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Homecoming encourages spirited student participation

LeAnn Wine

Editor in Chief

"Spirit Week" activities including contests, a bonfire and homecoming dance from Oct. 23-28 are being sponsored by Student Government. The theme for the week is "Then and Again."

Students will have the chance to win prizes Monday through Friday of spirit week by dressing according to the theme for that day.

Monday, Oct. 23, is Pajama day, Tuesday, Toga day, and Wednesday, Twin day. On Thursday

Each of the classes will dress from a certain decade; seniors, 50s, juniors, 60s, sophomores, 70s, and freshmen, 80s.

Friday will be Halloween costume day and Saturday will be red and white day.

Costumes will be judged during meals and the winner announced in the cafeteria for that day. Winners will receive assorted prizes.

SGA is also sponsoring a dorm decorating contest. The decorations will be judged and winners announced on Thursday, Oct. 26. Representatives from the Staff Association will act as judges.

Then & Again

"The goal is to incorporate the theme," said Tyler Kerst, SGA vice president. "If they follow the theme, they'll have a better chance of winning."

SGA will give residents of the hall that wins first place in the dorm decorating contest a gift certificate for a personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. If the winners choose to use the gift certificates together, SGA will provide soda.

There will be a bonfire Friday, Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. in the Metzler circle drive. The pep band will perform, representatives from the athletic teams will speak, and the cheerleaders will cheer. Students can enjoy refreshments and hear the winners of the hall decorating contest.

Another activity on Friday is Honors Convo at 11 a.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Homecoming court named

Homecoming royalty nominees this year are: Mandi Behnke sr., Bushton; Valoree Ebersole, jr., Wichita; Elizabeth Stover, jr., Quinter; Amanda Tuttle, sr., Quinter; LeAnn Wine, sr., Imperial, Neb; Ryan Ben David, sr., McPherson; Clay Haggard sr., Lebanon, Mo; Justin Fisher sr., Limon, Colo; Scott McDearmon, sr., Milledgeville Ill.

Jason Chalastari jr. Sallisaw Okla., Aaron Ellsworth sr., Lakefork Idaho; Craig Ramsey sr., McPherson are in a three-way tie. There will be a run-off vote Tuesday, Oct. 17. The final vote for king and queen will be Oct. 19.

The Young Alumni Awards will be presented to three McPherson residents. John Holthus, '75, Karlene Morphew Tyler, '75, and Chris Whitacre, '80, will receive this award.

The theatre production of "Whodunnit" will take the stage at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. Also beginning at 8 p.m., will be the alumni volleyball game in the Sports Center.

Renovations of Miller Library planned for 2002

Dennis L. Pfeiff Jr.

Spectator Staff

Plans to improve Miller Library are being considered by the Instructional Resources Committee. The plans include both cosmetic and structural changes to be completed in two stages beginning the summer of 2002.

A central goal of the new design is to encourage more students to spend time in the library and provide a place that would encourage intellectual exchange between students and faculty.

"Right now, we're still in the planning period. There is still opportunity for input," said Kathryn Dietz, behavioral science, chair of the Instructional Resources Committee.

The first phase, planned for the summer of 2002, will focus on the main floor of the library and make the library more accessible to handicapped students. The changes include moving the Brethren Room downstairs, replacing the carpet, painting the walls and creating some computer work stations on the main level. Career Services and the Center for Academic Development will also move

to the main floor.

Handicapped accessible restrooms, a coffee bar, a raised stage and new furniture will be added to the main level. The opening of the main floor will serve as a 24-hour area.

"Adding the coffee shop would give it the Barnes and Noble look," said Bryan Lucore, soph., Springfield, Mo., one of two student members on IRC.

The second stage of renovation, which has not yet been scheduled, would concentrate on the upper level and basement of the library. Renovations would include replacing the carpet and repainting the walls as well as re-spacing the stacks so as to accommodate handicapped students.

The most current thinking calls for the Brethren Room to be relocated in the area which is now the computer lab. The committee is also considering the option of enlarging the board room, Miller 105.

Most students seem to approve the planned changes.

"Moving the computers is nice, and I really like the coffee bar idea," said Caleb May, sr., Warrensburg, Mo.

Work study jobs still available for students

Kara Reiff

Spectator Staff

Just over half of McPherson College students eligible for work study are taking advantage of the opportunity by working at on-campus jobs. One hundred thirty of the 225 students eligible for work study financial aid are employed on campus.

Almost 100 students will have to make up for their work study award, whether it be from an off-campus job or from their parents' or their own pockets.

The number of hours students are mandated to work depends on the work study award given. For \$2,500, a student would need to work about 15 hours a week.

"There probably aren't enough hours for all students," said Fred Schmidt, director of admissions and financial aid. "But if more were willing to do all of the jobs that are available, the number of hours is closer than if they only count the hours on the jobs in which they like."

Work study is a program that allows students to earn money with an on-campus job and use it toward their educational expenses. A certain amount

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—Fred Schmidt
Director of Financial Aid

of money is awarded to students at the beginning of the semester and students are expected to become employed to account for the money awarded to them. Those students who are eligible for work study but are not employed must have the work study money paid off or have arrangements made with the business office by the beginning of the next semester.

"When supervisors on campus are hiring, they give work study eligible students priority," Schmidt said. "If they unable to employ the work study student, others can fill the position."

Students with work study eligibility are not

guaranteed a job. They must seek employment on their own. If students have problems, they can get help from Schmidt.

"Some students are inexperienced at getting a job," Schmidt said. "There are students who have always had their parents take care of the financial aspect of their lives and that may be a reason students have a hard time becoming employed."

According to Schmidt, other factors that might cause students to not take on-campus jobs are thinking that they will be able to study while they work, scheduling problems, not having the required skills for the jobs and not liking the kind of work that is available.

"Getting a job on- and off-campus were both fairly easy," Tammy Blanken, fr., Greenleaf said. "On campus, I interviewed with Karlene Tyler and a few days later she called me and gave me the job. And off-campus, I turned in my application and they asked when I could start."

Blanken works at the switchboard in the provost office and at Applebee's as a hostess. She had her on-campus job before she started looking for a job off campus. Most of the extra money will be used for school, but Blanken will keep some cash on hand for emergency situations.

"College is expensive," Blanken said. "I needed the additional income and something to keep me busy."

"We continue to work at finding jobs for students," Schmidt said. "We encourage them to find employment by sending out notices for those who are eligible but are not working."

As of Sept. 22, 2000, the jobs that were still available included office assistant in the behavioral sciences department, Web manager, Channel 5 assistant and communications intern in the communications department, academic computing in computer services, secretary in economic/business department, tutor in history/philosophy, student's assistant in Miller Library, general maintenance in Plant Operations, weight room supervisor-nights (two positions), afternoons (three positions), laundry (football and basketball), general maintenance-mornings and afternoons, games coordinators and event clean-up in the Sport Center.

Job listing are always on hand at the front desk in Mohler Hall and are also posted on the McPherson College Web site.

Editorials

OUR LEAD EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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Miller Library upgrades affect aesthetic and academic environment

Plans are being discussed to upgrade Miller Library. Current plans include both structural and cosmetic changes while future plans hold expected upgrades in content.

The library, as it is now, maintains an atmosphere of simplicity and promotes studying in a quiet environment. However, problems such as bad lighting and uncomfortable chairs make it difficult to study effectively. Renovations are planned to create a new atmosphere which would look friendlier and make surroundings more relaxing and academically stimulating.

