

## Honor Roll named

# Students show scholastic achievement

The McPherson College Honor Roll for fall semester, 1976 recorded outstanding scholastic achievements by 66 Kansans and 44 out-of-state students. To qualify for the Honor Roll, each student completed 12 semester hours and achieved at least a 3.5 grade point average on the completed work.

Kansas students named to the Honor Roll include the following freshmen: Nancy Bailey, Morrill; Doug Burkholder, McPherson; Marilee Hopkins, Inman; Janice Hill, Hutchinson; Ron Kessler, Galva; James Kitson, Haven; Kim Thiessen, Wichita and Janette Willems, McPherson.

Kansas sophomores on the Honor Roll are Terry Banta, McPherson; Doug Brehm, Hope; Karen Burkholder, Buhler; Roger Carswell, Quenemo; Kenneth Cotton, McPherson; Kevin Crist, Quinter; Joan Cunnick, McPherson; Randy Edwards, McPherson; Cheryl Ferguson,

McPherson; Sybil Fields, McPherson; Jana Flory, McPherson; Tracy Ikenberry, Quinter; Cheri Miller, McPherson; Loren Reinhold, McPherson; Tina Roesch, Quinter and Bob Uphoff, Hesston.

Kansas juniors on the Honor Roll are Dennis Allison, Hutchinson; Eldon Chlumsky, McPherson; Janis Cordell, Wichita; Sally Correll, Abilene; Denise Creevan, Stockton; David Crist, McPherson; Janell Dague, Washington; Roger Davis, Marquette; Dellis Dick, Buhler; Debra Enos, Marion; Edward Gingrich, McPherson; Joyce Hall, McPherson; Steve Jackson, Independence; Virginia Luty, McPherson; Linda Pfalzgraf, Wellington; Mike Roberts, Kansas City; Brenda Sanger, Quinter; Celia Stover, Manhattan; Allan van Asselt, McPherson, Martin Ward, McPherson.

Kansas seniors on the Honor

Roll are Marlene Adams, McPherson; Doug Albin, Quinter; Donovan Atkinson, Hutchinson; Gene Barrett, Madison; Jean Burchard, Abilene; Corina Dean, Abilene; Dean Frazier, McPherson; Roy Harden, McPherson; Amy Herman, McPherson; Ron Hovis, McPherson; Dewayne Jackson, Norton; Richard Janousek, McPherson; Mary Lou Lentz, Hutchinson; Denise Miller, Valley Center; Donna Miller, Wichita; Roger Peckover, Buhler; Jean Ramsey, Hutchinson; Helen Sisson, Galva; Sandra Stubby, McPherson; Jeanne Suellentrop, Colwich; Kay Taylor, McPherson; Sheila Thompson, Courtland; Jana Wine, Abilene.

Colorado students named to the Honor Roll include Suzanne Bergen, soph, Cortez; Kenneth Frantz, soph, Windsor; Paula Lusk, jr, Rocky Ford; Stephen Newcomer, jr, Rocky Ford and

Linda Garland, sr, Cortez.

Iowa students named to the Honor Roll are Cosette Button, fr, Conrad; Mary Jane Mason, fr, Udell; Curtis Thill, fr, Adel; Debra Stong, soph, Ankeny; Kirby Leland, jr, Cambridge; Rodney Moore, jr, Waterloo; Peter Wicks, jr, Adel; Mary Grove, sr, Keswick and Ruth Van Roekel, sr, Monroe.

From Idaho, Jane Albright, jr, Nampa, was named to the Honor Roll. Cynthia Yossa, sr, Ocean-side, Ca, was also named.

Making the Honor Roll from Missouri are Gail Erisman, fr, Warrensburg; Anne Erisman, jr, Warrensburg; Bruce Clary, sr, Cabool and Bonnie Thomas, sr, Kansas City.

Nebraska students on the Honor Roll are Norman Grosbach, soph, Enders and Mary Beth Snyder, soph, Liberty.

Honor Roll students from Ohio are Jeff Bach, fr, Middletown and Eric Herman, jr, West Carrollton.

Other students named to the Honor Roll include Kirk Higgins, fr, Albuquerque, N. M.; Kathleen Hunn, sr, Spring Hill, Fl; Karen Neher, soph, Anna, Ill; Sara Penner, jr, Mt. Morris, Ill; Lorna Mangus, jr, Lakeville, Indiana; Mary Rogers, soph, Guthrie, Minn; Janell Schrock, sr, Harmony, Minn; Kenneth Kolbe, jr, Andover, Ma; Charlotte McCann, soph, Durant, Ok; Paula Schnaithman, soph, Billings, Ok; Rebecca Stewart, Ringwood, Ok; Lorie Shepherd, fr, Portland, Or; Roxane Royer, Hummelstown, Pa; Donald Ziegler, soph, Elizabethtown, Pa; and from Washington, D. C., Barbara Ramsey, soph, and Kathy Ramsey, sr. From Texas, Lynn Sifrit, sr, Waka, was named to the Honor Roll.

Foreign students on the Honor Roll were John Waba, soph, Nigeria and Louisa Panagides, jr, Cyprus.

## Seniors to inspect campus

To give high school seniors the opportunity to find out about college life and to be sure McPherson College is the right school a number of activities have been planned on campus for the weekends of Feb. 17-20 and April 21-24.

The Mac Ambassadors have sent out almost 7,000 invitations to seniors across the country. The students that come will have meals, entertainment and housing provided for during their stay at the college.

The college is offering to pay for most of the transportation expenses. Whether the prospective student comes by airplane, bus, car or train the Admissions Office credits a person up to ten cents a mile. This credit is, in turn, payable on account if the student decides to attend McPherson College the fall of 1977.

Registration on Thursday evening will open the events of the

weekend. On Friday the schedule will include class visitation, tours of the campus and business offices. Friday evening J.W. Everett, an acoustical guitarist, will be on campus for a concert starting at 8 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

On Saturday's agenda will be a question and answer period in the gymnasium where department representatives will be present. That evening there will be a dance in the Student Union after the final basketball game of the season at Tabor.

