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Gandhi advocates nonviolence

Janelle Flory

Photo Editor

Arun Gandhi, grandson of the man called the "father of nonviolence," presented the 14th Annual Religious Heritage Lecture last Saturday, advocating a policy of nonviolence even amidst America's violent retaliation against terrorism.

During both an afternoon workshop and the evening lecture, Gandhi stressed the importance of identifying the difference between active and passive violence and recognizing how acts of passive violence provoke feelings of resentment and anger.

"His big point that I found to be very profound was the fact that we should not be looking at ourselves as Americans, but as citizens of the world," said Becky Snell, who attended both of Gandhi's presentations. "By creating all these labels that we give ourselves—American, Afghani, Christian, Hindu, Muslim—we just create more anger towards each other, thus creating more violence."

To illustrate his point, Gandhi told a

story from his childhood with his grandfather in India about throwing away a pencil because he expected his grandfather could give him a better one. But he did not give him a new pencil. He asked him to go out and find the old one.

"After hours searching in the dark, I finally found the pencil and came back," Gandhi said. "Then grandfather told me there were two lessons he wanted me to learn from this.

"The first was that even in the making of a simple thing like a pencil we use a lot of the world's natural resources. When we throw away the world's natural resources, that is violence against nature.

"Lesson number two," Gandhi continued, "was that when affluent societies over-consume the resources of the world, they deprive people elsewhere of resources, forcing them to live in poverty—and that is violence against humanity."

Heidi Bailey, fr., Versailles, Ohio, said this story especially made her think about how ruthlessly Americans commit passive violence against the rest of the world, thus provoking such

active violence as the Sept. 11 events.

"It made me realize how selfish I am," Bailey said. "I realized how much stuff I have in my room that I don't need, that other people around the world could use. That's an act of violence."

Snell and Bailey, two of the students who attended Gandhi's afternoon workshop prior to the lecture, appreciated Gandhi's presentation of idealistic, yet feasible nonviolent answers to the current global conflict.

Jeanne Smith, education, who hosted Gandhi and his wife Sunanda for dinner, believes nonviolence could work, if the people have the will to make it happen.

"The world still hasn't learned the lesson that Gandhi is trying to teach," Smith said. "I think we have the capabilities, the consciousness necessary to work toward a peaceful solution, but do we have the will?"

Following the lecture, Gandhi signed copies of his numerous books and resources on nonviolence. For more information on the work of Arun and Sunanda Gandhi go to www.gandhiinstitute.org.



photo by Janelle Flory

Ana Benitez, Ecuador, and Kerstin Heist, Germany, greet Arun and Sunanda Gandhi following the 7 p.m. lecture last Saturday at the McPherson Church of the Brethren. Attendees were able to get autographed copies of his books on nonviolence. An afternoon workshop was also part of the lecture series. The workshop focused on conflict resolution, the Biblical basis for nonviolence and a Brethren historical perspective on nonviolence.

Hill, Williams crowned Homecoming Royalty



photo by Munira Hamud-Socorro

Charlie Hill, jr., Cedarlane, Texas, and Ebony Williams, jr., Kansas City, were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at the Homecoming football game Saturday Oct. 13.

Faculty, staff compensation plan approved by Board of Trustees

Elissa Thompson

Editor in Chief

Recruiting prospective students, revising the faculty handbook, faculty compensation and discussing success of the strategic plan were the four main components of the Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 12 and 13.

"It's an intense time," said Steve Gustafson, dean of faculty.

Perhaps the biggest change triggered by the board meeting was the approval of the faculty and staff compensation plan.

"Particularly faculty in this part of the world and in the ACCK are not compensated well when compared with other four-year private colleges," Gustafson said.

In response to this data, Dale Minnich, executive director of college operations and chief financial officer worked with President Gary Dill to develop a plan that would enhance faculty and staff compensation. The plan should improve professional, faculty and hourly compensation. All three areas have an appropriate benchmark set for them.

"This faculty plan will take us to the top quartile at least in Kansas," Gustafson said.

The question before the board was

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not if they would fund the enhancement, but how they would find the monies to do it.

Gustafson says that it was decided to "bring salaries to benchmarks by tapping the endowment spending rate."

To do this, the proposed budget must be in place. It is critical that the college has the resources to work with.

"The compensation enhancement plan is really important to people who work at McPherson College," Gustafson said.

The board also approved a new faculty handbook. A variety of faculty committees had worked over several years to revise the old handbook, especially in the areas of tenure and faculty evaluation, Ken Yohn, history, Gustafson and President Dill presented the faculty handbook to the board.

Also discussed by the board was the

strategic plan. President Dill had prepared a report card so that board members could easily assess the success of the strategic plan. The board was pleased with the results with which they were supplied.

"We're on target with most of the objectives," Gustafson said.

The unsuccessful part of the plan dealt with enrollment and retention. For this reason, the board spent a lot of time discussing plans to increase enrollment with Fred Schmidt, dean of enrollment management and director of admissions. Schmidt is working on a plan to improve the college's recruitment system.

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meeting.

"We have a great Board of Trustees. They ask good questions, and they're not easy questions," Gustafson said.

Gustafson believes that the board demonstrates a passion for the college.

"Our board attendance is really strong," Gustafson said. "This is a very able group of people."

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Good speakers are a product of a great campus

McPherson College, through many different avenues, has long had a tradition of bringing fine speakers to campus. This school year, we have already been treated to two excellent orators in Arun Gandhi and Lt. Colonel Dave Grossman. It is a continuation in the long and hallowed tradition of excellence at McPherson College.

What is it about our small school that brings such big names to us? It is, for the most part, our dedicated faculty. All of them work hard to provide students with the best education possible, and all work extremely hard to bring excellence to campus. Our speakers are a direct result of this.

Manny Diaz deserves a great deal of credit for securing Gandhi for the recent Religious Heritage Lecture. His persistent efforts provided the college with an excellent speaker relevant to the times and the college's mission.

Gandhi's program of peaceful resistance is a good corollary to the Brethren doctrine of non-violence in this time of worry and strife. His message was timely and fit in well.

Yet this is not a new occurrence. Both the Mohler Lecture and Religious Heritage Lecture series have provided speakers such as Alex Haley, Sister Helen Prejean and Martin Marty, and have served to uplift and inform the McPherson College community. This year has been particularly delectable.

After Grossman's well-attended and scintillating performance, debate was all about in classes, and even made its way into the sanctuary of the dorms. The Gandhi lecture, though less-well attended, still served to spark thought and interest around campus.

It is uncommon to see activities such as this in most schools. Not in McPherson. Our students really think about issues that affect the nation, and desire real change. They are willing to think and actively pursue ideas and thought outside of class, and this is a testament to their convictions, beliefs, and excellence.

We applaud these efforts of the faculty to bring well-known and renowned speakers to our doorstep.

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MAC OPINION

What do you enjoy most about McPherson?



"I like the small class size." Eric Olson, fr., Bloomington, Minn.



"I like the small campus. I don't have to walk very far." Jenny Harper, fr., Des Moines, Iowa



"I like it because the people here are very nice." Otsuka Kentaro, jr., Sapporo, Japan

"It's really clean. It's a nice little town. I really enjoy Lakeside Park." Andrew Wathen, fr., Beeville, Texas



"I like the professors. They give you one on one attention." Shelly Hulinsky, fr., Wamego



"I'm impressed with the restoration professors. They're very laid back." Nathan House, fr., Statesborough, Ga.



Finding the high points in a flat state

People knock Kansas for all sorts of things. The common line is that it's too flat, too hot, too cold and under-populated.

Few people ever really think about the good aspects of Kansas. The advantages are a little less obvious and take a truer appreciation of the finer things in life to properly understand. For this reason I hereby present to you the finest points I've picked up while living in Kansas.

• It's three guys leaning on a pickup truck hood, talking. It works best during harvest season, when all three participants have that a slight tinge of tan dust about them, all need a shave, and all look just plain dog tired. This is the ultimate statement of the relaxation that comes after a hard day's work.