Some of the plans for the physical alterations to the library will help students in their academic endeavors. The academic development services will be moved to the main floor. Students will have ready access to this resource instead of being forced to hunt for the offices in the basement.

One physical change that will be detrimental to the library's atmosphere and physical content is the addition of a coffee bar. Allowing students to eat and drink around research materials and computers is an invitation for stained magazines and unreadable texts.

Although the physical environment of the library is important, an increase in the amount of materials available in the library is needed. Currently, it is difficult to find enough materials on topics such as science, technology and other areas that constantly change.

Students should feel comfortable in the place they study and research. However, they should not leave the library disappointed and frustrated that the materials they needed were unavailable. McPherson College should be commended for realizing both areas of need within Miller—physical and content upgrades.

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MAC OPINION

What would you think about a coffee bar in the library?



"It would keep me there longer to study if I had something to eat."

Ricky Torres, Jr., San Antonio



"I think it would be okay if it had more than coffee."

Andrea Bolhuis, Jr., Chapman



"It sounds like a good idea. I bet they would get a lot of business."

Keiko McDearmon, Jr., Milledgeville, Ill.

"It would be awesome! I think a lot of people would enjoy it because it would be a friendlier place to study."

Connie Pucket, Jr., Ulysses



"Even though I'm not a coffee drinker, I do think it's a cool idea. This campus could use a happening place to socialize."

Caleb Mosby, Jr., Noel, Mo.



"I think it would be fine as long as it was in a secluded place because sometimes you need a break from studying."

Jonelle Bernasko, Sr., London



Campus morality needs a boost

Morality is defined as a group of moral principles or a set of values. Generally speaking, those who have a good moral background are said to have conformed to a higher standard of living with a greater sense of right and wrong.

We have only been in school for seven weeks and already it is apparent that many students here lack morality. Nightly drinking and casual sex seem to be two of the biggest issues. There are many occasions when drinking is understandable and socially acceptable.

I know this from personal experience. I grew up with an abusive alcoholic and have been known for attending my share of parties. Through their experimentation with alcohol, many students become alcoholics during college.



Soap Box Central

JADE BOYER

While intoxicated people tend to do things they would not normally do. Sex is usually among them. I know that I do not even need to go into the dangers of casual sex.

When I analyze the student body, the axiom "actions speak louder than words" comes to mind. Although these students may be wonderful people with awesome viewpoints, I find it hard to take them seriously.

mostly because I detest discrimination in any form, and therefore make it a point to befriend everyone.

One of my many mottoes is "to each their own." If everyone would follow this then we would be a much happier and less discussed group of people.

If you don't want people to discuss your personal life I suggest you use wise judgement. And heed the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do to you."

I do not mean to sound hypocritical. I am not against letting go and having a good time, but I do not let it absorb me. Go out, have fun, and live your life; that is part of college.

Trees are nature's best invention

This summer I spent my time in the woods of western and central Pennsylvania as a camp counselor. I had never been east of Memphis and I managed to drive by myself over the Mississippi and into the Appalachians without much trouble.

Trees...plain old trees. You got it. I think trees are one of the greatest entities on earth. Here are just a few reasons why I adore trees.

- You can save a tree, hug a tree, adopt a tree and raise a tree.
They keep you cool without cost.
They give you shelter when the breeze blows hard enough to lift a cow.



Courtney's Kaleidoscope

COURTNEY IRWIN

I love the colors they produce in every season of the year...the different colors almost seem to reflect their personalities

- No matter how hard it rains, standing under a tree keeps you drier than standing under an umbrella.
I love the way icicles form on the ends of leafless branches.
Watching a tree blow in the wind makes me feel like I can stand up to

anything without being knocked down.

What other object can give you food and a toothpick and shelter complete with toilet paper?

Trees can be anything we want them to be as long as we still have our imaginations!

Have you ever seen a weeping willow in the wind, or a snow covered cedar tree? They are beautiful forms that stand taller than buildings, stronger than stones and move as wistfully as clouds.

I love studying on the second floor of the library, overlooking the courtyard below. I can see the tree tops at eye level. It makes me feel invincible.

I encourage everyone to take the time to relax and observe the life of a tree.

Is the educational system in the U.S. as good as it can be?



Liberal Platform

BILL SROUFE

Since I agreed to write this, I have been trying to decide what I didn't like about the education system. The problem is I haven't been able to come up with anything.

Don't get me wrong, I have had my share of bad teachers and stupid classes. I have had to deal with the B.S. that is inherent within any bureaucratic system. For the most part I am very happy with my experience within, but there is a problem. Money. We don't have enough of it.

We don't have enough money in the school systems to make it a worthy institution. We don't pay our teachers enough, so some of them get to the point that they don't care about teaching anymore. Let's face it—teaching is a thankless job. Teachers get paid little to nothing and they have to put up with whiny students, angry parents, and stingy governmental programs. These conditions are enough to make even a saint want to strangle someone.

On the same page, not only do the teachers not get paid what they are worth, they also don't have enough money to get the things that they need in their classrooms. It's even harder to stay current, with the rate at which life is moving now.

Things change all the time. Technology is leaping forward at the speed of thought, and any teacher who is out

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—Bill Sroufe



Conservative Platform

KYLIE FUNK

It is nothing less than a privilege to be a citizen of the United States, a land of freedoms which citizens of other countries have never known. A free education is one of many freedoms that all United States citizens can partake in.

Other countries do not educate their physically or mentally handicapped. Other countries do not allow all high school graduates the opportunity of a higher education. However, what was intended to be a free education has become a conditionally free education. The government has taken from public schools what was installed by our forefathers.

The Supreme Court recently passed a bill denying students and faculty the right to conduct or participate in organized prayer in public schools. I find this particularly disheartening, as I will soon be teaching in public schools. This law violates the First Amendment of our Constitution. Yet schools have become slaves of the federal government. The government provides funding; therefore, public schools are at their disposal.

It is also disheartening to see standards lowered in public schools. A friend of my younger sister was an accelerated reader, and earned the most points of anyone in a reading

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—Kylie Funk

of the loop is falling farther and farther behind every day.

So where do we get the cash? I suggest selling some of those Stealth bombers. How much is the retail on one of them? A few billion, right? So we sell some of those, put the money into a couple of high yield bond programs, then use the interest to bolster the education system. Bingo, we have cash.

And for all of the people saying, “But we just sold a very powerful weapon that could be used against us,” I reply: If we have educated people, they can figure out how to track the Stealth.

See, education helps you war mongers as well.

contest. However, she was not supported by her “young and innovative” teacher, who denied her the books to continue reading ahead. She appealed to an older teacher who saw no reason to hold her back. If she could earn those points, she deserved them. Shouldn't students always strive for excellence?

I feel very privileged to be attending a private Christian college. I am so thankful that I can worship and fellowship with other students without feeling or being told that what I do is offensive. We are blessed to be able to attend a small school with deep and “very human relations,” as Ken Yohn once said.

‘Devout Catholic’ focuses on leading a life that God intends

I am Catholic. This means that I go to Mass every Sunday and I obey the Ten Commandments along with the church's teachings and doctrines. I try my best to do what is right and avoid what is wrong, even though I don't always succeed.

My own personal experiences aren't exactly happy memories. As a matter of fact, most of them are unhappy. There once was a point in my life when I had to choose if I wanted to live or die. My faith was shaken and I needed something to pull me through.

One night I had a dream, at least I think it was a dream. I was crying in my room (which happened every night) and suddenly I felt at peace. I saw Jesus in front of me and he moved towards me. When he reached me, he hugged me and whispered that everything would work out if I just trusted him completely. After this, I knew that everything would be fine.

