

# The McPherson College SPECTATOR

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## Homecoming '87, a celebration of 100 years Highlights

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 pm "Miss" Bulldog U.S.A., Student Union Cafeteria

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 pm Powderpuff Football, Bulldog Stadium

Thursday, October 8

8:00 pm Theatre Department production of "Quilters," in Brown Auditorium

Friday, October 9

1:30 pm Honors Convocation, Brown Auditorium

2:30 pm Dedication of Campus Entry Portal and Mall

5:00 pm Steak Dinner/Entertainment, Student Union Cafeteria

6:00 pm Mad Mac's Olympics, Quadrangle

7:15 pm Unveiling of Commissioned Artwork, Miller Library

8:00 pm Theatre Department final production of "Quilters," Brown Auditorium

10:30 pm Homecoming Pep Rally, Sports Center

Saturday, October 10

8:00 am Two-Mile and Five-Mile Homecoming Runs

8:30 am Alumni Board Hospitality Center Open, Friendship Hall

Meet the faculty: Present and former faculty greet visitors

9:00 am Presidents' Coffee

10:00 am Homecoming Fair Opens

10:00 am Tours of Arnold and Kline Halls

10:30 am Mini-Reunions For All Classes

2:00 pm Bulldogs vs. Bethany Swedes  
halftime Coronation of Homecoming Royalty

4:30 pm Homecoming Fair Continues

5:15 pm Alumni Barbeque and Grand 100th Birthday Party

7:00 pm Auction of Centennial Quilt and Bulldog Banks, Brown Auditorium

8:00 pm "Memories," a program featuring historical vignettes

9:45 pm Alumni Reception, Friendship Hall

10:30 pm Homecoming Dance, Student Union

Sunday, October 11

2:00 pm McPherson College Choir Concert

## Students overlook benefits of computer

by Paul Minnich  
Editor

Freshman and returning students, alike, have overlooked the benefits of the campus computer network. Each dorm is equipped with 2 or 3 computer terminals. Ideally, each should have a pc-m machine, and IBM compatible, and an Apple in working order, along with a printer, though currently Bittinger Hall is the only dorm with all three in operating condition.

These computers, along with ones in Mohler, Miller and Harnly make up the computer network, though terminals are also present in Beeghly and Templeton with limited access. These terminals are most often used by students for word processing or video games, but each can access the Charles River Data System (Charlie), which is the main computer.

Currently, most of the forms are not able to access the Charlie due to damage sustained to the system over the summer. Once the student gets into Charlie, though, from any all-campus location, there are many uses that he may find for it. Word processing, as well as message passing (mail) are just the beginning of what the aggressive student can do with the network. A manual explaining many of the network's benefits, "The Computer Users Guide," is for sale at the bookstore. This is a manual compiled by members of the campus community for the members of the campus community.

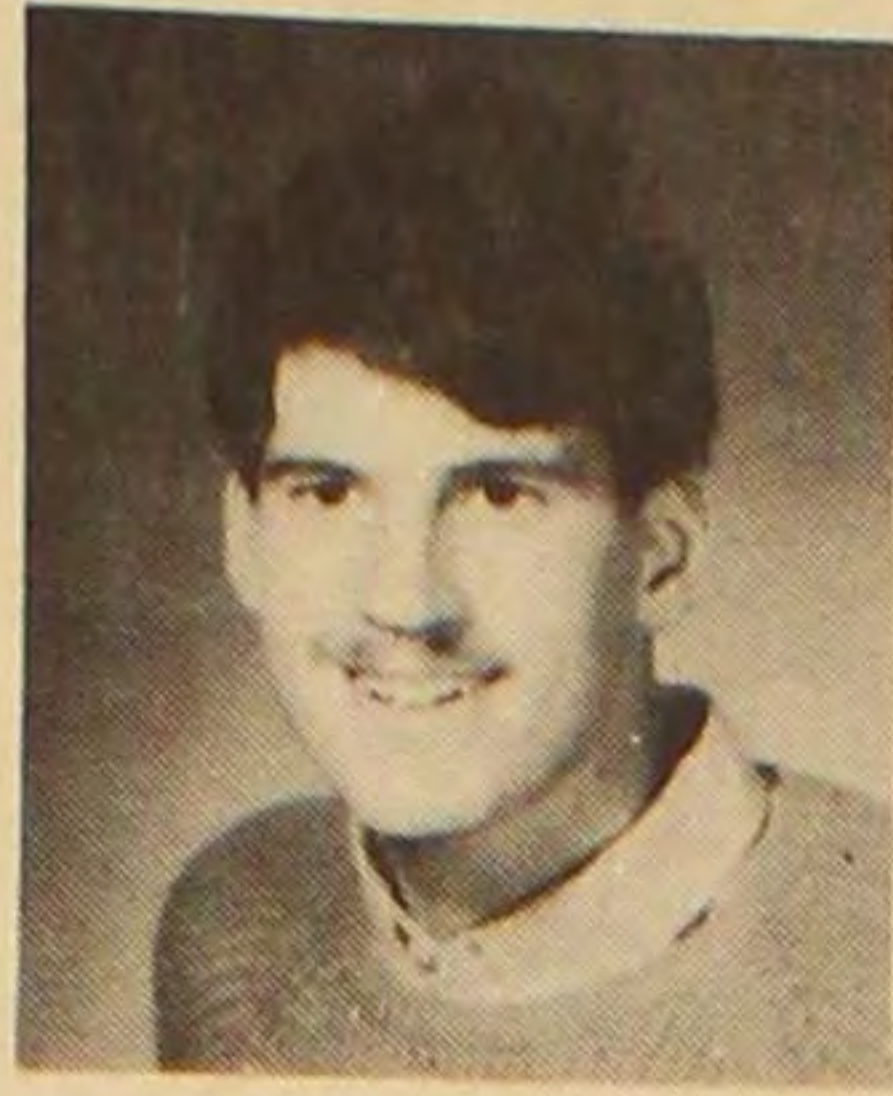
"The rovers perform minor maintenance and report the need for major repairs," explains Bruce Wine (junior, Enders, Ne.). Wine is employed by the school to maintain the computer network. This is a job that will eventually be taken over by professors Toby Stucky and Mary Flag, both newcomers to the area of full-time faculty this year.

