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A day on the roof



Courtesy of the Quadrangle

Amy Norsworthy, soph., Becky Dilley, soph., Jennifer Amiot, fr., Sarah Hooton, fr., Marc Rittle, sr., Jen Bosserman, fr. and Casey Miller, fr., helped out on the roof at a March 9 Habitat for Humanity work day in Wichita. Approximately 12 Mac students participated. The next work day in Wichita is scheduled for the end of April.

Search criteria determined

By Sarah Wagoner

Spectator Staff

The Board of Trustees recently confirmed a list of criteria that the Presidential Search Committee recommended the college look for in its search for a new president.

President Paul Hoffman will resign in August after 20 years of service to McPherson College.

"We really want this to be an open, participatory process and for everybody who has an interest in the college to feel like they can give their suggestions," said Dr. Lavon Rupel, chair of the college's Board of Trustees and the Search Committee.

The Search Committee released the criteria for a new president after its second meeting.

"We felt that [criteria list] was a really

important thing to get agreement on not just among the committee members, but something the trustees, faculty, students, and community would agree on," Dr. Rupel said.

The committee spent time refining the criteria to insure that members would agree on the kind of person they are looking for. The future president must have an earned doctorate and demonstrate ability in effective strategic planning, as well as show competency in developing effective fund-raising strategies.

The committee is also looking for a candidate who is a Christian with an understanding of and commitment to the ideals and values of the Church of the Brethren.

The committee is advertising in several educational and church-related publications, as well as at other Church of the Brethren, Mennonite, and Friends colleges.

Dr. Rupel stressed the importance of students, faculty, and staff in nominating persons for the presidential position. The nominations should include the name and address of the nominee and a brief statement as to why the nominee is being nominated.

There is no cutoff date or limit to the number of candidates being accepted.

"We are encouraging as large a pool as we can get of qualified candidates because we think that will enhance our possibilities of getting the right fit," Dr. Rupel said.

There will be a screening of candidates in June to check credentials and references to start the interview process. The committee expects to be ready to recommend three candidates by the October board meeting.

An interim president will be hired by August 1 and will remain at the college until the new president takes office.

Relationship full of expectations

Editors' Note: This is the final installment in a series of three articles about the relationship between McPherson College and the McPherson community. The first two articles focused on the current and past relationship.

By Marylyn Matthaei and Michael P. Schneider

Spectator Staff

The future of the relationship between McPherson College and the McPherson community rests on several factors, according to constituents on both sides.

Many factors were revealed in an ongoing study by consultant Gail Evans.

President Paul Hoffman announced that consultant Gail Evans was employed by McPherson College to explore ways that the college could better serve the community.

"The first phase of Ms. Evans's study

determined the educational needs of approximately 20-25 area industries," said Dr. Steven Gustafson, vice president for academic services.

During phase two of the study, currently underway, an attempt is being made to analyze what kinds of human resources exist to accommodate the discovered needs, and then "focus efforts and determine the directions we want to pursue," Gustafson said.

Businesses are generally interested in four

options, according to Gustafson:

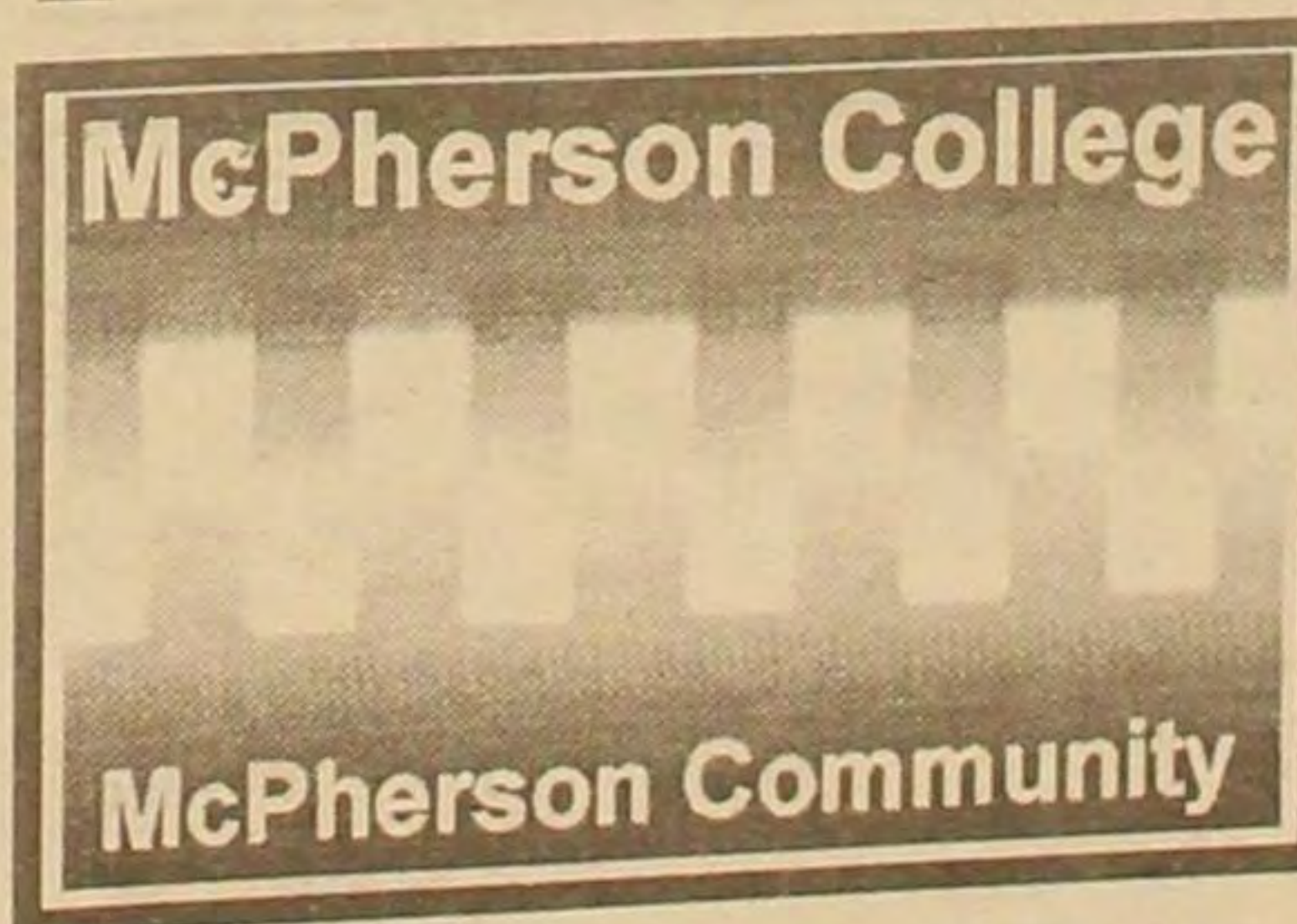
- The possibility of exploring internships.
- The opportunity to come to campus and interview students for jobs.
- Formation of a business advisory council.

- More active concert and lecture series.

Both the college and McPherson area businesses are interested in the future of mutually beneficial endeavors such as internships.

"I hope that between the college and the community, we can communicate in terms of opportunities for current and graduating students," said Ken Queen, McPherson College's director of career planning and placement and director of learning. Queen expects more internships to become available.

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EDITORIAL

Keep facilities accessible when dorms are open

EASTER, LIKE CHRISTMAS, IS A TIME WHEN FAMILY AND FRIENDS GATHER AND CELEBRATE.

Most students at McPherson College did just that - they went home and spent some time with their loved ones. But for those of us who stayed here during the break, the campus, normally so opened, closed itself up. The only buildings that remained open during Easter were the dorms.

Even though Easter break is a time to relax and do nothing, some people on campus decided to take advantage of the few days that they had in front of them to either work on papers or get ahead with their homework. This task was made almost impossible because both Mohler Hall and Miller Library became off limits.

Mohler Hall and Miller Library were not the only buildings to be closed during Easter Break; Harnly Hall, the gym, the S.U. and Beeghly Hall fell victims of the same policy.

Why were we prevented to have access to those buildings? McPherson College is supposed to provide its students with the tools necessary to give them an education. Those tools should at least remain available when the dorms are kept open.

McPherson College was one of the only places to keep most of its buildings locked during Easter. At Wichita State University, the library remained open Friday, Saturday, and Monday. The only day that employees took off was Sunday. Bethany and Friends University libraries had some hours where they remained opened during the holiday weekend.

Did McPherson College expect its students to travel to those locations to do some research?

Is it too much to ask McPherson College to keep at least Miller Library open during next Easter break? The library would not have to be opened from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Three or four hours a day would fulfill most of the students' needs.

