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Curriculum changes promote intercultural experience

By Dyane Potter

Spectator Staff

Changes in the general education curriculum have been approved by faculty.

The college will begin implementing the plan in the fall of 1993. The freshmen coming in that year will be most affected by the changes. Students already here will most likely have the choice of using the old or new system to meet graduation requirements.

The biggest changes will be the addition of requirements in the following three areas: integrative seminars, global/intercultural experience, and service experience.

Students will be required to participate in two upper-level seminars, in which interdisciplinary thought will be emphasized.

The global/intercultural aspect may be fulfilled by the on-campus study of a foeign language or an off-campus experience.

The service requirement may seem a little vague at this time but it is an integral part of the new plan.

"Service is a part of our identity at McPherson College." said Dr. Steve Gustafson.

The revisions in curriculum were submitted to the faculty by a committee consisting of Dr. Dale Goldsmith, Dr. Steve Gustafson, President Paul Hoffman, Dr. Gilford Ikenberry, and Dr. Susan Taylor.

Dr. Gustafson explained, "We simply built on the work of previous committees. They've been working on curriculum reform for about five years."

The revisions were developed from a list of 14 characteristics that the committee believed a McPherson College graduate should have. They stress competence in writing, oral communication, mathematics, computer literacy and information literacy.

"I think this could be very exciting for students," Dr. Ikenberry said.

Faculty have been discussing the idea of each senior completing a substantial project in their major field of study. A recital, research paper or experiment, or portfolio are some of the options that may fulfill this requirement. Faculty have yet to vote on this item.

Where's the shower?

Photo by Beverly Yeager

Stephanie Stephens, sr., Byron White, fr., Tristan Powell, soph., hose down after the mud volleyball tournament.

Increase in enrollment sparks interest on campus

By Dan Noyes

News Editor

As the new academic year began, many people were looking forward to returning to the familiar surroundings of McPherson College. What students found were many unfamiliar faces.

"I see somebody different everyday," Michael Quimbey, jr., said.

Granted, each year Mac always welcomes a handful of new students, but this year the number seems significantly larger.

The enrollment for this semester is in fact larger. However, an official figure will not be available until after the 20th day of classes. Part of the reason for the increase of enrollment is the freshman class.

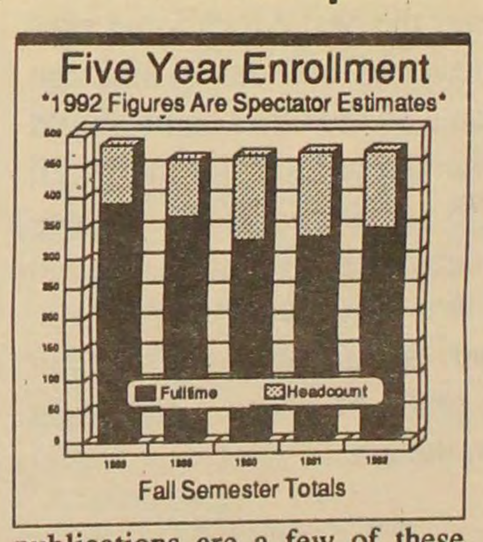
"This is one of the largest freshman classes we've had in a while," commented Sharon Knechel, vice-president of student services. "Our goal now is to retain as many of those students as we can."

Will the enrollment continue to increase over the next few years? "I certainly hope so," exclaimed Knechel.

"Through goals established by the staff we hope to reach an enrollment of 550 by the year 1995," Knechel said.

The goals mentioned by Knechel are in two phases.

First, there is admissions. Making more contacts with potential students, getting more current students involved with the admissions process, and redesigning the publications are a few of these goals.



After students are enrolled at Mac the next goal is to make sure they want to stay.

"Increasing the quality of service to the student is one of the ways we are trying to do this," Knechel said. "Of course, the best way to keep our students interested is through the way our current students, faculty, and staff receive the new students," Knechel added.

The fact that enrollment is up has not only been noticed by the staff, but the returning students as well. The majority of the students are pleased with the increase.

"I think it is good to have more students to better get the overall college experience," said Robb Collins, jr.

"It is taking much longer to get to know people this year," said Trudy Case, sr.

Gunner Boss, jr., a transfer student from Kansas State, said, "I knew this would be a big change, but the transition has not been difficult."

NEWS BRIEFS

■ ***Conyers honored.*** Two paintings by art professor Wayne Coyners have been selected to appear in national exhibitions. The first, "Mutant Crucifixion Landscape," is currently on display in Oklahoma City. The second, "Complete Documentation of a Mutant Wrapped Texas Longhorn Steer," will be on display Oct. 1-29 in Grand Junction, Colo.

■ ***Bulldog football.*** The Mac College football team opens its season Saturday at Bethany. There will be a caravan leaving from the circle drive at 6:15 p.m. Kickoff is at 7:00.

■ ***Quadrangle.*** Mac College students are in danger of losing their yearbook. Currently the Quadrangle does not have an editor-in-chief for the 1992-93 school year. If anyone is interested in saving the Quadrangle, please contact Darren Crumrine.

■ ***Renovations.*** Currently, several buildings are undergoing renovations on the Mac College campus. Friendship Hall is being completely re-modeled, Brown Auditorium is having several changes made backstage, and Miller Library has had many changes in some of its classrooms. Look for a story in the next Spectator for more details.

■ ***Schedule changes.*** Due to construction, several of the upcoming events in Brown Auditorium have been moved. Regular convocation for Oct. 8 and 21, as well as the Mohler Lecture on the evening of Oct. 21, have been moved to the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

EDITORIAL

Semester begins with potential for magic

IT'S THE DAWN OF A NEW SEMESTER here in Bulldog territory. With the dawn comes newness and freshness.

Year in and year out, the college deligently pursues its goals and tries to deliver on its mission statement of Scholarship, Participation, and Service.

No doubt the college has held its ground and has dealt with its ordeals its own way--the Brethren way. Yet things aren't "perfect" here at McPherson. People have opinions on how to make things better. The editorial page last year and already this year expresses grievances of change in the athletic department and educational approaches (curriculum revision).

These and other related issues on campus are areas that need attention and rational explanations for the way things are currently done.

In the words of Tom Robbins, "If you take any activity, any art, any discipline, any skill, take it and push it as far as it will go, push it beyond where it has ever been before, push it to the wildest edge of edges, then you force it into the realm of magic."

The discipline, the art, the skill, the activity of McPherson College is to deliver the best educational program according to its personal standards and the mandated standards. Students on the other hand should not only utilize what McPherson has to offer but by all means should contribute to its succes. If the college succeeds the graduates succeed, if the graduates succeed the college succeeds. The two are unseparable.

Yes, we do need each other. We all must work together to slip into the achievable realm of magic. Let's begin the semester with magic in the air.

