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## Students protest security measures, provoke change in policy

By Michele Dalton  
and Dan Noyes

Editorial Staff

Confusion and to some extent outrage were the responses of students to the decision made last month to lock all doors to the dormitories. The new measures were decided by a security committee formed to respond to the intruder spotted in Dotzour Hall on Feb. 22.

"The committee met a number of times to put together an appropriate response to the situation that occurred at the beginning of the semester," director of residence life Gwen McClenton said.

Before spring break McClenton and vice-president of student ser-

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Dan Grizzell

vices, Sharon Knechel, met with dorm council members from each hall to discuss alternative solutions to insure student security.

"We wanted to recognize that there are a variety of solutions available and then come up with the most feasible as far as manpower and what could be afforded financially," McClenton said.

Dorm council members met with

McClenton and Knechel again on March 29 and were informed of the decision that had been made by the security committee. "We (dorm council) did not get a vote concerning the changes that were made," said Dan Grizzell, jr., Metzler Hall secretary.

After the decision the doors were being propped open nearly 24 hours a day. "It was our goal to get 100% compliance from the students from our decision and it is obvious that we did not get that," Knechel said.

"In my opinion the situation was handled wrong in that administrators worked more closely with us (resident directors) than those who were going to be af-

fected, that being the residents," said Terry Bruton, Metzler Hall resident director. "I think the proper channels should have been taken before reaching a decision that would have allowed the residents to be more actively involved."

As a result of student disagreement and noncompliance with the new policy, the committee decided last week to provide key access to all of the outside doors for the remainder of the year.

"It was a really smart move. Everybody was propping doors which was defeating the purpose," Janey Shafer, jr., said.

Resident assistants are now stationed at front desks during the

evenings.

"I see the RA's as a source of information, as an opportunity to be observant of who does come and go," McClenton said. "It is not my desire to go to a formal sign-in system where students and visitors must log in."

Next year, resident assistants will have an additional eight hours per week added to their time schedules to be devoted to desk hours.

Additional security measures under consideration include installing magnetic locks or alarms on all exterior doors, placing close circuit cameras in dorm lobbies, and adding peepholes in room doors and a phone system to provide each room with local access.

## SAB sees Doghouse as future campus "hang-out"

By Tahnee Bowman

Spectator Staff

As a result of a student body petition that overturned a Student Council decision, The Doghouse is now open during the evening hours.

"We wanted to provide an environment for people to interact on somewhat neutral ground, not in Dotzour or Metzler or Fanny," Russ Kinzie, sr., said. "So we wanted to create a kick-back, hang-out area for all students."

Stuco had hesitated to commit money to keeping The Doghouse open without knowing if it would be successful. "The main concern was whether The Doghouse was going to be used, especially this late in the year," said Stuco treasurer, Darren Crumrine, sr.

Stuco defeated the proposal the first time it was presented, 7-9. "In order to get it on the agenda again, we had to get at least 25 signatures on a petition," Kinzie said. With 267 signatures, the issue was discussed further at the next meeting.

After some revisions on the initial proposal, the newest one was accepted by Stuco unanimously. The current contract states that The Doghouse will be open Monday through Friday from 8 p.m.-11 p.m., and Saturday from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

From the beginning, the proposal was favorable to administrators. "We went and talked to Jim Dodson at the start, and he

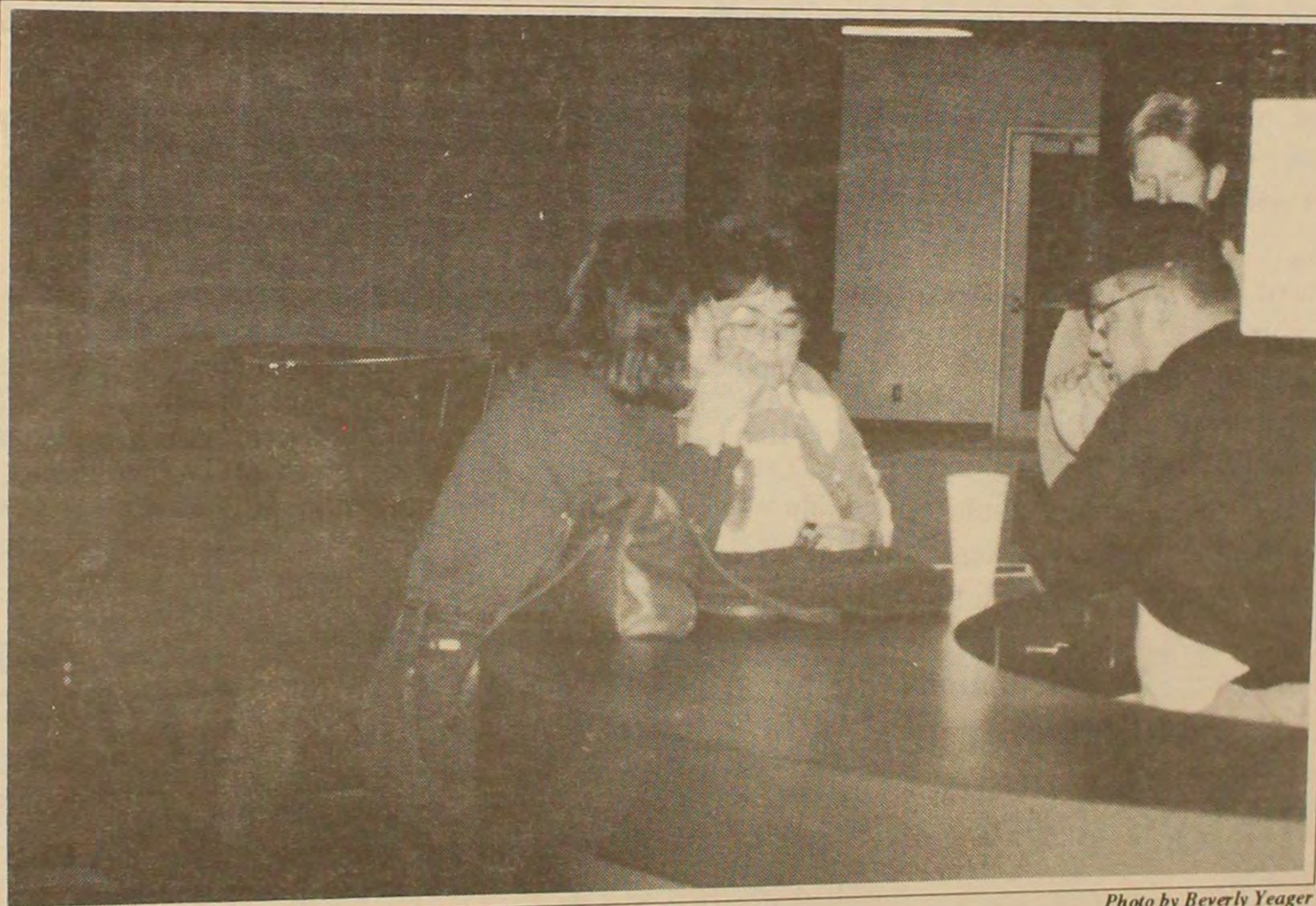


Photo by Beverly Yeager

Jill Clary, Carol Sabatos, and Joel Watts visit with Jon Andrews, one of the employees of The Doghouse which is now open on weeknights and Saturday afternoon.

said he would locate half of the funds it would take to keep it going the rest of the school year," Kinzie said.

Stuco agreed to give the other half, \$300, for The Doghouse to be open. "We need to make \$25 per night in order to pay for the person working. After that, it will all be profit," Kinzie said.

If the trial proves successful, it is hoped to be continued next year.

There are currently two employees who work in The Doghouse and they split the hours. Jon Andrews, sr., feels like the arrangement is great. "We've had our slow nights, but it is definitely on the upswing," Andrews said.

So far, business has been slow, but promising. "With more publicity, I think it will do even better," Kinzie said. "In time, we hope to make the Student Union a

place that will be used to hang out."

Activities are being planned to draw more students to The Doghouse.

"We are making plans to have pool tournaments, chess tournaments, and spades tournaments next week," Frank Clinage, sr., said. "Also, groups can reserve the TV room through Stuco to watch movies."

## NEWS BRIEFS

■ **New Faculty.** The following have been named as new additions to the faculty for the 1993-94 academic year: Bruce Clary, assistant professor of English; Dr. Jeane Smith, assistant professor of education; and Dr. Jonathan Frye, assistant professor of biology.