Next time that the dorms are kept open, the administration should think about some of the things that students might do. The obvious thing besides relaxing and doing nothing is to work on papers or do homework. After all, this is the main reason why we are here.

Pascal Reber
for the Editorial Staff

TODAY WE'LL BE WORKING ON OUR CREATIVE QUESTION-AVOIDING SKILLS.

1. START SENTENCES WITH "WE PLAN TO CONTINUE..." AND, "IN THE PAST WE'VE ALWAYS..."
2. SAY "THERE REALLY ISN'T A GOOD ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION," OR, "WE'RE EXPLORING ALL OUR OPTIONS."
3. PUT THE BLAME ON SOMEONE ELSE OR SAY, "IT WAS A COLLECTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION."
4. HOLD A CAMPUS-WIDE MEETING IN THE SPORT CENTER

CAN WE ASK QUESTIONS IN RETURN, TO USE FOR RESEARCH?

WHAT IF THEY ASK WHY?

Hello... have you reached Mac College?

As far back as I can remember, I've had this curiosity. I seem to want to know the how and why about everything. It's not a curiosity where I sit and think, "Hmmmm, interesting, I wonder why..."

No it's more of an insatiable desire for complete understanding, knowledge and wisdom. I'm talking about the ultimate realities here, people.

So, when I got to McPherson College, I found myself introduced to the Resicom voice mail.

OK, so I have a few questions about this thing (term used due to lack of better noun). Who is that lady in our phones? She seems to know EVERYTHING: who people are, where they're at, and even what to do (often times true, people don't).

But most annoying of all, in her vast bounds of common knowledge, she's extremely sarcastic. Thank you, phone lady, for telling the world (of McPherson College) they have NO new messages. Please make people's basic lack of social interaction a big ol' issue. Actually, as I think about it, that is our own fault.

Why would someone want to go through such a tedious task of dialing 1000, waiting for Mr. Main Menu Man to inform us of what we already know "Hello. You have reached McPherson College—Thank You." I am so aware of that!, "press the pretty pound key for special sending options—or simply hang up" punch in your extension and secret agent code only to hear The High Priestess of the Telephone Land tell us no one loves us. if we would perhaps—pick up the phone AND LISTEN before dialing 1000. This, my friends, is a waste of a good 10-second beverage drink or maybe a touch up on the pedicure. We don't need to do this. She already has her secret agent helpers playing beep-beep-beep into our dial tones. No, I suppose one would have to chalk up the great rejection line (no) to pure ignorance.

I'd now like to discuss a more serious problem. WHO are THEY? THEY transfer our calls hey, wait a minute, the call is being made right here. Does it need to be transferred somewhere else?

I know there are students on campus who believe in THEY. "Hi, this is Billy Barnsworth. Please hold on while THEY transfer you to my room."

First, Billy, I already have the phone in my hand. What else should I be holding on to? Oh, I just got it. You want me to hold on to my dear and resplendent life because your precious THEY will try to transport me to

Out There

By Amy Levinski



your room.

Second, I don't know a Billy Barnsworth, and I think I would feel much more comfortable speaking to you from my own room.

Third, if I wanted to talk to you personally, I would have walked over. Anyway, M103 has enough personalized conversation for me to handle at the moment.

Another thought I have is about the most sacred, omniscient button, The Pound Key. It can take you anywhere: new messages, options people have played with that no one has ever dreamed of listening to (optional prompt 1?) and even back to Mr. Things himself-- The Main Menu. Yes, I would venture to say that Mr. Pound Key is a pretty lucky man--I mean he's always being touched. I, myself, have a deep love and admiration for the continuously groped and fondled plastic piece on the phone...the only part I think has more attention placed upon it, perhaps thrust upon it is the sender on the phone...the only thing it does is listen to people...yak yak yak...Why would ANYTHING want anyone breathing on them all the time...talk about patience and self control...

OK, I've become obsessed with my thoughts on THEY. What do THEY want? THEY seem to know where we live, THEY know where we need to be going (in the techno travel of voice mail) and THEY certainly know that we have enough faith for us to let them transfer our fans, friends and relatives anywhere we let them.

And let me tell you I appreciate that beyond measure. How many times does my mom have to listen to Ms. Things tell her that I am not in my room slacking off but am being the responsible student, in the library doing "things?"

Anyway, I have felt somewhat obligated to share the secret lives of the phone system with you all. I hope you have learned a bit from this. Perhaps it will be used to the benefit of ourselves and to destroy the secret agent plan of the taking over of Mac College's population through our phone system. Uh, I don't think I meant any of that.

Along with an intense curiosity, an overactive imagination has a tendency to follow. I'm feeling a bit sheepish right now. I think I'll stop writing before I embarrass myself.

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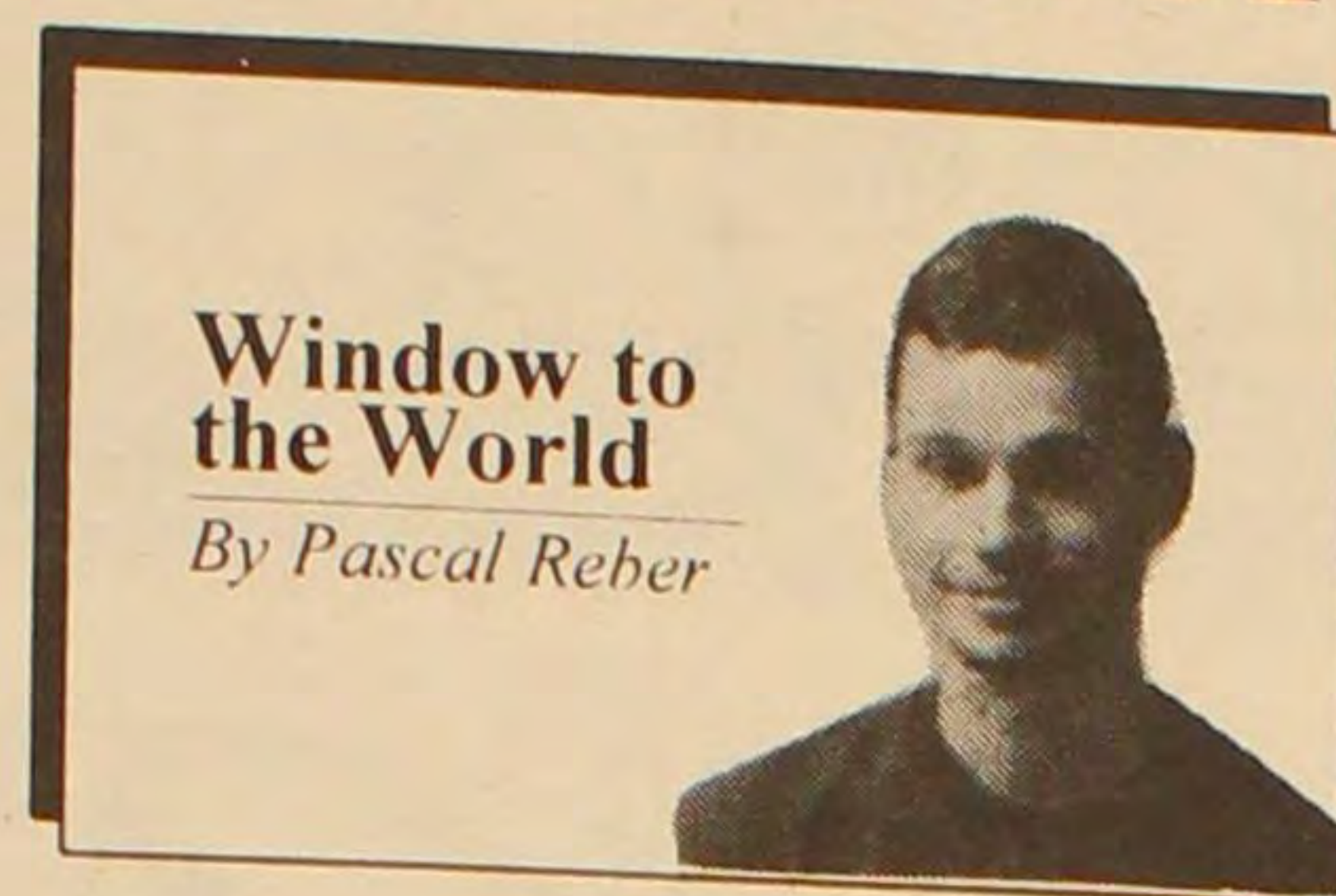
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World mourns leader killed in tragic crash

Last Wednesday, a Boeing 737 that had taken off from Tuzla in Bosnia-Herzegovina and was flying towards Dubrovnik, Croatia, crashed on a mountaintop about a mile and a half from its destination. The crash resulted in the death of 35 people. Among the victims was Commerce Secretary Ron Brown.

