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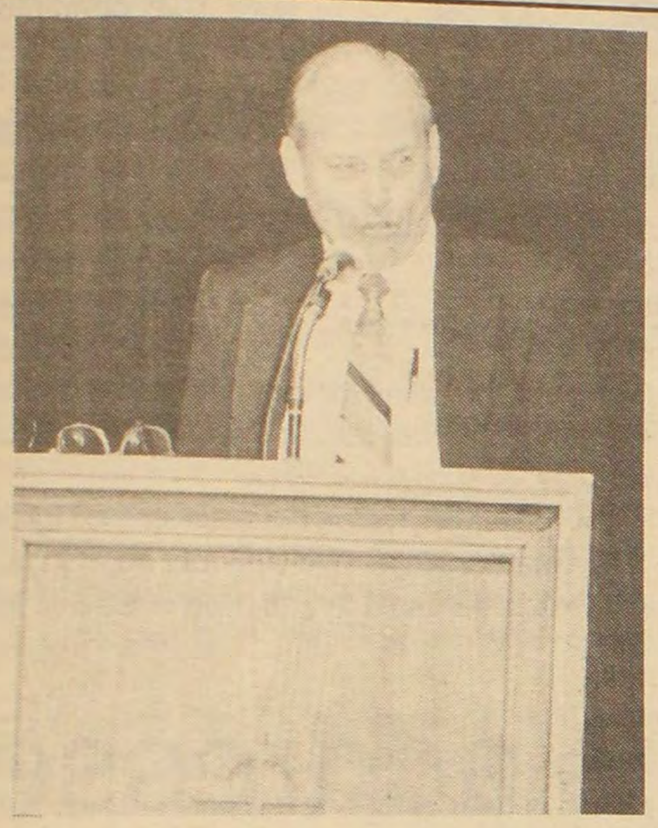

Dr. Robert Wilson enlightens students during convocations on Feb. 23. *Jack Patiño/Spectator*

Trustees' decisions affect students

College life, learning center, honors program

Anne Kletchka
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees is a group whose decisions have a lasting affect on McPherson College and her students. The board, consisting of 36 members, will meet March 2 - 4 to discuss various topics. Dr. Dale Goldsmith, Vice President of Academics, is responsible for the agenda.

The meeting is an annual event which involves the discussion of personnel matters and salaries. Reviewing the athletic and library programs are also on this year's agenda. In addition, several topics to be addressed will directly relate to the students.

The board will review the Centennial Scholar and Honors Program. Currently, the administration is not satisfied with what is provided to participating students. Though the students receive scholarships, it is felt that they are not receiving adequate academic opportunities. It is predicted that Professor Susan Dodson will direct a more formalized program in the fall of 1989 once the trustees have reviewed the situation.

The board will also discuss the structure of the Learning Center. Presently, it is unclear what the purpose of the program is. Questions involve whether or not the program is to help bright, lazy students, non-motivated students, or ones that need remedial help. The board will review these questions as well as how many students should be accommodated and if there is enough staff to do so. Goldsmith commented that the college is "in a way obligated to the Brethren church to help marginal students." However, he also stated that the college is here to help develop skills. "We expect people to produce."

A third student-related item on the agenda involves Orientation Retention and College Life. The administration has received feedback from freshmen that the College Life Class is not hard enough. Others complain it is too much work. The board will attempt to understand these differences and make changes. However, it is predicted that the class will continue to be a requirement for freshmen.

Student retention between fall and spring semester was at 92% this year as compared to 88% the year before. Goldsmith claims that much of this increase is a result of the College Life Class. This class is also required at other colleges beside McPherson. Freshmen are most vulnerable during the first six to eight weeks of their college career. Thus, they can be introduced to the positive effects of college life during this time period.

A new general education policy will be discussed among the trustees. The policy will propose two changes: 1) the reduction in divisions required from four to three and 2) change in the mix of courses required. Goldsmith believes it is extremely important to "recognize that general education is whatever a college and administration thinks it should be at that time." General education should be reviewed every few years, but should always consider courses, content, style, format, and atmosphere.

The trustees will have the opportunity to obtain feedback from students. Selected students will report on their reactions to student government, student activities, and even academic departments. Because many of the board's decisions will affect students, this process will be an added asset to the trustee meeting.

Residence Life introduces new programs, staff organization

RD's and RA's being improved

Carolyn Coon
Director of Residence Life

During the past few months there has been some discussion regarding the current staffing pattern in the residence halls. Out of those discussions came a proposal to make changes to increase efficiency and effectiveness of the Resident Directors and Resident Assistant positions. The new system allows for two professional Resident Directors and two paraprofessional Residence Hall Advisors. Under the new system, the Resident Directors would ccontinue to have half-time, live-in positions at Dotzour and Metzler Halls. Each would also act as a consultant/resource person to the Residence Hall Advisors. The supervision responsibilities would remain with the Director of Residence Life. The Residence Hall Advisors would be full-time students who apply and are hired by the college. Bittinger and Fahnestock Halls will each be headed by a person in the half-time, live-in position.

When you compare the level of responsibility and the staff/student ratio in the four halls, the discrepancies are noticeable. Our current staffing pattern assumes equal levels of responsibility and time demands. The number of residents in each hall, alone, is a sign that this can not be accurate. Last fall, Bittinger and Fahnestock had roughly one third the number of residents that Metzler and Dotzour had. The new plan would allow us to give two students an opportunity to gain experience in student personnel, give the R.D.'s more teaching/supervising experience, better utilize our human resources, and serve the residential students better.

A second change in Resident Life is in the Resident Assistant program. The R.A. has been changed in two ways. The first is in the training and selection process. This year the applicant is required to attend a series of six per-selection sessions. They will then be interviewed, and approximately twenty-four will be offered contracts. The new process allows the applicants an opportunity to find out what being a R.A. is really about. It also allows us to begin training our staff now rather than in the fall when we only have one week. Of course it also gives us a very good idea of the level of commitment they have to the program.

The second change is in the R.A. responsibilities. Next year the R.A.'s will be directly involved in the freshman orientation process. Approximately ten of them will participate in the program as mentors, including being an active part of the College Life class experience. The remaining R.A.'s will have primary duties as program planners in the residence halls. This allows the R.A. the opportunity to choose the direction she/he wants to focus. Hopefully they will be able to pull from this experience some skills that will help them reach their academic goals. Our goal is to help them use being a R.A. as an important part of their educational experience.

Editor's Note: In a random sampling of students and staff, the responses to these changes have been mixed. If you have any questions or would like to share your views on this matter, please drop a note in campus mail addressed to Vicki Finkenstadt, Spectator News Editor, or Carolyn Coon, Residence Life Director.

$50 first prize offered at Starquest

Ray Minchew
Staff Writer

Student Activities Board (SAB) is sponsoring this year's contest, called "Starquest '89" on Mar. 10, at 8 p.m.

All contestants must sign up by March 7, or a three dollar late fee will be charged. To sign up, you can sign a form posted in the Student Union, or you can talk to Amy Yoder, Barbie Sayler, or Marti Tedrick. Everyone is encouraged to sign up as early as possible, because if you sign up early, you have more to say about where your act is placed in the show.

