

# Telethon hopes to bring in \$225,000

Kathy Ramsey, jr, Washington D.C., invites alumni and friends of McPherson College to contribute funds during the Telethon.



Calls are now being made by faculty, students and alumni to friends and alumni of McPherson College in order to secure some \$225,000 in pledges during the 1976 Annual Telethon.

As a part of Phase II of the two million dollar campaign, the telethon will be conducted from March 21-25 and March 28-April 1 at People's Center at People's State Bank in McPherson. In addition, "satellite" telethons have been scheduled in LaVerne, Ca., Lebanon, Pa., Des Moines, Ia., and Kansas City.

Individuals and families who made a cash contribution in lieu of a pledge during last year's solicitation will be called, as well as members of the classes of 1971-75. Persons who were donors previous to 1974 but who have not yet contributed will also be called.

Approximately \$600,000 of the original goal remains to be collected. In addition to the 1976 and 1977 Annual Telethons, College officials hope that annual support from foundations and from the Church of the Brethren and special grants and gifts will provide the remaining monies needed.

## SPECTATOR SIDELINES

Fellowship granted/  
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Seminar slated/  
Spring holidays/  
Grade deadline/  
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...Vicky Christy, sr, Marshalltown, Id. was granted a three-year National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship. She plans to study development biology and genetics, at the University of Chicago.

...Randy Short, sr, Seibert, Co. was recently accepted to the Medical School at the University of Colorado, Denver. He will begin his studies this fall.

The Office Personnel Seminar will be this Saturday in Miller Library. Some fifty participants are expected.

There will be no class on the following Spring Holidays: Good Friday, April 16 and All Schools Day, May 14. Administrative offices will be closed those days as well as Memorial Day, May 31.

April 2 is the final deadline for finishing incompletes from the fall semester and interterm. If no attempt has been made on the part of the student to complete the necessary work, the alternate grade submitted by the professor will be placed on the transcript. There will be no exceptions of extensions.

Miller Library will be open during spring break, Mon. March 22, and Fri. March 26, from 1-5 p.m., and resume regular hours on Sun., March 28.

## Campus Days, Carnival scheduled April 2 & 3

# Seniors to get taste of Mac

Approximately 100 high school seniors will be on campus April 2-3 for "Campus Days." Sponsored by the Mac Ambassadors, the high school seniors will have a chance to get acquainted with the campus.

"We want these students to tangibly see what it is McPherson College has to offer so that they will know if this is where they should come to school," Joe Johnston, Director of Admissions, commented.

"Tangible is the key word here," he continued. "Of course we want to create a favorable impression, but we also want to create a realistic impression."

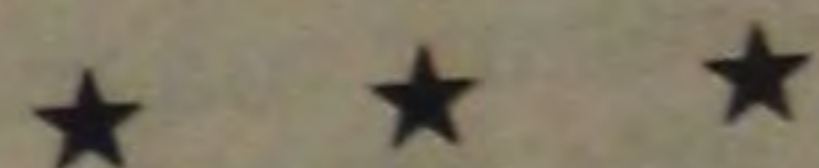
The seniors will have an opportunity to tour the campus Friday, attend classes and talk to various professors. Saturday, the students will have a chance to meet and get acquainted with students. Students will also be invited to the all campus carnival Sat. afternoon.

Mac Ambassadors will provide

travel reimbursement checks for the visitors. Students will be reimbursed 10 cents per mile — one way — 15 days after their visit. If the student enrolls in the fall, he will then be credited for the other half of his expenses.

"Actually," Johnston said, "Mac Ambassadors is a part of the admissions budget so eventually it all comes out of admissions budget anyway."

Johnston said he expects about 50 per cent of the participants to come from out of state. "Our student body is composed about like this," he said.



## Carnival involves faculty, students

Charlotte McCann, fr, Durant, Ok., has a sense of "fair" play. For the past few weeks,

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## Summer offers hiking, tours

by Roger Carswell

Travel and learning seem to go hand in hand, and students will have the opportunity to do both this summer. Trips to both Colorado and Holland are being offered, and students will not only receive credit and will experience different lifestyles, as well.

