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Campus copes with terrorist attacks

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Awakened Tuesday with the tragic news that the World Trade Center had suffered two hits by hijacked planes, freshman Ziya Gunay called his parents as soon as he was alerted.

Gunay's parents live in North Arlington, N.J., but his dad works in Manhattan.

"I was worried. He works five to ten blocks away from the Twin Towers," Gunay said.

Though Gunay called his parents immediately, tied up phone lines delayed communications.

"I couldn't get a hold of them for 45 minutes to an hour," Gunay said.

When he finally reached them, Gunay learned that they were fine, although they are upset that they can't work while everything is shut down.

Gunay is just one of several members of the McPherson College community who have been directly affected by this week's terrorist attacks.

Student planning to study in Greece awaits BCA notification

Chris Curran, sr., Loma, Colo., planned to leave for Athens, Greece, to study abroad in the Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA) program tomorrow. When Curran heard of the news of the attacks and the problems with air travel, he called BCA to determine the status of his trip.

"Right now all domestic flights in the United States are grounded, and all international flights are being re-routed out of the country. London has also shut down its major airports," Curran said.

After receiving an e-mail and a phone call from BCA, Curran was instructed to be patient as they wait on the status of flights in the next few days.

"BCA informed me that they will follow the advice of the U.S. State Departments regarding the continuation of the trip to Athens," Curran said.

Curran is not worried about his safety, though he realizes that the situation he is in could be dangerous.

"If there is a flight, and if BCA deems the situation safe enough to continue with the trip, I will go to Athens," Curran said.

With his faith in God, Curran is not afraid, but he is praying for his fellow students who are already participating in BCA.

"My prayers are with Marie Rhodes and Elizabeth Stover. May God watch over them and protect them," Curran said of his friends in India.

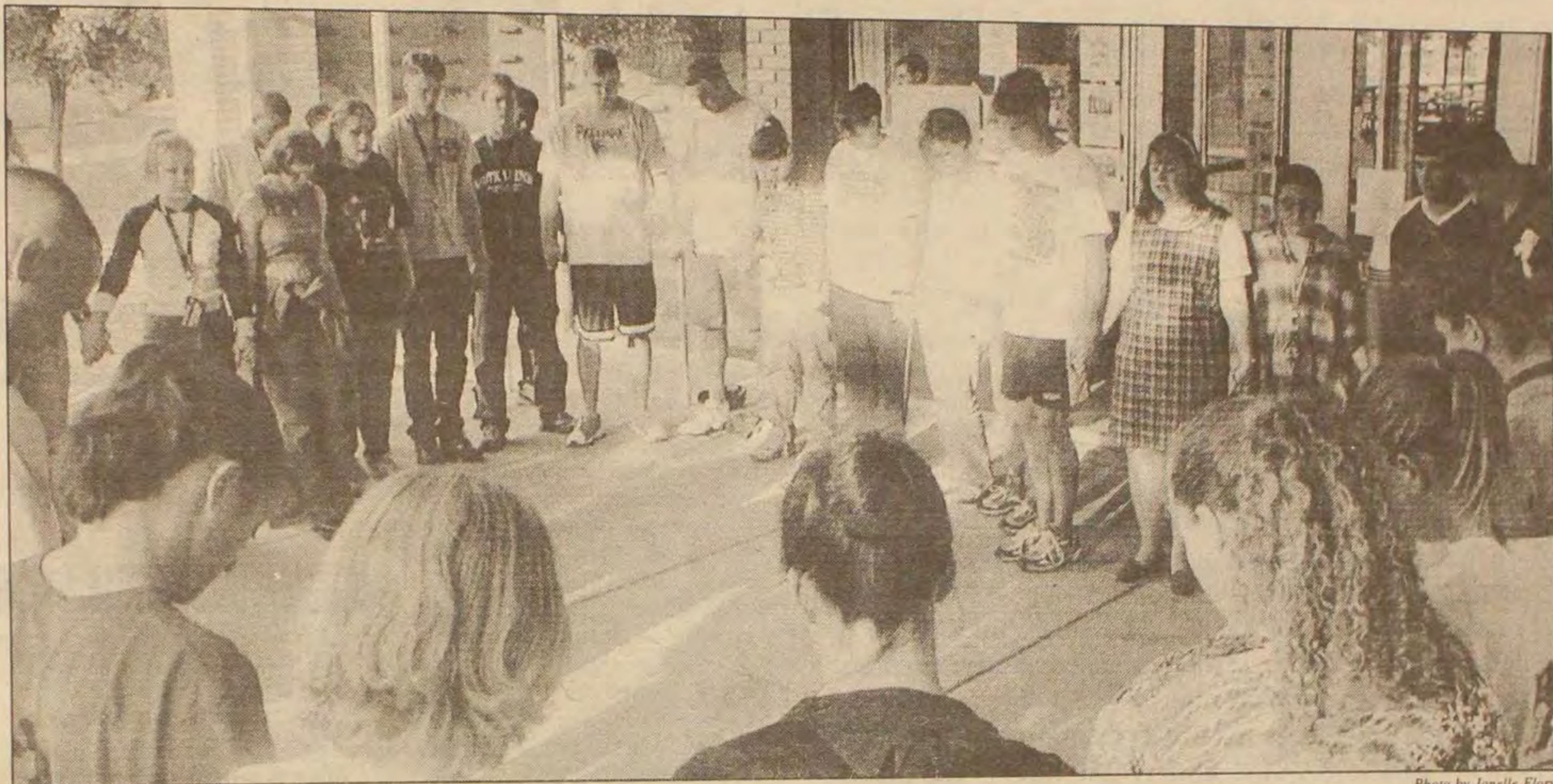


Photo by Janelle Flory

Students and other members of McPherson College gather Tuesday evening at Hoffman SU to pray and discuss the day's tragic events.

Flight cancellation alters personal travel plans

Ken Yohn, history, wondered if his plans to fly to Philadelphia, Pa., would be altered as he was scheduled to attend his brother's wedding.

"It made me think through going, but it doesn't change my feeling of security," Yohn said. "I'm sure that the level of security at the airport will be increased."

Someone in one of his classes made the point that by attacking us, the terrorists were trying to disrupt the lives of Americans.

"If we let them do that, they win," Yohn said.

Yohn did not get to test airport security this weekend. His initial flight, which was scheduled to leave Wichita Thursday morning, was canceled.

Yohn said community members should continue to watch out for each other. As Lt. Col. Dave Grossman pointed out, Yohn said, emotional pain continues after the event has taken place. People hurt themselves and even commit suicide in efforts to deal with the heartache of tragedy.

Scheduled Interterm trip to Egypt in question

Jeanne Smith, curriculum and instruction, and Herb Smith, philosophy and religion, rescheduled last year's Interterm trip to Egypt for this January due to threats of violence in the Mideast,

and they now wonder if they will have to reschedule again.

"We always check out the state department and keep close tabs on what's going on," Jeanne said.

The trip is scheduled as planned until further notice. However, Jeanne said that they would have to be very careful to not put the students in jeopardy for the sake of the students, the parents and the college.

Jeanne applauded the administration for its efforts to counsel students who were struggling with the emotional aftershock of the tragedy.

Dill addresses students at prayer meeting

Forty-six students showed up Tuesday night on the steps of Hoffman Student Union to pray for peace and protection. President Gary Dill spoke to students before the prayer meeting, which was convened by Manny Diaz, campus minister. Diaz felt President Dill's words were well received.

"President Dill spoke really well about how we don't have answers, but the community needs to pull together," Diaz said.

"I was surprised at the number of students that prayed," Diaz said.

Students were pleased that they had the opportunity to take action.

"It was the first time that we were doing something rather than just watching and discussing," said Becky Snell, soph., McPherson.

