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UNDERCOVER

NEWS

Women's softball team may form on campus

The McPherson College Athletic Committee is researching the possibility of starting a women's softball team in order to comply with Title IX regulations.

Mac's Writing Lab receives face lift

McPherson College's Tutorial Writing Lab recently revamped its program, expanding services through prolonged hours and more tutors.

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FEATURES

Improv—it is a new way to play some games

A Mac student started an improv group on campus. Their first official performance will be on April 24 and 25 when they present "Improv, One Acts and Coffee"

There is a reason for Zero Tolerance

Drunk driving accidents do occur and have affect those living in the McPherson College community.

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SPORTS

Student to be featured in Sports Illustrated

Roy Johnson, sr., will be pictured in an upcoming Sports Illustrated "Faces in the Crowd" column for his successes in weightlifting.

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Coffee, music or poetry, anyone?



Adam Smith, assistant professor of biology, and Amy Levinski, jr., entertain the audience at a coffeehouse, held on Feb. 13, that was sponsored by Student Activities Board.

photo by Cheri Norworthy

Students prepare to vote on possible dormitory visitation hour changes

by Sarah Stover
Spectator Staff

The student body will choose between one of three visitation policies, proposed by Student Government, in Convocations on Monday, March 2. Voting outcomes will most likely be presented to the Board of Trustees in the fall 1998 meeting. The board will then make a decision regarding a new or revised policy.

"I am impressed with the actions of my board and I have faith that we are finally going to cover some ground with this issue. We have heard the call of the student body and we are now addressing it," said Shay Maclin, soph. and president of student government association.

The process to

change visitation hours began in November of 1997 when Steve Denton, a former freshman, suggested to SGA that visitation hours be changed.

Denton, who served SGA as the freshman representative, was also involved with the Campus Life committee, where the idea originated. After much debate, SGA formed a committee to study the issue; the committee included students who were not

members of SGA. Time passed with little progress and Kathryn Whitacre, the SGA faculty advisor and associate dean for campus life, suggested a new approach to the issue.

The executive board of SGA took the issue, and after discussion, brought a proposal to the SGA body. The proposal listed three options which SGA could accept, reject or amend. Due to limited time, SGA quickly informed the student body of when

the issue would be discussed, and they encouraged students to attend the Feb. 13 meeting and voice their opinion.

The students present discussed the connected issues of safety in the dorms and feasibility of enforcing the

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Visitation Hour Options

- 1) weekdays: 11 a.m. to midnight, weekend: 11 a.m. Friday to midnight Sunday
- 2) weekdays: 11 a.m. to midnight weekend: 11 a.m. Friday to 2 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturday to 2 a.m.
- 3) weekdays: 10 a.m. to midnight weekend: 10 a.m. Friday to 3 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday to 3 a.m.

Phonathon exceeds \$75,000.00 goal

by Shelly Hendricks
Editor-in-Chief

After students reached the initial goal of \$75,000, the 1998 Phonathon goal has been increased to \$90,000. Over 20 McPherson College students are currently calling alumni and friends to raise money for the college's annual fund. The 1998 Phonathon, a yearly effort to raise financing for expenses, began February 15 and will continue through March 3.

"It was really exciting to see us reach our goal and to realize that we still have 8 more calling sessions and a lot of alumni contacts left," said Amanda Gutierrez, director of annual giving.

The callers are trying to achieve three goals during the Phonathon.

Their initial goal to raise \$75,000 in unrestricted giving was attained on February 22, so that monetary goal was increased. By

unrestricted giving, the donor allocates money for any needed purpose.

According to Amanda Gutierrez, director of annual giving and coordinator of the Phonathon, asking for money is the most challenging aspect of the students' job.

"One time I had a student tell me that the college had enough money and shouldn't need to ask so often. Well, one of the reasons we ask so often is to make it affordable for students to attend here," Gutierrez said.

"The actual cost for a student to attend is around \$18,000 per year. Students pay just over half of that cost and the college supplements the rest. We don't get tax money to help us cover that cost like the state colleges do, so we must rely on the generosity of those who believe in the kind of education we offer.

Every generation that has attended

McPherson College has depended on those who came before them to make it possible for them to attend."

The second goal is to increase alumni giving to 50 percent. Currently, approximately 38 percent of alumni support the college financially. According to Gutierrez, building relationships with new donors is important for the college's continued success. "The students work hard to encourage alumni to support the college and it's a real accomplishment to get someone who has never given to make that first gift," Gutierrez said.

The student callers' last goal is to collect alumni news and make connections.

"Alumni are asked to share current news from their life. For example, one couple recently medaled in the Senior Olympics,

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EDITORIAL

Visitation Option 3 offers compromise

WHAT PHRASE CAN STUDENTS AT SMALL, private, Christian, liberal arts colleges utter that is guaranteed to cause commotion on the Board of Trustees? How about this: "We'd like twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week visitation hours."

Visitation hours have been, are, and always will be an issue on residential campuses. It is a complex issue with many aspects to consider. The board has to look at everything from student safety to dorm atmosphere. They have to consider whether or not 24-7 open visitation would mesh with Mac's mission statement and philosophy as a Brethren, higher education institution.

The point is that the board has a lot to contemplate when discussing visitation hours. A radical change in visitation hours *might* go through the board, but it probably wouldn't. Let's face facts. The board has final say. Period.

If we really want a change, let's compromise a bit. Let's work with a proposals that might not be "ideal," but reasonable. Isn't some change better than no change at all?

The Spectator staff supports a change in visitation hours. We favor Option 3 that opens the dorms from 10 a.m. till 12 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., and 10 a.m. till 3 a.m. Fri.-Sat. This plan would give students three extra hours of visitation hours on weekdays and three extra hours on weekends. In all, that would be twenty one more hours per week than we presently have for visitation.

Let's give the board choices that they can work with. If we don't they will not allow us any change. This is a time when we, as a student body, need to "pick our battle." Is our goal to change visitation hours or to challenge the board's authority?

The Spectator staff wants our battle to be a change in visitation hours. How about the following the Greek theory that moderation is best? Moderate change is better than no change, right?

Becky Ullom
for the Editorial Staff

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Buzz me, Dotzour

It's Wednesday in Dotzour, 10:59 p.m. You are in the midst of a cram session for Intro to Politics, and half the class has packed into your room for the panic. You are just about to pose a very intelligent question on the state of nature when you are interrupted by a loud BUZZZZZZZZ. "What can that be?" you think.

Then you remember. Part of your study group is male, and the clock in the lobby is fast approaching the end of visitation hours. The staff on duty at the front desk has noticed that the male members of your panic party signed in, but have not signed out, and is sending you a friendly reminder that the time has come for them to leave the building.

Does this sound like the resident life staff's idea of a joke? Or possibly one of the options that didn't make it on student government's agenda about visitation? It is neither.

The buzzer system was actually in effect here at McPherson College in the not-so-distant past. (Lengel was teaching here. . . wait, that doesn't really say much. . . let's say within the past 15 years.)

Each visitor was required to sign in his name and which room he would be visiting at the front desk.

A buzzer system was installed through out the entire building, and to notify a room that visitation hours were ending, the person at the front desk had only to locate the button corresponding with that particular room on the button board.

By pushing the button, a buzzer went off as a reminder to those inside. (Ladies, check behind your door. You can still see the buzzer. It's silver.)

There was also a time in Dotzour's history when female students didn't have keys to



On Her Orange Crate
by Sarah Stover

the outside doors. Instead, each student was provided with a key card. This card worked essentially the same way a hotel key card works.

