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Bitter-sweet feelings harbored about campus computers

Andy Ullom

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Students voice praise, frustration and confusion with resident hall computer labs as 24-hour access allows late night work, as incompatible computers and software create problems and as five computers were removed from Morrison Hall. The college approved implementation of computer labs in the residence halls during this past summer. Originally, each residence hall was supposed to house a computer lab and these labs were slated to be open 24-hours a day to all students.

The college implemented labs in Dotzour, Morrison and Bittering. But due to a lack of housing space for male students, the college was forced to use the rooms in Metzler for residents. Upon completion of the other residence hall labs, Dotzour housed eight computers and a printer, Morrison housed nine computers and a printer and Bittering housed three computers. But because some male students never arrived on campus and others decided to leave in the middle of the semester, space was freed for the installation of a computer lab in Metzler this past week. Unfortunately, there were no spare computers left for the lab. Therefore, five computers were removed from the Morrison lab; four were installed in Metzler and one in Bittering.

Morrison students recognize the good and bad points of the removal of computers from their lab.

"The computers are always full. Many times I have had to wait to use a computer. Less computers will mean longer waits to use one," said LeAnna Hulce, jr., Baldwin.

"A lab in Metzler will allow the residents of Metzler to use their own lab," said Ben Matthaui, jr., McPherson. "Thus the Morrison lab will be free for its residents to use."

Currently, the labs in Morrison, Bittering, and Dotzour are open 24-hours a day to all students, while the Metzler lab is only open to female

students during visitation hours due to its location.

According to Kathryn Whitacre, associate dean of students, students seem to be taking advantage of the 24-hour computer labs, especially in the late evening and early morning hours.

Students also report that the computer labs are often full.

"There have been times when I have been waiting to use the lab and there are no open computers; even at 3:30 in the morning," said Rachel Gross, jr., Fort Worth, Texas.

The residence hall labs have experienced some minor problems. Many of the computers in these labs are three years old. The computers are doing well to run the programs of today with such limited hard drive space. Many students have experienced errors relating to "Not enough memory" which stems from the hard drive of the computer being full.

According to Dwight Christie, director of computer services/system administrator, most of the space on the computers' hard drives is used by Windows 95 and Office 97. There is little space left-over for other programs. This causes the low memory errors.

Printing has also been an issue in the labs. Lab problems are solved by the Computer Services student workers when they are reported. The college is looking to upgrade computers in the future.

"The residence hall labs will need to be upgraded before the year 2000. The extent of the upgrade is unknown at this time," Christie said.

"Many factors are involved in the upgrading of the dorms labs, with money being the main factor. Wiring student's rooms, a new email server, and the dorm labs have been the college's first steps towards providing up-to-date technology for its students."

Christie also said he is dedicated to improving both the state of the labs in dorms and also the number of computers available for student use.

"As computers around campus get updated, so will the labs," Christie said.

Campus mourns loss of prof

LeAnn Wine

News Editor

Dr. Leland Lengel, professor of history at McPherson College, died of a heart attack while walking early Wednesday morning, October 28.

The news of Lengel's death traveled quickly across campus prompting students and faculty to gather to share tears and fond memories of Dr. Lengel.

With candles lit, prayers spoken, and songs sung, faculty and students gathered in Brown Auditorium for chapel service.

Many members of the campus community also gathered to honor Lengel and his service to the college on Saturday morning at a memorial service in the Church of the Brethren.

Lengel's passion for McPherson College developed at a young age as his father, Charles Lengel an alumnus of the college, instilled in Lengel the value of a McPherson College education. Following family tradition, Lengel enrolled at McPherson in 1952 and graduated in 1956.

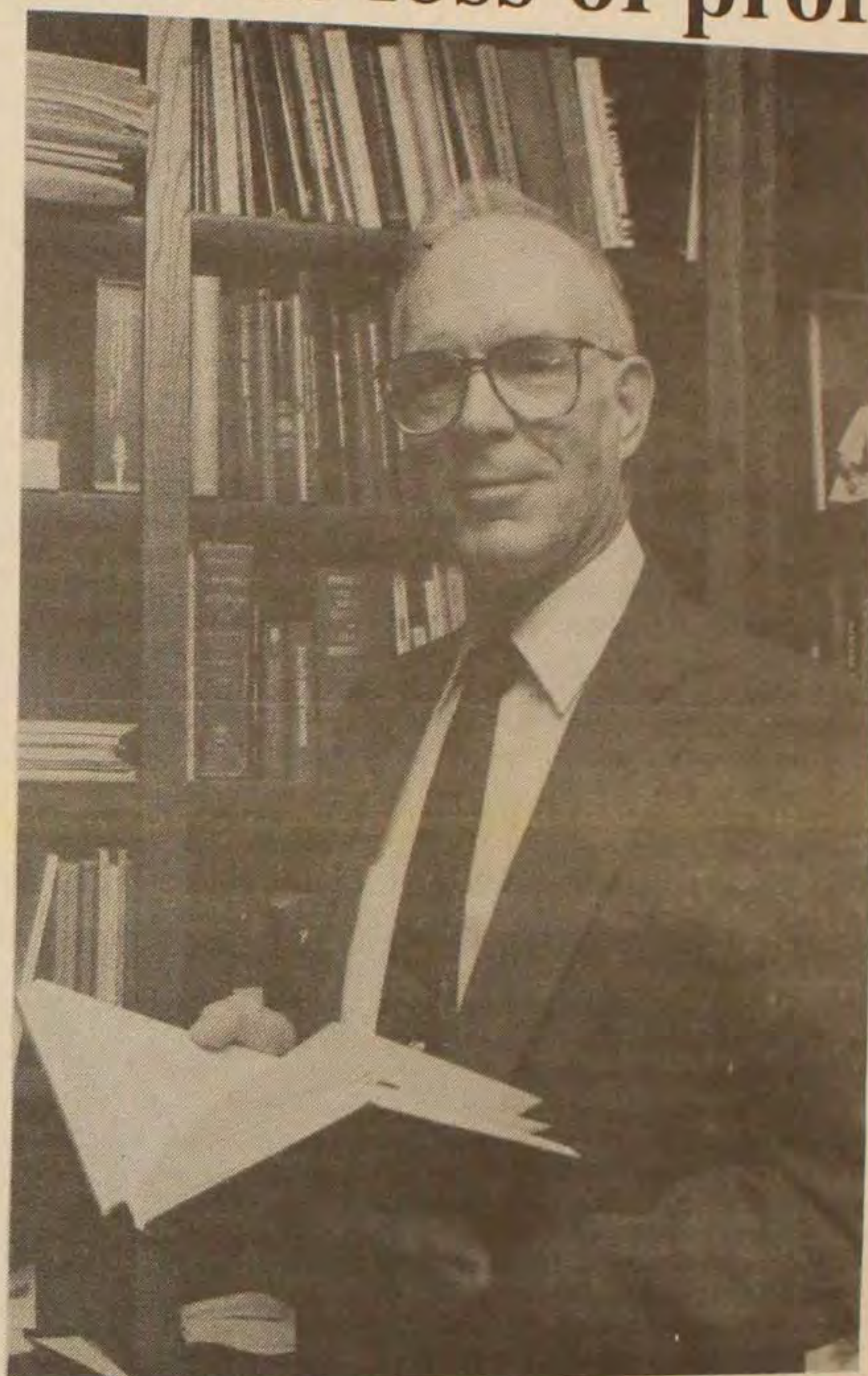
After graduation, Lengel served in Brethren Volunteer Service. In 1958 he enrolled at Duke Divinity School. Preferring history to pastoral studies, he transferred to the history department and was granted a master's degree in 1962. In 1960, after fulfilling the residence requirements for the M.A. degree, he was awarded a graduate fellowship and ultimately a teaching fellowship to pursue doctoral work in history at the University of Oregon where he earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1968.