• It's Termite Tucker's liquor store. I've never personally been there, though I've heard several good, eyewitness accounts of the place. In Gray County, Kansas, Termite Tucker resides. He runs a liquor store made out of a single-wide house trailer. As my friend Richard G. Frost likes to call it, "A liquor



Ramblings from a Room

LUKE CHENNEL

store with a hitch." What could be better? Easy—shopping carts. Termite Tucker, being an enterprising fellow, caught on to this, and offers every customer that walks in a shopping cart. In a single-wide trailer.

• Each year in Kansas, there are four of the best days of weather known to man. The exact dates can never be pinned down, but there are always at least two in the fall and two in the spring. When they come around, it's green grass and high tides forever, at least for a day. Seventy degrees, the right amount of humidity, no wind, and the sun shines down on it all. On these days, the best possible thing to do is to jump in your convertible (cut the roof off of your car if you don't have a

convertible—you won't regret it) and do about 105 miles an hour on the interstate to Salina. Simply beautiful. Time just seems to evaporate.

• Anabaptists. Who needs to go to Pennsylvania to see those quaint Amish? We've got our own wonderful Mennonites right here, and they're just as quaint, and usually more friendly. Take a trip down to Yoder to the Carriage Crossing restaurant sometime. It's some of the best, heartiest food I've eaten in a long time. Best of all, it is the real thing. No yuppie-built furniture to be found here. This is the real deal.

These are a few of the reasons that I find Kansas to be an interesting place to live. I discover more and more every day. The key is to get out, get past the rows and rows of fast food restaurants that pervade every town, slow down, take the back roads, and get to know the countryside.

It might be a little flat, a little hot, a little cold, or a little boring at times, but the characters that fill this place are something to behold.

New, beautiful campus was worth the wait

Last Wednesday as I was hurrying to Melhorn for my 8:30 class, I noticed the flaming maple tree blowing in the morning breeze. The leaves were a vibrant red and the tree standing adjacent to it displayed flamboyant orange in a vivid contrast. I stopped, breathed in the morning air and enjoyed the moment.

Thursday seemed endless. In spite of my busy schedule, the autumn colors caught my eye again. The tiny shoots of baby green grass bravely pushed up through the earth to establish roots before the winter freeze. A few brave trees were still producing enough chlorophyll b to keep their leaves green, clashing with the autumn hues. Once again I had to stop, knowing that the season of color comes and goes so fast before winter.

After some prayer reflection, I was reminded of my personal view of what a college campus should look like. I expected clean cut green lawns, weed free flower beds and students walking



Checkpoint Charlie

STACI HORTON

to class on pavement that was hidden from a far away eye by lush green grass and stately trees. Unfortunately for me, I came to campus at the beginning of the reconstruction years. Enhancing the Legacy was the campaign that ended my dreams of a picture perfect campus, but it increased the dreams and longevity of McPherson College.

The campaign built a new Plant Operations facility and Mingenback Theatre first. I still remember when the first chain-linked fence went up, making the campus look like a prison. Over the next three years, the chain-link fence moved from Mingenback to Fahnestock to Frantz to Harnly. And

up came Hess and Melhorn. Finally, after nearly four years of waiting, green grass, stately trees and colorful flowers grow on the lawns and students walk briskly to class.

Changes never stop in this world, but for that one crisp clear morning when everything is going your way, I encourage you to stop and be grateful for the beauty that surrounds you. Nothing is forever. My point was proven last Friday. After I had enjoyed Thursday to its fullest, the sprinkler installation crew came in and began to rework the lawns for an underground system!

My picture perfect campus was here for a day, but for the class of '05, the campus' beauty will seem like it's always been there. I grew stronger waiting for what I wanted and when it came, it was more breathtaking than I ever imagined.

Enjoy the campus and revel in its changing beauty—for it shan't last forever.

God provides opportunity of a lifetime in Russia



Cornerstone

RACHEL MAY

Right before my 12th birthday, my parents came into my room and asked my two brothers, my sister and me if we would be willing to move to another country.

Being little we thought of it as an adventure, and said yes. We didn't know that we would be going to serve the people of Russia for the next four years of our lives. None of us knew what to expect, but we were willing to follow God and do what He wanted us to do.

We went to Russia as missionaries. All six of us—my father, Steve, my mother, Anne, brother Caleb, my twin brother Reuben and my little sister Ruthanne. The principal of the Lyceum, a Russian school in the city of Petrozavodsk, had come to America and asked if someone would come and teach the Bible to the students.

"We teach them things to fill their minds," he said, "but they have nothing for their souls." My parents prayed about it, and felt that God was calling us to go.

We started what we called a Christian Training Center. In it we had a Christian library because there was not a whole lot of Christian material available to the people. My father would go to St. Petersburg and bring back literature for the library.

We also provided things like a copy machine. The teachers didn't have text books, and had to make their own lesson plans. They had to use what little money the school system was provided with to do this. After some time we were able to get a computer for the Christian Center, and it helped many of the teachers out.

Every summer we held a Friendship English Language Camp. It was similar to a Vacation Bible school. We taught English as well as the Bible. It lasted a week and cost only ten rubles. Ten rubles is equivalent to about 25 cents in American money. For them that is not a whole lot, but some of them can't even afford that.

We helped those who didn't have the money. We gave them two meals a day, and for some that was all the food they would get that day. Many of the children got only one bowl of soup a day.

The language camp has grown from a little over 50 children in its first year to 400 children this summer. Each year we turned children away because we didn't have enough room for them all to come.

I thank God that I had the opportunity to have this kind of experience. Not many people get the chance to go outside of the U.S.A., and God gave me the opportunity to be a witness of His word to so many people.

McPherson has many advantages

Talk about culture shock. Over Fall Break, I went to a K-State football game, and I sat in the student section. I'm in awe of the differences between McPherson and K-State.

We are in a school with the same number of students that one class holds at K-State. I kept thinking of all the advantages K-State students have over us. They have so much going for them.

They have so many students, one-tenth of the student body can attend a function, and the house is packed. Their football games are huge. Students going crazy, and fan support is so strong it's just plain obnoxious.

Then there are the obvious things that are better. They have huge sports facilities, a huge student union, and Manhattan is a town with a mall. Malls are pretty important to the whole scheme of things, if you ask me.

So, what's better about McPherson? I'll tell you! First of all, McPherson is drilling K-State in the building competition. Almost every building that we have on this campus is new. I think it says something about our campus that its alumni are willing to donate massive amounts of money to see it succeed.



Big Chief's Tablet

ELISSA THOMPSON

Look at this Harry Stine challenge. He alone is willing to throw \$10 million at this college, and all we have to do is find other people whose money will combine to meet his donation. Then, the money is ours. That's awesome.

I'm doubting that any of you chose McPherson for its beautiful buildings though. So, the second thing that I'm proud of McPherson for is movie night. I'm such a huge fan of movie night. K-State students are whining. They are crying in their nachos because they have to spend at least seven dollars on a movie.

Hey, guys! How easy it going to be to take some girl to the movies when you are paying seven dollars for yourself, an extra seven for her, and then another \$45 for popcorn, pop, and hot tamales? If I were a guy, I would stay

here just because I could date cheaper.

(I would like to take a minute to clarify that I'm not saying the girls here are cheaper than the girls at K-State. I mean, I'm a girl here and cheap I am not. I'm simply talking about the expense of movies.)

Our campus is so compact. If we choose, we can wake up at 8:28 for our 8:30 class. It is possible to get to class on time using this technique from almost anywhere. It may be harsh for me to bring that up because my tardies seem inexplicable. I guess they are. Sorry, Mary Heape!

The list goes on and on! Think of what we, the Bulldogs of McPherson College in Kansas, have going for us. I mean, look at the campus unity we experience just by watching everyone walk by the cafeteria.

If you are complaining because you can't think of anything else to do; stop it! Our school is taking huge strides, and everyone should come along with it.

It's just like that old song we used to sing in Sunday School: We'll roll the gospel chariot along. If you want to go, we'll hook the trailer on, but you can't drag along behind!