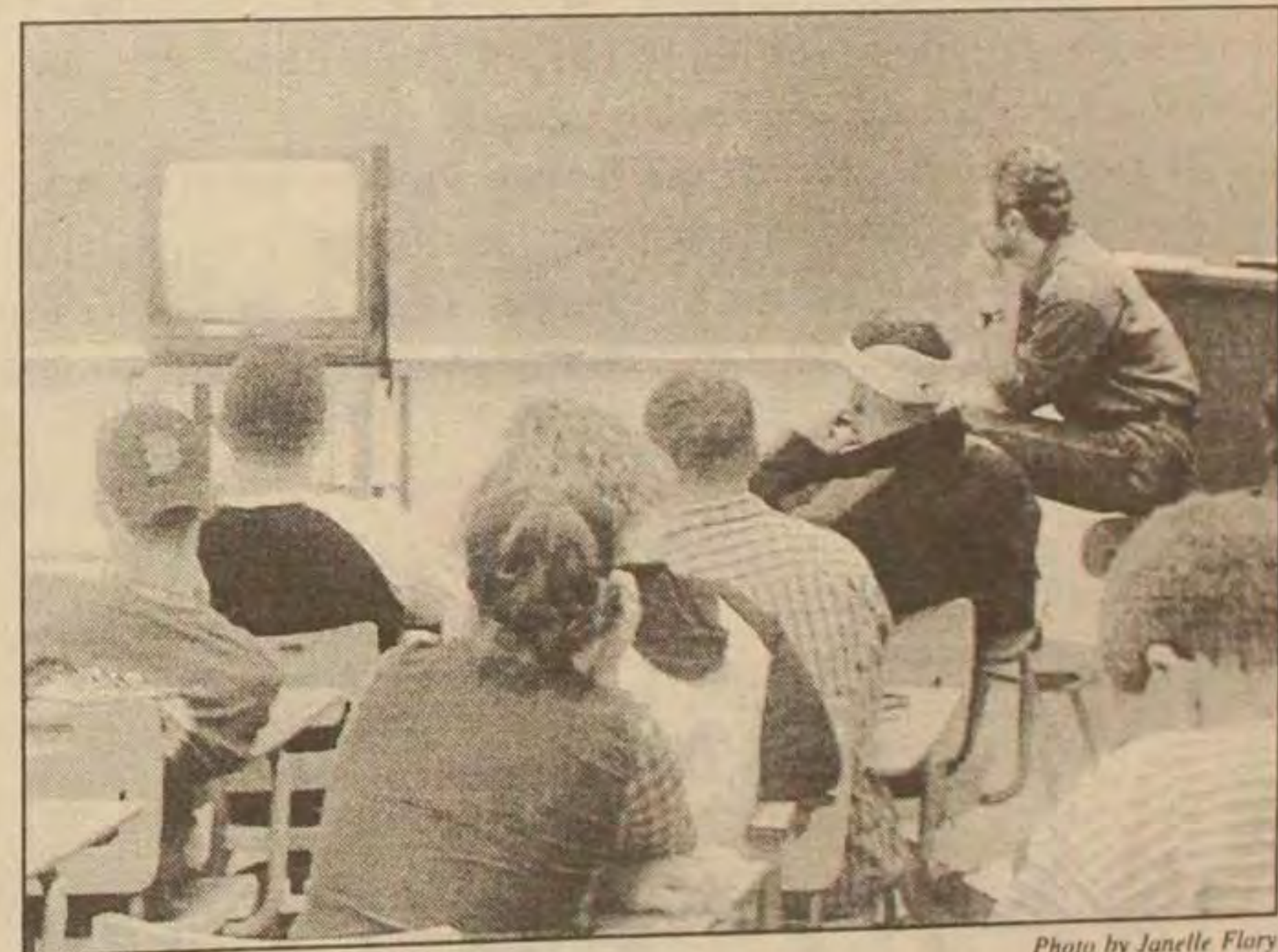


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Students in the Tuesday morning World Civilization class watch intently as the events of the day unfold. Other televisions were available around campus for students to view.

Administration deals with the tragedy

As a resident assistant, Snell feels the administration has prepared her to handle crises that may erupt on campus.

Other students agree that the administration has done well dealing with student needs.

Chris Bisceglia, sr., Las Vegas, Nev., was amazed with how fast the college offered services to students and had televisions set up.

"I was impressed at how open the

faculty was about the whole thing," Bisceglia said. "I was also surprised at some of their reactions."

Lois Davidson, fr., Mont Ida, shares the same opinion as many of her peers.

"I'm going to pay more attention to war, the effects and people involved," Davidson said.

Students having difficulty coping with these recent events may contact LaMonte Rothrock, associate dean of students, Carolyn Coon, dean of students, Kathryn Whitacre, coordinator of career and personal counseling, Diaz, or Laura Eells, sociology.

Editorials

STAFF EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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McPherson staff and students cope with terrorist attack

Monday night America went to sleep in peace. Tuesday began with a bolt of terrorist lightning. Our unsuspecting nation is still feeling the blows of the four hijacked planes that plummeted into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the one supposedly headed for Camp David that fell short in Pennsylvania.

Everyone has been affected by the tragedy. Gas prices have increased. Flights have been cancelled. With air traffic confused, McPherson students scheduled to go abroad for the semester will be affected. Even if they are able to fly as scheduled, it is very possible that airport security will be at an all time high.

McPherson College has reacted to the terrorist blows with extreme care. Lesson plans on Tuesday were tossed aside in order for students to voice their opinions and ask questions. Some teachers were even able to turn on the TV and let their students watch the news as it unfolded.

Announcements were posted around campus notifying students that they could watch the news in the student union. Counselors were also available for students to converse with about the issues of the day. Overall, the campus administration has handled the situation to the best of their ability.

The Spectator staff would like to express our appreciation to those who have helped make things more comfortable for those on campus who are struggling with the current situation.

We would also like to thank the students who have taken steps to make campus life as smooth as possible. There were a plethora of students who gathered on the steps of the student union to pray for protection and to pray for the leaders of the nation.

If you are having a hard time dealing with the recent events, take advantage of the professors and students around you, who are willing to talk with you. McPherson is not standing still, and it is our hope that we will continue to pave the road to healing.

MAC OPINION

How should the U.S. react to Tuesday's tragedy?



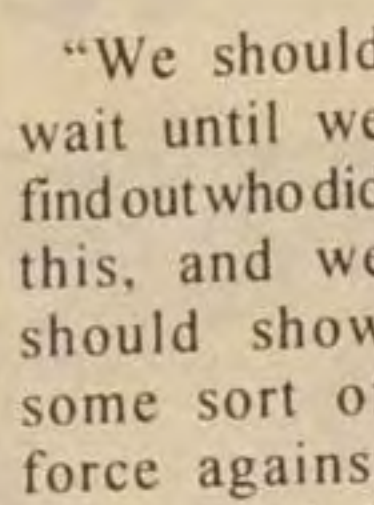
"I don't know right now-I don't think we can react at all until we know the facts." - Amanda Dagen, sr., Houston, Tx.



"I hope we don't attack these people. It could start a third World War." - Anna Ingelmo, sr., Barcelona, Spain.



"We're all just really stunned at the moment. We need to know the facts before we can react." - Becky Snell, jr., McPherson



"We should wait until we find out who did this, and we should show some sort of force against these people." - David Dittmer, fr., Grundy Center, Iowa



"I'm still just in shock-it's unbelievable!" - Shane Netherton, jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.



"I think we should stop trade out of the country because foreign nations don't seem to want our help." - Tim Smith, sr., Holcomb



Starting from the beginning

Here I sit, for one more time around. I figured, this being my inaugural column, I would just give you a basic rundown of who I am, and since I plan on writing a column every couple weeks, I'll just give you a basic lay of the land.

I hail from Evergreen, Colo., Blue Spruce Capital of the world. It's a wonderful, beautiful place, and I miss it every day. A lot of people still ask me why I came to school in Kansas, and I still can't give them a straight answer. I suppose it was a sort of "going back to my roots," in that both of my parents went to Sterling College. I intended on keeping some sort of sentimental ties to Kansas.

I enrolled for two years of auto restoration, and had a thrill-a-minute ride through those four semesters. I worked on ancient cars, met people who could really talk cars and learned a lot about every phase of car stuff. For those of you who hold the restoration students in disdain, try talking to them genuinely about what they are genuinely inter-



Ramblings from a Room

LUKE CHENNEL

ested in—cars. On the whole, they are a wonderful bunch of people, as are most here.

I stray from the point, however. After two years of restoration work, I realized something: while I enjoy it deeply, it is nasty, filthy, hard work. If there's a way around it, I am fundamentally opposed to hard work in any form it may take. It is a necessity in life, and I cannot imagine life without work of some sort, but I would much rather do something interesting without the toil.

