

# Students work, receive credit hours

by Diane Tharrington

How about a good paying 40 hour a week job that will give you 16 hours credit? Sound interesting? John Cameron, Prof. of Business, believes that the proposed course will interest many students.

A course called "Experience Based Education" will give credit to students for paying jobs when these jobs are related to their major or some area of special interest. The program is set up primarily for juniors and exceptional sophomores.

It is hoped that the student will get a better idea of the job he is wanting to go into. The students will take no courses during their working block — just work 40 hours a week. The students will have the same rights as a full-time

student on campus, or the student can live off campus if he chooses. The student's credits would not be affected and would allow him to graduate in four years.

The jobs will be filled all year round with a working student. The student has two working semesters, either summer, fall or spring. In between these two semesters of work the student has a semester of school. For example — a student starting work in May thru Sept. would go to school in the fall—Sept. thru Jan. and then start working again in the Spring term.

The only required work for the 16 hours credit would be a log kept each day, periodic communications with a prof on campus and either a paper assignment or talk to a group of majors or an incoming Fresh-

man class. The grades for the 16 hours would be either pass-fail or else credit-non-credit, which will be determined by student projects and the analysis of the employer.

The proposed course is being created through a grant that was given to all ACCK schools. Bethany College has already begun the course, and officials feel it is working for them. On each campus there is to be a coordinator who will have a budget to work with and will contact the employers. The coordinator here on campus will be John Cameron.

When asked what he thought of the program, Prof. Cameron stated, "It's a real benefit for the students. The student will gain discipline and see how the real world applies to the class-

room and how the classroom applies to the real world. By using juniors we can give the student an opportunity to see if what he thinks he wants to do is what he wants to do. He will be able to see if he can cope with the ethics of his business, and give him a chance to change his major if he realizes he really doesn't want to be in that area of work. Also the student will be getting paid good money to help him pay off school. As well as a benefit for the student, it is a benefit for the employer, too. It gives him a chance to look over his future employees without committing himself completely. At the end of the working block, 60 per cent of the students usually go back to their employer to work. The rest either don't

like work or receive better offers after graduation."

Prof. Cameron commented, "A particular strength is that if is an ACCK program and each ACCK school has a coordinator who is an experienced job educator. We have cross references, which means we can give each other needed jobs that we have contacted but cannot fill. I believe it will be an efficient, worthwhile program that should work out well."

When asked when the course will be put into operation, Prof. Cameron explained, "We have the program all ready for its presentation this month to the faculty and EPC, who must approve the program; then, if everything goes well we hope to have students working this summer."

## Reagan speaks in Wichita

by Tom Slaughter

Governor Ronald Reagan was the featured speaker at a political rally for Kansas Senator Robert Dole February 12 at the Century II concert hall in Wichita. The rally was attended by Dr. Raymond Flory, professor of history; Dr. Monroe Hughbanks, professor of education; Mrs. Biffiel Glenn, professor of home economics; Miss Janelle Morgan, professor of music; Mr. Don Rominger, professor and coach; and several students.

Reactions to the purpose of the address made by Governor Reagan were varied. Wilson Coutee, fr, Oak Park, Illinois commented, "I felt that he was pushing off his own presidential campaign, but he tried to make it sound like he was talking about the Republican party as a whole."

Mike Halley, jr, Arapahoe, Colorado felt that Governor Reagan's speech corresponded to the purpose of his appearance. "Reagan is a good Republican and he did what he was expected to do. He is one of the strong ambassadors of the Republican party and used for that purpose. I think that he will be a presidential candidate, but this wasn't a kick-off speech for his own campaign."

Rick Doll, sr., Wamego summed up the general consensus of these interviewed. "Reagan is an intelligent man who uses conservative principles to his advantage. If you were a good Republican you could agree with what he said. I went expecting him to support Dole, but he ended up supporting the whole Republican party instead."

## Biffiel Glenn resigns position

by Debra Thomas

After teaching in McPherson's Home Economics Department for three years, Mrs. Biffiel Glenn is resigning to return to school for her doctorate. She explained that she has only 48 hours toward this degree, and she has a limited length of time to obtain the other hours.

