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Trustees award faculty members sabbaticals, tenure and promotion

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News Editor

At their spring meeting, the Board of Trustees granted two full year sabbatical leaves. Two faculty members received tenure and one was promoted.

Dr. Shingo Kajinami, professor of chemistry and Dr. Jonathan Frye, assistant professor of biology, received full year sabbaticals for the 1999-00 and 2000-01 academic years, respectively. Stan Miller, assistant professor of technology, and Frye were awarded tenure. Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, associate professor of education, was promoted to full professor of education.

Kajinami's sabbatical will be in Sapporo, Japan. While at the Hokusei Gakuen University, the BCA School in Japan, Kajinami will teach courses to both BCA students studying in Japan and to Japanese students who plan to come to America in the future.

The Japanese students will take a course in American culture. According to Kajinami, this course will teach them the "things they need to know to adjust" to the American culture.

Kajinami will also teach physical science and environmental science to BCA students as well as a few Japanese students. In these courses, he plans to cover the subject matter generally, but assign projects in which the students will study scientific issues specific to Japan.

While in Sapporo, Kajinami will also help coordinate the BCA program. One task is to keep track of the financial needs of the students.

"I will help out with any personal



Frye

problems," Kajinami said. This would include placing the student with a new host family if a problem arose.

Frye will spend his sabbatical leave at Bethany Seminary during the 2000-01 academic year. While at Bethany, he will take courses as well as teach a course called Science and Religion.

According to Frye, the Science and Religion graduate level theology course will cover the debate on creation and evolution as well as moral and ethical issues that science raises.

Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, and Dr. Jeanne Smith, assistant professor of education, will also take sabbatical leaves during the 1999-2000 academic year. They will be teaching at the BCA School in Cochin, India.

Herb will teach five courses. The five courses include World Religions, Culture of India, The Jews of Cochina, History of Christ and Introduction to Philosophy. In World Religions, History of Christ and Intro. to Philosophy, Herb will relate the subject matter to India.



Kajinami

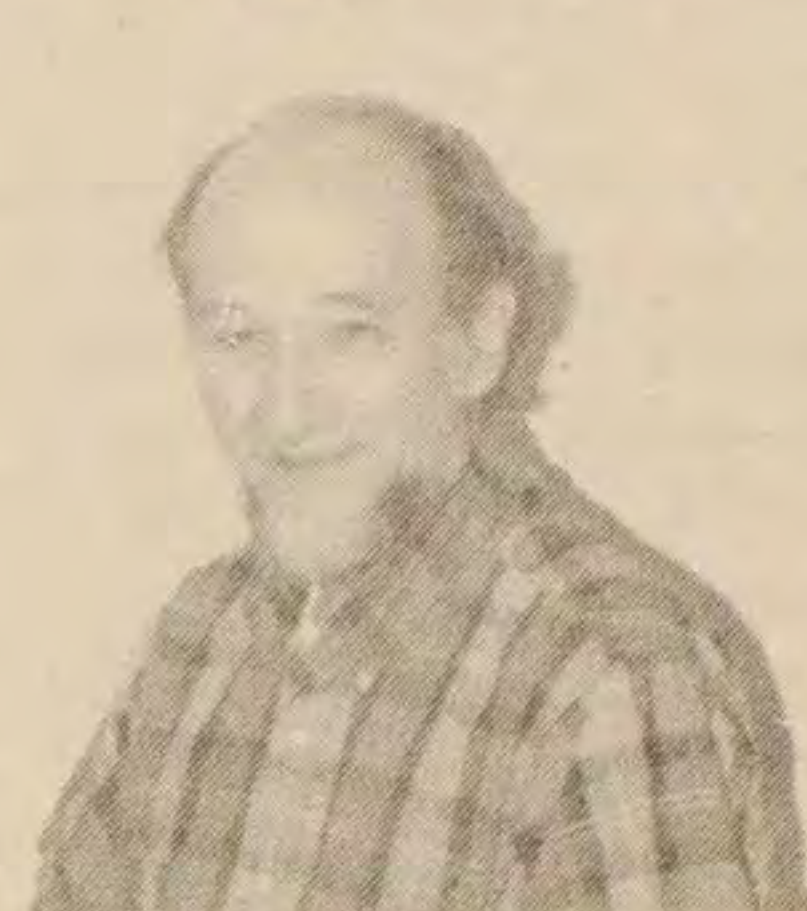
"I'm looking forward to experiencing the city of the world where there is a collage of world religions," Herb said. "Jeanne and I are both dreading the high heat and humidity."

While in India, Jeanne will teach Writing for Publication and Comparative Education to BCA students. As part of the writing course, Jeanne plans to help the students prepare at least one piece for publication. For Comparative Education, she would like the students to volunteer in the local schools.

"I'm looking forward to getting in a south Asian culture," Jeanne said. "I have some fear and trepidation, but am looking forward to it."

The purpose of faculty sabbaticals is professional growth and development, according to Steve Gustafson, dean of faculty. It is "important that faculty remain energized and current in their field," Gustafson said. Faculty can request a sabbatical every seven years.

The faculty member wishing to take a sabbatical leave begins the process by submitting a letter of request to the dean of faculty describing how the sabbatical



Miller

will lead to personal growth and development and how the college will benefit.

The dean of faculty takes the letter to the Faculty Policies Committee, who in turn gives the letter to the president. If the president agrees with the request, the recommendation is taken to the Academic Services Committee of the board and then to the full board for a vote. These people consider the impact the proposed sabbatical would have on the budget and the staffing of that department.

Granting a sabbatical leave is a significant financial investment for the college. The faculty member requesting a leave can apply for one semester at full pay or a full year at half pay.

Faculty members are granted tenure between the fifth and seventh years of employment. The majority of the tenure decisions are made in the seventh year to take effect the eighth. This is longer than the industry standard of six years. At present, McPherson College faculty is reviewing the college's tenure policy.

Faculty members are eligible for promotion between the seventh and ninth



Kimbrell

years of employment. This varies slightly depending on the professor's title. The title depends on his or her past employment and education.

An instructor must have a bachelor's degree and some hours toward a master's degree. An assistant professor must have a master's degree and approved graduate work. An associate professor should have a doctorate or be well on the way to receiving one. A full professor should have a terminal degree.

A faculty member teaching at the instructor level may be promoted to assistant professor after five years. After seven years an assistant professor may be promoted to associate professor and after seven to nine years an associate professor may be promoted to a full professor.

Several teaching positions are open for the 1999-2000 academic year. One-year sabbatical leave replacement positions are open in chemistry, education/English, and philosophy and religion.

"We would hope to have persons employed by the first of June," Gustafson said.

Hudson to head plant operations

Shelly Hendricks

Spectator Staff

Plant operations is adjusting to the leadership of a new plant operations manager and undergoing changes as the staff settles into a new building.

Phillip D. Hudson has been hired as the new plant operations manager, and he will begin his position on April 12. Hudson has had over 20 years of experience doing similar work under Servicemaster as a facility manager. He

has worked at Ottawa University and Mid-America Nazarene. Hudson will move to Kansas from his present work in Pennsylvania.

