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A chance to serve others



Laura Clark and Pete Brubaker, soph., visit in the Student Union during lunch hour. Clark, a Brethren Volunteer Service worker currently serving in Elgin, Ill., travelled to McPherson College this past week to explain the BVS program and what opportunities it provides for individuals interested in volunteering to serve others.

Constitution undergoes revision

by Jessica Adamson
Spectator Staff

Student Government Association's constitution committee is revising the SGA constitution to clarify and simplify the current document, written in the 1970s. Interpretation problems arose due to the wording of the current constitution.

"Pending the approval of the constitution, the revision will provide the much-needed clarity that was lacking from the current document," said Shay Maclin, soph., SGA president. "With these changes, hopefully future student governments will not have the difficulties of the past governments, by following a precise and clarified constitution."

Some proposed amendments to the constitution include extending the yearly new council election from March 15 through April 20, setting dates for groups to renew charter and receive funds from SGA, clarifying of the duties of all representatives and officers and

raising the required GPA to run for executive office will be raised from 2.0 to 2.5.

Members of the constitutional committee include Andy Ullom, senior representative, Ben Brubaker, sr., representative at large, and Candy Hayden, soph., off campus representative.

The committee read through the constitution line by line, revising and updating to make the document clearer and more concise and to eliminate a number of interpretation problems.

The committee first drafted an updated version of the constitution and now work through a revising/editing process.

"The rough draft has proven to be a step in the direction at a working constitution. After SGA revises our rough draft and passes those revisions, the updated draft will go before the student body," Ullom said.

"No amendments or changes have been made to the constitution since 1975. We encourage everyone to look over the proposed constitution so it can be passed," Hayden said. "There must be a two-thirds

majority vote to pass the constitution, so hopefully students will support us."

If the revisions pass through both voting sessions, they will be sent to Dr. Gary Dill, president, and the Board of Trustees for approval. The executive committee of the Board of Trustees will represent the entire board in making this decision.

The new constitution will be implemented and become law in the spring semester of 1998 if approved by Dr. Dill and the Board of Trustees.

"I would like to encourage the members of the student body to read the document as it will greatly affect the operations of SGA, Student Activities Board (SAB) and chartered organizations," Ullom said.

Student Government Association meetings are open to the public. Student Government Association holds its meetings on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. in the Private Dining Room. Exact dates as to when SGA and the student body will vote are pending on final arrangements with various chartered organizations.

Anti-racism group promotes awareness

by Shelly Hendricks
Editor-in-Chief

An anti-racism group has formed this fall in efforts to increase campus awareness about racial issues and understanding. The leaders of this group underwent intense training to prepare for their future goals.

"In saying anti-racism, we're saying we're against racism and working to dismantle it," said Carol Williams, resident director of Metzler Hall and team member.

The anti-racism group is currently comprised of five members: Williams, David Barrett, admissions counselor, Laura Eells, associate professor of sociology, Steven Gustafson, provost and dean of faculty and Shingo Kajinami, professor of chemistry.

"We have an extremely close-knit team. I'm honored to be a member of this group which is contributing to the solutions of the [racism] problem," Kajinami said. Sharon Knechel, former vice president for

student services, served as the sixth member of the team. However, she was killed in a car accident during early September.

The group will remain comprised of five, until someone goes through the same training procedure. The group was chosen to represent a mixture of faculty, staff and administration, with an effort made to equalize genders and ethnic backgrounds.

"I find the possibility of being a part of social change, which will benefit our entire institution, very exciting," Eells said.

The idea began last spring, when Damascus Road, a national organization started by the Mennonite Council of Churches (MCC), asked if the college would be interested in starting an anti-racism group.

The college's administration agreed that they would like to send employees to participate in the anti-racism training program and commit some campus employees to the group: the Mennonite Church formed Damascus Road spe-

cifically to work on anti-racism, especially within their own church.

"In the beginning, I was very skeptical, because I've seen the efforts of people go by the wayside. Seems like they want to do something to make themselves feel good, instead of someone else," Barrett said. "If you want to dismantle racism, you have to want equality for everyone."

To begin an anti-racism group, members must go through two intense training sessions. The training is done by Damascus Road and the Crossroads Ministry Trainings. Both organizations are based upon the Christian faith.

"I feel if we are serious about the Bible or what the Bible teaches us, then we have to respect other people's different backgrounds, race and culture," Kajinami said.

The McPherson College team members attended two separate training sessions during the spring and summer of 1997. The

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EDITORIAL

Embrace campus diversity

WHILE McPHERSON COLLEGE IS SMALL, IT IS A DIVERSE COMMUNITY. Currently, several international students are studying here, bringing many languages and new perceptions to this campus. Racial minorities represent approximately 10 percent of the student body. However, remember, that percentage constitutes race alone. Every single individual has attributes that have or will characterize him/herself as a minority sometime in life.

Diversity extends beyond race. All diversity means is "the condition of being different or having differences" (Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary). There are certainly a wide range of differences on this campus. Religious beliefs vary, along with political interests, social interests or even the simple difference in the area of study students choose.

In order to embrace diversity, people must be aware of their own ignorance and have a willingness to learn about those unlike themselves. By tolerating diverse opinions, lifestyles and characteristics, people improve social conditions. Respect for all humanity should be the ultimate goal of society. If this diversity is not accepted, hatred develops and conflict arises.

The newly-formed anti-racism group on campus hopes to spread knowledge about racism and provide opportunities for students to question race issues. They are providing students a chance to gain awareness about a subject where knowledge may be lacking. While this group is beneficial for campus, remember again that diversity is not limited to race.

Religion is also divisive, though it need not be. McPherson College is affiliated with the Church of the Brethren, and so some of the campus religious groups do have a Brethren base. However, those groups intend to be inclusive of all those who desire spiritual growth.

Also, most of the student organizations are directed towards persons with specific interests. However, most groups welcome any individuals who are eager to be involved, regardless of their main interests. Diversity among participants always adds to the learning experience of a group.

Diversity means differences. Differences are good. Seek out those unlike yourself, rather than assuming those differences will cause conflict. Diversity is the make-up of humanity.

Shelly Hendricks
for the Editorial Staff

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The college's way of dealing with student problems on campus.



"Leap of faith"



Brethren Perspective
by Becky Ullom

Last summer, I worked at a Brethren camp in Virginia. I had no previous knowledge of the area, the people, or the camp. I guess you could say taking the job was a "leap of faith." My experiences from this summer were very meaningful to me.

I thought by sharing some of my journal entries, that I might possibly share some of the summer with you. Yet, I am also aware that no matter how well I share my memories with you, it will not sufficiently capture the entire meaning. So, remember that what I share is only a fraction of the growing experiences that took place at Camp Bethel.

June 3

Today was the first official day of my summer adventure—working as Nature Coordinator at Camp Bethel in Virginia. I had no trouble getting to the airport, but once I was there, I found out that my flight had been canceled. I was re-booked for a later flight, so it was only a slight inconvenience.

June 4

I'm finally here! When I got off the bus at Roanoke, staff from camp were waiting for me. We all loaded into "The Hulk" (camp van, which happens to be green and a 15-seater). Later that evening, we went to Smith Mountain Lake Church of the Brethren.

June 12

Oh yeah, staff training. Basically, we've done a lot of team building and getting familiar with camp/policies. Yesterday, we had a "staff outing." We climbed to the top of Peaks of Otter in Jefferson National Forest. The view from the top was awesome! Later, we went to Chuck E. Cheese's (another staff bonding thing). We played in the balls and the tunnels, and ate a ton of pizza—FUN!

June 13

Time for our first camp—overnight camp. I had a good time playing with the kids today—they are so tiny! Most are only five years old. At campfire, I led some songs and also de-briefed a scripture/skit. It went pretty well, and afterwards, the staff had a "warm/fuzzy moment." We passed our first test with flying colors!

June 24

Day camp has started! The campers are running my tail off! They are ages four-seven, and I have to practice crowd control techniques all day long. I have two hour long sessions of nature. The rest of the time, I just hang out with the kids as a counselor

figure. The most annoying thing about this week has been the 'sweat bees. They leave a bite similar to a mosquito's, and of course these little tikes are sure they need to go to the hospital every time one appears. Oh well. Tonight, after the campers left, the staff had a watermelon seed spitting contest/fight/whatever. It was great!

