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Academic scholarships dependent on GPA alone

LeAnn Wine
Editor in Chief

Prospective students for the 2001-2002 academic year are being offered initial scholarships based solely on GPA so that admissions staff can notify students of their financial aid awards earlier in the application process.

Prospects often presume that private colleges are too expensive, said Fred Schmidt, director of admissions and financial aid. The new policy will help dispel that presumption.

"We will let them know of the aid available, and help encourage them to explore their possibilities," Schmidt said.

The new system "allows us to serve students quicker," said Carol Williams, assistant director of admission.

The admissions staff would like to be working with prospective students in the financial aid section by December or January, Williams said.

The McPherson Service Scholar Award—the college's principal financial aid vehicle—will no longer be offered. This award was based on GPA,

ACT or SAT scores, and the level of participation the prospective student showed during high school.

Although the new award policy will speed students through the financial aid process, it is not without drawbacks.

"We run the risk of offering a scholarship to a student who won't qualify for admission," President Gary Dill said.

Administrators believe, however, they can reduce such risks to a minimum.

"Generally speaking, there's a correlation between GPA and what the student would have earned on an ACT or SAT," Fred Schmidt, director of admission said.

Past scholarship policy was thorough on the front end and the new policy is thorough on the back end, according to Dill. The self-reported GPA is subject to verification once the student's official transcript arrives. The initial award is offered pending the student's acceptance to McPherson College which requires a 2.25 GPA.

The new awards fall into two categories: McPherson College Academic Scholarships and McPherson College Academic Grants. The stu-

dent must report a minimum 3.0 GPA to receive the scholarship and a 2.0 GPA for the grant. In the past, awards were also based on college entrance exam results.

The awards offered under the new system are smaller than those offered in the past. The maximum award for an incoming freshman for fall 2001 will be \$6,000. The maximum award from the McPherson Service Scholar Award was \$6,500.

Under the new system, students who are members of the Church of the Brethren will still receive a minimum of \$4,000. The award is not based on financial need.

If a student maintains the minimum GPA required by the student's award, that student may apply for an incentive. The amount of the award could be increased once during the student's career at McPherson College. In subsequent years, the student's award would remain at the higher level.

"One of the challenges we face is balancing efficiency with thoroughness. Looking at other aspects takes a long time," Dill said, and the new policy is intended to offset the disadvantages such a delay can create.

New proposal for athletic scholarships

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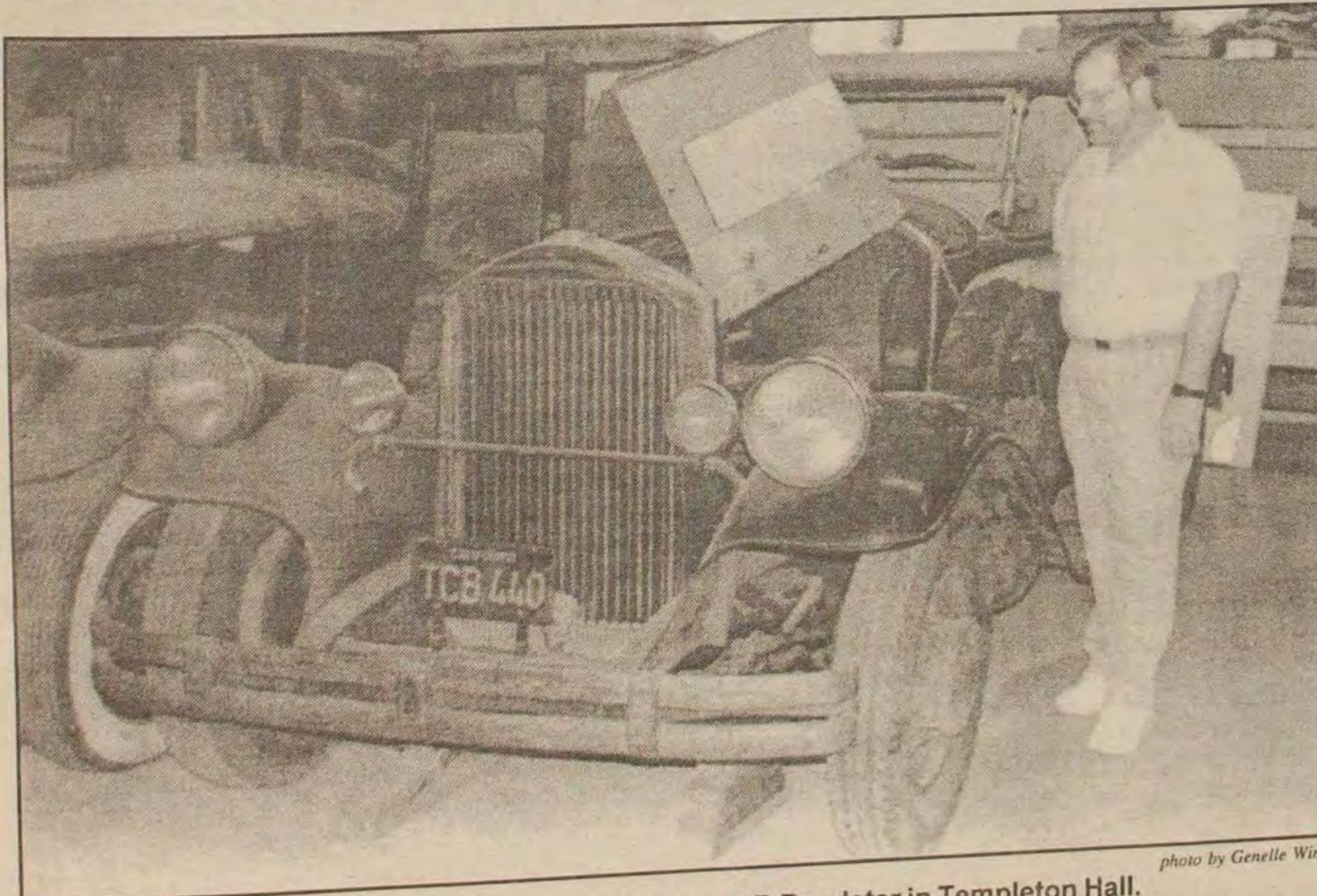
College officials are discussing a new athletic scholarship proposal that would complement the new academic scholarship policy. President Dill expects to make a final decision on athletic scholarship policy by the end of October.

The contents of the final proposal are yet to be determined, but the new policy will likely be different than the one coaches are currently using. Volleyball and men's and women's basketball were the only three sports that were allotted scholarship money this year under the pilot program.

Four changes are equally likely, according to Schmidt. The pilot program could be discontinued and no athletic scholarships would be offered, the pilot program would be continued, be modified, or additional sports would be allotted scholarship money.

Dill has asked the Strategic Planning Committee "to look at the proposal to determine whether to do it for all sports, a few more sports, etc. They will also find where the money is to come from."

Rare Pierce Arrow Model B Roadster selected for automotive restoration project this year



Clay Benson
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College auto restoration program has selected a 1930 Pierce Arrow Model B Roadster to restore this year.

The Roadster is one of only 118 from that year and the last one unrestored. This Model B Roadster had a special frame and body only offered in the convertible.

"This car gets us ready for working on cars of a higher caliber. It gets the students ready for jobs out there in auto restoration," said Robert Vaughn, director of restoration technology.

The Roadster was donated by a Colorado man and has been in Templeton Hall for ten to 15 years. While a tremendous opportunity exists in the restoration, undertaking a project of this caliber may be difficult due to extenuating circumstances.

Because this car is so rare, parts aren't easy to find. If the parts can't be found they have to be made, which drives up the expense. One major piece of the car

that isn't original is the frame. A wreck in the '40s damaged the frame so severely that it was irreparable.

The previous owner bought a different frame from another Pierce Arrow and mounted the body to it. Because this Roadster has a frame that is unique to it, the frame currently under the car is two inches too short. If the restoration is undertaken, the frame presently in place will be cut and extended since no original frames exist.

Although this project will be much more intensive and more difficult than many others, students support the undertaking.

"It's fun because it's not the kind of car you get to restore every day. There's really not a lot left," Greg Johnson, junior, Scottsdale, Ariz., said.

The automotive restoration program will be able to begin this project sometime this year due to many donations from outside contributors. Students are encouraged to stop in and see the Roadster and other projects in the soon-to-be-completed showroom in Templeton Hall.

Robert Vaughn admires the Pierce Arrow 1931 Model B Roadster in Templeton Hall.

photo by Genelle Wine

Editorials

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Scholarship policy should reflect mission statement

The new scholarship system adopted by McPherson College defies one of its central goals, according to its mission statement—developing whole persons. Awarding a scholarship based solely on grades doesn't reflect this goal. A "whole person" is not someone who is merely concerned with grades. A whole person is concerned with community service, being involved in his or her school and living a full, well-rounded life; not one revolving around schoolwork.

