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# Courts may be torn down

Trustees to decide at March meeting whether to open off-campus properties to house non-traditional students

Kara Reiff

News Editor

Conditions of the College Courts have long been a topic of conversation at McPherson College, and the decision-making time is now drawing close. Should the college tear the Courts down and replace them?

Members of the Campus Planning Committee and the Student Life staff have discussed how to provide appropriate housing for "non-traditional" students. After considering several options, the committee has decided to recommend to the Board of Trustees to tear down the Courts this summer and use available property already owned by the college to house students next fall.

"At this point in the discussions, it is likely the College Courts units will not be available for rent after May 31, 2001," said Kathryn Whitacre, associate dean of students.

In a memorandum sent to the McPherson College community, Carolyn Coon, dean of students, stated that although no final decision has been made, it is important to inform members of the campus of the possibility. Members of the McPherson College staff have informed students who currently live in the Courts that if they need assistance in making living

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arrangements, help will be available.

"I think that the Courts have clearly needed repair for some time," said Joel Keefer, Courts resident. "But they're very convenient and it would be nice if the college could keep them open."

The College Courts have been available to students for many years. Fifty-four years ago, (May 28, 1947) the first units of the College Courts were completed. At a February Board meeting in 1946, the college anticipated the need for extra housing due to increased enrollment. In May of the same year, the Federal Public Housing Authority awarded 20 housing units to McPherson College for veterans and their families who attended school. Since then, there have been several additions to the courts, including married housing added from 1955-1960.

"Even though the College Courts are old, I knew the condition of them before he moved in and I still chose to do so," said Will Tobin, Courts resident. "I

understand the situation and it makes sense for the college to not keep the courts open."

"I think that they should put something up in place of the Courts," said Sheila Bruce, Courts resident. "It will be harder financially if they don't, and I may not be as close to the school."

Although Bruce will probably continue to attend the college, she is disappointed that she was promised an apartment for four years, and now she will probably have to live somewhere else.

"I think tearing down the Courts will put a damper on the way people look at the college," Bruce said. "Even the people who don't live in the Courts don't like that they may be torn down."

"I have already made arrangements in the apartments that are located behind the courts and other students could use those apartments, too," said Myra Sorrell, Courts resident. "One problem is that it might cost more money for students to live in other places."

Although not everyone will like the change, there are those who think it will be a positive change.

"I hope that financially it is a good thing for the college," Tobin said. "I think that the non-traditional students who are in the Courts will make other arrangements and it won't really affect the college that much."



College Courts resident, Will Tobin shows artwork shared by a neighbor. Tobin has enjoyed his time living in the Courts.

Like some other residents of the Courts, Tobin has already started looking for a different place to live. Other property that the college may use in place of the Courts will be an option for

him just like other housing that will be available in McPherson.

More information will be available after the Board of Trustees meet in March.

## 65 Brethren youth to attend Regional Youth Conference; concert by Maybe Tomorrow open to Mac College students

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News Editor

Workshops, seminars, a free concert and many other activities will be part of the annual Regional Youth Conference (RYC) on campus this weekend.

The conference helps to get Church of the Brethren Youth together on a yearly basis. It will involve high school students from Texas to North Dakota and from Missouri to Colorado, the McPherson area Minister's Association, the Church of the Brethren, area college students and other interested people in the community.

"High school students who are involved pay \$40 to attend the conference," said Manny Diaz, campus minister. "College students who want to be involved don't have to pay and I

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—Manny Diaz

encourage them to come and enjoy the activities that are planned."

Diaz thinks that RYC is a good recruiting tool and a way to show off the college.

"Regional Youth Conference is a good time for high school students to check out the college as a possible future for

them," Diaz said. "This is also good opportunity for them to explore their own spirituality and relationship with Christ."

Jim Hardenbrook, a pastor at the Nampa Church of the Brethren in Idaho, will be speaking at the conference. In addition to being a pastor, Hardenbrook is also the chaplain for the Idaho State Legislature and works in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

"While Hardenbrook is here, we may have a possible debate about the issue of churches' relationship with state government," Diaz said.

Hardenbrook will be involved in other events as well. These include a seminar for area ministers on church relationships with local and state government, being a minister in resident with Diaz and also teaching Ken Yohn's American Politics course and Diaz's Intro-

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—Jodi Good

duction to New Testament course. "There will be a service project that we will do during RYC," Diaz said. "We will be collecting food for the area food banks."

Karrie Rathbone will be doing a workshop involving the dissection of a cow's eye, Kent Noffsinger and Tim Hubin will do a chemical workshop, Courtney Irwin will have a workshop called Chal-

lenge Games and Wayne Conyers will do a workshop with clay. Meditation and media workshops will also be provided. The free concert will be on Friday night at 10 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre. The band is called Maybe Tomorrow.

Students at the college have helped plan this event and some of them will be doing workshops or helping with some other aspect of the conference.

"This is my third year to help run RYC," Irwin said. "It just gets better every year."

Sophomore Jodi Good has attended RYC in the past and this year she will be helping with the choir.

"I'm looking forward to all of the energy of all the high school students," Good said. "Most of the kids come every year and they get to see a lot of the same people. It's a lot of fun."



OUR LEAD EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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# RYC can bring energy and a sense of heritage to campus

Almost 100 high school youth will gather this weekend on our campus to participate in Regional Youth Conference for the Church of the Brethren. The conference is designed as a retreat time for the students to connect with other youth in the denomination as well as an opportunity to become familiar with their regional COB college.

Some Mac students may not appreciate the noise, chaos, and long cafeteria lines a bunch of high schoolers bring to campus. Other Mac students will help make this weekend a success. Several students have been a part of RYC from the earliest planning stages. They will serve as chaperones and workshop leaders.

If you find yourself bothered by the extra people on campus, remember that they may double the crowd at Saturday night's basketball game, with their voices cheering enthusiastically, unlike college students at times. And on Sunday, they can be heard singing during Youth Sunday at the Church of the Brethren. How big is our choir this semester?

This weekend may serve as a reminder of the strong connections and heritage that are a part of the Church of the Brethren. It almost seems that our religious affiliation is just that, a slight affiliation.

For many students, their only exposure to McPherson College are these three days. They will sleep and eat on campus, spending their days in seminars with Mac College students and faculty. They will dissect eyeballs, collect canned goods and attend a concert. Everything is new and exciting to them. What better recruiting time is there? Help make the RYC participants' stay a positive one.

Let's all take a lesson from the kids coming to campus this weekend. Soak up some energy for life, some connections with our heritage, and some pride in this institution.

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MAC OPINION

### How should the College Courts space be used?



Build either dorms or apartment suites- basically just more housing.  
 —Dale Willenschneider, jr., Scranton



Build a sand volleyball court.  
 —Jennifer Anderson, fr., Owasso, Okla.



Form a baseball team and build a diamond.  
 —Emmett Wemp, jr., Orland, Calif.

They just need to quit building and leave it open.  
 —Melissa Osterloh, fr., Shawnee, Okla.



They should build a recreation center for college students.  
 —Mike Mitchell, fr., Alvarado, Texas



I would put in a soccer field, completely flat and lush so that McPherson could finally catch up with the rest of the league...oh wait!  
 —Mandy Behnke, sr., Bushton



CAMPUS FORUM

### Please don't trash the theatre

Last Tuesday night I went to the movies and had a good time. A lot of other people also seemed to be having a good time. Everyone seemed happy as they left. Unfortunately, no one picked up his or her trash. There were soda cups, popcorn, candy wrappers, and napkins all over the floor.

I think it is great that SGA helps with the price of a movie ticket, and I also think it is great that B&B Theatres is willing to open its doors to college students every Tuesday night.

