

Drunken Brett Palmer, played by Galen Royer, fr., Elkhart, Ind., gets a little help from supporting man Kenty Wagoner, soph., Adel, Ia., during rehearsals of the forthcoming one-act, "Hangs Over Thy Head." The plays will be presented Feb. 25-27 in the Little Theatre.

Curtain time for one acts nears

by Celia Stover

Drama productions will swing back into action next week with the production of three one-act plays. "Hangs Over Thy Head," "For Distinguished Service" and "Where Have All the Lightning Bugs Gone?" will be presented in the Little Theatre, Feb. 25-27, at 7:30 p.m.

"Hangs Over Thy Head," directed by Anne Erisman, soph, Warrensburg, Mo., is a play within a play. Five New York actors, who have received postcards inviting them to try out for a "new and exciting play," arrive at the appointed place, but there is no one to greet them.

Eventually, the playwright, played by Les Dell, sr, Beatrice, Neb., arrives and explains the play to the five actors: a young man, Philip Gardner, played by Brad Snyder, fr, Wichita; an aspiring actress, Anne Forrest, played by Debbie Strong, fr, Ankany, Ia; a hypocritical, middle-aged actress, Victoria Darling, played by Cheryl Freed, soph, Wichita; an old man, portrayed by Galen Royer, fr, Elkhart, Ind., and a Russian member of the United Nations, Boris Pavenko, played by Kent Wagoner, soph, Adel, Ia.

The play, as the playwright explains it, has no ending, and he has invited these five "ordinary"

people to help him find it.

"For Distinguished Service," directed by Gayle Broberg, soph, McPherson, runs along lighter lines with a soap-opera type plot. Katherine Burton, portrayed by Sherry Lockwood, jr, Brighton, Co., is in love with her best friend's husband. The "best friend," Ethel Harding, played by Sheree Holman, jr, McPherson, is "fooling around a little on the side." Ethel gives Katherine advice on how to catch a man, not knowing she is losing her husband. After a series of complications, Katherine ends up with . . . yes, you guessed it, Ethel's boyfriend.

Debby Stong, fr, Ankany, Ia., will direct "Where Have All the Lightning Bugs Gone?" The play centers on two people in the cast, a boy, played by Mike Roberts, soph, Kansas City, who meets a girl Mary Beth Snyder, fr, Liberty, Neb. Although they talk extensively, neither one learns the other's name. The boy goes to war, and what might have been a wonderful relationship is aborted.

Later this spring, "See How they Run," a comedy, will be presented for the Regional Youth Conference, March 10-13.

In honor of the bicentennial, "1776" will be presented late in May in a combined effort of faculty and students.

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Sooby funds provide new labs

Money donated by friends and relatives of the late Dr. Donna Sooby, a 1953 graduate of McPherson College, will be used to expand existing facilities and provide new equipment for both forage and soil testing laboratories.

"Approximately \$6,000 will be used to purchase equipment, such as a pH meter and a protein determining apparatus," said Professor Al Dutrow, agriculture.

"Additional funds will be used to develop one of our existing rooms into two smaller labs, one of which will be the small animal room and the other, an analytical lab for soil and feed."

"The lab will be primarily for student use," he continued. 'Eventually, I'd like to see the use of the labs expand to include forage and feed work for area

Enrollment rises/ Home Ec speaker/

. . . Registrar Corinne Hughbanks reports an enrollment of approximately 470 students for the spring semester, up from 446. This includes 425 full time students Mrs. Hughbanks attributes the increase to the newlyimplemented adult education program and a lower attrition

.Mrs. Linda Graham, economics professor at WSU, and

farmers."

already been donated to the Memorial Fund, honoring Dr. Sooby, who devoted much of her life to scientific experimentation.

After her graduation from McPherson College, Dr. Sooby served for two years in Brethren Volunteer Service in Kassell, Germany. In 1959, she received her M.A. from Washington University and subsequently received her M.S. from Colorado State University.

In 1968, she became the first woman in the nation to receive a Ph.D in Radiation Biology.

Dr. Sooby was included in "Outstanding Young Women of America" and later, in 1972 in "American Men and Women in Science."

"Poseidon Adventure"... a member of President Ford's advisory council, will speak on

> invited. . . . The thriller to end all Poseidon "The thrillers, Adventure," will be presented tonight at 8 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. I.D.'s will be required.

She was one of six alumni Approximately \$13,000 has selected to receive a citation of merit award from McPherson College in May 1975. Dr. Sooby died days before she was to receive the honor, which was subsequently presented to her parents.

Black culture teatured

Southern-style food, two guest speakers and a talent show will highlight Black Awareness Week, Feb. 22-28.

A "Soul Food Supper" kicks off the week with a menu including barbecued chicken and spare ribs, chitlings, macaroni and cheese, mustard greens, cornbread, green-bean-salad and sweet potato pie. The meal will be served at 5 p.m., Feb. 23 with a liberal dose of soul music thrown in for flavor.

Marc R. Minnis, a guest speaker from Lawrence and affiliated with the Bureau of Lecturers and Concert Artists, will present a multimedia program entitled "People" Feb. 24 in Brown Auditorium.