■ **Job Opportunities.** Positions for The Quadrangle and The Spectator will be available for the 1993-94 school year. All those interested can contact Darren Crumrine, 241-8110, or Dan Noyes, 241-7939, for an application.

■ **Scholarships.** Thirteen high school seniors from six states were named Presidential Scholars for next year. They are Mark Boyer, La Verne, Calif.; Daniel Brubaker, Rocky Ford, Colo.; Jennifer Buschbom, Assaria, Kan.; Julie Cromwell, McPherson, Kan.; Adrienne Grousch, Leoti, Kan.; Kristin Grimes, Waynesboro, Pa.; Heather Healy, Lincoln, Kan.; Mollie La Pradd, Pratt, Kan.; Danella Lucero, Rocky Ford, Colo.; Cameron Mahler, New Plymouth, Idaho; Rebecca Bausch, Douglass, Kan.; Jacqueline Baker, Owasso, Okla.; and Jennifer Stover, Quinter, Kan.



## EDITORIAL

## Communication will end misunderstanding

THE WEEKS SINCE LAST MONTH'S DECISION BY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS TO LOCK ALL DORMITORY DOORS except for the main entrances have been filled with controversy. What is most unfortunate about the controversy is that it resulted from misunderstanding and a lack of communication.

Informed of this change in policy after returning from spring break, students griped about the decision made and the fact that no students had been involved in the decision-making process. Last week, administrators decided to allow students key access to side doors in each dormitory.

While student complaints were justified and effective in this situation, it may have been wise for them to have taken their concerns before Student Council and let it fulfill its responsibility as the official representative of the student body. The council could then have made a recommendation to the appropriate administrators or committee on behalf of the student body.

What most students are not aware of is that before the decision to lock the doors was made, Student Council was asked to participate in the process but chose not to become involved. In addition Gwen McClenton, director of residence life, and Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services, met with dorm councils to discuss ideas and listen to student suggestions. Many students had a chance to become involved but chose not to do so.

If the council had chosen to be an active participant in the decision process it may have resulted in an initial compromise between students and administrators and the conflict avoided.

However, confusion could have been kept to a minimum if there had been some communication on the part of the administration to keep students informed at each stage of the process and of their level of involvement throughout. Announcements could have been made during convocation, additional dorm meetings could have been scheduled or updates placed in student boxes.

Communication can allay many future misunderstandings.

Michele Dalton  
For the Editorial Staff

## Use funds to lure speakers

Student Council will hold a meeting Sunday night to decide how to spend nearly \$10,000. How should Stuco spend these funds?

The money could be invested to bring excitement to the campus. With that amount of money Stuco could bring very notable speakers to McPherson College.

A notable speaker will excite students and faculty and add prestige to the accomplishments of Student Council. Encourage your representatives to consider this as they allocate these funds

Joel Watts

## Earth Day encourages preservation but does Mac College do all it can?

Tahnee Bowman

Staff Writer

We have been aware of our endangered planet for many years. The first Earth Day was April 22, 1970, and the day has been observed in many ways over the past 23 years. But here we are in 1993 continuing to be wasteful, not fully understanding the implications of our careless attitudes. We, as a human race, do not seem to be able to realize that procrastination and leaving the job to someone else is not going to save our earth.

Steps have been taken toward preserving our earth in many places, including here at McPherson College, but it has not been enough.

A good step toward furthering our awareness and creating opportunities to act was the increased enthusiasm of the environment club, Take Responsibility and

Save the Hemisphere (T.R.A.S.H.). T.R.A.S.H. has been responsible for many actions, including adopting a two-mile stretch of I-135 south of McPherson and acquiring the placement of a recycling bin behind the Student Union the first weekend of each month.

Although there was a lack of publicity about the bin early on, leaving people unaware that it was in place or if it would return, it was another positive step. Having the bin on our campus on a regular basis leaves no excuse for people who complain that they have to drive all the way downtown to recycle.

Several other things could be done as a campus-wide effort to improve the place we live. What about placing paper recycling bins throughout Mohler and the dorms? What about serving smaller portions in the cafeteria to decrease

food waste? Also, someone needs to have responsibility for taking the aluminum cans collected in the dorms to a place for recycling so that they don't end up in the trash.

One way to keep the recycling project going on campus would be for each organization or club to take responsibility for one month to take recyclable materials downtown. As a benefit for doing this, each club could keep money received.

In order to really make a dent in our environmental problems, each and every person must cooperate. Everyone must take the responsibility upon themselves to conserve products and recycle cans and paper. It does take more work to recycle, but it seems to me that since we have been given life here, we should appreciate it enough to try to preserve it for the future.

## Mac football faces question of new head coach and uncertain future

I caught Steve Sell's article entitled "Mac College Grid Program in Limbo," in yesterday's McPherson Sentinel. With it comes a powerful revelation. Could it be that McPherson College could be brought down by one incident--the departure of the head football coach--like the Titanic was brought down by one iceberg?

Sell makes the connection between captain and coach, ship and college, and crew and student/athletes. Without a captain to direct and lead the ship, things may run amuck. He vividly paints the picture of sailors (seaboys) abandoning ship when land is not visible and things are shaky aboard.

What were once Battling Bulldogs now take off squealing with tails between their legs when the going gets "tough." I agree with Sell--this can be a "grave situation," or simply irrational panic.

Colleges and universities have lost coaches and experienced

rocky times. Perhaps it is Mac's turn.

But before you watch us submerge into the freezing cold water, struggling, gasping for air and reaching for life jackets--just wait one moment. The hole can be fixed. It can be plugged. There is someone out there who can man the ship until we come up with other solutions, perhaps even one of Sell's remedies.

Needless to say, this Titanic isn't going down that easy. With a little improvisation and some adjustments, the ship will continue to crush waves and overcome any signs of mutiny, returning to shore ritually.



Emmanuel Samci

Staff Writer

### MEDITATION MOMENT

Love, love, love. Tender Love is the secret. Love those you are training, love those who work with you, love those who serve you.

If it was God who so acted, then it was Love, Perfect Love, performed those actions, those wonders. Lo, My children, you see that where God is there can be no lack of forgiveness, for that is really lack of love.

All you need to have is love to God and man. Love to God ensures obedience to every wish, every command. Love is the fulfilling of all law.

Pray much for love.

From "God Calling"

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## Wally's World

by Wallace Moore



## CAMPUS FORUM

## Undue punishment

Maintenance practices and residence life policies make McPherson College one of the most livable colleges in the area, and this is admirable.

However, a recent event has brought distress to the relationship between students living on campus, residence life and maintenance. Each resident of third floor Fanny was charged \$50 for replacement of the \$830 hallway carpet because of six bicycle skid marks at the hallway's ends.

First of all, we heartily disagree in the policy of "blanket blame," which involves charging persons not at all involved with the incident. Blaming persons totally innocent is unfair and unbefitting of a Brethren institution.

Our protest comes also because of a second problem, which deals with the decision that the carpet has to be replaced.

At a recent floor meeting during which all but one of the residents was present, we determined that the marks in the carpet are not bothersome to any of us. The decision to lay new carpet should be reviewed, as the residents are not perturbed at all by these marks.

The justification given by those wanting new carpet is the policy of maintaining equality between the three dorms. First of all, these marks serve to make the carpet equal with those of the other two dorms, such as the bleach stain on third floor Dotzour. Secondly, this particular inequality does not aggravate any of the residents.

To discard the carpet is wasteful. That's a lot of carpet to throw away because of some very small marks. It's unenvironmental, and it's not a practice McPherson College would want to promote.

We hope that the reaction produced to this letter is not a subsequent lack of repair and cleaning in Fanny. Our intent is to protest the seeming unfairness of some of the decisions that have been made.

We desire fairness. We like our ugly carpet.