Some people reading this now will say I'm weird. Some people I know think I'm weird because I go to Mass every Sunday or because I will remain a virgin until I'm married. I was brought up to follow these commandments, but I obey them because of my personal experiences.

For example, I feel empty when I don't go to Mass every Sunday because I have missed out on the graces received and on receiving Jesus through the gospel and communion. I don't feel empty about missing Mass because I think I will go to Hell. I feel empty because I missed receiving Jesus in the most wonderful way, in communion.

People stereotype what Catholics are and how they act. Not all Catholics follow the religion exactly, while other



Cornerstone

KRISTA LATTA

Catholics follow every aspect of the religion no matter what the circumstances are in their life at the time.

My beliefs are who I am. I'm not saying that I'm better than anyone else is because I know who I am and what I want from life. I have come a long way in finding myself. My faith has helped me figure out what to do and how to do certain tasks to shape my life.

My senior year in high school we had to take a class called vocations. This class taught us what was involved in different vocations and what to expect from those vocations. The main thing I learned from that class has nothing to do with vocations in life.

The teacher who taught the class was a priest and he had a personal philosophy that has helped me make sense out of my life. His philosophy was a question that went something like this: If God came to you and asked you if you wanted to stay on earth or go with Him to Heaven that very second, which would you choose?

This question has helped me to realize that I was ready whenever God wanted me to go to Him. But until that moment comes, I will live my life the way I think God wants me to. I will live it according to the Bible and my church's teachings and doctrines.

I have been told that I am a devout Catholic. I don't know if that is true. It isn't for me to decide. I base a lot of what I do on my religion's teachings and beliefs, just like many other people do in their lives. All I know for sure is that God is in everyone and I do my best to find Him. Every time I help someone out or share that person's pain, sorrow, gladness, tears, etc., I have had these emotions with Jesus.

I always remember one thing that I have been taught and that I believe: all the sorrows experienced here on earth will be replaced with happiness, peace and love in Heaven with God, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, your guardian angel, all the angels and all the saints. This makes me feel better about my sorrows knowing that it won't carry over into the next world.

I hope this philosophy/belief does the same for you. I wish you all peace, happiness and love. God bless you. Amen.

MACism

In 1981, Homecoming week events included singing telegrams delivered by the music department. A dunking booth created a fun atmosphere for those at the Homecoming fair.

PERSON, KAN.

MACTOON BY CLAY BENSON

An auto-rat impressing a girl on a date

A typical guy trying to impress a girl

WHAT MAKES A Good Date?



Benson Broyles, fr., Kauai, Hawaii

"Someone who is outgoing, sensitive, loves the outdoors, willing to have fun, loving caring and someone who is inexpensive."

Elissa Thompson
Features Editor

Sweaty palms and priming are just two of the things experienced by those who date. Ten Mac students express their likes and dislikes about dating.

How do you dress for a first date?

"I try to dress nicely but still casual." —*Charlie S.*
"I try to wear some dressier clothing than usual or clothing suitable to what we're wearing something." —*Justin*
"I dress for the weather. It doesn't matter really to me how I dress or she dresses, just as long as we're wearing something." —*Benson*



Bob Jennings, fr., Lamar, Mo.
"My girlfriend."

"It depends on where you go, but it never hurts to cut out the jeans for the first date and wear some khakis." —*Staci*
"It depends on where you are going. Usually casual, not revealing too much, so there will be no misunderstandings." —*Ebony*

Should the guy or girl ask for the date? Why?

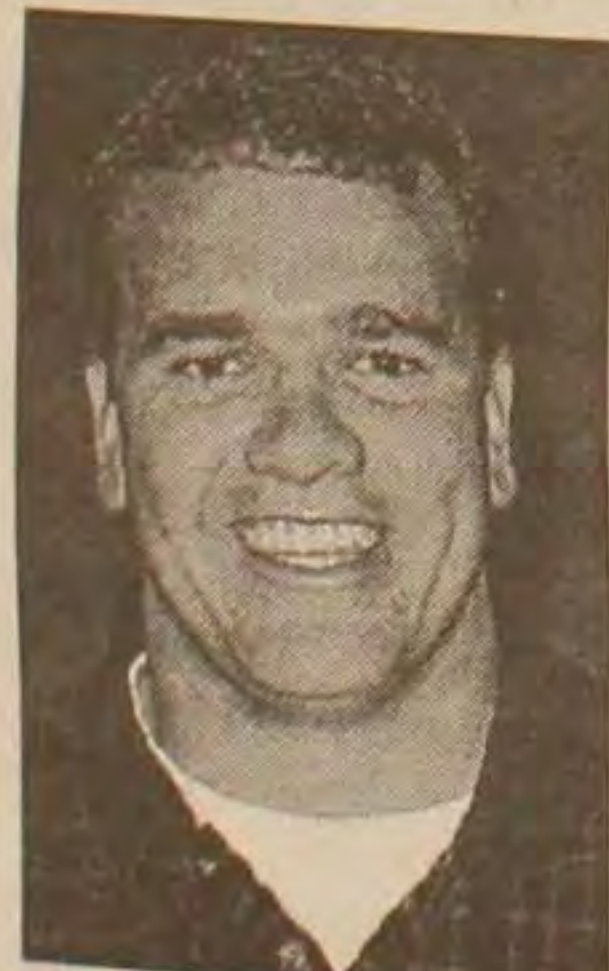
"It doesn't matter." —*Bob*
"I feel the guy should ask the girl because (call it old fashioned) that shows that the guy respects her enough to ask her to spend time with him." —*Staci*
"If a girl likes a guy or vice versa they should ask the guy or girl before it's too late or you'll regret it in



Staci Horton, Jr., Inman
"It's to a special place, something beyond a movie, he asks you to go he pays and you feel like a queen."



Charlie Shamburg, soph., Austin, Texas
"Good conversation and having a good time together, no matter what you are doing makes for a great date."



Justin Fisher, sr., Limon, Colo.
"One that both people get to be themselves and truly have a good time."

the future." —*Benson*
"I think the guy should approach the girl first, but either one should ask for the date." —*Tammy*
"I'm very shy, so I like it when girls ask for a date. It takes the pressure off and gives a little self-esteem boost." —*Charlie S.*
"Either one. Whoever wants the date should ask for it." —*Ebony*

What's your idea of a good inexpensive date?

"Take a couple of candles to a corner table in the cafeteria, dress up and have a good time!" —*Charlie S.*
"Renting a movie or watching one you already have." —*Tammy*
"Going for walks." —*Kendra*
"A coloring book and a big box of crayons!" —*Staci*
"Dinner with my parents and off to the batting cages." —*Charlie H.*
"A picnic, or Blockbuster night." —*Ebony*

Where's the best date in reality?

"Dinner at a nice restaurant and a walk on the beach." —*Charlie H.*
"Hawaii." —*Benson*
"Go on a picnic in the park on a nice cool fall day." —*Emily*
"Anywhere out of Kansas works good for me." —*Charlie S.*
"There isn't a best place—just a place where the two of you can spend time together and enjoy each other's company." —*Kendra*

What's your dream date?

"A smooth evening boat ride on the lake to a

secluded island where a pre-set candle lit dinner on a blanket for two awaits, as the sun slowly sets over the water." —*Charlie S.*

"One that goes by quickly because we are both having such a great time." —*Justin*
"I would love to be taken out for a lavish night of dinner and dancing. I would like to be picked up and given a dozen roses to keep. Plus a corsage to wear and driven to a restaurant." —*Staci*

"A picnic with my girlfriend." —*Bob*
"Two years ago when I met my fiancée." —*Charlie H.*

Should you kiss on the first date?

