7, 1997.

"We want the ball to be a sort of student inauguration for Dr. Dill. We'll have a little ceremony for him," said Tracy Stoddart, sr., and president of SGA. "We decided since spring break starts the day of the inauguration we wanted to do something students could be involved with. This gives the students an opportunity to feel like part of the inauguration even if they aren't there for the actual ceremonies."

The SGA inaugural sub-committee and inauguration planning committee prepared the Inaugural Ball. Also, SGA is currently organizing events for students to participate in throughout "Inauguration Week," March 3-7. Students will receive more information as inauguration approaches.

The inauguration planning committee has also decided to incorporate the Faith and Heritage conference, held on March 6 and 7, with pre-inauguration activities. The conference focuses on the narrative and theological history of the Church of the Brethren.

"Some laypersons and pastors were asking for some seminar where they could learn more about the Church of the Brethren," said Bob Knechel, director of development.

"With Dr. Dill's interest in the Church of the Brethren and reaching out to other churches, it was appropriate to connect the two."

The conference features two guest speak-



ers, Professor Jeffrey A. Bach and Dr. Donald F. Durnbaugh.

Bach, a 1979 McPherson College graduate, is currently an assistant professor of Brethren Studies and director of Peace Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Ind.

Durnbaugh, a 1949 graduate of Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana, is presently a volunteer archivist at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Penn. He spent the majority of his working years as a professor of Church History at Bethany Theological Seminary formerly located in Oakpark, Ill.

"Durnbaugh is probably one of the foremost historians of the Church of the Brethren," Knechel said.

The college invited approximately 10,000 people including local church members, alumni and friends. Also, it extended invitations to selected colleges and universities, which traditionally send a representative to another institution's presidential inauguration. The committee hopes that 150-200 people attend the conference and that 500-800 persons attend the inauguration ceremony.

The college representatives will join

faculty, staff, trustees and SGA members in the inauguration processional. Also, Church of the Brethren pastors from the Northern Plains, Southern Plains and Western Plains districts are invited to participate in the processional.

"People are very enthusiastic about the conference. As I talk to church members and other people in the area I see that they are really pleased that this is going on. And even in the local community we hope other churches will come and get to know us," Knechel said. "We would very much like to have a lot of students attend. We're having a Thursday night Inauguration banquet for students, staff, faculty and trustees. Students have received invitations in the mail. We can eat together like one big family."

Zandra Wagoner, one of the inauguration planning committee members and campus minister, will moderate a conference discussion on Friday, March 7, titled "Roundtable Discussion of the Role and Future of the Church of the Brethren in Higher Education." The discussion will focus on how higher education and the church can complement, encourage and support each other.

"I think it is wonderful that we'll have an opportunity for pastors to come together. We'll learn from very fine scholars about Brethren history," Wagoner said. "For those students who don't know a lot about the church's history, this is a chance for them to learn. For Brethren students, it is a way for them to learn about their own heritage."

"The inauguration is going to be a big event. Lots of fun and pageantry," Knechel said.

Vice president Mason announces resignation

by Jen Bosserman

News Editor

Dr. Steve Mason, vice president of financial services, has declared that he will conclude his service on June 30, 1997, for McPherson College.

In 1990, Mason began working at McPherson College as director of development. He became the vice president of financial services in 1994.

"As I reflect on my years at McPherson College, I've been incredibly blessed by the time spent working here, and I will always be thankful for this opportunity. I'll leave it to others to say how effective I was, but I can leave McPherson College knowing I did my best," Mason said.

Mason decided not to renew his contract in October '96, prior to the hiring of President Gary Dill. He reported this decision to interim president, Dr. Steve Gustafson.

"I've always responded to a feeling. My decision was intuitive. After seven years, I felt it was time for me to make a change," Mason said. "I feel confident in the current leadership at McPherson College."

Mason feels the general direction of the college is healthy and is financially sound. He has interacted with several individuals on campus and in the com-



Dr. Steve Mason

munity during his term.

"One of my happiest outcomes of working at McPherson College was meeting my wife," Mason said.

Mason's desire for change has no implications for his wife's career. Marilyn Sexton Mason is currently associate director of admissions and financial aid.

"I just don't know what the future holds. I'm taking time to discern," Mason said.

He plans to continue working toward his career goals. They include serving in private higher education with preference for church related schools, and further preference for Church of the Brethren higher education.

Mason's family raised him in the Church of the Brethren. He attended Bridgewater College, affiliated with the Church of the Brethren. After graduation, Mason worked seven years for Bridgewater's student services. He spent the next nine years working at other institutions in student services.

"McPherson College placed a great deal of trust in me. I enjoyed working in a Brethren community with competent individuals. McPherson College isn't real turf, people work together for a common cause," Mason said.

"Dr. Mason brought to his work a sense of orderliness and a tireless effort to do the very best for McPherson College," said Bob Knechel, director of development.

"Mason was a good guy to work for. I'm going to miss him. Not only was he interested in our work, he was interested in us as people and that goes a long way," said Merrin Godfrey, head of maintenance.

EDITORIAL

Take responsibility and promote change on campus

"Class is too early. Convocations put me to sleep. The cafeteria fails to serve my favorite dish. Visitation hours restrict my freedom. The candy machine takes my money. And there is absolutely nothing to do on this campus or in this town."

Walk across campus and listen to people. Complaint after complaint, after complaint. I'm just as guilty as the next guy when it comes to finding something to complain about. So why do we waste our precious time complaining? Why not take the responsibility to fix our complaint.

Student Government elections and interviews for RA positions, SAB positions, Spectator editors, Quadrangle editors and leadership roles in other campus organizations are fast approaching. In such positions you have the opportunity to influence and change campus life and campus policy. If something eats at you enough to complain about it, why not turn your frustration into something constructive and take the leadership to make a change.

We have no right to complain if we are not willing to take responsibility and promote change. Granted, there are some things out of our power and abilities to change. But we are just as responsible as current leaders, faculty and administration to create a fun and exciting learning environment on the Mac campus. As people supposedly "free" to make our own decisions, we possess the power to influence our state of happiness.

So instead of complaining about class schedules, Convocations, the cafeteria, visitation hours, the availability of food and lack of activities, take the initiative and responsibility to make a change. Get involved in campus life!

The choice is ours. What will you choose?

Jen Bosserman
for the Editorial Staff

When you're happy and you know it...

by Jill Gibson
Spectator Staff

As I look back at Valentine's Day, I wonder how one day could have such control over our lives. Of course friends found an excuse to remind each other that they care, and couples found an excuse to run excitedly around spending money and time together. Romance and love were in the air, etc., etc. It's all truly wonderful.

Regardless, here is a question: Why do we let ourselves get all worked up over the day? Why should this tradition have the power to take away our joy and confidence? There were record numbers of tears and worried faces coming out of Dotzour, and who knows how many disappointments everywhere else.

Why? It is one day, just like April 14th or October 2nd. Yet we allow ourselves to get depressed because we have "no one" (whatever), or our significant other is 1200 miles away, or some other reason. Really, does anyone honestly despair enough to believe in the "Boyfriend-in-a-Box"?

I asked my wonderful new roommate Summer if I was being pessimistic about this holiday of love—and I wholeheartedly agree with her answer of NO. I am only concerned that too many people get so wrapped up in the tradition that their great shining attitudes are ruined.

How to solve this? I think the answer goes far beyond Valentine's Day. This holiday isn't at the core of the problem. The real issue is joy—personal joy within ourselves. Mme. de La Fayette (naturally, everyone

knows her) said, "If one thinks that one is happy, that is enough to be happy." Isn't that an incredible thing to hear? We are responsible for our outlook, for our reactions to life, for our own joy!

Of course we have troubles and discouraging times. Maybe we can't always be wide awake, enthusiastic, or giving. That's okay.

But we DO have control over our inner joy and peace. If there are things in our lives that hurt us, it is not healthy to simply forget about them until they resurface. It's much easier to do things that way, but in the long run life won't be as beautiful as it could be. That has been very tough for me to learn. And KNOWING how to feel terrific is much different than doing what it takes to feel terrific.

