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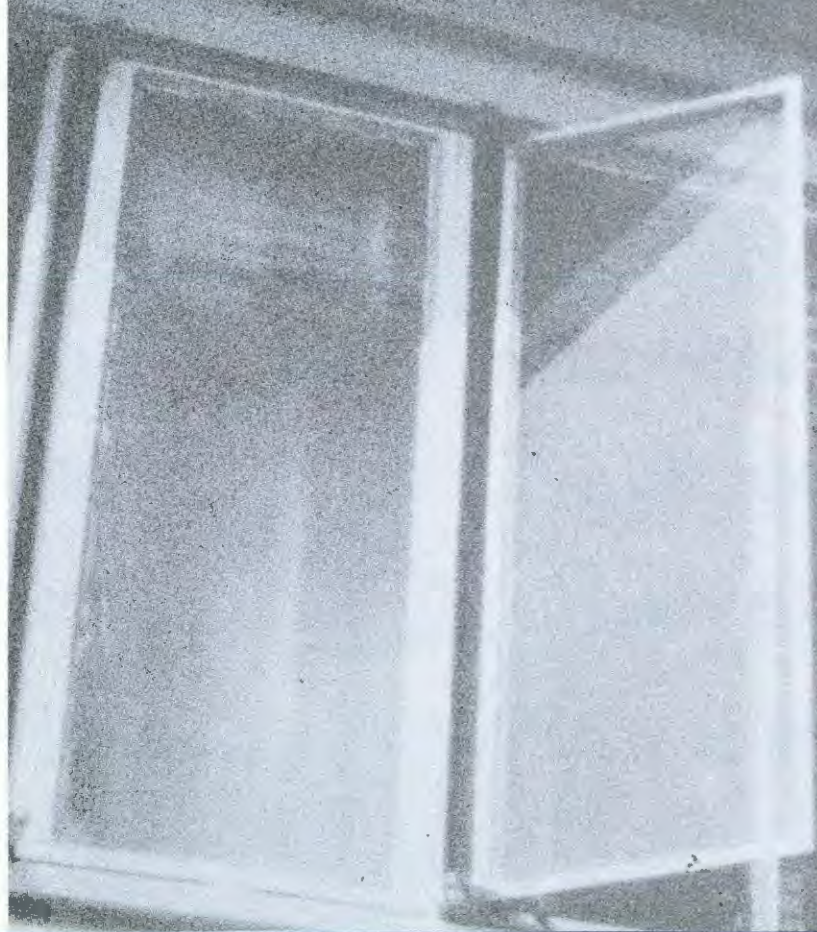
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A sense of community has penetrated our campus and has spread to all activities. It seems that we have chosen as students to open the window of opportunity, and let our enthusiasm for our campus shine through.

After all, that is what makes us McPherson College.

*— Emma Webb
campus life
section editor*

Campus Life

Welcome Week '96

SIBS, MOVIE NIGHT, BOWLING, ACTIVITY FAIR, KJELL

Kicking off with freshman orientation and continuing the week with such activities as SIBS, movie night and bowling, welcome week was once again a hectic success. With all the pressure of moving back to school, Student Activities Board created an atmosphere where new and returning students were able to enjoy school rather than be so worried about the stress of studying. There was a study day included so everyone could recuperate from the previous days' activities.

With the increase of the freshman class this year activities seemed to go more smoothly and students seemed more excited

about the activities planned. Some differences this year from last year was the fact that welcome week lasted more than the first week. Activities were planned for the entire year including movie night every Tuesday, several nights of free bowling, and free skating in Hutchinson.

A new activity this year was Kjell, a band that was brought on campus for students' entertainment. The band played a variety of music, from well known hits to music they had composed.

According to SAB Queen Amy "Funky Jo" Levinski, jr., this year's welcome week was a great success, and she hopes that everyone on campus had a good time.

WHAT AN RA!

Shelly Hendricks, so, demonstrates what RA's really do during the week of training that they receive before the rest of the campus arrives. (photo by Del Boney)



WAITING IN LINE

Tim Herrs, jr., Jennifer Williams, sr., and Staci Shoemaker, sr., wait patiently in line to enroll. (photo by Del Boney)

JUST SITTING AROUND

Fanny residents sit around while watching the high school marching band practice. (photo by Del Boney)





MOVING IN!
Rachel Liese, fr., was moving in during Freshman orientation, before the dorm was invaded by upperclassmen! (photo by Jeremy Stover)

SERVICE PROJECTS:
This year new students participated in a service project. This orientation group is helping pick up trash. (photo by Del Bonney)



DON'T SLIP!
Kerr Kobberman, sr., and Shawn Purdie, fr., battle to win a slimy game of twister. The winner receives a t-shirt provided by student government.
(photo by Jeremy Stover)



What was the most fun part of Welcome Week?

"I thought that it was fun that we could have Kjell come onto campus. A live band was a nice change from previous years." Jill Gibson, so.

"The Luau was great! I especially liked it when Jessie Miller was thrown in the pool." Sarah Stover, fr.

"I liked the fact that we didn't have an activity every night. I also appreciated the fact that we have had more activities spread throughout the semester, which hasn't occurred in previous years." Cherice Marsalis, jr.

"All of the activities that student government planned this year were a lot more exciting, due to the increase of the size of the freshman class." Valerie Huber, jr.

SAY CHEESE!

Erin Flory, Sarah Marie Hendricks, Becky Ullom and Genelle Wine smile for the camera at Camp Colorado. (photo courtesy Jonny Stewart)



KIDS AND MORE KIDS

Jen Bosserman and her campers pose in front of the rec hall at Camp Blue Diamond. (photo courtesy Jen Bosserman)



What was
your favorite
thing about
your summer?



"My favorite part of this summer was when I got a day off from the camp I was working at to visit Georgetown and just wander the streets for a couple of hours. It was nice not to have to worry about kids in my cabin for once." Emma Webb, so.

"The best part of my summer was discovering God's unconditional love and purpose for all people. I enjoyed working with youth who acknowledge God, had abundant enthusiasm, and were ready to change a piece of the world just as much as those who were searching, questioning, and found little reason to live. I learned how and why God wants and love each of us." Jen Bosserman, so.

"I worked most of the summer. The one break that I had was to work with vacation bible school at my church. I really enjoyed being a group leader for children age 7-9." Jamie Risser, so.



RIDE 'EM COWGIRL

Cyndi Jones, sr., riding her horse at one of the many rodeos that she attended this summer. She also represents the college during the school year. (photo courtesy Cyndi Jones)

Summer Days Revisited

SUMMER ACTIVITIES DEFINED BY WORK EXPERIENCE

SUMMER FUN

Sarah Stover, fr., (far right) and friends enjoying a fun summer at Rock Springs 4H camp. (photo courtesy Sarah Stover)



Camp counselors, working fastfood, living at home, living in McPherson, the list goes on.

This year Jennifer Bosserman, so., Jenny Stover, sr., and Tracy Stoddart, sr., were hired by the college to travel to Church of the Brethren camps to help promote the college, and help the camp out by counseling for at least a week. If you think that those are the only counselors, you are mistaken. Many new and returning students volunteered a week at camp.

Other students took part in special programs sponsored by the Church of the Brethren (COB). A pilot program named Ministry

Summer Service was the source of employment for Becki Dilley, so., and Drew Hutchison, so. This program is a volunteer program for college students. Other programs that students participated in were the Youth Peace Travel Team and a conflict resolution and mediation team.

Being a camp counselor was not the only job that students participated in. Several students decided to stay in McPherson and either work at places in McPherson or places close to MAC. Some students were employed at fastfood restaurants while others worked at places such as insurance companies and banks.



GOODBYES:

Sarah Marie Hendericks, fr., says goodbye to a camper she met while teaching peace skills at different camps this summer. (photo courtesy Sarah Marie Hendericks)

MINISTRY SUMMER SERVICE:

Drew Hutchison, so., and Becki Dilley, so., pose for a group picture of all those that participated in a pilot program for the COB. (photo courtesy Drew Hutchison)

"Home is where the Heart is"

Busy schedule of activities keep students, staff, alumni energized

WATCH THE BIRDIE:

Elvira Stehling, sr., and Makoto Yokoyama, sr., waiting for the announcement of homecoming King and Queen, smile for the camera.



by Jennifer Bosserman, so.

How does McPherson College capture the hearts of people, spurring them to call this campus home? Is it the 2 a.m. bathroom bonding-sessions, or the midnight runs to Happy Chef?

Could it possibly be stripping down to your briefs and participating in the Fanny run? Perhaps it's the small-college atmosphere, the close personal relationships and the quality of education a student receives at Mac.

Homecoming activities included McPherson Alumni Challenge Cup, "Crimes of the Heart," Peace Awareness and the Creative Arts Society coffee house, Midnight Madness, Run-Walk-Ride, Renaissance Troupe performance, football game against Southwestern, homecoming fair and cookout, coronation of Erik Vogel, jr., and Nikki Adler, jr., men's soccer game, and finally, the Homecoming dance.



TATOO'S "R" US

Len Williams, sr., gives a football fan a bulldog tattoo at the football game. (Photo by Don Feunoy)

FOOTBALL FRENZY:

Tim Herrs, jr., helps other football fans sign up to win an autographed (by our very own Bulldogs) football and jersey. (photo by Don Feunoy)





CHEFFERIK:

Erik Vogel, jr., provides his culinary abilities to the business club fundraiser at the homecoming football game. *Photo By 2nd Economy*

HOMECOMING COURT:

First row: Nikki Adler, jr., Sarah Wag-
ner, jr., Datie Watkins, sr., Jon Wil-
iams, sr., Jessie Miller, sr. Second row:
Turtle James, sr., Erik Vogel, jr., Roy
Johnson, jr., Jesse Van Norden, jr., and
Eddie Hester, sr. *Photo By Carol Anderson*



CLOWNING AROUND:

Becki Dilley, so., and Emma Webb, so., prepare for the activity fair where they were peace clowns for Peace Awareness.



What was the most memorable event of this year's homecoming?

"The thing that I remember most about homecoming was that I was sick the entire week, and so I couldn't appreciate all the hard work that SGA and SAB did to make this year's homecoming so successful." Mindi Hess, sr.

"The bouncy castle was the best!! I felt like a little kid again when I was jumping up and down on it. I hope that they bring it back next year." Cheri Norsworthy, jr.

"When we paid the guys from Fanny to throw a pie at Lowell Flory! They missed though." Jose Lawrence, sr.

"I think the homecoming committee did a wonderful job of planning activities. Some of them broke traditions, like the place and time of coronation, but they added a new perspective to the weekend." Sarah Wagoner, jr.

50s-STYLE

Amy Levinski, jr., goes up to Shane Kirchner (lison for Sodexo) for her 50s-style milkshake.

**SMILE!**

Krista Faus, so., is obtaining the silver utensils that she needs to eat another delicious meal at the *Restaurante de MC.*



What is your
favorite
thing about
the Student
Union?



"The thing I will never forget about the cafeteria is when Shelly Hendricks doctored the desserts. In fact I got so paranoid that I quit eating them after she came into the dining room." Mike Bascom, fr.

"I really enjoy socializing with the students that come through the line when I am serving. There has been a good behavior change since the beginning of the school year. Students have discovered that we don't cook the food, we just serve it." Rhea Meyer-Riley, fr.

"Being able to socialize with the students is a definitely plus of working in the doghouse, it has surprised many students to find out that I'm a student here and not just employed here." Mary Sentz, jr.

"I enjoy the time going to eat gives me to socialize with my friends, and get to know other people that I don't have in class." Erin Flory, fr.

**SERVE 'EM UP!**

Richard Sabatos, Mary Sentz, jr., and Quentin Alsip, so., are serving students at the annual Christmas dinner.

Student Union Style

Changes contributed to increased use in 1996-97

What is the question most often asked by a new or prospective student? You guessed it: "How's the food on campus?" The most politically correct answer is "Well, they give us a lot of variety." But meal-times are more than just food.

Whether or not people love the food, the student union has become one of the most social places on campus.

Where else could you go to see all your friends, plus anyone else on campus? You aren't even limited to the regular hours that the cafeteria has. This year the Doghouse is open more than ever, so if you skip a meal accidentally.....

The student union obviously doesn't just consist of the cafeteria.

This year, there have been several improvements to the student union, including extended hours for the game room and the doghouse.

The SU basement is used for many other things including the Fanny Alternative Dance and the many coffeehouses that have been sponsored by Peace Awareness and SAB.

This year—more than ever—it is apparent that students and staff are using the building for socializing and studying. In fact, SAB sponsored study days during the year to help encourage the student body to use this once neglected (well, minus meal time) building. So even if the food isn't great, the people are pretty nice. So come and enjoy.

OPEN SESAME:

Acting as a door prop, Marie Vacura, so., stands out in the cold while allowing other students to enter the student union.



OUTSIDE DINING:

Corey McCart, so., carefully is pushing a cart of food for one of those meals that we eat outside.

(photo by Amy Levine)

INSIDE THE DOGHOUSE:

Preston Jennings, Jr., and Aaron Ellsworth, Jr. are hanging out in the doghouse which has extended hours this year. (photo by Amy Levine)

Winter Dance

SGA and SAB break to create tradition

GO LADIES!

Amber Switzer, sr., Cheryl Harris, sr., and LeAnna Hulce, fr., dance to the "Hokey Pokey." (photo by Jamie Rivers)



Even though it wasn't snowing outside, this year's winter dance produced a lot of flurries. With the theme of this year's dance "Winter Time," the cafeteria was converted by members of SGA and SAB into a winter wonderland which contained fake snow, an icy pond and what appeared to be thousands of balloons. A new tradition was set and an old one broken when students were invited to come in casual dress. Many students (espe-

cially upper classmen) continued dressing in semi-formals to attend the event. Although the dance didn't start until 10pm, there were people getting ready together as early as three hours before. The dance floor was crowded most of the night. Tony Segovia's, so., response to the dance was "I didn't sit down all night." A variety of songs were played from the techno version of Cotton Eyed Joe to the Hokey Pokey.



TAKING A BREAK: Dorothea Langer, fr., Mona Herrman, Elivra Stehling, sr., and Eduardo Sauer-Olle take a break from dancing. (Photo by Jamie Rivers)

POSING FOR THE CAMERA: Tonya Mowrey, so., and Johnson Chow, jr., stand for one of the many pictures taken at the dance. (photo courtesy of Jamie Rivers)





SMILE AGAIN!
Eduardo Suer-Olle, sr., and Justine Ho, sr., smile for all their adoring fans. (photo courtesy of Jamie Reeves)



TWINKIES....
Lori Flemming, so., and Sarah Hooton, so., wear their pajama pants which are a popular fashion trend. (photo by Jamie Reeves)



WHIT WHEW!!!
Willy Norman, jr., Ryan Dhu, fr., and Drew Hutchison, so., wait in Dotzour's lobby before the dance. (photo by Shelly Hendricks)



What will you remember about this year's dance?