"Not unless it's a bet." —*Charlie H.*
"Depends. If you want to, sure, but if not, that's okay, too." —*Bob*
"No. I think it takes the excitement out of dating. After the kiss the wondering is gone, and things move too fast." —*Staci*
"Well, it depends on how well you know the person. First date, I usually don't expect one." —*Benson*
"That's really up to the people involved. Everyone is different." —*Tammy*
"If you both click well together, and it's obvious you both want to, go for it." —*Charlie S.*

What's the best surprise you have experienced on a date?

"A dozen roses to go with the dinner I had made." —*Tammy*
"My girlfriend got me

a dozen yellow roses (yellow is my favorite color) for our six month anniversary." —*Bob*

"I discovered the love of my life." —*Charlie H.*
"While out to dinner, I was surprised with tickets to see Clay Walker and the Dixie Chicks that night." —*Charlie S.*

"Dedicating a song on the radio to me." —*Kendra*

Who should pay?

"I think whoever asks for the date should pay." —*Charlie S.*
"I should. Always. That's the way I was raised." —*Bob*
"He should. He asked, right? So, he covers the bill." —*Staci*
"Usually the guy. I feel that if you ask the girl out that you should at least pay for the date." —*Justin*
"I think the guy and girl should take turns paying. I don't think it is fair for one person to pay all the time." —*Tammy*

Who picks the activity?

"Hopefully, the both of you can decide on something that both would enjoy. If no, I hope the guy at least has a game plan." —*Justin*
"The guy because he should be the leader of the relationship, but you can always ask for an opinion." —*Benson*
"He should because he'll be paying for it." —*Staci*
"My girlfriend. I physically can't. Chronic indecisiveness." —*Bob*
"The girl, that way if the date goes bad, she can't blame me." —*Charlie H.*
"Whoever asks for the date should have some ac-

tivity in mind." —*Charlie S.*
"It's what both people want to do, unless it's a surprise." —*Ebony*

Would you rather group date your first time out with someone? Why or why not?

"No. I like to get to know my date as well as I can on the first date, and that's a little hard to do in a group of people." —*Charlie S.*
"Group date. You get a better feel for how they have fun." —*Emily*
"That depends on whether or not I know them beforehand. If I don't know them, it's always nice to have someone there just in case I don't like her." —*Bob*
"No because when I go out with a girl I want to get to know her." —*Benson*

What would make you decide not to call someone after a date?

"Bad personality, or I felt uncomfortable with them." —*Tammy*
"If the first date is filled with awkward moments, dead silences, no laughter or anything that makes you leave with a bad feeling about the date. I this occurs usually, I will not call after a date." —*Justin*
"If he was totally opposite or disrespectful." —*Ebony*
"His teeth were black, his breath stank, he was totally boring and if I didn't have a phone." —*Staci*
"I always call. It's just rude not to." —*Bob*
"Finding out that she doesn't like football." —

Charlie H.

"If it's obvious that she's not interested, I won't call. If she dresses like a prostitute, I won't call. If she has a dry personality, I won't call. If all she talks about is her ex-boyfriend, I won't call." —*Charlie S.*

What would make you decide to call someone after a date?

"If we had a really good time." —*Emily*
"If the date went great." —*Ebony*
"Having butterflies in my stomach." —*Kendra*
"Because you had a great time, and you wanted to thank them for taking you out." —*Staci*
"If I liked how she treated me, and how good her attitude was." —*Benson*
"If we both had a good time, and we had things in common." —*Justin*
"How I was treated, if I felt attracted to the guy." —*Tammy*

What do you think of blind dates?

"I refuse to go on them because there's always a fear of not knowing." —*Ebony*
"I have never experienced a blind date, so I am undecided." —*Justin*
"The person who sets it up would have to be a very good friend, so that I can trust them to pick a fun person." —*Emily*
"Eugh!" —*Staci*
"They are okay. Not the worst and not the best." —*Kendra*
"They are the best. That's how I met my fiancée." —*Charlie H.*



Tammy Blanken, fr., Green Leaf
"The guy you are with."



Emily Tyler, soph., McPherson
"Good conversation."



Kendra Adams, sr., Belpre
"Having fun together—laughing, talking, joking with each other, feeling comfortable together."



Charlie Hill, jr., Sweeny, Texas
"The person and where you take them."



Ebony Williams, soph., Kansas City, Mo.
"Good conversation."

School spirit fires up the barbecue for tailgate party fun

Denise Norsworthy

Spectator Staff

Football games are sporting a rejuvenated spirit thanks to the enthusiasm of Amber Allen and Julie Scheef. From tailgate parties and red Bulldog towels to the bicycle with a cyclist who sports a flag with the college logo, these RAs have worked hard to carry out an idea created during RA training.

"We didn't think the person who had the idea would do anything about it, so we took the initiative to make it happen," said Allen, sr., Arapahoe, Colo.

Allen and Scheef, jr., Bennington, worked over 10 hours to make the first tailgate party happen. They had to spend a lot of time making a list of the items that they needed for the party. Then they talked with people about how they would purchase the food. Their time paid off, and everything worked out smoothly.

"On Saturday morning we're run-

ning around crazy, but we've made it with the help of others," Scheef said. "We were kind of scared about how it would go, but it all turned out good," Allen said.

Even the cold and rainy weather at the first game couldn't stop the tailgate party from being a success. It turned out so well that it encouraged them to have a tailgate party at each home football game. Scheef and Allen have been behind it all, working hard to make it a success for everyone.

Constantly trying to improve their standards, Scheef and Allen, spent one Saturday morning baking 24 dozen cookies

"It's pretty hectic work, but we seem to have fun," Scheef said.

Besides planning and working the tailgate parties, Amber and Julie have created a spirit war among the residents of Dotzour, Morrison, and Bittinger. They created the war to get people to go to the games and show their support for the athletic teams. They also made

a flag to wave around at the football games. They got the idea for the flag from former students, Dana Cordova and Hillary Schubert, who ran around the track waving a flag at one of the football games during Allen and Scheef's freshman year. Since the school did not have a flag, these two women bought some fabric and created a large red flag with the McPherson logo on it.

"When Dana and Hillary ran around the track they were out of breath, so we decided to ride our bikes carrying the flag," Allen said.

Their goal was to get students to come to the games and show their support. They have definitely made a positive change. The spirit oriented pair is currently working on something for Homecoming and plan on something for the basketball season

With all of their hard work, school spirit and positive attitudes, Allen and Scheef have definitely made an impression on Bulldog fans.



Amber Allen, sr., and Julie Scheef, jr., hold their homemade flag. photo by Elizabeth Stover

Lengel retires to enjoy travelling

Kim Steinert

Spectator Staff

Nancy Lengel, whose relationship with McPherson College spans more than four decades, will retire from McPherson College on Oct. 20.

Lengel, assistant to the associate dean for student enrollment services, began her employment at McPherson College in 1995, but that is not when her association with the college began. Both of Lengel's parents, Howard Keim, Jr., '28 and Winifred O'Connor, '27, graduated from McPherson College.

Lengel, originally from Indiana, graduated from McPherson in 1957. Her husband, Dr. Leland Lengel, who passed away in October 1998, graduated from the college in 1956 and served McPherson College as professor of history for 36 years. Dr. and Mrs. Lengel met while attending college and were married in 1957.