At the risk of sounding like I'm on a soapbox: What exactly does it take to make life all it should be? Crave happiness. Seek the positive! Know that life is too short to hold onto grudges and self-doubt.

Find a reason—big or small—to feel confident and joyful. Smile because the groundhog called for an early spring. Say ten cool things about yourself. Get excited about convo. Hey, it's at least a great nap time! Sing. Thank Del and Kris for putting the Communicator in your mailbox every week, unless you are one of those who gets REAL mail. Make a list. Laugh at Fanny people (because they actually were recruited to brighten all of our mediocre days). Reaffirm yourself like Stuart Smalley never has done.

Just beat those things that hold you back. Love life, and let happiness spread faster than the Valentine's Day blues!

Boyfriend in a Box: that's just like men

Now maybe I'm a little new age here, but isn't the female movement dead?! What's this extension of the sixties doing here in 1997? I'm all into that women's liberation. No, seriously. I am all for people who will fight oppression and demand to be treated as equals in society. That's why I am writing my little two cents down on paper. I am a part of the nineties. I am a part of the men's movement.

The men's movement is not a slap in the face to any females. In fact, the men's movement has a few women heading it up. It doesn't really matter what gender you are or what your background is... You, too, can be part of the men's movement. The men's movement is the un-official group of people who are sick and tired of hypocrites.

How many times have I had to sit through a lecture by someone who claims their gender has been abused by others; and then, watch those same people go out and abuse another group.

I understand that I'm not getting my point across as well as I need to. Don't you hate it when you get three paragraphs into your editorial and realize that your article isn't shaping the way you wanted it to.

Let me put this in clearer terms. A guy sits in his room and sulks. He is upset because women don't give him a chance. He is tired of being classified as a typical male. Then, since he feels lonely, he either goes out with a mistress of the evening, or he goes down to the Bookshelf and buys a colorful magazine. What's wrong with this picture? Well, could it be the fact that he just did what he was complaining about being slandered for?

Another example (and the center of this maze of words) is the brand "spanking" new package of love found in your local bookstore. The Boyfriend in a Box is available for only \$14.95! Hurry and buy yours today. You just might be lucky enough to get the alumnus of McPherson College, Jonathan Coachman (oops, I mean Athletic AI), package.

Just Like That

by JD. Bowman

On a side note, I am questioning why exactly the Bookstore decided to support and sell these little pimps in a package. Let me pause here to speak about how offended I was by these little Valentine substitutes.

(Pause)

"I was offended by these little Valentine substitutes."

Now, back to my point. My point? Oh, the one about females and males, and how we try to say the "other" gender is worse. I think one reason I am so quick to judge the female of the species is because they speak such a different language. They talk in girl talk, and I talk in boy talk. Trust me on this one. My girlfriend and I are still trying to find a common dictionary.

Boys and Girls will always be different. They will always have subjective views of art and entertainment. Most likely, they will always blame the "other" gender for oppression.

I think we need to learn to respect the other sides of a story. We need to learn not to make a group feel uncomfortable, and maybe that starts with accepting the habit of others.

I found the Boyfriend in a Box to be really really dumb (for lack of a better phrase). Yet, I have to admit Jonathan Coachman sure has made a name for himself (even if it is Athletic AI). On the other hand, boys have to remember that when a girl (i.e. Stacey Hoover) says, "That's just like a man," what she means is something along the lines of, "Men... ya gotta love them anyway."

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Enrollment at McPherson College: What a breeze!

by Micheal Baker
Staff Writer

move on to...

I hate standing in line. The restless wait at the movie theatre. The cafeteria line right after convo. These daily pauses are not refreshing to those with little patience.

Then, the dreaded day comes. Feb. 3, 1997, enrollment at McPherson College. I was dreading this day, this day of line after line after line.

I am a new student here, so my enrollment process took much longer than most returning students. However, even though enrollment here was stressful for me, it was nothing like what I've grown accustomed.

I transferred from Emporia State University this semester. And, like always, I was expecting enrollment to take all afternoon. I heard many a student gripe about the enrollment process here at Mac. So, students think enrollment at Mac is tough, eh? Well, let ME tell you a story.

Remember the three lines you went through in thirty minutes? Pah! Mere trifling twaddle! Enrollment at ESU takes all afternoon, if students are lucky and have no problems.

Let's take a look at what enrollment is like at a typical state university, like ESU:

Line #1, Appointment Verification: Total waiting time: about 20-35 minutes. You go through a line to verify that you can enroll at the current time. If the first letter of your name is not the current letter that is enrolling, you simply cannot enroll. No exceptions, no whiny baby stories. If you cannot go during your specific time, you must wait until the last day of enrollment week. Now, this may not seem like a big issue; we all can wait a couple extra days before slapping down a big chunk of change for tuition. But it is indeed an issue and I'll tell you why later; just remember this as we

Line #2: Identity Verification: Total waiting time: 10 minutes. In this line, you verify your name and address, and a schedule is printed.

Line #3: Schedule Pick-up: Total waiting time: five minutes. In this line, you wait for the printer to spit out your schedule.

Line #4: Schedule Verification: Total waiting time: 15 minutes. Here, you verify that the classes you have pre-enrolled in are the classes you wish to take.

Line #4A: Advising: Total waiting time and time in appointment: about 60 minutes. In this line, you wait for about 30 minutes to see an advisor to make a schedule change. Then, you need another 30 minutes to meet with the advisor to find a class that is not closed in which you can enroll.

Line #5: Parking Permission: Total waiting time averages 20 minutes. At ESU the cost of parking is \$35 per semester. After paying the fee, this does not mean that you may park anywhere on campus. This means that you may buy a permit to park in a designated lot. Usually students get to pick which lot, but none of the lot locations are central or ideal.

And, students must pay this fee just to park in the lots for the dorms, which are almost off campus. (In other words, students that live on campus are forced to buy a parking permit if they want to park within a mile of their dorm.) It is impossible to park near class buildings if you live on campus-unless, of course, you want to pay \$70 for two permits.

What's funny is the cute little saying on the reverse side of the permit: "This parking permit does not guarantee a parking space." In other words, ESU sells more permits than there are spaces. What fun.

Remember that I said late enrollment was indeed an issue? Here's the scoop. If you

enroll on the last day, there usually are no parking permits available. If you're lucky, you can perhaps pick up a "gray" parking permit, which happens to be only meters away from the free parking section.

Why don't students just park in free parking? Why is it necessary to buy a permit? The answer is location. The one and only free parking lot is located about a 10-minute walk from the edge of campus on the north side. So, if you have an 8 a.m. class in Beech Hall, located on the extreme south side of campus, you have a 20-minute walk to get there.

Let's see. Harnly Hall on one extreme side of this campus, and Miller Library is on the other. I wonder how many times I could walk between Harnly and the Library in thirty minutes?

Line #6: Holds: Total waiting time: about 15 minutes, 30 minutes if you must go through twice. Students must pay library fees and overdue parking tickets at the beginning of each semester before enrollment. Also, a hold can be put on your enrollment process by a department or professor for almost anything. If you don't realize you have a hold and skip this line, during tuition payment (the second to the last line) you must go all the way back to the holds line and start again.

Line #7: Perkins Loan disbursement: Total waiting time: about 20 minutes. Processing: another 10 minutes. Here you process your Perkin's Loan and apply the money to your tuition bill.

Line #8: Stafford Loans: Total waiting time: 30 minutes. You pick up Stafford Loan checks here.

Line #8A: Loan video: Total waiting time and processing: 45 minutes. If you are receiving a loan for the first time, you must watch a 20-minute video about responsible

borrowing. It takes about 25 minutes to get a spot in the "financial aid theatre."

Line #9: Scholarship and Thank-you note line: Total waiting time: Five minutes. Process time: about 10 minutes. In this line, you pick up your scholarship checks, and then are required to write a thank you note to the person who gave the scholarship.

Line #10: Grants: Total waiting time: 15 minutes. Pick up checks for Pell Grants and other such funds.

Line #11: Tuition and Fees: Total waiting time: 15 minutes. Finally, you pay tuition and fees.