July 1

Day camp was good overall. They did have a ton of energy though - sometimes it was hard to channel! Nature went really well - I had a couple of kids tell me that nature was their favorite part. One kid even gave me a hug on Friday!

July 26

As the summer goes on, I get more tired with every passing camp and get more behind on writing. Camps are going well. The kids are "kids," but they are wonderful to be around. Even if they are being ornery, they are at least living life to its fullest. I've come to realize that I'd rather be slightly annoyed by ornery kids than be bored with apathetic and dull kids. I do wish they had a little less energy to sing "Boom-chica-boom" and "I just wanna be a sheep," however. I bet the staff has sung those songs at least 1,000 times this summer.

Aug. 3

To raise money for Heifer Project, our service project for the summer, we had a service auction. Over 500 dollars was raised! As an incentive to raise the money, the staff agreed to have a mud fight in a nasty, drained pond on camp property. It was so much fun! Trying to get the mud out of clothes/off of bodies was a bit disgusting, but I'll never forget how much everyone laughed!

Aug. 16

Staff closing - wow! It was great to do nothing but relax and have fun. No wake-up bells, no morning watch, no bee stings, no bathrooms to clean. The staff spent most of the day on the lake, riding wave runners. It was the perfect way to end the summer! The staff has been so much fun these past three months. Tye-dye parties, football games, Wal-Mart, the yogurt shop, ice cream from Virginia Marquett. I have so many good memories, and almost all of them involve laughter. That is truly one of my most favorite memories from the summer - laughter. When I saw young people and adults all laughing, learning, growing, and existing together in Christian community, I saw Christ. And I saw Christ a lot this summer.

Aug. 18

When I reflect about this summer, many things come to mind. The staff, the kids, the beautiful Virginia scenery, the songs, the tears and the smiles. Even so, one quote about kids sticks out. Neil Postman said, "Children are the messages we send to a time we will never see." I hope that the kids we worked with this summer will be positive

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Rites of the caf

What rhymes with orange?

by Jen Taylor



It all begins with the sounds of Velcro, a flick of the wrist and a reinforcing, "It's 187 on the 14 plan."

Thus begins the holy ritual we call lunch, breakfast or dinner. Some people think that the cafeteria is merely a place where you can eat wilted lettuce, but when looking deeper you can see the deep significance the cafeteria plays in the college students' life and the effects it has on society as a whole.

Tradition plays a heavy part in the ritual. The student must begin by grabbing a tray and feeling around for the proper silverware. (Even though only a fork will be used, it is proper to have at least three utensils on the tray.)

Then, the festive parade past the red light signs and bins of vegetables whose color has been tinted butter-yellow. Then, the happy pizza boy asks the question: "canihelppu?" A different kind of pizza than requested is plopped upon a plate and the student is ready to go.

Now, comes the most important part of the ritual. The student must look deep inside his soul and ask himself, "What kind of person am I?"

If he answers, "a jock," he must proceed to the east side of the caf to eat. If the answer has some variety such as, "I am a left-handed chemistry major who enjoys early-American handicrafts," then he must sit on the west side.

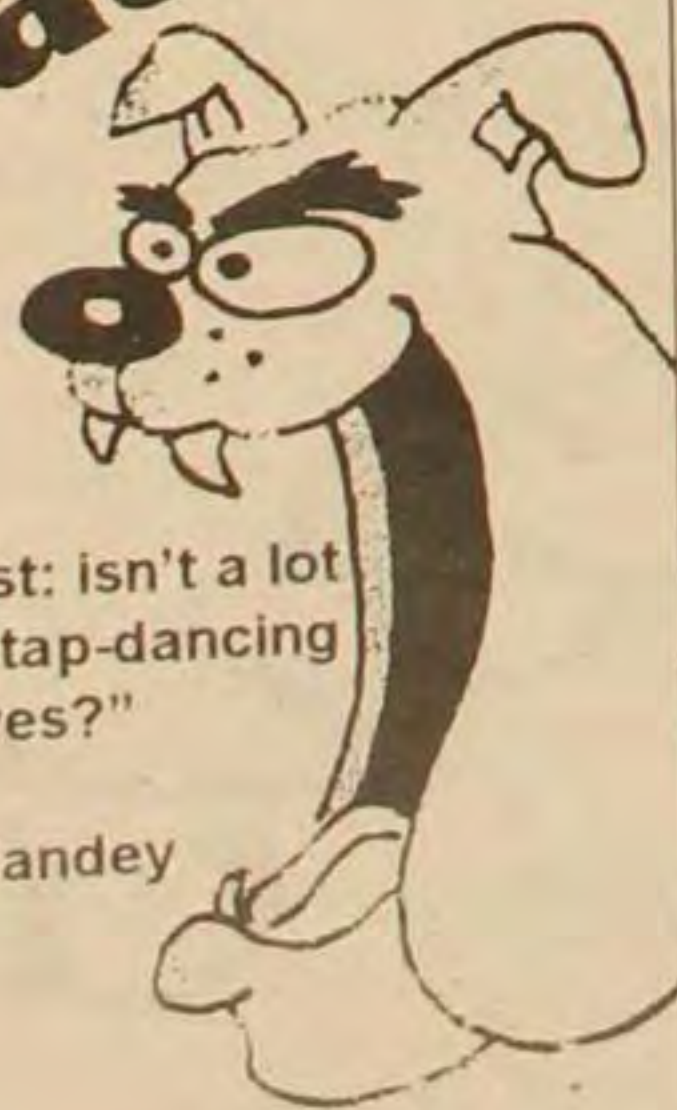
Now, occasionally there are the few, brave rebels who will sit on either side of the cafeteria (gasp!). But this is highly discouraged for fear of intermingling and maybe getting to know somebody new.

At this point the traditions differ. Some argue that one must sit in the caf for at least an hour to talk and mingle, while others say the best approach is to eat and then run. Both schools of thought are highly acceptable. But a gentle reminder: if one leaves late he can't anger the cafeteria workers by sitting at the table they want to clean twenty minutes after the caf is closed.

When leaving the caf, one must not forget the rituals of putting his tray away. If the student feels the urge to throw his napkin away and place all of his silverware in the correct bins, he must stop himself and repeat this little thought: "My life is too important to spend four extra seconds of my precious time to help out the caf workers!" If one is having a hard time convincing himself of this, he can simply throw all of the utensils in the "fork" bin.

The traditions of the cafeteria must be kept sacred and holy. Some people practice the rites of the caf 19 times a week, some 14, and others dare to rebel by never eating there at all! If a student follows the code of the cafeteria, he can proudly display it through another college tradition—the "freshman 15."

Dog Breath



"Let's be honest: isn't a lot of what we call tap-dancing really just nerves?"

—Jack Handey

CAMPUS FORUM

This college needs a chapel for all

McPherson College needs a chapel. I came to this conclusion last week when I was needing a quiet place, where I wouldn't be disturbed. I wanted a place where I could sit and think, let my thoughts drift and maybe get things sorted out.

In my search for that quiet, tranquil spot, I realized that Mac doesn't have a chapel. We do have chapel...but it meets in the PDR, because of lack of a building.

I suppose that the college's rationale for this lack of a chapel building is that the McPherson First Church of the Brethren is directly behind Dotzour Hall.

Students are always encouraged to attend, but this building is not always as accessible as it seems. The McPherson CoB is locked during the week. Students cannot wander freely in and out.

McPherson College may be affiliated with the Church of the Brethren, but in actuality we are a Christian campus, not a Church of the Brethren campus. We recruit and have students from diverse religious backgrounds.

At the present, our campus does very little to meet the needs of our multi-religious student body. In contrast, the needs of the Brethren students are nearly fulfilled.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy all of the benefits of being Brethren I just wish that each student on campus could experience parallel benefits. A chapel building would be a place that is non-denominational.

It could serve many purposes on campus. It could be a meeting place for organizations such as FCA, Peace Awareness, BIG, and Habitat for Humanity. It would serve as a permanent place for weekly chapel.

Another suggestion would be that maybe once a month a Sunday worship service would be held for college students who would like to worship on Sundays, but haven't found a church home in McPherson.

As the college begins to plan for the future academic life of its students, maybe it should consider the students emotional and spiritual needs as well.

One suggested sight for a chapel building would be Beeghly Hall. Renovations

would be minimal and it has a beautiful dome that would be perfect for a chapel-like place. Think about it...it makes sense!

Sarah Marie Hendricks, soph.