Mrs. Glenn has not decided upon a school yet.

"We have accomplished quite a bit in three years," she com-

mented. Mrs. Glenn has helped in building the vocational program here at McPherson College. "I have thoroughly enjoyed the three years. I'll really miss it, and I really mean that. I'll be silently hoping for the success of this department."

Although Mrs. Glenn has resigned her position, a replacement will be hired. The announcement will be made in the near future concerning the new home economics professor.

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## Honor system causes library losses

by Holly Grone

Unlike the elaborate security systems in many college and university libraries, Miller Library here at McPherson College has no check on books and periodicals being carried out by the students. It is a system based on honor and responsibility of the individual student, and as the librarian, Miss Virginia Harris, stated, "There are some students who have no sense of honor."

Proportionately, the loss of books is probably not as great as in many other schools. But a large number of books and periodicals are missing. Presently, twenty volumes of periodicals are being held from processing because of missing issues. Some of these are technical journals which cost the library between \$5 and \$10 per issue (and sometimes considerably more to replace).

Although Miss Harris has not taken an official inventory recently, she counted 52 volumes in the 700's (Fine Arts) and 800's (Literature) which could

not be located in November and December of 1973. These books were not on the shelves or at the bindery, and they were not checked out. The 300's (Social Sciences) were inventoried last summer, and at that time, 30 volumes were missing. With the price of books averaging as high as \$8 to \$10, the loss is steadily increasing.

The last official inventory was taken over a year ago. This process involves several weeks' time; and with books continually going out and coming in, the situation is complicated. The best times to do this are in the summer and at semester break. During the school term, spot checks are made from time to time; but it is impossible to keep a running total of lost books. Between these spot checks, books are occasionally returned to the shelves by students, and books which have not been checked out are found in the book return. Miss Harris explained, "When books are missing, it's a loss to all students because we can't spend money on new books when we

have to replace old ones."

In addition to costs to the college, Miss Harris believes that missing books and periodicals involve inconvenience — for students as well as the library staff. "With no record of these materials," she pointed out, "it hinders our service to all students."