"Nancy and her husband, Lee, have been a vital part of McPherson College for over 35 years," said Karlene Tyler, associate dean of students. "They have supported the breadth of college co-curricular activities through their attendance, financial support and work. The love they have shown to students of their alma mater, and the support to colleagues will always be remembered."

Students will miss Lengel's willingness to help with anything and everything, from class schedules to the inevitable drop/add forms to transcripts. "She was always so helpful and friendly, especially considering how much of a pain we students can be," said Christa Livingston, jr., Abilene.

Lengel is definitely appreciated for her efficient work.

"She will definitely be missed," said Allison Horton, sr., Inman, who has worked under Lengel. "She has an amazing talent in getting everything done."

Lengel says that she will miss many things about working for McPherson College, most of all, the faculty and staff.

"Since Lee taught for 36 years, I've

known some of these people forever," Lengel said.

Although she has enjoyed her time as an employee of McPherson College, there are some things that Lengel won't miss.

"Some of the reports get to be a hassle and I won't miss comparing time sheets to class schedules every month to make sure students aren't getting paid for time that they should be in class," Lengel said.

After retirement, Lengel plans to travel to Egypt and to the U.S. coasts to visit family members. She will also be selling her house and moving into the Cedars Village.

"We will miss many things about Nancy," said Fred Schmidt, director of admissions and financial aid. "She is old enough to remember historical events that Karlene and other older staff mem-

bers recall."

Schmidt will not only miss Lengel's contributions to the office, but also to social events.

"Maybe most of all, we'll miss her little jalapeno treats that she brings to parties!" Schmidt said.

"Nancy will be sorely missed on a day-to-day basis by us all," Tyler said. "However, I am happy she is taking this opportunity to travel and spend time with her family who lives from coast to coast and beyond."

While coworkers will miss Lengel, they give her their best wishes for the future.

"We wish Nancy well in this new part of her life and hope to continue to see her frequently at campus events when she is not 'flying the friendly skies,'" Tyler said.



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Mistakes haunt 'Dog's record

Soccer team grows together

Tim Hayden
Spectator Staff

Off to a rocky start, the struggling Bulldogs travel tomorrow to face the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes. The Coyotes (3-1) are currently tied for second place in the KCAC with Bethany and Southwestern.

Last season, the Bulldogs pummeled the Coyotes in a 21-7 rout and plan to hand KW another loss this year. According to returning players, the Coyotes are an aggressive team that relies on physical strength to push its opponents around. The 'Dogs, improving steadily each week, look to catch the Coyotes off-guard and improve their 0-4 record.

The Coyotes like to keep the ball on the ground, which plays right into the hands of the tough Mac defense. The team has been able to stuff the run all season, but has given up a few big pass plays that have been the turning point in several games.

According to Davis, if the 'Dogs can continue to dominate against the run game and control KW's passing attack, the Coyotes should have trouble moving the ball against Mac.

"If we can play mistake-free football when we get inside the red zone, there is no reason why we shouldn't be able to put some points on the board and win," said head coach Dan Davis.

Offensively, the Bulldogs continue to struggle. After making a few changes last weekend against Sterling at quarterback and in the offensive sets, the Bulldogs were able to get the ball into the red zone on several occasions. However, penalties, turnovers, and broken plays kept McPherson from putting enough points on the board.

"Every week we get in close and then we make a huge mistake and it kills us," Davis said. "We get a penalty, or turn it over, or we have a broken play and that seems to be the turning point in the game. The offense loses its confidence and the defense

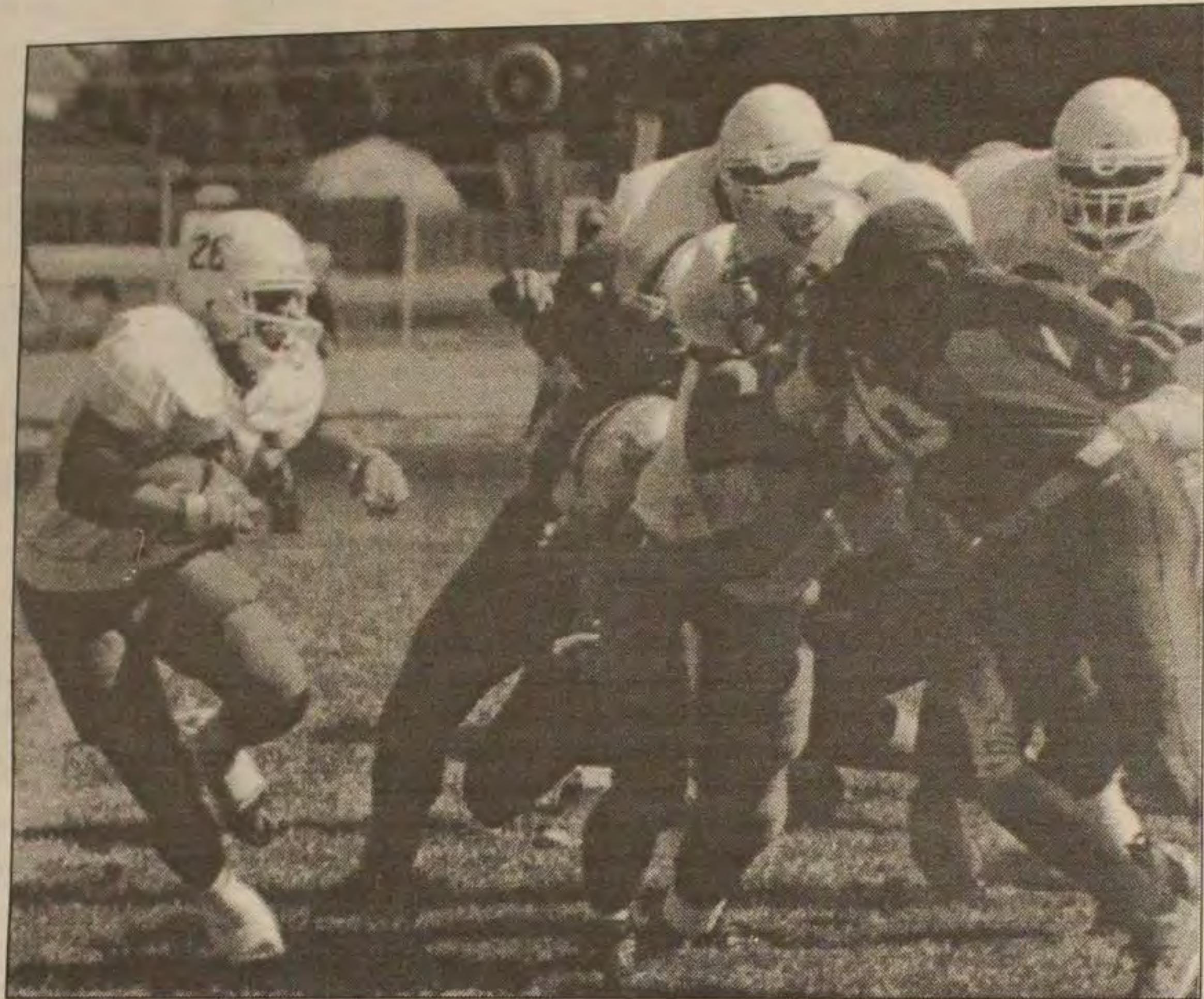


photo by Gennelle Wine

The Mac O-line works to give Jay Williams a hole through the Sterling defense.

has to make another big stop. Eventually they get worn down and give up a big play."