Starquest '89 is open to any group or person who wishes to perform. "We're hoping for good participation," said Amy Yoder. "We expect at least ten acts this year." Yoder went on to say this year's air band is to be more of a production than in the past. "We'll have a special guest emcee, commercials, and more." Anyone wishing to perform a commercial may contact Yoder, Sayler, or Tedrick.

SAB is hoping for a good student turnout this year. The show will have no admission charge, as it is sponsored entirely by SAB, and the public is welcome.

The judges will be chosen from each class and from the faculty. Each dorm will be represented in the judging. Contestants will be judged on three criteria: lip sync, creativity/originality, and appearance. First prize will be fifty dollars and second will carry a prize of twenty dollars. We'll see all you rock enthusiasts on Mar. 10, in Brown auditorium, McPherson's cultural center.

The lesson of the Mohler computer battle

Frustrated, agitated and downright abusive statements are the common cry of McPherson College students, staff, and faculty when referring to the computers in Mohler Hall. In the last 6 months the Mohler computers have earned a worse than poor reputation. When using them, there is an unusually high fear of lost data, not being able to print and the list of complaints continues.

."...at least five computers had gone awry since last week. What a mess!

Jim Dodson will be one of the first to agree that there have been problems with the Destiny brand computers in Mohler. Their purchase was made shortly before the beginning of the 1989 Fall semester. Because the budget allocation became available only a short time before the beginning of the school year, there was a strongly felt push to buy some computers and get them installed quickly.

The College elected to require several specifications (i.e. graphics cable, dual floppy disc drives, etc.) but no particular brand as long as they were IBM compatible. IBM computer's seemed not even to be an option because they are often priced twice as high as other brands.

The bids were collected from eight companies and for convenience sake, to support a local company and also due to price, McPherson College decided to take the second lowest bid. In my opinion, this was the first sign of quick failure. I am very willing to support local businesses whenever reasonable, however, it seems only logical that when a person, or college in this case, decides to purchase a costly, widely used item that he/she wants to last a long time, buying the cheapest is not a good strategy. For instance, would you expect to buy a good quality mink coat at a discount store?

The computers arrived one week before their installation (yet another "red flag"). In the rush to get them on campus, the local company was not able to test them adequately before they were installed. Consequently, it was soon discovered that a specific part in all of the new computers did not fit correctly.

The supplier fixed that problem, only to discover that most of the computers also had bad B disc drives and faulty keyboards. Those items were gradually replaced, but not without numerous hours of labor being consumed by the bowels of the data hungry Mohler computers.

When I started researching this article, I was told by two different sources that the computers were almost completely fixed. Only a few more individual bugs to get out, they assured me, and then the only problems will be those caused by human error. Later, however, it was brought to my attention by Ray and Mary Flagg plus several other operators on campus that at least five computers had gone awry since last week. What a mess!

Linda Oellig
Guest Columnist

The supplier and Dodson talked Monday and they came to an agreement. The college will keep the computer monitors, which to my knowledge is the only part that has not had mechanical failures, and receive a refund for the remainder of the computer components. Bids will be taken again and the process will start all over.

Do you think a lesson has been learned by the administration from this saga? We can only hope so, maybe the next computers will not have such an insatiable appetite for our data.

Evolution poll: some comments addressed

"Who cares? What difference does it make? Why not ask about the important issues in the world?" and "C'mon guy. They are not mutually exclusive terms/ideas." These were two written responses given on the Spectator poll concerning evolution. I would like to address both responses.

To the first response I would agree that this is not an important question in all aspects of life. Certainly it is not a social issue at this point in time. We are not experiencing rapid evolutionary development that forces society to deal with green- tinted humans whose melanin has developed into a photosynthetic pigment so as to make more efficient use of the sun's energy or dogs that have developed human-like vocal cords enabling them to speak.

In fact, if we were experiencing problems such as these then chances are that the evolutionary debates would be resolved.

Michelle La Fay
Staff Writer

There are, however, other impacts of this question most of which give rise to new questions. For example, in education -- what should be taught in the schools? Evolution or creationism. In religion -- if evolution is true then what significance does the Adam and Eve story hold?

The religious question perhaps causes the most turmoil for those people brought up with a Christian background. This is an inner struggle that inevitably pits faith in God against faith in science. Who wins the struggle depends on the individual.

Some are comfortable with one alternative or the other but for the majority there seems to be a yearning to combine the theories in some logical fashion and make it work.

These combined concepts range from a small amount of divine intervention -- God made the universe but now it runs by itself; a moderate amount -- God made the universe, defined the parameters of life but does not interfere within the parameters; a great extent -- God made the universe and everything in it as described in the Bible.

For many, trying to reconcile the two theories may cause much mental and emotional strife because it may involve throwing out some of the teachings that they have held true since childhood. Others may view it as a complete rejection of their faith because if they can't believe the creation story then how can they believe the rest of the Bible?

The dictionary definition of evolution is "a series of changes in a certain direction: a process of change". I see an advantage to allowing for thought evolution along with any other evolution that has or may be occurring.

I feel that we can certainly take our ideas through a process of change even if it is mentally and emotionally painful. In the end we may come out with a better idea.

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Letter to the editor

CASA responds to recent flier

Dear Editor,

Last week the Campus community received fliers in the mail reminding us "to use a condom." The purpose of the mailing is unclear. We are left wondering whether the person(s) who sent the fliers sought to humor, to educate or to offend us.

Perhaps the goal was to do all three. Our campus does need to be reminded of the issues related to the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, however, the educational process needs to be done appropriately and responsibly. An important part of that process needs to also include raising our awareness of healthy relationships in general.

The flier does not address this or any other responsible acts at all. Instead it makes reference to situations which are totally inappropriate and irresponsible. The phrases like "attack her," "go into heat," and "deck her" all suggest violent, assaultive behavior.

"...it makes reference to situations which are totally inappropriate and irresponsible."

As a community we should be working toward efforts to educate and to encourage positive, responsible, healthy relationships. We should not be encouraging or supporting each other in offensive, degrading behavior. Unfortunately, members of our campus community have been and continue to be affected by sexual assault.

It is a very real, very serious tragedy that should not be looked upon lightly, or used as a joke.

Community Against Sexual Assault (CASA)

The Fahnestock Liberation Army: since the beginning

Steve Janke
Guest Columnist

The F.L.A. has struck again. Ever since the posts and twine surrounding the grass were transformed into a work of modern art in front of the S.U. last December, the prank pullers of Mac College might have seemed to have been in hibernation . Then on the morning of Friday Feb. 17 students and faculty alike opened their mailboxes and found that the F.L.A. had launched a massive campus-wide, semi-lewd safe sex campaign.

Documents containing several poetic reminders for using condoms had been placed in campus mail boxes. You might be wondering, what in the heck does F.L.A. mean, where do these people come from? Perhaps the following paragraph will answer these burning questions. It recounts the highlights of the oldest known prank of the F.L.A., taken from the May 6, 1977 issue of the Spectator.

The day of April 29, 1977 dawned ominously. As the secretaries and administrators entered Mohler Hall that morning they were greeted by several crude hand-lettered signs which issued the dire message, "Administration Beware", and accepting credit for the warning was a mysterious underground organization, the F.L.A. As the day wore on the administrators searched their minds for the answer to that universal question: Who or what is the F.L.A?

