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Education majors stunned by student shootings

McPherson College education majors voice their fears and question the role of teachers after the Jonesboro ambush.

College searches to find favorable faculty

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Watches, warnings, sirens and shelters spell tornado

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Golf, tennis and track team members train hard despite the rainy, windy weather.

Soccer team takes second

Men's soccer performs well in a seven-on-seven tournament in Oklahoma.

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Photo by Cheri Norworthy

The executive council for the 1998-99 academic year consists of, left to right, Rachel Gross, soph., Jen Taylor, soph., LeAnn Wine, fr. and Shay Maclin, soph.

Maclin re-elected to second term; to lead all-female executive council

Council to "wet feet" with concerns and communication

by Sarah W. Hendricks

Editorial Editor

The 1998-99 Student Government Association plans to continue working on the residential visitation hour policy and increase student involvement on campus.

Shay Maclin, soph., was re-elected to serve as president for the student body. The rest of the executive officers are new to SGA. Jen Taylor, soph., will serve as vice-president, Rachel Gross, soph., as SGA secretary and LeAnn Wine, soph., as treasurer.

"I would like the association to work for the betterment of the students, not the personal agendas some bring with them," Maclin said.

Maclin hopes to improve on the 1997-98 school year by finding alternative ways to reach a greater number of students. She also hopes to increase and improve communication within SGA.

Maclin believes SGA exists so students

have a place to gain assistance and bring their concerns.

"Most of the time a good student government knows how to get things done and do it in a proper way. This is why [McPherson College students] need a student govern-

ment," Maclin said.

"Being president of SGA has given me the opportunity to work with the best people and attend a zillion events, but most importantly, the students. That is the most important thing," said Maclin. "I hope the student body elected me because they believe in the work I can do."

Taylor recognizes the need for involvement during Homecoming activities.

"I'd like to try to make Homecoming really interesting and exciting. It seems like the events are fun for some people, but not for others," Taylor said.

Taylor sees herself as a support system for Maclin and plans to aid the president-elect in responsibilities and decision making.

"I wanted to get involved and [SGA elections] were my perfect chance," Taylor said.

Freshman accounting major, Wine, thinks her upcoming term as treasurer will be a learning and worthwhile experience.

"I think I can bring fresh ideas as a new member of the association. I'm planning on really getting my feet wet," Wine said.

Wine hopes to maintain a balanced bud-

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General Assembly Representatives at large

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Students to experience life in pods

by Becky Ullom

Features Editor

Major changes in residential living arrangements for the 1998-99 academic year, including the use of the two halls currently under construction, have been announced by college administrators.

The two new halls will be co-educational, and each hall will house forty to forty-eight residents, according to Kathryn Whitacre, associate dean for campus life. These residents will live in pods. A pod is comprised of five or six rooms, and ten or twelve same

sexed individuals will live in each pod.

There will be four pods in each of the new halls: two pods for men and two pods for women. A central lobby will separate the pods. No single occupancy (except staff and handicapped rooms) will be allowed in the new halls in order to maximize space.

Next year's sophomores, juniors and seniors wanting to live in the new halls must propose their own pod, consisting of ten or twelve people that want to live near each other. Each pod will apply to live in the new halls. Next year's freshmen will not be eligible to live in the new halls.

Residence Life staff will randomly select eight pods from the applications submitted. They will assign these pods to a location in one of the new halls. Remaining pods may be assigned to single-sex halls with rooms near each other, if possible.

At least one new hall will be ready for occupation at the beginning of the 1998 fall term. If not ready at the beginning of the fall term, a second hall will be ready for occupation soon after school starts.

If the second new hall is not completed by

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Campus Cough

by Tony Waldron

EDITORIAL

Is Student Government entertainment and jokes?

AFTER LISTENING TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES' SPEECHES ON MONDAY, MARCH 30, ONE SHOULD ONLY HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED. Of those speeches, only one candidate clearly stated her intentions for running for office, she included her name, age, experience, and why she was the best qualified. This candidate was not elected. Was it because her speech was straightforward and diplomatic, rather than entertaining?

Before delving into this subject further, it must be recognized that the other candidates were not necessarily in the wrong. Unfortunately, our student body has become one that exhibits the desire to be entertained on all occasions, including convocations. Thus, the candidates felt their only avenue to connect with their peers was to joke around, rather than to explain what contributions they would make to student government.

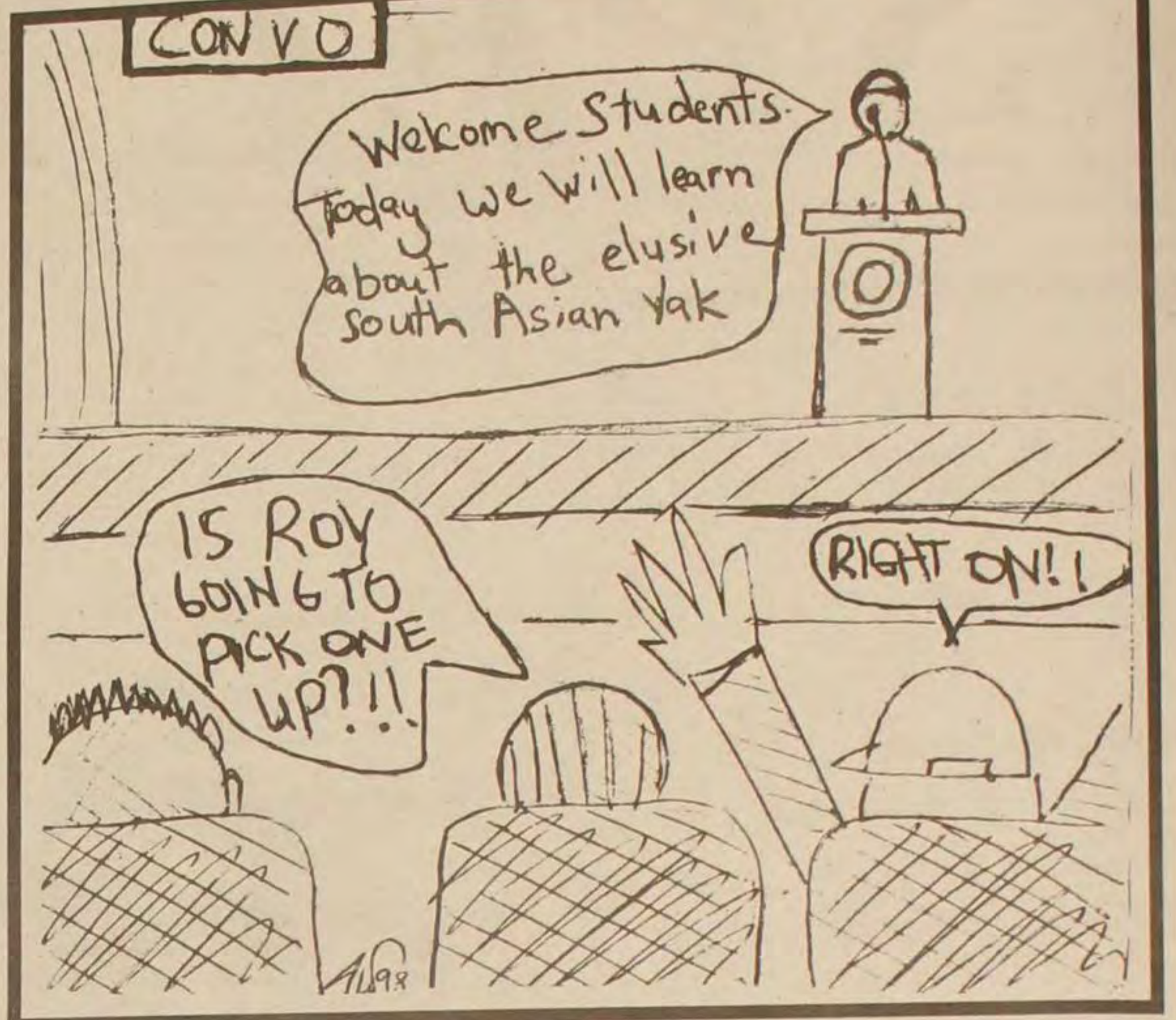
Student government is not entertainment. Rather than feeling the need to amuse their friends during convo, the candidates should have felt at ease outlining their goals to make the 1998-1999 academic year a better one for students. Instead of encouraging students to embrace and present a work ethic that requires commitment, determination and vision, students feel that those attributes lack importance. The candidates recognized that sharing their experience and goals, qualities that affect performance within student government, are not applauded; unfortunately, only song and dance receive approval.