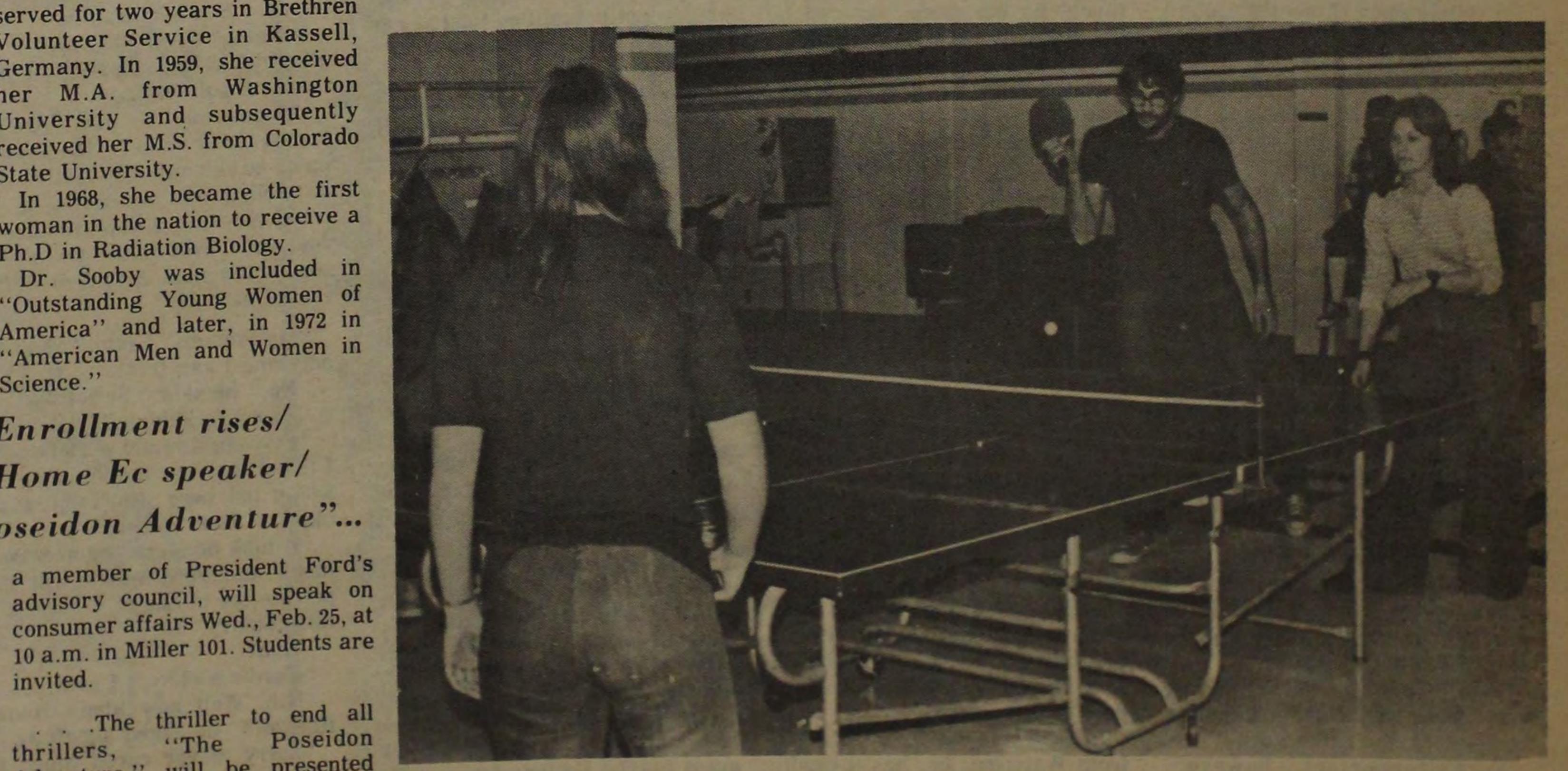
Later in the day, the Black Student Union will sponsor a coffeehouse-style talent show in the snack bar area of the Student Union at 8 p.m. Minority students will entertain with song and

poetry, and a Bethany College dance band may attend to provide additional music.

Oscar Morgan, director of social activities and co-sponsor of BSU, will present a discussion on the "great IQ test myths" Feb. 25 in Mohler Hall. He will discuss "how IQ tests can influence racial attitudes to prove one race superior to others," drawing information from several actual tests. The time and room number for this program will be announced.

Dr. Garry Crooms, Assistant Director and Professor of Minority Students at WSU, will lead a lecture and discussion period pertaining to cross-cultural communications.

These differences "often build barriers between the black society and the white society." Possible solutions to this problem will be discussed at this program.



Lynn Sifrit. Jr. Waka. Tex., anticipates his next ACCK sponsored Ping Pong Tournament last shot while his partner Terry Etter, fr. Leola, Pa., Saturday. McPherson took first place with 22 watches. Sifrit and Etter won first place in the points, and Bethel college placed a close second.

Candidates present diverse profiles

Humphrey

It's no secret that Hubert Humphrey has hungered after the presidential nomination in years past. Humphrey, though, is just now recovering from a case of self-admitted damaged pride, from both the 1968 and 1972 campaigns, where people literally spit on him and his wife.

Humphrey is a non-candidate this year, which tends to put him on a pedestal—at least for the time being. Until he comes under actual caucus which he won. fire, Humphrey's faults are not played up.

One of Humphrey's faults, longwindedness, is overlooked because of his reputation for decisiveness. Always active in civil rights, Humphrey is supported by big labor. He is for "more efficient. . more responsive government, not less, government."