Hmmmm...no, it just couldn't be the Flymbionese Liberation Army. Hadn't they already been sent up the river? But wait, hadn't the faculty seemed restless during their last meeting? Would they go so far as to organize a "Faculty Liberation Army?" What kind of an example would this type of radicalism set for the students? Heaven forbid!

As the day passed and nothing happened it began to be believed that this was all just a hoax. Then at 3:45 the calm of the day suddenly erupted into a full scale takeover of the administration building. A group of armed and desperate men hiding their identity beneath the calm exterior of mirrored sunglassed, turbans and bandannas stormed Mohler Hall. After forcing all the occupants of the building into the hall in front of the presidents office, the guerillas proceeded to hold them hostage at squirt gun point.

A spokesman for the group, which had been identified as the Fahnestock Liberation Army, issued a list of 9 demands, these included: (1). Cooled beer kegs must be installed at 10 yard intervals along the side walks as a safeguard against students dying of thirst while walking across campus. (2). All the stairs in Harnly Hall shall be converted to escalators. (3). All venetian blinds, curtains, paint, macrame, tapestries, flags or other window obstructing and or opaquing devices shall forthwith and henceforth immediately now and forever be banned from use in Dotzour Hall, third floor Bittinger Hall and Kline Hall. (4). Two-hundred power terrestrial telescopes must be installed in towers atop Metzler and Fahnestock Halls. Compatible photography equipment should be included. Then after all the demands were read, Dean Lengel, acting in the absence of President Hoffman, was given 15 seconds in which to sign the document into administrative law. In a clear voice Dean Lengel declined, and the members of the F.L.A. non-violently removed their fannies from Mohler.

Despite their not meeting with complete success that day in 1977 the Fahnestock Liberation Army has since accomplished several major achievements such as: The Declaration of Fanny's Independence, which established Fahnestock Hall as a free and independent nation; and the holding the pep band hostage at the 1980 homecoming game until the Founder of Fahnestock Hall, S. B. Fahnestock, was named honorary homecoming king.

In recent times it seems the F.L.A has become more public service oriented, with such activities as: The temporary procurement of all campus clocks so as to save our honorable professors the trouble of adjustment to daylight savings time; The aiding of maintenance with removal of unneeded electric fence posts and twine from campus sidewalks, while simultaneously doing a special favor for Merrin Godfrey by fencing in his yard to ensure protection against night-time marauders; and of course, the latest but not the last activity, the campus community safe-sex campaign.

Spectator Student Poll

These results represent a survey of McPherson College Students via campus mail. 71 students completed and returned the survey. Of these 71 students, 16 indicated they were science majors and 53 non-science majors. For purposes of this survey, science majors include biology, chemistry, physics, and psychology.

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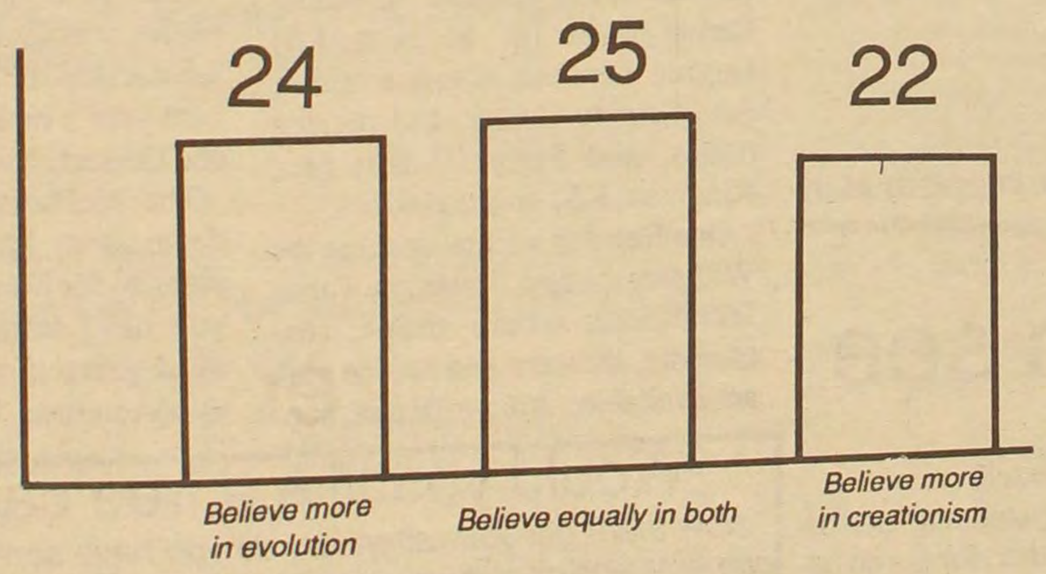

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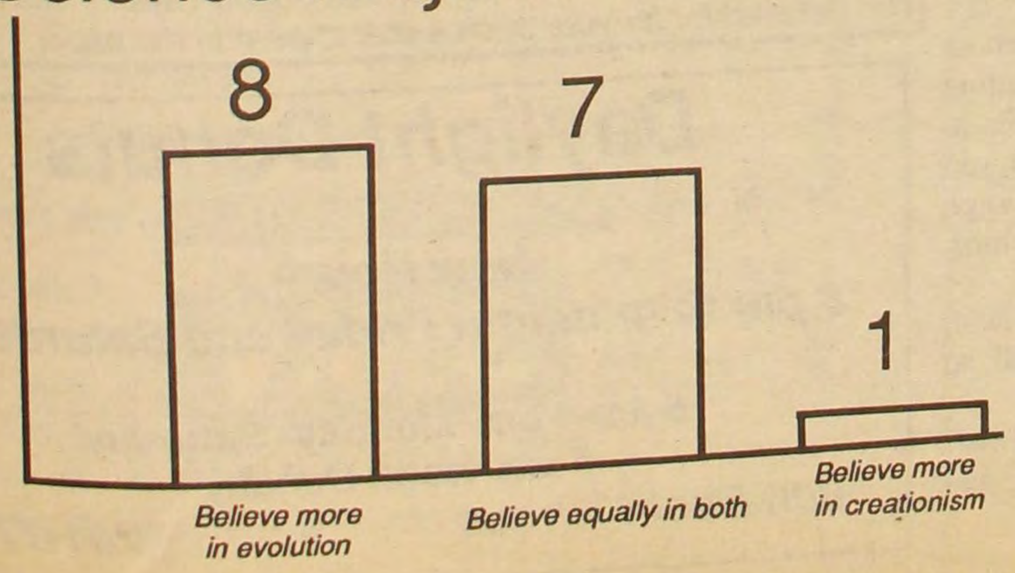