Hudson was selected from 55 applicants for the manager position.

The plant operations manager is in charge of all aspects of the campus facilities and grounds, as well as overseeing the personnel related to this work. The manager is also involved with coordination of all of the construction projects currently underway.

"It is a really important position," Minnich said. "The individual needs to work closely with residence life."

The search committee was pleased that Hudson had prior experience working on a college campus. That experience will help him relate to student needs.

"We've got a fine staff in plant operations," Minnich said. "I'm eager for them to have the leadership to enable them to do what they need to

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Photo by Cheri Norworthy

Plant operations staff recently moved into their new building.

Editorials

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Sabbaticals are a necessity

On a small campus such as ours, the term "sabbatical" elicits various reactions, depending on whether you are a student or a faculty member. Students often cringe, while faculty members wait longingly for their "turn."

McPherson College is proud of its small size and how that size positively affects the educational process. We have an impressive number of departments, and many of them are run by only one professor. Thus, students develop strong relationships with the professors or professor in their major department. But these relationships are suddenly disrupted when the sole professor of a department goes on sabbatical.

Students from a one or two person department may be annoyed by the obstacles and problems that are created for them in the absence of their major advisor/professors. The quality of a students' education could be greatly affected by the professor hired to fill the position.

Professors who teach in small departments probably experience mixed emotions when considering sabbatical. Sabbaticals allow professors opportunities to concentrate on things other than their regular duties, but professors are keenly aware of the meaning of thier absence.

Students need to realize how crucial it is to the continued growth of the academic community at Mac that faculty members go on sabbatical.

Professors spend most of their time making sure that their students have opportunities for continued education. Sabbaticals allow professors opportunities to continue their own education. Professors must continue to grow academically throughout their careers so that they can push their students to do the same. It is especially important for professors at small institutions to go on sabbatical so that they may "keep up with the field" or do research.

While the temporary absence of a faculty member might be an inconvenience to students, we must realize that sabbaticals are simply an example of the benefits of delayed gratification. It might be difficult to deal with a faculty member's absence right now, but when the faculty member returns in a year, he or she will have new experiences to share to enrich our academic community.

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Freshman "growing up" at Mac

Last July my brother came home to Las Vegas to see the Pearl Jam concert he had so waited for. While he was there he told me about Mac and how coming here had enhanced his life. He tried to sell me on the theater program, but I wasn't sold. When he left home, he told me just to think about it. I nonchalantly said okay, not really paying any mind to coming out to the middle of nowhere.

About a week after my brother had left, I noticed that I was subconsciously assessing my life and the direction it was taking. I was not thrilled. I started asking my mom and dad questions about Mac. Every time they gave me an answer they made this silly smirk like they knew I was destined to come here. Near the end of July I applied for admission to Mac.

I didn't know what to expect when I got here. When freshman orientation started I was a little weirded out by all of the gung-ho faculty members. I thought to myself that nobody on earth could possibly be so happy. If I hadn't met Jen Taylor, I probably would have lost my sanity.

Orientation went on for three days, enough time to meet some new people. I was shocked that kids came from high schools with only fifty kids. I thought I had stepped into the Twilight Zone. The only thing I was worried about was how long it would be before I got moved in to Metzler. Fanny was cool, but it didn't have air conditioning. The day before classes began I audi-



Freshman Perspective

CHRIS BISCEGLIA

tioned for the first show of the year. I was thrilled because I had not acted since I graduated from high school, and I made the show as well as three others throughout the year. I was also accepted into the "Brew," the improv group on campus. I met most of my friends in these activities, including one of my best friends out here. I also got the chance to work with my brother on a show.

The first time I called home my folks were surprised that I was calling, not to ask for money, but to tell them that I was having a blast out here. I was finally doing something I wanted to do. I liked the freedom. They asked me about classes, the people, and if I had a girlfriend. I told them I love the people and classes, but that I hadn't met the girl yet.

When I went home for Christmas, I was in for a surprise. I thought that my time here hadn't changed me. My friends back home thought otherwise. It was depressing to see them doing the same things they were doing when I left. Most of them didn't want to see me. It was the loneliest two weeks of my life. I really wanted to get back here and put Vegas

behind me.

The second semester has been easier for me. I learned from my scheduling mistakes the first semester, and set my first class during second semester at 9:30 in the morning. I picked up two more jobs, bringing the total to three. I also got the opportunity to explore my musical interest, drumming, with the band at basketball games.

I have done a lot of growing up during my time at Mac, but have also kept some of my inner child alive. I have experienced pleasure in all of my endeavors as well as pain. I kept the same interest I brought out here and found many new ones. Sometimes I find myself slowly turning into my parents, and I cringe.

All in all, my freshman year has been filled with its ups and its downs. Like Blink 182 says, "I guess this is growing up." I don't know what else it would be. I love it out here. If I could do it all over again, I would. I used to think that coming out here was a mistake, but now... I have no regrets.

POETRY CORNER

Night Terrors

I dream of fireflies
Shrill terrors of the night,
Evil essences,

Night-people who drink blood
And the tattooed priestess
That tastes crimson wine
From her golden goblet
As her smoke-eating horse
Whinnies in the blackness.

Long ago,
An unbelievable, sinister light
Ripped through numbness
And paralyzed darkness.

It was softened
When one-hundred
Crazy-eyed blackbirds
Cawed as the Druids tossed
Blunt stones in ceremony.

-by Jody Ferrer

STAY TUNED...

Stay tuned to the next issue of the Spectator for the thrilling conclusion to "On her orange crate's" two part series on silence. Isn't the suspense agonizing?

OVERSEEN

"HEMP TO ALL."
-The current rearrangement of letters on Templeton Hall.

MAC-ISM

Foreign languages have always been a part of McPherson College's curriculum. Latin and Greek, required in early years, were offered until the mid 60s, and French until the 70s. Spanish was added in 1945, but was not offered as a major until 1970. German was also added as a major in 1970. During the 60s even Russian was available on campus.

Science and spirituality converge in Christianity

If you look close enough at any two person's understanding of spirituality, you will find differences. The differences may be small, as within religion, or large, as between religions. When there are no differences, you can be sure that one of the two people has not come to the point of struggling with spiritual truth, and is rather adopting the religion of the other person. This is not to say that one can not question, struggle, and then come up with the same understanding, but rather that none of us has the entire truth. Constant searching leads to new truth that often contradicts old thoughts. The following is a way of thinking about spirituality and the world that I believe has the truth within it.

Everything has an essence of God in it, just as any creation has an essence of the creator in it. I also believe that God created the universe through evolution, which is consistent with the bible. To live thinking that we are superior to any



Cornerstone

SETH GOOD

of God's creation, whether that be another person, an animal, or a rock, is to think that we are greater than God and to deny our own spiritual existence.

