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Students receive aid for tuition

Shandi Schomig
Spectator Staff

In an effort to increase enrollment and retention numbers, the financial aid department will be awarding additional merit-based grants this spring to recognize students who have shown above average academic achievement at McPherson College and to help ease the \$625 tuition increase.

The Academic Achievement Awards are automatic, guaranteed and will be based on cumulative GPA. The number of awards is unlimited.

Returning students with GPAs of 2.5 to 2.99 will receive an additional \$500. Those with GPAs of 3.0 and above will receive an additional \$750.

"Students who are new to the college this year will already be receiving that kind of assistance and will continue to as long as they continue to show above average academic work while they are here," said Fred Schmidt, dean of enrollment.

This change is seen as positive by those involved.

"I am excited we are doing this and that we are able to provide additional assistance to students who have been suc-

cessful here," said Carol Williams, director of financial aid.

Williams said that students receiving awards were notified by mail earlier this week.

"This gives us a chance to award students for what they've done here and I think they are interested in having that recognition, not just from a money standpoint, but to be recognized," Williams said.

According to Williams, the awards are something that the financial aid department will look at continuing.

The official enrollment for the spring semester is 331 full-time students compared to 362 last fall. Although the numbers have dropped, the retention of students from fall to spring during this academic year, improved from that of last year.

One of President Neil Thorburn's primary goals as interim president is to assemble a retention task force consisting of 12 faculty and staff members who meet weekly. The main goal of this task force, according to Schmidt, is to look at what the issues are and to try to identify the reasons students stay at McPherson College.

"We have discovered that we too often focus on why stu-

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Governor Bill Graves signs a program for Laura Potts, soph., Chandler, Okla. Graves visited the campus Saturday, March 2, for the first lecture in the Raymond and Rowena Flory Lecture series. Also pictured are Sydney White, sr., Topeka, and Catlin Wehner, Jr., St. Mary.

First Flory Lecture features Graves

Karen Lelker and Matt Toblas
Spectator Staff

Despite snow, ice and cold weather, Governor Bill Graves addressed the college community on public policies for the Inaugural Lecture in the Raymond and Rowena Flory Lecture series. Graves spoke to a crowd of about 140 on Saturday, March 2, about vari-

ous topics, including his educational experience, the importance of government and public policies.

Graves majored in business administration at Kansas Wesleyan and recalled his experience at McPherson College. During a football game against McPherson, Graves was going to be the number one receiver on the opening pass play of the game. Graves caught the ball for a nice gain, but then

he bounced it off his shoulder pads and fumbled the ball. McPherson recovered the ball.

"From that game on, Coach always referred to me as Stone Hands," Graves said.

Graves also talked about his time in office. He is finishing his second term as governor. Graves spent about two years before election year getting money for campaign funding and spreading the word that

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NEWS BRIEFS

Horton to perform student recital

Staci Horton will present her senior voice recital in Brown Auditorium, March 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Horton, Inman, will be accompanied by Stephanie Brunelli, associate professor of music.

Horton will graduate in May with a bachelor of arts degree in music education. She has been a member of various musical groups, served as president of the G-Clef music club, conducted college and church choirs and taught private voice and piano lessons.

The recital is for convocation credit.

Whitacre resigns

Kathryn Whitacre, coordinator of personal and career counseling, has announced her resignation.

Whitacre has served McPherson College during the past seven years as associate dean of students and most recently in her role in personal and career counseling. She will be leaving within the next few weeks.

FAFSA deadline approaching

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms are due April 1. Those students who plan to turn their forms into the college's financial aid office for processing should have them there by March 15.

Also, the financial award notifications will have a new look for 2002-03. Carol Williams, director of financial aid, said that they will be more informative and easier to read. The notifications will include charges and aid so that students have a clearer picture of what to expect financially in the coming year.

Gribble joins staff

Angie Gribble recently began employment as an admissions counselor. She is a McPherson native and a 2001 graduate of McPherson College, earning a bachelor of arts in English.

RA openings available

Posters have been put up around campus for sign-up for 2002-03 resident assistants. Applications are available in the dean's office for interested students.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m., Friday, March 22. Applications can be returned to Janice Haldi, assistant to dean of students.

Web site launched

The revamped McPherson College Web site was launched at the March 1 Board of Trustees meeting. Although there have been some glitches, work is being done to correct any problems. Fred Schmidt, dean of enrollment, headed efforts for the site.

Trustees name building, approve Harnly Gardens plan

Kara Reiff
News Editor

McPherson College's Board of Trustees approved the naming of the plant operations building, the strategic plan and the proposal for Harnly Gardens at its Feb. 28 and March 1 board meetings.

The plant operations building, built as part of the Enhancing the Legacy Campaign, will be called the Loren and Rosetta Furnas Center for Facility Management. The Furnases are being honored with the naming because of their major gift to the campaign.

The Furnases' relationship with the college began several years ago. Loren became interested in the automotive restoration program and has served as a member of the program's National Advisory Board since its inception.

"The naming of the new plant operations facility in their honor is a fitting match, for Mr. and Mrs. Furnas have a personal appreciation of the important role that a well maintained and smoothly functioning physical plant plays in the life of any successful business," said Bob Knechel, advancement.

According to Knechel, when the naming proposal was brought to the board, the decision was unanimous.

The approval of the strategic plan included the endorse-



Board members Joyce Peckover and Ed Switzer talk to Marle Rhoades, Jr., Harrisburg, Pa., Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Doghouse. The informal meeting gave students the opportunity to discuss with trustees any issues they had.

ment of the third feature program, economics and business.

According to Ron Hovis, economics and business, the board expressed interest and encouraged the department to work on the details and proceed with implementation.

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Biochemistry major to be offered at Mac

Marlbeth Turner
Spectator Staff

The addition of a new biochemistry major should give pre-med students a more specific line of coursework to better prepare them for medical school.

Faculty approved the new major at its meeting in February. The program will be developed from courses already taught in the natural science department. Science students will now have another choice without adding any new classes or faculty.

Allan van Asselt, chemistry, described it as "basically repackaging what we already have with a slightly different focus."

Tim Hubin, chemistry, believes that adding a new major is a "student-friendly idea."

College Chemistry I and II, Organic Chemistry I and II, Quantitative Analysis, Instrumental Analysis and Biochemistry make up the chemistry portion of the new major.

The biology half consists of College Biology I and II, Microbiology, plus Cell and Molecular Biology.

The required supporting courses are Research Methods, Senior Research, General Physics I and II, and Elementary Applied Statistics.

With these courses, pre-med students could have a

legitimate major that includes a chemistry and biology-specific upper level that is useful to doctors. Also, much of the new technology and equipment donated or purchased for Melhorn Science Hall will benefit the biochemistry major.

Hubin thinks that having biochemistry as a major will help to recruit new students to McPherson. According to Hubin, pre-med students are looking for colleges that offer biochemistry as a major because it is so widely publicized. It is the suggested major to enter into medical school. Although medical school does not require biochemistry for entrant's major, Hubin believes it to be the best option.

Currently, McPherson College guides pre-med students toward either the biology or chemistry degree, however, neither offers the entire coverage of required and suggested credits for undergraduates who hope to enter medical school.

Biochemistry is not a major just for the pre-med students, though. Van Asselt said that the major is as employable as a biology or chemistry major, but biochemistry opens up both fields for career opportunities.

Both Hubin and van Asselt will be teaching chemistry courses for the major. They agree that the added major should help build McPherson College's ability to bring in more science majors.

Editorials

STAFF EDITORIAL

Graves lecture didn't live up to billing

Issue 1: Bill Graves' recent lecture
Our Position: Though the new lecture series will be beneficial, Graves didn't speak about what was advertised.

On March 2, students had the opportunity to hear Kansas Governor Bill Graves deliver the inaugural address in the Raymond and Rowena Flory Lectureship. The Flory Lectureship is intended to bring important leaders to campus to discuss public policies. McPherson College will definitely benefit from the addition of this lecture series. Students, alumni and other members of the McPherson College community will have the opportunity to be enlightened by knowledgeable speakers. As an influential figure in state government, Graves filled these criteria.

While Graves' speaking talents were evident in his delivery, it was disappointing that he didn't cover the issues advertised. Posters promoting the lecture indicated that Graves would speak on the topic, "Education & Other Funding Priorities." Instead, Graves urged audience members to run for office.

Members of the education department were particularly disappointed with the speech. They were under the impression that Graves would highlight the need for additional funding of educational programs, but Graves did not focus on this topic at all. But, he did spend around five minutes covering the issue while answering audience questions.

Though Graves' speech had positive aspects, we hope that the future will bring speakers who address the topics they advertise.

Piper school board's decision reflects lax attitudes

Issue 1: Piper school board's decision to give students credit for plagiarized work

Our Position: It was a poor decision. Teachers deserve more respect than they get.

Though supported initially by her principal and superintendent, high school teacher Christine Pelton resigned after flunking 28 of her sophomores. Pelton discovered that these students had copied a project worth 50 percent of their grade from Internet sites and decided they did not deserve credit. Outraged parents went straight to the school board.

On Dec. 11, Piper School Board ordered Pelton to award partial credit and lower the project's percentage of the final class grade to 30 percent. Rather than succumb to the board's wishes, Pelton resigned

from the school district. She told CNN that students no longer listened to what she had to say. They knew if they were unhappy they could go to the school board, complain, and get their way.