The Bulldogs come off a tough loss to Sterling (20-6) last Saturday, Oct. 7. They were able to put some points on the board late in the fourth quarter as John Berlanga caught his second touchdown pass of the year on a strike thrown by Sean Eason.

Defensive stand-out Jason Schwartz led Mac with 16 tackles, a fumble recovery and two blocked field goals. Sterling was able to break two big plays early in the third quarter for touchdowns, forcing McPherson to play catch-up for the rest of the game.

Facing the Southwestern Moundbuilders two weeks ago, the 'Dogs faced a strong defense that limited the Bulldogs' ability to move the ball. Defensively, the Bulldogs played tough, but Southwestern started in Bulldog territory on numerous occasions and wore out the Mac defense in the second half. Southwestern was able to capitalize on turnovers, winning the game 32-0. Schwartz provided some relief, leading the way with an impressive 23 tackles and was named KCAC Defensive Co-Player of the Week.

Swenson named Mac's first sports info director



photo by Gennelle Wine

Swenson and student aids keep stats at the game v. Sterling.

Scott McDearmon
Spectator Staff

Carol Swenson joined McPherson College this academic year as the direc-

tor of annual giving and the director of sports information. In the past, the time-consuming task of recording and organizing statistics has fallen to the way-side. Working out of the alumni and development office, Swenson has

brought sports information out of hibernation.

Swenson's responsibilities include acting as a liaison between the college and the media. He is also in contact with other sports organizations like the NFL. He relays sports statistics to media contacts such as radio stations, members of the KCAC and newspapers.

Many Bulldog fans may have noticed improvements in the McPherson College Web site. Swenson is responsible for updating the athletic pages of the site, uploading scores, rosters, team schedules, and letters from coaches summarizing the games.

Swenson's office, in conjunction with the communications office, organizes the programs and rosters for all McPherson College sporting events. Swenson also compiles media packets for reporters in the hopes that this information may be the catalyst for better coverage of stories concerning McPherson College.

"I want to make McPherson College sports information available to anyone who is interested," Swenson said.

Several students are helping Swenson make this a reality, including Chet Buchman, Tim Hayden, Mike Mitchell, Kenneth Davis and Michelle Schulz.

Buchman has worked as student director of sports information during his three years as a student at Mac. Buchman

and Swenson also worked together for three years while Buchman attended McPherson High School. Buchman received encouragement from Swenson to start in the sports information student position at McPherson College during Buchman's freshmen year.

"We try to channel [the aids'] time to the game day responsibilities. I have complete confidence in [their] abilities," Swenson said.

Because of the public relations nature of the development office and his emphasis on sports, Swenson is the liaison between the college and the McPherson College Athletic Boosters' Club. The club has doubled in size during the past year.

"We want to keep the college in a positive light. You can't just look at McPherson alone," Swenson said. "We have a lot of constituents. There are a lot of alumni interested in what's going on on campus."

Swenson's experience and interests include many years teaching in the classroom and administration duties. He has also worked for the USA Track and Field Association in conjunction with the World Junior Championships. Swenson has covered a range of track and field events in competitions including the Junior Olympics, and events involving the United States Olympic team. He has also judged for the Collegiate Sports Information Association.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Heather Schooley, Denver, Colo., has recently left the goal to aid her team in the field as a midfielder/stopper.

In goal, Schooley has 591 minutes with 88 saves and 46 goals. She averages 13.4 saves per game.

"Heather has taken on a leadership role on the team. She is always the first one to come to me when there are problems," said coach Dane Straight. "She works her tail off."



photo by Kris Boyer

Heather Schooley

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's soccer team shows support for coach

Head coach Dan Marchewka was absent from one men's soccer game during last week due the death of his father. Most of the team joined Coach Marchewka for services in Broken Arrow, Okla., on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

"We all wanted to be there for Dan. He's always there for us," said Nic Westerman, fr.

The team travels to St. Mary's tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 14, with kick-off at 3 p.m.

Elizabeth Stover

Harriers to compete at NAI Mid-States

Battling cold temperatures and a hilly course, the McPherson cross-country teams ran competitively last Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Kansas Wesleyan Invitational in Salina.

Shane Netherton paced the Mac men, earning a 20th place (30:01). Wes Hoffert (30:51), Seth Good (33:05), and Heath Garner (36:54) finished out the McPherson team. Clay Benson did not compete.

"The course was harder than I thought it would be," Hoffert said. "I'm looking forward to running this Friday to make up for a bad race."

The women's team was led by Elizabeth Stover's 16th place finish, followed closely by Jodi Good and Michelle Schultz. Yvette Segura did not compete due to a back injury.

Times for the women are unavailable. "The times were not our fastest of the year, but we still have four weeks of practice and two more meets left to prepare for the conference meet at Lake Kanopolis," head coach Erik Dickkut said.

The cross-country teams will be traveling to Baldwin City today for the NAI Mid-States Competition. The women's 5K race begins at 4 p.m. The men race at 4:30 p.m.

Tom Newman

Strikers to meet Central

As the second round of conference play gets underway, the Lady Bulldogs will play cross-town rivals Central Christian College on Saturday at 3 p.m.

"We played well against Central in preseason," said head coach Jen Williams. "We have a good rivalry with them. It should be a really good match."

The team closed out the first round of conference with close losses to Sterling on Tuesday, Oct. 10, and to Bethany last night.

"In the first round [of conference], we lacked confidence and trust in each other," Williams said. "We need to work on finishing matches."

According to Williams, the team is working to develop a quicker offense and to become more consistent in blocking and serves.

The volleyball team will also play Southwestern at home Monday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m.

Chris Curran



Serrador (second from left, front row) poses with the '74 soccer club after winning the Mac tourney.

Founding soccer club member reminisces

First of all, please excuse my writing as it's been a while since I have written in English.

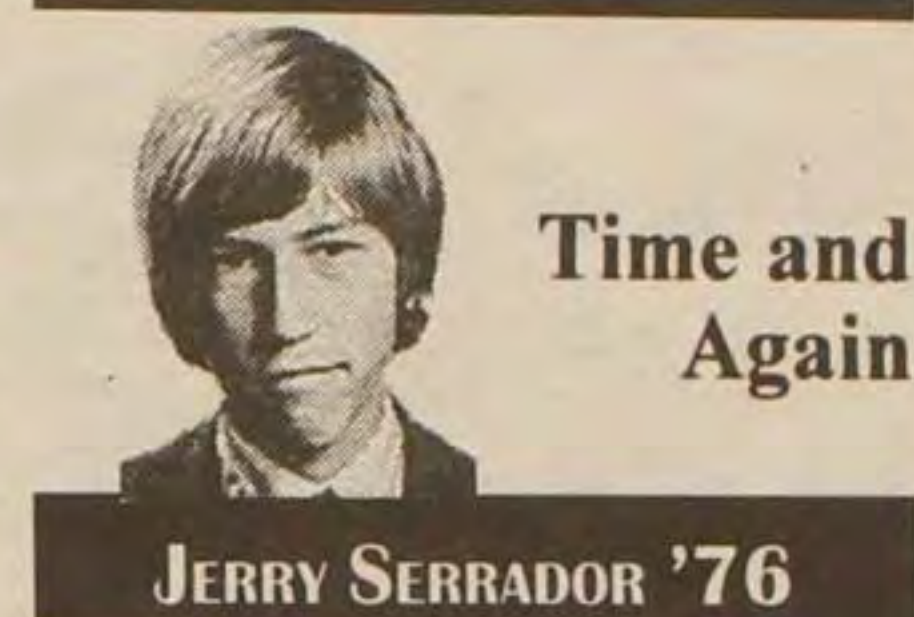
I would like to start by telling how I arrived in McPherson. I have a cousin, Henry Esquino, who graduated in the 60s. In fact, he was a very good tennis player—I think he went All-State. He arranged for me to attend McPherson High School for one year. The problem was that I was enrolled in 12th grade instead of 10th.

