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Senior honored by State

Erik Vogel, sr., traveled to Wichita to accept the only scholarship award given to an accounting student at a private college.

Officers needed

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Feeding camels and observing pagan trees

Do you ever wonder why people celebrating the birth of Christ use evergreen trees and old smelly socks?

"It's a Wonderful Life"

Signs of the holidays have descended upon everyone by now, but the obvious synonym for this holiday is party.

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SPORTS

Women's and men's basketball teams defeat Bethany Swedes

The Lady Bulldogs beat rival Swedes, 66-61. On Saturday, the Dogs compete with Sterling and will attempt to gain 2-1 standings in the conference.

The men's team has beaten the Swedes, 69-68, and pre-season favorite, Friends, 62-51. They hope to defeat Sterling Warriors tomorrow.

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Here's who's "Who's Who"

by Jen Bosserman
News Editor

McPherson College faculty have selected nine students for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." "Who's Who" honors the nation's leading college students each year. The students will receive awards during the commencement exercises in May.

This year's "Who's Who" candidates include Becki Dilley, Sarah Wagoner Hendricks, Shelly Hendricks, Stacey Hoover, Cameron Mahler, Amy Ross, Melissa Sharp, Nathan Swenson-Reinhold and Erik Vogel.

These students have completed at least 80 credit hours, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and are involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities.

Dilley is a communications major who has participated in organizations related to her field of study as well as a variety of other clubs and organizations on and off campus. On Quadrangle staff Dilley worked as a reporter, photo editor and campus life editor. She has also written for the Spectator.

Dilley has contributed her time and talents to play productions, the choir, chamber singers and cheerleading un-

der disguise as the MAC Bulldog. Dilley participates in Alpha Psi Omega, Brethren Identity Group, Habitat For Humanity, Peace Awareness and intramurals.

She has demonstrated her leadership abilities on and off campus by serving on SGA, helping with freshman orientation, planning Regional Youth Conference and working for the Chamber of Commerce and Special Olympics. Dilley has served in Youth to Youth, Ministry Summer Service, and in Church of the Brethren camps as a McPherson representative.

"It's fun to be nominated and I'm getting married in May," Dilley said.

Presidential Scholar, Sarah Wagoner Hendricks is an elementary education major. Hendricks has displayed her leadership talent as Co-editor-in-chief, and editorial page editor of the Spectator, SGA representative-at-large and executive committee member, and class officer. Hendricks has also served on the KSBE Steering Committee, the Board of Publications and the Presidential Search Committee. She has been a student employee and worked in the alumni development office.

Hendricks participates in Brethren Identity Group, Habitat for Humanity, Peace Awareness, choir, chamber singers and the Homecoming Court.

She has been named to the National Dean's List and the Honor Roll.

Hendricks has been involved in her church and community by participating in the Brethren College Bell Choir, Red Cross and serving as a church board member, co-coordinator of Bible School and a Sunday School teacher.

"One of my goals as a student at McPherson College has been to participate in a variety of activities while remaining a good student. I am honored that 'Who's Who' recognizes those accomplishments in students," Hendricks said.

Shelly Hendricks is a Presidential Scholar majoring in the social sciences. Hendricks has served as a newspaper reporter, news editor, and editor-in-chief of the Spectator and won a KACP Award in personal column writing. Hendricks also works as a resident assistant of Datzur.

Hendricks has served on SGA, the Educational Policies Committee and the Biology Faculty Search Committee.

Hendricks was crowned homecoming queen this fall.



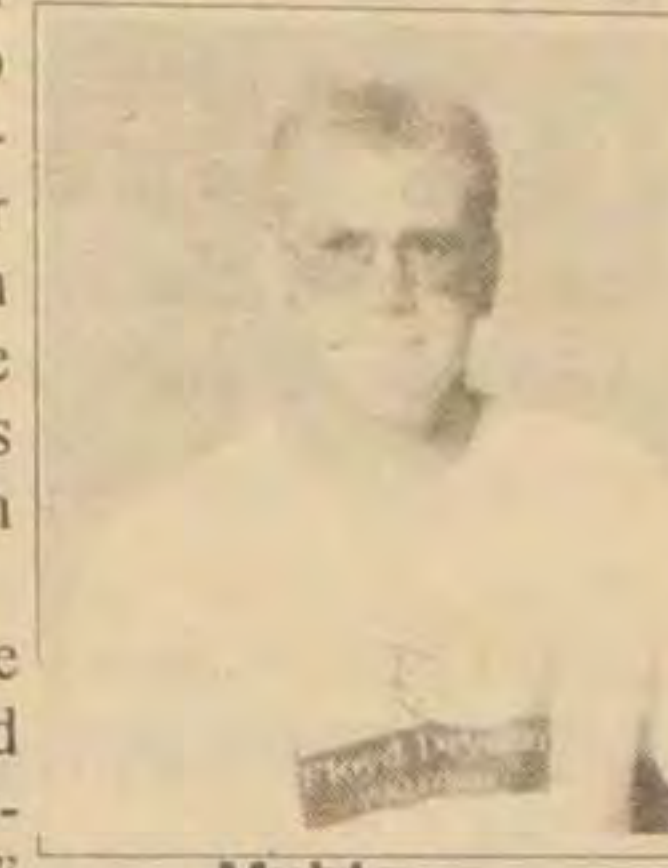
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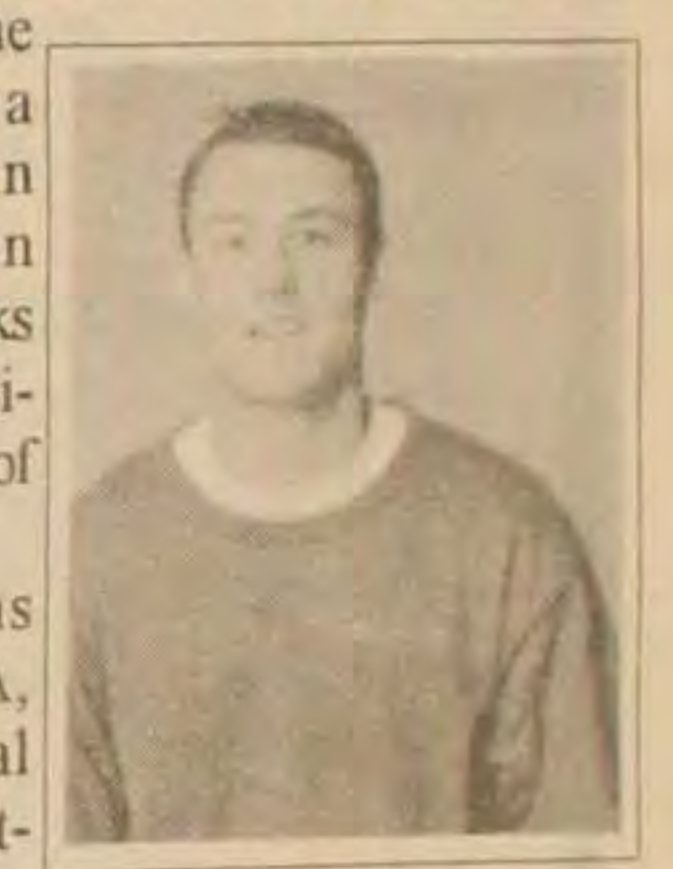
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The Nashville Network aims cameras at restoration technology program

by Shelly Hendricks
Editor-in-Chief

TNN network station will air a spotlight on the McPherson College restoration technology program eight times during the 1998 year. "My Classic Car" producer, Tom Kimmell, was on campus Dec. 8, to film footage for the television show.

"The entire event was exciting because it's drawing national attention to our program, which makes me feel certain that upon graduation the name 'McPherson College' won't fall on deaf ears," said Kevin O'Grince, jr., and one of three students interviewed for the spotlight.

The show's host, Dennis Gage, learned of the college program last spring, when Bob Knechel, director of development, and David Liepelt, sr., traveled to California to receive Jay Leno's recognition and contribution to

the program. Gage expressed interest to Knechel about working with the college for the show "My Classic Car."

"They're interested and anxious to support the auto restoration hobby. That's their business and anything they can do to promote it, like our program, is in their best interests also," Knechel said.

Since the Jay Leno announcement last year, Knechel and Gage have maintained correspondence and the Leno's show sent Kimmell to McPherson to view the restoration technology program. Kimmell arrived on campus Dec. 7, looked at the program and hired a camera crew from Channel 3 Productions out of Wichita to film interviews, students in their main mechanical shop class and other aspects of the restoration program.

The crew took about an hour and 20 minutes of film footage.

"And they'll produce about a minute and a half spotlight about the McPherson College restoration program," Knechel said. "It's marvelous publicity."

"I'm excited to see how the editors are going to take a typical four-hour class day and condense it into a brief clip," O'Grince said.

During filming, the producer interviewed O'Grince, President Gary Dill, Steve Swartz, assistant professor of technology, John Lawrence, sr., and Andrew May, sr.

"They sat me down on a chair in front of a camera with bright lights. That's when I got nervous. Once they turned the camera on it was like 20 million people were staring at me," May said. "I told them that a friend of mine who is training to be a mechanic was impressed with how much I learned in only three months."

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EDITORIAL

What's a class officer?

YOU ARE A FRESHMAN EXCITED ABOUT STARTING COLLEGE and its many activities. You hear an announcement at convo, "Will the freshman class please meet at the front of the auditorium for class officer elections immediately following convocations." You think, this is my opportunity to take a leadership position. I'll run for a class officer position.