I think that every spirit has two parts to it—how much of a spiritual presence there is, and how close together that presence is held. Our spirit is held together by truth that has become a spiritual reality for us. The more that we go against what is true or right, the weaker our spirit is held together and the more spread out our spirit becomes, causing us to not be as aware of the spiritual

world.

There is only one limit in my belief system—God. God is total truth, the knowledge of how all things are related. Moving towards God is heaven, moving away from God is hell, and Satan (who is virtually unheard of in the Old Testament) is a spirit who is very spread out from going against the truth that it was once aware of. When one reaches the state of God there is no difference between one's own spirit and the spirit of God, because there is no physical distance in the spiritual world.

I know some people will say, "How can you think this and still consider yourself a Christian?" I define a Christian as someone who tries to follow the example that Christ set through his life. Being Christian doesn't mean acceptance of a doctrine, it means following an ideal.

Some of you may wonder where I got

such ideas. I didn't "get" them at all. I formed them from personal experience and homogenized them with the bible where possible. That's right, there are essentially no contradictions between what you just read and Christianity. The same ideas are simply presented in a different context. To explain how this concept fits into the bible would take more room than I have here, so I will only hit on a few of the ways that this belief comes out in my life.

I believe that love for life is a truth and part of living this truth is to live in a way that benefits other spirits in the universe the most. For me this means not being consumer oriented (it uses resources that others need), thinking of others and what their needs are in an attempt to balance them with my own, loving people because they are and not because of what they do, keeping my focus on life as a whole rather than just the positive

or negative side, and always realizing that what I do isn't important when compared to what attitude I do it with. Time is made of memories and means nothing if I am not thinking about it. Albert Schweitzer once said it well: "Happiness is nothing more than good health and a poor memory."

I encourage anyone reading this to never trade the search for truth for the idea that you have the truth. "The opinions of [people] who think are always changing and growing like children." —Mammer.

"Men grow when inspired by a high purpose, when contemplating vast horizons. The sacrifice of oneself is not very difficult for one burning with the passion for great adventure." —Alexis Carrel.

I hope that each of you would find inspiration and allow that to lead you into sacrificial change for truth.

"Soap bubble" mentality surprises Ecuadorian

"Where is Ecuador?" I have heard this question several times since I came to the United States. For me it was hard to hear that American people do not have any idea where my country is, what we do or even if we exist.

Studying abroad for me has meant more than I expected. I had not had the opportunity to go abroad for a long time and experience this. I had never practiced daily how to be an independent person. I am learning to make my own bed, do my laundry, clean my room, decide if I go out or not, and decide when it is prudent to come back to my room on my own. (In Ecuador my mother had to give me permission and also she gave me the time that I had to be back at home.) All this is training that we need for the real world.

It is sad to have people that do not like to go abroad. In Ecuador everybody likes to travel. Here it is different. Here we live in a soap bubble without world problems (poverty, starvation, ignorance, etc.), and we don't feel that everyday millions of children die of starvation without proper medical care. They walk miles to go to school and everybody has classes in one big classroom. I saw these problems in my country.

Unfortunately, Ecuador has 80 percent poor people and this is the reason that I want to be a good businesswoman. I want to create companies and give more employees opportunities. I want to help my country and to show everybody that Ecuadorians can succeed. Thanks to the BCA program, I am getting a good education and this helps me to make my dreams come true.

Sometimes people joke about my country and its problems. I do not understand how this situation could be funny, and they do not understand how they hurt my feelings with these jokes. To be tolerant and to keep my mouth shut is another thing that I have learned here. I love discussion but I am learning to be quiet when I know that I will not win anything with the discussion and when I do not really respect the other's ideas.

I am so proud to be Hispanic and I do not feel embarrassed when I talk funny



International Perspective

CARLA JATIVA

because I have learned that I have to make mistakes to get better. Fortunately, I found help here, especially in the college with my roommate, all my teachers and my friends, who understand me even if I say wrong sentences. However, some people make jokes about my accent or my grammar mistakes. In the beginning it was so frustrating, but after a while I got used to it and I do not care.

I came here to learn English because I want to be able to be fluent in another language and to communicate with more people. Now it is possible; I have close friends that do not know Spanish and we can share a good friendship. But friendship is different here than in my country.

At home, I have close friends I go out with to have fun. We talk about our problems, give each other advice and hugs, etc. Here I started to do the same thing and more than one person asked me if I was "going out" with my friend, even though that was not the case. I know that for him it was a hard time too, but our friendship survived and I am so glad to say that here I have made real friends forever. I am two months from going back home. I am really excited because I miss my family a lot, but I would like to come back here. I will miss my friends, my teachers and this life. This year was wonderful, even the bad moments that I spent. I love this experience and everything that I experienced here. The best memory that I will have will be all the help that McPherson College gave me in all ways, especially the teachers. They make me feel loved and important.

"Mi casa es su casa," and everybody is invited to visit me in Quito, Ecuador, anytime that they would like. For me it will be an opportunity to repay all the wonderful treatment that I received.

Song inspires columnist to give advice

The song is simple. It starts with a man talking about the importance of sunscreen. He then goes on to talk about the few precious things he's learned in life. In the midst a last minute assignment, I found myself listening to one man's advice and not paying attention to my open book. His message was clear and lighthearted and not as commanding as the advice I've been receiving lately.

As college students, this could be the time in our lives when the most advice is thrown at us. Pick a major, pick a lifestyle, pick a job, etc. As a columnist I'm supposed to be giving advice, and yet I seem to be having it thrown at me at a rate faster than I can type. (Which mind you isn't very fast.)

Advice is an odd bird. Some say that it is easier to give than to receive. I'm not sure I agree with this. After all, when you find yourself asking for advice you open yourself to the world.



Flaming Bagels

JEN TAYLOR

(You also become susceptible to many weird suggestions. For example, when I asked friends for advice on my column topic, three people replied "sex," two said "crappy caf food" and one dared to say "the mass commercialization of the fanny toga dance and the institution of independence it stood for." Go figure.)

So I guess if there is some humble advice I would have to give that I have picked up lately, it would be this:

- Know yourself. This may be one of the only times when you're alone with yourself, so find out who you are.
- To thine own self be true. Once you know yourself, obey what your heart

and mind dictate.

■ It's okay to be wrong. We all do it, but hate to admit it.

■ Watch the fine lines you walk. When you teeter on either side of neutrality, it's easy to slip onto one side, and once you're there, it's almost impossible to go back.

■ Obscenities are great flavoring words, but should definitely not be staples of the English language.

■ Before you shove something in your mouth, think about where it came from and where it's going, especially if it comes from the caf or a gas station.

■ Have friends and let your friends have other friends.

