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In concert last Monday night were Larry Kitzel and his concert band who were accompanied on one number by Mary Sue Nicklos on the typewriter.

Activities planned for Spring Fling Week

To help remedy illnesses generally associated with the common spring, Social Committee, Metzler Hall and the Junior Class have joined forces in discovering a cure. The prescription is the Spring Fling and recommended dosage is for one week beginning on Monday.

Starting the week of activities will be the presentation of four student-directed one-acts on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 in the Little Theatre.

Included will be two serious plays, "Trifles," directed by Roger Helstern, sr., Dayton, Ohio; and Mike Hughbanks, fr., Anthony, will direct "Chinese White."

Lighter offerings will be "Jazz and Minuet" which will feature Donna Miller's, soph., Wichita, cast and Bruce Blocher, soph., Lincoln, Neb., will direct the comedy, "Home at 6:00."

Volleyballs, frisbees, kites and softballs will be the fare for Wednesday. These activities will

take place in Lakeside Park beginning at 1:30. Thursday will feature a hayride starting at 7 in front of Dotzour Hall.

Metzler Hall has been in charge of Friday's activities which will begin with an all-school picnic in the quadrangle. Games will be played until dark when the movie, "Kotch" will be shown on the back of Brown Auditorium as a stylized drive-in. Hot dogs will be served at midnight and will be followed by an all-school camp-out around the flag pole.

The week will culminate with the Junior-Senior Banquet and Spring Formal being planned by the Junior Class. According to Les Dell, Junior Class president, both festivities have been scheduled for the McPherson Country Club.

The banquet will probably be served in two shifts from 6:15 until 8:15 with the dance starting at 9 p.m. and lasting until midnight. The dance will feature a Kansas City band, "Intersanction Fantasy."

Burkholder, Young elected to office

Steve Burkholder and Christy Young were elected to the offices of president and vice president last Tuesday after the Student Council convocation in Brown Auditorium. Nearly two hundred ballots were counted to determine

the representatives for next year's council.

Jan Schrock was elected to the office of secretary and Sandy Loshbaugh was picked as stucco treasurer.

Only three other positions were

contested by more than one candidate, those being the Off-Campus position, won by Marlene Wine, the Kline Hall representative, with Nina Stinette taking that position, and Rick Doll chosen as Senior class representative.

Junior class rep is Linda Garland; sophomore class representative is David Newcomer; Sally Correll is Dotzour Hall rep; and Harold Rose was chosen to represent Metzler Hall.

The following were elected as Representatives-at-large: Kathy Ramsey, Steve Smith, Rick Slater, Joyce Johnson, Daryl Beam, and Leslie Goodrich.

In other election results, the increase in student fee was passed by a 188 to 51 margin; the Sunday breakfast was modified to toast and cold cereal; and Sunday dinner was changed to soup and sandwiches.

Blend of comedy, tragedy to be fare of one-acts

Enacting scenes from the one-acts are (left to right): Nina Stinette and Kent Wagoner; Mike Smith and Sara Penner; Judy Kimmel and Randy Widener; and Ceclia Stover and Mike Roberts.

Resignation submitted by Rasmussen

Eugene Rasmussen recently announced his resignation from the sociology department after one year at McPherson College.

While at Mac Prof. Rasmussen not only taught sociology, but he also worked in preparing the new criminal justice program. During interterm, his class visited 15 prisons and delinquency centers. Rasmussen has also been involved in an ACK committee on retired

persons.

Before coming to McPherson, Prof. Rasmussen taught in North Carolina, Asbury in Kentucky and Hillcrest College in Canada.

Rasmussen has accepted a teaching position at Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe.

"I have enjoyed many of the aspects of teaching here and I have enjoyed this year," said Rasmussen.

Rain dampens Shack Day

Despite the uncooperating weather, more than 20 students earned \$160 in the Stucco sponsored Work Day to help finance the planned Mac Shack.

Jobs worked by students ranged from garden and yard work and window washing to working in the S.U.

The funds raised by the workers will be used to decorate the interior of the proposed building. The shell of the building is to be

erected this spring and early summer and students will finish all interior work.