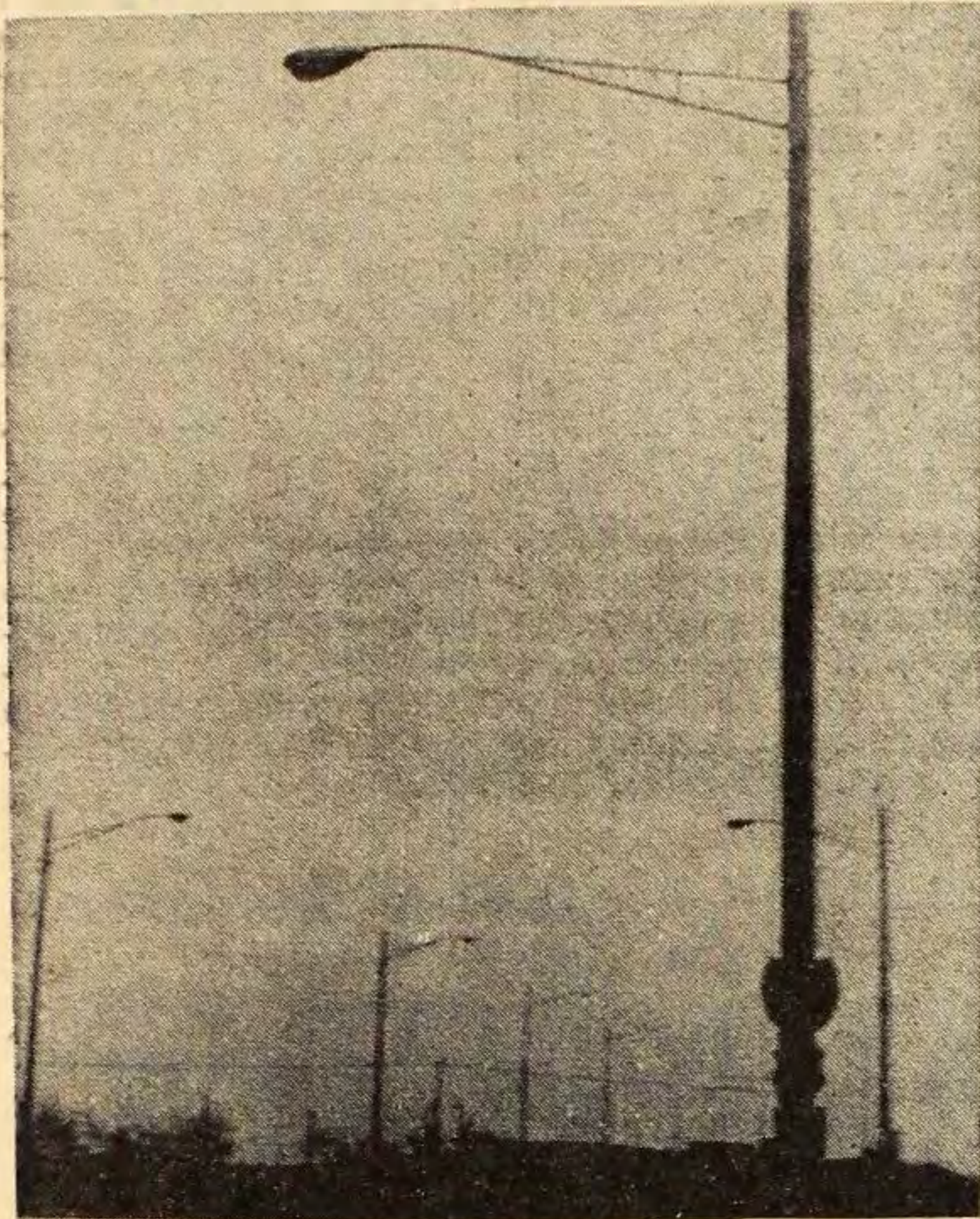
Security measures may have to be taken if this loss continues. This would involve an arrangement which would not allow students to leave the library until every item in their possession was checked at the circulation desk. She noted that a system such as this would be costly. Besides the initial expense, more help would have to be hired. It would also be time-consuming for students and library personnel.

MCCC had earlier proposed to initiate a security system in the library, but the matter was postponed. Miss Harris commented, "I would prefer not to have to do it. If all students were honest in their use of the library, it would not be necessary."



Athletes of McPherson College divided into groups Saturday, February 16, for a pre-track-season 100 mile relay. Women as well as men took part in this initial warm-up.

# McPherson termed 'Light Capital'



Highway 56 leading into McPherson from the east is well lit, maybe too well-lit considering the restrictions the government has asked us to make during the present energy crisis.

## BEOG available for 1973-4

All full-time, first-time students may still apply for the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG). The grant is for the academic year of 1973-74, and is retroactive for first semester. The deadline to apply

for the BEOG is April 1, 1974. Individual awards for the 1973-74 year are averaging \$260, with a maximum of \$450. Application forms may be obtained from the Financial Aids Office, Mohler 115.

"What do you think?"

# Abortion issue evokes varied feelings

by Velma Bunch

Abortion — a controversial subject. The Supreme Court has ruled that the matter of its legality shall be left up to each of the fifty states.

In Kansas, abortions are legal. Abortions can be performed in cases of felonious assault (i.e. rape or incest); if the mental or physical health of the mother is threatened by the pregnancy; and if there is reason to believe the fetus will be abnormal. Parental consent to the operation is required if the woman is under 18 years of age.

A consultation with a doctor and the signature of two or three other M.D.'s must be obtained before an abortion is performed. No abortions are done after the twelfth week of pregnancy.

Birthright, located in Hutchinson, and Kansas Right to Life, in Wichita, are two organizations that oppose abortions. Birthright offers counseling to pregnant women but does not recommend abortion.

Kansas Right to Life carries out educational work in behalf of the general sanctity and value of human life and liberty. They support legislation allowing medical treatment of the mother when her life is in danger, but otherwise do not support legal abortions.

The Spectator — collected a sample of Mac student's opin-

ions and received a variety of responses to the question of abortion.