Wake up, campus

I am an African-American (preferred to be classified as Black) female, who is among the elite minority on this campus or at least I am referred to as a minority by someone's definition.

Everyone at sometime in her/his life has experienced or will experience life as a minority, especially on our campus. We are all so different, but yet similar in so many ways that we fail to recognize the well-rounded individuality that brought us to McPherson College.

Diversity is present on this campus. Maybe not in the race factor, but the ratio males to females has definitely decreased in the past few years. In 1990, there were four males to every one female. Now the ratio is almost one to one. Also, the campus has a variety of students who come from various backgrounds. Just ask some freshmen who discovered this issue earlier this year!

Now think back to a few convos ago, when my dear friend Al told us to "wake up, raise up, look up, listen up, stand up, speak up and most of all never, never give up." As a campus community, we have not fulfilled our duties. We have awakened to the fact that McPherson College is not as diverse as it should be. We have risen up to take steps to have persons address the issue of an anti-racist campus.

Now is the time for McPherson College to carry out the task which has been laid before her. Now it is up to you, McPherson College, to never ever give up on the fact that we will be diverse. And when one is referred to as a minority, we members of the McPherson family can simply say, "the differences in life are intended to make us better, not bitter."

Shay Maclin, soph.

Where are the men?

Take a look through last year's yearbook (96-97) and pay attention to the section on organizations and clubs. Do you notice anything missing from the pictures? Bzzzz. Time's up. The answer is men. (I realize, as some of you I'm sure would point out, that there are men in most of the pictures. The point I'm making here is about the num-

ber.) SAB was entirely women (and is this year too), and the overwhelming majority of SGA (pictured) was also female. ISO, Peace Awareness, FCA, Today's Educators, the Spectator, the Quadrangle, Choir, APO and the Creative Arts Society are all pictured as a majority women. The only organizations that have more men than women are the Business Club and CARS Club.

This all leads me to wonder why there aren't more men in the pictures. Are they camera shy? Were the doors to Fanny and Metzler held shut by a freak shift in atmospheric pressure on the day the photos were taken? Or could it be that the pictures are actually an accurate representation of the members in these groups?

And if women make up the majority of all those clubs—why? Why don't the organizations on campus appeal to men? Or why don't they start organizations that do interest them? How about a club named PWLGR (People Who Live in the Game Room)? Or POSOS (Players of Spontaneous Outdoor Sports)? The names obviously need a little work, but the ideas stand.

Or (and here's an even better idea), the men on campus could join organizations already established (and already named) and make them their own. (GASP!) For example, a marathon pool tournament as an SAB activity, could be sponsored by what would have been PWLGR.

I shouldn't let you forget that some men did show up in the pictures. (So please don't feel like those of you who were in the pictures have been forgotten.) APO, Habitat for Humanity, and Band had an almost even split. Still, it's fairly obvious that the student body on campus is run by women. (Did I really publish that?)

What I meant to write is that most of the organizations on campus are led by women. Amy's on SAB, Shelly's got the Spec, Shay's our SGA pres, Kendra and Emma are the editors of the Quad, Nikki's in charge of intramurals. From the look of things, the pictures in the next yearbook are going to look a lot like the pictures in the last one. I'm not saying you should care about this, I just wanted to point it out.

On a totally unrelated (but probably more worthy) subject, I saw a sign in the Sports Center that said "Dammit, no drinks in the gym." Is that necessary?

Sarah Stover, soph.

An eye for an eye?

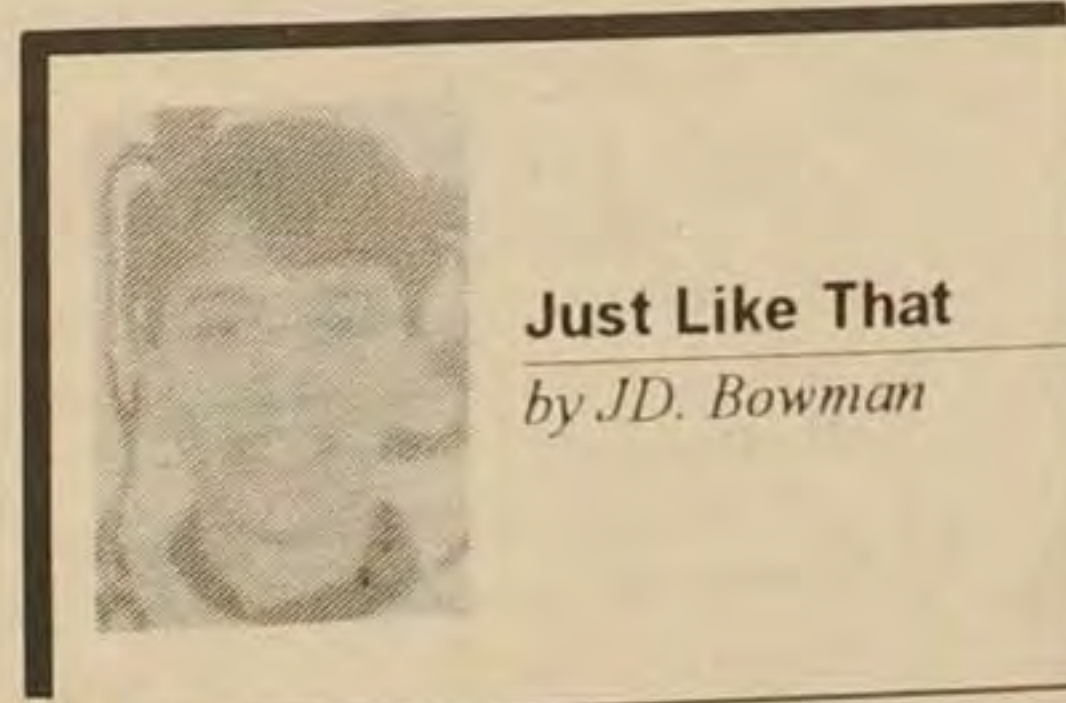
In a wonderful 1980s movie about the life of Gandhi, he was quoted in saying, "An eye for an eye ends up making the entire world blind." This statement hit me again after a discussion in the cafeteria about other students here on campus.

The image of a blind world is a strong one, but sometimes I wonder how far off that image is today. How much of the world is blind to the problems here? How many people become part of the problem instead of part of the solution? (This point is demonstrated wonderfully in this weekend's production of "The Little Foxes," an evil 60-year-old play by Lillian Hellman.)

The more I began thinking about an eye for an eye, the more I counter-balanced that quote with the standby golden rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." In other words, if you want respect, give respect. If you want friends, be a friend. If you treat others in a mean and cynical way, you shouldn't be surprised if they return the favor.

People on this campus seem to have forgotten some basic facts of life. There is something to be said about the simple facts. They need to be known.

For instance, in psychology we learn that people cut others down to elevate themselves. That means, if someone is feeling down, they will most likely cut others down to make themselves feel better. If that theory is true, then this campus is in pretty poor condition.



Just Like That
by JD. Bowman

There isn't a day that goes by when I don't hear someone cutting another person down. Cut-downs fly around this campus like Shanghai stiletto. But don't worry if you don't recognize a cut-down, most cut-downs on this campus are disguised in the form of sexual harassment.

There was a big discussion a few years ago on the sexual harassment policy on campus. The residence life staff made a public statement that they were going to treat the policy as any other rule and document any cases they hear.

Needless to say, that didn't happen. The problem is, it's getting to the point now when I don't even like sitting in the cafeteria and eating. After hearing most of the comments, I lose my appetite.

I don't understand a lot of this "negative" attitude, especially coming from students who are hired as role models. It gives the campus a bad name, and it gives the students a bad atmosphere.

LETTER POLICY

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Enter the Spectator Time Warp machine

Ever wonder what life on Mac campus was like in past years?
Who were the athletes whose performances awed fans?
Which professors were in the news?

Find out the answers to these questions and others.
Read these News Briefs from old issues of the Spectator!

