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UNDERCOVER

NEWS

Individuals recognized during Honors convo

Honors convocation afforded a chance for students and faculty to be recognized for outstanding achievements.

There is a new face in the biology department

Dr. Andrew Bobb has been hired to fill the position of assistant professor of biology for the 1998-1999 academic school year.

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1998 seniors send their parting messages

Words of advice from the senior class will help next year's seniors survive.

Students prepare to move out

What are the necessary methods that students need to know about moving out of the dorms for the summer?

Celebrate National Day of Prayer

May 7 is National Day of Prayer. Learn about different aspects of this long tradition.

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Spring sports near end

This year's track, tennis and golf teams wrap up the season.

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Spending time out on the lawn



Some Dotzour residents enjoy the dinner during the Annual Dotzour picnic on April 30. photo by Cheri Norsworthy

Smith to give commencement address

Shelly Hendricks
Editor-in-Chief

Approximately 80 seniors will complete their years at McPherson College in the commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 24 at 2 p.m.

This year's commencement speaker is Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion. "I'm looking forward to it. I feel honored, to say the least," Smith said.

"In selecting a commencement speaker, we wanted a faculty member who we felt could relate well to our class," said Erik Vogel, sr., and member of the Commencement Committee. "Because many students have enjoyed Herb in the classroom, we felt he would be an appropriate speaker for the graduation ceremonies."

Prior to the commencement address, President Gary Dill will present an honorary doctoral degree to Dr. Raymond Flory, professor emeritus of history. Flory will also present the

homily.

"We recognize that it will be a special day for Raymond Flory, who is being recognized for 50 years of service to the college," Vogel said.

Two senior class representatives will present the welcome address for the Commencement program.

Dr. Steven Gustafson, provost and dean of the faculty, will present the candidates and honors to President Gary Dill. President Dill will then confer the degrees and honors to the class of 1998.

Other program participants include Rev. Kent Naylor, campus minister, who will present the invocation and Dr. Jean Hendricks, director of church relations and campus ministry, who will give the benediction.

Gustafson will play the organ for the processional and recessional. Dr. Alan Gumm, assistant professor of music, will direct the college's campus choir in an

arrangement of "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

The marshal for the processional of officiants and faculty is ShaRhonda Maclin, soph., and Student Government Association president. The marshal for graduates is Shelly Hendricks, jr., representative of the Class of 1999.

The commencement activities were organized by the Commencement Committee, which was comprised of four people. Vogel and Sarah W. Hendricks served as the senior class representatives.

Gumm was both the senior class sponsor and the music representative, and Gustafson served as the dean of faculty.

"It was my pleasure to work with this year's commencement committee. Sarah Wagoner Hendricks and Erik Vogel very ably represent the senior class and exhibit the values that McPherson College strives to develop in its graduates," Gustafson said.

Legacy campaign is following schedule

by Jen Bosserman
News Editor

The McPherson College \$12.5 million "Enhancing the Legacy" campaign is on schedule. "I could not be more pleased with the progress of the campaign," said Bob Knechel, director of development. "A campaign of this magnitude requires extraordinary generosity and effort. It is humbling to experience the generosity of individuals and organizations in their desire to see McPherson College succeed. It is gratifying to know the efforts of volunteers and staff are putting us in position to meet the campaign goals successfully."

The development office plans to raise \$10 million toward capital projects and \$2.5 million towards support of the operating budget between July 1, 1997 to June 30, 2002.

When the "Enhancing the Legacy" campaign was launched on Oct. 25, 1997 approximately \$1.6 million from trustees, faculty, staff, campaign leadership and the alumni board had already been committed.

This figure has increased to \$7,666,957 as of May 4, 1998.

This figure includes a recent enhancement of \$1.75 million. The Mabee Foundation awarded McPherson College the challenge grant of \$1.75 million on April 17, 1998. To receive the challenge grant, the college must raise approximately \$2.594 million between May 1, 1998 and April 15, 1999.

"The Mabee Foundation's challenge grant is an example of the extraordinary generosity we are experiencing," Knechel said. "The foundation's grant to McPherson College gives testimony to their appreciation and respect for private church related higher education in our society. The challenge grant is also a powerful vote of confidence in the future of this college."

The challenge grant is not the first grant that the Mabee Foundation has awarded to McPherson College. The foundation awarded the college a \$200,000 grant toward the Sport Center in 1983. They

awarded the college a \$500,000 challenge grant toward the campus plan in 1987 which involved renovation of several facilities and unification of the campus, and \$200,000 challenge grant toward campus renovations in 1992.

The Mabee Foundation's purpose and objectives are to assist religious, charitable, and educational organizations which demonstrate sound character, stability, progressiveness, and purpose.

Most Mabee Foundation gifts are on a challenge or conditional basis to provide incentive for enlisting the support of other donors; the philosophy is to help those who help themselves. No matching is involved.

Typically, grants are for a portion of the project costs remaining at the time of grant approval. The organization must raise whatever balance is needed to assure full project funding within the challenge period.

According to Amanda Gutierrez, assis-

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EDITORIAL

Our memories will keep us connected

WELL, THE TIME HAS COME...AND GONE. The Class of '98 is has completed our education at McPherson College. For such a long time graduation has seemed like an event that was too far into the future to imagine. There was always someone else we called "senior" and never thought of ourselves in that manner. But we have arrived, and we can be proud of our accomplishments and contributions to McPherson College.

We have experienced many changes since the fall of '94 when we entered as timid, unsure, apprehensive freshman. President Paul greeted us with his usual open arms and warm smile, and President Dill will hand us, his first full graduating class, our diplomas, as we leave this college world to enter the "real world." We lived a different senior year than others preceding us because of the steep incline in enrollment which gave many of us the opportunity to live off campus. Some of us felt distanced from the rest of the college community and experienced a separation from the campus life we had grown accustomed to.

The college community has also experienced changes. Dennis Kingery was asked to step down as Stuco president; Paul Hoffman left McPherson after 20 years of serving as our 11th president, Gary Dill answered our call to become the 12th president of McPherson College; the campus family suffered the sudden and tragic losses of two important members—Sharon Knechel and Merritta Hazelton; enrollment hit bottom; enrollment boomed; Bittinger Hall was torn down to make way for two new dorms.

Change is a part of McPherson College, and it is a part of our lives. We are about to encounter some of the biggest changes in our lives, but one thing will always remain unchanged—our connection to McPherson College, our home for the past four years. No matter what physical changes occur here, we are connected as students, and now, alumni.

We will always have this place in common and will remember rainy football games, waiting in line for the washing machine, late night talks in the bathroom, movie and bowling nights, Sports World, Homecoming, gazebo dances, Fanny runs, walks around Lakeside Park and late night trips to Happy Chef or Dillons.

These are the things that will connect our disconnected lives forever.

