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Bell and McGowen Crowned



photo by Cheri Norsworthy

The McPherson College student body crowned Cliff Bell, jr. and Kori McGowen, sr. homecoming king and queen despite Bells absence due to a soccer tournament in Colorado.

Assessment Day to indicate ways for college to improve curriculum

Jill Clannin

Spectator Staff

Morning classes will be canceled on Nov. 4 to free students to participate in a campus-wide Assessment Day.

Freshmen and seniors will take tests designed to measure the success of the college's general education program. Other students will take part in departmental major assessment programs.

The concept behind assessment is to measure the whole person and not just academics.

"Everything can be measured if we are creative," said Dr. Laura Eells, assessment program director. "We assess everyday in our lives. When we receive a test back, we go through it and see which answers we got wrong and go back to learn."

Testing in math, social studies, and science will measure the General Education program to see if any improvements need to be made in the curriculum.

Freshmen will take the College Basic Subject Exam or C-BASE and seniors will take the ACT Competency test. Freshmen will take the C-BASE instead of the ACT Competency test because the ACT Competency test is discontinuing in 2002.

Because the current sophomore and junior classes took the ACT Competency test their freshmen year, the college will use the ACT Competency test for two more years so that students' performances on the same test can be compared.

The college anticipates supplementing or replacing C-BASE in the future because it fails to test the humanities. The results will be used as a reference guide to compare this year with previous years. The results are published to show educational improvement and to reassure students that "they are getting their money's worth."

The assessment will consist of three 45 minute tests and Classes will resume at 12:45.

Construction projects overburden shorthanded maintenance personnel

Jen Bosserman

Co-Editor in Chief

Maintenance staff are working overtime to maintain the grounds and clean buildings as they redistribute job responsibilities and attempt to meet the increasing demands that come with construction.

"A number of people have retired or taken other jobs. This provides quite a challenge," President Gary Dill said. "But the college is committed to provide staffing in order to maintain the campus."

Although Peter Selo, executive director of college operations, declined to give a number, information he provided indicates that 10 employees of the maintenance department resigned from August 1997 to September 1998.

The 10 employees who resigned include the director of maintenance, the plant operations manager, the office manager, the secretary, one maintenance technician, two grounds people and three custodians.

Some reasons for these resignations include accepting higher paying jobs, going to graduate school and reaching retirement age. Other reasons remain unknown.

The resignations prompted redesign in maintenance positions. Instead of five full-time and five part-time custodians, the current custodial staff consists of nine full-time and three part-time workers.

The maintenance department will not hire an office manager at this time. And instead of one full-time and two part-time grounds workers, two full-time positions exist.

Interviews for plant operations manager, previously called the director of maintenance, and for maintenance technician were held this past week.

"We try to evaluate the skills and abilities of our current workers and hire people with both complementary skills and different skills," said Peter Selo.

"I'd hope we'd make an offer by the end of the month for the maintenance technician, and by the end of next month for the plant operations manager," Selo said.

Selo is currently responsible for carrying out the duties of the plant operations manager, and Mike Chrislip, Brad Stucky and John Ewalt are covering the maintenance technician's duties.

Eleven custodial workers are currently on staff, including one working supervisor and three part-time personnel. The average workload for a custodial worker at the college is 34,921 square feet per custodian. The norm for colleges of McPherson's size and population is 25,000 square feet per custodian.

"Most people who are full-time work more than eight hours a day and sometimes this in-

cludes working on weekends," Selo said. "With construction and the beginning of school it takes more work. They [custodians] know that's the way it is. They understand it."

Maintenance workers are not paid overtime, but they are given compensation time.

The college has hired two temporary workers to help handle the work load and provide support for the custodial staff.

"During homecoming we couldn't stretch people enough to thoroughly clean the campus buildings and the grounds," Selo said. "When staffing is up we will not need them except for occasional things that come up."

Some students think that changes in staff positions or staff being spread thin is affecting the cleanliness and upkeep of the campus.

"The overall maintenance of the grounds hasn't been as colorful," said Brian Cooper, sr., Tonganoxie. "There aren't as many flowers. The grass isn't as green. It's just not as well kept as in the past. This is not a reflection on the maintenance staff themselves, but could be from the upper powers that be."

"The thing I've noticed the most is that the grass isn't as green and I don't see as many flowers. That's a disappointment," said Andy Ullom, sr., Wiley, Colo. "I know the staff is working really hard though."

"Part of it is that we're here today, not yesterday," Selo said. "They may be right, they may be wrong. Our goal is to do the best we can with what we've got."

"I've been on a lot of college campuses and this is by far one of the better campuses that I've seen," Selo said. "It's amazing that grounds people are involved in making decisions on where and what kind of flowers are planted. The cleaning is excellent. The staff does a good job, they really do."

"Lots of construction changes things," Selo said. "The maintenance department strives to do two things during construction: maintain the campus as well as we can, but devote our time and energy to the new physical plant and grounds that are to be."

Some students do not see changes in the cleanliness or the upkeep of the grounds as maintenance staff focus on construction needs.

"I think maintenance does a good job and I think the campus is well kept," said Amy Levinski, sr., Litchfield, Minn. "However I don't think the sprinklers are on as much. I've only had a problem with maintenance when they mow and I'm trying to sleep."

And some students express mixed feelings. "For the dorms, maintenance is worse," said Marie Vacura, sr., Jennings. "We're not allowed to have soap dispensers. That's a pet peeve of mine. The rest of the campus and buildings are well kept."

EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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Is bigger better for Mac?

McPherson College prides itself on its community atmosphere and feeling of family. Will that atmosphere disappear as enrollment increases?

The emphasis of enrollment should not be on quantity, but on quality. We need to find the students who will feel at home at McPherson, students who will contribute to the life of the college and who will stay until graduation.

As enrollment climbs, our student-to-teacher ratio increases. This ratio serves as a valuable indicator of the amount of personal attention a student can expect to receive as a student at McPherson College. Will the college hire more faculty to stabilize this ratio, or will class size continue to increase?

And what is the goal for maximum enrollment? Have we reached the point at which the college can become more selective in our admissions process?

Perhaps an essay could be added to the admissions form, asking applicants to discuss their goals, their expectations of a college education, or their interpretation of the college mission statement.

Is consideration given to campus demographics when admission to McPherson is granted? This year's freshman class almost filled the space allotted for them in the residence halls, especially in Metzler.

Male students this year were housed in Fahnestock until they could be worked into Metzler. Decisions need to be made in advance to prevent a similar situation from occurring in the future. Fahnestock will not be available next year as a spill-over for males who do not have a room in Metzler.

Even the amount of housing available on campus will not establish a limit. Once the dorms are full, Campus Life Committee may be forced to make decisions about allowing students to live off campus, a decision that will detract further from the community feeling on campus.

The college should not have to make that decision. Enrollment numbers should not be allowed to exceed the amount of on-campus housing.

McPherson College is a residential campus. Rising enrollment threatens to damage the resulting feeling of community, a part of our identity that we can not afford to compromise.