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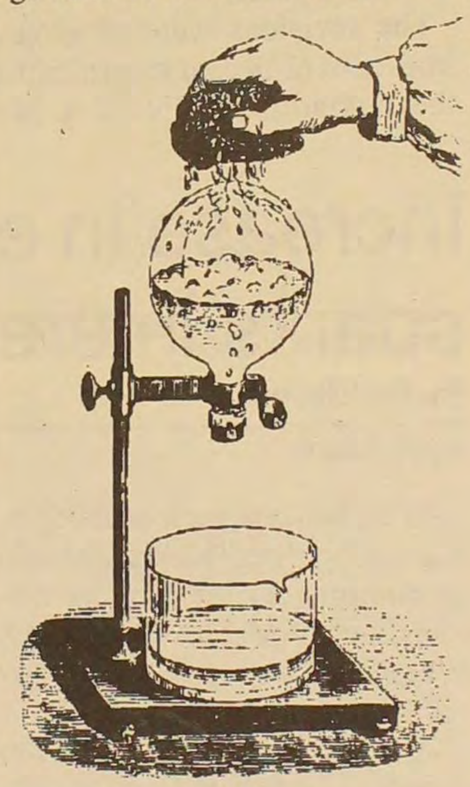
Teaching methods need scrutiny

By Dr. Buzz Hoagland
Guest Writer

In this, an election year, we are faced with two clear alternatives with regard to the future of educational policies in this country. Or are we? Coincidentally, this year also marks the beginning of the first major curriculum revision at McPherson College in approximately 25 years. Or does it?

We, the faculty, spent countless hours last year in committee meetings ferreting out goals, objectives, criteria, and, finally, rubrics to be used in the revision of our general education curriculum. A set of criteria has been approved by the faculty and administration that will serve as the basis for review of all proposed general education courses. The content of each proposed general education course will be



rigorously scrutinized by a committee of elected faculty to determine which courses meet the accepted criteria. We now have the tools in hand to improve the quality of instruction at McPherson College. Or do we?

Conspicuously lacking in the seemingly endless meetings, discussions, and printed words is any mention of how courses will be taught at McPherson College.

Why is it that we rarely discuss methods of teaching? Are we all so dynamic and full of such enthusiasm that our teaching methods are above scrutiny? I am continually reminded that the mission of this institution is to teach. And, invariably another statement follows within microseconds praising the number of faculty with earned doctorates or those who are aspirants of the terminal degree.

I have had a difficult time connecting the two statements, because a Ph.D. in science requires not a single education course. In fact, I suspect most science Ph.D. committees would laugh at the notion of a graduate student spending time away from her/his research to enroll in a teaching methods course.

Why is it that we rarely discuss methods of teaching? Are we all so dynamic and full of such enthusiasm that our teaching methods are above scrutiny?

I was trained as a research biologist, not as a biology teacher. All of my undergraduate and graduate courses were basically the same format. The professor would enter the classroom, open her/his notes (some were originally white, but had long since yellowed), and commence the lecture. I and my fellow students would diligently transcribe the facts uttered, scrawled on a overhead, or scratched onto the surface of a blackboard; more often than not some of these juicy bits of wisdom disappeared before making their way onto the pages of my notebook. Prior to the next exam, I would choreograph these golden nuggets into sequences that could be called up at an instant's notice.

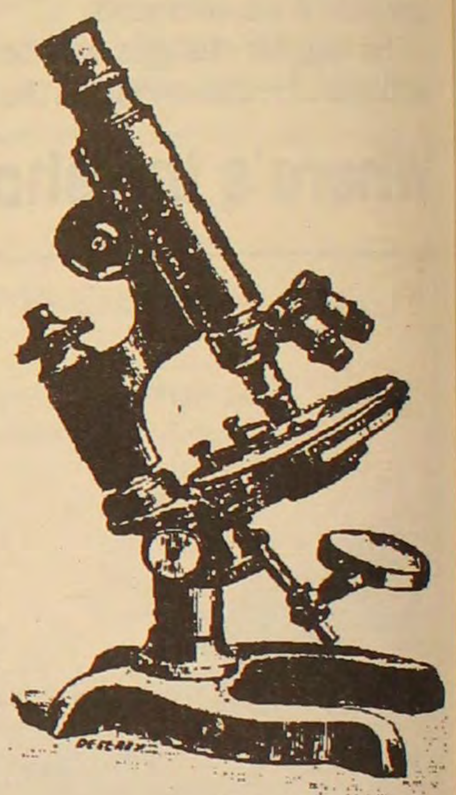
Did I understand all these marvelous nitty, gritty details? Honestly? No, but I did learn them. I have taught college students for five years and still don't understand how they all fit together; I probably will never fully comprehend all that I have committed to storage.

During my later years of graduate school I finally began to comprehend much of what was presented in my introductory courses. All of those highlined statements in my general biology text seemed to break free of the yellow lines and take there rightful place in my centers of understanding. At last I made the appropriate connections. Fifteen years and $100,000 is all that was required for a true appreciation of the biological concepts that somehow became lost in the facts. Some graduate students require twice the time, others recquire half the time. That puts me about in the middle of a bell-shaped curve along with the majority of students in this country.

If this crude assessment is at all reasonable, I am left with the conclusion that our money would be wisely invested in alternative strategies of teaching. Often, students learn very little, if anything, about how to do science in introductory courses. They learn facts but do not experience science as a process of describing and attempting to explain nature. Because science is a process of learning, if we can teach students how to do science, we have taught them how to learn.

My personal approach to teaching introductory biology courses is to de-emphasize facts and focus on concepts and the process of scientific inquiry. Unfortunately, I am unsure if this is a successful strategy. It is different. It is not the way in which I learned biology. However, I do know that most students today hate science, and partly because of the enormous amout of information storage and retrieval recquired. I also know that it is far easier to memorize ten facts that it is to understand one concept.

If we are to improve scientific literacy in this country and correct misunderstandings such as the 45 percent of college students who believe "that some races are more highly evolved than others," then we must begin to question our methods of teaching. (I do not accept the concept of race applied to humans, but the authors of the above quote apparently do.) Can



we teach science as a process instead of a collection of facts? Can we draw meaningful parallels to events in students' lives? If we focus more heavily upon concepts, then exams necessarily will become more difficult because understanding requires more effort than does memorizing. Are we, faculty and students, willing to confront the problems of science education and live with the possible changes?

Dr. Donald "Buzz" Hoagland is in his second year as assistant Professor of Biology.

MEDITATION MOMENT

The more we go inward in prayer and touch the mystery of God, the more God's power flows out of us. Real power, real energy, radiates from a person of prayer.

"God of the universe, in the midst of busy and hectic schedules, help us to make time to pray, to be refreshed and renewed, strengthened to live for You."

WALLY'S WORLD

by Wallace Moore

CAMPUS FORUM

Good service

The college food service goes unregognized for some positive things they do. We all wish our food service would change some things, but remember we have appropriate channels to go through. Anyone is welcome at Student Council meetings or the Food Service Committee meetings.

Food Service manager, Richard Sabatos, is more than willing to work with students and student organizations. Often students are allowed to take food from the cafeteria when our time is limited. We also have the option of getting sack lunches.