To present a different example, would persons wish for the candidates of the next national presidential election to play music, sing, joke and dance in order to be elected?

Does no one really care about the issues and goals the student leaders of McPherson College envisage? Maybe the Spectator staff is a little confused; it believes that candidates should share their ideas with the student body to allow their peers to make an informed yes/no vote. More importantly, those candidates should have felt encouraged by other students to share their qualifications.

Unfortunately, it appears that student government speeches are just a joke; they're just entertainment.

Shelly Hendricks, Editor-in-Chief for the editorial staff



Candidates left little choice but to pander to audience

Accusations raise questions about women's intent when they try to "look nice"

On Monday, March 30th, 1998, five females stood in front of their campus body and presented speeches on why they should be elected into the executive committee of the Student Government Association.

All five were dressed up and wore make-up. Two danced around, one removed a jacket and let down her hair, one wore a very short skirt and leaned over the podium and one admitted jokingly that she should be voted for because she looked good.

Later various people on campus accused all five of flaunting their sexuality. I happened to be one of those five girls.

The problem is the accusations confused me. I personally didn't think that I used any sort of sexuality in my speech. I just got up there and spoke to people as the choir sang with me. I also didn't think that my fellow officers used it either. We were just entertaining the audience.

If I dress up, do my hair and, heaven forbid, wear bright lipstick, does this mean I'm trying to show off my body? I certainly didn't think so when I planned my outfit for the speech. I was just trying to look nice.

When Rachel, after listing her qualifications, told people to vote for her because she looked good that day, did anybody actually think she wasn't kidding? Yet, if somebody didn't realize that and thinks that she was just throwing herself around, is that her fault?

It's like my theory on the tank top. A friend told me that females shouldn't wear tank tops in public because they showed too much. If I wear a tank top, or short shorts or tight pants, because I'm comfortable in them and I'm not using them to promote my sexuality, then



Flaming Bagels
by Jen Taylor

what is wrong with that? I only get in trouble when somebody else thinks that.

If I risk the possibility of offending somebody with my clothes does that mean that I should never wear the tank top out in public again? I could have just stood up there and said why I was qualified to be your vice president.

Admit it. If I would have done this, the audience would have fallen asleep and would not have cared. It's a nerve-racking experience to get up in front of everyone and speak. Ask any of us. To be bombarded with negativity, especially nasty accusations, after you spent time on anything to present to the campus can almost hurt.

Speaking for the committee, none of us meant to "flaunt our sexuality." If you think we did and if we offended you, we're sorry. We did work to get elected. We are all qualified and I can truly say you've got a fantastic executive board for next year. We're really looking forward to serving the campus community.



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Campus Forum

Student suggests changes in campus phone system

Recently, five vehicles in the parking lot between Fahnestock and Metzler had some of their car windows smashed in.

Whether by natural forces or human forces is still unknown; but that is another story.

During this event, Jenny Richardson, RHA of Fahnestock Hall, tried to call the police to report the occurrence.

First she tried to use the phone in her apartment. Then she tried to use the hall phone, but to no avail—she could not dial out.

Jenny even tried dialing 9-911. She still got a busy signal. The phone system was busy. Jenny was finally able to get through by using the pay phone.

I have noticed how the phone system seems to be busy more often than in the past. The system appears to be busy the most during the early and late evening hours of both weekdays and weekends.

After discussing the issue with other students, I thought that the problem was the phone system on campus. The system is fairly old and needs to be updated.

The Board of Trustees recently voted to update the phone system. The update could improve the server that runs the voicemail system to handle more residents. So that should take care of the problem, right?

I decided to do a little research on the phone system, so I talked to Brad Stucky, who handles most of the problems with the phone system.

Brad told me that all local phone calls and 1-800 phone calls are grouped together on the same bank of only 16 phone lines.

I counted the number of persons listed on the most recent phone list and got 273 students. Therefore, only 5.86 percent of students on-campus have to be on the phone for the rest of us to get a busy signal.

In the past, I believe 16 phone lines were enough because the majority of phone calls were to other people. Most calls did not last long. But this is no longer the case.

Students who want Internet and email in their room purchase the service from a dial-up Internet Service Provider.

I did some checking in Fahnestock Hall, and counted eight residents who have dial-up access. They only account for 2.9 percent of the on-campus population, but they also account for half of the phone lines.

I think that it is feasible to estimate that there are at least five residents in Metzler and five residents in Dotzour who have dial-up access to the Internet.

There are a few solutions to this situation. Option One: The college could purchase more phone lines to service local

and 1-800 numbers.

Each new phone line costs approximately \$40 per month, or \$480 a year.

To add additional phone lines, the school must also purchase a trunk card which will allow it to add the eight additional phone lines. Brad Stucky gave a rough estimate cost of \$2,000 for the card.

With the additional card, the total cost for eight new phone lines would run about \$5,800.

In my opinion, additional phone lines would only be a temporary solution, as more students require Internet access for educational and personal use.

Option Two: The college could provide Internet access to students in the dorms. This option is a solution to the problem, since Internet access in each room would not use a phone line for access.

Currently, the lines needed to connect Metzler and Dotzour to the campus network and to the Internet are installed. To provide access, the school would only need to install the wiring to connect each dorm room to the existing lines.

Cost to the school: cabling and termination costs. I checked with Dwight Christie, head of Computer Services, for a rough estimate on installation of wiring for Dotzour and Metzler. He commented that many factors would play into the costs, but a rough estimate would be in the \$4,000 to \$5,000 range.

In conversations with various officials at McPherson College, I have learned that this option is not likely to happen.

When I ask for an explanation, the general answer is, "If students have access to the Internet in their room, they will stay in that room rather than going out and socializing."

I do not know what will happen with the phone system. I know that something has to change.

I encourage all students to voice their complaints about the phone system. Since this is a problem facing the residential population of the college, problems should be directed to Kathryn Whitacre, associate dean for campus life, ext. 1107.

Parents cannot call in to talk to their children.

Campus employees cannot call out. Community members and businesses can not call in to the college.

Emergency numbers can not by-pass the system, thus increasing the response time of these services.

The safety issue alone should be a good enough reason to change the college's current system and policy.

I myself am in favor of the college providing Internet access to the students in their dorm rooms.

Many other colleges and universities throughout the nation provide such access to their students. It is time the McPherson College did so.

Andy Ullom, sr.

Student expresses desire to keep students informed

I have some questions about the public relations (PR) system of this campus. Do we have a PR system that is supposed to inform the current students as well as the alumni, trustees and donors? Because there are some things happening on campus that I think students would like to know about.

Topic #1: Why do we have a swimming pool instead of a footing for a dorm? I can understand the wet weather but it took a long time to get it started. I heard a rumor of a gas line or a water line or something like that.

Is that true or was there something else holding everything up? If there is a city line, how did we make a change so we could build?

The grapevine also said that Fanny will be used for a little while next year. Yes? No? What?

Topic #2: I recently learned that there is a policy at this school that three members of the same family will not be allowed to teach here at McPherson College. Because of this policy, Professor Adam Smith will not be able to teach here.

I have never had a class with Professor Smith so it is not for me to say if he should stay or even if he wants to stay. But I feel that the school is throwing out the possibilities of valuable resources by this family member policy.

What is the reason for this policy, and is it written or implied? Are any of the people who have not come in recently going to be affected? Tom Halliburton and Kim Stanley; Herb and Jeanne Smith; Rick and Karlene Tyler; Vicky and Roger Trimmell; Dave and Linda Barrett; Bret and Kristin Boyer; Nancy and Leland Lengel; Brad and Connie Stucky?

If any of these people are going to be affected we could lose some major professor and staff talent.