Ron Brown had left Washington, D.C., a few days earlier with a delegation of top American business executives and high officials in the Department of Commerce. They were to explore possible U.S. business deals with the war-torn nations of the Balkans.

Ronald Harmon Brown was born on Aug. 1, 1941. He grew up in Harlem where his father was the manager of the first prominent hotel for African-Americans. After graduating from high school, Ron Brown went to Middlebury College, Vermont, from which he graduated in 1958. He then joined the Army and reached the rank of captain.



Window to the World

By Pascal Reber

After six years as spokesman of the Urban League in Washington, D.C., he joined Edward Kennedy's presidential campaign in 1979. Kennedy was defeated but Brown rose to the post of chief counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee and then became Edward Kennedy's chief of staff. Brown joined a lobbying firm in Washington D.C. in 1985.

One of his proudest achievements was to become chairman of the Democratic National Committee—a post that he Brown held

from 1989 to 1992.

Ron Brown joined Bill Clinton's presidential campaign and became one of the chief artisans of his victory over George Bush in 1992. Brown expected to be rewarded by being nominated either to the post of Secretary of State or White House Chief of Staff. He got neither of them but was given instead the Commerce Department.

Ron Brown worked hard to restructure the dying Department of Commerce. Brown travelled to 25 countries on 15 different trade missions. His efforts to promote U.S. business abroad resulted in a record \$80 billion worth of contracts.

Brown is survived by his wife Alma Arrington, whom he married in 1963, and their two children, Michael and Tracey Lyn.

The investigation to determine the causes of the crash will likely last for weeks. The military version of the Boeing 737 in which Secretary Brown was flying was not equipped

with the standard voice and data recorders usually found in every commercial aircraft. This fact will make the task of the investigators very difficult.

A few weeks prior to the tragedy, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter Chelsea, and then Secretary of Defense William Perry flew on the same airplane that claimed the life of Ron Brown.

The bodies of the victims were flown back to the United States last Saturday. Bill Clinton presided over the ceremony organized in their memory at their arrival in Delaware. Ronald Harmon Brown will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Now is the time to reflect on the life and accomplishments of Ron Brown. What he did for his country should be a source of inspiration and a guiding light for every American. His legacy will endure.

Students often fail to appreciate professors

There is one thing—actually a number of them—that all college students have to deal with while attending college: professors. Many of us never realize, at least not while we are in school, how lucky we are to have the kind of professors that we have at McPherson College.

The first class I was enrolled in as a freshman during my first semester was at 7:30 a.m.: Historical Introduction to Politics.

That first day of class, I showed up about five minutes early, giving away my status as a freshman immediately. Slowly other students began to filter in, most just having rolled out of bed.

At precisely 7:30, a rather tall, older looking gentleman walked into the classroom



An Editor's Experience

By Jenni Richardson

wearing a black cowboy-type hat. He proceeded to set down his hat, take attendance, ask for questions (as would become a common everyday occurrence) and begin to lecture.

Dr. Lengel, as he introduces himself, had not brought one book or sheet of notes to class, but was merely lecturing as though he

were holding an everyday conversation in which he was the only one participating.

I was in awe of this man and from day one had the utmost respect for his intelligence. Dr. Lengel's dry sense of humor and choice favorite phrases such as, "bring tears to my eyes and warm the cockles of my heart," are part of the many unique qualities that make him one of my favorite professors as well as a great asset to the learning environment of McPherson College.

I'm sure we all have similar experiences with professors because there are many wonderful and knowledgeable people on this campus.

But how often do students let these professors know that we appreciate them and their

time and effort? Do we criticize ourselves for lack of preparation for a test, or do we blame the professor for the score we got, saying that the test was too hard?

We need to be more willing to push ourselves to excel and be thankful that we have professors who care enough to want us to succeed and are willing to put up with all the gruff they get from us while trying to help us do so.

Next time we take that difficult test or think twice about the quality of professors we have on campus, remember how much time and effort these professors put into giving us a quality education. If we appreciate them, it's time to let them know how we feel and thank them for their efforts.

So to all the professors of McPherson College—Thank you.

Women have more options nowadays

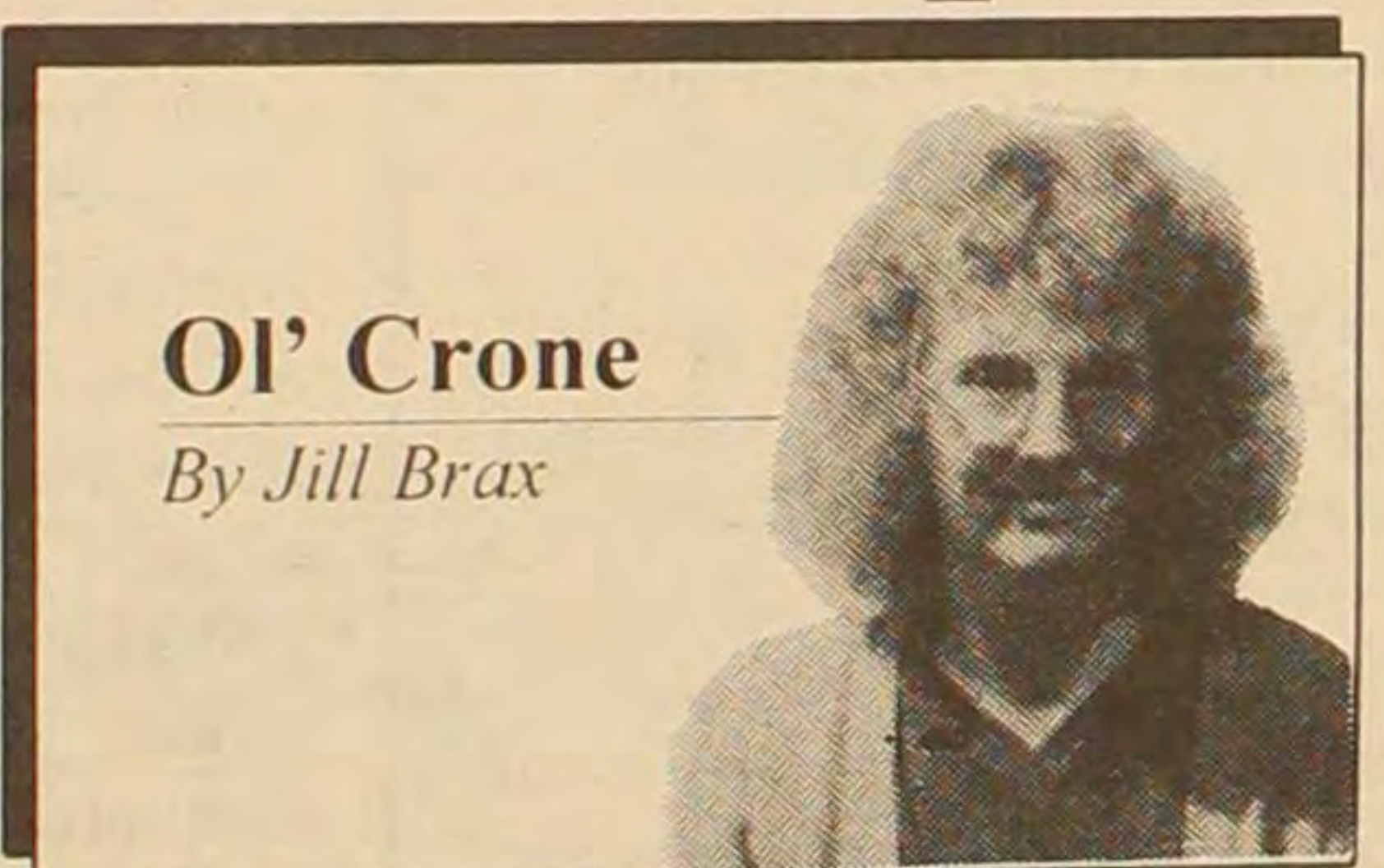
Going back into the swing of being a student prompted me to contemplate some of the changes that have taken place since I was a freshman at Bethany College 30 years ago.

It amazes me to see how women students were treated back then compared to now. No wonder I had a hard time trying to figure out what to do with the "rest of my life."

Back then the choices I had before me were of no interest. Actually, when I say choices, I mean only two—I could have been a teacher or a secretary. If you were super smart you had a few other choices, but I was just an average student.