"The poor weather and conflicting activities were mostly responsible for the small turnout," said Deb Apgar, spokesman for the Mac Shack.

According to Deb, the new Shack could possibly be open sometime next fall if enough students and funds are available to do the work.



'Jazz and Minuet'



'Trifles'



'Home at Six'



'Chinese White'

Unfair lettering system merits re-evaluation

"Congratulations, private, you have just earned the provisional purple heart. If you are severely wounded in the line of duty again, we shall present you with two medals, since your first wound was comparatively minor."

This scene, of course, has never happened, and most likely never will. Yet almost the same situation is in effect here.

The provisional lettering system utilized by the sports department operates thusly: if a student qualifies in all but one aspect for earning a letter and if the coach thinks the student does not deserve it that year, the student receives two letters the next year, providing he qualifies for the next year's letter. If he does not qualify, both provisional letters are transferred to the next year.

This method of recruiting is unethical as well as unfair to the student. A student who provisionally letters four years in a row ends up with nothing but disappointment and dirty sweat socks to show for his efforts.

This policy should be eliminated - now. A student wants to know whether he lettered or not, and why. When this college becomes fair to its students, only then will it provide a liberal education for those who come here.

Kent Wagoner

Of Tears and Amber Evenings

Had I known you sooner, later,
 Could the courses have differed?
 Would the paths of the winds be changed?
 What wonder may have passed between our eyes
 And was lost before they met?
 Or what bright thing lay placed in a cubby
 In some further day
 To be found if our paths there ran together,
 And meeting here have lost again?

Like the ocean, I go on;
 Like the sky, I go on;
 Am I so immortal, eternal,
 To burn away within
 Yet, hollowed-shell, go on and on . . .
 The lingering dissatisfaction you bring me now
 Will linger still, no matter the years that pass,
 The loves I find, the memories I make
 Of tears and amber evenings,
 And red-flushed clouds brushed across the face of the
 low-hung sun;
 Of purple, creeping up the walls of the east
 With dim stars caught behind . . .

by Charles L. Baker

We get letters

Choir performance lauded

Dear Editor,
 We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the college choir. We attended their final tour concert at the Hutchinson Church of the Brethren, as well as hearing them several other times this year, and we were most impressed. The choir is excellent.

The music was very well performed and extremely well received. The program offered a variety of different types of music, from classical to contemporary. In addition to the choir's participation, there were instrumental accompaniments, plus a very fine solo by Gordon Hornbaker and a talk about McPherson College by Christy Young.

For us, and many others, it was an evening well spent. McPherson College should be exceptionally proud to have such a fine and talented group of students as ambassadors.

Thank you, Tom Walker and

Alpha Psi Omega initiates ten

Ten drama students will be initiated into Alpha Psi Omega, the drama fraternity, May 11, at Prof. Una Yoder's house.

Alpha Psi's current members are inviting the following to join: Bruce Blocher, soph., Lincoln, Nebraska; Phyllis Chapman, sr., Denver, Colorado; Terry Horner, soph., Hutchinson; Mike Hughbanks, fr., Anthony; and Dan

History, geology excursions planned for summer school

Nationally known guest instructors and multiple sites are features of the McPherson College summer session this year. Twelve graduate course offerings and fourteen undergraduate offerings will begin June 2 and run through August 15.

Dr. Jeannette Veatch, one of the outstanding reading authorities in this country will headline the list of visiting instructors. She is from Arizona State University. Dr. Clark Milsom, Director of Special programs, Windson, Colo., Dr.

Nina Cole, Wichita Public Schools and Dr. Virgil Howes, Director of the International Center for Educational Development in California are some of the other guest leaders for the summer.

Three science courses will be in the Colorado Rockies. Enrollment for Wilderness Experiences, a three week backpacking course with Dr. Gilford Ikenberry, has already been closed. Science In The Elementary School and Advanced Field Studies in Geology will use Camp Colorado

near Castle as the location for their study.

Garden City, Colby and Garfield, Ks. will also host courses on the open classroom, positive classroom climate and the metric system.