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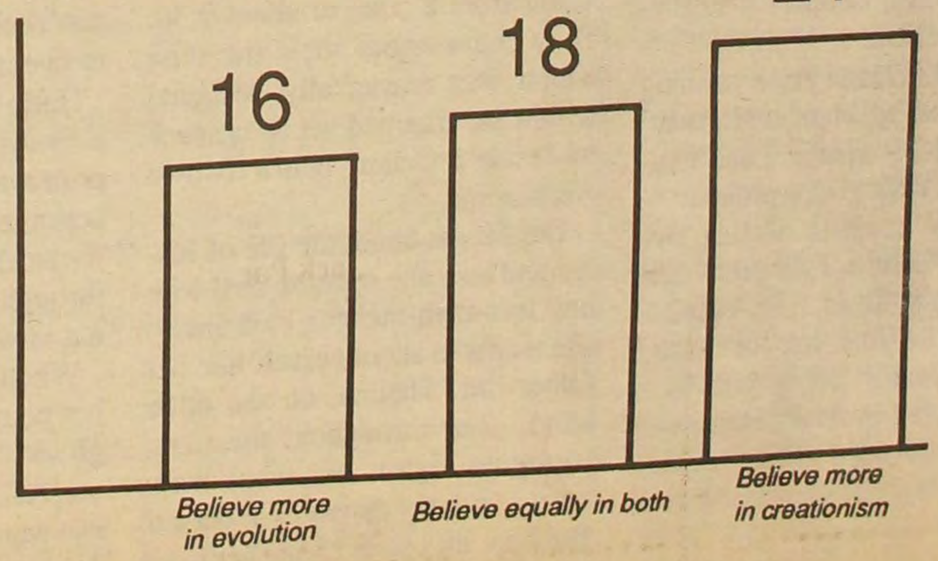

The problem with pacifism

Paul Minnich
Editorial Editor

Pacifism is a central tenet in the religious faith of many. On a Church of the Brethren campus, it seems almost "common". There are many types of pacifism, most of which (in my opinion) are wrong. One branch categorically denounces violence both practically and ethically. It presents pacifism as a rule to always follow.

It is a rule, however, which ignores consequences. It places the value on acting "right" instead of accomplishing things that are "right". It demands that one follow futile paths of negotiation while a killer shoots down victim after victim. I believe that if the "ends" are ethical, then the ends justify the means.

This pacifism denies that loving your neighbors might mean using violence to protect them. The most horrible of atrocities are allowed to occur, even when it is well within the pacifist's power to stop them. This theory claims that as long as you act "pacifisticly," that you are loving your neighbor. It blindly accepts that there are always peaceful means, even when time after time such means collapse.

Pacifism certainly has its place as an "ethical choice"; it worked for Gandhi. It does not always work however, and it should remain a possibility and not a rule. To label yourself a "pacifist" makes you lose sight of the goal you're supposedly working toward: to love your neighbor.

Thelma Cates, played by Karlene Tyler (left), struggles to keep her daughter Jessie, played by Mary Harlow (right), from leaving the room to attempt suicide.
Jack Patiño/Spectator

' 'night, Mother'--the play to see

by Jack Patiño
Feature Editor

Of all of this school year's drama productions that I missed, I'm glad I saw "'night, Mother." It was simply excellent.

The 1983 Pulitzer Prize winning play (written by Marsha Norman) is directed by senior Lora Coffman, and is her senior project.

The play consists of just two actresses. Karlene Tyler, registrar, plays Thelma Cates, a 65-year-old widow who has her divorced daughter Jessie living with her, who is played by Mary Harlow of Salina, Coffman's sister. It takes place in Thelma's house, and goes on for over 90 minutes.

The play doesn't rely upon a lot of set changes or time switches, because the characters remain in their house from 8 p.m. to about 9:30. They roam about their dwelling which was masterfully designed within the cramped yet open space of Jessie's Cellar, below Brown Auditorium.

The play is about the life of Jessie and how she wants to deal with her less-than-meager existence--she wants to shoot herself like her father did. Thelma, on the other hand, goes throughout the night trying to figure out what went wrong with her daughter or herself and how she can dissuade her from doing harm to herself.

Tyler gives a stunning performance as the mother, for as you listen to her replies and pleas, you can't help but feel like she is at that moment.

Harlow, not to be forgotten or overshadowed, gave a haunting portrayal of a person so driven to commit suicide. In your mind, you try hard to convince her not to go through with it, yet she keeps turning down the pleas.

Whether she goes through with her plans or not, I will not tell, so go see "'night Mother."

MAC students, faculty, and staff can watch for free, on March 3 and 4, beginning at 8 p.m.

Spring semester will be busy for music department

by Alecia Cobb
Assistant Editorial Editor

Spring semester looks like a busy one for the McPherson College music department. Many activities are scheduled which involve the student body, members of the community, and guests on campus.

Just this past weekend, Feb. 24-25, the Kansas Music Educator's Convention was held in Wichita. "This is a state branch of the Music Educator's National Convention," explains Ms. Katherine Baker, professor of vocal music, "where select groups of junior and senior high students compete in choir, band, jazz band, and orchestra."

There are many clinics and sessions available to professors, high school teachers, and students. Music publishers sponsor reading sessions to introduce new scores to the public. Several McPherson College music professors and music majors attended this convention Friday and Saturday.

"It is very informative," claims Baker.

Spring Tour for the Concert Choir begins Friday, March 24. They will be spending a total of six days traveling through parts of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Six church congregations will have the opportunity to hear the choir, as well as students in two high schools. There are several soloists in the program including Barbie Sayler (jr., St. John, KS) singing soprano, Denise Butler (so., Grundy Center, IA) playing piano, and Sally Geisert (sr., Kingman, KS) on the clarinet.

One free day will be spent at the Williams Center Forum in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where shops, restaurants, theaters and an ice rink are available. After a 10 a.m. concert in Nickerson, Kansas, on February 29, Spring Tour '89 will end.

Perhaps more convenient for the student body, the Concert Choir will present their home concert on April 16 at 2 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Artists-in-Residence, a program funded in part through Kansas Arts Commission, will bring two special musical guests to McPherson College. Katherine Peters, a soprano, and Edward Barnes, a composer/pianist, will be in the community April 19-21, to present workshops and small concerts. Their formal presentation will be April 22, in Brown Auditorium.

Immediately following on April 23, Sayler and Geisert, both music majors, will be presenting their junior recitals.

Concluding activities in April will be the Solo/Ensemble Festival hosted on campus Saturday, April 30. Dr. Larry Kitzel, professor of instrumental music, is in charge of this annual contest provided for area high school musicians.

The last two events of the year will involve McPherson College students. Spring concert for the Concert Choir will be May 7, in Brown Auditorium.

"We will be performing music of the Baroque period, including works by Bach and Handel," says director Baker.

Also held in May will be the White Scholarship Contest. This scholarship is for music majors. Last year's recipients were Sayler and Geisert.

The McPherson College music department has many activities planned for the spring semester. If you have extra time, you might avail yourself of one of the many opportunities.

Would you like a free car?

Now that I got your attention, do you have some knowledge in cameras and dark room experience? Would you like to train to become the photgraphy editor for next year's Spectator staff? Contact Jack Patiño at ext. 322, or contact Susan Taylor in the library. You get paid for for your photos that appear in the paper.

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McPherson alumnus makes a big noise in playing bagpipes

by Jack Patiño
Feature Editor

Imagine that perfect wedding: everyone turns to see the bride walk down the aisle, and listens for the bagpipe to start playing "Here comes the Bride." "What," you say... "bagpipes?"

"I've done weddings and funerals with some success," Jeff Frazier said.

Most people may not know of Frazier, a McPherson grown and raised man, except for a handful of faculty and staff, for he graduated from McPherson College in 1982 with a major in speech and theater education.