My only interests at that time were art and PE. I couldn't major in PE because female students weren't allowed to major in PE at Bethany, and I couldn't be an art major because only "strange" people became art majors. (Isn't it amazing how, as you grow older, the "strange" people become the most interesting to know?)

Some of the rules that were set for female students back then had an effect on how women viewed themselves. We were not allowed to wear jeans or slacks to class. We could wear jeans to the cafeteria for the



Ol' Crone

By Jill Brax

Friday night meal and the meals on Saturday. There were no dress codes for the male students.

During the week we were to be back in our dorms by 10 p.m., at which time the doors were locked. If you got locked out and couldn't get someone's attention to let you in, you had to ring the bell and alert the "house mother" that you didn't make it back in time. This often meant that you were subjected to a lecture or, worse—detention! On Friday and Saturday nights, we had to be back by 12 a.m. Things were different if we had permission to leave campus for the weekend. On the other hand, there were no dorm hours for men.

There were two bars in town. I'm sure the college didn't approve of male students fre-

quenting them, but they were allowed to without being "slapped on the wrist." Female students were told they would be suspended if they were caught in a bar.

There were no intercollegiate sports for women in 1965. I don't know when it was added, but I am very envious and thankful that women now have opportunities to play sports.

During the days I was a freshman at Bethany College, I remember feeling frustrated with the rules that applied to me but not to my boyfriend. However, it never occurred to me that they were unfair. We can all be thankful that there were women who saw the unfairness of the situation and did something to change the rules.

Women today are given the encouragement to pursue their dreams. They are told that it's okay to be strong, intelligent, and brave. Women don't have to build their world around a man to have an identity. They are capable of making their own contributions.

Being a young person (male or female) is not easy. But, hopefully, with all the changes taking place, people's lives will be enriched, and because of that they will become better adults.

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The Loud-Mouth

Life is always walking up to us and saying, "Come on in, the living's fine," and what do we do? Back off and take its picture.

—Russell Baker



Bygollygee U.



By Mike Horner

Different Gods?

By Jessie Miller
Spectator Staff

What would it be like to live in an environment where no one shares your religious belief? What kind of effect would that have on a person's life? On their religion?

I had never really considered this kind of question and I expected to find some discontent, a little confusion, and possibly even anger, but nothing of the sort showed up. Through conversations with several of the Buddhists on campus, I discovered what it is really like to have different gods.

Kyoko Nagaya is a senior theatre major from Sendai, Japan, a city of about one million people in the northern part of Japan. Her family is a Buddhist family that practices the daily rituals and prayers. Her religion at home is pretty relaxed, but Kyoko said she feels strong in her belief. When she came to the states as a high school foreign exchange student she lived in Scott City, Kansas with a Catholic family. The religious difference was "no big deal." They accepted her belief and she accepted theirs.

"When we pray to the Buddha, we are really praying to our ancestors," Kyoko said.

Buddhist shrines, which are kept in a special place in the home, include a picture of some honored ancestor that watches over them and receives their prayers. Offerings, such as saki and rice, are made to these shrines each morning. Prayers are accompanied by clapping to get the attention of the ancestor before the prayer is made.

"I believe that there is one universal God," Kyoko said.

In her time in the U.S., Kyoko has found many similarities between Buddhism and Christianity. We all seem to ask the same questions at one point in time or another.

"Sometimes I, too, wonder if there really is a God, or if I am just making this up because I need something to believe in," she said.

Kyoko has run across some very closed-minded Christians who believe everything the Bible tells them. According to her, taking everything in the Bible literally is not normal. Another difference is how willing Christians are to put words in God's mouth.

"How can you be so sure that God is really thinking that?"

She has also noticed that some Christians seem to pray with different intentions than she does.

"I don't ask for the answer so much, or to have it done for me, or even to be told how to do it, only for the strength to get it done," Kyoko said.

Constant blessings remind her where she is, such as when someone says "God bless you" after a sneeze. She's noticed how many Christians say prayers before meals and bed. She also said that Americans go to church a lot more than Buddhists do.

One constraint for Kyoko is not being allowed to burn incense when she prays, which is a very important part of the Buddhist ritual.

Kyoko said spending so much time in a different religious environment had worked subtle changes in her religious attitudes.

"I appreciate my religion more, and also the fact that I have something to believe in," she said.

Buddhism is basically a religion that lives inside the believer and is called on only when needed.

"You have to be willing to accept anything," she said.

Makoto Yokoyama from Japan and Eugene Tsang from Hong Kong are two other Buddhists studying at Mac. Makoto and Eugene are Buddhists who have had slightly different backgrounds than Kyoko, and it has influenced their experience of living in a Christian environment. Both of them attended Christian schools in their home countries, so living on a Christian campus is no real shock.

"I have experienced more of Christianity than of Buddhism, so

Buddhism for Beginners

"Of all the religions that I've studied, [Buddhism] is the most difficult to summarize because the varieties are almost unlimited," said Dr. Herb Smith, religion professor.

The Smiths spent the 1991-1992 school year teaching at the university in Sapporo, where he had the chance to study the religion up close.

Most Buddhists, he said, do believe in the Four Noble Truths. He summarized them this way.

"One. Life is suffering. Two. Suffering is caused by desire. Three. Get rid of suffering by getting rid of desire. Four. Follow the Eightfold Path."

The Eightfold Path covers right (as in good) thoughts, actions (which includes the vocation one chooses), meditation, and eventually Nirvana, which means escaping the cycle of reincarnation.

"Buddhists do not worship god with a capital G or even gods with a small g. You and I can be [reincarnated as] gods, but it's a temporary phenomena. It's not eternal," Smith said.

He also said that the Buddhist doctrine on pacifism and animal rights is way ahead of the Christian doctrine.

I know more about it," Eugene said.

He still considers himself a Buddhist, but he finds the Christian ideas very interesting.

Makoto also noticed how Christians pray frequently and attend church on a very regular basis. He doesn't practice the prayers and rituals of Buddhism a great deal.

"I don't care about other people's religions. I don't think we should judge others in terms of their religious beliefs," Makoto said.

For Makoto, different religions aren't even an issue.

"I just want to help other people and the world. I hope for world peace," he said.

All three Buddhist students appear open-minded about where they are and where they come from. Each expressed a sense of a single god that seems to watch over everyone, no matter who they pray to. Maybe our different gods are not so different after all.

"Different religions have a lot in common, we should share these things," Makoto said.



The entrance to the Heian Shrine, in Kyoto, Japan, as seen by Herb and Jeanne Smith, is a place of worship for many area Buddhists.

Photo courtesy of Herb and Jeanne Smith

DEYOUTH CLASSIC

By Emilita Huston

Feature Editor

Beat-up old junkers clutter up yards, rust in the hot Kansas sun, or sometimes, are donated to the McPherson College Auto Restoration Department. Through the Restoration program, McPherson College offers the only two-year degree of its kind: antique auto restoration.

Don't think such restoration is glorified mechanics. When these cars are restored, they are authentic.

"Down to every nut and bolt that goes on the car," said James Lang, Restoration/Technology.

Which means that research is an important aspect of the curriculum.

"Some of these [cars] are so old that information on them are pretty scarce," Lang said.

All cars are restored to the standards set by the Antique Automobile Club of America. This is also the standard cars are judged by when entered in antique car competitions.

After cars are restored, they are sold.

"There's a market for restored automobiles, so to an extent those are the people we cater to. At the same time, we develop a lot of skills, problem-solving, craftsmanship," said Stan Miller, Technology.

The car market though, is quite volatile. In two months the list price for a 1948 Lincoln, the college was selling, went from \$44,500 to \$66,000.

"The school covers all of our expenses as far as purchasing parts and materials. That's hopefully all recovered in the sale," Miller said.

Generally the cars make some money.

"[The price] has to offset whatever the department has in it," said Steve Mason, vice-president of financial services. "Any profit goes into the general budget."