Sorry to disappoint you, but if your class officer elections were anything like those of the class of 1998, you are sure to be disappointed. Not that those persons elected were disappointing representatives of the class, but the responsibilities and expectations placed upon these class leaders were vague and minimal. To this day I think I'm still the secretary of my class, but I have not carried out one duty as the secretary of the class of 1998.

What is the point of class officers? What responsibilities do the class officers hold? Do we need class officers? Do you, as a member of your distinguished class, feel represented by your class officers?

Perhaps McPherson College should do away with class elections. If the students who are elected to a position never carry out any responsibilities, why do we create the positions in the first place? Often, new faculty members are asked to be the sponsors of the freshman class. Does it really make sense to put a new group of inexperienced students with a sponsor who is new and inexperienced his/herself?

The freshman class of 1996-97 made a valiant effort to raise funds and provide activities for their classmates. They are to be applauded, but are those same people ready to pass on the torch to another classmate? Perhaps yearly elections should be held to avoid student "burn out." If someone wants to run for the position a second time they are welcome to, but the choice is theirs. They aren't stuck with being the class president for four years.

Leadership roles create well-rounded people. But leadership positions need to be organized so they are appealing to students. Have a class meeting. Decide what you as a class want your class officers' responsibilities to be. And help them to carry out their ideas by being an active member of your class.

Sarah Wagoner Hendricks
for the Editorial Staff

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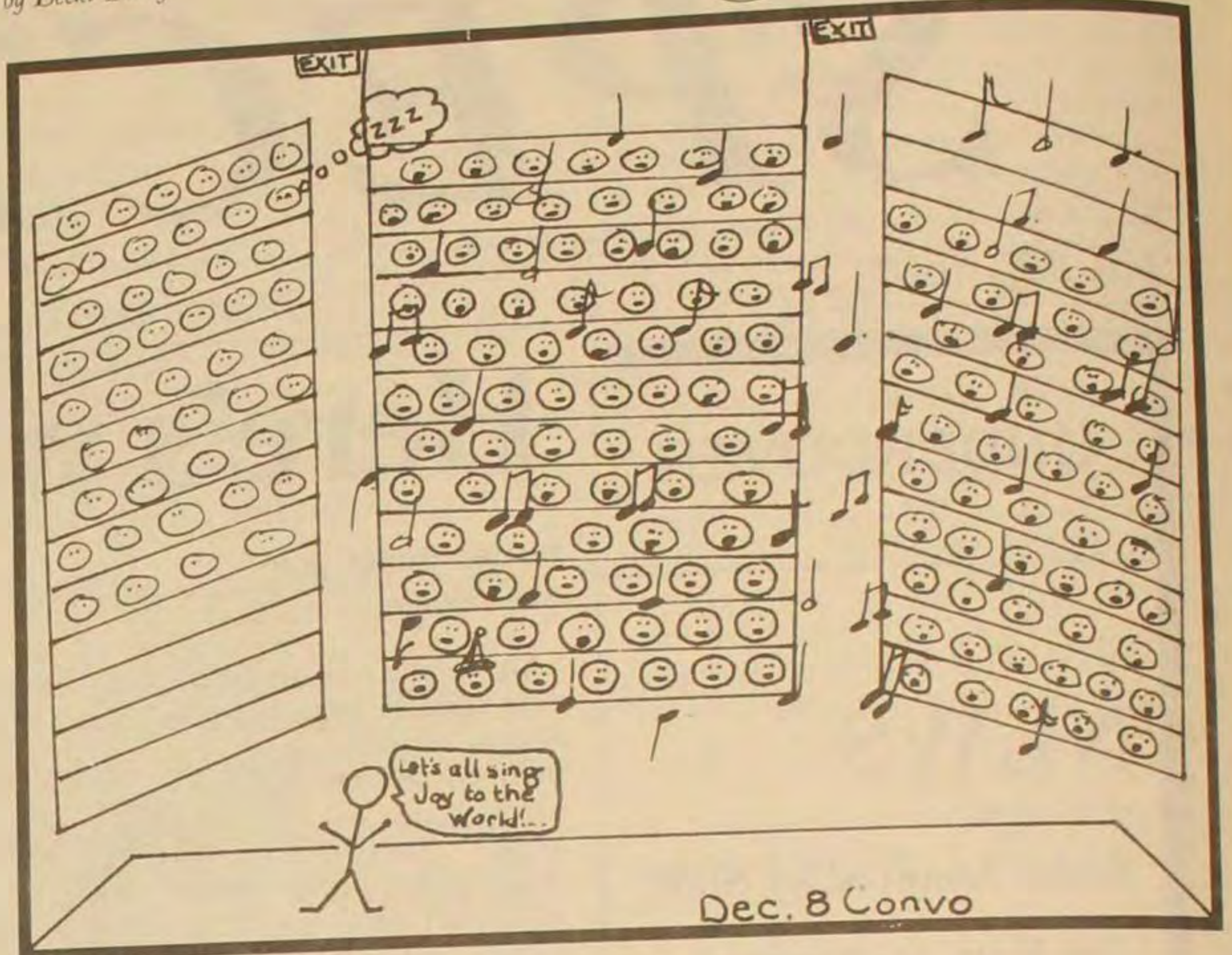
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Boo's bayou

by Becki Dilley



Kendra Variations
or what you will

Two years ago, when I was studying in Cheltenham, England, I made some very close friends. In fact, three of those friends are still considered very close to me even though I never see them. I guess it's like Tracy Stoddart. I never see her, but she's still my friend.

Anyway, one of these excellent friends is Kendra Allen. Kendra is currently a senior at Manchester College (in North Manchester, Ind.) and majoring in social justice, I think. Kendra became my friend over a longer period of time than normal. She was one of those people that you know and keep in your back pocket to get to know better later.

Kendra has a hard time believing that Christianity is the "only" way to heaven. She also believes that she will never get married. When I met her she believed that she would most likely just live with her lover for life.

"Why pay a lot of money for a tradition of a public service? Marriage is a very personal and private thing." Those were her thoughts on weddings. However, I must add that she's very happy for Becki and me. She plans on attending our "very public" service in May.

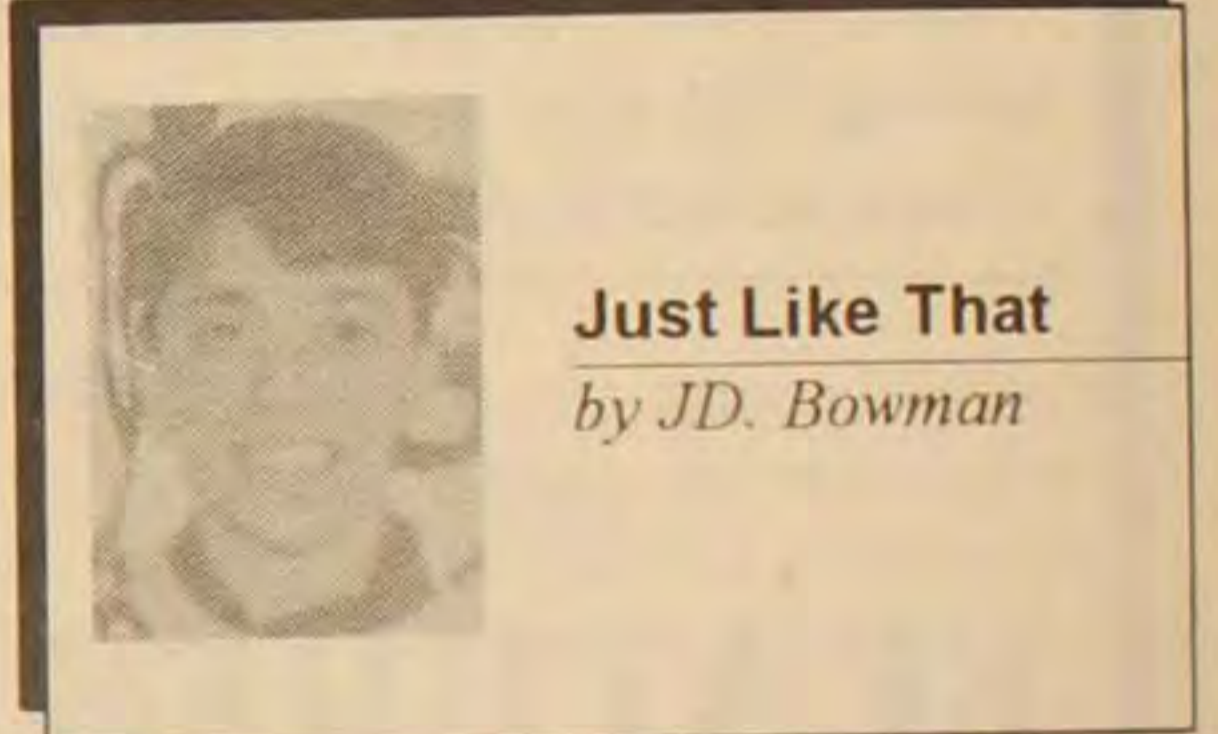
When I returned to Kansas, I met another Kendra. Kendra Flory is a sophomore majoring in the music department. She was my SIB last year (when we still had a SIBS program). She was also in two of my classes last year.

Kendra Flory is a devout Christian. She believes that Christ has shown us the way to heaven, and she is very open with her Christianity. In fact, she and I have had very good discussions about Christian beliefs.

Both of these Kendras are my friends, but they are very different. At first it was a secret little joke to me. How odd it is to find two completely opposite ends of the spectrum who share the same name.

In my life, I've been trying to work on building bridges. I have been in a situation before (as I'm sure we all have) where I have felt excluded. I don't like feeling excluded, so it's important to me to be all-inclusive. I try to present things so everyone can feel included.