Participants in the Wilderness Experience, a three-week field

course directed by Dr. Gilford Ikenberry, biology, will study the ecology, natural history and field biology of the San Juan Wilderness area of Southern Colorado.

The class will leave McPherson June 4, traveling by automobile to Colorado. Increasingly difficult hikes will be taken during the first two weeks. The final week will be spent in rigorous backpacking into the Needle Mountains, and the class will return to McPherson June 22.

Introductory Biology is a prerequisite to the course, which will be limited to ten students. Four hours of credit will be given, and the cost of the trip will be \$315 per student.

A four-week long tour of Holland will provide a cross cultural experience for three hours of credit. Dr. Jan Van Asselt, professor of German and a native of Holland, and Dr. Clayton Gray, who teaches Dutch at the University of Illinois, are co-directors of the

program. Information on the trip is being sent to high schools and colleges throughout the United States to attract applicants for the tour.

The group will leave the United States for Luxembourg May 31. The first week will be spent in traveling through Europe, including stops at Reims, Paris, Brussels and Cologne. The second week will be spent in intensive orientation in Dutch language and culture. After orientation, each student will spend ten days living with a Dutch family. During their stay, the students will follow their dutch hosts lifestyles: going to school, to work, to church, shopping and other typical activities. The final four days will be spent touring Holland.

Dr. Van Asselt admits that the cost of the trip (\$1,100), will seem prohibitive to many students, but noted that students have cars or spend money in other ways that might be put to better use by joining the tour.

## DeCoursey attends course

Dr. Wesley DeCoursey, professor of chemistry, traveled to Colorado University at Boulder to attend a Chautauqua Short Course on March 15-16.

Creager, a well known university science teacher and editor.

Dr. DeCoursey presented a report to the assembly on a useful alternative to classroom learning he found can be efficiently utilized by the upper level science students. This alternative was the use of the Mobile Spectroscopy Lab which travels to 13 colleges each semester and spends one week on each campus.

The course was entitled "Alternatives in Teaching Science." This was the second of two sessions. He attended the first session on Nov. 3 and 4, 1975, also at Boulder.

Leading the course is Joan

"The more people we have, the more confusion we have, the more fun it will be," Charlotte commented.

"The carnival will also acquaint the high school students with the college and the kids here," Charlotte concluded.

'See How They Run' presented last weekend

# Comedy filled with laughs

by Cathy Hamm

No one's laughing much these days because comedy is a dangerous business. Actors—and audiences—know that there is nothing "unfunnier" than a joke that's fallen flat or a punch line that lacks fizz.

In undertaking "See How They Run," presented last weekend, the McPherson College Players had to try twice as hard to succeed in their attempts to pull off a funny bone tickler. And succeed they did — if audience reaction is any indication.

The play, which was set in England, opened with the arrival of Miss Skillon, played by Anne Erisman, soph, Warrensburg, Mo. Anne's mastery as the pompous old bag Skillon was evident throughout the play as she delivered another fine performance. Kent Wagoner, soph, Adel, Ia., played the vicar in a convincingly stuffy manner. The vicar's wife, played by Donna Miller, soph, Wichita, was equally

impressive as his free-spirited wife.

Delightfully refreshing was Lori Nelzen, soph, McPherson as Ida, the maid. Lori's interpretation of the mental midget maid was suitably mixed with her love-sick advances toward the male members of the cast.

Mike Roberts, soph, Kansas City, provided another pleasant surprise. His understated and often deadpan delivery caused explosions of laughter and a needed touch of irony.

Les Dell, sr, Beatrice, Neb., and Galen Royer, fr, Elkhart, Ind., were suitably befuddled while caught in the middle of the mad house comedy. Rounding out the cast were Scott Robinson, jr, Ellinwood, as the Russian and Rande Short, sr, Siebert, Co., as the Sergeant.

Delivery was sharp, lines were well spoken, and the cast managed to strike a perfect balance between the physical side of comedy while conjuring up ridiculous mental images.

At times, however, the play dragged because of deadweight script which could have been cut away and never been missed.