"The mix of music was fantastic! There was a lively group and the dance floor was crowded all night long!" Becki Dilley, so.

"The decorations were great!" Marie Vacura, so.

"This year's dance was really special as it was the first time that I had a boyfriend that time of year." Justine Ho, sr.

"The music was awesome; I didn't sit down all night." Tony Segovia, so.

"I realize that many people didn't think they would end up dancing, but the dance floor was full all night. It was a lot of fun overall." Drew Hutchison, so.

"I went single, and still had a great time." Summer Snodgrass, fr.

KKKBNM:

First floor Dotzour women sit on the stairs leading outside while sporting their black makeup and clothes. (photo by Sha'Rhonda, Raclin)



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Jennifer Bosserman, so, shows off her new stuffed penguin during the third floor Christmas party. (photo by Jenny Stover)



What is the most memorable thing about your dorm?



"I enjoy the air-conditioning and movable desks in Dotzour." Mariah Draper, fr.

"Fahnestock hall is more than a dorm, it is a family. Residents work together to build community, make friends, and raise money. I'm glad to have been given the chance to live in Fahnestock for three years. I will miss the dorm when it finally closes." Andy Ullom, jr.

"Having a listening ear just a few feet away!" Amy Fast, fr.

"I feel this year there is a lot of interaction between residents, more than there has been in previous years." Brad Williams, Resident Director of Metzler

"Single showers!" Dustin Gregg, fr.



DR. JEKELL AND MR. HYDE

Sophomores Jamie Risser and Steve Benno, reenact a horrible scene in the Annual Fanny Haunted House. (photo by Jenny Stover)

Dotzour, Fanny and Metzler

Residence Halls shape students' lives.

Whether we live in Dotzour, Fanny or Metzler, who we live with makes a huge impact on our lives. The people we live with shape who we are and how we interact with others.

Fanny spent its first year in four years being an all men's dorm due to the fact enrollment increased.

Events were planned by the three different dorms during the year. Halloween was an especially busy time this year. Two of the residence halls sponsored different events. Metzler hosted a Halloween dance the Saturday before Halloween and Fanny continued its tradition by

having another Haunted House. Both of these activities were extremely successful according to those involved.

Events didn't just have to be planned for them to be successful. The act of begging for a car or other objects is not uncommon in all three dorms. Most students just enjoy hanging out or doing things on the spur of the moment - whether its a midnight run to Happy Chef, a pop party or a late night study session. Imprompt events have been a great source of socialization for many students who have no way of getting off campus.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY:
Erik Vogel, jr., dressed in his workman's clothes, boogies to the beat at the Metzler Halloween dance. (photo by Carol Williams)



HUGS ALL AROUND:
Jason Snodgrass, sr., demonstrates how short a skirt can really go, while hugging Tim Herra, jr. (photo by Carol Williams)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Dotzour women celebrate with Elvira Stehling, sr., on her 23rd Birthday. Hurry, blow out the candles! (photo by Jenny Stevens)

Resident Assistants

Lending a helping hand to all students

NORMALITY????

RA's have many responsibilities. Cleaning dorm rooms is not one, especially when keeping their own rooms clean is a problem.



"I will have to file an incident report" is the only thing some students know (and dread) about RAs in other colleges. This is not the case at McPherson. Resident Assistants have many responsibilities. These include enforcing campus policy, providing programming activities, and mentoring freshmen. This year was the first year the Residence Life staff took a training retreat. This training retreat consisted of all the members of the Residence Life staff going to Chicago and receiving a mini-session from the Urban Life Center (which is a center that helps people adjust to living in a diversified situation).

The perks of being an RA are great times. Some of these perks include a single room for the price of a double good pay, and improving time management skills. Jeremy Bernhardt, sr., said, "The emotional rewards are far greater than physical ones." There are also a few drawbacks. These include students knocking on your door at 4am or answering the pay phone and discovering 911 is on the other end.

While RAs are the enforcers of rules, they can also be counted on when they are needed - whether a student needs someone to talk to, wants to borrow the vacuum cleaner or has locked themselves out of their room.



UNLOADING:

The 1996-97 RAs unload another minivan at the airport in Chicago. This was the first year RAs went on a trip. (photo by Jeremy Bernhardt)

DON'T FALL IN

Val Huber, jr., Heather Healy, sr., and Jesse Van Norden, jr., stand perilously close to the edge. (photo by Jeremy Bernhardt)





OVERALLS?

Jessie Miller, sr., Heather Healy, sr., Jenny Stover, sr., model the latest fashion trend - the correct way to wear overalls.

THE RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF:

They sit on rocks while having their picture taken. RAs, Hall Directors, and staff are pictured. (photo courtesy of Jeremy Bernhardt)



AN RAs DOOR!

Cyndi Jones, sr., like many RAs has her door decorated with campus policies and rules. It's also covered in birthday greetings.



What is the thing you enjoy most about being an RA?

"Being an RA has given me a chance to be involved in a part of the college that isn't always seen. It's been a great experience, and I have great residents!" Cyndi Jones, sr.

"When you are an RA you develop skills which will help you throughout life - whether that is applying for a job or understanding people." Val Huber, jr.

"Being an RA puts me in a position where I can help people. things like letting someone into their room when they get locked out, makes it a job I can feel good about." Josh Hofflinger, jr.

"As an RA, I've had fun working with people, from great residents to a fun staff. Getting to know people is always an adventure. There is always something new to be learned and shared." Jeremy Bernhardt, sr.

TEST TAKERS:

Prof. Bruce Clary's American Lit. class works hard at filling out one of the many surveys that were passed out during finals week.



SNACKS!

LeAnna Hulce, Jr., grabs some french fries while taking a study break. The cafeteria provided snacks each evening of finals.



What will
you always
remember
about this
years' finals?



"Late nights spent with friends cramming are a necessity for me. I was glad when I finished all of my finals." Jamie Risser, so.

"The most frustrating part of finals was when I overslept and walked into Raymond Flory's "Twentieth Century Europe" class thirty minutes late!" Ann Mickey, jr.

"Nothing is more relaxing when studying for finals then to listen to the thunder and the sound of pouring rain." Melissa Smith, fr.

"They were so long! It would be easier if students took them all at once. I know I would be less stressed." Stephanie Williams, fr.

"Procrastination and oversleeping helped me make it through finals successfully." Drew Hutchison, so.



STUDYIN' HARD!

Tate Hepler, sr., finds a quiet place to study. Many students tried many different places to ensure peace and quiet.

Finals!

Studying + Finals = Procrastination + Cramming

Length exams, portfolios, papers and projects due, praying any professor will give a take home test—this is what finals week is all about. Somewhere between the exams, papers, and projects, though, students have fun. The one week of the semester when there are no classes or convocations, and every student seems to be studying can be overwhelming and exciting.

Once again this year the cafeteria provided late night snacks for all those students who were studying hard and for those who weren't. Food like ice-cream, burgers and fries, chips, dip, and nachos were served all during finals week.

Finals week wasn't just about studying. This year's finals included a book buy-back sale at the bookstore, and sale signs for lofts, carpet and books. This year one floor even had a swap-your-stuff rug to encourage students to get rid of unnecessary items.

Cramming, along with procrastination, seemed to be favorite strategies this year. Many students left everything until the last day of finals before they completed their work. "If things could be left to the last minute then they were," according to one student. After all, part of finals is staying up all night to get papers and projects finished!

DON'T YOU EVER STUDY?

Kendra Flory, fr., Seth Miller, sr., and Sarah Wagoner, jr., chow down while on another study break!



LIBRARY COURIERS?

Katie Nanninga, fr., and Rachel Gross, fr., are taking back their library books after a week of intense studying.

HELPIN' EACH OTHER:

Cheri Norworthy, fr., helps Jeremy Wells, fr., with his math, before he takes the big exam. Good Luck, Jeremy!

SING YOUR HEART OUT!

Concert Choir sings in the last performance at the McPherson Church of the Brethren. (photo courtesy of Amanda Jutierrez)



AN ALIEN?

Sarah Stover, fr., displays one of the many ways a student can use a left over knee-hi! (photo courtesy of Amanda Jutierrez)



What did you like the best about this year's choir tour?



"I had so much fun getting to know people better. Staying at host families with other choir members gave me the opportunity to learn more about people. I've had some interesting host family experiences, like a ceiling falling in above the toilet." Gina Railsback, sr.

"It was a most amazing experience. The choir steadily reached new levels of performance each day, and besides that...we had so much fun!" Dr. Alan Gumm

"Choir tour is always an incredibly fun occasion, but this year we experienced something new. I grew closer to old friends and enjoyed getting to know others better. Staying with host families created some permanent, hilarious memories." Sarah Wag-
oner, jr.

"Having an opportunity to act goofy, learn about others and fully appreciate music." Jen Bosserman, so.



WHO SAID THAT?

Mike Horner, so., and his "critic-in-a-can" brought laughter and a message to the kids at a church in Minnesota. (photo courtesy of Amanda Jutierrez)

"Be Thou My Vision"

Students give up Spring Break to share music with others

by Jennifer Bosserman

Members of the 1997 Spring Music tour performed at Churches of the Brethren (COB) located between McPherson and Minnesota during Spring Break.

This year's music tour entitled "Be Thou My Vision" featured the Concert Choir, Heritage Quartets, Chamber singers, and a variety of brass and woodwind ensembles under the direction of Dr. Alan Gumm and Dr. Larry Kitzel. For a week, the music group traveled on a charter bus, stopping at COB's in Abilene, Kan.; Lewiston, Minneapolis and Worthington, Minn.; Adel and Council Bluffs, Iowa; Lincoln Neb.

and McPherson, Kan. They also performed at several schools along the way. Sight-seeing highlights included: the Mall of America, a stop in Des Moines, the American Gramophone, and the Omaha Zoo. Amanda Gutierrez, coordinator of giving programs in the alumni/development office summed the Music Tour '97 experience. "It was wonderful getting to spend some time with students and to spread the word about McPherson College. I wish everybody had the chance to spend a week riding on a bus, battling illness and navigating the Mall of America with them-it gives you a whole different view of the world!"

FINGER BRUSHING:

Dr. Larry Kitzel demonstrates how to brush teeth without water or a tooth brush! (photo courtesy of Amanda Gutierrez)



BLOW THOSE HORNS!

Mark Godfrey, so., and Dr. Larry Kitzel perform at the Peace Church of the Brethren. (photo courtesy of Amanda Gutierrez)

TRAVELING BUNCH:

1997 Spring Music Tour Participants smile as for the camera on their last day together. (photo courtesy of Amanda Gutierrez)

TOTY

The group of students selected as members of Who's Who honored Dr. Kim Stanley by naming her "Professor of the Year."



PASSING THE GAVEL

During the spring Honors Convo, SGA President Tracy Stoddard passed the gavel on to President-elect Sha Maclin.



What is the
one thing
you will re-
member
about MAC?



"It's kind of hard to leave Mac, but at the same time it feels really good to graduate. I know I've got a solid education—both scholastically and in life—that's going to serve me well." Jessie Miller, sr.

"For me, college was a time of stripping down to the sould of who I was and beginning the process of rebuilding myself, based on me and who I wanted to become. McPherson provided me a safe place to do this re-establishing. So now I'm excited...I feel college giving me that friendly nudge saying 'Hey Jenny. It's time to go. You're ready now.'" Jenny Stover, sr.

"There is a writer, bel hooks, who talks about homeplaces - places of strength and support, where people go for self-discovery, renewal and perspective. I have experienced McPherson as one of those rare homplaces. McPherson will always hold a place in my heart." Zandra Wagoner, campus minister



ALL SCHOOL'S DAY

President Dill and company rode in McPherson College's 1917 during the 1997 All School's Day Parade. The car made it through one-and-a-half-mile parade route on three cylinders.

Graduation/Alumni Weekend

The McPherson College Community Celebrates Together



AIN' A THAT GOOD NEWS?

The women's double quartet performed three pieces at the annual Alumni Banquet on May 20. Over 200 friends and alumni attended.



GETTING READY

The class of 1997 met before the commencement ceremonies in the basement of Miller Library to line up.

WELCOME TO...

the Alumni association! The seniors were treated to a banquet at the McPherson Country Club by the Alumni & Development Office.

Graduation 1997

Students and alumni recognized

WELCOME

Seniors Heather Healy and Danny Brubaker welcomed everyone to the commencement ceremonies, reminding their classmates of the beanies they had to wear as freshmen.



A FINAL PERFORMANCE

The Chamber Singers performed "Saying Goodbye," while Melissa Crowdis, sr., signed the lyrics.

Tassels, gowns, practices (at 9:30a.m on a Saturday morning no less!) and students were once again all part of graduation. Eighty-six students graduated from McPherson College this year. This year's graduation festivities began on Thursday when graduates went to the Senior Recognition Banquet at the McPherson Country Club. This banquet is hosted by the Alumni and Development Office in order to welcome the Class of 1997 to the alumni world.

Commencement wasn't just for the students who were receiving degrees, but it was also for the alumni. Five alumni were recipients of the Citation of Merit which is an award for

alumni who graduated more than 20 years ago and have exhibited extraordinary leadership and selfless service to their profession, their communities, their churches and McPherson College.

Festivities concluded with commencement featuring President Gary Dill as speaker. In his speech "Reflections in a Mud Puddle," Dr. Dill told graduates about a man who made a decision to make life great and gave graduates a test of twelve questions, one of which was, "when you look in a mud puddle do you see the blue sky?"

Students concluded commencement by joining their family and friends on the quad for refreshments



NICE HAT!

Members of the senior class took one last opportunity to let their individuality shine through.





CONGRATULATIONS

President Dill congratulates Kari Bard, Sr., on earning her bachelor's degree. Eighty-six students received degrees at commencement.

INTRODUCTIONS

Seniors Tracy Stoddard and Hubert Freeman introduced homily speaker Dan Hoffman and commencement speaker Gary Dill.



the following seniors graduated

With Honors

***Summa cum laude* (3.90-4.00 G.P.A.)**

Jacquelyn Bohlenblust
Kurt Bowman
Cindy Jones
Jessica Miller
Ariel Minneman
Mihoko Nii
Jenny Storer

***Magna cum laude* (3.75-3.89 G.P.A.)**

Tina Beeghly
Mark Boyer
Melissa Crowdis
Andrew Illidge
Chris Kunz
James Pirtle
Elvira Stehling
Jennifer Williams

***Cum laude* (3.55-3.74 G.P.A.)**

Joyce Bretches
Dan Brubaker
Cheri Gillis
Kerri Kobbeman
Anthony Minor
Geraldine Quedest



POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE

Student Government President-elect Sha Maclin served as marshal for the academic procession from Miller Library to Brown Auditorium.