The only twist was this. After a certain time in the evening, the key card machine was turned off. No one could get in, even with a card. In other words, Dotzour had a curfew. If you didn't make it in before the machine flipped off, you were out of luck (and out of a bed).

Picture keying into one of the side doors after watching a movie Tuesday night. You attempt to slip in quietly. Instead, you are greeted with an alarm.

At one time in Dotzour's history, all doors except the front door were hooked up to alarms. Any time the door was opened after hours, the alarm sounded, thus forcing everyone (including residents) to use the front door. This way the person at the desk could monitor who was in the building at all times.

I've presented three examples of dorm-traffic control from the past, just like we've been presented with three options for visitation hours in the future. Take a moment to realize how far we've come.

No matter what the decision of the trustees, appreciate the changes that have been made so far. And I realize it's not an option (currently), but buzzer buttons sound fun to me.

Students—conform, drool and get out!

Disgruntled columnist spits, exfoliates, dashes, rants, pillages, kicks and screams

Two weeks ago, I opened my paper to see that the title of my column had been changed, for the second time in a row.

Kicking and screaming, I ran to an omniscient Spec editor and whined about the change.

She informed me that I probably didn't have a verb in my original title and that's why it was changed.

A verb? A verb? I don't need no stinking verbs. (See, I got along just fine with out them in the first two sentences of this paragraph.)

I guess I understand the necessity of having a verb in a sports or a news story, but in my column do I really need them? After all, when I speak in everyday language I don't tend to use them (for example, "Foot! Big heavy object! Ouch!")

All right, I guess this is just one of my lost causes, so I might as well conform. (But let's see if I use any nouns next time! Ha!)

Speaking of conforming, did you read Kevin Haddock's letter to the editor in the last issue about wearing hats in convo?

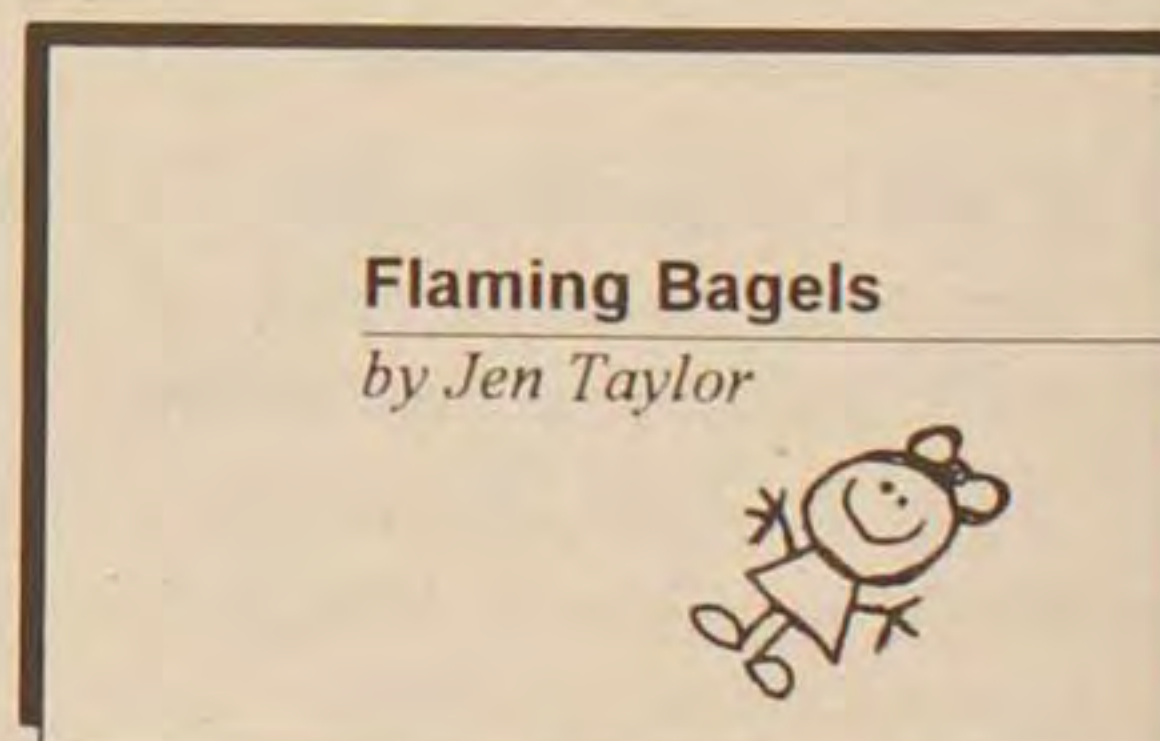
I have the ultimate reason why one should not cover his head during that one whole hour once a week.

This fall I performed in the music convo. (Yes, that was me in the clogs and milk maid attire.)

As I was singing, I noticed this big black halo framing a man's face, as he slept with his head tilted back and his mouth open.

The halo, otherwise known as a Stetson, brought out the sleeping RA's tonsils.

Call me crazy, but if I were a real speaker



Flaming Bagels
by Jen Taylor

whom we had hired to come speak, would I really appreciate this view of somebody drooling?

Speaking of drooling, I've been watching the winter Olympics, this past week. Apparently (according to my fellow Olympic junkies), I'm biased because I never root for the US, I always root for the country that has the cutest athletes. (Go Russian figure skaters!)

Is it wrong of me not to yell for my own country? Is going for the Canadian hockey team any worse than showing up for the football games just to see our guys stand in a line? (Admit it, Dotzour, that's the real reason you go!)

Or do I just need to get out more? Speaking of getting out, I actually did the other week to go to good old SAB movie night. (as opposed to the 11-1am bowling night. Did anybody actually go to that?)

As I was watching a rather stupid movie, I found that some members of the audience were enjoying it a lot more than I was. Apparently, it's really fun to go to the movies drunk!

Call me crazy, I just don't see the fun in that, especially for those of us who are not drunk and are trying to watch the movie.

If I wanted to watch someone yell smart remarks and trip up the aisle, I know where I can go, and it isn't a school-sponsored activity.

Campus Forum

Students display maturity in convo

It was my good fortune to be able to attend your recent convocation honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. You are to be commended for recognizing this distinguished Nobel Prize winner. I was deeply impressed by the man when I first heard him speak in the late fifties before he received national acclaim. In 1963 I was even more impressed when I listened to him present his historical speech, "I Have a Dream," at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. We ought to review that speech as often as we do the Gettysburg Address.

The convocation dramatization by Patrick McCreary was unique and informative. However, it was both difficult to hear (when will we be more knowledgeable in the use of our P.A. system?) and hard to understand.

Under such circumstances it was easy to lose interest in the presentation. As a visitor, and as one who attended most convocations for 12 years, I should like to commend the students for their attentiveness and respect shown the speaker that morning.

It is an indication of a growing maturity when a student body behaves itself under such circumstances. I am proud of you, and I hope I can find such respect when I attend future convos.

D. Eugene Lichty
Class of 1944

LETTER POLICY

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Dog Breath



They should put expiration dates on clothes so people would know when they go out of style.

—Garry Shandling

She found life in her flowers

Grandpa Wine can't walk without crutches and Grandma can hardly see. At ages 95 and 93, my grandparents are finally old. I don't remember my grandparents when they were young, but they never seemed old when I was a child. Grandma never sat still.

Even in the winter when the winds howled and the snow flew, Grandma stayed busy with an afghan draped across her lap. She sat on the brown and gold couch; the afghan there for warmth and work.