One of the conditions of watching late movies on Tuesday night at B&B Theatres is that the students leave the theatres as they found them: CLEAN. Last Tuesday night Steve and April Benne cleaned the theatre that I was in. I don't know who cleaned the other three theatres, but

I imagine they were dirty as well.

This letter isn't for the people who left their trash in the theatres. This letter is to tell Steve and April "thank you." Your hard work is noticed and appreciated. But Steve and April shouldn't have to clean up the theatres, and I encourage them to stop picking up after the students of this college.

Maybe B&B Theatres will have to raise ticket prices to pay its staff to clean the theatres, or maybe it will just cancel Tuesday night movies. Maybe SGA members are getting tired of picking up after their peers, and will stop posting movie information around campus.

Or maybe we, as students and as adults, could take the time to pick up a cup, a candy wrapper, or a napkin, and toss it in the trash on our way out of the theatre.

—Chris Curran

LETTER POLICY

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- All letters must be signed. Unless sufficient reason is given, the signature must accompany the letter when it is published.
- Everything will be published within the limits of space, good taste, and the laws of libel.
- To submit a letter to The Spectator, drop it in campus mail. The final deadline is Monday before the Friday on which a paper is published.

### RYC's here again. See ya there too?

I always seem to fill my life with tons of things I really don't have time for. Although it's frustrating to my friends, I always seem to be busy with one thing or another. I just can't seem to stop learning new things and filling my life with yet another activity. Luckily, this weekend I get one of those activities over with until next year.

This weekend is Regional Youth Conference. This campus has been hosting RYC a lot longer than I've been here, but it seems to be increasing in popularity among its participants. Who are the participants, you ask? That's a good question, since it is you, the McPherson College campus who will have to deal with its participants starting on Friday evening.

Every year RYC is open to high school age students from Churches of the Brethren in the Western, Southern, and Northern Plains, and Missouri/Arkansas Districts of the Church of the Brethren. I'm saying this in hopes to encourage all of you to look out for older high school age students who might want a closer look at an "object of affection" in the dorms. If you hap-



Courtney's Kaleidoscope

COURTNEY IRWIN

pen to see a youth that you have never seen before, exploring territory that she shouldn't be, please feel free to NICELY take care of the situation. (Please, no swords). Those of us who are supervising the event would greatly appreciate it.

Another question you might ask is "Why should I care about a bunch of high schoolers coming to campus?" One reason is because this is an event that encourages students who have not yet decided on a college to attend, to look more closely at Mac. In other words, this could be a chance to recruit students with immense talent and community stature to our community. IT'S A GOOD THING!

Still don't care? Well here's one other

things that might entice you to hang around this weekend and this week. The speaker for RYC this year is Jim Hardenbrook of Nampa, Idaho. He will be around not only for RYC, but also serving as a second campus chaplain for the week. (Don't worry, no one could ever take Manny's place, but it's a special event, so humor me). I've talked with him several times and he seems like a very interesting man. I hope this campus can show its genuine interest and acceptance to Jim like we do to touring students. (Morrison, keep your mouths shut).

The main reason I'm writing this is to let everyone know, that if you would like to help Manny and me and the rest of the RYC volunteers, you are more than welcome to participate in any event sponsored by RYC as long as you help us keep the weekend running smoothly. We want lots of college students to get to know the youth, so the more the merrier.

Thanks for hearing me out and if you would like to help, stop by Mingenback lobby on Friday night at 6 and we'll put you to work.



# Has Nostradamus' prediction come true, or are we doomed?

I am sure that everyone in the United States is aware of the recent election that occurred, where Al Gore won the popular vote but George W. Bush, Jr., won the electorate, thus becoming president. This has caused an interesting situation in the States and even here at our wonderful little college. This is obvious if you go to second floor Mohler.

Pinned on one of the bulletin boards is a picture of Bush and above him reads one of Nostradamus' prophecies. I won't write out the entire prophecy but it refers to the village idiot coming to power. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure out that whoever printed this was saying that Bush is the village idiot.

While I find this amusing, someone else apparently did not. Under the picture someone took the liberty of writing, "This cartoon is another example of a liberal Democrat who will tolerate anything but a Christian Re-



**BILL SROUFE**

## Soapbox Central

publican."

I found this sentiment interesting, but not well thought out. First, it could imply that there are no liberal Christian Democrats. However, I know several of them and they think that President Bush Jr. is no more intelligent than the person who posted this picture. Secondly, it implies that President Bush Jr. is a Christian. A minister I know who lives around the East Coast believes that President Bush Jr. is closer to the Anti-Christ than he is to a Christian.

President Bush Jr. has on several

occasions, including one of the Presidential debates, said that he favors capital punishment. This doesn't seem to mesh well with the Jesus' message of forgiveness, nor does it mesh well with the sentiments of the Apostle Paul set forth in Corinthians that there is nothing unlawful, merely unprofitable. Therefore, I don't see how you can automatically call him a Christian. If President Bush Jr. is a Christian, then I would challenge him to look at his political stance and see if it truly meshes with his religious affiliation.

Another problem that I had with this argument is the fact that he uses the word "tolerate." Tolerate is a loaded word. It means, "to allow to be without opposition." Opposition means, "to resist." Resist means, "to fight against." Anytime that you have a political position, you are in actuality not tolerating its political opposition.

For instance, if you tolerate homosexual relationships, then you don't tolerate anything that would harm or limit the rights of homosexuals. So saying that liberal Democrats don't tolerate Christian Republicans, which in this case refers to President Bush Jr., implies that President Bush Jr. stands for something that a liberal Democrat is fighting against. Therefore it is quite reasonable, in my opinion, to not tolerate President Bush, Jr.

I also don't believe that the Christian Republicans can take the moral high ground here. It would be quite hypocritical to say that the liberal Democrats are immoral or petty because they make fun of President Bush Jr. The reason I say this is that during the Clinton administration there were many shots made on the persons of former President Clinton and former Vice-President Gore.

The forms that these attacks took were parodies written by Mr. Paul Shanklin. There were several of these parodies—"Simply Reprehensible," "Al Gore Paradise," "Friends in Asian Places," and "This Land Was Your Land," which claimed that the former President and Vice-President sold the United States to China. Rush Limbaugh aired at least one of these. All were written in the same manner that this picture was; however, I doubt that Mr. Shanklin or Mr. Limbaugh would find any humor in the picture of President Bush Jr.

My point is this. We all have the right to say what we want to say, but it might be wise to think out what you are saying before you open your mouth. If you don't, you might look like President Bush, Jr., and no one in their right mind would want to do that, now, would they?

# Aaron's advice for a successful season and farewell frenzies

It's been quite a year so far hasn't it? Some events have stirred up a lot of ruckus. The obvious is the elimination of soccer, tennis and the biggest loss...golf.

I was looking forward to being an alumnus of a college with the most elite golf team in the NAIA. Not only golf, but tennis too?! Why God, why?!? What did the tennis players do to anyone? They are nice kids. They just want to hit a little yellow ball with a racket over a net a few times.

This spring will be the last season for golf and tennis. What do you say we send them to the curb with a supportive fan base that any other golf or tennis team would soil their pants over.

**"Since you have nothing to lose, play this season like the '87 - '88 Detroit Pistons. Play as though you are the "Bad Boys" of tennis and golf."**

—Aaron Ellsworth

I say we tailgate the tennis matches (whatever those are). Bring out the barbeque, tons of food and kegs of...soda, R.V.s, hot tubs and whatever else you might find at a Buffalo Bills' tailgate party. What do you say S.G.A.? How about putting money into some MAC tennis t-shirts for all the students to wear at matches. The t-shirts could say something catchy like "There's NO tennis like MAC tennis."