THE REAL INAUGURATION:
Drs. Gary and Vicky Dill accept something old, something new, and something blue from Student Government. (photo by Jamie Reeves)



IS THAT TABSCO SAUCE?
Dr. Dill proudly displays a gift he had been given during his first few weeks. Don't eat it all at once! (photo by 'Del Sonney')



What did
you think of
the Inaugu-
ration activi-
ties?

*Heritage &
Hope*

"It was a shame that I couldn't spend more time at the ball, as I needed to work with the "Belle of Amherst." I wish the timing been better." J.D. Bowman, sr.

"The Inaugural Ball was fun. It was neat to see faculty and older students who returned for the event." LeAnna Hulce, fr.

"The Inauguration was a wonderful event that truly gave President Dill the welcome he deserves." Stacey Hoover, sr.

"It was a great event. Everyone got involved, and not just certain people, but the entire community. The REAL Inauguration was fun, which made it memorable." Ann Mickey, jr.



WORKIN' HARD
Dr. Dill and Bob Knechel discuss plans for the President's Associates program (photo by 'Del Sonney and Kivo Esper')

Dr. Gary Dill

Dill begins new chapter in McPherson College history

With the Inauguration of Dr. Gary Dill on March 7, 1997, McPherson College began a new chapter in its 110 year old life. Dr. Dill came to McPherson from Schreiner College, Kerrville, Tex., where he served as Senior Vice President. Before ever reaching Schreiner College, Dr. Dill undertook jobs such as being a pastor at two different Churches of the Brethren. According to Dill the reason he was first attracted to the position of president was because of the mission of the college.

"Teaching students how to take pencil and paper tests well is not education. Thoughtful participation in the life of a college is part of what being productive in life is all about," said Dill.

The Inaugural activities were kicked off by a SGA sponsored ball. The ball was not only for students, but also faculty, trustees and members of the community. The first of the spirit days was when students, staff and faculty dressed up as each other. The week continued with days dedicated to traditional dress and other things to get everyone in the mood of the Inauguration. The Inaugural banquet was hosted by the college in the President's honor. Steve Mason was the emcee of the banquet and entertainment was provided by the world famous Mike Horner, so. During the banquet the President presented service awards to faculty and staff.


SMILE!
Adam Smith and Dr. A. Herbert Smith pose diligently for the camera in their academic regalia. (photo by Del Bonney)



THE 12th PRESIDENT:
President Dill poses for his official photograph. Dr. Gary Dill was selected in mid-October; he began on Dec. 2. (photo by Carol Anderson)

ICE SCULPTURES:
Shane Kirchner stands next to an ice sculpture that decorated the gym during the inaugural banquet. (photo by Kase Boyer)



A black and white photograph of a large window looking out onto a campus building. The window is divided into several panes by a metal frame. Outside, a multi-story building with a flat roof and several windows is visible. A paved walkway leads towards the building, and there are some bushes and a small structure in the foreground. The lighting suggests it might be early morning or late afternoon.

The clubs and organizations at McPherson College provide students with numerous opportunities. The various clubs and organizations cover all areas of student life. They range from service clubs such as Habitat for Humanity to leadership organizations such as the Student Government Association. The window of opportunity is available to all students who choose to open it. These experiences on campus provide students with friendships that will last a lifetime. Students also gain leadership skills that will benefit them throughout life. All of these groups benefit McPherson College in some way and enhance the wonderful qualities of this campus.

*— Jamie Boyer
clubs & organizations editor*

*Clubs &
Organizations*

What a year for SGA & SAB!

Student Government and Student Activities Board had a busy year, but what an exciting year to be involved on campus!!

Lookin' Good!!

Members of SGA were able to participate in the presidential inauguration. Left to right include:
 Row 1: Jill Gibson, so., Jen Bosserman, so., Melanie Messick, so., Tracy Stoddart, sr., Christy Meiers, jr., Trish Young, sr., Cherrice Marsalis, jr., Eli Makings, sr., Brent See, sr.
 Row 2: Melissa Crowdis, sr., Shelly Hendricks, jr., Melissa Sharp, jr., Sarah Waggoner, sr., Heather Healy, sr., Kendra Flory, jr., James Garrison, jr., Becki Dilley, sr., Drew Hutchinson, sr., Amy Levinski, jr., Brian Cooper, so., Gina Railsback, sr., Mike Horner, so., Sha Maclin, jr., Marko Namas, jr., Candy Hayden, jr.
(Photo courtesy of Sha Maclin)



The SAB Queens!

The members of SAB stop planning a snack group picture. The window of opportunity is open side in the basement of the SU, when these women get to planning! From left to right include: Marie Vaccara, so., Trish Young, sr., Jennifer Williams, sr., Kathleen Whitacre, Cherrice Marsalis, jr., Melanie Messick, so., Gina Railsback, sr., Amy Levinski, jr.



"I have enjoyed serving as vice-president this past semester. I was able to take over the position with little hassles and utilize my talents with the Inaugural Ball. As president next year, I am looking forward to having a pro-active student government."

-Sha Maclin, jr.



"Student Activities Board is not about meetings, it's about planning activities for the campus. The purpose of SAB is to serve students and help to open doors and windows for other clubs to hold events."

-Amy Levinski, jr.



Just Hangin' Out!

Ben Matthaei, fr., Jamie Risser, so., Ben Brubaker, jr., and Andy Wagoner, fr., sit back and relax during a strenuous bowling game; one of the many bowling nights sponsored by SAB. (Photo courtesy of Amy Levinski)

Decisions, Decisions!

Members of Student Government Association gather around these tables many times throughout the year to provide input on matters that affect the entire student body. (Photo courtesy of Sha Tracton)



What An Evening!

Amy Levinski, president of SAB, and Ryan Ben-David, jr., take a minute to say hi before they begin bowling. With activities like these available for students, who wouldn't smile?! (Photo courtesy of Amy Levinski)

What a Ball!

Tracy Stoddart, President of SGA, makes an announcement to those in attendance at President Gary Dill's Inaugural Ball. President Dill and his wife, Dr. Vicki Dill, prepare themselves for what is to come. (Photo courtesy of Sha Tracton)

"We try to spread world peace by laughing a lot, hosting coffee houses, Christmas caroling, baking and delivering cookies to Mac college residents—for we know that world peace must begin one person at a time."

-Jen Bosserman,

SO



"Being here for four years, I got tired of all of the same activities. Although, we did International Week this year and that was exciting to see some change in ISO. It was fun to have Sha involved, she is very exciting!"

-Justine Ho, sr



International Student Organization is a club on campus that provides both international students and American students with the opportunity to get to know one another and share different customs and languages. Members are able to enjoy several activities throughout the year. This year members took a trip to Kansas City for the Renaissance Festival. The group also did a gift exchange, prepared a meal in which everyone was able to share a favorite food. ISO also provided an opportunity for members to meet with other international students from neighboring colleges.

Peace Awareness is a club on campus for the purpose of bringing issues of peace before the student body. This year has been very exciting for the members of Peace Awareness. In April a peace pole was planted in front of Miller Library. The message "May Peace Prevail On Earth," is written on the pole in four different languages. In addition, Peace Awareness has provided the campus with education on world issues. And of course this group of students spent some time spreading joy with an evening of Christmas caroling.

Never a Dull Moment

The window of opportunity is wide open for members of ISO! From left to right, Row 1- Elvira Stehling, sr., Tonya Mowrey, so., Roz O'Dell, fr. Row 2- Mariko Nantias, fr., April Sanderson, fr., Tamara Finley, fr., Sha Maclin, fr. Row 3- Eduardo Sures-Olle, sr., Justine Ho, sr., Dorothea Langer, fr., Makoto Yokoyama, fr., Zuzana Strmenova, sr., Johnson Chow, so., and Kristin Caskey, jr. (Photo courtesy of Jen Bosserman)

Peace and friendship

The members of Peace Awareness gather together for a group photo before heading out into the cold for an evening of Christmas caroling. From left to right, Row 1- Mike Horner, so., Jen Bosserman, so., Cheri Norsworthy, fr., Zandra Waggoner, Row 2- Erin Flory, fr., Emma Webb, so., Amy Haas, jr., Val Huber, jr., Rachael Gross, fr., Tina Garcia, fr., Aubry Markus, fr. Row 3- Jamie Risser, so., Sarah Waggoner, sr., Sarah Stover, fr. (Photo courtesy of Jen Bosserman)

ISO and Peace Awareness provide McPherson College with the ability to possess an open mind and a tranquil heart.

ISO & Peace Awareness



Spreading the News

Alite, a vocal group made up of members of Peace Awareness, sings during convocation. This was a day to celebrate the planting of the Peace Pole! (Photo courtesy of Jen Rosserman)

Chef #1 and Chef #2

Eduardo Suner-Olle and Fernando Cantero work together to cook a meal for ISO's international meal. What a pair! (Photo courtesy of Jamie Rosser)



So Happy Together. . .

ISO members, Marco Nantias, Jr., Johnson Chow, so., Dorothea Langer, Jr., and Sha MacLin, Jr., are not getting much cooking done but they are having a great time! (Photo courtesy of Jamie Rosser)

May Peace Prevail on earth.

Showing off the new peace pole, the members of Peace Awareness gather proudly around the newly planted pole to be shared with all of McPherson. (Photo courtesy of Jen Rosserman)

Don't Fall!!

Andy Ullom, jr., and Sarah Marie Hendricks, fr., work hard on the second story of a house. Sarah takes a small break from painting to smile for the camera!!



One Step at a time

Becky Ullom, fr., and Cheri Norsworthy, fr., work diligently to give the front porch a face lift with a lot of hard work and a fresh coat of paint.



Buckets of fun!

A smile at the end of a long day's work! Mary Sentsz, so., and Mike Horner, so., are proud of a job well done!

Climbing to new heights...

Cheri Norsworthy, fr., Andy Ullom, jr., and Pene Brubaker, fr., work on ground level as Sarah Marie Hendricks, fr., works her way up!



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat has served the areas of Hutchinson and Wichita with several work days throughout the year.

Habitat for Humanity is a service organization. The club helps to raise money to build homes and also helps with the building or renovation of homes for low income families. This year, the members of Habitat have helped to renovate a home in Hutchinson, working with Interfaith Housing. The group has also worked in Wichita.

Habitat has had several work days, spending time on approximately four different houses throughout the year.

The campus chapter of Habitat supports the goal of helping to eliminate poverty housing throughout the world by fund raising and consciousness.

The members of Habitat have worked hard this year to help those who need the help. (Photos by Shelley Ware)

Working Hard

The members of Habitat take a break from working on a house in Hutchinson. They lucked out with a beautiful November day to work. Nothing but smiles in this group!

From left to right, Row 1 - Cheri Norsworthy, Jr., Becky Ullom, Jr., Row 2 - Sarah Marie Hendricks, Jr., Andy Ullom, Jr., Shelley Ware, Sr., Mary Sentz, Sr., Audrey Myers, Sr., Row 3 - Pete Brubaker, Jr., Cameron Mahler, Jr., Jamie Risser, Sr., Mike Horner, Sr.



A Good Cause

Members of Habitat, Jamie Risser and Cheri Norsworthy, help run the booth set up at the clubs and organizations fair during Homecoming weekend. Habitat, along with many other clubs and organizations set up a fund raiser booth to support their cause. With the money collected the members of Habitat are better able to serve the less fortunate.



"Habitat is something that this college should be proud of because it serves those people who are less fortunate and provides students with the ability to help."

-Jamie Risser, so



"I think Habitat is very important for this campus, because our motto stresses service and habitat is an excellent way to give service to others."

-Mary Sentz, so

Don't look now!

Business club vice-president, Eric Vogel, stands proudly beside Ronald himself for a picture. What kind of trip would it be without lunch with Ronald? *(Photo courtesy of John The Noodle)*

Hang On...

Professor Lowell Flory and Amy Little, sr., relax for a minute as they travel to a new destination during the business club trip to the city of Chicago! *(Photo courtesy of John The Noodle)*



Say Cheese!

John Lawrence, jr., is obviously enjoying himself. John and many other auto restorations students have found a very comfortable home here at Mac. *(Photo courtesy of Matt Rossmal)*

You missed a spot...

Adam Schruck, John Lawrence, and Alan Dahlinger work hard to wash a car during the annual car wash held by students in C.A.R.S. club. *(Photo courtesy of Matt Rossmal)*



"Our ultimate goal this year was to experience the financial/business environment within the city of Chicago. Through group cooperation and individual member contributions, the Business Club not only accomplished this goal, but in the process realized the time and financial resources necessary in seeing any function through to it's completion.

-Erik Vogel, jr



"My favorite activity is open shop. However, not enough opportunity was given to have open shop as often as I would have liked. I am hopeful that next year will be even better!

-Kurt Bowman, jr



The McPherson College Business Club is a student-managed extracurricular activity. Throughout the year the Business Club held several fund-raisers such as bratwurst cookouts at home football games and making nachos and selling raffle tickets at home basketball games. The funds from these activities helped pay for a five day tour of Chicago during the spring semester. Business club members flew to Chicago and saw places like the Chicago Board of Trade, Mercantile Exchange, Board of Options, McDonald's Corporate Headquarters, Hamburger University, and United Airlines Corporate Headquarters.

College Auto Restoration Students, or C.A.R.S. Club, is an organization for students in Mac's unique Auto Restoration Technology program. In October, C.A.R.S. club held it's annual car wash to raise money for the club. Under the supervision of club sponsor and auto body restoration instructor James Lange, club members washed, vacuumed, and waxed about fifty autos in return for donations to the club. Throughout the year, members of C.A.R.S. club were able to take advantage of numerous open shops, where members can work on their own vehicles.

All Dressed Up!

Business Club members enjoy the visit to United Airlines Corporate Headquarters during a tour of Chicago. From left to right, Row 1: Justine Ho, sr., Serena Hooker, jr., Amy Little, sr., Eric Stoltz, jr. Row 2: Host from U.S. Air, Dan Brubaker, sr., Erik Vogel, jr., Kevin Frisco, jr., Tim Herra, jr., Drew Hutchison, sr., Jamin Warren, jr., Jesse Van Norden, jr., Brent See, sr., Brian Cooper, sr., Eduardo Suarez-Olle, sr. (Photo courtesy of Jesse Van Norden)

What a Beauty!

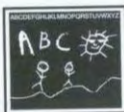
The members of C.A.R.S. stand proudly behind the 1948 Lincoln Continental cabriolet that they finished in the fall of 1996. From left to right: Michael DeBelsos, James Lange, Jason Frasier, jr., Adam Schunk, sr., Andy Lovorenz, jr., Andy Illidge, sr., Jeremy Thuma, jr., Jamin Purlesos, Kurt Bowman, sr., Alan Dahlinger, jr., Richard Dove, Doug Robinson, jr. (Photo courtesy of Mike Bowman)

Business club and C.A.R.S. club both had a successful year. A lot of projects were accomplished and a lot of fun was had by all!