In conclusion, Sunday, the students will be served two meals and can attend the church of their choice.

The schedule for April Campus Days will include much of the same activities but the final arrangements have not been determined. Jan Schrock, spokesman for the Mac Ambassadors, said, "we're hoping for a good crowd."



Focusing its attention on Director Ron Aden, the McPherson College Chamber Choir presented its home concert last Friday evening at the church of the Brethren. The group spent interterm singing its way through the Netherlands and Germany. Photo by Rhodes

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## Class rejuvenates decrepit chairs

by Kim Thiessen

Perhaps one of the more interesting classes offered to students over interterm is one taught by Prof. Connie Nichols in which students actually restore and reupholster a chair. The class is limited to ten students and is offered for four hours of credit every two years. The class is a requirement for all those majoring in interior design, so majors were placed in the class first. The rest of the places were filled on a first come, first serve basis.

"We really started from scratch," said Prof. Nichols when reflecting on the conditions of the chairs before the students began their work. One of the chairs had been stored in a barn for several years. When the time came to take the chair apart and clean and measure it for the recovering, a mouse skeleton fell out.

The students were expected to walk in at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of classes with their chairs.

Every minute of working time was essential. The craft of upholstery is difficult and requires a good deal of skill, patience and hard work. Official class time was 8:30 - 11:30, five days a week, but from the very beginning, some workers were coming in during the afternoons and as the deadline drew near, many found it necessary to work during the evenings.

"Everything about the work has to be exact," said Prof. Nichols.

Even before the actual recovering of the chair can begin, a long series of steps must be completed. These steps include webbing, spring tying, edge rolling, burlapping, stuffing, padding and, in some cases,

covering the padding with a layer of muslin. After all that is accomplished, the careful cut-out of the pattern is done.

The students were assisted by Rev. Paul Miller who volunteered his services to the class and was certainly there when they needed him. He worked on a chair of his own and helped with most of the gluing and repairing of the chair frames.

Requirements for the class were not limited to actual work on the chairs. Last fall Mrs. Nichols began testing the sewing skills of class applicants. Each student had to be able to handle the sewing aspect of the project which is very tedious and difficult.

In December the class was given specifications for the type of chair they should be looking for.

They were also given a large textbook assignment and were held responsible for the reading material on tests that were given during January.

For the first time, the class was able to work in the upholstery room, which is located in the new industrial arts complex. When they finished, the chairs were displayed in an arrangement in a showroom, which even had spotlights so the chairs could be shown off to their best advantage.

Each chair was displayed with a ribbon and a printed card telling the name of the student who had worked on it. Pictures of the chairs before they were reupholstered were also displayed so that viewers of the show could realize the progress that the class members had made.

**SPECTATOR SIDELINES** / Job interview seminar / Mac Action workshop / Grampa Willowby . . .

...all Mac College students are encouraged to attend a seminar on job interviewing techniques and practices Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. in Miller 106. The seminar should be advantageous to those seniors participating in Career Day March 3. Steve Gatton, career counselor, and Jim Chipman, activities director, will conduct the meeting. On the agenda is the film, "You and the Job Interview," followed by a discussion of the right and wrong ways for a person to conduct himself at an interview. Role playing of the interviewing situation, the meaning of verbal and non-verbal communication, proper attire, resumes and how to overcome nervous anxiety will be discussed.

...The Grandpa Willowby show is ready to begin its second season. The producers are looking for people with a variety of talents and with the time to use them in the task that go into production. If you are interested in contributing, contact Mike Roberts. Don't delay.

...Taking place Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. on the Central College campus will be a Mac Action Program workshop. The workshop, which is open to Central and McPherson College student volunteers (whether already in the program or just interested), will be led by Larry Friesen of the McPherson Mental Health Office. For transportation and additional information, contact John Burden, psychology, or Frances Moore, sociology.



# Workshop provides insight

by Albert Zavala  
 "It turned out really well — much better than I had expected," Dr. Linda Seger, drama and religion, commented about the Religious Drama Workshop that took place Feb. 12.  
 And so it was — a drama workshop. Dr. Seger headed the eight participants in exercises slightly different from ordinary acting. The participants were involved in much of the action.  
 "The basic purpose of the workshop was to dramatize concepts of religious faith, and learn to work with others." Dr. Seger went on. "The ideas of the theology should be involved, not simply talked about."  
 People from area churches, Sunday school teachers, preachers and grade-school teachers attended the activities.  
 The workshop started out with a 20 minute lecture by Dr. Seger on

ideas of religion and relationships between oneself and other persons in the community.  
 After the lecture, the action began. At first, only simple improvisations were done. For example, Dr. Seger would tell a story such as a lady buying groceries in a supermarket, and the group would act it out. No scripts, no props, just acting.  
 "As time went on, the improvisations progressively got more difficult," Dr. Seger added.  
 An improvisation was also done on a couple trying to grow tomato plants, with the plants being acted by members of the group.  
 "The physical development of the plants from the care of the couple would reflect on the stages of religious growth," Dr. Seger explained.  
 Besides the dramatic acting, the group was also taken on "trust walks," where one member was

blindfolded and led around in Brown Auditorium. The purpose of this was to develop a feeling of freedom and a trusting attitude toward one-another.  
 Most of the material used was taken from psychology, and the form it was presented in is a relatively new type of theatre.  
 "My interest is in helping people form a spiritual community," Dr. Seger stated. "Although thinking is necessary, it was not an intellectual workshop — just pure action."  
 "It was not the kind of workshop that a lot of people want to do because you are on the spot and have to take part in it."  
 The entire session took place in Brown Auditorium from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., with a short lunch break in the middle. The cost for group members was ten dollars or a fifteen-dollar fee which included a half-hour of college credit.

# EDITORIAL Minority action urged

The situations that face minorities on college campuses is only a reflection of a larger, more serious problem in the country and throughout the entire world. The problem lies in the failure of people in the majority to share their power and prosperity with those in the minority.

