

## Jester Hairston to conduct clinic

Singing under the directorship of world-famous choral arranger and actor Jester Hairston, the combined voices of McPherson College, Central College and McPherson High School choirs will take part in a two day choral clinic Feb. 26 and Feb. 27.

Saturday, the first day of the clinic, will be devoted to mass rehearsals of the music that each of the three choirs has been working on since the beginning of February. Dr. Hairston has picked a variety of spirituals for the combined choir to sing.

"These songs will give a broad understanding of the Negro slave folk songs—from the very oldest and most traumatic experiences to the jazz styles of today."

The 180 singers will give a final concert on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 27.

Jester Hairston is a graduate of Tufts University, Boston, where he majored in music. He did further work in music theory at the Julliard Institute of Music in

New York.

For 13 years he was conductor of the famous Hall Johnson choir, and became associated with the great Hollywood composer Dimitri Tiomkin when this choir was doing the choral work for the film *Lost Horizons*.

For the 20 years following, Hairston was the choral arranger for most of the Dimitri Tiomkin films. He has also been an accredited actor on T.V. and Radio Music Hall shows.

In 1964, Hairston received the honorary degree of Doctor of Music from the University of the Pacific. In 1972, he received the honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Massachusetts and Doctor of Music from Tufts in Boston.

The State Dept. has sent Hairston as a good will ambassador, three times to Africa, and twice to Europe, in the past ten years. He will be spending most of this spring in Europe and is booked heavily in 1978.

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## Tenth annual career day planned

Career Placement Day will be Thursday, March 3 on the McPherson College campus from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The day is designed to put the seniors of the six Associated Colleges of Central Kansas (ACCK) and potential employers in contact with one another. This will be the tenth annual Career Placement Day.

Those seniors participating will have the opportunity to be interviewed by regional employers from businesses, industries, government agencies and graduate schools. The students will be able to gather information

about the job market, application procedures and other aspects of the employment area they have chosen.

At last year's Career Placement Day forty-two employers were represented. A total of ninety-two seniors from the ACCK colleges took advantage of the opportunities that the day offered. Some of the employers participating in the day will be: Southwestern Bell, Farmland Industries, Hesston Corporation, IBM, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Social Security Administration, the Civil Service Commission and the Internal Revenue Service. Several church and private agencies will also be represented. These will include the Mennonite Central Committee, Prairie View and Mennonite Volunteer Service.

This year's Career Placement Day will also include many other organizations in order to give the seniors a wider variety of firms to gain a comparative picture of available career opportunities in their fields. Students will be reimbursed for their traveling expenses to and from McPherson if they have at least four passengers per car.

Career Placement Day 1977 will begin with registration and a welcome in Friendship Hall. The

opening comments and announcements will be given by President Paul Hoffman and Dr. Howard W. Johnston, ACCK executive director. At 9:30 students are scheduled to begin interviews with the various employers who will attend the event.

Interviews will take place in the gymnasium and up to six interviews may be granted to each individual senior. The student is asked to return a registration card and completed resume forms for each interview that they request. This will allow efficient scheduling of interview times.

Steve Gatton and Keith Kirby are serving as campus coordinators for the students from McPherson College who plan to attend. It is the hope of all those involved that Career Placement Day will be a meaningful and helpful experience for the seniors as they make plans for their futures.

Dr. Johnston comments, "Our Placement Day reflects the total concern our colleges have for their students. The liberal arts education must prepare the students mentally, spiritually, socially and professionally so that they will enjoy success in the careers of their choice. We want to do all we can to help them get started in their chosen fields."

## Greater involvement urged

by Kim Thiessen

"If we get more people involved, we can have that many more things going on." Getting more people involved. That's what Jim Chipman and the handful of people who are now working on the social committee would like to see happen.

"When you only have four or five people at the meetings it is hardly representative of what the whole student body wants," comments Harold Rose, social committee chairman for this semester. "People should participate so we know what they want."

More people serving on the committee could benefit everyone on campus. The publicizing of upcoming events would be an easier task if it could be divided among ten people instead of two.

Social committee is not a "do nothing" organization. Dances, movies and other activities taking place on this campus are a result of their planning. They work hard to make sure there is something for students to do here on campus, and it's usually free.

As a result of the social committee sponsoring two student

trips to the Big Thompson flood area in Colorado, the college has received a good deal of publicity in that state.

McPherson College sent more student volunteers to help in clean up operations than any other out of state college. One resident of Loveland, Colorado showed his appreciation with a donation to the college.