**Pam Smith, sr., Maxwell, Iowa** — "A woman has the right to control her own body. Abortion should be legalized in more states but should not be used as a regular means of birth control."

**Paul Urbano, fr., N. Tonawanda, N.Y.** — "Abortion is wrong and I am totally against it. If two people have relations it is their responsibility to live up to what they do."

**Ann Thomas, sr., Guthrie, Okla.** — "If men had to have babies, this abortion issue would have been settled a long time ago. It is the woman's personal decision to make, and no one else's business."

**Dean Mason, soph., Norborne, Mo.** — "If a woman doesn't want a child, she shouldn't be forced to go through the pregnancy. But, I can't see abortions when the parents are married."

**Ellen Shoemaker, sr., Plattsburg, Mo.** — "Birth control should be utilized to make abortions unnecessary. The possible after effects of abortion are really bad. Abortion is very unnatural."

**Luis Martinz, fr., Panama City, Panama** — "I'm all for birth control pills, either male or female."

**Danese Crist, jr., McPherson**

## BAM organizes Christian retreat

BAM is planning a Christian Community Retreat. Twenty persons will be attending the Retreat and staying at Floy Ditmar's house in Nickerson. The group will help with several work projects of the Nickerson Church, doing some type of maintenance work.

"We hope to gain an understanding of each other through living and working together during the Retreat," said Jim Jones, so., Roanoke, Va.

The group will leave campus Friday afternoon, March 1 and return Sunday, March 3. They have planned a communion and love feast for Saturday night of the Retreat.

February 24 is the day that has been set for the Heart Fund Drive. Patty Wood and Ce Ce Zavala are this year's co-chairman. Stuco members are to be group leaders in this drive and they will need 10 people helping them in each group. If YOU can help contact Ce Ce Zavala, Patty Wood, or Sandy Hamm.

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# Macalendar

Friday, Feb. 22 — Film "Charlie Chan at Treasure Island," 8:00 p.m., Brown Aud.

Saturday, Feb. 23 — Basketball - Mac at Tabor

Tuesday, Feb. 26 — Convocation - Colin Jackson, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28 — Trustee Meeting.

## Seminary hosts conference

by Velma Bunch

"Often - times, people think seminaries are just like monasteries. That they are just for men, the men aren't interested in girls; this sort of thing. People also think you attend seminary only to go into the pastoral field. Nothing could be further from the truth. A seminary offers training in various fields," said Dave Bowman, campus minister.

Bethany Seminary is hosting ten persons from the college this weekend. Bethany is the graduate school of theology for the Church of the Brethren and is located in Chicago, Illinois. The Seminary hosts and pays for this yearly trip to let students get acquainted with seminary life and theological life.

In order to see the school in action, the group is living with students and attending their classes.

When asked "Why are you

participating?" John Snell, fr., LaVerne, Calif. replied, "I'm a possible seminarian, after graduation."

Dave Hendricks, Admissions Counselor, said, "I've never been on a church vocation conference before. I also plan to attend Bethany Seminary and have some questions answered. I plan to go into social work and I'd like to get a good, solid foundation and understanding of the Bible as they teach it."

"Next year, I'll be attending Bethany Seminary and I'd like to get my housing arrangements ironed out, look around for some job opportunities and possibly talk to some of the profs about what to take. I plan to attend for one year to study ethics and morality," said Junior Hendricks, director of the Youth

The group left Wed., Feb. 20 using two college cars for transportation and will return Sat., Feb. 23.

### Snell's Hell

## A Limerick

There once was a lady named Hamm.  
Who delighted in needing a man.  
That man had forgotten  
The joy of his lot when  
Responsible in life he was not.  
Is amnesia the state Hamm has fought?  
"Anonymous"

**Myra Ingmanson, soph., Mancos, Colo.** — "Abortion should be legal but not too easy to get. It is a woman's personal prerogative — there are times when an abortion would be best. It would be better than a child brought up unloved and unwanted and eventually committing suicide or in an institution of one kind or another. If it is known that the child will be abnormal (physically or mentally) and the parents want it aborted, it should be allowed."