Many have probably heard or seen Frazier and his entourage play or practice. Last year, his group used to practice on the campus and made music for the Dotzour residents. They have played in the All-School's Day Parade, where the group, aptly titled "The City of McPherson Pipe Band," dresses up in their traditional clothing of kilts and plays to the large crowds of people. But worrying about not being heard is not a problem for Frazier.

"You can't be shy," he said about walking around in the kilts and playing loudly.

Frazier got into bagpipe playing by accident. In junior high, during the production of "Brigadoon," Bob Dye played the pipes for the play (Dye is a member of the Salina Shrine). Frazier felt that "a seed was planted," so two years later, he bought a practice chanter (a flute-like apparatus which contains a double reed).

Frazier is the Pipe Major for the band. In 1987, he traveled to Scotland to attend the Glasgow College of Piping.

Frazier decided to study in Scotland for a year because everyone in the band began to play at the same level, and someone needed new insight and and expertise to improve. He began to teach the members what he had learned, and has even developed "his own textbooks" on the subject.

"I can give a person a firm, broad-based foundation in piping," he said. But he didn't mention wedding marches. Oh, well.

Jeff Frazier, a McPherson College alumnus , tunes up the chanter of his pipes. Jack Patiño/Spectator

Films are rolling at McPherson Cinema 3 theater

by Carol Mack
Assistant Feature Editor

Lights. Camera. Action. The action has started in downtown McPherson as last Monday, Feb. 20, marked the first day that students could use their new movie passes to gain free entrance to the shows. After nearly a year without a theater in town, the films are finally rolling again.

Last year as students returned from Spring Break, they were surprised by the news that the town's only movie house was nothing but a charred pile of rubble. Then this past fall, word spread that a new, three-screen theater was going up. Not only would there be movies showing, but the company was also promising to run newly released films. In the three weeks since first opening the doors, the theater has held its word: two newly released movies have appeared including Tom Hank's new film, "The Burbs," and Tom Selleck's most recent appearance in "Her Alibi." Along with these movies, three other shows are also playing: "The Land Before Time," "Mississippi Burning," and "Cocktail."

Joining the list of shows for the next week are "My Stepmother Is An Alien," and "Oliver and Company."

A person who decides to attend the movies on a week night should not be surprised to see many college students filling the seats. Nearly three hundred students have chosen to buy a six dollar pass to obtain unlimited viewing privileges during the week.

When asked about the special offer, the owner of the theater, Mr. Sterling Bagby, had this to say, "College students like to watch movies, and we like to have our theaters full. I think the deal should work out well."

So far students have been generally pleased with the added entertainment and look forward to more good movies.

Science Department gets new machine

by Deana Ackerman
Staff Writer

Our science department now has the privilege of possessing one of the most sophisticated analytical tools in the field of science. This tool is referred to as the HPLC, short for high pressure liquid chromatography. It was acquired at a cost of $27,000 by Mr. Harry Stein and Dr. Richard Zerger. Dr. Zerger, head of the physical science department, applied for a grant through the National Science Foundation, which provided $13,500 toward the purchase. The remaining $13,500 was provided by Mr. Stein through a donation to the science department.

Since large corporations are usually the purchasers of such an instrument, students having experience in the use of the HPLC have an advantage in obtaining employment upon graduation.

The purpose of the instrument is to analyze chemical substances from living matter. The term "analyze" means to break down substances, identify them, and measure their quantity. The HPLC can be used to analyze proteins, fatty acids, carbohydrates, vitamins, or any other substance that is soluble in solvents. It can also break down proteins into amino acids and determine whether it is a plant protein or vegetable protein, and which are more beneficial than others. The machine can even identify the amount of cholesteral in a blood sample, something all of us who are not scientists or science majors can identify with.

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William Harris receives All-American Honors

Places third at NAIA National Indoor Meet in KC

by Paul Bishoff
Sports Editor

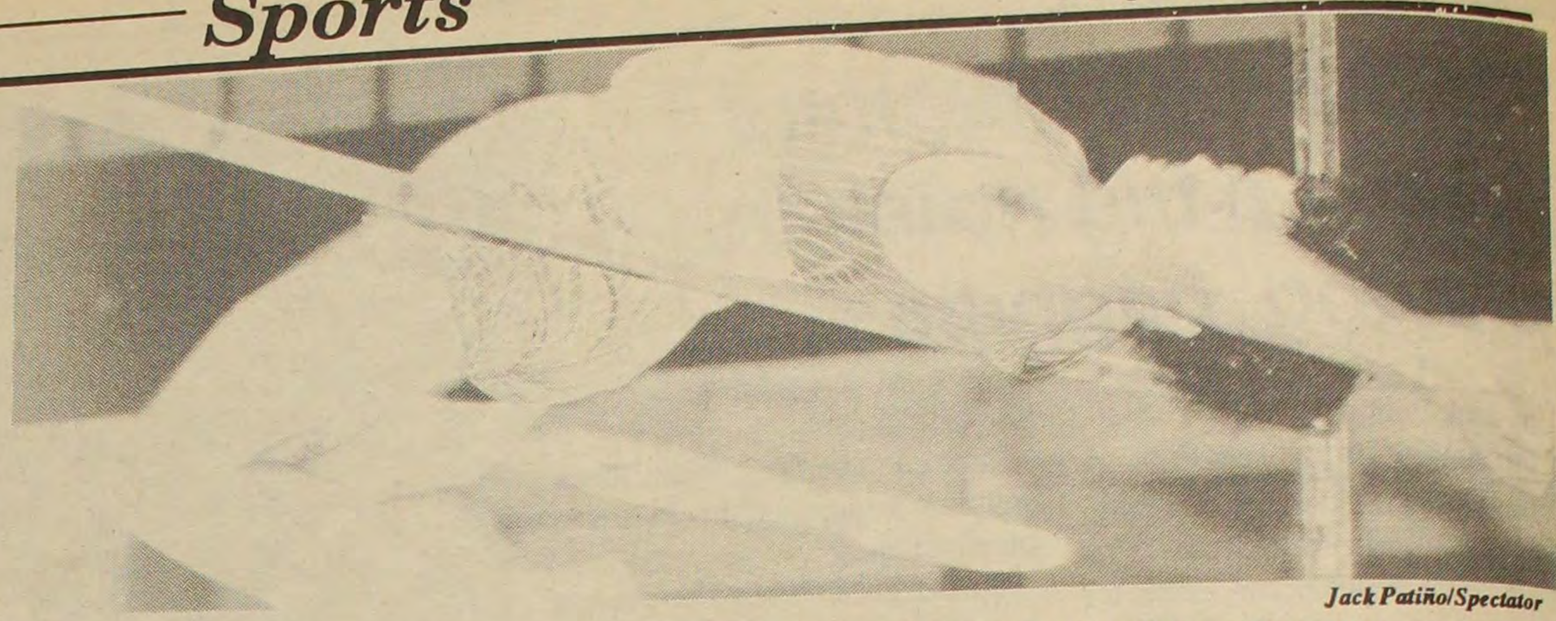
William Harris turned in one of his finest performances in his collegiate career, setting three new personal records in the 60 yard hurdle event and becoming an All-American at the National Indoor Track Meet at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City this past Saturday.

Harris qualified for the NAIA National Indoor events by running a time of 7:69 in the 60 yard hurdles, his best time ever up to this point.