Line #12: I.D. Validation: Total waiting time: 5 minutes. At the end of this line you get a sticker that validates your student I.D.

And that, my friends, is enrollment at a state university. It is quite possible for the whole process to take five hours and fifteen minutes. That would mean, of course, that a student has to go through the hold line twice, change his schedule and watch the loan video. However, I will give the state universities some credit. Realistically, the process usually only takes about two and a half hours. In the time it took me to enroll at ESU, a McPherson College student could enroll, cash his credit refund, spend it, attend a class and wash his car.

I don't have much sympathy when I hear my fellow classmates whine about the "long" lines at enrollment.

I could go on and on about the advantages of this small, private college compared to state universities, but this entire Spectator issue couldn't hold it all.

Yes, tuition at Mac is four times as much as a state university, but let me sum it all up. We get what we pay for. And as far as I'm concerned, it's worth every single penny.

I'll take waiting in line at McPherson College's cafeteria rather than enroll at a state university any day.

CAMPUS FORUM

Co-ed dorms good for college life

I want to talk about the co-ed environment of the hopefully soon-to-be-redone, Fahnestock Hall. A co-ed dorm is a great idea. Not only does it break down the sexual barriers that we spent so much time on in convo first semester, but it also allow students to meet a lot of different kinds of people. These are not the words of an adolescent young man who just wants to live with girls. Rather, these are the words of a man who wants to get to know as many people as he can.

On the technical side of things, I think certain practices among the natives would decrease, because in a co-ed dorm atmosphere, men and women become more like brother and sister rather than

hunter and prey (whichever way it might go).

On the personal side, I think that everyone would benefit from the experience. After living in a co-ed dorm for awhile, no one needs to take a Marriage and Family course, because all of the guys have already learned to put the blasted seat down! I would like to see something positive happen with this, because I do believe there is a separation on campus between men and women.

I feel sorry for the women who never had the experience of living co-ed, but I feel even more sorry for those who have experienced the happy times of living in Fanny who have subsequently had to move to Dotzour Third.

As an irrelevant afterthought to the residents of all the dorms: if you are not going to wipe your feet before you come into the building, do not walk through the mud.

Dustin "Buddha" Gregg

CAMPUS FORUM LETTER POLICY

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Dog Breath

The kind of beauty I want the most is the hard-to-get kind that comes from within--strength, courage, dignity.

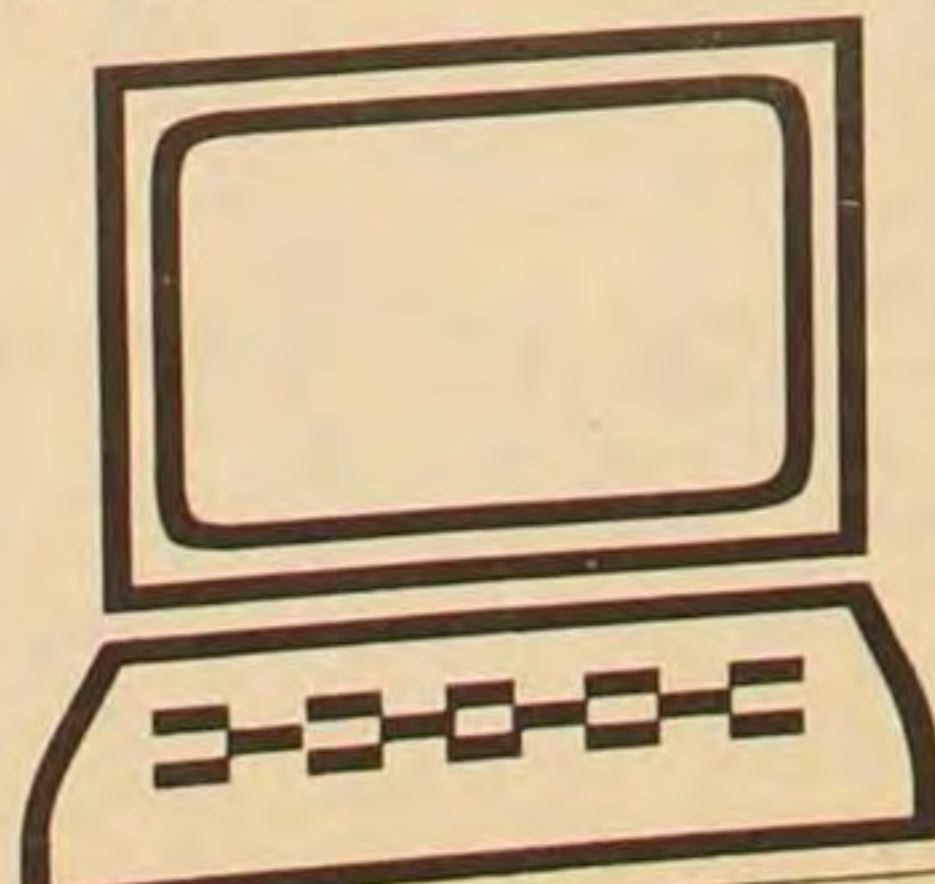
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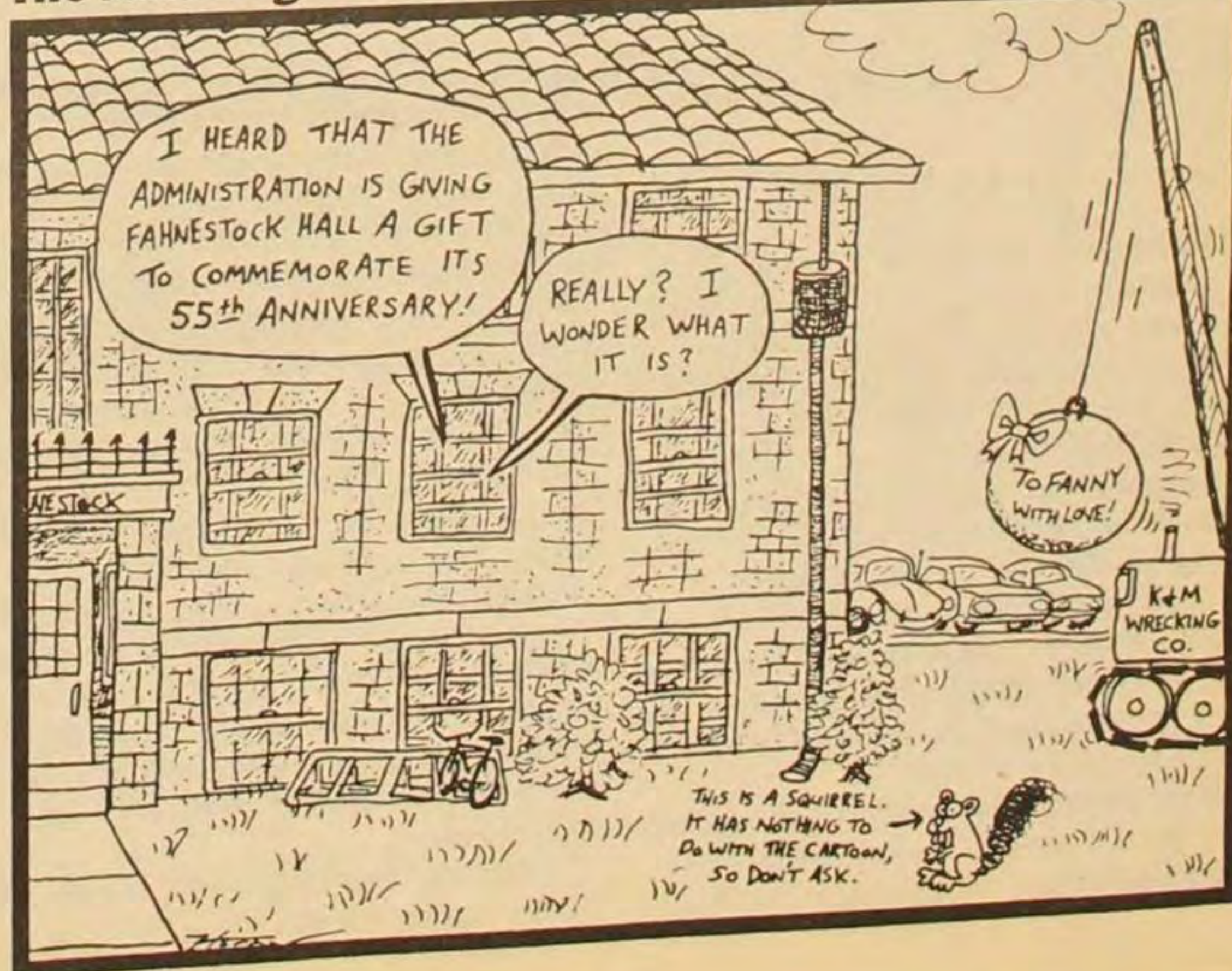
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The Amazing Colossal Comic Strip

by Mike Horner



INTERTERM ON THE ROAD

by Sarah Wagoner
Features Editor

Interterm '97 at McPherson College proved to be filled with adventure and knowledge for students who chose to participate. From a stroll down Broadway in New York City to an afternoon at the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, students in many areas of study spent their interterm in new and exciting ways.