And since we have nothing to lose, my suggestion to the golf and tennis teams would be this tidbit of advice: play this season as though it is your last. Wait, no, how about this. Go out there and have some fun. Wait... I can do better than that.

Since you have nothing to lose, play this season as if you were the '87 - '88 Detroit Pistons. Play as though you are



**AARON ELLSWORTH**

## Aaron's Mac Minute

the "Bad Boys" of tennis and golf. If you slice or miss a putt, just throw your club at your opponent. Go ahead and throw an elbow into your opponent's chest as you're walking to the next tee box. This will make it known that the golf team means business.

For the tennis team, the following will be helpful to ensure you as the "bad boys" of tennis. Get some tattoos. Preferably ones that look evil and intimidating, such as a dragon eating a rabbit. Anything with fire or something burning to death would work as well. Just remember to make it something that makes the statement of "I am a bad boy" of tennis. Get as many piercings as possible. There is no such thing as too many piercings when you are a "bad boy" of tennis.

For an intimidation factor at the beginning of the match, do the following. Whether you are serving or returning first, hit the ball as hard as you can at the opposing coach or team, or just throw your racket at your opponent's face. Yell obscenities such as, "Go home you #\$@% @#\$@%!!" Be sure to insult your opponent by telling him "Can you play anymore like a school girl?"

I suggest that the doubles teams rumble with the opposing team every other match or so. And by all means, use your racket in the fight. This should help you become "bad boys" of tennis.

So what do you say Greg and Steve? See you at the tennis tailgate and on the fairway? See ya next time folks. This article is dedicated to the future memory of Chet Buchman, the greatest golfer to ever play the game at the venerated McPherson College.

# Don't pass up a life changing opportunity because you'll miss your friends

The most common replies I get, while sharing stories about my recent BCA experience in Cheltenham, England, is something along the lines of, "Wow, I don't know if I could be that far away," or "I don't know if I could separate myself from my friends for that long."

I believe that there is a primal fear of being alone that corresponds to both these responses. I do not want to undermine the individuals who made these replies, but I would like to respond to one of the basic reasons that people do not want to pursue international travel-i.e., fear of separation.

I arrived at the airport on Sept. 13, totally alone. I was maybe the fifth or sixth to arrive out of a group of 16. Of the 16 individuals who made up our BCA group, I had never met or talked to a single one before. In fact, only two women knew each other. All the rest of



## Cornerstone

**PAUL LIEPELT**

us were strangers.

My concerns and worries never had a chance to set in. Our plane touched down in England 14 hours later. Walking out of that plane, there was not a single individual that I had not talked to or shared my stories with. I had already begun the bonding process with the group.

BCA never gave me the opportunity to feel lonely. Activities brought the whole group together each week and

helped to bond our friendships. After a weekend of surfing in the Atlantic Ocean at St. Ives at the end of our second week, I considered the entire group to be my friends and I still maintain those friendships to most of the people every week by email or phone.

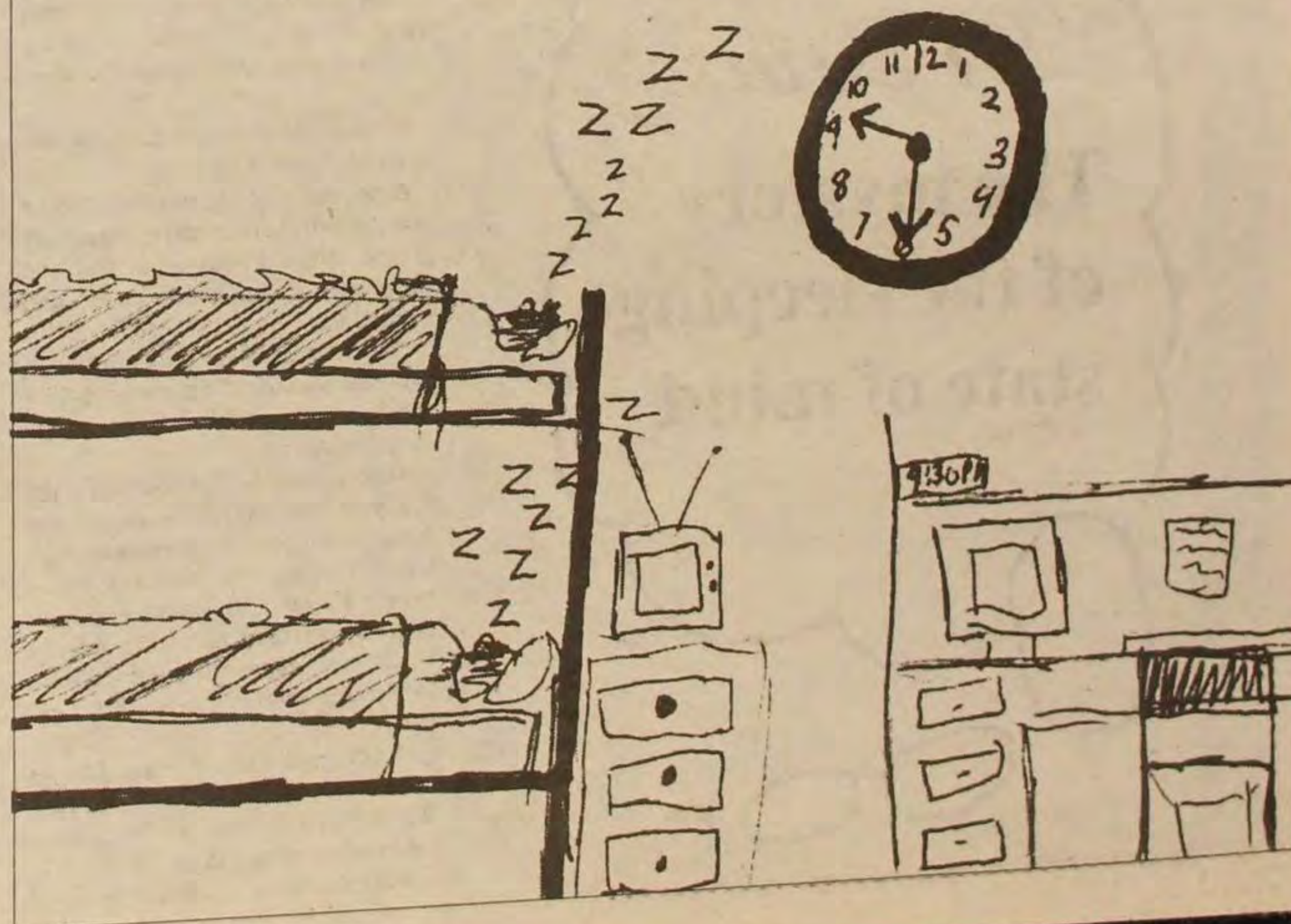
I left England knowing that I was going to be separated from my friends. I left England knowing that I was going to be away for a long time, but I also left knowing that I would go back. BCA gave me the opportunity to find my "self" that exists separate from my friends in America. It also gave me the opportunity to experience a country so beautiful and rich with culture that I never wanted to leave.

If I have any advice to individuals considering BCA it is this: leave your worries at the door, and be prepared to change your whole life.

## MACTOON

BY CLAY BENSON

### Typical Saturday Night in McPherson





# Three centenarians reminisce

**Elissa Thompson**  
Features Editor

Living in three centuries seems almost out of the question. However, three McPherson residents, now living in the Cedars can brag of this feat. Jake Daum, 103, Gertrude Gayer, 102, and Nelle Weelborg, 101, recently reminisced about changes they have seen and experienced.