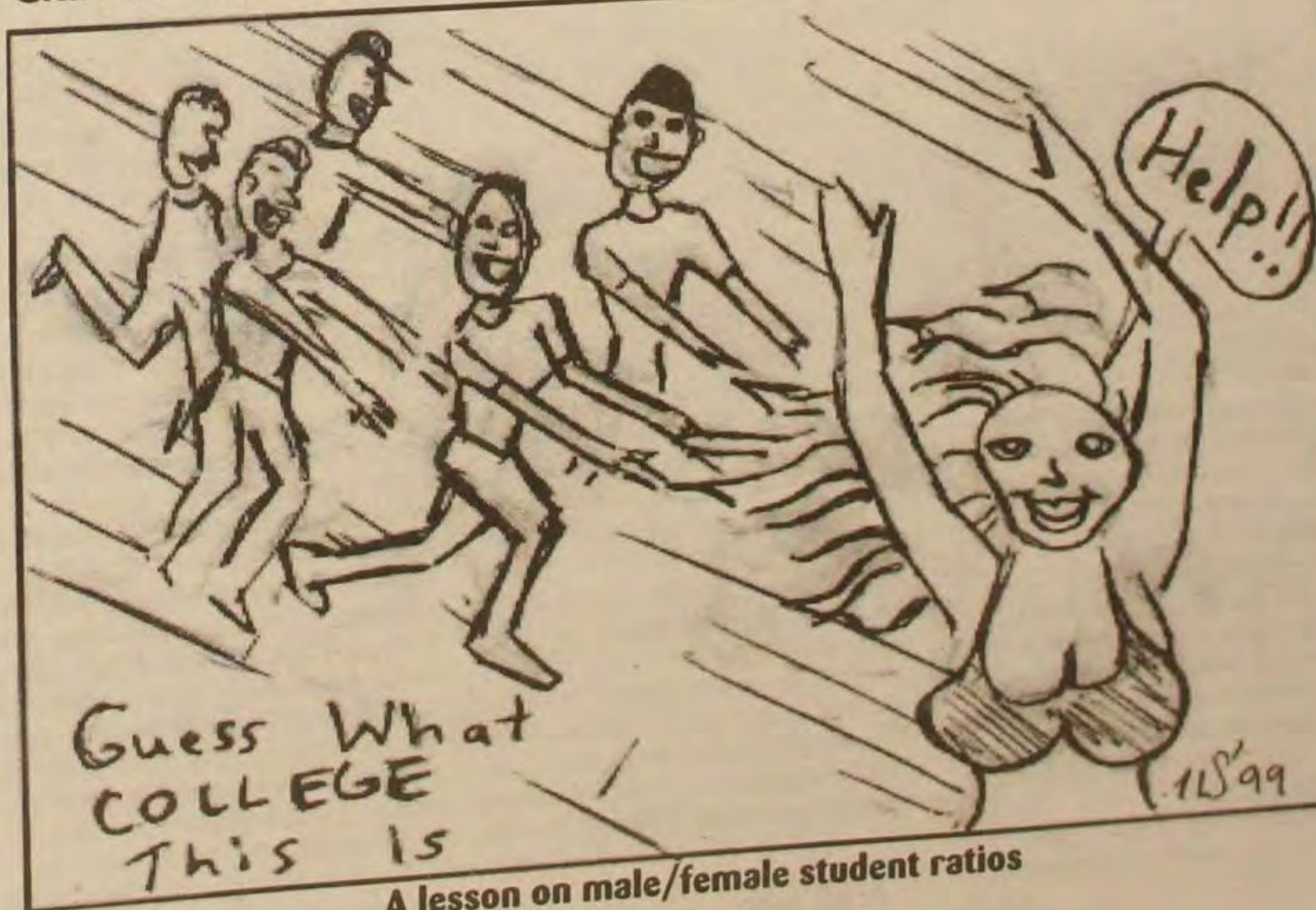
■ Love someone you fight with and fight with someone you love.

■ Be comfortable with your body. Never let it make you miserable, and never judge others by theirs.

■ Take and give advice. Seek it, but always remember that the choice is yours alone.

CAMPUS COUGH

BY TONY WALDRON



Guess What COLLEGE This is

A lesson on male/female student ratios

Help!!

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photo by LeAnn Wine



photo by Denise Norsworthy

Above: Choir members pose in Crystal Caves. Left: Macappella entertains an audience during Afterglow.

The Frogger Show, caves and concerts make memories

Elizabeth Stover

Spectator Staff

March 12, 10:20 p.m.

Girls started to drag their suitcases and sleeping bags across campus to Beeghley around noon. Everyone seemed pretty happy and ready to go. I found my seat, dropped my stuff and then got off the bus. I figured I'd spend enough time there this week.

Before we took off, the whole group formed a circle outside. Many people didn't know we were going to be there a while and didn't have coats (mostly freshman). The wind was freezing! We went around and said something we hoped for in the week. Lots of people said warm weather and to have fun, to get into the music and to get along. (It will be interesting to see how everyone feels after spending a week together on a bus.)

Everyone settled in after the third or fourth hour on the bus. Outside of Cushing I woke up to people singing camp songs. Everyone was ready to perform.

The trombones played while we processed in. While the other groups sang, we watched from the back. Our finishing chords on the last few songs sounded good.

In the Afterglow in the basement MacAppella sang their fun songs while the rest of us ate cookies and fruit and danced around. After most of the cookies were gone and the congregation had mingled a while, we were paired with our host families.

Esther (my hostess) is 88 years old and lives alone. She volunteers at a senior center and is involved at church. I think her house is a typical grandma house. Carpet, comfortable old furniture, lots of skinny lamps, all carpeted, fifty years of family photos on the walls—tan and brown. Connie and I are sleeping in Esther's bedroom. I wonder where she's sleeping...

March 13, 8:50 a.m.

Last night, a large group of boys stayed in a house by themselves (on a host family's property) and stayed up really late. Mike Bisceglia's hair is big and curly today—looks like a wig!

3 p.m.

Just back from Crystal Caves, near Springfield, Mo. An older couple oper-

ates the site and they each led a group through the caves. Typical cave with stalactites, stalagmites, columns, and pools of water. They pointed out how obscure rocks looked like turtles and profiles, also showing us markings on the ceiling created by Osage Indians who used to inhabit the cave. I can't imagine living down there...

March 14, 4:10 p.m.

We arrived in Cabool, Mo., at the Church of the Brethren and went through the normal routine. The concert went smoothly.

Alan, Larry, Sarah Marie, Becky, Connie and I stayed with Sam and Esther Norris. We drove home from the concert in heavy snow and went to bed, thinking we'd probably wake up and be snowed in. We were right—eight to ten inches fell last night.

Alan called the Peace Valley Church of the Brethren to cancel our Sunday morning concert, and then concentrated on getting the entire choir back to the Cabool church. Someone with a big truck shuttled back and forth from the hosts' houses and brought everyone in. Meanwhile, everyone at church tried to kill time. Some played Ping-Pong or piano. An improv show went on for a while too.

We finally left Cabool at 11 a.m. I was surprised that no one was stressing out about leaving late. Lunch was at McDonald's. It cost \$160 for all of us to eat. The McDonald's was short handed enough to let Mike Bisceglia box fries.

March 15, 8:20 a.m.