I also feel that a Campus Ministry Team should have that same goal (to be inclusive). Jean Hendricks, Kent Naylor, and Kevin Hopkins have stated they strive to meet the faith needs of all persons. The word ministry doesn't necessarily imply Christian ministry. In my opinion, the hiring of three ministers should ensure the covering of all the religious needs of this campus.



Just Like That
by JD. Bowman

Kendra Flory said, "No way! This is a Christian College, for God's sake." I took that literally to mean, for God's sake, we shouldn't include other religions. I see what Kendra means.

McPherson College was founded by members of the Church of the Brethren. Even though today's student population is far more diverse than a college of only Church of the Brethren students, we still should observe our founders and their beliefs.

However, Kendra Allen would probably point out how we are excluding others in the world. She would also point out that superiority is not a characteristic of the church, and the numbers of the Church of the Brethren should definitely stop its members from feeling superior.

There must be a happy medium. There needs to be some place where we can find common ground. There needed to be a Winter Holiday Convo with some celebration of the birth of Christ (and Christianity), the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah, and the British and Canadian celebration of Boxing Day.

Why was it that Monday's convo (consisting of a straight Christian celebration, which made me both uncomfortable and bored, frankly) was required for all students? In my mind, we should work to include everyone. We need to be sensitive to everyone's differences.

But then, I remember the Kendras. I remember that two women with the same name aren't necessarily alike. I remember my two friends who are cool in their own way, and suddenly, I respect diversity.

I begin my thankfulness for our differences and our own uniqueness. I understand Kendra Allen's views and I respect them. I understand Kendra Flory's views and I respect them.

This season, understand and respect the different ways unique people celebrate it. Wish Kim Stanley a happy holiday, wish Rachel Gross a Happy Hanukkah and wish Tracy Stoddart a Merry Christmas.

Then, respect yourself because you haven't imposed your ideas and thoughts onto anyone else.

Campus Forum

Change convo

I think that convo needs a face life. I must admit that I have dozed or talked during convo myself. I would just like to suggest a slight change in the convo format.

I think that concerts and theatrical performances should be made an option for convo credit. A student would be able to miss a few convos if she or he attended performances. Any student in a performance could also receive credit.

I think this change would create higher attendance and interest in our music and theatre program, and may even encourage more people to participate in music and theatre. I must admit there have been a few convos that I would have skipped if I would have had this option.

Scott McDearmon, fr.

Thanks extended

I would just like to thank all the members of SGA. Good job, guys. You've gotten a lot of business finished and it's good to see you excited about the business coming up.

Have a good break!

ShaRhonda Maclin, soph.

LETTER POLICY

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

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Dog Breath

"At last I have grown into the person I've wanted to be."

—Archie Leach (Cary Grant)

Hear the other side

I was in the Hutch Mall recently, and I was disgusted by a green over-stuffed chair I saw there. (I did see a really cool green, inflatable couch though.) It was part of the decor for Santa's place in the center of the mall. (The chair, not the couch.) Sort of like the places set up at every other mall in America this time of year. (Except the Centennial mall in Hays. I guess Santa only visits towns with populations over 30,000.)

Before the place was officially even open, kids and their parents were lined up, waiting. A brass quintet was warming up, getting ready for the grand entrance. When Santa appeared, his friendly little helpers ushered the first in line to Santa's lap. In matching sweatshirts and coats, the children sat while the first little helper snapped a picture, then snapped it again. (Something was wrong the first time.) Meanwhile, the other little helper was smiling and handing the parents a receipt for their purchase.

The whole scene made me ill. The thought that this could be a holiday tradition for some people saddened me. Waiting in line for a Polaroid just doesn't sound meaningful to me.

Christmas is more than that.

Christmas is eating doughnuts while decorating the tree, opening stockings on Mom and Dad's bed, searching for the envelopes hidden in the tree, closing the Christmas Eve service with candles, avoiding eating pickles wrapped in cream cheese and chipped-beef and feeling ill over all the merchandising and materialism that seem to go along with gift-giving. But that's Christmas to me. That's my Christmas. Your Christmas is probably totally different, and I hope no less wonderful.

What have I learned? If I need to shop, I should do it before the tinsel and candy-canes hit town. It's OK to be bothered by the commercialism that now seems to come with Christmas. It's OK to be thankful that visiting Santa was never (and never will be) a part of my Christmas tradition, but it's also important to realize that for some people that may be a very special experience.

A tale of Taylor's tutu

Last year Wendi Dilley asked me if I was interested in taking ballet at Bethel College. I figured it would be nice exercise and a chance to develop a little more coordination (thus sayeth the girl notorious for breaking her foot by falling down one step). So I went for it and later coerced Sarah Stover into joining me.

Now, twice a week, we get in the car and drive half an hour to good old Newton. The class meets in a small room (shared with the theatre department) that has a wall covered with mirrors. (Gasp! Not a fun thing if you fear spandex.) Around twelve girls make up the class, and luckily there are no rejects from the Russian Ballet; in other words, I'm not the only one who can't figure out how to kick her foot out, kick the other one up, twist them around and land on the opposite foot.

It's really not that hard; most of the class consists of beginners or people like me who took ballet when they were seven and forgot most of it. We start out stretching, then go to the bar, where we do various exercises. (Note: Frappe is not just a button on the blender. It's a movement where you strike your foot on the floor, and it's pretty fun.)

Then we move into more stretching or "center work." If we do more stretching, this is usually the time in class where it takes all of my self control not to bolt for the door. This is the time of the infamous "splits." Yes, splits, like what cheerleaders do. My only problem is that I would rather eat my young alive than do the splits, but that's just something I need to learn to overcome. (I'm currently looking for a self-help group for that.)

Finally, we've been putting together a dance. If you're really curious about that, ask Sarah and me to demonstrate. (Warn-



Hey! That's My Bike
by Sarah Stover

On another topic, Tom Ness stopped me to talk about my editorial in the last issue. The editorial ended with the following: "On a totally unrelated (but probably more worthy) subject, I saw a sign in the Sport Center that said, 'Dammit, no drinks in the gym.' Is that necessary?"

Tom seemed to think it was.

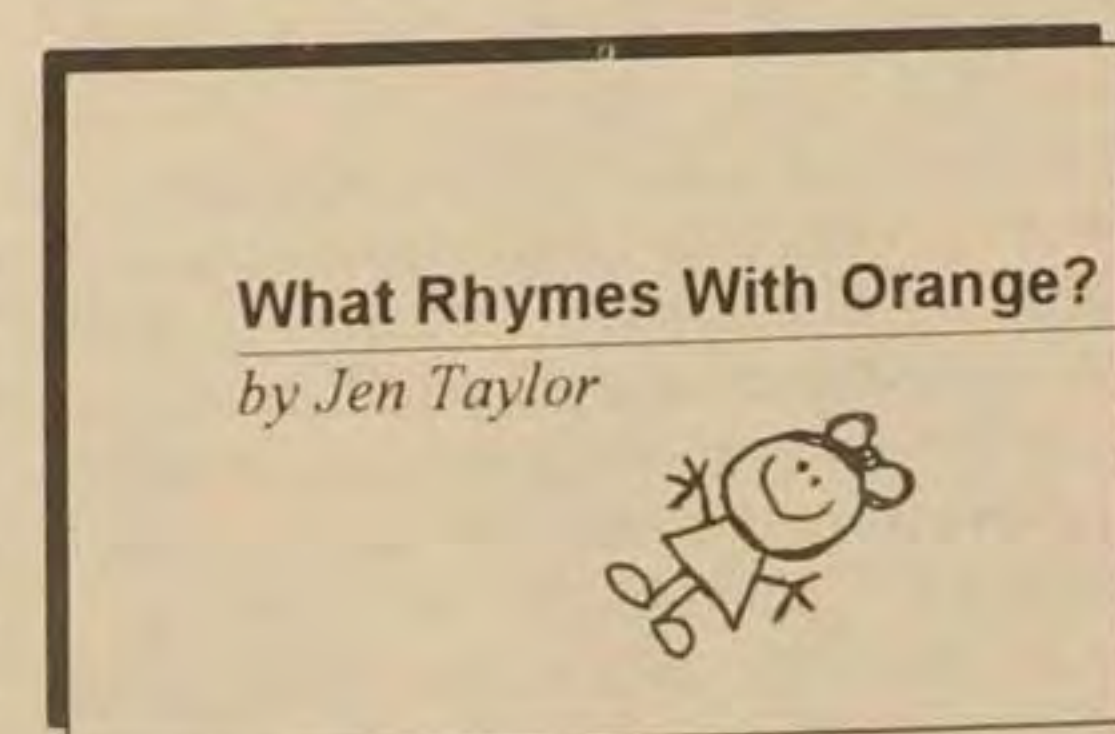
This year a real problem has existed with people bringing pop into the gym, and when he and his assistants were making signs to put up, the sign in question was jokingly printed, and then put up. Tom said the response was at first positive. People noticed the signs and paid attention to them, but now they are back to their old habits. The sign was taken down a few days after the last issue of the Spectator came out.

My point is this. The sign shouldn't have been put up because there shouldn't have been a reason to. In other words, the signs shouldn't be necessary.

Try to follow me here. The students attending this college are college students. (Dizzying, I know.) Most students who attend college are high school graduates. Anyone who has graduated from high school has probably passed through kindergarten.

It was in Mrs. Look's class that I learned to follow rules. When she told the class not to bring our milk onto the carpet we listened. By the time we got to high school, following the rule about drinks in the gym wasn't so difficult.

Maybe the curriculum in your school was different, and maybe your school didn't have the rule about taking drinks into the gym. If not, consider this your chance to catch up to Quinter's standards. And thanks for explaining to me, Tom. It's nice to hear the other side.