It's all Business & Cars!

"I enjoyed the variety of speakers during Today's Educators meetings. It was fun to get away from the classroom environment and still meet with other educators."

-Gina Raisback,
sr



"As a sponsor, FCA has the most dedicated of all. Zandra Wagoner is a true sponsor who backs her organization 100%. We can only hope she will be here for future years.

Thanks Zandra!!"
-Jen Williams,
Trisha Young,
and Eddie Hester.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes is an organization consisting of anybody who wants to come together for a short devotion time and a lot of fun. We often get together for special occasions. We have had a great group of McPherson students interested in FCA and hopefully the spirit will grow throughout the years!

Today's Educators is a club on campus for people interested in public education and want to fight for it because they believe it is good. This year Today's Educators got together for fellowship and to bounce ideas off of one another. Also, members are kept up to date on recent happenings in education.

Three's Company

Trisha Young, sr., Jennifer Williams, sr., and Eddie Hester, sr., have co-chaired Fellowship of Christian Athletes for the past two years. During those years, FCA has gotten together for fellowship, hockey games, soccer games, and other professional events as well as some local athletic activities. (Photo courtesy of Trisha Young)

Educate!!

A few of the members of Today's Educators include: from left to right, Row 1- Cheryl Harris, sr., Christy Muten, Jr., Dr. Joanne Smith. Row 2- Michelle Horner, sr., Jayme Brown, Jr., Melissa Crowdis, sr., Debbie Makings, sr. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Joanne Smith)

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Educators and Athletes



Gross!!!
Melissa Crowdis digs in with some of the children who were able to be a part of the Today's Educators event, "Mom's Day Out." (Photo courtesy of Dr. Jeanne Smith)

Nice Job Teachers!

Cheryl Harris, Stacey Hoover, sr., O'Brian Byrd, so., and Leanne Hulce, fr., stand proudly beside a banner that was in "a state of becoming." (Photo courtesy of Dr. Jeanne Smith)



Listen up...

Eddie Hester, sr., and his black lab, listen attentively as Jennifer Williams, sr., tells a few of the members of FCA what's going on. (Photo courtesy of Trisha Young)

A time for fellowship.

Eddie Hester, Keri Kobberman, sr., and Trisha Young, sr., spend some time laughing and sharing about their days events. (Photo courtesy of Trisha Young)

Spectator and Quadrangle

The two journalism groups on campus, the newspaper and yearbook staffs, provide information and enjoyment.

The staff of the "Spectator," the college newspaper, was entirely new this year with two co-editors who did an outstanding job. Many hours were spent down in the journalism room in the basement of the Student Union working on stories and layout. By the end of the year a sleeping bag appeared on the couch, now that's dedication!

The "Quadrangle" staff had a busy year also. It's not easy to put together a yearbook. The group participated in both of the club and organization fairs and provided students with finals week survival kits!

Spectator

The staff of student who worked hard to produce a paper every two weeks include: from left to right, row 1- Becki Dilley, so., Emma Welch, so., Erin Flores, fr., Becky Elborn, fr., Sarah Marie Hendricks, fr., Jill Gibson, so., Sarah Stovver, fr. Row 2- Jen Boussemart, so., JD Bowman, jr., Shelby Hendricks, so., Sarah Wagomer, sr., Mike Horner, so., Mike Bascum, jr., Dustin Gregg, fr. (Photo by Ross Skipt)



Quadrangle

The editors of the 1996-1997 Quadrangle include: from left to right, Jamie Kisser, so., Kendra Flory, fr., Emma Welch, so., Janice Boyer, so., Justine Ho, sr., Jeremy Bernhardt, fr. (Photo by Ross Skipt)



"I was asked to be an editor on a need basis. Shelley and I decided that we would be co-editors of the Spec. as long as we were insured that we could work together. I really learned a lot this year about managing a group of people."
-Sarah Wagomer, sr.



"The Quad. staff has been a lot of fun, very supportive, and patient to work with. I feel like we have gotten a lot accomplished!"

-Jeremy Bernhardt, jr



A Wild Moment!

Editors of the Spectator, Mike Horner, Shelley Hendricks, Jennifer Bosserman, Sarah Wagoner, and J.D. Bowman loose their sanity at a certain time in the middle of the night. (Photo courtesy of Spec staff)

The Editors

The editors of the 1996-1997 Spectator include: from left to right, Jen Bosserman, J.D. Bowman, Shelly Hendricks, Sarah Wagoner, Mike Horner, Jill Gibson. (Photo by Kris Sawyer)



Anyone Can Sign Up!

Boo the clown, Becki Dilley, so, takes a minute to see what the Quadrangle staff's fundraiser is, during the Homecoming weekend fair. (Photo by Kris Sawyer)

Go Big Red!

Amanda Gutierrez and Del Bonney take advantage of the photo opportunity provided by the Quadrangle staff during Homecoming weekend. (Photo by Kris Sawyer)

Practice makes perfect!

David Liepelt, Tye Spillum, Mike Horner, Shelley Ware, Mandi McGoyne, LeAnna Hulce, and Mark Godfrey listen attentively during one of their sessions with Dr. Larry Kitzel.

(Photo courtesy of Shelley Ware)



What a sight...

These instruments represent each of the members of the McPherson College Band for 1997.

(Photo by Shelley Ware)



A Dynamic quartet.

The trombone quartet from McPherson College plays a little tune at the Renaissance Festival. The quartet includes: from left to right, Tye Spillum, Mike Horner, Brent See, so., and Larry Kitzel.

(Photo by Shelley Ware)

Ring a Song!

Matt Friesen, so., along with other McPherson College students play together in a bell choir at the Brethren Church.

(Photo by Dale Hakes)



Instruments Everywhere!

The McPherson College Band Department is few in numbers but bursting with talent and energy!

"The whole can be greater than the sum of its parts." This phrase describes the McPherson College Band during 1996-1997. The band not only performed as a unit, but also broke into many different ensembles including brass, saxophone quartet, and flute choir. The band also participated in the music tour to Minnesota during spring break. Their year closed with an outdoor concert at the gazebo in May.

The Band Bunch!

There are windows of opportunity for all participants in the music department. From left to right, Row 1- Becky Ullom, fr., Christi Essman, so., Crystal O'Dell, jr., Tina Burton, fr. Row 2- Larry Kitzel, Mark Godfrey, so., LeAnna Hulce, fr., Stacey Hoover, sr. Row 3- Mike Horner, so., Tye Spillum, sr., David Liepelt, sr., Sara Compton, fr., Shelley Ware, sr., Mandi McGorie, so. Not Pictured- Jayne Brown, jr. (Photo courtesy of Shelley Ware)



Tour Ensemble

Dr. Larry Kitzel, Jeremy Bernhard, jr., David Liepelt, sr., Erin Flory, fr., Mike Horner, so., Mark Godfrey, so. perform at Open Circle Church of the Brethren on Music Tour 1997. (Photo by Amanda Johnson)



"This year band was really exciting, especially being able to have a saxophone quartet during second semester."

-Shelley Ware, sr.



"It was a year of excitement and growth."

Christi Essmann,

"Choir was a very emotional experience for me this year. It has made me appreciate my choir director and the choir members during my years at McPherson High School. Choir has helped me learn that people learn and communicate in different ways."
 -Rozalynn O'Dell, Jr.



"I enjoyed helping Jeremy Bernhardt in that I was part of the choir that sang during his senior recital. It's a good way for students to help other students."
 -Ben Brubaker, Jr.



Campus Choir

Members of McPherson College Campus Choir include (from left to right):
 Row 1 - A. Conway, L. Liatt, S. Hoover, R. O'Dell, H. Hill, C. Miller, B. Brubaker, C. Malher, J. Bacon, A. Haas, J. Brown.
 Row 2 - J. Taylor, T. Houston, B. Ullom, J. Boynton, C. Raitzback, G. Hall, M. Bascom, T. Woodley, K. Williams, A. Fast, S. Wagoner.
 Row 3 - R. Russell, E. Flory, M. McGloone, B. Dilley, D. Lippell, D. Gregg, J. Risser, C. O'Dell, J. Bosserman, Dr. Gumum.
 Row 4 - G. Wine, C. Hayden, W. Engler, J. Bernhardt, S. Berner, M. Godfrey, S. Hendricks, S. Stover, S. Wagoner.



Concert Choir

The members of McPherson College Concert Choir include (from left to right):
 Row 1 - S. Hoover, L. Liatt, R. O'Dell, B. Ullom, J. Boynton, G. Raitzback, C. Miller, M. Bascom, C. Malher, J. Bacon, A. Fast, J. Brown.
 Row 2 - J. Taylor, R. Russell, E. Flory, B. Dilley, D. Lippell, D. Gregg, J. Risser, C. O'Dell, J. Bosserman, K. Williams, A. Fast, S. Wagoner.
 Row 3 - G. Wine, W. Engler, J. Bernhardt, S. Berner, M. Godfrey, S. Hendricks, S. Stover, S. Wagoner, Dr. Gumum.
 Not Pictured: Tina Burton, Sara Cumpston, and Kendra Flory.

McPherson College music department coordinates a wide variety of musical ensembles. Dr. Alan Gumum has been directing the choir at Mac since 1994. The Campus Choir is the largest choir with approximately 50 students. Another choir is the Concert Choir, which is practicing hard for the European choir tour scheduled in 1998!

McPherson College is lucky to have the Chamber Singers, a select group that performs a variety of music. Last fall was the Chamber Singers 16th consecutive year to perform at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival.

Many students take part in the different music options at Mac! (Photos courtesy of Mark Godfrey, Shelley Ware, and Kitzel)

McPherson College Choirs

With all of the opportunities at MAC, all students are able to find a place to let their true colors shine



Sounding Great!

The members of Heritage Quartet include: from left to right, Row 1- Erin Flory, Becky Lillom, Laura Luett. Row 2- Amy Fast, Gennelle Wine, and Sarah Stover.

Loosening up...

It's time for a group backrub!! Left to right, row 1- J. Bacon, B. G. Wine. Row 2- B. Dilley, B. Lillom, M. Horner. Row 3- M. Bascom, J. Boyton, K. Williams. Row 4- A. Fast, J. Brown, S. Benne. Row 5- T. Burton, E. Flory.



Sing, Sing a Song!

Chamber singers take the stage! From left to right, row 1- J. Bernhardt, W. Engler, L. Luett, C. Miller. Row 2- R. O'Dell, G. Ralsback, M. Godfrey. Row 3- D. Liepelt, S. Hendricks, C. O'Dell. Row 4- S. Wagoner.

In Action!

This is what it all comes down to. The concert choir sings loud and strong on choir tour. All that practice finally pays off!

Are we there yet??

Students wait anxiously to board the plane and be on their way to Chicago. The trip included students from both APO and Creative Arts Society as well as other students from Mac. (Photo by Mark Jostfey)



Let's Go!!

Teresa Beness, Valaria Thuma, and Jeremy Thuma run ahead of the group. These three along with many other students can't wait to get inside the Art Institute of Chicago.

(Photo by Mark Jostfey)



Why Thank You!

Professor Kristin Caskey graciously accepts a Pepsi from Kevin Thrift while Professor Wayne Conyers, Lori Heibert, and Jill Brax laugh at their politeness during Creative Arts Society's Christmas party.

Just lion around!

Sieve Benne, Jeremy Thuma, Valaria Thuma, and Teresa Beness relax a little during the trip to Chicago that Alpha Psi Omega and Creative Arts Society took part in. (Photo by Mark Jostfey)



APO/Creative Arts Society

If it's art you are looking for, Mac has it all. Two clubs on campus fit the needs of students on campus with an artistic side.

Alpha Psi Omega and Creative Arts Society are clubs on campus for students with an artistic flair. Alpha Psi Omega members are responsible for serving and preparing the dinners that are a part of every show, and they sponsor a stage dance every year. After all the hard work APO members take a trip to theatre events. This year's group traveled to Chicago for a weekend along with Creative Arts Society, a group on campus for students to share ideas with one another and allows students to talk art!

Alpha Psi Omega!

Members include, from left to right: Row 1- Jeremy Thuma, fr., Teresa Boness, jr., Jeremy Bernhardt, jr. Row 2- Stacey Hoover, sr., Heather Healy, sr., Patrick Crowdis, sr. Row 3- J.D Bowman, jr., Erin Cassidente, sr., Wendi Engler, jr. Not Pictured- Jessie Miller, sr., Steve Benne, so., Melissa Crowdis, sr.

(Photo courtesy of Alviner Hols)



Creative Arts Society

Members include, from left to right: Row 1- Mike Chrislip, Wayne Conyers, Dorothea Langer, fr., Kristin Caskey, Althua Conyers. Row 2- Teresa Boness, jr., Jill Brax, sr., Erin Cassidente, sr., Jeremy Thuma, fr., Lori Hiebert, jr. Not Pictured- Andy Wagoner, fr., Kevin Thrift, so., Elvira Stöbling, sr.

(Photo courtesy of Alviner Hols)



"Alpha Psi Omega members are a lot of people who don't know what they're doing, but get a lot done!"
-Jessie Miller.sr.



"I'm thankful that we were able to bring Creative Arts Society back into existence. The society has been excellent for me, I have this renewed drive to create art. I think the biggest thing I learned was that art is more than paintings in museums."

-Erin Cassidente, sr.

"Crimes of the Heart" / "Peter Rabbit & Me"

"Crimes of the Heart" and "Peter Rabbit and Me," the first two productions of the year were a success for all.

Heather Healy, sr. used "Crimes of the Heart" as her senior acting project. The play by Beth Henley is set in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. The Magrath sisters (Lenny, Meg, and Babe) reunite because Babe shot her husband, and their Granddaddy is dying. The women discover strength in each other by facing their past together. Through laughter, fighting, and tears each gains understanding in her life. And for one glimmering moment they were all smiling.

"Peter Rabbit and Me" was a hit, just ask Washington School students! In Aundra Harris' interpretation of the Beatrix Potter stories, young Beatrix escapes her stifling Victorian life by creating imaginative stories with the encouragement of her governess, Mrs. Hammond. These stories present delightful characters like Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail, but ultimately they tell the misadventures of Peter with two birds and a mouse in Mr. McGregor's garden. (stories by Heather Haley and photos by Rick Tyler)

"Crimes of the Heart" is one of the best experiences I've ever had in the theatre. I don't think I'll ever lose the feeling of this show or ever stop loving it. It's very close to my heart."
-Heather Healy

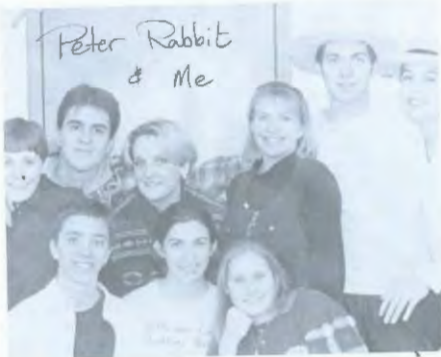
Smile!

