

by Kenny Frantz
and Celia Stover

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Contrary to popular thought interterm studies CAN be varied and exciting. Just ask the 24 students enrolled in "German Culture" and "Music Appreciation" this past January.

The students, as McPherson College Chamber Choir, and their instructors took full advantage of Interterm 1977 by singing their way through northern Germany and Holland.

The idea of a month-long European tour became a solid reality in September 1976 as a group of interested students formed a small chamber choir under the guidance and direction of Prof. Ron Aden, vocal music.

After much letter writing, by Dr. Jan van Asselt to set up concerts in Europe, and a great deal of perseverance on the part of Prof. Aden at the twice weekly rehearsals, the group left from St. Louis on Dec. 30 and flew non-stop to London by charter flight.

New Year's Eve was celebrated while crossing the English Channel and the early morning arrival in Hoek van Holland signaled the start of the tour on the European continent.

Singing at churches and schools along the way, the group members were hosted by families of the respective communities. Because of the language difference, staying with families created situations that were sometimes confusing, often fun and never dull.

The group, made up of both members and non-members of the McPherson College Concert Choir, presented secular concerts in many churches, participated in several church services, and sang short presentations in schools and in one rehabilitation center for the physically handicapped.

The largest audience that attended a single concert was in Vorden, Holland, home of Dr. van Asselt, where more than 700 people turned out to hear the choir perform. The choir's program had a variety of songs including folk songs, popular music, spiritual and "cowboy songs."

The first stop in Germany was in Hannover where the group rested up, after three days of traveling, practiced and attended classes.

The longest single stay with

families was in the town of Detmold where for nine days, they explored the city, attended musical events, talk with people, shopped, went on planned jaunts to surrounding villages and made good use of their German phrase books.

"I stayed in a real live castle in Detmold!" exclaimed Jeff Gumm, fr, Prairie City, Ia. "And the bakeries—well, the bakeries were just fabulous."

After Detmold the choir spent a few days each in Munster, Kassel and Marburg, Germany and Vorden, Alphen an der Rijn and Gouda, Holland.

In each city, the time between concerts was consumed by classwork for the courses taken, by visits to schools and community events and by tours of historically interesting buildings and museums.

The little village of Schwarzenau, which is where the Church of the Brethren was founded in 1708 was one of the high points of the trip for many members of the trip.

"It was neat to see the place where so many significant events in the life of the church happened—especially since we studied about them last spring," commented Anne Erisman, jr,

Warrensburg, Mo.

Not far from that little village was the house of Alexander Mack, the founder of the church. It was up in the hills and everything had a thick blanket of snow covering it.

From Kassel, a half-day visit to the East German-West German border (the "Iron Curtain") sombered the choir somewhat as they pondered the tremendous significance of the watch towers and mine-rigged fences and search lights.

But the enthusiasm and natural good spirits of the group, as well as the great receptions that the German audiences gave them quickly overshadowed any solemn thoughts. The publicity before the concerts was excellent and the reviews afterwards were exciting and complimented their performances.

"One of the neatest experiences we had," commented Celia Stover, jr, Manhattan, "was in the Hannover concert where the audience clapped so long we had to give an encore—probably the first in the history of a McPherson College choir."

"I think the highlight of the trip, conclusively, was the overwhelming response from the people: Tschuss!" commented Ron Aden.

Choir sings way across Germany

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Home for the holidays . . .

..for first time in nine years

By Steve Jackson

Louisa Panagides, sr, wasn't going home for the Christmas holidays. In fact, Louisa had not been home to Limassol, Cyprus for Christmas for nine years. She figured that this Christmas would be no exception. She figured right except for one detail.

That detail was Stan Flory, fr, Lawrence, and 228 students and faculty at McPherson College. Louisa had expressed her dismay to Stan about not being able to be home for Christmas. Stan decided that he would like to see Louisa's dream of going home realized, so he and a few others set out to collect enough donations to buy a plane ticket for her.