The Piper School Board missed an important chance to model the benefits of honesty with its decision to sympathize with students who did not deserve a second chance. At least a dozen other teachers plan to follow Pelton's lead and quit the Piper district at the end of the school year.

When did it become more acceptable for a person to do the wrong thing than to stand up for what he or she believes? Pelton should have been commended for her actions. She made rules, informed her students of them and asked for student signatures to prove that they understood what she expected. Her move was necessary.

Now, thanks to a spineless school board, students have learned that integrity gets a person nowhere but the unemployment line.

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MAC OPINIONS

What is the value of a college education?



"You can't put a price on it—it's everything in today's world."
—Manny Diaz, Campus Minister



"It gives you a greater outlook on life."
—Andrea Bolhuis, soph., Chapman



"Without a college education, you limit your opportunities."
—Desiree Bostic, fr., Hugo, Okla.

"It proves to people that you're teachable and not dumb."
—Seth Good, sr., Annville, Pa.



"It broadens your horizons both educationally and socially."
—Matt Tobias, soph., Eldora, Iowa



"It helps you get a better degree later in life."
—Erik Johnson, soph., Caldwell, Idaho



Finding the real value of an education

I seem to be afflicted lately with the notion that I know what I'm talking about. The other day, I was busily in the middle of some lecture on some mostly forgotten and unimportant part of history or something to someone mostly apathetic, and it just struck me out of the blue: it really doesn't matter. The stuff I'm learning here has no real practical application unless I want to watch "Jeopardy" all day long and feel smart because I know the answers. It made me think about the value of a college degree, and the reasons why people actually come to college. Not why they come to Mac, nor any other school, but the reason they come to the institution of college as a whole.

In most cases, I don't see any real practical reason to do it. After all, if I could get subsidized government loans and scholarships to sit around all day and read (which I would happily do), I would be much better off. I could pick out subjects that truly interest me and follow them to their end, instead of getting dragged half-willingly through a half-picture of what someone else considers important.

I find more and more as I get older that I learn more on my own than I do from anyone else. Given opportunity, time and a decent setting, I can pick up information from following careful observations to their end much more efficiently and much more accurately than by having someone stand in front of me and ram the same things into my head. I do pick up a good deal from having someone stand up and feed me a diet of knowledge, but it somehow is less vivid in my mind. If I pick something up myself and retain it, it is because it holds some transient beauty or glory to my mind. Never mind the fact that



Ramblings from a Room

LUKE CHENNELL

it may be completely pointless in the grand scheme of things, it still is somehow important to me, and I will hang on to it for dear life if it comes to it.

What's more, I will be willing to defend it as a sacred truth. I will preach the gospel of whatever it is with a fervor amounting to indignation. I will be outraged at those who do not know this fact; it will seem to me a capital offense that they have been denied this tiny bit of knowledge. It may be inconsequential, idiotic or downright insane in the larger picture of the cosmos, but it is important to me, and therefore it should be important to everyone I know and contact.

For instance, when I was but a young lad my father expounded to me unendingly that the principal export of Bolivia is tin. There is no logical reason that I would ever need to know this tiny fact, but the more and more I thought about it, the more I became fixated on it. I would chime in at any opportune moment with it, and I believe that I probably taught my budding young classmates more about Bolivian economics than they could ever possibly want to know.

It's all because my father believed unerringly in that simple fact. He was fascinated by it, entranced by it. It seemingly held for him a kind of shining glory. It really mattered to him. He knew it to be completely useless and even somewhat puerile, but it was etched into his mind pre-

cisely for that reason: it didn't matter.

But if it's some bit of knowledge that someone else simply stands up and tells me without any sort of humor about it, it just gets filed away in a mass of things that pop out of my memory in a random fashion, and usually at the wrong times.

Which is why I become more and more disenchanted with the institution of college every day. Very little of this stuff really and seriously means anything to me. It's all very interesting and very informative, to be sure, but what do I really care?

It all comes back to the value of a college degree. It seems to me that the value of a college degree is not the proof of the knowledge it implies, but proof to those who also have one that it is possible to sit through all this stuff that's completely unimportant while absorbing as much as possible and not go completely insane.

Why, then, do we even bother with this runaround institution? Is it some inner belief that it really makes us better people? I somehow doubt that that's the case. Turning out a bunch of 23-year olds with heads full of a bunch of nonsense and no direction to it to run through the world like a bunch of crusaders doesn't seem very logical to me. In fact, it seems to me more damage than good has been done to the world by that same group of 23-year olds.

We are all young, though, and we'd probably wind up inflicting a bunch of illogical nonsense on the world, college or not. I know I would, and I know I do. Maybe that's the value of a college degree. The longer and longer one stays in school, the less nonsense he inflicts on the world, and the more he inflicts on college professors. There's a decent amount of value in that.

Bring back those halcyon days of youth by concentrating on the good things in life

Everything was so much more exciting when I was a kid. The littlest things just pleased the snot out of me as a youngster. I laughed harder, talked more (if that's possible) and had more energy. How do I regain that zest, that youthful exuberation for life?

When we were kids, wasn't it easier to say what was on our mind? If others drove me nuts, I told them. I didn't care. I was going home to my parents, and my parents loved me no matter what I told them. Here, I can't do that. If someone is driving me crazy, I just have to put my face on automatic pilot and let them think I'm listening when I'm really not. It's not always a good move. I have agreed to many things that I probably should not have while using this strategy in life.

If I've realized something in college, it's that my parents aren't here. What's up with that, anyway? I miss my mom. She used to pick up my room as a surprise. People who visit Dotzour 312 will find it painfully obvious that my mom doesn't perform this task here. Mom also washed my clothes, and it didn't cost me anything. I spent my quarters on the bouncy ball machine outside of ALCO.

Saturday mornings as a kid were so great. I remember waking up early to watch "Alvin and the Chipmunks," "The Smurfs," "Garfield



Big Chief's Tablet

ELISSA THOMPSON

and Friends" and eventually the mother of them all, "Saved by the Bell." Now, Saturday mornings I watch the inside of my eyelids and take a sleepy walk to the cafeteria for brunch. My mom made me a wonderful breakfast each Saturday, too.

While the cafeteria does a fine job, Richard never makes my pancakes with two raisin eyes and a banana slice mouth. Nothing bothered me as a kid because I had Peter Pan pancakes in my tummy and a smile on my face.

Another thing that I miss is my brother and our matching outfits. We were so cool. He was five years older than I, so it wasn't as cool for him, but I was happy with it. If anyone would like to have a matching clothes day with me, my telephone number is listed!

When did it all change? Maybe it changed because as we got older, we got more selfish. We forgot that the simple things in life are where we glean the most pleasure. Each stage of life is like riding a roller coaster.

The first time that you ride it, you don't know where all of the dips and spins are. But, by the fourth or fifth time, you know exactly what's going to happen, and you barely even lose your stomach.

I'm calling on you to lose your stomach, Mac College. It's so easy to complain for all of us. Shouldn't we concentrate on the good? Life is so much better when you want to get out of bed in the morning.

Sometimes being happy and wanting to get out of bed is work. I know. But sleeping all day, missing class and secluding yourself are only ways to worsen your mood. By doing this you miss out many of the things that happen to boost your mood the most, and you suffer from feeling old as a result.

If you slept all day, would you be able to play in the snow? Would you be able to watch an entertaining movie with your friends? Would you be able to enjoy Mexican Buffet Day? No. The only thing that you get in your mouth from sleeping too much.

Maybe it isn't us at all. We grew up in the 80s. We were all using a can of Aqua Net hairspray every day to make us big-haired and beautiful. Maybe we weren't that happy, we were just high. In that case, bring the big hair back, people. It's time for a change.

CAMPUS FORUM

Cafeteria staff deserves respect

(Editor's note: this is in response to Luke Chennell's Feb. 22 column "Better Food will Build Better Unity.")

I like to eat. I love sitting down to a good meal with fine conversation and fine company. However, I don't feel that I have to have a fine meal, or even a mediocre meal for that matter, to become a "highly Christian creature."

build campus unity by having those who really do appreciate the cafeteria be free of those who don't.

As a result of this, maybe the school wouldn't have to charge so much for meals to help cover the damages we were speaking of earlier. And maybe the staff and myself wouldn't have the waste of money, waste of energy, waste of food, or be subject to the lack of common courtesy that is shown to us.

On a separate note, I wish there were more columns such as the one right below Luke's from Demetree Gaines. He had something to say! Awesome work, Demetree-thanks!

-Louie Peterson

Food staff works hard at many tasks

I would like to defend the cafeteria at McPherson College which was recently the subject of a biased and rude article.

As a member of the Mac cafeteria staff, I would like to point out that in addition to the many students served on a daily basis, we also serve anywhere from 50-100 parties and banquets a year.

There are various arguments as to why we should tolerate this, and I find little logic in most of them. Constructive criticism, however, is usually good. Reticence is not.

Granted, if I had my "druthers," I'd rather eat a good steak at Cindy's watering hole in Little River, or maybe smothered grilled chicken at Applebee's, or even Mexican food at Carlos O'Kelly's.

Much appreciation is due to the administration, staff, community members and guests who choose our establishment. It is always a pleasure to serve. As well, thank you to the students who remember their manners, respectfulness and common courtesy once they enter the cafeteria.

-Theresa Grant

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.