There has been a distinct difference between the college student in the majority and the student in the minority. The experts say that the students in the majority want reform, while the students in the minority (angry, confused and frustrated by present conditions in this society) seek a chance to beat or beat down the system, wanting to push a button for success.

The dilemma of whether to change or sit back and wait for change confronts many minorities on college campuses. Demanding and receiving minority councils or black student unions is good. It helps strengthen minorities as a separate body. But, if in this strengthening process there is no merger with the majority to discuss and reach solutions, these organizations are powerless.

Some answers may be found in taking an active role in a student government association (SGA). The task for the minority student should be much greater than trying to reform the entire institution. It should be to create a voice for themselves in campus events, to lend creative ideas, and to suggest campus improvements. This task should include the best atmosphere for learning. Trying to be a better person and helping strengthen a humane institution is commendable. These qualities help build a better society.

Through the SGA the minority student can receive leadership and responsibilities; serving as a member of the SGA can be a significant reminder of a person's capabilities. Frequent involvement with the administration and professors could mean excellent recommendations for future endeavors. Experience in working with others could suggest dealings with national organizations in the future.

Through a minority student's involvement with the SGA he may find that his problem may be common to the majority and together with intelligence and simple reasoning he may find solutions.

There will be some that will say that they do not care. It is up to those few that do to persuade the rest.

Minority students should never feel that because they are few in number, their voice will not be heard. It has been said that in the recent campaign race between Jimmy Carter and Gerald R. Ford minorities, especially blacks, played a significant role in Carter's victory.

According to a government teacher I once had, "People get the kind of government they deserve and it's called reaping the harvest."

This holds true in the student government as well. If a person doesn't become a part of and participate in planning and decision making, he suffers.

**Rick Cook**  
 chairman, ACK Minority Council

# Increase in dorm hours approved

Acting on the recommendation from the executive committee of the board of trustees, Pres. Paul Hoffman approved increased open dorm hours with the stipulation that—

- 1) Student Council clarify its objective.
  - 2) The dorms establish procedures for enforcing the new hours.
  - 3) These procedures be stated to the satisfaction of the Dean of Students.
- Having met these stipulations the new hours are as follows:

**Bittinger**  
 Monday 8-10 p.m.  
 Tuesday 8-11 p.m.  
 Wednesday 8-10 p.m.  
 Thursday 8-10 p.m.  
 Friday 8 p.m.-12.  
 Saturday 8 p.m.-12 a.m.

**Dotzour**  
 Monday 8-10 p.m.  
 Tuesday 8-10 p.m.  
 Wednesday 8-10 p.m.  
 Thursday - none  
 Friday 8 p.m.-12.  
 Saturday 2-5 p.m., 8 p.m.-12.

**Fahnestock**  
 Monday - none

Tuesday 8-11 p.m.  
 Wednesday 8-10 p.m.  
 Thursday 8-10 p.m.  
 Friday 9 p.m.-1 a.m.  
 Saturday 3-5 p.m., 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**Metzler**  
 Monday - none  
 Tuesday 8-10 p.m.  
 Wednesday 8-10 p.m.  
 Thursday 8-10 p.m.  
 Friday 8 p.m.-1 a.m.  
 Saturday 2-4 p.m., 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Open dorm hours are consistent across campus on Sunday: 2-5 p.m., 7-10 p.m.

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## MACALENDAR

Fri., Feb. 18 - Deadline for Career Day applications  
 Last day to add classes  
 "Campus Days" begin  
 J.W. Everett, folk guitarist, in concert 8-9:30 p.m.  
 Indoor track meet, Nebraska Wesleyan (there)

Sat., Feb. 19 - Track women to Fort Hays State  
 Basketball at Tabor (men and women)  
 Church of the Brethren Western Plains District  
 Administration of Justice Workshop

# Paperwads

by Chuck Baker

I suppose I'll have to explain that title. I didn't really feel like going into it, but the editor has been pretty insistent about it. She's been sitting on my desk for the last half hour, sharpening a pencil with a razor blade and flicking the chips rather pointedly in my direction. She says when it gets dull enough she'll get an explanation out of me. I think she means the blade ... that pencil looks sharper and shorter all the time.

I don't really think I'd look very good shorter and sharper, so I'll tell you about "paperwads".

I think the paperwad is the purest expression of Marshall McLuhan's, "the medium is the message." What this means is that the point of television is not what's on television, but television itself. Television is its own greatest impact.

(You're right, that's ridiculous; but if you were trying to prove as silly a set of assertions as follows to a red-eyed, deadly editor you'd find Marshall McLuhan and a liberal sense of interpretation pretty convenient yourself.)

What's easier to understand than getting hit with a paperwad? Besides a sledgehammer, that is.

Paperwads were the first technological advance in interpersonal communications. Until the invention of the paperwad, men relied first on a good club on the head to get a woman's attention, and later, when women started carrying clubs (probably about the time the expression "She's a real knockout" came into being), they used rocks from a safe distance. Women, of course, learned to throw.

At any rate, some intelligent soul decided it was time for a softer and less mutually painful approach. He invented the paperwad. The infection set in — man began being civilized. Alas Eden!

That the love letter is a development of the paperwad is obvious from what these two things have in common: they are both made of paper, they both have a message, and they are both designed to have impact on a target.

How it happened is obvious, too. When ink was invented, some other intelligent soul decided that the paperwad had too little impact, but maybe if he used ink to make it heavier ... in short, he inked up a piece of paper, wadded it and threw it. He got her square in the eye, and thus was the love letter invented.

The pattern still goes on, repeating itself each generation. First the boys throw rocks, then they throw paperwads, then they write love letters.

Last weekend, I was talking this over with a friend of mine who is married and I was surprised to find out that she still has the first paperwad her husband ever threw at her. I think it is quite an appropriate trophy from the war men lose by opening fire.

Women always seem to win without firing a shot.

My Uncle George says I need to make a correction: it's "Uncle George's Patented Baker Family High-Step," not "Stomp." He says "Stomps" have no class. Also wants to know why I'm laying off my mistakes on him. Seems he got the idea for the "High-Step" watching me throw a fit in my crib one morning.