**Terry Ingram, jr., Dayton, Ohio** — "If the pregnancy will endanger the health of the mother, then I'm all for abortion."

**Mary Sue Kienholz, jr., Ft. Collins, Colo.** — "Every woman should be free to use or abuse her body as she feels is morally right for her. However this is not the case as relates to abortion — too many factors and pressures enter the picture, so that the woman does other than want her personal morals suggest."

**Dave Wine, jr., Wauneta, Neb.** — "I don't believe one can make a clear-cut stand on the abortion issue. There are too many circumstances unique to each case. It becomes the duty of those persons closest involved to make the decision with what I would hope would be God's guidance."

**Kathy Hunt, fr., New Lebanon, Ohio** — "It's a matter of

choosing between the death of a fetus and a life that may not be worth living. I would rather have conception prevented in the first place, but for a mother on welfare, abortion could be a feasible alternative to raising a child unwillingly."

**Jim Jones, soph., Roanoke, Va.** — "It should only be performed when the life of the mother is at stake or if circumstances aren't right for the child to have a good life. It should be legal with some restrictions, with counseling and using the medical history of the mother to determine whether or not it would be feasible."

**Qu Bahm, jr., Baton Rouge, La.** — "The couple along with their doctor should be allowed to make the final decision concerning abortion."

**Larry Gilbert, fr., Chase** — "I am against abortion except when the mother's life is at stake. Certain situations call for a bend in the laws; the mother and her doctor should be the judge of this."

**Paul Keim, fr., McPherson** — "No one has a right to force their opinions on others. People who don't want abortions shouldn't have them."

**Joe Hale, soph., Dayton, Ohio** — "Abortion is necessary only in cases of rape or when the mother and father are unfit to care for the child."

## Women even record at 5-5

McPherson College's women's basketball team collected two big victories this week, a squeaker against Sterling 36-34 and an easier one over Southwestern 59-43. These victories brought Mac's conference record to a 5-5 mark.

Laura Sundahl and Jan Foley were the big guns against Sterling with 14 and 10, respectively. Shooting percentages were very close for the game, with Mac holding the edge 30 per cent to 28 per cent. Rounding out the scoring for Mac were Carol Stone, Nancy Beavers and Anita Koehn with four points each. The girls against Southwestern had it a little easier. Leading the team against Southwestern was a balanced attack with Foley pacing the team with 19 points and controlling the boards with 9 rebounds. Sundahl managed 17 points and Beavers collected 11. Stone donated 8 points to the winning cause with Med-

ford and Koehn each adding 2. Mac girls held a 30-18 halftime lead and then a 41-26 lead at the end of three. After that it was all uphill for the Mac eagers.

Mac's final game was yesterday against Marymount. The results were unavailable at press time.

## Trustees to meet

February 27th through the 29th, McPherson College will host the Board of Trustees. Discussion will be the approval of next year's budget and the seating of a student trustee on the board.

Students and faculty are invited to meet in one of three committees with the Trustees; MCCC, Student Life, and the Educational Policies Committee. These meetings will take place Thursday, Feb. 28th between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