The McPherson College

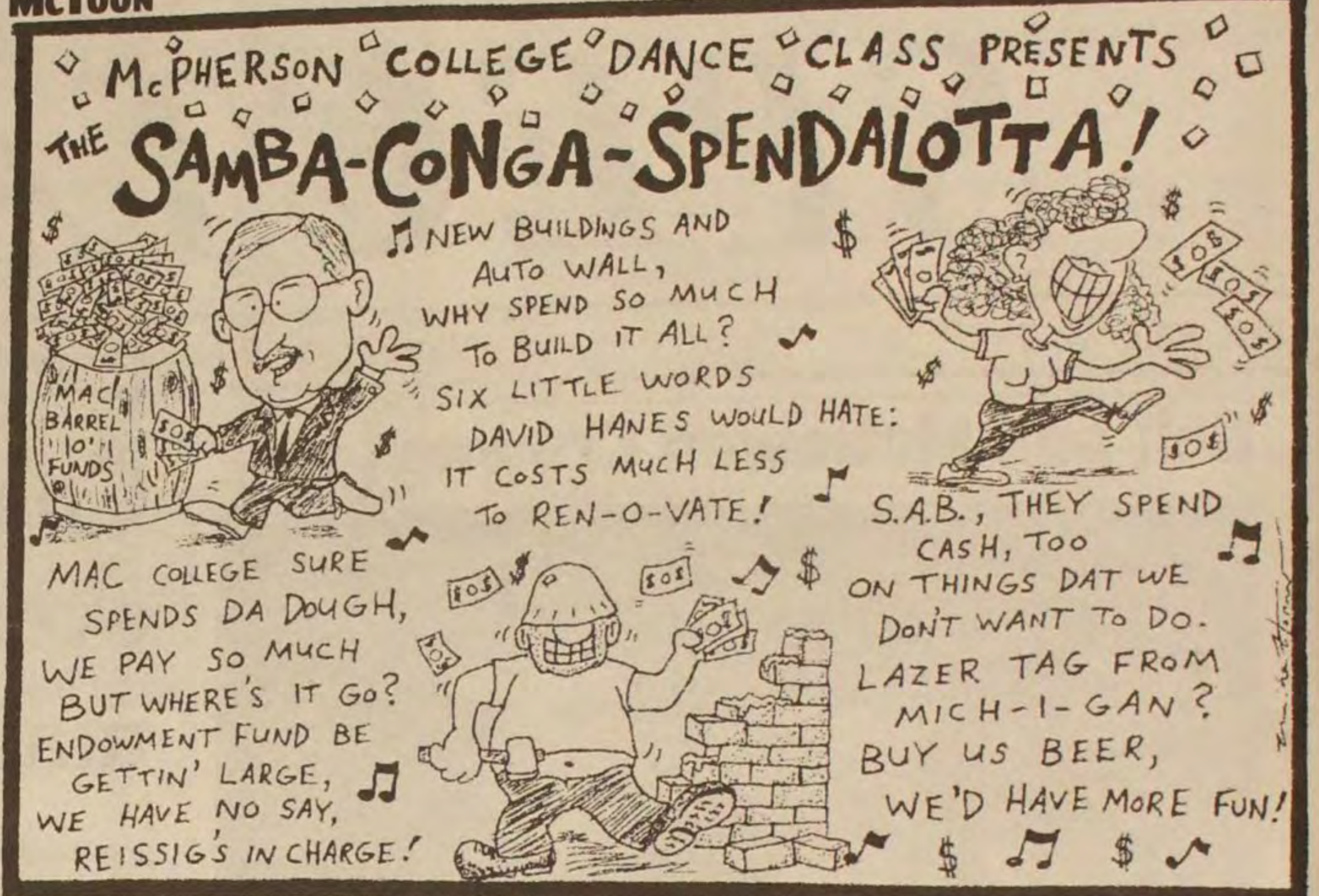
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Convo provided campus spirit

I miss the old convocation schedule. I miss gathering as a complete campus community every week. More specifically, I miss listening to the silence that rings off the back wall when a speaker's introductory joke flies over the heads of the student body and lands in the balcony.

I miss the sound of bodies shifting into comfortable sleeping positions when the lights go down for overheads or video clips. I miss the muttering that erupts after a speaker finishes, and students realize they have to stay seated for announcements.

And I miss announcements! Our campus community is better informed when we have the opportunity to listen to announcements once a week, every week.

The announcements at the end of convo are the only form of communication on campus that nears being involuntary. It's easy for us to trash our mail before we read it, to delete email without opening it, or to avoid reading the signs around campus. It's even easier to forget to pick up a Spectator or a Communicator. It's much harder to ignore Shay standing up, telling us to shut up, and then



On Her Orange Crate

SARAH STOVER

getting up on stage to let us know what's going on. Everyone gets the same information in a matter of minutes.

Monday's convo speaker said that we are lucky to be attending a small liberal arts school where all areas of study are integrated, where we can listen to differing perspectives, challenge them, and come away improved. Convocation is a perfect example of that.

As I understand it, one of the reasons we shifted to an every-other week convo schedule was so departments and clubs would have reserved time to spend specifically within their area. One of the main reasons I enjoy convo is that I am exposed to experts in areas other than my major. I consider it part of my journey to become a "whole" person, and isn't that the point around

this place?

Another advantage of returning to a weekly convocation schedule would be logistical. It's easier to keep track of the student population when we are in one building. Are we receiving credit for attending the departmental and club meetings that are currently taking the place of convo on alternating weeks? If so, how is attendance kept track of?

As a scheduling compromise, departments could still plan special events. Events may include a guest speaker, a workshop on job opportunities, or a field trip. These activities could be required for majors but open to any major and could substitute for a convocation in Brown. (Isn't that how the Martin Marty lecture worked?)

Weekly convocation adds a steady rhythm to the semester and gives the complete student body a similar experience. Our community develops character when it spends time together as a whole. Bottom line? I miss the feeling of sitting in a room with the entire campus community, and all the little quirks that result. Weekly convocation is a tradition that I hate to break.

Mac students desert campus

Last Friday as I set out for karaoke night, I gazed upon the vast wasteland known as Metzler parking lot. Had I seen a tumble weed or heard hokey western music in the distance, I would not have been surprised. The lot was as empty as an optional convo. No one was on campus. It was a little odd.

In the words of Cliff Bell, our beloved homecoming king, "Where have all the cowboys gone?" It seems like everyone is leaving campus on the weekends or just disappearing.

If you ask the administration, people are not sticking around on the weekend because there are not enough activities on campus. If you ask the students, there is nothing to do here.

Those two statements may sound



Flaming Bagels

JEN TAYLOR

deceivingly similar, but they're not. When activities have been held, barely anyone has shown up.

The administration blames the Student Activities Board, SAB blames the students, and the students blame the administration. How's that for a nice little vicious circle? I would like to have some sort of wonderful, "save the world" type answer for this pre-

dicament, but I don't.

My one true suggestion is for my fellow students. Take five minutes and go to an activity. It could quite possibly be fun.

One has truly not lived until she has seen Clay Porter sing "Like a Virgin" in his dulcet falsetto.

Mc TRIVIA

What Mac professor made scientific history when he created the world's first man-made diamond, almost blowing up Harnly in the process? Leave your answer in The Spectator's voice mail box, ext. 1115.

Jesus Christ, my focus, my friend, my salvation



Cornerstone

ROZALYNN O'DELL

My cornerstone is Jesus Christ. Just me and God. I became a Christian at a fifth-grade church camp. You are not a Christian because you have grown up in a Christian home, have gone to church all of your life, or because your parents are Christians. You become a Christian when you accept Christ Jesus as your personal Savior.

Eternity. Eternity is scary to me because this world is so focused on time; eternity can not be measured. I know that I will spend it in Heaven praising God because I have accepted Jesus Christ.

Salvation. I am saved through Christ Jesus who died on the cross. He died on a cross, shed His blood, and had nails put in His hands and feet—all because he loved us sinners. But God has the grace to forgive me for doing wrong. (For more info on that see "H.")

You can have it too. Christ did not die on the cross just to save me.

Seek God in everything. Whether it is what I am going to do after I graduate from college, who I am going to marry, or what lesson I am going to teach at youth group, I try to remember to ask God for His wisdom and discernment. I am not in control. I am only a vessel that God has covered with a human body. My life is His, and I need not be selfish with it.