Daum was born on January 4, 1898, in North Dakota. Having parents who had both been born in Poland, Daum was part of the first generation of his family to live in the United States.

Daum remembers attending a country school with one teacher. There were long benches on which two students would sit.

"When we started we couldn't speak a word of English, just German," Daum remembers. "We learned English before our parents."

After numerous odd jobs in various locations, Daum found himself in McPherson working construction. Eventually, he became a foreman and ran his own crew until he was 81 years-old.

Daum says the biggest change he has witnessed is electricity. He remembers when there was only one light bulb hanging from the middle of the room.

Gayer was born June 15, 1898. She's always wanted to live as long as her children, and at age 102, this goal seems very possible. Gayer's daughter, Jerry Geiman, is thankful for her mother's character.

"She's always been supportive," Geiman said. "She's always proud of her family."

Gertrude says the biggest changes she has witnessed have related to our



photo by Gennelle Wine

Gertrude Gayer, 102, believes that the biggest changes throughout her life have dealt with crime and common courtesy.

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—Jerry Geiman

society. She believes that people have become less considerate. She also feels that there are more crimes in our world today.

Though Weelborg went to school, her education went only as far as the eighth grade. She was married at a young age.

"It was practically normal at that time," Weelborg said.

Without the luxury of refrigerators and freezers that we have become so accustomed to, Weelborg's family had



photo by Gennelle Wine

Jake Daum, 103, laughs about questions he is asked about his age. He and his wife, Sarah, live happily in the Cedars.

**There's a lot of things that happen past 100 that make life worth living**

—Jake Daum

another option.

"We had a cave behind our house to keep things cold," Weelborg said.

Transportation has undergone a great deal of change in these three centuries, too.

Weelborg remembered riding in a sleight church with her horses Buck and Dan when it was snowy. When it was dry, she would ride in a spring wagon. Daum relived his pre-car days, too.



photo by Gennelle Wine

Nelle Weelborg in front of a quilt that picture her family from 1899.

**Nichole Williams**

Spectator Staff

Everyone does it three to four times a night for up to 45 minutes at a time. At that rate we dream over 800 hours a year.

What are these dreams that we spend so much time having?

A sequence of images that appear involuntarily to the mind of a sleeping person, often a mixture of real and imaginary characters, places, and events, according to Webster.

"I think dreams are uncontrollable, subconscious ideas that surface while we sleep," said Adelina Cripe, soph., Nogales, Ariz.

According to the Association for the Study of Dreams (ASD), dreams can be used to help the dreamer understand feelings, values and behaviors. Many people find that understanding their dreams helps them to solve problems. Creative ideas are often derived from the dreams of writers, artists and scientists.

"I get inspirations for my 3-D art from many of my dreams," said Jade Boyer, fr., Oklahoma City, Okla. "I use the vivid color and shapes."

ASD states that most dreams are in

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color, although people may not be aware of it, either because they have difficulty remembering their dreams or because color is such a natural part of visual experience.

Some people remember their dreams with ease while others don't remember dreaming at all. Experts say you can improve your dream memory by reminding yourself you want to remember your dreams before you fall to sleep. Then when you awake, write down your dreams immediately. Try not to move very much or think about your upcoming day until after you have written down your dreams.

There is nothing about the act of sleeping that makes dreams hard to remember. Drugs and medications, including alcohol, can have a variety of effects on remembering dreams and the content of dreams. Drugs and alcohol can cause dreams to be more intense, vivid and scary.

Nightmares can also be caused by

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—Jake Daum

"I remember the horse and buggy days," Daum said. "We hear so much about horsepower now in car ads. Our horsepower was real horse power."

There are no secrets to living this long. "We grew up with ordinary food. Our mother was a very good cook," Weelborg said.

Daum agrees. "I don't do anything different than anybody else does. The Lord has a set time for all of us," Daum said. People around these centenarians are amazed by the outcomes of their lives. Daum recalls a man coming up to him and asking, "Are you still living?" Naturally, Daum was speechless. It was okay because the man just kept right on talking.

"I didn't have an answer, but the man said, 'Forty years ago you did construction for me, and I thought that you were an old man then,'" Daum said.

Daum is asked many questions. "People ask me, 'How does it feel to be 100?' Feels great! You try it, you'll like it," Daum said.

Daum has found pleasure in wood-working and enjoys living with his wife, Sarah, in the Cedars Village.

"There's a lot of things that happen past 100 that make life worth living," Daum said.

Daum remains active and has a good time with life.

"I still like to shovel snow," Daum said, "but they don't want me to do that anymore."

stress, illness and traumatic experience. Some sensitive adults who tend to be more trusting and emotional will have nightmares unrelated to their waking lives. Nightmares are fairly common among adults and very common among children.

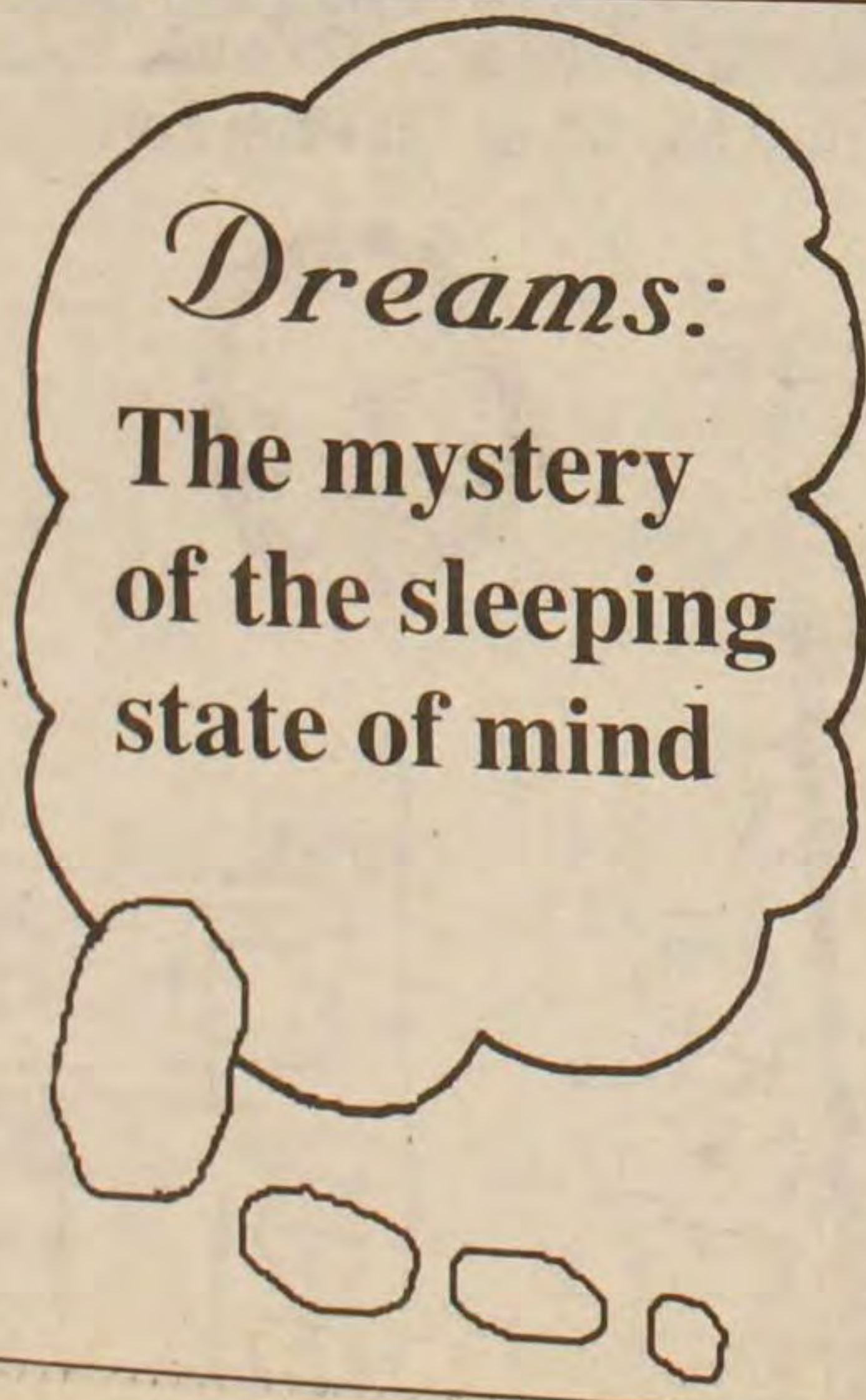
"I don't really have as many nightmares as I did when I was younger," said Karen Leiker, fr., Salina, Ks.