Lengel served McPherson College for 36 years as a professor, associate dean of academic affairs, acting dean of the college, coordinator of the evening degree program, director of the college's 2+2 program, division and department chair, chair and member of numerous college committees.

Dr. Lengel taught at the college for 36 years and planned to retire after the 1997-1998 academic year.

Lengel was a senior leader and mentor of the faculty and had a great intellectual mind, but more importantly, Lengel had a passion for teaching; he cared about students. As solo professor of the history department, Lengel taught thirty courses ranging from The American Automobile to Introduction to Politics.

To fill Lengel's position the college has hired Dr. Connie Andes to serve a one-year appointment as associate professor of history. A graduate of McPherson College, Dr. Andes completed a master's degree in history at Wichita State University and a Ph.D. in



Dr. Lengel: a scholar, a teacher, a mentor and a friend. Lengel will be missed in the classroom, at events and on the stage jovially chanting "six by four."

educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin. Most recently, she served as the executive director of ACCK.

Dr. Andes is not new to McPherson College. She served her *alma mater* as director of admissions, associate director of development, and director of alumni. "We anticipate having Connie with us throughout the remainder of this academic year and look forward to her leadership in the department of history," said Steve Gustafson, provost and dean of faculty.

Retired Kansas State University Professor Stephen L. Stover has graciously agreed to serve as lecturer in history to teach the remainder of this fall's geography class. Dr. Stover earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from McPherson College and a Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Kansas. He also holds Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in geography from the University of Wisconsin

at Madison.

The college struggles to find someone to teach The American Automobile. According to Susan Taylor, associate provost and dean of academic resources, Dr. Lengel designed this course on his own, and it may be hard to find anyone qualified to teach it. The history course offered during Interterm has been canceled.

The college will begin a review process of the history program at McPherson College. This is a standard procedure after the death or resignation of a professor.

Taylor commented on rumors that the department will not exist after this school year.

"It is highly unlikely the history major will be dissolved," she said.

Taylor thought it most likely that more than one professor will be hired to teach history courses next fall.

"It is probably impossible to find one person who can teach as many classes as Dr. Lengel," Taylor said.

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EDITORIAL

THE SPECTATOR

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Computer transition distresses students

McPherson College made technological progress this year by installing computer labs in the residence halls. This installation and the process of linking computers in individual dorm rooms to the network have been priorities on campus this fall.

McPherson College should be applauded for making technological progress a priority. Without advancements in the computer field, the college will not be able to compete with other institutions in the future. Prospective students won't consider attending Mac if its computer system is not up-to-date.

These advances are meant to benefit the students, but setbacks have slowed the process of installing the labs, and students feel the need to vent their frustration over these setbacks.

One frustration for the students is the printers in the dorms. At times the printers won't print, and a printer was not available in Bittinger until just this week. Students need printers to complete their assignments. It is the school's responsibility to supply and maintain these printers, a task that has been neglected.

It is also the school's responsibility to hire sufficient staff to care for campus computer needs. Until computers of higher quality are installed, the college's most immediate goal should be to hire additional staff to support the use of present technology.

Students have concerns about the availability of computers on campus, and the college needs to listen to those concerns. Even though the residence hall labs are open 24 hours, the number of computers available is not sufficient to meet student need.

Perhaps the college should consider extending the hours that either the Mohler or Miller lab is open for use. Lab hours need to more accurately reflect the peak working hours for students. Students work well into the night, and even if the labs were open until midnight, students would benefit greatly from the increased number of computers made available.

As the college works through the glitches of this transition, students should keep in mind how far the system has come before they making judgements on how far the system has to go.

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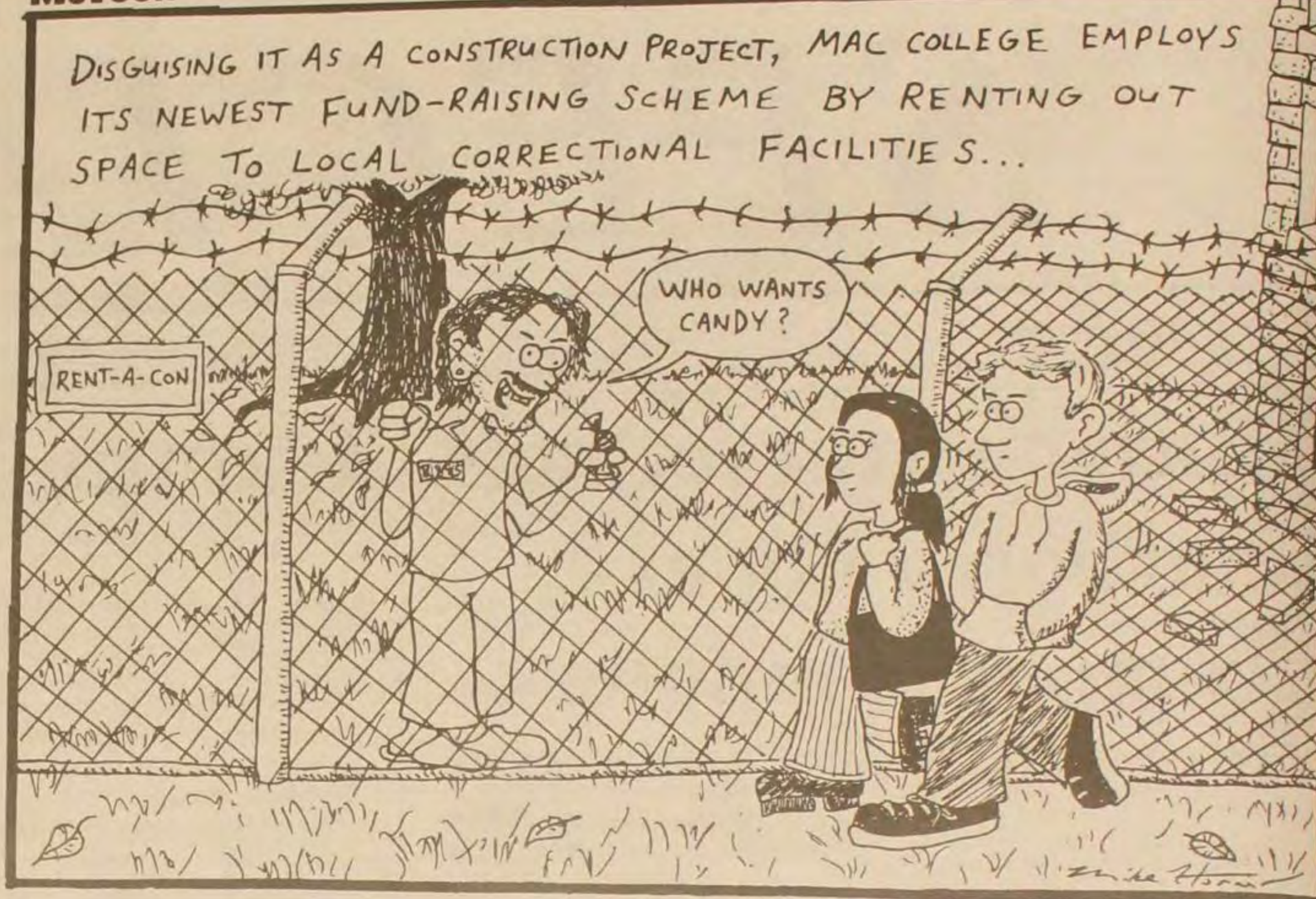
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Campus "fast for Sudan" increases awareness