After phoning several travel agencies and checking prices, they found the least expensive ticket was \$650. December 12 at 3 p.m., Stan and a few other concerned friends decided to try to gather the money for the ticket.

Although the amount seemed completely out of reach, they hoped that at least one-half of the money could be raised. However, one more obstacle confronted the group—time. The money had to be collected before Dec. 15 because school would be closing for the holidays.

Neglecting sleep and studying for finals, the group circulated quickly. Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. a Christmas "miracle" took place. Stan and his group had collected

the \$650 needed for the plane ticket.

The tidings of joy climaxed with the presentation of the money later that night. Several fellow students gathered in the dorm to surprise Louisa and to hand over the gift. When Louisa entered the room where the presentation was to take place, she met with a shout of "Merry Christmas" from her

friends.

As she was handed the money and a card, tears came to her eyes and for several minutes she was unable to speak. When speech returned, Louisa expressed her disbelief—"this couldn't really be happening!"

"This is one of the neatest things that could ever happen!" she exclaimed.

Faculty, students combine efforts for spring musical

"Basically it's about a boy, a girl, two fathers, and a wall," commented Dr. Linda Seger, assistant professor of drama, on the theme of the upcoming spring musical, "The Fantasticks."

Dr. Seger, director of the production, continued, "The boy and girl fall in love, fight, and then the boy goes out to see the world. The boy comes back, and the play has a happy ending."

Prof. Ron Aden, vocal music, said, "Musically, the play has a lot of variety—everything from ballad to jazz"

"The Fantasticks," written by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, is the longest running play in the history of the American theater. When the house lights go down in Brown Auditorium March 11-12 at 8 p.m., the plot will unfold, culminating six weeks of preparation.

The cast of characters includes Prof. Aden; Rev. Paul Miller, campus minister; Joe Johnston, director of admissions; David Claassen, soph, Imperial, Ne; Debra Stong, soph, Ankeny, Ia; DeWayne Richey, soph, Shaker Heights, Oh; David Butler, fr, Grundy Center, Ia; and Donna Miller, sr, Wichita.

Assisting Dr. Seger are Prof. Aden, musical director, and Dr. Doris Coppock, choreographer. Assistant director is Jeff Gumm, fr, Prairie City, Ia, and the technical director is Sara Janssen, McPherson.

Sheree Holman, sr, McPherson, is heading the costume department and Denise Miller, sr, Valley Center, and Sharon Switzer, sr, Wichita, are in charge of props. Also helping with the production is Rick Cooke, sr, Lubbock, Texas.

Kline Hall shuts doors

All but one building on the McPherson College campus received a fire safety "clean bill of health" during an inspection conducted by state fire marshals Jan. 10-11.

Kline Hall, a women's dormitory located on the central part of the campus, failed to meet state fire safety codes in several respects. When the hazards discovered by the inspection were pointed out to college administrators, they decided to transfer students to other dor-

mitories on campus. The move occurred Jan. 16.

Major changes were recommended by the fire officials, and college administrators will soon be deciding whether to do substantial remodeling to meet fire safety standards or to close the building completely. At the time of the inspection there were 26 residents in Kline Hall.

Completed in 1919, Kline Hall was the fifth building to be constructed on the McPherson College campus.



DeWayne Richey, soph, Shaker Heights, Oh., makes a point during rehearsals of the spring musical "The Fantasticks." The performance is scheduled for its debut in March.

Photo by Rhodes

Hearts, hugs, cards and flowers

Valentine's Day has long tradition

by Pam Oxley

February 14, Saint Valentine's Day, is commonly considered a romantic holiday. The Romans celebrated their feast of Lupercalia, honoring Juno, goddess of marriage on Feb. 15. This pagan love festival was changed in 496 A.D. by Pope Gelasius to St. Valentine's Day on the 14th. It transformed the pagan festival into a celebration of the Christian concept of love.