Up until 1990, about two cars a year were restored. Since then that number has

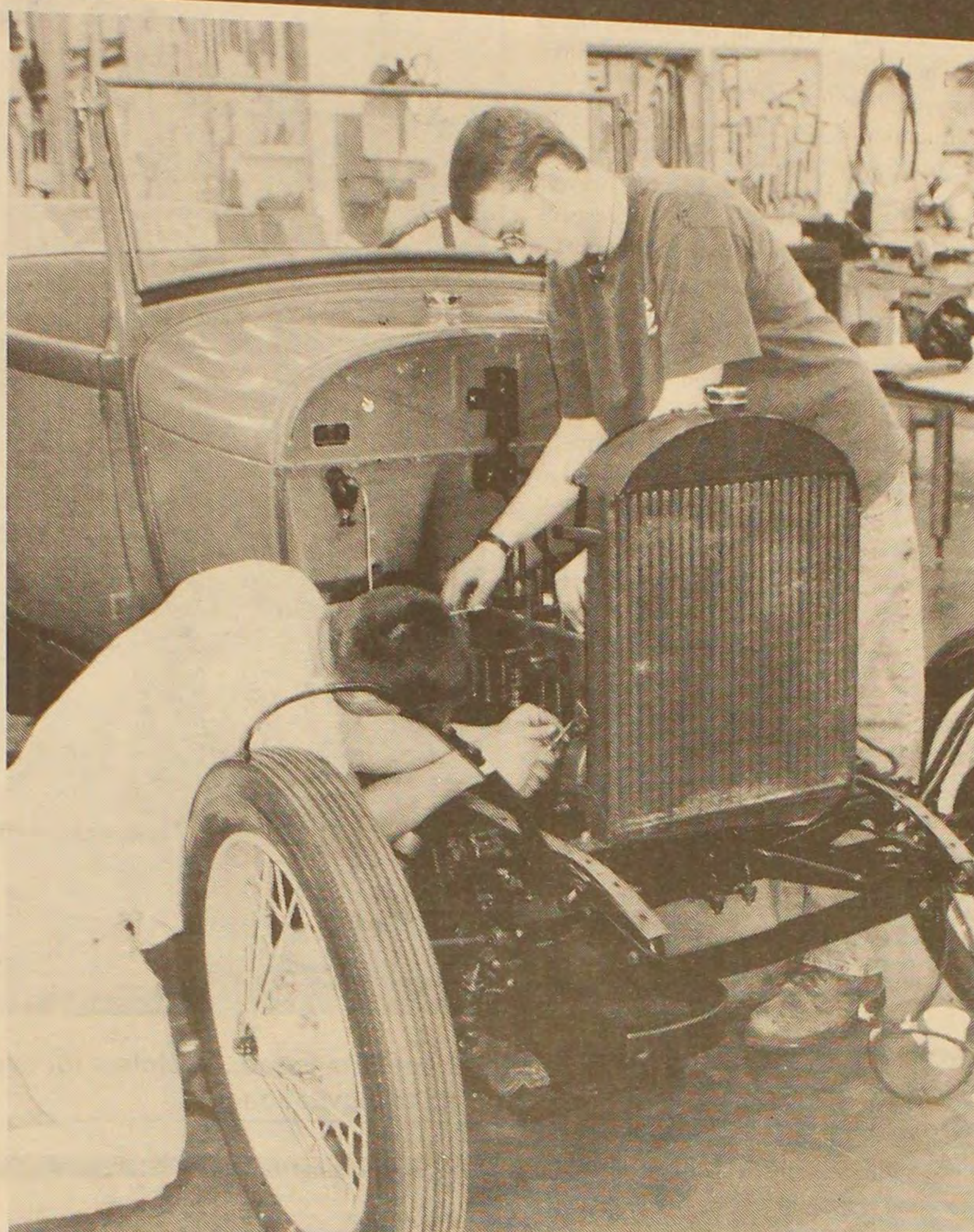


Photo By Jon Henrikson

Adam Shrunk and Jamie Pirtle get experience restoring a 1928 Model A.

dropped to one car a year.

"This year [enrollment] is lower than most, though we seem to get as much done," said Miller.

Where do all the cars come from?

"Somewhere around 50 per cent [are donated] but that's just a guess," said Miller.

When done correctly, the donated cars offer a tax write-off, but the school does not appraise cars.

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Future relationship appears promising

Students are also concerned about the college's future relationship with the community. Plans are underway by the McPherson College Student Council to increase its visibility both on and off campus.

"We're excited about planning at least two community service projects," said Student Council president-elect Roy Johnson, soph.

"One of our major goals in the upcoming year is to create a more structured campus life, which will create more school spirit and hopefully be noticed in the community," Johnson said.

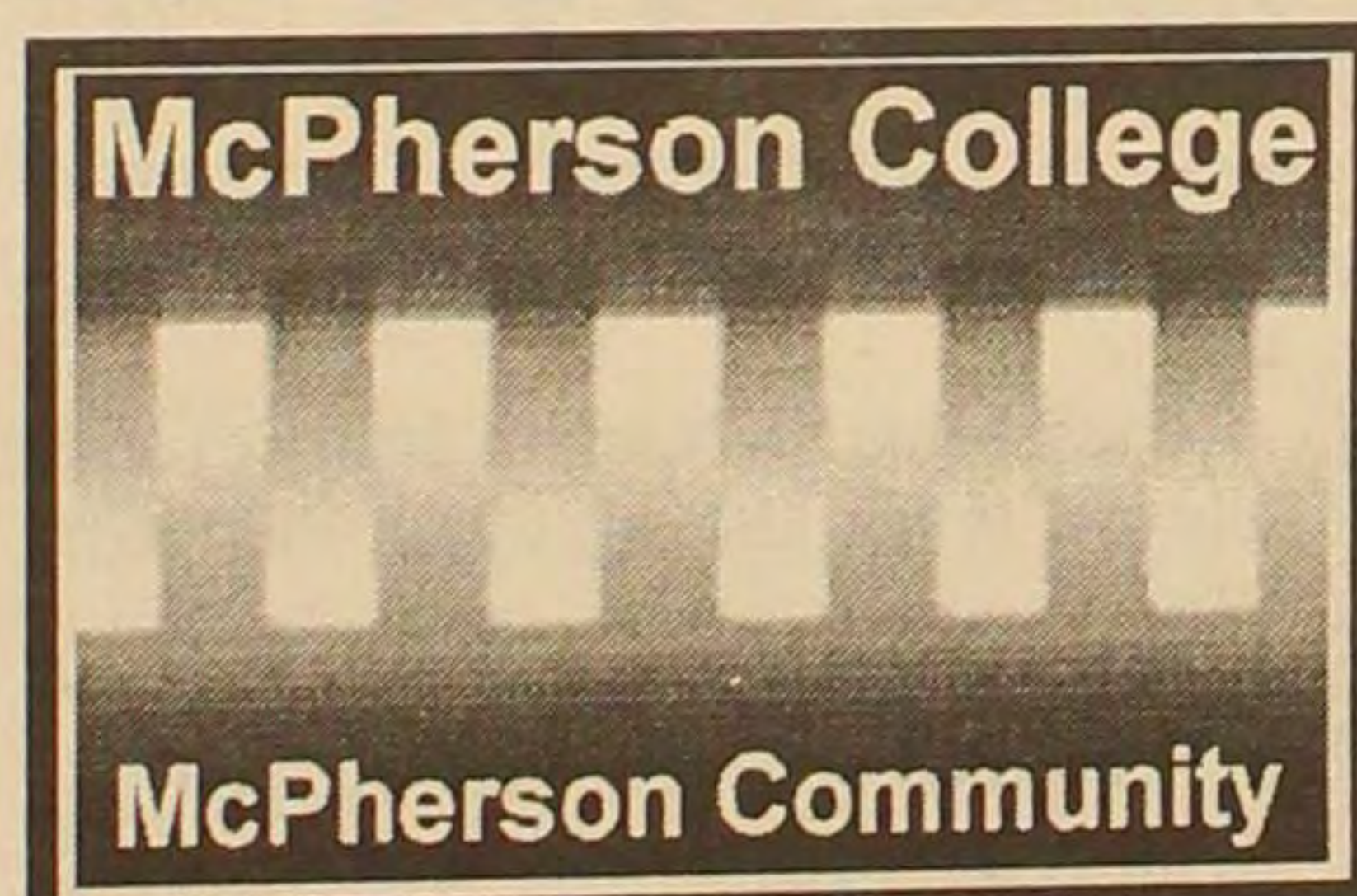
Meeting the needs of the community's nontraditional student population will continue to be a concern in the future as well. "By offering graduate-level education courses in the summer, I hope that we will keep some area teachers in town," said Dan Hoffman, associate professor of physical education and coordinator for nontraditional education.

Plans for enhancing the community/college relationship are also underway in the alumni and development office at McPherson College.

The development office organized a float committee and plans to enter a McPherson College float in the All Schools Day Parade on May 10.

"It is up to each of us to be responsible for representation in the community," said Amanda Gutierrez, coordinator of giving programs for the college.

"We need to work more on being partners



with organizations in the community. The community has a lot of strengths we can use, and McPherson College has a lot to offer," Gutierrez said.

Several efforts the development office are making include:

- Leadership McPherson class
- Visibility on the McPherson Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations
- Continuation of vice presidents' luncheons
- Taking advantage of the 800 alumni in McPherson County

"We need to come up with new ways to revitalize and strengthen our relationship in the future. One example of an intentional effort that we make is to stay in contact with alumni through the class agent program," Gutierrez said.