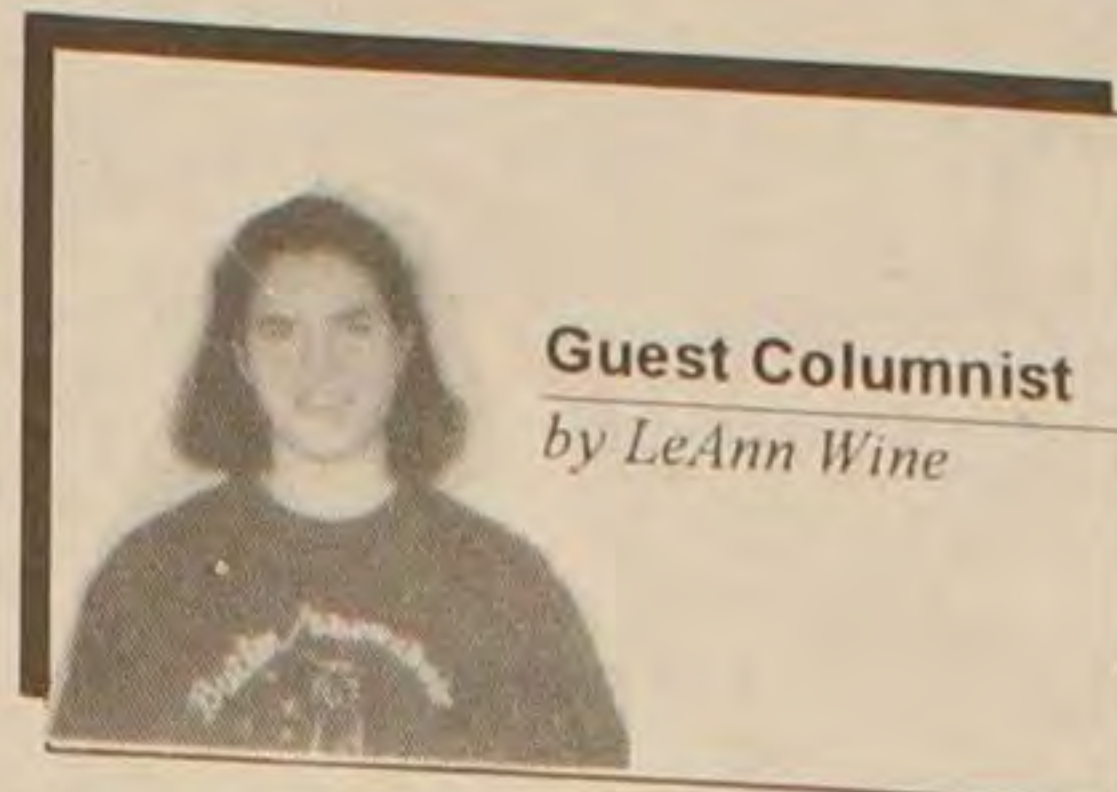
Grandma crocheted everything from snowflake decorations to baby sweaters. Her work was exemplary, the stitches even and the rows straight.

For each of my siblings, Grandma made an afghan with different color schemes. My sister, Genelle's, for example, was all shades of pink and my brother Kent wanted one made of silver, blue and white like the Cowboys.

I wanted one with the rainbow in it; purple, blue, green, yellow and red. I may not always use the afghan for warmth but it will be a keepsake, reminding me of the loving hands that made it. In the spring, Grandma began her yearly work in the garden.

In April or May, she spaded the earth and planted seeds. Then she watered and picked the vegetables and fruit in the summer and chopped the dry vines in the fall. Grandma wore a wide-brimmed straw hat on every trip to the garden and held a garden spade and a bucket in her hand.

Sometimes I'd accompany her in bare feet with a trowel in my chubby hand. Whenever she discovered an earthworm under the spade, I grabbed it and poked it back in the ground. I loved to help Grandma pick the strawberries, sam-



Guest Columnist
by LeAnn Wine

pling more than I gathered.

I'm sure Grandma knew how many strawberries I ate, but she never complained, probably because she sampled too. Grandma didn't just raise fruits and vegetables.

Her flower gardens blossomed from May to September in a gorgeous rainbow of colors. The crocus bloomed first: purple, white and yellow. Then the tulips, fiery red and sunshine yellow.

The beautiful flowers always found their way to the kitchen table. Grandma cut just the right flowers for her bouquets. (Phlox, that dropped the purple, pink and magenta petals one day after being cut, and iris with a furry yellow pollen stripe in the middle of the lavender petal.)

Grandma also raised roses. At times in July or August, the east side of grandma's house appeared red with blossoms. I could sit on the front porch and drink in the aroma. Grandma nurtured every blossom in the garden. She never complained of the hard work.

Grandma lived this busy, happy life until two years ago. Her sight began to fail rapidly. The optometrist's tests showed irreversible macular degeneration and cataracts. No more handwork. Then, in the spring of 1996, Grandma's hip began to

bother her. The x-rays showed that the ball of her right hip joint had broken. No more gardening.

I see how these events have triggered the aging of my grandmother. As her physical health began to fail, her mental health went as well. She is lonely for her daffodils and crochet hooks. A void exists in her mind and life that her daily work used to fill.

Now each time I visit Grandma, I am saddened. I see a woman who has been at war with age and lost. Sometimes I dread these visits because Grandma acts bitter and resentful.

My memories of Grandma when I was young are all happy memories. She would play Flinch and Double Twelve dominoes with my sister and me. She used to laugh and smile.

Grandma's smile has been replaced by a frown. She's cross.

Sometimes she still tries to help in the kitchen even though she can't tell if she's adding sugar or salt to the potatoes. Dad asks Grandma to let him do the cooking and she snaps in a gruff voice, "Well, I'll just get out of your way! You always tell me the things I shouldn't do."

Grandma isn't the same cheerful, busy, lively Grandma I used to know. I wonder if this change was just caused by old age. Or was it caused by the deprivation of so many things that Grandma loved?

I wish I could give just one summer of work back to Grandma, or one snowflake decoration. But I can't. The best I can do is answer her question, "Now how long are you staying?" as many times as she asks it. I must smile and hug Grandma, and know that someday I may be like her. Someday, I'll be old.

"Let's bomb them with bread and wine"

Bomb Iraq! Protect the United States! Wipe Saddam off the map! Destroy Iraqi missiles!

Annihilate people, the majority of whom roll out bed, eat breakfast and head to school or work just the same as people in the United States?

Kill sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers? Establish resentment in the hearts and minds of a young generation of Iraqi people, making Saddam look like their savior and the United States an enemy to retaliate against in twenty years when the "super power" has fallen? Is war really the answer?

Some say I'm an idealist and a dreamer because I believe we can solve conflicts nonviolently. I believe war produces body bags and grieving hearts. No one wins a war. War does not settle a conflict or grant rights and freedom.

The peaceful talk between nations after the cease fire works on these issues. So why not skip the killing and jump to the peaceful talks? Have we not learned the effects of war, the damage it cause internally as well as externally?