Accents again caused the College Players some problems. A British setting calls for English accents, and the difficult task of transposing an accent is not for the inexperienced.

Some of the players knew this and made no attempt at imitation, others knew it, attempted, and succeeded and still others tried and produced an utterly painful experience for the ear.

As a result of this grab bag, it was anyone's guess at times as to just where the players were supposed to be from — Britain, Spain, Italy, Russia or Outer Mongolia.

If however, as Neil Simon has said, "Comedy is but a moment," then the McPherson College Players deserve credit for their moment and for leading the audience back to a time when laughter was a socially acceptable institution.

## READERS RESPOND

# Ladies say 'thank you'

Dear Editor:

Oh! That Women's Libbers throughout the world could have witnessed their "male chauvinists" in action Monday night. I am sure they would change their minds about man's indifferent behavior towards females.

But this letter is not a protest against the Women's Liberation Movement. Rather, it is a heartfelt thank-you to Lou Kelly and the nine gracious male waiters who honored the women of Mac at Ladies' Night here in our esteemed dining room.

For those who weren't there (shame on you), we enjoyed almost an hour and a half of luxurious dining. The waiters professionally performed a song and dance act—men of many talents, huh?

If the ladies were asked, I'm sure it would be unanimous—we love it! The food was exquisite, the service superb, and the honor almost too marvelous for words.

Thank you Lou Kelly, Oscar

Morgan, Russ Hunt, Kent Trimmell, Jack Rader, Steve Cameron, Harold Rose, Mike Almstrom, Steve Burkholder and Scott Robinson for granting us an hour of ecstasy.

It was greatly appreciated. Right, girls?

With wholehearted sincerity  
Denisse Lewallen

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## READERS RESPOND

# BSU emphasizes student problems

Dear Editor,

As president of BSU, I am writing this letter not only for the benefit of black students but all students on campus. Two weeks ago, several members of BSU discussed student problems with the Board of Trustees' Campus Life Committee. I would like to share some of these topics with you and present some ideas proposed by the BSU.

I believe that many of the problems between black students and other students, faculty members and administrators come from a lack of mutual understanding.

Professors on campus can't relate to black students, and vice versa. As a result the black students' grades may be influenced.

Some black students think they are being used by the athletic

programs on campus. The black athlete is recruited on the basis of his skills on the football field or basketball court rather than by his academic ability. Because of this "brand" on black athletes, they may not receive equal educational opportunities.

Socially, we do not believe that we're being accepted on campus as human beings. Again this is because of a lack of understanding between minority and majority students.

If black students and white students can learn to understand each other's cultures and backgrounds, they can live together with fewer hassles.

The administration and the Board of Trustees have discussed these issues with us and say they will discuss it among themselves. I think action speaks louder than words, and we haven't seen any

action taken as yet, although we are definitely making progress toward our goals.

BSU would like to sponsor a program which will allow students of all races to have a voice in things such as academic standards and recruiting and admissions procedures.

We would like to also set up a forum or rap session through which students can express their opinions and resolve cultural differences between minority and majority students.

We black students aren't just doing this for ourselves. These problems effect all students on campus in one way or another. Hopefully we can get people to wake up and do something about the situation.

Sincerely,  
Sammy Wallace



ACCK Lit Mag: Grave Situation?

## MACALENDAR

- March 19—Spring break begins
- March 20—Office personnel seminar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Miller library
- March 29—Classes convene
- April 1—Spring choir concert 8 p.m. Brown Auditorium, Convocation: "Contemporary Ku Klux Klan," 9:30 a.m. Brown Auditorium
- April 2—M-Club banquet, 6:30 p.m.; Campus Days begin
- April 3—Campus Days continued; Carnival 1-5 p.m.
- April 5—Band concert, 8 p.m. Brown Auditorium
- April 8—Convocation: "People are not for hitting" 9:30 a.m. Brown Auditorium

## EDITORIAL

# Support needed for literary magazine

Hundreds of dollars are poured into athletic program each year. Young men and women practice their skills in preparation for their moments of glory in the athletic arena.