Obviously scholastic achievement is important. Without students willing to work hard in their classes and strive for stellar grades, any college would be lacking a necessary element. Intellectual achievement is important. In fact, it is vital.

But the truth remains, there are things more important in life than grades. It's been said many times that what really sticks with college students, what really shapes their lives, takes place outside of the classroom. There are some things one can't learn by studying—many things actually. Some of the most important lessons in life can only be learned outside of the classroom. The most basic elements of human decency, growth and development are best learned when helping others—this is when one becomes a whole person.

By awarding scholarships based on high school GPA alone, the college is choosing to limit the type of student who will enter with the freshman class. ACT scores and school and community involvement will be considered in the formal admissions procedure, but the initial sifting of potential members of this community will have already occurred.

A college with the mission to "develop whole persons" needs to reflect this goal in its scholarship policy. To accomplish its mission, McPherson "embraces the ideals of scholarship, participation, and service." By only rewarding students for their grades, the college is ignoring two of the three ideals it claims to embrace.

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What is the most unique event in the Olympics this year?



"I think water polo is unique because it's odd."

—Tim Smith, jr., Holcomb



"I think the trampoline is the most unique event they've thought up so far."

—Emily Tyler, soph., McPherson



"The trampoline."

—Dana Welch, fr., Kuna, Idaho

"The trampoline is a backyard play toy, not an Olympic event."

—Rhea Meyer-Riley, sr., Augusta



"I still can't get over this trampoline thing."

—Lee Harper, jr., Scott City



"The women's pole vaulting team is unique because it's the first time the U.S. team has won."

—Jamie Bowling, fr., Oklahoma City



CAMPUS FORUM

Workers leave bad impression

I know that the food service staff has received a lot of heat about their work and how they act on the job, but I saw something the other day that was appalling and shouldn't have happened.

It was a Sunday when Church of the Brethren members eat in the cafeteria for brunch. This particular Sunday I heard a loud crash and thought that some half-asleep college student had just lost his tray. I looked up and saw that it wasn't a college student who dropped his tray, but rather an older woman whom many upperclassmen know and who has given many donations to the college.

As I sat there, the people at my table and I thought that someone from the food service staff would help her clean it up. Instead, I saw the woman pick up the plate and tray and put it on the conveyer belt, while two other men picked up the dirty mat and took it back to the kitchen to dump the food off of it. At the same time, an employee of the cafeteria handed one of the men a broom while all of the other food service staff watched the customers clean it up.

Something needs to change in the way we treat our elders and contributors in the cafeteria and on campus.

—Sydney White

Off-campus residents not accessible

This being my first semester off campus, I was surprised to find the things normally done to include students in the Campus-community are lacking for off campus students in many cases. Phone lists, which are distributed to students in their dorms, do not have the phone-numbers of off-campus students not included on it and those students are not given a copy of the phone list. Off campus students have just as much of a need to contact friends in the dorms and are hindered in participating in the college community by exclusion from the phone list.

—Seth Good

Staff member refutes letter

I would like the opportunity to respond to the letter of Sept. 15 from Laura Morgan. I have worked with the public for many years and I agree with most everything Laura said. In my day, "The customer was always right," but also in my day, most customers treated the working people with respect.

We do have a good staff and they work hard to prepare good food for the people at McPherson college. We try to accommodate as much as possible for all kinds of occasions.

I wanted Laura and others to know we had planned an instructional meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14 - the evening BEFORE your letter came out in the paper. Richard, Carrie and I met with the student employees, many that were NEW this term, to let them know exactly what their job was and what we expect for the new school term.

We talked about several areas of concern including having fun on the job. I don't believe anyone wants their job to be so rigid that they can't laugh or have

fun with fellow employees or customers. But we are also a restaurant of sorts and professionalism and quality are not only important to McPherson College, but to Sodexo Marriott and those of us who work here.

Richard and the staff are always open for suggestions and concerns. In fact, Richard has tried to form a committee made up of students to help us better serve your needs.

As for stocking before meals, we are trying to do better, but if you see something that needs our attention, please feel free to come tell someone on our staff.

I believe I speak for all of us when I say we really do try to provide a good variety to meet the challenge of having a huge "variety" of nationalities that eat in the cafeteria. We thank those of you who have passed along positive comments, for indeed they do set well with the soul.

"A merry heart doth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." Proverbs 17:22

—Louie Peterson, assistant manager and safety coordinator, McPherson College dining hall

LETTER POLICY

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

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Veggies taste better

I like to eat the vegetables in the cafeteria and I'm glad they are not cooked the same as last year. Sometimes they seemed oily. This year they have been very good. Thanks.

—Shane Netherton

Pseudo-Satanist speaks about one's self in religion

First, I need to say to all the people who do not know me that despite my belly-derived nickname, (Buddha) I am not Buddhist.

Second, when I was asked to write this article I felt a little guilty because I would be making fun of Christians. (Then I remembered that most of the Christians who have written for the Spec are not too nice to my kind either.)

Third, it is simply amazing to me that when people on this campus find out that you are not a follower of the teachings of Christ, a lot of them automatically assume that you are into Satan. Well, you know what they say about people who assume....

I am specifically talking to the people



Cornerstone

DUSTIN GREGG

who think that I am a bad person because I wear a hat that says "pure evil." (You know who you are).

Now, although I have read, and do own the Satanic Bible, I am not Satanic. I am also curious if those of you who would pass such a judgment have the slightest clue what Satanism entails.

Satanists do not worship Satan; the name is only the antithesis of Christianity.

The most important individual in Satanic thought is one's self. The Satanist believes that someone cannot truly be a good person until he is filled with self-love. Even modern psychology says that you cannot truly love anyone until you learn to love yourself. With this new knowledge it is no surprise that the most important holiday in Satanism, except for Walpurgisnacht, is one's own birthday.

The main attachment that this church of autonomy has for me is that I agree with it on one main point. I don't think that it is good for your body to be

deprived of the things that it was created to do. Many people believe that if you indulge in "non-Christian" activities, you will gain a compulsion to do it all the time.

"A compulsion is never created by indulging, but by not being able to indulge, Anton LaVey says. "By making something taboo, it only serves to intensify the desire. Everyone likes to do the things they have been told not to do, "forbidden fruits are sweetest."

Therefore, by taking sex off of the taboo list we might experience a lot less sexual violence in this society, and depending on what your parents told you was worse, we would have less masturbation too.

I know what you are saying, "But Satanists practice black magick and that is not good." First of all, the Satanic magick is no different than the Christian faith healing, or the belief that prayer works; it is the same thing. I also realize that not every Christian believes in that stuff. Not every Satanist believes in the magick either.

I hope I have not offended too many people with what I have said. Again let me just say that I am not Satanic, but I do believe that in order to make an educated decision as to which Gods to follow, one should know what is out there. Also, as any good hitchhiker will tell you, it is better than having to carry around a towel everywhere you go.

Budget surplus strikes debate



Liberal Platform

SONYA JOHNSON

The question of what to do with the budget surplus spawns many responses.

My first reaction is to recommend giving more money to education at the primary level and more federal assistance to college students in the form of grants or "free money" in conjunction with the Pell Grant. I know that I could use a little help from the government. But when I look deeper into the issue my response to this question becomes two-fold.

The first option that I recommend is to pay off our national debt. This would involve taking the surplus and applying it directly to this debt, which would definitely help our economy. At the same time, I believe that there are many needy groups in our society that could benefit greatly from federal funding.

I have a hard time seeing money go back directly to the entity that caused our tremendous debt in the first place. Paying off our national debt would be wonderful, but once we pay off this debt who's to say that we won't just put ourselves right back into debt and cause us to start the entire process over again?

This brings me to my second recommendation, about which I harbor strong feelings.

I work in a nursing home and everyday I am confronted with a surplus of patients who are in extreme need, but cannot afford to be placed in a health care facility. For these individuals Medicaid and Medicare options have been completely exhausted and their own personal assets are long gone.

The scariest part of the entire scenario is that it will get worse before it gets better. With the baby boom population beginning to reach an age where provided care is necessity, where is the funding going to come from?

This money from the budget surplus can be best used to benefit the elderly in our society. If we as a society don't make some changes on their behalf, who will?

A society's moral worth can be

measured by its treatment of the extremely young and the extremely old. As much as I would love to get some extra cash from the federal government, I know some individuals who need it much more than I do.



Conservative Platform

CALEB MAY

Taxes, the IRS, April 15.

All dispersed by a great number of Americans. Why? They have all become symbols of a swollen and pig-headed bureaucracy - a bureaucracy of career politicians who mismanage their own resources and the resources of a nation all while demanding more. They talk of balancing the nation's budget, yet they manage to find more and more ways to spend more and more money.