Consider all sides of campus issues



Guest Columnist CHRIS BISCEGLIA

I have been a student at McPherson for four years now, and I have noticed that students voice the same complaints every year. "The food in the cafeteria sucks," or "There's nothing to do in Mac," and "Maintenance never cleans our bathrooms over the weekend."

I am not saying that these complaints are not valid; everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. I just find it funny that people don't take time to put themselves in the other person's shoes.

Let me start with the cuisine in the cafeteria. Obviously, it's not yo' momma's home cookin'. I will say that it is not easy to cook for a large number of people every day.

If you choose to eat and are still unhappy with the food, take a job in the cafeteria and see what it's all about. Be involved in the decisions behind every entrée.

involved in the decisions behind every entrée. Wash stacks of dishes that are jokingly glued together with mashed potatoes. I am sure that you will develop a great appreciation for all that the Sodexo Marriott staff does for you.

Now, a problem that plagues us all. "There's nothing to do in Mac." I will admit that there is not much to do in Mac. There are movies and pubs, but there is no BIG TIME entertainment around campus.

I wonder, though, has anyone gone to an SGA member and told him or her exactly what they would like on campus? I also wonder if anyone

has gone online and searched for concerts or events in the surrounding areas? That's a mystery.

As for maintenance cleaning the bathrooms on the weekend, ask yourself this question the next time you have to hunt for a toilet: "Would I want to clean up somebody else's mess?"

How would you feel if the maintenance staff got blitzed on Keystone, puked in your toilet and clogged it up, not to mention used all of the toilet paper, and left a disgusting mess of bodily waste in your home?

Speaking of drinking and getting drunk, "Why is this a dry campus?" Listen folks, don't fool yourself. This rule does not apply to McPherson College alone.

"I just find it funny that people don't take time to put themselves in the other person's shoes."

ing myself, have proven time and again that they cannot handle their actions while intoxicated, or the consequences that inevitably follow.

I like to drink just as much as the next person. I am not against alcohol, but there are major responsibilities that come with drinking.

I hope you are starting to get my drift. If there are things that you don't like about this school, then get off your butt and do something about it.

Brethren Colleges Abroad broadens horizons



Foreign Report KERSTIN HEIST

What induced me to exchange my home university in the historic city of Marburg (75,000 inhabitants) in central Germany for a period of one academic year for the tranquil atmosphere of McPherson and the college here? There are good reasons.

First of all, McPherson, as a Brethren College, offered me a scholarship after I sent my application to the Brethren Colleges Abroad program. So, actually, McPherson College chose me and gave me the chance to fulfill one of my long-cherished wishes - to study in the U.S.A., and to have a completely new experience in a totally unknown environment.

Those who insist that the U.S.A. is exactly like Germany except that people speak English, I hereby declare to reject them. American competitiveness and patriotism will always be something I face skeptically.

I would have gone to any other place just to improve my English and to see something different based on the idea that "Nothing is worse than habit."

I found friends with a car, and I have two healthy legs and feet. It makes the whole situation much easier.

At home, I pay about \$100 for each semester at a state university, including money for student administration, an e-mail address, as well as a ticket for public transport, making it possible for me to use my car only in an "extreme emergency."

When I arrived at McPherson last August, I was disappointed at first because I could not just leave the college, get on a bus or train, and go somewhere else.

Although sport plays an important role in the U.S. system, in contrast to the German concentration on popular sport, most of my fellow students obviously do not share my passion for going for a walk.

Americans tend to have huge cars, and quite a lot of them seem to be old and not very economical. Germans, especially those of the younger generations, prefer smaller economy cars.

The typical European cliché that Americans almost exclusively subsist on fast food, looking at the special offer of possibilities, is somehow undeniable.

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possibilities, is somehow undeniable. On the other hand, it is time to do away with the stereotypical point of view that Americans have concerning Germans.

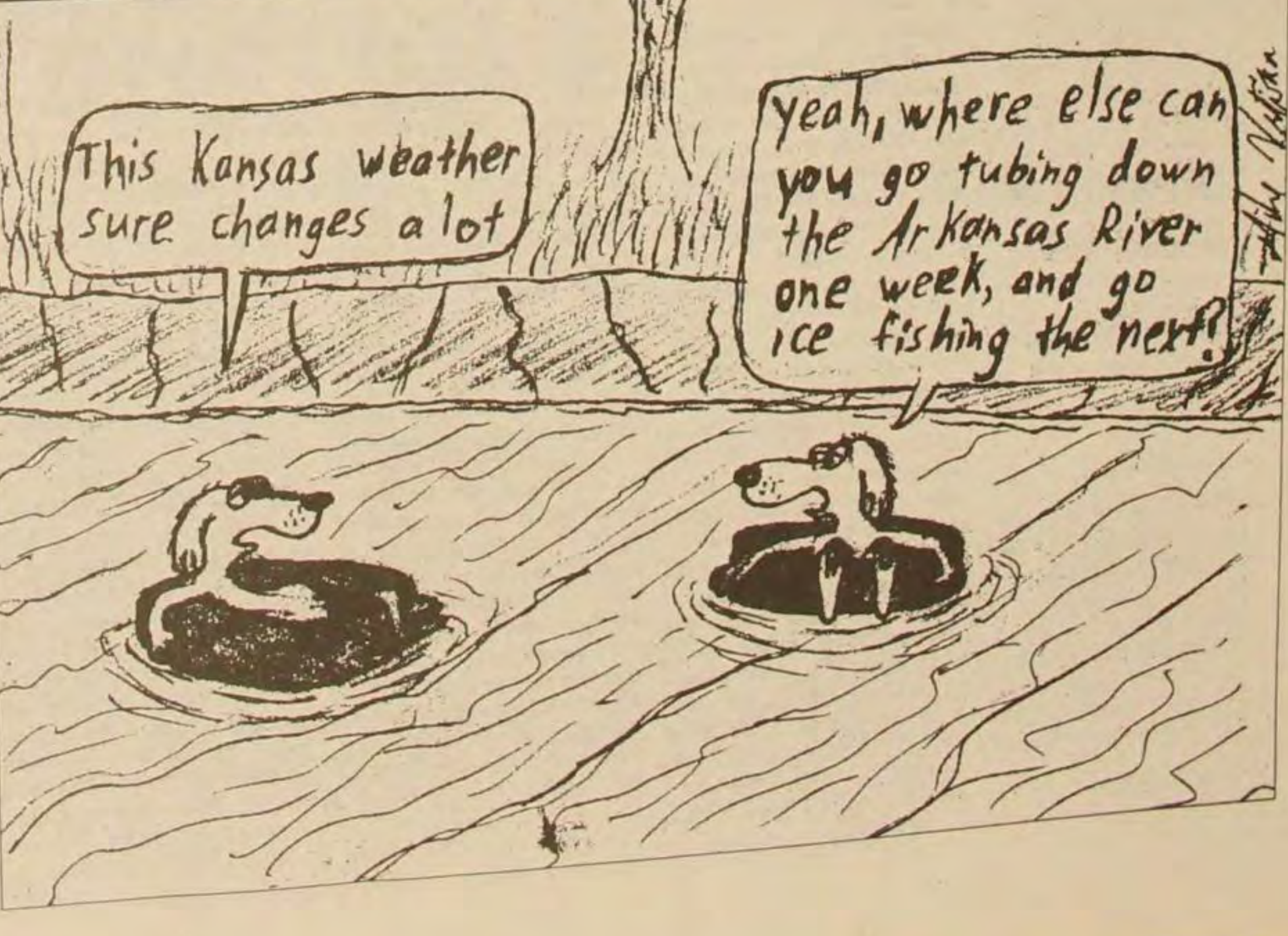
Being born in Germany does not necessarily make one addicted to beer and "Sauerkraut." Germans - always orderly, accurate, assiduous, and punctual - you're way off!

I could write a lot more about the distinct differences or similarities of Americans and Germans, but this would be taking things too far.

Nothing is more annoying than good advice, but nevertheless I have some. If ever you have the chance to study in a different country, take it. The experiences you make, and the people you meet - whether fun or challenge - will broaden your horizon and remain a part of your life.

BY MIKE VRTISKA

COUNTRY MIKE'S CORNER



Plagiarism causes problems for students, more headaches and work for teachers

Elissa Thompson
Editor in Chief

The student who goes to a research paper to download his assignment, and the girl who buys old term papers from her roommate are both examples of plagiarists.

The issue of academic dishonesty and plagiarism is a hot discussion item because of the recent controversy over plagiarism in tiny Piper, Kan. The Piper situation has received attention from the national news networks as well as The New York Times, The Washington Post, even The London Times.

Twenty-eight of Christine Pelton's sophomores at Piper High School were caught plagiarizing an assignment that was worth 50 percent of their grade. All 28 of the students were given zeroes on the assignment, causing them to fail the course.

But parents complained, and the Piper school board ordered Pelton to ease up. The board asked that Pelton give students partial credit, and drop the assignment to 30 percent of their final grade. Pelton refused, resigning from the district.

Is academic dishonesty a problem at McPherson College? Yes, say some faculty, but probably not any more so among today's college students than among previous generations.

"Chiseling on academic papers isn't new, although some people who talk about plagiarism often manage to sound as if it were," said Tom Halliburton, English.



Illustration by Rebecca Stover

Halliburton cited an 1895 quote from Bertrand Russell that said his friend Harold Joachim, teaching at Merton College in Oxford, "catches (his students) in copying passages out of books when they are supposed to do papers of their own."