During my first summer, I lived with Professor Raymond Flory and during the school year with Professor Bob Green. I started at McPherson College at the age of sixteen.

That first year was tough because of my age, because it was difficult to make friends, but the following three years were great.

On my second year some foreign student along with a few Americans started the soccer team. At the beginning, we didn't have any support, so we paid for our uniforms, and we even had to practice in any park or space available. Later we also purchased the goal posts, which we had to carry around campus.

Of course, we did not have a coach, so the team basically voted on decisions.



JERRY SERRADOR '76

Time and Again

We were not in a formal league so we challenged other schools. The funny thing is that we started to beat almost everybody.

One game that I remember was playing KSU. They had a great stadium, great uniforms, locker rooms, coaches, etc., and when we arrived we felt like beggars. But we really got motivated and beat them. During that game I scored the only Olympic goal (from a corner kick) of my life.

The following years we received a little more support. We were allowed to practice in the football practice field and we also had some matches in McPherson.

My senior season was very good and I was fortunate to score a few goals. That year I had an interview with a Kansas City newspaper and later I had a visit

from a scout from a Texas pro team and even had an offer to play pro after graduation. I didn't accept it because soccer for me has to be fun, not a business. In '76, when I went back to Mexico City, I also had an offer to play in a pro team but I also refused it.

Today I am 45 and I keep playing in the best over-40's league in Mexico City. Last year we won the championship and I scored a few goals. Next month we start the new season.

I was married 18 years ago and we have two boys, one is 13 and the other is seven. The older one is a very good player. Last year his team won the championship of all sixth grades in Mexico City. They were invited to participate in the Fox Kids tournament against the best schools in South America and won the championship. I would like to see them attend university in the U.S., but they are still far away from that decision.

Some of the best times of my life were spent at McPherson College. Writing has brought back a lot of great memories.

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

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Football

- 6-44 v. Bethany
- 0-20 v. Friends
- 0-32 v. Southwestern
- 6-20 v. Sterling

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
- 0-3 v. Friends
- 0-5 v. Bethel
- 1-2 v. Tabor
- 1-2 v. Kansas Wesleyan

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 v. Manhattan Christian
- 0-12 v. Bethany
- 0-9 v. York College
- 0-6 v. Friends
- 0-5 v. Bethel
- 0-9 v. Tabor
- 0-5 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 0-4 v. York College

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
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Senior hopes to unite two communities with inaugural bilingual newsletter

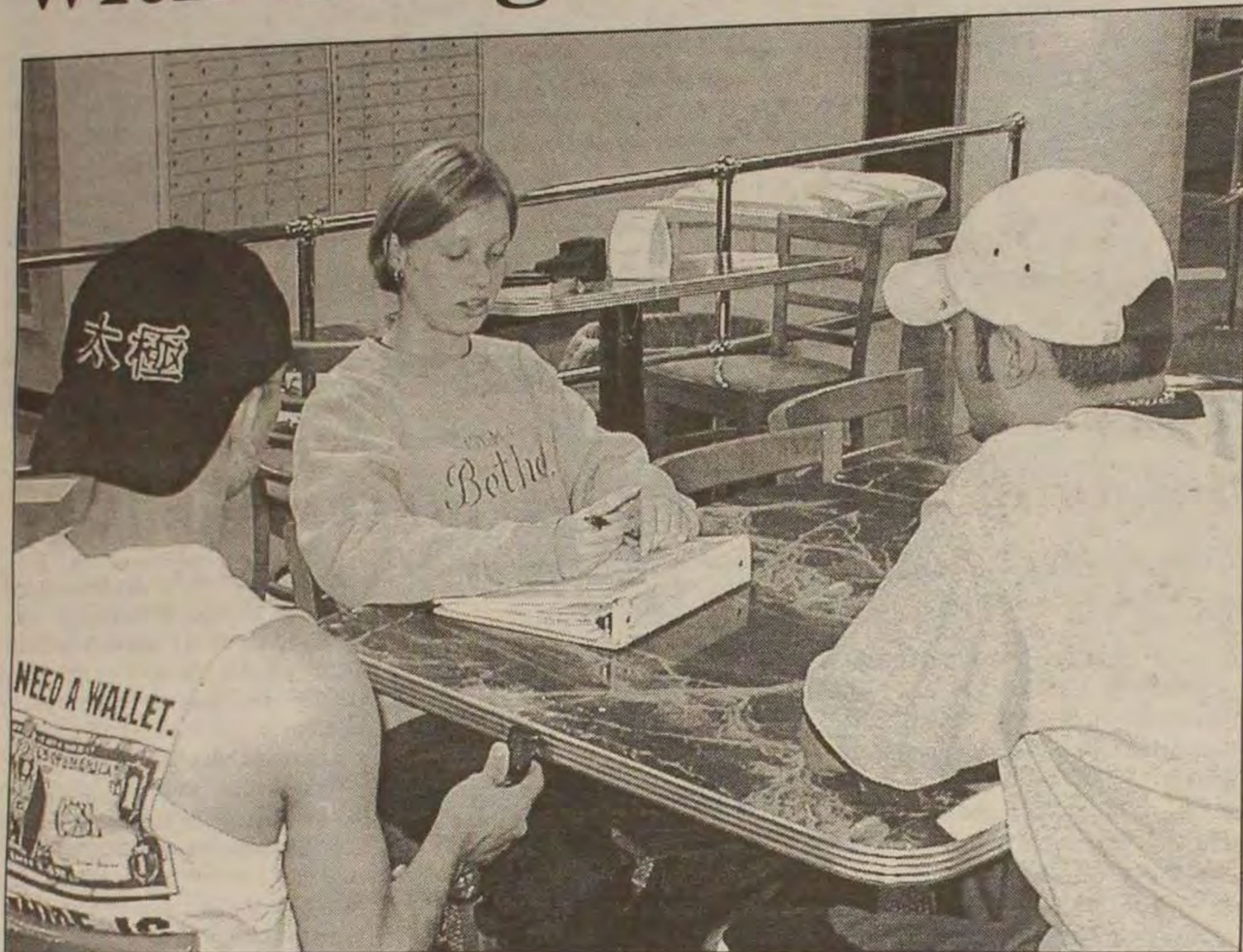


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Becky Ullom interviews Roel Cortes fr., and Roger Rocha fr., both of Brownsville, Texas, for an article in "Murales."

Kim Steinert
Spectator Staff

"Murales," a Spanish/English newsletter debuted on campus on Sept. 29. Becky Ullom, editor, is publishing the bilingual newsletter as her senior project.

Ullom, Wiley, Colo., will publish three newsletters during the fall semester. She selected the title, which means mural, for its role in the Spanish culture.

"Murals are a big part of their culture," Ullom said. "Social and political comments are made through them."

Murals often have many different ideas combined together into one, and this newsletter is the same way - it has a little bit of everything, according to Ullom.

Ullom is majoring in English with a minor in Spanish and will also be certified to teach English as a second language for secondary students.