7:50 a.m. I go through the hot food line at the cafeteria, something I rarely do at breakfast. (I'm more of a glass of juice and piece of fruit kind of gal.) Hash browns with gravy, a glass of orange/apple juice, the bottom half of a cinnamon roll and a piece of pineapple.

Why am I making an effort to eat more than usual? Today I'm participating in the Fast for Sudan. (As I type this up, fast complete, my logic here seems terribly backwards.)

I've never fasted before, and I'm looking forward to the experience. I can't remember a time when I purposely skipped a meal, except maybe when I was sick, or dashing madly to the theatre during a production.

9:13 a.m. Rick Tyler performs his daily death defying feat by breaking the sound barrier as he drives up to the shop door of the theatre.

10:18 a.m. Reed Hardgrove proves his quiet genius in Stats class. I'm not hungry.

10:40 a.m. A man in neon green shorts jogs by Mohler Hall. Aren't neon green shorts some sort of community code violation? I'm not hungry.

11:55 a.m. I reach my limit of Hi-C orange drink, one cup. The large glass windows of the cafeteria offer me a wonderful view of the dessert bar. I'm not hungry.

12:15 p.m. Twelve fresh hot pizzas are delivered to the people making calls for Jail 'n Bail, not ten feet from those of us gathered to drink juice over lunch hour. Torture? Only if I was hungry.

12:40 p.m. I talk to Sara Compton. She is eating a chocolate chip brownie bar from the cafeteria and it looks like it's still warm.

12:42 p.m. I walk by the popcorn in the Doghouse, but I don't help myself.

2:34 p.m. The video we're watching

On Her Orange Crate

SARAH STOVER

in Technology and Society explains preparation for Chicken Merengo. Fascinating.

3:45 p.m. I pass a discarded chicken McNugget box in the parking lot of Metzler. I don't like chicken McNuggets, but I notice the box.

5:35 p.m. My stomach growls. I feel like I have something stuck in my throat.

6:40 p.m. I still feel like I have a pill in my throat that won't go down. Do I really know hunger, or do I just know craving?

8:21 p.m. Someone brings a bag of potato chips to the soccer game.

11:40 p.m. I look longingly at the orange on my dresser, but don't eat it.

8:43 a.m. I thought I would wake up hungry, but I'm not at all.

8:45 a.m. I learn that Dr. Lengel had a fatal heart attack on his morning walk.

10:20 a.m. Chapel will be held in Brown. Over and over I hear people say, "Isn't the weather appropriate?"

11:17 a.m. I'm still not hungry.

12:08 p.m. I eat some noodles, but being around food repulses me, so I leave the cafeteria. I think when I fast again I will either fast for a shorter period of time or a longer period of time. Twenty-eight hours is too short for a long fast and to long for a short fast, my body can't adjust.

2:31 p.m. I devour a box of Triscuits and a can of aerosol cheese. I love sodium! The fasting has ended.

Friends told me that fasting is a private activity, and that raising money by advertised fasting is inappropriate. A walk-a-thon, swim-a-thon, or even a sit-a-thon would have been more appropriate in their minds.

One purpose of this fast was to raise money to send to World Vision, but the point of fasting for the cause "hunger" should not be overlooked. Those people that chose to fast learned a valuable lesson about hunger and our abundance of food.

I discovered that I don't know what hunger actually feels like. Is it an empty pit in your stomach or a lump in your throat? Is it a sharp pang or a dull headache? I don't know, and I probably never will.

I realized that we are surrounded by food. We eat as often as we like. The longest most of us spend waiting to eat is the amount of time it takes to get to the front of the cafeteria line, or for the delivery man to arrive.

I encourage you to fast on your own. Don't tell anyone, and don't advertise the fact. Just do it. The experience will make you aware of all that you have, all that you take for granted. And that awareness, for me, is the whole point.

Mac-ism

In 1980, a very distinguished and honored guest was on campus delivering a speech in the cafeteria. Much to the chagrin of the administrators, a large group of male students streaked (without the benefit of clothing) in front of the cafeteria windows, causing a slight commotion during Gov. Carlin's speech!

CAMPUS FORUM

Theft in the cafeteria

Since the beginning of the 98-99 school year, many items have been STOLEN from the cafeteria.

Stolen is a strong word, but what else can you call it? If something doesn't belong to you and you remove it and do not return it, it's stolen.

What happened to the British flag that belongs to student government? How about the rare college pennant that belongs to the alumni office, stolen a month ago? I hate to mention the hundreds of glasses and spoons that disappear every year.

I guess I don't understand why anyone would walk off with something that doesn't belong to them. The items that disappear cause an inconvenience for all students.

I would like to ask two things. First, if you have taken or know who took the flag or pennant, please return them. There will be no questions asked, just a thank you for doing what's right.

Secondly, if you see any glasses lying around in the dorms or in your room, please return them. I have purchased new glasses, so please refrain from removing them from the cafeteria. If you want a disposable cup, we can supply you with one.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in these matters. Let's all have a great year.

—Richard Sabatos
Director of Food Services

A "bow-tied" hero

As a child I often wanted to dress up like my hero who wore a cape and had a large "S" on his chest. I wanted to be like him because he was strong and helped people.

Today my hero's image is much different, but also much more powerful. He was tall and thin, balding, wore glasses, a white short sleeve shirt and a bow tie. He inspires me to continue my quest to learn, and of course to THINK.

My hero was honorable and had an integrity that could be seen by people who never spoke to him. My hero inspires me to be a better person and a better teacher so that I may one day also experience the love and respect from others that I feel for him.

Although Dr. Lengel's life has passed, his impact on my life will continue. I will be forever grateful that I was a student and friend of Professor Leland Lengel. Thanks for everything, Dr. Lengel.

—Jason Pendleton
history major, 1992

OVERHEARD

"It's like they've been in the freezer for 10 years. They have no color and they have no taste. Actually they do have taste, it's just bad."