For the size of our school and for the number of people on the meal plan, we have a large variety of foods to choose from. Many other schools of our size offer a more limited selection of main dishes and don't offer a salad or deli bar.

It has been brought to my attention that Richard and his employees often provide refreshments for campus organizations. Often he provides such service for a reduced charge or in some cases, when funds are not available, he provides refreshments for no cost at all.

I appreciate the extra services provided us by the food service.

Mysty Rusk

Approach is unscientific

In his Oct. 2 column entitled "Greenhouse effect is simply a hoax" Scott Bowman very clearly demonstrates the difference between a scientific approach and a non-scientific approach to a problem.

Scientists pose hypotheses, such as the greenhouse effect is a real phenomenon, and then gather facts to test that hypothesis. These facts are used to support or refute the hypothesis being tested. If the facts are inconsistent with the hypothesis, the hypothesis is modified.

Unfortunately, Bowman has substituted an emotional attachment to a preconceived idea for the rigors of the scientific method. His primary source of facts is a book written by a non-practicing scientist with a courtesy adjunct appointment to the zoology department at the University of Washington.

Peer-reviewed papers published in scholarly journals by practicing scientists are universally accepted by scientists as primary sources of information. Scientists engaged in testing hypotheses related to the greenhouse effect read hundreds of papers and never derive simplistic conclusions such as the greenhouse effect is simply a hoax.

Bowman reads one book and claims to be qualified to evaluate an hypothesis describing biogeochemical cycles on a global scale.

I prefer the scientific approach to complex problems.

Dr. Buzz Hoagland

Why Bush lost the 1992 campaign

The Right Opinion

Troy Unruh

Staff Writer

It is with great disappointment that I write to you. Americans elected the first democrat to the presidency since Jimmy Carter.

Republicans are vastly outnumbered by Democrats in the U.S. For us to gain the Presidency, a coalition of moderate and conservative Democrats had to be forged. Not only did the Republicans lose these "Reagan Democrats" this year, but we lost many moderate Republicans as well. I trace this whole problem back to the Republican convention and the addition of one plank to our party platform: the provision for an amendment outlawing abortion.

When this plank was agreed to, it augmented the feelings of many Republicans as well as moderate Democrat that the Republican party was selling its soul to the "Religious Right." I am a Christian, but I am also a firm believer that compromise is the name of politics, and few members of the religious right are willing to compromise, thus limiting the ability of the Republican party to manuver among the moderate voters of the U.S.

Abortion is a very emotional topic. It is the one subject that virtually every American has an opinion on, and whether the religious right likes it or not, most Americans are in favor of some kind of abortion. The Republican party made a grave error when it embraced the fundamentalist Christians of the United States. Sure they had always been aligned with them but previously the Republican party had received support from Muslims, Jews, atheists, and many other sects and peoples who were drawn to conservative economic policy and strong foreign policy and defense stance. But many people felt personally threatened by these Republican fundamentalists, and wondered if their agenda would stop with abortion or continue on into Christian creation doctrine being taught in school or other objectives which are clear violations of the first amendment.

The Republicans signed a political death warrant. We had the religious right in our camp without having to give them such a concession as an amendment to ban abortion. After all, who were they going to vote for, Clinton? We lost many more votes than we gained by signing this pact. The next four years should be spent re-evaluating our strategy and distancing ourselves from the religous right. You might not agree with that, but it is the prudent thing to do.

As for Clinton, I wish him good luck. There are many problems that need to be addressed in this country, and he will need all the luck he can get. Republicans and Democrats alike should now prepare to work with the President. After all, we are all Americans, and this is still the greatest country on the face of the earth. We have survived two World Wars, innumerable smaller conflicts, the Great Depression, a Civil War, and incompetent leaders. I am sure we can survive a Clinton Presidency.

So I resign myself to the loyal opposition. If we have to give the Democrats four years to gain another twelve for the Republicans, it is probably a good deal. That's my opinion, and that is the RIGHT OPINION.

America has found its change-agent

What's Left!

Dan Marchewka

Staff Writer

The American voters have spoken: they have voted for a new beginning. Governor Bill Clinton won this year's election by a solid majority in both the popular and electoral vote. He will be guiding our nation in a critical time of America's history. The American people were extremely dissatisfied with Bush. He never provided average Americans real hope for the future. And it was time for a change, when Bush could not give it.

President-elect Clinton won the election because he was able to distinguish himself from previous Democratic Presidential candidates.

First, he was able to mobilize all the voters who have been disenchanted by other Democratic Presidential candidates. He gave those voters hope of a future that will be good for all of America's citizens.

Gov. Clinton also received critical votes by Republicans who never have voted Democratic before—he showed then a plan to rebuild America.

Gov. Clinton also had another great asset that stood out compared to other recent candidates: his personality. He was appealing, intelligent, and affable on television His speeches were elegant and raised the right emotions in voters. During all his talk show appearances, he showed the American people that he is in touch with them.

More importantly Clinton won the three issues voters indicated were most important to them: 1/health care, 2/education, 3/and the economy.

George Bush was planning on keeping the current health care system in place. Whereas, Gov. Clinton plans to control costs and make health care available to everyone. This was important because of the costs and inadequate health care throughout the nation.

President Bush also showed little direction and leadership on the education front, and the voters noticed this. All we have to do is look at Bush's view for college education, which I discussed a couple of weeks ago.

However, the economy was the issue that won Bill Clinton the 1992 Presidential election. George Bush's domestic plan was just out of touch with American people at this juncture. But this economic mess cannot all be blamed on Bush, look back to Ronald Reagan!

The trickle-down, economic theory was not working for the everyday people of America anymore. This theory worked in the middle 1980s but not in the 1990s because the money was frozen at the top instead of trickling down to the middle and lower classes. This basic flaw in the economic theory, topped with high unemployment and a ever increasing deficit, spelled doom for Bush. President Clinton's Rebuild America Plan provides American's a sense of his direction, to guide America through its economic troubles.

So, Bill Clinton won almost every crucial issue at stake in this year's election. The people of America found their change-agent in Bill Clinton. And consequently, America has finally thrown the monkey of Reagan's voodoo economic policy off its back.

PROVOCATIVE WORDS

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

—Edmund Burke

State Fair offers opportunity to "take the plunge"

By Dan Noyes

News Editor

Imagine for a moment, standing 200 feet above the surface of the earth and plunging aimlessly downward towards what could be the end of your life as you once knew it. Your future rests entirely in the strength of a flimsy cord and a little prayer, which might not hurt your chances either.

This latest craze that has swept across the nation is bungee jumping and it has landed right here in Kansas. The Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson has always attracted people from all walks of life, but this year you can count on at least one newcomer.

This type of person will feel some curiosity, then will most likely be overcome by fear, and will finally let the craziness take over.

You can experience these feelings in a matter of seconds for a minimal fee at the fair.

A jump with the cord attached to your ankles is $50 and around your waist is $40. This is quite a hefty price tag for something that will only last for a few seconds. Is it really worth it?