Sarah Wagoner Hendricks, '98
for the Editorial Staff

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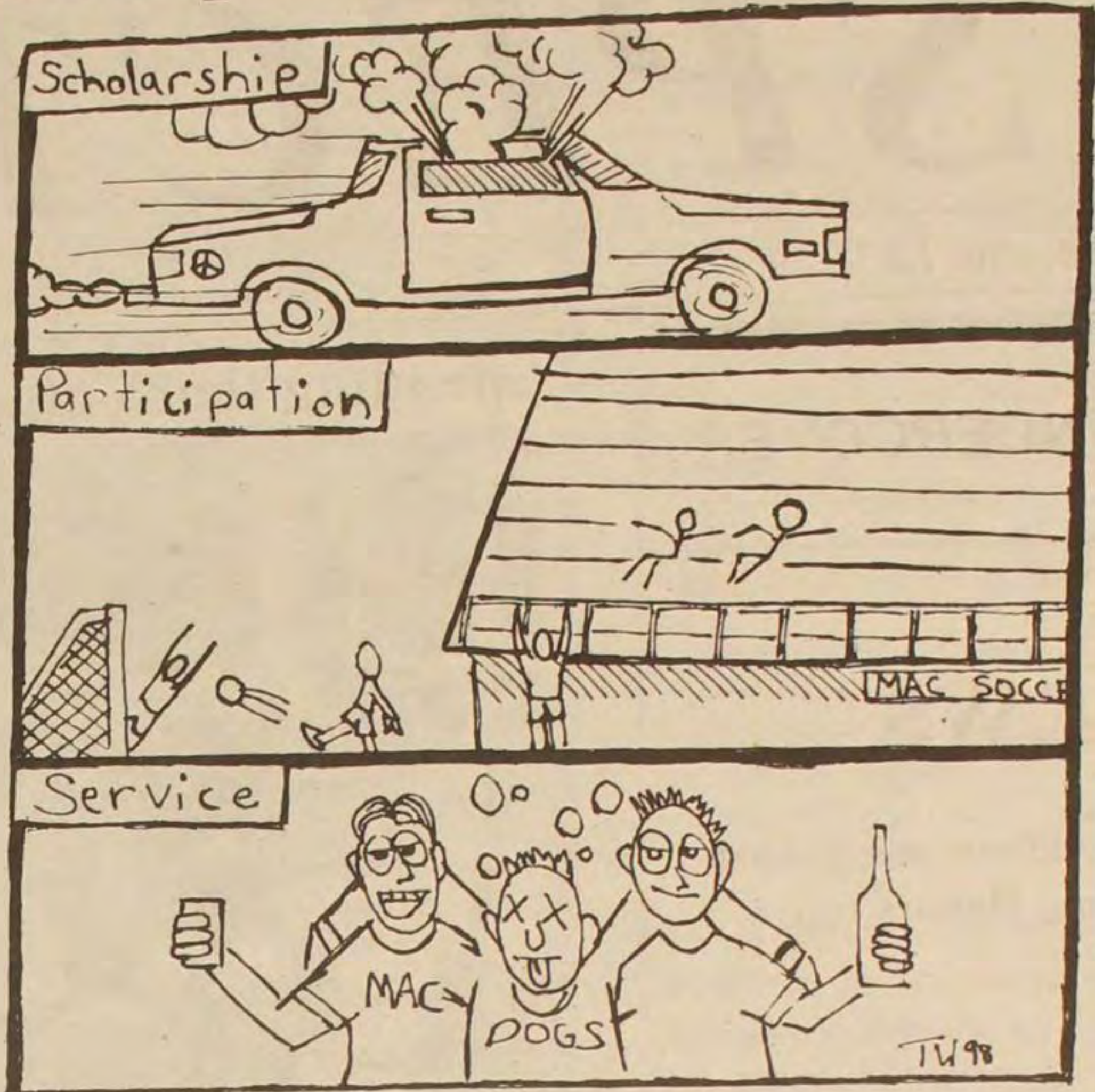
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Campus Cough

by Tony Waldron



Can you hear heavy breathing beside the bed?

Columnist reviews the many wonders of a road trip through eastern Colorado



Flaming Bagels
by Jen Taylor

Lately, I've been doing a lot of Improv. so, it that spirit, I wrote my entire column on the way home from the women sextet's trip to Colorado, based on the suggestions given to me from the audience. (OK, some of the sextet members.)

So now, ladies and gentlemen, I semi-proudly present my column!

■Tri-colored houses

We passed this house that resembled a block of Neapolitan ice cream, except it was pink, blue and green. My theory is, if you're having trouble deciding between bright ugly colors to paint your house, go ahead and pick just one. It may reduce attacks on your house by disgruntled neighbors.

■Having your life in one wallet

This can be good, especially if you carry a wallet around with you always.

The biggest problem occurs when you leave your cash, student ID, driver's license, keys and (gasp!) library card at your parents' house when you're at a gas station in some po-dunk town in western Kansas (home of cows, barbed wire fences and people who believe it is their God-given right to refuse to put a tarp over their dead deer carcasses after a good day of huntin').

■K-Bob's

This is the fancier version of everyone's favorite choir tour stop: The Chuck-O-Rama!

What is it about a restaurant where you can strap on a feed bag and a week's allowance for meat in one slab for \$7.99? But this is western Kansas we're talking about (see above).

■Feed lots

"Wow! Look at all of those cows together."

Yes, it's like a big K-Bob's for cows, only it's free and in a few weeks their entire rear will be offered in a slab for only \$7.99.

■Disappearing cranes

According to eastern Colorado folklore (eastern Colorado, by the way, is exactly the same as western Kansas, but since the rest of the state has mountains and a little bit of culture, it has a better reputation), once upon a time, there was a huge crane that sat on a sand bar.

One day the bar collapsed, and the crane disappeared. That's right; they couldn't find it. Can you imagine losing a \$100,000 piece of equipment? That's almost as bad as losing your library card.

■Limos

On the way out to eastern Colorado, we saw a white stretched limo driving down a dirt road. There's something you don't see every day. My question is, can you rent a tri-colored limo to match your house? Hmmmm...

■Heavy breathing beside the bed

No, it's not your roommate's boyfriend; it's the dog of the family you're staying with while you're singing for some church thingy Sunday. Good thing eastern Colorado is so advanced. Ten years ago it would have been the family cow. Thank heaven for feed lots!

■Finding a date

According to Rich Gosse, some big wig matchmaker, there are three steps to finding a date:

1. Get out there. (Translated, that means leave your dorm; it is possible, and life does exist beyond your hallmates and your stuffed animals.)
2. Go where the ducks are. (Lakeside is always good.)
3. Initiate contact. (Chase the ducks. Not the black swans. They bite. And kill thousands of innocent bystanders every year. Well, according to grade school folklore they do.)
4. (This is my own step.) If all else fails, date a duck, pick it up in your tri-colored limo, and take it to K-Bob's. Just don't park it on a sandbar.

Understand others: Pierce a tongue

There have been many times in my five years at McPherson College that I have wanted to turn to any one person at any particular moment and tell them exactly what I think of them. Unfortunately, I have acted on that inner call a bit too often.

Tact is an amazing thing, if you are lucky enough to possess it. I, on the other hand, am not tactful. I do not think about routing my words down any certain path. Instead, I plow straight roads without any regard to directions of etiquette.

There is a force of nature which moves the tongue. I honestly believe that I am in control of all functions of my body, except for my tongue. So, I did the something to keep tabs on my words: I pierced my tongue.

I know this logic might not seem altogether lucid; however, please objectively follow these facts.

The tongue heals quicker than any other area on the body. (My piercing healed in four weeks, the nipple takes one year.)

The tongue also recovers faster. My piercing will close within 30 minutes of taking the bar out.

These reasons are nice, but they are only perks. There is a real reason for piercing my tongue. The tongue is a creative force.

According to my favorite book in the Bible, James, "every kind of animal and bird, reptile and sea creature, can be tamed by man, but no human being can tame the tongue."



Just Like That
by J.D. Bowman

I'm not suggesting that everyone run out to pierce their tongue. (Dr. Alan Gumm has pointed out the advantages to having a bar in the middle of my tongue. It has helped me find the correct diction and singing formations quicker since I know where the center of my tongue is.)

However, I am suggesting that everyone begin to think a bit more about their decision to speak.

Does that negative comment really need to be made? Did my comment brighten that person's day after I spoke to them? Could I benefit from learning more about interpersonal communications?

Even Dr. Rick Tyler, professor for interpersonal communications, would agree the class reminds and assists him every time he teaches it.

I was chatting with Andrew May recently. If you haven't gotten a chance to sit and converse with him, take time to do it.

Andy has this amazing sense of being able to listen and hear what I am saying. Even when he doesn't agree, he will

listen to my ideas until I feel I've exhausted the subject.