Jimmy Carter has been doing some hard campaigning in recent months. His "down-home handshaking" style is politics has won many moderates and pragmatic liberals to his cause.

Carter has been accused in the

Since Gerald Ford was shoved

into office some 17 months ago, his

performance and competence

have been attacked. The

Republicans, faced with a leader

whose image is something less

than perfect, and the Democrats,

who are having trouble sorting out

potential nominees from some 11

candidates, are currently in the

If the primaries were staged

tomorrow, for whom would you

vote? McPherson College students

recently responded to this

Marti Grone, a freshman from

Davenport, Neb., is a firm Reagan

supporter. "He's honest," she

said. "He understands farmers

and his record in California more

than proves his competence. He's

Many students wouldn't vote for

Lynn Sifrit, jr, Waka, Texas,

Ford supporters, however,

seemed to outnumber Reagan

fans. Sandy Loshbaugh, sr,

Middlesex, England, noted that

Reagan simply on the basis of his

past achievements, but merely to

said that he would vote for Reagan

because "I don't like Ford."

also open-minded."

keep Ford out of office.

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question.

past of being a racist, wrongly according to Georgia Congressman Andrew Young, a black. Commented Young recently, "Jimmy Carter is not and never has been guilty of . . . racism."

Carter has also made it clear that he will not support any current abortion laws or constitutional amendments pertaining to abortion, a move which made him popular with the Iowa

Wallace

Has George Wallace mellowed? Perhaps not, but he is being careful these days about what he says.

Wallace recently lambasted the government for its failure to help the ailing shoe industry. "The government was too busy "bussing little children" to turn its eyes to the industry, he said.

While Wallace is scolding the "feds" for the bussing issue, neither is he openly critizing the black population. Because of his stance, his chances in Massachusetts, where he is expected to gain as much as 25 per cent of the vote are good, stemming from the Boston bussing problem.

Somewhat less mellow is Wallace's isolationist view. He is opposed to foreign aid, and would like to make the United States the number one offensive and defensive power in the world, an idea that runs contrary to that of detente.

Wallace recently said, with an air of confidence, "By 1980, everybody will have accepted my ideas."

"Although Ford has not done

much, he has been hindered by

Congress. I like his domestic

Daryl Enos, sr, Marion, would

also give Ford the nod for the

presidency. "He's done a fairly

good job for having been shoved

into office," Daryl commented.

along Democratic lines, however,

seemed to experience a bit more

confusion. The surplus of can-

didates in addition to startling

platform similarities have caused

some of the mix-up. Among those

surveyed, most chose a "non-

candidate," Humbert Humphrey,

Lesley Goodrich, soph, Lenexa,

said, "I'd go with Humphrey. He's

had experience in Congress and as

vice-president. He also has some

"Hubert Humphrey is my

candidate," said Cathy Wirth,

soph, Lincoln. "Anybody's better

than Ford, and Humphrey has the

from Waterloo, Ia., has a totally

different conception of the new

presidential candidate. "I'd vote

But Carolyn Smith, a freshman

for president.

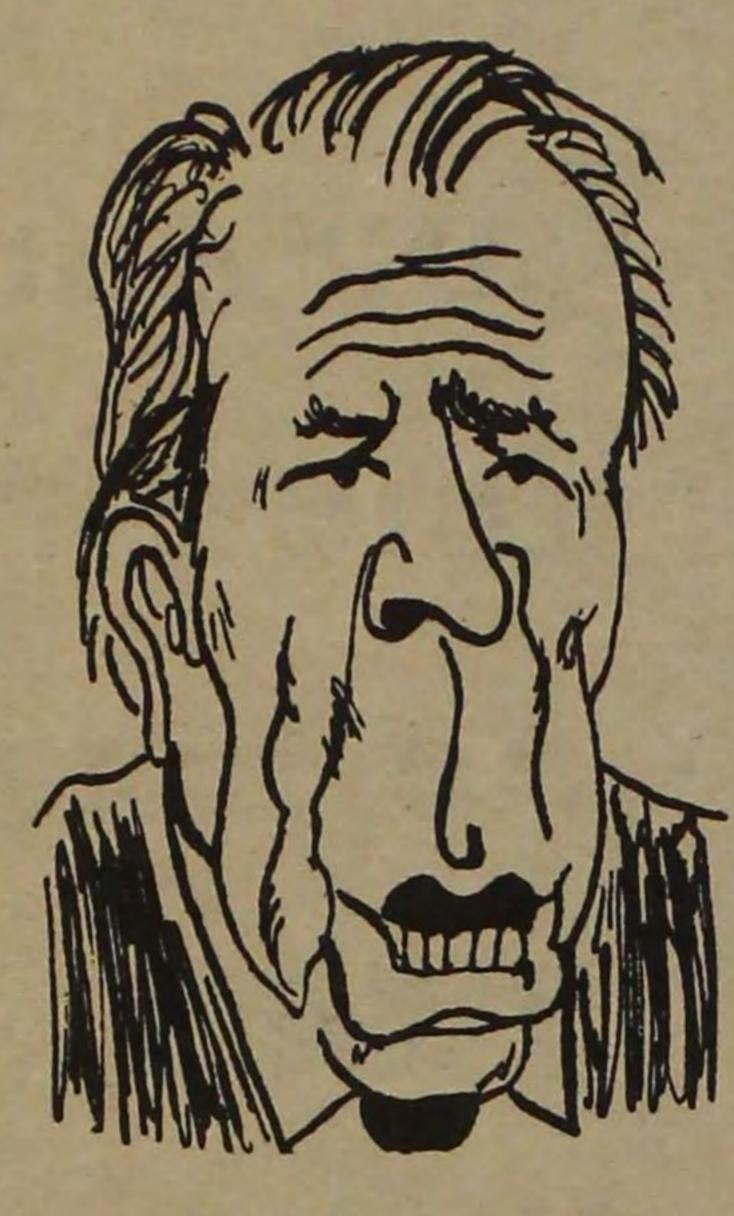
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Those students wishing to vote

policies," she added.