Writers practice, too, and exercise their mental capacities. They write and re-write their works until they are honed to "perfection." They are given the opportunity to submit their works to the ACCK Literary Magazine for their moments of glory."

Unfortunately, a proposal currently before the ACCK English Projects Committee has suggested that "there is some feeling that this project should be funded at a minimal level if at all."

This year, some \$400 was allotted for the publication of the literary magazine. The committee is now suggesting these funds be cut back further, which would ultimately result in the death of the magazine.

The literary magazine is a legitimate extension of the liberal arts education. More—not less—money should be appropriated for the expansion of the magazine. All students, too, should be encouraged to submit their works.

The ACCK Literary Magazine is a showcase of the student works. After all, isn't a writer without a place of publish like an athlete without a place to play his game?

Cathy Hamm

# Lothar adjusts to new land

With his blue eyes sparkling, Lothar Stahl grinned as he sat in the backseat of the gray Oldsmobile. The passengers chuckled as he recounted his tale of "What's-a-nice-German-boy-doing-in-a-place-like-this?"

Apprehensive, yet a little excited, he was uncertain when he first arrived. He wondered how his English would hold up in regular classes here at McPherson College. He had little to worry about, for his nine years of high school English prepared him. He speaks distinctly, with no trace of his native German accent.

The "regular" classes are almost microscopic compared to some of the lectures he attends at his home University at Marburg. There the lectures in the English department draw from 200-250 students. Even the seminars have around 30 members.

Higher education in a university is paid for by the State; consequently the universities are overcrowded. The courses he's taking here will not count towards the Foreign Language Education degree he's working for in Germany. "I'll have to make up the year when I get back but that's OK," he noted amiably.

The advantage of a large university as Lothar sees it, is the wide variety of courses offered that smaller colleges just can't match.

Smallness has its advantages too. "You get to know a lot of students and professors." He's helping Dr. van Asselt in the

German department with tutoring and recording tapes.

Since Lothar has no car, and thus no means of transportation to the "hot spots" in and around McPherson, he finds the amusements here somewhat limited. But when one considers the ten movie theaters and 50 or 60 pubs that serve the 55,000 students at Marburg, one can understand how he might find it this way.

One pastime in which he "indulges" is long distance running. He's been running since he was 15 years old. In high school he ran a 4:17.6 mile, which is the current school record here at Mac. He runs five miles every day and would run more except for his knee problems.

He had to curtail his running when he entered the Army. Lothar registered as a conscientious objector and went through a trial in order to keep from being inducted into the Army. He lost and was forced to serve—15 boring months. "I found it absolutely worthless. I didn't learn anything. All I ever did was sit at a desk and fill out stupid forms," he said sourly.

As if to get the unpleasant taste from his mouth, he sucks on a butterscotch drop on his way back from Bethany College, where he takes a French course.

His thoughts on the prospects of coming to the United States were optimistic. He had a pretty good idea of what to expect in the United States. His uncle is American, and Lothar lived in the

U.S. for two summers, working in an ice house in Jackson, Michigan.

In general, the Germans' attitude toward the United States and Americans is good. Many American servicemen remain in Germany so there is good communication between Americans and Germans, although the American soldier is "not representative of the American people."

Lothar spent two months touring in southeastern United States with the Lions Club International Youth Camp. This, coupled with his stays in Michigan and the contacts he has in Germany, filtered a little of the mystery out of coming to the United States.

When Lothar arrived in the States, he was impressed with the number of cars on the roads. In Germany most people just ride the train from town to town, or within the city, they use the bus service.

He is taking part in the Brethren Colleges Abroad program which enables students from the Brethren colleges in the U.S. to travel to Barcelona, Spain; Strasbourg, France; and Marburg, Germany, for a year of study in these cities' universities. In addition, students from these cities may come to the U.S. to study.

Lothar found American cities "very young" in comparison with most German cities. Despite extensive rebuilding efforts resulting from WW II, many German cities are six to seven centuries old.