What Rhymes With Orange?
by Jen Taylor



ing: I have found that I don't chase [pronounced shaw-say] very well in my combat boots and cords.) Of course, the greatest benefit of my ballet is that I am now almost semi-quasi-not-really fluent in French (but I can't spell, so writing down terms is pretty much a lost cause). Now for my challenge: Hey, boys, I dare you to take ballet! Or at least check it out. Maybe it could be a field trip for the PWLGR (People Who Live in the Game Room). It wouldn't hurt. Many professional athletes take ballet to improve their form, and I'm sure that you wouldn't mind the twelve-to-zero girl:guy ratio. As for my fellow ladies, I offer the same challenge! It's a relaxing way to get off your seat for a couple times a week, and since none of the boys ever show up, it's OK to be uncoordinated, self-conscious, or afraid of the splits.

So, why have I let you in on my little secret? Well, if more people at Mac had an interest in ballet or dance, we could get a class here which would save two hours in the car each week. After all, there are ballet bars in the gym's exercise room. All we would need is a teacher and a class. Until then I shall just be satisfied by prancing around Bethel and third floor Dotzour late at night.

Do we need presents?



Brethren Perspective
by Seth Good

Christmas is upon us. Everyone is bustling about, getting gifts, sending cards and making travel plans. But why are we doing all of this?

Traditionally, it is in celebration of Christ's birth, which I have no problem with celebrating. But shouldn't we be celebrating in a way that pleases Christ?

With commercialization, the center of Christmas has become a celebration of buying things, sometimes even focusing on what we hope to get back. This consumer mentality of buying whatever we want just because we can seems to run rampant during Christmas.

If we look at Christ, he was not exactly consumer-motivated and driven by selfishness. He cared about everyone and he lived a simple life. How can we celebrate someone who advocated a life of service and simplicity by buying our loved ones gifts that they usually do not need?

I believe that Gandhi said it best: "Any man who has more than he needs is a thief." If we accept this statement then just about everyone in America is a thief, stealing from others what they need to survive.

If we are really to celebrate the birth and life of Christ, we should try to continue his cause of service. "You can be sure that whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of the least of these my brethren because he is my follower, will certainly receive his reward" (Matthew 10:42).

Jesus calls us to give to the less fortunate. In return he promises us the reward of spiritual growth. How then can we be content to disobey his commandments to help the less fortunate to serve ourselves instead?

The extent to which we separate Christ's life and Christmas is amazing. It reminds me of an occurrence observed by a brother just this last Christmas. Two people stood by a display window looking at a manger set. One said to the other, "Look at that, now the Christians are trying to cash in on Christmas."

Clearly Christ is not a part of Christmas for many. It doesn't have to be that way. When I was young I remember every Christmas Day racing out to the tree to open presents. I was never told of Santa Claus because that would mean lying to us, and my parents never lied to us.

As time went on, things began to change. Before opening presents, we began to read the Christmas story. As I became older I started to realize more and more that the purpose of Christmas was to celebrate Christ.

I was about 14 when my parents first got us together one Christmas. They were thinking about giving a percent of our Christmas money to an organization to help people. My sister and I agreed, as we thought that it was a good idea. It was fun to sit down and decide what organization to give the money to.

Christmas was a little smaller that year but no one minded. It was as if we were finally celebrating Christmas for the first time. The next year we decided to give all of our Christmas money to help others as we still do today. We sit down and decided where we would like to put our money. Then on Christmas we exchange a few gifts around \$5 a person or so.

I have found that the best part of Christmas for me never was the presents. It is being at home with my family talking and playing games together. None of us is forced to meet the norm and distort Christmas into a holiday of greed and presents. I would encourage everyone to give a percent of their Christmas money to someone who really needs it, someone who you will never see. Maybe you give you will grow to care more about the strangers with needs who we only hear about, until you are celebrating Christ's life during Christmas.

Wannakam, travel around the world

by Becky Ullom
Features Editor

Brethren Colleges Abroad open a new study location

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live on the other side of the world, in India? Now, students enrolled in the Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA) program won't have to wonder any longer - they can find out first hand!

Recently, a new BCA program was established at Cochin University in India. In the city of Cochin, the campus is 180 acres and serves 1,200 students with over 250 faculty members. Cochin is in the state of Kerala, which is a progressive state in India.

The BCA program was set up in India to demonstrate to students that various religious traditions, (such as Hindu, Muslim, and South Asian Christianity) can, do, and should live harmoniously.

"Cochin is an ideal location for BCA's program because of its religious pluralism, its unique political situation and its role in development studies," reports the University's catalog.

BCA intends to instill in its participants a better understanding of global issues and of how to envision solutions. Students can receive an "academic" education, as well as education through experienced based learning programs. Internship opportunities are available during the spring semester. Students can intern with such organizations like the Gandhi Peace Foundation, the Bal Rashmi Society, or Heifer Project International.

Some of the special BCA courses include the Indian Independence Movement, Gandhian Studies, Indian Religions and Comparative Anthropology. BCA students

may also take graduate level courses with Indian graduate students.

The state of Kerala, in which Cochin University is located, is becoming internationally known for its successes in achieving nearly one hundred percent literacy. Women have become more involved in the business sector, due to the increased opportunity for education that the University has provided. Cochin University has also played a substantial role in helping villages technological progression.

All of this sounds good on paper - but what do BCA students think of the country and program?

"BCA students have many impressions of India: striking third-world poverty and urban bustle alongside the delicate architecture, ornate sculptures, and ancient wisdom that so

enrich Indian culture. BCA in India offers broad exposure to a country that knows few limits. There, the names of God are infinite, and so are the new discoveries that can be made by students in this land," reports the BCA catalog.

Studying at BCA's newest site, Cochin, India would certainly be an incredible educational opportunity for any student wishing to broaden her horizons!

President Dill interviewed about recent trip to Cochin

Picture yourself in a tropical climate. You are on the southwestern coast of India, in the city of Cochin and the state of Kerala. You are on the campus of Cochin University. Temperatures range between 85 and 95 in December. Sound nice?

Recently, President Gary Dill lived this "picture," as he visited the

most recently opened BCA program in Cochin, India. The BCA Board of Directors is composed of the six presidents of the Church of the Brethren higher education institutions. Each board member visits at least one BCA site every year on an administrative basis.

President Dill visited

India in the capacity of a BCA Board Member. To get there, he endured a 36-hour plane ride. Then, he traveled and worked in India from Nov. 30 to Dec. 7.

When he arrived, Dill met with the vice chancellor (president) of Cochin University. Dill also met with faculty members of the department of applied economics. Later, he spent time with other departments at Cochin, like the School of Legal Studies,

the School of Marine Studies, and the physics and chemistry departments. Dill spent most of his time talking with professors of present BCA students, as well as visiting with over 100 faculty members in various departments.

"We want faculty in different disciplines to be willing to teach our students when they take courses in different areas," Dill said.

Dill talked with current BCA students. Seven students—five women and two men—are currently enrolled in the BCA program at Cochin. Three of McPherson College's sister Brethren colleges—LaVerne, Juniata, and Manchester—are represented by students. The University of Tulsa and Bryn Mawr College also has students studying in India.

What do American students have to say about their experiences abroad?

"The students all discussed how important it is to be flexible. They also discussed the contrasts of society. They are learning about themselves, each other, and the subject matter," Dill said.

But what did you think of India?

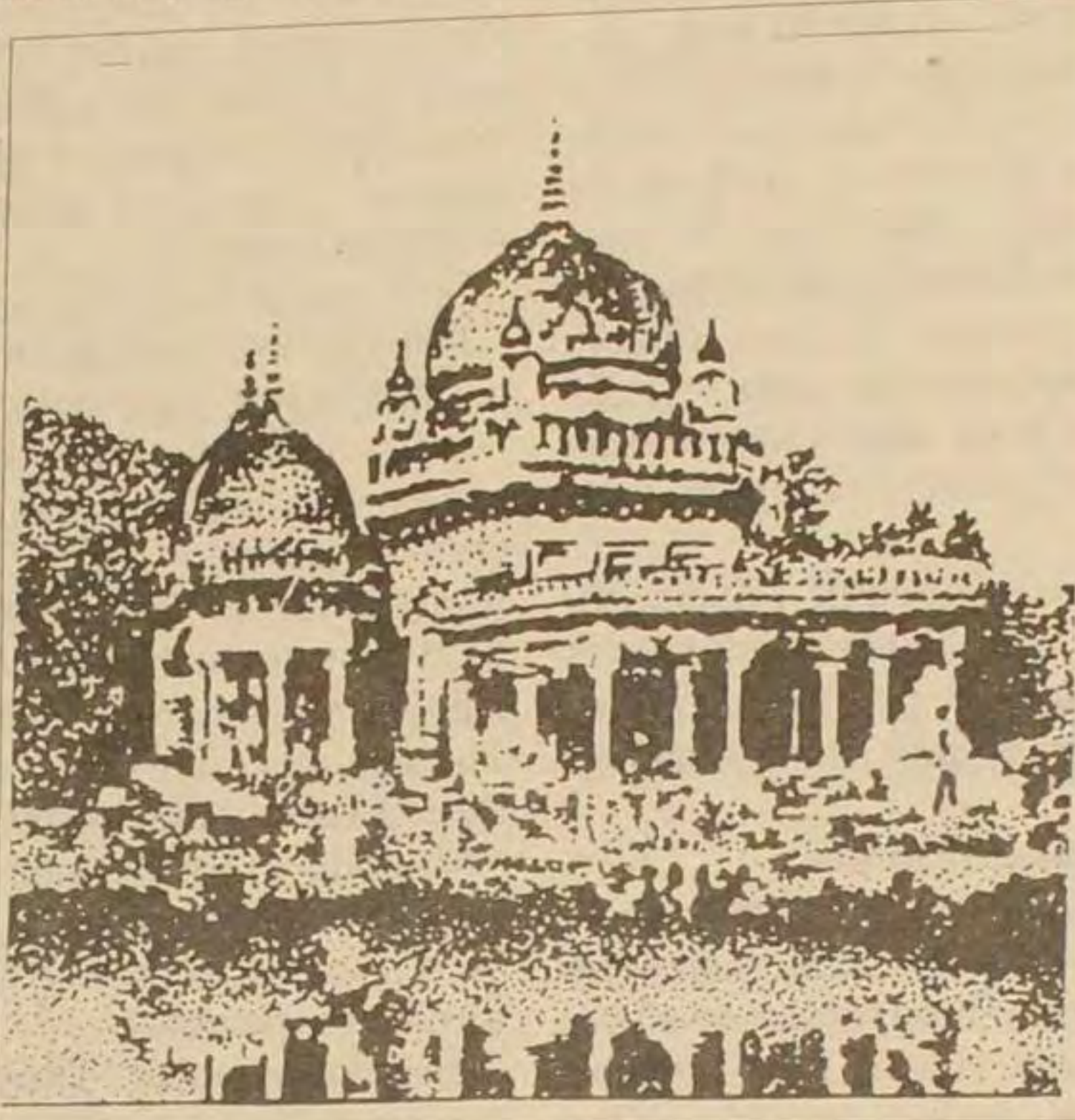
"I ate a lot of good food. Some of it was new, but it wasn't a brand new experience. Quite spicy!" Dill said.