Though it's an old problem, plagiarism remains an issue in all types of school systems. And the Piper High School case proves that plagiarism needs to be dealt with in a way that all parties can agree upon.

As an institution, McPherson College officially supports harsh penalties for students who plagiarize. The student handbook's policy on "Academic Integrity/Plagiarism" says, "Strict honesty is funda-

mental to education. The college expects that both student and teachers will be honest in all their academic dealings."

It is important that students know what plagiarism is because those found guilty of plagiarism can be dealt with harshly. In fact, the college policy outlined in the student handbook states: "A student who is guilty of academic dishonesty can be failed on the project or failed in the course. In extreme cases, or if a pattern of dishonesty is evident, a student can be suspended from the college."

What is plagiarism? The handbook then explains, "Academic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to) cheating on tests, turning in others' work as your own, and sub-

mitting false reports about required activities."

Kim Stanley, English, and Kelly Frigard, art, are among faculty who emphasize the teachers' role in helping students avoid plagiarism.

"Some of the problem is that students don't know what plagiarism is," Frigard said.

Frigard gives students her definition of plagiarism, which is "borrowing something like a direct quote or a very close paraphrase and not giving credit to the source." Frigard also displays examples that cite sources and asks for photocopies of the sources themselves.

"I explain it not only to help students, but to cover myself," Frigard says.

Stanley pointed out that "a

teacher can cut down on plagiarism by making assignments that are hard to plagiarize and reading a lot of the students' writing during the semester."

Clarity was one of Stanley's suggestions for combating the problem.

"An assignment can almost ask for plagiarism if it's too vague, or if students don't understand it, or if student don't feel they are able to do it," Stanley said.

Many plagiarizers don't realize how easy it is for faculty to spot plagiarized papers.

"It's like someone's signature, but the tough part is proving it," Frigard said.

Most of the time students admit to their guilt immediately, Frigard said. She never

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Time for Tuesday night movies again! Cinema IV Theaters

The Time Machine

Rated: PG-13
(1:45) 9:25 p.m.

Scientist and inventor Alexander Hartdegen is determined to prove that time travel is possible. His determination is turned to despair by a personal tragedy that now drives him to want to change the past. Testing his theories with a time machine of his own, Hartdegen is hurtled 800,000 years into the future, where he discovers that mankind has divided into the hunter... and the hunted.

Based on the classic science fiction novel by H.G. Wells, 'The Time Machine' stars Guy Pearce ("Momento," "L.A. Confidential") in the role of Alexander Hartdegen. Making her feature film debut, Dublin born singer/songwriter Samantha Mumba stars opposite Pearce as Mara, the woman who befriends Hartdegen in the distant future. The international cast also includes Orlando Jones ("Evolution"), Mark Addy ("The Full Monty"), Sienna Guillory ("Kiss Kiss Bang Bang"), Phyllida Law ("Saving Grace"), and Academy Award winner Jeremy Irons ("Die Hard With a Vengeance").

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A Beautiful Mind

Rated: PG-13
(2:20) 9:20 p.m.

Imagine Entertainment presents 'A Beautiful Mind,' a human drama about the struggle of a true genius, inspired by events in the life of John Forbes Nash, Jr., and in part based on the bibliography "A Beautiful Mind" by Sylvia Nasar. The film stars Oscar winner Russell Crowe ("Gladiator"), Oscar nominee Ed Harris ("Pollock," "Apollo 13"), Jennifer Connelly ("Requiem For A Dream") and Paul Bettany ("A Knight's Tale").

A mathematical genius, John Forbes Nash, Jr. (Russell Crowe) made an astonishing discovery early in life and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But his prodigious career was sidetracked by problems that would have broken many men. Nash, however, fought back. He had always been driven by his quest for one truly original idea and never lost sight of that dream. After many years of struggle, he triumphed over tragedy and literally changed the world.

We Were Soldiers

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On Sunday, Nov 14, 1965 at 10:48 a.m., Lt. Col. Hal Moore and his young troopers touched down at Landing Zone X-Ray in the Ia Drang (pronounced: Eye Drang) Valley, a place in Vietnam known as "The Valley of Death." A man of his word, Lt. Col. Moore set foot on the field of battle first only to find himself and approximately 400 of his men surrounded by roughly 2000 North Vietnamese soldiers. The ensuing battle was one of the most savage in U.S. history, and the first major encounter between the soldiers of North Vietnam and America. "We Were Soldiers" is a tribute to the nobility and uncommon valor of those men under fire. It honors their loyalty to their country and to each other, and it brings to light the heroism and unimaginable sacrifice of men and women both home and abroad. "We Were Soldiers" is a Paramount Pictures and an Icon Productions Presentation. The film stars Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe, Greg Kinnear, Sam Elliott, Chris Klein, Keri Russell and Barry Pepper.

Dragonfly

Rated: PG-13
(2) 8:50 p.m.

As head of emergency services for Chicago Memorial Hospital, Dr. Joe Darrow (Kevin Costner) is a respected expert in trauma and triage. But his professional knowledge provides little comfort when tragedy claims the life of his wife. A doctor herself, Emily Darrow (Susanna Thompson) was on a medical mercy mission when she died in a bus accident on a remote mountain road in Venezuela.

Reminders of Emily are everywhere, among them images of dragonflies, her personal totem because of a birthmark on her shoulder. And then there are Emily's former patients in the pediatric oncology ward. Joe promised to look in on them when Emily left for Venezuela, and now finds that they offer a surprising link to her.

To the kids, Darrow is not a burned-out ER doc, but rather 'Emily's Joe.' And as some of these young patients survive near-death experiences, Joe begins to believe that Emily is trying to communicate with him — from the other side.

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Students voice what to do about declining retention

Lindsay Krehbiel
Spectator Staff

Retention woes have plagued McPherson College in recent years. Under new interim president Neil Thorburn, the college is undertaking vigorous efforts to turn retention trends around.

It appears to be a campus-wide opinion that Mac College is in dire need of some changes.

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In an unscientific Spectator survey, students voiced their opinions about how the school could encourage students to finish their education here. Some of the more common improvements that students suggested might encourage them to continue at the college included increased scholarships, later library hours, more successful sports programs, a larger student population and easier transferability of credits hours, both in and out.

One student commented on the lack of a 24-hour place that students could meet to study and eat. Some suggested keeping the Doghouse open all night.

"All I really want is a 24-hour place that serves food or drinks. A snack bar or a coffee shop—anything where I can go and hang-out," said Kate Smith, jr. San Antonio, Texas. Such a place was available a few years ago when the Happy Chef, a 24-hour restaurant, was still in business.

"Happy Chef was great because you could sit for hours and just drink coffee. You had a place to go when you had nothing to do instead of driving to truck stops in Salina," said Dale Wullenschneider, sr. Burlingame.

Other student suggestions



Amy Wilhite



Yvette Segura



Kate Smith



Shelly Hullnsky

for improving retention included putting more money into programs to make them more appealing to students, keeping programs instead of cutting them, and even bringing back programs such as men's and women's soccer that were cut last year.

"First, lower the price of tuition and provide more activities. Provide more courses also," said Chenise Robinson, sr. Oklahoma City, Okla.

Other suggestions included placing pool and ping pong tables in the dorm lobbies, instead of just the Doghouse.

The two answers that appeared on almost every survey were lack of financial aid and the quality of the cafeteria food. However, some students are simply unhappy with everything about the college.

"The school doesn't push for anything new, and we don't have any traditions," said Jemeel Adams, soph., Wichita.

Adams feels that the administration doesn't help enough

with internships or jobs.

"Nobody pushes for student activities, and there's nothing to do after I'm done with my homework. Nobody wants to work with you on financial aid, either," Adams said.

Considering the \$17,700 price tag to attend here, many don't think their education is worth the cost. Students perceive that tuition keeps increasing, but the quality of their education doesn't increase at the same rate.

A common question was, "Where is all of my money going?" Students haven't seen improvements in the dorms, the computer labs, or any other campus building.

Several students indicated they would appreciate knowing exactly how their tuition dollars are spent. Many students believe academic achievement is not adequately rewarded with scholarship aid. They perceive that athletes get more and bigger scholarships. Though finan-

cial aid is need-based, some who don't get much of it feel they are being cheated.

"My sister and I both attend school here," Amy Wilhite, fr., Branson, Missouri. "There are several people here that I know receive more financial aid for just themselves than my sister and I combined."

Survey results indicate that students would like to see a return to a greater focus on academics, along with stronger sports programs, creating a more well rounded atmosphere. Yet they seemed more concerned about academics as a whole. Surveys suggested that students would respond positively to higher academic standards for both present students and prospective students.

The area most frequently cited as needing improvement, however, is food served in the cafeteria. Some students are puzzled about why they must be on a meal plan just because they live in the dorms.

"I think it's ridiculous that you are forced to pay so much to have a meal plan, and it's not even that good," said Shelly Hullnsky, fr. Wamego. "You can't even take an extra orange or an apple with you, and you've technically already paid for it. Besides wasting money I've already paid by not eating in the cafeteria, I spend more to go out."

Many students said their diets consist primarily of cold cereal.

"The only time I like the cafeteria is when they serve pasta. Other than that, I eat cereal. I use the microwave a lot, usually about four times a week, and then I eat out about twice a week," said Yvette Segura, soph., Brownsville, Texas.

After 32 years, librarian Rowena Olsen says it is just time to leave

Dennis Pfeiff
Spectator Staff



This picture of Rowena Olsen appeared in the 1972 McPherson yearbook, three years before becoming the head librarian.