Shelly Hendrick's pulled seven teeth out of one Mulukuku villager while on a medical practicum in Nicaragua.

NEW YORK

Amidst the hustle and bustle of New York City, McPherson College students roamed the streets, shops and theaters. Seventeen students and three sponsors traveled to New York as part of the Introduction to Fine Arts class taught by Dr. Rick Tyler, chair of the theatre department, Dr. Steve Gustafson, vice president for academic services, and Kristin Caskey, assistant professor of art.

Together, the group saw over 14 shows including "Sunset Boulevard," "Stomp," "Forbidden Broadway," "Rent," "Grease," and the New York City Ballet. The group also toured over seven museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Tyler, felt the students were very responsible and willing to attend shows and visit local sites independently.

"Part of the student's independence was due to having a student [Heather Healy, sr.] who had been there before. She took a lot of responsibility off of the adult sponsors," Tyler said.

Sarah Hendricks, fr., enjoyed the various shops surrounding the group's hotel.

"I loved having a Starbucks coffee shop right across from our hotel. I went through withdrawal if I didn't get to enjoy a hot chocolate in the mornings and after the shows in the evening," Hendricks said.

TURKEY

Thousands of miles away from McPherson's quiet campus, Drs. Herb and Jeanne Smith took a group of alumni, staff and community people to the unfamiliar country of Turkey. No students traveled with the group this year. They traveled to locations such as Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Istanbul and Ephesus as well as a half-day stop in Rome, Italy.

The theme of the trip centered around Greco-Roman religions and Christianity; therefore, many of the locations the group visited were religiously sacred or of historical importance.

One memorable event for the group occurred in central Turkey, seven stories underground. Caves were built in many

places underground and connected to cities above ground. As the guide led the group through the dense tunnels, all of the lights extinguished, leaving the group in darkness.

"We thought [the guides] were joking at first, but the lights came on shortly. We couldn't have gotten out of the caves without light," Herb Smith said.

The Turkey travelers also visited the Temple of Artemis, one of the seven

be a physician and care for your patient at all hours of the night. It also gave me a glimpse of parenthood," Hendricks said.

Although the group was hopeful of the baby's survival, it passed away two days later.

Mulukuku, the village where the group set up their clinic, is extremely impoverished. Many of the villagers live in small huts, suffer from malnutrition and have very little proper clothing.

"The children often had parasites because of contamination. Probably 85% of the children we saw had bloated stomachs, a common indicator of worms," Hendricks said.

The group lived in very primitive conditions compared to American lifestyle. They used latrines and took showers outside in handmade showers.

"Water is scarce in Mulukuku, so when showering we poured water over our heads with a bowl. A barrel held the water for us. And that was a luxury compared to the villagers lifestyle," said Hendricks.

Local women cooked rice, beans and tortillas for each of their meals. Sometimes, when the resources were available, they baked pancakes or bread. The group could not eat any dairy products because of possible contamination.

"This trip is indescribable. I felt emotions and saw marvelous things that I will always remember but can't explain to other people. Nicaragua is one of the most beautiful countries I've ever traveled. I appreciate many aspects of life now that I know I used to take for granted, but I also miss Mulukuku greatly, because it offered things that my life here cannot," Hendricks said.

INDIVIDUAL STUDY

Kendra Flory, fr., spent two weeks at Bethany Seminary, the theological graduate school of the Church of the Brethren, in Rich-

mond, Ind. Flory said.

Elvira Stehling, and JD. Bowman, sr., and Dorothea Langer, fr., spent a month at the University of LaVerne, a Brethren college in sunny LaVerne, Calif.

Bowman took a folk, square and social dancing class from 4-6 p. m. and a performance interterm class from 6-10 p. m. At the end of the month, Bowman performed a five minute original performance as the final exam for his performance class.

"It was a very good experience for me, and I would definitely do it again," Bowman said.

An eastern religions course kept Langer busy during her interterm stay at LaVerne. She attended class from 8-11:20 a. m. on Mon., Tues. and Thurs., having Wed. and Fri. off to enjoy the sights of Hollywood and downtown Los Angeles.

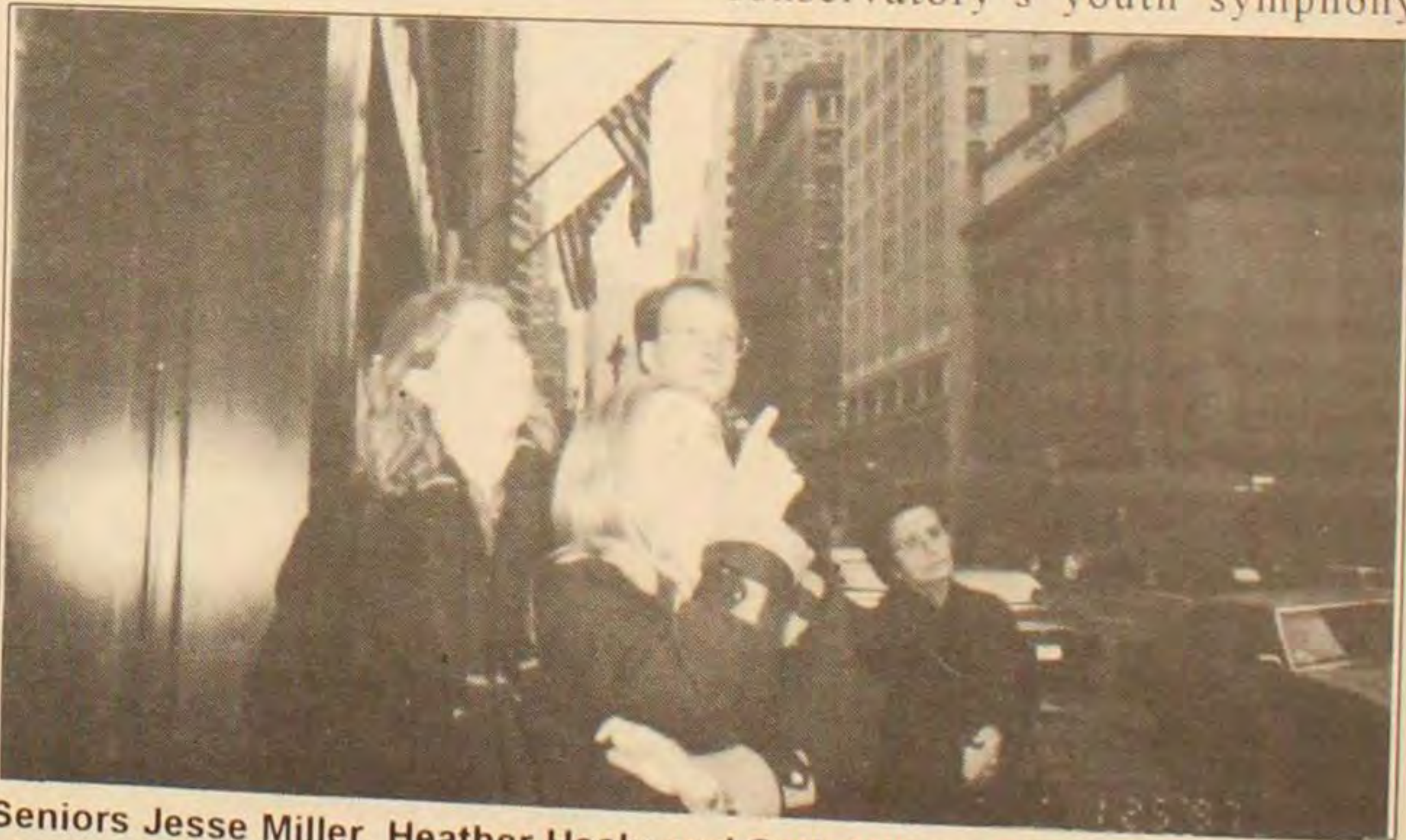
"It was cool for me to experience the people and sights of California. It was good for me to see what things are the same [between McPherson and LaVerne] and what are different," Langer said.