—Andy May
on cafeteria carrots

Filling the v-o-i-d-s in our lives

The Void is my reality and yours, whether you realize it or not.

What is the Void? A void is emptiness, where nothing exists. The Void, however, is my life philosophy.

The belief is simple. Inside of every one of us is a void, an emptiness that we don't know how to fill. The point of life is to search for the things that fill our void, so at the end of our lives we can die complete.

People can use many things to fill their void. A list would look like this: drugs, sex, religion, teaching, having children, love. I personally choose gaining knowledge and helping others.

Now don't get me wrong, I am not



Cornerstone

BILL SROUFE

trying to bash religions. As a matter of fact, one very fundamental Christian called me a prophet because I make people think about their religion, challenge their faith, and thus make them stronger.

Most people know that I am an agnostic. I don't know if a god or gods

exist, but either way I don't need them to run my universe.

One day a friend of mine asked me, "Bill, doesn't it make you feel weird to make people believe stronger in a god that you don't believe exists?"

I simply replied, "As long as I am helping them fill their void, I am filling mine."

While writing this article, a man very close to my heart passed away, Dr. Lee Lengel. In an odd sort of way, he is responsible for my life philosophy. It was the content of his Historical Introduction to Politics class that made me start to think along these lines and to come up with my philosophy.

I grieve very deeply for his passing, and I grieve even more deeply for Nancy and their children, who have lost a good husband and father. But I grieve the most for the people on this campus. I grieve for those people who never will have the opportunity to take a class under Dr. Lengel, and I grieve for those people, like myself, who never took enough classes under Dr. Lengel.

I have been trying not to cry as I write this and unfortunately I am failing, because he was one of the greatest men to ever walk the face of this earth. The only comfort I have is that I know he died complete, because he had filled his Void.

Thoughts on big noses, aliens and water guns

China is a pretty hard place to blend in and not be noticed, especially when you have blue eyes, brown hair and a big nose. In a country of 1.2 billion people with jet black hair and yellow skin, foreigners are easily picked out in a crowded street market.

I spent last school year studying in China, and not a day went by that I was not stared at, or was not the focus of attention. If I stayed in one place for more than a few minutes, a crowd of curious locals gathered to see what the foreigner was doing, trying to guess where I was from and what I was doing in China.

Parents would physically turn their children so they could catch a glimpse of the foreigner walking down the street, riding the bus or shopping in the market. After passing stalls in the post office, I would hear barely audible whispers about the "lao wai" (foreigner). The technical term is "wai guo ren" which we prefer to "lao wai" because many times there are derogatory implications behind it.

Sometimes I would catch the Chinese off guard by asking them to



International Perspective

DREW HUTCHISON

point out the foreigner to me. This would shock them because they understand how difficult their language is and therefore assume a foreigner is unable to speak it.

Once the people know that you speak even a little Chinese, they repeatedly fire five questions at you. Where are you from? How long have you been in China? What are you doing here? Do you like China? Can you use chopsticks? (It took two weeks to learn.) These questions usually came from taxi drivers and store owners.

After answering those questions for the tenth time, I decided it was time to get creative, so sometimes I was Yugoslavian, Austrian, German, African, or even an alien. (Some people would actually believe me.) Most Chinese do not have the opportunity to interact with foreigners, so they are

not able to distinguish an American from a European. One kid thought I was just an odd looking Chinese man.

Chinese automatically think Americans are rich. I tried to explain that the majority of Americans are not wealthy, but usually they would not believe me and would still try to charge an inflated rate. (Notice I said *try*.)

Foreigners are perceived to be a little peculiar and a bit of a novelty item. They dress strangely and do things differently. Basically, there is a stereotype of weirdness, yet everyone wants to be the "lao wai's" "friend."

If a restaurant or a hotel has a special event, they invite all non-Asian looking students to attend. Free food and small gifts are usually given in exchange for our "services." Yes, it was exploitation...by both parties. In this case foreigners are known as "white monkeys," and are on show for the guests.

To live up to the perceptions of being strange, my friends and I would act the part. One Saturday my friend Bayo and I were downtown shopping in a department store when we spotted water guns. Light bulbs lit up over both of our heads and instantly we

bought them. After filling them up with water, a water gun fight commenced in the street busy with weekend shoppers.

Foreigners are perceived to be a little peculiar and a bit of a novelty item.

We aimed at each other most of the time, but were not above shooting at random into the crowd. There were many stunned looks on faces, but for the most part everyone was amused, and we had fun. The taxi driver I shot while he was waiting on the light to change did not find the humor in it, but that is a different story.

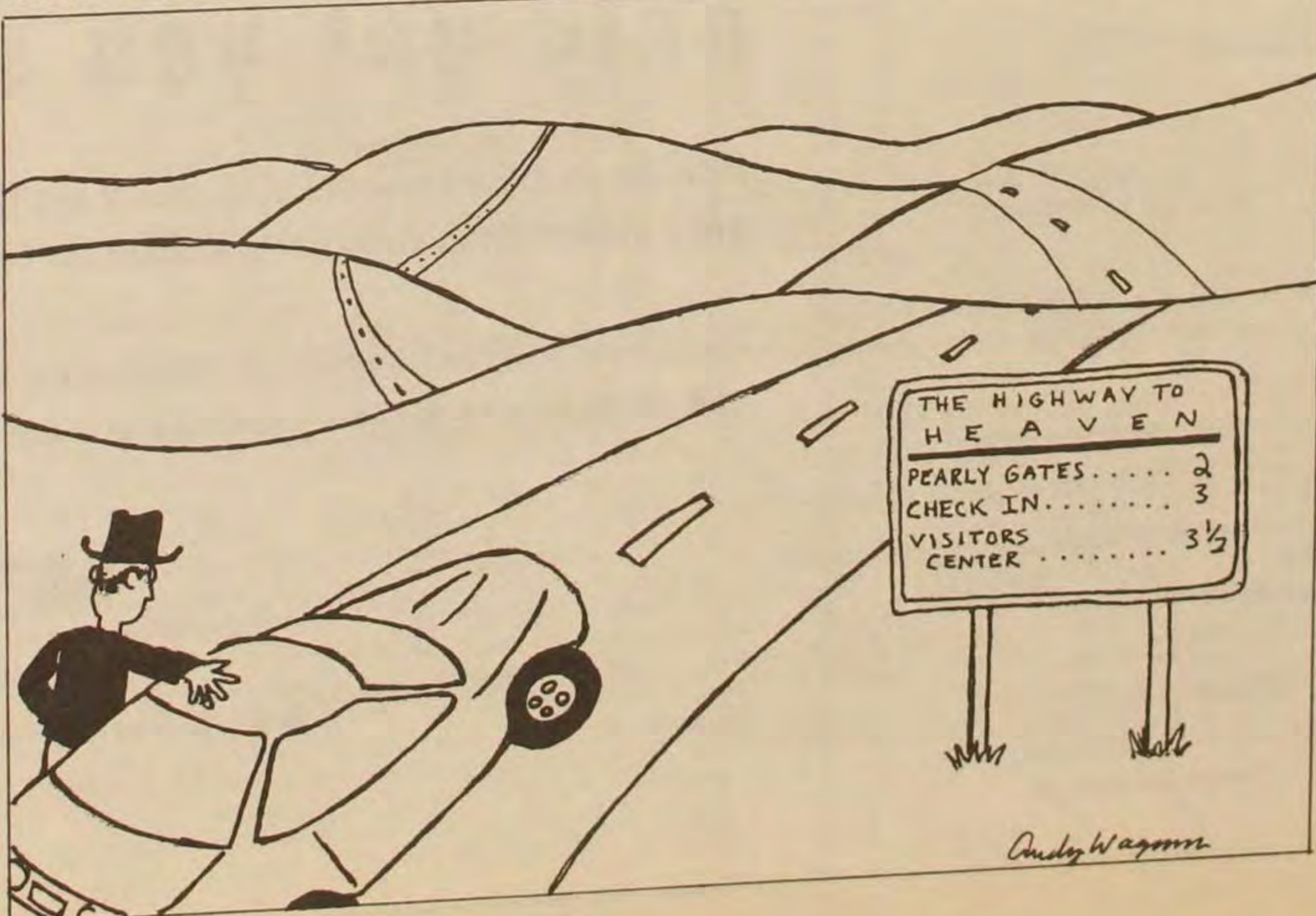
If you cannot handle being the focus of attention, China is not the place to be for any extended period of time. It was fun at times, but there were days (many) that it would have been nice to walk down the street without heads turning or a shrill "hallo" coming from a construction worker perched six stories up on bamboo scaffolding.