According to Cyril Russell, community relations is becoming more of a centralized effort at McPherson College.

"We must continually open the communication lines," said Russell, coordinator of alumni services and community relations.

"We're looking into the possibility of forming a speakers' bureau. The college has a lot of talented people available for speaking at

meetings, hosting seminars and participating in workshops. We need to centralize the leadership possibilities," Russell said.

"I'm open to any suggestions. Let me know how we can improve," Russell said.

Strengthening the college and community relationship won't get any easier in the future, predicts Dr. John Black, director of special education for USD 418.

"I think McPherson College and its staff are very accessible, but people don't always know what the college has to offer, such as facilities that are open to the public and the potential for interesting guest lecturers," said Black, who currently serves as interim executive vice president for the McPherson Chamber of Commerce. Black suggests that the college send a monthly reminder notice directly to citizens' homes that lists specific college activities on campus each month, as well as any upcoming lectures, concerts, or exhibitions that might be of interest to the general public.

"If community volunteers got to know college students and staff a little better, I think the community would respond even more to college events," Black said.

"A couple of years ago when the men's basketball team came out and helped us with our Kiwanis food drive in December, that was great!" Black said.

"I can tell you that McPherson College is definitely appreciated—both in terms of students and the financial impact on the community," Black said, adding, "It's a life-long task. Once you make an improvement, it's never enough."

Bob Knechel, director of development for McPherson College, foresees more partnering and joint recruiting with

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McPherson industries and is very optimistic about the future of private education.

"McPherson College is good for the local job market—we can fit specific needs of businesses in the community," Knechel said.

"As a community, McPherson is very appealing, with a low crime rate and sound infrastructure," Knechel said, noting that many corporations are moving to small towns. "McPherson isn't for everyone, but many like this life-style. People choose a community when they choose a college," Knechel said.

"We as an institution are very interested in the direction the city takes and in the future of our relationship," Knechel said. "We need to look for more ways that we can be mutually beneficial."

As Dr. Gustafson pointed out, "It is important that we work aggressively at the McPherson College/McPherson community relationship and follow through any plans we make."

It appears that in the very near future, both college and industry will be "gearing up" as plans unfold for the focusing of efforts on serving community needs.

"There is a lot of interest in how business and industry can partner with McPherson College," said consultant Evans. "I'm ready to get on to the next phase."

Team set for five-man KCAC confrontation

Golfers face their greatest challenge versus KCAC rival, Friends University

By Brian Cooper
Spectator Staff

The McPherson College golf team faces KCAC rival Friends University and cross-town rival Central College today at Turkey Creek golf course here in McPherson. The meet begins at noon.

Friends University should prove to be McPherson's biggest rivalry this year, since they are dealing with similar circumstances as far as team size and ability.

The golf team competed in the Reflection Ridge Tournament in Wichita this past Thursday. The Reflection Ridge course is the site of the Nike tour stop.

The team faced windy, rainy conditions, along with dropping temperatures, throughout the day. The weather affected not only the team's performance but the individual competitor's scores as well.

The team members took the conditions of

the day as a challenge. "It was good experience, the course was challenging," Chris Williams said. "I wish the conditions could have been better so the team could have displayed their full potential."

Williams was the team leader scoring an 85. Chris Saunders trailed Williams by only two strokes with an 87, and Bryce Brewer and Jamie Warren shot 91 and 93, respectively. The team placed sixth in the meet.

According to Jamie Warren, the size of the team will affect its performance in the conference slightly. "We lack depth. Other schools have 10-15 guys on the team to choose from, but we are limited to our player selection with only five to eight competitors," Warren said. However, Warren also feels that if everyone plays to their potential, with at least three guys shooting in the 70s and the fourth shooting in the low 80s, the team should have a good chance to place in the top three or four in overall conference standings.

Coach Trimmell hopes the weather will clear up so that the team has the opportunity to perform under some ideal conditions, allowing the golfers to play to the best of their abilities.

Post-season important to athletes' preparation

By Jenni Richardson
Sports Editor

Although the fall and winter sports seasons of 1995 and 1996 are a thing of the past, many of the programs are already gearing up and preparing for the 1996-97 seasons.

The volleyball team scrimmages in the gym on Tuesdays, the basketball programs reserve Wednesdays and Thursdays for practice and the football team is in the weight room bright and early, 6:30 a.m., three days a week.

Many may ask what good it does to try and stay in shape in the post-season when all of the athletes will be going home for the summer. Head women's basketball coach Mel Wright believes the post-season workout programs serve to enhance the individual performance of the athletes.

"The real true value of post-season practice is that it allows a player to work on whatever weaknesses they may have as an individual. Some may need to work on dribbling while others may need to focus on

their shot. Post-season is also an excellent time to build strength and work on developing a good resting heart rate," Wright said.

Head mens basketball coach Roger Trimmell also believes that allowing the team time to scrimmage helps to build confidence for the next season. He also feels that the scrimmage situation provides a good opportunity to allow prospects and their parents to get acquainted with the team and McPherson's style of play.

"Pick up ball is a good way to develop individual moves, skills and confidence and still have the opportunity to play with the same guys they will be with on the floor next season," Trimmell said. "We also try and have recruits come to visit the campus on Wednesdays so that they can have the chance to jump in and play and get a feel for what the team is like."

Thus far, according to the coaches, the athletes seem to be enjoying the post-season set up and are benefiting from the time they spend on the practice floor and in the weight room. The true test will come in the 1996-97 season.

Jumper concentrates in motion



Photo By Jon Henriksen

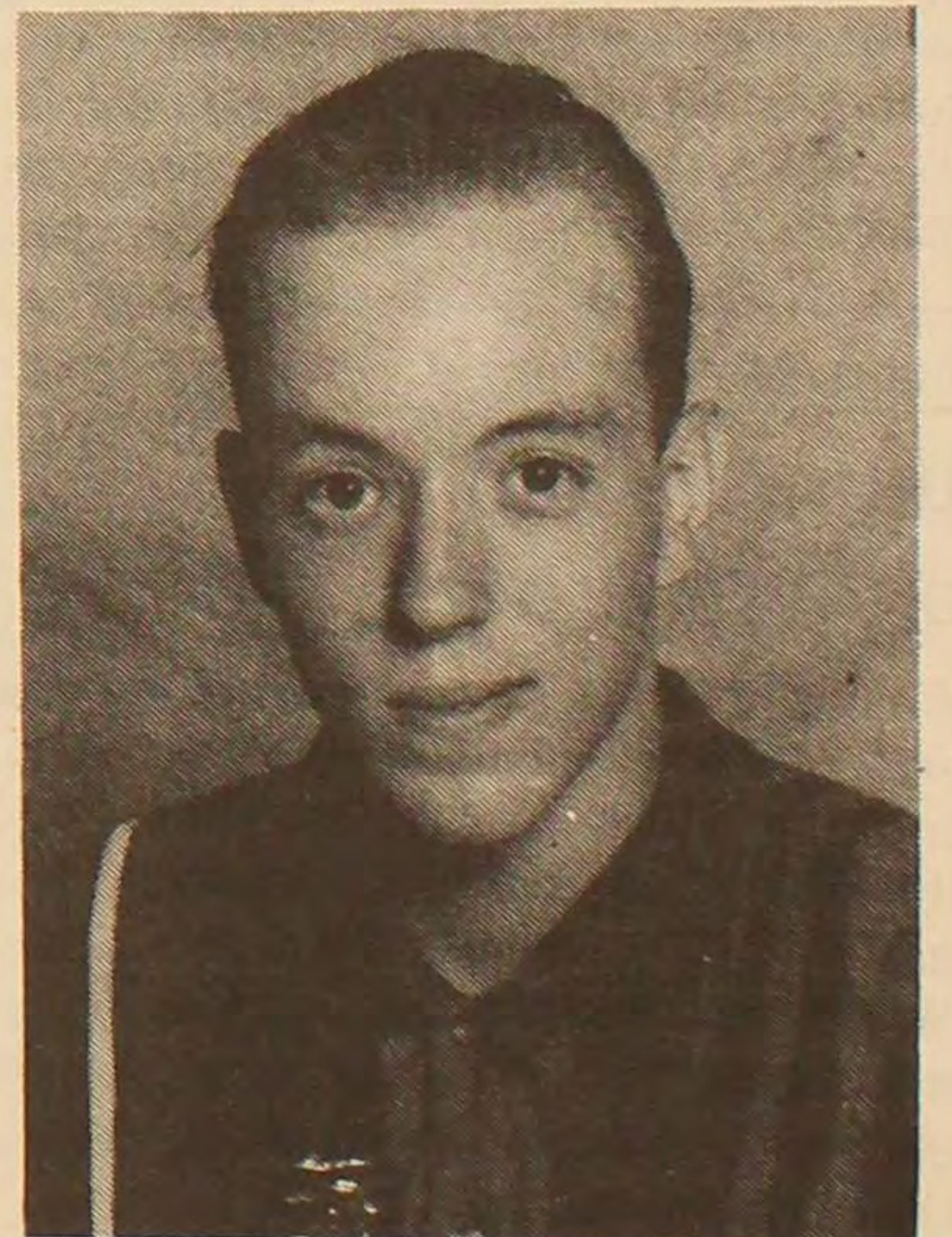
Jason Barta, soph., stretches for every inch in the triple jump at the Bethany Invitational.