Stehling pursued her interest in the field of psychology in an introduction to psychology class from 8:30-11:30 a. m. Mon.-Fri. She noticed many differences, just as Langer, between the west coast and McPherson, Kan.

"I think people should really take the opportunity to travel to another campus. I never knew there were so many ethnic groups around Los Angeles. It seems people there still have a black-white problem," Stehling said.

Erin Flory, fr., spent four weeks at the edge of the south side of Chicago, Ill., in Hyde Park. Flory's trip was coordinated by and in correlation with the Chicago Urban Life Center. She shared an apartment with two other people, cooked her own meals, and received a budget for her expenses.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and afternoons Flory spent time working at the Sherwood Conservatory of Music. She helped with the conservatory's youth symphony



Seniors Jesse Miller, Heather Healy and Seth Miller look a little lost in the streets of New York City.

mond, Ind. Flory spent mornings attending a Brethren Beliefs class led by Professor Jeffrey A. Bach, (a speaker at the Mar. 6 and 7 Faith and Heritage conference).

"What really stuck out in my mind most about the Church of the Brethren from all our discussion is how diverse we are within the denomination," Flory said.

Flory also spend part of interterm with several pastors in the Richmond area.

"This field exploration didn't answer all my questions about whether or not

and worked in the various offices.

"I saw a lot of how music business is run, but it wasn't the field I would have chosen if given the choice," Flory said.

Not all of Flory's time was spent at the conservatory. She had the opportunity to attend the Chicago Symphonietta concert.

"Everything was really compacted together during my stay in Chicago. We didn't have a lot of time to absorb things because we were always on the go. I gained more independence and sense of self," Flory said.

The once-in-a-lifetime trip offered students interested in medicine, social work and Spanish the opportunity to experience the tasks performed by medical professionals. The group provided medical attention to approximately 1,500 people during its stay in Nicaragua.

Hendricks participated in many medical procedures. She pulled 12 teeth, administered injections and performed many pap smears. Eight students, including Hendricks, also took two-hour shifts and cared for a severely dehydrated baby.

"I had the 4-6 a. m. shift. Now I can better comprehend what it's like to

wonders of the world, and experienced the Turkish holiday called Ramadan. For an entire month people do not eat or drink from sun-up to sun-down. Cannons serve as a 5 a. m. alarm summoning everyone to breakfast and prayer before the sunrise.

"It's easy to pick out one or two memorable things we saw. Like the incredibly preserved Roman City of Ephesus or the priceless gems in the Sultan's palace treasury. But it was all the elements of the trip combined that were the most meaningful like being with a great group of travelers who enjoyed sampling the food, meeting the friendly Turkish people and experiencing the history of civilizations almost too long ago to comprehend," said Jenny Williams, coordinator of campaigns and special projects and a 1988 alumni of McPherson College.

"I probably learned more history on this trip than any other. I'm still high with energy psychologically and physically," H. Smith said.

Next interterm Smith will take ambitious and curious travelers to Israel and Jordan.

NICARAGUA

In the small village of Mulukuku, Nicaragua, Shelly Hendricks, soph., experienced an interterm like no other before. Hendricks traveled with a group of 30, comprised of students, doctors, dentists, nurses and a pharmacist as part of a medical practicum offered by Manchester College in North Manchester, Ind.

Fahnestock Hall celebrates 55 year legacy

by Mike Horner
Layout Editor



Fahnestock Hall has been part of the McPherson landscape for 55 years.

One of McPherson College's most prominent residents marked its 55th birthday yesterday. There wasn't any party, though, and gifts weren't exchanged. Singing "Happy Birthday" would have seemed rather silly. So, as in past years, Fahnestock Hall quietly celebrated another year of being part of the college's historical landscape.

With the exception of a brief period in the early 90s when the dorm was coed, Fahnestock Hall housed the men of McPherson College since its dedication on Feb. 20, 1942. Throughout the years, the dorm's role on campus has changed from being the primary men's residence to a place for housing the students who couldn't fit in the other dorms. Although the closing of Fahnestock Hall has been discussed at recent Campus Life Board meetings, the legend and of Fanny, as the dorm is affectionately known, will no doubt live on. The history of its beginnings created that legend.

Born on April 1, 1854, Samuel Bigler Fahnestock came to McPherson College around 1896. At McPherson, Fahnestock headed the college's commercial department, was the business manager and served on the Board of Trustees. He is also credited for securing the funds for the Carnegie Library, built in 1906. McPherson regarded Fahnestock as one of its leading citizens, and he served the college and the community well until his retirement in 1911. Heart failure claimed Fahnestock's life on Jan. 9, 1912, while he was swimming at Long Beach, Calif., his residence upon his retirement.

When S.B. Fahnestock taught at McPherson, the college had only one dorm which was simply called "The Dormitory." The Dormitory was built in 1888, becoming the first building on the McPherson College campus. It originally contained the college's living quarters, chapel and classrooms.

After Fahnestock's death, The Dormitory was renamed "Fahnestock Hall" to honor Fahnestock's dedication to the college. Old Fahnestock Hall housed students until the 1940's when the college raised funds for a more modern dormitory. It built the new dormitory for the price of \$50,000 and dedicated it as "New Fahnestock Hall" in 1942. Materials from the old Fahnestock Hall were salvaged and used in the construction of Frantz Hall that same year.

New Fahnestock Hall was unique since students who would eventually live in it helped with its construction. Among those student construction workers was Dayton Rothrock, a 1947 McPherson College graduate. Rothrock and the other students thought the new dorm was "pretty nice...better than what [they] had before."

"We did have a good time in there," said Rothrock, "no doubt about it!" As larger dorms were built on the McPherson College campus, Fahnestock Hall remained open and served as an option to those students who preferred a more close-knit atmosphere in their dorm life.

"[Fahnestock Hall] was, for me, the thing that made McPherson College feel

more like family, because we all hung together and did weird pranks," said Dr. Alan Gumm, professor of vocal music.

Gumm, a 1983 McPherson College graduate, lived in Fahnestock Hall and also served as a resident assistant. He recalled stories of costumed convo processions, flying furniture, Frisbee games and water slides on first floor's tile hallway. Among Gumm's memories was a story about a student who had a unique way of making the dorm feel like home.

"[This student] painted murals on his room...his whole life was depicted...and he had the people he knew, full sized, right there on his dorm wall," Gumm said.

According to Gumm, this student had painted the murals without permission, but "everybody loved the murals," and the dorm sanctioned the murals on the condition that he would live in the same room every year.

"When he graduated, there was a big battle to keep the murals there, and maintenance, of course, came in and white washed the whole place. That was how Fanny kind of lived for him...he brought

his home here," Gumm said. Adam Smith, assistant professor of Biology and a 1994 McPherson College graduate, also had an unusual way of decorating his room while he lived in Fahnestock Hall.

"One night [my roommate] had this God-awful couch in the dorm room," Smith said "It didn't even fit, so what we ended up doing was putting it on stilts. To get up on the couch you had to get on a ladder...it was a massive structure. It was pretty neat, and we even caged in the bottom so we could get a goat for a pet...but that never worked out!"