A chartered bus tour to historic New England and Canada will be led by Dr. Raymond Flory, Head of the History Department of McPherson College. Interested persons may contact the Director of the Summer School, Dr. D. G. Rothrock, for additional information.

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Top publications positions

now open for applicants

Applications are now being taken for several yearbook and newspaper positions. Interested students should give their name and past experience to either publication editor before May 2.

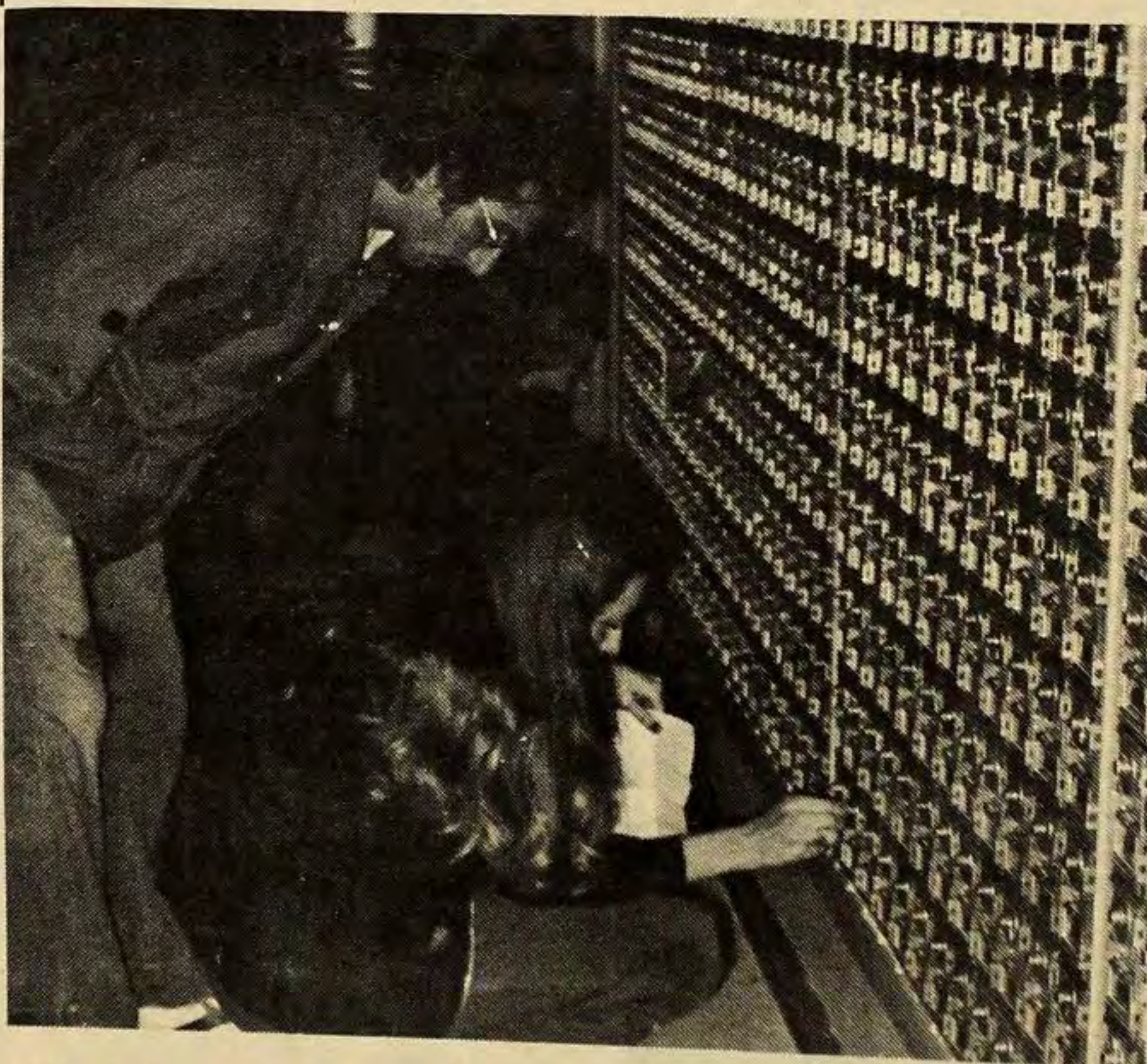
Spectator positions include a business manager who receives \$300 a year and a photographer who is salaried at \$70 a year. The Campus Editor position will also be vacant and any student wishing to work as a reporter can enroll in

Reporting Practice and receive one hour credit for his work.