Taxes are what the free people of this country pay to support the SERVICES of said free people and to be used where they were most NEEDED. A dilemma now presents itself to the Congress of the United States of America - what to do with a PROJECTED surplus. "To spend or not to spend?" that is the question. Or perhaps, 'twould be better stated, "To deposit here, to cover up our poor bookkeeping, or spend there where people will see it.

The issue is not of welfare, in its present definition. It is an issue of ideology. Does what the governing body takes belong to that body, or does it belong to the American populace? Does the Congress serve the people, or do the people serve the Congress? Does the vehicle serve the owner, or does the owner serve the vehicle?

For my part, I would prefer to believe that the Congress, at least, still pays lip-service to America. In which case, it would greatly behoove them to find a way to "give back" that which they have taken above and beyond what they think they will need - whether that is a tax break or a refund, or by whatever means is deemed good.

Spending for the sake of spending is stealing from you and me.

Hospital visit sparks enthusiasm

At four o'clock on Sunday morning, I recieved a call from a friend. "We've been in a car accident," she said. "Can you come pick us up?" As quickly as I could, I got dressed, gathered some coloring books and crayons, took a deep breath and headed out the door.

Without a clue as to how serious the situation was, I stepped into the frigid night, ready for anything that I might hear or see. I drove scared and worried through the streets of McPherson while the only thing keeping me calm was "Echoes" playing on NPR.

Though the drive was only a few miles from the college to the hospital, it felt as long as the down time you experience right before the professor walks into the room for your last final...long.

I got to the parking lot, stepped out of my car into the drizzling, cold air, walked through the parking lot and finally walked into the hospital.

After hugging my friends who were involved in the accident, I sat down and heard what had happened. It wasn't anything very serious, but I was definitely relieved to see three of my friends were fine and needed no medical attention. It was my fourth friend whom I was worried about.

She was still in the emergency room being cared for. But not long after I had



Courtney's Kaleidoscope

COURTNEY IRWIN

been in the waiting room, a nurse came out and told us that our friend would be fine and would be able to go home within the next couple of hours. She made sure that everyone who was waiting was okay and was not only concerned with the patients, but us as well. After she left, I was completely put at ease, knowing that my friends and I were in good care...no matter what happened.

Many people hate hospitals. But throughout my experiences with McPherson Memorial Hospital, my attitude towards this one at least, is very positive. The staff is extremely caring and willing to provide everything it can to help the patients.

Memorial is a small hospital, so it has its advantages and disadvantages. While it has all the necessary emergency care equipment, some of the equipment is useless if the Doctor on call cannot read it. It takes longer to get the results from an X-ray than it does to get the X-ray taken. Every time I've been there, the

X-rays and CT scans had to be sent to Salina to be read.

During that time however, the patient probably receives more care than can be given at a bigger facility. What large hospital do you know of that will bring you warm blankets whenever you need them and what large hospital staff would have time to talk to you about future career paths? And even though there may not be many babies born in McPherson every month, the nurse in the maternity ward seemed very willing to let me look at the newborns just because I love babies.

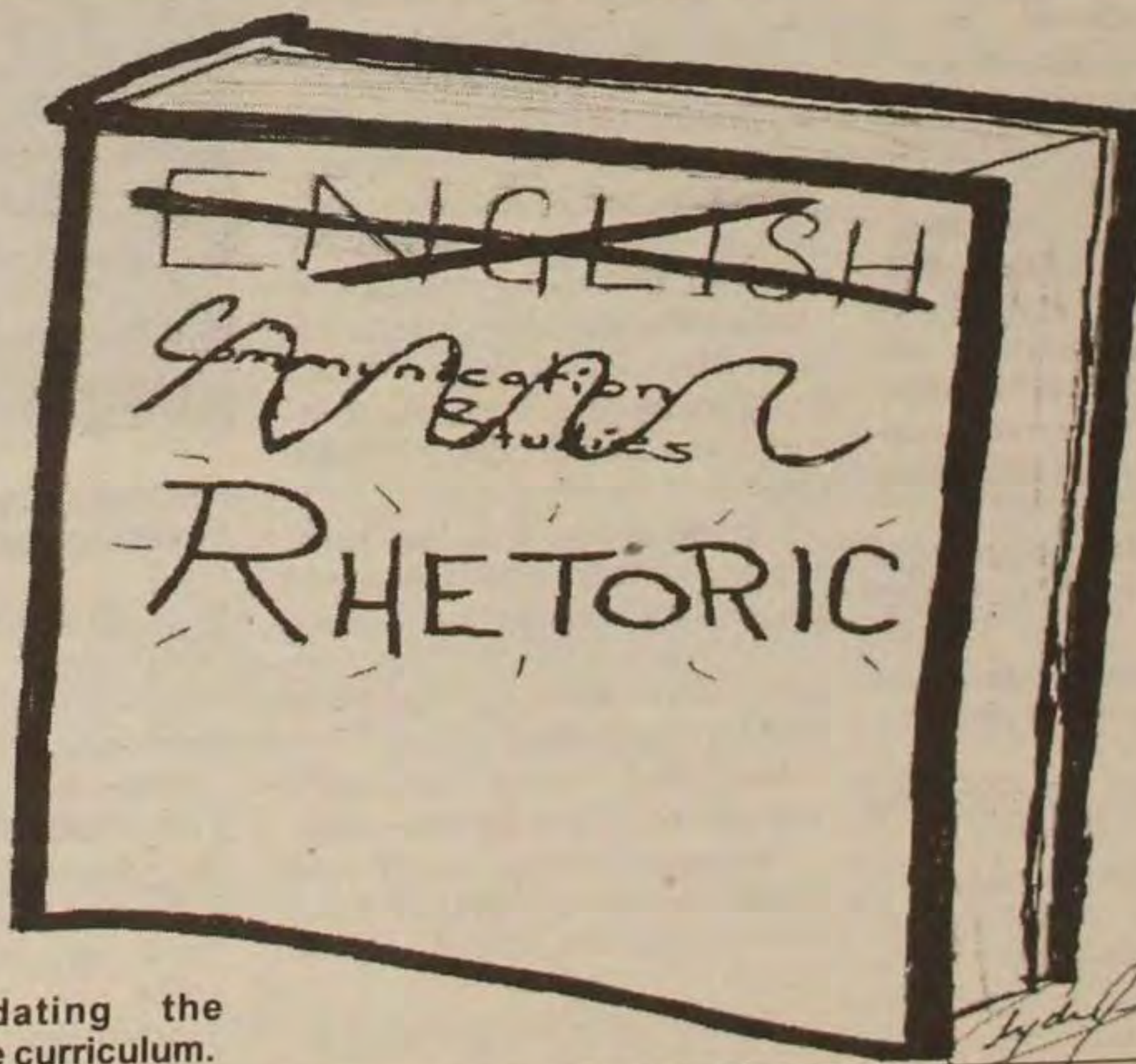
"I enjoy being able to provide such personal care to the patients," said Kelli Souder, sr. McPherson. "Because we are such a small hospital, it's easier to get to know the patients and makes my job a lot more fun."

Although I was worried about my friends before I knew what was going on, I'm glad they were at the McPherson hospital. I would never hesitate to take a friend or family member there if they needed help.

So to all of you who hate hospitals, know that at least in McPherson, the hospital is not intimidating. And while you're waiting for your friend to get a cast on his leg, have a seat, read Smithsonian Magazine and contemplate how much Saran Wrap you need to buy later at Dillon's.

MAC CORNER

BY CLYDE JONES



Constantly updating the McPherson college curriculum.

Ultimate team *Soars* into club status



Elissa Thompson
Features editor

One may think that it is doubtful that our humble school could ever compete with a Big 12 school such as Kansas State University in any sport. However, in Ultimate Frisbee, we have competed, and we finished in the NAIA one place above them.

"I was really proud," Peter Samland, soph., Edgewater, Colo., said of his ultimate Frisbee team. The team which now bears the name of the McPherson Mudhuckers is quite proud of its abilities and now, thanks to SGA, it is a school sponsored club.

"That's going to be good," said Aaron Ellsworth, sr., Nampa, Idaho. "Since we had to fund everything, it was hard to get people dedicated. It will take the focus off money and let us play."

Ultimate fans are excited, too.

Though the team is new to the club scene, this is their second year of organized play. Team members got the idea from their love of the game.

"We played it a lot, and we saw other teams doing it," Chris Rice, sr., Wilson, team co-captain said.

When they began to take part in Ultimate tournaments they were pleasantly surprised with the reaction of the bigger schools competing.

"Usually the big schools that host tournaments are hospitable," Ellsworth said. "The University of Mississippi was really good. They were really attentive to make sure everything was going all right for us."

Evidently, it was enough to keep the Mudhuckers competing.

"Last year we played in three tournaments against lots of D1 schools," said Rice.

Players funded these excursions out of their own pocket. Team captain, Jerry Bowen, sr., McPherson, was happy to pay for team uniforms, even though it was financially draining.