Church. Church is very important. Church is not a building; it is a community of believers. This community

of believers is a support group. You worship with them, you cry with them, you eat with them, you play sports with them, and you grow with them. I attend Countryside Covenant Church. People who seek God's will in every aspect lead the church. Some people think that Christians don't have fun, that they just have all of these rules to abide by. I challenge you to attend Countryside Covenant if you want to see differently.

Heaven and Hell. I believe in Heaven and Hell. Where they are, I am not sure. I know that Hell is where Satan and his demons reign. Heaven is where God sits on His throne, running the universe. The angels and saints hang out there in their mansions and streets of gold. (Refer back to "E.")

Relationship not religion. In a healthy relationship, there is communication. God is my best friend. I tell him everything. Even if I didn't, He

would know it because he is all knowing. I confide my secrets in Him. I cry out to Him in times of struggle (especially during mid-terms and finals), and I try to praise Him through all circumstances. I laugh with Him; God and I are what you could call "close!" Christianity is not a religion, but a relationship with Jesus Christ. It can be yours too. (Refer back to "U.")

Saving Grace. Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast." Christ saved me by dying on a cross. I do not deserve that, but He loves me so much that He did that for me. (Refer back to "S.")

Too good to be true. No, it isn't! Christ died for all. I am sure that most of you can quote this verse, but while you read it, please don't just skim over it, thinking that you understand it. Pick out two or three main words and

focus on them. John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only son, that whosoever believeth in Him, shall NOT perish, but have everlasting life. God did not send His son to the world to condemn it, but to save it through Him."

If you would like to give your life to Jesus Christ, please pray this prayer. "Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that you died on a cross to be able to forgive my sins. I believe that you rose from the dead and are now, as we speak, preparing a mansion for me. I believe that as long as I don't deny you that you will present me to God as a follower of you. I believe that you will reward me with eternal life in Heaven."

If you prayed that prayer I urge you to call me Rozalynn O'Dell, 241-5359, or tell someone that you know is a Christian.

Beer, Lederhosen, and David Hasselhof



International Perspective

MIKE HORNER

When you mention Germany to an average American, three misconceptions about German people are brought up: 1) Germans wear leather pants; 2) Germans like beer; 3) Germans love David Hasselhof. Last year, I studied with Brethren Colleges Abroad in Marburg, Germany. I learned something about these misconceptions: they're mostly true.

Not everyone in Germany wears leather pants, of course, and I'm sure they all aren't fans of Hasselhof or his singing career either (yes, he has a singing career in Europe). Germans are, however, rather proud of their beer.

Beer is big business in Germany, and many towns have their own breweries which produce a beer distinct to that area. Even Marburg had its own brew, "Marburger Bier," which, many would concur, has the distinct taste of goat urine.

Some breweries, like the one where

a relative of mine worked in Herford, produce special beers that are available only at Christmas or during the summer or fall. The beer industry is quite different in Germany than it is here.

Another difference is the way in which beer is consumed in Germany. Compared to your typical American, Germans probably drink much more beer on the average. They can also get it in larger amounts.

At the Hofbrau Haus in Munich, for example, you could order beer in a liter-sized mug called a Mass, which is German for "whole lotta beer." I even heard that if you are a regular at the Hofbrau Haus, they give you a Mass with your name on it. (I would make them put "Guenther" on mine.)

Most importantly, despite the amount of beer consumed in Germany, Germans seem to be able to control their alcohol intake more than Americans.

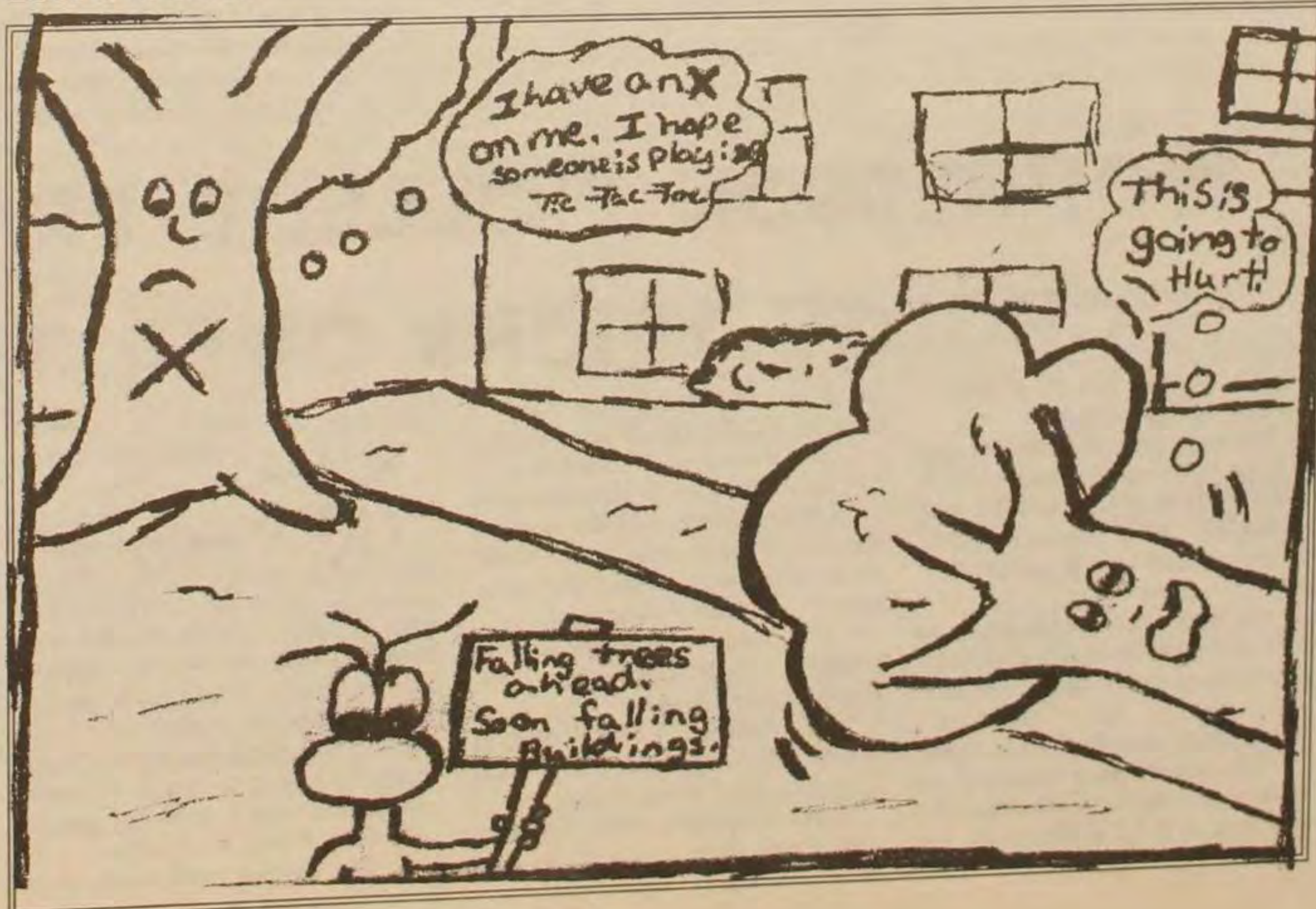
ties, not drinking beer. Sure, we were usually drinking while we did those things, but getting a decent buzz wasn't a goal, just a pleasant accessory.

I should also mention that Germans were generally more concerned about their actions in states of drunkenness. I was shocked at how many times I heard a German citizen turn down alcohol because they had to drive home, and I was equally shocked at how often I saw a totally "betrunken" German refuse to drive themselves home. Never did I see a "take the keys, call a cab" type commercial on German TV, and I never heard reports of drunk drivers getting into car accidents.