Warm atmosphere in a cold city

# Eleven prospects visit seminary

Continuing your education always seems to be a possibility and if you are considering the ministry as a vocation, a seminary visit might just be up your alley. During a four-day excursion ten Mac students along with Rev. Paul Miller, campus pastor, did just that as they were the guests of Bethany Theological Seminary, the graduate school of theology of the Church of the Brethren, in Oak Brook, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

Leaving the college at 5 a. m. Feb. 5, the group, which included Lynn Sifrit, sr., Waka, Tex.; Alvin Carson, sr., Eastman, Ga.; Gary Hogle, soph., Conrad, Ia.; Mike Roberts, jr., Kansas City; Dewayne Jackson, sr., Norcatur; Aurellia Smith, jr., McClave, Co.; Rod Moore, jr., Waterloo, Ia.; Dalene Royer, jr., Lincoln, Ne.; Hobert Flory, soph., Tipton, Ia.; and Karen Whipple, jr., Ontario, Ore. spent a rigorous eight hours in the college van as they made their way to Tipton, Ia. where the group ate dinner at the home of Hobert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Flory. After the short stop it was back into the van and on to Chicago.

Arrival time in Chicago was 8:30 p. m. and after a short orientation most of the travelers were ready for the sack.

The next morning began with an 8:30 breakfast date at the Golden Bear Restaurant with Warren Groff, president of Bethany, John Cassel, Director of Church Relations and Field Education, and Nelda Rhoades, a Bible Studies student of the seminary who served as the guide for the weekend.

Worship was at the York Center Church of the Brethren. The York Center youth had been participating in a 30-hour fast for a fund-raising project for CROP. As part of the conclusion of the fast, church members took part in a third world banquet. The motive behind the banquet was to emphasize the hunger of the third world citizens.

After two films were shown each person was given a colored ticket. The colors given signified of which part of the world each was a citizen.

"First worlders" were given the choice to eat any of the servings. People of the second world were more limited but still received a wide variety. Those of the third world were given only rice and water.

No one went away hungry though, as soon the first and second worlders started sharing their food with the underprivileged.

The evening agenda brought a sight-seeing tour around Chicago led by Dr. Dale Brown, prof. of Christian theology. Dinner was provided at a restaurant in the Chinatown section, and topping the evening off was a ride to the 103rd floor of the Sears Tower to view Lake Michigan and the skyline of Chicago.

The evening also supplied a worship service at The First Church of Deliverence in South Chicago. "A very inspiring service" was the comment of Lynn Sifrit on the black congregation's worship. Arriving back at the seminary at 1 a. m., sleep was a big factor in considering another early beginning Monday morning.

Breakfast in the campus dining room preceded a tour of the campus and a meeting with Graydon Snyder, dean, and members of the faculty. The morning was allotted to attending some classes, though many of the visitors used the time as an opportunity to catch up on some lost sleep.

Faculty were again available to answer questions during lunch and the afternoon was dedicated to visiting classes, profs or students. The students considering marriage were especially in-

terested and impressed with the facilities available to married students.

The homes of students were opened up to the visitors for the evening meal and Seminary President Warren Groff closed out the official stay with refreshments and socializing at his home.

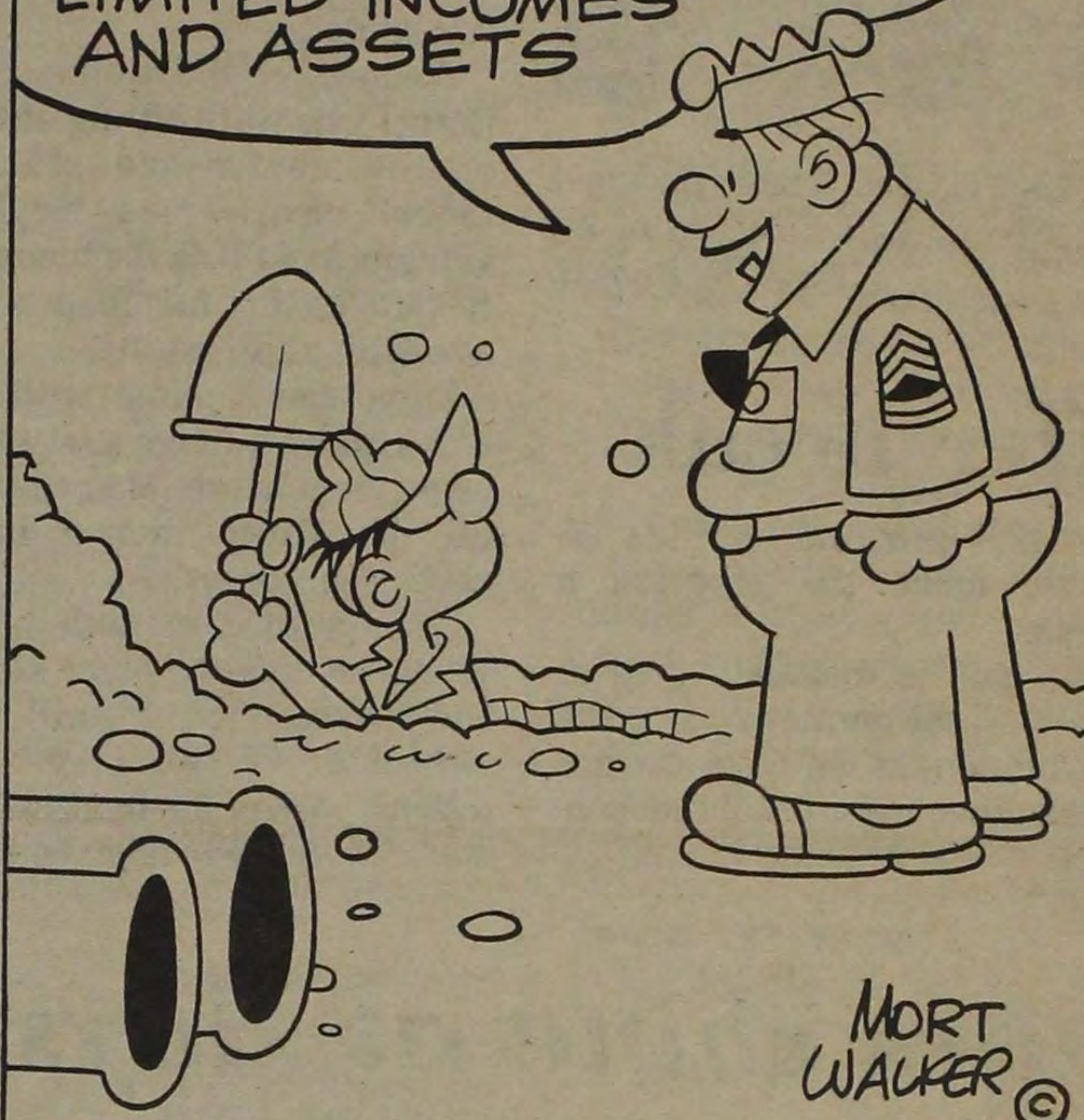
"We were really made to feel welcome," commented Hobert as he and Karen are of the many in the group who are seriously considering Bethany in the future.