Adam Smith    Thomas Suiter  
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## New lock policy

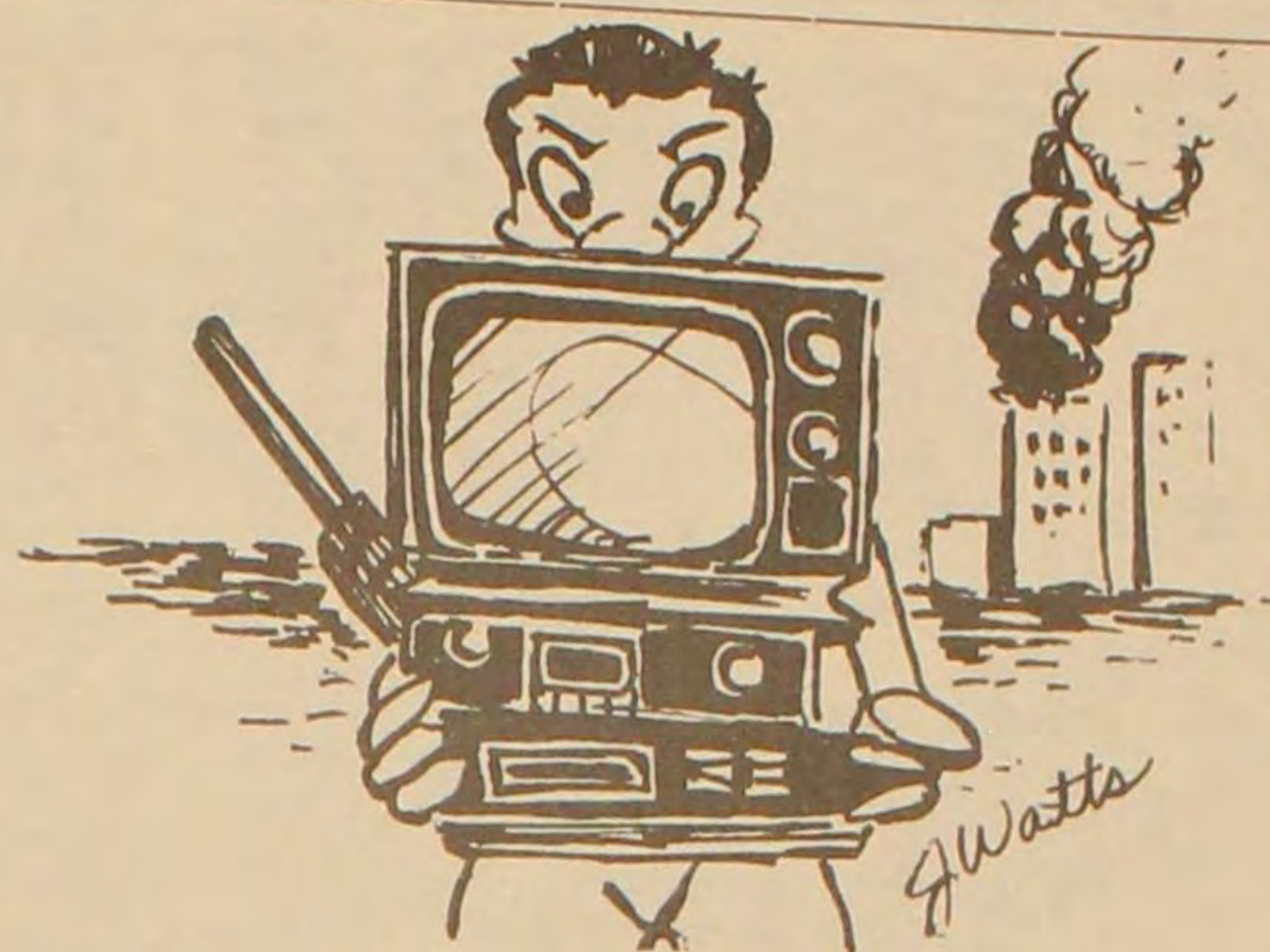
One of the latest concerns on campus is the recent decision by the administration to lock the side doors of the residence halls.

This new security policy is supposedly meant to prevent weird, perverted and possibly dangerous characters from walking the halls.

Is it necessary, though, to lock the doors of the men's dorm? People are going to prop open the doors to both dorms anyway.

I'm sure the administration never considered these problems.

Jarrod Miller



THE NEW ERA OF CIVIL RIGHTS?

## Civil rights trial may bring justice or violence to American streets

America is anxiously awaiting the verdict of the jury of Rodney King's civil rights trial. They have now been deliberating for six days. However, America is getting ready for this decision.

Six hundred members of the National Guard have been called out, cement barricades have been put up to ensure the riots will not occur in Los Angeles again. But much of the hysteria and fear of violence by the military and law enforcement agencies has caused the unrest that is happening now.

Security is not the real question that is at stake. The question is how far can policemen go. This verdict could set a precedent on the use of force policemen are allowed. And it would be a horrible atrocity if law enforcement agencies can get away with

## What's Left!

Dan Marchewka

Staff Writer

flagrant violence. No matter what sex or color, Rodney King should not have been beaten to the ground in the manner in which he was.

The civil rights trial has come about because of the way in which the police officers were acquitted. Looking at where the trial took place, there is no question as to why Rodney King's

abusers went free. Former President Bush can be thanked for knowing when the legal system has failed. Still with all the evidence in the open, the jury is still pondering as what the decision will be.

As for the security measures, they are not warranted. The paranoia that now surrounds the Los Angeles area could possibly escalate the violence if it erupts once again. Extra security is needed, but too much security breeds unrest.

Not only will the individual fates of the officers be in the balance, but also the future issue of excessive force used by police officers. If this verdict is a rerun of the previous trial, America must step back and reevaluate its aims as a country.

## King civil rights trial imposes injustice and double jeopardy

Civil rights. A topic everyone seems to be concerned about today. Right now a major civil rights trial is in progress, a trial which will undoubtedly have grave consequences no matter what the decision.

That trial is the trial of the L.A.P.D. officers who arrested and struck Rodney King. These officers have already been cleared of any criminal charges by a trial last year.

Then why, you say, are they being tried for the same offense again? Isn't that double jeopardy, which is expressly prohibited in the constitution? Well, I say it is. The 14th and 16th amendments to the constitution of the United States make it illegal to violate the civil rights of anyone.

Therefore the criminal trial should have cleared those officers, and a serious injustice is being done.

## The Right Opinion

Troy Unruh

Staff Writer

But things are seldom that simple. The "civil rights trial" is a product of legislation in the 1960s. This was a tumultuous time in our country's history, especially in the South.

It wasn't uncommon at this time for blacks to be convicted of crimes they didn't commit, or for whites to be found innocent of charges committed against blacks. In short, many juries, judges, and law enforcement of-

ficials were extremely prejudiced. But this isn't the 60s and L.A. isn't Mississippi.

This civil rights trial, which was initiated by the Bush administration, was politics, pure and simple. A vain attempt by the Bush administration to garner minority votes and ease minority tensions.

These men were found innocent by a jury approved by both the defense and the prosecution. It is highly doubtful that they all were prejudiced.

The outcome of this trial will be on Bush and his administration's head. Either innocent men will serve time, or rioting will reoccur. The concept of a civil rights trial is no longer needed and it should be abolished. Our rights are already protected. That's my opinion and that is THE RIGHT OPINION!



# Hasta la Vista

Spanish professor retires after 27 years at McPherson

**Editor's Note:** This is the second in a series of four articles, featuring the professors that will be retiring this spring.

By Dyane Potter  
Feature Editor

Dr. Corinne Hughbanks will be retiring from McPherson College after 27 years of teaching.

Dr. Hughbanks, who primarily teaches Spanish, taught at public schools in McAllen, Texas, and Buhler, Kan., before coming to McPherson College.

One of her sabbatical leaves was spent teaching English to Spanish speakers in Bolivia. During that time she was also able to travel to Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil.

"The most exciting place was Brazil, the Amazon River Basin," said Dr. Hughbanks.

She has travelled extensively throughout her career. Fourteen overseas trips, including taking student groups to Mexico, Guatemala, and Costa Rica, have led to interesting experiences. She

has climbed pyramids in Central America and visited archeological sites.

"She is more than just a teacher, more of a friend," said junior Paula Worley. "When I went to Guatemala and got the chicken pox, she basically took care of me."

On one trip to Costa Rica, Dr.

them into the culture," said Dr. Hughbanks, "I think students really like staying with families, especially if they have children. It is conducive to learning."

Dr. Hughbanks was also the sponsor of the International Student Organization at McPherson College for five years. When she

continue working. She has accepted a position as the director of the Brethren Colleges Abroad program in Barcelona and will be leaving for Spain in late July. She will arrive about a month before the students arrive so she can get accustomed to the city.

"They've hired me for one year, and I'll be able to decide if I want to stay for another year, depending on how well I like living in a large city," said Dr. Corinne Hughbanks.