If you do not mind all of the attention you can end up with free taxi rides, free meals at nice restaurants, and in my case, free use of Furama Hotel's gym and sauna.

The perks of being a foreigner usually outweigh the inconvenience and annoyance of being different.

IN THE WOO - "LENDEL'S LAST ROAD TRIP"

BY ANDY WAGONER



POETRY CORNER

So Much

There is so much I want to say,
But we just sit in silence.
While the waves rush onto our feet.

I can't see me living without you.
You give me hope and strength to
Face the world and its enemies.

I need to tell you this, but
What if you don't love me too?
I can't face rejection anymore.

We sit in silence on the bay,
Letting the waves rush onto our feet.
There is much to say, but it can wait.

—Krista Latta

Creating life-like animal costumes presents challenge

Sarah Marie Hendricks
Spectator Staff

Production of "The Great Cross Country Race," a play about a tortoise and a hare that race, has pitted the cast members in their own race to get the costumes done. This cast races an entity that eludes us all—time.

Broken into two groups, the cast consists of animals and humans. Exaggerated costumes with non-traditional color combinations, such as goldenrod with magenta, add to the visual appeal of this play. For the human costumes, designers chose very brightly colored fabric with loud pattern combinations.

"We wanted to make it obvious that the humans do not belong in nature, so we used all sorts of bright, warm colors—red, oranges and yellows," Jen Taylor, jr., McPherson, said. "The story is being told from the point-of-view of the animals, so we gave the humans foam hair. All the human characters will be wearing wigs designed from foam, to show how funny and out-of-place the humans seem to the animals."

With the animal costumes, Taylor took a different approach. The animal costumes are supposed to be realistic but fun. These costumes have been designed to use natural colors such as green, brown and yellow.

Foam has proven to be the material of choice for these costumes. Mike Horner, sr., Springfield, Colo., has been working on the paws for all of the

animals. He begins by sewing a glove out of material and then stuffs the glove full of foam to make it look out of proportion. Horner has been an asset to the custom design of The Great Cross Country Race due to his puppet making experience in the past.

"There really is no difference between making a hand-sized animal puppet or a human-sized animal costume. One is just bigger," Horner commented. "I begin by thinking about the animal with cartooning ideas, trying to find something that the audience can identify with. A squirrel has

a bushy tail, so we build a large tail."

All of the costumes have three basic parts: a hood, paws and a full body suit. Yet each costume is different according to character's personality.

Anna Arasmith, soph., Topeka, plays the hare who is a bit arrogant. On the Hare's costume, the tall ears stick straight up.

"One of the biggest differences between puppets and costumes is that with a puppet, if the seam comes undone, the puppet doesn't say anything," laughed Horner. "The costumes have to be to the liking of the actors,

who would prefer them to be comfortable as well."

Taylor designed the costumes with several layers and various textures. For the birds' costumes, she "ratted-out" the material to give the impression of silky feathers.

Designing and making these bushy tails, feathers, paws, and tortoise shells has allowed the cast to let their "creative juices flow!"

—Staff writer Jill Clammin
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Friends share memories of beloved professor

"Thank you for sharing your life with us. Even though some of us only saw you in passing, we could tell your value to this college by the impact that you had on others. Thank you, Dr. Lengel, and God Bless."
—A student

"Dr. Lengel always said hi, waving his distinct wave, and that is something I will never forget. And I'll miss walking by his office seeing him reading the newspaper."
—Shelly Hendricks, sr., Eudora

"In Trans-Miss West, it was the running joke to see how long (not if) Ben Matthaei could stay awake. Dr. Lengel would always end the class by joking about it."
—Scott McDearmon, soph., Milledgeville, Ill.

"You could tell what kind of compassion he had. You could always walk by his room and talk with him for half an hour regardless of how much work he had to do. He always had time for his students. Without him, I wouldn't be who I am today. He helped to shape my life. His death is going to leave a big hole at the college because of his standards of excellence. He held everyone accountable and treated everyone as an adult."
—Dan Marchewka, class of 1995

"He did everything with class and dignity."
—Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion

"Lee Lengel was one of the most disciplined students I have encountered. Many years ago when we were seeking a second person for the history department, I was glad to recommend Lee as one with the scholarly integrity and common sense to be a first class teacher. I taught with him for more than one third of a century and he always made me proud."
—Raymond Flory, professor emeritus of history

"He always made sure I had my Diet Coke open before starting class so that I wouldn't interrupt him."
—Dana Cordova, sr., Trinidad, Colo.

"Lee donated 108 pints of blood during his years at Mac. When he could no longer use them, he donated his eyes and connective tissue and bone to those who needed them. Also, in accordance with his wishes, he was cremated, and his ashes will be scattered either in the Wind River Valley of Wyoming or at the Santa Fe Opera House grounds in New Mexico or at least "west of the 100th meridian" in the country he loved. The great outpouring of love and prayers from everyone has really helped me. It is good to know that others loved him too."
—Nancy Lengel, Dr. Lengel's wife



Interacting with students was a priority for Dr. Lengel, as this photo taken last spring at "Casino Night" shows.

"Always kind, always thoughtful, always ready to laugh. We'll miss you."
—Anonymous

"The one thing I will always remember Dr. Lengel for is the time he stripped for us during his lecture on Calvin and Hobbes. He was wearing a T-shirt with Calvin and Hobbes [the cartoon characters] on it."
—Erica Reyna, fr., San Antonio, Texas

Dr. Lengel was a man of true gifts. He gave respect. He gave time. He gave knowledge. He gave compassion. He gave hope. He gave his students a sound, thorough education - in history and life. He gave his colleagues friendship. He gave his family love and dedication.