Both Alvin Carson and Lynn Sifrit, who plan to go into pastoral ministry, have voiced interest in the seminary and are considering the possibility of being roommates. Although their plans remain up in the air, Dewayne and Aurellia and Rod and Dalene were influenced by the seminary's faculties.

The trip to the seminary has been an annual event sponsored by Rev. Miller as an effort to let potential graduates view Bethany more readily.

## BEETLE BAILEY BY MORT WALKER

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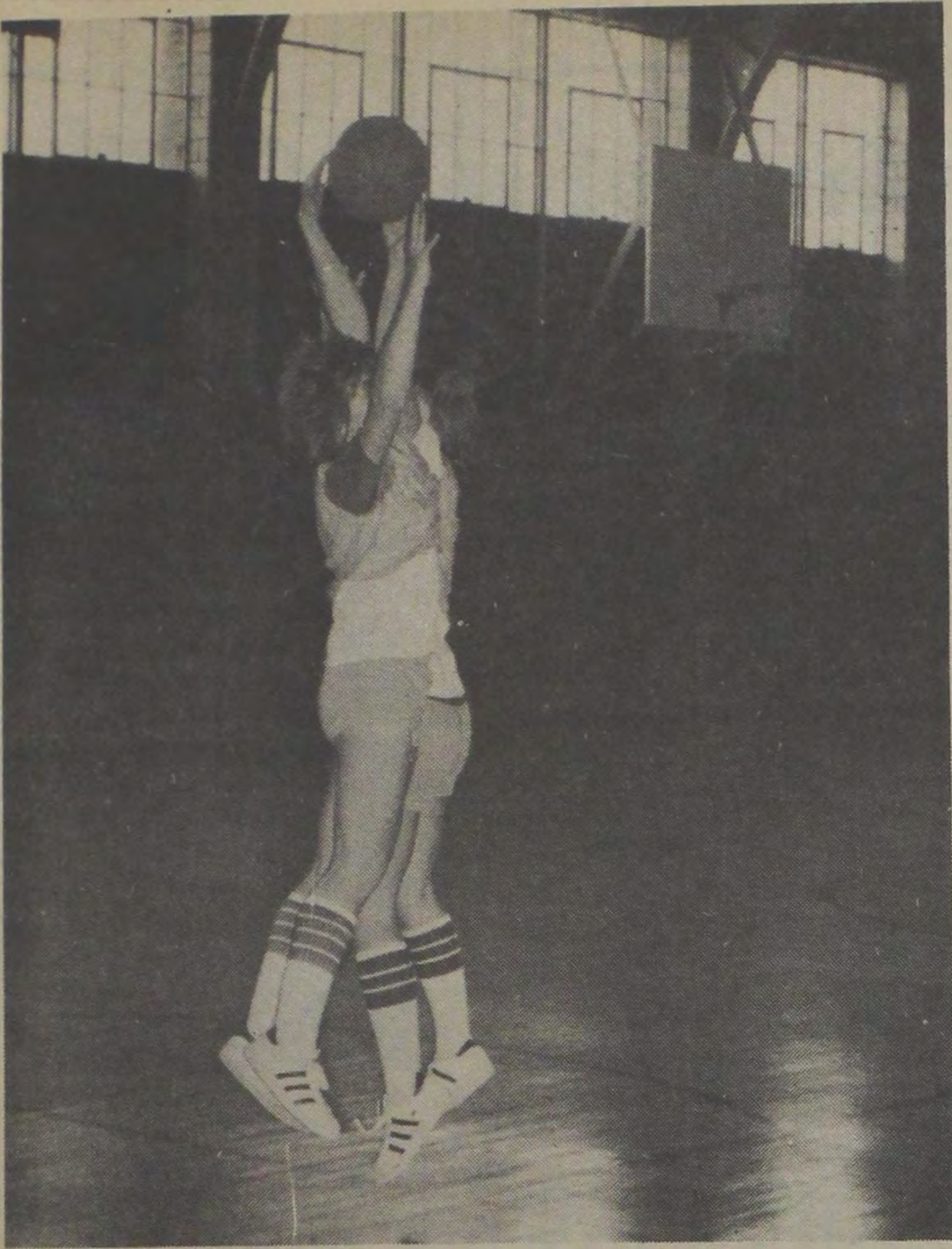


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Sam Cordell, left, foils a shot put up by Lisa Gaskill, right, during a recent practice. At presstime the Bulldog women had a record of 8-4 with a chance at second place in the KCAC. Photo by Rhodes

## Pride key in victory

Four women in double figures and a 25-point margin were key factors for the women's victory over Friends last week.

"They were a little flatfooted and somewhat down after losing the Southwestern game, but they had enough pride to win the game 75-50," commented Coach Bebe Arbuckle.