Stay in shape to keep grades up



Helpful Hints

DENISE KRIESEL

Is anyone having trouble getting to class everyday? I know it can be really tempting to stay in bed in the morning, especially as the weather starts to get colder, but we all know that it is important to go and our grades will be better if we do.

Just a reminder: Report cards will be mailed home during Christmas break. Are you ready to face the wrath? There is still a half semester left to either pull those grades up, or at the least hold 'em where they are.

In honor of this fact, I have compiled a short list of things you can do everyday to better your chances of staying healthy and on top of things as we slide toward the end to which we all look forward.

- An apple is more effective than caffeine to wake you in the morning, so get your butt out of bed, grab an apple, and get to class!
- Six hours of sleep is not enough but that should be a minimum goal every night. (The average human body needs eight hours to be fully refreshed)
- Get some exercise everyday, even if that means a short walk after dinner and missing a little TV time. You'll feel better if you do!
- Get enough calcium daily. Drink milk or eat ice cream. Calcium does lots of good things. It keeps teeth and bones strong, as well as possibly reducing the risks of some types of cancer.
- If you need more energy, go for carbs like breads and crackers before reaching for the sugary stuff. It is better for you and more effective.

CAMPUS FORUM

It's time for everyone to check out what's going on in Templeton

Without as much audience or fanfare as other college departments, the restoration and technology departments might seem like a separate entity of McPherson College. I'd like to let everyone know what's in the works in the restoration department.

Changes in Templeton Hall have been taking place since last summer and are continuing during the school year. The lecture classrooms and darkroom were remodeled and updated over the summer.

Preparation and planning are currently taking place for a new archive and disassembly area that will be located behind Templeton. The new addition will include areas for disassembly, documentation, and storage of vehicles that are in the process of being restored. The foundation and concrete for the new addition should be finished before Thanksgiving break.

Besides construction news, the department will be auctioning off a 1971 De Tomaso Pantera at the Barrett-Jackson auto auction Jan. 16-20. The car was donated to the program to raise funds for building modifications.

Students in the restoration program have used the car as a learning tool. It has been cleaned and tuned to prepare it for auction. Several students will have the chance to travel along with the car and promote McPherson College.

The C.A.R.S. club has also been busy with the initial stages of planning for the 2002 car show. The show will be May 4, and the organizers are expecting more than 100 vehicles. Last year's show was a great success, with a showing of around 100 cars and several vendors. If all goes as planned, the club hopes to see the number of participating vehicles double and the amount of vendors increase as well.

I hope this short overview has provided you with a glimpse of the exciting changes and events that are currently taking place within the department. If you feel so inclined, please stop by Templeton and see for yourself what is taking place.

-Tom DeBoer, soph.

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.

MAC HISTORY MOMENT

Some of the machine tools in Templeton Hall saw action during both World Wars. They are in daily use, and are more durable than new tools.

COUNTRY MIKE'S CORNER

BY MIKE VRTISKA



Students help Habitat for Humanity

Amy Sellke

Features Editor

"A house through which your blessing has made a home," said Rev. Neil Engle in a prayer to open the dedication ceremony.

Engel, pastor of the First Christian Church in McPherson, led the dedication of the Habitat for Humanity house last Sunday. Many McPherson College students found a moment out of homework time to volunteer use their skills for the cause.

"I like to just get together with friends, not just to watch a movie, but to do something that makes a difference to others," said Jodi Good, soph., Anneville, Pa.

The house was built for Brinda George, maintenance. George and her four children will move in soon.

The project was started at the end of May and was completed at the time of deadline, before the dedication.

Building Committee representative Maynard Lewis said, "It takes a lot of people to either provide meals, services, materials at no or reduced cost. The life blood of this operation is volunteerism and donations."

"It's funny to look around and see the spots where you've missed."

—Rebecca Stover

A carload of McPherson students showed up at least twice to lend a hand. The first time they were getting the rooms ready with white primer. The next trip they graduated to varnishing, doing trim work and filling in nail holes, among other odd jobs.

Students who volunteered included Heidi Bailey, fr., Versailles, Ohio; Good, Christine Sheller, jr., El Dora, Iowa; Dean Feasenhiser, fr., Fruitland, Idaho; Rebecca Stover, fr., Quinter; Becky Snell, soph., McPherson;



photo by Laina McKellip

Sheller and Cripe paint the interior of the Habitat house.

Nathan Porter, fr., Quinter; Seth Good, sr., Anneville, Pa.; Laina McKellip, jr., Nampa, Idaho; and Adelina Cripe, jr., Nogales, Ariz. It took approximately 50 people to get the house done on a timely manner.

The first workday was made dismal by the weather, but the showing of people to help build was reassuring. Almost 40 volunteers came.

Bailey was in charge of posters and

"She gave us food, too. You know you can't lose with doughnuts and stuff."

—Jodi Good

organizing.

"She did a great job!" said Good.

Feasenhiser was glad that he got the chance to help.

"It was fun, and it looks nice,"

Feasenhiser said.



photo by Janelle Flory

Bailey congratulates proud owner, Brinda George, on her new home at the dedication ceremony last Sunday.

After the dedication, people were free to tour the house. The students who attended the dedication found it amusing to go back and look at their handy work.

"It's funny to look around and see the spots where you've missed," Stover said.

George was extremely grateful for the work students put in and thanked them formally at the dedication.

"We couldn't have done this without you guys," George said. "Thank you to you all. I am grateful to the support you've given us."

Students said they were glad to help, especially with incentives George provided to keep them working.

"She gave us food, too. You know you can't lose with doughnuts and stuff," Jodi Good said.

George's home is the ninth Habitat

home to be built in this area. The goal is to build two each year. Students can look for posters and flyers about opportunities to volunteer to future projects.

The house is located at 412 West Avenue A, McPherson, Kansas.

"It enhances a town that is already an outstanding place," said city of McPherson representative, Mayor Vernon Dosssett.

Bisceglia brings back **Magical Mystery Brew**

Laina McKellip

Spectator Staff

Chris Bisceglia, a junior theatre major, is hoping to resurrect improvisational theatre at McPherson College this semester.

The college's improv troupe, The Magical Mystery Brew, began in the fall of 1997 when a number of students, including Bisceglia's brother Michael, became interested in this type of theatre.

"It was an area of theatre that hadn't been tapped," says Bisceglia, who comes from Las Vegas.

The group has since faded, but plans to rebuild are in the progress.

"It was a part of the college and had a good response from students," Bisceglia said. "It needs to be here,"

"I would love to come back in 10 years and see it still going on."

—Chris Bisceglia

Improv, as defined by Bisceglia, is being "Johnny-on-the-spot"—participants must master the art of being placed in arbitrary, often outlandish, scenes and spontaneously interacting with other actors, making up lines and actions as they go.

Kathryn Perrault, speech and theatre, plans to assist Bisceglia in starting the group.

"We need to start and have small success and get it out in the open," Perrault said. "Our hope is to get it

started this semester and to get it rooted."

Magical Mystery Brew should make it possible for actors to have a different outlet than presently provided.

"The goal or mission of the group is to be a creative outlet for people who want to perform in this genre," Perrault said.

"It's not as easy as it looks. It's thinking on your feet, and thinking with your feet."

—Katherine Perrault

While improv is fun, it's work. Skills required include the ability to listen and respond, to make connections quickly,

"You don't have to be skilled or have done anything in theatre."

—Chris Bisceglia

to speak and perform well before an audience.

"It's not as easy as it looks," Perrault said. "It's thinking on your feet, and thinking with your feet."

Bisceglia says it's difficult to find people who are talented in all of these areas.

"It's not often when you find people that are naturally gifted to do improv off the top of their head," Bisceglia said.

The troupe would like to be of service to the college, to provide events for

students to keep things lively and fresh. "Providing opportunities for good old entertainment," Perrault said. "This is what people used to do before we had television, except they didn't call it improv, they called it parlor games."

Bisceglia wants the Magical Mystery Brew to be something permanent on campus.

"Ultimately, I would love to come back in 10 years and see it still going on," Bisceglia said.