Leland Lengel gave 36 years of dedicated service to this institution. He put into action the college's mission statement, incorporating scholarship, participation and service into a well-rounded life.

McPherson College, in its fullest sense, misses him. His family, however, feels the greatest loss. At the funeral, a letter written by his daughter Carolyn was read in loving memory. The following excerpts from the letter give a more personal glimpse into his life.

"My father was a lifelong student of history and its paradoxes. Dad was himself a paradoxical man: old-fashioned, even courtly, in his manner, but far from conservative in his social and political views; serious about his work, his family, and his beliefs, but warm and lighthearted, with a sly sense of humor and an easy and robust laugh. . . ."

"The land inspired my father, and I will always associate the big, open spaces of what he called 'the arid West' with him. . . . The land fired his imagination, and through family car trips when Doug and I were young and gas was cheap, he tried to instill a love for it in us as well. . . ."

"He provided one of the great foundations of our lives by giving us a love of books, faith in the power of education, and a belief that we could achieve whatever we wanted. . . ."

"Sometimes we are so familiar with the members of our own families that we cannot appreciate how truly extraordinary they are. I'm thankful that Dad was recently recognized in a way that prodded me to see again how exceptional he was, and I'm grateful that my father was given such recognition while he was still able to appreciate it."

A fine man has left us.

"Just as I patterned Dr. Lengel's six by four chant in our counselor skit at summer church camp, I hope to pattern Dr. Lengel's enthusiasm and joy for living. Thanks, Lengel, for setting a good example."
—A student

"One of the things I will remember is his black hat and green jacket that he wore on the first day of class my freshman year. He was a good advisor and he learned your goals and pushed you towards them even if you didn't always want that. He was such a fascinating and wonderful person."
—Jenni Richardson, class of 1997

"As a fellow bass in the church choir, we already miss your scholarly, accurate and resonant voice."
—A close friend

Bulldogs still in the hunt for second-place KCAC finish

■ But 'Dogs must first get by 4-2 Ottawa in key conference contest

Greg White

Staff Writer

A win tomorrow in their key KCAC contest against Ottawa University could enable the McPherson College Bulldogs to finish the conference football race in a tie for second place.

The Bulldogs enter the contest with a 3-3 KCAC record. Ottawa is 4-2 and could wrap-up sole ownership of second place with a victory.

Two other conference teams—Bethany and Kansas Wesleyan—also have 3-3 records. The Swedes and Coyotes face each other in another key conference battle tomorrow. If Mac knocks off Ottawa, that would give the Bulldogs, the Braves, and the winner of the Bethany-KWU game identical 4-3 records. The Bulldogs would appear to have a slight advantage going into the final game. They

face the winless Tabor Blue Jays. Ottawa still has to play a very good Bethel Thresher team.

First, however, the Bulldogs face a stiff challenge in Ottawa.

"Ottawa is a very good football team," said Bulldog head coach Steve Kazor. "They're the only that handed Southwestern a defeat, and they as well could be an undefeated team."

"We have to play with consistency on offense, the defense has to play more disciplined and special teams are going to have to play a big role in order to beat Ottawa," Kazor said.

Despite experiencing their worst offensive outing of the season last Saturday against NCAA Division III opponent, Colorado College, the Bulldogs still eked out a victory.

The Bulldogs put together a balance attack of 175 yards rushing and 175 yards passing—a full 150 yards short of the their season average for passing offense.

The weather was miserably cold and wet, but "we can't blame not having a good game offensively on the weather," Kazor said. "We have to go out and execute regardless of the weather conditions."

A 65-yard punt return by junior wide receiver, Antonio "The Real Deal" Rael, opened the game up for Mac.

Defensively, the Bulldogs were penalized more against Colorado College than they have been all season combined. "In one series we were penalized three times in a row for jumping offsides and that's something we have to avoid playing against Ottawa," Kazor said.

NAIA LEADERS

Natl. Rank	Category	Name	Stats
3	Individual passing	Mendez	320.25 ypg
#3	Team passing		323.25 ypg
#3 (T)	Individual receiving	Holtry	7.38 catches/game
#4	Individual total offense	Mendez	320.5 ypg
#5	Individual receiving	Rael	7.25 catches/game
#5	Team total offense		464.88 ypg
#13	Individual scoring	Steiner	9.6 ppg
#19	Individual rushing	Wilson	104.83 ypg

Prospects bright in 1998-99 for both men's and women's basketball teams

■ Women picked third in pre-season rankings, the highest in recent times

Melanie Byrd

Sports Editor

The McPherson College men's basketball team has a lot of depth and the 1998-99 season promises to be a strong one, according to head coach Roger Trimmell. The Bulldogs were picked seventh in the pre-season conference ratings.

Four seniors will supply the leadership for the team. They are Eric Putnam, Woodland Park, Colo.; Cody Rohovit, Taylorsville, Utah; Kelly Hoover, McPherson, and Tony Waldron, Great Bend. Josh Alexander, jr., McPherson, a trans-

fer from Hutch Juco will be a key player for the team. "It's up to the players moving up to varsity to provide backbone, and I know they will step right in and be competitive," Coach Trimmell said.

The team's goals for the season are to win the KCAC and to advance to the national tournament. Coach Trimmell encourages the campus community to come out and support the Bulldogs.

The Lady Bulldogs are also looking solid this year. Head coach Mel Wright feels his squad is as good right now as the team at the end of the last season. The team was picked to finish third in the KCAC in the coaches poll. The news media picked the Bulldogs to finish fourth. These are the highest pre-season rankings for the Bulldogs in many years.

"I have been real pleased with the intensity of the practices, and have high hopes for this year's season," Coach Wright said.

The Bulldogs have three starters returning from last

year's squad. Dana Cordova, sr., Trinidad, Colo., led the conference in rebounds last year. Hillary Schubert, jr., Crescent, Okla., made All-Conference the past two years, and Marisol Sanchez, sr., Hidalgo, Texas, was a key player for the team last year and will provide leadership at the point position. Coach Wright stated that the new freshmen, transfers, and returning players will all provide strength for the team.

The Lady Bulldogs have set two goals for the season. The team hopes to have a 3.0 overall G.P.A. for the entire team. They also hope to finish higher in the conference than they did last year, and would like to advance further in the playoffs. The Bulldogs take the court on November 12th in Oklahoma City.

1998 Bulldog athletes play to an end

To capture efforts of the athletes who participated in fall sports, the Spectator Staff presents this essay.