And so, I decided to reenter the world of thought and contemplation instead of the world of concrete reality and practical theory. I took the history

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route. So far, it hasn't really been the bad. I'm still studying cars, but in a completely different way. Life is full of color and enjoyment, and I realized that to be a really full person, one cannot focus too keenly on any one aspect.

So where to from here? Well, in the space I hope to put forth some musing on various things, and I hope that others will be inclined to share their opinions on any topic within reason, or maybe some of those out of reason. I really just want to see some rational thought processes happening. I'd also like to see some roaring good times. Come with me, and I hope to have both. Preferably at the same time.

Casino Night insults community standards

Every year McPherson College staff set out to change the course of this college's destiny. This year the Activities director and the Student Government Association have decided to bring back Casino Night to McPherson College.

How is this a huge change to the college's direction? Well, let's take a look in our college catalogs, shall we? The Community Code of Conduct lists the rules that Mac students must follow. I looked to see if gambling is mentioned and, lo and behold, it came up more than once.

Code number 5 states, "McPherson College, concurring with state legal codes, does not allow gambling on campus." Well, that about sums up the Casino Night issue, doesn't it? No gambling is allowed on campus.

For those who argue that Casino Night isn't real gambling, check out the American Heritage Dictionary's definition. "Gamble: 1) to bet on an uncertain outcome, as of a contest, 2) to play a game of chance for stakes, a risk, 3) to



Checkpoint Charlie

STACI HORTON

engage in reckless and hazardous behavior."

Gambling is any activity where stakes of any kind are placed, in the hopes of winning a higher amount. Gambling for money or prizes is the same thing!

If Code 5 isn't enough to convince you, there's more. Code 10 states, "Since the use of narcotics, gambling, and drinking of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the grounds or in the buildings of the campus, participation by students in these activities while under college sponsorship is prohibited." That means if you drink on campus or attend gambling events your scholarships are in jeopardy.

You came here without a scholarship? Okay, Code 11 applies to you:

"Because every effort is made to acquaint students with the campus code of conduct, it is assumed that they are in agreement with the purposes and ideas of the college. If subsequent action and behavior proves otherwise, they may be asked to withdraw. (No refunds are made to those who are asked to withdraw.)"

Translation? Your \$17,700 plus dollars are gone for good.

The rules that prohibit gambling on campus are repeated in the handbook that were given to all students at enrollment. It states the entire matter very plainly. "McPherson College does not allow gambling on campus. (McPherson College Student Handbook, 2001-2002, page 23)

Well folks, that about sums it up. McPherson College's guidelines don't allow students to attend Casino Night.

The real question is why has SG spent our increased activity fund on an activity that McPherson College prohibits.

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CAMPUS FORUM

Theatre students start off well

As a junior who has been active in theatre for the past two years, I would just like to express my excitement to see all the new faces in the theatre department. It is so nice to see new students getting involved and spending a little extra time to support the great programs on campus.

I tried out for the upcoming show "The Doctor In spite of Himself", and was amazed by the new talent on campus. These students seemed really eager and excited to help out with the theatre if they got a part or not.

I took their attitude and applied it to myself when I was not cast. At first it was a blow to my ego that only freshmen women were cast. I was upset that freshmen got parts over me, but then I realized that it is fantastic that we have so much new talent. I am very excited to do whatever I can to make this show a success from behind the scenes.

The attitude of these new students rubbed off on me and I am glad to do my part even though it is not on stage. This attitude does not only exist in the theatre department, I have been very impressed with the attitude of all the new and returning students. It seems to me that a happier, less selfish attitude exists on campus this year. I see it spreading through all the students, faculty, and staff on campus.

I feel very good about this year and all that it will bring. I hope that we can continue to have this great attitude on campus, and I hope that we can all come out to support the new faces of the theatre department Oct. 5th, 6th, 12th, or 13th. Shows start at 8 in Brown Auditorium on all of those nights. I hope to see you all there.

-Nichole Williams

Barker needs a logo

Barker, your school magazine, is looking for a logo. We want you to get involved. So we have created a contest. The student to create the best logo receives a free dinner at Applebee's. The deadline is Friday, Sept. 28th by midnight.

This logo is going to be a continuing logo in the Barker, so make it versatile.

The criteria for the logo is that it needs to fit in an 8 by 11 space, but not take the entire area. It must say:

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Make your best computerized logo and send it via email to lainamckellip@yahoo.com or send it to Laina McKellip in campus mail on disk or Zip disk. If you need to use a computer, this can be arranged. For information or questions call Laina at ext. 7613.

-Laina McKellip

Living your passion or just passing the time?



Dee's Space

DENISE KRIESEL

We should all be here to gain knowledge and to receive a degree, right? There's got to be more to it than that! Sure, knowledge will get you through college, and college is supposed to get you a good paying job, but is that all you want in life? What about creativity, imagination and joy?

Those are the wondrous things that no amount of knowledge will get you. The institution of higher education is capable of letting you forget the joys and creative things of life, like singing in the rain or the enjoyment of a simple coloring book and box of Crayolas.

Albert Einstein once said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world." And he ranks up there with the most learned in history. In the busyness of studies and education, it is easy to forget passions and hobbies, but aren't those the things that make up our souls?

It's not that I think we shouldn't be here. Instead I think that we should all study something we enjoy and whatever it is that really gets us going. We shouldn't study to be a place-seeker nor to just pass the time but for the sake of knowledge and the expansion of our personal worlds.

What is it that you really want? Do you want to sit at a desk from 8 to 5 staring at a computer screen? Can you do that for the next 35 years or more, and make it to the happy little retirement party in the end?

Or do you want to live your passion? What is it that fires you from the inside and touches your soul? Do you know that fire, that thing that gets you out of bed everyday? Find that passion, and make it your life.

LETTER POLICY

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

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

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

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

- 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.

Ring in the new school year

Welcome to Mac, everyone! I can't believe that the summer is over, and we have found ourselves inside of this little campus again.

Things have changed. Melhorn is lookin' good. I'm missing Harnly though. It's so hard to say goodbye. Freshmen, you will never find yourself trekking up the seemingly endless staircase on which your forefathers so dedicatedly trod. You won't have to worry about the heat, and the ever-present smells of Science. I'm sure that it won't be long until Melhorn reeks of chemicals, too, and that's ok.

Dotzour life is back in action. Girls screaming during all 24 hours, shamelessly ignoring quiet hours, and I can't complain because I am one of them. I love the dorms, but I miss home. Here, I'm never pleasantly surprised by someone just happening to do my laundry or to wash my cups and plates. Here, these things stack up and they bring



Big Chief's Tablet

ELISSA THOMPSON

their ants along with them.

Speaking of ants, is anyone else waging a war against wasps? I've had like 8,000 wasps in my room, and no one has spray. Yeah, I should buy spray, but I don't have the money. I'm never sure when I'm going to have to cough up about \$100 for some book I didn't realize I needed.

I think that this is going to be a good year of rebuilding for us. Last year things were a little harsh. We had a torn up campus, and the students felt torn about issues we were facing.

I hope we've all come back to Mac with positive attitudes, ready to see

positive things come from this year. If you want to see something change, join in the activity. Don't complain without action. Your complaining is annoying if you don't do something about it. Don't be a vacuum!

Besides, we've got some great opportunities here. Our staff and faculty go out of their way to be friendly to us. Very seldom do I see a professor or staff member act rudely to students or each other.

Our football team has a winning record, too. Way to go on your first win, guys! I hope to see the scoreboard posting the same results on Saturday. Keep up the good work.

SGA, I want to tell you that I'm impressed. Laser tag was awesome. I heard orientation was good, and I'm looking forward to Casino Night. Also, \$2 Movie Night is sometimes the best part of my week, and I'd like to thank you for making that possible.

Build your foundation on Jesus Christ

When building a house you need to carefully look at your foundation. The same is true for life. Like the Sunday school song that says, "If you build your house on a sand foundation if troubles come you will fall." If you build your house on the solid rock foundation, when troubles come you will be able to stand up to anything that may come your way.

My foundation has always been Jesus Christ. He has and always will be there for me. Some people feel close to God when they are in a building, like a church, but I feel closer to Him when I am in wide-open spaces. When I am in nature is when I feel like God is closest to me.