"I bought a pair of shorts and a shirt for everybody. It meant that much to me," Bowen said.

With all the expenses they had the idea to go to SGA and ask to be recognized as a club to receive funding.

"We had to make a charter and present it to SGA, and they voted to see if we'd be a good club for the school," Samland

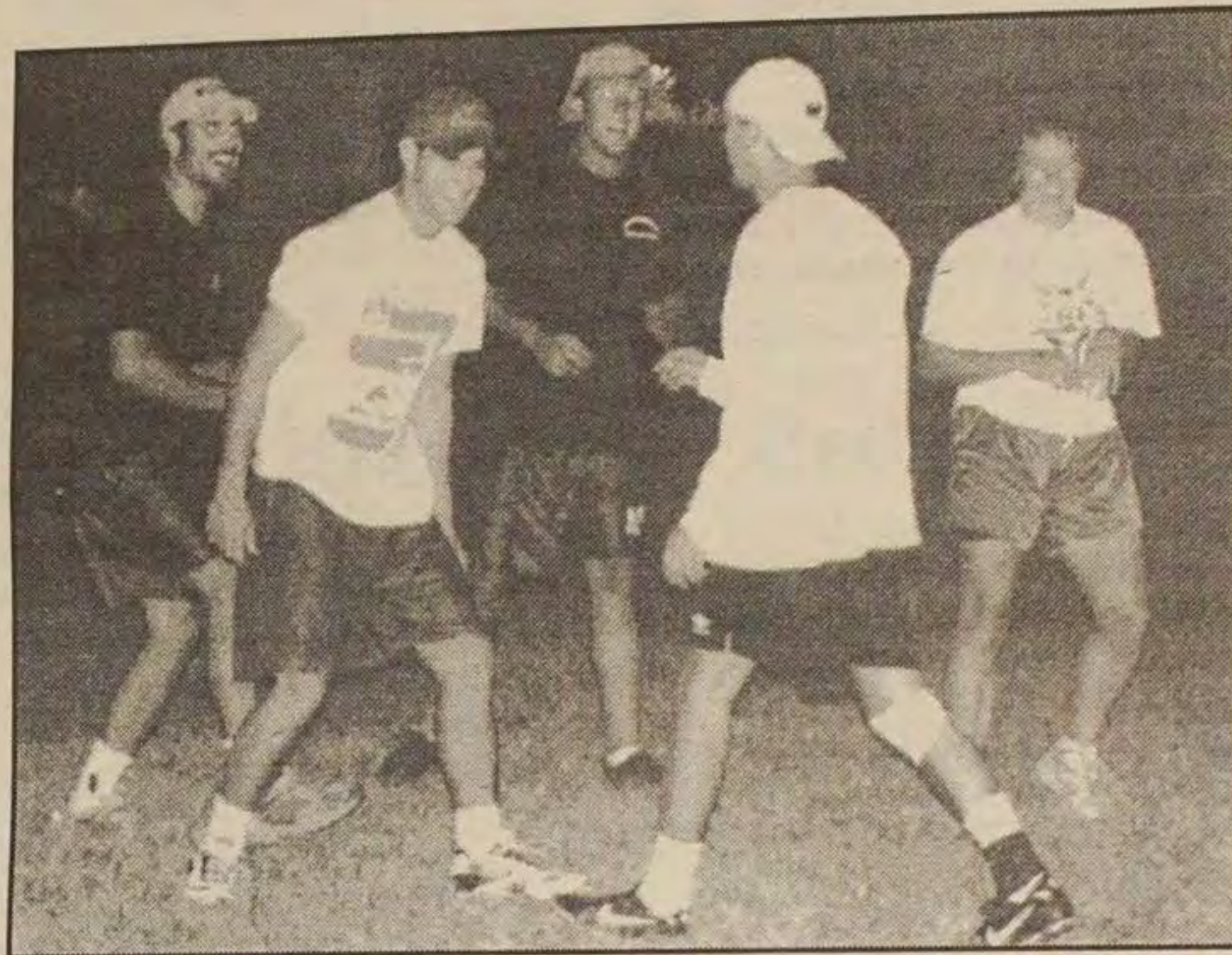


photo by Genelle Wine

Ultimate players take time to celebrate and laugh after a play in a practice on Tuesday night.

said.

Samland appreciated SGA's decision.

"They responded very well. I was pleased with the way they dealt with it," Samland said.

Not only did club members have to put a charter together, they also had to

seek a sponsor. Ken Yon, social sciences, filled that role.

"He's had Frisbee experience. We thought he'd be someone who'd be good for it," Samland said.

The team is very excited about its formal season, which will start in the

spring. Though the team consists of only men now, it is open to any female participants.

"We are strongly pushing a co-ed team. Anyone male or female is encouraged to play," Rice said.

There is no skill needed, just desire to play the game, club members say.

"The only criteria is interest. We are still looking for lots of recruits," Rice said.

The players all share a vibrant interest in their sport.

"I really enjoy the game! You can just go out and enjoy it. No pressure!" Samland said.

Bowen appreciates the unity that each team achieves.

"No matter if you win or lose, it's the only game both teams compliment each other, and they build each other up. That's how important team spirit is," Bowen said.

Those interested in playing shouldn't hesitate to contact Chris Rice or Jerry Bowen.

"Everyone is welcome to play. Any sex, any size is welcome," Bowen said.

Dustin Gregg, sr., Nickerson, encourages people to just try it.

"It's the most fun game with the most team spirit," Gregg said.

Prof with international perspective relates well

Kylie Funk

Spectator Staff

Being a teacher means learning great lessons. Ken Yohn, History professor, recalls his past experiences in America and abroad.

"I taught in Japan. There was an earthquake," Yohn said.

Most professors would press the panic button, but Yohn handled it calmly.

"I kept talking," Yohn said.

He turned from the chalkboard to find that the students had disappeared under their desks in fear. He was the bravest teacher they'd ever had.

Embarrassing moments come along with teaching, too. Yohn remembers a few of them.

"I went in and taught the wrong class once. It was the first day and the professor didn't show up," Yohn said as he recalled being stopped about 20 minutes into the lesson.

Yohn also spoke of a time when a little slip of the tongue caught his class off guard.

"Last year in Comm. Studies, I said 'crotch rotation' instead of crop rotation."

Students appreciate Yohn's youthful approach to life.

"Ken truly understands college students," said Eric Gustafson, sr., McPherson. "He still is one."

Ryan Mackey, sr., Hutchinson, likes the fact that Yohn takes time to get to

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—Julie Scheef

know him on a personal level.

"On Thursdays, we just sit, drink coffee and talk," Mackey said.

Other students are fond of the fact that Yohn is not afraid to talk about controversial issues.

"Ken Yohn has two endearing qualities: 1- he's not afraid to discuss theories of warfare. 2- whenever you claim that you should have a position in a club due to the divine right of kings- he stands beside you and says, 'come to the meetings,'" said Sam Goodin, jr., Hydro, Okla.

The interest that Yohn has in his students is apparent to people who don't even take classes from him.

"He always enjoys the dances. He even comes dressed up," said Amber Allen, sr., Arapahoe, Colo.

Julie Scheef, jr., Bennington, has also noticed Yohn's friendly disposition.

"It amuses me that he's comfortable socializing with the students in their territory. A lot of the other faculty don't do that."

Coming to McPherson from Elgin,



photo contributed by Ken Yohn

Ken Yohn, history, stands in front of Stonehenge in. Yohn finds joy in travelling to many places.

Ill., Yohn identifies with the college's belief system.

"I grew up in a Brethren family," Yohn said.

Yohn's father attended Manchester College, and his mother was a student at Bridgewater College.

"I went to Manchester despite the fact that it was a Brethren school," Yohn said.

At Manchester, he was a peace and

environmental studies double major.

Yohn appreciated the "idealism, peace and justice" that he experienced at Manchester College. After finishing his undergraduate degree, he went on to earn his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa.

"I began to fall in love with knowledge," Yohn said, "particularly in social sciences and humanities."

Yohn came to McPherson College for many reasons.

"Ken truly understands college students. He still is one."

—Eric Gustafson

"I knew I wanted a small school where I could have very human relations and long term relations with students and faculty," he said.

Yohn appreciates the interaction that a small college staff can offer to students.

"Typically [in large schools], you only have a student once [in class]," Yohn said.

At large schools faculty are divided p into many smaller divisions, there is little social contact, if any, among faculty of different departments. These faculties are limited to teaching classes that strictly pertain to their specialization.

"I wanted a school where I could do many different things," Yohn said. He currently teaches rhetoric, historical politics, introduction to philosophy and technology in society.

At McPherson College, Yohn most appreciates the "basic principles—value of humans."

"I wanted to be part of something good," Yohn said, "The history of human dignity is an explicit part of this school and very important to me."