The troupe wants eight people who want to have a good time and who like to entertain. They plan to practice Sunday evenings after dinner.

"It is a good way to start and end the week," Bisceglia said. "You don't have to be skilled or have done anything in theatre. You just have to have the desire."

FASHION FORUM



Salute to the 80s

Friend

Janelle Flory

Photo Editor

A wave of nostalgia hit me the other day. Wouldn't it be great, I thought, if we could go back in time to the days of Paula Abdul and Debbie Gibson? They are the epitome of fashion. Well, they were until the introduction of gangster pants with too many pockets, and untraditional apparel with platform shoes.

Go back to slap-bracelets and tight-rolled jeans, knee socks and winged-hair. For those of you who are thinking, "No way. Eighties fashion is a thing of the past," I would remind you that we have already seen a return of 60s and 70s fashion. The 80s are next in line and those who would reject its return are like, totally in denial.

I've already seen it coming back. Remember the slap bracelets everyone used to wear? You guessed it. Wal-Mart is on the cutting edge of fashion by bringing them back. I always liked the neon colored ones. No more of this all-black fashion. The world is a sad, sad place right now and bright colors are just what we need to cheer ourselves up.

I remember that day in seventh-grade when I realized that tight-rolling your pants wasn't cool anymore. I was heart broken. This whole idea of boot-cut jeans misses the point. You can't even see people's shoes anymore.

Plus, why is it cool to have jeans so long that you ruin the back bottom hem after, like, a week? Then they get all disgusting. What a flagrant misuse of denim.

I say we reinstate tight rolling. After all, if you're going to spend \$100 on shoes, show them off!

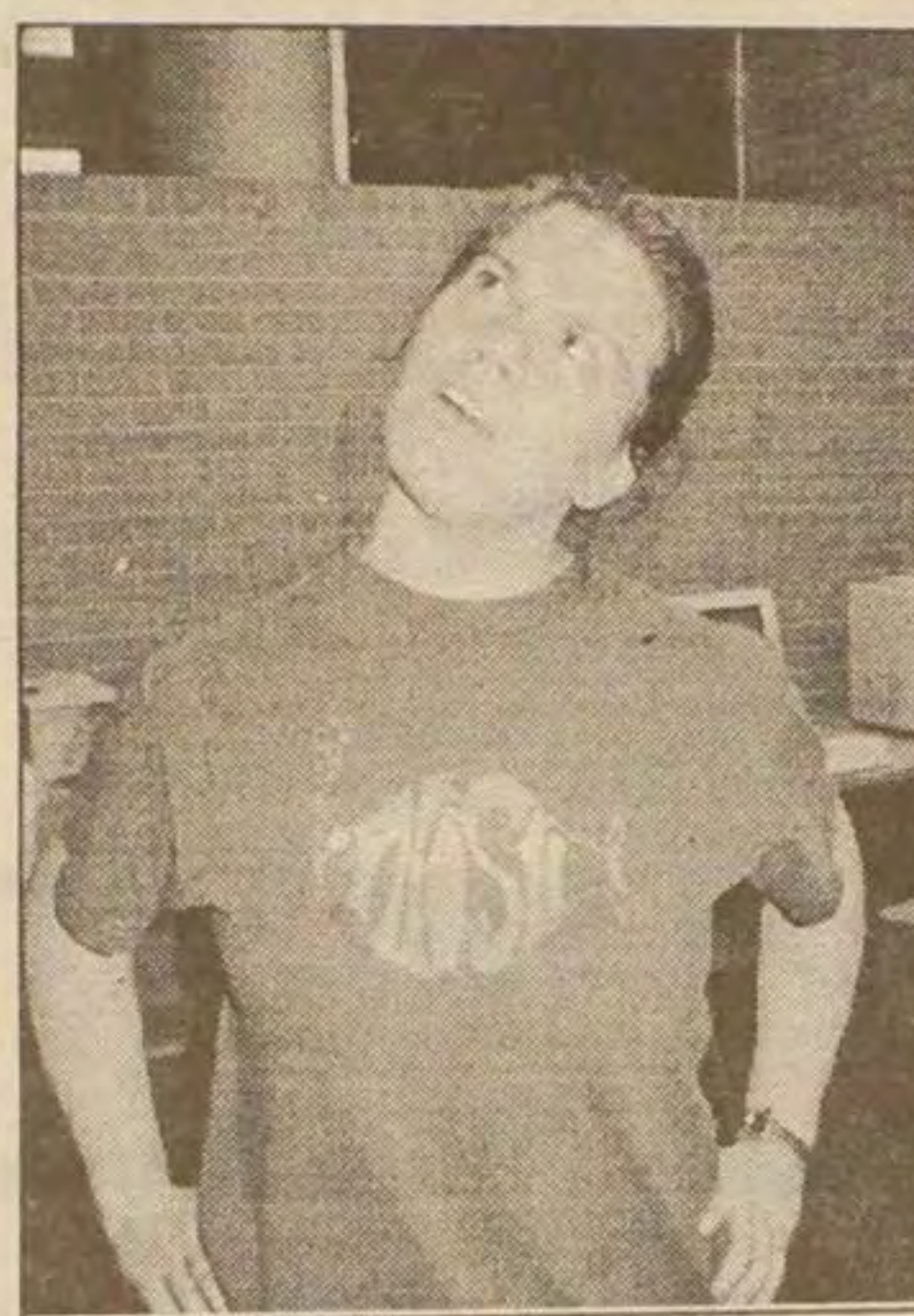
Finally, I think that all of us girls could benefit from spending a little more time on our hair. Remember how you used to spend an hour trying to get just the right feather to your bangs or just the right amount of poof to your wings?

Sure, we all know now that hairspray was damaging our hair, but how is that worse than dying it a different color every two weeks? Besides, people like me, who have disproportionately large ears, could benefit from a little wing action.

So, receive this message McPherson College! Be rad! Let's bring back the fashion of our childhood. A classic never dies, and dare I say it again, the 80s are next in line.



Above: Janelle Flory



Below: Elissa Thompson

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Elissa Thompson

Editor in Chief

I said goodbye to the 80s when I threw away my gray and yellow Reebok high tops. The only looking back that I allow myself is the involuntary double take that makes my neck snap, when I see an 80s fashion mistake walking past me.

So long- big hair, slap bracelets and tight rolled jeans. See ya later glam rock and blue eye shadow.

Slap bracelets? Hello. What purpose could these accessories possibly serve? Are you going to wear it to a dinner party or what?

Imagine sitting there, the lights low, and that special someone across from you. Adoringly, he tells you that he has a special surprise to give you. What are you going to do when he whips out a diamond slap bracelet? It is not my suggestion of a romantic way to round off this event.

Slap bracelets are too violent anyway. You are hitting yourself when you put them on. Stop hitting yourself, America. Learn to love yourself and invest in a bracelet with a clasp.

I think of the 80s, of Farrah Fawcett winged hair, and a part of my stomach starts convulsing. The only way to achieve hair of this magnitude is a big can of Aqua Net hairspray. Read up, Missy. Our environment cannot afford the damage that you are doing to it. There's a big hole in the Ozone Layer, and it's right over your head, Janelle Flory!

Tight rolled jeans; I don't even know where to begin pointing out all of the violations of this fashion crime. We do not accept tapered legs, folks. Give it up! The pinch roll is saying one thing to me: "Check out my ankles!" Why should I check out your ankles? They aren't so great.

I'm pleading with you, McPherson College! Accept, embrace and love this new millennium! We've come a long way, and we should be proud. I'm not suggesting that we throw out our fashion heritage. I'm merely suggesting that we admit our mistakes and learn from the past!

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'Dogs seek to thrash the Threshers

Philip Michael
Spectator Staff

Attacking early didn't prove successful, as the Bulldogs suffered a devastating 76-7 loss to the Ottawa Braves on Saturday in Ottawa.