"William just had an outstanding day," said Coach Dan Hoffman. Harris, also known to many of his friends as Will "the Bill" Harris, ran a 7.62 in the first round, a 7.60 in the second, and finished in the final round with a time of 7.58.

The top six finishers in the race qualify as All-Americans. Harris finished third.

The next major national event will be the Outdoor Track and Field events at Asuza Pacific in California on May 24-25.



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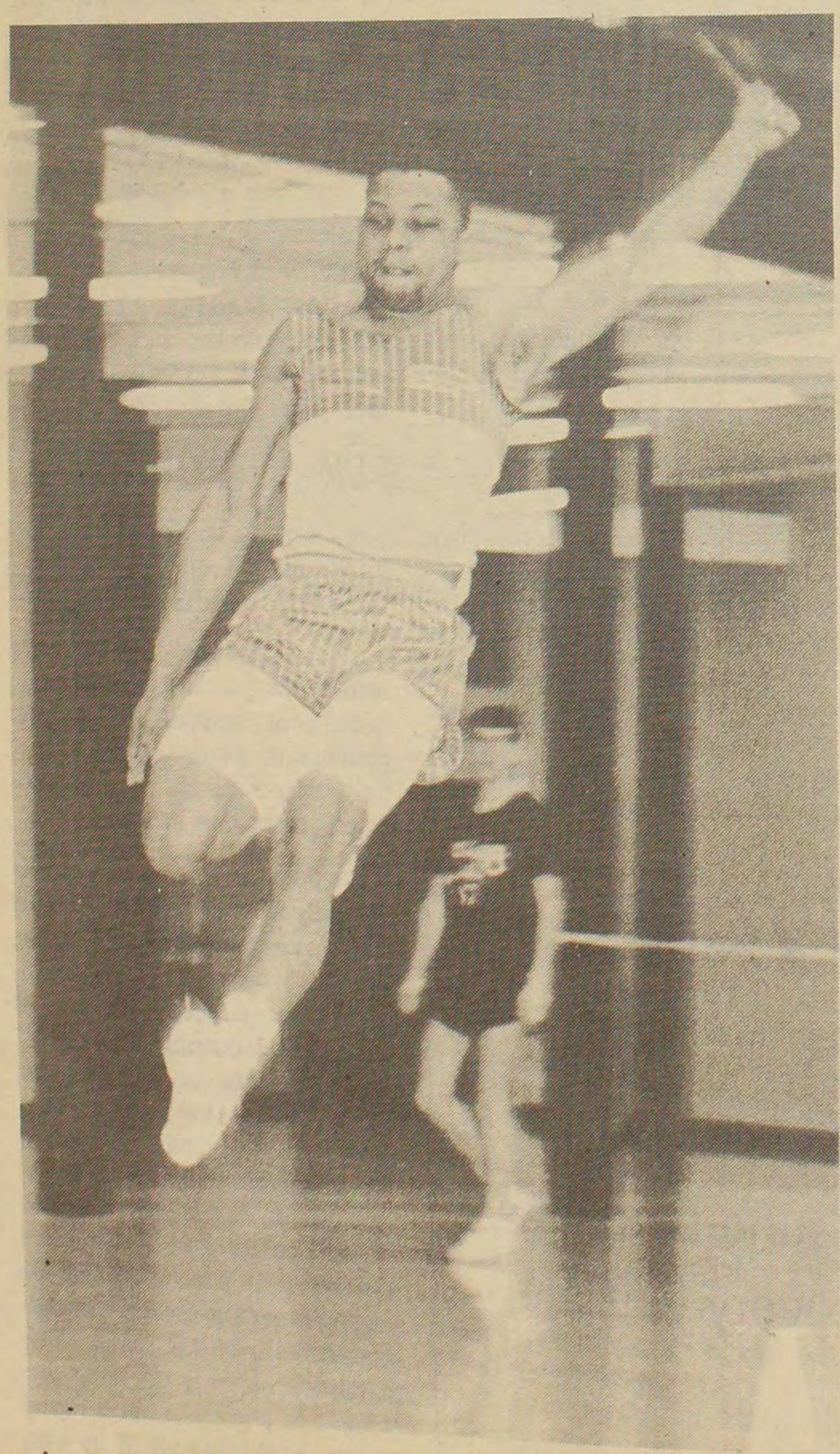
Robert Ewy attempts to clear 6'4" at the NAIA District 10 meet at Fort Hays State University.



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Leroy Fields exhibits his form at the recent NAIA District 10 meet at Fort Hays State University. Leroy represented MAC in the long jump.

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Junior Varsity brings their season to a close with an impressive record of 12-6

by Melissa James
Editor in Chief

The men's junior varsity squad finish the season with a strong overall record of 12-6 after defeating Sterling college on Saturday 103-100 in overtime, coming back from an 18 point deficit.

"We played pretty well earlier in the week against St. Mary's, we seemed to have a lot more enthusiasm for a solid 40 minute period which really helped against a good J.V. squad that hasn't lost many games," said Coach Norm Hollis.

As far as offensive and defensive rebounds are concerned, Coach Hollis stated, "Because we are a shorter team the guys really have to work hard and concentrate on hitting the boards. Ted Busse, Tim Cossaart, James Gunter, Darren Lemmon and Jerry Rank all do a good job."

When it comes to scoring, there isn't any one stand out player. Instead it is a strong team effort. "The scoring seemed to scatter from game to game, off the top of my head I can think of seven different players who did well in seven different games," said Coach Hollis.

On the defensive end, Coach Hollis stated, "Darren Lemmon did well at guarding post; Tim Cossaart and Jerry Rank learned they could guard bigger people and do a good job at it; Jay Dell and Jeff May played a good solid full court defense; and James Gunter showed he could be a very versatile player."

Scott Bailey over the last half of the season played as well or better than anyone had expected. "He came on as a spark plug for the rest of the team," said Coach Hollis.

As far as the most improved player, Coach Hollis said, "Bryon Smith has improved more in the last two months than anyone I have ever seen. I appreciate him because he hustles and the team should too because his determination gets them out of doing a lot of lines."

Looking back to the start of the season with two wins and four losses, two of which were only by one point, Coach Hollis said,"I can definitely say I'm pleased with the team's progress. Since those earlier losses, they have been 80% and I can't say that I'm not satisfied. Every game was close but we usually came out on top."

Coach Hollis said that a lot of the team's success went to the quality leadership of returning sophomores: Ted Busse, Barry Carr, Jay Dell, Randy Semadeni and Brent Waltner.

Coach Hollis also wanted to mention that the team was at somewhat of a loss when Waltner got a blood clot in his leg. He missed several practices and games because of the injury.

"Waltner is a hard worker who plays well. When he got injured we had to change some of our game strategy to make up for the loss," said Coach Hollis.

In regard to coaching his peers, Hollis said that in some ways it was a lot easier because he was in their shoes not too long ago so it was easy to relate to them. The difficult part was probably during the first two weeks of the season when the freshmen had to learn to do things his way.

Coach Hollis stated, "I wanted to win and so did the team so it worked out well, I was lucky to have great players who worked very hard and had good positive attitudes. They showed a lot of heart, we came off a slow start and played extremely well, when we were down we came back. This is the kind of quality you can't teach that will help not only in basketball but later on in life."