Social committee meets every Monday at 9 p.m. upstairs in the quiet room of the student union. Some tentative plans for this semester's activities include: five or six movies, casino nights, card tournaments, concerts and dances.

At the end of February, the annual tournament between the ACCK schools is scheduled to begin. It will continue through the month of April. This tournament involves competition in chess, arm and thumb wrestling, pool, ping pong, foosball and college and trivia bowl.

The competition is scored on a point system so it's important to enter contestants in every event. There is a traveling trophy awarded to the winning school.

An entire week of activities is in the planning stage for sometime this spring. The big event will be a day of recreation at Kanopolis Reservoir. The food service will be furnished and it is hoped that the whole student body can attend.

Jim Chipman encourages students to attend social committee meetings. "We're open to any suggestion that anybody has, no matter how crazy or dull it may seem."

Getting involved in social committee will guarantee that the kinds of things wanted to have happen on campus are planned. The chance is there for anyone who will make the most of it.

Presently the Social Committee receives most of its funds from the Student Council. Stuco's funds come from an allotment of \$18.50 from each \$65 student activity fee. The amount Stuco set aside for Social Committee last semester was \$2325.

There has been a suggestion to raise the student activity fee by \$10, the increase to be given to Social Committee with Stuco supplying a reduced amount.



After jamming with folk guitarist J.W. Everitt, Ray in last Friday's concert. Here Ray and J. get down on their guitars. Photo by Rhodes

## Game room policy altered

There have been some changes instigated in the general operational policies of the Student Union game area.

The game room will be open from Sunday-Thursday 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. On Friday and Saturday the hours are 5:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Student Union will be closed for special events, such as movies and athletic contests, in order to encourage attendance at these by the students.

The price of pool has been raised from 2 cents to 4 cents per minute. The hike was made to enable the game room to become independent from Student Council funds.

There will be no charges at the game room, either, said Jim Chipman, activities director, "It's cash on the barrel. Bring your coin or don't play."

Money was used during January to refinish and repair the pool tables.

New ping pong paddles and pool cues are needed but as yet there are no funds with which to buy them.

Due to the recent theft of the television from the S.U. basement, action has been taken to secure the building and its contents. Locks have been changed and the building is checked thoroughly before closing.

## SPECTATOR SIDELINES

Convo schedule

Band concert...

...Featuring contemporary music and a solo by Bill Bohnenblust on a synthesizer, the wind ensemble will present a concert in Brown Auditorium Monday at 8 p.m. This will be the ensemble's last performance this year.

...All full-time McPherson College students are required to attend seven convocations. Prepared computer cards are to be presented at each convocation.

March 10, 9:30 a.m.  
Brown Auditorium

Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr., president of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, co-sponsored by Minority Council, "Future Trends for an Integrated Society"

March 17, 9:30 a.m.  
Brown Auditorium

The McPherson College music department

March 31, 8 p.m.  
Brown Auditorium

Performing arts group, Grinnell College, a program of dance.



# Student expounds on school life

by Kathy Howell,  
guest writer

I finally understand after a few months' experience why I came to college. If the reason wasn't to get an education from books, it must simply be a preparation experience for life as a mature, well-adjusted adult. The first thing I learned to cope with was boredom. It seems that sometimes college can be as exciting as a paper clip convention or a truckstop restroom. You just run out of things to do if you don't want to study and there are only a few solutions.

Students have been known to flood bathrooms and put syrup on toilet seats to use their spare time, much to the dismay of fellow students. It also tends to make going to the bathroom a little more complicated when one is not quite awake.

Although there are many activities to occupy one's time, the majority of people like excitement. Consequently these people choose such things as sitting on walls and watching clothes dry out of a window. As I grow older, I'm sure I will look back on my boredom and be thankful for such wonderful practice in exciting activities. But the most useful thing I've learned about is people.

College is a crash course in expecting people to be different and to do dumb things and it didn't take long to find this out.

It all became apparent the day I met the person down the hall. On this particular day she was seeking medical advice for a hemorrhaging paper cut. Having remedied this problem without complications, I was sure that tomorrow's problem would be worse. She did not disappoint me.

The next day brought an itching fingernail and dry skin on her earlobe. But there are other problem residents, too. One receives more than her share of obscene phone calls — collect. And another spent \$300 at Mayo's to find out she had starch in her underwear. Still, the people that amaze me most are the ones that

are on continuous diets.