The feeling I get when I am at Camp Colorado, my church camp, is hard to describe. It is love, longing for a closer relationship with God, pride, and most of all awe that God could create these towering peaks and these huge boulders and all the creatures around and still create me.



Cornerstone

B.J. JONES

I am a cowboy. I am proud of this. Some people wonder how I can be a Christian and a cowboy. It is true that I miss church for rodeos and other activities. However, I know that when I am getting ready to rope that steer in the arena, I have more than my horse and my other roping partner to help me. I have Christ in the saddle with me in my heart.

Yes, I walk to the beat of another drum, but I know that Christ is right there beside me and that he always will be. Christ for me is found everywhere in the world, but I feel closest when I am

"I feel closer to Him when I am in wide-open spaces."

sitting on a horse or when I am at camp. I am laying the cornerstone for my life on a solid foundation. My favorite scripture is Psalms 20:7 "Some trust in horses and some trust in Chariots, but I put my trust in the Lord our God." This simple scripture inspires me and makes me realize that there are things that I cannot handle alone.

As I say the words to this scripture it reminds me that no matter how reliable some vehicle is, or how wonderful man-made things may be, the Lord is all-powerful. No matter how good a partner or my horse may be, the Lord is still the one to believe in fully. The Lord is still the one thing that I need to have complete and utter trust in because He will never let me down.

COUNTRY MIKE'S CORNER

BY MIKE VRTISKA



Mike Vrtiska

Grossman sparks controversy over media violence in the U.S.

Elissa Thompson
Editor in Chief

Jumping on and off the stage and firing data, Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, brought the Mohler lecture audience out of their chairs on September 4. Grossman's presentation enlightened many students on the increasing violence problem in America's schools.

Grossman pointed out that though the media is not the only cause of violence in the school system, it is a contributing factor.

"Media violence is a fuel that feeds the fire," Grossman said in his workshop on Sept. 5.

Grossman's main complaints are video games, violent TV shows and movies that have left children at the ages of one-and-a-half to eight calloused. According to Grossman, children who grow up watching violence are more likely to carry through with violent acts.

"You aren't just a passive receiver," when playing video games Grossman said. "You are choosing to pull the trigger that makes the playmate bleed on screen and you are getting rewarded for it."

It is not just the school shootings that scare Grossman. He is also worried about students who have come to find comedy in the pain of those around them. He told of California students who laughed at a showing of "Schindler's List." They later mocked director Stephen Spielberg when he tried to reiterate the reality of the Holocaust.

While Grossman does not believe in "simplistic solutions," he does believe there is hope. He believes that positive things are being taught to the children, and the teachers are making an impact. "Education! Education! Education!" Grossman screamed.

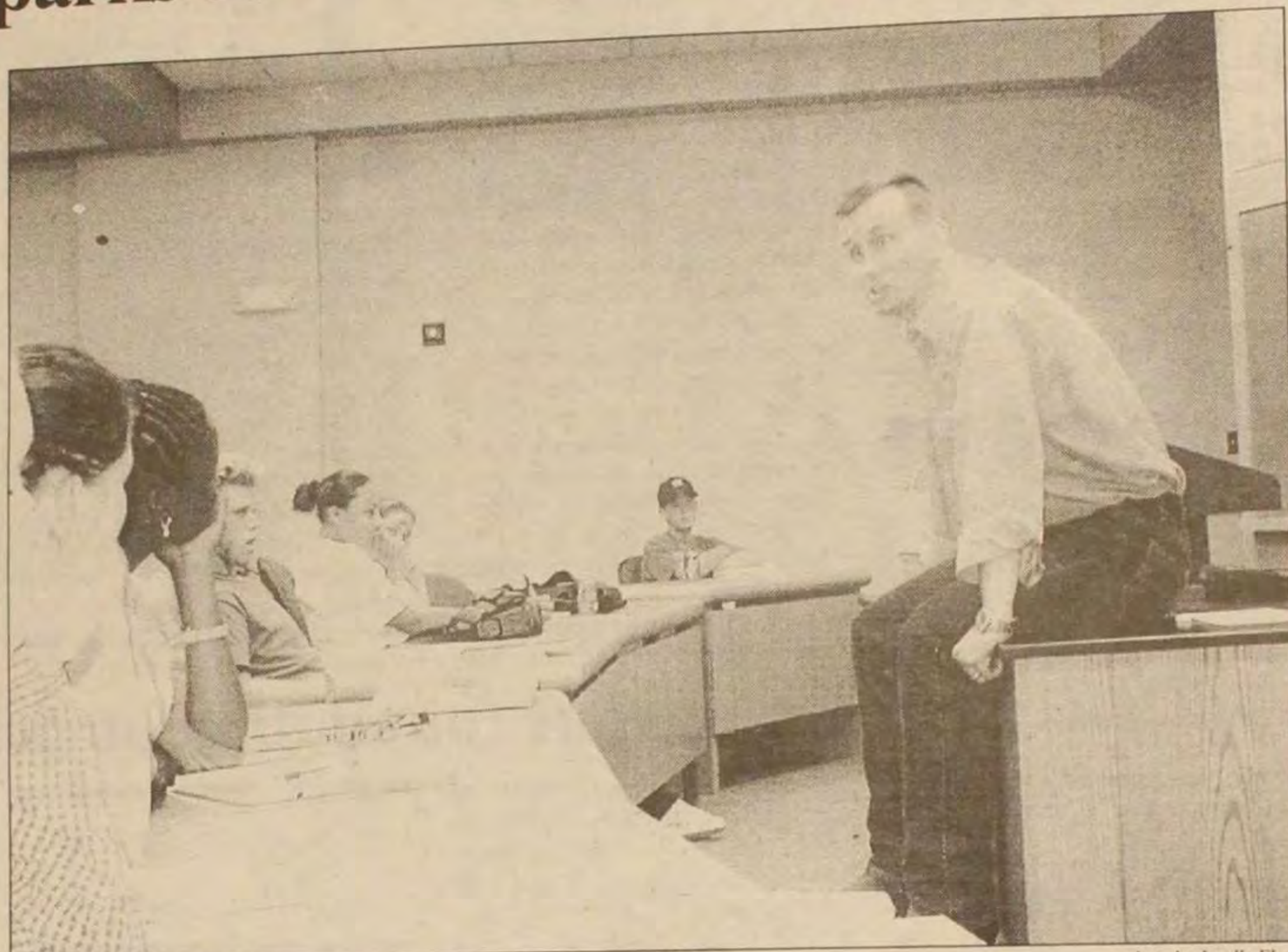


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Lt. Col. Dave Grossman lectures about the influence media violence has upon our children.

McPherson College freshman, who are required to participate in "Creative Controversy" are getting their "education" from an exercise in which they are participating in their freshman seminar groups.

After going to a summer workshop on "Creative Controversy," Susan Taylor, dean for academic resources, decided to give freshman seminar groups controversy assignments throughout the fall semester. The first controversy deals with violence in the media.

"The research shows it promotes critical thinking and team building skills,"

Taylor said.

Students will first pick a side to argue then present the argument followed by open discussion. Students will finally reverse their perspectives and reach a group decision. Many seminar groups have already started this activity.

"This is not just arguing off the top of our heads, but using research to come up with a right solution," Taylor said.

Kim Stanley, English, is optimistic about student participation in the seminar assignment.

"I think it's going to go really well. They're cooperating," Stanley said.

Taylor is pleased that the media violence topic used in the seminar groups could tie in with the Mohler lecture.

"People say they've heard students talking about it. It's promoted campus dialogue on the subject," Taylor said.

There are two more creative controversy assignments. One will deal with academic honesty and the other is undecided at this time.

Opposing View

Though many audience members were impressed by Lt. Col. Grossman's speech, Ken Yohn, history, left the

event with unanswered questions. "I both enjoyed and was disappointed by Grossman," Yohn said.

Yohn's disappointment comes from what he feels is skewed data. Yohn thinks that while Grossman obviously knows the facts, he is presenting them in a way that misleads the audience.

"Every example was someone killed by a gun," Yohn said.

"When he teaches them he says that he gives them discipline, but who's Tim McVeigh?"