On a more serious note, however, what were some trip highlights?

"One of the highlights was visiting a Christian 'ashram,' or community. This [ashram] is usually a Hindu concept, but this Christian ashram had a relationship with the Church of the Brethren in the past. It is a home for orphan boys," Dill said.

What can you tell us about the people of India?

"Everyone was very hospitable. Welcoming. Courteous. Curious about the Church of the Brethren and our college. They are not very informed about what liberal arts education is," Dill said.



A GOOD EXCUSE FOR A PARTY: THE WINTER HOLIDAY ARRIVES

by Candra Coleman
Spectator Staff

'Tis the season to be jolly! Yes, indeed—it's the Christmas season. Everywhere you go, there are decorations in store windows and on houses. Walk down Main Street and you'll hear traditional music, like "Jingle Bells," "O Christmas Tree," and "Silent Night" playing over loud speakers. People are busy shopping for family and friends trying to find that "perfect gift." And of course, the best part of Christmas—all of the parties!

Society parties a lot around Christmas. But are all parties the same? What do people usually eat and drink? Who throws these parties?

There are all kinds of different parties. For example, lots of companies have Christmas parties for their employees. It gives them a chance to socialize without being in the office.

Many church Sunday School classes have parties. At these parties, gift exchanges (including white elephant and secret pals) are common. These exchanges are popular because everyone gets something and no one has to spend a lot of money.

These parties are fun, but they are not the parties that students are looking forward to when they go home. Some students live a long ways away from home and when they visit on weekends they really don't get enough time to see their friends and catch up. Christmas break gives people a chance to see friends and catch up. Having a "party" just lets them do all of this while making more new and crazy memories.

Friends may get together, talk, and maybe watch "It's a Wonderful Life" while drink-

ing their hot apple cider. On the other end of the spectrum, some may get together to play card games, like the ever-popular "Circle of Death" or "The Eight Game."

For refreshments, some students would rather sip some peppermint schnapps than eat a peppermint candy cane. There will be students who go all out, in terms of alcohol. They may participate in "keg stands," "bonging," "shotgunning," or "waterfalls." And of course, there will be those who feel they have become a permanent cast member of "Dazed and Confused," after a few parties.

Obviously, there are many different ways to celebrate during the Christmas season. Even though the food, drinks, gifts and entertainment might vary from party to party, all of them seem to be enjoyed by those attending!

However you celebrate, have fun and enjoy the time with your family and friends. Party hard, but do it safely!

Students show their holiday spirit by decorating their doors.

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MITTENS REPLACE ORNAMENTS

by LeAnn Wine
Spectator Staff

Whoever heard of mittens on a tree? Christmas is traditionally a season of sharing gifts. Not only with our families, but also with others in need. Today's Educators took on a project called a "Mitten Tree" to help the children of the McPherson Community this holiday season.

The Mitten Tree will provide mittens, gloves and hats to children in need in the McPherson community. Any child in need can receive gloves or a scarf to keep warm. Today's Educators has decided to distribute the gifts through the Red Cross and USD 418 school district. The school counselor of each elementary school will distribute the items based on need.

Trisha House, sr., secretary/treasurer of Today's Educators, and Christy Meiers, sr., co-president, thought of the project last year and proposed it to Today's Educators this year.

House became even more involved in the project when she mentioned it to her kindergarten class at Lincoln Elementary School, where she student teaches. Each class at the school was allotted \$40 to spend on a community project.

"The three kindergarten classes chose to donate their money for us to spend on mittens and hats," Dr. Jeanne Smith, sponsor of Today's Educators, said.

About 51 students with their teachers, Janet White, Susan Crowder and Ruth Obold, came to Friendship Hall on Tuesday, December 2, to decorate the tree with the mittens their money had purchased.

"We had a little party," Smith said, "with carols and refreshments. Danny Ramsey played Santa Claus."

Also joining the party were several members of Today's Educators and the Introduction to Education class.

"We had fun putting the mittens on the tree," LeAnna Hulce, soph., vice president of Today's Educators, said, "It was a lot of fun for the kids as well as us."

"I think they [the kids] were really excited to know that their mittens would go to someone else," Meiers said.

When House returned to Lincoln, she received positive feedback from the teachers.

"They said the kids really enjoyed decorating the tree. The teachers enjoyed it as well," House said.

Most of the donations came from the Lincoln students, Hulce said, "We had a good response from Lincoln, but only a few from others."

The Mitten Tree will be up in Friendship Hall until Monday, December 16. Smith estimated that 200 mittens have been hung on the tree so far, but more are definitely welcome. Any student or faculty wishing to make a donation is encouraged to do so.

The officers of Today's Educators, Jamie Brown, sr., and Meiers, Co-President, Hulce, Vice President, and House, Secretary/Treasurer, spent a large amount of time and effort to make this project a success. Prior to the decorating of the tree, this group met at least twice to plan the party for the kids. Then, the night before the party, they spent about four hours in Friendship Hall setting up.

This is the first year that a mitten tree has been on campus, and next year's officers for Today's Educators will determine if this will become an annual event.

"I hope the schools will want to do this again next year," House said.

Hulce also hopes to have a Mitten Tree again next year.

"Kids like to give and like to help. This gave them a chance to," Hulce said.

This time of year is always hectic for college students with project deadlines and



photo by Jamie Risser

The mitten tree in Friendship Hall is rumored to have over 100 gloves donated by McPherson's children.

finals coming up. It may seem hard to find time to get into the Christmas spirit. Members of Today's Educators took time out of their schedules to give something to the children of McPherson. By giving a small gift to a child, you too could catch the spirit!

Camel food, pagan rituals & Martin Luther contribute to traditions

by Denise Norsworthy
Spectator Staff

Ever wondered why you put up a Christmas tree and decorate it every year? Or why you hang up stockings for Santa Clause to put little goodies inside? When, where and how did these Christmas traditions begin?

Some believe that Christmas traditions have developed from the coincidence of the celebration of the birth of Christ with the pagan agricultural and solar observances at midwinter. Others take a more religious viewpoint. However, hanging stockings up and decorating a Christmas tree seem to be rooted in both secular and religious traditions.

The use of evergreens at Christmas time came from pre-Christian, Northern European beliefs. Celtic and Teutonic tribes honored these plants at their winter solstice festivals as a symbol of eternal life. In medieval Germany, the "Paradise Tree," a type of evergreen decorated with apples,

was used in a popular Christmas play about Adam and Eve.

By 1605, many German families decorated their homes with evergreens for Christmas. They trimmed the trees with fruits, nuts, lighted candles and paper roses. Later, painted eggshells, various cookies and candies also found their way onto Christmas trees.

Scholars debate the role that Martin Luther had in creating the Christmas tree tradition. Legend says that the sight of an evergreen tree on Christmas eve, with stars shining above, made a great impression on Luther. He later put a similar tree in his home, decorated with lighted candles.

Yet others believe that the evergreen tree, a symbol of life to pagans, became a symbol of the Savior and thus became a part of the celebration of his birth. German settlers in Pennsylvania brought the first Christmas trees to the U.S. in the early 1800s. Soon after, the custom spread throughout the United States, and eventually, the world.

Okay, the tree is covered. But what about the stocking? Who came up with the bright idea of receiving presents in smelly socks or shoes? Who participates in this tradition?

In some European countries, children fill shoes with straw and carrots for Saint Nicholas' horses. By morning,

the straw and carrots are replaced by presents.

Children in some Spanish-speaking nations leave food for the camels of the Wise Men. Also, the children put their shoes outside a window on the eve of Epiphany. The Wise Men place small gifts in the shoes during the night.

Today people celebrate Christmas with many different traditions, but hanging stockings and decorating a tree are two popular ones.

Cliff Bell, soph., said that he and his sibling each have a box of decorations to decorate the tree. "We decorate the tree with the same red balls every year," Bell said.