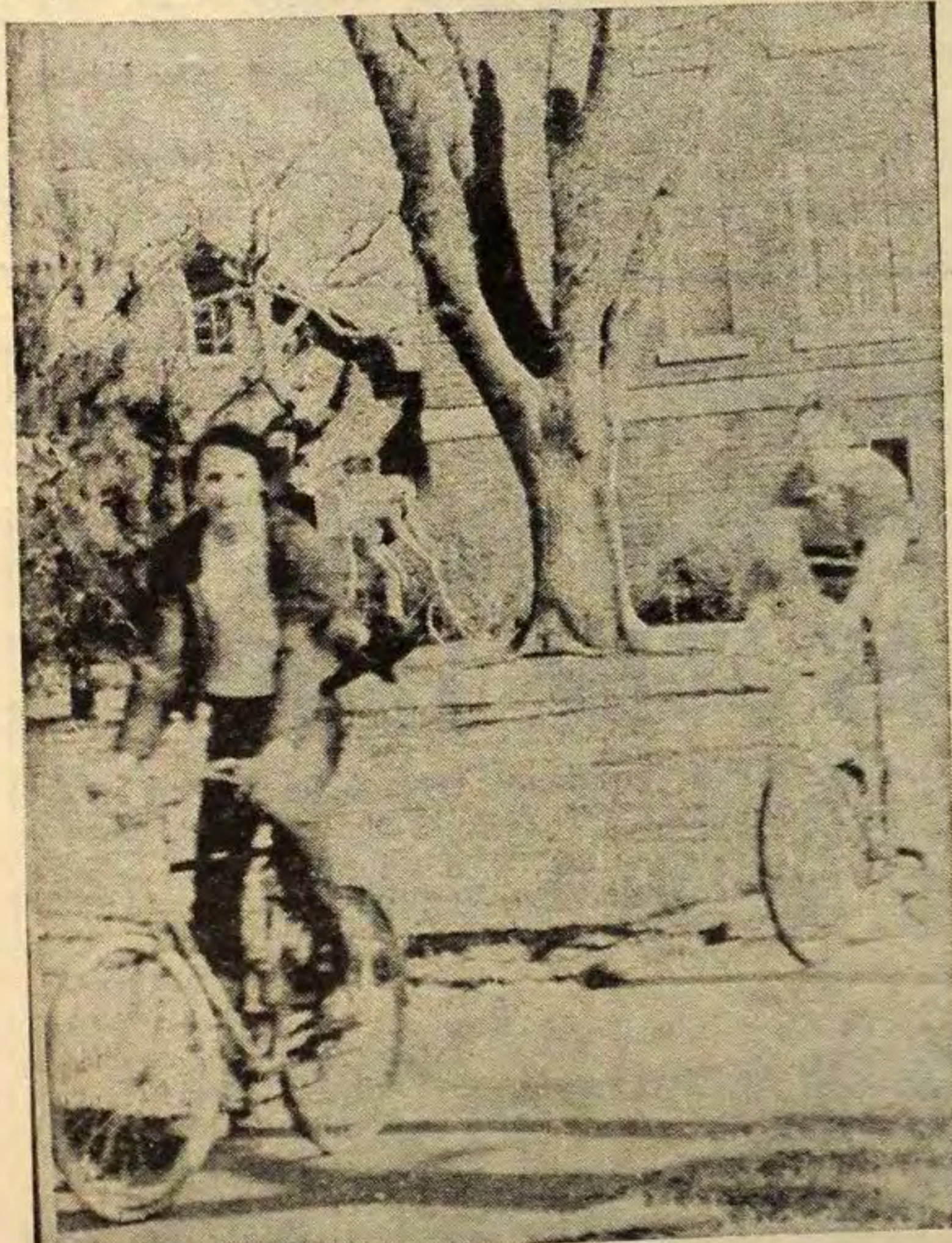
## Commuters defeated 73-28

by Stan Adams

Fanny displayed balanced scoring in notching a resounding 73-28 win over the Commuters in intramural basketball action last week. Tom White led the scoring with 18 points followed closely by Al Sammis with 17. Davis poured in 16 and Culver tallied 14. The contest was never in question as Fanny led 40-10 at the half.

In other games, Salvation rolled past the Jokers 66-35 with

Jack Rader and Mark Treaster pumping 21 and 18 points respectively, while the Heavies trimmed the Snowballs 63-53. George Harderson scorched the nets with 35 points to lead the winners. The Heavies held a slim 2-point lead at the half, but Harderson and Mark Lynch combined for 25 of the 33 second-half points to salt away the contest. The Black Knights suffered their second loss by forfeiting to Mafia II.



Last Saturday's weather brought bicyclers out for an afternoon of fun in the sun and enjoyable exercise.



Junior Hendricks, center, relaxes and socializes with Youth Center personnel. The

Center is located on first floor Bitteringer Hall.

# Case workers relate center's goals, dreams

by Cindy Mines

"Some say, 'I never thought I'd get to go to college this young.' But others say, 'I never wanted to go to college. Why am I here.'"