I asked him where he was taught this gift of conversation. He wasn't taught. He inherited it from his father, Charlie May.

Charlie would start sentences that may be blunt with, "Would you like the honest answer?"

And Andy knew that his father would always give a straight forward answer. Because of this, May recalls, he learned to take criticism.

But becoming a better listener isn't the only ingredient in understanding interpersonal communication.

Returning to Charlie for another example, Charlie started his job in a mail room and ended up as an executive. I would wager an educated guess it was because of his use of words and interpersonal communication.

No one goes anywhere in this world without the correct mixture of tact and honesty.

I write this article as a plea for better communication. Pull together and communicate. Try it! Have a little more lenience, a little more patience, a little more understanding.

Forget your side of the story. After all, you already know that side. And try on a tongue bar for a while. It can't hurt you, and you may meet a smile across the room from someone who is trying to understand you.

Broaden your life and enjoy living



Brethren Perspective
by Seth Good

"Those who can't find anything to live for, always invent something to die for. Then they want the rest of us to die for it, too."

At first read this quote it seems to make sense. Why else would someone want to leave the enjoyment of life unless they did not enjoy living? Then, to avoid feeling isolated in their stance, they want others to join them. A purely selfish motivation based on the need to feel accepted in their situation of despair.

I see this a lot when I am around people who give me the impression that, no matter what, they have decided to hate their life.

Most people I meet however enjoy their lives and see it as sacred. It is as if any hint that there is something higher than life is an attack on their love of life. This stance is what leads to quotes such as the one above.

It seems clear to me that it was written by someone who didn't want to die and felt others urging him or her to die for a cause.

I would respond with a quote from Martin Luther King: "No man has learned to live until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

Eventually as we mature and grow to a broader understanding we start to realize that, Hey! There are other people in the world and they have feelings too. We ask ourselves, "Why are we any more important than they?" If I am no more important than they, should I spend all my effort in fulfilling my own needs?

The answer is that we aren't any more important than anyone else, and to serve only ourselves is to live a selfish life.

Once we've reached this new broader understanding of humanity we begin to sacrifice ourselves for the feelings of others, and love them. Suddenly we see the beauty and life in others. It is as if we are seeing the little piece of God that has been placed in each one of us.

When we love the divine part of others we help them to grow into a loving state, we help them to love us in the long run.

This beauty that we see in life along with the love that we receive from others makes our live so much more fulfilling than living selfishly. We want for others to have the joy that living sacrificially brings.

As we live connecting to other people, we also feel their pain. This pain is mostly caused by others, who in serving themselves, often hurt or even kill other people.

When we want to help those who are being killed by others, it is important to see that their lives are just as important as our own. Sometimes in order to help save their life we must give our own.

It is not that people want to die but more that they want others to broaden their understanding of life, to feel the joy of loving sacrificially, to realize the importance of sharing not only in the good times but to be there in the oppression, too.

The desire for selfish people to stop hurting and killing others along with their hope that they can share in the joy drives people to encourage others to broaden their view and work for others sacrificially. Sometimes this requires the ultimate sacrifice.

LETTER POLICY

The Spectator's editorial pages provide a public forum for the campus community.

The following policy guides the publication of all letters to the editor:

- All letters must be signed. Unless sufficient reason is given, the signature must accompany the letter when it is published.

- Everything will be published within the limits of space, good taste, and the laws of libel.

- To submit a letter to The Spectator, drop it in campus mail by our office located behind the Doghouse, or e-mail us at spectamc@mcnet.mcpherson.edu. The final deadline is Monday before the Friday on which a paper is published.

Show support for others

Hallmark markets an entire line of cards for the grieving. "Your loved one made a difference." "May memories comfort you." "Your loved one lives on in our hearts and in our minds." (A particularly popular choice this season.)

Hallmark sells cards for those mourning physical death, but I think more than one type of death exists, all equally deserving of colored envelopes.

Have you ever seen a card sold for the recently divorced? For the family of someone sentenced to jail? For the parents of a runaway? I believe these are all forms of death.

What would such cards say? "The Lord be with you during your divorce?" "Our sympathies on the incarceration of your son?" "Saaad, Black Sheep. Saaad?"

Obviously my cards' sentiments aren't up to Hallmark standards, but at least they express concern, and that's the bottom line.

I'm not saying that sending cards is the only way to show concern. (In fact, there are other just as touching but less paper-consuming options.) But for some people cards are the most convenient and comfortable way to give support.

Whether a family member has run away, is in jail, is buried or has just "separated" themselves for a while, the result is the same—someone familiar is missing.

Since my mother's death in January, I notice that the kitchen table has one too many places, a bed remains empty, and a general absence floats through the house.

I pause for a second when filling out the family section of job applications, surveys and other "official" documents.

I try to keep track of who knows what, so I know how to respond appropriately when someone asks how things are going. I have to monitor how much I share and how much I save (even now, as I write).

I'm still learning to read people's responses so I can help them remain comfortable with the situation.

Although I've only experienced one type



On Her Orange Crate
by Sarah Stover

of death personally, I imagine that the situations I've described above are similar.

(I can't say for sure though. I realize I can't really understand the others unless I've lived those too.)

When asked about your family, how do you explain that you have a sister but you don't know where she is, what she's doing, or when (if) you'll see her next?

Or that you don't get to see your brother very often because he's in a juvenile correction facility? Or that you may not be "fine," but that you're healthy, growing, and moving in the right direction?

Every form of death deserves support, and maybe "real" death actually requires the least, because more people acknowledge it.

The post office puts a notice up and the newspaper helps spread the word. Acquaintances know to send cards and teachers are flexible.

Unfortunately, not everyone is so blessed. No one brings pot roast or sends flowers or brings pot roast when your Dad leaves home. No one writes poems or sends cards with happy memories of your sister when she runs off with the "wrong" guy.

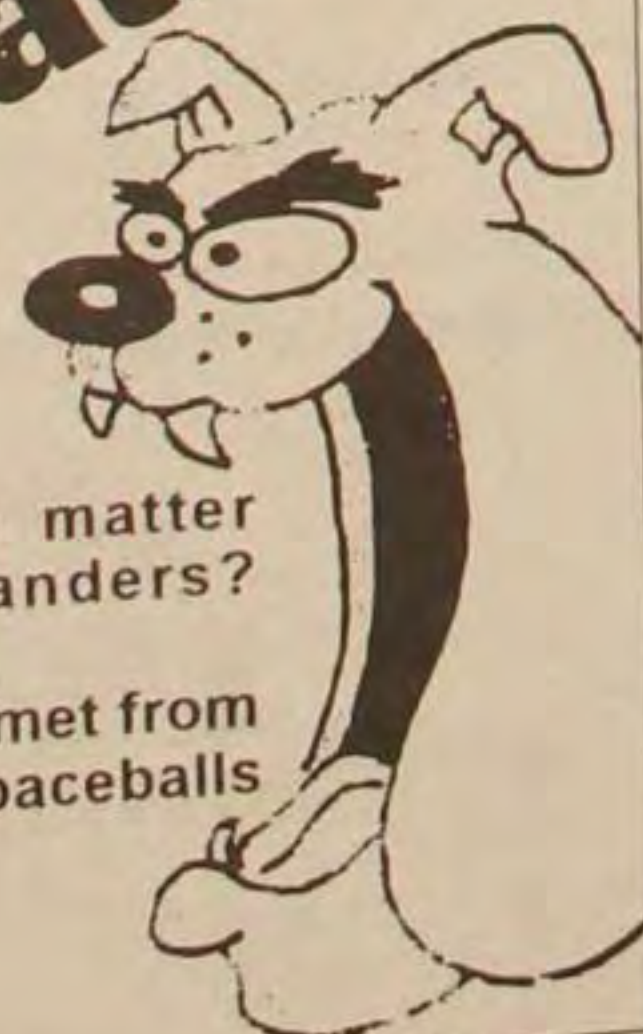
Sometimes "real" death is the blessing, and it's those dealing with the living that need the most support.