Paying positions on the Quadrangle include a business manager who is paid \$200 a year and a photographer who receives \$100 a year. The assistant editor slot also needs filling.

The Board of Publications will consider all applicants at their May meeting and make the final decision as to the filling of 1975-76 publication positions.

Mailboxes arouse mixed emotions



Dale Culver and Cheryl Miller get their mail in the newly re-located mailboxes in the basement of the Student Union.

Cry of, "Oh, no, they moved our mailboxes," could be heard in nearly every hall after vacation when the mailboxes were moved to the SU basement.

However, there are people on the Mac campus who believe the move has its advantages. "It is not as handy, but it is nice to see a lot of people you never see in the SU," said DeWayne Jackson.

Dave Frantz and Gene Barrett both think that it is more convenient for the guys because "you can get your mail at mealtime." "It isn't too far to walk across the street from Dotzour," said Marlene Wine. "I think the main advantage is that it gets people in the SU who never use it," commented Steve Vincent.

The most enthusiastic response came from Denise Lewallen. "I really like it in the SU. I have talked to people I never usually see. The faculty, staff, and students all go down there for their mail, and it is a good chance to just talk to everyone."

Macalendar

- Friday, April 25 — Last day to drop courses.
- Saturday, April 26 — Last chance this year to take the English proficiency test; track meet at Ottawa; "The Buccaneer," an 8 p.m. film in Brown Auditorium.
- Sunday, April 27 — Mac Invitational Soccer meet.
- Tuesday, April 29 — Today through May 3 is the Spring Fling, so get out and shake off winter! - Mac Invitational Track Meet at 3 p.m.; Tonight through Thursday night, the four one-act plays will be presented in the Little Theatre.
- Wednesday, April 30 — Volleyball, frisbee, kites, and softball in Lakeside Park starting at 1:30 p.m.; Tennis meet here at 2 p.m.; when the Bulldogs take on the Swedes of Bethany.
- Thursday, May 1 — Hayride begins in front of Dotzour at 7 p.m.

choir members. Keep up the great job you are doing for others, for yourselves, and, most of all, for McPherson College.

Sincerely,
 Merrin and Winona Godfrey

Metzler, jr., Nappanee, Indiana. Also being initiated are Denise Miller, soph., Valley Center; Donna Miller, soph., Wichita; Rod Neher, jr., Anna, Illinois; Sharon Switzer, soph., Wichita; and Chester Young, jr., McPherson. Several members of Alpha Psi Omega plan to perform various scenes in an Evening of the Best of Drama.

From Marburg, Germany to Mac College, U.S.A.

by Cindy Mines

After two hours of surveying the "fascinating yet overwhelming center of the world for Europeans," New York City, from atop the Empire State Building, Gabriele Meinhard reluctantly descended to begin the last leg of the journey in her transition from Phillips-Universität in Marburg, Germany to McPherson College.

After visiting friends in Minnesota, Chicago and Denver, Gabi crossed the wide, flat, dry expanse of Western Kansas. Slightly depressed, she compared the "almost desert" terrain that was blurring past her to the small and picturesque village, Schwarzenborn, she'd left behind.

Marburg-McPherson

Though she could compare the features of the countryside she was to discover that the vast differences between schools would make them incomparable: Marburg — one of Germany's

larger and more liberal state schools and McPherson — a small, private college.

Used to student demonstrations and controversies at the 15,000 student University, she said of McPherson, "It's so unreal here. The outside world just doesn't seem to exist here."

"There are no controversies; people just don't seem to care. It's not what I'm used to and actually it's kind of sad."

To her the McPherson College student body doesn't seem to have any power. "At Marburg, there are really fights between teaching and student bodies. Everyone's involved and not only about things like dorm hours—but national and international politics."