SGA provides forum for student concerns

Nichole Williams
Spectator staff

Budgets, clubs, and events have made up most of the agendas for Student Government Association meetings so far this year.

SGA is a long running tradition at MAC, but how many of you really know what they do?

Representatives meet once a week to discuss campus life and how to improve student involvement. The executive board, which consists of 5 students, meets twice a week. Once with the representatives and once on their own to discuss in more detail what needs to be done to follow through on the suggestions made by the full board.

"We try to keep campus life exciting, but all campus events are supported by SGA not just our own," Said Dotz. Rep. Laina McKellip, soph., Nampa Idaho, "I would like to see a big turnout at all of the events involving any of the students."

All of the clubs on campus are at one time approved by SGA, and it's SGA's job to help promote club activities. Those interested in starting a new club have to come to SGA and submit a proposal. The proposed club has

to have a constitution, a list of officers, a president approved faculty advisor, and a purpose for existing.

Student Government does not just approve clubs and then forget that they exist. After a club is approved they receive a budget request form from the treasurer at the beginning of each semester. Student Government finances most clubs on campus. For instance, the Business Club, Spectator, and C.A.R.S Club are just a few examples of SGA financed.

"Creating the budget takes a lot of work," said Amanda Wells, SGA treasurer, soph., Ellsworth, "but I am glad to have a say in where our money goes."

The clubs submit a budget to the budget committee. After going over every request from the committee makes suggestions to the full board on how the funds should be distributed. Even the SGA activities director has to submit a budget request, in order to finance SGA events.

Where do these magic SGA funds come from? The answer is simple, from you. Every year all Mac students pay a student fee. That money is then placed into the SGA account. After the budget

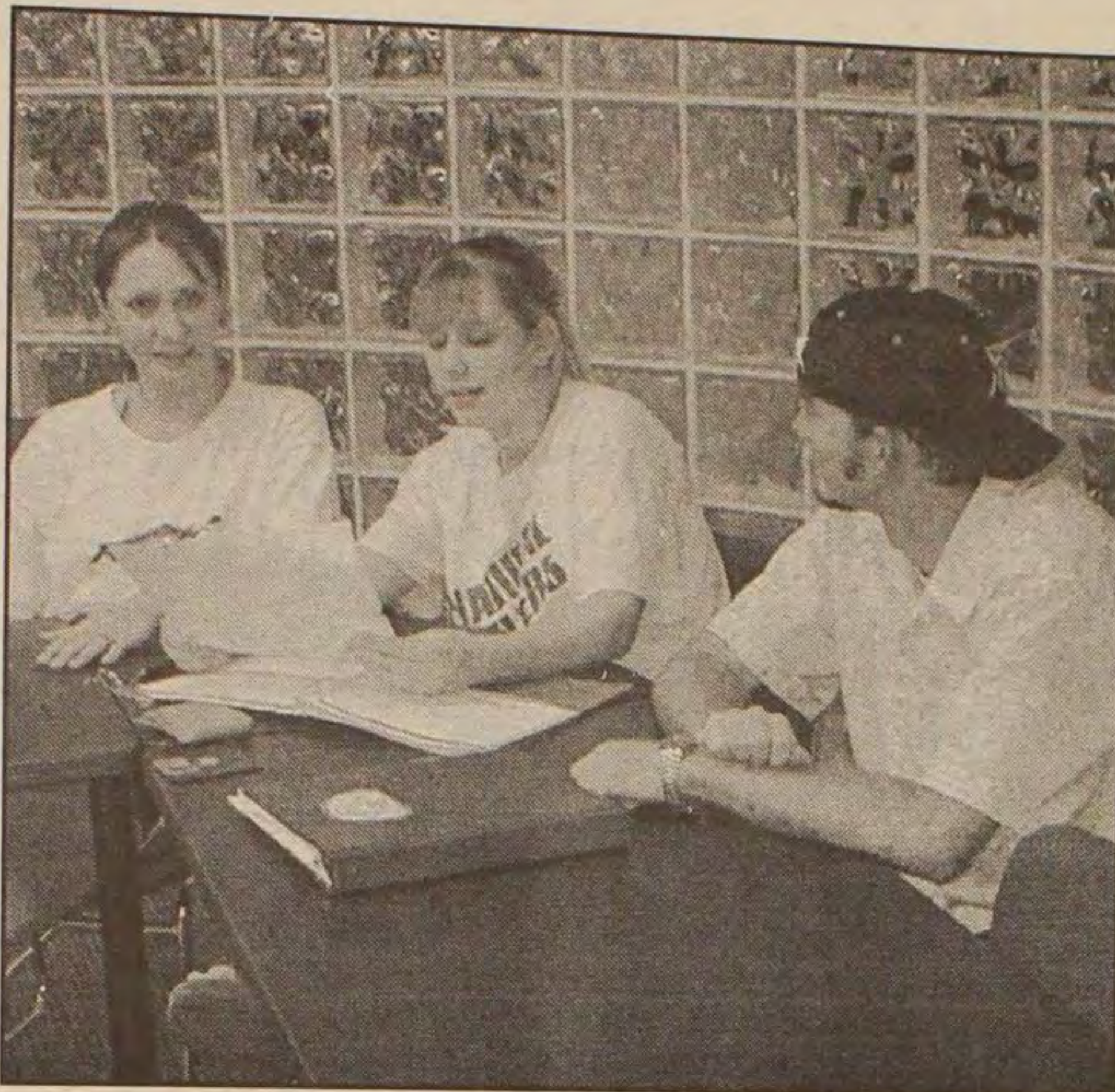


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Amanda Wells (center) explains budget to Brenda Jansen (left) and Tom Newman (right). Wells spent many hours proposing budget changes for the different clubs around campus.

"I like being a member of SGA because it's a good way to get to know people, and to find out what they like,"

commented

Senior Rep. Kylie Funk, Quinter.

The members want to hear your feedback, so tell them what you think. The students who choose to be on Student Government also serve on several student/faculty/staff committees. They are allowed to participate in the creation of academic and administrative policies.

Wells said, "SGA is essential because it represents all students and gives us a voice among the faculty committees."

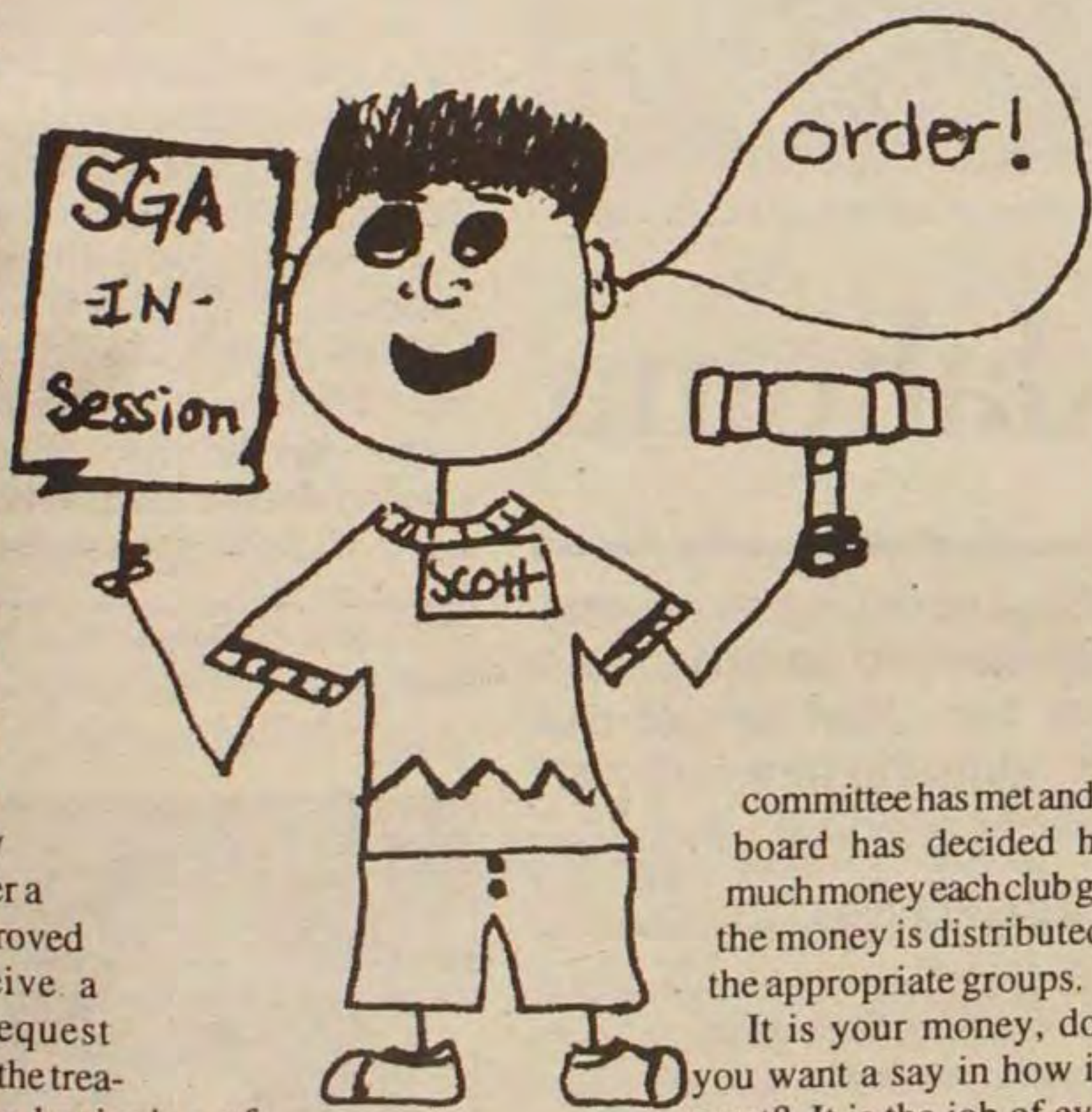
Student Government should not just represent the people who have been elected. The organization represents the student body. It exists to support all campus activities.