Topic #3: Just to be light-hearted, what will be the destination of the letters that spelled McPherson College on Bittinger Hall, before it was torn down?

I am not in a blind rage; don't get me wrong. I just think that a college like Mac that is trying to get students to interact in multiple facets with the world around them should keep its students informed as much as possible about the part of the world that is affecting them the most right now. I am not asking for a campus meeting or all campus forum to express our concerns.

I am asking for something like a bi-weekly newsletter that tells of campus planning achievement and setbacks. Treat us like adults because someday we are the future.

Steven D. Benne, jr.

Think about the others



Guest Columnist
by Monica Jorba

It is curious how little, everyday details construct and build our future. Our future depends not only on the grades we get studying at college, but also upon how we learn to behave with people similar to us. We are all the same.

We have been given the same tools in one or another way, and we need to use them to make life worthy.

Tiny efforts, made day by day, can bring us a great joy. To do things right means to improve ourselves without becoming vain. For instance, bringing your ID with you every time you want to go eat in the cafeteria is a little effort that helps you a lot.

First of all it is a pragmatic action because you know that you will not have any problems getting your meal.

Second, you are helping the worker that could be fired if he/she allows you to pass without your ID.

Third, it is a really good way to get used to carrying your important ID cards with you. Can you imagine your family waiting for you on spring break while you are in a dark jail in some police department because you forgot your driver's license at college on the top of the right shelf above your bed near your Blair handbook?!

Do you think that the police officer will care where exactly your driver's license is? I do not think so! And, you know, I am talking about myself, because I am one of those people who always forget to carry their ID to the cafeteria.

But I will remember next time. It is a little detail that means I am learning to do things right. I am improving myself.

Things that make us honest and sincere are really simple. We have to see beyond us. Again the example of the cafeteria can help explain my point.

Every time we are eating we could think about the effort of the people who spent many hours preparing the meal for us.

We could ask in the food line for the quantity of food that we will eat. It is scary for me to see all the food that people ask for, saying that they will eat all the amount, and then leave it in the tray!

I do not have to remind you about how many people are starving to death daily around the world and how proud we should be that we have the gift of food every day! Every time you are eating, think about the others.

We all are students, and we all work in some way for the others. McPherson College is a community of people. Just respect the others.

Think about the workers that are cleaning the cafeteria for you. Is it difficult to place the fork, the knife, and the spoon in their right places?

Is it so difficult for you to recognize a fork, a knife or a spoon? Have you ever thought that the person who is working maybe has a class after lunch, and you could help him or her to arrive on or leaving the work half done?

I'm sure you know exactly what I'm talking about! And if you think that it's not your problem, I think you are wrong and selfish!

Every good action sooner or later comes back to you. And the important thing is to know that you are helping people, and it should not bother you to help them. You are learning important stuff that makes you to feel useful to people.

I want to say three more things. Switch off the lights when you leave your room. Turn off the tap while you are brushing your teeth. And smile. I bet you are more beautiful, like the "smiling boy."

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Dog Breath



"A bad habit never disappears miraculously; it's an undo-it-yourself project."

—Abigail Van Buren

Frequency of threatening skies increases when Kansas spring weather changes

by Jen Taylor
Spectator Staff

As most college students have already figured out by April, Kansas weather is bizarre. Spring weather can be especially dangerous in Kansas. Although it's not the number one state in the nation for tornadoes, "The Sunflower State" is notorious for them and other forms of severe weather during the spring.

Thunderstorms are the most dangerous types of severe weather in the spring. They can produce hail, flash floods, and strong winds. On June 16, 1992, a tornado hit the McPherson community, incurring \$600,000 in damage on the Mac campus. The same year, a hailstorm hit Wichita and caused \$500 million in damage. Flashfloods kill 140 people annually.

Many students on campus come from areas that do not have this type of weather and do not know quite what to do.

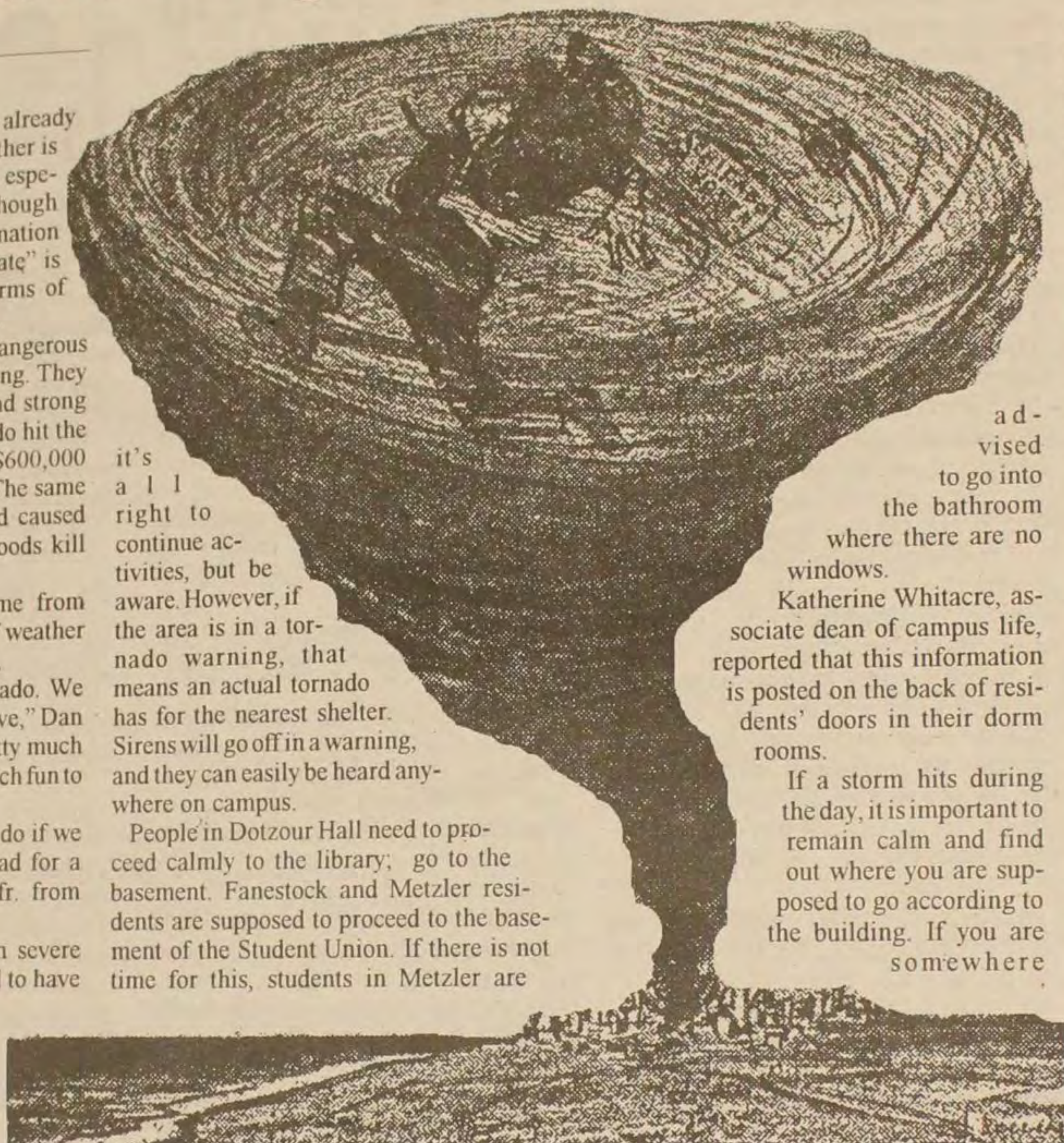
"I've never been through a tornado. We don't have them in Idaho where I live," Dan Holtry, soph., said. "But I can pretty much assume though, that they aren't much fun to go through."

"I really wouldn't know what to do if we had a tornado. I assume we'd head for a basement," Cherice Mossburgh, fr. from Alaska, said.

What should a student do when severe weather happens? It's always good to have a television or radio going. Most TV stations now have Super Doppler systems that pinpoint storms and do a good job of tracking them. If the area is in a tornado watch,

it's a l l right to continue activities, but be aware. However, if the area is in a tornado warning, that means an actual tornado has for the nearest shelter. Sirens will go off in a warning, and they can easily be heard anywhere on campus.