—Ken Yohn

Yohn agrees that Grossman is correct about violence in the media. However, Yohn believes that Grossman is forgetting that guns feed the problem.

Yohn's questions led him to research the problem. He found that according to the National Center for Health Statistics, Department of Defense Almanac, "Every two years, more Americans die of a gunshot than there were American soldiers killed during the entire Vietnam War."

Yohn thinks that there is hypocrisy in Grossman using the highest and most advanced government technology to train American soldiers to kill.

"When he teaches them he says that he gives them discipline, but who's Tim McVeigh?" Yohn said.

The use of firearms is a universal problem, but the United States suffers the most. According to the FBI Uniform Crime Report, "In 1996, two people were murdered by handguns in New Zealand, 15 in Japan, 106 in Canada, 213 in Germany and 9,390 in the United States."

With all of Grossman's background in training military and police, Yohn feels that he is promoting gun use.

"He's the problem," Yohn said.

Martin speeds through summer restoring cars for famous folk

Luke Chennell
Opinions Editor

Working on exotic cars for an exotic boss is an auto-restoration student's dream. Adam Martin, jr., Bloomington, Minn., had that opportunity this summer as he was chosen for an internship in Los Angeles, Calif., to work for Randy Ema, restorer of Jay Leno's car collection.

"We detailed a Duesenberg, and we were wearing white gloves as we did it."

—Adam Martin, jr.

Leno has long had a connection with McPherson College. Along with "Popular Mechanics" magazine, Leno sponsors the Fred

Duesenberg Memorial Scholarship at McPherson College. Martin received the scholarship in 1999, and as a direct result was invited to meet Leno over spring break of his sophomore year.

This led to Martin being invited into a summer internship by Randy Ema, an acknowledged expert on many exotic, classic cars. Ema invited Martin to work in his shop and pick up some of the business end of restoration work.

"It was set up as an internship so that I could learn more about how to deal with the daily side of running a shop," Martin said.

When Martin arrived he found a shop with top-notch equipment and some of the finest cars around. Duesenberg Model Js have long been considered to be the king of classic cars, and Ema is a leading authority on their history and restoration. Martin worked on several, as well as Bugattis, Delahayes, Mercedes, and other rare, valuable cars.

"We detailed a Duesenberg, and we were wearing white gloves as we did it. It was just an amazing experience to work on such valuable cars," said Martin.

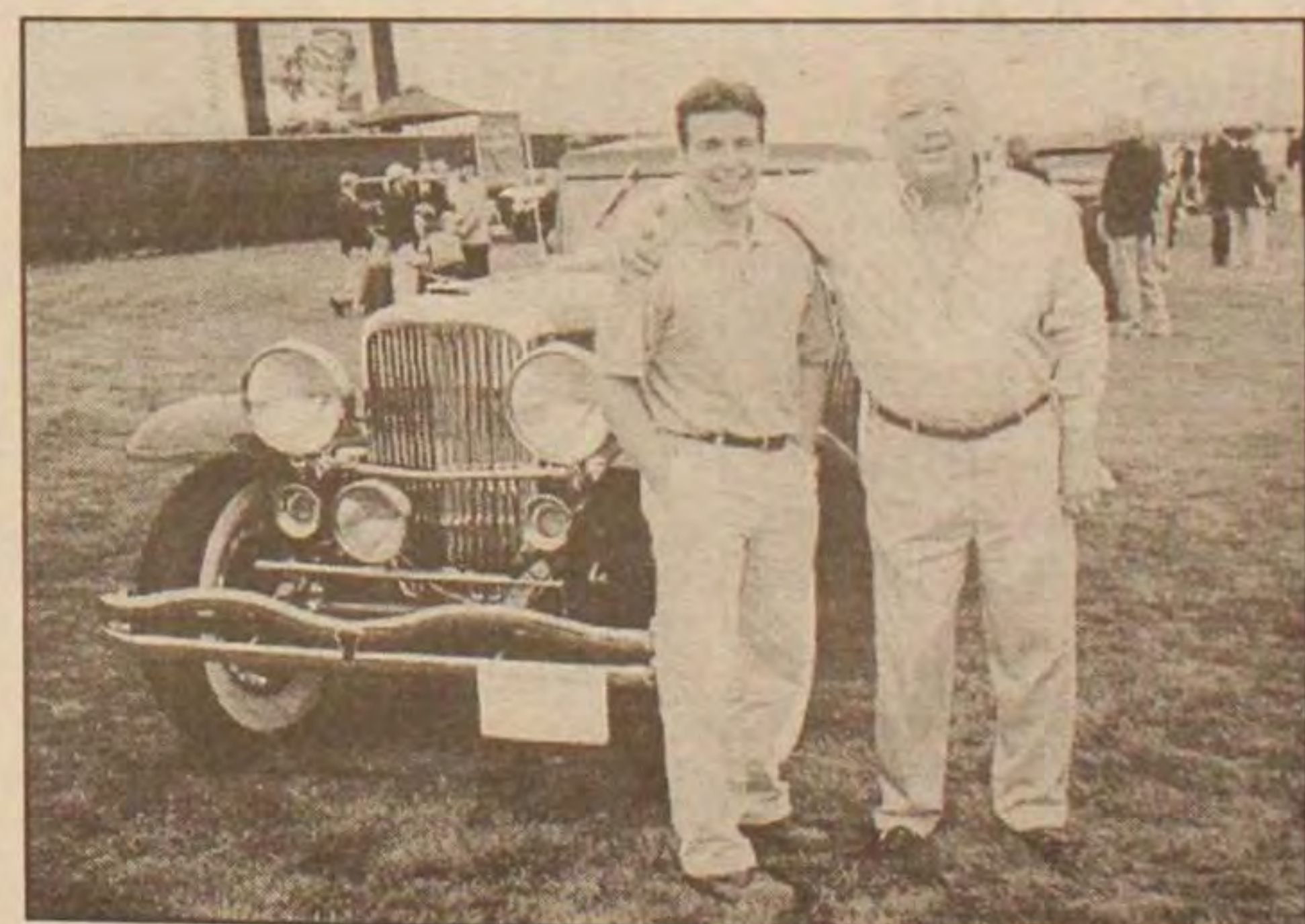
Martin was responsible for polishing many of the car's brightwork, a long and involved process.

"I spent many hours carefully sanding each piece, preparing it to be final polished," Martin said. "There couldn't be a single scratch on anything."

"The owners of the cars almost seemed to worry if there was a blade of grass on their tires."

—Adam Martin, jr.

As the summer progressed, Ema and Martin accompanied several of the cars that they worked on to car shows,



Contributed by the Communications Office

Adam Martin, jr., and Randy Ema show off Adam's work on a Duesenberg.

helping to explain the car's restoration and why the car was accurately done. This included the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, considered by many to be the finest car show on this continent.

"The cars were stunning at Pebble," Martin said. "The owners of the cars almost seemed to worry if there was a blade of grass on their tires. These cars

were just incredible."

Martin was also able to work on some of Leno's cars. Martin toured Leno's shop and went to see the Tonight Show with fellow student Laura Morgan, sr., Culpeper, Va. They got a personal tour of the show, and even met with some of the guests.

"I'll never forget it," Martin said.

Frye spends sabbatical in 'cross-cultural' study

Janelle Flory
Photography Editor

Speaking another language and going to a foreign country is what most people define as a "cross-cultural" experience. But one McPherson College professor, who went only as far as Indiana, feels that he was exposed to another culture.

Before leaving for Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Ind., last fall, Jonathan Frye, biology professor, identified three objectives for his sabbatical year: teaching a course at Bethany in the spring, which would discuss the relationship between religion and science; reading, preparing for his course and getting to know the environment during the fall; and immersing himself in an academic "culture" that differs from his own past experience.

"My purpose will be to teach students to think deeply, not just to learn."

—Jonathan Frye

"My education has been all in the sciences, not the humanities," Frye said. "I wanted to spend a year in an intentional community of people of a different disciplinary background, to live for a while on the other side."

Bethany, a theological seminary of the Church of the Brethren, along with Bethany's Quaker sister institution, Earlham School of Religion, provided an atmosphere that encouraged "cross-disciplinary dialogue". During the fall, Frye took courses in New Testament Greek and Theological Reflection and "read more, and more broadly" than he had "for years".