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| <p>November 21, 1947</p> <p><i>Editor-In-Chief:</i>
Marianna Stinette</p> <p>*The theater department was gearing up for the performances of "Our Town." The show ran from December 1 through December 5, and was performed by the McPherson College Players. Winston Beam had a prominent role in the play, which was directed by Esther Sherfy.</p> <p>*The 24 students enrolled in Abnormal Psychology were going to tour the Mental Health Hospital in Larned, Kansas.</p> <p>*On November 22, 32 students were leaving for Elizabethtown, Penn. to attend the Brethren Student Christian Movement Conference. The theme was "To Serve the Present Age." After the conference, the students toured Washington, D.C., and New York.</p> <p>*Willard "Hop" Hopkins, soph., was the Athlete of the Week. "Hop" weighed 200 pounds, and was six feet tall. He was a football player and an engineering major.</p> | <p>November 16, 1972</p> <p>*The play "Stop the World—I Want to Get Off" was showing for 50 cents.</p> <p>*Interterm classes planned to travel to New Orleans, Kentucky, the American Southwest, the Sonoran Desert, and Arizona.</p> <p>*The campus pranksters were busy greasing johns, toilet papering buildings, and pulling false fire alarms. Seventy college students went door to door requesting old newspapers to be wadded up and packed into a girl's room in Dotzour to "prevent entrance." And to add a little spice to convo, a piece of ladies underwear was lowered on stage.</p> <p>*First semester freshman women were confined to their dorms all but two nights a month.</p> <p>*Dr. Doris Coppock, head women's volleyball coach, said, "We've got a good chance of getting first or second place in the ACCK conference and maybe we will go to state."</p> | <p>November 23, 1987</p> <p><i>Editor-In-Chief:</i>
Paul Minnich</p> <p>*The Educational Policies Committee was evaluating the status of the Home Economics program.</p> <p>*The choir was headed to Colorado for Choir Tour in the spring.</p> <p>*Alex Haley, author of "Roots," was on campus to speak as part of the Mohler Lecture Series. He offered these words of wisdom during convo, "We human beings seem to have a punitive quality. Rather than the best of us, we wallow in the worst of us more than we need to."</p> <p>*Newly released movies included "Lethal Weapon," "Harry and the Hendersons," and "Star Trek IV."</p> <p>*The football team defeated Tabor 22-15.</p> | <p>November 20, 1992,</p> <p><i>Editor-In-Chief:</i>
Michele Dalton</p> <p>*Shane Kirchner was among those students selected for "Who's Who."</p> <p>*Kim Stanley wrote a letter to the editor praising The Spectator and the library's Interlibrary Loan System.</p> <p>*Darci Hall, who now works in the Mac Admissions Office, was honored for her volleyball season by being awarded first-team All-KCAC and District 10 Honor Roll.</p> <p>*Habitat for Humanity was working toward the goal of building a house.</p> <p>*The theatre department was presenting "Forever Christmas," on December 4.</p> <p>*A jukebox stationed in the cafeteria played a song for a quarter.</p> |
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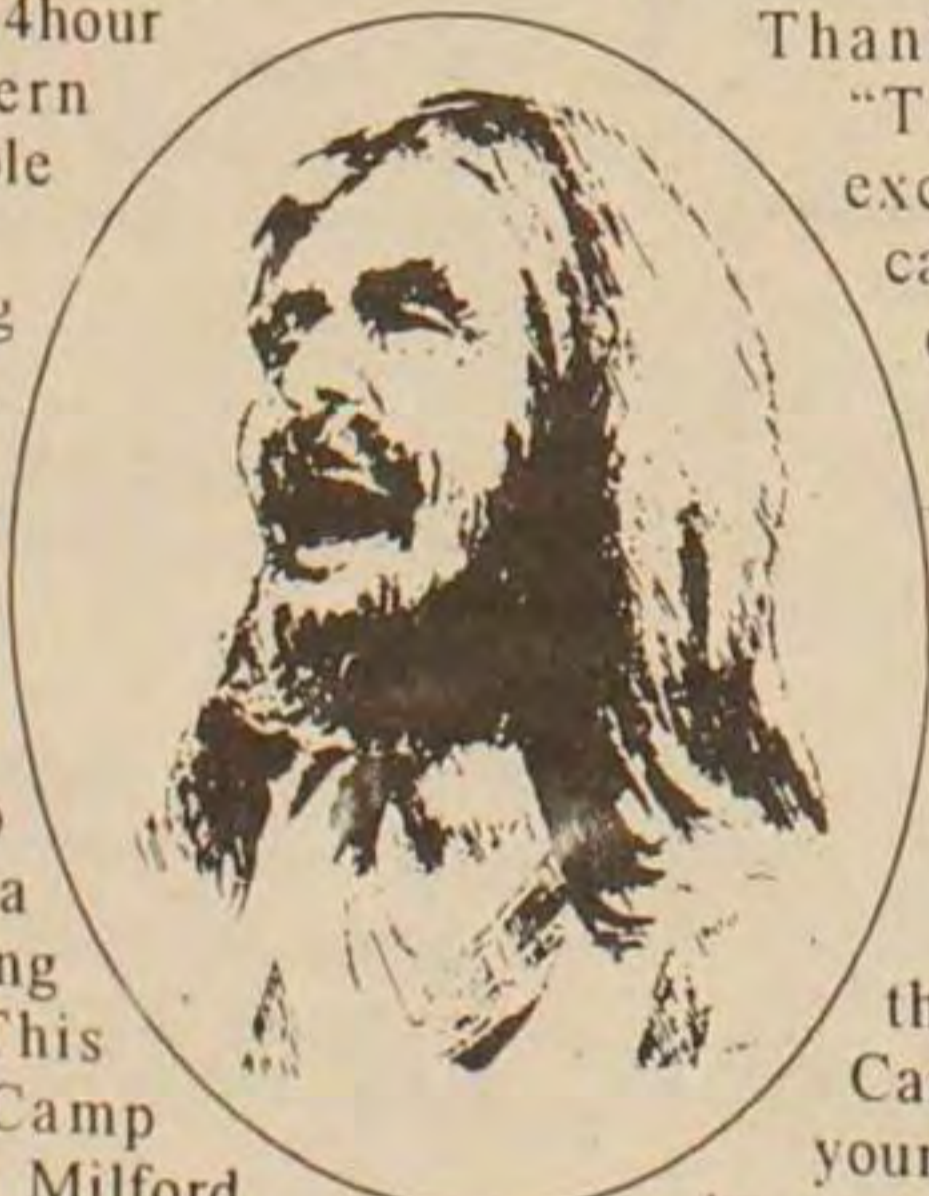
Thanksgiving road trip ahead for Mac students

By Becky Ullom
Features Editor

Fourteen students from McPherson College will not be heading home for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Instead, they have chosen to pile into various vehicles and make a 14-hour road trip to northern Indiana. Are these people crazy? No, not really.

Each year during Thanksgiving weekend, the Church of the Brethren holds Young Adult Conference (YAC) at various locations throughout the US. The conference is designed to provide young adults a time for fun, faith sharing and fellowshiping. This year, YAC is at Camp Alexander Mack, near Milford, Indiana. The leader for the weekend is Christy Waltersdorff, of Lombard, Illinois. The theme is "Jesus: The Man, the Message, and Me."

The Mac group will leave at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26 and drive to Indiana. A large van and two cars will caravan to transport McPherson College's largest delegation to YAC ever.



"I'm excited about us going, and I think its going to be a lot of fun — especially with all of us in the van!" Cheri Norsworthy, soph., said. Val Huber, sr., and Sarah Marie Hendricks, soph., will host the Mac students for the Thanksgiving meal.

"This year is especially exciting for Val and I because we are taking all of these people home for Thanksgiving dinner before the conference. Neither of us ever dreamed that we would get to take this many of our friends home," Hendricks said.

Thursday afternoon, the group will drive to Camp Mack. Once there, young adults will take part in various discussions, workshops and worship times. That evening, a traditional campfire will close the session. Friday's schedule includes a concert, a Talent Show and some "late night fun."

"I am ready to enjoy singing and laughing with my old friends and the new people I meet. The music at YAC has the potential to be amazingly spiritual and uplifting," Hendricks said. The conference closes at 2

p.m. Saturday with a worship service.

OK, now you know all of the technical stuff. But what is the *real* reason that people from all over the nation spend their Thanksgiving holiday at YAC?

"I want to go because quite a few people I know have had a really nice time at YAC, and it will be a great way to meet Brethren people my age," Norsworthy said.

"YAC is a great time to meet new people while seeing old friends. I enjoyed the activities at last year's YAC and look forward to what is in store for this year. It is exciting to have such a large representation from the college there this year," adds Risser.

"I want to see a friend who went to a work camp with me a few years ago. Also, I am hoping to use YAC as a time to re-focus my life," Nicki Unruh-Carey, soph., said.