A common shared nightmare involves falling off of a cliff or falling to your death. The myth surrounding this dream, that you can actually kill yourself, is not true. Many people have dreamed that they died or hit bottom in a fall and have lived to tell the tale.

This leads to the question: Can you control what happens in your dreams?

"Some people can probably control their own dreams," said Matt Roberts, Cheyenne Wells, Colo., "but maybe not everyone."

By giving yourself pre-sleep suggestions, says ASD, you can achieve lucid dreaming. Lucid dreaming is the awareness that you are dreaming while you are still asleep. With practice, you can increase lucid dreaming but experts say the complete control is probably never possible.





# Mac alumnus among those lost in Oklahoma State plane crash

### Former coaches and teammates mourn the loss of Pat Noyes

Staci Horton  
Spectator Staff

Each year students come and go from McPherson College and in some way, that student gains a connection to the college, and the college feels the same. Patrick Noyes was just such a student. He attended Mac from 1992-1994 before transferring to Oklahoma State University. His time at McPherson College was short, but he made a connection.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, a twin engine Beech King Air plane crashed 50 miles from the Denver International Airport at 5:30 p.m. killing all onboard. Two basketball players and six staff members

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—Roger Trimmell

from Oklahoma State University, including Patrick M. Noyes, and the pilot and copilot died in the crash. Noyes was the administrative assistant to coach Eddie Sutton.

Patrick Noyes was born July 11, 1973, in Oklahoma and attended St. Mary's High School. Noyes decided to follow his brother, Dan Noyes, class of '95, to McPherson College to play on the men's basketball team. Head basketball coach Roger Trimmell remembers recruiting Noyes.

"He was a heady player, a great leader of his team, a good shooter, and very focused," Trimmell said. "When he came and spoke to me about wanting to transfer to OSU, he demonstrated that he

knew what he wanted. Noyes had been offered a management position at OSU and all I could tell him was to follow his dreams."

While at McPherson, Noyes played junior varsity and was coached by David Barrett, academic counselor.

"Noyes was an enthusiastic and hard-working basketball player. He was an intense competitor, a good point guard for the team, and a caring individual," Barrett said. "One season when morale was low, Noyes convinced me and some other staff members to shave our heads bald. As the team saw what we had done, they all followed. By the end of the season, almost every JV member and a few varsity members had bald heads and the team's unity was increased. He was a fun person."

Noyes wasn't a saint either. Barrett recalled a few incidents when he had to talk with Noyes about his tendency to "talk trash" to the opposing team. But Noyes worked to curb his tongue for the betterment of the team.

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—Dave Barrett

"He didn't want fanfare for what he did. He worked hard for others and found that reward enough," Barrett said.

Noyes' love for the sport continued after he left McPherson College. He was an avid supporter of the people he cared about.

"I'll never forget the conference championship versus Tabor in '95," Barrett said. "It was his brother Dan's last game of his college career, and Pat was in Oklahoma without a car to get there. Pat borrowed a car and raced up to watch the game. He was there by half-time. Mac lost the game that year, but Pat decided to be in the locker room with us after the

game. We were so surprised to see him, but his presence really helped the team deal with the loss. I know it meant so much to his brother Dan."

A memorial service was held for the victims on Thursday, Feb. 1, at OSU. Trimmell and Barrett attended the services.

"There wasn't a dry eye in the room," Barrett said.

After the ceremony there was a celebration of life service for all to attend. Many of Dan's former basketball friends were in attendance and the time of celebration gave the memorial and the accident the closure needed.

"I thought the time was very touching, as we shared memories together," Trimmell said.

"Pat Noyes was a tremendous person from a tremendous family," Trimmell concluded. "He'll be greatly missed in Oklahoma and in Kansas."

Noyes is survived by his parents Dan and Mary and sister Molly, Lansing, and brother Dan, Oklahoma City, Okla.

## Planting a classy campus

Elissa Thompson  
Features Editor

Walking through different buildings in the winter months may feel a bit drab. But thanks to the help of Irven Stern, new plant life is putting a splash of color into different areas on campus.

"I thought the college would look more classy with live plants growing around it," Stern said.

Stern volunteers his green thumb because he has a lot of pride in McPherson College. After graduating

from McPherson with a degree in Philosophy and Religion in 1951, Stern didn't cut his ties to McPherson College. Stern began teaching here in 1963 and was able to teach here seven semesters. He was a professor in various religion courses and general psychology. Stern's history with the college gives him a good reason to care about its appearance.

"This is my alma mater, and a good way to get something done is to volunteer," Stern said.

Building his own greenhouse in California began Stern's involvement with

**I thought the college would look more classy with live plants growing around it.**

—Irven Stern

plants. His greenhouse was 900 square feet and held about 1500-2000 plants.

When Stern and his wife moved to McPherson to retire at the Cedars, he wondered what he'd do without the plants. He decided to ask Dale Minnich if there was a way for him to grow

houseplants in the campus greenhouse.

Minnich agreed to Stern's proposal which was to arrange for the college to buy plants, potting soil and containers and Stern's job would be to care for the plants. Now Stern is on the campus several times a week, spending time in the greenhouse and caring for the plants in offices and entryways.

"This is a peaceful, restful thing to me," Stern said.

Eventually, Stern hopes for the greenery to find its way to the cafeteria. He is planning to grow plants to hang on the north wall, to add a little life and a splash

of green to students' mealtime meeting place.

Stern has put up over 30 plants around campus. Some of the plants include: wandering jews, palms, peace lilies, calatheas, umbrella trees, peperomia, jades, ferns and begonias.

Planning to continue as long as he is able, Stern will keep placing plants in surprise areas as the college allows. He is also an art student with last semester's Ceramics I under his belt. He is now enrolled in Ceramics II.

"I find it almost as relaxing as plants," Stern said.

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# McPherson looks to bounce back from multiple losses

Elizabeth Stover  
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team fell to the fourth-place Bethany Swedes in a close contest last night 87-82. Despite solid shooting and intense play, the Bulldogs ran out of time. With the one-point lead changing hands three times in the last three minutes of play, the contest was undecided until the last 20 seconds.

"We're putting up enough points. We should be winning," said Mike Mitchell. Antonio Ford was the high scorer of the evening, keeping Mac within fighting distance of Bethany. While the team was able to beat the Swedes at the boards throughout the first half, 15 turnovers and defensive lapses kept the Bulldogs down by five at half.

After halftime, play intensified with strong showings by Kenny Romero and Artie Baker under the basket. Lynn Walter completed three of four three-pointers. McPherson's largest lead in the second half was five points.