Tim Woodcock and Robb Collins, jrs., both of whom had the pleasure of sharing the experience of pioneering into this sport, had some interesting words for thrill-seekers considering taking the plunge.

"I would never do it again!" said Collins. "Experiencing that type of feeling once is enough to satisfy me for a lifetime."

Woodcock said, "If the opportunity jump again arose, I think I would do it.

"To put into perspective the type of feeling you have before you jump, imagine climbing the steepest hill of a roller coaster just seconds before you reach the summit and multiply that by 10," said Woodcock.

"When you are standing on the ground 200 feet does not seem that high, but when you are actually on the platform waiting to jump it seems like you are on top of the Empire State Building."

Both Woodcock and Collins had differing opinions about their experience, but agreed that it was one of the most ultimate feelings they have had in their lives.

For those of you wanting to experience this once in a lifetime chance, you need to head over to the State Fair this weekend.

When you find yourself suspended 200 feet in the air, remember to look before you leap. However, in this case my advice would be not to look!

Smiths experience Japanese culture on sabbatical

By Dyane Potter

Spectator Staff

Dr. Herb Smith and Dr. Jeanne Smith returned to our campus this fall, after spending their sabbatical leave in Sapporo, Japan.

On August 20, 1992 the couple flew to Seattle to meet a group of exchange students. As their plane took off from Seattle, one of the engines caught on fire. They were forced to exit the plane by the emergency slides. But, fortunately, they landed in Japan safely.

For ten days the group toured Japan by train, visiting ancient cities and religious sites.

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Jeanne Smith

"Nikko, in the mountains, was beautiful, a sensory overload," said Mrs. Smith, "and sacred deer were running free through the city of Nara."

In Sapporo, the couple stayed in a guest house. It was a western style house built in a Japanese manner and had its own tatami room with bamboo mats. Many quite distinguished meals were served in tatami rooms, while the guests were seated on pillows on the floor.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Smith taught during the ten months they were in Sapporo.

The Japanese education system was quite different from the American system. The schools are based on an exam system and the students must work incredibly hard to compete.

Only about a third of students get into college, but once in college most students relax and party for the first time of their lives.

"The down side of the exams, other than the stifling of creativity, is the very, very high rate of suicide among Japanese young people," Mrs. Smith said.

"In America, we extoll individual happiness. Even in education we encourage individual thinking and creativity. In Japan there is more emphasis on harmony."

Dr. Smith added, "To become mature in Japan does not mean to become independent or autonomous."

Dr. Smith spent a great deal of time studying the religious practices in Japan. He attended Buddhist worship and late night chanting. He also visited services of Tenrikyo, one of hundreds of new religions.

"There are 1.7 million people living in Sapporo and it is as safe, if not safer, than McPherson."

Herb Smith

"We as Americans usually label ouselves as one religion, but the Japanese are not exclusive. They may believe in many religions," said Dr. Smith.

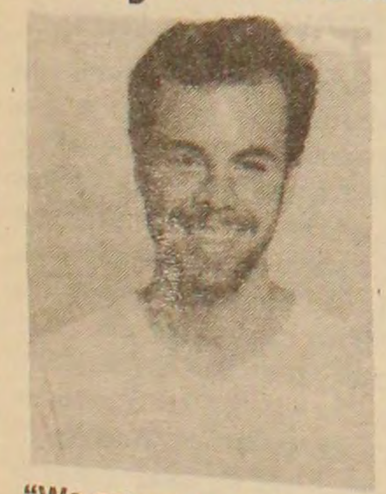
Dr. Smith also said, "The Japanese culture is probably the most hospitable and kind and also the safest. There are 1.7 million people living in Sapporo and it is as safe, if not safer, than McPherson."

The Smiths would encourage students to visit the university in Sapporo, as they were very impressed.

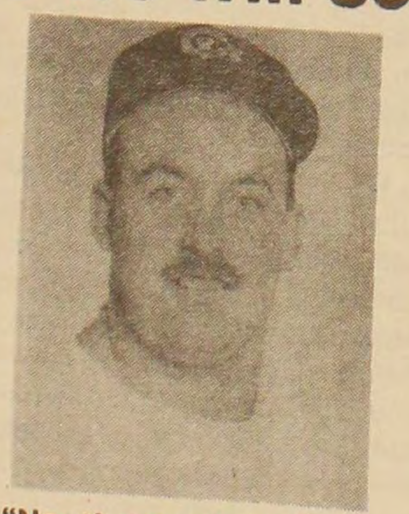
Photo by Beverly Yeager

Dr. Daisy Kabagarama and Kate Kasten performed their original play "Kamagezi and Sandra" during convocations Sept.10. The drama about two roommates portrayed the hurts and revelations that occur when two cultures meet.

Do you believe we will see a female president in our lifetime?



"We are very chauvenistic, but I think we should see a woman president in the next 30 years."
Adam Smith



"No, there will probably be more women in government, but not in the presidency."
Harold Chaney

"I hope so!!"
Ms. Sharon Knechel

"Yes, I believe there will be. I think everyone should broaden their minds."
Kim Merkey

"I don't see why not, but first there will have to be major changes in attitudes and institutions."
Dr. Daisy Kabagarama

Exchange students experience the American culture McPherson style

By Jenny Berger

Spectator Staff

This year on the McPherson College campus, there are 12 exchange students representing many diverse countries. Some of these are Japan, France, Switzerland, and Haiti. Their first impressions and experiences of life in Kansas differ depending on where they are from.

Foreign exchange students encounter many different people, new foods, new customs, and a new culture. According to Kyoko Nagaya from Japan, "There is different food, and different sizes of drinks. We don't wear shoes in the house, and we take baths instead of showers."

There is a certain amount of culture shock, but that is understandable. Americans come across as friendly, open-minded, and free people.

Kyoko observed that Americans are more open-minded and less concerned about who they are around and what clothes to wear than the Japanese. She also observed that Americans are more free. In Japan, some colleges have dorms, but most of the students live in apartments. There are curfews and boys are not allowed in the dorms.

On the contrary, Tristen Powell, from England, observed "a great lack of social life. Social life is nearly non-evident in the first week." Dorms were also a problem. Powell finds it "strange that dorms are not mixed, and that there are such limitations on visitation time."

McPherson does have a co-ed dorm this year. The first floor in Fahnestock Hall was converted into a female floor to give females on the McPherson campus a choice of where to live.

But overall the students find McPherson a nice place to live. The students get to meet new and different people. Some even meet new ethnic races and cultures.

Kyoko observed that not only did she meet people but she also met black people which was a new experience for her. Tristen Powell sums it up well, "The people here are much more friendly than in England."

Photo by Beverly Yeager

Junior Jasmine Chen and an unidentified friend stroll towards Dotzour Hall. Foreign exhange students report experienceing a certain amount of culture shock, but in general find McPherson College students friendly and open-minded.

Tornado victims recall fear and frenzy

By Heather Williams

Spectator Staff

Sirens wailing. Winds whirling. Rains pouring. The first tornado to hit McPherson in many years tore through town June 15.