Three candidates for Dr. Hughbanks' position will be interviewed in the next few weeks.

"All are women, all have Ph.D.s, and all have experience with small colleges," said Dr. Hughbanks. "The college should have a very good replacement for me. I'm glad because I want them to have a strong program."

"The thing I will miss most is the students," said Dr. Hughbanks.

Fortunately, two of her students, Anita Huber, soph., and Patricia Triana, soph., are looking forward to joining her in Barcelona for the Fall semester.

**"She's one of the most patient and understanding teacher's I've had. She really tries to help the students comprehend the subject."**

Shannon Peters

Hughbanks left her students at host families with instructions to meet at a certain spot in the morning. The students had to rely entirely upon their Spanish skills to find their way in a strange city. This was as much a test for Dr. Hughbanks as it was for her students. She was very happy to find that they had all mastered the test by meeting her at the appropriate place.

"That was fun—really plunging

left for sabbatical, she suggested that the sponsorship be passed around because she found it so enriching. Now the program is sponsored by two faculty members and each is replaced on alternating years. That way there is continuity and opportunity for many to be involved.

Dr. Hughbanks made it clear that she is not ready for retirement. Although she will be leaving McPherson College, she plans to



Dr. Corinne Hughbanks will be directing the Brethren Colleges Abroad program in Barcelona next year.

Below: Dr. Hughbanks speaks about her intercultural experiences during convocation on Global Awareness Day.

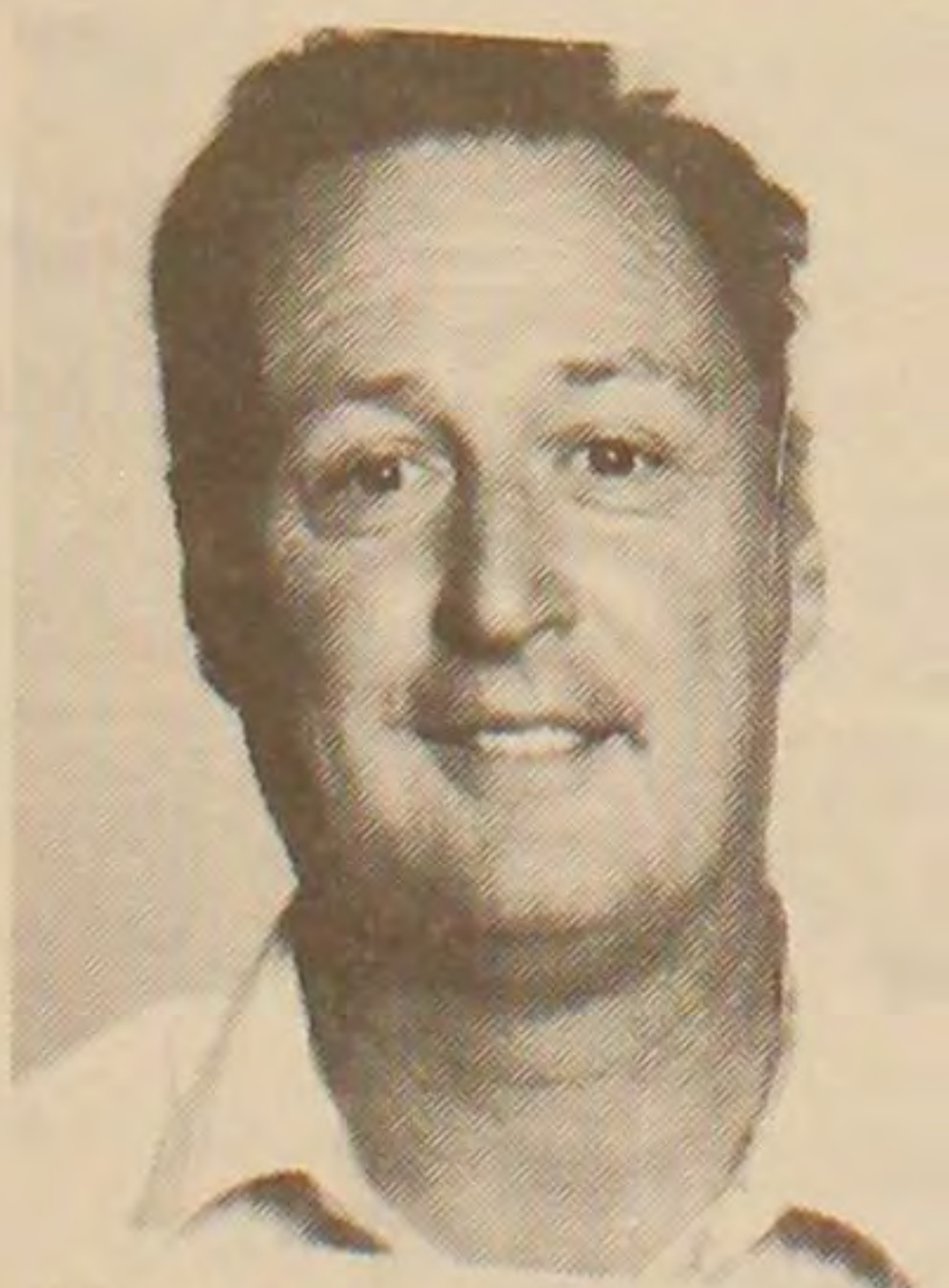


## What are your thoughts concerning campus security?



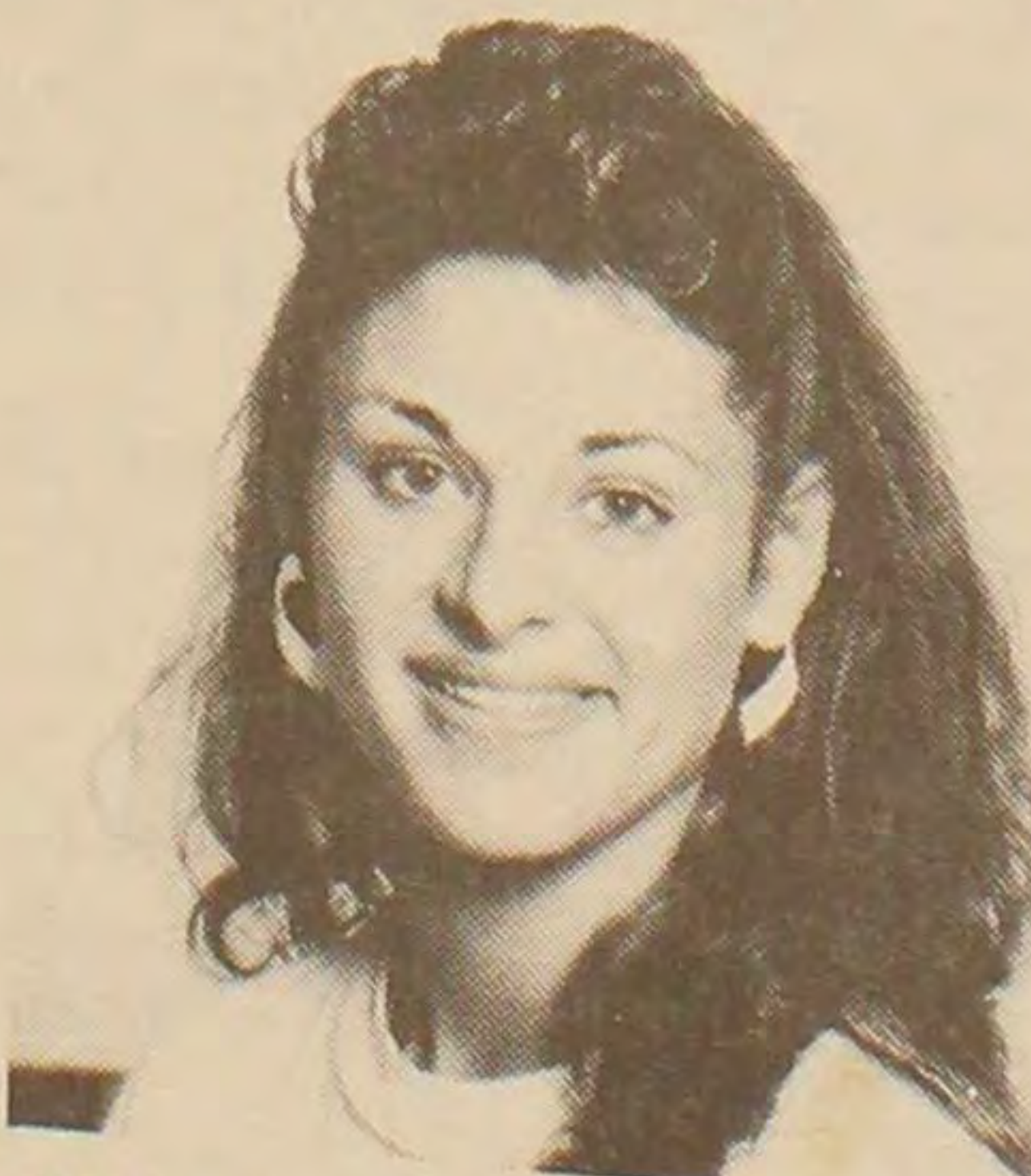
"What really upsets me is that they made a decision without consulting us".