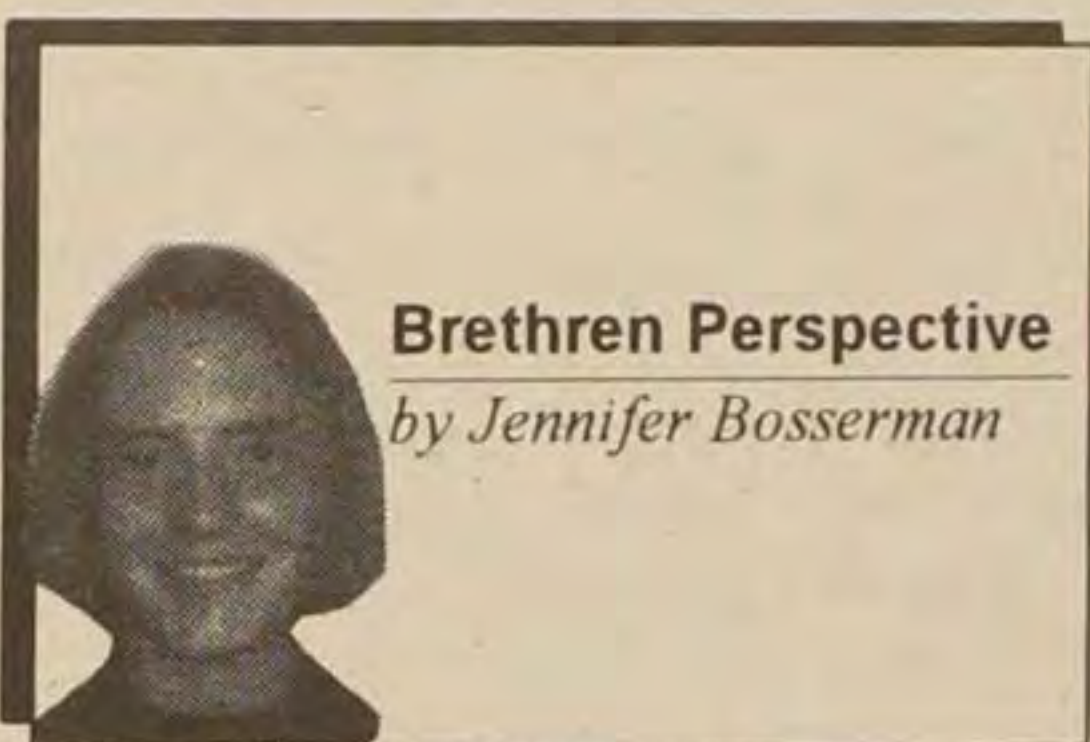
What gives the United States the right to bypass the United Nations and intervene in a conflict when few United States citizens even know the details of the situation and are ignorant about Iraqi social practices and mannerisms?

We never take the time to educate ourselves about other cultures, to look the Iraqi people in the eye to acknowledge that the sun rises and sets on all of us and that we all love, laugh, mourn and grieve.

Instead, we seem to think that the United States provides the best pattern for living and everyone longs to be a United States citizen. The United States' individualistic, money driven society is not the only way to live.

Each culture offers rich, fulfilling ways of life, ways of life that I think we could learn a lot from. Maybe we could skip directly to the peaceful negotiation if we understood one another.

The Church of the Brethren believes that



Brethren Perspective
by Jennifer Bosserman

Christ called us to take nonviolent action in solving a conflict. Therefore, killing a person for any reason is wrong; war is sin.

We believe Christ provides a third option to solving a problem. It isn't simply lay down, let people walk all over you and kill you, or grab a gun and save yourself and your family.

More possibilities exist. It takes a lot of courage, thinking and educating, an idealistic hope and realistic action to live out this conviction.

The United States government drafted Ted Studabaker, a member of the COB, during the Vietnam War.

Studabaker wrote back to his draft board and said, "I've learned from n.y. people that I must not fight, but I would like to work instead."

Studabaker left his family and farm in Ohio and flew to Vietnam with a Bible and a shovel.

Studabaker worked among the people of that far-off Asian land and many who would have been his enemy became his friend. He fell in love with a Vietnamese woman and took her to be his bride.

But soon after their marriage a raid on their home and a bullet left the young groom dead. Studabaker's wife says that Ted was not afraid to die, but he did not want to be the one to make another son's mother cry.

In this situation, Studabaker died as a result of practicing nonviolent resistance; he died helping the supposed "enemy" rebuild homes and plant gardens. He died building instead of tearing down.

Studabaker patterned his life after the

teachings of Jesus, just as another young man did.

Tony Campolo, an American Baptist preacher tells a story of a young man being drafted for the war. The man's assignment included flying over enemy territory and dropping bombs.

After contemplating what he thought Christ would do in this situation, he went to his general and said, "Sir, I could fly over enemy territory, but when I got ready to push the button to release the bomb I would have to ask myself 'Would Jesus drop this bomb?'"

The general replied, "That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard; everyone knows Jesus wouldn't drop bombs!"

So how do we follow Christ? How do we take action and change the situation without dying, or becoming someone's floor mat?

What is a solution that promotes happiness for both sides, a solution in which all people are spared?

The answer lies in asking the question, "What would Christ do?" Using our minds and God's gift of reasoning, how do we peacefully face Saddam Hussein?

I think Chuck Morkin, the campus minister at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, answers these questions. Morkin has discovered the third option.

"Who says we have to pack explosives in those bombers and missiles? It would be much more fun to scatter food and medicine among the people.

Can you imagine tens of thousands of parachutes descending all over the land? And messages of peace? And a few invitations to come on over and visit?"

"Result: Saddam would look foolish, having portrayed us as the villain. We would avoid creating a generation of orphans who swear to bring revenge.

People would begin to have what they needed for life. The Creator would laugh out loud and throw a big party—everybody invited."

"Let's bomb them with bread and wine."



At left, students practice making moves for the Improv troupe. Below, Aaron Ellsworth, soph., and Mike Bisceglia, jr., participate in an improv technique game.

photos by Cheri Norsworthy



Improv: a new kind of game to play

by Jen Taylor
Spectator Staff

The challenge: the audience gives the actors an occupation, a setting and a theme. The solution: four actors have two seconds to create a skit using the audience's ideas and it has to be funny! Sounds hard doesn't it? This form of performance art, called Improv, is becoming popular around the country. Presently, a group of McPherson College Students is tackling the art.

Mike Bisceglia, jr., performed with several Improv groups in his hometown of Las Vegas, Nev. When he came to McPherson College last spring, he expressed interest in forming a group to his advisor, Rick Tyler, associate professor of speech and theater. Tyler, who had little or no experience with Improv, gave his consent. Bisceglia started planning.

"It's wonderful to see students teaching teachers. When you stop learning from your students, then it's time to stop teaching. Just because I don't know about it or don't like

it, that doesn't mean it's bad and other people shouldn't learn it," Tyler said.

"Usually, I demonstrate a game and help them develop the skills that they usually didn't know that they had when going into Improv. Then I introduce the actual Improv games to them. These are not rehearsals, they're practices and they're actually a lot of fun to be a part of. I don't know if I laugh more at any time during the week," Bisceglia said.

One of the games, "Movie Critic," involves the improv players portraying movie critics and actors from a movie based on audience suggestions.

Another called "Emotional Party" has the audience assign an emotion to each actor and a type of party to attend. As each character enters and leaves the scene the others take on his emotion.

"Slideshow" has two people freezing in poses and one person dictating what happened on his trip to the destination of the audience's choice. Every game has some audience participation so that no game can be prepared; it all has to be

impromptu acting.

Establishing a name is helping the group find its identity. Bisceglia selected "Magical Mystery Brew" as a name for this first group. It comes from the Beatles' "Magical Mystery Tour." And, it also originated from the movie "Strange Brew" or in honor of a witch's brew, which is a group of odd ingredients thrown together to make a special brew.

The group truly is a "brew" of students from across the campus. Not all of the troupe's members are theater majors or have even done theatre at Mac.

"With this Improv group, filled with people from many different walks of life, we all bring in our experiences from life which are all connected somehow with a laugh and a smile. And that's pretty cool," Juan Campos, a freshman pre-medicine major, said.