I don't expect a marketing executive from Hallmark to read this article and rush to open a new line of cards (especially after reading my examples).

If one did read this, I hope she would at least scroll through her memory file until she comes across someone who needs support.

And then I hope she shows it.

Dog Breath



"What's the matter Colonel Sanders? Chicken?"

—Dark Helmet from Spaceballs

America, return to God and pray for our nation

Denise Norsworthy
Spectator Staff

National Day of Prayer, dedicated May 8, is set aside for Americans to pray for our country. This year's theme is "America, Return to God." President Regan signed the proposition of National Day of prayer into law on May 5, 1987.

Regan urged the citizens of this great nation to gather together on that day in homes and places of worship to pray, each after his or her own manner, for unity of hearts of all mankind."

As Tryna Bahl, USA Director of Lydia Fellowship International said, "We are blessed as a nation to have an officially recognized Day of Prayer. To take it seriously and humble ourselves before God, to pray and seek his face, and turn from our wicked ways is to move the hand of God to hear, forgive and heal our land (2Chr. 7:14). This puts the responsibility squarely on us as the people of God and if we won't pray this way, who will?"

Understanding why people pray is only

THE POWER OF PRAYER

BY MECHTHILD OF MAGDEBURG

THAT PRAYER HAS GREAT POWER WHICH A PERSON
MAKES WITH ALL HIS MIGHT.
IT MAKES A SOUR HEART SWEET,
A SAD HEART MERRY,
A POOR HEART RICH,
A FOOLISH HEART WISE,
A TIMID HEART BRAVE,
A SICK HEART WELL,
A BLIND HEART FULL OF SIGHT,
A COLD HEART ARDENT.
IT DRAWS DOWN THE GREAT GOD INTO THE LITTLE HEART,
IT DRIVES THE HUNGRY SOUL UP INTO THE FULLNESS OF GOD.
IT BRINGS TOGETHER TWO LOVERS,
GOD AND THE SOUL,
IN A WONDEROUS PLACE WHERE THEY SPEAK OF MUCH LOVE.

half of the issue. Educating ourselves about the various styles of prayer equals in importance. So, how do we pray? There is verbal prayer, (praising, thanking, requesting) and unspoken prayer, (enjoying God's presence and sensing spiritual peace).

The Encyclopedia Britanica describes prayer as "an act of communication by a human being with the sacred or holy God, the gods, the transcendent realm, or supernatural powers." Prayer by meditation is a

main source of nonverbal prayer.

The Encyclopedia Britanica describes meditation as "private devotion or mental exercise consisting in any of innumerable techniques or concentration, contemplation, and abstraction, regarded as conducive to heightened spiritual awareness or somatic calm.

Meditative techniques are used and taught across the nation. Meditation is taught in medical schools such as Harvard, UCLA and St. Louis University, as an incredibly powerful pain controller. It reduces anxiety, and it helps overcome alcoholism.

Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, leads groups in meditation in his living room. "Those who did meditation enhanced their relationship with other people, and, if they have one, their relationship with God," Smith said. Meditation can be "a high, a real high."

Whatever method we use to pray, we as citizens should lift up a concert of prayer on May 8 for our nation. God wants to hear our prayers. Let's give it to Him with all we've got!

Pack up your room: trash it, recycle it, or give it away

by Jen Taylor
Spectator Staff



Photo by Cheri Norsworthy

Nikina Jones, fr., begins her packing preparations in order to get ready for her move back home for the summer months.

With the end of the term approaching, students are thinking about summer plans. Most know where they are going and what they are doing. The only question is "What do I do with my stuff?" After nine months of constructing the perfect dorm room, it will take approximately two days to disassemble it.

Sarah Stover, soph., offers some advice. "Don't throw out all of your stuff away right at first. I did that last year, and when I was studying for finals - it just didn't seem like my room because there was nothing in it!"

When should you begin the process of tearing down your room? At least two days before you plan to move out of the hall! It is impossible to start this process too early - especially if this is your first time moving out of the hall for the summer. You will be amazed at the amount of "stuff" that you've collected. Packing will probably take much longer than you expect. (remember, residents are supposed to check out of the residence halls within twenty-four hours after his or her last final is completed)

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While tearing apart your room, it's a good idea to sort through clothes and other objects. This is a perfect time to admit that you have never worn the orange striped polyester tube top that Grandma gave you for Christmas last year. What can you do with that hideous creation? Offer it to a friend. It's amazing what your friends have been eyeing of yours in the past year; they just may want that broken down, old love seat. Or perhaps recycling is the answer.

Third floor of Dot:our is currently having a swap. Residents are invited to take items in good condition that they no longer want (these items are usually clothes but can also be other objects) to the third floor lobby. Residents are also invited to swap their items for others.

Another option is donating to Save n'

Share, a second-hand store in the area. Clothes and other items (they love getting stuffed animals and toys), can be dropped off in the back of the store. The items are cleaned and then sold at greatly reduced prices.

Also, the theatre department will occasionally accept donations, depending on the item and the quality. For more information, talk to Rick Tyler, Assoc. professor of speech and theatre.

So what should Joe Schmoe do if he wants to keep his burnt orange, flea bitten, circa 1978, velour recliner? There are different options on where to place one's holy relics while spending the summer away from college.

There are several storage companies in town. One of the cheapest professional storage businesses is "You Store It," located on 309 E. Avenue A. "You Store It" offers a college student special, allowing students to leave all of their junk in a storage space for the entire summer for only \$75.

For those seeking not-so-professional storage (and perhaps a price break), another option is to find a friend living in Mac during the summer who would have room for a few extra boxes. The professors, staff and local Mac students can occasionally be convinced to store boxes over the summer for free or a slight fee (hint: this usually involves quite a bit of brown nosing).

Don't forget about the numerous students who stay in the area and need furniture and other items to furnish their apartment. Remember, borrowing is a "win-win" situation! You could save the expense of renting storage, and the "borrowing student" will also save the expense of buying enough furniture to make it through the summer.

What does all this boil down to? First, find a suitable place to store your stuff. Consider price, location, size and accessibility. Then, start packing up your room early. Go through stuff as you pack, recycling unwanted articles. Finally, move out of the hall, and give your poor RA a break by checking out on time!

Moving in and out of a dorm can be a headache, but it is a headache that can be avoided by strategic planning.

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Campus prepares to bid farewell to part of its family

Sarah Marie Hendricks
Spectator Staff

"Good luck with the real world."
-Ryan Wenzel, sr.

"Go to the movies, talk with your profs, play ultimate Frisbee, smile at a stranger... Do those things you say you want to. Yesterday is already gone, so what are you waiting for?"

-Becki Dilley, sr.

"I have to do it by myself, but I can't do it alone!"
-Eric Vogel, sr.

"Keep working hard. Things get really fast towards your Senior year. You feel like you are going to die, but you know that you worked hard for four years and it will all be worth it when you have your diploma."

-Mary Zodrow, sr.

"We are in the College to serve our goals and to fight to build a future for ourselves. We need to use every single opportunity and tool that we have been given. And to know that these fabulous moments at McPherson, and doing these stages of our kinds is pretty much part of what we will be in our future. What we will cook now, we will eat in the future." I feel I still did not finish... a degree is not everything."

-Monica Jorba—Coutoixa, sr.

"To all students: We hope that all students will experience creepy-crawling at 2am."

-Becki Dilley and Amy Haas

"Don't be afraid to try everything. Don't be disappointed when you discover that you can't do everything. Above all, don't be afraid to ask questions of everything."

-Ben Brubaker, sr.

"Good luck. May "the real world" treat you well and I hope that you achieve all your dreams and goals. May you find success in all that you do."