1997 YAC participants

- Valerie Huber, sr.
- Tracy Stoddart, sr.
- Jamie Risser, jr.
- Seth Miller, '97
- Ben Brubaker, sr.
- Cameron Mahler, sr.
- Emma Webb, jr.
- Sarah Marie Hendricks, soph.
- Sarah Stover, soph.
- Shelly Hendricks, jr.
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"Take us the foxes. The little foxes that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender grapes."

by Sarah Marie Hendricks

Spectator Staff

Murder, incest, corruption and greed. These concepts develop the story line for "The Little Foxes," McPherson College's upcoming theatre production. "The Little Foxes" plays in Brown Auditorium on Nov. 21 and 22 at 8pm.

"The Little Foxes" is set in the year 1900 in the southern United States. The play is based on this verse from the Song of Solomon in the Bible: "Take us the foxes. The little foxes that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender grapes," Song of Solomon 2:15.

The play focuses on the corruption of the human spirit and examines how one family (personified as foxes) spoils everyone's life (the vineyard).

JD Bowman, sr., is the director of "The Little Foxes." Bowman picked this play primarily because of its longevity (60 years), and because he wants to revive it.

"I am attacking the theatre world with this play. Many people look at the theatre and complain that the characters are fake. This play has a character that everyone can identify with, so where does that leave the theatre world?" Bowman asked.

Bowman has faced some different challenges with this production, compared to with other plays that he has directed. The cast of ten includes five first-timers to the McPherson College stage, and three members who've only performed once before in Brown Auditorium.

"The make-up of the cast has made directing a very challenging and different experience. I have to watch for different things. When something isn't going right we sit down in a circle and discuss what is happening and what needs to change," Bowman said.

Cast member Krissy Williams, soph., said, "JD has been so patient with us."

Some of the challenges of this play have been related to the era and location that it is set in. All of the actors must use authentic-sounding southern accents.



Anna Arasmith, fr., and Brian Cooper, jr., rehearse in Brown for "Little Foxes." This is Arasmith's third time working with McPherson College theatre. Cooper is a novice to the stage of Brown Auditorium.

"I asked the cast to watch the movies North and South or The Color Purple," Bowman said.

"It is hard to train each of us to sound like the others, so that there are not two or three different southern accents on the same stage," said cast member Scott McDearmon, fr. Several cast members felt that the most challenging part of "Foxes" has been memorization.

"Between memorizing lines and try-

ing to spit out the words with a southern accent, there is a lot of room for mistakes," said McDearmon, "and ad-libbing lines has been hard because 90's slang doesn't fit in the era."

Characterization is a major part of this production. The story involves a woman who kills her husband to get his money. The supporting characters in the play have been described by the cast as "vindictive, selfish, and schem-

ing." Several cast members admitted having difficulties identifying with their characters.

"My character is a mean, vindictive selfish brat. I struggled, at the beginning, to find the emotion to play the part," lead actress, Anna Arasmith, fr., said. "The longer I read through the lines and spend time contemplating my character, the easier it has been to find that emotion."

Jeremy Bernhardt, sr., is also learning about his character.

"Ben is the oldest brother and everyone hates him. He is always scheming; he knows what he wants and he goes and gets it. This is a different type of character than any other I've been cast for. In the past my character has always been the likable one, but I have had a chance with Ben to play the evil, bad brother."

Bernhardt also said that the young cast has made what will probably be his last performance a lot of fun.

"I have already acted with most of the theatre people on here at Mac, and it has been very refreshing to work alongside people with so much energy and enthusiasm," Bernhardt said.

According to Williams, "The cast came from very different groups, and it took a while for us to bond. Now that we've been together for a while, we have our own inside jokes and stories. Everyone laughs and kids around, so practices are fun."

"If anything, I hope the play prevents people from becoming similar to the characters," Bowman said.

Bernhardt, too, wants the audience to leave asking questions, such as, "Where would my morals stop me? How far would I be willing to go?" Bernhardt also thinks the play will help the audience understand how a family in the 1900's was structured.

"I would encourage the students to come see this production. It is a straight play, not a musical, and this production is a good example of how everyone on this campus has the opportunity to be involved in theatre if they want to!" Bowman said.

Thanksgiving without the turkey and dressing?

By Roz O'Dell

Spectator Staff

Did fish accompany the roast turkey on the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving table? Or did they eat creamed onions? Perhaps they dined on tacos. Probably not, but these foods are Thanksgiving traditions for some families.

The stereotypical turkey feast is common on family Thanksgiving tables, but McPherson College Students do eat a wide variety of other foods for Thanksgiving dinner.

The first Thanksgiving menu consisted of turkey, deer, oysters, clams, sweet potatoes, Indian corn, cranberries, molasses bread, and pumpkin pie (one tradition that has survived the test of time!). This menu remains as the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, although some Americans have made dining changes to reflect their heritage. What do some Mac students eat for "Turkey Day," if they don't eat turkey?

"Rutabagas and scalloped potatoes," Ben Brubaker, sr., said. "We eat the normal turkey too—just the side dishes are unique."

According to two freshman, oysters are a staple. Scott McDearmon, fr., from Illinois, feasts on oyster dressing during his family's Thanksgiving meal. "My Aunt Judy fixes they oyster dressing every year. She has perfected it to a science—it is delicious! The recipe is probably originally from Ireland, because that is where the McDearmon side of the family comes from," comments McDearmon.

An interesting dish that Josh Woody, fr., partakes of is oyster balls. They are like cheese balls, only made with oysters.

Andrew May, sr., enjoys a family Thanksgiving meal provided by all his siblings. Each married sibling and their spouse are responsible for a part of the meal, everyone fixing their best dish. At his New Jersey home, a visitor would find an unusual dish, even though it is a May family tradition -

creamed onions. The dish consists of onions set in a dish of cream.

Val Huber, sr., and her family occasionally celebrate Thanksgiving with the tastes of Mexico. Homemade tamales, enchiladas, beans and Mexican rice constitute their feast. When they don't make Mexican food for Thanksgiving, they have the traditional turkey meal.

In Germany, people celebrate their

Thanksgiving through a special religious service, followed by a special Sunday dinner. However, their meal isn't as lavish as American fare, says Gerald Freidrich, sr.

Each culture has its own traditional foods and activities. Yet one thing is certain. Even though Americans typically celebrate with a turkey, there are certainly many others who have a wonderful celebration of thanks—without a Butterball!

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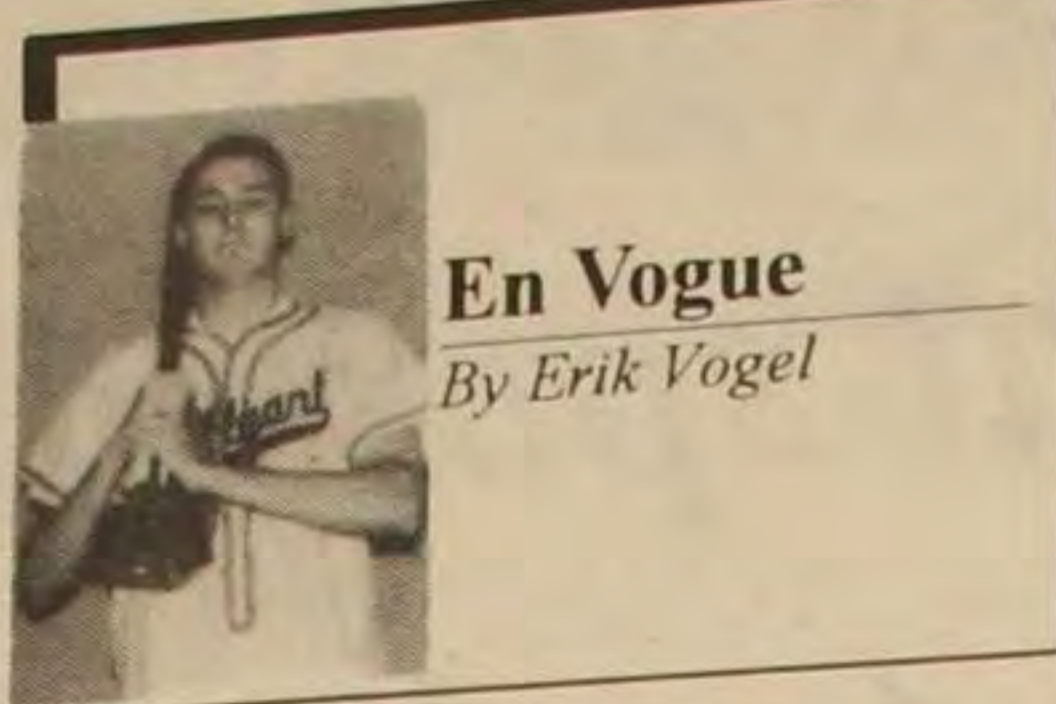
Basketball teams' "Fan of the Year" is Bill Chase

Bill Chase is not just a fan of Bulldog basketball—he is what one calls a pure diehard.