One recent demonstration she recalls is when the Minister of Culture wanted to raise the tuition. (There are only state schools in Germany and students pay a small amount for attending.) "The students were really against it. Everyone participated and it was really good."

When questioned about whose side the faculty were on she commented, "The teachers are pretty liberal — especially in the humanities and they usually take the side of the students."

No tests, exams

At Marburg, Gabi is studying German and English and is in her third year at the University. She takes no classes outside her fields, but says this is "bad because I know no one outside my subjects."

Unlike the U.S. college degree which is attainable in eight semesters, she says students usually study for 13 or 14 before taking their final examination.

These exams last for a semester and among other papers include one that must be one hundred pages long on one of her subjects. The tests will be the first she has taken since entering the University.

"This has its disadvantages," she said, "you don't know how bad or how good you are because there's no proof, no test. Everyone's afraid to take their final exam."

Yet she admits that grades "really don't say anything. They're just to keep the student studying because they have no self-motivation. They don't learn because they want to but so they can get good grades."

One advantage she sees in McPherson is that it's easier to make friends and "it's much nicer to sit in classes with ten or twelve students instead of more than one hundred."

"A friend just wrote that this semester he has 800 students in one class. I don't know why they don't limit the enrollment — every semester there are about one thousand new students. I don't know where they put them all."

With so many students Gabi said that it was extremely hard to study. They have no faculty adviser and students must choose their own curriculum. "Many students need at least one semester to orient themselves. Unlike here, there's nobody to help you—you're all alone."

The classes are not lectures but structured as seminars. "It's bad," she admitted, "you can't really discuss anything. Only ten or twenty students talk and the rest are just scared."

Gabi likes the personal professor-student relationships she has found here. It took her three semesters at Marburg before she even met a teacher.

Before that her classes were conducted by student tutors.

"The system at Marburg is completely different," she said. "It is much more academic and scholarly. They have no sports and no extracurricular activities — strictly study."

Most of her studying is done at home because "it's so unnerving to sit in class with a hundred people. You can't concentrate."

"Home" is a village of one hundred people about eight miles from Marburg where she lives with five other students. Most of her day is spent in the city going to the classes which usually meet for two hours once a week or "going to a coffeehouse to sort of recuperate."

Very few students live in dorms and when they do it is because it is cheaper. She has never lived in a dorm before coming to McPherson but says in Germany they are very different. They are more like apartments and men and women live on the same floor.

The 22-year-old student commented that students seemed somehow older in Germany but added, "I guess that's because they are." German youth attend gymnasium at age ten for eight years where they take a strict curriculum which includes no electives.

Prof recommends McPherson

Gabi chose the University at Marburg because "it's known to be pretty liberal and progressive and the students are more, I guess, radical. Anyway, I love the medieval town."

She chose to come to the United States so she could learn English better. A professor recommended McPherson and since she was not familiar with any other college, chose to come here.

After completing her final exams, Gabi hopes to teach high school. Her degree will qualify her to teach but she must complete two years of teaching on probation first. She has no plans for summer job as the unemployment rate is very high in Germany.

"I'm really glad I'm here," she said, "four months is just long enough to discover a new place." At the end of May she will leave, with memories of chili dogs and the Grand Canyon, to make the transition back to a large German school.