The rovers work evenings from around 6 until 10 p.m., and also on weekends. According to rover, Steve Janke (junior, Holton, Ks.), there are always two rovers on duty at a time. One is stationed inside the Mohler computer room, and the other moves from room to room checking out the computers, and usually ends up in Harnly.

"Questions regarding the computers," says Wine, "can usually be answered by the rovers or by any of the returning students who know what they're doing." During office hours, professors Stucky and Flag are around Harnly and willing to help.

Recently, an independent analyst was brought to campus to give his assessment of where the network should be developed in the future. His report is not in yet, but one possibility lies in the installation of access to Charlie from any room of the building. In the remodeling, the wires necessary for such a project were installed, but, explains Wine, it would take a large monetary investment to hook up such a system.

## King/Queen candidates



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Great Bend, KS



Carol Mack  
Jr.  
Dallas Center, IA



Phil Hofen  
Sr.  
Dallas Center, IA



Julie Oltman  
Sr.  
Buhler, KS



Chuck Holtgraves  
Sr.  
Leawood, KS



Karen Walter  
Sr.  
Beloit, KS

## Trustees to meet

by Randy Beeghly  
Staff Writer

The McPherson College Board of Trustees will meet on campus Oct. 8 and 9 for their annual fall business meeting. The board consists of 36 trustees, and Dr. Paul Hoffman, president of McPherson College.

The trustees serve five-year terms on the board, some elected by the alumni association, some elected at the area Church of the Brethren district conferences, and others by the board itself.

There are eleven district representatives, five alumni, fifteen at large representatives, one representative from the city of McPherson, and four ex-officio members. The ex-officio members are area Church of the Brethren District Executives. They are not elected, and serve as long as they remain district executives.

The board members bring diverse backgrounds to the meetings with them. There are housewives, businessmen, lawyers, doctors, and educators present for the fall and and springs sessions, held in October and March.

The executive committee of the trustee board meets five or six times each year. The full board is also divided into three committees.

The academic committee is responsible for approving sabbaticals, discussion of staff tenure and promotions, and review of new program proposals. They are also responsible for the accreditation status of the college.

The finance committee meets to review the budget, investments, endowment, and development activities and programs.

Finally, according to Dr. Edward Butler, Vice President of Student Services, "The Student services committee reviews policy regarding admissions, financial aid, career counseling, student health, and student activities."

Items under review of the Board of Trustees often originate from individuals or committees on campus. These items pass to administration officials, board committees, the executive committee, and finally the board of Trustees.

Students are sometimes invited to the meetings to provide input on aspects of student life on campus. The student council president attends the meeting as an observer. The faculty is also represented at the meetings.

At this year's fall meeting of the trustees, the committees will present reports and review information. There may be no "action items" on the agenda, as Dr. Butler points out that the "fall meeting is generally an informational meeting." At this fall meeting, some of the reports given are likely to include the computer program of McPherson College and a progress report on the dorm visitation policy.

Besides being interested in the ongoing work of McPherson College, the people serving on the trustee board have other reasons for their commitment. For example, when Marlo Oltman, of Buhler, was asked to serve on the board, he realized that he would "have a chance to see what colleges are saying about the secondary school products." Being a secondary school teacher, he feels education is a team effort, and when colleges and high schools work together, the effort is enhanced. But, he has one other tie with McPherson College as well. His daughter, Julie Oltman, sr. from Buhler, attends here.



## Churches sponsor Adopt-a-Student program

by Melissa James  
News Editor

College is said to be one of the most rewarding experiences in a student's life. If this is the case, why does one so often hear things such as, "I want to go home but it's just too far," or "I wish my family were here to celebrate my birthday with me."

If these words sound familiar, you're not alone. Many students wish they had a home-away-from-home and now thanks to a lot of caring people this is possible through the College-Community Adopt A Student Program.

The program was begun by the Baptist church, second semester of last year. Participating were eight students from McPherson College and eight students from Central College.

This year the Adopt A Student program is being sponsored by the Brethren church. However, it should be noted that anyone interested can participate, no matter what their church affiliation is.

This is an informal program for students who want to:  
Get acquainted with a family of the community.

Have someone with whom to celebrate birthdays and special events.

Be responsible to return phone calls and to be prayer partners.

Share in an exchange of concern, fun and hospitality.

On the other hand this program is for community volunteers who want to:

Befriend a college student.  
Be a point of contact between our college and our community.