"It was very scary, but extremely exciting at the same time. I was very relieved that the college had such a safe place and good tornado protection procedures," commented Jonathan Coachman, tornado victim.

Charlotte Vancil, administrator of the college courts, knocked on doors advising people to stay calm and to take shelter in Frantz Hall.

"Thirty-seven people were ushered downstairs, while I stayed upstairs and saw, heard, and felt everything. As I was trying to shut the door, I was pulled outside by the extremely forceful winds. I saw the roof of Harnly being stripped off, branches and limbs flying everywhere, and heard car windows shattering," Vancil said.

Most people believe living through the storm is the worst part, but residents of the courts and of McPherson realized there's more to it than that. The hours following the storm seemed to be the most traumatic.

After venturing back outside, the residents found the town a mess. "People spent the rest of the night as a group cleaning up and taping windows, along with giving support," Vancil commented.

The college was not the only part of McPherson that suffered. Houses were damaged, some ruined. Businesses were torn apart or even destroyed.

"We really appreciated the help and cooperation of the residents and the community. It shows the consideration of others in a time of crisis," Vancil said.

Co-ed dorm brings positive change

By Darin Marshall

Spectator Staff

Early reaction to changing Fahnestock to a co-ed dorm has so far been positive among the residents.

McPherson College officials in the spring of last year made the decision to change the dorm to co-ed housing because of the declining interest among male residents wanting to live in the facility.

In addition, they wanted to present another option for women's living facilities.

"We wanted to have another option for students to have in terms of living facilities. Since Fahnestock was having declining interest, we had to think of our options in order to make better use of the facility," said vice-president of student services, Sharon Knechel.

"Our outlook is for it to be a positive change. It may help bring down some of the stereotypes between men and women," continued Knechel.

The idea was then presented to the dorm resident assistants for further reaction.

There were positive indications from resident assistants that the idea would be good and that they were willing to try it.

"I'm excited about the idea. It's something different indeed. Fanny has always been a close family and now it can extend its family even more." Jamey Gentry, soph, said.

Amy Barr, jr., said, "It's about time this college did something modern instead of conservative! I'm excited to try something new and be a part of something different."

"The guys in Fahnestock have made me feel welcome."

Dee Ann German

The women of Fahnestock will live on first floor, while the men will occupy both second and third floors.

With the school year now under way and all having a chance to get settled into the new arrangements, things so far are going well.

"Things have been real easy. The guys in Fahnestock have made me feel welcome." Dee Ann German, sr., said.

As for the future of the dorm staying co-ed, it is the intentions for it to be a permanent thing, according to Knechel. If problems do exist, then it will have to be re-assessed.

The men and women residing in the dorm don't expect any problems. "I can't foresee anything wrong happening. Women will now have more of a choice," German said.

Florida Habitat constructs houses right

by Tahnee Bowman

Feature Editor

Some good press came to Habitat for Humanity recently, even though in the wake of a disaster.

When Hurricane Andrew blew through Florida, it wiped out whole blocks of houses.

But the 27 homes built in that area by Habitat for Humanity survived with only minor damages.

There are currently charges of shoddy construction against contractors trying to "just get by."

Fortunately, Habitat builds its homes right - and for only about half the cost of an average Florida home.

The houses which survived the tropical storm lost a few shingles, and some windows were shattered, but for the most part, they remained unscathed.

Even though building codes allow builders to staple the roofs on the homes, Habitat uses nails, which are stronger and more effective against storms and natural disasters.

Habitat also bolts the frames to the foundation, which is not necessary in order to meet codes either.

Habitat for Humanity won't stop with those homes, though.

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Men's soccer team contenders in KCAC

By Luke J. Lefever

Spectator Staff

With a team which includes only five returning players, head soccer coach Jerry Malone has had what comes close to a fresh start. That should be refreshing to him since last year's team had such a poor showing in its play.

After a successful recruiting season, the current team bears little resemblance to the inaugural squad. Last year's team posted a record of 0-18-1, placing it squarely at the bottom of the KCAC standings.

"I feel good about the team. We're young, but we're talented," Coach Malone said. Already, they have posted a record of 2-2, with losses coming against an extremely tough Colorado Christian University team and also from Tabor. With wins over both Sterling and Bethel, the current team finds itself in unfamiliar territory--the top of the KCAC standings.

In the first win, over Sterling, the team played quite well. The score ended up being 2-0. Dan Marchewka and Lane Davis scored for the Dogs, both coming in the first half. The next win was against the Bethel Threshers in Newton. The Threshers scored early in the game, but the Bulldog forwards went on the attack immediately going into halftime leading by one. Four players got into the scoring. Marchewka, Ryan Loncorich, Byron White and Pat Noyes all scored goals with assists coming from Garrick Green, Davis and Emmanuel Samci.

On Wednesday night at Tabor the Bulldogs had a rough time of it as they droppped a 3-1 decision to the Bluejays. Mac's defense was a little ragged at times, but they still held a 22-8 advantage in shots. Tabor just put the ball in the net at the right times. Garrick Green had the only goal for the Bulldogs.

Defensively, the team is quite strong. Senior Hectar Carillo is back working his magic at the goalie position. Joining him in outstanding defensive play is Jeff Cole, fr., Tristan Powell, soph., Jimmy Post, jr., and Jason Sumpter, fr.

In the mid-field, solid play is coming from Ryan Loncorich, fr., Byron White, fr., Marcus Nielson, fr. and Garrick Green, soph. Up front on the offensive end of things, solid contributors are Lane Davis, fr., Kevin Kersee, fr., and Dan Marchewka, soph.

Looking ahead on the schedule, the team faces several tough opponents including Bethany, Friends and Benedictine. Coach Malone feels very positive about the outlook for the rest of the season. "For the first half of the season, we're going to be inconsistent. Teams we meet in the second half of the season are going to see an entirely different ball club," Malone said.

Saturday the Bulldogs face St. Mary-Leavenworth here at 2p.m.

Photo by Luke Lefever

Freshman Jason Sumpter shields off a defender as he advances the ball upfield against Tabor. The Mac kickers lost this game by a score of 3-1. Despite the loss, the Bulldogs still remain near the top of the KCAC with a 2-1 record. They face off against St. Mary-Leavenworth on the home field Saturday at 2 p.m.

Women's soccer team is better than ever

By Emilita Huston

Spectator Staff

The women's soccer team is back and better than ever—even if it doesn't look that way at first glance.

Kester Iyoha, the head coach, worked hard last year recruiting players and sees potential in this year's team. Even though the Bulldogs are at a depressing 0-4, there is improvement. More shots on goal were made during the first game than all last year.

The biggest problem is the team's shorthandedness. With only 11 players maximum, there is no time or place for injuries or bench-warming. But those 11 players have put their heart and soul into each game. The current team line-up is: Kimber McCune, Stephanie Hill, Konni Nanninga, Denise Long, Kristi Cable, and Heather Hughbanks, the team's returning players; and Shannon Negals, Rachel Abeyta, Amy Silvers, Emilita Huston, and Sylvia Hays, the freshman blood.