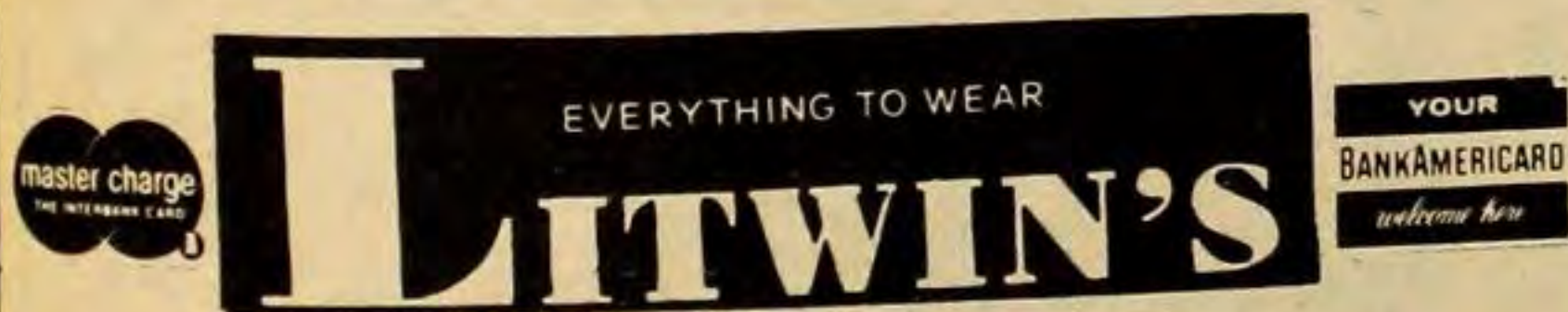
However, she will have to make another transition — she admitted, "I've even begun to think in English."

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Gabi Meinhard (right) discusses her reactions toward McPherson College with Christy Peterson.

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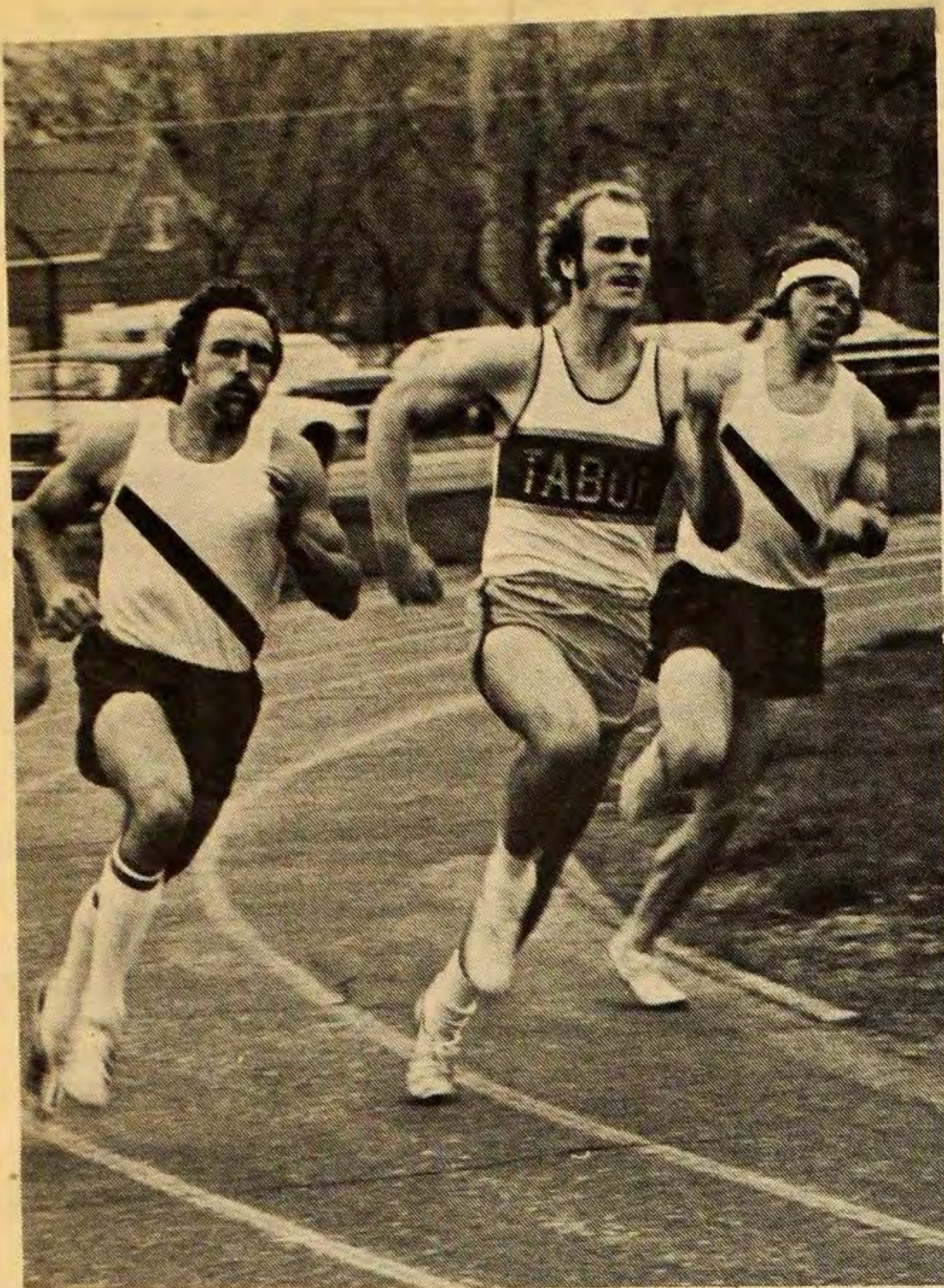