"This project appealed to me because it puts together a lot of things I like to do, such as Spanish and layout and design." Ullom also hoped "to bring the Spanish-speaking and non Spanish-speaking communities together."

"There are more and more Spanish speaking students on campus who would benefit from the bilingual newsletter," said Ocie Kilgus, modern languages. "For those who don't [speak Spanish], it's a good way to expose them to this.

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—Becky Ullom

The timing is perfect."

This year there are 33 Hispanic students on campus. This number has steadily risen in the last five years. The percentage of Hispanic students in 1996 was four percent, this year it is seven percent.

Kilgus added that being bilingual "increases your employment opportunity. On a personal level, it opens up your world."

Although Ullom's senior research project consists of only three issues, both she and Kilgus hope the newsletter will continue after Ullom graduates.

"One way or another it will continue," Kilgus said. "My goal is to hopefully continue this for other students with senior projects."

All students are welcome to contribute articles, artwork, poems, etc. and should contact Ullom if they are interested. The second issue will be released later this month.

"I hope people will read it," Ullom said. "It could be a cool thing."

Conyers honored

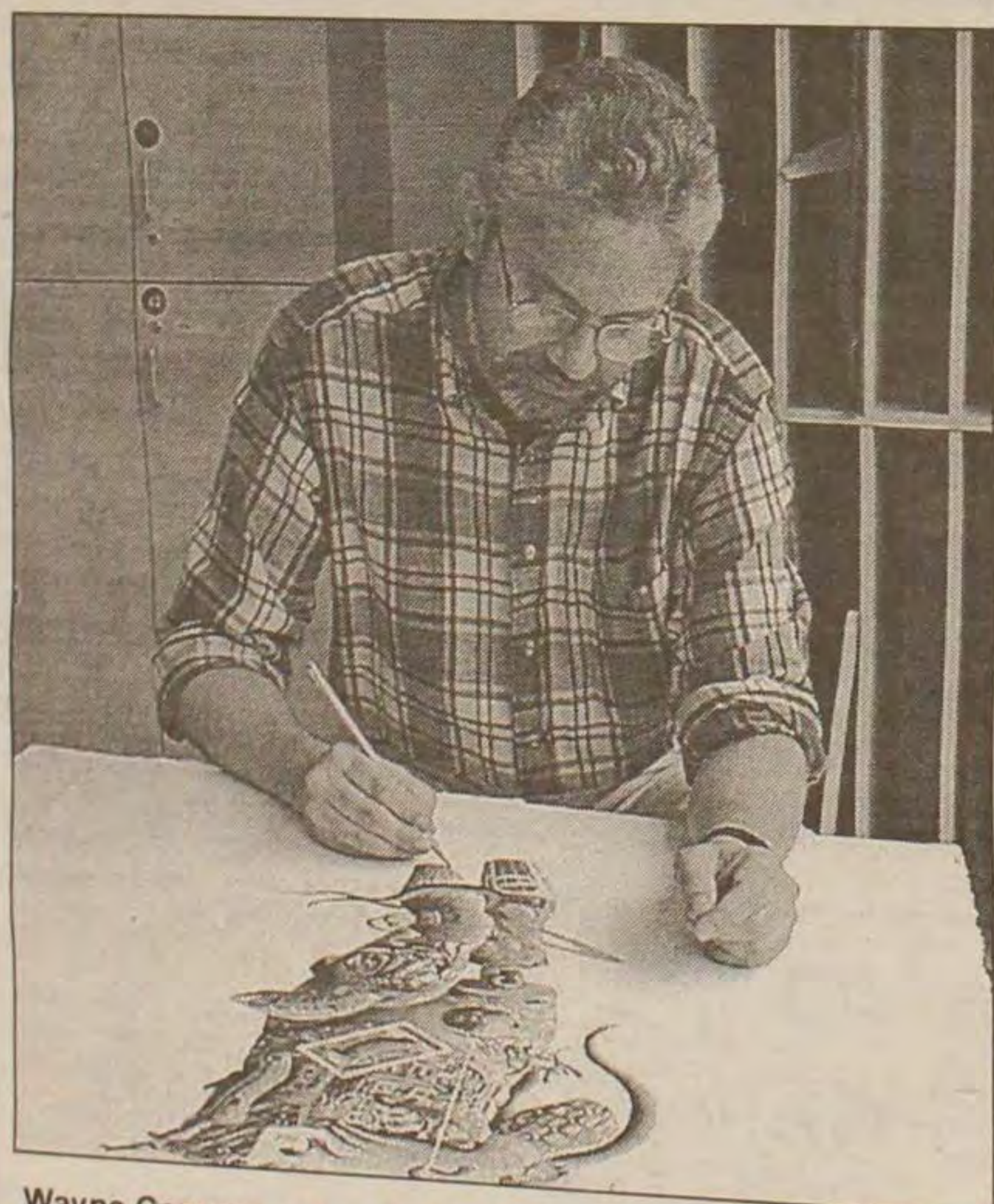


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Wayne Conyers, art, puts the finishing touches on a drawing. Conyers recently won the Best of Show Professional Artist award at the Kansas State Fair. Conyers is currently exhibiting 22 paintings in Great Bend and was one of 20 artists selected for an International Watercolor exhibition in Champagne, Ill.

Imagination is key for art exhibit

Tracy Firch
News Editor

Challenging attitudes about the definition of art is the focus of the new art exhibit at Friendship Hall this month. Miscellaneous titles on the walls are meant to inspire images in the minds of the viewers.

Wayne Conyers, art, has decided to challenge onlookers with a non-traditional art exhibit designed to explore the link between the spoken or written word and mental images created in the mind.

"More than anything I want to make people think about language we read and write and the visual language. Conceptually that's the seed for the whole thing," Conyers said.

This exhibit is different because there are no paintings or drawings on the walls, no pots or sculptures on pedestals, just titles, leaving it up to the viewers' imaginations to create the artwork.

Conyers hopes to challenge peoples' concept of art.

"We're making people think about the definition of art. We're making them think outside the box," Conyers said. "I'm hoping this will make people think."

Challenging people is a central goal

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—Wayne Conyers
Art

for Conyers. He believes that in a year of traditional exhibitions there should be one non-traditional exhibit.

"In the past few years I've tried to put one show in that challenges us in one way or another. I think that's healthy in a learning environment," Conyers said.

Homecoming seemed a good time for this exhibit because there would be lots of visitors on campus, Conyers said.

Although the focus of this exhibit is on creating mental images, Conyers has placed sheets of drawing paper and pencils out for viewers to share their mental images. Participants are asked to place any drawings under the box office window in Friendship Hall with a discussion and analysis of the drawings planned in November.

NEWS BRIEFS

■ **Cosmic Bowling will be tonight**

Cosmic Bowling, free to students, will be tonight, Fri. Oct. 13, from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

■ **Basketball players to exhibit skills in Midnight Madness**

Students are invited to come watch the basketball players and will have the opportunity to buy t-shirts for ten dollars at Midnight Madness, Saturday, Oct. 14, at 10:45 p.m.

■ **"Whodunnit" opens next weekend**

"Whodunnit," a spoof on murder mysteries, opens Friday, Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. It will also be performed Oct. 21, 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. Attendance at these performances are eligible for convocations credit if convo card is brought.

■ **Benefits of BCA and service learning to be discussed**

Service Learning and BCA will be discussed at a presentation for convocations credit. Ken Yohn and Ocie Kilgus will be presenting this information Monday, Oct. 16 at 11:30 a.m. in Brown Auditorium.