Is there some secret ingredient in German beer that allows its consumers to remain somewhat sensible even after putting away several bottles? I can't answer that, but I do think Americans should follow the example of their German brothers: strap on those leather shorts, crank up some Hasselhof hits and drink responsibly. Auf Wiedertrinken!

BY LEANNA HULCE

Levi's World



Falling trees ahead. Soon falling buildings.

CAMPUS FORUM

McDonald's a better buy

Often times I wonder, is the pizza man enrolled here?

As a student, every month I get a bill showing that I owe more and more money to the college, and as usual, it winds up in the recycle bin. It's almost like paying a credit card bill; it never goes down. Being the devil's advocate that I am, I wanted to see exactly what I was being charged for, and I must say that the pricing is hard to swallow.

Buying a meal plan here is mandatory, and for a full-time student to eat here, the 14 meal plan runs \$1,230. Now if I were to eat a supersized extra value meal twice a day, every day, for three months, I am looking to spend approximately \$840, and if I add in the month of interterm, \$980. On good days I can even get that extra value meal with cheese.

Why should we be required to have a meal plan to live in the dorms? Many students work off campus, but still have to pay for food here. Is that fair?

Students still complain about being hungry promptly after eating a gourmet meal in our local cafeteria. They complain about hair in the food, dirty dishes, spoiled foods, the limited selection of entrees, and that is just to name a few.

Maybe the question really at hand is are we getting what we pay for?

—Khanasha Benjamin

LETTER POLICY

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

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

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

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

POETRY CORNER

Him and I

We passed in the hallway
I said hello; you smiled
We met in the parking lot
I talked; you listened.
We spent nights on the town
I smiled; you asked me to go steady.

We became inseparable
I laughed; you laughed.
We slowly fell in love
I obeyed your every command;
you made me feel worthless.

We remained a couple
only because change frightened us
I told you it was over,
you told me you were sorry for everything.

We cried in each other's arms
I choked out a bye;
you simply walked away
with my heart still in your hands.

—Beth Kidder

President Clinton: Is impeachment the solution?

Shelly Hendricks
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College student body almost evenly splits its opinion about the impeachment of President Bill Clinton.

The Spectator asked 314 students whether or not they believed Clinton should be impeached. Forty-one percent of those voting believe he should not be impeached, and 38 percent believe he should be impeached. Seventeen percent do not care if he is impeached, and four percent are not sure or pleaded the fifth.

"I think he lied to the American people, while he might not have literally lied, I think the intent was there," said Seth Good, soph., Annville, Penn. "Because of that, he should be impeached. The whole thing about the affair I don't think he should be impeached for. A huge percentage of Americans have affairs, and they don't get fired from their jobs."

"I don't think he should be impeached," said Dana Cordova, sr., Trinidad, Colo. "He's done a good job politically. He's made some bad choices ethically, but I don't think he should be impeached on that."

If Clinton is impeached, "I would be discouraged because past presidents have done this, and we've just chosen to act on this one," Cordova said.

"I think Bill Clinton should be impeached because he has broken the trust of the people, and he has broken the law," said Daron Jamison, fr., Quinter. "I just want us to do the right thing; remove him from office."

If Clinton is not impeached, "I would feel we as a country have definitely taken a turn for the worse because he has committed unjust acts toward women as well as committing a federal crime," Jamison said.

"I don't think he should be impeached because it was his own personal business," said Jessie Miller, jr., Bartlesville, Okla. "If he had an affair, that's between him and his wife. If he lied and stuff, that's a different matter, but it wouldn't have happened in the first place if they hadn't pried into his personal life."

"My whole thing is I don't

think that is for any of us to decide. The way the constitution is written, there's not a specific definition of what's impeachable and what's not, it's up to Congress. If they decide to impeach him, that's their prerogative," said Jill Gibson, sr., Strang, Nebr. "I just don't think any of the public can make a judgment of what actually happened, because many people close to the core of the actions of all these scandals have either passed away or they won't speak."

"If he is impeached, I think globally it will show that we hold the presidency in high esteem, and that we have high moral expectations for our leaders," Gibson said.

Controversy exists among students as to whether or not the presidency should serve as a role model for morality.

"If you look to the presidency for a moral leader, you'll be in big trouble," Good said.

"Citizens of this country should care if someone has dishonored the office of the president of the United States, such as Bill Clinton," Jamison said. "I don't think [students] care unless it affects them. It should affect them. We have someone who emphatically lied to us, and I think we should care about that. If you don't care about that, what are you going to care about?"

After more than nine months of being discussed in the news, some students are tired of the issue, claiming other topics are of greater relevance to the presidency.

Students are not the only persons on campus who have opposing views

about the presidential crisis.

"I wish the man would resign," said Leland Lengel, professor of history and political science. "And if he doesn't resign, I think he probably ought to be impeached to clear the air. I don't think the Senate will remove him from office. I would think it would be unfortunate if he were to be removed from office since I don't think the charges are that relevant."

"According to the constitution, a

And even if it is exposed, it is irrelevant to job performance evaluation," said Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion.

"I'm not in a position to say whether he should be impeached or not because I don't know whether he has committed a felony or not," said Jonathan Frye, associate professor of biology. "I think it's okay for the impeachment process to begin. Even the president has to be accountable to the law; that's why we have the impeachment process."

"It's kind of unfortunate this happens to be an election year, so the impeachment process is more political than it would be some other year," Frye said.