Year after year, "Wild" Bill takes his spot behind the Bulldog team benches, calling his bleacher seat home just as the players do the Sports Center gymnasium itself. On almost every game night you will find Bill whooping and hollering against the referees and opponents, but passionately for the Dogs.

"I first started going to the games in 1988 and '89," remembers Bill. "I didn't really get started helping until a few more years down the road—I'm not sure really when it was. Roger (head men's coach Trimmell) says I've been a fan for 10 years."

Although Bill may not have an official job as coach or manager within the roundball program, he faithfully keeps track of every team member's fouls and points in his own scorebook. Before Bill used a scorebook, he'd keep track of game information by placing chicken scratches next to the player's name in the game program to indicate their points and fouls. "Not too many people have as much



En Vogue

By Erik Vogel

stuff as I do," says Bill proudly—referring to his stack of old Bulldog programs, which he eagerly will thumb through with you if you allow him the chance. Nearly every year is represented and there is at least one story about each player that Bill can share.

A fervent ally of the Dogs, Bill can be a menace to opposing players and especially an officiating crew. Never shy in voicing his opinions, Bill will often point out a missed traveling call or three-second-in-the-lane violation to those wearing stripes.

However, Bill takes the most pride in his "duties"—primarily bringing cups of water to the weary hoopsters during time-outs and when they are

resting on the bench.

"Once you have your mind focused, you don't want to bust up your concentration with something else," says Bill. "I tell the players that I'll take care of this, while you take care of playing. You see, I know because basketball is my favorite sport—I even play myself."

In addition to his game day efforts for the squads, Bill spends time aiding the sports programs by helping with concessions and marketing for the teams.

Last season Bill constructed a poster for the Dogs which he hoists high at every game. He has even brought other friends to the games, giving them a taste of life as a Bulldog spectator. Often these individuals—under Bill's influence—become extreme Bulldog fans as well.

Bill's most intuitive idea was creating business cards to solicit potential Bulldog sports fans. The cards read, "Calling all Bulldog fans" and contain Bill's name and phone number. Bill distributes these to people all around town hoping to recruit folks that may not know about Bulldog bas-

ketball.

His work doesn't stop there, though. A fan of high school basketball as well as college, Bill spends his Tuesday and Friday evenings at games scouting for the coaches. "I go around to the local high school games and scout for Mel (head men's coach Wright) and Roger. It has to start somewhere," Bill says.

Bill's work doesn't go unnoticed. Throughout the past seasons, the players have presented Bill with autographed basketballs and on countless occasions declared him "Fan-of-the-Year" by a unanimous vote.

They realize his devotion to the program and always know that he will be there supporting the team whether they are in the midst of a long losing skid or playing for a conference title.

So, the next time you take in a Bulldog basketball game this winter, stop by and say "hello" to this super-fan, who reverently cheers for the Dogs season after season. He'll definitely have a story to tell you about Bulldog basketball, because Bill is a part of Bulldog basketball.

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1997 Kansas Collegiate Athletes honored

The 1997 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference teams have been named for the 1997 fall sports season.

The conference includes McPherson College, Bethany College of Lindsborg, Bethel College of North Newton, Friends University of Wichita, Kansas Wesleyan University of Salina, Ottawa University of Ottawa, Southwestern College of Winfield, Sterling College of Sterling and Tabor College of Hillsboro.

McPherson College athletes were recognized in football and men's and women's soccer.

Football honors

Nate McLaughlin, jr., Scottsdale, Ariz., named to first team offense (offensive lineman)

Greg White, sr., Compton, Calif., named to first team defense (defensive back)

Will Lewis, soph., Pasadena, Texas, named to first team defense (linebackers)

Tim Weaver, fr., Hesston, named to second team offense (punter)

Nathan Ediger, jr., Inman, named to second team defense (linebacker)

Ryan Ben-David, fr., Corpus Christ, Texas, named to second team defense (defensive linemen)

Antonio Rael, jr., Glendale, Ariz., named to second team at-large selection

Men's soccer honors

Scott Dole, soph., Arvada, CO, named to second team defense

John Inglehart, fr., Glenwood Spring, CO, named to second team as a midfielder.

Women's soccer honors

Melanie Messick, jr., Middletown, PA, named to second team midfielder.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes
On Monday, Nov. 24 @ 8 p.m.,
FCA is holding their next meeting at Coach Mel Wright's home. Students will be meeting in the circle drive @ 7:45 for carpooling. Meetings normally last one hour.
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BULLDOG SCHEDULE

Men's Basketball

Dec. 3	Friends (away)	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 5-6	St. Mary Classic (away)	TBA
Dec. 10	Bethany (home)	8:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Nov. 25	Kansas Newman (home)	TBA
Dec. 3	Friends (away)	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 5-6	Northwestern OK (away)	TBA
Dec. 10	Bethany (home)	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	OK Christian Univ. (away)	TBA

Men prepare for win in Bethel Classic

The men's basketball team is currently 2-2 in the conference, after the first two weeks of its season.

"Players are working hard and we are looking forward to continual improvement so that we can be a factor in the KCAC race," said Roger Trimmell, head coach.

Starting players in their first four games have been Antonio Ford, soph., guard, Kelly Hoover, jr., guard, Emanuel Roland, sr., guard, Tim Herrs, sr., post and Ryan Wenzel, sr., post.

The Bulldogs beat Bartlesville Wesleyan, 79-73, in their Nov. 18 game held on the Dog's court.

The men outscored Bartlesville during the first half, 41-37. They sustained that lead in the second half, scoring 38 points to the opponents' 36.

Wenzel led in field goals with five, with Ford scoring four field goals. Five players scored in the double digits, Shane Sundahl, jr., leading with 14 points. Wenzel had 13 points, Andres Ruiz, jr., scored 12 points and Hoover and Ford both contributed eleven points to the team total. Wenzel led in rebounds, with 10. Ruiz had five.

The Bulldogs lost to Baker University, 60-77, in their Nov. 17 contest at Baldwin City. They fell behind during the first half, 29-43, and were unable to make up the point difference in the second half. Baker outscored them the second half, 34-31.

Rick Coleman, sr., led in field goals with four, with Eric Putnam, jr. and Herrs making three field goals. Herrs led the team in total points with nine and Coleman was second in scoring with eight points. Herrs and Putnam led the Bulldogs with six rebounds and Ford was third with five rebounds.

The Bulldogs competed in the Kansas Wesleyan Classic Nov. 7-8 in Salina. The Bulldogs beat Kansas Wesleyan University, 89-87, in their first game of the tournament and the regular season.

The Dogs ended the first half down by one point, 37-38. However, they outscored the opposing team by one point in the second half, 40-39, taking them into overtime. In the overtime, the Bulldogs took the lead, scoring 12 more points to Kansas Wesleyan's 10.

Ford led in field goals with seven, Sundahl had six field goals and Roland was in third with five field goals. Four players scored double digits. Ford led in total points, scoring 18, with Roland getting 15 points. Putnam and Gus Sanchez, fr., scored 13 and 11 points, respectively. Herrs led the team with nine rebounds and Putnam had seven rebounds.