Jackson



Henry (Scoop) Jackson's style, if unglamourous, has carried him a long way. Jackson's methodical plodding, political style has won him a chance to snag the Democratic nomination.

Jackson, however, has alienated many Democrats with his right wing tactics. A long-time "Russian-hater," Jackson does not support dentente, a cause to which many Americans now ascribe. Jackson also plans to pose limitations on court ordered bussing.

Although he is skipping New Hampshire this year, Jackson will almost certainly gain a good portion of later primary vote.

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who recently qualified for federal

campaign funds, has been a strong

promoter of the "right to life"

campaign, 1976's so called

"Sleeper Issue." Said Carolyn, "I

like some of the things she has to

The greatest majority of

students, however, expressed no

desire to vote in the next election,

which may be attributed to a loss

Eldon Chlumsky, soph,

McPherson, commented,

"Nobody is really fit for the job (of

Added Sam Cordell, soph,

Wichita, "I wouldn't vote for

anybody. Nobody's got the

necessary qualifications.

Did Nixon inspire this general

"Yes," Sam said, reflecting the

general sentiments of those

surveyed. "I knew he was a

squirrel before he was elected."

last statement, Sam added, "I

guess maybe I'd vote for myself.

Even though I'm not old enough,

I'd lie about my age to get on the

Reflecting thoughtfully on her

Everybody's crooked."

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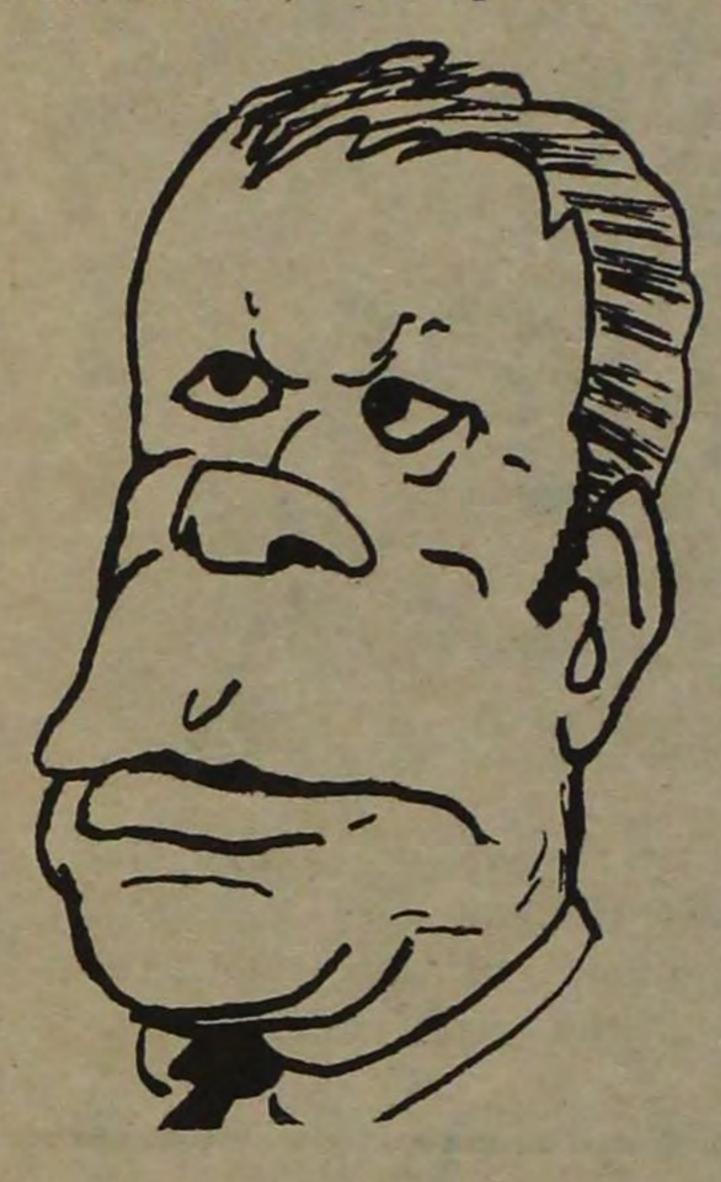
of confidence in public leaders.

Ford

After 25 years in Congress, Jerry Ford was suddenly thrown into the limelight as vice-president when Spiro Agnew resigned. Nine months later, he became president - a job he never asked for.

Ford's stay in office has been marred by an uncooperative Democratic Congress, and he has recorded some 40 vetoes, a fact which may cast a negative shadow on his image.

In addition, Ford's public image



is one of a "clumsy ox," and his public speaking ability is often clouded by the awkwardness of his pronunciation and the grayness of his sentence structures.

Yet, Ford, who succeeds a president who kept almost everything a secret, does have a reputation for honesty. Perhaps one of the areas of strongest support comes from his wife, who has added a measure of credibility to the Ford administration with her outspokenness on current issues.