The feast of St. Valentine may also commemorate two Christian martyrs of the same name. The first, a Roman priest under the reign of the Emperor Claudius II, was jailed and beheaded for giving aid to persecuted Christians. The second, a bishop of Interamna (Terni) was beheaded for converting a Roman family to Christianity in 273 A.D. Although



secular trend of Valentine's Day. Second only to Christmas, Valentine's Day is a busy time of year for stores carrying cards expressing sentiment. Giving handmade valentines as tokens of affection was a custom brought to America by the settlers from England.



Vatican. In 1969 it decided that Saint Valentine may never have existed and dropped him from the official liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. St. Valentine's Day is no longer a saint's day for lovers. The American historian Daniel Boorstin phrased it a "festival of consumption."

The day of celebrating love has become so commercialized that the true meaning has been tossed aside. Big greeting card businesses have profited from the

Valentine's Day was observed in England as early as 1446. One custom called for girls to pin five bay leaves to their pillows. The leaves supposedly invoked dreams of future husbands. In some areas an unmarried girl would strike her forehead with a folded rose petal.



the stories are based on some historic fact, the exact details of St. Valentine's Day are legendary.

Both the pagan and the Christian festivals commemorate love—pagan festival stressing love of man, and the latter stressing the love of God that is man's response to God's love for him.

The secularization of Valentine's Day has been assisted by the

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Roger Campbell (12), jr, Jerome, Id., lets a shot fly for two points in last week's game against Bethany as Mark Mueller (54), fr, Hiawatha, watches the action. The Bulldogs foiled the Swedes' attack in a close fought battle.

Photo by Jackson

Men boast winning season

by John Rader

Tomorrow the McPherson roundballers journey to Wichita to take on the Friends Falcons in a 7:30 p.m. contest. A Bulldog victory would greatly enhance the chances of District 10 playoff berth by moving the Bulldogs closer to a second place finish in the league. The top two teams in the Kansas Conference will be awarded the playoff berths.

In looking at the Bulldog's chances for second place, Coach Graber said, "We have an excellent chance to finish in second place, as good as anyone else in the conference."

In order for the 'Dogs to reach the playoffs, they must win all of their remaining games, including the Southwestern game played Wednesday, and hope that Kansas Wesleyan is knocked off in at least one of their remaining games. Results of the Wednesday's game were not available at presstime.

In games played last week, the Bulldogs moved their record to 7-5 in the conference and 11-6 overall with victories over St. Mary's and Bethany and a loss to Kansas Wesleyan.

Against St. Mary's the McPherson men led by eight at halftime but were forced to go into overtime before coming out on top 102-91. Leading the charge for the

'Dogs was Dave Romo with 25 points, followed by Roger Campbell with 19, Bob Durham with 18, and Mark Mueller with 16.

The Bulldog's victory over previously unbeaten Bethany was described by Coach Graber as "the biggest win of the year." In that contest the 'Dogs took command from the onset and held off a second-half rally to win 85-79. Durham led the team with 23 points, followed by Romo with 22 and Campbell and Saulsberry with 12 points each.

In last Saturday's contest the Bulldog's were downed by the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes at Salina by a 89-82 score. In this game the Mac men had a slow start before battling back to tie the contest midway in the second half. The comeback fell short however as two starters, Bob Durham and Kent Harris, fouled out. Romo had 25 points for the game, followed by Durham with 24, Campbell with 12, and Mueller with 11.

In recalling the previous week's games, Coach Graber remarked about the McPherson enthusiasm, "The team and I really appreciate the great spectator enthusiasm we have recently experienced. It was very evident in our win over Bethany."

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Women face tough games ahead

by Lisa Gaskill

"We're up between a rock and a hard place if we want second place in the conference," said Coach BeBe Arbuckle, assistant coach of the women's basketball team.