The cast for "Crimes of the Heart" included (back row): Erin Cassidente, sr. (Chick Boyle), James Garrison, jr. (Doc Porter), Steven Bernie, so. (Barnette Lloyd), (front row): Heather Healy (Lenny Magrath), Jessie Miller, sr. (Meg Magrath), Teresa Boness, sr. (Babe Botrelle).



Lookin' Good!

The cast for "Peter Rabbit and Me" included (back row): Stacey Heaver, sr. (second girl, Miss Bobbin), Mike Bascom, fr. (Bertram Cottontail), Sara Compton, jr. (Illustrator, Peter Beck), Dilley, so. (first girl, Mill Kolan), Drew Hutchison, so. (Mr. Potter, Farmer McGregor), Krista Faus, fr. (Miss Hammond, Mrs. Rabbit). (Front row): J.D. Rowman, sr. (Baker, Mr. Mouse), Sarah Snover, jr. (Mopsy), LaAnna Hulse, jr. (Flopsy).



"It was the most fun. It was a great bonding experience with the cast. I liked dressing in drag and being a rabbit. I felt honored that Rick trusted me with the part as a freshman"
-Sara Compton



Get out!!!

Lenny Magraith (Heather Healy) not so politely tellin' Chick Boyle (Erin Cassidente) to "get out!"

Lemonade?

Babe Botrelle (Teresa Boness) recounts the exact details of her conversation with Zackery for the lawyer, Barnette Lloyd (Steven Benne).



A picking we will go!

Flopsy (LeAnna Hulce) and Mopsy (Sarah Stover) dance off on there way to pick berries for the sheer enjoyment of it!

Sweata! Sweata!

"I recommend the peas, end of the second row. Sweata! Sweata!" Mr. Mouse (J.D. Bowman) advises Peter (Sarah Compton).

A Moment of Truth.

"Sabine, this place is wearing my down," writes Griffin in one of the many wonderful letters shared with the audience during *An Extraordinary Correspondence*.



A Great Step!!

Jen Taylor as Flossie Cabanis, one of the souls of Spoon River, knowing states, "From Bindle's Opera House to Broadway is a great step."



Death and Love

"There is something about death, like love itself." Steve Benne and Jenny Stover as William and Emily share a touching moment.

Full of Thought...

Sabine (Erin Cassidente) takes a moment to let the audience share in her thoughts as she says, "I am of the Islands, yet I am from elsewhere."



Spoon River Anthology & An Extraordinary Correspondence

The next two productions of the year were a hit!! The hard work put forth definitely payed off!!

The people of Spoon River have all passed away, but they have returned to share the stories of their lives and the secrets they took to the grave. They reveal the humor and pain of their lives and others without reserve. They share not only their regrets, but their insights into life in Edgar Lee Masters' *Spoon River Anthology*, by Charles Aidman.

Sabine Strohm, an artist from the Simon Islands, begins a correspondence with Griffin Moss, a London postcard designer, because she has discovered that they possess a unique connection that goes beyond ordinary human relations. The letters and postcards they send present their attempts to unite, but these fail until they learn to accept themselves and the connection they share. A story by Nick Bantock.

Spoon River

The cast that succeeded in putting on *Spoon River Anthology* include, from left to right:
Row 1- Joe Taylor, Row 2- Michael Baker, Jr., Jerry Stover, Sr., Jeremy Thoma, Jr., Zandra Waggoner, Row 3- Steven Lewis, Sr., Mary Sentez, Sr., James Klouze, Sr., Not Pictured- Ryan Dhu, Jr. All of the cast members did a wonderful job of portraying the lives of many different characters.



It's Extraordinary!

The cast all worked together to make this production come to life! Included in the cast, from left to right: Row 1- Dustin Gregg, Jr., Victor Frolanti, Erin Cassidente, Sr., Sabine Strohm, Patrick Crowdis, Sr., Griffin Moss, Heather Hoels, Sr., (light design), Row 2- Krista Finn, Jr., (support), J.D. Boneman, Jr., (member of design team), Allison Conway, (Marie Sedon), Jeremy Bernhardt, Jr., (Narrator)



"I was looking for a collage and this one has both real and fictional characters which I found interesting. It is one of the biggest learning experiences I've had since I left home."
-Teresa Boness, Sr.



"This project was definitely a unique way to end my four years here. I really enjoyed working with the creative team who put the whole thing together."
-Erin Cassidente, sr.

"Jessie as a director, was able to provide so much insight into the character of Emily Dickinson! It was frightening but rewarding to be on stage after a three-year break."
-Karlene Tyler



"It was a challenge to tap my serious vein and to direct and design at the same time!"
-J.D. Bowman, jr.



The Belle of Amherst

The three who made this show come together include, from left to right: Jessie Miller, sr., (director), Bruce Clary and Karlene Tyler (Emily Dickinson).



Molly Sweeney

Dr. Rick Tyler (Dr. Rice), Heather Healy, sr., (Molly Sweeney), and Michael Bisceglia, III, so., (Frank Sweeney) make up the cast of *Molly Sweeney*.

The Belle of Amherst by William Lucè is a one woman show that presents a story about the life and work of Emily Dickinson. The nineteenth century poet comes to the stage to share her life as a reclusive writer. While telling her story, with flashbacks and re-enactments of her experiences and relationships, Emily also shares her poetry.

Three different viewpoints of the story of Molly Sweeney's journey from blindness to sightedness are given directly to the audience by her husband Frank, by her doctor Mr. Rice, and by Molly herself. As the characters tell their interwoven stories they bring to light their own weaknesses, fears, and desires, revealing their true selves in Brian Friel's *Molly Sweeney*.

Jessie Miller,
director of *The Belle of Amherst*, and J.D. Bowman, director of *Molly Sweeney* did well!

The Belle of Amherst & Molly Sweeney



Black Cake

"This is my introduction, black cake." Karlene Tyler as Emily Dickinson introduces herself to the audience.

Months and Months!

Molly Sweeney (Heather Healy) a little less than excited cries, "I must have spent months and months being analyzed!"



Reading the Headlines

Karlene Tyler (Emily Dickinson) begins to read the town newspaper only to find out that the headline says, "Train Hits Woman on Mill River Trestle."

A Moment to Ponder

Dr. Rick Tyler (Dr. Rice), Molly Sweeney's doctor, sits back with a smile and says, "Yes, I'll remember Ballybeg."



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ON COLLEGE

*F*or some, athletics could be described as the window to the future, but for others it is just participating in activities which they love. Even though the teams were smaller than the coaches had hoped, talent and hard work of the athletes were still evident. Many of the athletes should be respected and held in awe not only for their extraordinary talent on the field or on the court, but also for their continued involvement in academics and campus activities. As you look through the pages of the sports section you will find evidence of a great year for the McPherson College Athletic Department, not only because of wins, but also because of the dedication of the athletes.

— Jamie Risser
sports section editor

Athletics

Football

Recruitment Pays Off

The McPherson College football team went into the 1996 season hoping for a chance to show that they are capable of competing. The coaches were able to recruit a substantial number of players, both freshmen and transfers.

Several members of the team were honored as first team, second team, or honorable mention in the KCAC. These awards cite outstanding talent throughout the KCAC. The players who received this honor were Rudolph James, sr., Willie Norman, jr., Eddy Hester, sr., Joe Bravo, jr., Terrell Wheeler, so., Brian Ward, sr., Andre Myers, sr., Mike Ruddle, jr., Mike Stone, sr., Matt Farnsworth, so., and Eric VanDyk, jr. Each one of these players, as well as the entire team, should be commended for their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

"It was nice to be first team again this year because I made it last year as well," said Willie Norman.

The Bulldogs had a record season with five wins and five losses. The team closed out the season by winning the last four games. This was the first season since 1988 which ended in consecutive wins.

With 1216 total rushing yards this season, Rudolph James broke a McPherson College rushing record set 46 years ago.

"I felt I deserved a good ending to my college football career. For me to break the 46 year record was, in a sense, like going out with a bang. Thanks to all who made it possible," said Rudolph James.



(above) Turtle James, sr., makes a valiant effort to move the football down the field. Chane Helm, so., attempts to clear the way for James to gain some yardage. *Photo by Mark Jodrey*

(top right) Eddie Hester, sr., makes an outstanding tackle to hold the Falcons. Tackles like these helped him earn First Team Defensive Honors in the KCAC. *Photo by Mark Jodrey*



Front: Thomas Lewis, Justin Dennis, Chad Etheridge, Ryan Ben-Devon, Patrick Robinson, James Lopez, Aaron White, Steve Martin, Zaire Pope, Champ Yi, Jeff William, 2nd row: Chris Kunz, Chris Darrow, Tino Ippings, Matt Farnsworth, Bobby Hill, A. J. Wilson, Keith Walls, Marcus Hollie, Tim Armbruster, Paul Prose, 3rd row: Ryan Conley, mgr., Dan Holtry, Coach Jonte, Coach Decker, Coach Ferguson, Coach Grose, Coach DiMaggio, Coach Hill, Coach Warden, Terrell Wheeler, Amy Gaumer, mgr., 4th row: Marin Charlesworth, Danny Brubaker, Josh Davis, Rudolph James, Andrew Myers, Jason Snodgrass, Adam Schrank, Chane Helm, 5th row: Greg Hall, Ronald Hazelton, Preston Taylor, Jared Dowell, Jeremy Emrick, Peter Petrovski, Shawn Purdie, Eddie Hester, Will Roberts, 6th row: Mike Stamm, Frank Diaz, Willie Norman, Shannon Hutchens, Eric Manning, Tim Schoepflin, Tony Segovia, Matt Duncan, 7th row: Jake Hofflinger, Eric VanDyk, Robert Thorsen, Ryan Dhu, Joe Bravo, Greg White, back row: Greg Cure, Jeremy Wells, Richard Reazin, David Jones, Mike Ruddle, Mike Boughtman, Tony Chism, Mike Owens.



(left) Rushing past the defensive line, Turtle James, sr., carries the ball toward the end zone. James rushed for a total of 1216 yards to break a record set 46 years ago. *Photo by Hank Joffrey.*

(below) Mike Ruddle, jr., and Matt Farnsworth, so., combine their efforts to make a very aggressive stop on the punt return by the Falcons. Plays like these are a reason why the Bulldogs have a record of 5-5. *Photo by Hank Joffrey.*



"The team made definite improvements throughout the season. We had a legitimate chance to compete with other teams in the conference. The returning players kept the enthusiasm alive throughout the season. There was better team chemistry this season which helped to keep us going even when we were defeated." Bruce Grose, head football coach.



(left) The Bulldog defense proved very effective this season. In this play the defense brought the Friends offense to a halt. *Photo by Hank Joffrey.*

Cross Country

Runners Show Improvement

The 1996 cross country team consisted of only female athletes. Zuzana Strmenova, sr. and Heather Cloud, fr. competed on the McPherson College cross country team.

The runners showed increasing improvement as the year progressed, despite the small size of the team. Cloud had prior experience running on her high school cross country team.

"The season was good, but I just wish we had a few more girls," said Cloud, in regard to her first season running on the college level.

Aside from a couple of races at the end of the 1995 season, Strmenova was new to running in competition.

In his second year of coaching at McPherson College, coach John McNamara felt that Zuzana and Heather showed definite improvement right through the end of the season. "The girls were very consistent and worked hard. The girls both showed much improvement throughout the season," said Coach McNamara.

Coach McNamara expects to recruit a larger team for next season and to have Cloud running on the team again next season.

"Heather and Zuzana were extremely dedicated, worked hard, and performed well. Both girls performed progressively better as the season went on. Next year I planned to have larger team and to recruit many talented men and women."
John McNamara, cross country coach



Zuzana Strmenova, sr., and Heather Cloud, fr., take a Colorado break with Dan Hoffman, the volleyball coach. (Photo by John McNamara.)



Heather Cloud, fr., runs hard toward the finishline. (Photo by John McNamara.)

Heather Cloud, fr., and Zuzana Strmenova, sr., were the 1996 Cross Country team. Here they are just before one of their races. (Photo by John McNamara.)

Women's Tennis

Small Team Shows Spirit



(left) The McPherson College team had an improved season (below) Sarah Hooton, so., was despite the team size. Pictured not officially on the team this season, left to right are Sarah Hooton, son, but she will play next season, so., Jenny Amiot, so., and Lori Here she is starting to practice for Fleming, so. (Photo by Kristin next season. (Photo by Mark Seger) Godfrey)



The 1996 tennis team decreased in size by one from the 1995 team. The 1996 team consisted of Lori Fleming, so. and Jennifer Amiot, so. Not officially on the team, but attending practices toward the end of the season were Sarah Hooton, so. and Chris Constien, fr. The size of the team may have been small, but the positive attitude and the desire to improve their games made the season seem very productive.

Although the team was not able to win any of the meets because of the small team size, they were able to win matches against Sterling in doubles and against Bethany in singles.

"When we beat Sterling in doubles, that was a highlight for me," said Fleming.

After completing her second year of coaching tennis at McPherson College, Coach Becky Sankner is impressed with the improvement Jenny and Lori have made. Coach Sankner is looking forward to next season with hopes for a full squad.



"We had three last year, but this year we had two and two joined near the end of the season. The girls worked hard this season, and it turned out to be a better season in the end. I look forward to having a full team next season."

—Becky Sankner,
tennis coach
photo by Jamie Risser.

Men's Soccer

Rapid Improvement

The men's soccer team finished fifth in the conference, one game behind Bethany and Tabor, with a record of 5-14.

"We were stuck with a disorganized defense and no goalie, but we worked through these problems by moving various players around and showed up in both areas in the end," Dan Marchewka, assistant coach.

The seniors this year were Pete Petrovski, Tate Hepler, Brian Davis, and Jeff Cole.

"Brian did a good job taking on the responsibilities as a first time goalkeeper," commented Marchewka.

Honors went out to O'Brien Byrd, for All-Conference, Jeff Cole for Second Team All-Conference and Pete Petrovski for Honorable Mention.

"I was happy with the season. Overall, I enjoyed playing with Brian and Tate for all four years. My most memorable experience this year was to beat Friends," said Pete Petrovski.

Next year, Marchewka believes if the team builds with the success they demonstrated at the end of the season combined with new enthusiasm, they will be competitive for the conference title, even though the team will be young. Marchewka, who will be the head coach next year, plans to have a squad of 16 to 18 men.



Soccer may not be a very popular sport on this campus or in North America compared with sports like football and basketball, but in countries such as Spain and Mexico, the sport is a significant part of their culture.