-Brian Cooper, jr.

"To keep everything in perspective, just remember that the Lord has made it possible for you to be here at Mac."

-Cameron Mahler, sr.

"McPherson College has been a good place with a family-like atmosphere. It is a wonderful place to make memories and meet wonderful people - I met my husband here! Students should take advantage of opportunities to get to know their professors. They become your friends, which makes life more enjoyable. Make those memories!"

-Trisha House, sr.

"Look around. Try to see people, situations, and things for what they really are."

-Sara Myers, soph.

"I advise all students to take advantage of all the opportunities given to them here at Mac. It will be hard to say good-bye to my Mac family as my time as a student comes to an end. Thank-you for so many special memories and friends who have guided me, helped me to grow, and touched my life forever."

-Amy Haas, sr.

"The one thing I've learned is that nothing surprises me anymore, things will happen that you can't control in your life. When the unexpected has come my way during the past four years, there was always someone there for me, no matter how alone I thought I was. Your family and friends will be there for you even if you think they're not—just reach out for them."

-Melissa Sharp, sr.

"I want to wish all the seniors good luck—try to have fun every once in a while!"

-LeAnna Hulce, soph.

Webster's says that a senior is "a person of higher rank or standing." The McPherson College handbook says a senior is "a student who has completed 90 hours towards a degree." A few students on campus say that seniors are "those lucky ones who get to live off campus." Others say that seniors are "the students who provide leadership for our campus." By this time in their lives, those students preparing to graduate in a little over two weeks (also known as seniors), are used to dealing with ambiguous labels.

It is only fitting to be ambiguously labeled as seniors, because this year's class of '80 is preparing to face one of the biggest ambiguities of life itself—the meaning of life after college. As a tribute to their contributions to the McPherson College campus, this page is dedicated to the seniors of 1998.

Underclassmen, listen to these words of advice from your peers who have "been through the paces." Seniors, listen to the words of advice from the Mac campus community as it says good-bye and good-luck to you, a talented group of women and men!

"McPherson College is a place full of opportunities. Take advantage of those opportunities and you will grow into the kind of person you never expected to be."

-Sarah Wagoner Hendricks, sr.

"The last four years have been heaven and hell. And it can only get better."

-Damian Harris, sr.

"My words of advice to graduating seniors would be to remember and keep in touch with the people and things that are important in your life, no matter whether time or distance is a factor."

-Marie Vacura, jr.

"Try to make a difference any way you can. Join a campus club and take a leadership role. Make the most of every opportunity you have, because you never know what great things might become of them. Above all, be thankful that you have the opportunity to come to college to create a better future for yourself."

-Jesse van Norden, sr.

"Just remember, its not all about sky diving and treadmills. There are water buffalo too!"

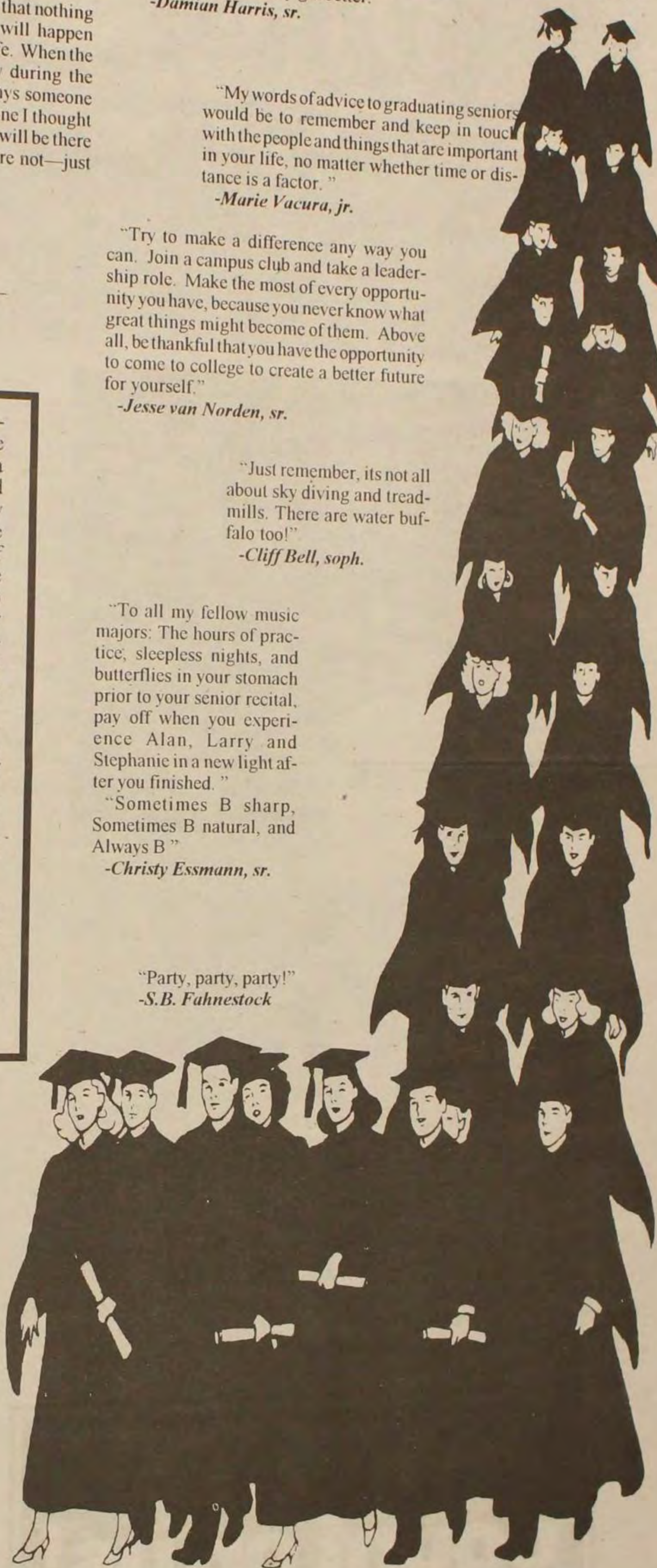
-Cliff Bell, soph.

"To all my fellow music majors: The hours of practice, sleepless nights, and butterflies in your stomach prior to your senior recital, pay off when you experience Alan, Larry and Stephanie in a new light after you finished."

"Sometimes B sharp, Sometimes B natural, and Always B"

-Christy Essmann, sr.

"Party, party, party!"
-S.B. Fahnestock



Congratulations to new Alpha Psi Omega members!!