People in Dotzour Hall need to proceed calmly to the library; go to the basement. Fanestock and Metzler residents are supposed to proceed to the basement of the Student Union. If there is not time for this, students in Metzler are



advised to go into the bathroom where there are no windows.

Katherine Whitacre, associate dean of campus life, reported that this information is posted on the back of residents' doors in their dorm rooms.

If a storm hits during the day, it is important to remain calm and find out where you are supposed to go according to the building. If you are somewhere

not on campus and you do not know where to go, depending on your location. Sit with your back against a wall, tucking your head between your knees and covering your head. Remain in this position until the danger has passed.

Spring weather can be dangerous, but it's nothing to fear. Simply respect the weather, stay calm and follow the proper procedures if bad weather approaches. It is easy to deal with Kansas' severe spring weather, if you play it safe. Always take sirens seriously, even if you do not feel personally in danger. Severe weather is extremely erratic, and conditions often change rapidly.

Unusual winds cause car window damage

A weather phenomenon known as a microburst broke the glass in at least five cars in the Metzler/Fanny parking lot the night of April 2, according to local law enforcement officers. Several windows in Metzler Hall itself were also broken.

Vandalism was at first suspected in the incident. But police noted that all the broken windows were on the north side of vehicles and that significant amounts of glass came to rest on the top of the cars.

The damage patterns, police said, would be highly unusual in vandalism and were consistent with the effects of a microburst, caused by the sudden collision of warm and cold air.

Daily performance depends on sufficient sleep

by Rachel Gross
Spectator Staff

Your alarm goes off, waking you from a sound sleep. Although you know you have only been in bed for a few hours, it's already time for class. Suddenly, all of that time you spent last night gossiping with friend, going out, or studying doesn't seem as important as a couple of hours of sleep. All the experts would agree with you—you should have been sleeping.

According to experts, students in college need at least seven or eight hours of sleep a day in order to function at their peak. But most get far less than that.

"I get anywhere from zero to eight hours of sleep a night," Christi Essman, sr., said. "My job is what usually keeps me up. RAs don't get any sleep."

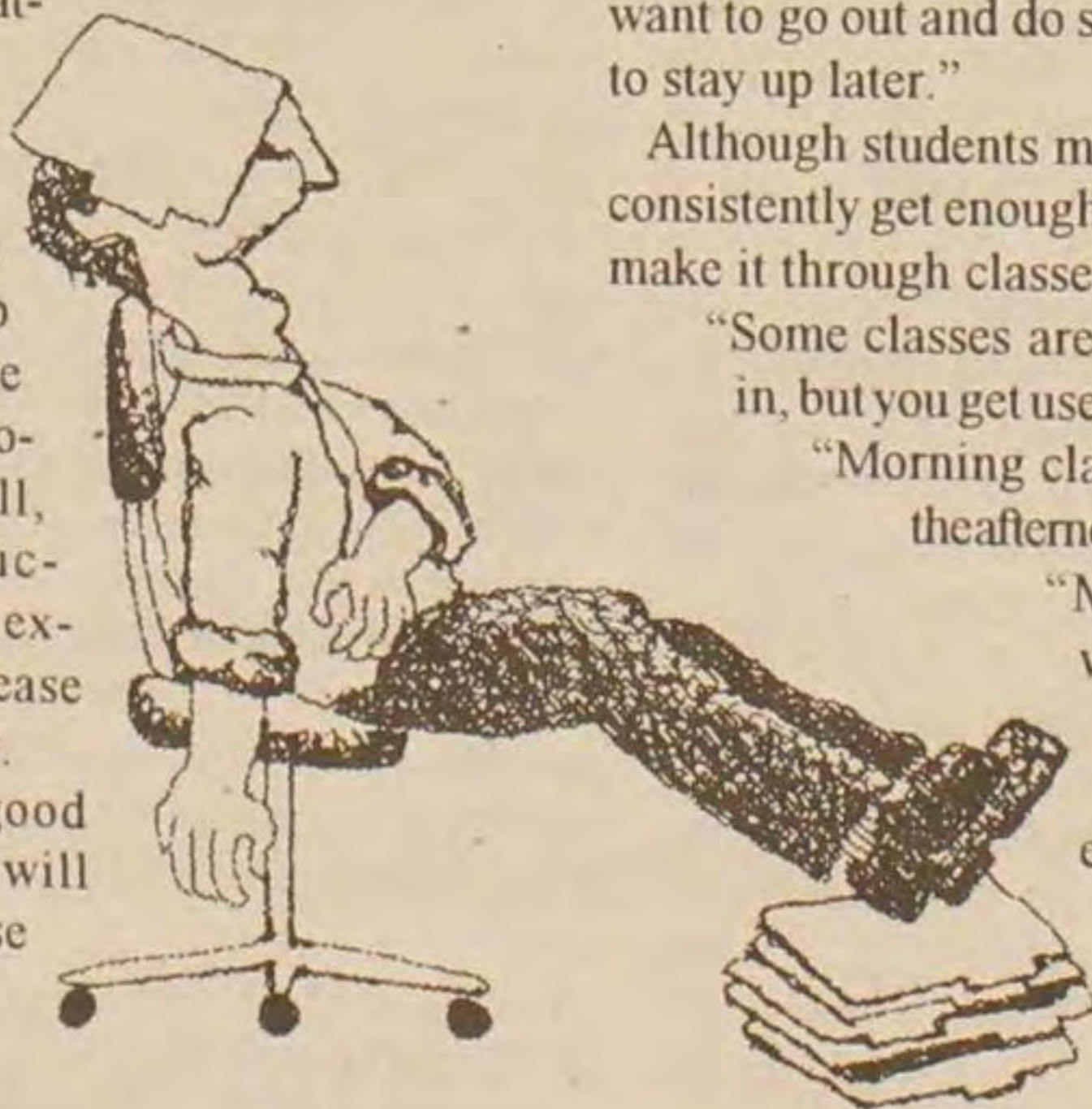
"Continually going without adequate sleep will probably cause students problems," Marcia Williams, campus nurse, said. "If a student doesn't get enough sleep, they're

not going to be attentive or alert for their classes."

People with long-term sleep deprivation have difficulty with vocabulary recall, sentence structure, and will experience a decrease in productivity.

Getting a good night's sleep will help with these difficulties, but that's hard to come by for the students.

"Homework always keeps me up late," Allison Horton, fr., said. "Some teachers like to assign a lot of homework, so you have to stay up late to finish it. If you decide you



want to go out and do something, you have to stay up later."

Although students may not feel like they consistently get enough sleep, most learn to make it through classes anyway.

"Some classes are hard to stay awake in, but you get used to it," Horton said.

"Morning classes are hard, but by the afternoon, I'm usually O.K."

"Most students, whether they are getting enough sleep or not, would benefit from short naps," Williams said.