For 32 years, Rowena Olsen has been a part of Miller Library. That long term of service will draw to close this summer, when Olsen retires.

Olsen's work began in the fall of 1970 as the assistant librarian. In 1975, when Mrs. Harris, the head librarian left, Olsen was asked to fill in as librarian and accepted the position.

"I thought I'd only be here for four of five years," said Olsen, "but I liked the people, both in the community and the faculty."

Olsen said the greatest change in library services during her tenure has been with the use of computers.

In 1975, Miller Library received its first computer. Today, the library has over 20 computers used for research, searching the library's collection, administration, and other tasks.

"Computers are a great help," Olsen said, "especially for smaller colleges that can't afford to order all of the academic magazines and books of larger colleges. I am very enthusiastic about the full-text article searches that we now have access to. Many of the students put them to good use."

However, Olsen does fear that students will misuse the material that they can access.

"My greatest worry is that with the Internet, students aren't always inclined to check the value of the information they find, and in some cases, it has made it much easier for people to plagiarize," said Olsen.

Olsen also talked about the changes scheduled to take place in Miller Library over the summer on the main floor. The library will be getting a makeover, including the addition of a coffee bar.

"Everything on the main floor has to be moved before Memorial Day," said Olsen. "It is going to be a lot of work, but we've already started on some of it."

Olsen's last official day is July 31, 2002. She is planning to use her vacation time, however, so her last day at the college will be sometime in late June.

After her retirement, Olsen plans on working on some projects that she has accumulated over the years.

"My family history will be a major project after I leave here," Olsen said. "My father's family history is well documented, but my mother's family history seems to have been written according to what people said."

Part of her quest in researching her family history is to shed some light on some of the family mysteries.

Besides working on family history, Olsen plans on doing a lot of reading that she has put off, doing some traveling with a friend and doing volunteer work with the Salvation Army and Meals on Wheels.

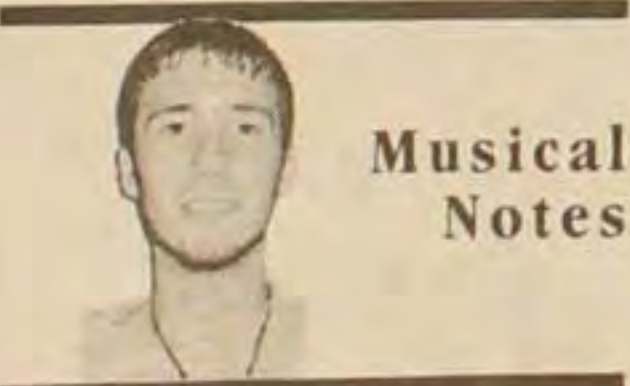
"These organizations have helped people close to me," Olsen said. "I feel that it is only right to give some of my time to help them help others."

Susan Taylor, formerly associate provost for instructional resources, will assume the position of head librarian next fall.

Critics say The Strokes "Is This It" quite possibly the next "big thing"

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The Strokes
"Is This It"
Produced by Gordon Raphael
RCA Records 2001



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Musical Notes

New York City is well known in rock n' roll history for being in the spotlight for new music trends. It is quite possibly most known in music circles for being the birthplace of punk rock. It's home to a club in the downtown area called C.B.G.B.'s, where several big bands such as Talking Heads, Blondie, and The Ramones, have played shortly before making their break.

Also coming from New York City comes a young quintet called "The Strokes." The sound this band puts out does seem very influenced by the punk rock that was played throughout New York City 20 years ago.

The music is simple, honest, and easy to enjoy.

One thing that separates this album from most any rock record today is the distinct style in which it was recorded. It doesn't sound like the music has been mixed or overdubbed at all. It sounds as if the band walked into the studio, recorded some songs, slapped it on a CD and thought it was good to copy and release to the public.

Julian Casablancas' vocals blend in perfectly with the feel of the music. Whether he's singing about the struggle to find answers in life or singing

about nothing in particular, his simplified music style makes people believe they can be a rock n' roll star.

Guitarists Nick Valensi and Albert Hammond Jr. slap listeners across the face with two unique styles of guitar playing. Valensi's high and often distorted chord progressions lay the groundwork for Hammond's articulated and often dissonant rhythms and solos. The result leaves listeners wanting to know what to expect next.

Bassist Nikolai Fraiture is frequently hidden underneath a barrage of other instruments wanting to grab your attention. But when Fraiture plays apart from everyone else around him, he sticks out like a sore thumb, and you'll love him for it. The subtle bass lines in the album have an undeniable hook and hold their punch amongst all the other instru-

ments trying to drown it out.

Drummer Fabrizio Moretti plays an ever-changing and unpredictable beat to every song, but he doesn't play a single fill in the record. The drum line is not played to catch attention, instead, Moretti's beat brings simple order to the music. Lyrically, the record expresses emotions to which anyone can easily relate. All songs are riddled with the confusion and anxiety of growing up in this world.

"Barely Legal" is a perfect example of how this confusion is expressed. With lyrics like, "I just want to turn you down/ Oh, you ain't got nothing I want, but.../ I want it all/ I just can't figure out.../ Nothin'," you can't reject these guys from not sincerely feeling what they play and write. The song title is fitting since each band member is between the ages



of 21 and 23. "Hard to Explain" talks of the common ambitions that can drive someone to do something that nobody can understand. "I missed the last bus, I'll take the next train/ I try but you see, it's hard to explain/ I say the right things, but act the wrong way/ I like it right here, but I cannot stay." The Strokes' popularity has exploded over the past year. The band is a big favorite over in England, and their popularity in the United States is

growing at a seemingly exponential rate. Some critics believe that this young band could quite possibly be the next "big thing." Be on the look out for this band, for they may be difficult to stay away from in the years to come.

Official Website: www.thestrokes.com
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Four Bulldog basketball players capture All KCAC recognition

Carol Swenson
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Erica Alvarez, a sophomore forward from Brownsville, Texas, was named to the 2002 All-KCAC (Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference) women's basketball first team in a unanimous vote by the conference's coaches.

Alvarez led the conference in regular-season free throw percentage, hitting 81.9 percent of her free throw attempts. She finished the regular season ranked second in the KCAC in scoring and sixth in total field goal percentage. She finished her sophomore year averaging 17.9 points, 6.7 rebounds, 1.3 assists, 1.8 steals, and 1.1 blocked shots per game.

"Erica has really developed as a basketball player in her two years at McPherson," said head coach Mel Wright. "She came to us as a great athlete. She has learned to play within her limitations and knows where to go with the ball when we get it to her on the inside."

Wright predicts Alvarez will continue to be a primary contributor in conference play.

"With added strength, she should be one of the top two players in the conference over the next two years."

This year, Alvarez was the lead scorer in 18 games, including a string of nine consecutive conference games in which she scored 20 or more points. Her season high scoring performance was 28 points against then No. 4 ranked Sterling College.

She was also named the KCAC "Player of the Week" for January 20-26. In that week she averaged 23.3 points and 7.3 rebounds while shooting 60 percent from the floor and a perfect 100 percent from the line in McPherson's three wins.

Alvarez also led the Lady



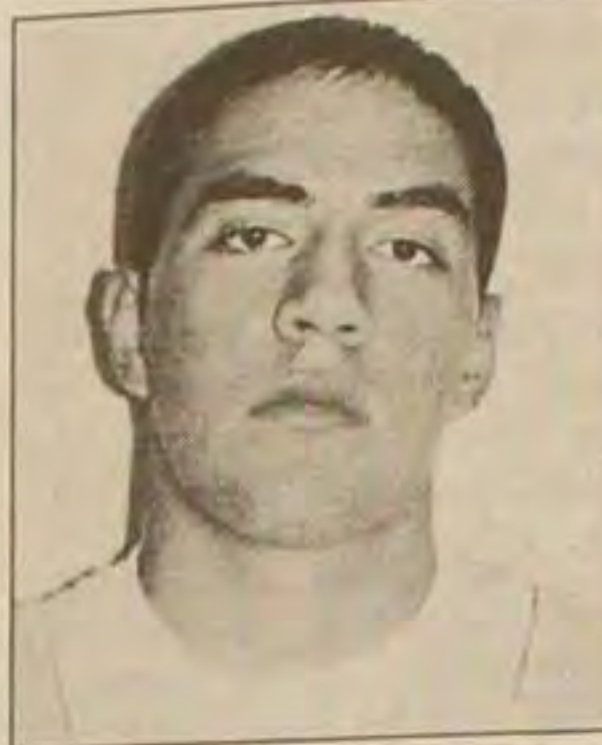
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Bulldogs in rebounding eight times, including a season high 16 rebounds against Ottawa University.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season with a 17-10 overall record including a 12-6 KCAC mark, good for fourth place. Five of McPherson's conference losses came to either Sterling College, currently ranked No. 2 NAIA Division II and Bethany College, ranked No. 11 nationally.

Jessica Bond, senior center, Colcord, Okla., was named to the All-KCAC honorable mention women's basketball team for the second straight year. Bond finished the regular season ranked third in the KCAC in free throw percentage, hitting 79.7 percent of her attempts. She also pulled down 7.0 rebounds per game during the regular season to rank ninth in the KCAC. Bond finished the year averaging 9.6 points per game, hitting 42.7

percent of her field goal attempts and 77.6 percent of her free throws.