Walter caught his fifth foul with 1:07 remaining in the game sending Ricky Torres in off the bench. On the next inbounds play under the basket, Romero hit a key field goal for three. With a missed lay-up by Romero at 20 seconds, the Bulldogs missed their chance to gain the lead. They were unable to score for the remainder of the game, giving Bethany three points off of free throws to bring the score to 87-82.

"We just had too many mental mistakes at the end," Torres said. "We have no killer instinct."

"We out-rebounded them and out-shot them on the line in the first half," said R.J. Davis. "We ought to be able to beat any team."

Sixth-place Friends overpowered Mac this Monday, 61-64. McPherson also dropped a three-point victory at the buzzer against first-place St. Mary's last Saturday. With two seconds left, Romero's shot rimmed out and the Spires held on to win the game.

"I had to hurry the shoot because of the time with a defender in my face. I had a good look it just didn't fall," Romero said.

Romero had a season high 28 points and 13 rebounds recording a double-double. Ford followed with 14 points, 6 assist. Andy Saenz came off the bench to aid the Bulldogs with 10 points, 5 rebounds and Art Baker contributed 6 points, 13 rebounds.

"The team is having a lot more understanding, we have played pretty well in the last 2 games we just need to keep the consistency the rest of our games and into the tournament," said Trimmell.

These losses, combined with last night's loss to Bethany, do not deter the Bulldogs from their hopes for a victory at the upcoming conference tournament.

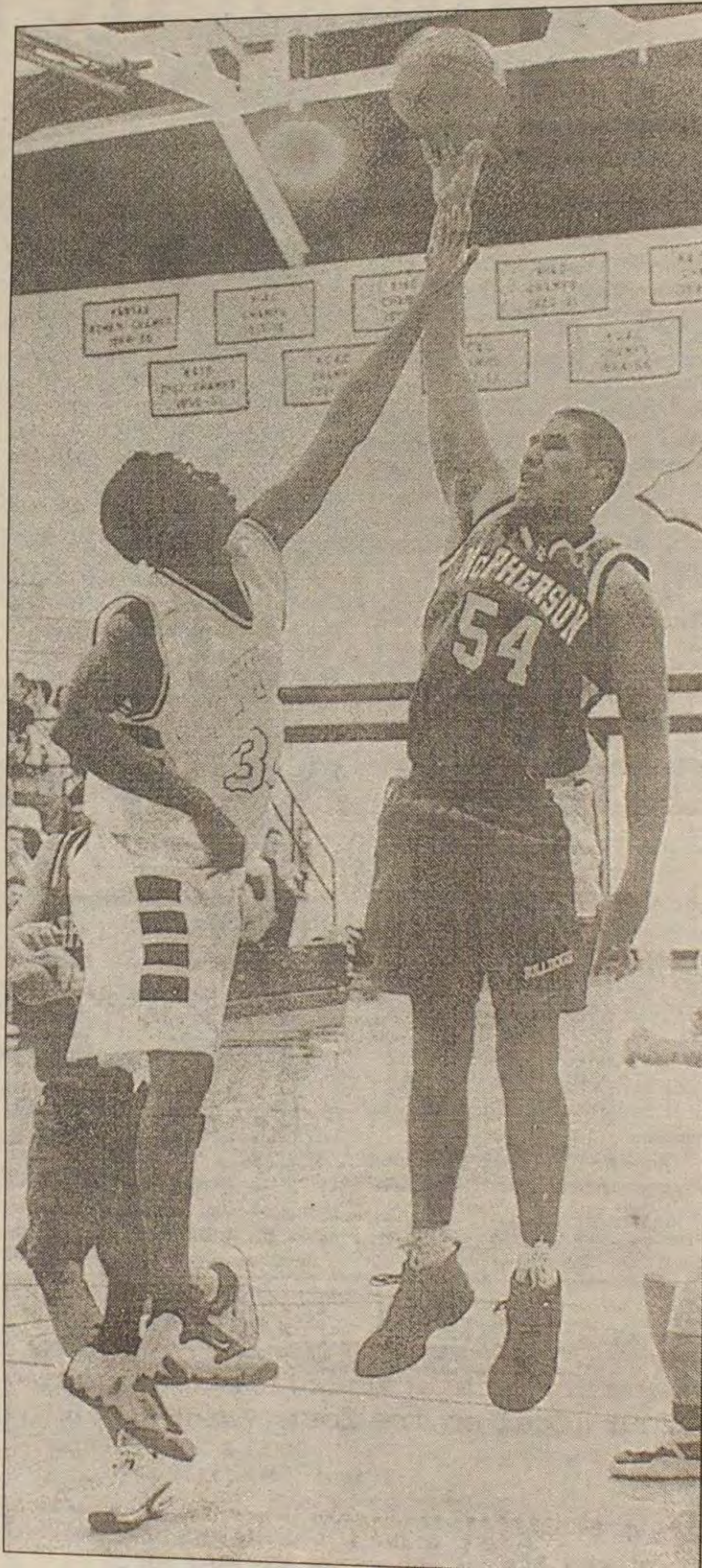
"I think everyone's afraid to play us. We've been losing to some of the best teams by two or three points," Davis said. "We're the underdogs in the conference so they won't be expecting us." "We're not intimidated," Torres said. "It just adds more confidence."

The Bulldogs will be taking on Sterling in their next contest tomorrow night at home at 7 p.m.

"We should be able to take them," Davis said. "We've improved a lot."

McPherson is now 4-11 in the conference and 11-12 overall.

Chris Polonco contributed to this article.

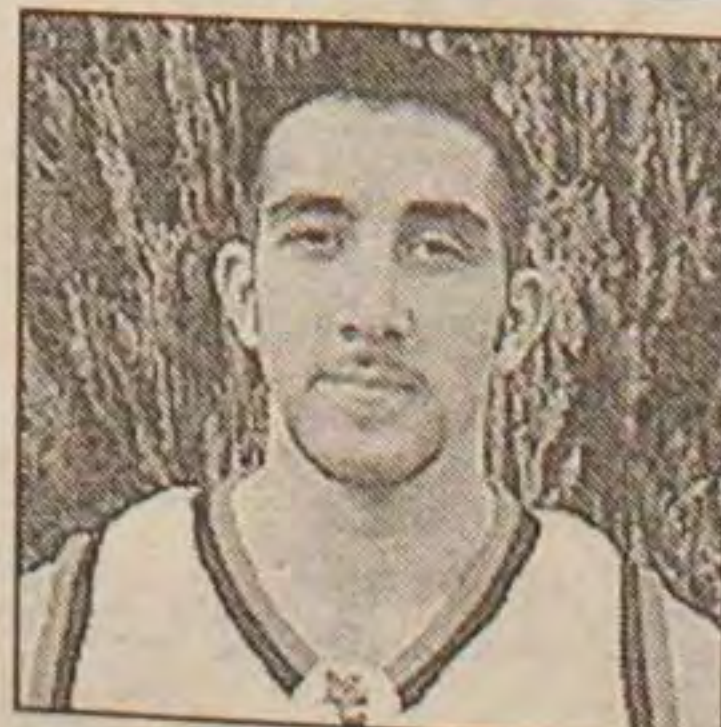


Andy Saenz rises above Ottawa for two points with his hook shot. photo by Genelle Wine

## ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

Kenny Romero, a freshman from Pueblo, Colo., plays forward for the men's basketball team. He was named KCAC basketball co-player of the week for his solid play in recent games. Romero leads the team in field goals and total rebounds.

"Kenny brings a lot of maturity. He is a team player," coach Roger Trimmell said. "He is a quiet leader."