Although the women are currently tied for second with Bethel they have three tough games coming up during the next weeks. A fourth is slated against Friends in their first year of competition.

Earlier in the season Southwestern was defeated by one point, 69-68. "The game against them Wednesday, Feb. 9, will have a lot to say about where we finish in the conference," said Coach Arbuckle.

During Interterm the women lost two games—the first to Bethany at Lindsborg, 52-61 and

the second to St. Mary's at Dodge City, 50-54. St. Mary's defeated Mac by one point at the Roundhouse during early season action in December.

The Mac women handed Bethany a different game when they played in McPherson. This time the Bulldogs came out on top 57-38.

In the first game of January McPherson outplayed Kansas Wesleyan 90-26 and last Saturday, on the return trip, won 85-30. Eleven of the Bulldog players scored with four in double figures. Sam Cordell had twenty points, mostly on fast break lay-ups. Jeanne Suellentrop had 13, Lisa Gaskill had 12 and Pam Medford had 10. Terry Netolicky scored her first point ever as she sank a free throw.

Mac defeated Sterling for the second time this season, 64-33. In the last two games of interterm action, Mac defeated Bethel, 50-41 and Tabor, 61-52. Both of these teams will give the women a run for their money on their home courts.

Coach Arbuckle said that "the teams' greatest problem so far has been concentration and it also took the girls time to adapt to new offenses and defenses."

Arbuckle had particular praise for the way the fast breaks were run at KWU. "They were all done under complete control and there were no turnovers on a fast break."

"The goal for the Bulldog women for the remainder of this season is to stay in the game all 40 minutes of play."

Upcoming season promising

by Albert Zavala

The indoor track season is underway and in full swing for the 1977 Bulldog season, as five school records have already been matched or broken in the first month of competition.

The last meet on Feb. 5 in Crete, Nebraska, proved the Bulldogs to have almost phenomenal talent as they placed third of eight teams.

"I was more happy than surprised about the new records," commented Coach Art Ray. "There is really no way to predict performance with no facilities until until you see them compete."

In the field events, Dennis Colon shattered the old school record in the triple jump with a hop-skip-and-jump of 46'6" and a first place finish in that event. His brother, Bruce Colon, also broke the old triple jump record of 44'11" with a 45'6" leap which earned him a second place finish.

Dennis Colon also finished fourth in the long jump while Bruce tied for third place honors in the high jump.

Fred Wilson was first in the 600 yard run, followed by a third place effort in the 1000 yard run to aid the Bulldogs in gathering valuable team points.

Albert Zavala and Dave Burgess both ran tough in the two-mile, with Dave adding his personal best time of 9:58 in the race, and an eighth place finish.

Tim Jones, an excellent prospect for the outdoor season, tied the school record for the 60 yard sprint in his preliminary round with a 6.5 time, and finished sixth overall.

Jim Kitson and Tim Huff rounded out the men's scoring with sixth and seventh place finished, respectively, in the quarter-mile.

In the women's division, Sheila Thompson ended in fifth place in the long jump, with teammate Corina Dean edging her out for fourth place in that event.

Deb Enos cleared 5'2" to set a new school record in the high jump and capture the first place honor. Deb and Corina also competed in the 200 yard dash but failed to place.

The only other entry by the Bulldogs was a mile relay team which failed to place due to a false

start. "I was disappointed the mile relay didn't run," Coach Ray added.

Although the McPherson College tracksters do not compete for a conference title, they contend with teams from the conference at most meets.