## Musicians mend horns

Even though one can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, music majors Gene Barrett, sr, Madison, and Dave Frantz, jr, Windsor, Co., have discovered that one can make an almost new musical instrument out of an old battered one.

During Interterm, Gene and Dave studied the fine art of instrument repair and restoration under Merlin Grady, who rebuilds instruments professionally. Grady, a former McPherson College student and a friend of band director Larry Kitzel, owns and operates his own instrument repair shop in Waterloo, Ia.

The two music majors learned and practiced general maintenance and overhauling techniques applicable to most musical instruments ranging from piccolos to sousaphones. They each overhauled four horns and repaired others by installing new pads on woodwind instruments and taking dents out of the brass horns.

Gene and Dave worked in the repair shop from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. every day repairing horns and worked on several McPherson College instruments.

Both commented that their experience would benefit them in class room situations. Dave said, "I think it gave us each a general background in instrument repair. If we were instructing a band, we wouldn't have to be sending instruments into the shop for every little thing."

"This course gave us a good background for the instrument repair profession," Gene added. "It will also be very helpful in the teaching field."

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# Netmen whip Hutch Juco; WSU is next opponent

Upping their seasonal mark to 2-0, the netmen soundly defeated the Hutchinson Junior College tennis squad last Tuesday.

Freshman ace Craig Holman whipped his opponent in the number one singles slot in two sets, 6-0, 6-0. In number two singles action, junior Marty Ward handily defeated his Hutch Juco foe 6-2, 6-2, and senior Steve Burkholder breezed to a 6-0, 6-0 victory playing number three singles.

Freshman Doug Brehm won his number four singles match 6-1, 6-2. In a long, hard-fought battle senior Rick Doll was narrowly defeated in three sets, 6-4, 6-7 and 3-6. Rounding out singles competition was senior Al Sammis, who won 6-2, 5-7 and 6-4.

In doubles competition, Marty Ward and Steve Burkholder won 9-3 in a pro set. Craig Holman and Rick Doll squeaked out a 9-8 victory in number two doubles with a sudden-death nine-point tiebreaker. Doug Brehm and Al Sammis finished with a 9-7 doubles victory.

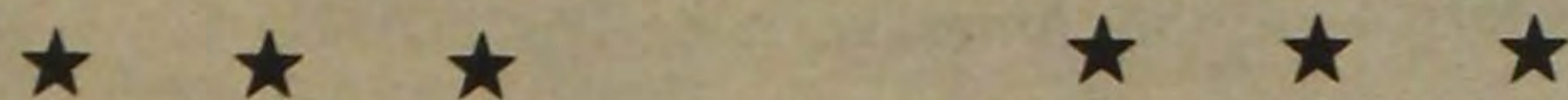
Coach Gerald Holman was pleased with the squad's performance in its first home match of the season. He noted that each member of the squad made excellent efforts in his match.