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- Michael Bisceglia
- Mark Godfrey
- Rachel Gross
- LeAnna Hulce
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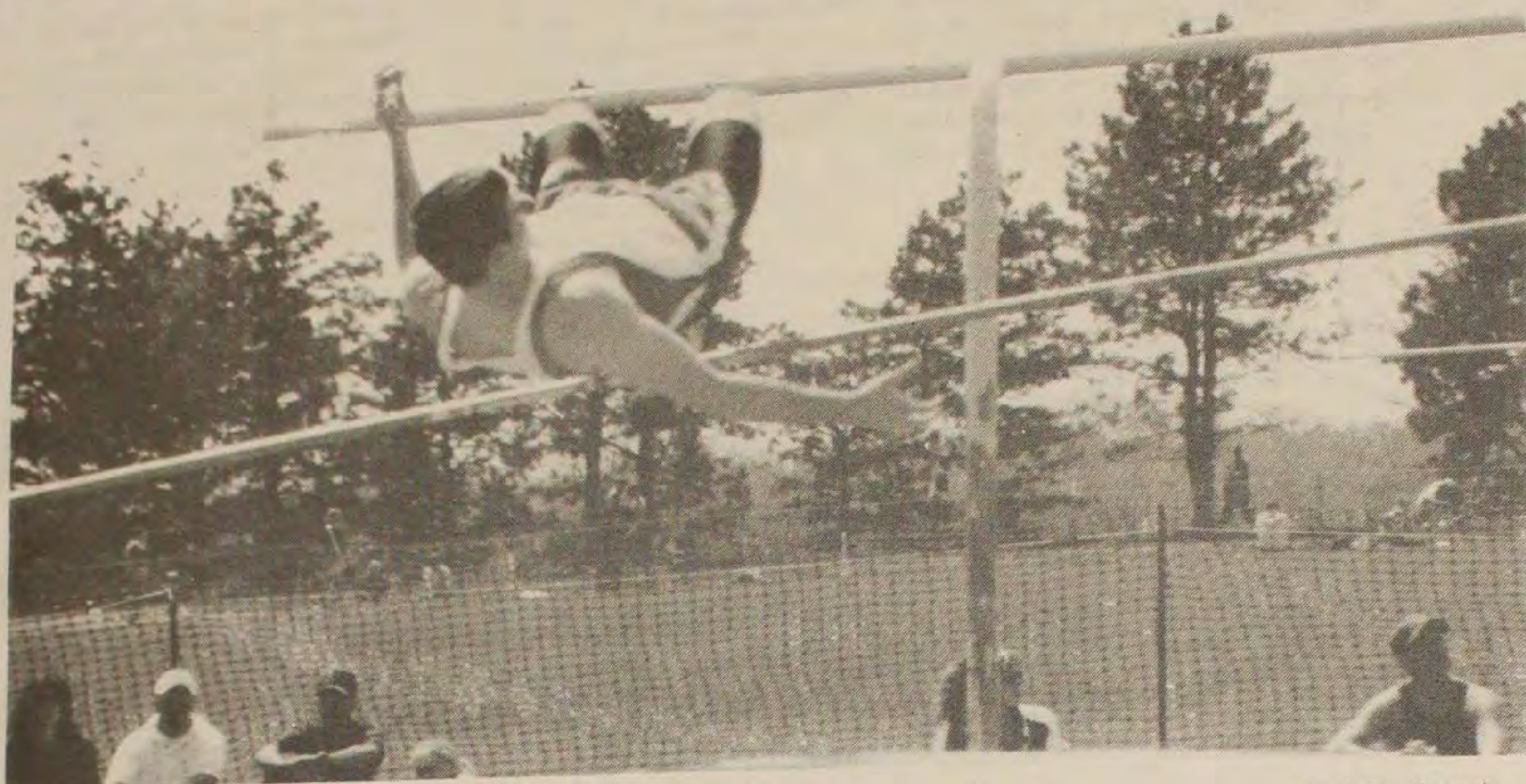
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Left: Ryan Wenzel, sr., soars over the high jump bar.

Below: Tim Armbruster, sr., reaches high to provide his opponent with a forceful serve.

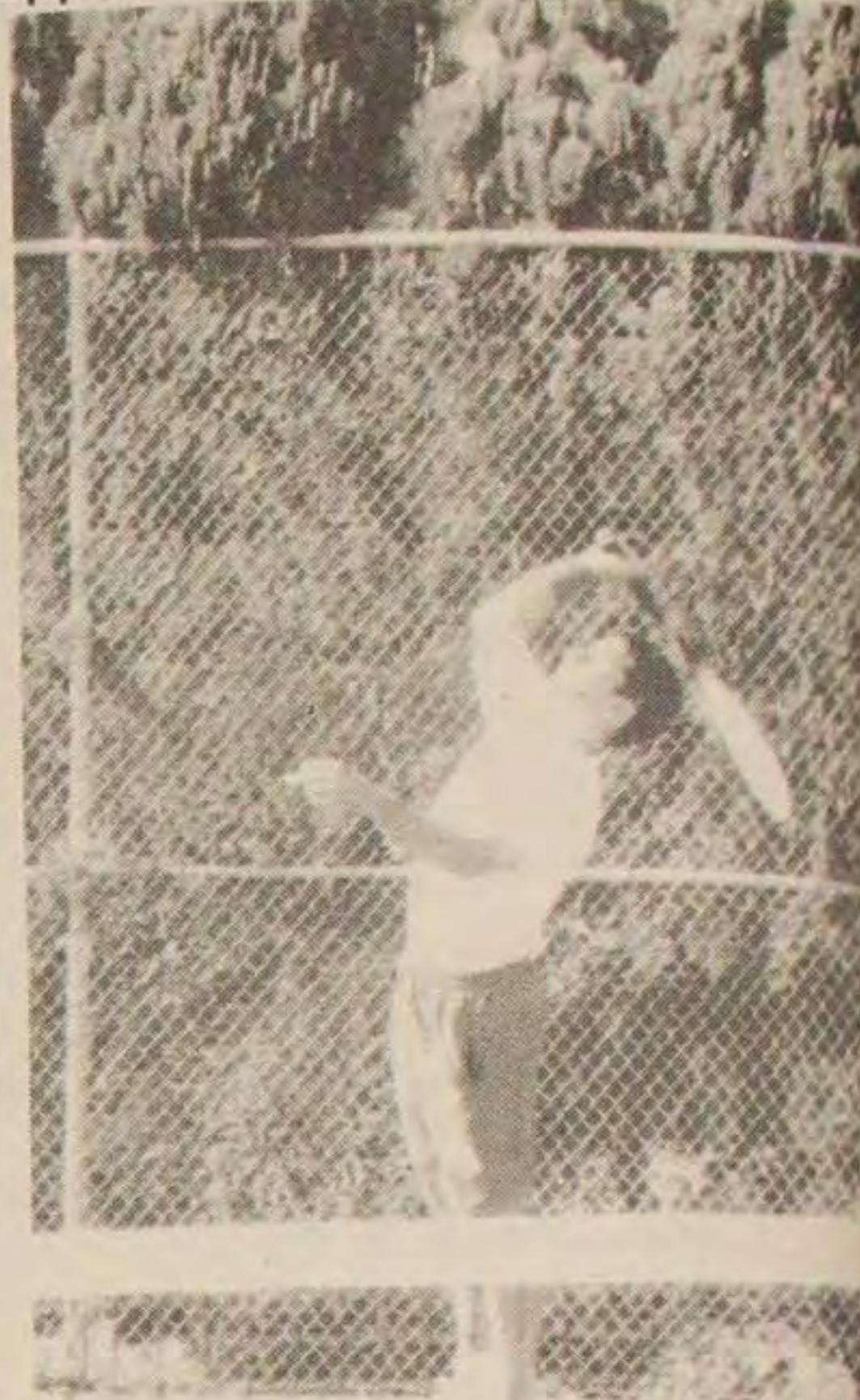


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Joe House, sr., back, and David Wiens, sr., prepare to return the ball during a recent doubles match against Sterling.

Season closes with conference meets

by Brent Briggeman
Sports Editor

The spring sports seasons came to a close for McPherson College in the last two weeks with the conference meets.

The golf team was the first to conclude its season. With a roster trimmed to three players the golf team traveled to Hesston on February 28 and 29 for the KCAC golf meet held at Hesston Municipal Golf Course.

At the meet, Josh Woody led the team with a 54-hole total of 260. Tim Herra followed with a 261; Bobby Hill was the other Bulldog participant.

Prior to the conference meet, the team traveled to Salina on the April 21 and Winfield on April 23.

"Due to weather we had a short season, but the guys hung in and played as best they could," said Herra. "Hopefully, next year with a little more work, a better weather, we'll have more luck."

The tennis team wrapped up its season at the conference meet at the Riverside Tennis Club in Wichita.

The Bulldogs pulled off a remarkable run at the meet. Behind the play of seniors Joey House and David Wiens, McPherson pulled away from Sterling to finish fifth.

House was the lone member of the team honored by the conference as he was named second team All-KCAC.

"We were very pleased with our performance," said Danny Ramsey.