O'Brien Byrd, so, attempts to regain possession of the ball in a game against Bethel College. Photo by Andy Ellen



Front: Cliff Bell, Tate Hepler, Jeff Cole, Clay Porter, Josh Ebaugh, Brent Johnson, Joseph Wilson, Jason Prison, Back: Assistant Coach Dan Marchewka, Brian Davis, O'Brien Byrd, Jeremy Emrick, Scott Pennington, Brad Martin, Pete Petrovski, Brandon Johnson, Coach Jerry Malone

"From where we started we improved 1000 percent. The men did an excellent job, and I couldn't be more proud of them. It is amazing when we compare where we started to where we ended." Dan Marchewka, men's soccer assistant coach.



(above) The team huddles before a game at Friends University. The rivalry between Friends and McPherson has always been strong. This year the Bulldogs proved to be the stronger team by beating Friends with a score of 2-1. *Photo by Andy T. Ullom*



The team celebrates after their final game of the season. Considering that a majority of the players were new, the improvements were amazing. *Photo courtesy of Cliff Sell*



Men's Soccer at McPherson College is not only one of the fastest moving sports, but it is a fast improving sport as well. With returning players and continued recruitment of young, talented players, this trend should continue.

Women's Soccer

A Slow, But Productive Season

The 1996 women's soccer season started out a little slow, but saw lots of improvement throughout the season. Sammy Lane was the new head coach and all the players were impressed with his knowledge of the game and his dedication to the team. "I was really excited about the new coach. He pushed all the girls to do their best. I think next year will be even better, so watch out!" said Cherice Marsalis, jr.

The team will graduate four seniors, Melissa Crowdis, Jackie Huen, Kim Ebersole, and Tracy Stoddart. Crowdis had some closing thoughts on her soccer career at McPherson, "The returning players have lots of desire and potential. With the new coach and new recruits for next year, the team is going to see lots of improvement. I am sad to be leaving during this exciting time for women's soccer."

Melanie Messick, so., was awarded second team all-conference honors.

"I thought the season went really well considering the way it started with a shortage of players. As the season progressed, we started playing as a team. This was a really great feeling for me. Next season should be even better, and I look forward to it," said Melanie Messick.



(above) Cherice Marsalis, jr., and Melissa Crowdis, sr., practice good sportsmanship and teamwork all in the same play. Photo by Mark Joffrey



(right) Cherice Marsalis, jr., looks for an opening to pass against the opposing team. Photo by Mark Joffrey

(below) Becky Ullom, fr., works against two Bethany defenders to move the ball up the field. Photo by Andy Ullom



Front: Cheryl Norsworthy, Cherice Marsalis, Melanie Messick, Kimberly Ebersole, Tracy Stoddart, Becky Ullom, LeAnna Hulce. Back: Krista Faus, Krista Faus, Jacqueline Huen, Dorolhea Langer, Nikki Unruh-Carey, and Coach Sammy Lane

"Overall, I was happy with the team's efforts and improvement throughout the season. Next season I see the team being more competitive and winning more games than ever before in the history of women's soccer at McPherson College."
 Sammy Lane, head coach



(Below) Melanie Messick, so., prepares to go airborne in the hope of regaining possession of the ball.
 Photo by Mark Jeffrey



(Above) Melanie Messick, so., does some quick footwork as she maneuvers around the obstacle of her Central opponent.
 Photo by Jamie Reeves



(above) Nikki Unruh-Carey, fr., sprints away from Southwestern defenders in an attempt to score. Photo by Mark Jeffrey

Volleyball

New Talent Brings Excitement

The 1996 volleyball team went into the season hoping to improve on last year's record. In that respect the team was unsuccessful, but they achieved something far more important. They achieved a goal which every coach hopes his team will fulfill: to gain a team spirit which encourages the team to keep playing hard even when the odds are not in the team's favor.

This season the team had a 3-20 record in overall play, and they had a record of 1-15 in the conference. In every game the Bulldogs kept it close, but the opposing team proved to be slightly more determined in almost every case.

"We were never totally blown away in any of the games. We were always right with them, making for some exciting volleyball," said Coach Dan Hoffman.

Coach Hoffman hopes to have a squad of eighteen players by next season, including eight returning players. The team will have to say goodbye to four outstanding senior players.

Senior Jenny Williams made 2nd Team All-KCAC for the third year in a row. This is quite an accomplishment for any player, regardless of the sport.

"Although I am honored to get voted onto the Second Team for playing a sport that I love, I feel our team was cheated big because we have other good athletes that should have been recognized for their abilities," said Jen Williams.

So the Bulldog volleyball team will have to wait another year to better their record. If the team is able to keep the team spirit which was present this season, they will succeed.



This mascot looks over all the play which takes place in the large gym in the Sport Center. *Photo by Jamie Reeves*

(below) Melissa Smith, fr., awaits the serve. Smith, along with two other freshmen, helped to fill the vacancies of last year's seniors. *Photo by Jamie Reeves*



Front: Coach Hoffman, Summer Snodgrass, Marie Vacura, Jayme Brown, Melissa Smith, Coach Stufflebean, 2nd row: Amber Spillum, Genelle Wine, Kerri Kobberman, Amy Wespe, Andrea Bess, Melissa Sharp, back row: Trisha Young, and Jen Williams.

(right) The Bulldogs may have lost more than they planned. This picture demonstrates something they did not lose, their team spirit. *Photo by Jamie Reeves*

"I was fortunate to have the best group of women on campus to work with. Our win/loss record did not turn out the way I would have preferred, but the season was still good." Coach Dan Hoffman, volleyball coach.



(above) As the game winds down, these women strive for a possible win. The team always put up a good fight till the very end of each game. *Photo by Jamie Reeves*

(above) For Amy Wespe, sr., this was her first season playing on the varsity volleyball team. Observe her concentration as she prepares to serve. *Photo by Jamie Reeves*

Men's Basketball

A Recap of the Season

After beginning the season as winners of nine out of their first twelve ball games, the McPherson College men's basketball team suffered through a discouraging second half of the season and failed to qualify for the conference tournament.

The Dogs finished the 1996-97 schedule with an 11-14 record, 4-12 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Despite a semi-sluggish start, the Bulldogs won eight out of nine games during a stretch in the middle of the schedule. The team performed especially well following the Christmas break, out-playing opponents on both ends of the floor.

Following a lopsided win over Kansas Wesleyan in mid-January, the men were only able to notch one more conference victory the remainder of the season.

"The conference really turned into a big, physical inside game in just this past season," said head coach Roger Trimmell. "The guys are going to have to get in the weight room."

Nonetheless, the team was competitive and on most nights was in a position to win their games. "Many of the ball games we lost were close," Trimmell said.

Looking to next season, it appears that the majority of the team—including a good number of players who started at one point during the year—will return. Only two seniors—Brandon Rice and Jason Dingman—were on the roster this year, and hopes are high that the off-season will produce an immediate impact recruiting class, as well as contribute to the development of the current group.

Furthermore, the junior varsity squad, under the direction of first-year coach Jeff Luster, enjoyed a solid season, winning all but two of their conference games.

Post-season awards were limited this year, with junior-transfer Tim Herrs receiving the only recognition among the team members. He was a KCAC All-Conference honorable mention selection.

Head coach Roger Trimmell did notch his 200th career victory on December 14 when the Bulldogs defeated Ottawa University. This was Trimmell's 15th year at the helm of the men's program.



Kelly Hoover, so, elevates above a Tabor defender, to complete a short jumper. *Photo by Mark Jeffrey*



Front: Brandon Rice, Kelly Hoover, Emanuel Roland, Erik Vogel, 2nd row: Shane Sundahl, Jason Dingman, Brian Carr, Andres Ruiz, Assistant Coach Luster, 3rd row: Coach Trimmell, Anthony Waldron, Rick Coleman, Ryan Wenzel, Timm Herrs, Eric Putnum, Doug Delay, Student Manager.

Although the Bulldogs were unable to play in the play-offs, the ground work has been laid for a successful season next year.



Left: Andres Ruiz, so., takes to the air for a fast break basket. *Photo by Mark Jodfrey*

Tim Herra, jr., takes out an opposing defender on the way to the hoop. *Photo by Mark Jodfrey*



Erik Vogel, jr., moves the ball up the court against the Saint Mary's defense. *Photo by Mark Jodfrey*

Left, Above: Anthony Waldron, fr., beats a lone defender in a race for the hoop to score for the Bulldogs. *Photo by Mark Jodfrey*

"I was very pleased with the effort and hard work that the men displayed this year. We were a little bit disappointed in our record. We've laid the ground work to come back and have a successful season next year."
- Coach Roger Trimmell



Women's Basketball

Women Make Play-offs

The 1996-1997 women's basketball program made some accomplishments that had not been achieved for several years. The coaching staff was very pleased with the efforts of the team. The team acquired several new freshman who helped to propel the team throughout the season. Summer Snodgrass, Hillary Schubert, and Deirdra Jones, Melissa Smith, and Katy Neusch were five of the freshmen who played on the varsity squad.

With the combined efforts of these freshman and the returning players, the team was able to win a total of 10 games with 16 losses. The team's hard work on the court and during practice is a major reason for attaining such an improved record.

"The team was able to beat some teams in the conference that McPherson had not beaten in several years," said Coach Mel Wright.

The team achieved one of its major goals when it was able to enter the playoffs. Although the team did not advance as far as they would have liked, they were proud to be able to participate in the preliminary stages.

Now they have a goal for next year. With continued devotion and practice, next year's team should be able to accomplish this and many other goals.

Coach Mel Wright was very happy with the accomplishments of his team this year. He hopes that the success of his team this year will continue on into next season. He would like his team to make the playoffs again and go even further than they were able to this year. For next year, Coach Mel Wright has a goal of having a full squad of 20 women and including a junior varsity team.



Katie Neusch, Jr., drives past two Blue Jay defenders for an easy Bulldog bucket. Neusch used her tremendous athletic ability to help the team. *Photo by Mark Joffrey*



Front Row: Rhonda Murphy, Hillary Schubert, Summer Snodgrass, Staci Shoemaker, Amber Spillum, Back Row: Coach Mel Wright, Deirdra Jones, Amy Ross, Andrea Bess, Nikki Adler, Melissa Smith, and Katy Neusch

Left: Amber Spillum, Jr., does some quick moves to get around a Falcon defender as she moves the ball up the court. *Photo by Mark Joffrey*

"We are very excited about our team for next year. Next season, we are going to be a force to contend with in the conference. With the players that are coming back and the overall effort that the girls put forth everyday in practice, the coaching staff feels the team has a chance to be really good next year." - Coach Mel Wright



Below: Deirdra Jones, fr., fights for position under neath net the in an attempt to score. *Photo by Mark Joffrey*



Above: Hillary Schubert, fr., shoots a jumper over the oncoming Southwestern defenders. Schubert received the KCAC Newcomer of the Year Award for her contributions to the team. *Photo by Mark Joffrey*



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Cheerleading

Squad Brings Out Spirit in Fans

The cheerleaders had another great year providing support at the football and basketball games. They showed off their talents with much spirit and got the crowds involved. Besides cheerleading on the sidelines, the squad also performed dance routines at homecoming, midnight madness, and family weekend.

Lisa Johnson said, "I had lots of fun cheering with the other girls and have enjoyed our close friendships! I'll never forget all the great times we had, and I will really miss them next year. I also really appreciated coach Trimmell's willingness to be so supportive of the cheerleaders."

Lisa Johnson, sr., was the captain of the squad for the football season. During the basketball season, Johnson and Gina Railsback, sr., were co-captains of the squad. During the football season, Simba, a bulldog owned by a neighbor to the college, made appearances with the squad and boosted school spirit. The basketball season brought the cheerleaders closer together. The cheerleaders did more than just cheer they presented gifts to Coach Trimmell for accomplishing his 200th win as men's basketball coach here at McPherson College.

"The basketball season was great, practices were a time for bonding. Gina and Lisa will be missed," expressed Sarah Hooten, so.

Cheerleaders will always be there for the team, but this year they seemed to make the spirit of McPherson College extra special. With the returning cheerleaders and any new members, the squad will hopefully continue to bring in all athletes and spectators.



The basketball squad cheers the men's basketball team on to victory and attempts to stir a spirit in the crowd.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Johnson

Serena Hooker, fr., Krissy Williams, fr., Fawn Amack, fr., Lychelle Gibbs, jr., Sarah Constien, fr., and Heather Cloud, fr., made up the football cheerleaders for this year. *Photo Courtesy of Lisa Johnson*



Basketball Cheerleading Squad - Front: Gina Railsback, Lisa Johnson Middle: Sarah Constien. Back: Sarah Hooten, Sponsor, Ken Queen, and Krissy Williams.



Sara Hooten, so., Lisa Johnson, sr., Gina Railsback, sr., and Sarah Constien, fr., attempt another one of their challenging routines at one of the 1997 Basketball games.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Johnson

Below: The well-planned jumps and lifts of this year's cheerleaders helped to fire up the athletes and excite the fans. *Photo Courtesy of Lisa Johnson*



Co-sponsors: Ken Queen and Deb Wagner

"We had a lot of cooperation this season. Many people worked hard and showed a huge amount of dedication to the squad. The cheerleaders showed a lot of improvement this year. Hopefully that spirit of cooperation will carry into next year."

Cheerleading Sponsor, Ken Queen



Gina Railsback, sr., Sara Hooten, so., Sarah Constien, fr., Krissy Williams, fr., and Lisa Johnson, sr., in addition to cheering with one another, established friendships with each other that will last for a long time.

Track

Small Team With a Big Heart

The 1997 McPherson College track and field teams had a good year under second-year coach John McNamara even though the team was actually smaller than last year's team. They seemed to show more heart and determination throughout the season, as they went on to prove all doubters wrong.

Throughout the season, Rudolph "Turtle" James, sr., and the men's 4 by 100 relay team ate up the competition in the KCAC. James was the key leg, running second for the men's 4 by 100-relay team and running the 100-meter dash.

At the KCAC meet at Sterling College on May 2-3, the relay team was hoping to take first place. The men's 4 by 100-relay team finished second, and James also finished second in the 100-meter dash to bring home two silver medals. The relay team also consisted of Matt Friesen, so., Chad Etheridge, fr., and Antonio Ford, fr.

Last year's javelin champion Rick Coleman, jr., finished a strong third place in the KCAC championship throwing 170' 1".

For the women's track team, Katy Neusch, fr., finished second place in the long jump, wrapping up the field competition.

Katy Neusch, fr., takes time to mentally prepare herself for her events, the triple jump and the long jump. For her performance in these events she earned a trip to the NAIA Track Nationals in Marietta, Georgia. Photo courtesy of John McNamara.



Rick Coleman, jr., warms up for the javelin competition during the Bulldog's meet at Bethel College. Photo courtesy of John McNamara.



Dorothea Langer, fr., a foreign exchange student from Germany, finished the 800-meter run during the outdoor season. Photo courtesy of John McNamara.

"I think that the season went extremely well. I was very pleased with everyone's performance; everyone put forth tremendous effort."