From top to bottom/left to right:

■ Unidentified football player

■ Thad Eshelman, O'Brien Byrd and Sergey Linskyi

■ Rhonda Murphy

■ Huddle of football friends

■ James Helton, Seth Good and Eli Bainbridge

■ Scott Cole

■ Sabrina Gallo

■ John Ingelhart, Neil Berry and O'Brien Byrd

■ Becky Ullom

■ Unidentified football player

■ Melanie Byrd, Khanasha Benjamin and Renata Lichty

photos by Cheri Norwood

KCAC schools participate in NAIA Division II

Melanie Byrd

Sports Editor

NAIA and NCAA athletics strive to provide first-rate athletic programs despite their differences in size, eligibility requirements, structure and stature. The NCAA and NAIA are both accredited and competitive in athletics. No matter what association an athlete chooses to play with, competition exists.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is made up of 1,200 institutions devoted to college athletics. The NCAA strives to maintain athletics as an integral part of the educational program and the athlete as a part of the student body. The NCAA is a growing organization. Since 1950, 600 new members have joined the association.

The NCAA consists of three divisions, I, II and

III. Division I schools are often attributed as having the best college athletic teams. They can offer full scholarships to their athletes.

Division II schools are unable to give full scholarships, and Division III schools award no athletic scholarships. The level of play in Divisions II and III is a step or two lower from Division I play.

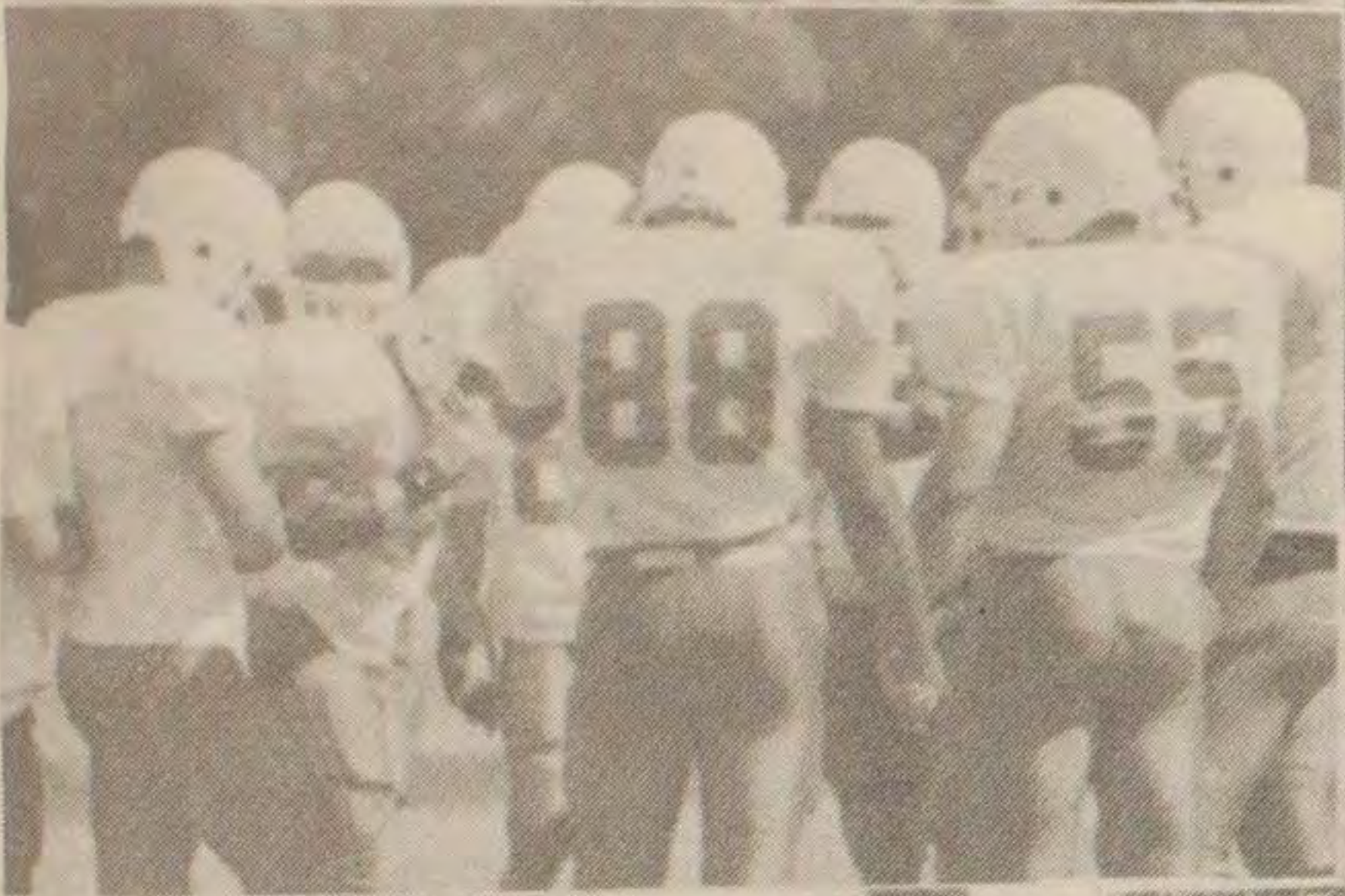
Grade point average and ACT or SAT scores determine college admission, scholarships, and eligibility into NCAA schools. The NCAA requires a minimum ACT composite score of 17 and a SAT score of 820. NCAA also requires a 2.0 GPA in core high school courses. The NAIA or National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics maintains high standards while administering first-rate athletic programs. Over 57,000 students participate in NAIA athletics.

Eligibility requirements for NAIA schools differ from NCAA eligibility requirements. Athletes must graduate in the top half of their class, obtain a GPA of

2.00 or higher and score an 18 on the ACT or an 860 on the SAT. Student-athletes must also be enrolled in 12 credit hours at the institution.

National championships occur for all sports in the NAIA just like the NCAA. Some student-athletes may attend an NAIA school and then transfer to an NCAA school. Some student athletes may continue on to an NCAA school after their NAIA college experience.

One major difference is the attention that NCAA schools receive versus the attention given to NAIA schools. The general public focuses more on NCAA athletes and athletic events. However, this is not an indication that talent only exists in NCAA athletics. Dedicated, talented athletes exist in both divisions.



Fences limit parking and obstruct pedestrian paths

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Students are experiencing limited parking and pedestrian detours as Hutton Construction Company fences work sites and demolishes Fahnestock Hall.

Two areas on campus have been blocked off to allow construction on the Fine Arts center and addition to Brown Auditorium to proceed. The fences will remain in place until building construction is completed next year.

Fences around Fahnestock Hall enclose the area from the east side of Beechly Hall extending halfway into the Metzler parking lot. This will allow the crew to proceed with wrecking and to haul equipment for the demolition of Fahnestock, which will take about three weeks.

To compensate for the decrease in parking capacity, maintenance is suggesting that students use other parking areas on campus: the Sport Center, Miller Library and Hoffman Student Union parking lots. For now, these are the only parking alternatives.

"As this goes on, we may find the need to convert grass to parking lots," said Dr. Peter Selo, executive director of finance and operations.

According to Selo, the theatre addition will take priority in the coming weeks.

"The ground will be excavated, the foundation

and shell put in by winter," Selo said. "Then the workers can work inside during the winter months."

The same progress is planned for the Fine Arts center except that work on that building will slow down once the shell is up. More work will continue in the spring.

"With all the fence," said Krissy Williams, jr., Russell, "we look like a concentration camp."