These are the words of Grace Balthaser, case worker for the McPherson County Youth Center, who aptly sums up the thoughts of most of the youth that stay at the Center.

Miss Balthaser is a 1973 graduate of Tabor College and "works mainly with the kids and their parents or agencies or whoever refers them to us."

According to Director Larry Fast, the number of youth served at the Center far exceeds their expectations prior to its opening last June. By last December, 93 — 12 to 17 year olds had been housed at the Center, "and this number is closer to what we had anticipated to have had by this time."

He continued, "We had expected to have eight youth per day but since June we have averaged at least ten every day so we have really gone over what we thought for the total." The Center has also worked with 18 counties and six states outside of Kansas.

To help keep students from getting behind in their school work, school is conducted five hours a day four times a week and two hours on Friday. Miss Balthaser said, "It's really an individualized school. Each kid has to be worked with separately as they are at different levels and usually functioning below their age level."

There are no formal counseling sessions at the Center and as Miss Balthaser put it, "It's

just impromptu counseling." Mr. Fast agreed, "Either they come to us or we go to them. As the opportunity arises, we counsel."

The case worker estimated most of the youth are 15 to 16 years old and most are runaways though a lot are waiting for hearings or juvenile court decisions.

When the Center opened it was arranged to house seven girls and 17 boys at one time but another suite for girls and an office is being added. Miss Balthaser commented, "Everything is more than we expected — a lot more."

She also says that the Big Brother-Big Sister program "is pretty beneficial to the kids." She added that the art department was considering sending students over to help with art projects.

When the idea of the Center was conceived it met considerable opposition from McPherson residents in the area close to Bitteringer Hall in which the Center is located. Miss Balthaser said, "I think everyone is pretty well in favor of it now. I guess they thought we'd create hassles for the College and community."

She discussed the youths' reasons for entering the Center, "Some come just to get away from home and pull their heads together and to live in a more structured existence."

"When they first come they don't trust anybody but then they've never been given anyone to trust before. Everybody's copped out on them. The houseparents are usually the first adults they've been halfway able to relate to."

Their relations with each other are no more strained than they would be with any group living together so closely. "They may attack each other as brothers or sisters would, but if at-

tacked by an outsider, they'd stand together," commented Miss Balthaser. "They're actually more outgoing with each other because they realize they're all here with about the same problem."

The Center is operating on a government grant that is renewable for five years at which time the Center hopes to be self supporting. They are also hoping for an educational grant that would allow two Kansas State University graduate students to work with the social workers and learn the Center's function.

The main purpose of the Center is to prepare the youth to return to the living situation he left. But as the usual time allowed to stay is 30 days, this is often hard to accomplish.

Miss Balthaser explained that the Center was working with youth who had "really severe problems in their background. A lot are just here waiting and then they'll go back into the same situation. We really can't do anything about it."