Be a prayer partner and provide hospitality to a student.

Share the connection between college and church.

According to Pat Wray the students and families decide what they want to do and how much or how little they want to meet with each other.

If you are interested in participating in the program, follow these three easy steps: 1. obtain an application from Pat Wray. 2. return the completed application to Pat Wray and 3. wait to be contacted by your community volunteer. If you are interested but would rather pair up with a friend this is possible too as there are families who "adopt" more than one student.

## Convo policy

The current convocations policy, while being instituted in the spring term of 1987, is still relatively new, and somewhat unknown. Students may have no more than two unexcused absences from convo. If more than this number are missed there are three ways to make up the failing grade in convocations.

The first way is by satisfactorily completing a short critical evaluation of another convo. This will make up one convo per convo evaluated. The second method is the writing of a fifteen page research paper on a topic agreed upon by the student and Academic Dean. The third method is the satisfactory completion of a project which has appropriate educational benefits (to be agreed upon by student and dean, again). Convocations must be made up by midterm of the following semester, or the only method for making up the convocation is through a thirty page research paper which will meet all the convocations requirements to graduate.

Questions about the convocation policy should be directed to Dr. Dale Goldsmith, Vice President for Academic Services.



Jan van Asselt relaxes while giving blood at the Bloodmobile on September 29. The Bloodmobile

was sponsored by Circle K; their goal was 80 pints but only 52 pints were donated. Jack Patino/Spectator

# 2 Constitutional abuse

The Constitution of the United States has been widely called one of the greatest governmental and civilian documents, concerning the issue of order, ever written. In fact, many citizens of the world would risk a great amount, including their lives, to make it over to the country with the supposedly best system of justice and law.

Currently we do have the best system of law, but its ability to control the government is steadily deteriorating, as it has been over the last 15-20 years. When our politicians see the opportunity to gain wealth by abusing power, and vice-versa, they rapidly become corrupt.



Brian Lewis  
Staff Writer

The Constitution as a whole is basically for the good of the people, or just the government in some cases, but there is always an exception. In this case it is the abuse and non-use of power, especially the power of the presidency as stated in Article II; Section 1; part 7 and also in Article II; Section 3; part 1.\* In these two areas several descriptions of the President's duties and responsibilities are given. Lately, President Ronald Reagan has been failing on the responsibilities of these accounts.

For instance, in the "Transcam" operation, he has either been deceiving the Congress and the public about what he actually knows or is completely oblivious about the entire operation. In either case, it is my opinion that the man has no business being in charge of the U.S. government. If these people are continually allowed to run our country, soon our pride will no longer be a part of this once great nation.

If we want to hold onto the pride we currently retain and to regain the honor and respect of citizens of numerous foreign countries, then we the people, will have to gain interest and a personal insight to the numerous and diverse actions our government is going to be taking and also watch who we put into office. Remember, we the people have the responsibility an duty of putting these people into action and taking those people back out, if the need arises.

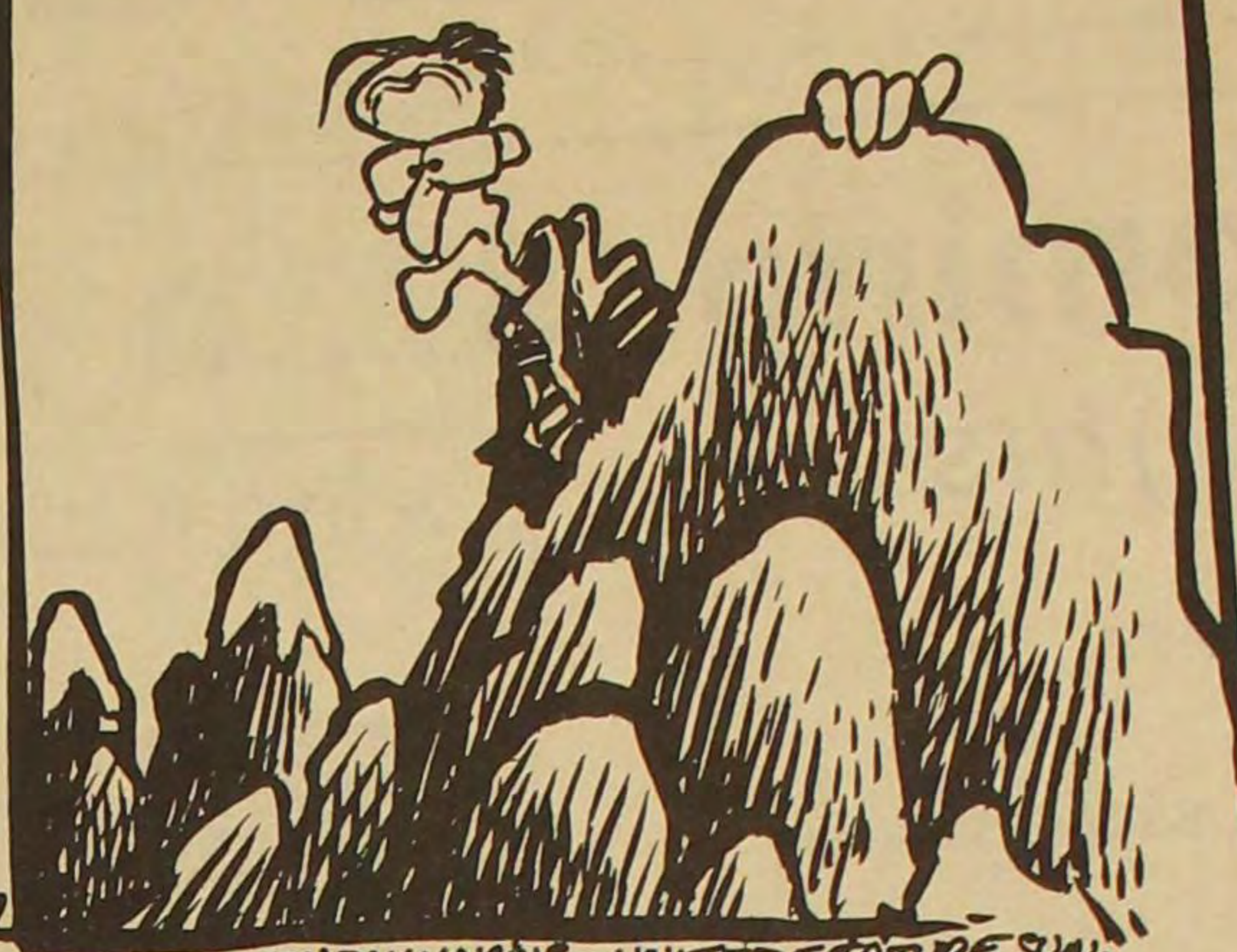
\*Editor's note: Article II; Section 1; part 7; The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased or diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them. Article II; Section 3; part 1; He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary Occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them, and in Case of Disagreement between them, with Respect to the Time of Adjournment, he may adjourn them to such a time as he shall think proper; he shall receive Ambassadors and other public Ministers; he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