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Mac sweeps ACCK



Attempting to place in the 440 yd. dash are McPherson tracksters Steve Cameron and Zack Myers.

Both men and women's divisions of the ACCK track meet were dominated by the McPherson College track team in the meet held here Tuesday.

Mac women compiled 111 points to take first, followed by Bethany with 67. The men had a comfortable 185-156 margin over runner-up Bethel.

First place finishers for the men included Randy Porter, who took first in the steeplechase with a time of 10:17.4, and Eric Herman, who captured the discus throw with a heave of 153'3".

The mile relay team of Steve Cameron, Ben Work, Zack Myers

captured that event with a time of 3:27.12.

Mac also made a sweep of the 440-yard dash, winning the first three places. Freddie Wilson crossed the finish line first in 49.1. Steve Cameron was second and Zack Myers third.

First place winners in the women's division for Mac were concentrated in the field events. Laura Sundahl took first in the javelin with a toss of 110'5".

Carol Stone threw the shot 37' to take that event. Sheila Thompson was first in the long jump with a leap of 16'8" and Jan Foley won the high jump by clearing 4'10".

Sandy Loshbaugh was a double-winner taking both the mile and 2-mile runs with times of 6:15.4 and 13:51.3, respectively.

Jeanne Suellentrop was also a double-winner, taking the 100-meter hurdles in 16.2 and 220-yard dash in 27.6.

Medford was winner in the 440-yard dash, crossing the line in 64.5 seconds.

The 880-medley team and 440-yard relay team both won their events.

The track teams will host the Mac Invitational meet this Tuesday.

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Southwestern shutout

The McPherson Soccer Club will host their annual McPherson Invitational Soccer Tournament tomorrow and Sunday. Action begins at 9 a.m. each morning for the competing eight teams.

Last Sunday the Soccer Club shutout Southwestern, 3-0. Marty Nolan kicked all three goals for Mac, one in the first half and two in the second-half to snuff out Southwestern's fire.

"It was a great day and good team effort," stated Ted Hammarlund, team captain. "We did well with our passing." The Club is now 2-2 and is hoping for a good

performance in the Invitational Tournament.

"The key in the tournament for us will be the fact that we have never lost a game at home," Hammarlund said.

Golfers face uphill battle in fight for KCAC Crown

The McPherson College golf team will go after the KCAC crown Monday and Tuesday in a 54-hole tournament at Wellington Municipal Golf Course. Pre-tournament favorite is Southwestern College, who will be playing on their home course.

Eighth place was the way the golf team finished in the Southwestern Invitational Golf Tournament Tuesday, out of the thirteen teams entered in the meet.

Emporia State walked away with the team trophy, totaling 307 strokes in the four-man competition. Washburn University was second at 319.

Mac totaled 353 over the relatively short, but tree-lined par 70 Wellington Municipal Golf Course. Individual scores were: Bruce Clary, 80; Les Dell, 88; Ron Hovis, 91; and Larry Brubaker, 94.

Sexton of Emporia and Roether of Washburn tied for medalist honors, both carding 75's.

The golf team also participated in a quadrangular event at Tabor last Friday. Mac was third.

Kansas Newman won the shortened tourney with 166. Tabor

was second at 170, Mac 174 and St. Mary's 194.