While teaching Religion and Science in the spring, Frye reached a new understanding of how sciences can be taught in light of religious debate.

"My purpose will be to teach students to think deeply, not just to learn," he said.

Though Frye says he will "teach science with rigor and high standards," he will "no longer consider it inappropriate to articulate the religious questions that science raises but cannot answer."

"I have learned the scholarly language of the religion-science dialogue," said Frye, "not just to speak properly, but in order to think clearly about the relationship between God, the universe,



Jonathan Frye, left, stands with the faculty of Bethany Theological Seminary. Frye spent his sabbatical in Indiana studying in what he calls "a different culture."

Contributed by Jonathan Frye

and my life."

In addition to accomplishing the objectives he set for himself, Frye also unexpectedly became a full-time homemaker, enabling his wife, Leslie, to become a full-time graduate student at Bethany. The couple, along with their two children, Jamie and Jacob, lived at and took care of the Brethren House, a place for visitors of the seminary to lodge.

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—Jonathan Frye

Frye also volunteered at a campus food-coop, which provided all natural foods as an alternative to the cafeteria, and periodically worked at Miller Farm, a farm organized and maintained by

environmental majors at Earlham. This provided an outlet for Frye's expertise in environmental issues and gave him a chance to connect with students of another church-related institution.

One thing Frye learned from the faculty and students at Bethany Theological Seminary and Earlham School of Religion is "the value of being a pastoral presence in the classroom, ministering to the whole person, not just teaching the student."


Now, only three weeks into the academic year, Frye has already begun using his experiences of the past year to encourage cross-disciplinary discussion at McPherson College.

With funding from the Rhodes Consultation on the Future of Church Related Colleges, an organization with

which Frye has worked for two years, he is organizing the McPherson College Center for Religion and Science, located in Melhorn Science Hall.

He is currently gathering resources for the center and coordinating its first faculty colloquia on "Brethren Values in Higher Education." Faculty will meet six times this year to discuss this topic, attempting to first reach a better understanding of what Brethren values really are. Frye has arranged for several recognized Brethren leaders to direct discussion at these meetings.

In the spring, they will focus on how to incorporate those values into the curriculum of the various departments. Faculty will meet at 11:30 a.m. on those Fridays when there is no faculty meeting.



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McPherson Museum exhibits everything from diamonds to skeletons

Dennis L. Pfeiff Jr.
Features Editor

Though you won't find T-Rex, the McPherson Museum displays an impressive collection of fossils. The museum has one of the four complete giant ground sloth skeletons in the United States. I had never seen a giant ground sloth until I visited the museum. They also have complete skeletons of a dire wolf and a saber-tooth tiger.

Most of the displays at the McPherson Museum are donations, including the building itself, which was built in 1920-21. The building, the Vaniman Mansion, was given to the college in 1955. The college used it as a dormitory and art department prior to joining with the City of McPherson to create the museum in 1968. The city then purchased it from the college in 1997.

The main floor of the museum is mostly as it was when the Vaniman's lived there. F. A. Vaniman was the President of People's State Bank in McPherson. Currently, an art exhibit fills the living room—but that isn't typical. The basement contains both pioneer-age tools of all sorts and several of the college's early science collections.

The second floor is divided into several smaller galleries, and the museum offices. Fossils, historic items and information on the town and the college, Native American artifacts and the bi-monthly exhibits fill this floor.

The McPherson College room contains pictures showing the evolution of the college and a pictorial list of the college's presidents. Anyone who had class on the lowest level of Harnly must have wondered where that "first man-made diamond" was. Well, wonder no more. It's tucked away for all to see in the McPherson Museum.

The third floor is divided up into three areas, a "children's room," a room dedicated to various geological items and a room set up as a pioneer kitchen.

The geological exhibit contains many shells, rocks, meteorites and tektites. The pioneer kitchen is complete with icebox, peach peeler, cherry pitter and various clothes washing items.

The museum can help anyone researching the history of the local area. For those needing more incentive, a visit to the museum counts as an alternate convocation.

'Dogs defeat Haskell Indians Face Bethany Swedes Saturday in home opener

Amy Sellke
Sports Editor

After opening the 2001 season with a 26-7 road win over Haskell Indian Nations in Lawrence last Saturday, the McPherson College Bulldogs renew their intra-county rivalry with perennial KCAC powerhouse, the Bethany Swedes, tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium.

Tomorrow's winner can claim best three-out-of-five, as the teams are 2-2 over the past four seasons. The Swedes picked in pre-season polls to finish third in the KCAC—are favored, but may be ripe for a fall. Bethany graduated a large senior class last year, and the 'Dogs have game experience on them. Tomorrow's game is their season opener.

Nevertheless, "This week will be a major step up for our team," head coach Dan Davis said.

Junior running back Kevin Steiner provided much of the offense in the win over Haskell. Steiner rushed for 170 yards on 27 carries and scored on runs of five and 18 yards. He also caught two passes for another 26 yards. His performance put him at the top of the KCAC individual rushing stats and earned him KCAC Offensive Player of the Week honors. Steiner's first touchdown, which came early in the first quarter on the 'Dogs' second possession, sent a surge of energy through the small, but devoted, crowd of Bulldog boosters. The same fans were hushed when Tyler Fuchs, soph., Burton, Texas, went down with an injury in the first half. Fuchs was raring to go in a few plays but then went down again—this time for good—with a sprained knee.

Our signings have helped to fill some of our needs on the offensive front.

—Coach Dan Davis

Midway through the second period, Haskell took advantage of a fumble recovery and a breakdown in the 'Dogs' defensive backfield to score on a 30-yard pass. At halftime, the score remained tied, 7-7. The Bulldogs defense came up huge in the second half, repeatedly giving the offense excellent field position.

It was the punt return special team that gave McPherson a lead that it would continue to build upon. Early in the second half, with the score still tied 7-7, Eion Stanley broke through the Haskell line and blocked a punt, allowing Derric Anglin to recover the ball and take it into the end zone.

The defense held Haskell twice in the fourth quarter on fourth down plays. The first stop—a fake punt—gave the 'Dogs the ball on Haskell's 49-yard line. Six plays later, quarterback Wade Pederson completed a 9-yard pass to John Berlanga to move the score to 19-7.

After the defense held again on fourth-down, the Bulldogs had only 32 yards to cover for their final touchdown. Steiner dashed the final 18 yards for the score with 1:41 left in the game. Mac's last TD comes with only 1:41 left in the game. The kick was good for a final score of 26-7.

McPherson finished the night with 254 yards rushing and 93 yards passing while holding Haskell to 67 yards on the ground and 95 yards through the air.

Freshman quarterback Matt Pederson (Nampa, ID) completed nine passes out



photo by Janelle Flory

Sean Eason, soph., Brookshire, Texas, executes a play in practice on Tuesday. The football team won its first game last Saturday, and face intra-county rival Bethany College tomorrow.

of 21 attempts to six different receivers. He threw no interceptions in his first start as a Bulldog. Nicholas Griggs was Pederson's top pass catcher, with 3 for 30 yards.

In addition to Steiner's 170 rushing yards on 27 attempts, Sean Eason picked up 66.

Davis was especially complimentary of his all-freshman offensive line. Alan Childress and Todd Davis, both from Chalmette, La., Louis Schneider, Arabi,

La., Collin Singleton, Spanish Ford, Utah, and Andres Alcala, fr., Quincy, Wash., opened good holes for Steiner throughout the game, he said.

"Our signings have helped to fill some of our needs on the offensive front," Davis said.

The offense was still vulnerable to miscues.

"We probably should have scored 18 to 20 points more. Our red Zone offense still needs some work," Davis said.

Mudhucker lobbies for participation



"Ultimate"—ly the best

PETER SAMLAND

When I load up my car with all of the stuff that I am taking to school, I always pack the most important things last. Among the last things that I pack are my old worn 1996 Terrell Davis football cleats. The threads that hold the cleats into the sole have been stripped over the years and all but two are held on by Super Glue.

The next things that I toss in are my Frisbees. Two Frisbees to be exact—Buddha and Scott Dexter. Buddha is a new Frisbee that I purchased this summer, a UV disc, which means it changes color in the sun; it still flies nice and straight.