The women take to the home field again this Saturday at 7 p.m. against St. Mary-Leavenworth. On Tuesday they travel to Wichita to play the Friends University Falcons, one of the top KCAC teams.

A more experienced Bulldog team looks to surprise the Swedes

By Darin Marshall

Spectator Staff

The McPherson Bulldogs look to be tested early as they travel to Lindsborg to face the defending KCAC champs, Bethany Swedes. The Dogs are looking to catch Bethany with their guard down as their starting quarterback is out with a shoulder injury. Reports of several other injured Swedes have the Bulldogs looking at their best shot in years to come away with the victory.

Experience and recruiting are keys for success as Head Coach Dan Thiessen has been preparing his 1992 Bulldog football team for the upcoming season.

On the offensive side, all-conference running back Gary Brown returns and looks to start off how he ended last year. Taking some of the load off Brown is 6'4", 185 lb. Joe Marable. With quick moves and raw speed Marable will make the running game even better. At the fullback position haling from San Diego, Calif. is 6'2" 190 lb. fullback Mark Frazier. He is quick and elusive much like the workhorse Kenny Becker was for Mac and being just a freshman he can only get better. Larry Manous also has explosive speed and can take a hit. Both he and Frazier should be an asset at the fullback position.

The problems that hit the Bulldogs hardest last year were the lack of experience and depth at the quarterback position and the offensive line.

With an emphasis on the passing, Thiessen's first job was to find a quarterback with experience. He found just that when he nabbed Bakersfield Juco transfer, Brent Paul. At 6'2" and 195 lb., Paul has a gun for an arm and also possesses an exceptional running ability. With this type of athlete and a more experienced Tim Woodcock waiting in the wings, the offense looks to make things exciting in weeks to come.

Luck has gone Thiessen's way, but then Paul's twin brother and favorite receiver, Steve Paul transfered in from Bakersfield, things begin to look very bright. The 6'4"

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225 lb. tight end joins the experience of junior Garth Werner and sophomore Kerry Lacock. Freshmen L.C. Scott and Greg Martin will also make big contributions to the receivers this year.

On the offensive line last year, depth was the biggest downfall. Returning is second team all-conference selection Josh Parks. Tim Bruton and Rich Fowler join Parks as the returning linemen. Thiessen has brought in three new linemen to add strength and size to the unit. Ron Bryant, 6'0", 290 lb. and Fernando O'Campo, 6'2, 225 lb., both of Bakersfield Juco, look to make big contributions. Freshman Josh Calderon also looks to get time at the center position.

With a defense that remained pretty much intact, new defensive coordinator Terry Bruton has only a few important positions to fill, but still expects big improvements all around.

Former defensive team leader and honorable mention All-American Tadd Holliman has graduated so Bruton must find someone to fill his shoes.

Senior Danny Hall, ranked tenth in the nation in interceptions last year is expected to be a team leader from the cornerback position. The free safety position which Holliman occupied has a host of players looking for time, but senior Frank Clinage is the choice thus far. At the other cornerback position is the always flamboyant Andre McCorvey. Nate Brubaker finishes out the defensive backfield at the strong safety position.

Coach Bruton expects big improvements on the defensive line. Returners Eric Griffin and Kersam Kasbarian are joined by newcomer Chris Witty to control the line of scrimmage. Harold Chaney and Roger Bruton will also look to plug some holes.

The linebacking corp is a concern for Bruton as he feels that they need to stay healthy. Jeff Middleton returned after a season-ending knee injury last year, but bad luck struck again putting Middleton out for four to six weeks with a broken hand. At the inside linebacker, sophomore Stacey Nunn comes in with high expectations. "He's the type of player that relies on finesse," Bruton said. "He will make your highlight tape look impressive."

Second-year inside linebacker Jim Caspers is expected to take a major leadership role this year. Bruton compares Jim to a "blue collar worker" who comes prepared to play and will do what it takes to get the job done. Sophomore Rob Larson, who started last year as a freshmen will be an asset off the bench. On the outside, Bruton expects Sean Lux and Fred Winter to have a banner years .

The Bethany game is the season opener and is the first of three tough games, with Ottawa and Friends following. These games could determine how this year's team will finish in the KCAC, but the Dogs look to take one game at a time. The game Saturday begins at 7 p.m.

Spikers spank Ottawa Braves in three straight

McPherson Invitational brings top teams to Sport center this weekend

By Patrick Noyes

Spectator Staff

The 1992 volleyball team is looking to send a message to the KCAC.

This year's team is young, but talented. "Our record does not show the kind of talent that is on this team," head coach Deb Moore said.

The Bulldogs won their first match of the season against Ottawa in the Early Bird Tournament held here on Sept. 4-5. The Bulldogs then suffered three tough losses to close out the tournament.

The spikers did beat Bethany in the tournament, but the win does not count because they used rally scoring in the third and final game of the match. On Saturday the women travelled to Atchison to play Benedictine College and suffered their fourth defeat.

The women traveled to Ottawa Wednesday night looking to get their season back on track. They did just that defeating the Braves in three straight games 17-15, 15-6 and 15-5.

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"This team has lots of potential and a great team attitude," Coach Moore said. "This team is becoming like a family. They encourage one another and keep team attitude a priority. This will help the team to be successful," Moore added.

"Our record does not show the kind of talent that is on this team."

Deb Moore

The Bulldogs have great depth that should help them late in the season because of the long schedule. "We have a good bench to help push the starters," Coach Moore said.

The women are now 2-5 and are looking to continue their winning ways this weekend at the McPherson Invitational. Coming to the Mac College Sport Center are Lindenwood, Dana, Concordia and St. Mary-Leavenworth. The women play their first game at 5:30 Friday evening.