Kenny Romero photo by Kris Boyer

## Indoor track speeds to a close

Kylie Funk  
Spectator staff

With two meets remaining, the indoor track season is coming to an end with positive results and anticipation of the coming outdoor season. The McPherson squad participated in the Ward Haylett Invitational Track Meet on Saturday, Jan. 20, at Doane College in Crete, Neb.

Attending the meet were Yvette Segura and Shane Netherton. This is the first indoor season either athlete has participated in.

Segura medaled, placing third in the 880-yard run with a time of 2:45. The experience was challenging as she is running with an ankle injury suffered during cross-country season. According to Segura, running five smaller laps to complete her race was difficult. However she felt it was a successful race.

Netherton placed 18th in the mile run with a time of 5:17. He also competed in the 1000-yard run, and finished with a time of 2:42.

An indoor track meet introduces

new challenges that athletes must contend with, including a smaller track, and extra noise from other events that are occurring simultaneously.

"The indoor track season is a time to prepare and get in shape for the outdoor track season," said Coach Erik Dickkut. "It is completely different from outdoor."

Jeremy Robbins and Netherton will travel to the Western Missouri State Invitational tomorrow competing in sprinting and distance events, respectively.

"I've never run indoor before but I hope to do pretty well," Netherton said.

The Pittsburg State Invitational is the final competition on Feb. 16. Dickkut hopes to have four participants ready for this meet, and four successful finishes to end the indoor track season.

Teammates have also expressed their goals and motivation for participating in indoor track season.

"I wanted to improve my time from last year and have fun," said Sheller. "It's a good time to get in shape before you try working on your speed."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Mac softball trains for opening tournament

The McPherson softball team began preseason training Feb. 1 in preparation for the opening of their spring season. The Bulldogs' first tournament is the Kansas Wesleyan Classic on Feb. 9 and 10 at Salina. Coach Mike McCormick has scheduled 17 regular season games and tournaments this spring.

The squad consists of 17 athletes, up from 13 last year. Despite having only three returning players, McCormick is confident about the upcoming tournament.

"I expect we'll be decent. We have a lot of new girls, new freshman, but they're quality players," said coach McCormick. "I've got three good pitchers so we should be pretty good."

### Interviews for new volleyball coach begin

Two candidates will be on campus in the next two weeks interviewing to fill the head volleyball coach position at McPherson College. Hailing from Colorado and Kansas, both candidates have been chosen from a pool of applicants.

"We are looking for someone long term to fill our needs and match with the philosophy of the institution," said athletic director Dan Hoffman. "These two, on paper, have excellent volleyball credentials with college coaching experience."

Hoffman expects a final decision to be reached by the end of this month.

### Involvement in intramural program drops

After the conclusion of three-on-three basketball, the Mac intramural program will continue with five-on-five basketball. Play begins this Sunday and continues in round robin play until mid-March.

According to co-directors Clay Haggard, Aaron Ellsworth, and Artie Baker, campus interest has been lower than usual this year.

"The numbers seem to be down from previous years," Ellsworth said. "I think the lack of Monday convocations for the whole campus may have dropped involvement."

Events planned for later this spring include a softball tournament and an all-day mud volleyball tournament. Details are still being developed.

"We're trying our best to get things going," Haggard said. "I wish people would show more interest."

### Alumnus donates to athletic scholarship

The Art Ray Track and Field/Cross Country Scholarship has grown by approximately \$9,700 since Mac alumnus, Dave Shepherd, '70, issued a \$50,000 challenge before Christmas. Coached by Art Ray, Shepherd ran cross country and track and field during his college career. Ray was on staff from 1967-1977, coaching several individuals to national berths and numerous teams to conference victories.



# Women place sixth in KCAC after tough week

Lynn Walter  
Spectator staff

The Lady Bulldogs tried to continue their climb in the conference Monday night, playing number one ranked Friends. They fell to the Falcons 55-57 after a draining contest.



photo by Genelle Wine

Amber Jackson shoots a one-and-one vs. Bethel.

The Lady Bulldogs entered the evening's contest red-hot, having won four of their last five games. The game was physical, which helped the Falcons, who built an 11-point behind great perimeter shooting.

The second half was a different story though. Mac's defense stiffened, stopping all field goals for almost five minutes, while their offense began heating up. The Bulldogs' ability to break the full court press and score in the paint helped them gain the lead in the second half.

Plagued by foul trouble, the Falcons couldn't get anything going again until midway through the second half. The Lady Bulldogs continued to increase the score behind key shooting by Jessica Brown and Amber Jackson and good team rebounding, led by Bond (8) and Rainey (7).

"Our rebounding has improved, because we anticipate where the shots are coming from," said Coach Mel Wright. "I thought we executed well against the zone, penetrating the gaps and are get-

ting good looks at the basket."

The lead went back and forth and was close until the last seconds. The Falcons made key free throws for a two-point lead and fended off the Bulldogs' final attempt for the victory.

Despite this loss, Mac's recent win/loss record implies that the team is back in action. Last Saturday was no exception. McPherson played a solid game to gain its fifth conference victory, beating St. Mary, 73-58.

By taking advantage of easy shots and their stifling defense, the Lady Bulldogs jumped to a double-digit lead in the first half. Led by the quickness of point guard Sharla Odhams and the strong performance of several post players, the team never relinquished its lead.

"Our defense is getting better, and the ladies are more familiar playing with each other, which has helped our offense," Wright said.

"We've started to play better," Odhams said. "We're getting in the mentality of rebounding. Hitting the boards really helps."

The women are currently tied for sixth in the conference.

The team's only loss in the previous five games came at the hands of the Southwestern Moundbuilders. Mac battled tough, but couldn't offset the superb three-point attack by the Moundbuilders. Foul trouble negated any momentum the Bulldogs tried to start and they couldn't recover.

According to Kimmi Hogan, the team's performance of late can be attributed to better teamwork.

"We played well together at the beginning of the season, and we have gotten back to doing it again," Hogan said.

"We're always fighting back. A bunch of girls are starting to step up," Odhams said.

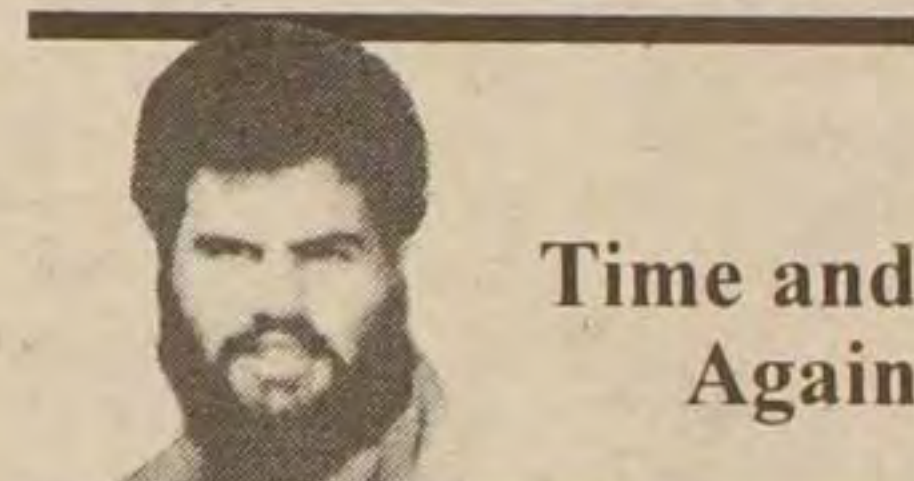
The Lady Bulldogs' next game is home against Sterling Saturday night at 5 p.m.



photo courtesy the Quadrangle

Wine (left) helps the cheerleaders dismount from their pyramid.