This has been a great morning. Fran set out a lot for breakfast. Then to the church where we hugged goodbye. Connie and I are on strict orders to visit if we are ever in Arkansas again.

Everyone else is in a good mood too. Forty hands went up when Aalan asked who thought they had the best host family.

The Frogger Show was entertaining too. Sarah Marie and Becky have been hosting a little talk show every morning once we get on the road. They have a weather update, travel log (where we're driving to each day), and a quiz show. Today they had special guests' too—the Jesus Cheerleaders. ("We say Noah's, you say Ark. Noah's, Ark, Noah's, Ark!") It was hilarious!

8:55 a.m.

The VCR just broke. We'll see how long the bus stays content. I think sleep will become a popular option.

March 16, 8:50 a.m.

We're on our way out of Jennings, LA. Just had the Frogger Show in which Katie Sue, Katie Tobias, and I were the musical guests. I think people enjoyed our original lyrics about gumbo and last night's concert. Or at least they laughed.

During the concert, people weren't ready when the choir was supposed to come back on after the ensembles finished, so we were really out of order when we filed back onto the risers. Josh Woody wasn't in his normal spot. When he started his solo, it was hilarious to watch Gumm search for him, realizing for the first time that we were out of order.

We ate supper after the concert—many people's first experience with gumbo, myself included.

11:10 a.m.

First sighting of the Gulf of Mexico. The beach and the water look dirty. The bus is in chaos right now because people are eating lunch, passing the mayo and the mustard around.

We just got back on after walking through the National Wildlife Refuge Marsh Trail looking for alligators. I saw two big ones and lots of little ones. An adult gator started to puff up and float his whole body instead of just his head. Then he started hissing...that's when we left!

March 17, 1:20 p.m.

This has been a good day. We sang at Holly Hall, a retirement village, at 10 a.m. During the trombones, "When I'm 64," it was fun to watch the audience. All the toes began to tap as soon as the song started. One resident tap-danced in a doorway!

Now we are back on the bus driving to Kingston, Texas and the Pan American School. It is a college-prep boarding school for mostly international kids. We will spend the night there tonight after a concert, go to the beach tomorrow, and back there again for tomorrow night. We are all staying in the gym together on mattresses and sleeping bags. It will be one big slumber party!

12 a.m.

Tonight we sang in the chapel at the Pan American School; it was fairly small but with great acoustics.

MacAppella and the men's quartet really hammed it up. The high school girls loved our guys—clapped loud when they were introduced, etc. like they were rock stars. Some had their pictures taken with a few giggly girls afterwards, too—we all had a good laugh about that!

March 18, 5:40 p.m.

Scott is playing "Warrio" on Katie Sue's Gameboy. Katie Sue is drawing people's portraits without looking at the paper. Becky is reading. Jen is talking to someone about the Austrian/Slovenian border. Kylie is eating corn chips. LeAnn is shuffling cards and Denise is looking out the window. We are all bored.

This morning we drove to Padre Island. Once we got to the area, we had to look for a good beach. The weather was very windy and cloudy, but just warm enough for a swimsuit. The waves were just right.

When we got back from the beach, we only had one hour to be ready to go—and only three showers for twenty girls. Let's just say that with some creativity and efficiency, everyone was showered in thirty minutes! That has to be a world record.

We just pulled into the church parking lot. Someone is saying that we are having authentic Mexican food for supper. Yum!

March 19, 8:45 a.m.

We just drove into rain. This will be a long day of driving—all the way to Dallas from south Texas. I never realized how big this state is!

Mike Horner just did a little ventriloquist show with Kermit and a human puppet. The Frogger Show and individual commentaries help break up the trip. It will be interesting to see who does it next year.

Last night we had a great time. The church was large. The outside was white with brown trim and somehow looked like it just belonged in south Texas. The sanctuary had a familiar wooden ceiling and supporting arches just like my church fellowship hall. I pretended like I was singing at home—except that half the audience was Hispanic and was stuffed with enchiladas and delicious Mexican rice. The concert and Afterglow were excellent. The whole sanctuary rang.

On the bus ride home everyone was wired (I think the enchiladas were doing

their thing) and we ended up singing all the way back to the school. The trip went so fast! Made-up harmonies are the best part. After we unloaded, we kept on singing while we walked and ended up at the chapel. I was probably singing for five hours straight last night!

I just noticed that Jean is teaching Larry to speak German. The things you do on a bus...

1:50 p.m.

Still on the bus...

11:05 p.m.

I am ready to sleep. After arriving in Dallas and getting settled, we went to the Galleria, a very up-town mall. The choir very easily spent the whole evening shopping and looking around. We came back around nine and lots of people went swimming in the hotel. This is our only day without a concert—very relaxing.

March 20, 8:35 p.m.

We are headed for Wichita. I just got another secret pal gift. She (I know it is a girl) has done a wonderful job.

This morning we left the hotel mid-morning and drove until fiveish, stopping for lunch somewhere along the way. I'm not sure when TX turned into OK—I slept most of the way.

The concert went well. We've settled into our songs I think. We ate a potluck supper before the concert; afterwards we had a good Afterglow, partly because everyone knew it was our last one.

March 21, around 2 p.m.

We are driving to McPherson. Our last concert was a good one with many familiar faces in the congregation. During our closing song, "Be Ye Glad," all the people who toured came up and sang. It's hard to describe what it's like to sing the last song of a whole week's worth of songs with people you've just spent extensive amounts of time with. I wanted to stay in the middle of all that music, but I was also ready to get back.

Individuals started going their separate ways as soon as church was over; on the ride back the bus was definitely emptier and quieter.

So now choir tour is over. I feel like I should have some profound thoughts on group unity or the connecting forces of music, but I don't. I had a wonderful time meeting new people, singing our songs, seeing new places, and being with friends. It deserves a standing ovation! (Judges, rule #3?)

Horner entertains with puppets

Denise Norsworthy
Spectator Staff



photo by Cheri Norsworthy

Mike Horner spends many hours creating his puppets and their personalities. He and his "stage-hands" remind audiences to laugh and find the humor in life. Horner and "Harley" recently entertained Mac students at convo by poking fun at students' speech patterns (or lack thereof).

Mike Horner possesses a unique talent—ventriloquism. You may have seen him at Convo on March 22 with a few of his puppets.

Mike does ventriloquism "semi-professionally," meaning he is sometimes paid to put on a show, but does not consider it a profession. Ventriloquism is more of a hobby for him.

Horner, sr., Springfield, Colo., does children's stories at churches and schools, and he has done shows at banquets for Lion's Club, Kiwanas Club and company meetings.

When Horner was three years old, his parents started a puppet ministry. They continued this until he was eight years old.

This sparked an interest in Horner. He watched some shows on ventriloquism on the Disney Channel, and when he was ten years old he bought a book on how to do ventriloquism.

"It's not difficult to learn how but perfecting it is hard. To get good at it takes a lot of years," Horner said.

Horner has been making puppets talk for twelve years now.