"We are really going to miss Jessica next season. She is one of the most intense players I've ever had," Wright said. "She knows what needs to be done on floor, and she'll really battle."

Wright is impressed with Bond's improvement and how well she balances her life on and off the court.

"Jessica is really an outstanding young lady. In addition to going to school and playing ball, she's married, is raising a little boy, and holding down a full-time job. They don't come better than that," Wright said.

Bond led McPherson in rebounding 14 times. Her season highs were 12 rebounds against Central Christian College, 16 points, four assists, and five blocks against then No. 4 ranked Sterling College.

Bond had five scoring-rebounding double-doubles during the regular season.

Sharla Odhams, junior guard, Memphis, Texas, was also named to the 2002 All-KCAC honorable mention women's basketball team. Odhams ranked fifth in the conference in assist average, handing out 3.68 assists per game. She also ranked eighth in the KCAC in total field goal percentage during the regular season as she connected on 47.5 percent of her attempts.

"Sharla's defense was a key to our success this season," Wright said. "She created a lot of offense for us with her quickness and pressure."

Wright said that Odhams is still learning, and he looks for improvement in next season's competitions.

"She is still learning there are times to make the pass and other times not to force it. Given another season of maturity, she has the tools to be the best point guard in the conference next year," Wright said.

Odhams led McPherson College in scoring four times, and had a season high 20 points and nine assists against Tabor College in the KCAC post-season tournament. She pulled down a season high nine rebounds against Bethel College, passed out a high of nine assists twice, against Haskell Indian Nations and Tabor College, and came up with a high of nine steals against Ottawa University.

Jose Morales, Turon, Kansas, junior guard, was named to the 2002 All-KCAC honorable mention men's basketball team. Morales ranked among the KCAC's regular season top 10 in scoring (13.8 points per game for 10th) and three-point field goal percentage (eighth at 38.6 percent).

"We had recruited Jose coming out of Langdon-Fairfield," said McPherson College head coach Roger Trimmell, "but he decided he wanted to go another way at that time. We're just real glad he decided to join us for his final two years of eligibility."

According to Trimmell, Morales brought the Bulldog squad a level of maturity they needed on the court.

"He has given us a legitimate three-point scoring threat, something we lacked," Trimmell said.

With this season behind him, Trimmell expects Mirales to be even more competitive next year.

"We look for Jose to step up and be one of the best guards in the conference next year," Trimmell said.

Morales led the Bulldogs in scoring five times during the 2001-02 season, and scored a season high 20 points against four different opponents (Doane College, Southwestern College, Tabor College, and Kansas Wesleyan University). His 14.0 points per game scoring average for the season ranked second among his teammates.

He grabbed a season high nine rebounds against Central Christian College while averaging 3.7 per game, and he dished off four assists against Haskell Indian Nations and Bethel College. Final season statistics showed Morales with a total field goal percentage of 46.8 percent including 39.4 percent from three-point range. He also was successful on 74.6 percent of his free throw attempts.

McPherson College's men got off to a 9-2 start and were ranked 16th nationally in the mid-December, NAIA Division II polls. That national ranking was the first for McPherson College in coach Roger Trimmell's 20 years as head coach. Following a 32-day long semester/holiday break, the Bulldogs dropped 12 of 17 games and finished the year with a 14-15 season record, including eight losses by four points or less.

All-Star Tourney set for next Saturday

Carol Swenson
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The 19th annual Central Kansas All-Star basketball games are set for Saturday, March 16.

"This is a good recruiting tool for the college."

—Roger Trimmell

The girls will practice Saturday afternoon, then have a meal in the cafeteria around 4 p.m. The boys will practice after the girls and eat around 5 p.m.

Following the meal, the girls' game will tip-off at 6 p.m., and the boys' game will follow around 7:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"This is a good recruiting tool for the college," said event founder and boys' director Roger Trimmell. "This even gets about 40 high school seniors and their parents on campus for the day."

This year, for the first time in a long time, McPherson College students won't be on spring break. Event coordinators believe that having students here will make it even better.

"We got seven recruits out of the game last year," added girls' director Mel Wright. "We may have gotten them anyway, but having them on campus, letting them get a feel for it and our program, that was the capper."

Lady 'Dogs premiere today in Salina



Kim Taylor releases a pitch in practice at the practice football field on campus. Taylor, a first year member of the Lady 'Dog softball team, is scheduled to start the third game of today's tournament in Salina.

Elissa Thompson
Editor in Chief

Snow and ice delayed the official opening of the Lady Bulldog softball season last weekend, when the Friends'

tournament was cancelled, delaying the Lady 'Dogs' season opener to today in a tournament in Salina. "I have no idea what to expect," said head coach Mike McCormick.

Bad weather hassles softball team, leads to indoor practices and the cancellation of Wichita tournament

"We're going to learn as we play. We're short-handed, but we have good girls"

—Coach Mike McCormick

The Lady 'Dogs play their opening game this morning at 11 against Concordia, Neb. They then play Doane College at 2 p.m. and Iowa Wesleyan at 5 p.m. On Saturday, the women play Huron, S.D., at 10 a.m. and Hastings, Neb., at 2 p.m. McPherson has never encountered these teams in previous competition.

The team will compete with 10 players because Julie Greep and A.J. Willour are both out with injuries. Willour sprained her ankle this week, and after having surgery in July, Greep re-injured her ACL, when her foot got caught and her knee hyper-extended.

"A.J. could be back, but we won't know about Julie until Friday," McCormick said.

McCormick plans to start Metapony "Tappy" Collette or Tara Switzer at the mound in the Bulldog's first game. Whoever doesn't pitch against Concordia will start the Doane College game, and Kim Tay-

lor will lead off in third competition.

"I'm excited to finally get to play a game," Switzer said.

The team has had to make some adjustments in game and practice scheduling because of the weather.

"We haven't gotten to do what we wanted to," McCormick said.

However, the girls are ready to play.

"I'm excited. All this practice and no games. I'm ready," said Amber Ontiveroz.

Though they haven't played an official game, the Lady 'Dogs did defeat Central Christian College in a scrimmage on Tuesday.

"We had a lot of bright spots," McCormick said.

The Lady 'Dogs excelled on defense, allowing only one run. The scrimmage proved to be a confidence builder for the team.

"Our hitting has improved immensely," Greep said.

Though the team doesn't know what to expect this weekend, they are going into competition with good attitudes.

"We're going to learn as we play," McCormick said. "We're short-handed, but we have good girls."

Intramurals supply athletic outlet for campus community



Dave "Big D" Hoffman and Dannie "Nightcrawler" Gutierrez battle under the basket for possession in an intramural game on Sunday, Feb. 28. R.J. Davis observes as referee. Gutierrez's team went on to victory in a 30-point blowout.

Rinehart nabs second at Red River Raceway

Elizabeth Stover
Spectator Staff

Neal Rinehart is a drag-racer.

That may bring up a mental image of Greased Lightning and leather jackets. Other more ESPN-savvy readers may already see the lights on the start tree flash green and smell burning rubber of tires on the track. Originally from Ruston, Louisiana, Rinehart races at the Red River Raceway in Shreveport.

"I've been in it my whole life. My dad introduced it together and we attended the races together every weekend," Rinehart said.

Rinehart is a freshman in the Automotive Restoration program. He plans on returning home after graduation to work with his father in their restoration shop.

"It's the same guys every weekend. You get to know them and they expect you to be there. It's pretty fun," Rinehart said.

On a typical weekend, races begin Friday night and last all day Saturday. First all competitors run time trials and then eliminations begin. Races may be 1/4 mile to 1/8 miles in length.

"You're racing yourself more than the other person. It's a challenge to go out and win," Rinehart said.

While most drag racers don't keep track of their win/loss record, Rinehart's personal record for the quarter mile race is 12:09 seconds, reaching speeds of 113 miles per hour.



photo by Janette Flory

Neal Rinehart leaves his opponents to chew the rubber on his tires, as he speeds into second place at Red River Raceway in Shreveport, La., last May. Rinehart has not been able to race since he came to Kan. to pursue a degree in Auto Restoration. "I miss it a lot. You now how it is whenever you do something every weekend and you can't do it."

When he began racing three years ago, Rinehart bought a black and white Chevy Camaro already formatted for racing but with no motor. A lot of work goes into creating a dragster.

"My car is under construction 99 percent of the time. I've done most of the work on it," Rinehart said.

Rinehart estimates that he has put around \$15,000-\$20,000 into drag racing.

"Some races they pay back to the sixteenth place. In the class I'm in now, you could win between \$1,500 and \$300," Rinehart said.

Drag racing is divided into four classes: motorcycle, trophy street, sportsman, and superpro. Rinehart is planning to upgrade his car from sportsman class racing, in which the cars have no electronics, to the superpro class. In superpro, the car is started by com-

puter as opposed to simply putting the pedal to the metal. With the new class, prize money also increases.

"In superpro, the start depends on your reaction time. I'll have to practice it a while to be any good," Rinehart said.

Rinehart also plans to switch fuels soon. He currently uses a 112 octane race gasoline. From his three-gallon fuel cell, Rinehart estimates that he could race four times.

"That's horrible gas mileage, but that's not really what I'm worried about. I'm fixin' to switch to nitrous [oxide] soon," Rinehart said.

Rinehart does not attest to any pre-racing rituals or lucky practices. He does however stress the importance of safety.