Shannon Peters



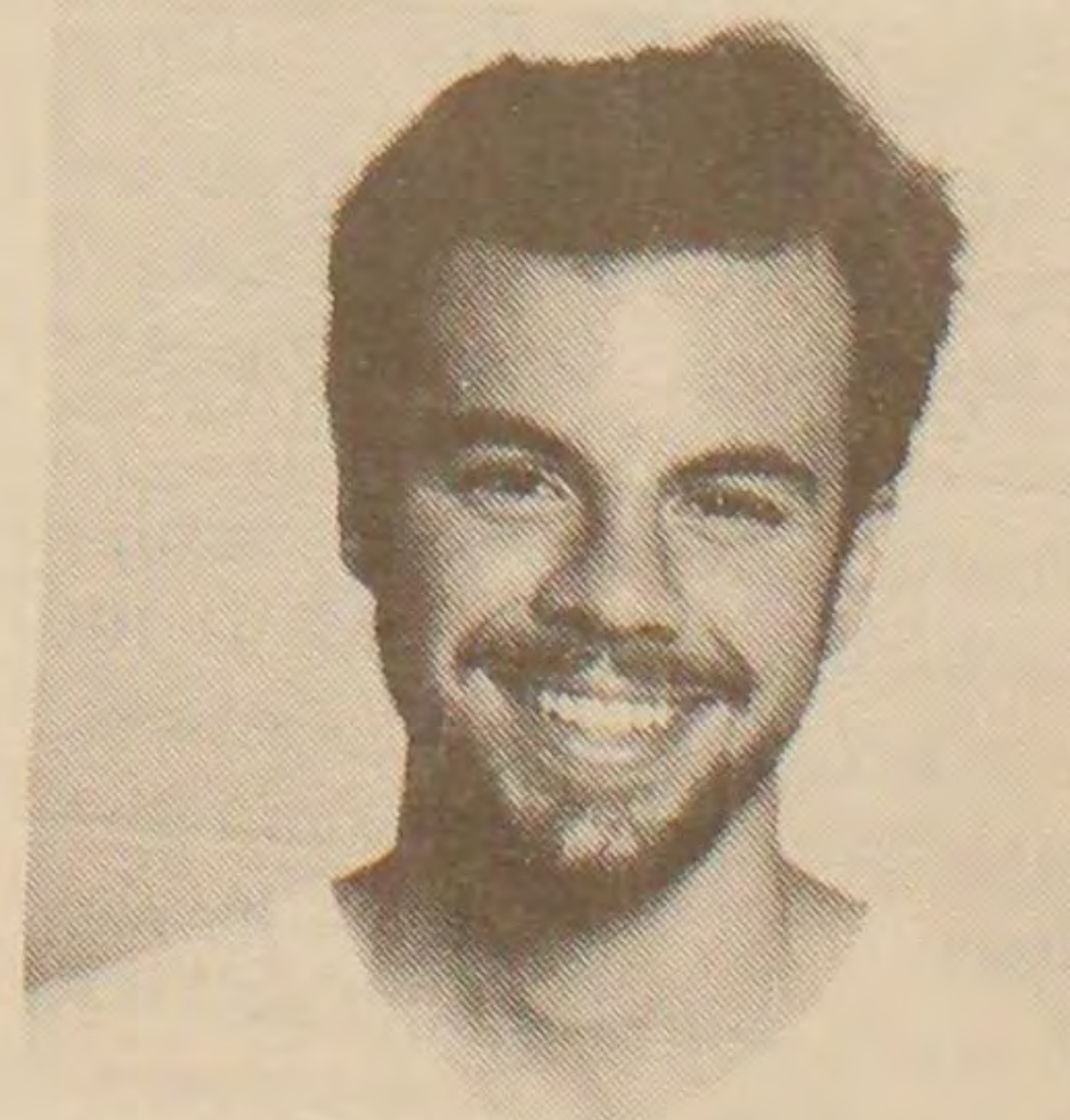
"As a faculty member I have not had any problems. I think security is good."

Prof. John Burden



"I think security on campus is pretty good. As far as the doors being locked, it was ridiculous."

Kandee Krien



"Security is necessary, but there needs to be direct communication with students."

Adam Smith



"I think it's necessary, but I think it got out of control for a while. It was partially our own fault."

Dee Ann German





Photos courtesy of Anita Huber

Left: Beth Kiester, soph., Marc Rittle, fr., and Stephanie Loar, soph., on the choir tour bus during Spring Break. Above: Anita Huber, soph., and Tammy Hull, soph., met Snoopy, while at the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minn.

## Choir member records first-time tour experience

By Emilita Huston

Spectator Staff

**March 19** Well, today was the day. My first choir tour. We sang at the Bethel Church of the Brethren in Carleton, Neb., and then members from the congregation put us up.

We all have suitcase buddies, people who share the one allotted suitcase and one hanging bag. You eat, sleep, and breath with your buddy.

The people we're staying with are nice. Nice house, too. They both graduated from Mac, and he used to live in Fanny, so we talked Fanny gossip.

**March 20** It was Kingsley, Iowa, tonight. A shared congregation between the Church of the

Brethren and the United Church of Christ. Our hostess is a really neat lady. Lots of pets. I can't believe it! DeeAnn German's afraid of dogs. Well, not exactly afraid, she just doesn't like them. Especially the real energetic ones.

I learned more about choir rules. One is there is no privacy. Period. The closest you get to it is a seat by yourself. Rule number two: this is not the Love Boat. The minute anybody starts smooching, or any other signs of P.D.A. are shown, somebody starts singing the tune from the T.V. show. The strangest rule of all is rule number three: no singing. I haven't figured this one out yet.

**March 21** Weird! We sang tonight at this big ole stone church in Minneapolis. Inside it was dark

and there was no piano, so we had to sing to the organ. Hardly anybody came, mostly family. Oh! And there was this bat in the sanctuary. It kept flying around. I think we interrupted its hibernation.

The church we sang at this morning was much nicer. It was small and bright, with Easter-colored stain-glass windows. Lots of nice people, too.

**March 22** Today was the big day. We could go skiing or go to the Mall of America. Since going shopping meant I could sleep in, I succumbed and went to the Mall. Extraordinarily boring! Except I found a CD I wanted, so it wasn't a total waste. But tonite at the Lewiston Church of the Brethren even was better. We had a stand-

ing ovation after "Amen"!!! And then they offered to pass the basket again for an encore. Gave me butterflies in my belly.

I like the family were staying with; this house is a home.

**March 25** It's not that I've been busy, it's just that I don't have a lot to write. We sing, and eat, and sleep, and then we sing some more. We sang at a high school today. Stephanie Koss did a solo, "He's all the man that I need." When she finished, this whole gaggle of boys gave her a standing ovation. It was really cute.

**March 26** The pace mellowed out a little today. We'll only have one concert and that'll be later this evening. But we got here to the

church early, so I took a walk and am now writing. I just saw the potluck. So much food and so little exercise, and whoever we stay with will probably offer us more food. Help!

**March 28** Yeah! We're on our way home! I never thought I'd want to see the podunk town of McPherson so badly. We set a record this year, well two actually. No hospital runs and four standing ovations. And that's not counting the high school cowboys or the request for an encore. I think I understand a little bit better why people bash choir tour, but can't wait to come on it.

It sucked! and was one of the best weeks I've had.

## Remake gets laughs, but lacks strength

"Born Yesterday"

Rated: PG

Studio: Hollywood Pictures

After seeing the title, you'd think it was about a talking one-day-old baby. No, it's not "Look Who's Talking III," but it's about as funny.