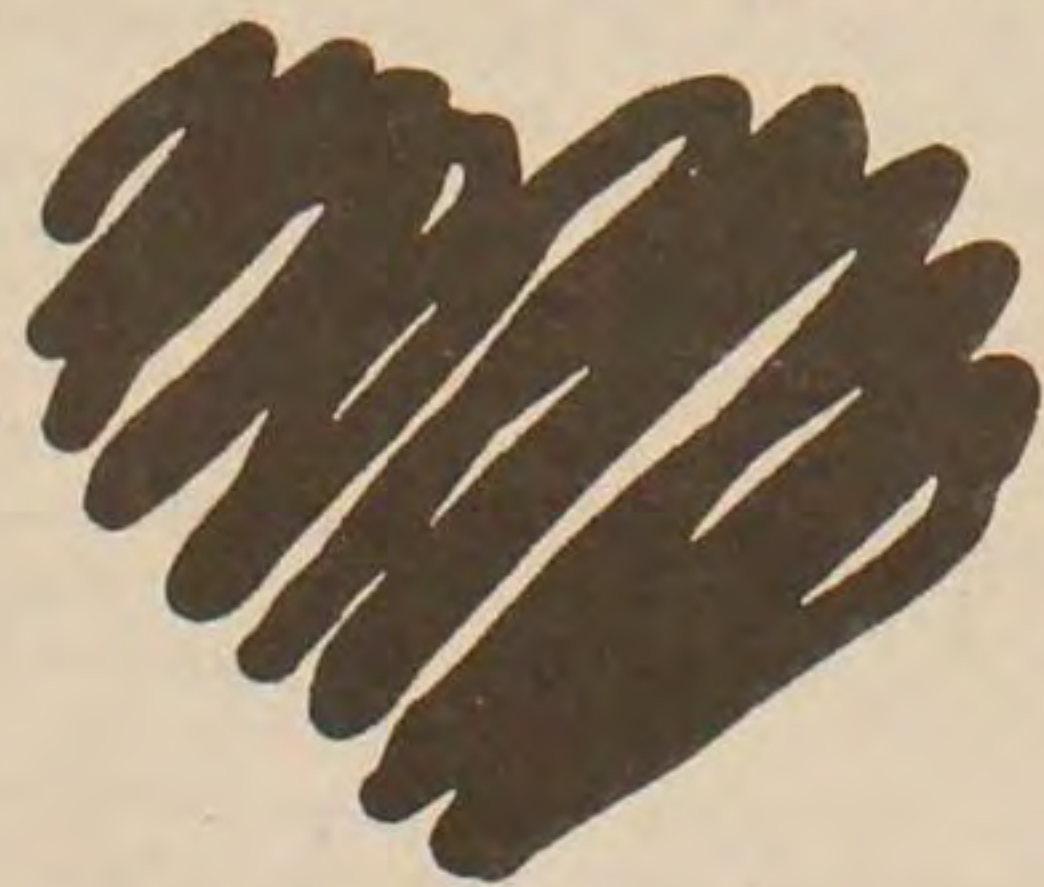
So when can the general public see "Magical Mystery Brew" in action? According to Bisceglia, the group will be performing at various local coffee houses and entertainment functions. However, their official de-

but will be in the last show of the theatre season. Improv, One Acts and Coffee will be presented April 23rd and 24th at Brown auditorium. It is a combination of Improv and one acts directed by students aimed for the student body as an audience.

For the Improv part of the show, which will cover around an hour, there will be two teams of four to six actors, depending on who is in the company. Each team will battle by playing Improv games and skits to see which group acts the quickest and the funniest.

It's not too late to join the fun of Improv. According to Bisceglia, after Moon Over Buffalo is finished, around March 13, auditions and practices for the teams performing in the show will start. Anyone who has already been practicing with the group for the past few months is already cast in the show, but others who want to join the fun of Improv are invited to contact Bisceglia or any of the other members of "Magical Mystery Brew" for more information.

TAKE IT TO HEART...



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March 18, 1998

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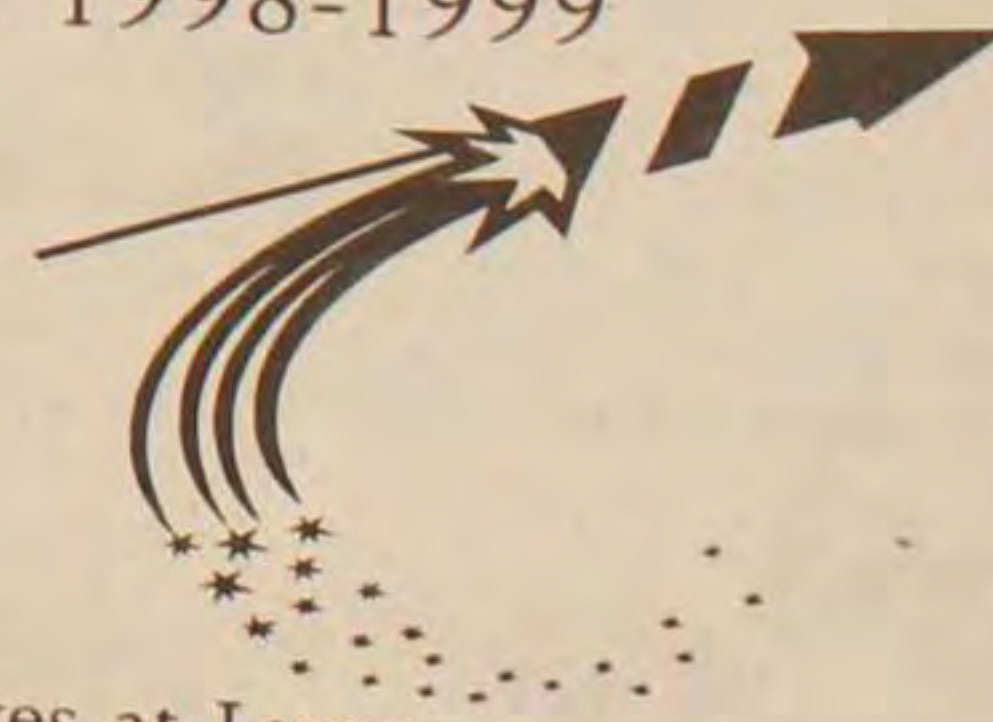
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Student Government Association
Elections for 1998-1999

Positions available:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Eight Representatives at Large
- Dormitory Representatives
- Class Representatives
- Off-Campus Representative
- College Courts Representative



Talk to any of the election committee for more information. Committee members are LeAnna Hulse, Andrew Ullom, Shelly Hendricks, and JD. Bowman.

Drunk driving victim urges responsibility

by Sarah Marie Hendricks
Spectator Staff

On June 19th, 1993, Kendra Adams, fr., and her mother, Reba, left their home in Belpre to drive to Great Bend for a shopping trip. Kendra remembers picking up her new contacts and getting in the car for the 45-minute drive home. But she remembers nothing else about that day or the days that followed. One mile east of Pawnee Rock at 6:15 p.m. Kendra and her mother were hit head-on by a drunk driver.

Kendra believes the following events were acts of God.

"The first two people to the scene of the accident were an EMT and a registered nurse," Adams said. When the emergency crew arrived, they had to remove Mrs. Adams from the car before they could begin to work on removing Kendra.

"One EMT said that I'd never make it. He said that I had lost too much blood. They had to resuscitate me twice on the way to the hospital and two more times after I arrived at the hospital. I received two blood transfusions," Adams said.

Emergency crew members used the "Jaws of Life" to remove the door so that Adams could be extracted from the car. She suffered a nearly severed right hand, broken wrist and a severe head injury which left her in a coma for a week. Both of Mrs. Adams' legs were shattered by the impact of the collision.