"Considering that three of us had never really played tennis before coach recruited us out of the blue, I think we did pretty well. We should be strong next year as well. We'll lose a lot in the three seniors [Tim Armbruster, House and Wiens] but with the experience we'll have, we'll be competitive.

As a side note, Ramsey did fulfill his prophecy that he would become the first 300-pounder to win a match. In fact, he won four matches throughout the season.

The track team finished the final stretch of the season in grand fashion at the conference meet in Tabor on May 1 and 2.

Katy Neusch won another conference championship, this time in the long jump. Last year she won the triple jump. Rick Coleman brought Mac another gold with his performance in the javelin.

The only member to place was Dana Cordova, who placed fourth in the shot-put and sixth in the javelin.

"Overall I think we're satisfied with our season," said Cordova. "We banded together toward the end of the season and finished strong."

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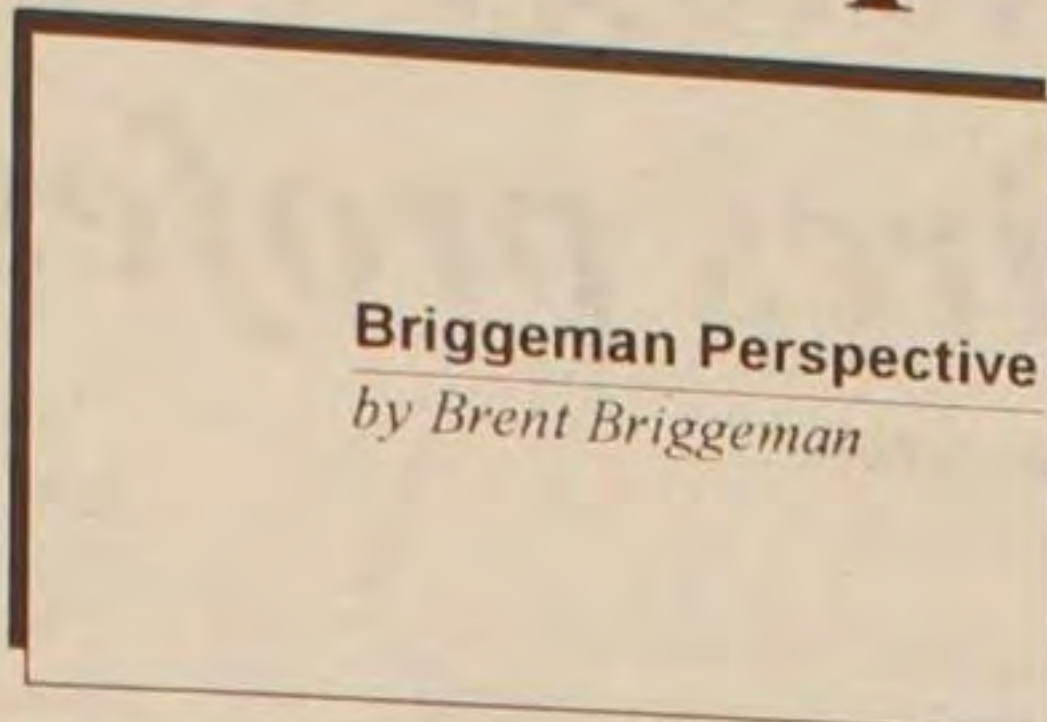
1997-98 teams experienced success

Columnist reflects on highlights of 1997-98 fall and spring sports

As the year comes to a close, we can now look back on the year in sports. The 1997-98 year brought much team and individual success.

In all, 14 athletes were recognized by the conference for their performance on the field and 23 were honored for their performance in the classroom. The year brought many highlights and special moments. The following are a few that stand out.

■Roy Johnson qualified for nationals in weightlifting in front of the student



Briggeman Perspective
by Brent Briggeman

body at Convocations. Sports Illustrated featured Johnson in their "Faces in the Crowd" section.

■The Bulldog football team defeated Bethany 24-16. Anytime a 21-year losing streak is snapped it's a highlight, but it was even "Sweder" coming against Bethany.

■Manny Avila scored a game tying goal

against Kansas Wesleyan to send the game to overtime.

■Against Tabor, Reggie Sanders blocked three kicks and intercepted two passes.

■The football team closed at 6-4, improving their overall record for the fifth straight year.

■The men's soccer team placed second in an off-season tournament. John Inglehart was named Most Valuable Player in the tournament.

■The women's basketball team defeated nationally ranked Bethany.

■Amy Ross scored 30 points in an early season tournament game against Panhandle State.

■The men's basketball team made great strides toward the future by signing former McPherson prep star Josh Alexander.

■Football coach Bruce Grose announced he will be leaving McPherson College to take a high school job in Colorado Springs.

■In late April green grass was spotted on the football field. This was the first official spotting of grass on the field since late August.

■Katy Neusch and Rick Coleman received gold medals at the KCAC track meet. Neusch in the long jump and Coleman won javelin.

■Amy Ross and Emanuel Roland receive the female and male athlete of the year award.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rookie fans 20 Astros

Chicago Cubs rookie Kerry Wood struck out 20 batters en route to a one-hit shut-out of the Houston Astros on Wednesday.

The 20 strikeouts ties the major league record for a nine-inning game, set twice by Roger Clemens. Wood, who is only 20 years old, was making only his fifth start of his career.

NBA heads to round two

The Chicago Bulls, Indiana Pacers and the rest of the remaining teams have completed first round action in the NBA playoffs.

First round surprises included an upset of the Miami Heat by the New York Knicks in seven games.

The Seattle Supersonics narrowly escaped the sixth-seeded Houston Rockets.

The San Antonio Spurs advanced to round two, led by their trio of seven footers (Tim Duncan, Will Purdue, and David Robinson).

Ice teams slip in round one

The first round of the NHL playoffs weren't very kind to the top seeds in the Eastern Conference.

The New Jersey Devils, Pittsburgh Penguins, and Philadelphia Flyers, the top three seeds, were knocked out in the first round.

In the West, the surprise of the first round was the Edmonton Oilers seven-game defeat of the Colorado Avalanche, after falling down three games to one.

All-Conference Academic Athletes named

- Volleyball: Jayme Brown, sr. Andrea Herrera, jr. Amber Pfannenstiel, sr. Melissa Sharp, sr. Marie Vacura, jr. Genelle Wine, soph.
- Football: Timothy Armbruster, sr. Brandon Bench, jr. Bobby Hill, soph. Nathan McLaughlin, jr. Antonio Rael, soph.
- Women's Basketball: Dana Cordova, jr. Marie Gimbel, soph. Amber Pfannenstiel, sr. Amy Ross, sr. Paige Watkins, sr.
- Men's Basketball: Todd Hague, soph. Ryan Hargitt, soph. Shane Sundahl, sr. Ryan Wenzel, sr.
- Women's Tennis: Lori Fleming, jr.
- Women's Soccer: Melanie Messick, jr.
- Men's Tennis: Joe House, sr.

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Adam Smith, assistant professor of biology, was selected by the 1998 Who's Who students for the Professor of the Year award.

Annual Honors Convo recognizes achievements

The following students and faculty were recognized during the Annual Celebrative Awards Convocation on May 4.