They are faithful attenders of Weight Watcher's meetings, but there are signs that they aren't quite as faithful to their diets. You can always tell when they are going to weigh in because they put on their summer clothes under their winter coats. And if that doesn't help enough, they are likely to take more drastic measures the next week.



One girl cut her hair and lost eight ounces. The instructor, however, felt that this loss was rather insignificant so the girl had the fillings in her teeth removed the next week. The following weeks saw the loss of her tonsils and appendix. If not for my college experience I would not understand such bizarre techniques for weight loss.

People's unintelligent comments, however, have been even harder to understand.

I've learned to expect people not to think before they speak. Not long ago I was on my way to class in sub-freezing weather when someone made a typical statement. I was dumbfounded when they remarked, "Isn't it cold?" Anybody whose mind had not already been affected by the cold would have to answer yes, but people still insist on asking the question.

Not only this but other dumb statements will never cease to abound as long as people continue in their sometimes unthinking ways. And I don't know why people never seem to think too clearly when they are talking on the phone.

A phone conversation I recently had showed me this without question. I had just answered the phone, when the first question that faced me was, "What are you

doing?" Obviously I can't be doing anything but talking on the phone.

After this question had been settled, it wasn't long before the next one hit me — and this one is my favorite. "Do you know what?" Those four words leave no other response than, "What?"

Not only on the phone but in normal conversation people must believe that this is a catchy way to start a conversation but I am not convinced. ... to be continued

Ed note: Part 2 of this story will be included in next week's "Spectator."

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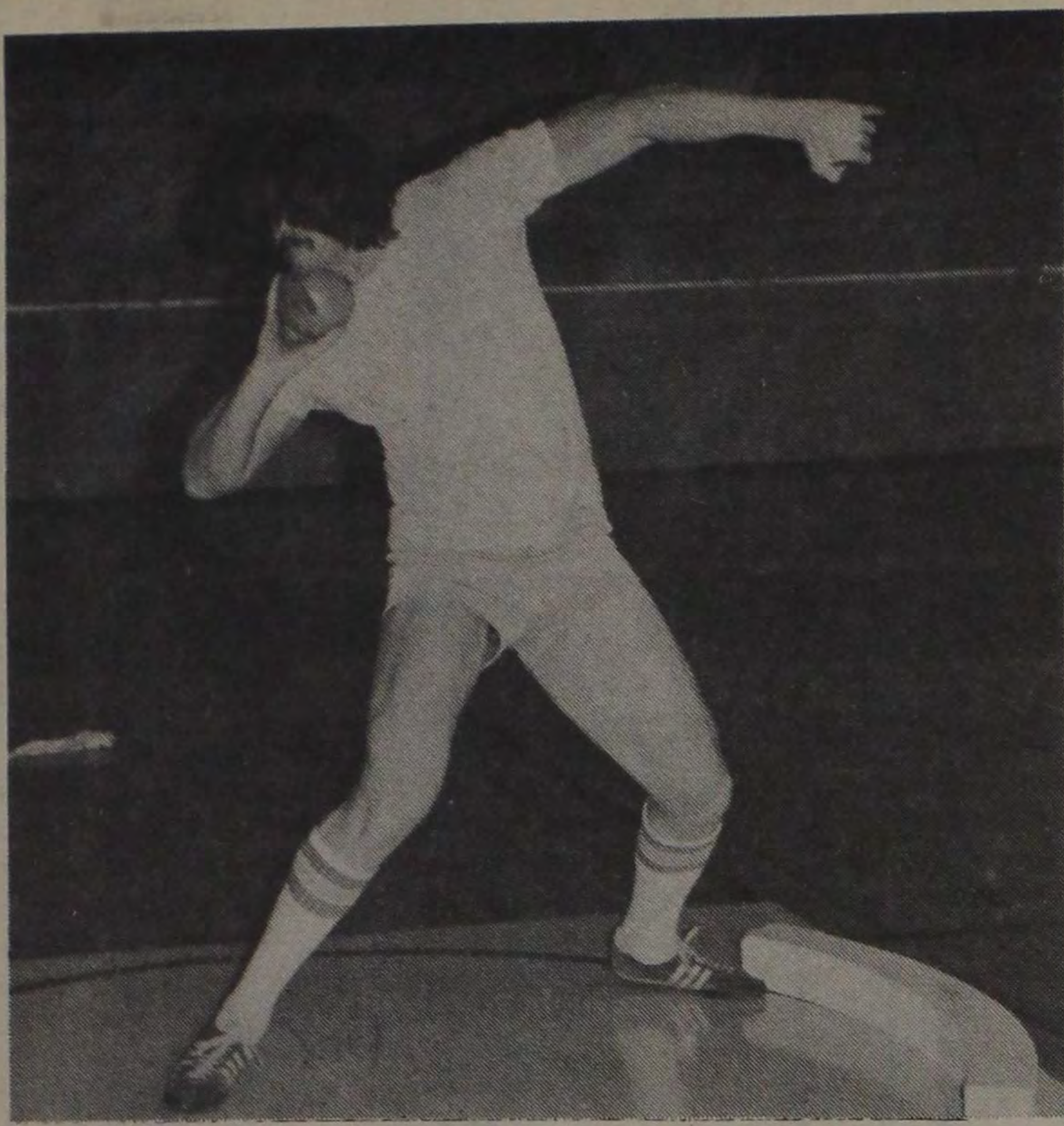
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During a recent practice on the inside ring, Dave Cantwell, jr., Topeka, exerts himself as he puts the shot in preparation for the outdoor season. Photo by Rhodes