Horner usually makes the puppets he uses in his shows. He modifies the puppets he buys to make them into his own characters.

It takes a lot of time to make a puppet; if Horner could work straight through for two days he could make one puppet. Of course, he can't do that, so it takes him much longer.

"I open a jar of rubber cement and then somehow a puppet

comes out. It must have something to do with the fumes," Horner said.

Horner has many puppets and couldn't possibly use them all in his shows. He uses four of them in his recent shows.

Manny, a turquoise anteater, and Harley, a skater, are recent stars.

Harley was a headbanger but changed styles to keep up with the times.

Horner is in the process of making Stew, a magic rabbit. He hopes to be finished sometime in April.

Horner enjoys ventriloquism because he likes getting the laughs from people.

He also sometimes feels like he's playing God by creating a character, putting it in front of people and having them believe in it.

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Currently, Horner is working with Lowell Flory to create a big moose puppet for the Church of the Brethren's Annual Conference. The puppet will introduce meetings and talk about travels with Lowell.

Would Horner ever make a career out of ventriloquism?

"Maybe," Horner said. "I will always do it as a profitable sideline. It's an outlet for creative forces."

Right now he's looking at an application for a puppet troupe on the East Coast.



Harley



Manny the Anteater



Oscar



The Amazing Randy



Jean Loaf



Stew the Magic Rabbit

Mistaken identities on stage to cause chaos in Ephesus

Sarah Marie Hendricks
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College Theatre Department will be presenting Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" on April 9 and 10.

The play centers around two sets of twins who were separated at birth when the ship they are sailing on sinks.

One set of twins grew up to be wealthy merchants, Antipholus of Ephesus and Antipholus of Syracuse. The other twin bothers, Dromio of Ephesus and Dromio of Syracuse, were servants to the Antipholuses.

"The hardest thing about this play is the language. The actors cannot paraphrase, since it would not sound Shakespearean. This requires the actors to learn their lines word for word."

What follows is a comical day in Ephesus with servant wives that mix up their masters, wives that kiss the wrong twin bother and other confusing situations.

"Comedy of Errors" is directed by former McPherson College student, Jessie Miller.

"The hardest thing about this play is the language. The actors cannot paraphrase, since it would not sound Shakespearean. This requires the actors to learn their lines word for word," Miller said. "A lot of the words are antiquated, so many of the jokes are lost due to our inability to understand and comprehend."

"The worst part about acting in this play is not knowing what you just said," commented Drew Hutchison, sr., Thomas, Okla., who plays one of the Antipholus brothers.

Miller anticipated that language would be the biggest challenge she and her cast would have to overcome.

"We spent the first rehearsal asking questions," Miller said, "and I am still answering questions about what someone just said. I try and paraphrase what the character is saying. It is like a light clicks on, and suddenly everything clicks for the actor."

The solution to the problem of communicating in an antiquated language is gestures, Miller says.

"We use lots of gestures to help the audience understand the play," Miller said. "This has been a fun show to direct. I enjoy the flexibility of the show and finding all the jokes and then adding

"We use lots of gestures to help the audience understand the play."

bits of funny stuff in. There is a lot of action happening in this play."

The play is set during a Mardi Gras type carnival in Ephesus. There are jugglers and people doing back-flips.

"We hoping to have someone eating fire. We're still working on that one!" Miller said.

Casting the twins also presented an interesting challenge was how to cast two sets of male twins. Miller casted two males as the Antipholus twins, Hutchison and Mike Biscaglia, sr., Las Vegas, Nev., and two females as the Dromio twins, Sarah Myers, jr., Oklahoma City, Okla., and Katie Sue Nicklos, fr., La Junta, Colo.

To make the actors/actresses look like twins, the actors/actresses use similar gestures and have costumes that are designed to be mirror images of each other.

"This is a fun show, and with all the action people will understand most of it," Hutchison said.

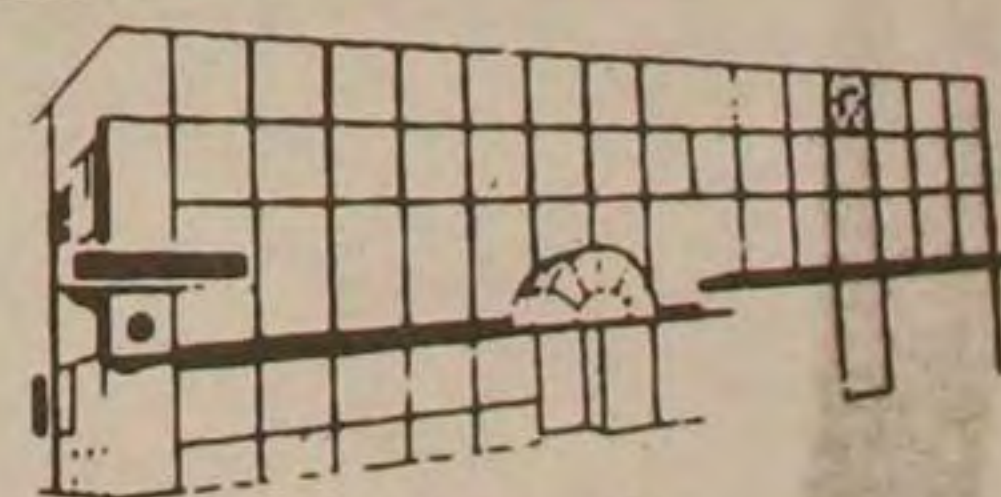
Admission for Mac students is free and the cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

First Nighters will be eating an Elizabethan feast on both Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$10, which includes dinner and the play. Call the box office for ticket reservations.



Sara Meyers and Drew Hutchison rehearse a heated discussion.

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Sports



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Above: Elizabeth Stover pushes to maintain position as she nears the finish line.
 Left: Janet Doyle focuses form as she prepares to throw the shot at Sterling.

Lynn Walters concentrates as he finishes off the last leg of his 800 meter run. Walters competes in both short and medium distances.

Track team off and running

Shelly Hendricks
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College track team will compete in its third meet of the 1999 season at Wichita State University tomorrow.

"There will be a lot of tough competition," said Robert Lyons, head coach of track and field, but it will prepare us for the conference meet."

Lyons has seven athletes currently competing, after losing sprinter Erin Marshall, fr., Brookville, due to a hand injury. According to Lyons, Marshall may compete in the conference meet, depending on her recovery.

The squad competed against six conference teams at the Sterling Invitational, on March 31. Last year, both the men's and women's team took last place at this invitational, but this year both teams beat Kansas Wesleyan.

"Five of the seven students we have competing scored points," Lyons said.

Janet Doyle, fr., Hanston, and Bobbi Williams, fr., Newton, competed in field events. Doyle threw the shot put 31' 10" which put her in eighth place. Williams threw the javelin 107' 5 1/4" earning her third place.

Elizabeth Stover, fr., Quinter, the lone female distance runner, competed in the 800 meters, placing third with a time of 2:42. Stover also ran

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the 5000 meters, and she placed third with a time of 22:48.