"Born Yesterday" is a remake of the 50s film that won Judy Holliday an Oscar as the original prototypical dumb blonde.

Melanie Griffith now takes over the role as Billie Dawn, arriving in Washington, D.C., on the arm of Harry Brock (John Goodman). Harry is a shady businessman in town to bribe a few senators, but finds that girlfriend Billie is in need of a serious mental make-over. Enter Don Johnson, Griffith's

### REVIEW

Amy Dee Call

off-screen husband, in the role of Paul Verall. He's a journalist hired by Harry to educate Billie enough to survive a few necessary Washington gatherings.

Unfortunately, it's a long way for Billie to go from Las Vegas show girl to Washington's intellectual socialite. After all, her biggest previous problem was being bored and lonely, "after the soaps, but before 'Entertainment Tonight.'"

Anyway, in the fine cinema tradition, everything more or less works

out in the end.

Of course, there is that horrible scene in which Billie teaches a table full of politicians to sing the amendments to the Constitution to the tune of "The Twelve Days Of Christmas."

Then again, how much more could we expect from a movie where the only theme is: reading a book or newspaper is a GOOD thing.

"Born Yesterday" is simply an extremely lighthearted comedy that seems to be making only a fair showing at the box office. No one is really miscast, yet there are no stand-out performances.

If nothing else, it will be a good movie to rent in a couple of months if you are truly bored.



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# Thiessen resigns as head football coach at Mac

By Tim Woodcock  
Sports Editor

Dan Thiessen has resigned the head coaching position of football at McPherson College.

"Dan Thiessen submitted a resignation on Friday, April 9, and indicated that he'd taken a position with his alma mater and would be working for Tabor College next year," athletic director Dan Hoffman said.

Thiessen's duties at Tabor have already begun, though. He has everything moved into his new office and began recruiting for the Blue Jays.

"I'm looking forward to going back to my alma mater and working hard to rebuild the program," Thiessen said.

Thiessen had his first stint at Tabor from 1978-1980, one season going 7-3 and finishing second in the KCAC.

He now replaces Kerry Denison as head coach and is joined by a host of assistant coaches already there.

As the the Bulldog mentor, Thiessen compiled a record of 20-45. His best year was 1988 when Mac went 7-3 and he was named

KCAC Coach of the Year. The past year he was 3-5. Records aren't everything and Thiessen proved it by building a solid program at McPherson.

"McPherson College gives deep appreciation to Dan Thiessen for a stable football program that was previously very unstable," Dale Goldsmith, vice president for academic services said. Hoffman was in agreement with Goldsmith.

"I very much appreciate the seven years Dan committed to McPherson College and feel like he's given some stability to a program that had previously been very volatile," Hoffman said. "I want to extend my hopes for his continued success at Tabor."

Coach Thiessen said it was not an easy decision to make.

"It wasn't easy," Thiessen said. "I just want to thank all the students and faculty for the support in the program. I want to thank the players for working hard and developing a good program that was competitive in the conference and also became involved in the college and community."

Thiessen and his family will continue their residence in Mc-

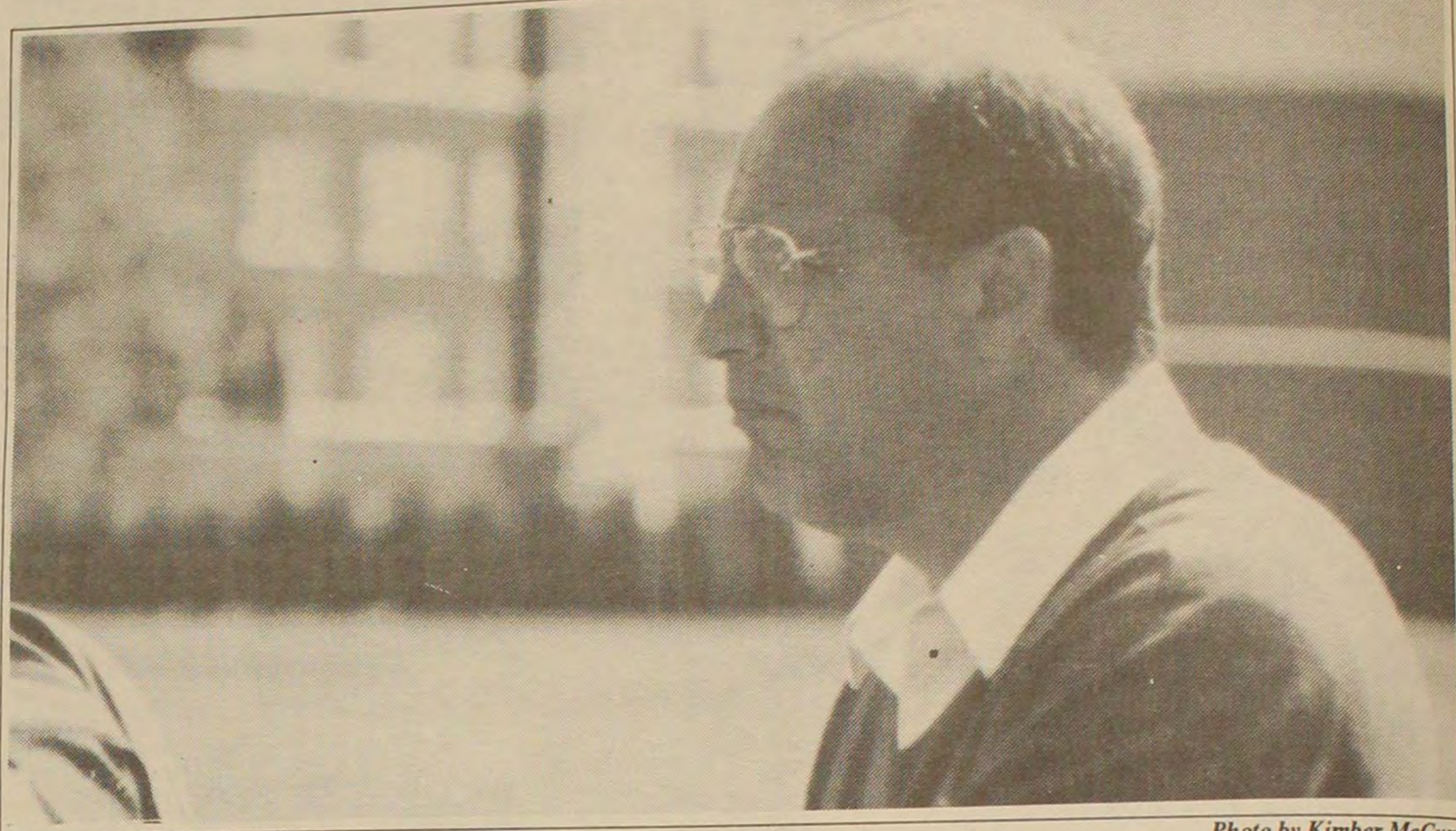


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Head coach of the McPherson Bulldogs for seven years, Dan Thiessen has resigned and will be head coach for Tabor College.

Pherson.

"I've enjoyed my seven years, the coaching, and being involved with McPherson College. I wish everyone continued success," Thiessen said.

Goldsmith and Hoffman say that a new coach will be brought in as

soon as possible.

"We have received a large amount of interest from qualified persons in this area," Hoffman said.

In discussion with the returning players, many of the goals of the McPherson College athletes are in

line with the administration's. These areas would include (no certain order): organizational skills, discipline, entrepreneurial ability, football background, sports medicine background, friendly and caring, well diversified, and enthusiastic."

## McPherson College needs to regain its close family atmosphere

Everyone knows that the "athletic issue" at McPherson College has been beaten to death. But the latest developments go beyond just issues involving student athletes. They involve the entire school.

Within the last month, two of our longest standing coaches, Glenn Gayer, head women's basketball coach, and Dan Thiessen, head football coach, have, for one reason or another, left McPherson College. This should be a real concern to college administrators. But after reading the vague comments in the McPherson Sentinel regarding both coaches' resignations, I really don't think they care one way or another.

This attitude is totally out of sync with the image the college tries to portray. Everytime you hear an "advertisement" about McPherson College from a school representative, one of the biggest things they stress is the close family atmosphere we have here.

If we are such a close family, why do we let great people like Coach Gayer and Coach Thiessen go without even the blink of an eye? These two men genuinely cared about students and the people that played for them. If the success of a coach is based not on their winning percentage but on the integrity and decency they teach young men or women, these two belong at the top

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of the list.