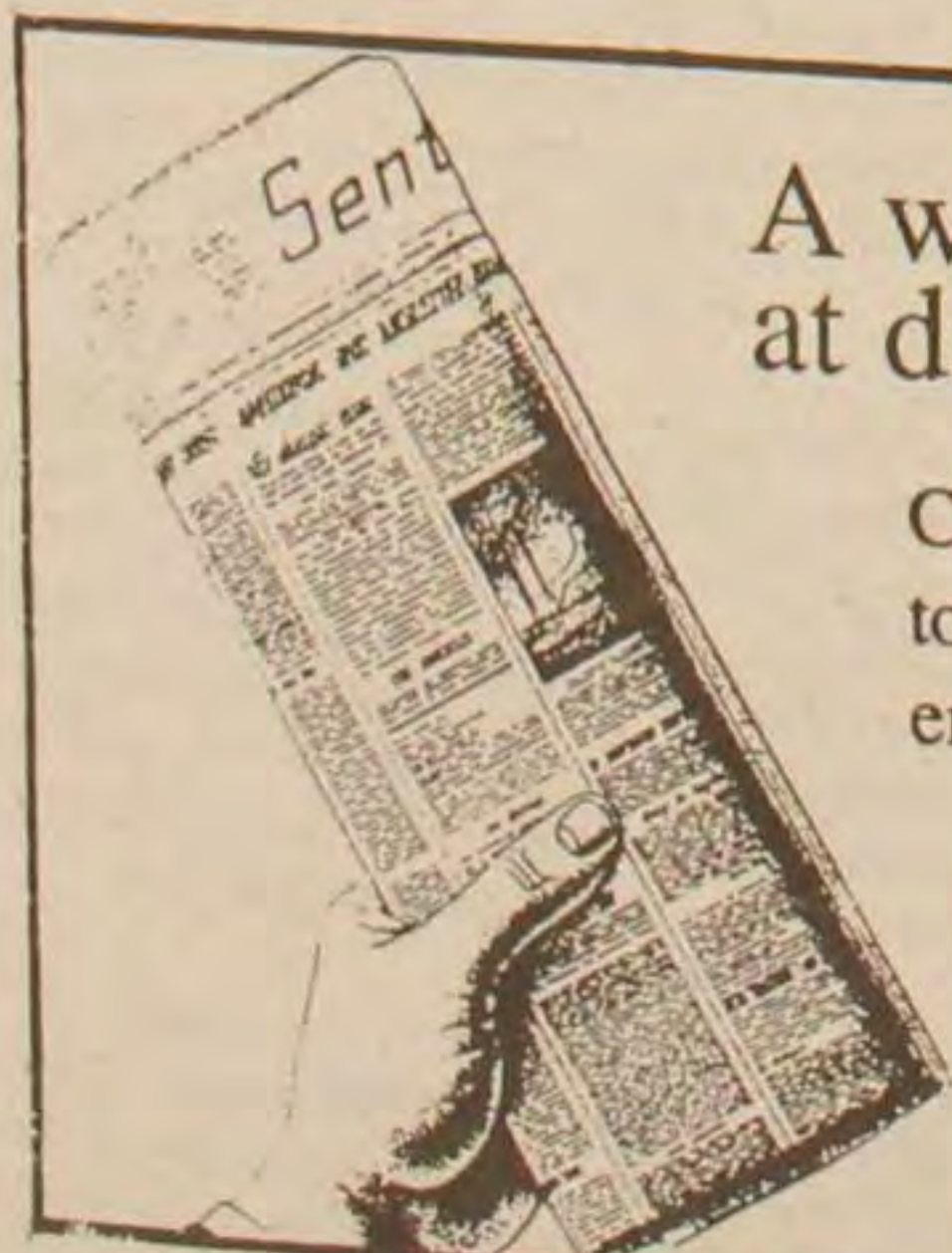
"Students should take naps. If a student is getting

enough sleep, a nap will help them feel refreshed, and if they are sleep deprived, a nap may help them through their day."

Other things to do to help get a good night's sleep include keeping your room quiet, dark, and cool. A clean room, comfortable sheets, and a new pillow will also promote sleep.

"Above all, students should get up and go to bed at close to the same time every night, because that will help them from feeling tired, irritable, or stressed out," Williams said. "They should find a routine that works for them. Your body will talk to you and let you know when it needs sleep."

So take a few hours over Easter break and catch up on your "Z's"—it will be well worth your while!



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Above left: Echoes ring throughout the capital rotunda in Boise, Idaho, as Dr. Alan Gumm directs the choir in singing "Little Lamb."

Above right: With outstretched arms, and tongue and feet strategically positioned, Mike Smith, jr., attempts to ski down the mountain.



Middle: After treading through three feet of snow, jumping on a boulder and scaling a tree, Seth Good, fr., finds the best view of Camp Colorado.



Bottom: After a 20-hour overnight bus ride, McPherson College choir members pose for a picture in Temple Square wearing the same clothes they had worn the previous day.

photo courtesy of LeAnn Wine and Sarah Marie Hendricks

Choir skis, shops, socializes (and sings)

by LeAnn Wine
Spectator Staff

Where were you during Spring Break? Nearly 35 students in the choral music department at McPherson College spent their break traveling through the Midwest, performing, relaxing and having fun. The group toured Idaho, Utah, Colo., Nebr., and Kan. on its annual spring choir tour. March 20-29, a strenuous schedule of 10 concerts in nine days left the group tired, but not too tired to participate in several other fun activities. The tour was a huge success, according to Alan Gumm, choral director.

"The concerts were the most professional I've conducted with McPherson College. The choir performed artistically and with emotion," Gumm said. He attributed the quality concerts to good acoustics and the talent of the group.

Jenny Williams, asst. to the director of development, traveled with the choir as its accompanist.

"I think the students felt prepared and were pleased with their performances," Williams said. "I really enjoyed the time with the choir. Besides allowing me to do something I enjoy, I got to be involved with another program on campus."

Each student seemed to enjoy one or two particular concerts more than the others. Two students chose the concert at Nampa, Idaho as their favorite.

"Nampa was really good because of the acoustics and the audience was the most responsive one we had," Kendra Flory, soph., said.

Scott McDearmon, fr., agreed that "the acoustics in the church in Nampa were great. And since it was at the beginning of the tour, everyone was still excited to perform," he said.

Raechel Sittig, jr., offered a different opinion.

"Nampa was as good musically, but we sang more as a group at Windsor. We were supporting each other because, by this time, we had become closer," Sittig said.

Another experience that varied for each choir member was the time spent with host families. Each night, the students stayed with a different family.

"My suitcase buddy and I had great families," said Gerald Friedrich, sr., an international student from Germany. "I enjoyed talking with the older ones who had fought in Germany during World War II. All of them were interested in knowing about

student life."

Other choir members had more humorous experiences with host families.

"I can't decide if the worst one was the woman who wouldn't stop talking about the geography of the Snake River, or the people who got to the end of the church driveway after the concert and couldn't remember how to get home," Sittig said.

Flory remembers her host family experiences more fondly.

"My grandpa in Nampa wanted me to stay with him, but he didn't have a lot of room in his apartment, so he rented a motel room for Jen Taylor and I," Flory said.

Flory also enjoyed her stay in Enders, Neb. "My favorite host family was Marlin and Lois Wine," Flory said. "Marlin was so excited about us being there. We played the piano, sang hymns and talked until nearly midnight!"

The choir tour schedule also included many long hours on the bus. For Friedrich, this was not necessarily a new experience.

"We used to take trips in Germany in high school for a week or two at a time," he said. "There was a nice atmosphere on the bus during choir tour."

"The many hours on the bus provided little rest time," Alicia Burns, fr., said. "But we had fun talking and singing camp songs."

Activities the choir enjoyed outside of concerts included touring the state capital in Boise, Idaho, Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah, and going shopping and skiing.

"Even though it was my first time and I had to take lessons and kept falling down, I had a lot of fun," Burns said.

This year's tour had a "family feel," Gumm reported, and students agreed.

"I really enjoyed connecting with some of the people whom I didn't know very well before," Sittig said.

"I liked the feeling in the group," Friedrich said. "On Thursday night, we joined hands during 'Be Ye Glad' and it showed me that the group was growing together."

Some students wished the tour had been longer.

"Despite the long bus rides, Bob the bus driver, and Alan's dumb jokes," Sittig said, "I wanted to just keep on going."

Gumm congratulated the choir members for their hard work before and during tour.

"This is the third very positive tour in a row for me. The choir should be commended for their positive outlook and ability to support each other throughout the tour," Gumm said.



National pastime? Has opening day lost it's luster?

As a huge fan of the wonderful game of baseball, I thought I'd start off the new season with a few of my thoughts on our national pastime.

My predictions for the new season:

- The Royals will be eliminated in July. Not actually that fast, but let's face it, the Royals are horrible. It's not their fault, it's the system. In today's baseball world, barring a small miracle, a small market team like the Royals, or the Brewers, Twins, Pirates, or Phillies for that matter, have very little chance of doing much of anything.

- Roger Maris's record won't be broken. Despite all the talk of an expansion year and so on and so forth, Roger Maris's record of 61 homers will be perfectly safe. Mark McGwire won't stay healthy enough and Ken Griffey, Jr., won't stay hot enough to break it. It will be fun to watch them try.