## WHAT ARE HIS CHANCES FOR 88?



W. H. SEIDEN

## BUSH... HEAD FOR THE MOUNTAINS.



### On homecoming...

Fellow students, why do we persist in the faulty notion that Homecoming and the Centennial celebration are just for the alumni? It is not. These are for the students too. We should be proud of our heritage, acclaim our participation in history, and proceed toward the future. This is what Homecoming is! This is what the Centennial symbolizes!



Vicki Finkenstadt  
Sports Editor

Yes, McPherson College has its shortcomings and faults. Don't we all? Instead of arguing, ignoring, or complaining about what activities we have or don't have, we should be participating in the various student organizations available. Student Council welcomes all students to its meetings. Come, give your input, find out about the overall campus activities. The Student Activities Board, a branch of StuCo, invites everybody and their dog (literally!) to come. Hall Councils control the programming of the residence halls. In addition, there are many specific clubs in every academic field and interest. All of these are invited to share in the celebration of Homecoming and the Centennial. More to the point, Homecoming Committee is certainly open to student, faculty, and administrative information. The committee, in my experience, has always considered the students.

So, why the dissatisfaction? Could it be that people tend to talk more than act? Possibly. Is it that the information was not widely available? Maybe.

I have thought intensely and deeply about this matter, and have come to the conclusion that Homecoming IS for the students. The Centennial IS for the students. It is whatever we make of it. We can enjoy the fellowship. We can express our opinions whether they be positive or negative or neutral. Homecoming is a time to rejoice in our scholarship, in our participation, and in our service. We can support our teams and show our spirit in any manner. Why not try?

## Life in the lunch room

Chris Lawrence  
Guest Writer

The cafeteria, it's a great meeting place for students from all backgrounds. From about 11:30 am to 1:00pm and again from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm people from all over campus gather to experience the mystery meal of the day. It has become a favorite pastime for many of us fourth year Mac students to congregate in the cafeteria and verbalize our thoughts on the sometimes unidentifiable food substance covering our plates. This has become such a ritual that on the rare occasion that we do find something edible, we are not quite sure how to act.

If ever the occasion would arise that we would not be served some form of the same food for two or three consecutive days, most of us would be at a complete loss for words.

For example, chili that was perfectly edible the first day takes on a bit more solid personality the fourth day.

With the increased enrollment this year, the food service seems to have failed to realize that this would probably mean an increase in the number of people eating in the cafeteria. By 12:30 (some of us have 11:30 classes and can't be at lunch before then), the eating utensils are already picked through, they are out of spoons, or forks, or both. After

coming to grips with this harsh reality we proceed to the food line where they are out of the main

course for the day. The options are then a sandwich or a salad. One makes this decision and proceeds to pick up three or four of the two swallow sized glasses and poke the ice machine only to discover that, it is once again empty. After finishing

your meal, one may opt for ice cream. While waiting in the ever present line at the freezer you notice how much the water that the scoops are soaking in resembles bath water.

The one redeeming night of the cafeteria is steak night. Following the football game against Ottawa, students entered the cafeteria, eagerly anticipating steak and shrimp. Just beyond the front door, hungry students encountered a long line and noticed that the Ottawa team, coaches, families and friends had filled our cafeteria. By the time some of us reached the food counter they were out of not only steak, but also shrimp, we were then served left over marinated chicken. Upon entering our cafeteria some students discovered that there were no seats left, because they were filled with Ottawa University football players.