Ford recently commented, in reference to the Reagan threat, "I don't expect to lose."

Reagan

Actor-turned-politician Ronald Reagan seems to be threatening Ford these days. Although he was first elected to office in 1966, Reagan has rolled up an impressive record as governor of California.

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Reagan seems to have pulled California out from under its financial troubles. Inheriting a \$700 million deficit from his predecessor, he turned it into a \$400 million profit by the end of his term.

Reagan, however, tends to be liberal in his approach to particular issues. His "if it works, use it" political style has soured many on his methods of political reform, if not his end results.

It might well be noted that Reagan, in putting California in the red, sponsored the largest tax increase in that state's history — a move bound to be unpopular with an "economy conscious" American public.

Democratic process Students air political opinions brings tears to eyes mack, a New York homemaker

by Cathy Hamm

Walking down the street the other day, I was stopped by a man taking a political poll.

"Excuse me," he said. "Are you a registered voter?" His eyes lit up as he saw my affirmative nod.

"Well, I was wondering if you could give me a few minutes of your time. Who would you like to see as the next president of the United States?"

"My mother," I said. "She's the only one I can trust."

"No," he said. "Seriously."

"So who's kidding?"

"Perhaps it would work better if I listed off some names. I have a whole list here. How would you like . . . Gerald Ford?"

"I think he lacks the necessary motor functions which will perpetrate the image of greatness in this country."

"Huh?"

"Ford's a clutz," I said.

Oh. Well how about Ronald Reagan?" he asked hopefully.

"Sorry, never cared much for his movies."

"Well, there's Ted Kennedy . . . " "Are you kidding?" I almost

believe me, never trust one of them. Why, one time I . . . "

"Sargent Shriver?"

"Sorry, I don't believe in the armed forces."

"Hubert Humphrey?"

"He talks too funny for me."

"Henry Jackson?"

"I had an uncle named Henry. Never did like that name."

He gave me an exasperated look. "Lady," he said, "just whom are you going to vote for?"

"Well, I'll tell you if you promise not to tell anyone. See, right before you go into the voting booth, you get a coin and flip it. Heads, it's Democrats. tails, it's Republicans, and if it rolls under the curtain, it's Independent all the way," I whispered.

"Really?" he said.

"Sure," I replied. "This is a free country. And it's American's responsibility to vote. Don't you agree?"

With that the pollster turned on his heel and walked away.

"My gosh," I thought, "He's so overwhelmed with emotion he had to hide the tears that I know must shrieked, "He's an Easterner, and democracy! God Bless America!"

Carter Former Georgia governor,

Default rate on student loans spirals

by Kenny Cotton

When a young man graduated mm medical school recently, he found himself with an acamulated pile of loans and other debts totaling \$39,000. Rather than face years of payments, he meredeclared himself bankrupthereby wiping out his entire debt. Defaults on student loans, now oproaching 20 per cent nationally, are causing growing oncern in Congress and the General Accounting Office as they become increasingly common. the U.S. Office of Education reported losses of over \$173 million ince the first loan repayments vere due in 1968.

Student loans come from two orimary sources. National Student Defense Loans are made from funds allocated by Congress and Federally Insured Student Loans re obtained from hometown lending insititutions.

In 1974, \$952 million was due the government from repayments on hese loan programs and \$137 million of it, over 14 per cent, is in default. Experts predict that the utional default rate will reach 20 per cent by June, 1976.

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Some 144 students at McPherson College have National Student Defense Loans which amount to almost \$115,000. The College is lable for collection of all payments of these loans, which equire a minimum payment of o per month including interest. tudents must repay their loans, hich come due nine months after

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completing college, plus the three per cent incurred interest rate, through a period of time not to exceed ten years.

Jess Cooper, Director of Financial Aids, said that the College's default rate is "way below" the 14 per cent national

bank's total outstanding monies from the FISL program amount to around \$150,000. He noted that this figure remains relatively constant from year to year.

Stroup said the bank has incurred a very small loss on FISL loans; only three or four out of

More than \$173 million has been lost since 1968. In 1974, of \$952 million due the government, \$137 million is in default.

rate. According to one source in the Business Office, many supposed defaults can be traced to the failure of students to report changes in address.

In addition, graduates who teach in low income areas designated by the federal government or teach special education classes are eligible for cancellation of part or all of their loan. This is often not reported by a former student, thereby creating statistics where none exist.

Payment of Federally Insured Student Loans is guaranteed by the government to the lending institution. Loan officer and vicepresident Larry Stroup of McPherson State Bank and Trust Company, Inc., said that the

McPherson, Kans.

several hundreds of students have defaulted. He attributed this to the bank's policy of granting loans to bank customers and their offspring.

The loan executive cited several possible causes skyrocketing national default rate, including the policy of making loans to unknown, out-ofstate students.

Some colleges insist that the banks which handle their business transactions make loans to their to someone who has completed

students.

"Student loans by far make up the largest category of defaults nationally," Stroup explained, "but this is not the case in McPherson."

FISL loans from McPherson State Bank and Trust are usually limited to \$1000 per year and are given primarily to students from middle income families.

Stroup said, "Students from lower income families are usually eligible for many forms of financial aid, whereas a student loan may be the only form of assistance a middle income student can get."

The seven per cent simple interest rates are paid by the government while the student is still in school. Upon graduation the student starts making payments, which amount to about \$80 a month on a \$4000 five-year repayment plan.