I don't blame Coach Thiessen for leaving. He is going to a program that wants him and has made a definite commitment to their sports programs and the students participating in them. It is always going to be easier to perform in a setting where the people that head

your department are the to help as much as possible.

Since I arrived at McPherson College, I have repeatedly heard that college athletics is nothing but a business and that people are playing, not for the love of the game, but for the notoriety. The college preaches that college athletics is totally out of control and that people spend too much time idolizing sports heroes rather than real life heroes.

To an extent this is true. But some who saw Duke's second-round loss in the recent NCAA tournament had these beliefs challenged. After the game there was Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski, one of the most respected coaches in the history of the game, crying in front of the whole country.

He wasn't crying because he lost the game. He didn't even care that he lost the game. He was crying

because he realized that in Bobby Hurley and Thomas Hill he was losing not only two outstanding ball-players, but two outstanding friends. He knew the relationship he had developed with these two would never be the same again. They had taught each other so much about life that the sadness was tremendous.

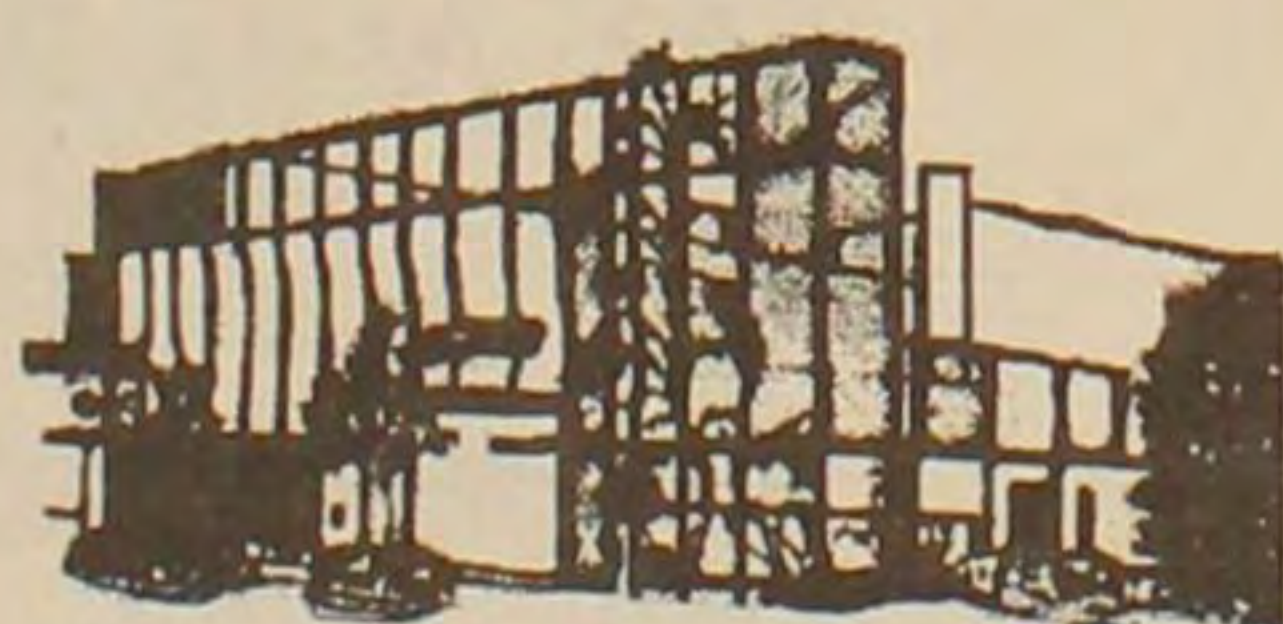
This is just one example of what college athletics is really about. It's about playing for others, not yourself. It's about picking someone up when they're down and feeling for them when they're hurt. It's about playing something because you love to do it and it is always fun and, when it is over, feeling a little bit of sadness.

This is also what the family atmosphere at a college should be like as well. When you lose a close friend, the whole campus community should feel the loss, not just a few people. Everyone involved in the college should want to be there to support any activity that goes on, regardless of what it is.

McPherson College better look again. Things are way out of line here, too. Instead of trying so hard to not be like any other college in the nation, we should take a hard look at what it really means to have a "family atmosphere."

If we don't, the only kind of family that McPherson College is going to be is a broken family.

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# Track season starts slowly but surely

By Tim Woodcock

Sports Editor

The McPherson College track team had to have its Invite over Easter break, but luckily they caught the first nice day this spring to have it on.

Frank Clinage, sr., was outstanding in the 200 M dash as he claimed the gold with a time of 21.3. Clinage also qualified for Nationals in Abbotsford, Canada, where last year he was an All-American by placing sixth in the 100 M dash. He and Afton Moxey, fr., who won the long jump with a jump of 23'1 1/4", have both qualified for the KU relays. The finals are Saturday with field events starting at 2 p.m. and the running events at 3 p.m.

Clinage won the gold in the 100 M dash earlier in the day with a 10.7. Joe Marable, soph., was fourth in 11.2 and Gary Brown, sr., was sixth in 11.4.

In the 200 M dash, Moxey finished fourth with a personal record of 22.6. The 4x100 M relay team of Clinage, Marable, Danny Hall, sr., and Brown took third with a time of 44.9.

In the field events, Pat Queen, jr., finished sixth in the javelin with a throw of 169'1". Jarrod Miller, jr., got third in the high jump going 6'4" and then leaped 41'9 3/4" in the triple jump to finish fifth.

Benny Rice rounded out the scoring with a fourth in the pole vault

at 10'0".

For the women's team, Camille Base, jr., continued her domination in the 400 M hurdles capturing the gold in a personal record of 69.5. Base also brought home fourth in the 100 M hurdles at 16.7.

Senior Patti Gesch was second in the 400 M dash at 61.1 and brought home third in the 200 M dash at 26.5.

Kayla Reynolds, jr., had a good day getting second in the 800 M run with a 2:41.6. She went 15'8" in the long jump for sixth and took fourth in the high jump at 4'8". Jezzyka Razo, jr., and Mysty Rusk, fr., both went 4'6" and finished fifth and sixth in the high jump.

Terria Taylor, soph., got second in the 400 M hurdles with a time of 72.4. The 4x100 M relay team of Tiffany Hall, fr., Reynolds, Base, and Gesch finished third with a time of 52.5.

There were no team scores kept at this meet. This was only the Bulldogs' second meet of the year. "We've got to keep people healthy," head coach Deb Moore said. "The rest of the season will fly by, so we need to keep working towards our goals."

In the first meet of the year at the Bethany Invite, the team had harsher conditions to compete in. Still, everyone was anxious to get the season started.

Moxey opened up with a bang winning the gold and setting a new

meet record in the long jump at 24'2". This jump qualified him for Nationals and was just one inch shy of the school record.

Clinage took home the gold and also set a new meet record in the 100 M dash at 10.4. This time also qualified him for Nationals. Clinage ran a 22.1 200 M dash good for sixth. Miller went 6'4" in the high jump for fifth place and Gary Brown finished eighth in the 100 M dash with an 11.1.

The 4x400 M relay team of Wendy Hartman, sr., Taylor, Base, and Gesch finished second with a time of 4:16.8. Base brought home fourth in the 400 M hurdles with a 71.0.

Gesch had a fine day getting third in the 400 M dash at 61.2 and fifth in the 100 M dash at 13.9. Hartman ran the 1500 M run well getting sixth with a time of 5:44.0.

The 4x100 M relay of Hall, Reynolds, Base, and Gesch ran to a fourth place finish with a time of 52.8.

"Everyone's got a good starting point," Coach Moore said. "From now on we just have to hope for good weather so we can continue to practice and compete."

On Saturday, the team will travel to Hillsboro for the 10-team Tabor Invitational. Field events begin at noon and running events at 2 p.m.

The ACCK meet here at Mac will be held Wednesday, April 21, weather permitting.



Photo by Tim Woodcock

Junior Camille Base leaps over a hurdle with Terria Taylor in the background. Base won the 400M hurdles. Taylor was second.

## Bulldog golfers learning to play in bad weather

By Tim Woodcock

Sports Editor

The McPherson College golf team is beginning to wonder if the sun will ever shine again.

This week at the Kansas Newman Jet Classic, the skies remained overcast and rainy as the team struggled both Monday and Tuesday. The two-day tournament was held at Reflection Ridge Country Club, a stop on the new Nike Tour, formerly the Hogan Tour.