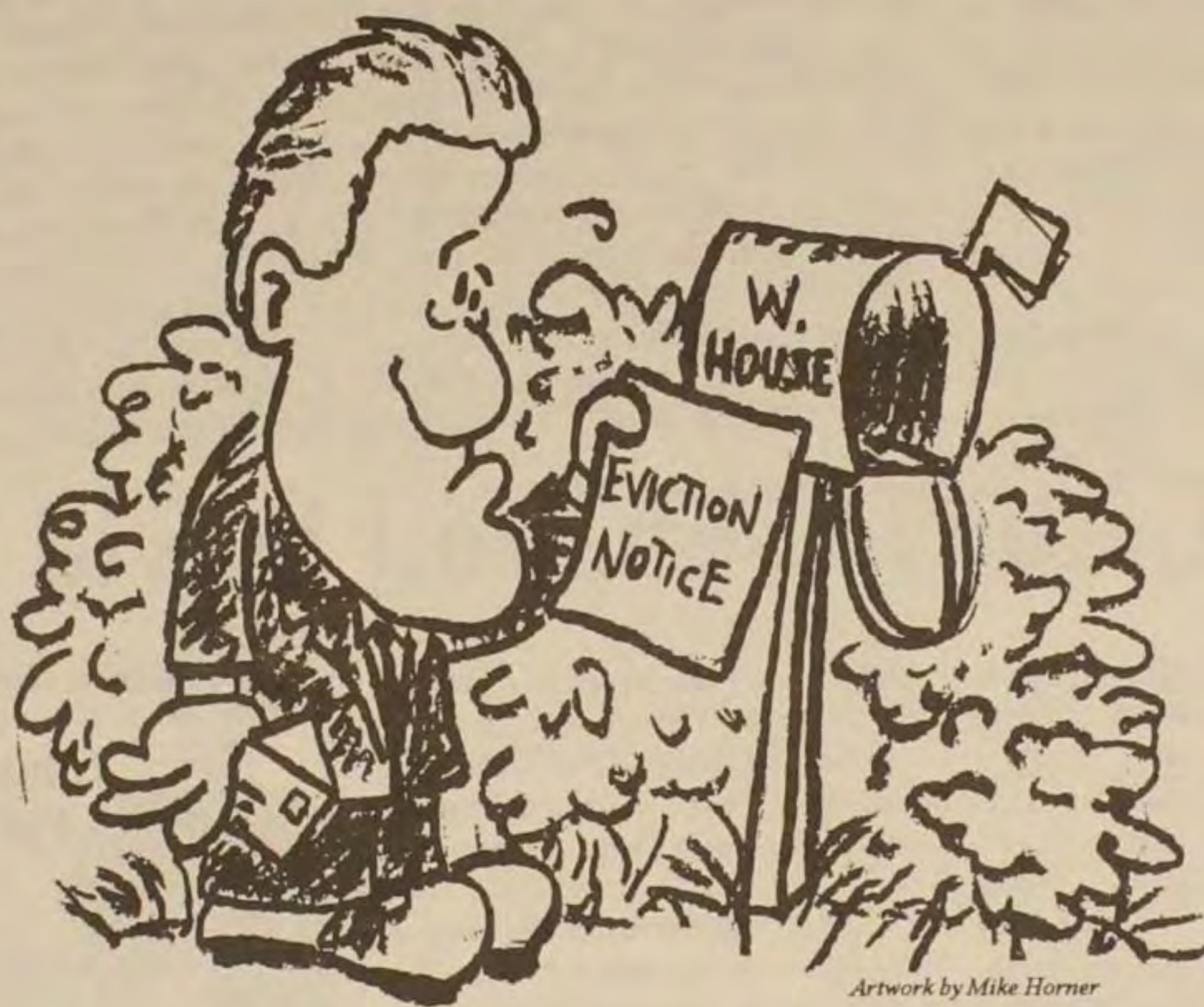
The Media

The Clinton affairs have also caused students and faculty to look at the media's role with informing the public about issues surrounding the presidency.

"The whole situation has really opened my eyes to the media's role in our culture. It's amazing how the people who have a voice in the media completely control the public's opinion," Gibson said. "Throughout the course of the whole thing, Mike McCurry said 'The American people don't want this.' After a time, people start to believe this. Their minds are made up by someone telling them what to believe."

"So much of the coverage is not about things that are impeachable, but they are about the sex side of it. And so I don't know really whether he has [committed] perjury or obstruction of justice; they don't cover that well," Frye said.

"Also, it's kind of humorous. On CNN, when they do opinion surveys, I don't see how they can be legitimate. Out of a country of millions of people,



Artwork by Mike Horner

person impeached should be charged with high crimes and misdemeanors," Lengel said. "And I guess I'm not convinced that what Mr. Clinton was charged with would be considered a high crime. It would be a misdemeanor, but how do you define that? Any president can be impeached for over-parking; that's a misdemeanor. There are crimes for which a president should be tried and impeached, but I don't think Clinton has committed crimes important enough for removal from office."

"I think lying under oath is an impeachable offense," said Ryn Deitz, assistant professor of sociology and psychology.

"A president's sexual life should not be exposed to the general public.

those surveys are only done of 1000," Gibson said. "I think a lot more has happened with Clinton than we're ever going to know."

The Law

President of the United States, Bill Clinton, is charged with allegedly pressuring White House intern, Monica Lewinsky, to commit perjury. Other legal trouble Clinton is confronting includes the questions of whether or not he lied under oath and obstructed justice; both of these issues are felonies under federal law, which means Clinton could be punished by a prison term if convicted. Clinton has admitted to having inappropriate sexual relations with Lewinsky, but he has denied committing any illegal acts.

According to the United States Constitution, "The president, vice president, and all civil officers of the United States shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors," (Article II, Section 4).

However, it has never been clear whether or not a criminal violation is necessary for impeachment to occur.

The House of Representatives has the sole power of impeachment and will follow three basic steps for the impeachment proceedings. First, the House Judiciary Committee will draw up articles of impeachment that list Clinton's alleged offenses. Second, the House needs to vote a simple majority to impeach Clinton. Finally, if passed, the House will send the impeachment to the Senate for trial.

The Senate has the sole power to try all impeachment, so if the House impeaches Clinton, he must be tried by the Senate before he can actually be removed from office. Members of the House will first present evidence for impeachment to the Senate. If Clinton is impeached, then the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will preside over the Senate during the hearings. In order to convict Clinton and remove him from office, two-thirds vote of members present is required.

According to the New York Times, the public's support of Congress's actions has decreased since the House authorized a formal impeachment inquiry.

MCPHERSON COLLEGE PRANKSTERS CHOOSE TRICKS OVER TREATS



Laura Parks
Spectator Staff

Smashing pumpkins and scaring little trick-or-treaters are a couple of Halloween pranks. These pranks can be really frightening, but some are so ridiculous that people hesitate to admit to them.

However, the students and faculty of Mac had more than plenty of stories to share about their own experiences with the "tricks and treats" of Halloween.

* "One of my friends put two dead

quails under the seat of a truck." —Janet Doyle, fr., Hanston.

* "We set up propane tanks that shot out 5 foot flames and the boys would sit outside on the front lawn with big axes and swords. The kids were so scared that they wouldn't come and get their candy." —Anonymous

* "My friends and I would get up on a roof and throw stuffed bodies down in front of cars so that they would think that they hit someone." —Victor Eddleman, fr., Claude, Texas.

* "We were watching *Scream* at my friends house and the phone rang at the same time as it did in the movie. My

friend was so scared that he couldn't sit by himself for the rest of the night." —Catlin Wehner, fr., Saint Marys.

* "In the third grade I dressed up as Miss America with a feather mask so that no one knew who I was. I would sit in other people's desks to confuse them." —Amber Jauken, soph.

* "We used to soap people's car windows." —Dr. Alan Gumm, assistant professor of music.

* "We JELL-O'ed up the toilets at school with orange JELL-O." —Kat Makelkey, fr., Denver, Colo.

* "We would take rotten vegetables and throw them on vehicles and

people." —David Snodgrass, soph., McPherson.

* "I used to put razor blades sticking up out of apples (to prove that people really do such things). I would also put on a mask and jump out and scare trick-or-treaters." —Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion.

* "My cousin sat waiting for me and as I walked up on the porch. He scared me so bad that I peed my pants." —Sydney White, fr., Topeka.

* "My parents' anniversary is on



Halloween. One time my dad sent a black rose to my mom and it said something like 'Happy birthday to my favorite witch.'" —Jenny Boynton, jr., Lewiston, Minn.



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Bending and blending their voices, Josh Woody, Mike Smith, and the Ramsey brothers rehearse. Photo by Raechel Sittig

Around the piano or on the field, the "Texas Three" excel

Sarah Marie Hendricks
Spectator Staff

What do you get if you combine two Ramseys, a Smith, a football, and music? Two brothers, Danny and Craig Ramsey, and their best friend, Mike Smith.

Combined, they make up an important part of this season's football team and the hottest-sounding men's acapella quartet around.

Several years ago, Mike Smith found himself being recruited by former head football coach Bruce Gross to play football for McPherson College. Coach Gross asked Mike if he knew anyone else who would be interested in playing football. Mike promptly gave Gross Danny Ramsey's name.

Mike was forced leave Mac after one semester because of a family member's illness. Danny soon followed Mike back to Texas.

The following year found Danny at Sam Houston College and Mike at a junior college. Craig, Danny's brother who had just graduated from high school, was at a junior college. Towards the end of the year Danny received an unexpected phone call from Alan Gumm, our McPherson College choir director, asking Danny to return to McPherson to play football and to sing in the choir. Danny also talked his brother Craig into coming to Kansas.

Last fall the McPherson College community found themselves dazzled by the talents of the Ramsey brothers on and off the field. On the field, the Ramseys helped the Bulldogs finish the season with a winning record. Off the field, Danny and Craig shared their voices with Concert Choir and the MacApella jazz ensemble.

Around Thanksgiving, the Ramseys realized that a piece from the puzzle was missing at Mac. Armed with the persuasive powers of Nate McGlaughlin and Chuck Calin, they headed home for Thanksgiving to convince Smith to return to Mac.