Disposing of the high-rise davenport was another adventure in itself.

"At the end of the year, we had to take [the couch] down. We put it on the hood of [my roommate's] car, and he was driving around. Of course, he couldn't see...so I sat up on the couch and told him, 'Okay, three feet over! Three feet over!' We would drive around saying, 'Excuse us, have you seen a parade?'"

Stunts like Smith's couch hood ornament are common-place on most college campuses. At McPherson College, however, many of the stunts and pranks that have occurred over the years have been the work of Fahnestock Hall residents. Students living above the entrance of Old Fahnestock Hall, for example, often greeted visitors with a bucket of water. More recently, a group of Fanny streakers passed by the Student Union windows in 1980-where then Governor John Carlin was speaking in the cafeteria.

Today, Fahnestock Hall carries on many of the traditions started long ago, like the convo procession, Ultimate Frisbee, the Fanny Run and the occasional prank, as well as newer traditions like the annual Haunted House. While the building known as Fanny may be closed in the near future, the spirit of those who lived between its four walls will no doubt live on.

Land mines-a reminder of war, strife and suffering

by Erin Flory
Spectator Staff

Mines are the greatest violators of international humanitarian law. They practice blind terrorism. — International Committee of the Red Cross.

Remember the carefree nights you spent as a child without homework or stress, running around, getting dirty and thinking up crazy games? Shouldn't all children have a childhood where they can run, explore, and enjoy just being a kid?

Children in war torn areas all over the world are denied the opportunity to experience childhood because of the threat of landmines. Even though enemy countries may have established peace between one another, the terror of war still exists. Landmines have the potential of remaining active and deadly for years after being planted. They maim or kill an estimated 700 people per week worldwide, many of whom are children, according to "Save the Children," an organization in the United Kingdom working toward the ban of landmines.

There are two kinds of landmines: anti-personnel mines (APMs) and anti-tank

mines (ATMs). APMs are cheap, light and safe to carry. They cost as little as \$3 each, according to The International Campaign to Ban Landmines, ICBL; to remove one mine, however, it costs \$300 to \$1000, says the UN Secretary General.

Landmines are indiscriminate; they know no race, gender, religion, or age. Children are naturally curious and inquisitive. They love to run around and play and often, without knowledge of them, play in fields, forests and grasses where mines are located. Their bodies are small, which means they are nearer the center of any blast. Mines are laid in villages, fields, mountains, riverbanks, pathways, roads, bridges and even inside houses. Despite their location, the intention of landmines remains the same; to intimidate civilians, to deny them the chance to plant, to travel, to lead their ordinary everyday life, according to UNICEF.

Cambodia has more mines than children—two for every child. According to ICBL, an estimated 10 to 20 million landmines are being produced per year. With such an abundance of these weap-

ons continuously being produced and planted, there seems to be no escape from them. Civilians looking to recover and move on from the horrors of war, find themselves being reminded of the war "an arm and a leg at a time."

You do not have to be a pacifist to support the ban of landmines. Out of one's Christian compassion, or even out of a person's basic human compassion, for our brothers and sisters around the world, we need a call for justice and peace in these war-torn areas.

Children need a chance to have a childhood. With their homes and villages filled with landmines, there is often not much hope for a brighter future. But

even by being aware of the problem of landmines, you can take steps to improve the lives of these people—and children.

Suggestions and concerns can be sent to a senator or representative, urging them to support the growing international movement for a ban on the production, export, stockpiling and use of landmines. For more information about landmines, contact U.S. campaign to Ban Landmines, c/o Vietnam Veteran of America Foundation, 2001 S. Street, NW, Suite 740, Washington DC, 20009. E-mail: mary@vi.org or contact the Menonite Central Committee, P. O. Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

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Dogs enter playoffs



by Cherice Marsalis
Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs gained another victory over Southwestern College Wednesday, Feb. 19, 80-71. The Bulldogs are sixth in the conference. This win took the team's record to 10-14 overall, and 5-9 in the KCAC, which is its best in four years.

Leading scorer for the Bulldogs was Hillary Schubert, fr., with 26 points. Amy Ross, jr., had 17 and Katy Neusch, fr., added 13.

The Bulldogs were up at the half by 15 points, 39-24. Then, the Moundbuilders came back within three points during the second half. However, McPherson took it out from there for the win.

For the first time in three years, the women's basketball team will be in the conference playoffs.

The Bulldogs challenged the Tabor Bluejays on Feb. 15. The home court advantage was a plus for the ladies. Schubert was the leading scorer with 16 points. Staci Shoemaker, sr., had nine

while Ross, and Amber Spillum, jr., added seven points each.

Schubert made a 15-foot shot with only six seconds on the clock, giving the Bulldogs the 47-46 win.

The Bethel College Thrashers challenged the Bulldogs at Newton on Feb. 13. The Bulldogs were not victorious in this game, losing 66-84.

Schubert led scoring with 19 points and Neusch followed with 14 points. Ross was the leading rebounder with 10 boards.

"Amy played a good game defensively," said head coach Mel Wright.

The women traveled to Kansas Wesleyan on Feb. 10 to try for another win. However, the women's efforts were not successful. Kansas Wesleyan took the game 71-59.

Schubert once again was a tremendous asset to the Bulldogs. She swooshed in 14 points for the Bulldogs. Ross and Shoemaker were close behind with 12 points. Neusch led rebounds pulling down seven.

"Staci did a really good job playing the floor and defensively too," Wright said.

The Bulldogs conquered the Ottawa Braves, 82-70, on Feb. 8. The Bulldogs had four players in double figures; Neusch with 15 points, Schubert and Ross with 16, and Spillum, lead scorer with 17 points.

"This was our highest production of the year and the highlight of the season," said Wright. "The ladies played really good with strong team effort."

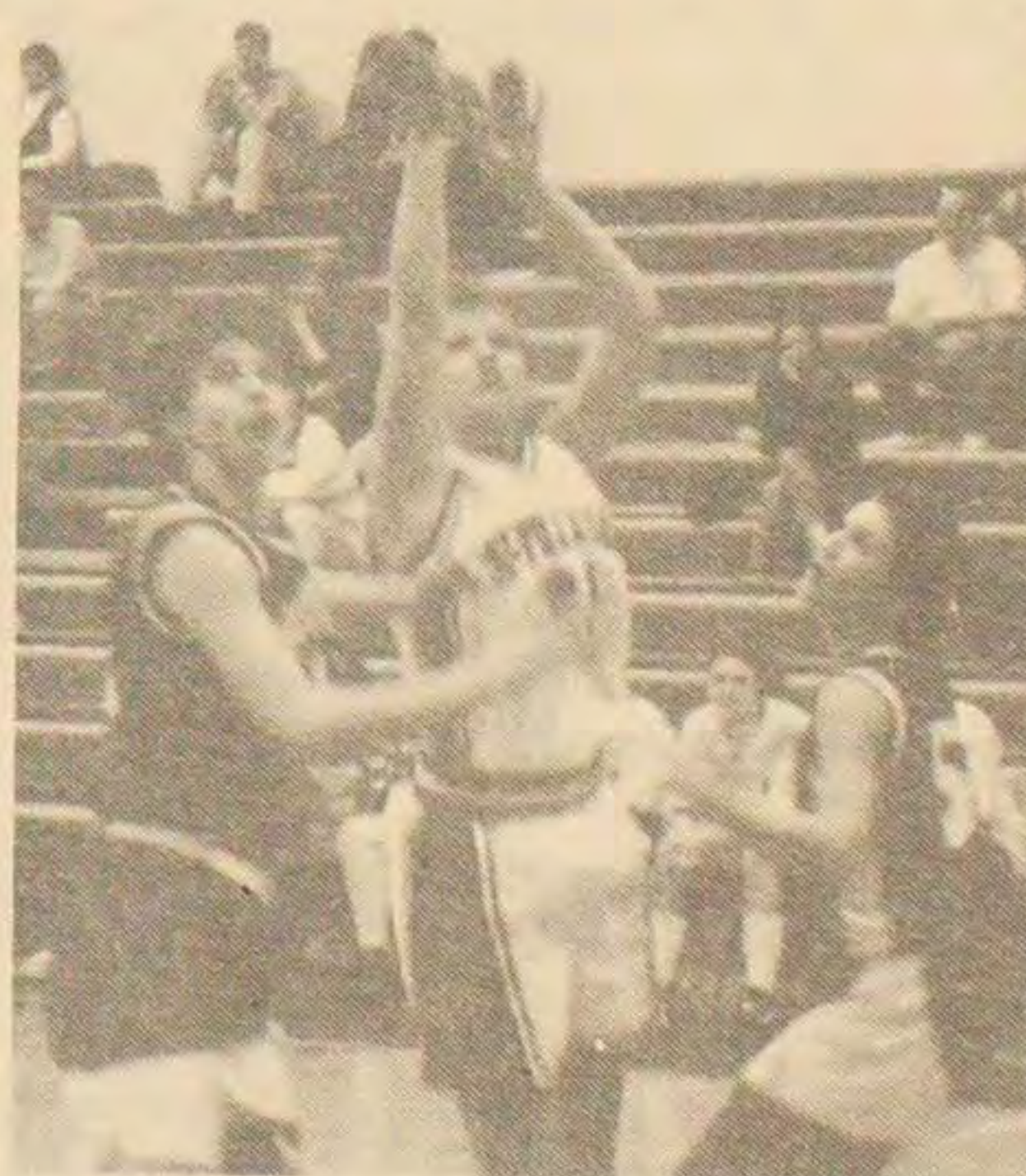
The final conference game of the year will be at Wichita against the Friends Falcons on Feb. 25.