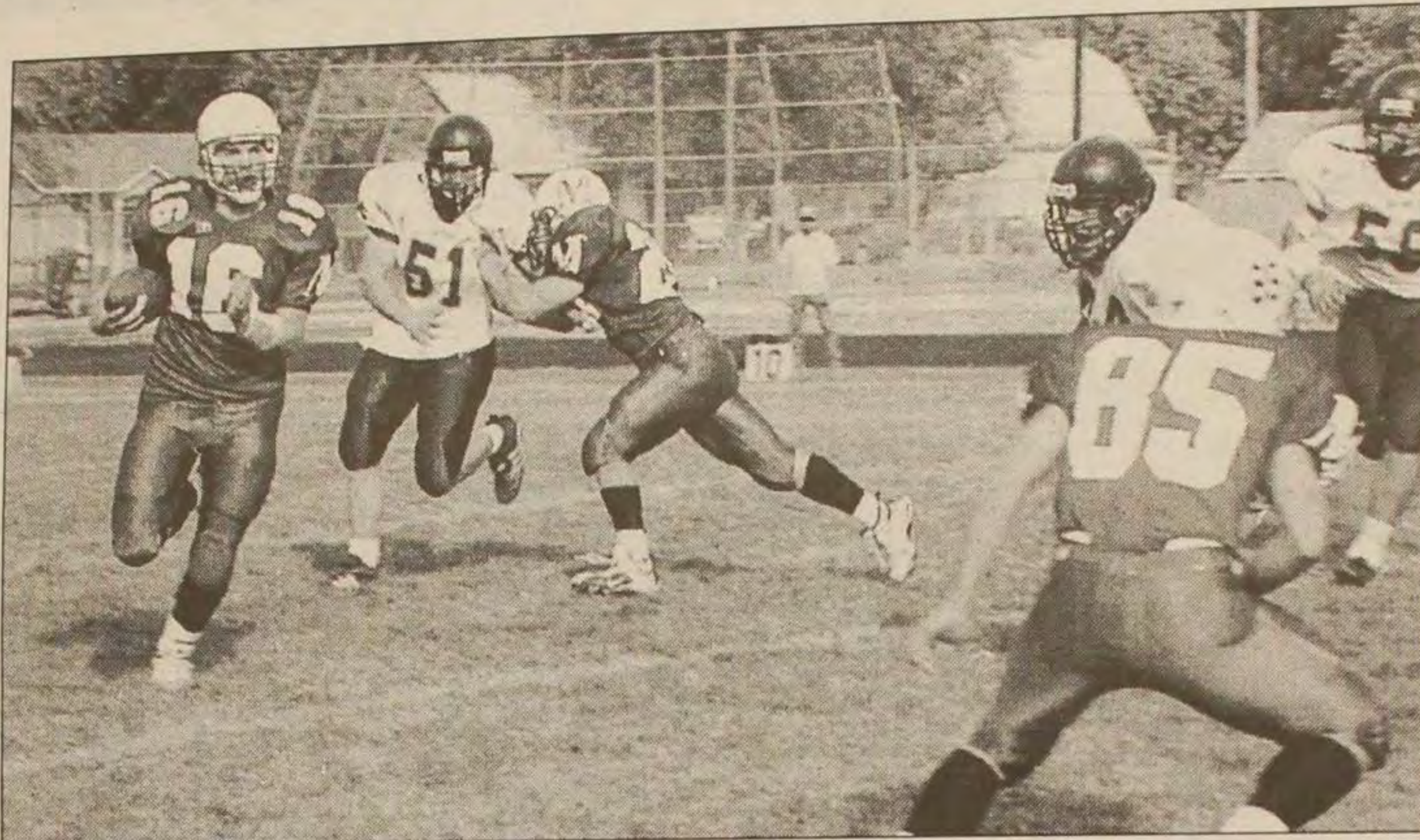
The Bulldogs struck first when quarterback Wade Pederson connected with John Berlanga for a 22-yard touchdown in the first quarter. However, that would be the Bulldog's only score. Ottawa answered shortly thereafter on a 2-yard touchdown run.

Ottawa went on to dominate the rest of the game, scoring 76 unanswered points, highlighted by a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown. The game was sealed by a 1-yard touchdown run by Ottawa in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs started the day several starters short, and the injuries piled up throughout the game. Four players ended up being knocked out of the game with concussions, including Pederson after the first series of the second half.

In addition to injuries, the 'Dogs were plagued by "too many turnovers and special team mistakes," coach Dan Davis said. The Bulldogs allowed a staggering 321 yards rushing while only gaining 170 total yards of offense themselves, their lowest production this season. The combination of mistakes and turnovers allowed Ottawa to run away with the game, which some players called "disheartening."

The 76-7 score marked the most points ever given up by a McPherson College football team. The 69-point losing margin is second only to a 73-0 shutout at the hands of Southwestern in 1984.



Quarterback Wade Pederson opts to run as Kevin Steiner blocks the approaching sack. Bulldogs defeated the St. Mary Spires, 35-30, Oct. 20, to earn their third win of the season. The 'Dogs face the Bethel Threshers tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. here.

Despite the drubbing, the Bulldogs still carry a 3-5 record under their belts, and their chances to add another victory to that record tomorrow seem favorable.

The Threshers are perhaps the biggest mystery in the conference this year. They were picked for fourth by both the coaches and media in pre-season polls, but at 0-8 are still looking for their first win of the season.

"Bethel has a lot more talent than their record shows and it should be a competitive match up," Davis said.

Last year, Bethel just sneaked past

the Bulldogs, 18-16, with a field in the final minutes of the game. The Threshers went on to an 8-2 season.

Despite a rash of injuries this season, the Bulldogs have managed to improve upon last year's 1-8 record.

"We have beaten those teams, who on paper, we should have beaten," Davis said.

Davis is pleased with the team's play and feels his players have been striving to attain success.

The team has a couple of individual performers among the conference leaders. Wade Pederson is completing 50

percent of his pass attempts for a 174-yard per game average, which ranks fourth among KCAC quarterbacks.

Kevin Steiner, who had an incredible 278 yards rushing against St. Mary on Oct. 20, ranks second in the conference with just over 101-yards per game rushing average. Steiner sat out the Ottawa game with a deep thigh bruise.

"The guys have given it their all this season," Davis said.

With victories in their last two games, the Bulldogs can finish with an even .500 record and a big boost for next year.

Women's basketball opens against alumni

Defeating the alumni 80-59 last Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs' debut performance pleased head coach Mel Wright. Four veterans and a pair of freshmen w Wright's evening.

Erica Alvarez scored 17 points followed by Sharla Odhams with 11 points.

Alvarez's play was impressive to Wright, but he is accustomed to her athletic ability.

Wright was also pleased with veteran Odhams.

"Sharla had an outstanding floor game," Wright said.

Amber Jackson and Jessica Bond also earned Wright's praise. Jackson handled the ball with authority and Bond played a strong inside game, he said.

"Amber and Jessica did the things we want to see them do," Wright said.

Wright said Crystal Richardson and Jennipher Moody stood out among a freshmen. Crystal Richardson with 10 points and Jennipher Moody.

"Jennipher is really going to help us inside. She is big (6'1") and solid, and just a little bit 'mean,'" Wright said.

Richardson, who scored 10 points, has the potential to make significant contributions.

"Crystal looks like she could push for a starting spot down the road," Wright said.

The Lady 'Dogs compete at Haskell Indian Nations in regular season play Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.

Southwestern sweeps spikers in season finale



Erica Alvarez passes the ball in Tuesday night's game against Friends. Kim Taylor backs her up. The Lady Bulldogs battle technique was not enough to defeat Friends. The team has finished for the season, but looks forward to next year.

Lady 'Dogs finish season with 0-18 record in KCAC; Coach Stephenson already recruiting for next year

Elissa Thompson
Editor in Chief

The Lady Bulldog spikers closed the season by dropping their match at Southwestern last night. The team wraps up with a final record of 0-18 in the KCAC and 4-22 overall.

Even though the women lost in three straight games, 20-30, 32-30 and 30-22, the team gave its all, according to head coach Nathalea Stephenson.

"We were down, we could have folded, but we played with a lot of heart," Stephenson said.