The family of Nakina Forte, fr., decorates their tree with ornaments, lights and beads. "There is an ornament for each family member. There are ones for grandparents, aunts, uncles, ones that have already gone, and ones that have just been born," Forte said.

The family of Angela Karstetter decorates their tree with homemade ornaments and ornaments that have been collected over the years. "We've got ones from places we've been, like one that says, 'California Christmas' on it," Karstetter said.

"We decorate our tree with bronze ornaments, each with someone's name," Jake McKnight, fr., said. He also said that they put white lights on their tree.

Christmas traditions in each family hold their own special meanings. They hold the memories of life. Every memory associated with a tradition can be passed on from generation to generation. Perhaps this is how the evergreen tree and the ever-present stockings have become ever-lasting traditions!

photo by Jamie Risser

Red ribbons have become the most recent Christmas tradition as shown here. This door in Dotzour also boasts holly and berries.



All of us on the Spectator Staff would like to wish you warm greetings for this holiday season.



Bulldogs defeat Swedes, gaining a chance to improve league record to 2-1

The McPherson College women have a chance to wrap up their claim to be the KCAC's biggest surprise when they travel to Sterling College tomorrow to challenge the always formidable Warriors. With a victory, the Bulldogs could improve their league record to 2-1 against the conference's three best teams.

"Sterling has gone undefeated in conference for the last three years, so this will be a real strong test. We're capable of winning for sure," head coach Mel Wright said. "The team is playing really well together. It's a total team effort. That will be the secret to our success."

The women set the stage for tomorrow's showdown by defeating rival Bethany College, 66-61, Wednesday at the Sport Center. The Swedes were picked in the pre-season to challenge Sterling for the conference championship.

The women led the Swedes for most of the game's first 30 minutes. About half-way through the second half, the Swedes forged into the lead. But the Bulldogs battled their way back into the game, taking a 64-61 lead on two free throws by sophomore forward Hillary Schubert with 14 seconds left.

The Swedes called time-out to set up a final three-point shot, but the women came out in a smothering defense that not only denied the Swedes a shot but resulted in a steal and a lay-up by senior guard Amber Pfannenstiel just before the buzzer.

"We had been playing good for short periods. We put a complete game together against Bethany. We feel like that's going to give us a springboard into a good season," Wright said.

Three Bulldogs scored in the double digits. Senior Amy Ross led Mac scorers with 14. Schubert followed 13 and junior guard Marisol Sanchez scored 10. Schubert led the team with seven rebounds.

"We're making steady progress and we're getting better at every practice and every game," Wright said.

The women launched their assault on the conference's top three teams against the Friends University Falcons on Dec. 3. Pre-season polls picked Friends to finish third in the KCAC. The Falcons stormed to a 42-27 first half lead, maintaining their advantage in the second period, the Bulldogs finishing on the short end of a 75-59 final score.

Schubert led the team with 24 points and junior forward Dana Cordova finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

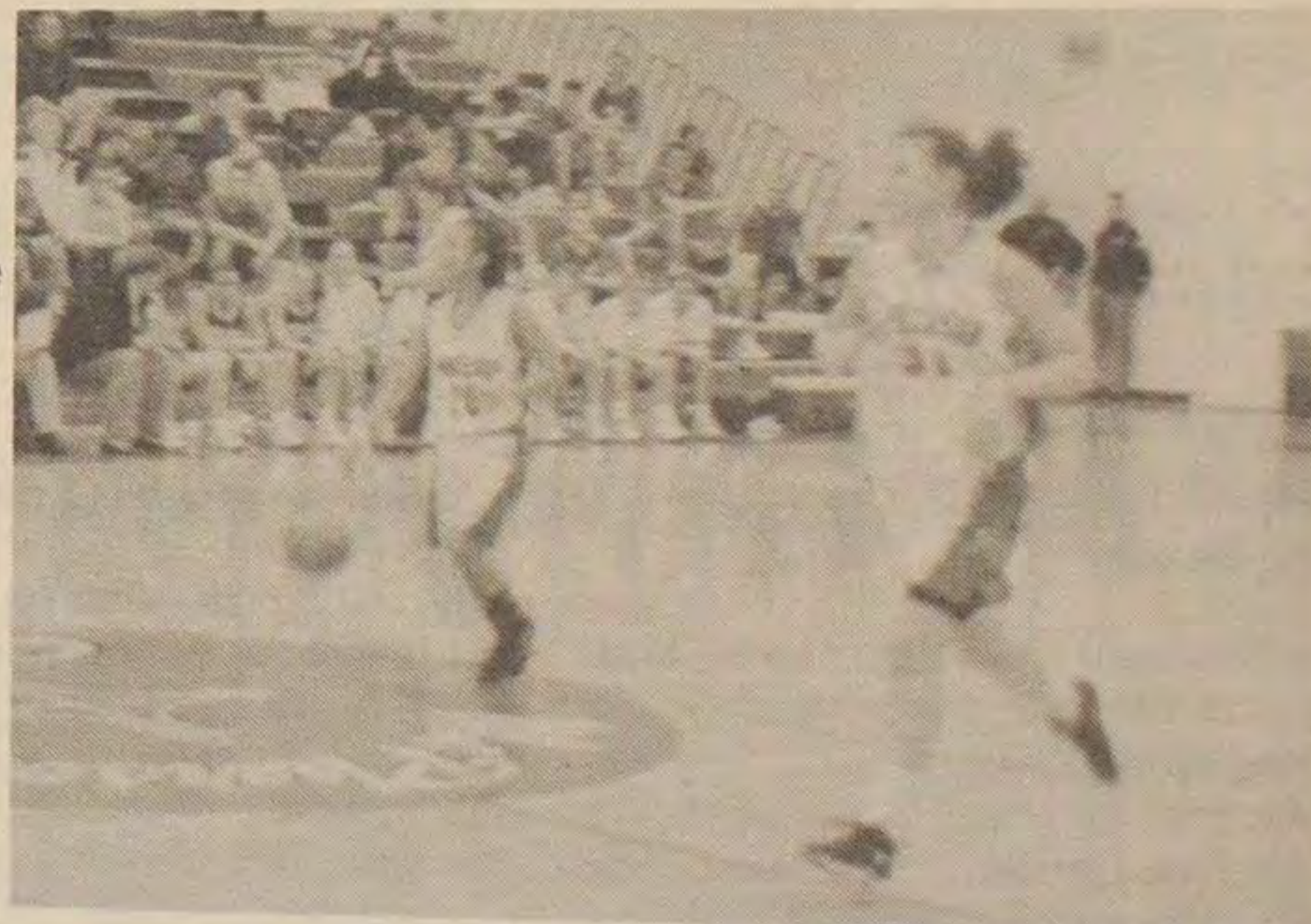
The women picked up valuable experience in the Northwestern Oklahoma tournament on Dec. 5 and 6. The Dogs lost to the Northwestern Lady Rangers, 82-67, in the first game. Northwestern led at the half, 49-28. The women mounted a comeback during the second half, outscoring Northwestern by six points, 39-33.

Schubert was the only player to score in the double digits with 16 points. Pfannenstiel scored nine points, and Ross



photos by Jamie Risser

Above: Dana Cordova, jr., attempts to shoot over her Bethany Swede opponent in the women's Dec. 10 game. Right: Marisol Sanchez, jr., and Hillary Schubert, soph., take the ball down the McPherson College court.



and freshman Jennifer Flood both scored eight. Schubert also led the team in rebounds, with nine. Cordova had eight rebounds.

The ladies also lost their second tournament game against the Panhandle Lady Aggies, 96-90. Again, the Bulldogs dug a hole too deep to climb out of in the first half, falling behind 38-47.

Ross led all scorers with 30 points. Schubert scored 19 points, Cordova 15, and senior Paige Watkins finished with 11. Cordova led the team in rebounds, with 10. Schubert, Neusch and Watkins all had seven rebounds during the game.

The Dogs beat St. Mary College Spires, 95-81, on Nov. 22. They led in scoring both halves. At the end of the first, they were only one point ahead of the Spires, 37-36. They widened the gap during the second half, outscoring St. Mary's by 13 points, 58-45.

Three starters scored in the double digits, as well as another Bulldog. Schubert led the Dogs with 23 points and Ross was second with 17 points. Cordova scored 16 points and Summer Snodgrass, soph., contributed 11 points to the total score. Ross had 12 rebounds to lead the team. Schubert had nine off the board.

The Bulldogs beat the Kansas Newman Lady Jets, 89-74, on Nov. 25. The women were ahead of Newman

at the half, 56-46, and maintained that lead through the second half.

All five Bulldog starters scored in double digits. Ross led with 22 points. Cordova scored 13, Schubert 12, and Watkins and Sanchez both contributed 10. Schubert

led the women in rebounds with 11. Cordova was right behind her with 10.

The women also had a game last night against Oklahoma Christian University but results were not available at press time.

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Dogs defeat pre-season favorite, Friends

The McPherson College men's basketball team had a win against rival Bethany, 69-68.

"It was a big win. Any in the conference is important, but especially when it's Bethany," Tim Herra, sr., said. "It was pretty much anything that a basketball game should be."

During the second half of Wednesday night's game, the Bulldogs led until the Swedes made a run with about eight minutes to go. The Swedes pulled ahead but then with less than fifteen seconds left in play, the Bulldogs had the lead by one point. The Swedes had final possession of the ball but failed to score, giving the Dogs victory.

"We have gotten off to a very good start in KCAC play with a win over pre-season favorite Friends and a victory over arch-rival Bethany," said Roger Trimmell, head coach.

Starting for the Bulldogs were Antonio Ford, soph., Kelly Hoover, jr., Emanuel Roland, sr., Tim Herra, sr., and Ryan Wenzel, sr.