"We don't just want to add our own activities to the calendar this year, we want to support the activities that are already available, such as sports, music, and all the other events that involve the student body," said SGA President Scott McDearmon, sr., Milledgeville, Ill.

SGA is good for many things, but without the involvement of the students it is nothing.

committee has met and the board has decided how much money each club gets, the money is distributed to the appropriate groups.

It is your money, don't you want a say in how it is spent? It is the job of every member of SGA to listen to your comments on how things are being done. You do not have to be on SGA to attend the meetings held every Thursday Night at 9:30. You can also tell the representatives or officers what you want discussed at the meetings.



SGA demands student ideas and comments

(contact the following people with your concerns)

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'Dogs anticipate defensive gridlock

Tim Hayden
Spectator Staff

After a heart-breaking loss last season to Southwestern College, the Bulldogs return to action tomorrow night looking for revenge. Both teams come to the competition with a young roster and high expectations.

Despite the 1999 conference championship behind them, the 1-2 Moundbuilders return few starters from last year's team. Similar to the Bulldogs' situation, Southwestern will start a majority of freshmen on the offensive line. This inexperience will cause both teams to rely on their running offenses.

Southwestern does not bring the speed in the backfield that they had last season, but they do have some size on the offensive line, according to Coach Dan Davis. He does not anticipate any problems defending their passing game.

Defensively, the Moundbuilders are sound, returning nine starters. With solid defenses on both sides of the ball, it should be tough for both the Moundbuilders and the Bulldogs to move the ball against each other.

Freshman Tyler Fuchs, line backer, said, "I am finally starting to adjust to the college style of play and am feeling more comfortable on defense each week. I think that if we can stop their running game, we should be able to surprise some people."

"We have been just one block away, or one person has missed an assignment that has kept us from breaking a long play. The offensive line has improved immensely in the past two weeks and is starting to understand what they need to

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—Justin Fisher

do," Davis said. "Things are starting to click and hopefully we will be able to break a few [plays] against Southwestern."

The Bulldogs will rely on their defensive strength as they prepare for this weekend's game. Offensively, McPherson will stick to the same game plan utilized in the last two weeks.

"If we can control our turnovers and penalties, there is no reason why we shouldn't be able to score some points on these guys," Davis said.

McPherson is coming off of a disappointing loss to Friends University (0-20) last Saturday, Sept. 23. With continuous drizzle contributing to their difficulties, the Bulldogs were forced to limit their passing attack and depend on their running game. Friends was able to capitalize on the Bulldog mistakes.

"The offensive line is starting to come together and are getting a feeling of what needs to be done to move the ball. If we can put some points on the board, I think that our defense will be able to hold Southwestern," said Justin Fisher, center.

Kickoff against the Moundbuilders is tomorrow at 7 p.m.



Dallas Blacklock leaps to block a pass from a Bethany receiver.

Alumna treasures memories of cheerleading



Time and Again

ROMA ROLSTON KELLER '70

During the three years I was a cheerleader, we did not win a single football game and very few basketball games, but we had a great time. Our spirit was wonderful! We were on our own once we were elected. We had no sponsor other than Sid Smith, the athletic director. We found our way to the away games and did our own practice schedule.

It seems like we were always busy. Trying to practice was the hardest part. If tests were coming up or classes/labs were late, we had a hard time getting together.

I have many memories of cheering. One year during Homecoming our rivals burned down our bonfire the night before it was supposed to burn. We also had great snake dances during Homecoming, long chains of people being whipped around.

One of the lessons I learned was the teamwork and the pride I had in wearing the cheerleading uniform and knowing the football and basketball players. We always felt a part of the college.

The coaches and players were very positive towards us and included us in their awards night and dinners. They would also joke and kid around with us, which really created a family atmosphere.

As cheerleaders, we tried to be happy, smile and be positive. Things may not have always gone our way, but it was a wonderful honor to support the athletic teams of McPherson College.

Time and Again is written by various alumni who participated in athletics during their time at Mac.

Cross country teams trek to Oklahoma

With two meets to their credit, the cross country teams are hitting the road to take on a wider range of competitors at the OSU Cowboy Jamboree at Stillwater, Okla. tomorrow. The teams

will compete against more than 150 runners from several states including four-year and junior colleges in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas.

"I'm expecting everyone to go out and

compete and have fun. Just to get out and compete in a huge atmosphere will be fun," said head coach Eric Dickkut.

The teams have "shown a lot of improvement over the last two weeks. They have been working in practice and I think they will do well," Dickkut said.

The OSU meet "will be a great learning experience. The pace of the race will push and drive the team," said Shane Netherton.

Setting a personal record with a time of 28:53.2, Netherton lead the men's team to a seventh place finish at the Tabor Invitational Meet at Marion Reservoir Saturday, Sept. 23. However, the cool morning weather slowed the rest of the team, including Wes Hoffert (29:53.6), Seth Good (31:53.2), Heath Garner (37:37.7), and Clay Benson (43:12.6).

Michelle Schulz came across the finish line first for the Lady Bulldogs in a time of 22:16.6, an improvement of almost 30 seconds off her previous 5K time. Elizabeth Stover (22:19.6) and Jodi Good (23:28.4) also ran. Yvonne and Yvette Segura did not compete due to injuries.

"I finally got the mental part of my racing down a little better. I'd like to stay mentally on top of my races," Schulz said.

Many team members have set personal and team goals for the season.

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Schulz is working towards a sub-22.5K while Netherton is aiming to break 27:30.

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"I'd like to see us all run together as a pack. Once we have a full team, we'll be really competitive," Stover said.

A full men's team and three women will run tomorrow in Oklahoma. The women's race starts at 8:05 a.m. with the men running at 8:45 a.m.

"I feel that everyone is running strong," said Netherton. "If we keep it up we will all set personal records this year."

Brian Cole contributed to this article.



Heath Garner completes the first mile of the 8K course at Marion.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE



Erica Alvarez

Erica Alvarez, a freshman from Brownsville, Texas, plays middle blocker for the volleyball team. Alvarez is ranked sixth in the conference for kills with 89.

"Erica is a team player. She leads the team with her playing ability," said coach Jen Williams.

Alvarez was selected First All-Tournament at the MAC Tournament.

"She is a great defensive and offensive player," said Williams. "We're fortunate to have her."

Inconsistency leads to two volleyball losses

Greg Mendez
Spectator Staff

After coming off big wins last weekend at the MAC Early Bird Tournament, the McPherson College volleyball team ran into a roadblock this past week. The women lost two home matches to Bethel College and Ottawa University, 0-3 and 1-4 respectively.

Bethel, the preseason pick to win the conference, showcased their talent on Sept. 19 as they beat the Lady Bulldogs convincingly in three straight games (3-15, 5-15, 5-15).

"The score really didn't indicate how we played because we won a lot of side-outs," said head coach Jen Williams.

"In the last game we had 14 unforced errors," added Mel Trevino, setter. "When they were serving, we made the mistakes and they got the points."

The women got off to a slow start against Bethel, and the Threshers took advantage of it. With six seniors on the team, the opponents jumped out to a quick two-game lead and put the Bulldogs in a hole they could not climb out of.

"It's hard to play when you are down two games, because you know you have three to go," Williams said. She also indicated that she felt the women played better against Bethel than in any of the games over the past weekend. But the lack of experience and the quickness was just too much for the team to handle.

The Ottawa Braves came to McPherson on Thursday, Sept. 21, and handed the Bulldogs their second consecutive loss. Once again, Mac got off to a slow start and fell behind two games to zero, eventually losing to the visiting Braves (7-15, 5-15, 15-7, 9-15).