Though the team had a tough time putting things away and pulling everything together, Stephenson is unashamed of the team's performance.

"They were playing more aggressively," Stephenson said. "They were close scores."

Erica Alvarez and Mel Trevino excelled in the competition. Alvarez stunned Southwestern with 16 kills, and Trevino set up 34 assists. Both

"I think the team will turn a lot of heads next year."

—Erin Marshall

women have played consistently well throughout the season.

Though the team is disappointed that it didn't defeat a KCAC opponent, Coach Stephenson still believes the team has a lot of potential.

"These girls work hard in practice, but they have a hard time transferring it to game situations," Stephenson said.

Next year, with the help of recruits, Stephenson and the squad hope to earn victories and respect in the KCAC.

"We're going to go out looking for good players, and we've already started to do that," Stephenson said.

The Lady 'Dogs will lose one senior, Erin Marshall. Marshall played defensive specialist for the squad. She is glad she had the chance to play on the team and has enjoyed

the relationships the team has afforded her.

"I met a lot of new people and made new friends each year when new girls came," Marshall said.

Marshall has a positive feeling about next year's team.

"I think the team will turn a lot of heads next year," Marshall said.

Audrey Garcia agrees.

"I think we have a lot of great girls and a lot of potential. We're a young team, so I think we'll be better next year," Garcia said.

Jennifer Anderson feels that though this year was memorable, she is expecting the team to improve next year.

"I hope next year will be the year the team shines," Anderson said.

For now, Stephenson said she will focus on recruiting new players that fit with the talented athletes she's already working with.

"There are good athletes in Kansas and surrounding areas. We just have to convince them to come to McPherson and help us move up in the conference," Stephenson said.

Three among top in KCAC

Kerstin Heist
Spectator Staff

The NAIA Mid-States/Southwestern Invitational in Winfield, Ks., on October 13 proved to be a successful race in which team members bettered past performances. Four women and three men competed with 148 women and 146 men in this large meet.

Dayna Laney, turned in a 21:33. Ashley Wilhite (23:23) and Michelle Schulz (23:26) finished right behind one another. Melissa Cutburth, who had been out of action for some time because of an injury, turned in a 24:00.

Shane Netherton (27:39) and Wes Hoffert (27:53) both achieved personal best times, and Josh Laney, after recovering from an illness, turned in a 30:58.

The Mac team competed in the KCAC Conference Cross Country Meet last Saturday at Raft Park in Augusta.

Still shattered by several injuries, the team took only three men and four women. Dayna Laney was the female top team finisher, placing 12th with a 20:59, her fastest time this season.

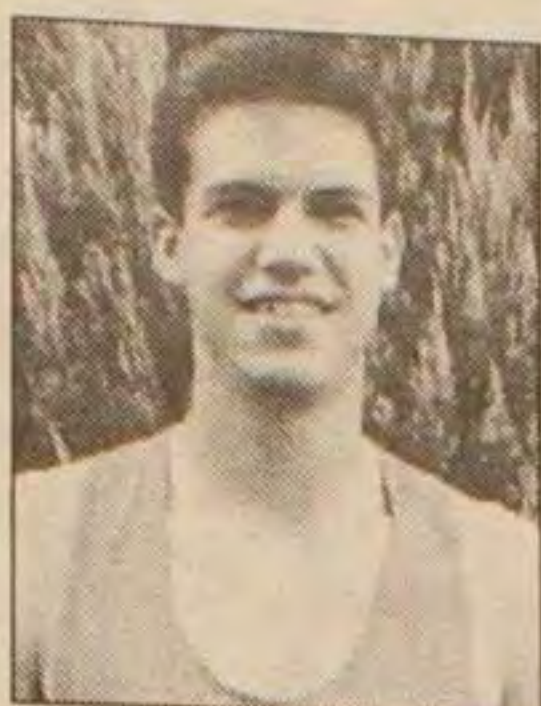
Yvette Segura, handicapped by a knee injury,



Netherton



Laney



Hoffert

came in 22nd with a notable time of 22:04. Ashley Wilhite, who placed 33rd (23:17), and Michelle Schulz, who came in right behind Wilhite (23:20), both finished the race with their best times of the year.

Shane Netherton placing 11th (27:51) and Wes Hoffert placing 13th (28:03) put on an exciting race till the end. Josh Laney, as the third male Mac finisher, came in with a respectable 30:21.

Looking back at the cross country season and his changes in practice, head coach Erik Dickkut was delighted that the team had three conference runners, a vast improvement to last year's one.

"We competed with what we had, and I was very pleased," Dickkut said.

Dickkut is optimistic about next season and plans for the team's record to improve again.

"I have greater expectations for the next year," Dickkut said.

Men's basketball defeats alumni, drop exhibition to Mortgage Plus

Andrew Gustafson
Spectator Staff

The McPherson Bulldog men's basketball team opened its season by splitting a pair of exhibition games last week.

They dropped the first of the two games, 81-71, to Mortgage Plus. The 'Dogs trailed 49-33 at halftime. The Bulldogs held the Mortgage Plus to a low field goal shooting percentage in the second half and actually had the lead for a short while.

Kenny Romero, last year's KCAC Freshman of the Year, led the 'Dogs in scoring with 23 points. Romero also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Mortgage Plus includes McPherson High School graduates Andy Berlin and Todd, Chad, and Josh Alexander. Josh was an all-KCAC performer for the Bulldogs from 1998-2000.

"We are not going to get much better competition than the Alexander boys," said head coach Roger Trimmell.

In a second exhibition game against alumni players, the 'Dogs came out on top, 93-77. Coach Trimmell was able to get the entire roster playing time in the victory.

"It was good for the team to play back to back games because the opening few games for the 'Dogs are in tournaments and they will have to play a lot of games in a short amount of time," Trimmell said.

Transfer student Jose Morales was the leading scorer for the Bulldogs with 18 points, 15 of which were three pointers.

Trimmell was impressed with the rookie performance of freshmen Brian Hooks and Roy McDonald. McDonald

might make the returning players work harder for starting time during this season, according to Trimmell.

Trimmell has four seniors to provide leadership in the upcoming season. The seniors are Art Baker, Tim Hayden, Cameron Long, and Chad Kline. Other returners from last year include Kenneth Davis, Kenny Romero, Andy Saenz, Mike Perez and Mike Mitchell.

Trimmell's goals for the team this year are to win at home and to improve their play each game. Specifically, Trimmell would like to see his squad be in a position to have a home court

advantage in the playoffs, beat Bethany, and to go to the national tournament.

The team is working hard to accomplish the goals Trimmell has set.

"We are working our tails off night and day to become a great team," freshman Chad Kitson said.

Kitson said he has a growing appreciation for the basketball tradition at Mac and would like to see that continue.

"From watching the alumni game, McPherson College has a good history of having good players," Kitson said.

BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

Football

- 26-7 v. Haskell
- 18-45 v. Bethany
- 14-40 v. Friends
- 35-62 v. Southwestern
- 7-6 v. Sterling
- 0-44 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 35-30 v. St. Mary College
- 7-76 v. Ottawa

- 2-3 v. Sterling College
- 0-3 v. Ottawa University
- 0-3 v. Bethany College
- 0-3 v. Friends University
- 0-3 v. Southwestern College
- 0-3 v. Tabor College
- 0-3 v. Bethel College
- 0-3 v. St. Mary College
- 0-3 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 0-3 v. Sterling College
- 0-3 v. Ottawa University
- 1-3 v. Bethany College
- 0-3 v. Friends University

Volleyball

- 0-3 v. Dakota Wesleyan
- 2-0 v. Barclay College
- 0-3 v. Tabor College
- 0-3 v. Bethel College
- 0-3 v. Saint Mary College
- 3-0 v. Central Christian
- 1-3 v. Kansas Wesleyan
- 0-3 v. South Dakota Tech
- 0-3 v. Huron University
- 0-3 v. University of Sioux Falls
- 0-3 v. Mayville State University

Men's Basketball

- 71- 81 v. Mortgage Plus
- 93- 77 v. Alumni

Women's Basketball

- 80- 59 v. Alumni

CO-ATHLETES OF THE ISSUE



Trevino



Alvarez

Mel Trevino and Erica Alvarez share the honor of Athlete of the Issue. Both Alvarez and Trevino have done their best to lead the team with their consistent play this season.