Lee Johnson, Kansas Newman and Brad Dinkel, Fort Hays finished the second day tied at one over par, 143. Johnson won the meet in a playoff.

East Central Oklahoma won top team honors with a 587, their top four golfers all finishing in the top ten. Other team scores were Phillips 603, Kansas Newman 607, Butler County 615, Fort Hays 617, Southwestern 629, Washburn 641, Bethany 669, McPherson 680, Friends 707.

Pacing the Bulldogs was freshman Michael Schneider with 79,81-160. Other scores were

Brent Paul, jr., 83,88-171; Jeff Middleton, sr., 88,85-173; Bryce Brewer, fr., 84,92-176; Tim Woodcock, jr., 91,96-187.

At the Bethany Invitational a week ago, the weather once again reeked havoc on the golfers. Pete Gardner of Benedictine overcame Mother Nature and fired a 2-over-par 72 at Turkey Creek Golf Course.

He had a birdie and two bogeys on each nine for identical 36's and the two-stroke victory. His win still left Benedictine out of first as Kansas Wesleyan nudged them by one stroke winning with a 313. Other scores were Bethany 320, Southwestern 321, McPherson 334, Friends 342.

The Bulldogs were paced again by Schneider, who shot 81. Middleton shot 82, Paul had 85, Brewer carded 86, and Woodcock shot 102.

The golfers have a busy finish to the season playing at Southwestern and Kansas Wesleyan next week and then the two-day KCAC tournament the following week at Hes-

## Tennis team gets first win

McPherson traveled to Bartlesville Wesleyan Wednesday and won handily 5-1.

Interim coach, Dan Hoffman, athletic director was happy with the team's performance.

"I was very impressed with the way the team played," he said.

The teams played 9-game sets. No. 1 singles player Byron White, fr., was the only upset loss, going down 5-9. No. 2 player Pascal Reber, fr., won 10-

9 in a tie-breaker.

No. 4 player Roger Burton, jr., won 9-6 and no. 6 player Dan Marchewka won 9-2.

In doubles play, the no. 1 team of White and Robb Collins, jr., won 10-9 in an exciting tie-breaker. Brandon Cusick, fr., and Marchewka won their match 9-3.

The team is anticipating a good showing today and tomorrow at the Bethel meet. They then will travel to Friends on Tuesday.



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Jeff Middleton, jr., guides his golf ball to the cup in the Kansas Newman Jet Classic at Reflection Ridge.

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## Mac helps "Oklahoma!" celebrate its 50th anniversary tonight

By Amy Call

Spectator Staff

"Oklahoma" opens on the McPherson College campus tonight. Performance time is 8 p.m.

Other scheduled performances are tomorrow night as well as next weekend on Fri., April 23, and Sat., April 24 also at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the Sat., April 17 performance will benefit the McPherson Opera House.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the musical that historically changed how all musicals were presented. It was the first musical to have songs integrated into its plot.

In "Oklahoma", Laurey (Stephanie Koss, sr.), a young female ranch owner, is in love with Curly (prof. Glen Snell), a rancher. Problems occur when Laurey is

pursued by another man who works for her on her ranch. The play takes place around the time that Oklahoma was becoming a state.

Director Rick Tyler is happy that, "such a unique group of students, faculty, and community members came together to give a real group effort," for the play's 50th anniversary performance.

Community member Nancy Jones, who plays Aunt Eller, originally started the Mac theatre guild. Prof. Bob Green, prof. Roger Trimmell, admissions counselor Dave Barrett, and director of admissions Fred Schmidt are all taking on roles in the play.

In addition, there are high school, middle school, and grade school students involved in the production.



Photo by Beverly Yeager

Stephanie Koss, jr., rehearses for tonight's play, "Oklahoma!", which begins at 8 p.m.

## Stuco agrees with SAB plan to open The Doghouse

By Jenny Burger

Spectator Staff

Student Council voted in favor of the allocation of funds for SAB to open the Doghouse. Stuco passed the decision with a unanimous vote. The Doghouse will be open from 8 p.m.-11 p.m., Monday through Friday; 1 p.m.-4 p.m., on Saturday; and 8 p.m.-11 p.m., on Sunday for the remainder of the

year, at which time the decision to keep the Dog House open for next year will be made.

There are many factors that must be considered concerning the status of The Doghouse for next year, the most important being the estimated \$4500 needed to cover wages and other expenses. Richard Sabatos, food service manager, will play a major role in evaluating the situation for next year as well

as Jim Dodson, vice-president of financial services.

In other Stuco business, the incident involving the doors of Brown Auditorium being glued caused an estimated \$600 worth of damage that will be charged to Stuco.

Dotzour Hall representative, Kristen Cossaart, fr., informed Stuco of the complaints from the doors being locked. Stuco appointed a committee to address this

issue.

Fahnestock Hall representative, Kevin Snyder, sr., reported that the Fanny Toga Dance was a success. A Fanny movie is also in the making as well as a t-shirt sale.

Stuco narrowed down the Outstanding Service Award candidates to four. Stuco will vote on a winner at an upcoming meeting who will receive the award at the honors convocation in May.

## National art exhibit displayed in Friendship Hall

By Curtis Yeager

Guest Writer

Aesthetics '93, a national, juried art exhibit, opened April 1 in Friendship Hall. The display includes 110 works selected from more than 1,000 entries from 48 states and three foreign countries.

Best of Show went to Terry Blair of Denton, Texas, for her watercolor, "Last Trump of the Apocalypse." Mrs. Blair said she learned of the exhibit through Art Calendar, a publication for artists.

The idea for the painting came from several sources, Mrs. Blair said. The pattern overlaying the background is from a fourteenth-century tapestry. The angel is similar to one carved on a building, and the church in the foreground is done from a photograph of a country church located close to her former home near Kansas City.

Mrs. Blair said she was "surprised," to be named Best of Show.

This is the fifth year for Aesthetics Limited, said Mary Ann



Photo by Curtis Yeager

Best of show for the Aesthetics '93 art exhibit went to Terry Blair's, "Last Trump of the Apocalypse. The exhibit will remain on display in Friendship Hall through April 25.

Robinson, former head of the McPherson College Art Department and one of the directors of the show.

Ms. Robinson said she and the other two directors, Estelle Renberger and Ellen Groves, learned through a conversation that each shared the same dream—to bring art to McPherson from different

parts of the country in a competitive show.

They formed Aesthetics Limited and produced their first exhibit in 1989. Approximately 500 works were entered that first year.

Previous exhibits were limited to 70 works but the remodeling of Friendship Hall's gallery enabled the directors to increase the ex-

hibits to the current 110 works. first year as this year.

Other award winners in addition to Blair were:

Arthur Knebel, Bailey, Colo.—First Place, two-dimensional: "The Student"

Richard Schwarzschild, Great Neck, N.Y.—Second Place, two-dimensional: "Balloon"

Carolyn Golden, Chicago—First Place, mixed media: "Door 13, Sablet, France"

Trudie Roberts, Los Angeles—Second place, three dimensional: "Checks" (woven coat)

Anna L. Killie, Woodstock, Ill.—Director's Award, photograph: "Chicago 92-1"

Billie Morrow Jackson, Champaign, Ill.—Dick Blick Award, colored block print: "Siti of Light"

Alexandra von Burg, Albany, Calif.—Jerry's Artarama Award, hand colored lithograph: "Driving in Budapest"

The hours for the exhibit are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily and 1 to 6 p.m. Sundays. The exhibit continues through April 25.

## Spec earns seven gold awards

The Spectator received seven gold awards, including one for overall newspaper, in the private college division, at the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press conference Friday, April 2, in Wichita.

No other private college received more than three gold awards.

In the overall category the gold award is actually the runner-up. Mid-America Nazarene College received the honor of overall winner in the private college division.

Individual students winning gold awards were Michele Dalton, Wichita, editorial writing and special section design and writing; Dan Noyes, Oklahoma City, Okla., news writing, Tahnee Bowman, McPherson, feature writing; Tim Woodcock, Washington, Kan., sports writing, and Wallace Moore, Lawton, Okla., freehand illustration.

Noyes also received the silver award in news writing, Woodcock, the bronze in sports feature writing, and Emilita Huston, Twin Falls, Idaho, honorable mention in feature writing.

Dalton is The Spectator's editor-in-chief.

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