Scott Dexter, on the other hand, has been around for a very long time, as it often happens with Frisbees. Somehow I just ended up with it and have kept it ever since. If you see a bunch of people walking around campus and randomly throwing Frisbees about midnight, Scott Dexter is probably one of those discs. The reason that these discs and shoes are so important is the game of Ultimate.

Ultimate Frisbee is a game that involves a field that is 70 yards by 40 yards, 14 players, approximately 28 cleats, and one Frisbee. All you do is run, throw a Frisbee, catch a Frisbee, stop someone from throwing a Frisbee and stop someone from catching a Frisbee.

Ultimate is a McPherson College tradition that goes back to the 1970's, and the college is home to an elite team of Ultimate players who travel all over the country and play in weekend tournaments. The team has been ranked nationally for the past four years and competes with teams such as KU, Texas A&M, and Rice University to name a few.

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Women fall to 0-2 in KCAC after home loss

Elissa Thompson
Editor-in-Chief

Weak passing proved to be the downfall of the Bulldog volleyball team in Tuesday's KCAC match against Bethel.

The women team stepped onto the court with an overall record of 3-2 (0-1 in conference play), but left the court with a loss after dropping three straight, 30-16, 30-15 and 30-22.

Coach Nathalea Stephenson believes that with work on serve-receive, the Bulldogs will be better equipped to handle their opponents. Though passing was weak, Stephenson said, when the ball was passed successfully the outcome was impressive.

"Once we got the ball to Mel (Trevino), we were able to get some hits that made them scramble," Stephenson said.

The end of the second game afforded the team a little time to showcase their talent. Audrey Garcia, soph., Alpine, Texas, served the ball when the score was 13-28. The serve was received, but

The girls that are on the team are great. I can't say enough good things about them.

—Nathalea Stephenson

the volley ended when Mel Trevino, jr., Brownsville, Texas, tipped the ball over into a gap in Bethel's court.

Serving to 14-28, Garcia's swing was answered again. This time Bethel's attempt to stun McPherson met with a pass to Trevino, who set to middle hitter, Erica Alvarez, soph., Brownsville, Texas. Alvarez slammed the ball to a hole in Bethel's defense.

Garcia's third attempt at serving fell short of the net, and Bethel's serves proved successful, ending the second game of the match with a score of 15-30.

"When we communicate, we do well," Stephenson said.

In the third game, the team put up a

fight, trailing Bethel with a score of 22-30. Amy Wilhite, fr., Branson, Mo., and Trevino both found unguarded spots to tip the ball that Bethel was too slow to return.

Alvarez, Jennifer Anderson, soph., Owasso, Okla., and Anndrea Navesky, soph., Owasso, Okla., all spiked the ball with confidence and strength that Bethel couldn't answer.

Overall, Stephenson feels that her team "needs to be more consistent." She is optimistic about the upcoming season, despite Tuesday night's loss.

"I expect to get better every time we step on the court," Stephenson said.

Changes will not come over night, Stephenson said, but the women are a coach-friendly group.

"They are willing to do whatever I ask," Stephenson said.

Stephenson, who is in her first season at McPherson, is extremely pleased with the quality of players that she is working with.

"The girls that are on the team are great," Stephenson said. "I can't say

I thought the support we had from the student body was phenomenol.

—Nathalea Stephenson

enough good things about them."

Stephenson believes that getting a win in conference play will give the women the confidence they need for a successful season.

"Our job is getting them to believe in themselves," Stephenson said.

Stephenson said she appreciated the number of students who showed up to the match.

"I thought the support we had from the student body was phenomenol," Stephenson said.

Stephenson hopes the loss won't affect crowd support.

"These ladies do amazing things," Stephenson said. "I hope support from the student body will continue. I was very impressed with it."

Laney finishes fifth place at Oklahoma invitational

Kerstin Heist

Spectator Staff

What leads a human being to run voluntarily five miles at 6 a. m. in the dark somewhere outside of McPherson, feeling the alarming breath of four huge dogs close behind?

Is it a question of pride, to represent your college at a meet, looking for the surge of adrenalin while competing against others? Is it the desire for a perfect body and to be in good shape? Or is it even the yearning for fame and glory at the Olympic Games? Maybe it is just the personal need to experience the limits of one's own capability, enjoying exercise!

The cross-country season strutted into full swing, and a new team of male and female runners, consisting of well known and less known faces, has congregated.

After the first meet on Sept. 1, the Maple Leaf Invitational, hosted by Baker University in Baldwin City, head coach Erik Dickkut was quite confident.

"Both teams are going to improve a lot from last year, in performances and education," Dickkut said. "We added several new runners that are enthusiastic and encourage the others. And I expect improvement on our placing from last year."

Sophomore Yvette Segura who, nurs-

ing an injury, did not complete the race in Baldwin City, made a similar comment.

"I want more than last year, I want to go further," she said. "I had lots of injuries. This year we have a good team. We never finished as a complete team. That's what I expect for this season."

McPherson took four women (two miles) and four men (five k) to Baldwin City. The results were:

Freshman Dayna Laney, Poteet, Texas, was the best of the McPherson women, placing 29th (14:03). Laney was followed by junior transfer Ashley Wilhite, Branson, Mo., who placed 50th (15:44). Freshman Melissa Cutburth, fr., Paola, ran right behind Wilhite with a time of (15:46. Michelle Schulz, jr., Hunter finished 54th (16:02).

The men's results are much more spread out. Junior Wes Hoffert, Golden, Colo., finished 51st (17:56). Junior Shane Netherton, Colorado Springs, placed 63rd (18:14), in front of freshmen Josh Laney, Mannford, Okla., who was 90th (20:30) and Ryan Fricke, Ellinwood, who was 97th (21:55).

Dayna Laney again turned out to be the top finisher for the women last Saturday. In her second race for McPherson, at St. Gregory's Invitational in Oklahoma on Sept. 8, she took the notable 5th place (21:24) over 5,000 meters. Laney is optimistic about the



Yvette Segura, Kerstin Heist, Dayna Laney and Michelle Schulz run in practice on Monday. *photo by Janelle Flory*

season. "We have a good team and I'm looking for doing well," she said.

The rest of the female McPherson runners, Schulz (24:09), Wilhite (24:13) and Heist (unattached, 24:16) finished as a pack, placing 20th - 22nd.

McPherson's men put on a passable race (4 miles). Netherton finished 14th (22:47), Hoffert 24th (23:44) and Josh Laney 42nd (25:50).

Sports in Shorts

Steiner named KCAC Player of the Week

Kevin Steiner, jr. running back from Lincolnville, Kans., was named the KCAC football offensive player of the week following his 170-yard rushing performance in the Bulldogs' season opening win at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence on Saturday.

Steiner ran for 170 yards on 27 attempts including scoring runs of 5

and 18 yards as he opened and concluded the Dogs' scoring on the night as they equaled their win total from last season. He also caught 2 passes for 26 yards. Steiner's longest run of the evening came on a 67-yard dash to the Indians' 17-yard line late in the first period.

"He's an exciting back. He's a tough, strong kid who can catch the ball well as well as run it," said coach Dan Davis. "This was a great way for Kevin to start off his season."

Softball team splits with Hutch JuCo

The McPherson College softball team opened their abbreviated fall schedule with a doubleheader split against Hutchinson Community College at McPherson's Grant Complex. Hutch won the first game in 9 innings, 8-7, but the Lady Bulldogs came back to post a 3-1 win in the nightcap.

"For only practicing a week, we played real well" offered assistant coach Tennille McCormick.

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Faculty, staff drawn to McPherson atmosphere

Christine Sheller
Spectator Staff

Eleven faculty and staff members joined the McPherson College community this fall. Different past experiences and goals for the year represent a diverse group of new faces at the college.

Jessica Brown, behavioral science, taught a class at the college last year and was glad to be able to take on more classes this year.

She has a wide range of experience teaching. Having taught kindergarten through graduate school, Brown says she prefers teaching college-age students.

"One main goal with teaching is that students not only learn theory, but also how to apply them to their lives," Brown said.

Garrick Green, instructor in technology, moved from the Los Angeles area to teach at McPherson College. Wanting to teach and being able to be a part of the auto restoration program drew Green to McPherson.