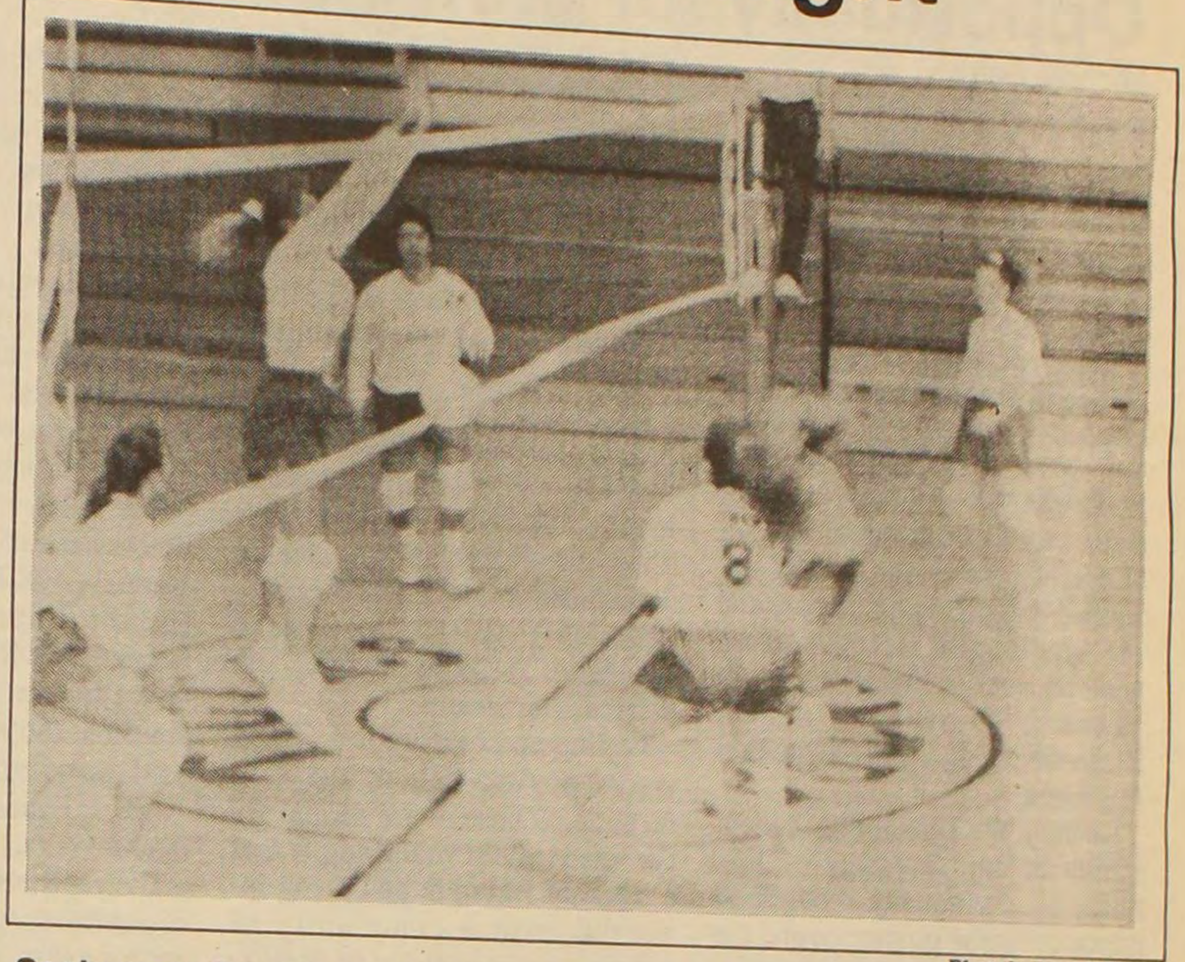

Photo by Beverly Yeager

Sophomore Roxy Hofer blocks one into the floor last week in J.V. action at Central College.

Intramural flag football competition heats up Sunday

By Tim Woodcock

Sports Editor

The McPherson College Intramural program got into full swing last Saturday with a softball tournament held at Light Capital Field.

The day turned out to be hot and windy with dust blowing in everyone's eyes. That might have caused numbers to be down, but the competitive spirit was still very high.

In the first game of the day Team 2 edged out Team 1, 6-5. Then Team 3 trounced on Team 4 by a score 8-2. The last two games were never even close. Team 1 had a shutout in the consolation game pounding Team 4, 9-0.

In the championship game, the story was the same. Team 2 walked all over Team 3 clinching the first intramural championship with a score of 10-3. Members of Team 2 were: Sarah Adams, Amy Silvers, Lisa Sturgeon, Kris Bietz, Jerry Bowen, Byron White, Tim Bruton, Darin Marshall, and Dan Noyes.

The annual Intramural Flag Football league begins play this Sun. Sept. 20. The games will start at 1 p.m. on the football practice field. Everyone who signed up on time needs to bring a one dollar fee. Late sign-up will be taken for a fee of three dollars.

Teams were drafted last night and will be shooting for the grand finale, the Intramural Superbowl Oct. 18.

A tennis tournament has also been scheduled this Sunday at Wall Park. The tournament is single elimination and 16 men will be trying to serve, lob, and smash their way to the finals. The first match begins at 1 p.m. and should have some serious tennis being played.

Kimber McCune is student director of intramurals, and is assisted by Roger Burton. "The numbers have been about the same as last year, so I'm pretty excited," McCune said.

"Another incentive to come out and have fun would have to be the new t-shirts designed by Kristi Cable," added McCune. "I'm looking forward to having a great year and seeing everyone out there having a good time."

Cross Country team dedicated

By Michael P. Schneider

Spectator Staff

The 1992 McPherson College cross country team is coached by first-year coach, Jack Patiño. Coach Patiño is a former track and crosscountry runner from McPherson College. The men and women each have two runners a piece. On the men's side is Albert Comas and Jerry Bruton. Running for the women's team is Wendy Hartman and Katrina Husong. "At first the kids were out of shape, but now they are looking stronger and really pushing themselves," Coach Patiño said of his team. Patiño has high hopes of each runner dropping times from meet to meet. The team's first meet is the Baker Invitational on Sept. 19 at Baldwin City.

Bethel Invitational here this weekend

Women getting stronger as season progresses

By Michael P. Schneider

Spectator Staff

Dave Barrett describes his 1992 women's tennis team as a fun, coachable, hardworking bunch of young women.

"In spots we are very atheletic and very fundamental when we want to be. My only concern is our foot speed. If we improve on our quickness going into October, we should do well in the conference," Coach Barrett said about this year's team.

The team is lead by its two returning players sophomore Sarah McLallen, number one singles player and senior Janette Joyce, the number four singles player. The team is fortunate enough to be joined by junior college transfer Jan Fairchild who teams up with Sarah McLallen to make up the number one doubles team. These women, along with sophomore Jessica Boothe, the number three singles player, sophomore Beth Keister, the number five singles player and Tina Alvarez, the number six singles player make the McPherson College women's tennis team.

The women are off to a slow start, not faring well in their first two attempts, but are building up to become a strong team. Their next go of it will be right here in McPherson on September 18-19 in the Bethel Invitational Tournament with matches starting at 1 p.m. on the 18th and 8:30a.m. on the 19th.

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Student Leadership Conference

Opportunity for growth, understanding

Michele Dalton

Editor-in-Chief

Choices and Challenges. This theme will be addressed in the Kansas Independent College Association Student Leadership Conference on Sept. 30.

The conference focuses on encouraging campus leaders to look beyond the wealth of health-related information on the epidemics of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, substance abuse, sexual assault, and unwanted pregnancy to understand the challenges facing current generations of students.

Leading the conference are Dr. Richard Keeling and associate Eric Engstrom.

Keeling, the Director of Student Health at the University of Virginia, is a nationally recognized expert on health promotion and the prevention of high risk behaviors among young adults. He also serves as president of the Foundation for Health in Higher Education and a consultant to many colleges and universities on student health and HIV/AIDS.

Engstrom is an associate and consultant in the firm, Health Advocates, and served as first executive director of the Minnesota AIDS Project.

According to Keeling, young people are constantly confronted with a barrage of cultural messages in entertainment and advertising. These messages challenge and undermine the kinds of behavioral instruction they receive through education, religious training and parental guidance.