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE

This week's Athlete of the Issue is sophomore sprinter Brett Johnson. At the first official meet of the season held at Southwestern on Thursday, March 14, Brett finished fifth out of 18 competitors in the 100 meter dash. With a time of 11.4, Johnson was beaten by only one other KCAC athlete.

Coach John McNamara believes that Johnson is the fastest guy on the team. "Brett combines natural sprint speed and full out effort for all of his races," McNamara said. "He's definitely the fastest guy on the team."

Johnson will also be competing in the 4 x 100 meter relay and the 200 meter open at the McPherson Invitational this Saturday.



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Tournament results good for Kansas

En Vogue

By Erik Vogel



As basketball fans across the country either collect on their winnings or weep because of their misfortunes from the results of the yearly "Gamble-fest" known as the NCAA basketball tournament, I'm sure we all have bumped into a co-worker or friend mumbling the phrase, "I was going to pick Syracuse, I really was."

One lucky individual, Nick LeRoy, winner of the ESPN Sports Zone Tournament Challenge, must be glad he got his e-mail address entered in the inaugural contest which took place over the Internet.

For the other 105,480 of us who did not win the holy grail of college basketball, those two tickets to next year's Final Four, maybe the Princeton win over UCLA was poetic justice.

Each year it seems that one or two conferences stand out from the pack, as indicated by the success of their teams in the national tournament.

This season it was the Big East and Southeastern conferences that combined to send 10 teams to the Big Dance.

And although the squads from here in the Midwest may not have been overly strong this year, the state of Kansas was represented in nearly every level of national tournament competition.

At the NAIA Division II tourney, Mid-America Nazarene from Olathe, Baker University located in Baldwin City, and Tabor College of Hillsboro all earned births to Nampa, Idaho. Tabor advanced all the way to the final eight before being ousted by William Jewell of Missouri.

Central College of McPherson, a Division II junior college, went 1-2 in national play. They wound up taking sixth place, remarkable considering Central is a school with an enrollment of only about 350.

Butler County Community College, a very successful program among Division I junior colleges, captured third place and quite possibly could have won the NJCAA national tournament.

The Independence Junior College women's team made it to the finals of the NJCAA bracket before being defeated by Trinity Valley, Texas.

Probably the most celebrated Kansas team this year was Fort Hays State University. A NCAA Division II school, the Tigers raced through the regular season, dominating opponents on their way to an undefeated national title.

Although I was only able to see the Tigers play once, I was unfortunate enough to have played against them once, also. Fort Hays probably could have beaten some Division I schools.

Kansas State and Kansas University both received bids to the NCAA tournament. The Wildcats were ousted in the first round, but KU advanced to the elite eight before being tripped up by tournament surprise Syracuse.

If Jacque Vaughn returns, don't be too surprised if there is another national champion crowned from the state of Kansas next year.

For a state that is famous for the legendary Dorothy and Toto, Bob Dole, and tornadoes, basketball success is certainly not uncommon.

And even if most Kansans would rather have a John Deere than a Lexus, there's no denying that it was a great year of roundball for the Sunflower state.

Johnson rediscovers weight-lifting

By Melissa Sharp
Staff Writer

Discovering that the football field was no place for a 250 pound out-of-shape 11 year-old boy, Roy Johnson developed into a couch potato. After attempting to play pee-wee football as a preteen, Roy was not even motivated to get up and play outside.

During his middle school years, Roy regained his dedication to the game of football and was introduced to weight lifting by his coach, Jim Bishop. After three weeks of pure soreness, Roy fell in love with weight lifting and hasn't deserted the weight room since.

At age 13, Roy's coach took him a step further by inaugurating Roy into Power lifting and Olympic Style lifting. Power lifting consists of bench press, squats and dead lift, while Olympic Style lifting includes only snatch and clean-jerk.

In Roy's first Olympic competition at age 13, he placed third and never looked back. Roy never brought home any less than the gold in his teenage years. When Roy was 15, he was named "The Strongest Boy in America" after setting nine different National Power lifting and Olympic

lifting records. Roy's unique ability to excel at both power lifting and Olympic Style lifting set him apart from any lifter in the country.

At 21, Roy regularly traveled around America attending competitions from the local to the national level. In 1994, Roy competed in the United States National Championships placing eighth, and in the American Championships placing fifth. Roy brought home four gold medals from the American Weight Lifting Association competition.

Just four months after the U.S. National Championships, Roy injured his L5 lumbar disc in his lower back. Neurosurgeons told him he would never lift 40 pounds over his head again, and that surgery was essential.

"Five months later, after intensive physical therapy, prayer and the will to win, I was back in the gym lifting light weights without any surgery," Roy said. "I thought competitive weight lifting would never be in my future again, so I agreed to transfer to McPherson College to play football."

After a full season of football and nine months of living in Kansas, Roy competed in his first Olympic competition, since his injury two years ago, in Gainesville, Ga., this

past March. Roy placed second behind a man who is going to the 1990 Olympic trials in four weeks.

"At the competition I lifted two and half kilos less than my personal best," Roy said. "It surprised both my national coaches and me. This is the beginning of building my cycles to get me ready for the Australia's 2000 Olympics."

Placing second at this competition qualified him for the U.S. National Championships in early 1997, the American Weight Lifting Association National Championships this June, the U.S. American Championships held in December 1996 and the U.S. National Collegiate Championships held next fall where Roy will represent McPherson College.

"Ever since I began at age 13 I wanted to be the best. It has always been my dream to go to the Olympics," Roy said. "Before my back injury, I had the possibility of going to the 1996 Olympics because I was ranked in the top ten in the nation."

"I could not have gotten as far as I have without God's blessing, support from my parents, my national coaches, Coach Grose and Coach Pettis and the ideal atmosphere that McPherson College provides for me to train."

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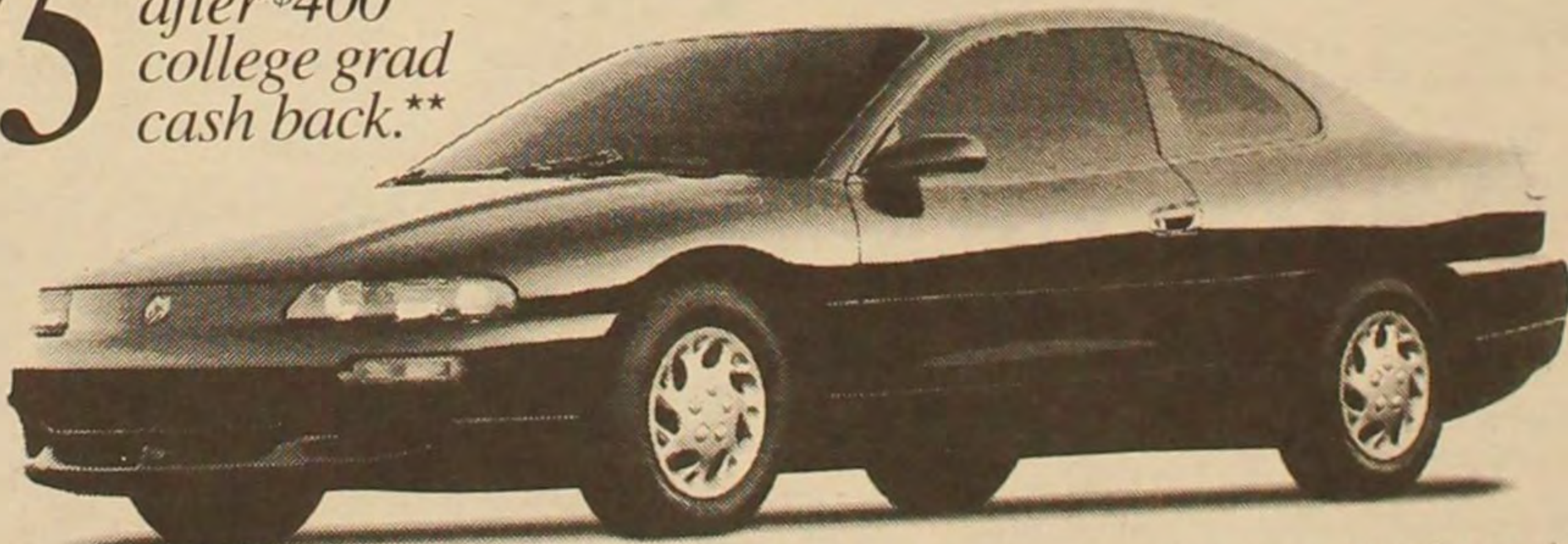
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8 EPC accepts general ed proposal

Proposal would limit requirements

By Shelly Hendricks
Spectator Staff

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) voted yesterday to accept a proposal that will change the general education requirements. The proposal will be presented to the full faculty at their next meeting.