Food service has evidently fallen into the category with many of the other parts of this institution, with more concern with other people and outside appearances than its own students. I believe the time has come to voice our opinions, enough is enough!

bring only the articles that are absolutely necessary for existence. Upon arrival to the beautiful MacCult acreage all members,

except those who paid extra, are paired off and segregated according to sex (see CONTROL OF SEXUALITY, 5) and then deposited in one of the four living areas to experience communal living. These areas provide the ultimate sense of community as everything is shared; books, homework, soap on a rope, socks, and popcorn poppers.

5) CONTROL OF SEXUALITY: The segregation by sex is the first step the hierarchy takes in controlling rampant sex. At MacCult measures have been taken in an attempt to achieve non-sexuality in its highest form: celibacy. Since classes are gender-integrated the hierarchy had to modify its enforced

celibacy to certain hours of the day. Members are allowed to be non-celibate between 2 pm and 5 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm, however celibacy during these hours is encouraged. The mandatory celibate hours are between 11 pm and 2 pm. The two hours between 5 pm and 7 pm serve another purpose in cultic control (see DIET CONTROL, 6).

6) DIET CONTROL: MacCult has a highly evolved system of diet control that comes from years of practice. The main objective of the cafeteria is to confuse members about food. At the beginning of the year, the cafeteria prepares food that could pass for worldly food. As the members' memories of real food fade, the cafeteria starts substituting soy products for the decent food they once served. They don't season the soy products but instead

cover them with gravy so members can never really see what they are eating. The ingested soy products eventually make their way to the brain where they dull the senses and after a time members develop an addiction to soy products. If members stay away from cafeteria food for more than three weeks they begin to experience withdrawal symptoms and this only forces them to come back to MacCult. This is the tool the hierarchy uses to ensure the return of members after vacations.

7) HARD WORK, LITTLE SLEEP, LATE-NIGHT WORSHIP, AND ASCETISM: The Puritan work ethic is fully instated at MacCult. Members are expected to attend several classes per day. The time spent in class is augmented by time spent doing homework and studying, in the library or in lab. Not only are members expected to do all these things but they are expected to do them well. Members are kept so busy with working that they can't find time or merely forget to sleep (except in convocation). The lack of sleep combined with the mind-controlling attributes of soy products makes the members very susceptible to suggestions from the hierarchy such as write a ten page term paper or memorize all of the elements or give MacCult more money. This causes members to turn to late-night worship of caffeine. In order to fulfill the wishes of the hierarchy members often forego sleep for many days, sustained only by caffeine and soy products. Last of all, MacCult is harsh life style. Asceticism is regarded as a high achievement and therefore members must sometimes go without the amenities such as cable TV, a quiet moment when the lawnmowers aren't running, ice in the cafeteria, and an elevator in Harnly Hall. WELCOME TO MACCULT!!!

When the United Mine Workers go on strike, I think of oppressed working stiffs in America.

When teachers, firemen, or policemen go on strike, the perversion of ethical convictions makes me sick to my stomach.

When the NFL Players Association goes on strike, I just want to puke on our whole culture!



Brad Watson  
Guest Commentor

# McPherson College: Cult group?

McPherson College has been a place of learning for 100 years now. Students come here to obtain a degree and then proceed out into the world to seek their fortunes. The students that enter Mac their freshman year, however, are not the same students that graduate. Somehow they have changed. Under the friendly guise of "college" there is something deeper at work; the work of the McPherson Cult or MacCult as its members prefer to call it.

Generally cults display some universal characteristics that enable them to control their members and MacCult is no exception. As I point out these traits please note how the cult leaders have cleverly disguised them as "forming a sense of community".

1) AUTHORITARIAN LEADER: To hold control over such a long standing group it was necessary to establish leadership in one position that could be passed on from person to person over the years. At MacCult that leader goes by the unusual name of President (see NEW NAME, 3). The President of the cult presides closely over the lives and activities of the members. The President knows how to keep the members happy or at least occupied. He does this by providing time-consuming, mind-boggling tasks such as enrollment, classes, and workstudy.

2) LONG LECTURES BY THE LEADER: This is another tool of the President to keep members busy. Members are required to attend convocation activities "to broaden our horizons" or to keep us off the streets at 9:30 in the morning. The President does not take sole responsibility for giving these long lectures. He usually gives two or three lectures each term in order to

acquaint members with his personage. The rest of the lectures he delegates to other learned people who sing, talk, dance, or bore the members. One advantage of convocations is that it gives members a chance to catch up on sleep (see HARD WORK, LITTLE SLEEP, LATE-NIGHT WORSHIP, AND ASCETISM, 7).

3) NEW NAME: All the long-standing members have been given a new name either upon their arrival here or elsewhere in preparation to come here. These names are interesting and exotic and invoke a



Michelle LaFay  
Staff Writer

sense of respect, awe and intimidation. Many of the names sound the same but new members soon learn to differentiate between the hierarchy and the commoners. The President is an exclusive name but he also possesses the name of Doctor. In fact, in the cultic hierarchy, several members have two names such as Doctor and Vice-President for Student Services or Doctor and Vice-President for Academic Services. The next members of the guiding force of MacCult also go by mysterious names such as Doctor, Professor, Maintenance, and another exclusive name of Herb.

4) COMMUNAL: MacCult is extremely exclusive, as its members pay several thousand dollars a year for membership. The members

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# The Museum: a little out of the past



by Etsuko Shimabukuro Staff Writer

Have you ever gotten tired of seeing too many exhibits at a huge museum? That experience has probably caused some of you to dislike them. We have a museum here in McPherson which never will bore you. It is within five minutes of the campus.