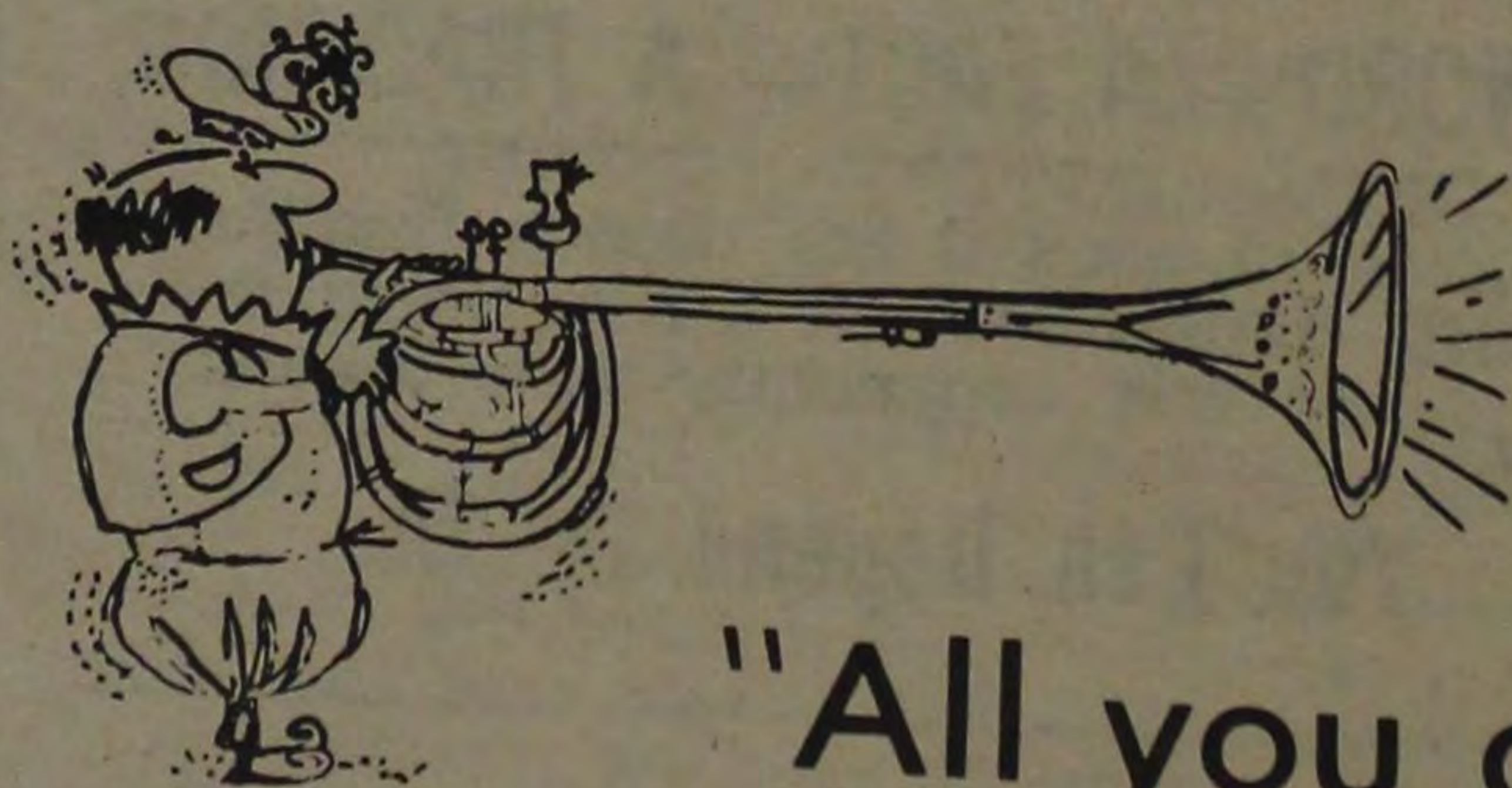
Approximately a dozen men and half as many women are currently out for indoor track, but Coach Ray has a positive outlook on the outdoor season. "Both teams (men and women) should be better because we have much more personnel," Ray continued, "with some of the basketball players coming out, plus other athletes currently off-season."

Besides new talent, Mac will have a large number of returning lettermen to add to its depth that could lead to an outdoor conference championship.

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