Coach Hollis and the J.V squad would like to thank the people who supported the team throughout the season. "We really appreciated the support, it made the games much

Coach Gayer emphasizes a point in the huddle as the rest of the team looks on. (from left to right) Ann Nelson, Tracy Parks, Coach Gayer, Vicki Briceño, Karme Clark, Joyce Brown. Jack Patiño/Spectator

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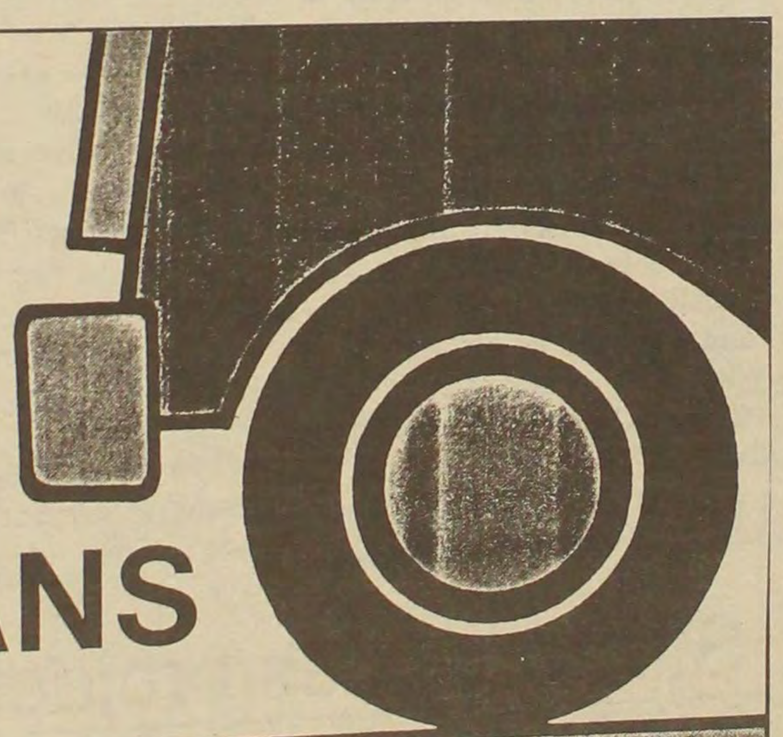

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MAC has playoff hope

by Brent W. Zamora
Assistant Sports Editor

The Mac College Bulldogs have playoff hope once again. The Bulldogs playoff picture looked somewhat bleak following their 90-89 loss at Kansas Wesleyan on Feb. 11 but the Dogs bounced back and drummed Ottawa in a must win game on Feb 15. The Bulldogs then travelled to Wichita for a showdown with Friends. The Bulldogs fell behind early by as many as 15 but battled back to cut the margin to 11 at the half, but unfortunately the Bulldogs came up short 77-71.

The Bulldogs remained in the playoff hunt by crushing St. Mary's 106-86 and delighted the fans with four slam dunks. A big key to the Dog's victory was the defense applied to Cavalier scoring menace Chris Chrisman. Chrisman, who had 28 against the Bulldogs in Dodge City, could muster only nine against the stingy Bulldog defense. Offensively the Bulldogs exploded with their highest outburst of the season. The Bulldogs had four players in double figures led by Jeff Sink who had 22. Sink was followed by Mike Dunekack who had 20 points including 14 in the second half and 8 in a row at one stretch. David Broadfoot had perhaps his best game of the season as he had 16 points and 7 rebounds.

The Bulldogs entered Saturday night's game with Sterling hoping and anticipating that a victory over the Warriors would insure a playoff berth. Sterling matched the Bulldogs basket for basket in the first half and seized the momentum by taking a 41-39 lead into the halftime session. With one half left to play it appeared the Warriors were on their way to a bright spot and the Bulldog's playoff hopes were drifting away. The Bulldogs, however, were tired of their roller coaster ride in the K.C.A.C. this season and were in no mood for the pesky Warriors. The Bulldogs using strong defense and good shot selection battled back and recaptured a lead that they would not relinquish again.

The Bulldogs, now 17-8 overall, will anxiously await Tuesday's district pairings in hopes of a playoff berth.

Senoirs end their MAC career

by Brent W. Zamora
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With the end of the season, we say goodbye to seniors Lisa Mick, Tonya Kingery, Vicki Finkenstadt, and Michelle Streit.

The McPherson College Lady Red have saved some of their best basketball for the latter part of the season. The Lady Red faced the Ottawa Lady Braves on Feb. 15 and stuck it to them as the Lady Red won the game 71-57.

The Lady Red then returned to home to face conference leading St Mary's, despite their tremendous efforts, they lost 56-48.

The Lady Red finished out the regular season by facing Sterling at home. The Lady Red played well early but fell 90-68.

CASA seeks campus awareness

Angi Wallick
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Sexual assault is a violent, misunderstood crime, affecting many people from all backgrounds and of all ages.

Editor's note: Women are not the only victims, and men are not always the attacker.

In a recent national collegiate study, one in eight females reported being the victim of rape or attempted rape within the last year. Over half the women identified that they had experienced some form of sexual victimization.

Generally, when the public thinks of rape or sexual assault, they think of strangers in dark alleys. However, this is the exception rather than the rule. Approximately seven out of eight cases of assault are with people the victim knows.

Those attacks where the victim knows her assailant is called acquaintance, or date rape. They frequently take place in a private residence.

The rapist may be a friend, a date, or even a boyfriend or fiance. Some men feel they deserve repayment for spending money on a woman. Previous actions are no guarantee of future behavior.

There are not distinctive physical traits that identify a rapist. Aggressive, abusive psychological tendencies are a warning sign that is not always foolproof.

Abusive men may not think or realize that their actions are violent. In a study, it was found that one in 12 men admitted to having forced a woman to have intercourse or tried to force a woman to have intercourse through physical force or coercion. Yet, almost none of these men thought of this as rape.

Although, a woman may fantasize about being overpowered, she is looking for a situation within a healthy relationship where she is in control, not a fearful and humiliating experience.

Victims can not always ward off an attacker. Sometimes, strong forceful words will work. Other times, physical tactics may be effective. In some cases, resistance may provoke an even more violent attack. Yet, the deepest scars are emotional rather than physical and these can remain whether the attack was successful or not.

Rape is a violent and unfortunately common felony. However, as few as two percent report the incident to the police or other authorities. Although highly publicized, actual false reports are very rare.