-Coach John McNamara



Top Left: Matt Friesen, so., and Brett Johnson, so., prepare for the 100 meter dash. *Photo courtesy of John McNamara.*

Middle Left: Nikki Unruh-Carey, fr., helped the women's track team with a fifth place finish at the KCAC tournament. *Photo courtesy of John McNamara.*

Left: With a first place finish in both the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash Chad Etheridge, fr., qualified for the NAIA Nationals. *Photo courtesy of John McNamara.*

Top Right: Turtle James, sr., Chad Etheridge, fr., Matt Friesen, so., Antonio Ford, fr., the 4 by 100 relay team, take a break from competition. *Photo courtesy of John McNamara.*

Middle Right: Cameron Koster, so., participated in the triple jump and the long jump throughout the season. *Photo courtesy of John McNamara.*

Above: Serena Hooker, fr., threw shot put and discus during the outdoor track and field season. *Photo courtesy of John McNamara.*

Golf

Golf Finishes in Sixth Place

The McPherson College golf team wrapped up their 1997 season, placing sixth in the KCAC tournament held in Hesston May 2-3.

Even though the weather was uncooperative, juniors Tim Herra and Jeff Williams and seniors Ryan Schmid and Jamie Warren stroked it out to place sixth in the conference. Over two days the men shot 27 holes per day with scores as follows: Schmid 123/126, Warren 120/129, Herra 139/139 and Williams 134/136.

"If we would have had a fifth man for this tournament, we could have easily gotten fourth instead of sixth in the conference," Warren said.

The team played a one day, 36-hole tournament at Southwestern College on April 23.

Warren led the team with a score of 91/80 since scoring was marked in two 18 hole standings. Only four Mac men played in this tournament.

The Mac team placed fourth at the Friends Terradyne tournament on April 15. McGowan, Schmid, Warren, Williams and Herra all individually placed.

The team will lose seniors, Schmid, Warren and McGowan leaving only Herra and Williams for the 1997-98 team.

"Schmid and I had a good tournament to end our senior season. We are ready to pass the torch on to Jeff and Tim to take over the team," Warren said.

Above: Ryan Schmid, sr., hopes for productive drive so that he will be able to pull ahead of his competitor.

Photo by Jamie Warren

Right: Tim Herra, jr., lines up his putt. He helped the men place sixth in the the conference. *Photo by Mark Jeffrey*



Left: Tim Herra, jr., drives for distance as he attempts to put the ball in good position. *Photo by Mark Johnson*



Below: Jeff Williams, jr., waits for his turn to tee off at the next hole. *Photo by Jamie Reeves*



"Despite the inclimate weather, the golf team got progressively better throughout the season. The members of the team show hope for the future."
-Coach Roger Trimmell



Left: James Warren, sr., contemplates the best approach to sink the ball under par. *Photo by Jamie Reeves*





Men's Tennis

Tennis Season Yields Success

The men's tennis team wrapped up a good year,

finishing fourth. They concluded their spring campaign

with a winning record of 6-3. The team won their first six

meets and lost their last three. The bulldogs finished

fourth, behind power houses Bethany, Bethel and Tabor at

the KCAC tournament on May 2-3.

The team won all first-round matches except two.

Without playing their second round-matches the team was

sitting in a comfortable fourth place. The team lost all of

their second round matches to Bethel, who won the

tournament.

"The team had a rough time in the tournament. I don't

think the team was really ready for tournament play, but

they gave a lot of effort, and I was proud of them. One

match in the tournament summed up the season as a whole.

We felt like our backs were always against the wall," said

head coach Becky Sankar.

Mark Boyer, sr., and Brent Johnson, Jr., battled against

Tabor for third place in the number two seed doubles. The

team lost their first game 2-6. The duo fell behind 0-5 in

game two but came back to force a tie breaker and won the

game 7-6. The final set went to another tie breaker game

and the pair won 7-5, good enough for third place.

"Brent and I talked about the match after the game.

and we were just happy that we didn't give up. We were

the only members on the team left playing in the tourna-

ment, and we hadn't placed yet, so we wanted to do

something for the team," Boyer said. "We were pretty

exhausted, but I don't think it was a lack of fatigue. I

think it was because we were on an emotional high."

The Bulldogs finished their regular season winning one

of their last four meets. The bulldogs defeated Sterling 6-3

and Bethany by the score of 0-9 at McPherson on April 28.

The team lost 2-7 at Tabor on April 24.

Mark Boyer, sr., was a key player on the 1997 men's tennis team due to his four years of playing tennis here.



From left: Mark Boyer, Joey Housh, Shawn Stratton, Josh Hoffinger, David Wrens, Brent Johnson.

"I'm really looking forward to next year's team. We are going to be stronger with three returning players and three new recruits. We are losing three outstanding players Mark Boyer, Josh Hofflinger and Shawo Stratton."
-Coach Becki Sankner.



Joey House, jr., practices his swing to gear up for the final meet. He will play next year. *Photos by Jamie Risser*



David Wiens, jr., practices returning several serves hit to him by his team mates. *Photos by Jamie Risser*



Several members of the men's tennis team assisted with "Play Tennis America." This event was held for anyone interested in learning how to play tennis. *Photos by Jamie Risser*

Special Story

First to Play College Soccer

Two graduates of Columbia Falls High School have continued both their friendship and their love of sports in college. O'Brien Byrd and Cliff Bell are the first CFHS grads to play college soccer. Both played throughout high school and received scholarships to attend McPherson College in McPherson, Kan.

The pair grew up in Columbia Falls and became close friends around junior high. They have been playing soccer for nine years. Byrd commented, "I like soccer because I have to think more and make split-second decisions." Both were starters in high school.

The two McPherson College student athletes have continued their starting positions. Bell usually plays center (his favorite position), and Byrd's prized position is midfield. Both mentioned that having played together in high school they connect better on the field and seem to know constantly where the other one is.

The two feel there is a tremendous difference between high school and college soccer. At the college level, the sport is more aggressive and physical, and there are more games played. But the duo has made the transition from high school to college easily. Bell remarked, "Our coaching by Mark Richardson (CFHS Soccer coach) has paid off."

This season the two have been playing well. At center midfield, Bell has had two goals and five assists. Byrd is playing stopper and has had one assist and, on defense, shut down an All-American Player. He says, "this is the first time I've ever played defense, but I'm playing the best soccer of my life."



O'Brien Byrd, so., and Cliff Bell, fr., have been friends since junior high and this shows on the soccer field. *Photo courtesy of Del Kenney*



Left: O'Brien Byrd, so., and Cliff Bell, fr., are the only soccerplayers from their high school to play at the college level. *Photo courtesy of Del Kenney*

Above: Cliff Bell, fr., demonstrates his skill with handling the ball. O'Brien Byrd, so., looks on. *Photo courtesy of Del Kenney*

Special Story

Play Tennis America

On Friday, May 16, the program called "Play Tennis America," was held at McPherson College. Dr. Rebecca Sankner hosted this event with the help of both the men's and women's tennis teams. The purpose of the event was to provide an easy way to learn how to play tennis and to promote tennis as a viable recreational activity. The event drew many people of varying ages, including several college students.

Mervyn Webster, an internationally recognized tennis teaching pro and the director of tennis at the Wichita Racquet Club in Wichita, Kansas, was the organizer of the "Play Tennis America" program. Webster showed how easily the basic principles of tennis could be learned. He also stressed the importance of having fun as you are learning.

Many McPherson College students came out to participate in this event.

Photo by Kristin Boyer



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Andy Ullom
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 All Coaches
 who helped with the
 yearbook sports
 section this year.

Above Middle: Mervyn Webster, tennis instructor, advises Emmanuel Roland, Jr., on the correct way to hold a racket. *Photo by James Ricker*

Above: Dr. Becky Sankner, tennis coach, assisted in the teaching part of the tennis workshop. *Photo by Kristin Boyer*

Above: Will Roberts, Jr., returns the ball with a back-hand serve. *Photo by Kristin Boyer*





MacPherson College is home away from home, a place in which someone is always watching out for you: dorm buddies, classmates, faculty, staff. Mac is a diverse but caring community; it's an opportunity for individuality. You can share your thoughts and feelings, goals and dreams, and this "family" loves you for who you are, but at the same time it nudges you closer to who you will become.

*— Kendra Flory
people section editor*

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Kristin Boyer
Cheryl Bradford
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Bruce Clary
Wayne Conyers
Tim Cossaart
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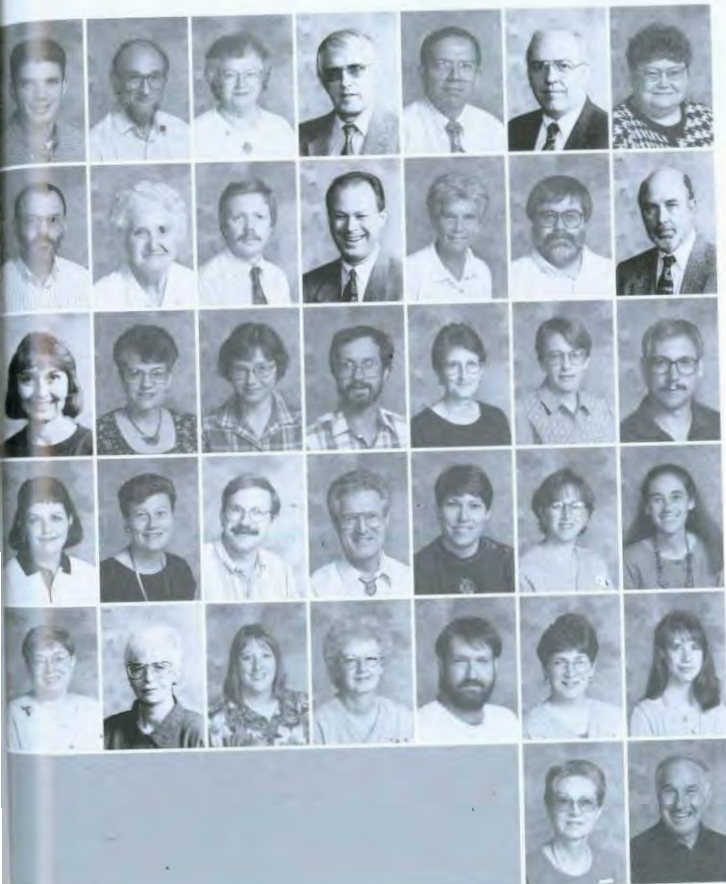


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 Susan Taylor
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 Kathie Vaughan
 Deb Wagoner
 Zandra Wagoner

Marcia Walters
 Jan Ward
 Kathryn Whitacre
 Barb Williams
 Brad Williams
 Carol Williams
 Jenny Williams

Marcia Williams
 Mel Wright

Being a SENIOR means . . .

senior: More advanced in dignity, rank, or office; Belonging to the final year of the course in American colleges, universities, high schools, etc. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary

being old; a senior is one who's been through the hoops and is ready to get a job.

Stacey Hoover

Jeff Avery
Kari Bard
Tina Beeghly
Jeremy Bernhardt
Mark Boyer



Jill Brax
Joyce Bretches
Dan Brubaker
Mike Carnahan
Erin Cassidente



Jeff Cole
Aaron Cox
Cullen Crosthwaite
Melissa Crowdis
Pat Crowdis



Brandon Cusick
Doug DeLay
Akin Doherty
Kim Ebersole
Hubert Freeman



Eri Fujisawa
Homero Garcia
Cheri Gillis
Kristin Gingrich
Kristin Grimes



*Being a senior means
graduating and putting
away the books and school
work for a while.*

Seth Miller

*A person who has worldly
experience and shares the
experience with under
classmen.*

Cheryl Harris



Cheryl Harris
Heather Healy
Jon Henrikson
Matthew Hepler
Mindi Hess



Eddie Hester
Justine Ho
Jane Hoefler
Stacey Hoover
Michelle Horner



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Lisa Johnson



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Jose Lawrence
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Debra Makings



Eli Makings
Shawn McGowan
Miguel Mendez
Jesse Miller
Seth Miller

For my senior project, choosing to do a performance arts piece was a decision that was in the works for over a year. It was a creative process made possible by a group of people in the theatre department. The idea of "An Extraordinary Correspondence" was introduced by

Erin stands with two of her cast members Jeremy Bernhardt, sr., and Dustin Gregg, Jr., after a practice
photo courtesy Erin Cassidente



Rick Tyler. When I decided that this was an ideal senior show, Heather Healy, J.D. Bowman and Pat Crowdis all expressed interest in various design aspects of the show. I enjoyed working with all of them in completing the show. As a cast we continually changed our minds as to what we believed about the characters. I also loved the idea of introducing scents, sound, slides and a complex lighting design. For me, the main purpose of having a show like "An Extraordinary Correspondence" was to get people to think. I wanted people to leave wondering what the show was really all about.

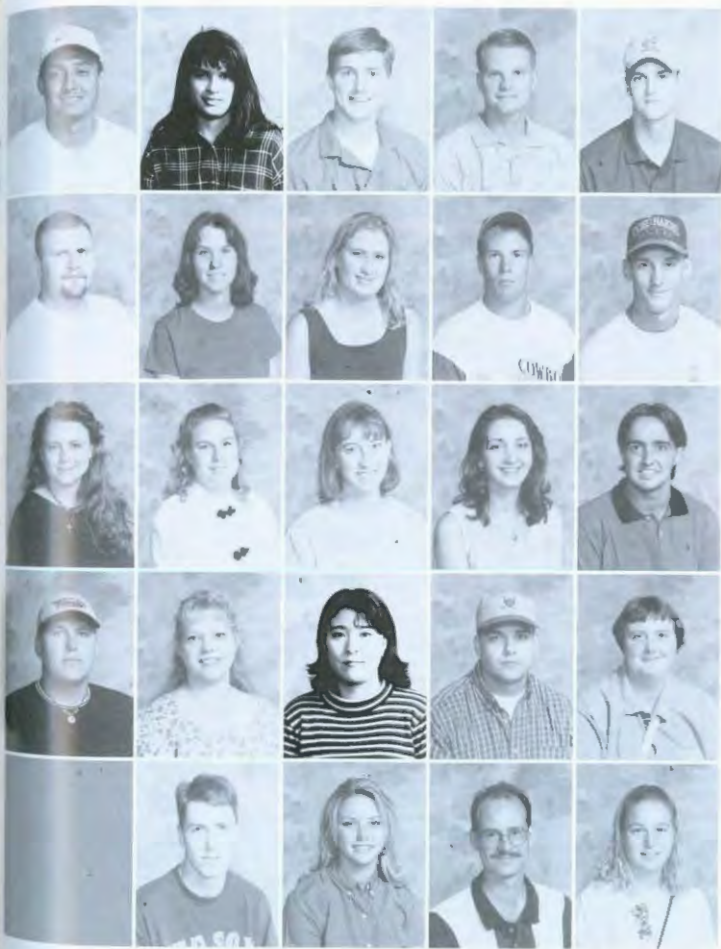
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 Wallace Moore
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 Terry Phillips



Geraldine Quested
 Gina Railsback
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 Bandon Rice
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Mario Rodriguez
Yvonne Rodriguez
Rodney Samuelson
Chris Saunders
Ryan Schmid

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Naho Umeda
Brian Ward
Shelley Ware

James Warren
Jennifer Williams
Perry Winter
Trisha Young

1996-97 Senior
Enrollment: 101

*Being a
JUNIOR
means . . .*

junior: One of a lower or later standing; specif., in American colleges and schools, one in the third year of a four-year course...