Sixteen days later on July 4th, Adam's memory returned. On July 5th she was moved from ICU to rehab.

In rehab, Adams began the tedious task of physical therapy and occupational therapy for her arm and hand. She was also involved in speech therapy because she had problems thinking of the words she needed and her voice sounded slurred, due to the trauma of the head injury.

"Another grace of God, was that I was 'LifeWatched' [lifted by helicopter] to Wichita. Mark Melhorn, an alumnus of McPherson College, became my hand doctor. He said that if this had happened five years earlier, they wouldn't have been able to save my hand. God is the reason that I am



This is what remains of the Pontiac Bonneville that Adams and her mother were driving on June 19, 1993. Their car was hit head-on by a drunk driver, leaving Kendra and Mrs. Adams severely injured.

phot courtesy of Kendra Adams

alive today," Adams said.

The story doesn't end here, though. How did Adams end up at McPherson College? How has her life changed? What does she have to tell our campus community?

"Dr. Melhorn was the first person who talked to me about McPherson College; he put the thought in my head. After undergoing the months of rehab, I decided that I wanted to become an occupational therapist. The therapist kept working with me, telling me that I needed to do this. I want to be able to tell my patients that, 'Yes, it hurts, but I am proof that it works,'" Adams said.

"I was involved in sports and cheerleading before the accident, but after the accident I

was barely able to cheer for a long time. I didn't get back to 'normal' until sometime between November and December of 1993. I stopped going to doctors just this September. My mother was just able to walk without any kind of support this spring," Adams said.

"Students don't think they will ever get into a drunk driving accident. I'm sure they might read this and think it could never happen to them. That is what I thought. Now, though, when I'm at a party where there is drinking, there is a part of me that gets scared. I try to leave before other people start leaving or if I have acquaintances at the party, I offer to give them a ride

home. I try not to drive late," Adams said.

Most drunk driving accidents happen between 1 a.m. and 5 or 6 a.m., but Adams' accident proves that drinking and driving at anytime is a deadly combination. The state of Kansas imposed a Zero Tolerance law last year, which is helping to curb drinking and driving. It is not legal to drink until one is 21 years of age. Yet the leading cause of death for young adults is automobile accidents, many of which are caused because people choose to drink and drive.

"I want to tell the student body of McPherson College to drink responsibly. Please find a driver before you start drinking," Adams said.

Technological changes finally hit campus

McPherson College is on the net

by Andy Ullom
Spectator Staff

In recent years, web pages have become popular. Last year, McPherson College stepped into the realm of Internet Web Pages.

The McPherson College Home Page originated through a computer science senior project. Chris Saunders did the original work on the web page for his senior project. Saunders created the pages in accordance to decisions made by the Web Page Advisory Committee.

The committee met bi-monthly to discuss progress with the page and to decide how the web page was to be governed. The committee had to decide what symbolizes an official college page, which links to allow and what the disclaimer should say. After Saunders' graduation, the office of college communications took over the job of controlling and updating the web page. The college communications office works in conjunction with the Web Page Advisory Committee. At this time, the webmaster, or person who is responsible for updating the web page, is Matt Porter, fr.

The page contains information on various topics. The main page holds links to departmental web pages which contain specific information for specific classes and majors.

A link also leads to the athletic department pages, which contain fairly up to date information on athletic event scores and records.

Another link contains faculty, staff and student email addresses. Yet another link takes viewers to the campus map. Space is available for student organizations to create web pages. In order for organizations to develop this page, they should begin by discussing details with the Communications office.

Upcoming events are included in the weekly publication of the Communicator. Audio files from various singing groups on campus are also available for download. Improvements and updates are constantly made to the web page in attempts to make it as current as possible.

"I would eventually like to see a virtual tour of the campus created and offered on the web page," Porter said.

This tour could possibly include still pictures of the current college visitation tour and even some short full-motion video clips of the college.

According to Porter, some new pages will be added soon. These pages will include: a tour of the college, an updated theatre page, a music page and the Spectator Online. Overall, the McPherson College Web Page is worth a visit. For those interested in checking out the web page, the address is: <http://www.mcpherson.edu>.

Email addiction among students

by Matt Porter
Spectator Staff

Did you know that the first computer McPherson College owned filled a room roughly the size of President Dill's office? Thanks to technological advances however, computers are much smaller and more user friendly.

Today, the McPherson College community has access to two computer labs. Students, faculty and staff use the labs with a variety of purposes, including word processing, emailing and accessing the Internet.

Campus members use electronic mail (email) for many different reasons. The most popular reason to use email is for personal letters. Students and faculty send hundreds of letters a day to friends, family and loved ones.

Email is also useful when faculty and students need to communicate with each other. Meetings can be arranged, conferences scheduled, assignments given and other communication can easily be made between faculty and students.

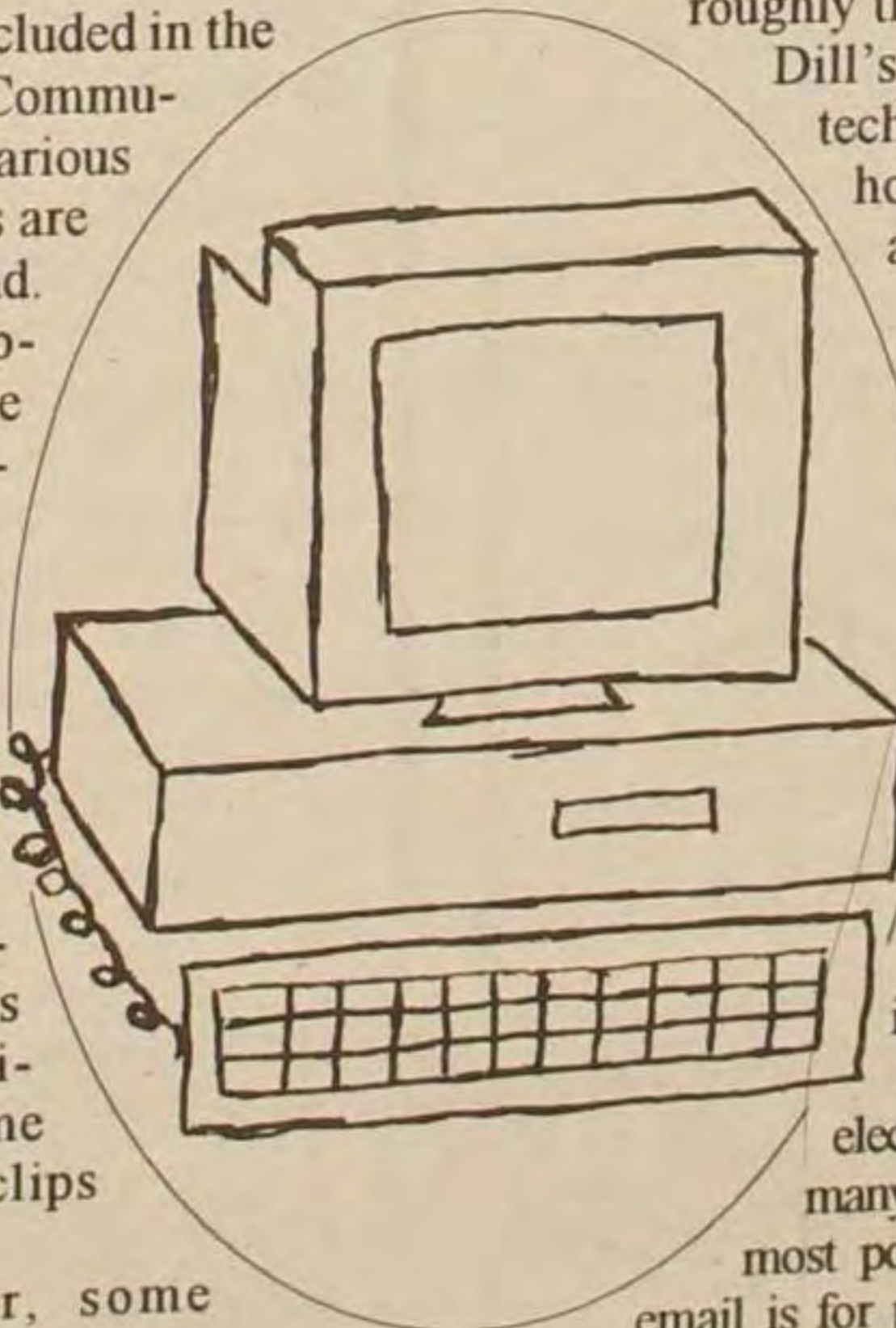
Recently, various professors entered the age of the electronic classroom. Depending on the professor, journal entries, papers, tests, lab write-ups and other assignments can now be turned in electronically. Susan Taylor, associate provost dean for academic resources, requires her Mass Media class to post answers about discussion questions through email. Classes can hold "on-line" discussions by creating a distribution list and posting one assignment, then sending it to all the students in the class. Checking email is no longer only something to occupy free time.