The victory was especially sweet because it is the first time

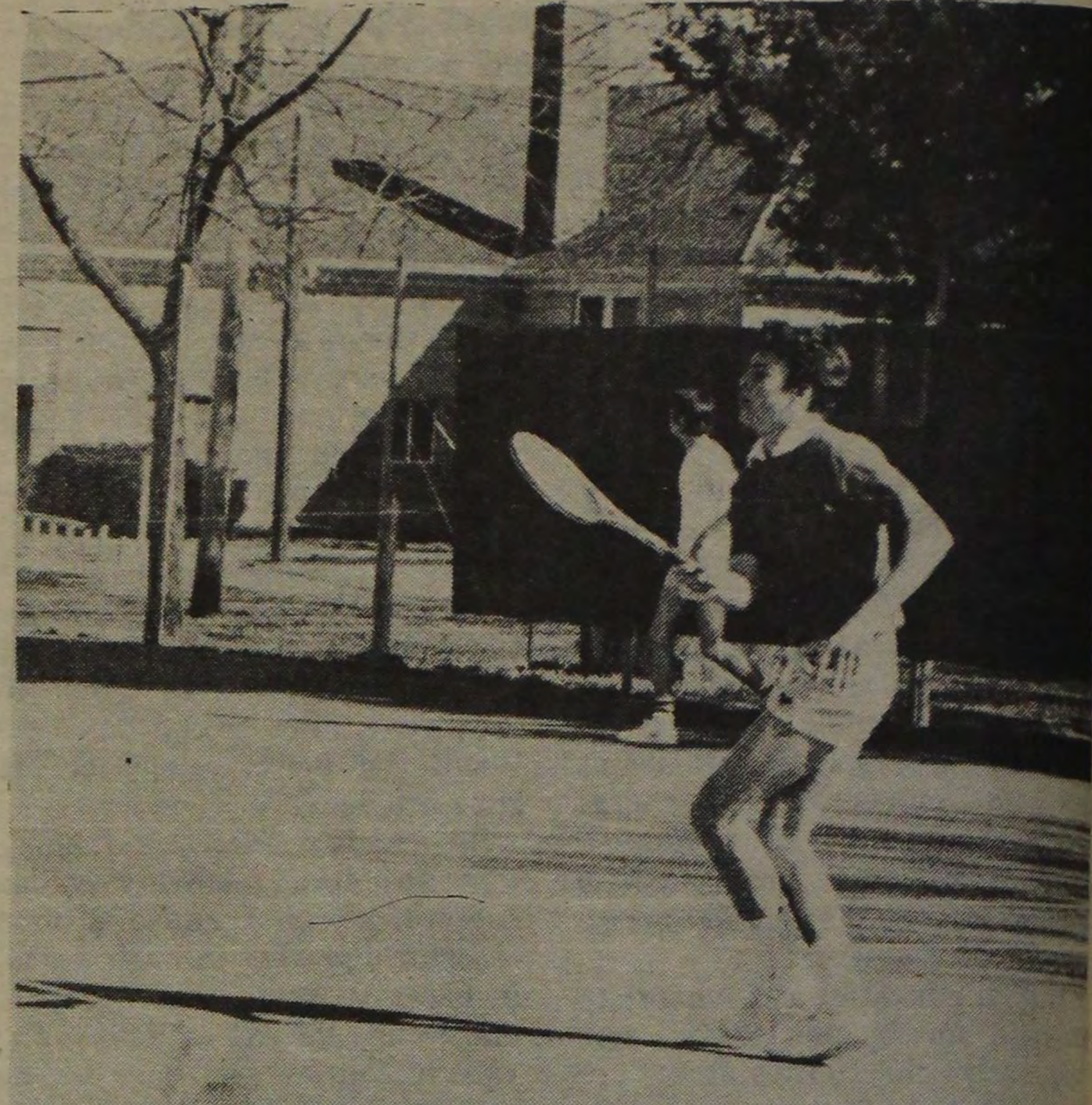
the squad has beaten Hutch Juco in four years. The Hutchinson squad is ranked second among junior college tennis teams in Kansas, following closely behind Cowley County Junior College.

After returning from spring break, the McPherson netmen travel to Wichita to face a tough Wichita State University squad

April 2. The following week the squad will return to conference competition, clashing with Southwestern at Winfield April 7. An all day ACCK tournament is scheduled for April 10, where the Bulldogs will face tough competition from Bethany and Southwestern, two KCAC Conference powers.



April 2	Friday	Wichita State	There	2:00
April 7	Wednesday	Southwestern	There	2:30
April 10	Saturday	ACCK Tournament	Bethany	all day
April 13	Tuesday	Emporia State	Here	2:30
April 16	Friday	Washburn	Here	2:30
April 21	Wednesday	Tabor	There	2:30
April 23	Friday	Bethany	There	2:30
April 29	Thursday	Sterling KWU	KWU	1:00
April 30	Friday	Friends	There	2:00
May 3	Monday	Bethel	Here	2:30
May 6-7	Thursday	KCAC Conference Championships	Here	Two days
May 12-13	Wednesday	District No. 10 Playoffs		
June 1-5	Thursday	NAIA National Tennis Tourney		Kansas City



Craig Holman, fr, McPherson, executes some fancy foot work to skunk his Hutchinson Junior College opponent 6-0, 6-0, in no. 1 singles competition. McPherson won the match 8-1 and will meet Wichita State University the Fri. April 2.