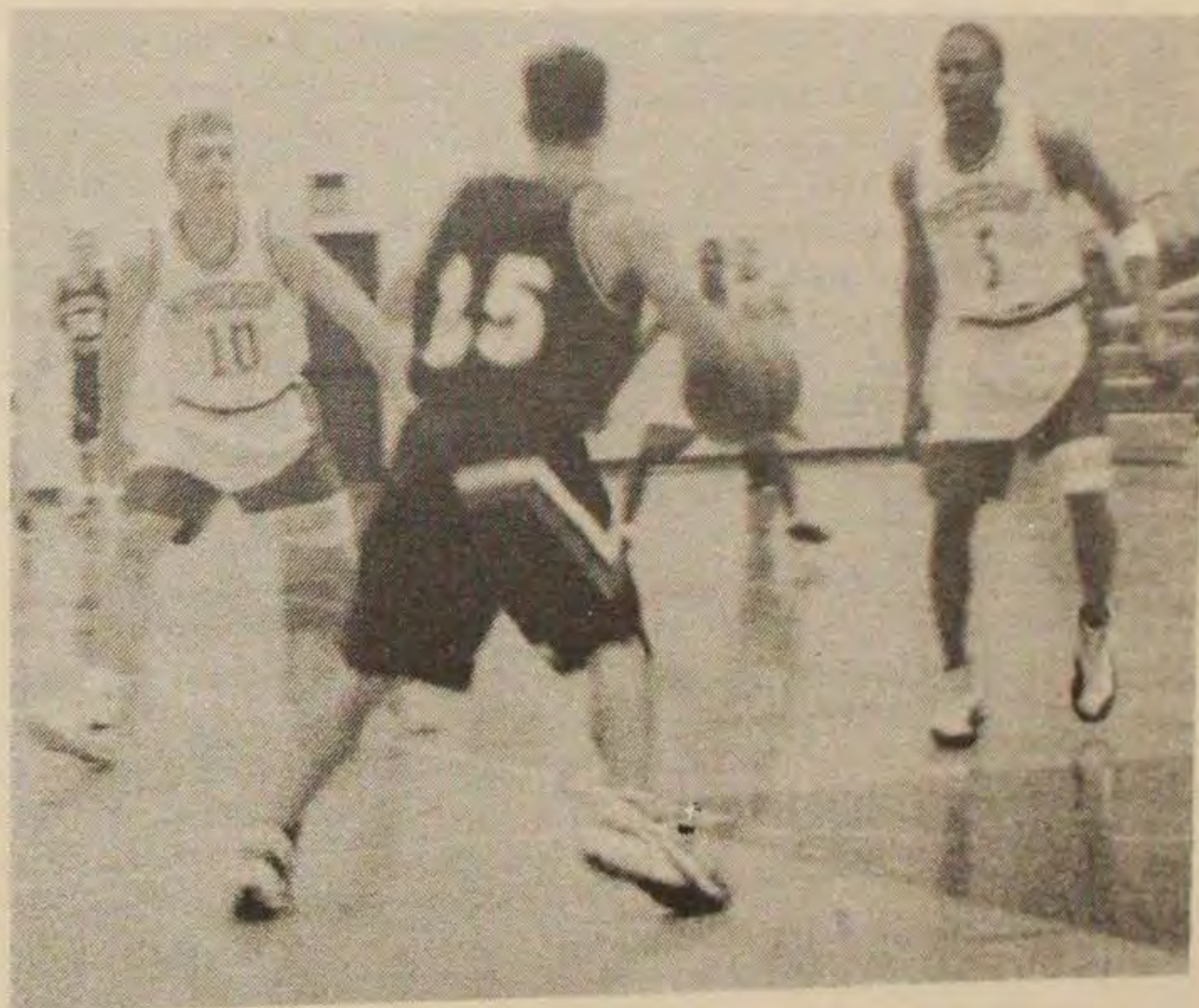
The Bulldogs also lost their first game against Baker University, 79-72, the second team they played in the Kansas Wesleyan Classic tournament.

Baker outscored McPherson in both halves, ending the first, 34-29, and the second, 45-43.

Ford led the Dogs with six field goals, Putnam scored five field goals and Roland made four field goals. Herrs and Ford both scored 15 points, leading the team in total points. Two other players, Putnam and Roland, scored in the double digits, 11 and 10 points respectively.

The Dogs' play tonight at 6 as they begin the Bethel Classic tournament. They will also compete tomorrow.

"It should be a good tournament," Trimmell said.



Above right: Tim Herrs, sr., guards Bartlesville center. Left: Kelly Hoover, jr., drives past Bartlesville forward. Right: Antonio Ford, soph., and Hoover work to trap Bartlesville guard.

All photos taken by Scott Pennington

Lady Bulldogs beat Crusaders and Saints in Classic tournament to stand 2-1 in the start of the season

The Lady Bulldogs basketball team is currently 2-1, after beginning its 1997-98 season at the Mid-America Classic held in Oklahoma City, Nov. 13-15. With the season just opening, the team has opportunity for success this year.

"We finished tied for fifth last year and we want to move up in the conference standings," said Mel Wright, head coach. "Our goal is to get into the play-offs and play well in the post-conference tournament."

"The team's doing a lot better this year than we did last year, already. I feel that we are going to do really well this year," Hillary Schubert, soph., said.

The women lost their first game in overtime to Mid-America Bible College Evangelists, 87-82, on Nov. 13.

The starting five in the Bulldogs' first

three games were returning players Paige Watkins, sr., Schubert and Amy Ross, sr. with new transfers Marisol Sanchez, jr. and Dana Cordova, jr.

"Hillary is doing an outstanding job and Dana Cordova really adds a lot to our program," said Mel Wright, head coach. "And, we are getting some really good senior leadership out of Paige Watkins and Amy Ross."

At the half, McPherson trailed the Evangelists, 25-32. During the second half, McPherson outscored the Evangelists, 51-41 to tie the game. In overtime, however, the Evangelists outscored the Bulldogs, 14-6.

"After the first game, I felt kind of happy because I know there is more to come. The team has a bright future," Cordova said.

Katy-Neusch, soph., and Schubert led the team in field goals, making eight each.

Neusch and Schubert also led the team in total points, each with 19. Cordova was right behind with 17. Cordova led the team with 13 rebounds, with Ross taking nine rebounds.

The women won their second game in the Classic tournament against Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College Saints, 60-42, on Nov. 14.

The Bulldogs led scoring in both halves, ending the first 34-22 and the second 26-20.

Cordova led the team in field goals with seven and Ross was second with six. Ross scored the most points against the Saints with 15, while Cordova had 14 points. Cordova and Ross also led the Bulldogs in rebounds, with 11 and 10 respectively.

The Bulldogs also defeated the Crown College Crusaders, 81-63, on Nov. 15

in their last Classic tournament game. "The key to winning this year is team unity," Cordova said.

The Bulldogs were tied at the half, 27-27, but took the lead in the second half, outscoring the Crusaders by 18 points, 54-36.

Cordova led the team with nine field goals and also had the most total points, with 22. Watkins was second in total points, with 15. Cordova had 12 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs. Ross was second with seven.

"We expect to have a very balanced team," Wright said. "We expect to have eight to ten players that score consistently."

The Bulldogs travel tonight to compete against Avila College and will play St. Mary's of Leavenworth tomorrow.

"We have a really good chance to win," Wright said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Choirs plan Christmas concert

McPherson College choral department will perform on Sunday afternoon, December 7. The concert choir will combine voices with Central College choir to perform "Handel's Messiah" and the all campus choir will sing a variety of Christmas songs including "Mary Had a Baby," "Tomorrow Will Be My Dancing Day," "The First Noel," "Snow of Winter Cold," and "Little Lamb."

Dorms to close over break

Thanksgiving break officially begins on Tuesday Nov. 25 at 10:00 p.m. and the residence halls close Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday night's supper will be the last meal served in the cafeteria before break. The trash must be dumped, the blinds closed and everything unplugged before leaving. Students should try to check out with an R.A., but if

schedules conflict an R.A. will inspect the room later. The residence halls will open on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 2:00 p.m.

BVS representative visits campus

BVSeer, Laura Clark, visited campus Nov. 17-19 to promote Brethren Volunteer Service and to share in the joy of service.

Clark displayed information about BVS in a booth outside the cafeteria of the Student Union. At meal times and other parts of the day, Laura talked with students, answered questions about BVS, and encouraged people to serve, if not through BVS than through another organization or in a different capacity.

Clark spoke about BVS's theme, "Sharing God's love through acts of service," in chapel on Wednesday and encouraged students and faculty to think of service as a lifestyle choice and a calling from God to help those in need on a daily basis.

If students wish to learn more about BVS,

they can contact the office by writing to Brethren Volunteer Service, 1451 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, Illinois 60120 or call 1-800-323-8039.

Conyers serves as panelist

Wayne Conyers, associate professor of art, served as a forum panelist at the 6th Biennial National Conference of the Watercolor USA Honor Society meeting in Springfield, Mo. the week of Nov. 10-14. People attending the conference discussed "Constructive Criticism in the Visual Arts."