Students and faculty also enjoy free and unlimited Internet access provided by McPherson College. A few students really take advantage of the "free" part. According to an informal survey, students report spending as few as 10 hours per semester on the Internet, while others report spending 420 hours per semester! (Incidentally, that is roughly 16 full days!)

What web sites do students find interesting enough to occupy them for hours upon hours? Sites ranging from virtual flower shops, to ESPN, to Adam Sandler's homepage, top the list.

After questioning several McPherson College students, it appears that most spend their time on the Internet in order to research topics for class. Students in Introduction to Education are required to look up education websites. Students who own stock also have the option of checking prices every day on the Internet. Things such as scholarship applications, newsletters and journals can also be found on-line.

Computers, email and the internet are now an integral part of the educational process. If this "electronic" trend continues into the future, maybe campus bookstores will be obsolete in a few years!



Sports Illustrated recognizes student

by Brent Briggeman
Sports Editor

Roy Johnson has always stood out in a crowd. At 14 he was proclaimed the strongest boy in the nation. He was a standout defensive lineman for the McPherson College football team. He won a silver medal at the National Collegiate weightlifting contest. In October he won a gold medal at the National Championships, and his imposing physical frame stands out on the McPherson College campus. So when Sports Illustrated chose Roy for its "Faces in the Crowd" column, it was no surprise.

"I have been getting a lot of exposure since the Nationals in October," Johnson said. "KAKE and KSN news have both done stories, the Sports Illustrated article, and the Wichita Eagle is doing a full page story in the Sunday sports issue. They've all been covering my story."

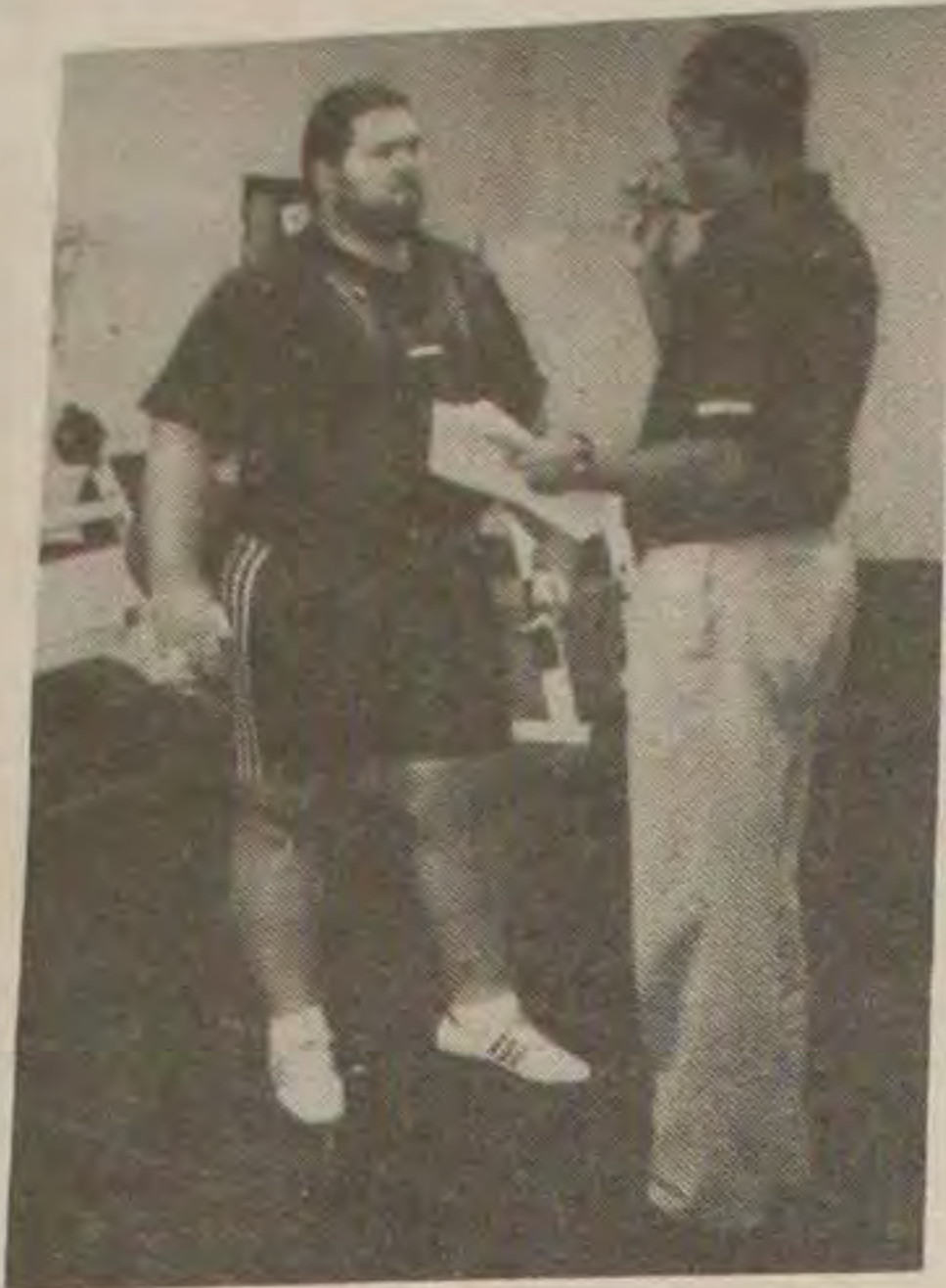
The story is quite remarkable. In spring of 1994, Roy was working with an emergency medical service crew in Georgia to help out an automobile accident victim.

"The woman was trapped in her car in a way that the jaws of life could not get her out," Johnson said. "Plus, she was pregnant. So I tried to rely on brute strength to just lift her out. Doing this I screwed up the L-5 disks in my back. The pain was intense. I cried."

The discs bulged and swelled, cutting off the nerves to his legs. For four days he was left paralyzed in a hospital bed. At that point one of the top neurosurgeons in the south told him that he had to have surgery. According to the professionals, the back surgery would make it impossible for Roy to continue his athletic career. He would no longer be able to play sports, jog, or even lift more than forty pounds.