The women ran into a little trouble at Southwestern last week as they lost a close one 78-80. "It was the best game we've played all year," said Coach Arbuckle. "Our bench strength proved itself when four starters fouled out."

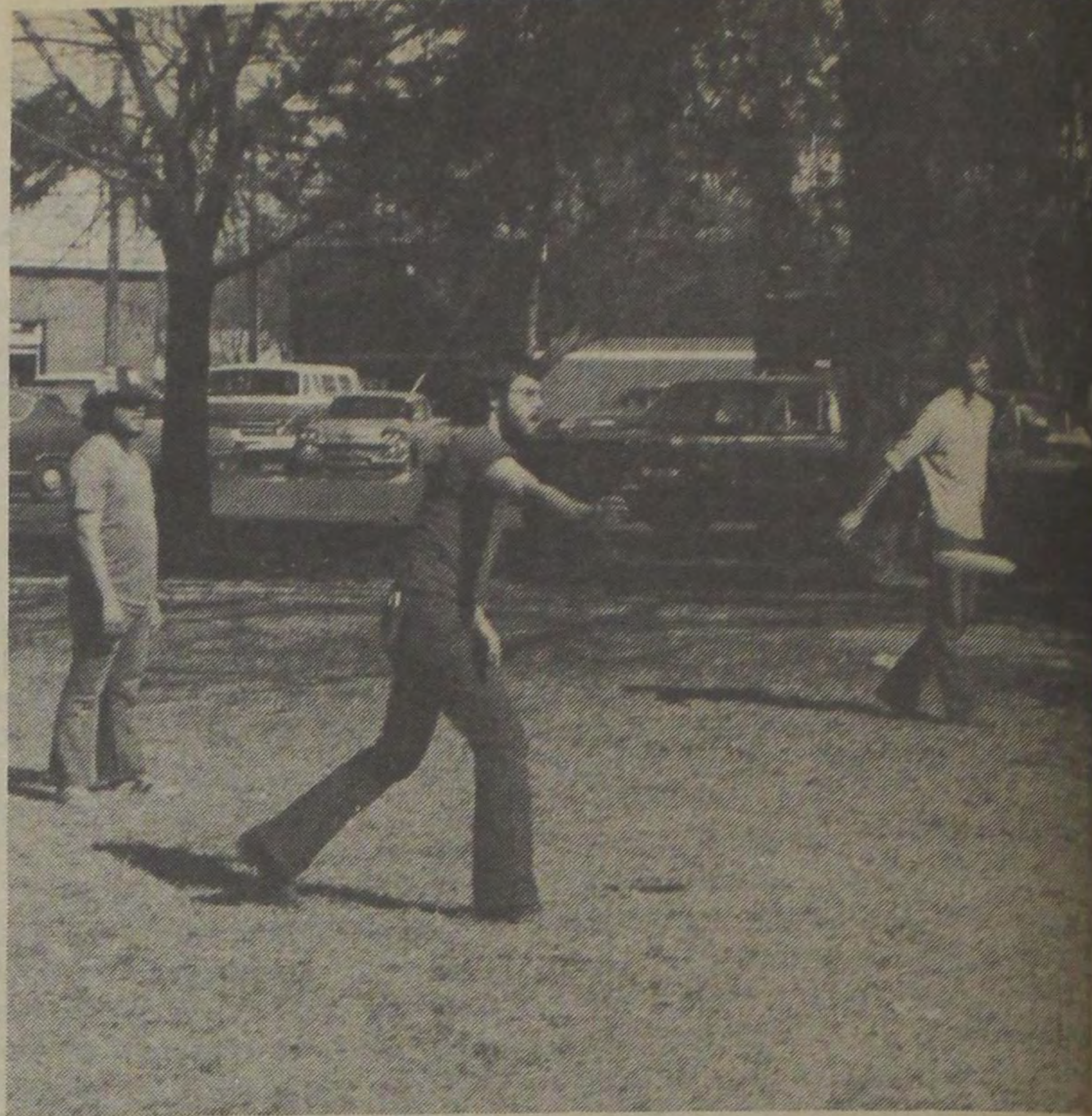
"We were patient on offense and, unlike most games, we didn't have any mental lapses. We ran a very disciplined offense and had balanced scoring—we did everything but win."

The Bulldog women must take advantage of their speed and quickness in order to win their last two games.

Wednesday the women played Bethel who were sitting at the top of the conference standings. Bethel clearly had height advantage as well as the home court. Results of this matchup were not available at presstime.

Tomorrow's game with Tabor will also be a tough game to play away from home. Mac easily shut off the Tabor women in their earlier encounter.

"We must win both of these games in order to place second in the conference," said Coach Arbuckle. "If we play as well against them as against Southwestern we'll win them both."



Enjoying the spring like weather of last week three Fahnestock residents strived to perfect their frisbee flinging techniques. Photo by Rhodes

## Intramurals offer break

by Wilson Coutee

"Our intramural program is designed to augment the social activities on campus," said Coach Paul Graber, men's head basketball coach.

"These programs are designed so that any student on campus can participate in sports on a competitive level," Coach Graber explained.

Intramural programs are designed so that the students can participate in many sports which interest them including basketball, touch-football, tennis, bowling, softball, track, horseshoe-throwing, ping-pong and pool.

"The intramural program provides a pastime which gives a student a break from his studies," said Coach Graber.

To provide incentive for student participation, an "all-sports" trophy will be awarded to the team which has participated in every sport and has accumulated the highest number of points.

There are currently five teams involved in the conference — the Sooners, Cornhuskers, Jayhawks, Wildcats and the Tigers. In some sports, individual teams are allowed to participate, such as in basketball and softball. In the sports where fewer players are required, the teams are allowed to expand to offer more people on the team a chance to play.

The managers of the conference teams are chosen by Coach Graber. They are chosen from the basketball players, thus giving him an opportunity to arrange for work-study programs. These managers are responsible for organizing the teams while the teams can designate captains from their own ranks. The conference teams remain the same year-round and are the only ones competing for the "all-sports" trophy.