According to Stroup, many students who default on their loans don't realize the consequences. "They don't realize that bankruptcy is a bad way out," he said, "and it will be on their credit record for seven years."

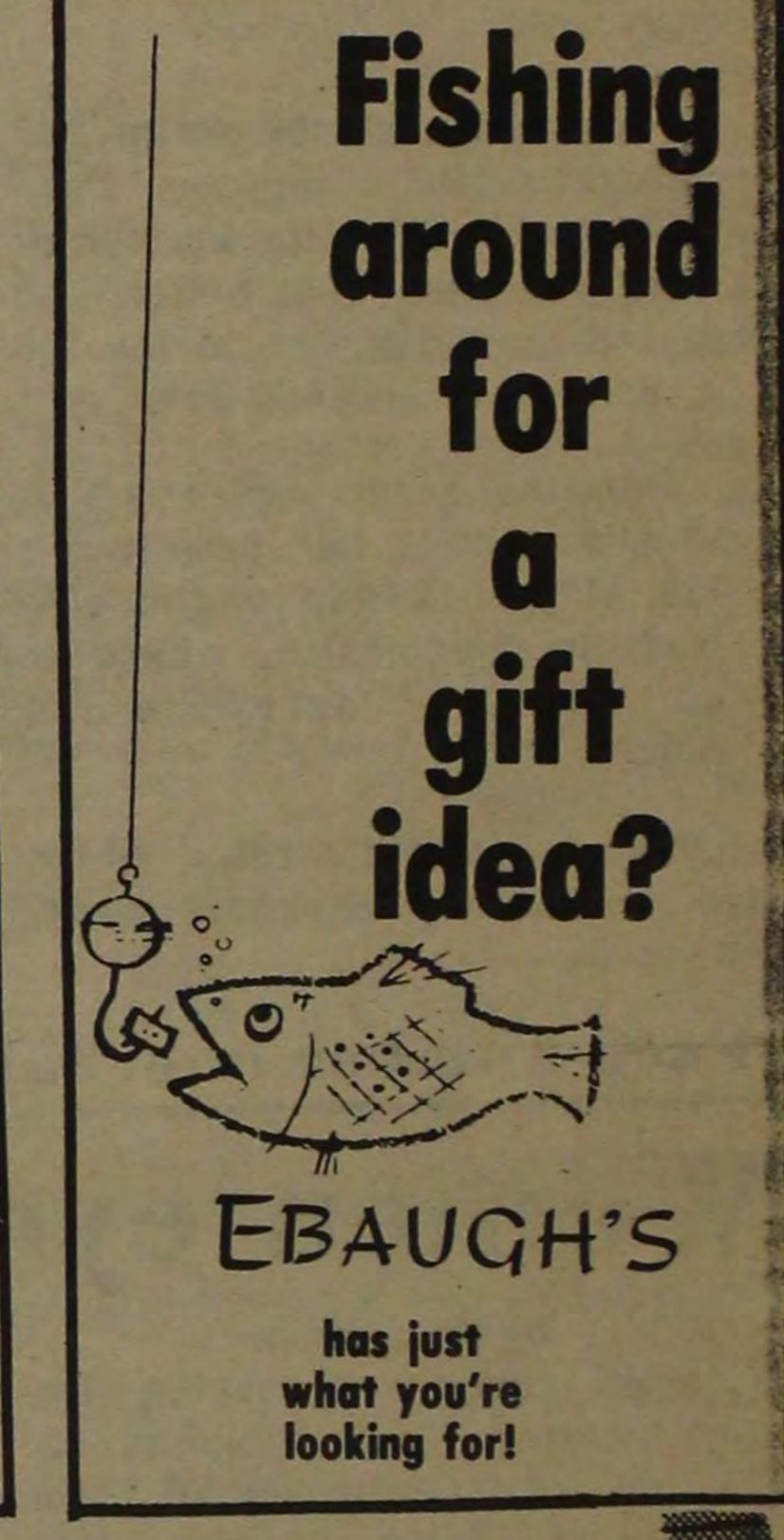
"Many lending institutions will not even consider lending money

bankrupcy proceedings," he continued. "Bankruptcy is far from a 'cure-all'."

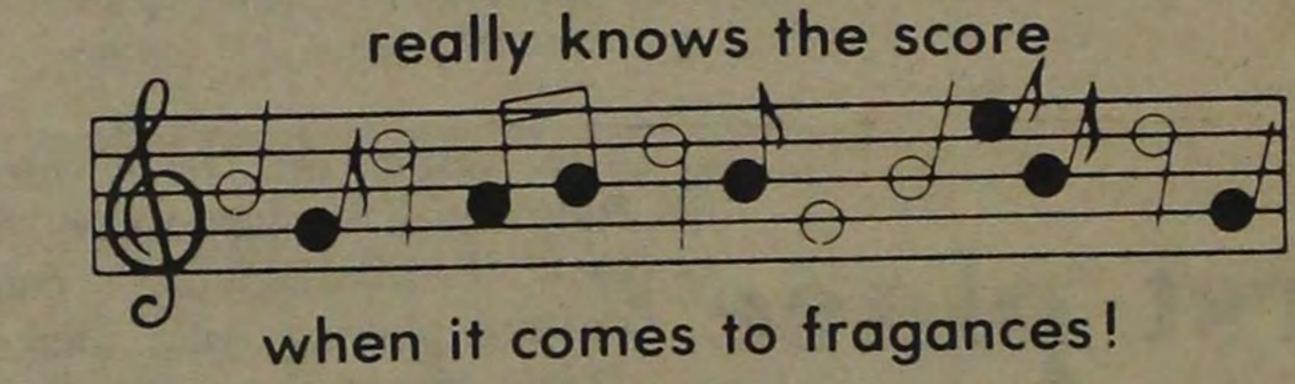
"Most students understand their financial obligations," Stroup concluded. "Maybe a lot of defaulters were students of the late '60s who seemed to have no obligations at all."