This year, the "Texas Three" can still be found on the football field, but what is really drawing attention to

them is the sweet harmonic blend that Danny, Craig and Mike have perfected. Combined for the first semester with director and friend, Alan Gumm, the quartet has been astounding audiences.

"Music has always been a part of our lives. Danny and I have been singing together since we could speak. At home, the two of us did a lot of contemporary Christian music concerts, and Mike, well he was our sound guy," explains Craig with a smile.

In a way the quartet was an accident.

"I put together the ensemble by schedules. These three had major scheduling conflicts with everyone else, so I decided to put them together and add myself for a quartet. But recently, Josh Woody's schedule has changed to allow him to join the group," Gumm said.

"This quartet is why I sing," reflected Danny, "it relaxes me."

"Mike, Danny and Craig bring with them a wealth of experience. They know how to perform. Their success is found in their creativity, spontaneity and cheese," Gumm said.

"We are sort of like a comedy routine," Craig laughed. "Danny is our musician, Alan keeps us in line, I'm the ham and well, Mike is the straight man. Every comedy routine has one, and Mike is ours. He just stands there looking cool with his hands in his pockets."

What do they say is the best thing about being here at Mac?

"Getting to play together and sing together," Craig says. "We feed off each other on the field the same way we do when we sing together."

"I hadn't been singing for two years so the best thing for me is the familiarity we have with each others vocal abilities," Mike said. The vocal sounds of the men's quartet can be heard Sunday, Nov. 8 in Nickerson and Sunday Dec. 6 at the Christmas Gala Concert here at McPherson College.

And, of course, Danny, Craig and Mike can be found on the football field each Saturday until the end of football season.

Happy 484th birthday, Hispanics!

Dr. William H. Brow
Guest Writer

Is it a coincidence that the descendants of the two largest cultural groups in Kansas, Germans and Hispanics, celebrate their heritage in October?

In the post-Oktoberfest glow, and since the day called "Columbus Day" has passed, it is timely that the Governor has designated October to honor Hispanics, because 484 years ago, on Oct. 19, 1514, the Spanish Crown formally authorized marriages and legitimized the children born between

all subjects of Spain in the new World.

Book IV of the Laws of the Indies decrees in elegant Castilian Spanish: "It is our will that Indians have, as they should, entire freedom to marry with whomever they want, that is with Indians as with anyone whose natural origins are from our kingdom, including Spaniards born in the Indies, and that no impediment be put in their way. And, we order that no order of ours, now nor in the future be given to prevent marriage between Indians. Nor among male Spaniards and Indian women, nor between Spanish women

and male Indians, and that all have complete freedom to intermarry with whomever they want, and that the judicial authorities of our government so authorize, safeguard and fulfill."

The Spanish Empire provided and continues to provide all its descendants in the Western Hemisphere reason to celebrate proudly their birth as a new race of people. Consequently, every Spanish speaking country celebrates "El Dia de la Raza," rather than Columbus day on Oct. 12.

If it is a coincidence, it is a happy one: "Happy Birthday Hispanics."

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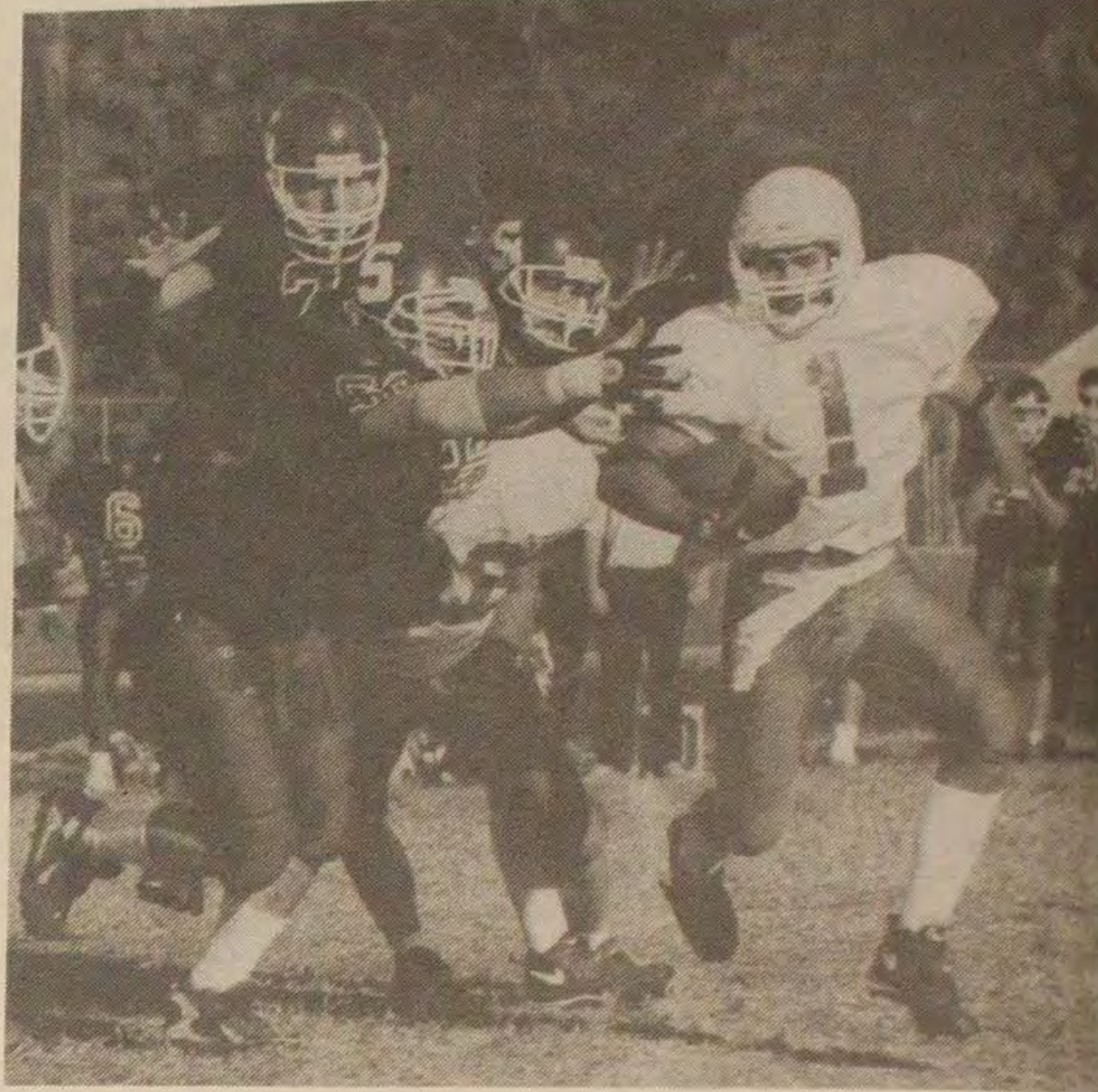
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Left: Andres Ruiz takes a hard hit after catching a pass. Above: Tony Rael eludes a Southwestern defender.

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McPherson College's Bulldog football team battles fiercely for post-season privilege and position

■ Mac is competing with Bethany and Southwestern for post-season opportunities

Greg White

Spectator Staff

The Bulldogs can put themselves in the KCAC division driver's seat with a win tomorrow over Kansas Wesleyan University and a little help from Bethany, who plays Southwestern University on Saturday. The Bulldogs are only one game behind Bethany and Southwestern in the loss column after defeating the Sterling Warriors

last week, 41-34.

Preseason expectations for Kansas Wesleyan were modest, but the Coyotes staked their claim to being the KCAC's surprise team by beating

nationally ranked Ottawa University last week, 21-14.