Three men scored in the double digits, Ford leading with 18 points. Roland contributed 16 points and Wenzel scored 13 points.

"All of the players are working very hard and improving," Trimmell said.

The Dogs competed in the St. Mary's Classic on Dec. 5 and 6.

St. Mary College Spires beat the Bulldogs, 101-91, on Dec. 5. Ford, Hoover, Roland, Herra and Wenzel comprised the starting team.

The Spires led in scoring for both halves of the game. At the half, the Spires led by nine points, 54-45. The second half finished, 47-46.

Four players scored in the double digits. Tony Waldron, jr., led the team with 15 points. Eric Putnam, jr., and Hoover each scored 12 points, and Ford contributed 11 points. Putnam led the men in rebounds, with five.

The Bulldogs had a victory over the Manhattan Christian Crusaders, 93-60, on Dec. 6. The Dogs led at the half, 55-41, and dominated the scoring in the second half.

Three men scored in the double digits against the Crusaders and several other players added to the scoreboard to assist in

the wide point spread. Wenzel led the Dogs with 18 points. Cody Rohovit, fr., and Roland both had 10 points. Wenzel also led the team in rebounds, taking six.

McPherson men also defeated the Friends University Falcons, 62-51, on Dec. 3. The Dogs led both halves. The first half ended with Mac leading, 37-28. The point spread was closer during the second half with the men scoring only two points ahead of Friends, 25-23.

Starters against the Falcons were Ford, Hoover, Roland, Rohovit and Wenzel. Four men scored in the doubles, Ford leading with 13 points. Hoover, Herra and Andres Ruiz, jr., all contributed 10 points to the total score. Herra led the Dogs with eight rebounds.

The men competed in two games in the Bethel Classic on Nov. 21 and 22.

They beat Southwestern College of Christian Ministries, 84-68, on Nov. 21. Southwestern scored 34 points in both halves, lagging behind the Dogs' 41 points scored in the first half and 43 points scored during the second half.

Ford, Hoover, Roland, Herra and Wenzel started against Southwestern, and four of the five scored in the double digits. Herra and Roland both earned 12 points and Hoover scored 11 points. Ford and Shane Sundahl, jr., each scored 10 points. Rick Coleman, sr., and Hoover led in rebounds, with seven.

Missouri Valley defeated the Dogs, 70-69, on Nov. 22. During the first half, the Dogs dominated in scoring, leading 40-25 at the half. Unfortunately, Missouri Valley came back in the second half and destroyed the Dogs' lead. They outscored the Bulldogs, 45-29, winning by one point.

Ford, Hoover, Roland, Herra and Wenzel started against Missouri Valley. Roland carried the team in points, with 32. Coleman was the only other Bulldog to score in double digits, with 10 points. Ford led the Dogs with six rebounds.

The Bulldogs play Sterling College tomorrow.

"We close out this portion of the season at Sterling. It should be a very good game," Trimmell said.



Antonio Ford, soph., dunks the ball as teammates and fellow students look on.

photo by Jamie Rissler

BULLDOG SCHEDULE

Men's Basketball

Jan. 10	CO College	(away) TBA
Jan. 14	Ottawa	(away) 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	KS Wesleyan	(home) 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	Bethel	(home) 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	Tabor	(away) 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	Southwestern	(home) 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	St. Mary	(home) 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Friends	(home) 8:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Bartlesville	(away) 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	Bethany	(away) 8:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	Sterling	(home) 8:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Jan. 9-10	Sterling Classic	(away) TBA
Jan. 14	Ottawa	(away) 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	KS Wesleyan	(home) 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	Bethel	(home) 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	Tabor	(away) 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	Southwestern	(home) 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	Friends	(home) 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Bethany	(away) 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	Sterling	(home) 6:00 p.m.

1997 All-Bulldog teams selected

With the end of the year just around the bend, college football coaches and sports writers all across the nation will be casting their votes for those they feel belong on a variety of All-American teams.

I thought that I would do the same for our Mac College athletes. So, here are my All-Bulldog teams for the year end 1997.

All-Vinyl Poncho Team

Football manager Wes Balun heads this squad. After standing on the sidelines for Pneumonia Bowl I (Friends vs. Mac football game) and then Pneumonia Bowl II (Tabor vs. Mac.) Wes must have felt like a weathercaster stuck covering El Nino's wrath. For those students and Bulldog coaches and team members who endured this foul weather, you receive a spot in this group, too.

All-Hyphenated Name Team

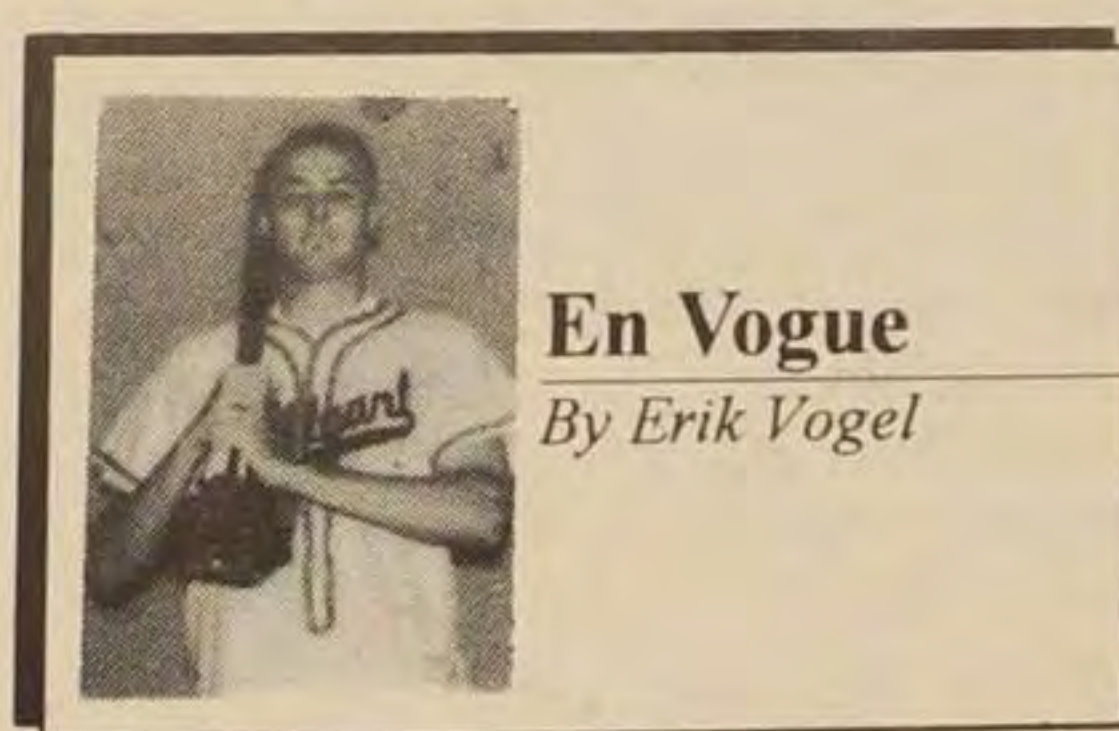
This honor is bestowed on women's soccer player Nikki Unruh-Carey and Bulldog linemen Ryan Ben-David. No explanation necessary.

All-Alternative Nation Team

Hoopsters Tony Waldron and his roommate Shane Sundahl comprise this team. These die-hard Jim Morrison fans always keep their eye on sales taking place at the local Save n' Share and will gladly accept any mid-70s artwork you want to get rid of. Soccer player Clay Porter should also be mentioned here, considering some of the items in his wardrobe.

All-Weight Room Team

Power-lifter Roy Johnson was an unanimous selection for this team. "Preacher" Roy had a very successful fall, taking two



En Vogue
By Erik Vogel

gold medals in the 1997 National Collegiate Championship down in his home state of Georgia. The selection committee also tabbed Bulldog sports trainer John McNamara for this team. Hands down, John is physically better than any trainer in the KCAC.

All-Sideburn/Facial Hair Team

Having lived with Bulldog postman Tim Herra for one year, I feel the man needs to create a book on facial hygiene. Although whiskers do keep you warm during the winter months, it increases the itch factor ten-fold. Scott Cole-a defender for the men's soccer team-may have the best-kept sideburns on the campus-a trait I'm sure he inherited from his brother Jeffrey.

All-Schwinn Racing Team

Music-man Larry Kitzel heads this group of cycling fanatics. Also joining Larry on this team are Alan Gumm and Doug Burkholder-two other professors who choose bicycling as their major means of transportation around the Mac College campus.

All-Crayola Crayon Team

These athletes were blessed with colorful last names, which makes them shoe-ins for

this squad: Jayme BROWN, Zach GREEN, Greg WHITE and Aaron WHITE.

All-www.internet.com Team

Basketball players Rick Coleman, Eric Putnam and Ryan Wenzel serve as this squad's foundation. They'll tackle your biggest On-Line-related problems, and can probably find anything you need to know in cyberspace by revving one of their powerful search engines—Yahoo!

All-Ping-Pong Team

Who better to have on this team than Financial Aid Director Fred Schmidt. He carries an ergonomically-made paddle with him at all times and has been known to run-the-table on occasion in the basement of the Student Union. Rounding out this team are a group of soccer players who just flat-out know how to play the game of pong—Cliff Bell, O'Brien Byrd and Brent Johnson. I cannot leave runningback James Lopez off this team, considering his past performances at table tennis.

All-Slovak Team

Following an intramural Flag football season in which he basically re-wrote the record books for Slovaks here at Mac, Marko deserves his own team considering the domination over this writer in ping-pong matches this fall. Advantage Slovak 23-9.