- The Braves will win the World Series. With a rotation of Greg Maddux, Denny Neagle, John Smoltz, and Tom Glavine, plus the addition of Andres Galaraga, the Braves are the team to beat.

- Joe Torre will be fired

The Briggeman Perspective

By Brent Briggeman

players. They naturally want as much money as the market can give them, and the owners obviously have the money to give or this nonsense would have stopped years ago.

What bothers me is that with players moving around so frequently, it's hard to actually develop a sense of closeness or loyalty to a team. I would love to go back to the days when, unless he was traded, a player stayed with the team that drafted him from his rookie year until retirement.

Not many Cal Ripkens and Mark Graces are left, guys who can be identified with a certain team. That's bad for baseball.

- Baseball cards. I know I'm not the only one who spent countless hours sorting through baseball cards and countless allowances buying packs of cards. All of this for the excitement of maybe getting that Don Mattingly or Jose Canseco rookie card. Or maybe the new Bo Jackson card.

Baseball cards today are pathetic. It costs three dollars for a pack, and half of the cards are worthless inserts (if you've ever collected sports cards you know what I'm talking about). Also, there are completely too many types of cards. Just a few years ago there were maybe four or five cards of one player per year, and even that was rare. Now

there are 30-40 of the good players. How could a young kid possibly expect to collect much of anything at this price and with this many to buy?

I could go on and on with this; basically overkill has ruined the whole industry. I think it's partially to blame for the lack of knowledge and interest in baseball today.

- The Designated Hitter. Again, call me a baseball purist. I love the strategy involved

in games played without the DH. The DH takes so much of the guessing and excitement out of games and instead leads to boring slugfests and gives overweight, old-timers a way to linger in the game.

- Bud Selig. For those of you who don't know, Selig is the owner of the Milwaukee Brewers and also the acting commissioner of baseball. He has had this "acting commissioner" title for years now. With him being an owner, there has to be a conflict of interest in there somewhere. He can't possibly be impartial to the

disputes involving the owners and the player union, which is a very big problem. I think it is time someone gets their act together and finds someone who can put some order back in the game.

•Generation X. I hate to use that trendy term, but yes, it's us. We are to blame. Today's young people, us, don't have the patience to sit through and enjoy a baseball game. We, as a generation, need fast-paced excitement. With today's attitudes and need for trash-talking showboats, it's no wonder a peaceful, intellectual game is being forgotten.

Reasons why Major League baseball is still the top professional sport:

- Cal Ripken. Every Baltimore Orioles scorecard for the last 16 years has included Cal Ripken. That's nearly 2,500 scorecards! How many of us can claim we haven't missed a class even this semester? I sure can't, and Dr. Lengel can vouch for that. It's not only the amazing streak, but also class with which he's done it. Cal Ripken is great for the game of baseball.

- The Wild Card. Maybe it's taken the luster away from the pennant races, and it's drawn out the playoffs, but there are posi-

tive aspects of the wild card in baseball. It has allowed teams and fans that would normally be out of contention in August to enjoy the excitement of a pennant chase.

- Interleague Play. Quick trivia question. How on earth could the Royals possibly sell out an entire three game series in the middle of August? Answer: Interleague play. Of course not every interleague game sold out, but when the Cardinals came to town it did.

I am all for the idea of interleague play. This way we get to

see the Cubs play the White Sox, the Mets and the Yankees, the Twins and the Pirates (O.K. so it's not perfect). It adds a little excitement to the 162-game schedule.

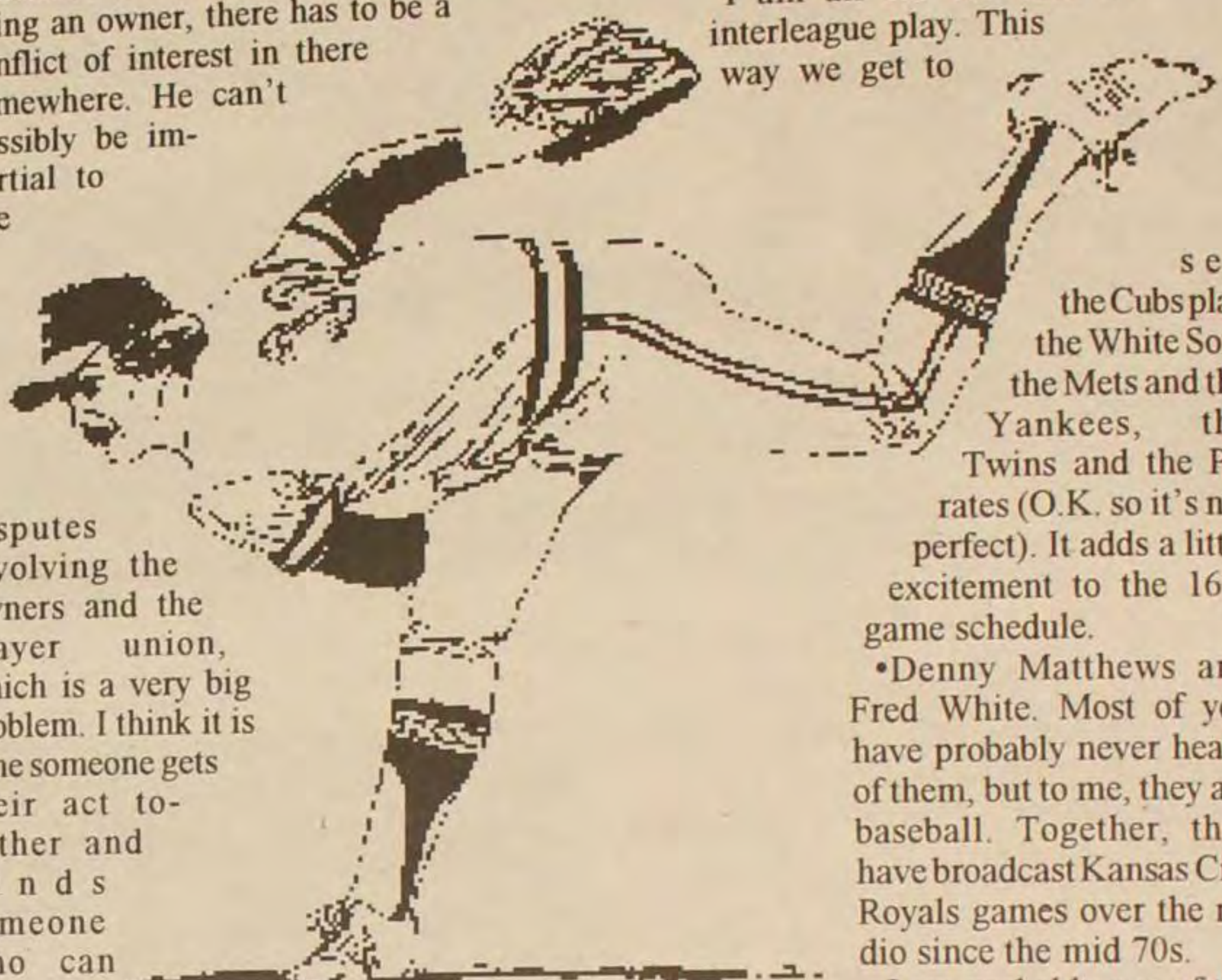
- Denny Matthews and Fred White. Most of you have probably never heard of them, but to me, they are baseball. Together, they have broadcast Kansas City Royals games over the radio since the mid 70s.

I am probably one of the last of a vanishing breed; I grew up listening to baseball. Imagine a seventh grade boy actually having the patience to sit and listen to a nine inning game today. I don't think it would happen. I can't imagine a spring without hearing Denny and Fred; to me, that's baseball.

- Baseball. Yes, just the game itself. It's a strategic, chess-like game requiring top-notch athletic ability and skill. It is Joe Carter hitting a World Series-winning home run. It is a Roger Clemens fastball. It is a hit-and-run in a tie ballgame. It is the timing of a Bordick to Alomar to Palmerio double play.

It is about a grandfather and his little grandson at the ballpark for an evening. It is about keeping the scorebook with your father. It's about a brawl during the seventh-inning stretch.