Tomorrow's contest shapes up as a classic battle between a high-powered offense and a stubborn defense.

The Bulldogs have been putting up huge numbers. They are ranked number three in the nation offensively, averaging 500.2 yards and more than 35 points per game. On the other side of the ball, the Coyotes are ranked fourth nationally in total team defense. KW held Ottawa University to only 14 points last week.

"Offensively we have to execute our plays. The offensive line has done a great job all year, so they're going to dictate how the game will go offensively," Bulldog quarterback Greg Mendez, soph., Mesa, Ariz., said.

Defensively, the Bulldogs may have made their mid-season turnaround last week against Sterling. After surrendering more than 100 points and 1,000

yards of offense in their two previous conference losses, the Bulldog defense stiffened in the second half against the Warriors.

Sterling racked up 230 yards in the first half of the game, but after some halftime adjustments, the 'Dogs held Sterling to only 13 yards in the third quarter.

"We went in at the half and told Coach Kazor what we were seeing out there, he made the proper adjustments that put us in the right places that caused us to make plays," linebacker Greg Cure, sr., Burlington, Colo., said.

"Southwestern just man handled us. They're a very good team with no missing links," Cure said.

| NAIA LEADERS | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------|------------------|
| Natl. Rank | Category | Name | Stats |
| #2 | Individual receiving | Rael | 45 catch/667 yds |
| #3 | Individual total offense | Mendez | 348.2 ypg |
| #3 | Individual passing | Mendez | 342.7 ypg |
| #3 | Team passing | | 346.67 ypg |
| #4 | Team total offense | | 500.2 ypg |
| #13 | Individual scoring | Steiner | 9.6 ppg |
| #17 | Individual rushing | Wilson | 116 ypg |

Unreached goals focus men on improving

■ The men's team hopes to end the season with a win and with high hopes for next season

Shelly Hendricks

Spectator Staff

The men lost a crucial game against Tabor College, 1-2, ending their hopes for post-season play.

Against Tabor, the Bulldogs lost player Thad Eshelman when he got a red card. The men had to complete the remainder of the game with 10 players.

"We played 70 minutes with one less man than them, and we controlled the game. However, we couldn't score," Dan Marchewka, head coach, said. "We're getting ourselves into positions to win games, but if we can't score, we can't win."

Prior to their Tabor match, the men played

Kansas Wesleyan on Oct. 13, losing 0-3. Before that game, they played two teams from Colorado: Metro State and Southern Colorado, on Oct. 9 and 10.

In the games against Metro State and Southern Colorado, "we didn't play that well," Marchewka said.

Metro State had six NCAA Division I transfers; four of them had previously played on top ten teams in Division I.

"Both were just very good teams, and we didn't play very well on top of that. They stuck it to us," Marchewka said.

The men compete against Ottawa University tomorrow, and they play Bethany College on Oct. 27. Their final game of the season will be against Friends University on Oct. 31.

"We should be able to beat Ottawa and Bethany," Marchewka said. "Friends will be a tough game. If we play well, we'll have a chance to win. If we don't play well, they'll beat us by a couple of goals."

Marchewka has already started recruiting players for next year's team. Mark Otten, a Johnson

County Community College recruit, will come either this spring or during the fall of 1999. A recruit from Flo Valley in St. Louis will be one of two goalies next year. He is ranked in the top 10 junior colleges. There is also a recruit coming from Metro State University.

Brent Johnson, jr., will return from Barcelona, Spain, this summer, and he will play on next year's team.

"Brent was probably our best overall player last year," Marchewka said.

"Next year, we're not going to have too many changes. We'll have some experience for next year. Twenty-one out of 24 guys are coming back, so our best years are ahead of us," Marchewka said. "With a year of experience, we should do 10 times better next year than this year."

Nine of 11 starters will return for the 1999 season, as only three seniors, Mike Biscaglia, O'Brien Byrd, and Brian Wessel, will be graduating.



Cliff Bell heads a throw-in towards Mac's goal.

photo by Cheri Norzworthy

Women's soccer team strives to "put the ball in the back of the net"

Shelly Hendricks
Spectator Staff

The women will end their season against Bethany College on Oct. 27, following a game against Ottawa University tomorrow.

"Ottawa should be a close game. They beat us 2-1 last time we played them, and we're definitely a better team now," Marcus Nielson, assistant women's coach, said. "I expect them to play well against Ottawa."

"Bethany is a really good team. Hopefully we'll just play well with them," Dan Marchewka, head coach, said.

The women lost to Kansas Wesleyan, 0-2, on Oct. 13, and they lost to Tabor College, 0-1, on Oct. 17.

"They have the same problem as the guys; they aren't putting the ball in the back of the net," Marchewka said.

The women have also been plagued with injury. Elizabeth Stover, fr., ended her season early due to a broken foot.

"It hurts us to have her [out] because we don't have much depth," Marchewka said.

"Almost every game has been close for the girls this year," Marchewka said. "That's a first for them. In the past, only one or two games have been close."

The women's team will lose two players at graduation: Christy Wymore and Melanie Byrd. Also, Becky Ullom, jr., will not play next year, as she'll be studying in Barcelona, Spain.

According to Marchewka, some of the key players that the team will rely on next year are freshmen Renata Lichty, Heather Schooley, and Elizabeth Stover, and junior Rhonda Murphy.

Marcus Nielson, the women's assistant coach for this year, will be the women's head coach for the 1999 season.

Nielson hopes to recruit 15 women for next season, as well as keep the 10 present players who will be here next fall. He will concentrate on recruiting players from Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

"I want to concentrate on getting as many girls out as possible. This year we didn't have enough," Nielson said. "I'd like to have girls with more experience, especially since we'll lose Melanie, Christy, and Becky; they're all good players I have to replace. Hopefully the rest of this year's team will come back and play again next year."

"Since this was my first year, I didn't know what to expect. I had a lot of fun, and I learned a lot," Nielson said. "Hopefully I can use my one year of experience to do good next year."



Left: Nicki Unruh-Carey and Christy Wymore rush to take possession of a loose ball.

photo by Cheri Norworthy

| BULLDOG SCOREBOARD | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Men's Soccer | Football |
| 0-2 v. Kansas Wesleyan | 39-71 v. Southwestern |
| 1-2 O.T. v. Tabor | 41-34 v. Sterling |
| 1-3 v. Bethel | |
| Women's Soccer | Volleyball |
| 0-3 v. Central | 0-3 v. Friends |
| 1-2 v. Kansas Wesleyan | 0-3 v. Bethany |
| 0-1 v. Tabor | 0-3 v. Mid-American Bible |
| 0-6 v. Bethel | 0-3 v. Tabor |
| | 0-3 v. Sterling |

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE


The Spectator Athlete-of the Issue is Cliff Bell, center midfielder for the men's soccer team. Bell, a junior from Columbia Falls, Mont., has played solidly every game, according to head coach Dan Marchewka.

"Cliff shows up ready to play every game and we always know what kind of play Cliff will give," Marchewka said.

Marchewka feels that Bell is the best player in the KCAC Conference.

"Our team has the best talent in the league, we just have not been able to find clear direction in our games," Bell said.


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Mac College one of two ACCK colleges to increase enrollment

LeAnn Wine
News Editor

While several other regional colleges have suffered significant enrollment declines, McPherson College is experiencing a modest increase. Full time enrollment at McPherson College peaked at 442 for the fall 1998 semester. This is an increase of 12 from the fall of 1997.

According to ACCK enrollment figures, McPherson College and Sterling College are the only ACCK schools to report an increase in enrollment. The enrollment at Bethany College and Bethel College dropped by 65 and 69 full time students, while Tabor dropped by 22. Kansas Wesleyan's enrollment remained steady.