Serving as setter and middle hitter for the Lady Bulldogs volleyball team, they have shown themselves to be superb players.

A junior in engineering from Brownsville, Texas, Trevino earned an all-KCAC honorable mention last year. She has led the team in assists this year. She has pulled off 675 assists for the season.

"Once we get the ball to her, she is able to put the ball in the hands of our hitters," head coach Nathalea Stephenson said.

Trevino also had an impressive 52 kills, 60 kills that were dinks and 32 ace serves.

Perhaps most impressive was her 675 assists.

Erica Alvarez, a junior in physical education, also from Brownsville, Texas, has led the volleyball team in kill with 223 for the season. She has had 240 digs and was strong in the match against Central Christian College with seven kills and four ace serves.

In the season, Alvarez has had three solo blocks, 58 assists, 19 kill dinks and 24 ace serves. Alvarez was also 88 percent in serve/receive.

Both Alvarez and Trevino played aggressively in last night's game against Southwestern. Trevino put up 34 assists and Alvarez had an impressive 16 kills in the match.

With the volleyball season at its close, both women intend to return for a positive season next year.

SPORTS IN SHORTS

'Huckers to host Flatland Freezer tourney

The McPherson Mudhuckers will host the Flatland Freezer Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Nov. 17 and 18. Games will be played at Grant Fields on North Main.

Teams from McPherson College and the Universities of Kansas, Arkansas, and Tulsa will be competing along with other local colleges and the local high school team. This is the first time McPherson has hosted an

Ultimate tournament, and the Mudhuckers are looking forward to it.

The team needs volunteers to help with the tournament and would appreciate a good turnout of spectators. More information about the team and the tournament is available at www.mcpherson.edu/ultimate or by contacting Samland or other team members.

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Need to increase enrollment, retention sparks changes in recruitment model

Kara Reiff
News Editor

A new recruitment model is featuring teacher education and automotive restoration as well as the music, journalism and theatre programs to bring future students to McPherson.

The changes are being made to increase enrollment and retention. Although all the details are not completely worked out, some of the changes are already underway. Many alterations result from Strategic Plan initiatives.

New brochures have been designed for the auto restoration and teacher education departments to get students interested in these feature programs. Admissions staff will also put more interested students in contact with professors in specific programs.

"The new recruitment plan is more programmatic and geographical in focus, while retaining the generic emphasis of the previous model," said Fred Schmidt, director of admissions.

In the past, McPherson College had offered financial grants to students for being residents of McPherson, of Kansas, or for being members of the Church

of the Brethren. The new program implements this to attract students.

While the most recent recruiting model did a good job of attracting students from more diverse geographical areas, these students have had difficulty adjusting to college at such great distances from home.

"We're really looking for students who we think will stay at the college," Schmidt said.

In addition to emphasizing several programs, the college also created a new view book with the theme, "Plain Talk." This theme is intended to convey to prospective students that the college wants them know what they'll get when they attend McPherson College.

Schmidt hopes that this will allow the college to find students who will be likely to stay until they graduate.

The view book features interviews of faculty and students who share their feelings about the college.

The new recruitment model also includes a totally redesigned Web page for the college. While the college web page may not have brought many of the current students to Mac, the Internet figures to be a major resource for future

students seeking out colleges.

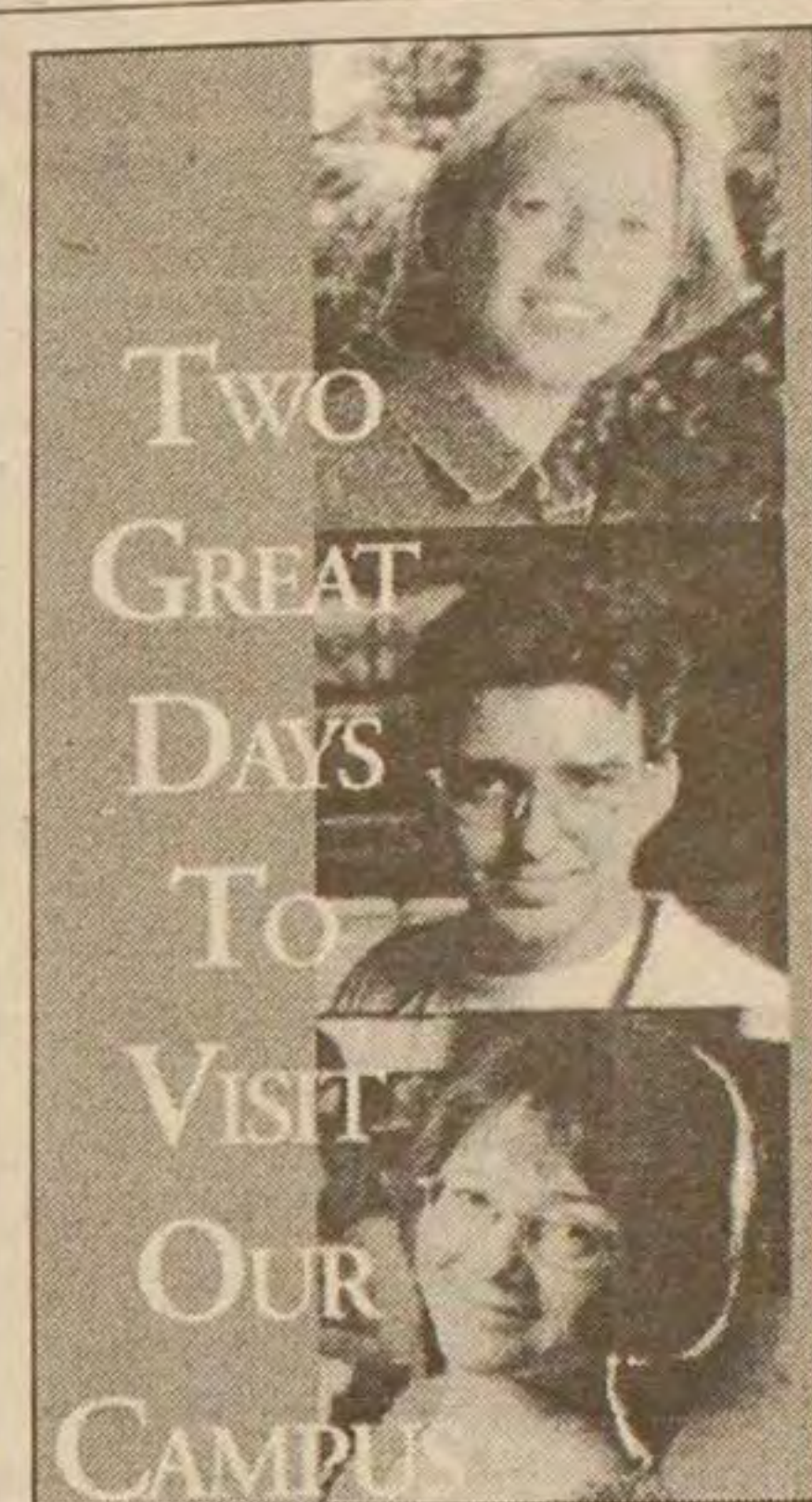
"In the longer term, we will try to move further away from sending the print brochures, which are very expensive," Schmidt said. "Using the Web page will be quicker for prospective students and more cost effective for us."

Schmidt said that the Web page should be online by Thanksgiving. Prospective students will be able to hear audio interviews from students and to take a virtual tour of campus. They will be able to see a map of campus and be able to see specific buildings and what they have to offer.

The financial aid model has also been revamped. This will allow the college to offer academic scholarships with a bit higher standard.

"Hopefully all of the changes will bring more students to the campus," said Carolyn Coon, associate dean of students. "This will give the college more resources financially to have more activities for students."

Coon thinks that having more students on campus to participate in activities will improve campus life and make it more enjoyable to attend events.