*Webster's New
Collegiate Dictionary*

Junior - a sophisticated, well dressed student who doesn't always know what path to take but hopes to find out before senior graduation.

Ann Mickey

Dwight Abbey
Brad Adams
Nikki Adler
Tim Armbruster
Jayme Barrows



Teresa Boness
J.D. Bowman
Jayme Brown
Ben Brubaker
Martin Charlesworth



Laura Cherry
Rick Coleman
Brian Davis
Jason Dingman
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Sarah Ellis
James Garrison
Amy Gaurner
Amy Haas
Damian Harris



Pedro Herrera
Tim Herra
Lori Hiebert
Josh Hofflinger
Joey House



Being a junior is about the realization that it is now time to take school seriously. Real life is just around the corner. So either you own the present, and in that, your future, or your future will own you. This is a time of critical choices!

Nathan Reinhold

I'm almost out of here!

Sarah Ellis



Trisha House
Valerie Huber
Michael Jackson
Brandon Johnson
Roy Johnson

Candace Lawrence
John Lawrence
Amy Little
Laura Luett
Cameron Mahler

Cherice Marsalis
Christy Meiers
Ann Mickey
William Norman
Crystal O'Dell



During a college handbell choir practice Laura Luett and Andy Ullom ring their hearts out. Through the McPherson Church of the Brethren the College Handbell Choir was started by Winona Godfrey in mid-November.

photo by Val Huber

At the spring blood donor challenge between Mac College and Central College, Sarah waits for donors at the resitration table.

photo by Jamie Risser



The American Red Cross was never something I dreamed about being involved in, and I never expected to donate blood -- let alone serve as the chairman of the campus blood drives. But, as Emerson stated so well, kindness can never be done too soon.

My involvement with the Red Cross began my senior year in high school when I managed to gather up enough courage to donate my first pint of blood. Over a gallon later I'm still giving regularly and enjoy the small amount of kindness I give away with each donation. During my time as our campus coordinator, I have learned many things about the Red Cross and about the people who take time out of their day to donate. The Red Cross cares and the donors care. People don't give blood for the free t-shirts and food. They give because they care about saving a life, "...for you never know how soon it will be too late."

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Feature: Sarah Wagoner

Peter Petrovski
Nathan Reinhold
Valerie Rhea
Emanuel Roland
Amy Ross



Mike Ruddle
Melissa Sharp
Amber Spillum
Becky Standafer
Ernest Stohr





Mike Stone
Shane Sundahl
Jaime Tavarez
Alan Traxler
Andy Ullom

Jesse Van Norden
Erik Vogel
Sarah Wagoner
Karen Walton
Amanda Watkins

Paige Watkins
Shawna Watkins
Ryan Wenzel
Greg White
David Wiens

Jeff Williams
Mary Zodrow



Before president Dill's inauguration James Garrison shows off his academic garb. As a representation of the student body, Members of the Student Government Association marched in the processional.

photo by Kris Boyer



1996-97 Junior
Enrollment: 74

Being a
SOPHOMORE
 means . . .

sophomore: (sophos wise, and moros fool, foolish) A student in the second year of a four-year college course; one next above a freshman.

Webster's New
 Collegiate Dictionary

Being a sophomore is
 better than being a
 freshman.

Quentin Alsip

Quentin Alsip
 Jenny Amiot
 Wes Balun
 Steve Benne
 Andrea Bess



Michael Bisceglia
 Katie Block
 Jen Bosserman
 Mike Boughtman
 Kurt Bowman



Jamie Boyer
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 O'Brien Byrd
 Brian Carr



Johnson Chow
 Brian Cooper
 Greg Cure
 Frank Diaz
 Becki Dilley



Michael DuBois
 Jennifer Durst
 Josh Ebaugh
 Santino Eppinger
 Christi Essmann



Being a sophomore means not being at the bottom of the barrel, having more seniority and getting closer to graduation.

Melanie Messick

We are now half way through McPherson . . . we are still waiting for the senioritis from high school to leave.

Jill Gibson



Matt Farnsworth
Krista Faus
Kevin Feldkamp
Lori Fleming
Patti Flentrophe



Matt Friesen
Kevin Friess
Jill Gibson
Marta Gingrich
Mark Godfrey



Betty Guffey
Don Hazelton
Ron Hazelton
Chane Helm
Shelly Hendricks



Corey Hill
Sarah Hooton
Kelly Hoover
Mike Horner
Drew Hutchison



Brett Johnson
Jerry Jones
Charla Kingery
Cameron Koster
Amy Levinski

Shelly helps with a check-up of a woman who is eight-months pregnant.
photo courtesy Shelly Hendricks



I remember...The cantina bar, samba, Victoria beer, playing cards...paradise, sunrises, sunsets, green, parrots, monkeys, moon and stars...clinic, children with malaria and parasites, women with 17 children, performing pap smears, giving shots, pulling teeth, filling prescriptions, four to six a.m. shift to watch dehydrated 16-month old, who later died...women villagers, oppressed by men, but still run the village, making houses and furniture, tending children, washing clothes and fixing meals...eating rice, beans and tortillas at every meal for two solid weeks... showing outside...living simply with no stress, no regards to material life ... Unforgettable.

Shelly spent three weeks in Nicaragua during interterm, doing a medical practicum through Manchester College.

Feature: Shelly Hendricks

James Lopez
Steve Martin
Kori McGowan
Mandi McGoyne
Jeff McPherson



Melanie Messick
Casey Miller
Tonya Mowrey
Allison O'Cain
Jaymie O'Dell





Jamie Pirtle
Eric Putnam
Jamie Risser
William Roberts
Andres Ruiz



Gustavo Sanchez
Adam Schrunk
Brent See
Tony Segovia
Mary Sentz



Karry Sharp
Fielding Snyder
Katherine Streit
Lindsay Taylor
Brooks Thode



Robert Thorson
Kevin Thrift
Jeremy Thuma
Levi Torrison
Tony Upshaw



Marie Vacura
Eric Van Dyk
Emma Webb
Jasmine Zitnik



1996-97 Sophomore
Enrollment: 73

Being a
FRESHMAN
means...

freshman: A novice; esp., a student during his or her first year, as in a college.

*Webster's New
Collegiate Dictionary*

Freshmen are the people that come in and take over.

Sarah Stover

Fawn Amack
Carter Anderson
Jandi Bacon
Charles Barnett
Mike Bascom



Aaron Basgall
Cliff Bell
Daniel Bell
Ryan Ben-David
Brandon Belin



Andy Bowman
Jenny Boynton
Pete Brubaker
Jessica Bryson
Tina Burton



Tony Chism
Heather Cloud
Candra Coleman
Sara Compton
Ryan Conley



Sarah Constien
Lonnie Cruz
Alan Dahlinger
Chris Darrow
Josh Davis



Being a freshman has been the scariest yet greatest experience I've ever had. You make friends that you'll have for life.

Jessica Miller

Being a member of the freshman class has allowed me to explore many leadership positions. Also, we have bragging rights on campus!!!

Shay Maclin



Ryan Dhu
Jared Dowell
Mariah Draper
Matthew Duncan
Lisa Easter



Aaron Ellsworth
Jeremy Emrick
Chad Etheridge
Amy Fast
Jason Felmlee



Sundi Ferguson
Tamara Finley
Erin Flory
Kendra Flory
Antonio Ford



Jason Frasier
Tina Garcia
LyChelle Gibbs
Kathleen Gourley
Dustin Gregg



Chad Grewe
Rachel Gross
Clay Haggard
Todd Hague
Greg Hall

Ryan Hargitt
Candy Hayden
Jeremy Heefner
Sarah Marie Hendricks
Stacia Hettenbach



Bobby Hill
Jake Hofflinger
Dan Holtry
Serena Hooker
LeAnna Hulec



Holly Hull
Shannon Hutchens
Brent Johnson
David Jones
Deirdra Jones



Chris Kellogg
Dorothea Langer
Brandon Lee
Andy Leverenz
Thomas Lewis



Rachel Liese
Jessica Lindenberger
ShaRhonda Maclin
Eric Manning
Aubrey Markus



Brad Martin
Chris Martinez
Ben Matthaei
Sean Merrell
Rhea Meyer-Riley



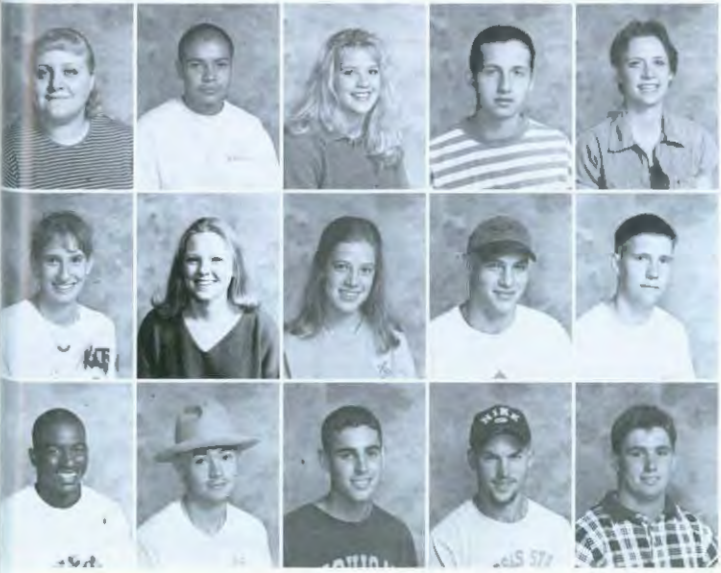
Sarah Marie sits with one of her teammates at camp. YPTT traveled to six different camps during their nine week trip.

photo courtesy Sarah Marie Hendricks



This past summer of 1996 I spent nine weeks traveling with the Youth Peace Travel Team. This year's YPTT was the first all women team, and it was composed of two other women and myself. We spent each week at a different Church of the Brethren youth or junior high camp presenting programs on peace and peace related issues. There is no greater feeling than to take a group of youth who are just sitting there passing time and help them transform - through their own new ideas and thoughts - into people who are brainstorming how to help our environment or be an active peacemaker on their own. This summer taught me more about life, faith, service, justice and God than anything else could have. If there was a direction to grow in, I think I grew there!

Feature: Sarah Marie Hendricks



Jessica M. Miller
Pedro Munoz
Rhonda Murphy
Marko Nanas
Katie Nanninga

Katy Neusch
Cheri Norsworthy
Rozalynn O'Dell
Mike Owens
Scott Pennington

Ziare Pope
Clay Porter
Ben Proctor
Paul Prose
Shawn Purdie

Last summer I took part in an event that was unique to me. I was approved for work with Horsefeathers and Applesauce. H & A is a semi-professional dinner theater in Winfield, Kan. During the course of the summer I was involved in four productions: "The Belle of Amherst," "Camelot," "The Miracle Worker" and "Me and My Girl." I acted in "Camelot" and "Me and My Girl," and I was assistant foreman in the set shop for all of the shows. On an average we worked 16 hour days. We stayed in the dorms on the Southwestern College campus, and we were given money to buy food. I look forward to doing this again sometime.

Whether it be acting, building sets or serving meals at first nighters, Dustin participated in seven theatrical performances on campus. *photo by Kendra Fleys*



Feature: Dustin Gregg

Richard Reazin
Jennifer Regan
Eric Reichert
Doug Robinson
Pat Robinson



Rebecca Russell
Justin Sager
April Sanderson
Staci Sangster
Hillary Schubert



Kari Shain
Dion Shealey
Allison Sheets
Tova Sherwin
Melissa Smith





Summer Snodgrass
Tyson Sommerfeld
Sarah Stover
Shawn Stratton
Angela Sweigart



Preston Taylor
Lindsey Traxler
Becky Ullom
Nikki Unruh-Carey
Andy Wagoner



Jeremy Wells
Kathe Widner
Krissy Williams
Michael Williams
Stephanie Williams



A.J. Wilson
Elizabeth Wilson
Joseph Wilson
Genelle Wine
Trent Woodcock




Makoto Yokoyama



1996-97 Freshman
Enrollment: 119





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Edu,

Tus papás y demás familia estamos enormemente orgullosos de tí. Es una satisfacción para nosotros ver cómo tú también has sabido cumplir satisfactoriamente con tus obligaciones. Quién iba a decir hace unos años que te ibas a pasear por el Abad Oliva, la Central y que finalmente irías a parar al medio de estos extensos campos de Kansas.

En resumidas cuentas, felicidades por tus logros y adelante con tu carrera.

Tu familia.



Doug DeLay

Doug,

We are very proud of you.
Congratulations and best wishes
always.

Dad, Mom, Kerry, Neal, Sarah,
and Rhett

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Class of 1997!!!



Tracy Stoddart

Those who reach, touch the stars!
Congratulations!
We are so proud of you and all your
accomplishments! Thanks for all the
joy you have brought to our lives.
We wish you true happiness and
great success.

We love you.

Mom, Dad, and Jeff



Michael W. Stone

Congratulations, Mike. We are
very proud of all that you have
accomplished, and with your faith
in God, may every turn you take
in your future lead to success,
peace and happiness.

Love always!

Mom, Joy, Billie, Jason,
Catherine, Kevin, Casey, Holly,
Aunt Betty, and Katherine

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Congratulations



Hubert R. Freeman

Congratulations, Hubert!
We're proud of you.
You have our best wishes for continued
success.

Mom, Dad, and Amy



Tim Schoepflin

Way to go, Son!
We are certainly proud of
all the accomplishments
you have made.

Mom & Dad

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Class of 1997!!!



Erin Cassidente

Erin Michelle,
You are always "en pointe!"

Mom & Dad



James Warren

Congratulations!
You have reached one of your first
main goals. Keep on making goals and
reaching for them. We are very proud of you.
Love ya.

Mom, Dad, Shawna,
Casie and Ted



Shelley Ware

Since you first started school,
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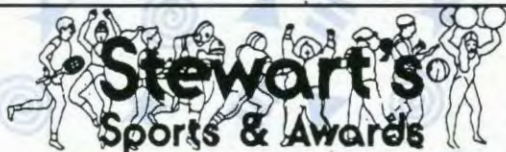
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