The increase in enrollment at McPherson College may be due in part to the new admissions program the college implemented in February 1996. The college designed this program with assistance from Miller/Cook & Associates consulting firm.

"The goal of the program was to increase our whole enrollment," said Karlene Tyler, associate dean for student enrollment services. "We've done that."

The college receives the names of potential students from ACT scores, and referrals from friends, alumni and churches associated with the college.

The new program uses direct mailings and telemarketing to interest prospective students in McPherson College. The mailings are sent by current students at the college as well as alumni. As the student becomes more interested, the college keeps following up.

| COMPARISON OF ACCK ENROLLMENTS | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Fall 1997 to Fall 1998 | | | |
| College | Full Time Increase | Increase over 1997 | Percentage Change |
| Bethany | 546 | -65 | -10.6% |
| Bethel | 531 | -69 | -13.0% |
| KWU | 485 | 0 | 0.0% |
| McPherson | 442 | +12 | +2.8% |
| Sterling | 444 | +2 | +0.5 |
| Tabor | 389 | -22 | -5.3% |

"We feel it's a strength to have current students talking with potential students," said Gary Shaffer, director of admissions.

A strong admissions staff also keeps enrollment on the rise.

The college employs four admissions counselors who are each assigned a portion of the prospective students. Assignments are based on alphabetical ordering of prospective students' last names. Melissa Newberry, Anne Kirchener, Samantha Bradfield, and Randy Ivy make up the admission counselors staff.

The college hires four students as admissions assistants to answer prospects' questions when they come to campus. Along with answering questions, the admissions assistants conduct campus tours.

"The best part is giving tours," said Andrea Herrera, sr., Hesston, "because I get to spend time with the prospective students."

While touring, prospects are free to ask the guide any question. Usually the admissions assistants answer questions concerning student life. Questions about financial aid and other logistics are referred back to the appropriate counselor.

While revising McPherson's admissions program, the college also revised its financial aid program.

"We used to have different awards in different areas," Tyler said. "Now there is one award."

This award is based on the student's ACT score, high school GPA and their community/school involvement.

One thing that Tyler feels is advantageous about the new admissions program is the type of student it attracts.

"With the admissions model we're using now, we're getting more students who are interested in a variety of things," Tyler said.

Shaffer feels the admissions program will continue to increase enrollment at McPherson. He attributes this to the very nature of the program.

"We have in place a real outreach approach," Shaffer said. "We're always ready to take the next step and contact a prospective student."

The life of Paul and "Daisy"

Laura Parks
Spectator Staff

Covered with an array of random paintings sits a VW van parked right outside of Morrison Hall. The VW van is not just any regular car, it is the life story of Paul Liepelt, a freshman from Madison, CT.

Most people who have seen this van, immediately think that Paul is a

guy straight from the hippie era, but those who have talked to him know differently.

Paul has dedicated a part of his life to his van for the past two years. Each picture painted on the outside of the bus tells a story of an experience that he had before coming to McPherson College.

"Everything on the bus has meaning," Liepelt said.

He describes the artwork on the bus as "random" and says that it is representative of his life. Life "wasn't always fun and days that were cool made it worth it."

Liepelt's life story, told on the sides of the bus, began two years ago when Liepelt attended school in North Carolina. This was a difficult time in his life, especially since his grandmother had died. He had a close relationship with her, and it devastated him to have to inform the rest of his family of her death.

Although this was not a high point in Liepelt's life, it became a very important part of what the bus came to stand for. Liepelt painted flowers on the van in memory of his grandmother. Angels also became a key feature of the van because at the time of his grandmother's death she saw herself walking with Michael the Archangel.

According to Liepelt, everything in his life began to fall apart at this time. He describes it as the "salt-shaker analogy."

"Everything in my life exploded and I had to bring back the different pieces," Liepelt said.



photo by Cheri Norworthy

Daisy serves as an outlet for Paul to share his life experiences and creativity.

Freshmen now have voice in service project decision

By Staci Horton

Guest Writer

The emphasis of the service component in McPherson College's mission statement to develop whole persons through scholarship, participation and service changed this year.

As an introduction to service, freshmen seminar groups in previous years participated in service projects during orientation weekend.

These seminar groups worked at the recycling center, painted organizations' buildings or houses and volunteered at rescue missions and food banks. Students learned to serve others while they themselves grew closer together.

However, faculty questioned whether or not student service ended upon completion of the service projects.

According to Carolyn Coon, dean of students, the college in the past chose the freshmen orientation service projects and told students exactly what to do when at the site. This did not allow students to suggest ideas for service projects, and the students had little ownership of the service projects.

This year, instead of sending freshmen to a pre-planned work event, the college decided to let students voice their opinions on how they served.

"It is important students understand the value of service in life," Coon said. "I was hoping that by allowing the students to determine for themselves how they serve, they would want to continue serving after the initial project was over."

The freshmen were given time to brainstorm ideas and come up with methods to accomplish their ideas. Then students discussed ideas and worked out details for the projects in their seminar groups.

The seminar groups wanted to focus on helping the McPherson community. They thought of many different ways to volunteer in McPherson.

Some ideas included helping the Food Bank with canned good drives and providing leadership and support for grade school kids. Some groups even pursued service projects beyond the McPherson area, at the

national level.

"The response we got from students was exactly what we hoped for, now we (faculty) have to see if what students planned to start, they finish," Coon said.

"The importance of the service aspect to McPherson's statement is to remind students that they have a responsibility to the society," Coon said. "Not only does helping the society help you, it gives you a sense that what you've done was worthwhile and productive."

"The Brethren belief is also a major factor in why service was incorporated into the college statement," Coon said.

The Brethren believe that "Faith without works is dead," and that man should "Do unto others as he would have done unto him." This belief was woven into the college's statement, and the college encourages all students to participate in service organizations and activities.

The college faculty works to open the door for all students to serve others and to continue to serve others.

A chapter of Habitat for Humanity is one service organization that exists on campus. Habitat for Humanity is an organization that relies on volunteers to supply the manual labor to build houses for low income families.

Students formed a new service organization called the Volunteer Service Group this year.

"Students have taken the service aspect on themselves and are working to promote services for all students to get involved in," Coon said.

The Volunteer Service Group contacted Coon's office and presented their idea of encouraging students to lend a hand by publicizing new service projects that the school is involved with or wants to be involved with. Seth Good, Shelly Hendricks, Andrew May and Sarah Stover began the Volunteer Service Group on their own initiative. Coon is pleased that some students continue to serve even after freshman orientation.

Coon encourages all students to continue to serve others throughout their lives just as these students have continued to serve.

NEWSBRIEFS

Look what's hanging on the walls of Friendship Hall

Artwork from McPherson College, Sterling College and Kansas Wesleyan University is currently displayed in Friendship Hall. McPherson College students contributing to the display include Tony Waldron, Valoree Ebersole, Brandy Lochmann, Allison Horton, Kevin Thrift, Jenny Burgett and Clay Porter. The show will be at Sterling in Nov. and Kansas Wesleyan in Dec.

Participate in a 28-hour fast for Sudan

Campus Ministry will host a 28-hour "Fast for Sudan."

Those unable to fast, but who would like to help can run a juice bar for participants or contribute money or canned goods. For more information contact Courtney Irwin in the Campus Ministries office ext. 1226.

Meet ministry candidates

Campus Minister candidates will interview next week. Students, faculty and staff are invited to meet with candidates. Students can meet Rev. Manny Diaz from 12-1p.m. in the Quiet Room on Oct. 25 and faculty/staff can meet him from 2-2:45p.m. Rev. Cynthia Taylor will meet students from 12-1p.m. on Oct. 25 in the Siek Dining Room and faculty/staff from 2-2:45p.m.