"There's lots of technical inspections. Roll cages and ev-



Rinehart

everything have to be certified," Rinehart said.

With his car back home in Ruston, Rinehart hasn't raced since the summer.

"I miss it a lot. You know how it is whenever you do something every weekend and you can't do it. I know there are some local tracks I could go watch, but that just makes me miss it that much more."

Women's basketball finishes with best record in 20 years

Rebecca Stover
Spectator Staff

After a disappointing loss against Sterling, the Lady Bulldog basketball season was complete. The team finished fourth in the conference with a 12-6 record. Altogether, however, the team finished with a total of 16 wins and nine losses- their best record in 20 years.

"We had a very dedicated group of players that had a 'refuse to lose' attitude," remarked head coach Mel Wright. "They only lost two games on our home court and both of these games were to nationally-ranked teams."

Tammy Drescher, a sophomore from Bryan, Texas, felt that the team improved greatly from last year.

"We had more talent and Coach recognized who needed to be in certain positions to benefit the team best," Drescher said.

The team's season officially ended when Sterling defeated the Lady Dogs 67-84. Erica Alvarez led the team with 19 points and 8 rebounds. Amy Gremmer and Ba Ba Robinson both sat out due to injuries.

Starting the season off strong with 21 girls, injury and other factors depleted that number to about 12 solid players by the last game of the season.

"We had a good season, but all the injuries made it really hard. With everyone healthy, we could have done a lot better," Alvarez said.

The Sterling loss was difficult for everyone, but it was especially hard for those who couldn't play do to injury.

"That hurt. All I could do was sit on the bench and watch. That's not the way I wanted to finish the season," Robinson said.

As a team, however, the internal workings were smooth.

"It started off rocky with placements and getting to know one another," commented Jennifer Moody, a freshman from Bartlesville, Okla. "but as the season progressed it got a lot better in terms of unity and clicking as a team."

Robinson added, "Practices and bus rides will probably be the most memorable things about this season. We managed to work hard while also becoming more of a family. It was a nice balance."

With a predicted seventh place rank at the opening of the season, the varsity women were proud to prove them wrong by capturing fourth place. Sterling, Bethany, and

Southwestern filled the top three standing respectively. The Bulldogs led the conference with their 73 percent free-throw percentage and were third in offensive average, scoring margin, and total field goal percentage. They also finished fifth in three-point percentage, seventh in defensive average, and eighth in rebounding margin.

Alvarez led the conference with her 81.9 percent accuracy from the free-throw line, scoring 104 points, while Jessica Bond, a senior from Colcord, Okla., was ranked third with 79.7 percent.

Alvarez was the second leading scorer in the league, averaging 18 points per game for a total of 450 points on the season. Alvarez was also sixth in the conference for shooting making 48 percent from the field.

Sharla Odhams, a junior from Memphis, Texas, came in eighth in field goal percentages, making 47.5 percent of her attempts. Odhams and Amber Jackson, jr., Camden, Ark., were fifth and seventh respectively in average assists. Odhams averaged 3.68 and Jackson averaged 3.4 assists per game. Bond placed ninth in rebounding, combining her 7 boards a game average to make a total of 175 this season.

Team standings show Alvarez on top with making 47.8 percent of her field goal attempts. Bond and Alvarez brought down the most rebounds, and Odhams die-hard defense commanded an average of 4 steals a game for a total of 100 steals in the season. Odhams also racked up an average of 4 assists per game, followed by Jackson, who averaged 3.5.

The Lady Bulldogs felt good about this season, but all believe that there are things they could have done better. They are excited for next year with confidence that they will go farther and strive for a chance at Nationals. Gremmer feels that attitude will play a huge part in the team's success.

"Our team has a lot of potential. It's up to us if we take advantage of it or not," Gremmer said.

Coach Wright was very pleased with the girls on and off the court this year.

"It was truly a privilege and a pleasure to coach these young ladies. Although we had a good season we are not satisfied, so we are going to work hard and take another step up next year. I am excited with all of the experienced and young players we have returning, so I have high expectations for 2002-2003."

Track season opens next week

Track Schedule

- Southwestern College Invitational March 14
- McPherson College Open/ACCK Invite March 23
- Tabor College Invitational April 17
- Southwestern College Invitational April 27
- KCAC Championships May 3-4
- NAIA Mid-State Championships May 11
- NAIA National Championships May 23-25

Kerstin Heist and Ashley Willhite sprint a 200-meter drill in practice on Tuesday. The Bulldog track season will open next Thursday.



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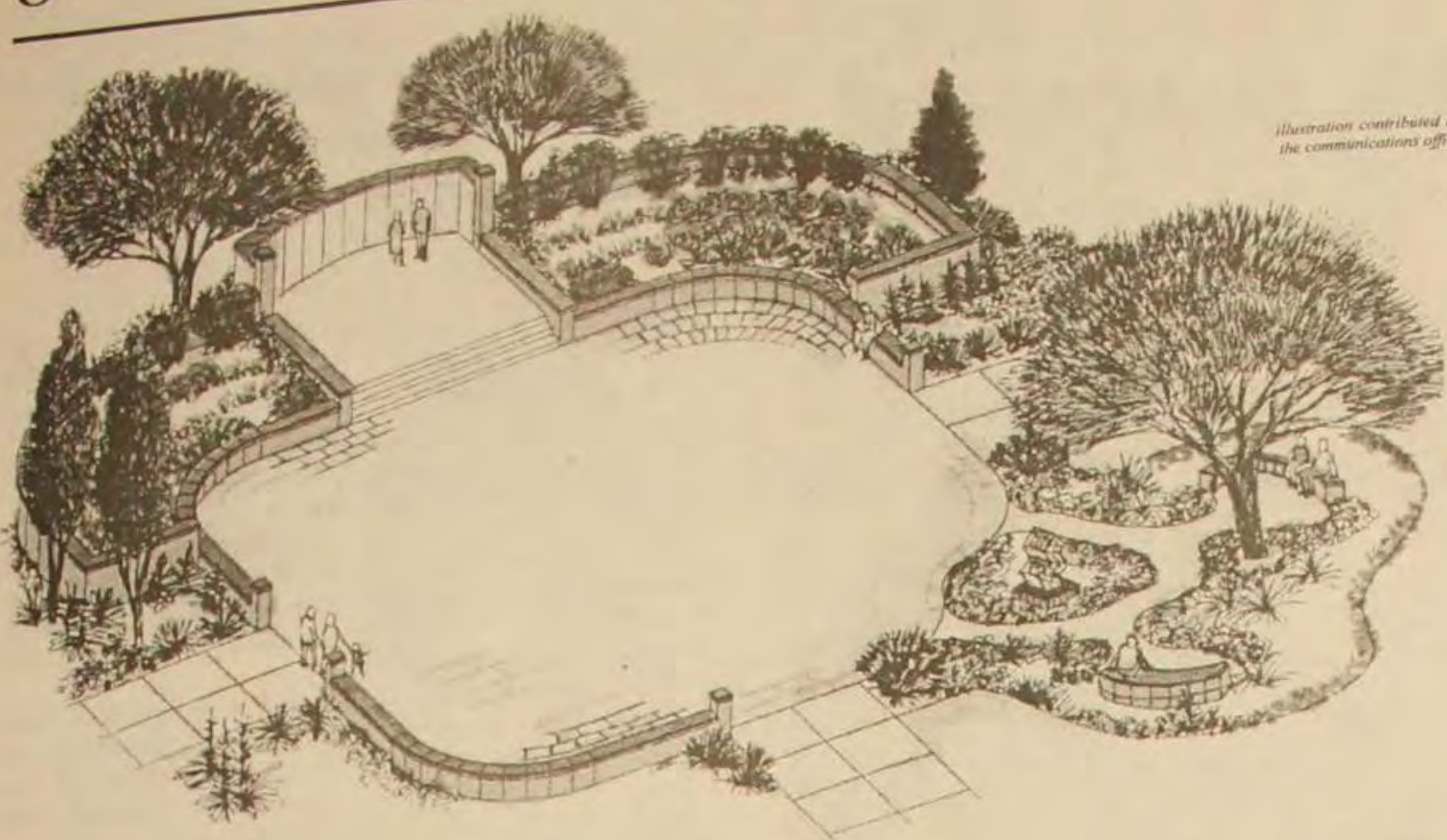


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ated directly west of Melhorn Science Hall, the location of Harnly Hall, the former home of McPherson College sciences. The gardens will serve as a memorial to Harnly Hall, which Knechel said was a significant building on campus and one that many alumni have memories of it.

With the interest of the Harnly family and the belief that the college will be able to find funding, the board has now approved the proposal for Harnly Gardens. It will allow the college to proceed with fundraising for the project.

According to Knechel, Harnly Gardens will be like an outdoor classroom. It will have a stage area where performances can be held and will also

This is a rendering of what Harnly Gardens should look like when it is completed. Harnly Gardens will be at the site of the old Harnly Science Hall, directly west of Melhorn Science Hall.

allow people to sit and read or reflect.

"It will be an asset to students and the college community," Knechel said.

Knechel said the first step for fundraising is to contact the Harnly family. He also plans to talk to people who have expressed interest in giving memorials to help with the project. Knechel said the college might also sell paving bricks as another means of raising funds.

In another board action, two faculty members, Laura Eells, sociology, and Mel Wright, physical education, were awarded tenure. Eells was promoted to associate professor of sociology and Wright to professor of physical education.