Even though the fences may detract from the appearance of the campus, they are quite necessary for the completion of the building projects. Other safety measures have been taken by Industrial Electric, the company in charge of infrastructure remodeling and electrical systems in the new buildings.

"We try not to leave anything open for a time longer than necessary," said Chuck Gibbs, estimator for Industrial Electric. If a hole has to be left open, orange barrier fences are raised to warn people to stay out.

Overall, the college is pleased with Hutton Construction's efforts to adjust to the college's schedule while building the theatre addition.

"The contractor has a list of the convocations and dates when we have plays," Selo said, "so they can work around these dates and times."

The college has also designed with the contractor a temporary exit from Brown auditorium for use during construction.

"They've been very cooperative," Selo said.



photo by Cheri Norsworthy

Hutton Construction workers toss roof tiles as they begin the demolition of Fahnestock Hall. The contractors estimate it will take three weeks to bring the 58-year old dormitory down.

SGA/SAB improve food, atmosphere and fun

SGA acts on student complaints

Sarah Marie Hendricks
Spectator Staff

Student Government plans to renovate the Doghouse and game room and improve cafeteria food in response to two common student complaints: there is nothing to do on campus and there is nothing to eat in the cafeteria.

Last spring, Student Government formed the Doghouse Committee. This committee asked students what changes they would like to see in the Doghouse. The committee also brainstormed ideas and ways to transform the Doghouse.

One student suggested designing and painting a large mural on the north wall of the Doghouse. Other students suggested adding more tables to the snack bar area, turning the t.v. room, replacing the ping-pong and pool tables and adding a juke box.

The committee thought it would be a good idea to sell the cement blocks on the south side wall to students and allow them to decorate the blocks.

"We want the Doghouse to be a place where students want to hang out and spend their time," said Shay Maclin, jr., Oklahoma City, and SGA president. "That is our space and we should be using it for our enjoyment. In the past few years, the Doghouse has hardly been used. SGA hopes to change that."

This year SGA is working towards finalizing renovation plans with Peter Selo.

"We know that the murals on the north wall are going to happen. We also know for sure that new equipment will be ordered and that the t.v. room will not be used for that purpose," Maclin said. "Creative arts society will be designing the mural, so it is exciting to look forward to seeing our own artists' work!"

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According to Maclin, renovations may begin at the end of fall semester or over Interterm.

"The committee meetings are open to all students. The only way that those of us on the committee can know what students want is if they tell us," said Jessie Miller, jr., Bartlesville, Okla., and committee member. "Attending the meetings is a convenient time to do that."

To deal with the complaints about the food selection, Richard Sabatos, director of food service, asked that a food committee be formed to give input as to what the students want to eat. Sabatos is interested in knowing what kinds of foods students like and what different types of diets need to be met by the food service.

"I represent all the students who do not eat meat or cheese," said Jen Taylor, soph., McPherson, and food committee member. "There is a large number of vegetarians on campus this year and it will be helpful to Richard to know what we can and cannot eat."

Food committee meetings will be open meetings and students are welcome to attend. SGA is still searching for student representatives for the committee.

These committees are designed to give students a voice and a chance to improve campus life. Maclin encourages all students with opinions or ideas on either the Doghouse renovations or food service to contact her.

SAB redesigns student activities

Shelly Hendricks
Spectator Staff

Student Activities Board and Student Government Association will jointly meet on November 13 to discuss the master schedule of events for spring semester.

According to Shay Maclin, jr. and president of SGA, SAB and SGA may change the types of activities SAB sponsors. Instead of providing a quantity of events, SAB will concentrate on providing a few quality events. These changes might boost attendance, which, according to Krissy Williams, jr. and student director of SAB, has declined at SAB events this year.

"We've had positive feedback from people for each of our activities, but we'd like to get more people at the activities," Williams, Russell, said. "It would make [the activity] more worthwhile, but even if we just have 10 people come to an activity, and they like it, I think it's worth having."

Williams said finding time for students to be involved with activities is not a new problem for SAB.

"Because everybody is so busy this year, it's hard for people in the organization to be at every event," Williams said. "Not only is the campus busy, but my workers are busy. The college staff tells us to have an event every week. Sometimes it feels like we don't have time."

According to Williams, some of the strongest events for SAB are Bowling Night and Movie Night. Also, the recent coffeehouse and Homecoming Dance were successful.

"Bowling and movie nights are the best," Andy Wagoner, jr., McPherson, said. "The other SAB events do not appeal to me as much."

"We have a casino night coming up, and we're looking for a good turnout," Williams said.

SAB may undergo structural changes in the future according to Maclin. However, that issue

will not be addressed until after the Nov. 13 joint meeting. Until the boards discuss the issue, they will be brainstorming ideas about structural possibilities and looking at some models of other college student activity boards.

"SAB deserves more time than what is available with the current structure," said Carol Williams, student activities director. "I'd like SAB to become a higher priority."

To make changes, Krissy Williams would like to begin by encouraging more involvement from SGA. They have already helped SAB by taking the responsibilities of bowling night.

"SAB should involve students supporting McPherson College events, whether it is sports, music or academics," Carol Williams said. "SAB activities are a chance to get students to participate as well as bringing events on campus that aren't available." SAB has also tried to encourage interaction between faculty and staff through different activities.

"It's important for students and faculty to interact outside of the administrative environment," Carol Williams said. "It's important for everyone involved in the McPherson College community to be integrated."

"I encourage people to come out to the activities and give them a try, even if it sounds corny. A lot of the activities are fun, especially if a lot of people go to the activities," Krissy Williams said.

Students are encouraged to give their input about activities they would like to see on campus. They can contact any SAB members or Carol Williams by Nov. 12 if they want their ideas shared during the joint meeting. Students can also attend SAB meetings. The organization meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Doghouse, and students are encouraged to come and present requests and or ideas for upcoming SAB activities.

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Andes

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Dr. Connie Andes, professor of history, began her career at McPherson in 1956, Nov. 2.

"The best thing by far is just being and the faculty," Andes said. "It's very hard to switch. I came thinking for whoever is next."

Andes is filling a void for the college. After following the success of Leland Lengel, who taught history for 36 years.

"It's been a while since I had a classroom, and it's hard to understand how to get students. It seems like there are differences in teaching. Andes said, "They had more than I had to do here."

Andes was shocked by Dr. Lengel's death. She had known Lengel for his teaching career at the college.

Although she never understood Lengel, she had a connection with him. "I would love to be Dr. Lengel again. He was always very supportive of what I did, and I think he was supportive of what I did now, even though he was a shoe." Andes said.

After learning of Lengel's death, she realized the college was losing a great teacher for the remainder of his life. Since she had a master's degree and had recently taken courses in history, Andes decided to pursue doctoral work. Andes might be able to assist

Interterm

Plans to build a house for Humanity in Hordur term drastically shifted. Mitch hit the college in the month. Extensive away roads and enrolling college and agency was. Since communication has been. Minnich, coordinator of the trip, has decided to send students to Hordur of a hindrance than damage was so contacted the Church.