"The 500m was tough because of the wind and because there wasn't much time to warm-up. But I am still happy with how I ran. It was nice to have as much recovery time as I did. The 800 felt like the last two laps of my 5000, but was still good because it was only two laps instead of 12 1/2! Wichita should have good competition-I hope it goes well," Stover said.

Competing for the men at Sterling were Ed Bennifield, fr., Edmond, Okla., James Copp, jr., Hutchinson, James Helton, fr., Syracuse, Matt Friesen, sr., McPherson, and Lynn Walter, soph., Hutchinson.

Bennifield competed in field events, throwing the shot put 42' 2" which put him in fourth place.

Friesen, Walter, Helton and Copp competed in the 4 X 100 relay, placing third. Friesen also ran the individuals 100-meter dash in 11.2 seconds. He placed fourth. In the 200-meter dash, Friesen

ran a time of 22.83, placing sixth. Copp also ran the 200-meter dash in a time of 29.14 seconds. Copp also competed in the 400 meters, finishing with a time of 69 seconds.

In men's long distance running, Walter ran the 800 meters. His time of 2:05.4 seconds was approximately two seconds slower than his previous meet time, but he still placed third.

"It was too windy," Walter said. "I would just like to improve with every race. [Tomorrow] it'll be tougher competition. Hopefully I can go out and compete pretty well."

At the Bethany Invitational on March 25, Marshall and Stover competed for the women. Marshall ran the 100 meter dash in 13.70 seconds, placing eighth. Marshall also placed eighth running the 200 meter dash in 29.95 seconds. Stover ran the 5000 meters in 21 minutes and 58 seconds. Stover placed third.

For the men, Fred Rishell, fr., Anthony, entered the shot put, and he reached a length of 27' 5".

Walter ran in the 800 meters in 2:03.25 minutes, in which he placed third.

Copp and Friesen competed in the 200 meter dash with Friesen placed ninth 23.39 seconds. Friesen also ran the 100 meter dash in 11.36, placing 15th. Copp also ran the 400 meter dash.



Senior Matt Friesen completes his leg of the 4 X 100 meter relay at Sterling. In his fourth year of competition for the McPherson College track team, Friesen contributes a wealth of sprinting experience and expertise to the team.

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March madness complete



Guest Columnist

TRENT WOODCOCK

March has come and gone, and so has Mike Krzyzewski and the Duke Blue Devils. The Blue Devils, who entered the NCAA tournament as heavy favorites, will have to wait till next year with their four incoming McDonald's all-Americans.

Looking back at the 1999 NCAA tournament highlights, this year's tournament was one of the most exciting ever.

The tournament ended perfectly, with the two teams ranked number one (for the entire season) battling it out for 40 minutes. That fantastic game produced the national champion, the Connecticut Huskies.

Who can forget the Cinderellas, like Gonzaga and Southwest Missouri State, trying to do the impossible? Former Indiana player, Steve Alford, turned around the Southwest Missouri State program and took that team farther than they had ever been before.

The Iowa Hawkeyes performed well, playing their hearts out for Tom Davis. Davis was forced to resign after 20-plus years as the head of the Hawkeye program.

Weber State knocked off perennial favorite North Carolina in the first round.

Were we living in Wally's World? Wally Szerbiak, the most underrated player in the nation, averaged 30 points a game, leading Miami (Ohio) to an unforgettable tournament.

Oklahoma, supposedly the last team selected into the tournament by an at-large bid, did its job of carrying the Big 12.

After a sluggish regular season, Kansas won the Big 12 and played a great game against Kentucky that went into overtime in the second round.

All four number ten seeds won the first round knocking off the sevens. Three of those four made it into the second round. This type of upset keeps fans on the edges of their seats, hoping that a underdog will make it to the Final Four.

The madness experienced during the tournament is like no other. This is the only sport in which a team can hit a hot streak and go the distance to win a national championship.

Next year may be the year John Cheney and the Temple Owls will be the underdog team that ruins the dreams of another national championship for the Duke Blue Devils.

Alexander and Cordova named to KCAC All-Conference basketball team

Kelly Steiner
Sports Editor

Josh Alexander and Dana Cordova were recently named as members of the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Conference basketball teams by KCAC head coaches.

Alexander, a 6'2" junior shooting guard from McPherson, was a unanimous pick of all nine men's coaches. He ranked second in the conference in assists with 4.63 per game and fifth in scoring with a 20.6 point per game average. His 6.44 rebounds per game were good enough to rank him eighth in the conference in that category as well.

In addition to his unanimous All-Conference selection, Alexander earned All-American honorable mention.

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"Josh is very deserving of these honors," said head men's basketball coach Roger Trimmell. "He led the team in assists, scoring, rebounds and steals. I look forward to him having another outstanding year."

Cordova, the 5'8" senior workhorse from Trinidad, Colo., consistently recorded double doubles in the scorebook.

Her 11.63 rebounds per game outpaced the conference's next best

rebounder by nearly three boards a game, and she ranked third in scoring at 16 points per game.

"Dana gave us tremendous senior leadership and just did a great job for us," said head women's basketball coach Mel Wright.

Even though her team went without a KCAC win, Cordova credited her Lady Bulldog teammates.

"This award represents the entire team," Cordova said. "Everybody gave everything they had in practice and none of this would have been possible without them." In addition to Alexander, another member of the men's team received KCAC honors. Todd Hague, jr., Cheney, received honorable mention.

"Todd has made steady improvement each year and had a very good season for

"Dana gave us tremendous senior leadership and just did a great job for us."

his first year of varsity play," Trimmell said.

"A highlight of my season was beating Tabor at Hillsboro," Hague said. "All the hard work finally paid off."

Hague and with Ryan Hargitt, jr., Quinter, are also candidates for Academic All-American. To be eligible for this award, the athlete must be a junior, must have lettered and must have at least a 3.5 GPA.

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Mac meeting Y2K challenge

Eli Bainbridge
Spectator Staff

McPherson College computers are ready for the Y2K challenge. The staff in Computer Services has taken steps to ensure a smooth transition to the 21st century.

According to Gary Shaffer, information technology specialist, students and faculty should not have any concerns about Y2K glitches with campus computer systems.

"Students are not going to notice anything when the year 2000 comes," Shaffer said. "The biggest potential problem with Y2K is people's fear of it."

The computer services staff is in the process of checking every computer on campus to make sure it will work correctly in the year 2000.

In addition to checking existing equipment, new equipment has been purchased. The Board of Trustees recently approved an expenditure of \$50,000 to update or replace those computers on campus that may not be Y2K compliant.

"Not only did the board want to upgrade the computers, they wanted to give students the very best technology," Shaffer said.

The new computers went into the two main computer labs in Mohler Hall and Miller Library. This enabled computer services staff to shift existing computers from these labs to computer labs in the dormitories. Computer services staff is not just responsible for checking only the college's computers. It is also their duty to check anything with an embedded chip in it, including the college's fire alarm system, heating/cooling systems and elevators. They must make sure the chips inside these pieces of equipment will work correctly when the 21st century begins.