The proposal, submitted by Dr. Kim Stanley, English, Dr. Marilyn Kimbrell, education, and Dr. Susan Taylor, English, would eliminate the integrative seminar perspective, eliminate the requirement for the service perspective, and make the math requirement a perspective rather than a competency.

The proposal also suggests altering the global/intercultural requirement. Every stu-

dent would be required to take an introductory course, which for most students would be EN 111 Communications Studies. Students working for a B.A. degree would be required to take eight hours of a foreign language, and students working for a B.S. degree would be required to take one additional intercultural-component course, such as Anthropology Today, Intercultural Education Seminar, American Minorities, or Culture and Conflict. The second part of the intercultural requirement could be met for all students by a semester-long immersion experience as well.

EPC has been working to revise the gen-

"As the program has been implemented we have found that it may be a bit unfriendly to transfers"

-Dr. Steve Gustafson

eral education curriculum for next fall because of a concern that the recent program is inefficient in meeting everyone's needs.

"As the program has been implemented we have found that it may be a bit unfriendly to transfers, and faculty have been in disagreement as to how some of the components should be implemented," said Steve Gustafson, vice president for academic services.

The approved proposal would address

issues concerning transfer students as well. Students who transfer into the college with two composition courses and a speech course would not be required to take the writing and speaking competency tests, and if English

and speech faculty determine that a transfer student does not need additional work on basic writing and speaking skills, that student could take any intercultural-component course to fulfill the introductory global/intercultural course requirement.

Gustafson said faculty must still address issues concerning general education. For example, "should service be required or voluntary?" "Does McPherson College have the human resources available to teach the required interdisciplinary seminar?" "Should all students be required to take a modern language?" "What constitutes a significant intercultural experience?" "Does the curriculum require too many hours?"

EPC has considered various proposals, and asked faculty to vote on two proposals last week to help determine the direction that they believed EPC should take.

Spring enrollment down

By Sue Werner
News Editor

Enrollment of full-time students decreased by 27 this spring, according to the official enrollment figures released Feb. 26.

The spring full-time enrollment is 312 students, as compared to 339 last fall. Seventeen new full-time students enrolled this spring. Eleven students finished their degree, and nine were academically suspended. Twenty-four students left the college for other reasons.

The retention rate, which did increase by one percent this year, is a matter of concern.

"The faculty and coaching staff, and particularly the freshman seminar program have been working at this to try to narrow the gap," said Sharon Knechel, vice president for student services.

Miller/Cook Associates was hired as a consulting firm to help the college address enrollment and retention concerns.

"What we are recommending is that every institution we are working with establish a re-recruitment plan," said Bill Miller, of Miller/Cook Associates. "This is beyond just bringing in a freshman class. You're selling a dream to a 17 year-old, and we're delivering that dream. At best the person is staying a year with the option of buying three

more. We need to go out and re-recruit them. It's customer service. It's providing quality education."

The first six weeks of class are a critical time for re-recruiting students, according to Knechel. "We know nationally that within the first six weeks of school a person decides whether or not they want to stay," Knechel said. "As soon as students step on campus we need to have ways for them to be involved."

One way that the college will encourage students to continue their education at McPherson College is to actively get all returning students to complete their financial aid package before they leave the campus this spring.

"Students will have the opportunity to fully understand what their financial arrangements are, and if they have questions we can take care of them before they leave campus," Knechel said.

Also, according to Knechel, freshmen in communications seminar are working to develop an individual degree plan.

"It is a plan of study that will lead to graduation at McPherson College. If they can see how things come together, it may encourage them and help them to graduate as efficiently as possible," Knechel said.

Faculty members resign



Terry Grooms



Dale Goldsmith



Glen Snell



Katy Goldsmith



Wesley Pauls

Five faculty members have announced they will be leaving at the end of the 1995-96 academic year. They are Dr. Dale Goldsmith, Dr. Katy Goldsmith, Wesley Pauls, Glen Snell, and Terri Grooms.

Dr. Dale Goldsmith, professor of philosophy and religion, came to McPherson College in 1969. Along with his teaching responsibilities, he served the college as vice president for academic services from 1986 to 1994.

"Dr. Goldsmith has worked diligently to bring his faith life into the classroom and to ask what it means to be college of the church," said Dr. Steve Gustafson, vice president for academic services.

Dr. Goldsmith has accepted a position as academic dean at Panhandle State University in Oklahoma.

Dr. Katy Goldsmith is leaving her position as assistant professor of anthropology, having taught courses in behavioral sciences and served and served as a freshman advisor.

She is the wife of Dr. Dale Goldsmith.

Wesley Pauls position will retire after 18 years in the college's department of technology. Pauls has taught courses in drafting, drawing, woodworking, photography, and wiring and had served as chair of the technology department.

Glen Snell came to McPherson College in 1990 as director of financial aid. Snell has been an assistant professor of accounting and a freshman advisor for the past three years, and currently serves as chair of the McPherson College faculty.

Snell plans to join McPherson College alumnus Craig Holman in a private business venture in McPherson.

Terri Grooms, program director of English as a Second Language (ESL), came to the college in 1990 and will be returning to graduate school to complete a master's degree. Grooms has served as the faculty athletic representative, a freshman advisor, and a facilitator for international students.



Photo By Jon Henrikson

Officers-elect Brian Cooper, fr., Roy Johnson, soph., Tracy Stoddart, jr. and Brent See fr., begin working on plans for next fall's Stuco.

Executive offices filled

By Wes Balen
Spectator Staff

The 1996-97 Student Council will take office officially April 21. President-elect Roy Johnson, fr., vice president-elect Tracy Stoddart, jr., treasurer-elect Brent See, fr., and secretary-elect Brian Cooper, fr., have met three times to discuss plans for next year.

The 1996-97 executive council has begun work on constitutional amendments and other structural concerns.

"We've accomplished a basic structure," See said. "We're looking forward to a more organized environment."

The council has discussed making the Student Activities Board and Student Council one organization.

"We've been busy meeting to discuss combining SAB with Stuco to form student government," Cooper said. "It's a good idea because people will come to one organization for help."

Johnson is concerned with making the campus atmosphere more conducive to student's lives.

"Our main vision that we are following is to maximize student life," Johnson said. "That's what we are most concerned with—giving the students at McPherson College more and better options in student life."

Members of the future executive council expressed confidence in Johnson's leadership ability.

"Roy has been really organized. All of his presentations have been very thorough. I'm impressed with his leadership," See said.

"I hope we'll be able to carry out all of Roy's ideas. It's going to take time and patience on behalf of the college."

Johnson will take the entire 1996-97 Student Council on an off-campus retreat at an undecided location April 19. The goal will be to teach team-work and leadership skills and the let the council become acquainted with one another.

"I'm thrilled to be working with the people that have been elected," Johnson said. "I couldn't ask for a better group. We have a long road ahead of us but I feel with these people working together we can do it."

"We work very well together and Sharon [Knechel] and Kathryn [Whitacre] are very open to our ideas. Everything has gone really smooth and we are very excited about taking office," Stoddart said. "Students should be very excited about what we are trying to do to improve student life and not fear change, because change is going to take us into the future."

The 1996-97 class representatives are Brian Ward, senior class; Melissa Sharp, junior class; and Kori McGowan, sophomore class.

Dorm representatives are Jill Gibson, fr., Dotzour; Mike Horner, fr., Fahnestock; and Eli Makings, jr., College Courts. A Metzler representative has not been elected.

Representatives at-large are Shelly Hendricks, fr., Sarah Wagoner, soph., Jennifer Bosserman, fr., Drew Hutchison, fr., Becki Dilley, fr., Amy Levinski, soph., Melissa Crowdis, jr., and Christy Meiers, soph.