"I thought about it," Johnson said. "But something inside me just told me not to have the surgery. They brought in a bunch of top physical trainers and doctors, and they all told me to have the surgery. But still I just said no. Then I started my long recovery. At first they just had me move hips about a quarter of an inch. It was so hard. Eventually it got back to the point where I could walk again, and then the rest came later."

Still, his once promising athletic career lay in ruins. He had been on target to earn a spot on the '96 Olympic team, and he was a rather high profile athlete in Georgia. After the injury he lost his sponsors and the many consoling calls and letters wore on Roy.



Roy Johnson, sr., talks with Jonathan Coachman '95, of KAKE sports.

"It got to the point in my recovery where I just had to get away. At that point I called Coach Grose, who had been trying for a couple of years to get me to come up and play football, and I asked him if he still wanted me to play. He said yes. This was a Thursday. I told him I'd be there to visit over the weekend. So a buddy and I drove up and visited the campus. I moved up that summer and enrolled in the fall."

Roy played football for the Bulldogs for the 1996 season. It was during that season that he discovered his back had recovered.

"The normal bumping and collisions of football didn't bother me any, so I decided to go to the weightroom and see if I could still lift. I was surprised to find that nothing had changed. Some people want to be professional football players and others have other athletic goals. I knew I wanted to be a weightlifter, so I told coach Grose that's what I was going to concentrate on," Johnson said.

Without much of any training, Johnson competed in the 1996 collegiate nationals and won a silver medal. His recovery was complete, and the man now being dubbed the "Miracle Man" was back.

"When I won the silver at the collegiates I knew I could still compete," Johnson said. "So in January of 1997 I started training for real. I trained the whole winter and summer without going to any competitions."

When the National Championships came



around last October, Johnson was in top form. With a combined snatch and clean and jerk of 315 kilograms, Johnson brought home the gold for the super heavyweight class.

The injury has really helped the senior biology/micro-biology major put things into perspective.

"Before the injury I was cocky and just not a very good person," said Johnson. "But now things are different. Laying there para-

lyzed can make you realize that everything can be gone so fast. I think I figured out what life was all about. I once wanted nothing more than to compete in the Olympics. Now I want my degree and go to graduate school, and the Olympics are just another competition."

Next up for Johnson, who is currently ranked in the top five in the nation is Nationals in Flagstaff in April.

Sports Briefs

Spring training underway

Thirty major league baseball teams, including the expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Arizona Diamondbacks, have reported in Florida and Arizona to begin training for the 1998 baseball season. Opening day is March 31.

Surprises in Olympic hockey

North America was shockingly shut out of a medal as both the U.S. and Canada were eliminated by the Czech Republic. The Czechs beat the U.S. 4-1 in the quarterfinals, and Canada 2-1 in an amazing shootout.

They then went on to beat Russia 1-0 for their first-ever gold medal in hockey. Canada lost to Finland in the bronze medal game. The U.S. women were much more successful as they defeated Canada for the gold in the first ever

women's hockey competition in the Olympics.

Germany leads medal count

Germany and Norway dominated the world at the Winter Olympics in Nagano. Germany led the way with 29 total medals, 12 of which were gold. Norway was a close second with 25 and 10 respectively. The U.S. finished sixth overall with 13 total medals, but Team U.S.A.'s six golds were tied for fourth.

NBA trading deadline passes

The NBA trading deadline brought about deals that saw many key players moved. Joe Smith, Rony Siekly, and Brent Barry all have new homes. Scotty Pippen, who demanded to be traded earlier this year was not dealt as the Bulls prepare for a run at their third straight title.

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Above, Hillary Schubert, soph., passed two Tabor defenders for an easy lay-up. Left, Tim Herra, sr., shoots from the outside for an easy three.

Bulldogs ready for KCAC tourneys

Women battle for conference supremacy

by Brent Briggeman

Sports Editor

The McPherson College women will look to extend their season Friday night as they travel to Tabor for the first round of the KCAC women's basketball tournament. Tabor (11-17 8-8) is the four seed, while McPherson is seeded fifth. Tabor won both regular season games by a combined total of four points.

"We feel very good about our draw in the tournament," said McPherson head coach Mel Wright. "We played Tabor right to the wire both times, and we've beat Bethany and Friends, the top two seeds, so we feel we have a chance to get in the finals. Obviously for that to happen we'll have to play very good."

After being picked to finish last in the conference in pre-season polls, the Bulldogs have put together a very successful season. Led by sophomore Hillary Schubert, who is averaging 15.1 points per game, the Bulldogs capped off the regular season with a 13-15 mark. Their 6-10 conference record was good for fifth of the nine teams.

"This season went really well," coach Wright said. "Our goals were to finish in the top four in the conference and have a winning record. We just missed both but overall we were very pleased. We did lose a lot of close games. Our record could have been a lot different. We could have won six more games very easily. But we did beat two teams, Bethany and Friends, who are ranked in the top 20 in the nation. So overall, the girls were very pleased."

Second to Schubert in scoring for the Bulldogs has been Dana Cordova. In addition to her 13.4 points per game she has averaged 10.1 rebounds, best in the conference. Amy Ross has also had a solid season as she has averaged 10.7 points and 5.4 rebounds.

"A lack of depth will be our weakness in the tournament," Wright said. "We rotate seven players, so that could hurt us. Our strength is our defensive effort. It has been the highlight of our season. We also have good chemistry and good

balance. We've had a lot of different leading scorers. "We will also rely on our experience. Hillary was an all-conference player last year, and Amy Ross, Amber Pfannenstiel, and Paige Watkins are all experienced seniors."

Game time is 7:30 tonight at Tabor College in Hillsboro.

Men look to regroup in post-season

by Ben Gallinger

Spectator Staff

Going into last night's first round game of the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) postseason basketball tournament against Bethany, the McPherson College men's basketball team wasn't playing their best game of the season.

In fact, the Bulldogs had gone 2-6 in KCAC play after starting out 5-3. The Bulldogs lost five of those games by a total of 25 points.

"At the start of the season we were in it mentally, we were executing, playing good defense, and doing it all consistently," Emanuel Roland, sr., said.

In particular, the Bulldogs have had lapses in the second half of games.

"From the fifteen minute mark of the second half to about the six minute mark, we lose our focus," Roland said. "We play in spurts."

McPherson split its play during the regular season with Bethany. The first round went to the Bulldogs by one at home and the second went to the Swedes by four on the road. McPherson has won 15 of the last 17 meetings against Bethany.

"We've got to shut down their three-point shooters and the last time (6'-7" Chad) Meyer had a big game, so we need to keep him off the boards." Coach Trimmell said. "If we can do the little things, play defense, set good screens, and play harder than them at the start of the second half, we can win."

If the Bulldogs beat the Swedes, they will play the winner of the Sterling versus Bethel game which was also last night.

Editor's note: The outcome of the men's game was not available at press time and will be included in the March 13 issue.

Final regular season KCAC basketball standings

Men's	KCAC	Overall	Women's	KCAC	Overall
1) Tabor	13-3	17-11	1) Bethany	14-2	21-7
2) Bethel	11-5	17-11	2-t) Friends	13-3	20-8
3-t) Bethany	10-6	14-13	2-t) Sterling	13-3	22-6
3-t) Southwestern	10-6	11-16	4) Tabor	8-8	11-17
5) Friends	9-7	12-16	5-t) McPherson	6-10	13-15
6-t) McPherson	7-9	11-16	5-t) Kansas Wesleyan	6-10	14-11
6-t) Sterling	7-9	12-16	7) Southwestern	5-11	7-20
8) Ottawa	3-13	7-21	8) Bethel	4-12	11-17
9) Kansas Wesleyan	2-14	4-24	9) Ottawa	3-13	5-23

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