"Friends is tough, but if we play them like we played against Southwestern we'll be all right," said Kerri Kobbeman, sr.

Feb. 28, the Bulldogs will be playing in conference tournament to determine who will be successful enough to continue to nationals.

"If we play well against Friends we can pull another win off," Wright said.

At left, Amber Spillum, jr., goes up aggressively for a shot against Ottawa Braves. Below, Hillary Schubert, fr., shoots over Southwestern's defense.



Pride does strange things to athletes

Pride. The word finds its way into almost every generically prepared statement given by an athlete after he has dotted the "i's" and crossed the "t's" of a freshly delivered multi-million dollar package.

That is because today, pride is worth a lot of dough on the free agency roulette wheel where winning, comradeship, unity and loyalty cannot compete with the powerful "P" word. Pride can make a player overreact, become irrational or sometimes absolutely ignorant in contract negotiations.

If you looked for this word in the Free Agent's Dictionary of Commonly Used Terminology, its definition would contradict what one finds in Webster's.

It seems as though pro athletes are constantly insulted by ultimately ludicrous requests from management, like being offered \$15 million for only five seasons or being asked to have \$2 million shaved off

Back En Vogue
by Erik Vogel

the last two years of an eight-year contract in order to help the team win now.

Pride will do strange things to a ball player's thought process.

Take quarterback Neil O'Donnell, for example. Pride (not money) beckoned him to pro football's graveyard—the New York Jets. Pittsburgh couldn't satisfy his pride requests, so he went where he could be happy. An embarrassing, injury-plagued season later, after the Jets won just one game, QB Neil must be searching through

his Free Agent's handbook for an alternative definition of happy.

Maybe I am the one who is not understanding some critical psychological element that contributes to the new-age athlete's idea of team sports. It must be a taboo for the profession's top performers to accept a contract with less than six zeros in the financials.

Of course, I realize athletes deserve their proper shovel-full of the money pile. And if one broke down the supply-demand aspects of this market, I would probably be wrong in my bitterness.

But wouldn't it have been refreshing to have seen someone like Michael Jordan—undoubtedly today's most prominent athlete—leave some water in the bottom of the well instead of draining it? Did \$28 million for one year prove he's the greatest or the greediest?


The system of free agency presents many

rewards as well as drawbacks. But the negative aspects of the process are becoming more visible and more destructive to the concept once known as team sports.

If you travel to Florida or Arizona in the next few weeks when all invites report to Major League Baseball's training camps, you will probably notice a stocky little second baseman, chewing a pack of strawberry Big League Chew and wearing some offensive lineman's number, such as 68. The numeral may be sticking to the back of his jersey, compliments of athletic tape. Nonetheless, he will be overflowing with pride because he's wearing a MAJOR LEAGUE UNIFORM.

And in a week or two he will likely be cut from the roster, because pride has taken on another meaning in sports today—it has joined money as the root of all evil in the games we still love to see played.

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Bulldogs to play final KCAC game

The Bulldogs' last game of the season may determine whether the men will compete in the post-season tournament.

by Jenni Richardson

Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs will face Friends on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Wichita in their final 1996-1997 season game. The contest will start at 8 p.m.

Only the top eight teams in the conference get tournament bids. Currently, the Bulldogs are tied with Ottawa for seventh place, but playoff is far from assured. Kansas Wesleyan is currently in last place but, with one more win, could move into a three-way tie for seventh.

In recent action the Bulldogs hosted the York College Panthers on Monday, and came away with a decisive victory 82-53. Coach Trimmell was pleased with the win and hopes that it will give the team some momentum for the end of the season.

"We have had so many close contests this year. The games that we're losing are not by large margins. It's only been by five points or less. Hopefully this win will give our guys some confidence for the end of the season," Trimmell said.

Brandon Rice, sr., and Shane Sundahl, jr., each turned in 15-point performances in the York College game, with Kelly Hoover, soph., pulling down four rebounds.

The Bulldogs had a full schedule last week with games Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Hosting Tabor on Saturday, the Bulldogs dropped the contest to the

Bluejays 63-70. Rick Coleman, jr., led scoring and rebounding with 15 points and eight rebounds, and Andres Ruiz, soph., added 12 points.

Traveling on Thursday to Newton, the men again gave excellent effort but came up short, losing to Bethel, 59-69. Tim Herrs, jr., turned in a good offensive game for the Bulldogs with 13 points, followed closely by Hoover with 12 and Jason Dingman, sr., with 11.

The Bulldogs were also away on Monday at Kansas Wesleyan, and again came up short, 51-56. Herrs led the scoring attack with 17 and also had six rebounds. Rice added 12 points.

Although the Bulldogs have not posted as many wins as Trimmell might like, he doesn't feel that the men have given up.

"They are playing hard. We might have lost some of the spark we had at the beginning of the season, but the team hasn't given up and they still want to win. Once playoff time comes, anything can happen."

The KCAC Tournament will be Feb. 27-March 4. Locations and times will be announced when tournament seeds are decided.

Kelly Hoover, soph., shoots over the head of his Tabor opponent. The Bulldogs hosted Tabor on Saturday, Feb. 15. They lost to the Bluejays 63-70.



Is there gender equality on campus?

by Cherice Marsalis

Spectator Staff

Are men's and women's athletics treated equally on campus? Various college officials agreed that McPherson College tries to follow through with equity involving sports, but some students think otherwise.

Referring to community attendance at games, Dan Hoffman, associate professor of physical education and head women's volleyball coach said, "Yes, I believe that men's and women's athletics are treated differently by non-college personnel."

Although Hoffman feels there is pleased overall with the personal support he has received from the college as a women's coach.

According to Title IX of the Education Act of 1972, schools that receive federal aid may not discriminate on the basis of gender. This means McPherson College must treat men's and women's athletic programs equally.

Three tests have been developed to enforce Title IX: 1) the number of female athletes compared with the money spent on student enrollment should be equal; 2) institutions must show a history of continuing progress in developing women's programs;

and 3) the athletic program must meet the interests of the student body.

"After Title IX came into effect, women coaches were hard to find because men then wanted to coach women," Hoffman said.

Sharon Knechel, vice president of student services, believes the college can improve on the equality between men's and women's athletics.

"I believe our campus has not yet arrived at gender equity, but there is a commitment to do better," Knechel said.

One area where Knechel feels gender equity hasn't been achieved is game times. For example, men's and women's basketball or soccer teams share the same date and venue, the men always play in the prime-time slot. Knechel thinks that rotating the time slot is one way to enhance gender equality on campus.