One way the college is trying to increase interest is by having a visit day on Saturday, Nov. 10. Students will be able to stay on campus and attend scheduled events.

Work begins on new addition in Templeton

Luke Chennell
Opinions Editor

Work on a new addition in Templeton Hall—all part of the \$1.8 million renovation plan for the entire building—has begun. Crews broke ground earlier this week, laying foundations for the new area.

The new space will be used primarily for archival storage and for disassembly of new projects the restoration department decides to take on. Currently, finished projects and those waiting attention are stored in instructional areas.

"This should free up a lot space for

our instructors," said Robert Vaughn, restoration technology director.

The new addition will occupy the area currently used for outside storage of projects that are beyond total restoration, and which are used as parts sources for vehicles in the building.

To reduce costs, the existing brick wall that borders Baer and Simpson streets will be a part of the new addition's walls.

"We didn't want to waste all the time and money that went into building that wall," said Bud Mounts, project director.

Money required for the entire renovation has been obtained solely from

outside donors.

"Students' tuition has not gone into building this," Vaughn said.

New donations have been obtained from various sources. The National Advisory Board, an entity designed to provide the department with connections in the restoration industry, has facilitated a great number of these.

"These people are not people who have donated to the college before. We have found entirely new sources to fund this project" Vaughn said, "and at this point, we have only spent roughly \$250,000 of the projected \$1.8 million needed for the entire project. We're really doing well right now."

The renovation is being organized by Mounts and Roger Stout.

"We hired Bud and Roger on time that they were not already contracted to the college to organize the effort and to begin the new addition" said Vaughn. The new addition should be ready for occupation by January 1.

The addition is the beginning of the \$1.8 million renovation of Templeton Hall, projected to be completed by the fall of 2003. The plan includes many upgrades to the building, including more insulation, air conditioning, and new ceilings in the laboratories.

"We're going to be awful busy trying to get things done," Mounts said.

'Visiting Mr. Green' opens next weekend in Brown Auditorium

"Visiting Mr. Green," which will be performed in Brown Auditorium Nov. 9 and 10, begins as a comedy but turns out to be a moving drama. A young man is ordered by a judge to visit the elderly man he almost hit with his car, a very unlikely friendship develops. Here Mr. Green (Adam Smith) tries to calm Ross (Chris Bisceglia, jr., Las Vegas, Nev.). Bisceglia selected the production for his major acting project.

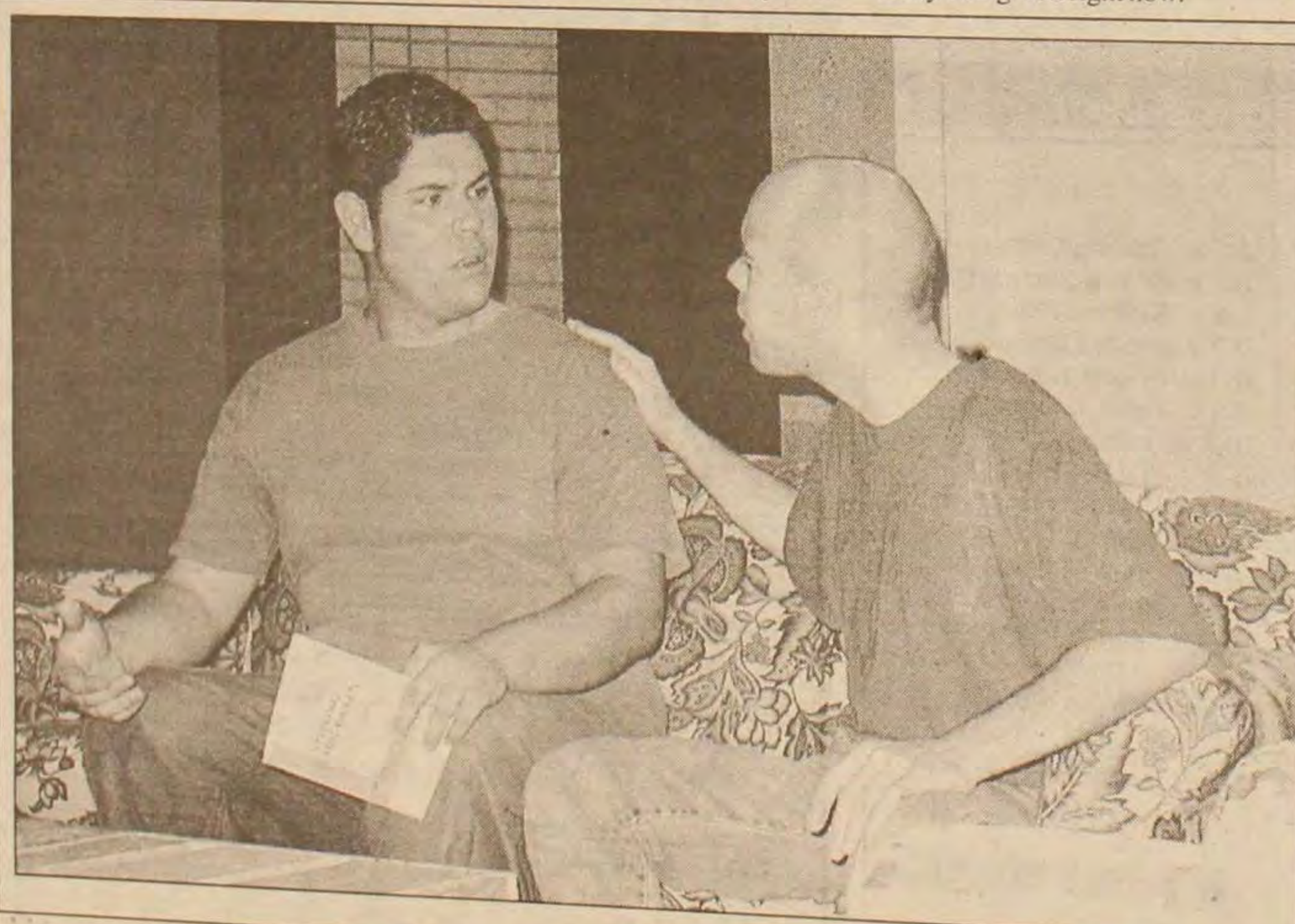


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NEWS BRIEFS

David Haines memorial service in Wichita today

Campus architect David Haines died last week while on vacation in Arizona with his wife.

Haines has been the campus architect for more than 15 years and has directed many projects at the college, including the development of the archway entrance near Hoffman Student Union, the construction of the Heaston Gazebo, the removal of several old buildings and work on numerous renovation projects.

Memorial services will be at the First Presbyterian Church of Wichita today at 3 p.m.

\$5,000 scholarships available for Mac students

McPherson College students in fields related to the environment and Native American and Alaskan Native students in fields related to health care or tribal public policy are invited to apply for the Morris K. Udall scholarships.

In April 2002, the Morris K. Udall Foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors or seniors during the 2002-2003 academic year. To be considered for an award, students must be nominated. Nomination deadline is Feb. 15, 2002.

Students interested in learning more about this opportunity should contact Jonathan Frye in Melhorn 212, extension 1204 or at frye@mcpherson.edu.

Bread Festival, fashion show next Saturday

International students are encouraged to participate in a fashion show on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 9:30 a.m. The fashion show is in conjunction with the local International Bread Festival. Other students are also welcome to participate.

For more information, contact Jeanne Smith, curriculum and instruction, at extension 1246.

Gary Entz named to Editorial Advisory Board

Gary Entz, history, was named to the Editorial Advisory Board for 'A Turbulent Voyage: Readings in African American History.' The text was published by the Collegiate Press in San Diego.

Student artwork selected for professional show

Two McPherson College students have been selected to participate in the 6th Plains States Undergraduate Student Art Exhibition sponsored by Emporia State University.

Seniors Jenny Burgett, McPherson, and Thomas Austin, Kiowa, Colo., will participate in the professional exhibition at the ESU Eppink Art Gallery Nov. 7 through Dec. 7.