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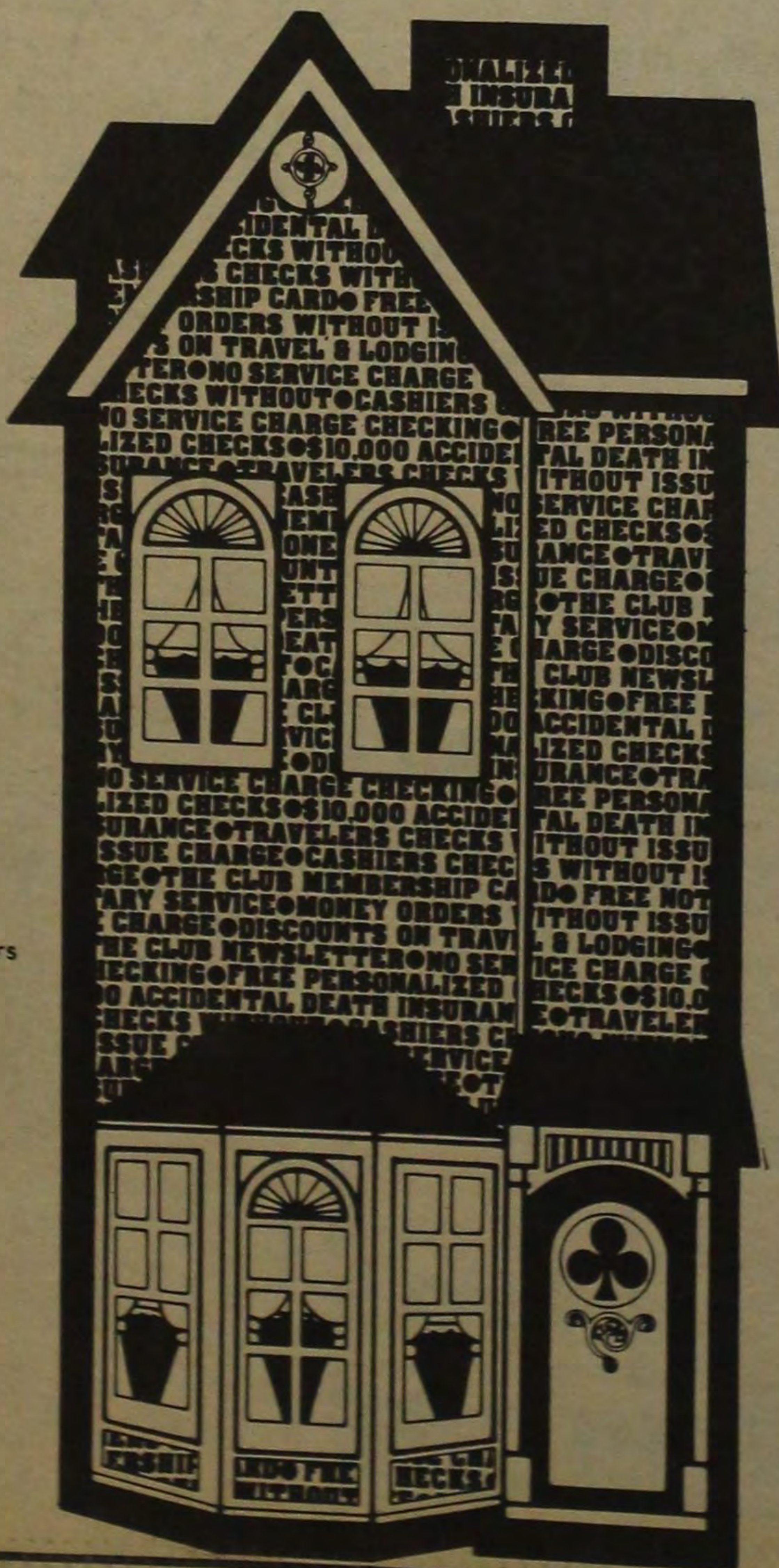
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