In the third game, the Bulldogs came out fired up and stole some momentum away from Ottawa. But the team couldn't hold on as Ottawa took the fourth game, along with the match.



Ashley Anderson executes the kill against Hesston in a JV match.

"We won the third game but played terrible the first two games," Williams said. "It was really frustrating."

"We just need to be more enthusiastic. We need to come together more and motivate each other. It's all stuff we say everyday, we need to do this and we need to do that, but we actually need to

start doing it," said freshman Julie Montoya.

Tomorrow the Bulldogs travel to the Central Bible Tournament. The field of teams consists of a group that McPherson is very capable of beating.

"I expect us to do really well," Williams said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's tennis splits matches with KW in first competition of season

The women's tennis team entered into its second season with seven players on the squad. The women participated in its first competition against Kansas Wesleyan Wednesday, Sept. 27, going 2-3 in singles competition and 0-2 in doubles.

"Everyone played awesome. It was an all-around good effort by everyone. Basically a lot of fun," said Amanda Zillinger.

"I was very nervous. I didn't know what to expect but it went really well," Dow said.

"I'm pleased with our first showing. This can be a strong base to build for next year," said head coach Mel Wright.

Joining in the effort to strengthen the women's tennis program is assistant coach Robin Hovis. Hovis brings experience as a collegiate athlete to the team.

"Considering that we started out with only two girls, I think we did really well," said Lindsay Krehbiel.

While there are no more matches scheduled to date, the team hopes to compete in a few non-conference matches or in out-of-state tournaments. If Coach Wright feels the team is ready, the team may compete in the KCAC championship tournament Oct. 21 and 22.

Men's soccer hopes to bounce back from slow start

With seven conference games up next on the schedule, the men's soccer team is hoping to redeem their 0-8 record with several wins within the conference. Despite recent losses to National American (0-6) and Bethany (0-3), head coach Dan Marchewka is optimistic for a win against Friends University this Saturday, Sept. 30.

"They have a strong mid-field. We're really going to have to match them physically," said Marchewka.

As the season has progressed,

Marchewka has seen improvements in the team. "Our line-up is pretty much set. We just need to work on consistency."

Football cheerleading squad announced

The cheerleading squad for the 2000 football season includes returners Ebony Williams, Lovie Pace, and Rhea Meyer-Riley. New members are Saraphina Kasparie, Laura Potts, and Melissa Osterloh. Katie Bauer will serve as mascot. The squad is sponsored by Tonia Rael.

Women's soccer battles through string of losses

With two starters absent, the women's soccer team fell 0-9 to York College last night on the road. This loss brings their record to 0-8.

"Our defense was unorganized," said coach Dane Straight. "I've never seen a girl's team shoot like that. Every chance [York] had, they were shooting," said Straight.

Heather Schooley, starting goalie for the Bulldogs, had a total of 22 saves.

The women will travel to Friends University tomorrow with play at 5 p.m.

Softball team finishes 0-2 in off-season tournament

Wrapping up their off-season training, the women's softball team competed in the Brown Mackie Invitational Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 23. The women competed in three games, falling to Cloud County Community College (0-10) and Brown Mackie College (1-5). The third contest against Hutchinson Community College was forfeited due to an injury.

"There are some real bright spots," said coach Mike McCormick. "Considering that some girls were playing positions they hadn't practiced at, I think we did real well."

While the team will continue to train, the regular softball season will not begin until Feb. 1. McCormick has 15 games scheduled for the Bulldogs.

BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

Football

6-44 v. Bethany
0-20 v. Friends

Volleyball

0-3 v. Mid-America
3-0 v. Haskell
1-3 v. Southwestern
3-0 v. Central Christian
3-0 v. Haskell
3-0 v. Central Bible

3-0 v. Haskell
0-3 v. Bethel
1-3 v. Ottawa
0-3 v. Friends

Women's Soccer

0-8 v. Central Christian
0-7 v. Southwestern
0-13 v. Southern Nazarene
0-10 v. Tabor
0-1 v. Bartlesville Wesley.
1-2 ot v. Manhattan Christian

0-12 v. Bethany
0-9 v. York College

Men's Soccer

1-4 v. Greenville
2-6 v. Sterling
0-3 v. Southwestern
1-7 v. Bethel
1-4 v. Southern Nazarene
1-4 v. Tabor
0-6 v. Nat'l American
0-3 v. Bethany

Q: In what year did women's tennis make its debut at McPherson College?

A: Six women joined coach Doris Coppock in the spring of 1967. They won both of their matches against Sterling with 5-4 scores.



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SGA tackles difficult task of funding clubs and activities

Tracy Firch
News Editor

Student Government Association's Budget Committee met last week to allocate funds to the various clubs on campus.

SGA receives 90 percent of the student fee that each student at McPherson College pays. From this the campus publications, "The Quad" and "The Spectator" are the first obligations for funding, according to the SGA constitution. SGA also pays for activities and improvements around campus.

"Some activities, such as bowling, are already paid for, others are merely budgeted for, including Homecoming and funding for clubs," said Scott McDearmon, president. "Clubs have the potential to spend what we've budgeted. If they don't submit receipts they aren't allocated money and the surplus money is carried over into SGA's account next semester."

Clubs are presented with a sheet detailing what expenses are eligible for SGA support at the beginning of every

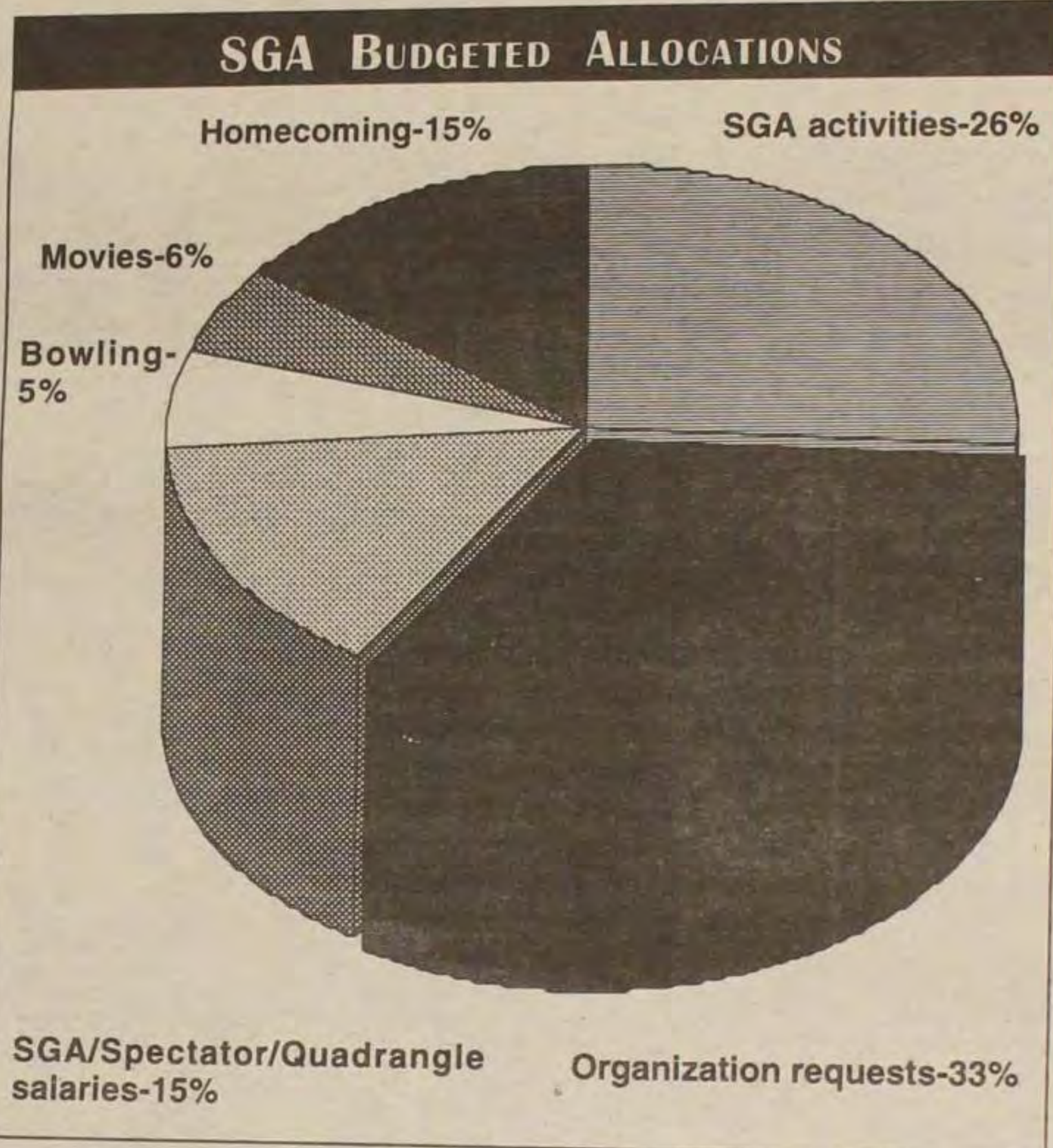
year. "We want to support clubs and organizations but we also want them to stay active in fundraising," McDearmon said.