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Suellentrop places 7th in AAU national meet 4

Compiling the second highest point total of her career in the pentathlon, Jeanne Suellentrop, jr, Colwich, placed seventh nationally in that event at the National Indoor AAU meet in Pocatello, Id., last weekend.

Jeanne set personal records in two of the five events, the shot put and the 60 yard hurdles. She put the shot 36' 111/2", and after competing only once before in the 60 yard hurdles, whittled her time down to 8.3 seconds.

She completed competition with a strong seventh place finish after temporarily reaching as high as fourth and sixth places after the hurdling and shot put events, respectively.

In the high jump she performed creditably with a jump of 4'10" and leaped 15'9" in the long jump although she has done better. She crossed the finish line in the 200 yd. dash in 27 seconds flat.

Her final point total was 3,483, second only to her performance last May in Oregon, at the AIAW National Pentathlon, where she compiled an impressive 3,507 points.

Jeanne has been working out for the pentathlon since September.

During January, she practiced only an hour a day, but concentrated mainly on the hurdles, high jump and shot put. Because she did not have the needed facilities for any inside speed work, she set up one indoor hurdle in the gym and jumped over it.

She believes there is little difference in the training for indoor and outdoor track. For this meet she had just a few days to prepare and only two of those she practiced outside.

How does participating in two sports affect the playing of either one? Jeanne responded, "It (the playing of two sports) had to hinder me, but I like to play basketball so I really don't mind doing both."

Of the nine competitors at Pocatello, three are in college, one is in high school and one is in junior high. The rest are out of school and training year round, running for amateur track clubs.

The American record holder in the pentathlon, Jane Frederick, runs for a Los Angeles track club. She took a year off and went to Italy for the sole purpose of training for this event.

This meet was the end of the indoor track season for Jeanne and Coach Art Ray was pleased with her performances.

With the new ruling that outdoor track competitors have no limit to the number of events they may enter, Jeanne will participate in all of the five penthathlon contests. She said that she will probably alternate her participation in the long jump and the high jump because "each takes a lot out of a person."

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Jeanne Suellentrop, jr, Colwich, shows hurdling form which helped h to a seventh place win recently in the AAU National Indoor Trace Meet. Jeanne collected over 3,000 points in the pentathlon competition

Dogs face Bluejays after loss to Kansas Newman

by Bruce Clary

When the final buzzer signals the end of the McPherson-Tabor College contest tomorrow night, the clock will have also run out on the '75-'76 basketball season. Tipoff time is 7:30 p.m. in the Roundhouse.

In action this past week the Bulldogs have lost three games, two of them KCAC contests, despite playing solid basketball. These losses drop the Bulldog's overall record to 7-12 and give them a 5-9 for conference play.

Last Monday night the Bulldogs faced the Kansas Newman Jets in a non-conference game at the emerged victorious before finally succumbing, 93-84. The Bulldogs threatened in the final moments, relying on the hot hand of Bob Durham and a scrappy full-court press.

Kansas Newman took the lead for good late in the first half when a string of eight points lifted the Jets to a 38-32 lead. Newman had a

seven point margin at intermission, 40-33.

The Jets came out gunning in the second period and gradually stretched their stake to as much as 19 points on a 68 per cent shooting exhibition. The Bulldogs made their charge too late to overcome that deficit.

Junior Bob Durham shot 68 per cent and led all scorers with 26 points, 23 of them in the last 20 minutes of play. Wallace Youngblood provided Mac with 15 points in the first half and finished with 23 on the evening. Andrew Beavers and Matt Duerksen both added 10 points to the cause. Others scoring were Delton Roundhouse. McPherson almost Coddington, eight; Ed Parker, six; and Dan Saulsberry, one.

> In conference action, the Bulldogs suffered from cold shooting as they fell to the Friends Falcons in Wichita last Saturday, 84-70.

> Despite shooting a frigid 19 per cent from the field the first half, the Bulldogs still were well within

range of victory at intermission 34-27. The Falcons slowly but their lead in the second period and with four minutes remaining McPherson was still in the running, only 10 points behind.

Duerksen led the Bulldog a tack, scoring 15. Beavers dropped in 13 and Durham made Youngblood chipped in ten Saulsberry added nine, Coddington made seven and Parket made four.

It was mostly Bob Durham Wed., Feb. show when the Bulldogs hosted South western College at the Row dhouse. Durham, who poured in points, was the only Bulldog i double figures, as McPherson los 84-64.

Rounding out the Bulldog attack was Coddington with nine Youngblood and Saulsberry will six each, Jerry Outley and Duerksen with four apiece, Jen Sink, Parker, Clarence Scott an Beavers each with two and Ju Stevens had one.

Spaghetti

Face number one Tabor

Women eye first place

by Celia Stover

After soundly trouncing the Southwestern Moundbuilders 82-61, the women's basketball team fell to the taller Wichita State women 81-66.