To conclude my final article of the 1997 year, I want to wish all sports fans a very festive Christmas and New Year's. Enjoy the time away from school and keep an eye on those bowl games, because you never know who will be sitting atop the polls when it's all over.

Empty offices inadequate

by Rachel Gross
Spectator Staff

McPherson College sophomore and junior classes will hold class officer elections early in the spring. However, lack of information about class officer responsibilities has slowed the election process and caused classes to resort to different forms of government to plan campus activities and handle business.

A recent attempt to re-elect sophomore class officers sparked little interest, according to Ryn Deitz, assistant professor of behavioral science and sophomore class officer sponsor.

"At this point, we do have a slate of candidates, which will be put in the mailboxes of registered sophomores for them to choose from, but there will only be an election for one office," Deitz said. "All of the other candidates are running unopposed and no one has expressed an interest in the treasurer position."

According to Deitz, candidates for sophomore class officers were the same people elected as freshmen class officers with two additions.

Not having a set of written guidelines explaining how class officer elections are to take place poses a problem.

"When I came on board last year as a freshman sponsor, I went to find anything written down about it and there just wasn't anything," Deitz said. "I finally just asked interested people to contact me and we ended up just having an election one day after convocations.

We have pretty much been making things up as we go."

"Class officers are not like SGA where people have to go to meetings weekly and spend a lot of time," Deitz said. "Running for the elections is a good way for people to get involved though."

Freshman and sophomore class officers are technically not required. "Class officers only officially function during their junior and senior years," Deitz said.

In previous years junior and senior officers raised money and used it to fund activities and make a donation back to the school. Last year's freshman class officers wanted to carry on this tradition as underclassmen. They did not want to let the money delegated to them by SGA to just sit, so they invested it. Their senior year they want to donate the money to McPherson College.

The juniors never elected class officers. "It has been extremely frustrating that our class has never formally discussed electing class officers. Never in our three years?" Jill Gibson, jr., said. "It could be such a good opportunity to do something as a class. We need some action and some leadership, especially as the junior/senior banquet approaches. The farther along we all progress, the more priorities will take a higher standing than this. That's why we need to do something now."

According to John McNamera, athletic trainer and junior class sponsor, the election process is in the beginning stages and Shelly Hendricks, jr., is organizing the process.

"I can see how it would be fun to do some things within our class, but maybe it would be better to just direct class activities to our whole school instead of just one group," Raechel Sittig, jr., said.

"The seniors decided last year not to elect class officers and instead, have chosen to go by more committee work," said Alan Gumm, assistant professor of choral music and senior class sponsor. "We go through different groups instead of a hierarchy."

Senior class officers were traditionally responsible for planning graduation.

According to Marilyn Matthaei, the freshmen class has not elected officers.

"I think if there were more things for freshman to do, there may not be so many of them leaving at the semester or at the end of the year," Shauna Williams, fr., said. "It would be a good way to get more people involved."

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"It is definitely nice to be selected by the faculty for 'Who's Who.' I feel the award represents to others that I'm trying to take opportunity of all the experiences, academically, spiritually, socially and otherwise, that McPherson College has to offer," Hendricks said.

Hoover, an elementary education major, represented McPherson College's education department by serving as the KSNEA State President for the 1996-97 academic year. Hoover provided leadership in Today's Educators as well.

Hoover is a member of Alpha Psi Omega, and has performed in many productions, theatre, band and choir.

Hoover's academic abilities have been recognized by being named to the National Dean's List and the Honor Roll.

"I'm excited," Hoover said. "It's sad because it's the last time I'll be honored in such a way."

"Anything good that has or will come from me, came first from God, our Father," Mahler said.

In such a spirit, Mahler, an agricultural science major, gives of his time and abilities working for Red Cross, at a National Work Camp in Mexico and through a Work Experience Program in Germany. On campus, Mahler has served on SAB and SGA.

Mahler's involvement in campus clubs and organizations includes singing in the choir, participating in Habitat for Humanity, intramurals and track and helping with set construction for play productions.

Mahler's academic achievement placed

him on the National Dean's List and the Honor Roll and earned him the Freshman Chemistry Award.

Ross, an elementary education major, has supported McPherson College's athletic department by playing basketball and volleyball.

Ross has participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Today's Educators, intramurals and the M-Club.

Ross' academic achievements were rewarded as she was named to the Honor Roll and a KCAC All Conference Academic.

Sharp, a secondary biology education major, displays her leadership abilities, academic talent, and school spirit and support through her involvement on campus.

Sharp has shown care for people both on and off campus by working as a freshman orientation leader, a resident assistant, a YMCA worker, a camp counselor, and a Bible School teacher.

Sharp has demonstrated her leadership abilities through serving on SGA, SAB, the Strategic Planning Committee, the Presidential Search Committee, the newspaper staff as a reporter and sports editor and the yearbook staff.

Sharp has played basketball and volleyball. Sharp has participated in the Allied Health Futures, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Habitat for Humanity, M-Club, Peace Awareness, Today's Educators and intramurals.

Academic talent placed Sharp on the Honor Roll and named her a KCAC-All Academic.

Swenson-Reinhold has provided leadership to McPherson College as a resident assistant. He has participated in the Allied



State society singles out Vogel

by Jennifer Bosserman
News Editor

A senior accounting major is McPherson College's first-ever recipient of a state-wide scholarship for accounting students. Erik Vogel accepted the scholarship from the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants on Nov. 13.

Only one student from an independent college in the state of Kansas receives this award.

"It's a great honor to be selected because I think it demonstrates the type of education I've received from the college's business department. I owe a lot of this award to the people who have instructed me here at the college in accounting and business," Vogel said.

Vogel's extreme dedication and excellent positive attitude distinguished him from many of other the candidates, according to David O'Dell, assistant professor of accounting.

"Erik would typify what we would hope students going through the program would become, someone who is technologically competent, articulate and can write well," O'Dell said.

The scholarship money is given directly to McPherson College to defray tuition cost. Accepting the award provided Vogel with a "nice opportunity to rub shoulders with some of

the elite accountants in our state."

Vogel, O'Dell, Lowell Flory, professor of business and economics and Jo Hayes, associate professor of business and economics attended the KSCPA Awards Luncheon in Wichita. The Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants holds the Awards Luncheon simultaneously with one of its annual tax conferences.

The Kansas Society of Certified Public Accounts granted several scholarships at the luncheon.

"I realized how many other excellent accounting students are out there and interacting with them is rewarding," Vogel said.

Vogel also anticipates that the scholarship will add strength to his resume and enhance job opportunities in the future.

Qualifications to receive this award include the following: major in accounting, GPA of 3.0 or higher, looking for a career in public accounting and being nominated by someone in the accounting department.

O'Dell, Vogel's advisor, nominated him for the scholarship. Vogel then submitted an application as he met the above qualifications.

"The weight and influence Dave has benefited my chances of receiving the scholarship. He's well respected by accountants," Vogel said.

Pending graduation Vogel plans to work as a staff accountant of a larger company in the private industry.

Health Futures, Habitat for Humanity, Peace Awareness, the Life vs. Family Education Program and the chamber singers.

Swenson-Reinhold is majoring in biology and his academic strength placed him on the National Dean's List and the Honor Roll.

"It's great to be selected. I'm really honored, really I am," Swenson Reinhold said.

"It's personally rewarding to be selected by the faculty of McPherson College for this year's 'Who's Who' publication," Vogel said. "I feel that I have received a quality education and have been fortunate to interact with some very fine staff and faculty throughout my four years."

Vogel, an accounting major, demonstrates his academic and leadership skills as he has served as Vice President of the Business Club for three of the four years that he has been a member of the club. Vogel has also served on the Business Faculty Search Committee.

Supporting residential life, Vogel served on dorm council and Resident Life Exemption Committee and as a resident assistant.

Vogel's writing talent has enhanced the Quadrangle and the Spectator as he worked as a reporter and column writer.

Vogel played basketball, participated in intramurals and M-Club. He was crowned Homecoming king in 1996.

Vogel's academic talents gave him recognition on the National Dean's List, and the Honor Roll. His dedicated work habits, positive attitude and accounting knowledge led him to receive the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants. Vogel received the Kansas Collegiate Press Award for his strong writing skills.

News Briefs

Unique interterm courses to be offered in January

Learn to serve

Steve Swartz, assistant professor of technology, is teaching TE 215 Service Education over interterm. Students will spend the first week of interterm on campus learning about residential construction. Then, they will travel to Little Rock, Arkansas to help with residential construction.

The Mennonite Disaster Service of the Mennonite Central Committee will provide a project for the students, as well as food and lodging. The goal of the course is to find out the benefits of service and to expand the horizons of the students. Interested students should contact Steve Swartz for more details at extension 1231.

Understanding women of history

Dr. Jean Hendricks, director of church relations, will teach her first McPherson College course, Women in America: A Historical Overview, this year. The course emphasizes the study of women and Christianity in the United States. Hendricks said that the topic of women's studies is still relatively new to higher education.

"Women's lives and experiences are a neglected aspect of what we call history, so it is important to discover a new historical perspective as seen through the eyes and involvement of women," Hendricks said.

Studying the modern life

John Burden, associate professor of psychology, and Ryn Deitz, assistant professor of behavioral science, will team teach Modern Culture: Marilyn Monroe to Courtney Love. The course examines the changing world of popular culture and how it effects people and products.

"The study of popular culture is a growing, thriving academic field. What's new today is definitely old hat tomorrow, so keeping current is one of the biggest challenges in studying this phenomenon," Deitz said.

Deitz and Burden will use videos, tabloids, newspapers, movies and other visual aids to teach the course.