The 1996-97 year is the first year Knechel has directly worked with the athletic department because she is responsible for both student services and athletics. Some issues include equitable funding, the timing of games and assuring qualifications for all programs and coaches.

"Athletics are not equal among the sexes. Compare the number of fans at the guys' and girls' games and that's

how much more publicity is done for the men than the women," said non-athlete Mariah Draper, fr.

Hoffman wants coaches to be well qualified for their sport, but he also believes coaches should be full-time employees on campus. Students then have easier access to their coach.

"I think our administration works really very hard for gender equity," said Roger Trimmell, associate professor of physical education and athletic director.

Before Trimmell became the athletic director, the number of sports students could participate in was already set at McPherson College.

There are several opinions on how gender equality is viewed at McPherson College.

"There's not much difference between men's and women's athletics except that the men seem to attract more of an audience. Women are getting their chances more now than they have in the past," Champ Yi, fr., said.

"I feel that no one takes women's athletics seriously. The administration should be made aware of the problems involved in this issue and help them to see various students' views and to make the sports more equal in everyone's eyes," said Melanie Messick, soph., and a soccer athlete.

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Financial aid at McPherson College

Under the revised financial aid program, McPherson College changed the distribution of aid on campus. Several programs, such as Brethren Colleges Abroad and work study, face new financial challenges.

Students express concerns about work study

by Michael Baker
Spectator Staff

Work study policy may undergo change next year due to the college's financial reconstruction.

Currently, work study aids students who have demonstrated financial need and meet eligibility requirements. However, it does not guarantee students a job. The responsibility of finding a job lies with the student.

According to Fred Schmidt, director of admissions and financial aid, the policy regarding work study requires campus employers to first hire students with work study.

If no work study students apply for the job, then the employer may hire someone not in the work study program. This may change in the future.

"We will review the policy on work study for next year just like we do any other policy," Schmidt said.

According to Schmidt, the estimated cost of attendance (COA) at MAC is \$17,900 per year. This includes food, books, hous-

ing, fees, tuition, and general living expenses.

The direct cost of attendance at MAC is \$13,900. This is the amount of money required to attend MAC, not including other miscellaneous expenses.

After the expected family contribution (EFC) is applied, the financial aid office subtracts that amount from the estimated

"I think that work study works well for those who need it, but it does not provide many opportunities for those who don't qualify."

-Mike Bascom, fr.

cost of attendance, and from the direct cost of attendance.

The financial aid office tries to award the student the amount of whatever figure is less. This figure is the student's need.

The amount of one's EFC is determined from the responses given on the yearly Federal Application. Most student's EFC is calculated by the amount of money that student's parents make. The EFC figure is set and cannot be adjusted unless the income of the family changes.

A financial aid package is created for every student who applies for financial aid. However, the financial capabilities of students vary. Each student is awarded financial aid resources in the same order. However, work study awards are one of the last to be made.

According to Schmidt, financial aid awards are presented as follows: Federal and state grants, a McPherson College award, local scholarships, stafford loans, campus based awards such as college work study, SEOG grants, and Perkins loans, and McPherson College Supplemental Grants.

If grants, outside aid, and loans meet a student's need, the work study award is denied.

If a student has been awarded all federal

and state grants, McPherson College grants, outside aid, and stafford loans, and is still unable to meet the cost of attendance or at least the direct cost of education, then work study is awarded.

"Work study benefits students because the money they make with work study does not have to be reported on the federal application for financial aid next year," Schmidt said.

The college receives \$65,000 from the Federal Government to use as work study funds, but the college awards about \$250,000 each year.

"The difference [in work study funding] is made up by the college," Schmidt said.

Despite the policy, some students are working on campus without having work study. This is because the students already had jobs secured before the policy went into effect. Also, according to an unnamed source, an employer can appeal to hire a student without work study if the employer feels the student is very well qualified.

Currently 164 students meet work study's eligibility requirements. 83 of these students have worked this year. 81 students, not in the work study program, hold down jobs on campus.

Potential BCA students concerned about financial aid

by Becky Ullom
Spectator Staff

Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA) is unable to give any aid to students traveling abroad due to financial changes.

Previously, students received no financial aid during their year abroad. However, the next year, they received double the amount of aid, or the equivalent of two scholarships in one year. The college adhered to this policy unless the doubled amount exceeded the student's financial need for that particular year.

Last year, the financial aid program overhaul changed this policy.

The new/current policy states that students studying abroad will not receive a doubled scholarship upon their return to campus. Essentially, these students lose a semester or year's scholarship money.

When the administration makes policy changes, they exercise special caution to ensure that the college's emphasis on inter-cultural education continues. However, many students feel concern about this policy change.

Fred Schmidt, director of admissions/

financial aid, explained that the financial aid office made changes in the program to meet the needs of more students. Under the new program, more money is accessible to a greater number of students. After the financial aid revisions, various specialized programs experienced declines in funds to increase the amount of money available for general aid. As a result, less aid is offered to returning BCA students.

"This change only affects two or three people per year. The change will make a big difference to a select group of individuals. However, it will not affect the majority of campus, and therefore is not a drastic change," Schmidt said.

The new scholarship program provides a greater availability of money to a larger percentage of the student body. Financial aid is now available for 10 semesters, compared to the previous 8 semesters. Increased scholarship money provides a wider range of opportunities for the campus.

Schmidt explained other ways to help fund a BCA experience. McPherson College offers a scholarship for studying abroad through its Modern Languages Association. Loans provide another option to meet the costs of BCA.

Schmidt related that the decrease in direct funding might limit a few students from pursuing a year abroad. However, he explained that most students who want to travel abroad will, even if the college offers no aid. In addition, the policy is reviewed annually to evaluate its impact on the student population.

"I think that BCA is something that the college should really encourage students to take part in. With the current policy, there is no incentive to go abroad," said Mike Horner, soph. "Even though there has been a major change in policy, I still plan to go to Germany. There would probably be more students interested in BCA if the college had a little more to offer in terms of financial aid for those students."

Individuals receive need-based financial awards

Review two examples of how McPherson College awards financial aid.

MEET JOHN

John Doe's cost of attendance is \$17,900. But John has an expected family contribution (EFC) of \$7,900. That means John's need is \$10,000. John's EFC is high and if his parents can provide that money for education, he will not receive a pell grant.

State grants are the next awards given. John receives a Kansas Tuition Grant of \$2,000. John has \$8,000 left to pay. The following awards are McPherson College grants.

John is a good student and receives a Mac grant of \$4,000. Now, John needs \$4,000. Next, the financial aid office awards John a Stafford loan. Loan amounts differ depending on one's total credit hours.

John is a sophomore. Therefore, John's Stafford loan is \$3,500. This brings John's total award to \$9,500. This award is close to John's need, so the college stops the award process. John does not need work study.

MEET JANE

Jane Doe must also pay \$17,900. Her EFC is \$1,000. That means her need is \$16,900. However, direct cost is \$13,900. The financial aid office awards up to the lesser amount.

The office awarded John differently because after his EFC was subtracted, his cost of attendance was less than the direct cost.

In Jane's case, the financial aid office will meet her direct cost. First, Jane receives a pell grant of \$1,500, a Kansas Tuition Grant of \$2,000, a McPherson College Grant of \$4,000 and a Stafford loan of \$3,500. This totals \$11,000.

Since the direct cost is \$13,900, the financial aid office will continue to meet Jane's needs. Jane is awarded work study for \$1,500, SEOG grant for \$500 and a Perkins loan of \$500. Jane now has \$13,500 in aid.

What they say about BCA

"The change upsets me, because it feels like the college is taking money from me that has been promised to me," said Drew Hutchison, a sophomore planning to study in China during the fall of 97. "The change was made because of a suggestion made by the consultants hired to increase enrollment. I feel like the college does everything the consultants say without even considering alternatives."

"I've honestly looked into the issue, and I still can't understand why the college would make it a monetary dis-incentive to study abroad when the college claims to promote the inter-cultural experience," said Cyndi Jones, a senior who spent the 94/95 school year in Spain.