The Bulldogs played good ball during the first half of play and held a nine point lead at one point in the game. The Shockers soon fought back and went into the locker room with a two-point lead at the half.

McPherson just couldn't seem to put it together throughout the second half as the WSU lead lengthened due to hot shooting and active rebounding on both offensive and defensive boards.

Wichita led by as many as 24 points until a belated McPherson rally whittled it to the final 15 points difference.

High scorer for the evening was Cindy Andsager with 19. Three others boosted McPherson's score with double figures. Denise Creevan made 15 points, Sam Cordell tossed in 14 and Jeanne Suellentrop contributed 12 before fouling out midway through the second period of play. Janell

Baldner and Lisa Gaskill scored 4 and 2 points, respectively.

Keely led the Wichita attack with 22 points, assisted by Wiebe who followed with 20.

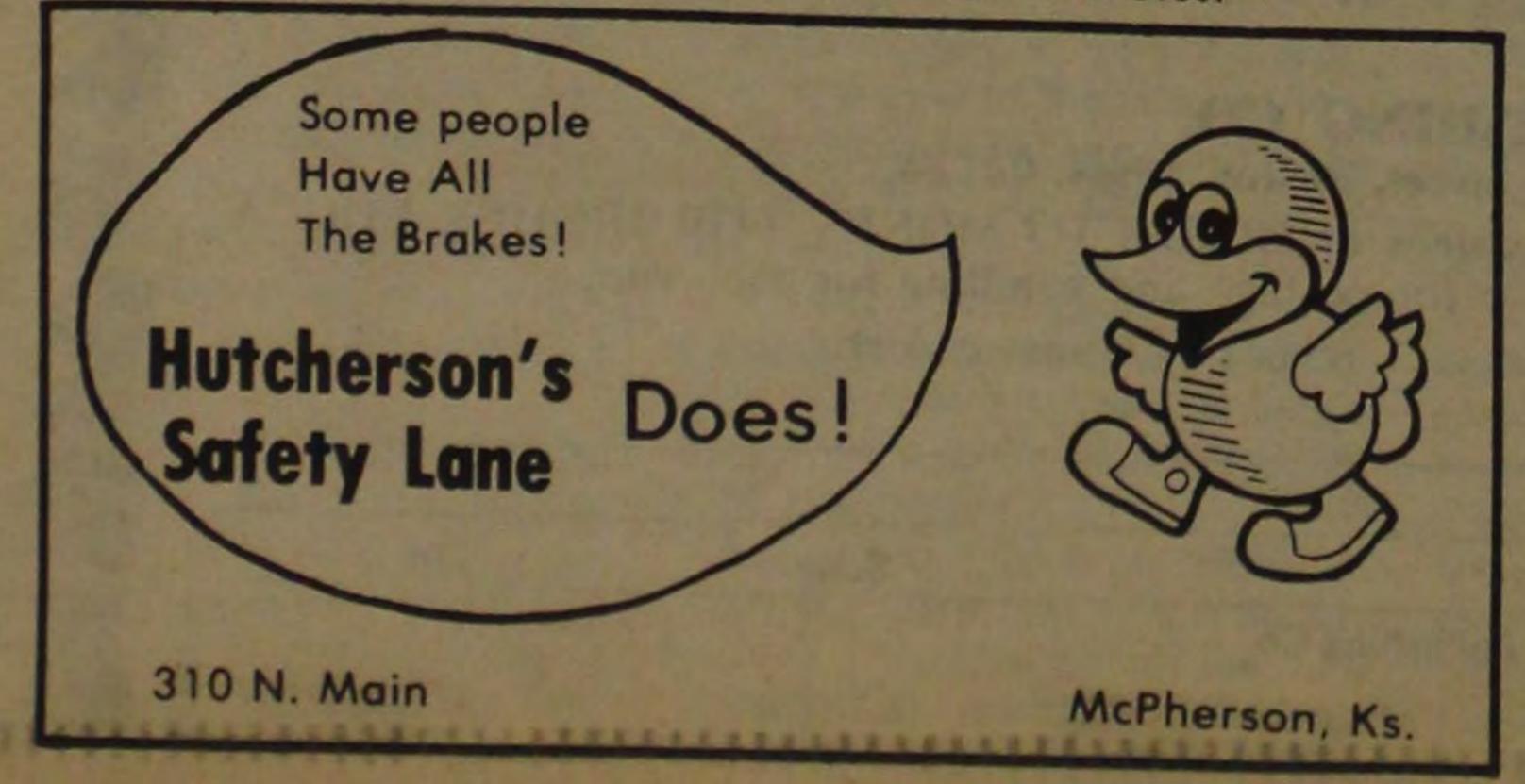
Wednesday, the women experienced little trouble as they swarmed over the Southwestern Moundbuilders, 82-61.

Again Andsager led the Bulldog attack by pumping in 23 points. Suellentrop added 19 followed by Cordell and Baldner with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Gaskill and Pam Medford pitched in six apiece and Creevan contributed two to the cause.

Southwestern boasted only two players in double figures. Richert had 23 points and Welch had 20.

Facing the possibility of a tie with Tabor for the first place berth in the KCAC contest, the McPherson women are seeking revenge for their unexpected loss at the hands of the Bluejays earlier this season.

The women are currently tied for second place with St. Mary's and meet Tabor in their season climax tomorrow afternoon in the Roundhouse at 3:30.





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