**Determination the key**

# Thinclads show will power

By Albert Zavala

This past weekend went well, as the McPherson thinclads continued to demonstrate their determination.

After a long and rather strenuous journey to Lincoln, Ne., Feb. 18, the men pulled off a third place finish in a field of seven teams. In doing so, the tracksters edged out rival Bethany by two and a half points.

Fred Wilson earned first place honors in the 880 yard run, and set a new field-house record for the 600 yard dash with a 1:12.9 time.

Coach Art Ray was satisfied with new personal bests by distance runners DeWayne Jackson and Dave Burgess, who ran the two-mile in 9:26 and 9:47 respectively. Also running the 20 lap race was Albert Zavala with a time of 10:21. Jackson's time not only gained him second place but also set a new indoor school record.

The Colon brothers also added important team points as they both took advantage of the new field-house facilities. Dennis hopped to a second place finish in the triple jump with brother Bruce taking fourth. A flying leap of 22'4" also won the long jump for Dennis.

Jim Kitson's finishing kick in the 880 just wasn't quite enough to overtake the fifth place finisher.

Although Tim Jones failed to qualify for the finals in the 60 yard dash, he did manage to show great pride for McPherson as he ran an incredible second leg for the mile-relay.

It was by finishing in third place in this event that Wilson, Jones, D. Colon and Kitson gained the final three points to edge Bethany out of the third place.

On Feb. 19, the Mac women traveled to Fort Hays to compete in a variety of events there. Coach Ray stated, "There was no team scoring, but Fort Hays got more points. We also competed well with Bethel," he added.

Sheila Thompson started out well by nabbing a second in the long jump with teammate Corina Dean in fourth place not far behind.

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Deb Enos repeated another first place performance in the high jump by clearing 5'1" to break a tie for those honors. Deb and Corina also ran fifth and sixth respectively in the 176 yard dash.

Stacy Miles continues to be a consistent competitor as she picked up the number one ranking in the shot put.

The only other event the four-some competed in was the four-lap relay, with each member sprinting 176 yards. The team ended in fourth position at the tape.

Coach Ray explained, "When the rest of the crew gets going we'll be doing all right." He is optimistic for the future of both men and women.

The remaining indoor schedule for the men is N.A.I.A. championships Feb. 25-26 in Kansas City, Mo., and District 10 March 3 in Pittsburg, Ks.

The last meet for the women has not been finalized at presstime. It is scheduled for a weekend in March at Doane College in Crete, Neb.

## 'Up' season ends

by John Rader

The McPherson roundballers closed out the 1976-77 basketball season last week with wins over Bethel and Tabor. The victories move the Bulldogs to a fifth place finish in the conference with a 9-7 mark. The 13-8 overall record is the best a Mac team has done since the 1970-71 team which tied for the KCAC championship with a 14-9 overall record.

Against the Bethel Threshers the Bulldogs started slowly and were behind by fifteen points in the first half before rallying to take an 86-83 overtime victory. Leading the scoring charge for the 'Dogs was Dave Romo with 25 points followed by Roger Campbell with 23, Bob Durham with 17 and Kent Harris with 9.

It was Roger Campbell Day at Tabor last Saturday when the Bulldogs downed the Bluejays 101-95. Before the game, some Tabor fans began to heckle McPherson's Campbell, but the plan backfired as Campbell led the Mac attack with 27 points.