"On the first floor you can go back to the college's early years. Do you know how the Bulldogs became our McPherson College Athletes' mascot?"

The building, the McPherson Museum, is the former home of Mr.

and Mrs. F.A. Vaniman. The home was given to McPherson College by their four daughters in 1955. It was used by the college as an Art Department for a few years.

While Dotzour Hall was being built, it was used as a ladies' dormitory. Also while Bittinger Hall was being built, it was used as a men's dorm. On September 1, 1968, it became the McPherson Museum, which jointly was sponsored by the City of McPherson and the College.

On the first floor you can go back to the college's early years. Do you know how the Bulldogs became our McPherson College Athletes' mascot? The following story which is displayed there will give you the answer:

In 1917, E.D. Verink was employed by McPherson College to coach basketball. Coach Verink owned a pet bulldog named Ben; Verink would take him along to the college, tied to the handlebars of his bicycle. It became a common sight to see

Ben vigorously dashing up Euclid Street, pulling the bicycle to the gymnasium. Since Ben was so ambitious, the team adopted him as their mascot and called themselves the "Bulldogs." The name caught on; since that time, the McPherson College mascot has been the Bulldog.

Also you can imagine the value of money in early years from the data below. About 1895-1905 tuition and fees were:

Tuition.....	\$10.75
Fuel.....	1.00
Board.....	20.25
Room Rent....	4.50
Library Fees..	.25

Total.....\$36.75

How was the grading system?

100.....	very good
90.....	good
80.....	passable
70.....	poor

The Museum shows you more than college history, for it has various exhibits. The building is a four-story house and each story is filled with household items, dinosaur skeletons, limestone, a stuffed tiger, dental instruments, Chinese tiny shoes for bound, Proto-Indians' arrow heads and so on. These items will lead you to the past.

# Katherine Baker guides students

by David Clayton Staff Writer

Students not needing a music course as part of their required curriculum may want to try one anyway.

Music is a part of everyday life, everybody has a voice," says Katherine Baker, McPherson College's newest member of the Music Department. "I don't know of anyone who wouldn't like to feel better about their singing."

Ms. Baker's classes go beyond the immediate world of music, though. Much of her job is simply encouraging students to be creative. "When you sing, you expose yourself in a creative way," says Baker. "When you expose yourself in a creative way, you discover and learn much about yourself." Her classes are also useful in building confidence that can later be used in areas such as public speaking.

Despite their usefulness, Ms. Baker's music courses' greatest attribute may be that, in them, students are taught "to do something beautiful." For those who wish to learn to do something beautiful, Katherine Baker is an excellent person to study under.

A friendly and articulate woman, Baker earned her Master of Music in Choral Conducting degree at Cal-State Fullerton in January of 1985, and is completing her dissertation for her Doctor of Education in Music Education degree, which she expects to receive in May 1988. She also has been awarded a Life Credential teacher certification by the state of California.

Among her various professional experiences, Ms. Baker has been a Teaching Assistant at the University of Illinois the past three years, during which she was the conductor of the Illini Women's Ensemble. She has also served as Choral Conductor at St. John's Catholic Chapel in

Champaign, Ill. One outstanding achievement was being one of 26 conductors selected from throughout the United States and abroad to rehearse and perform movements from Bach cantatas during the Oregon Bah Festival in 1982. These are but a few of her accomplishments.

Hopefully, Ms. Baker's credentials won't scare any potential students away from music. I'd never be a good football player, but nobody would laugh if I joined a flag-football league," she says. "No one should be scared because their voice is not perfect. I'm here to teach people to do better."

McPherson College students will have a chance to listen to those that Ms. Baker is teaching to do something beautiful during the coming Honors Convocation and the Music Department's Christmas presentation of Vivaldi's "Gloria."



Katherine Baker, Mary Flagg and Toby Stucky (from left to right) all enter as new faculty this year. Baker enters the Music Department, Flagg the Math/Computer Science Department, and Stucky the Computer Sciences Department.

Matt Scoggins/Spectator

# Tutors give extra help as needed

by Jack Sneddon Staff Writer

Are you having academic trouble with a certain course? Is it because you don't fully understand material that your instructor gives you? Or maybe you have difficulty in a classroom setting?

Well, maybe tutoring is your answer to grade-point-average woes. A weekly session with a tutor, in either a one-to-one basis or a small group, may mean the difference between a C and a D. Of course both instructors and students want to improve the student's knowledge.

"Tutors are suggested by professors," says Deb Geissert, about the selection process. "They (tutors) are usually majors that have done well in the class before."

Since a tutor's time is volunteered, they are compensated. After the completion of each session a log has to be filled out. The who, what and where are written down along with the amount of time it took.

As far as the individual that needs help, "Any student having difficulty can get a tutor," says Geissert, director of the Learning Center. "But it (tutoring) is in no way a substitute for going to class." A

professor can call the center to get help for a student.

Is there a deadline of when you should get a tutor? "No, usually we get more students needing help around mid-term," says Geissert. "Of course, the night before finals is a little late."

There are other ways to get a better grasp on some courses. One, is supplemental sessions which, in a larger group, covers basically the same material as the class but is explained thoroughly. Another is computer programs from the Learning Center such as expository writing or vocabulary, just to name a few.