Baseball is a game that has withstood the test of time, and it has captured the imagination and the hearts of the many generations who have let it into their souls. I for one am very excited about another exciting season of the world's greatest game.



by season's end. George Steinbrenner, high expectations, enough said.

- Cal Ripken will break his ankle in the first week of May, but Nykesha Sales style, he will limp out and takes the field for one inning of every game, keeping the streak alive.

Things I wish were different about baseball today:

- Free agency. You can't really blame the

Sports Briefs

Major League baseball swings into action

The 1998 Major League baseball season opened March 31. Early season highlights have included St. Louis's Mark McGwire homering in his first four games and the Chicago Cubs rebounding from a 0-14 start last year to win six of their first seven games this season.

Wildcats march to crown

The Kentucky Wildcats, led by first-year coach Tubby Smith, defeated Utah 75-63 to claim the men's NCAA tournament. This year's tournament featured many last second heroics and upsets. Some of these included twelfth seeded Valparaiso reaching the Sweet 16 and eighth seed Rhode Island defeating Kansas.

Tennessee dominates field

The Tennessee Volunteers dominated the women's draw in capturing their third straight NCAA women's basketball title. Tennessee's undefeated record of 39-0 was the top in NCAA basketball history. The Lady Vol's were led by Player of the Year Chamique Holdsclaw and Coach of the Year Pat Summitt.

Pierce opts for NBA

All-American forward Paul Pierce recently announced that he will forgo his senior season at the University of Kansas to enter the NBA draft. Pierce, a consensus first team All-American and two time MVP of the Big 12 Tournament will likely join teammate Raef LaFrentz as a top five pick.

Young to skip college

Korleone Young, a former standout at Wichita East High School and two time All-Kansas basketball player, announced Thursday that he will skip college and enter the NBA draft. Young is currently a senior at Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia. Kevin Garnet, Jermaine O'Neal, Kobe Bryant, and Trace McGrady have all entered the NBA from high school in recent years.

Tiger looks to repeat at Masters

The Masters, one of golf's biggest tournaments, will be held this weekend at Augusta, Ga. Tiger Woods, last year's Player of the Year, will look to repeat his runaway performance.

Soccer team places second in off-season tourney in Oklahoma

by Brent Briggeman

Sports Editor

It may not count for regular season standings, but the McPherson College soccer team made an impressive statement over the weekend. The soccer team placed second in a seven of seven invitational tournament of April 4 and 5.

"We were very pleased with our performance in this tournament," Cliff Bell, soph., said. "To perform like this could be a major stepping stone and set the stage for a successful season next year."

The tournament was hosted by Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma. Participating teams were Southern Nazarene, an

alumni team from Southern Nazarene, Phillips University, Bethany and Mac.

The majority of the squad, 13 members, participated for coach Dan Marchewka in the tournament.

In the first round, McPherson defeated the Southern Nazarene alumni, 7-2. In the second round they squeezed by Southern

Nazerene by the score of 2-1.

That set up a Sunday championship game against Phillips University. Phillips won the game 3-0 to give the Bulldogs second place.

Despite the championship game loss, McPherson's John Inglehart was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

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—Cliff Bell, soph.

Weather dampens the start of spring sports

The 1998 spring season—golf, tennis and track—opens with returning players as well as strong freshmen and transfer students. Coaches express excitement about upcoming games; they predict both individual and team success.

by Brent Briggeman
Sports Editor

Men's golf season begins, led by captains Herra and Woodcock

The McPherson College men's golf team has had difficulty finding suitable weather early in the season.

"With the rainy and cold weather, it's been difficult to find practice time," said Coach Roger Trimmell. "Several meets have already been canceled. Because of this weather, the entire season will be squeezed into the next three weeks."

The captains of this year's golf team are Tim Herra, sr., and Trent Woodcock, soph. Other participants are Chad Doubrava, fr., Bobby Hill, soph., Jeff Williams, jr. and Josh Woody, fr.

"The last few years we've finished right in the middle of the pack in the conference," said Trimmell. "We hope to improve on that this year."

In the next few weeks the team will play at Salina on April 21, Winfield on April 23 and close with the conference tournament on April 28 and 29.

This year's tennis team hopes to continue success from last year

In her third year at the helm, men's tennis coach Becky Sankner looks to continue to turn the McPherson tennis program around. Sankner inherited a program which had consistently finished at the bottom of KCAC for nearly two decades. Last year the Bulldogs finished with its best record in recent times, 6-4.

Leading this year's team are two seniors, David Wiens and Joey House, and sophomore Brent Johnson.

"Brent will be our number one player this year," Sankner said. "He plays with great tenacity. He continues to stay in a match and fight until he wins it. Dave and Joey are also keys to our team. They have both risen to the task every year since I've been here."

"As juniors Dave played number one singles and Joey was number two and they led us to our best record ever. They are both great competitors. If they lose, it's because their opponent just has superior ability."



Above: Left, Marisol Sanchez, jr., sprints to the finish. Right, Brent Johnson, soph., practices his swing. Below: Left, Joey House, sr., returns a hit. Right, Brandy Lochmann, fr., nears the end of her race.

They are also top-notch sportsmen. They never complain about calls, they just go out and play the game."

Other members of this year's team are Tim Armbruster, sr., Jeremy Hackleman, fr. and Danny Ramsey, sr.

"The three will make great additions to our team," Sankner said. "Tim is our fastest

player. He covers the court very well. He is also very efficient. He does everything exactly as it's supposed to be done. The only thing holding him back will be a lack of experience. Danny is also a great competitor. He never thinks he's out of a match. If he's down he'll keep fighting through to the end. He also has great strength and moves

very well for a big guy."
"I will be the first 300-pounder to win a meet," Ramsey joked.

The weather has forced the team to drop all the non-conference meets from their schedule. They look for their top competition to come from Bethel, Bethany and Tabor. Friends, Southwestern and Sterling could be threats as well.

Individuals have good showing at beginning of track season

John McNamara's McPherson College men's and women's track teams started the season last weekend with a home meet.

Although the team didn't place well, McNamara was pleased by some individual performances. Nikina Jones, fr., received the team's only gold medal as she cruised to victory in the 100-meter with a time of 13.06 seconds.

Receiving silver medals were Rick Coleman, sr., in the javelin, Dana Cordova, jr., in the shot put, and the men's 4x100 team of Antonio Ford, soph., Matt Friesen, jr., Mark Godfrey, jr. and Chris Rice, fr.

Bronze medals went to Cameron Koster, jr., in the triple jump, Marisol Sanchez, jr., in the 800 meter and the women's 4x100 team of Cordova, Jones, Sanchez and Christy Wymore, soph.

Coach McNamara is expecting a successful year with a blend of newcomers and veterans. Veterans Coleman who was conference champion in the javelin two years ago and sprinter Friesen will be looked to provide leadership for the men's squad. Katy Neusch, soph., the defending KCAC triple jump champion, will look to lead the women.

Newcomers Jeremy Showalter, fr., and Ryan Wenzel, sr., could do very well in the javelin and high jump, respectively.

For the women, Cordova, Kyronna Roanhorse, fr., Sanchez and Wymore will look to contribute to the team in their first year.

"Two years ago, my first year, we finished last," McNamara said. "Last year we beat Tabor and moved up to seventh place. This year we will look to move up in both the men's and women's fields and slowly make our way up the ladder."

Upcoming action will be at Bethany on April 14, and the conference meet will be May 1 and 2 at Tabor.

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Education majors distressed by shootings in Jonesboro

by Sarah Marie Hendricks
Spectator Staff

McPherson College students are questioning the role of teachers and the impact schools and society have on young people after two junior high boys gunned down four girls and a teacher at a middle school in Jonesboro, Ark. on March 28.

"I wanted to teach in a small community, not a city, because I thought it would be safer, but this shooting proves that nowhere is safe," said Trisha House, sr., elementary education major. "It scared me to think that I could be in that situation, but it did not make me not want to be a teacher."

Andrew Golden, 11 years old, and Mitchell Johnson, 13 years old, have been accused of the killings.

In addition to the five fatalities, the attack left 11 others wounded. Golden and Johnson discussed their plan to kill people the day before the shootings, but no one confronted the boys or took action because Golden and Johnson had a reputation for making threats and picking fights.