One of Wayne's watercolors, "Cats in Storage," was chosen to display at the Springfield Art Museum during the society's biennial exhibition, "Watercolor Now." Conyers has been a member of the Watercolor USA Honor Society since 1991.

Alumnus to give Mohler Lecture

Dr. Craig Little, a leading radioecologist who studied radiation damage caused

by the explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear facility, is scheduled to speak on the risks of radiation as part of the Mohler Lecture Series on Monday, Nov. 24 during convocations. Little will answer the question, "Will Radiation Kill you Deader Than a Handgun?" during this lecture and give perspective to the actual health and safety risks of various activities. Dr. Little is a 1970 graduate of McPherson College.

Dr. Little will address "How Safe Can We Afford to Be?" in his lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium and present the costs of environmental cleanups and regulations and weigh those costs against the value of human life.

Little has worked as a leader of the environmental technology section at Oak Ridge National Laboratory since 1983. The section develops and applies technologies and methodologies to provide a solution to chemical and radiological pollution.

Departments search for new professors

by Jen Bosserman
News Editor

McPherson College faculty and student representatives are currently in the interview processes to hire new faculty in the Spanish and biology departments.

"Faculty have two primary institutional responsibilities. One is curriculum, the other is peer review. Faculty and student involvement are critically important in the employment process," said Dr. Steve Gustafson, provost and dean of the faculty.

The Spanish search committee is screening candidates for a position opening for the 1998 spring semester. The vacancy was created by the recent resignation of Dr. Monica Cantero. The committee is comprised of Gustafson; Jan van Asselt, professor of German and linguistics; Brent Johnson, soph., and Becky Ullom, soph., student representatives; Kim Stanley, professor of English and communications; Rick Tyler, associate professor of speech and theatre; and Jeanne Smith, assistant professor of education.

The Spanish search committee has already conducted phone interviews and invited one candidate, Mr. Fuentes, to campus.

"Mr. Fuentes seems like he has a lot of

background in Spanish and teaching. He seems to have a love for the Spanish language," Johnson said.

The biology search committee is seeking a professor for the 1998-99 academic year. Members serving on this committee include Gustafson; Genelle Wine, soph., student representative; Al Dutrow, associate professor of agriculture; Jonathan Frye, assistant professor of biology; Shingo Kajinami, professor of chemistry; Ryn Deitz, assistant professor of behavioral science; Bob Neufeld, professor of computer science; and Adam Smith, assistant professor of biology.

The biology search committee held phone interviews last Friday and is in the process of inviting finalist candidates to campus. This committee hopes to offer a contract to the candidate of their choice prior to the conclusion of the fall semester.

The Spanish search committee anticipates offering a contract to their choice candidate in the near future. A new search process will take place in the Spring of 1998 to hire a Spanish professor for the 1998-99 academic school year.

Departments develop a position description to fill vacancies when necessary. Position descriptions are advertised in the "Chronicle of Higher Education," a main guide for persons seeking faculty positions at colleges

and universities. The weekly publication advertises current academic job openings to increase awareness of available positions.

The college appoints a search committee to interview candidates upon the submission of the position description.

The search committees review the candidates' applications, curricula vitae, transcripts and usually three letters of reference. The committees consider the candidates' small college experience as a student and/or a teacher, teaching experience, breadth of preparation and church relation. The committees also make a point to interview people from underrepresented groups.

The search committees then select a short list of candidates for phone interviews. Two or three of the candidates from these interviews are invited to campus. The candidates tour the campus and community, meet with students, teach a class, meet with the department, have a formal interview and converse with the president and provost during their visits.

Finally the search committees make a recommendation to offer a contract to their chosen candidate. Each committee's recommendation is sent through the provost to the president. The president makes the final decision to hire.

Vision 2010 will affect Mac's future

by Rachel Gross
Spectator Staff

McPherson College's Strategic Planning Committee passed a statement of vision for the year 2010 in an effort to prepare for the future and to remain a competitive institution. The vision statement provides a plan for the college to develop whole persons through a liberal arts education in a community-oriented atmosphere.

"McPherson College is a mission driven institution," said Steve Gustafson, provost and dean of the faculty. "We work hard to develop whole students with appropriate planning and awareness of strength and weaknesses and external opportunities and threats. We will be an active vital player in church-related liberal arts education."

The Vision 2010 Statement confronts many issues. The statement first recognizes that the college has a vital relationship with the Church of the Brethren and will attract students who aspire to the church's values of peace, justice and service.

The statement also acknowledges that the college will have high expectations in all areas of student life and institutional services. Through this, the college will expect students to perform at their maximum capability, join a community that values hard work and maintain an active learning environment.

The statement indicates that the college will be expected to receive enough revenue to balance the annual budget, keep facilities up-to-date and maintain strong academic and co-curricular programs.

The College must also establish constructive relationships with industry, government, education and nonprofit agencies with the purpose of providing internships and service opportunities for students.

According to Gustafson, the Strategic Planning Committee is pleased with the College Vision 2010 Statement.

"In an effort to plan for the future, each of us developed a scenario of what McPherson College would look like in the year 2010," Gustafson said. "Through a consensus we took the individual scenarios and built a unified vision statement, which we want to share with the entire campus."

According to Susan Taylor, associate provost, the vision statement gives the college a direction into the future.

"These broad philosophy statements help us set some parameters," Taylor said. "Adopting it gives us a unified vision of where we want to go with the college."

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first session focused on racism as a systemic issue, not a personal issue.

According to Williams, the trainers explained that while many individuals may not be racist, some still have social privileges in American society.

All members, excluding Eells and Barrett, attended their first training session in Kansas City during March. Eells and Barrett had their first session in Milwaukee, Wis., during April.

The six team members attended their second session in Chicago, Ill., during June. This session taught members how to present the learned information an educational piece. The session explained that the topic of racism requires presenters who are sensitive to all opinions. The team also learned how to explain the intent of the anti-racism team without attacking any individuals.

One of the first goals of the anti-racism group is to let students, faculty, staff and administration know it exists. One short-range goal the group has is to "help the institution deal with diversity issues," Williams said.

A long-term goal is to "encourage a continuing commitment of understanding racism and working to dismantle racism in our institution," Williams said.

The group also set some goals that go beyond the institution. They would like to share resources and experiences with the other ACCK schools involved with Damascus Road (Bethel, Hesston and Tabor). Another goal is to affect the

McPherson community.

"We cannot solve any social problems unless we work together. I feel that we are polarized and unless we come together, we won't be able to solve serious problems of society, such as crime, lack of equal opportunity to education, inner-city poverty, gang activities and race conflicts," Kajinami said.

The team gave its first presentation for President Dill and the administrative team in August. Members received an endorsement from Dr. Dill to continue their work on anti-racism. The college also provided funding to send a team member to receive additional training. The group had intended to send Knechel, and have not determined who will now attend.

"They made a solid presentation to the administrative team. I think they are very talented and will provide good leadership on campus," Dill said. "Racism is a real part of our society's problem. I would like our campus to be inclusive and embrace diversity."

Team members made their second presentation for Student Government Association at the end of October. This was the first presentation given without sixth member, Knechel.

"Sharon was supposed to be there. We really felt a loss...but we know she is with us in spirit," Williams said.

The anti-racism presentation involves personal discussion and interaction, which is not effective with large groups. Eventually, the team would like to give all students, faculty, and staff a chance to understand

the team's goals. Also, the team wants people to feel free to visit with any member about racial issues on campus.

"I would love to share more about the team with anyone who is interested," Eells said.

"I believe that it is essential that the college deals with the issue and I'm proud that we-as a student body will be one of the first to take a stand against racism," said Shay Maclin, soph., and president of SGA.

The group meets every other Friday, currently focusing on its anti-racism presentation. The team would like to become a resource for anti-racism. It also hopes to obtain a campus mailbox so people can write their concerns.

"I'm looking forward to helping others gain a better understanding of racism, because most people do not see themselves as racist or they don't understand everything that encompasses racism," Barrett said.

McPherson College has no documented incidents of persons of color being denied admission to the institution. According to Williams, however, by its location, it is segregated as more of a rural institution. The group hopes to encourage more minorities to attend McPherson.

The organization will be "advantageous to the entire student body because the only way to get ahead is to understand [racism]," Corey Becquette, fr., said.

"I'm glad they are doing this," said Kathryn Whitacre, associate dean of campus life. "It's time."