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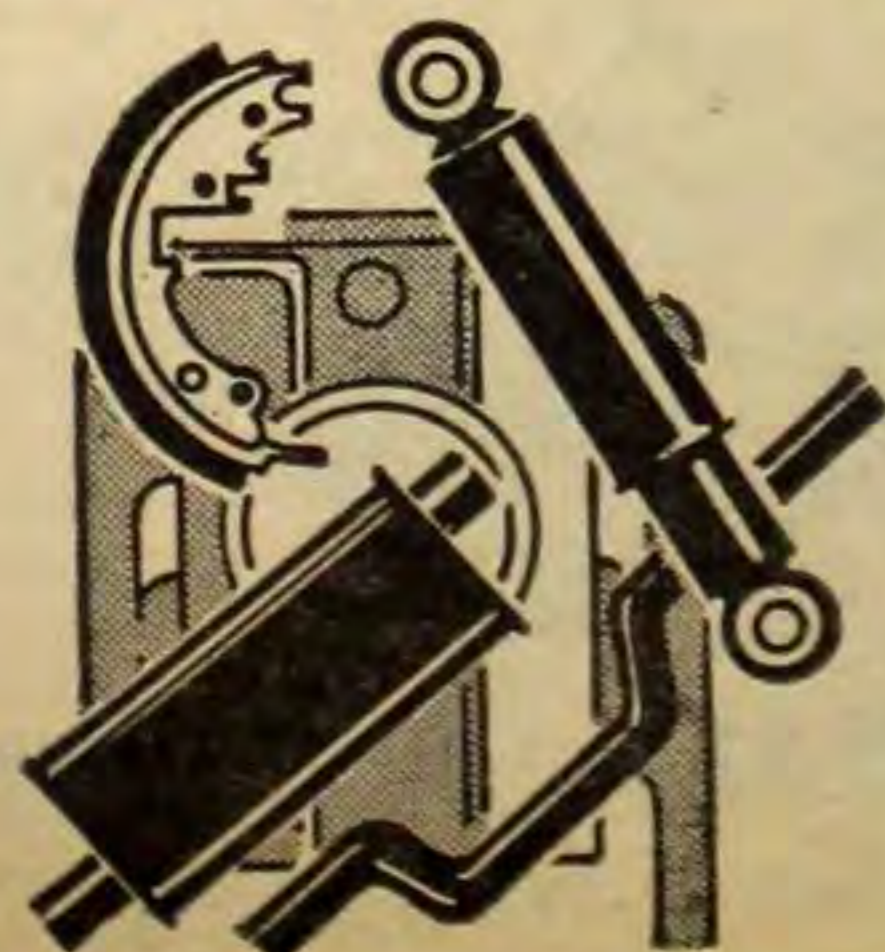


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# Bulldogs sink in conference

by Bruce Clary

The McPherson College Bulldogs went into the final week of the season needing 2 victories to round out an 8-8 Kansas Conference record. They fell to 6-8 last week with losses to Southwestern and Friends.

Steve Allen and Bob Frischenmeyer netted 18 points apiece to lead Friends to a 72-65 margin last Saturday night at Wichita.

Friends never faltered in the rather unexciting contest, leading 33-26 at half.

Glenn Anderson scored 16 points to top McPherson's scorebook, Larry Doll hit 14, and Stockstill 13. Russell Clifton and Tom Schulte also hit in double figures with 10 apiece, Ed Rogers chipped in 2.

Bulldog scoring against Southwestern was headed by Glenn Anderson who finished with 24. Russell Clifton and Tom Schulte also turned in fine performances of 22 and 21 points.

The Bulldogs conclude their season tomorrow evening with the Tabor game.



Brent Peterson and Al Sammis make use of spring-like weather as they engage in one of their first tennis games of the season.

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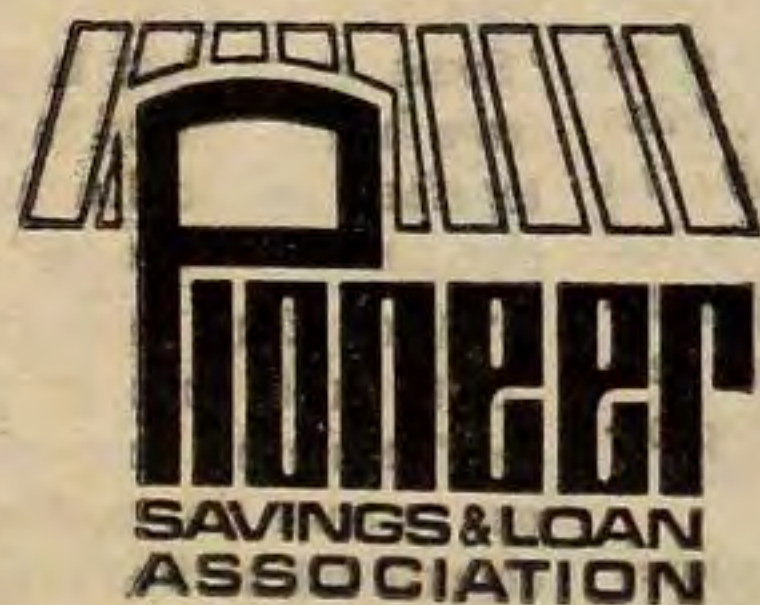
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