"He told us that tomorrow you will find out if you live or die," said Melinda Henson, a seventh grade student.

"People, teachers, principals and counselors need to take students seriously. This whole event may have been prevented if someone had taken the time to give the threats of the boys some serious thought," House said.

"Teachers need to care, because for a lot of kids like Golden and Johnson, the teacher may be the only adult in a student's life that cares about them. You have to find a way to make each student know that he or she is important to you."

Shannon Wright, an English and spelling teacher, shoved a sixth grader out of the bullet's path and took a fatal shot in the chest.

"The Jonesboro shootings initially made me scared to be a teacher. Education is not a profession where people normally think of people being murdered," said Sarah W. Hendricks, sr., elementary education major.

Shay Maclin, soph., elementary/early childhood education major, recalled her initial reaction to the shootings.

"I remember asking myself 'Would I

sacrifice my life for a student?' It brought up a lot of emotions including a feeling of not being safe in schools."

Hendricks reflected that Jonesboro, Arkansas is a small farming town, described as a conservative, family-oriented place where parents felt their children were safe from big city dangers.

"Even though I come from a big city [Oklahoma City], I know that there is no place that is completely safe," Maclin said.

McPherson College students suggested ways to prevent such acts of violence from occurring so teachers do not have to fear safety at school.

"Teachers are not only the person who guides students in learning; they are facilitators, coaches, support systems, mentors, role models and social workers," Hendricks said. "Many people do not realize all of the roles teachers play. Jonesboro is only one example of the kinds of situations teachers will deal with during their career."

"Somewhere communication skills weren't taught to these boys, and they are not the only children that aren't learning how to communicate and deal with conflict," said Krissy Williams, soph., elementary education major.

"Maybe we should make communication and conflict resolution part of standard curriculum in elementary schools. With the increasing number of parents who both work and parents who never learned how to communicate or problem-solve, it becomes the schools' responsibility to teach students. It is the only way that these students will be prepared for the real world."

Society as an institution has come under attack as people begin to look for answers to why five innocent people were shot to death. Is the break down of family at fault, or is it the failure of the educational systems, or does society blame laws restricting the purchasing of certain guns?

"I am interested to see what the NRA has to say. It is time for our government to limit gun use," Hendricks said.

"Can't we finally say that we have a problem when 11 and 13 year old boys are capable of compiling 10 guns in a van and injuring 16 people? Parents need to think carefully before they begin giving guns to their children. You never know who your kids will be hanging out with as they grow up."

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Executive officers give speeches, elected at convo

get and use allocated funds wisely and in the students' best interest.

"I know student fees are going up, and I want to utilize that money so students don't feel they're getting cheated out of their money. I am willing to work hard, have some fun and bring creativity to the association," Wine said.

Gross hopes to promote involvement of the student body in various activities.

"I think SGA had a lot of good ideas that the new council needs to carry over into next year," Gross said.

Gross finds it exciting to be involved in the life of the student body as the college makes historic changes.

"Because of all the recent announcements and events that have taken place, it is great to be a part of the governance of the student body," Gross said.

Although the executive council consists entirely of women, Gross feels that men will be represented through other SGA positions.

The new executive council was elected by the student body during the March 30 convocations. Three of the four candidates ran unopposed including Maclin, Taylor and Gross. Wine ran against Jill Gibson, jr., for the treasurer position.

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Students anxious about future housing

fall semester, Fahnestock Hall will remain open. Fahnestock will be used only for this overflow purpose and it will be torn down upon the completion of the two new halls.

This residential structure and procedure affects single sex hall arrangements as well. Students who do not wish to apply to live in the new halls may choose a room in Dotzour or Metzler, depending on their gender.

Dotzour and Metzler will also house freshmen. In Dotzour, first, second and third new will be reserved for freshmen women, with first, second, and third old reserved for non-freshmen.

Third floor and the east hallway of first and second floor in Metzler will house freshmen, with the west hallway of first and second floor reserved for non-freshmen.

Whitacre reported that the special exemption policy allowing some seniors to live off campus during the current academic year will, as planned, no longer be in effect for the 1998-99 academic year.

Hall sign-up will occur the last week of April. Students will receive notification from Residence Life staff about how to proceed concerning pod petitions and room reservation.

Flashback to the fifties



photo by Cheri Norsworthy

LeAnna Hulce, soph., Chris Constein, soph., Angela Jaehn, fr., and Kendra Adams, fr., sing and jive to a "Grease" medley.

College aims to fill seven faculty tenure positions

by Jen Bosserman
News Editor

McPherson College is searching to fill seven faculty positions for the 1998-99 academic year, a process which could result in a 20 percent turn over in faculty. The vacant positions are in the following departments: art, Spanish, sophomore auto restoration, mechanical restoration, physical education, business and biology.

"Hiring faculty is one of our hardest jobs, and it is one of our most important jobs," said Susan Taylor, associate provost and dean for academic resources.

The college hired four faculty members for one year appointments for the 1997-98 academic year due to late resignations that shortened the allotted time available last spring for search processes.

Faculty currently serving one-year appointments are Nancy Squire, assistant professor of art/interior design; Cullen Crosthwaite, instructor of technology; Steve Swartz, assistant professor of technology; and Adam Smith, assistant professor of biology.

Dr. Monica Cantero's departure at the end of fall semester also prompted a hasty search process to find a Spanish professor for the remainder of the 1997-98 academic year.

The college is now undergoing complete search processes to fill these positions. Current faculty members serving one year appointments may apply for tenure-track departmental positions.

"We like to find people who want to stay for an extended time," Taylor said. "There might be other people who are a better fit for a tenure-track. That is why we feel it is necessary to do a full search."

The college has formed search committees for each of these positions. These committees, consisting of one representative from the department, the division chair, one upper level student, a faculty member from outside the department, and the provost or associate provost, are in different stages of the search process.

The Spanish search committee is in the process of selecting its top six candidates for phone interviews. From these six, two or three will be invited for a campus interview. Approximately 50 candidates applied for the position of Spanish professor.

"So far I've been really impressed with the number and qualifications of the Spanish candidates," Taylor said.

The sophomore auto restoration search committee and the mechanical restoration search committee plan to set up campus interviews soon.

Two applicants for each of these posi-

tions will be invited to campus. Not as many applicants applied for these positions so phone interviews were bypassed.

"Some professors are more interested in researching. Our main focus is on teaching and we are fortunate to have candidates that really want to teach," Taylor said.

The biology search committee interviewed Dr. Alan Taylor from Wichita, yesterday and plans to interview Andrew Bobb from Baltimore, Md., on April 14-15 and Richard Smith from Memphis, Tenn. on April 17-18.

The art search committee is currently selecting five candidates to call for phone interviews.

"After we come to a consensus as to which candidates to follow through with phone interviews, we will invite selected candidates to campus," Gustafson said.

The college is also searching for someone to fill Dr. Becky Sankner's position in the physical education department. Sankner resigned this spring after serving the college for three years as professor of physical education, tennis coach and director of intramurals.

"One thing I really appreciate, from the moment I came to McPherson College, is how faculty treat each other," Sankner said. "They kid each other, but there is an underlying sense of respect for one another."

Sankner believes that the faculty's hard work, sensible attitudes and willingness to help others are exemplary behaviors for the students. According to Sankner, the faculty also challenges students to work to their full potential by assigning lots of homework and demanding quality work.

"I hope students make an effort to do as much as the faculty does," Sankner said. "I have seen a growth of enthusiasm and quality of students in the years I've worked at the college. There is a much more courteous atmosphere which is conducive to learning."

"I hope students will be so proud of what they've been doing and their growth at McPherson College that they will want their children to come here" Sankner said. The physical education search committee has been writing a position description and will start advertising the position soon.

The business department plans to add a fourth position. The college felt that this addition was necessary because business is one of the college's largest majors. The business department will not reap the benefits of an additional professor until the spring semester because Lowell Flory, professor of business/economics, will be on sabbatical in the fall.

The business search committee is currently advertising this position and accepting applications. Acceptance of applications will close at the end of April.