Al Dutrow, agriculture, was granted sabbatical leave next year.

The preliminary budget for the 2002-03 school year was approved, as was a new energy management program that will allow the college to be more efficient with its use of energy.

Another issue that the board discussed was putting more emphasis on the service part of the college's mission statement. According to President Neil Thorburn, this would include encouraging students to do internships in the community and to begin work on career planning during the freshman year.

There were also reports on the reviews of three programs,

speech and theatre, physical science and teacher education. The college plans to offer only the theatre major in the future, but will still offer the classes that were part of the speech and theatre major, including those required for teacher certification.

In addition to making changes on campus, the trustees also made changes in the board itself. It elected Tom Brubaker as the new vice-chair and named Alferdeen Brown Harrison, Tim Cox and Rosalea Grove Cox as new trustees. Harrison is a professor of history at Jackson State University and is a 1961 graduate of McPherson College. Tim Cox, the dining service coordinator at Oklahoma State University, is a 1982 graduate. His wife, Rosalea is the financial aid advisor at the same university and is a 1983 graduate.

Rolls-Royce endows fund

Luke Chennell
Opinions Editor

The Rolls-Royce Foundation recently established a \$20,000 endowed scholarship fund to benefit the college's auto restoration program.

The grant was made in response to a proposal submitted by the Presidents' National Advisory Board on Auto Restoration. The endowed fund will provide annual investment revenue that will finance a scholarship towards the tuition of one auto restoration student each year.

"An endowment scholarship really looks toward the future," said Robert Vaughn, director of automotive restoration technology. "It makes sense to take capital and build on it in order that we can have a scholarship every year and not have to reapply to the foundation each year."

Vaughn stressed that the interest accrued from the investment of the endowment would fund the scholarship, not the endowment money itself.

The scholarship will be awarded each year to a student who is interested in the history and restoration of Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars. Bentley is a sister car to Rolls-Royce, the

two having merged in 1932. Annually, one student showing an aptitude in these cars will be chosen to receive the scholarship. The student may also receive aid in finding an internship for the summer.

The Rolls-Royce Foundation is "interested in getting students working on Rolls-Royces," said Bob Knechel, advancement. "Internships are a good way to invest in the future of the college. What students do at an internship can reflect positively on the image of the college."

The summer internship might range from a paid stipend to a regular paying job between the students' freshman and sophomore years in auto restoration, Knechel said.

The founding of the internship has also created interest in the restoration program toward working on Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars. Vaughn and Knechel recently traveled to Indiana to explore the possibilities for securing a mid-thirties Rolls-Royce drive train for students to restore.

The scholarship was a product of negotiations between the Presidents' National Advisory Board on Auto Restoration and the Rolls-Royce Foundation. Roger Morrison, board member, and John W. de Campi, chairman of the Charitable Activities and Publications Committee of the Rolls-Royce Foundation, worked closely to establish the scholarship.

Nicklos inspired by Tomlin

Kerstin Heist
Spectator Staff

Inspired by one of America's foremost comediennes, actress Lily Tomlin, Katie Sue Nicklos has chosen Jane Wagner's 1986 award-winning play, "Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," as her senior project. Tomlin recently revived the show on Broadway and on tour.

"I saw it in Denver and in New York with Lily Tomlin in it and I wanted to do it not only because it's fun, but also because of its message," said Nicklos, sr., La Junta, Colo. "It's a lot of things about the 70s, and it makes you think about your life, your place in life and also in how far it affects other people's lives," Nicklos said.

The play is about a bag lady who can see parts of people's lives. She talks to aliens she and the aliens are trying to find intelligent life.

"There are other characters, I play them all, but I don't want to tell too much," Nicklos said.

With bag lady Trudy as the narrator and guide to the miracles of the universe, Wagner created a witty, talking-to-herself lady who introduces the audience to the other characters.

"I was used to one character, and it's been a challenge to do all the characters, to have a dialogue with myself, and to see what is going on inside my brain," Nicklos said.

Though it's fun now, the hardest part for Nicklos was



photo contributed by Katie Sue Nicklos

Nicklos meets Tomlin in New York after attending one of Tomlin's performances during January 2001.

memorizing it. She is now confident about her performance.

"I know what to expect because I'm the only person who is doing it," Nicklos said.

Nicklos' one-woman-show is directed by Rick Tyler, theatre. Chris Curran, sr., Loma, Colo., is in charge of lights and Nichole Williams, jr., Centralia, is in charge of sound. Stage manager is Lois Davidson, fr., Mont Ida.

Though Tyler and Nicklos asked the production company last summer, the project was put on hold.

"We could not get the rights because Lily Tomlin is still touring with the play, so, after all the preparation that was the most frustrating thing," Nick-

ols said. "Then Lily Tomlin called. We did not expect her to call, but she did, and she and Jane Wagner gave their agreement to the college production."

Nicklos was ecstatic when Tomlin personally gave the performance permission.

Nicklos was relieved that she had been given the green light for her performance. The production will be March 15, 16, 22 and 23, at 8 p.m. in Mingenback Theatre.

"It's a real feel good play, a play where you go away thinking," Nicklos said.

Students who want to see the play are asked to make reservations for the second weekend.

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dents leave rather than why they stay," Schmidt said. "We are beginning to work at identifying this more precisely. We are convinced the reason students stay is the reason they came to begin with."

"I think they should recruit the kind of students the school

wants or would like to see. If they recruit those students, then the school should do whatever it takes to keep them here. In other words, satisfy students to the fullest," said Munira Hamud-Socoro, sr., St Louis, Miss.

Schmidt emphasized that while the retention team doesn't think money is the easy or simple answer to dealing with retention, they want

to consider all the influencing factors for students.

"If a student is performing well here and wants to be a McPherson College student, we don't want the only reason they are unable to stay to be money. Our experience is when we have willing partners (family, students, and the college), we can work it out so students can afford to be here," Schmidt said.

Graves

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he was going to run.

Graves recalled that when he was running for office his opponent attacked him because Graves' father-in-law was an insurance man and had been sued in another state. Graves' opponent questioned whether Kansas would want a governor with that background.

Graves realizes that one reason some people are reluctant to hold a position in office is the lack of privacy.

Graves related a story that showed how he felt when Fred Phelps, a Topeka minister who protests homosexuals, was picketing at his

adopted daughter's baptism. Graves didn't let this get him down, although he does recognize that loss of privacy is a big consideration before running for office.

"He doesn't take public opinion as personal attacks," said Sydney White, sr., Topeka.

While having Graves speak was a great honor to the college and the Flory Lecture Series, education majors were disappointed in Graves' speech. The education department served the refreshments and as a group was encouraged to come to hear what the governor had to say about educational funding.

"I was disappointed in Graves' lecture. For one, he didn't really speak about education. Another reason was

that his speech had really no main point," said Becky Snell, soph., McPherson.

Graves did talk in some length on the importance of people in government. People should "resist the temptation to belittle the government," Graves said.

Graves also felt that we should educate everyone on the values of government, raising citizen awareness.

Only 60.2 percent of voting-age Kansans participated in the last major election. Graves made references to the importance of people in today's government, saying that we have a "microwave society with a crock pot government."

In closing Graves said that the most important aspect of public policy is the people.

SERVICE BANQUET



photo by Anne Kivshar

John Hollansworth, chair of the National Advisory Board of the Auto Restoration Program, presents a model of an early Mercedes-Benz to Gary Dill at the Service Banquet, Thursday, Feb. 28, in Mingenback Theatre. The banquet recognized individuals for their service at sciences; Dale Minnich, college operations; Jenni Richardson, business and economics; Guffey, accounting clerk, received a 15-year service award. Dan Hoffman, physical education; Herb Smith, philosophy and religion; and Roger Trimmell, men's basketball. Vincette Goori, chair of the Board of Trustees, recognized Dill for his presidential service.

NEWS BRIEFS

Bob Vesely resigns from advancement

Bob Vesely, director of grant planning, has recently decided to leave his position in the advancement office at the close of this academic year.

Parts accepted into Phi Alpha Theta

History major, Laura Potts, soph., Chandler, Okla., has been accepted into Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society of History.

To be a member, an undergraduate student in history must have taken at least 12 credit hours in history while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average.

Students participate in Sterling art show

Val Ebersole, Wichita, and Jenny Burgett, McPherson, have been selected to participate in the 28th Annual Prairie Art Exhibition in Sterling.

The show, dominated by professional artists, runs through March 24.

This is Burgett's second year participating in the show.

Frye contributes to science bulletin

Jonathan Frye, natural science, has written an article that will appear in the spring issue of "Plant Science Bulletin."

Frye also recently submitted an abstract for an oral presentation in the Undergraduate Research Network symposium.

Whitacre position filled

Shandi Schomling
Spectator Staff

After seven years at McPherson College, Kathryn Whitacre has announced her resignation as career and personal counseling coordinator.

The college is hoping to fill the position by July 1, so the program will be up and running by the beginning of the next academic year.

"The most important goal we have is to develop internships and field experience here in McPherson," said President Neil Thorburn. "We're hoping that can make suggestions and get a career center set up. They, a faculty member can serve as the sponsor and make the final report on the internship."

Several steps are being taken to ensure that students who need help in the career services area get the assistance they need.

Amy Crabbs, career and personal counseling assistant, will continue to send out credentials and help students with information relevant to job searches.

Several seminars in retention will start after Spring break. The seminars will meet after hours, and there will be a multiple opportunity