## Student involvement leads to connections



Time and Again

DOUG WINE '88

I was a yell leader my sophomore and junior years. My cousin was on the squad and she asked me and a couple other guys to be on the squad. I wasn't involved with anything like that in high school so it was all new. We pretty much taught ourselves as we went.

I started the year after a Fort Hays cheerleader had fallen from the fourth

tier of a stunt. They outlawed that down to three levels. Mostly the girls would build pyramids standing on each other's shoulders. Then the top cheerleader would fall back and I'd catch her. That was usually my cousin Julie.

I didn't get any guff from other people on campus for being a yell leader. The people I hung out with did their own thing anyway so people thought we were weird already.

Athletics were a big part of my college experience. Students need to be involved. If they're not involved in anything on campus, there's just no connection.

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

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- 52-69 v. Friends
- 53-73 v. Rhema Bible College
- 30-72 v. Bethany
- 46-79 v. Sterling
- 59-62 v. Ottawa
- 55-46 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 75-68 v. Bethel
- 80-75 v. Tabor
- 50-81 v. Southwestern
- 73-58 v. St. Mary
- 55-57 v. Friends
- 62-65 v. Rhema

#### Men's Basketball

- 84-71 v. Colorado College
- 64-72 v. Friends
- 60-63 v. Bethany
- 65-72 v. Sterling
- 60-79 v. Ottawa
- 79-89 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 69-73 v. Bethel
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## Grade school kids enjoy 'Winnie the Pooh'

The Fox, Danny Williams, Porcupine, Jessica Miller, Rabbit 1, Courtney Irwin, Skunk, Jodi Good Rabbit 2, Bryan Lucore and Rabbit 3, Laina McKellip frolic in the forest before Kanga, Brian Wave arrives. Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Eisenhower gradeschools visited McPherson College to watch Winnie The Pooh last week. There were two evening performances also last Friday and Saturday night, Feb. 2 and 3.



Photo by Tyler Kerst

## NEWS BRIEFS

### New award established for restoration students

McPherson College and the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA), Education Foundation recently announced the establishment of a new award. The award will consist of a \$1,000 grant to be used for professional development or for the purchase of tools. It will be presented annually for the best research paper on a Mercedes-Benz related topic written by a restoration program student. The research paper will be published in the club's magazine, The Star. The first award will be presented this spring.

### Student Union computer lab hours change

Computer lab hours in Hoffman Student Union now go from 7 p.m. Sunday night to 2 a.m. Friday morning. Coffee is provided throughout the night for students using the computers.

### Residence hall to remain open for summer session

One small residence hall will remain open for the June session of summer school. Food service will also be provided.

"We're trying to make it easier for students to stay and pick up a few more credits," said Susan Taylor, dean of academic resources. "If we get a good response, we might try it again next year."

Students will receive a brochure in campus mail that lists the courses offered during June and July. Most of the courses meet general education perspectives.

Even though there is no pre-enrollment deadline, students are encouraged to register as soon as they can.

"Faculty make their decisions based on pre-registration," said Jim Haritatos, career services. "If students wait, they may be out of luck."

### Students' work to be featured

A student poetry reading is scheduled in lower level of SU, Saturday night, Feb. 24.

## Teacher education to be feature program

LeAnn Wine  
Editor in Chief

Teacher education has been selected for development as a feature program by McPherson College's Strategic Planning Committee. The process is underway to design the program structure as well as to secure the resources required.

According to Steve Gustafson, provost, the program was selected for four reasons: teacher education is consistent with the heritage and mission of the college; the market demand for teachers is high; the strength of the current faculty and facilities is good; and market study last fall produced data supporting the decision.

"In part, I'm very excited. It's an affirmation of what we've done well for the last 12 years," said Marilyn Kimbrell, chair of the curriculum and instruction department. Also, we're facing a teacher shortage in the nation. We can provide a real service by instructing the kind of teachers we think the world needs."

The next step in the process is selecting a task force to design program enhancements. Tasks for the group include defining the program structure, resource needs and position description for an additional faculty member.

"The new faculty's primary focus will be to provide leadership and gear up for feature program status," Gustafson said.

The new program's design will include items "different in addition to what we've been doing," said Fred Schmidt, director of financial aid. "We'll look at things like who makes the best teachers, the length of programs, and the possibility of scholarships."

Investing human and financial resources will be the second general step in developing teacher education as a feature program. The Board of Trustees will hear a recommendation to fund the position of a lead faculty for the 2001-2002 academic year. If the funding is approved, the college will begin the hiring process. According to Gustafson, the plan is to have every-

thing in place next year and have the new program up and running for the fall of 2002.

The process the teacher education program is undergoing will help McPherson College work on branding, according to Schmidt.

"It's helping us establish and project to prospective students what makes us more than just a small liberal arts college," Schmidt said.

A memo from the SPC to the campus community stated that feature programs are a key part of the college's strategic plan. In general, the purpose of a feature program is to increase enrollment, strengthen academic programs, and develop a market niche. The teacher education and auto restoration departments were among the five listed in the memo that were asked to provide proposals for feature programs.

Proposals for feature academic programs from the remaining three areas—fine arts, business, and science—or any other departments must be turned in to the SPC by April 2001.

## Strategic Plan Summary

### Goals for 2000-05 Growing Enrollment, Yet Small and Efficient Strong Academic and Co- curricular Programs

Select four or more feature academic programs

### Good Work Environment

Implement a development plan for faculty and staff

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## Minnich covers Neufeld's responsibilities at Melhorn Science Hall

Kara Reiff  
News Editor

Bob Neufeld, computer science, will be gone for at least four weeks, possibly longer to recover from surgery. Other faculty members will be taking on some additional responsibilities to allow for Neufeld's absence.

Neufeld was the project shepherd for the construction of Melhorn Science Hall. His duties involved such responsibilities as meeting regularly with the project team and faculty to make decisions regarding the building. Neufeld also spent a lot of time in the building to keep track of the progress. "We are

**"We are trying to divide up the responsibilities that Bob had so that it doesn't put too much extra on just one person."**

—Al Dutrow

trying to divide up the responsibilities that Bob had so that it doesn't put too much extra on just one person," said Al Dutrow, chair of natural sciences.

Kent Noffsinger, physical science has taken Neufeld's statistics class and Dale Minnich, chief financial officer, has taken his responsibilities as project

shepherd for Melhorn. Richard Rempel, from Bethel, is covering Neufeld's Operations Research class and Dan Hoffman, athletic director, will be instructing the Introductory Algebra Lab. Dutrow says that several of the faculty involved with Melhorn will be visiting there more often to see how things are coming along.

"The area that I am most concerned about while I'm gone is the science building," Neufeld said. "I'll help out wherever I can, but I think that everyone will be able to keep things going."

"With Bob gone, they may not be done as timely as they would otherwise," Dutrow said, "but I don't think

**"Things are going okay so far and we seem to be covering the bases pretty well. However, we will miss Bob's attention to detail as to what the faculty wants."**

—Dale Minnich

it will slow down the process for the building."

Dutrow hopes that Neufeld will be able to continue to be involved through e-mail or phone.

"We're just hoping to be able to continue to work with Bob even though he won't be here physically," Dutrow said.

Dutrow considers Neufeld a real resource that has a lot of knowledge of how things have gone so far.

"Things are going okay so far and we seem to be covering the bases pretty well," Minnich said. "However, we will miss his attention to detail as to what the faculty wants."

Minnich says that they are entering a very intense period in the building process, but they know it may be a slow recovery for Neufeld. They want him to take what time he needs.