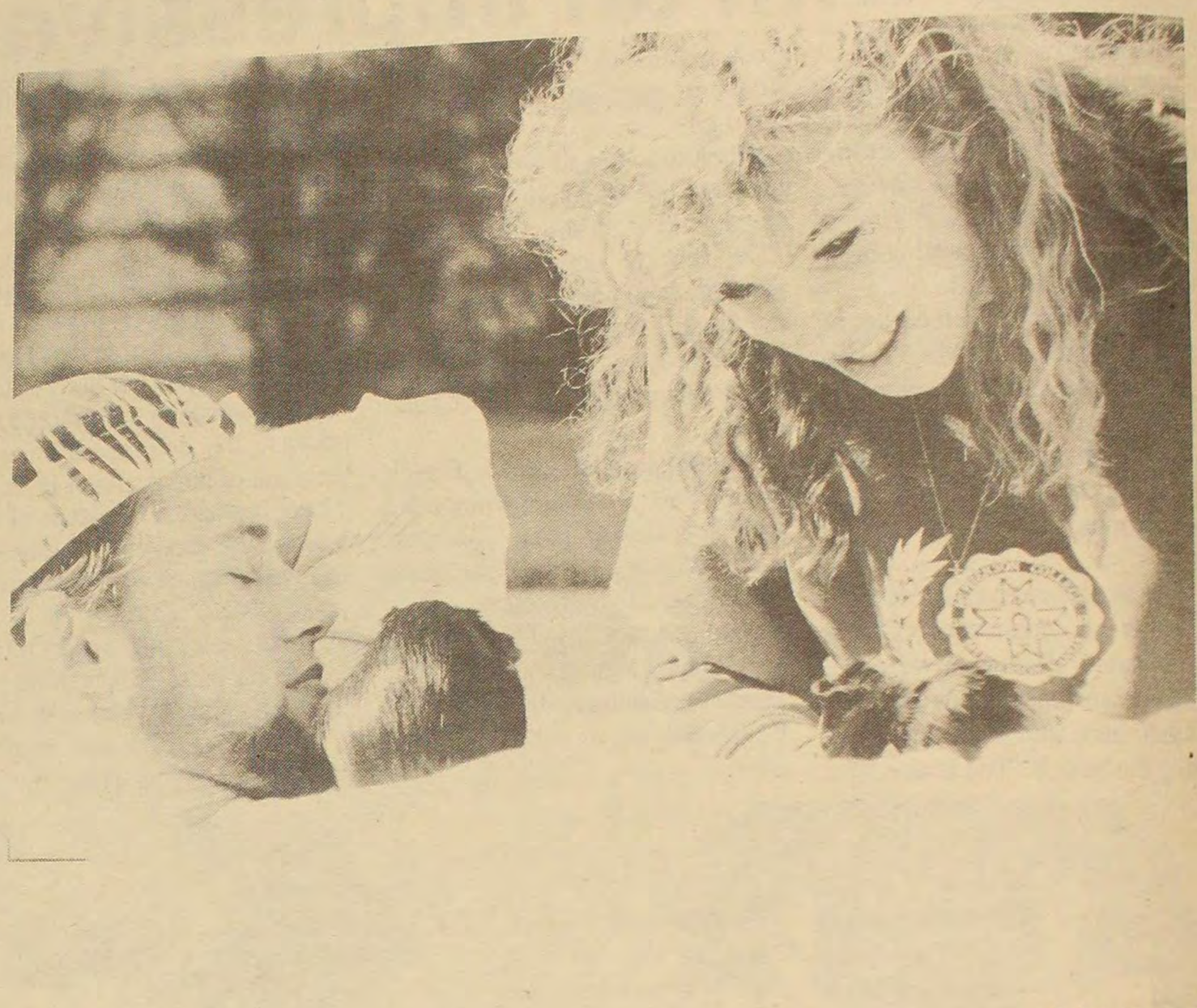
Victims often have mixed feelings about reporting the assault. They fear they will not be believed, retaliation, lack of adequate punishment, and the response of their peers. Sometimes, they begin to wonder if the attack was real.

Rape is not an act of lust, love or sex. It is an act of violence. It is not the victim's fault.

Currently, at McPherson College we have only a catch-all rule in the Community Code, published in the Growl.

In response to the needs of our college, the organization C.A.S.A - Community Against Sexual Assault was formed. Its purpose is to educate the campus and provide support for survivors.

Already this semester, they sponsored the sexual assault seminar on Feb. 11 that 18 people attended. Those interested, for whatever reason, are encouraged to attend the weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 12:15-1:00 p.m. Please contact Sharon Knechel or Lora Coffman for more information.



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Ray Minchew and Beverly Yokley enjoy the recently sunny weather with their pets.

Phonathon provides scholarships, financial aid for Mac students

Kristi Clark
Staff Writer

The goal of the 1989 Phonathon is to raise $117,000 in order to provide scholarship funds for the next academic year.

Eleven percent ($586,000) of McPherson College's total expenditures in 1987-88 were directed towards scholarship assistance. The Centennial Scholars and Medallion Scholarships together form an annual cost of $117,000. With these figures in mind, McPherson College decided upon their $117,000 goal.

Another factor that contributed to the 1989 goal is the fact that the college age population is declining, therefore the competition for students is increasing. The faculty and staff know that they must provide competitive financial aid offers in order to attract and retain quality students.

Twelve student callers have been hired to participate in the calling of many alumni and friends of the college. These twelve students are trained how to take personal information, news items for class letters, and pledges throughout the dialing session.

"I have high expectations for the results we will get this year," stated Bruce Clary of the Alumni & Development Office. He believes that the student callers know how to get the job done and do it well because they have a certain appeal to the people they address.

The phonathon began this weekend, Feb. 25-27, as various class agents will be meeting for a class agent workshop. They will participate in the dialing sessions this weekend with some help from student callers. The phonathon will continue through the weekends of March 4-6 and March 11-13. The student callers will be responsible for the last two weeks of the phonathon.

RYC participants 'Chosen'

Helen G. Mohler
Staff Writer

The Brethren Youth are coming! From four districts of the Brethren Church in this region, about 100 high school people will be descending on McPherson College for a youth conference on March 3, 4, and 5.

This is a yearly event which unites these kids for seminars on topics as varied as AIDS and personality types, a mass slumber party in the Sports Center, an introduction to McPherson College, and fun in general (sports, banquets, a dance, movie, " 'Night Mother", one of Herb Smith's deluxe guided imageries, etc.). The theme of the conference this year is "Chosen" and the leaders are Phil and Louie Rieman, pastors of the Ivester Church of the Brethren in Iowa.

Quite a few McPherson College students are helping out with RYC. Shannon Kirschner, for instance, an RYC alum, is going to be helping with the sleep-over in the Sports Center. She remembers,

"We used to stay in the dorms with the college students and that always made me feel like I was imposing on them. I liked it better when we stayed in the Sports Center because it helped unify the group."

So if you see a brood of kids wearing name tags and looking confused, be nice and help them figure out who they are and where they're going.

StuCo guides projects along in spring

Dana Weddle
Staff Writer

Just because the first quarter of the spring semester is over doesn't mean that Stuco can sit back on its heels and coast through the rest of the year. This is a very busy time of the year for Student Council as they work on second semester budgeting and elections for the 1989-90 school year.

In the Stuco meeting held last night, Jim Dodson was scheduled to review second semester finances with the council. Also on the agenda was the allocating of funds to campus organizations. Brad Elliott (sr. Greeley, Co.) has organized the individual club requests for funds and Stuco will vote on the reforms during the meeting.

Another project that Stuco has been working on is the selection of this year's nominees for the Outstanding Service Award to be given out at the annual Honors Convocation. The award is for any student, faculty or staff who has shown considerable dedication and service to the campus or community.

Stuco has finally been able to put the final touches on their deal with the new theater uptown. "The deal worked out really well," said Stuco Secretary Lisa Mick (jr. Tipton), "and we were very pleased with the student's response." According to Mick, over 250 of the blue stickers were purchased.