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# Learning experiences produce good teams

## Cheerleading athletics

by Jack Patino  
Staff Writer

And just when you thought it would be safe to cheer on your own again . . .

The Mac College cheerleading squad is back, despite a brief absence. Tryouts had not been held at the start of school because of a change over of sponsorship.

This year's squad is larger than last year's. Terri Franz, the squad's new coach, said that she'd like to have at least 12 members, but is now happy with the eight that she has.

Making up the squad are Anne Kletchka, Peggy Rice, Marilyn Spencer, Courtney Mesker, Roxanne Steele, Stephanie Burkholder, Jackie Alonzo, Stacey Walker, and the Bulldog mascot.

At first, the Student Council was in charge of the cheerleaders. But as they started moving towards athletics, the cheerleaders were put in the hands of the Athletic Director.

"We really work hard," Franz said. "Everyone lifts weights and runs for the conditioning. I don't think that they're too crazy about the 5:30 am practices, but they plan around it."

Franz took over for Cindy Dell, last year's coach. She cheered in

high school, but hurt her back while at Tabor College. She then helped with her advice for a year, including two years of judging.

The cheerleaders appeared to be in full form at their first showing last week, Saturday, but they got a lot of help from Franz, band director Larry Kitzel, and California transfers Stan Felton and Bill Charette.

Charette and Felton have been helping the women with routines. At games, Franz, Kitzel, and Felton don their head phones to communicate with one another. Between the three the best moments for cheering are produced.

"We are really starting to look like a production," Franz said.

To get her squad to eight from twelve, Franz used a 120 point system, with a requirement of 90 to make the team.

One goal that Franz is hoping for is the making of one cheerleading team.

"We start off at the beginning of the semester, learning new cheers and stunts," Franz said, "then we change everything by forming a new team. We would have much higher quality performances if we had one squad."

Also, she felt that tryouts should be held in spring and not fall so that the team can adjust their classes around it.



The Cheerleading squad (Top- Courtney, Steph, Roxanne, Anne; Bottom- Peggy, Stacey, Marilyn, Jackie; Front and center- Bulldog)

display their spirit and talent for the McPherson College Community.  
Jack Patino/Spectator

## Look forward, never back

by Vicki Finkenstadt  
Sports Editor

When the Dogs played Ottawa University on September twenty-sixth, I sat stunned in the crowd. Were these the same Bulldogs that competed valiantly with the Sterling Warriors? I checked my program. Yes, the names were the same. I looked around and saw that the crowd were still proud and supportive of their Dogs. And I was too.

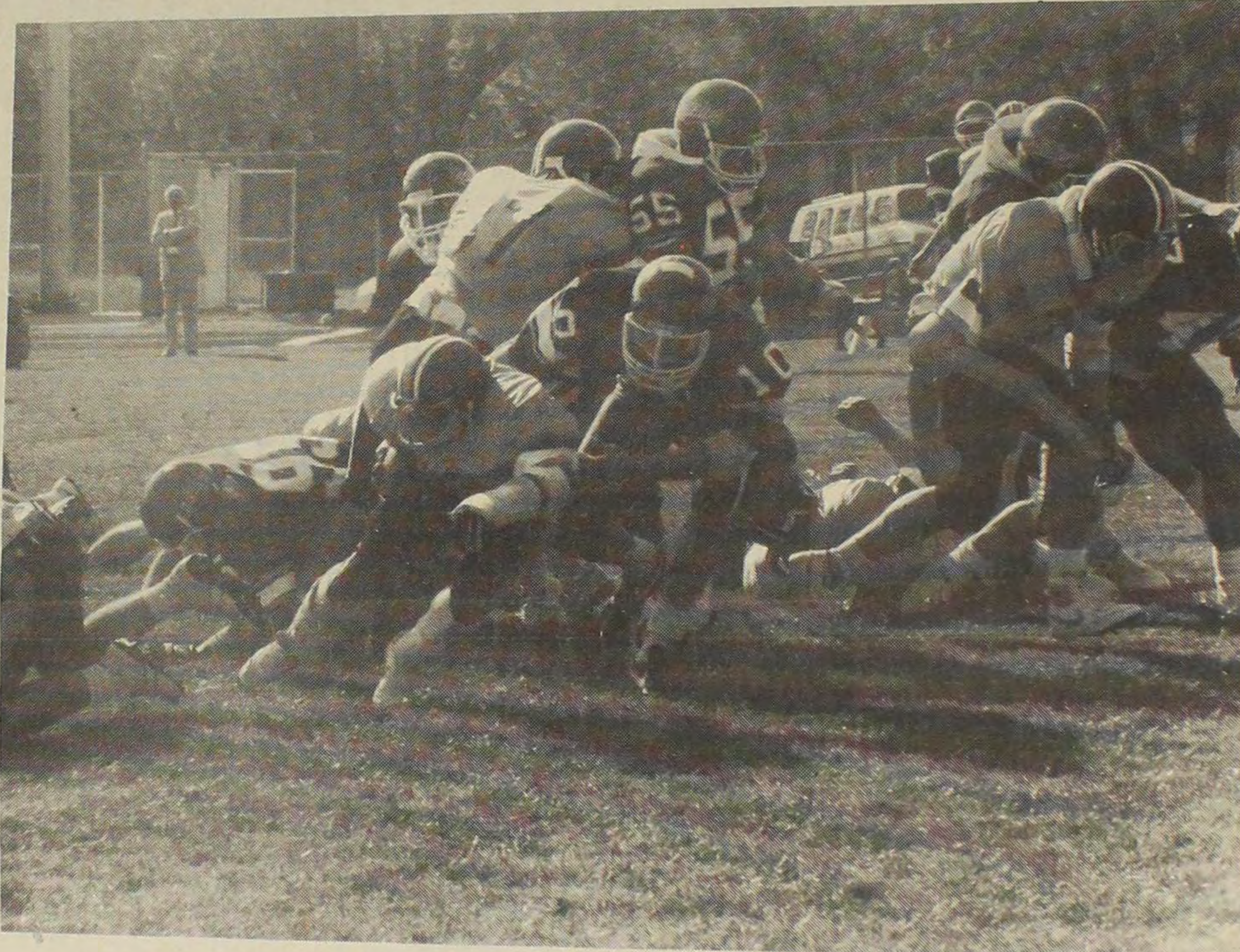
Thiessen expressed thoughts on the Homecoming game against the Bethany Swedes. "It's going to be a great rivalry. We're a young team playing against experience, but we plan to be up and ready for the game. There should be a lot of enthusiasm."