- Professor of the Year**.....Adam Smith, assistant professor of biology
- Model Educator Award**.....Candy Lawrence, sr.
- Business and Accounting Outstanding Student Awards**.....Erik Vogel, sr. and Jennifer Richardson, sr.
- Female Athlete of the Year**.....Amy Ross, sr.
- Male Athlete of the Year**.....Emanuel Roland, sr.
- Math and Computer Science Departmental Honors**.....Timothy Armbruster, sr.
- Freshman Chemistry Award**.....Amanda Behnke, fr.
- Foreign Study Award**.....Amy Shouman, sr.
- Behavioral Sciences Outstanding Student Award**.....Laura Cherry, sr.
- Natural Science Research Awards**.....Cameron Mahler, sr. and Rebecca Standafer, sr.
- Truman Foundation Recognition**.....Shelly Hendricks, jr.
- Outstanding Physical Education Major**.....Will Roberts, sr.
- Art Awards**.....Mike Chrislip, maintenance, Brenda Steel, Kevin Thrift, jr., Summr Snodgrass, soph., Dianna Thrift, maintenance
- Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges**..... Rebecca J. Dilley, sr., Sarah Wagoner Hendricks, sr., Shelly Hendricks, jr., Stacy L. Hoover, sr., Cameron W. Mahler, sr., Amy H. Ross, sr., Melissa K. Sharp, sr., Nathan S. Swenson-Reinhold, sr. and Erik Howard Vogel, sr.
- Music Awards**.....Jeremy Bernhardt, sr., Jaymie Brown, sr., Christi Essman, sr., Sarah W. Hendricks, sr., David Liepelt, sr., Laura Liepelt, sr., Cameron Mahler, sr. and Crystal O'Dell, sr.
- Theatre Awards**.....Anna Arasmith, fr., Danny Ballard, fr., Jeremy Bernhardt, sr., Micheal Bisceglia III, jr., Teresa Boness, sr., JD. Bowman, sr., Chris Contreras, fr., Becki Dilley, sr., Mark Godfrey, jr., Dustin Gregg, soph., Rachel Gross, soph., LeAnna Hulce, soph., Scott McDearmon, fr., Tonya Mowrey, jr., Jamie Risser, jr., Raechel Sittig, jr., Sarah Stover, soph., Jennifer Taylor, fr., Krissy Williams, soph., Genelle Wine, soph.
- Kansas Associated Collegiate Press Awards:**
- Newspaper:**
Brent Briggeman, fr., Jennifer Bosserman, jr., JD. Bowman, sr., Sarah W. Hendricks, sr., Shelly Hendricks, jr., Becky Ullom, soph., Erik Vogel, sr.
- Yearbook:**
Jeremy Bernhardt, sr., Kendra Flory, soph., Jamie Risser, jr., Emma Webb, sr.

NEWS BRIEFS

Student Union to be named after former president

The McPherson College Student Union will be named the Hoffman Student Union in honor of Dr. Paul W. Hoffman. Hoffman served 20 years as the college president, immediately preceding President Dill. The recognition of the award will occur as part of the final convocation of this year, on May 11.

Student accepted into acting program

JD. Bowman, sr., was accepted into the professional training program of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City. Bowman has performed in 12 productions and directed three others during his years at McPherson College.

Biology department hires professor

by LeAnn Wine
Spectator Staff

Dr. Andrew Bobb has been hired to fill the position of assistant professor of biology for the 1998-99 academic school year. The college received Bobb's signed contract last week.

The biology search committee, chaired by Dr. Jonathan Frye, assistant professor of biology, recommended Dr. Bobb for hire. This recommendation came after two other searches failed to fill the position.

"I believe we have a great candidate and the effort that has been expended has been very worthwhile," said Steve Gustafson, provost and dean of the faculty.

"I was impressed by Dr. Bobb's ability to relate to all levels of science," said Genelle Wine, soph., and student representative on the search committee. "He is willing to adjust his teaching style to the level of the course he's teaching."

According to Gustafson, this quality is helpful to the college.

"McPherson can't afford to hire separate specialists in genetics, physics, cell molecular biology, anatomy, etc.," Gustafson said. "We have to find someone who is prepared in all areas of need and will be able to teach the breadth of the curriculum."

Bobb received his bachelor's in biology from Longwood College, Farmville, Va. and his doctorate in biology from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Baltimore, Md. He also attended college at Towson State University and Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va.

While at UMBC and Virginia Commonwealth, Bobb was a graduate teaching assistant. More recently he worked for Rothe Development to develop technology that would detect pathogens in drinking water. Prior to that he worked at Johns Hopkins University researching the regulation of genes for biosynthesis.

Along with accomplishments in college and employment, Dr. Bobb has also done extensive research with DNA. He has researched both manual and automated DNA sequencing and DNA synthesis. Some of his other research has been in the areas of protein purification and bacterial isolation.

"He enjoys the research," Wine said. "But he looks forward to the interaction with students."

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"Enhancing the Legacy" campaign on schedule

tant director of development, the money raised toward the Stine match can be used toward the Mabee challenge, but Mr. Stine's matching money can not be used toward the Mabee challenge.

The campaign timeframe is based on the five-year time span allotted by Harry Stine for the college to raise \$10 million that he in turn would match. During this time, Stine will match dollar-for-dollar all gifts designated for capital projects only assuming that the budget remains balanced.

To insure the budget is balanced, the development office is putting 20 percent of all undesignated campaign gifts into the annual fund. The remaining 80 percent will go toward the most imminent capital projects, which are currently the new dormitories. In addition to the 20 percent, \$300,000 must be raised outside the campaign every year.

The development office does honor the wishes of its donors, and if a donor requests that the gift go entirely toward capital projects or the annual fund the money will go where they have specified.

When the college has raised the \$10 million, Stine's matching \$10 million will go into the endowment.

The majority of this money had been

"He is enthusiastic about the sciences and their impact on persons' lives," Gustafson said.

"He talked about how he would stress the philosophy of science, so students would know the importance of biology and how it relates to individuals," Wine said. "I think he'll do a great job. He's a very energetic person."

Although it is not definite which classes Dr. Bobb will be teaching next year, he will likely teach the non-major biology class, according to Frye. He will possibly teach Biology 101 and Vertebrate Physiology in the fall and Biology 101 during interterm. The spring term is unclear.

According to Gustafson, along with Bobb's willingness and ability to teach classes in different areas of science, Bobb's small college experience will make him a good fit with McPherson College.

"I think it's important that he has had the small college experience," Gustafson said. "I think he'll relate to students and faculty alike."

"The committee also wanted someone who was interested in being involved in campus activities other than the science department," Wine said.

Bobb has been a member of his current church for six years. He has sung in the choir, led men's ministry, and taught the adult Sunday School class.

He has also been involved in Bible Study Fellowship, a national Bible study group. Bobb was approved for deacon candidacy in 1997.

Dr. Bobb is from Baltimore, Md. and will move to McPherson this summer with his wife, Kristy and daughters Taylor and August.

Bobb plans to remain in McPherson for many years. Bobb's father-in-law moved around while Kristy was growing up and Bobb doesn't want this for his children.

"He wants his children to grow up knowing where they're from," Frye said. "He's looking to stay here for the long haul."

The search committee advertised the biology professor position in the Chronicle of Higher Education and in the "Messenger." From the initial applicants, they narrowed it down to six and then three.

These three candidates were brought to campus to meet with faculty and students, have formal interviews, tour the facilities and teach a class. Dr. Bobb was the first choice of the third search.

"Third time's a charm," Frye said.

raised by development staff liaisons working with members of the "Enhancing the Legacy" National Steering Committee. The committee consists of co-chairs Jack Harter and Marlene Wolf and twelve other couples or individuals, a trustee and a non-trustee from each of six regions across the country.

The committee and the liaisons are holding six regional conferences from January through June 1998. The conference brings together potential donors of major gifts, \$10 thousand and up, and alumni and friends who help with campaign gifts on a local level.

President Dill, faculty, staff and students have also helped to generate interest in McPherson College at the conferences.

After each conference, the development staff is personally visiting as many of the conference invitees as possible to ask for campaign support. This amounts to more than 260 total potential visits.

The McPherson Community Task Group consisting of local community leaders has formed to help the college identify and contact potential local major donors, both individuals and businesses.

The "Enhancing the Legacy" campaign will enter a new campaign phase, concentrating on smaller area meetings for all alumni and friends around the country, next fall.