Coach Graber praised Dave Burgess, student director of the

intramural program, for his efforts to make the program a success.

"Our goal is to create greater student involvement in the program so that we have greater participation next fall," he concluded.

## Stars shine at Hays

The indoor track season is proving fruitful as the Bulldog thinclads tallied another successful performance last week at Fort Hays State College.

In the running events freshman Tim Jones placed second in the 60 yd. dash with a time of 65 seconds. Freddie Wilson pulled in a first place finish in the 600 as he broke the ribbon in 1:13.

DeWayne Jackson came in sixth in the two mile with a time of 9:53. The mile relay comprised of Wilson, Tim Huff, Jim Kitson and Dave Burgess, who stepped in to run at the last moment, placed sixth with a time of 3:35.1.

In the field events Dave Cantwell heaved the shot 51'4" to place second in that event. The Colon brothers did a number in the triple

jump as Bruce took first place honors with a leap of 47'10" while Dennis was close behind in second place with 47-7". They qualified for nationals as the required distance of 47'6" was met by both.

Dennis placed first in the long jump, with a distance of 22'5".

Today the men travel to Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. Coach Art Ray commented, "We should have some pretty stiff competition there. All the teams that will be up there have indoor facilities to practice in and are ready to run any time."

Tomorrow the women will go to Fort Hays State to compete in a meet.

Practice for the outdoor season will start on Monday with the first practice meet being a dual with Bethany here on March 16.

## Falcons claw Bulldogs

The McPherson men's basketball team will close out the season tomorrow night when they meet the Tabor Bluejays in a 7:30 p.m. contest at Hillsboro. Tabor is presently in eighth place in the conference with a 3-11 mark and 6-16 overall.

The Mac men saw their hopes for a District 10 play-off berth go down the drain last week when they lost two "must-win" conference games against Southwestern and Friends. The losses drop McPherson into sole possession of fifth place in the KCAC with a 7-7 mark; they are 11-8 overall.

In the Southwestern game, the

Bulldogs fought hard until the end but fell to lose 62-61. That game put Southwestern and Friends into a tie for second place in the conference. Leading scorers for the 'Dogs were Dave Romo with 18 points, Bob Durham with 14, and Dan Saulsberry with 10.

In the Friends game the Bulldogs experienced another slow start and saw themselves go down very early in the game. A second half surge pulled the 'Dogs within one point before the Falcons pulled away late in the game to win 70-49. Leading contributors for the Mac team were Romo with 20 and Bob Durham with 18.

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# Opinions toward death penalty stirred by Gilmore

by Kenny Cotton

Shortly before dawn Monday, Jan. 17, the condemned man was led from his prison cell to a secret, predetermined spot at the Utah State Penitentiary. Once there, he was seated in a wooden chair, and his arms, legs and neck were strapped firmly. A doctor pinned a red target on his shirt above his heart. Contrary to his wishes, a priest placed a leather hood over his head and performed the last rites.

Approximately ten yards away sat five marksmen behind a sheet of canvas, poking the barrels of their .30 caliber rifles through narrow slits in the canvas. Four of these rifles contained live ammunition; one contained a blank cartridge.

At 9:06 a.m. McPherson time the marksmen took careful aim at the hooded figure and shot him to death. Several minutes later, a prison official announced, "The sentence of the court has been carried out. Gary Mark Gilmore is dead."

This series of events marked the first execution of a condemned prisoner for nearly a decade. The last man to be executed previous to Gilmore died in a Colorado gas chamber in 1967.

Gilmore's execution resurrected once again the controversial specter of capital punishment and drew nationwide attention to the morality and constitutionality of the death penalty. Lawyers, concerned private citizens and many organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, sought to block the execution

through every imaginable device.

This pressure twice succeeded in bringing about stays of execution for Gilmore while the constitutionality and legality of the matter was reviewed. In fact, a federal judge overturned a ruling granting a third stay just 12 minutes before the execution was scheduled to take place.

The most vehement supporter of the execution was Gilmore himself. When the Nov. 15 execution date was postponed so that the Utah Board of Pardons could review his case, Gilmore pleaded his case personally to the Utah Supreme Court. He asked to be allowed to "die with dignity" instead of being forced into a lifetime of languishing in prison.

"I was given a fair trial," Gilmore declared. "The sentence was proper. I'm willing to accept it like a man and wish it to be carried out without delay."

Claims of mental illness were discredited by a Utah prison psychiatrist, who said he was "intelligent, very rational and without any indication of mental illness."

Gilmore's first run-in with the law came at age 14, when he was sent to a reformatory for joyriding in a stolen car. He had been confined for 18 of the last 21 years of his life for various offenses, including auto theft, armed robbery and assault.

Last April, Gilmore was paroled and moved in with an uncle in Provo, Utah. He landed a job in a nearby factory and developed a relationship with 20-year-old divorcee Nicole Barrett, who

later, became his Death Row fiancée.

Confused and unfamiliar with life outside prison walls, Gilmore began drinking and became increasingly belligerent. He roughed up Nicole, often for no reason, and flew into fits of rage when he discovered that she had been seeing other men.

Gilmore's anger boiled to the surface in July, when he shot a Provo gas station attendant. The next day he killed a motel clerk and was captured shortly afterward. A jury convicted him of murder and sentenced him to Death Row.

The attempts of his attorneys and others to appeal his sentence only angered Gilmore. "Why can't they stay out of my life?" he asked. "I don't ask for mercy; why should they worry?" In fact, they prompted him to take things into his own hands.

Shortly after the first stay of execution was granted, Gilmore took an overdose of Seconals serious enough to send him to the hospital. He attempted suicide again as part of a suicide pact with Nicole after the second execution date was postponed. Both attempts failed.

Gilmore's fatalistic attitude curiously coincided with his views on the crimes he committed. He said, in a letter to Nicole, "If I feel like murder, it doesn't necessarily matter who gets murdered. Murder is just a thing of itself, rage, and rage is not reason, so what does it matter who? It vents a rage."