One of his goals for the year is to improve the machining technology course to a tool room level. He hopes to



Brown



Green



Haritatos



Perrault



Richardson

update machinery and techniques to fit the modern needs of the machining and tooling industry.

Jim Haritatos, behavioral science, had previously worked at the college in career services. He has now moved to Melhorn Hall and is teaching psychology classes.

Katherine Perrault, speech and theatre, was doing a job search when she heard about the job opening at McPherson College. She had interviewed at several places in the United States, but the size of the college influ-

enced her decision to come to McPherson. Perrault was in Lubbock, Texas and had been attending Texas Tech University.

"Restructuring the curriculum and making the program grow are some goals I have for the year," Perrault said.

Jenni Richardson, assistant professor of business/economics, was pleased and impressed by her educational experiences when she attended McPherson College. She looks forward to being a part of making the same opportunities available for other Mac students.

When Richardson was resident director of Metzler Hall, she found out about the position on campus. One of Richardson's goals is to enable students to take an active role in learning.

"I want to create a challenging learning environment where all students in the class take an active role in their learning process," Richardson said. "I'd also like to have some fun."

There are also new staff members in admissions and financial aid. As financial aid assistant, Candi Alexander joins the financial aid office with several years of experience. Alexander graduated college in 1997. Having grown up in McPherson and gone to school for several years in Illinois, Alexander is happy to be back in McPherson. She is impressed by how Mac participates in the community.

Alexander's goals for the year include working effectively in financial aid while studying hard toward a master's degree from Wichita State University.

Along with several other members of new faculty and staff, April Benne, admission and financial aid secretary, is familiar to the college. Benne is a graduate of McPherson College and worked

in the bookstore and also the business office last year. She heard about the position opening and decided to take it because she wanted a full-time position on campus.

Benne's husband, Steve, is the resident director of Morrison Hall and many students may have seen their daughter, Cheneal, on campus with Steve and April.

Marci Kumle joins staff as an admissions assistant. Kumle formerly worked for the State of Kansas and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. She is looking forward to learning more about admissions and financial aid.

As admissions counselor, Kara Lang plans to have fun and bring in new, fun individuals for this spring and fall. She is looking forward to being a part of the Mac environment. Lang received her degree in business management with emphasis on marketing from Fort Hays State University.

Molly Mitchell is also joining the college as an admissions counselor. Being close to home and working with people are two things that drew Mitchell to McPherson. She lived previously in Colorado Springs. One of her goals is to increase enrollment for next year.

Changes improve Mac

Rebecca Stover
Spectator Staff

Changes are striking the McPherson College campus this year. Miller Library, Harnly Hall, the College Courts, and Templeton have all experienced major changes.

Miller Library has added new online products and undergone some internal changes. The Brethren Room has been relocated to the basement. In the process of moving, loads of archives from inactive congregations and altered districts were shipped to the Brethren Offices in Elgin.

Room 101 was torn out to make room for a new Brethren Room. This has brought about mixed feelings.

"Miller 101 was a great classroom. It had tons of chairs, media and everyone used it. They sacrificed a really great room," Amanda Wells, jr., Ellsworth, said.

Rowena Olson, staff of Miller Library, also feels uneasy with the changes. Now, moving the room to the basement may cause service problems for students who are not familiar with the material.

Olson, though not Brethren herself, believes it is important to keep a strong collection in Brethren history at the college.

"I just don't want us to lose those good things," Olson said. "It is what sets McPherson apart from just any other state school."

Harnly Hall was completely removed this summer and will be replaced in a few years with the Harnly Gardens constructed north of Heaston Gazebo. The area would include plants, seating and a raised platform for outdoor programs. Preserved items for the gardens include a bronze plaque, about 2,000 bricks and several of the terrazzo stair treads.

The College Courts were also removed this summer. The Courts had served as non-traditional student housing for several years. Although they provided low rent units, the apartments were sub-standard in many ways. The new space will be seeded to grass and will add to the recreation/athletic fields.

Templeton Hall is also undergoing numerous renovations and restorations. The print shop was turned into a classroom and the electricity, data connections, ceiling, lighting, ventilation and climate control were all re-done.

A new division off of the print shop is now serving as the photography classroom. The darkroom door was relocated and new carpet and cabinets were installed. Many of the new cabinets, desks and other furniture were salvaged from Harnly.

Templeton's main hall also received new display cabinets. With the fixing of eight spotlights, the lighting in the showroom has greatly improved. Lab areas throughout the building have been relocated and will be completed next summer. Lots of general painting, cleaning and remodeling has added a new look to the building.

Despite the changes, Templeton Hall remains the only building on campus where professors have to share office space. Temporary walls have been put up, but the problem won't be completely solved until the completion of a "Phase 2."

Other "Phase 2" projects include completed building permits and architectural plans for a new building that will extend off of the old body shop. The new space will provide a 5,000 square foot under-the-roof archival area. If all goes as planned, they should be breaking ground in the next 30 days.

Whitacre shifts to new position; Rothrock steps into student life

Kara Reiff
News Editor

An entirely new staff position, coordinator of career and personal counseling, was added this summer at McPherson College. The previous associate dean of students took the new position and made room for a new person.

Kathryn Whitacre is now the coordinator of career and personal counseling and LaMonte Rothrock is the associate dean of students.

Whitacre's role is to help students with anything career related, including: making a resume, job searching and changes in a major course of study. She is also involved with personal counseling.

"If you don't know enough about yourself, you can't do the career planning," Whitacre said.

Being able to talk to students about all of the things going on in their lives is what Whitacre is most looking forward to.

"Sometimes people don't know what question to ask or exactly what they need, but they know something isn't right," Whitacre said. "I hope that students bring their confusion to me and then we can work it out."

With time, Whitacre hopes that the college will be better able to help students with internships.

"I want students to realize the value of doing internships," Whitacre said.

"If they go home every summer and work at a job that has nothing to do with their major, when they get out of school, they may not like the work."

Rothrock was previously employed at the college for seven years. During that time he served as the associate director of admissions and he and his wife were resident directors of Dotzour Hall.

Residence life is Rothrock's main

responsibility. He has been working with the resident directors and also resident assistants.

"One of the things that I've been focusing on with the residence life staff is that we're building a community here at McPherson College and we should all work together," Rothrock said. "I want everyone to understand how their own behaviors and actions really do affect everyone else on campus."

Rothrock hopes to bring a new approach to student services because of his experiences working in middle and high schools in the past several years. During that time, he counseled students. With that experience, Rothrock believes he has gained knowledge about what students bring with them to McPherson College.

"I really want to give an ear to students," Rothrock said. "I want to find out what's important to them and see what needs to be done on campus and in the dorms."

Although Rothrock does want students to let him know what the problems are on campus, he also wants them to realize that they are part of the process in finding solutions.

"Getting to know the students on campus is one thing that I'm looking forward to," Rothrock said. "I'm going to try to be in the dorms more, meeting and talking to students."

Many students who have seen Rothrock on campus have also seen his dog Elsie. She was trained by Rothrock and is a licensed therapy dog.

Rothrock has been using Elsie in the counseling setting for the past five years.

"Having an animal around changes the atmosphere," Rothrock said. "It's relaxing for people."

Rothrock hopes that having Elsie here will be helpful for those students who have animals at home that they can't bring with them.

NEWS BRIEFS

Casino Night in Hoffman Student Union tonight

The Student Government Association will be sponsoring Casino Night tonight. Activities will be in the basement of Hoffman Student Union from 7-10 p.m. Prizes will be given.

Mac student and staff member plan to attend work weekend in Colorado

A work weekend has been scheduled in Sedalia, Colo. for today, Saturday and Sunday. Students can go there to help with clearing trees and doing general maintenance at a camp.

Andy Ullom, computer services and B.J. Jones, soph., Lamar, Colo., will be leaving McPherson today to attend. If students are interested in going, they can contact Jones for information at extension 4562.

Campus buildings to be locked up on Fridays

In the past, on high school game nights, kids have wandered through the buildings on campus. This year, because of the significant investment in equipment, Mohler Hall, Melhorn Hall, Templeton Hall and Hess Fine Arts Center will be locked at 5 p.m. on Friday evenings.

SGA announces 2001 Homecoming theme

The theme for Homecoming 2001 will be "Era of Change." Homecoming is scheduled for October 13.