The amount of money SGA has for funding varies each semester, depending on the number of students enrolled. Each year the number of clubs also changes; this year the number has increased by two so far, with more groups possibly becoming clubs.

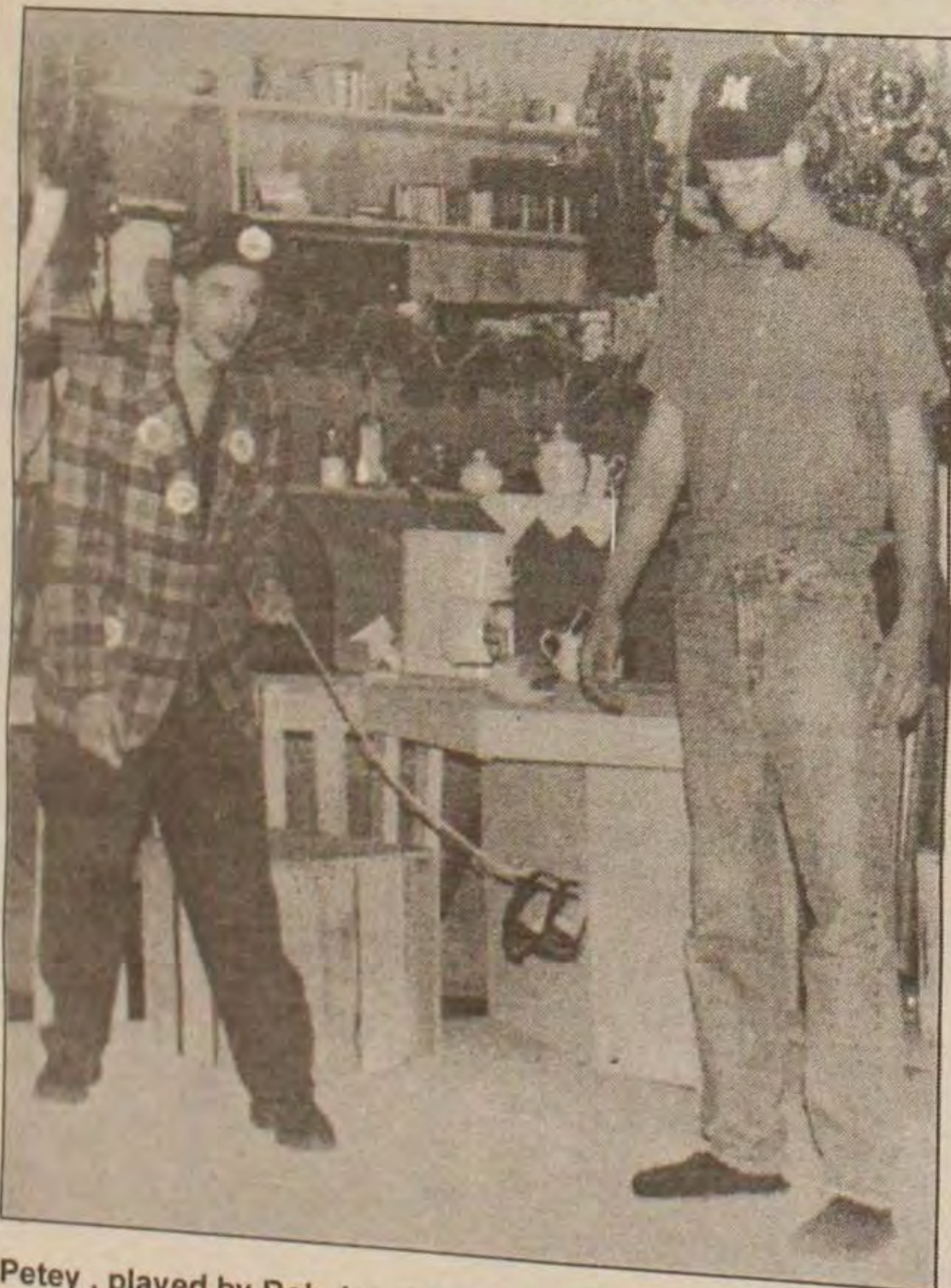
Student fees also fund SGA-sponsored activities including cosmic bowling and Tuesday night movies. However, SGA provides funding for many other things.

"We're trying to support all activities on campus, not just SGA-sponsored activities," said Nichole Williams, activities director.

The Budget Committee is the part of SGA that reviews requests for money. This committee is composed of SGA president Scott McDearmon, Treasurer Amanda Wells, three student government representatives at large and faculty advisors Dave O'Dell and Kathryn Whitacre.



'A Tuna Christmas' entertains audiences



Petey, played by Bob Jennings, left, asks for advice from RR, played by Brian Wave, concerning one of his many pets. The cast of "A Tuna Christmas" performs tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre.

photo by Genelle Wine

New students increase, retention decreases

Kara Reiff
Spectator Staff

While the number of new students increased this year, the number of full-time students decreased. Compared to last year's 438 full-time students, there was a difference of 24, or 5.5 percent.

"Some years retention and the number of new students has been better," Karlene Tyler, associate dean for student enrollment services said. "However, any year there is a large turnover in faculty and co-curricular areas, it affects enrollment."

Retention is when students stay at the college until they finish their program study. One goal President Gary Dill has is to have every student that comes into the college finish here.

"Today's student is a different kind than students were 20 or 30 years ago" Dill said. "Now students are accustomed to dealing with education as modules, they go to one school for a year or two and then transfer, some students don't plan on finishing where they start."

According to Dill, one reason that students don't stay with one school is because of changing expectations of students as consumers. Even some of the students who plan to stay for the duration, for some reason or another, will not.

"What we need to do to keep enrollment and retention numbers up is create an enjoyable experience for students to make them interested and want to return

the next year," Fred Schmidt, director of admissions and financial aid said.

Goals for freshmen and transfer students are about the same each year. For the enrollment objective there should be 225 freshmen and transfers each year. The total number of students should be around 600-650.

"We don't always end up meeting the goals," Schmidt said, "but those numbers are what we try to reach."

According to Tyler, increasing enrollment numbers could be as simple as improving academic and co-curricular programs. Over time, these things could attract and keep students at McPherson. "I am very pleased with the results of the freshman and transfer student and also the ratio of women to men," Schmidt said.

"One change to increase enrollment numbers that we're working on for next year is letting students apply for merit scholarships by personal reported GPA instead of ACT or SAT scores," Dill said. "This will allow them to consider what we will be able to offer them earlier than we have been able to in the past."

The number of new students has increased in the past ten years. In 1990, the total for new students was 116, this year it was 184. Most years between 1990 and 2000 have been somewhat steady, with the exception of a few. Overall, McPherson has stayed more constant as far as enrollment numbers than other area schools.

NEWS BRIEFS

Investments Contest

The Business Club is sponsoring an investment contest to introduce students to the basics of investing. Students are given one million fake dollars to invest. There will be a meeting Friday at 6:30 in the basement of Miller Library. Prizes will be awarded at the end of Christmas and at the end of the year.

Tailgate party

A tailgate party with free food will provide pop and pep Saturday at 6 p.m. before the football game.

Auditions

Become involved in "Whodunnit," a spoof of murder mysteries by auditioning Monday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Convocations

Upcoming events for convo credit include "Who Wants to be a Macmillionaire? Faculty Follies" Oct. 2 in Brown Auditorium at 11:30 a.m.; Departmental Meetings with Majors Oct. 9 at 11:30 a.m.; and the women's soccer game vs. York at 4 p.m.

Renaissance Festival

The Creative Arts Society is going to the Renaissance Festival Sunday, Oct. 1 at 7 a.m. Anyone interested is invited. Those with questions call ext. 7528.

Spanish movie night

The modern languages department is hosting a weekly Spanish influenced film. This week's film is "Cabeza de Vaca." The biography of the Spanish explorer who was the sole survivor of a 16th century shipwreck off the coast of Florida. It will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of Miller Library.

"Mambo Kings" will be shown Oct. 8 in the basement of Miller Library at 6:30 p.m. This film is based on Oscar Hijuelo's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, in which the Mambo Kings play songs of love about two young brothers who dream of fame and success in the U.S.

Teacher Education Program Applications

Applications for the Teacher Education program are due Oct. 18 in the department of Curriculum and Instruction in the lower level of Miller Library.

Salsa Dancing

Learn to Salsa Dance on Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Thursday in the Siek Dining Room. They also meet Thursday evening at 9:30 p.m. in the lobby outside the cafeteria.