Thus, he vented his rage at Nicole on two Brigham Young University students last July, and faced the consequences. The man who fought so hard for his own execution finally got his death wish fulfilled.

## Students express opinions

With Garv Gilmore's execution still fresh in the public mind, a cross section of students was asked, "What was your reaction to the Gilmore execution?"

Dee Alexander, fr, Earling, Ia: "They made too big of a deal out of it. They stressed it too much to the public."

Ann Wagoner, soph, McPherson: "I thought it was morbid."

Rocky House, fr, Valley Center: "He got what he deserved. He killed somebody; why should he expect less for himself?"

Christopher Covert, jr, Wellsburg, Ia: "Well, I'm against capital punishment, but it seemed that that was what he wanted to happen, so it didn't bother me too much."

Dalene Royer, jr, Lincoln, Ne: "I didn't like the idea they kept him alive after he tried to kill himself. They just wasted the taxpayers' money."

Barb Ramsey, soph, Washington, D.C.: "I don't believe in capital punishment at all. It was so dumb because of the number of times he tried to kill himself the state wouldn't let him because they had to do it. The people who killed him committed murder in my opinion."

Kent McDowell, jr, Canton, Ill: "I thought it was excellent. Definitely I think Manson, Spec and all of them should follow suit. I think it was a shame it just had to happen to only him. In the case of Gilmore, justice was done."

Donna Miller, sr, Wichita: "If that is what he wanted, that is what he should have gotten. I think it is better than him sitting in prison the rest of his life if he has no will to live."

Marcus Perkins, sr, Cedar Rapids, Ia: "He got exactly what he asked for. He made us aware of capital punishment again."

Carl Hill, sr, Carlsbad, Ca: "Definitely blown out of proportion. It was too drawn out. They should have shot him right away because law is law, and by drawing it out they just made people feel sorry for a murderer."

## EDITORIAL Response appreciated

Last semester I had to do a term project which required a public opinion poll. To do this, I randomly placed nearly 200 questionnaires in the college students' mailboxes. Of these, more than 90 were returned to me, most of which were honestly and constructively answered. Without the fine cooperation of those who helped me, I would not have been able to complete my project.

Until I, myself, made a survey, I never really bothered to answer a questionnaire. It was easier to toss it in the waste basket, thinking that just one paper wouldn't make any difference. However, it does make a difference to the person who is conducting the poll.

I am sure I'm not the first nor the last person who will ask for the students' help in completing a survey or similar task. Knowing how busy a college student's schedule can be, I think it's great that fellow students will take the time and effort to help a person with his classwork.

Although I don't know whether persons in the past have had as good a response as I did, I hope those in the future will find the students at McPherson College to be as cooperative as I did.

From my own experience, I've discovered that you never know, you, too, may need to ask the help of your fellow students someday.

Janice Hill,  
guest editorialist

## Paperwads / by Chuck Baker

I never learn. The tribe will always get you.

You want to break a taboo sometime to see what it feels like? You don't have to spend a bit on transport to the primitive backwaters of humanity; just stroll over to the Student Union and sit at a table full of female persons. I actually did that.

The first thing I noticed was a 30 degree temperature drop. The air got thicker and there was this strange, hollow quality to all sound. I think I said something very profound, like, "G' morning." I followed it up with a truly insipid smile.

These faces kept looking at me as though they were wondering what was perched at the end of the table. Now that I think about it, maybe they were curious.

I wondered if I had dribbled something on my chin, but I remembered I hadn't eaten anything yet. I usually don't drool that early in the day.

Eventually they went back to talking, only occasionally casting a nervous glance at the Thing at the End of the Table, (Sounds like a Lovecraft title, huh?) while I slowly drank my eggs and took an occasional bite of my milk glass. After they left I took up breathing again.

I don't know if the same is true about sitting at a table full of guys; I know I don't get much reaction over it. It might be different for a girl, I suppose.

Once, though, I sat at a table with Lynn Sifrit and four girls. (Why is it that that's the condition I usually find him in, anyway?) Sifrit got up and left shortly, and more and more of these female types kept sitting down until there

seemed to be about 150 or so. The thing is — I was talking with them and didn't notice I was surrounded by anything but regular human beings . . . people . . . just good ol' bilaterally symmetrical people . . . all of us humans. Wha' d'ya know, Charlie?!

I have a size 26 mouth. I know this because I spend a lot of time with two size 13 feet in it.

This has led me to the discovery that the worst thing about telling the truth is that people expect you to actually live by it.

For example, I carelessly let my name show up in print in connection with some silly piece on dancing. So I wrote it. So what?

So Valentine's Day is what. Twenty six people: "Hey, Baker! How many you gonna ask t'night, huh? Ha, ha, ha!" (Truthfully, only one of them said it just that way. The rest just might as well have.)

I showed up and found out everyone had read that column. I could tell. I had gotten results. They weren't going to repeat anything that well publicized. This time they were going to be different, by gosh.

So all the boy people went north and sat on the couches, and all the girl people went east and sat on the bookracks. I almost turned around and left right then. But I cheered up. Nobody was standing in the door.

It did turn out pretty well, in fact. The only thing that bothered me was that every time I stopped for a rest somebody was sure to toss an elbow at my ribs and ask me what my percentage was, with that sly smile people get when they're doing the stupidest things

possible under the prevailing conditions.

Of course, I do have to admit I was a little hurt when I didn't get asked. Truthfully, I even found myself volunteering the information on occasion to some rather unimpressed nods. Well? So I was proud of myself. I'm just people.

By the way, everybody I asked danced with me, (no I won't say how many) and in the future neither figure is anybody's business.

One special thing happened that hadn't happened to me before — one very sweet young woman asked me to dance. That was a fantastic feeling, and one that should (HINT) happen to guys more often.

Here's a very deep and heartfelt thanks to a truly liberated lady. Thank you, indeed.

Lovecraft, H. P.: writer of horror stories with titles like, "The Thing at the End of the Table."

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