Individual scores in the cold, damp weather were: Clary, 40; Dell, 40; Brubaker, 46; and Hovis, 48. Medalist honors were taken with a 39.

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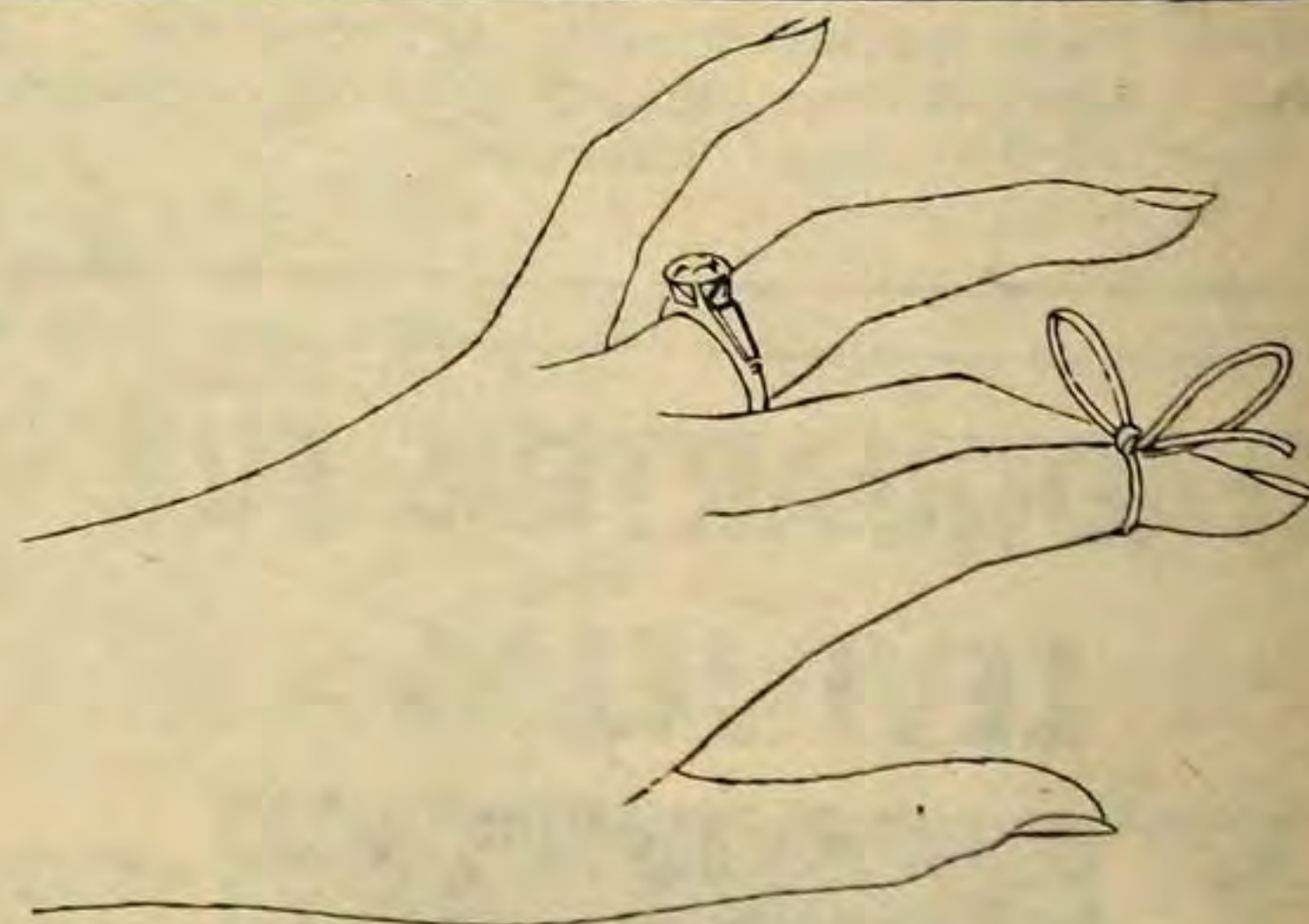
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