The Bulldogs took command from the first tip-off in the Tabor game and substituted freely in the

first half. In the second half the 'Dogs stormed to a 17 point lead before senior captain Bob Durham was expelled from the game following what he thought to be a controversial call by a referee.

The Bulldogs managed to hang on to their dwindling lead to win however, with Dan Saulsberry adding two free throws after the buzzer to move the 'Dogs over the century mark.

Double figure scorers besides Campbell were Dave Romo with 18 points, Dan Saulsberry with 12, Kent Harris with 11 and Bob Durham with 11.

Looking back to the Tabor game Coach Graber remarked, "Winning the Tabor game was great. The whole bench got to play and all contributed to the win."

Graber added, "The only bad aspect of the game was that Bob (Durham) had to end the season like that."

Coach Graber praised the three seniors for their efforts. "Bob Durham played a typically good game. Tom King had a fine game and has contributed well all year long. Dan Saulsberry had a good game. He scored in double figures and had quite a few rebounds."

## Fees hold up season

by Albert Zavala

The McPherson College Soccer Club has been confronted with problems greater than some of the competition they encounter out on the field. In fact, if the problems are not solved (soon) the team may not even have the opportunity to compete at all.

The club was hardly enthusiastic about the \$65 increase in the league membership fee. This boosted the team's budget from \$60 to \$125 not to mention the money needed for new nets (\$120) and travel expenses.

As it is, student council allots the soccer club the old membership fee of \$60, plus a little for traveling expenses, but the new fee could very well threaten the existence of the club.

Raising the money didn't appear to be quite so much the problem as meeting the deadline for it on Feb. 24. The players feel that there are few alternatives

1. Submit the new budget to Student Council and hope for an increase in their funds. If the amount needed is not quite met, the team members would pay the difference from their own personal finances.

2. Since the club has no other subsidy, other than Student Council, and the new fee would take too big a bite out of personal pocketbooks the organization would have to cease to function temporarily until the needs could be met.

3. "The most logical alternative for the soccer club to take," Grand Odorkara, Nigeria, member of the team stated, "is to talk to the chairman of the league and ask for permission to participate outside of the league." This would also have several disadvantages.

For instance, if the Mac soccer club plays outside the league, they may have trouble getting teams to come play on the home field because the game would not count on their league record.

Doug Albin, sr, Quinter, pointed out, "The referees are paid from the league fees so we would probably also have to pay for the officials on away games."

He also said, "If we do play outside the league, how will the league be kept together? What would keep the rest of the league from doing the same thing?"

Finances are apparently the

biggest problem. But if that isn't enough, there is another problem in the schedule. Four home games are scheduled for the team — two of which are to be played over spring break. These games will have to be forfeited because participants will be gone.

"Practice has been underway for a week, but the players are still left wondering if they should play because of the new fee." Grand said.

The sudden hike in league membership fees is due to the cost of new uniforms for the all-star team which will be selected from the league, to compete against other teams out of state.

Last year, Ruben Carrion, Waterloo, Ia., Louis Martinez, Panama City, Panama, and Grand Odokara were selected as members on the all-star team but failed to participate because of semester examinations that week.

"We have good members if we can play, but we need recognition from the student body," Odokara commented.

Soccer is a relatively new sport in the mid-west, and the players are doing everything they can to keep it alive at McPherson College.

## Careers end on high

Three senior women participated in their final college basketball game last Saturday. The 46-43 win over Tabor wrapped up a fourth place finish for them in the conference standings with a 9-5 record.

The Bulldog women lost their encounter with Bethel in their clash a week ago Wednesday, 56-54. Bethel and St. Mary's tied for first place in the conference and had a play-off to determine the champion.

The three seniors, Cindy Andsager, Hutchinson; Pam Medford, Levant; and Jeanne Suellentrop, Colwich, completed their senior season after successful college careers.

Cindy competed her freshman and sophomore years at Hutchinson Community Junior College. "Playing here was much better because the scoring load was spread out over all five players."


Cindy encourages others to participate in athletics as a way "to develop the ability to get along with people." It's a great way to make new friends and, as a team, you learn to work together to accomplish a goal."

Commenting on participation in college basketball programs Pam said, "It helped me pick up coaching techniques that will carry over to my future coaching and teaching."

She agreed with Cindy as she said, "It (playing ball) just makes you a better person and you learn how to cope with different situations."


Jeanne commented "playing college ball was a lot different than high school ball because here the people that go out for the team are much more dedicated."

Playing basketball has been a major part to her life for many years. "Now that that phase is over I can look on to other things, like coaching."



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