According to Shaffer, the manufacturers of all the systems that have been checked to date have verified that their chips will be Y2K compliant.

Shaffer says that only those students who purchased their personal computers more than two or three years ago need concern themselves about the Y2K

bug. "All of the new computers you buy today will be able to adjust to the year change," Shaffer said. "It is only the units that were made before those years that you would have to check."

Students who want to spend as little as possible to keep their older computers running can purchase a software program that will enable their computers to run satisfactorily. Such a program "doesn't fix the chip," Shaffer said, "but it will allow the computer to run correctly."

Ben Trujillo, computer services student assistant, feels the Y2K bug is overhyped.

"If you ask me, everyone is getting worked up over nothing. It seems the whole nation is preparing for the plague," Trujillo said.

Trujillo also believes the college is adequately prepared for Y2K backlash.

"With the new computers we just bought, there is no reason to be alarmed," Trujillo said. "In fact, I'm not worried at all."



Photo by Cheri Norsworthy

The newly elected Student Government Association officers will assume their duties for the 1999-2000 school year. From left: LeAnn Wine, treasurer, Jessica Miller, president, Rachel Gross, secretary, and Katie Sue Nicklos, vice president.

Miller, Nicklos, Wine and Gross elected to SGA

Becky Ullom
Editor in Chief

Jessica Miller was elected Student Government Association President for the 1999-2000 academic year. Miller defeated her opponent Scott McDearmon in the March election. Miller served on SGA during the 98-99 school year as the junior class representative.

"I am looking forward to doing a lot of stuff next year," said Miller, jr., Bartlesville, Okla. "I have plans to get people back on the wagon and get involved."

Katie Sue Nicklos, fr., LaJunta, Colo., will serve as the 1999-2000 SGA Vice President. Katie Sue served on SGA during the 98-99 school year as a representative at large.

LeAnn Wine, soph., Imperial, Neb., will serve her second term as SGA Treasurer at McPherson College during the 99-00 school year.

Rachel Gross, jr., North Richland Hills, Texas, will also serve her second term as an SGA Executive officer next year. This year, Gross is serving as Secretary, and will continue in that office for the 99-00 year.

Miller, Nicklos, Wine, and Gross will assume the duties of their offices during the last two weeks of May. Before they begin their official terms, the remainder of the 1999-2000 SGA cabinet will be

elected.

Seventeen more representatives are needed to fill the rest of the SGA cabinet. Ideally, 12 of the 17 needed will be elected yet this spring, including two off-campus representatives, seven representatives-at-large, and one representative from each class. The freshman class that arrives to campus next fall will elect a representative next September.

Also in September, each resident hall will elect a representative.

"If any of the positions other than the resident hall representatives and the freshman representative aren't filled this spring, they will automatically be filled next fall," said Katherine Whitacre, associate dean of students.

The elections are slated to take place in mid-April. Whitacre stated that the current SGA cabinet is trying to amend its constitution.

"The amendment would cause Student Activities Board to be absorbed back into SGA, instead of continuing to exist as a separate group. Two more officers would be added to the executive board of SGA as a result. The two new positions would receive the same pay as SGA's other executive officers; one officer will be responsible for communication and the other officer will be responsible for scheduling activities for students," Whitacre said. "Also, if the amendment passes, the number of representatives-at-large will increase by four or five people."

Construction progresses on campus

Construction crews continued their work on campus this week. Good weather has contributed to the progress of the new buildings and other construction projects.

Hess Fine Arts Center: The construction crew began pouring the floor this week. The west side was finished and as soon as the basement wall is complete the east floor will be poured.

Brown, Student Union and Mohler chiller: The wall was completed this week and the unit installed.

Mingenback Theatre: The theatre floor

and east and west entrance floors have been poured. The steel for the roof is here and equipment will arrive to install it.

Electrical work: All the boring on campus is complete. The crew will be installing the transformers on the previously poured concrete slabs. New lights were installed in the former TV room in the Hoffman Student Union. New lights will also be installed in the snack bar area and the lobby on the main level.

Telephone system: Southwestern Bell Telephone will connect the new plant

operations building to the telephone system. The workers will also reroute telephone service to Harnly and Frantz.

"All of the work has been progressing well. Rain will slow progress, but there are no major time constraints except that we do want to be able to air-condition Brown for graduation. All projects are on schedule or ahead of schedule at the current time," said Shirley Reissig, business manager.

Construction information courtesy the business office.

Plant Operations (from page 1)

do and to feel good about their jobs."

The plant operations staff moved to the new building on April 5, although some parts of the building are still incomplete. According to Dale Minnich, interim director of college operations, there are some workshops that need to be finished, and the computer lines were not ready the day they moved in.

"It is nicely arranged, and I think it's a more professional set up," Minnich said. "It will provide for better organization."

The new building has offices for each of the plant operations staff persons. The offices are located in the front of the building. Welding and construction shops, with storage spaces are for construction and maintenance supplies, as well as financial records, are located in the back of the building.

"A lot of the older records that don't need to be in the business office will be kept there," Minnich said.

Along with the development of new shops, plant operations has ordered new equipment for the staff to work with.

"This will be an opportunity for us to throw away a lot of this we haven't

been using. We can get rid of the junk we've accumulated over the years," Minnich said.

The new building has a conference room for the staff members, as well as a break room. "The staff comes together pretty regularly morning and afternoon for a coffee break and fellowship. It's nice to have a break table," Minnich said.

Mike Chrislip, operations technician and carpenter, will have a room in the new building for the storage of keys and locks, which, according to Minnich, should provide for a more organized space.

"I think the changes will be helpful for the morale of the plant operations employees. They've had a difficult time since the long-time director Merrin Godfrey left," Minnich said.

Several interim directors have filled the position in plant operations, and according to Minnich, there is need for continuity. After Godfrey left, Dean Reynolds served as interim director for one year until he retired. Peter Selo was hired as director of college operations, and he began his work last fall, but he resigned in January. Minnich began serving as interim director of college operations in February.

"We've really done pretty well covering all the bases, considering all the changes. But there is a need for a longer term view, and I think we'll have that," Minnich said.

Plant operations has goals for the upcoming months, including starting the landscaping around the two new dormitories, Bittinger and Morrison.

"We want the look of the campus to be sharp," Minnich said.

Plant operations also wants to make changes with the landscaping in the circle drive. Minnich said they will plant some small shrubbery in place of some of the flowers.

"We won't have the mass of flowers which are nice mainly during the summer months, because we want to develop something so there's more carry-over in the school year," Minnich said.

Current plant operations staff include Brad Stucky, systems technician, Jamie Hart, maintenance technician, David Patterson, student supervisor, Jack Megee, general maintenance and custodian, Terry Spear, grounds maintenance, John Smith, maintenance technician, Laura Luett, secretary, Patsy Hiebert, Jon Ewalt, independent contractor, and Michael Chrislip, operations technician.