### Football Update

There were some great moments in the Ottawa game. Kale Noud had an opening kickoff return for a touchdown. The defensive line also had some good plays. The offense put together some nice series to score.

Coach Thiessen explained that "we're looking for consistency, intensity, and team play." Coach

The McPherson College Bulldogs went on the road Saturday to Dodge City in order to challenge the St. Mary's Cavaliers. Although they played good football in the last three quarters, the Dogs couldn't make a come back; St. Mary's clinched it, 24-12.



Bulldog Defense scrambles to make the play. Despite setbacks, the Dogs continue to work hard.

Matt Scoggins/Spectator

## Tennis Triumphs

### Tennis Scoreboard

The Lady Red netters captured victories at Emporia State and against Sterling College in Tennis action this past week.

Cindy Griffis, Cindy Powell, and Julie Oltman won in singles and Powell/Oltman captured the doubles match at Emporia.

Against Sterling, Cindy Griffis (3-6, 6-1, 6-2), Cindy Powell (6-0, 7-6), Amy Yoder (6-2, 6-1), and Deanna Elliot (4-6, 6-3, 6-0) all won their singles matches. Griffis and April Sacha triumphed in doubles.

The Lady Red play Tuesday at Bethel College.

## Lady Red Improving

by Vicki Finkenstadt  
Sports Editor

In their first conference meet at Bethany, the McPherson College Lady Red volleyball team exhibited a high intensity level. Although they failed to win a match against the Bethany Swedes, Tabor Bluejays, Bethel Threshers, the Lady Red had some fine volleys, excellent reach times, and smartly executed defensive combinations. Coach De Geissert said that "they need more consistency."

The best thing about our volleyball team is that there is depth. Lisa Patrick (19) and Kristi Lowther share the setting responsibilities. Tracy Barrett (9), Tonya King (12), Lisa Mick (15), Ann Nels (13), Karen Walter (10), Stephanie Meyer (7), and Christi Allen (8) split the Hitting duties. Simon Duranleau (11) and Debi Engwell (5) add to the service and back row play. These all add up to a great volleyball match. The matches are never boring. Co-captain Kary Walter feels that the Red "need gel; it's taking time to put it together."

The Red have a match tomorrow at home against St. Mary of the Plain, the Saints, and Friends University Falcons.

## Healthy CC will win

by Matt Scoggins  
Staff Writer

The men's cross country team started out right this year with a second place finish in their first meet at Mid-American Nazarene College. The team finished ahead of both Kansas Wesleyan and Bethany, McPherson's biggest rivals, for a high place in the conference. The team was led by Jack Patino in 8th at 28:29, then Jeff White in 15th at 29:07, Phil Koch in 19th at 29:20, Matthew Scoggins in 24th at 29:35, and Jeff Gussie in 25th at 29:37. Missing for the men's team because of sickness or injury were Ray Minchew, Brent Webster, and Paul Chilson.

In their latest meet at Emporia State the men's team did not fair as well, placing 6th in a very competitive meet. The team was once again led by Patino in 20th at 28:15, then Koch in 26th at 28:46, Gussie in 34th at 28:59, White in 35th at 29:24, and Minchew in 44th at 30:20. Missing were Scoggins, Webster, Chilson.

This Friday the team will be at Bethany. The team, boasting seven healthy runners is hoping to place well. This meet should be a good outlook for what's to come at the conference meet in Salina.

The ladies had a strong showing at the MANC meet although they did not place because they did not have five runners that it takes to field a team. Leading the ladies was freshman Wendy Hartman in 15th at 21:18, followed by Beth Brown in 38th at 24:26, and Monica Stockmyer in 49th at 28:38. The only runner missing was Sally Geisert. The girls did very well for a young team and should be a team to contend with in the future.

In the Emporia meet the girls only suited one runner. Sally Geisert finished the course in 23:51 placing 39th. The rest of the team was nursing illnesses and injuries. When the team is healthy they should be contenders in the conference meet. We wish them well at Bethany and hope they wipe Bethany out.



Jeff White (53), Jeff Gussie (47), Ray Minchew (49), and Paul Chilson (next to 88) race against the

clock and competitors at this meet.

Matt Scoggins/Spectator

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