Keeling and Engstrom will lead workshops throughout the conference. These workshops are designed to help young adults find a sense of fitting in and being involved with a community of people who care about each other and support healthy behaviors and decisions.

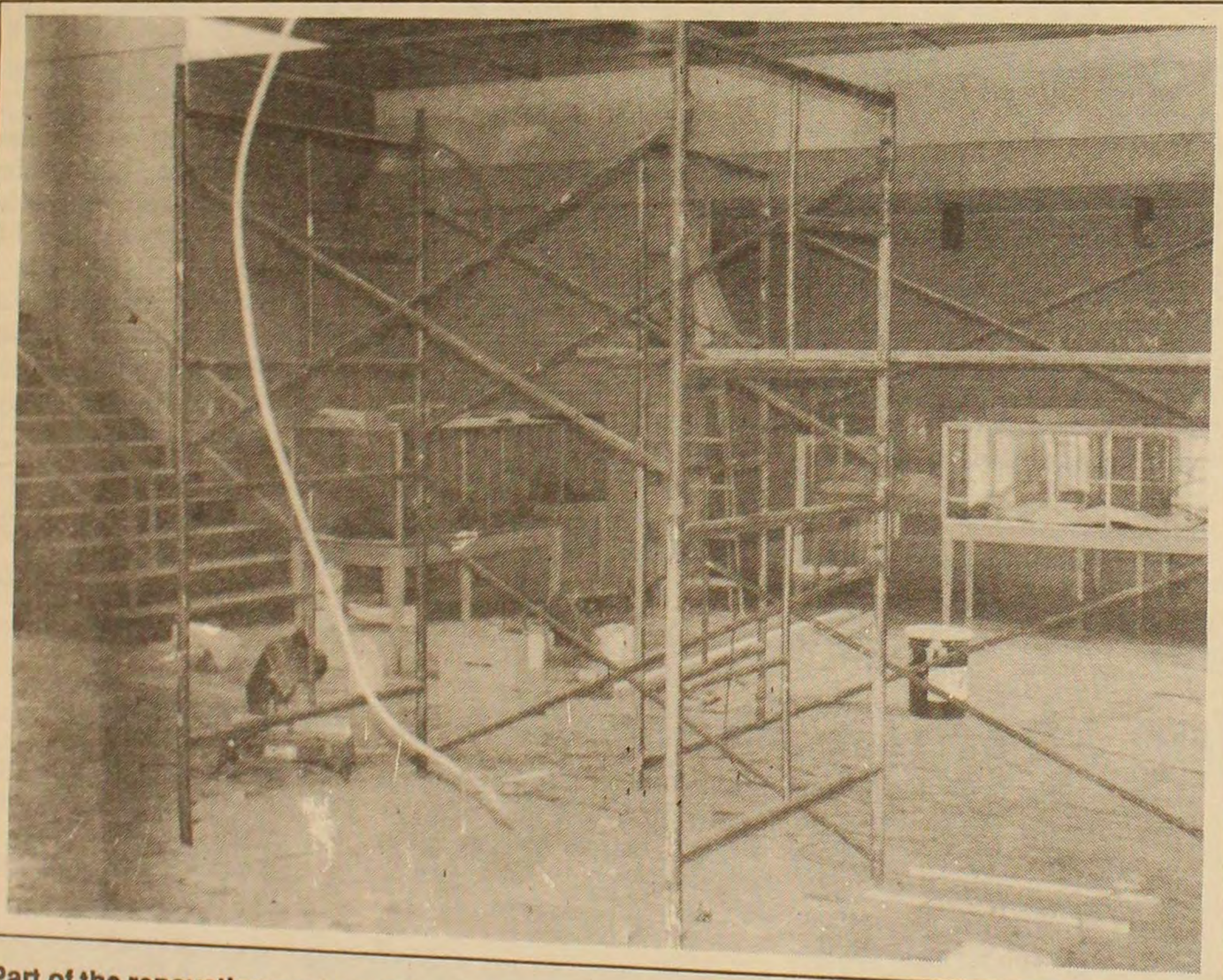
The conference ends with a keynote address from Keeling entitled "Sex, Alcohol and Self-Esteem: Campus Life in the 90s." The address is at 7:15 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

Those involved in the areas of student government, student activities, campus ministries and student publications are urged to attend. However, all students interested in participating are welcome.

The conference is sponsored by the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas (ACCK). A FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education) Consortium Grant for the Prevention of Drug Abuse to the ACCK has made the conference possible.

All activities will take place on the McPherson College campus.

The registration fee is $10. This covers the cost of refreshments, the noon meal and a small contribution toward expenses.



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Part of the renovation project, Friendship Hall is currently under construction. The expected date of completion is Oct. 1. Other buildings being remodeled are Miller Library and Brown Auditorium.

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Concert to benefit Habitat

By Michele Dalton

Editor-in-Chief

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will perform a benefit concert for Habitat for Humanity on Sept. 20.

The concert is the most recent step toward acheiving the dream of building a Habitat home in the McPherson area. The college chapter of Habitat for Humanity gave birth to the dream and has helped raise over $15,000 to date for the first home.

In 1992, the McPherson Area Habitat for Humanity Inc. Affiliate began. These two forces are now working to make the home a reality. Once the affiliate is offically recognized by the international Habitat organization, members hope to begin construction on a house this fall. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds homes for deserving families who otherwise would never be able to own their own homes.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the McPherson High School Roundhouse.

New faculty, staff take on challenges with enthusiasm and interest

By Heather Williams

Spectator Staff

Who are these new faces everyone keeps seeing around campus?

Six new faculty and staff members have been hired for the 1992-93 school year. Their jobs range from a technology instructor to a cross country coach to a new resident director for Dotzour Hall.

McPherson College has hired Stanley Miller, a technology instructor who began teaching in Templeton Hall this semester.

There are two new additions to the admissions office. Kristin Boyer and Marilyn Sexton are both newadmissions counselors. They both will encourage future students to attend McPherson while informing other staff of some good ideas for increasing enrollment in the upcoming years. "I'm very much enjoying the college atmosphere, the McPherson College community, and the people of McPherson. They have made me feel very at home," Sexton said.

Suzanne Reed, a graduate of Fort Hays State University, has taken on the responsibility of Resident Director in Dotzour Hall. She says she enjoys spending time with the girls and hopes to get to know as many as possible. Reed already feels accepted and like "one of the girls."

New cross country coach Jack Patino, an alum of Mac, is trying to increase interest and support for cross country. As of now numbers are small, but hearts seem to be big. One other part-time coach is David Barrett. Barrett, a graduate of McPherson, will take on the duties of head coach for women's tennis and assistant coach for men's and women's track.

Another new member to the McPherson staff is Dean Reynolds. Dean is from McPherson and is enjoying himself as a new member of the maintenance staff.

Other people taking on part-time responsibilities are: Neisha Dahlstrom, lecturer in accounting; Randee Koger, lecturer in accounting; Roberta Hamilton, lecturer in education; and Esther Mollhagen, lecturer in accounting.