

# Employment

## Outlook promising following stormy recession

by Janette Willems

Located in the far reaches of the S.U. basement, the door to the career education office stands open. Steve Gatton, career development counselor, may be found inside surrounded by magazines, charts, papers, books and students seeking guidance.

Mr. Gatton identifies himself as a resource person.

"If a student wants to go into nursing, for example, I can direct him or her to someone who knows about nursing," Mr. Gatton explained.

"I help students identify resource people in the community," he said.

According to Mr. Gatton, there's no yardstick for measuring the types and numbers of future job openings.

"Trends change," he explained, "and they change rather quickly."

"A person needs to look at the job market now because two out of three job openings are the result of retirement, death or someone moving out," Mr. Gatton said.

As technology advances, the job market changes. And close behind, people are also changing.

"Statistics show that the average person will change jobs two, three, even four times during his lifetime," said Mr. Gatton. "In light of these statistics, it is im-

portant that students become familiar with job hunting skills and techniques."

Mr. Gatton thinks a college should help students by providing information on career education programs and insight into job opportunities.

Referring to a chart in a recent issue of "Changing Times," Mr. Gatton explained the projected Kansas job market.

According to the chart, job areas involving secretaries, bookkeepers, typists, salesclerks, cashiers and bank tellers will have the greatest number of openings over the next five years.

The chart also projected a bright five-year job picture for school teachers, accountants, engineers, farmers, farm managers, carpenters, truck drivers, welders, flame cutters, machinists and cooks.

The chart stressed the demand for registered nurses in the urban areas of Topeka, Wichita and Kansas City. A shortage of doctors and dentists plagues rural areas.

In general, the population density of a given area dictates employment opportunities.

In addition to the chart, Mr.

Gatton believes business administration, including restaurant management, is an opportunity-laden field.

For students desiring more in-depth information, Steve Gatton's office is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

### ★ Regional job outlook ★

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		■		■	Electricians
					Repairmen
■				■	Truck drivers

■ JOBS WITH GREATEST NUMBER OF OPENINGS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

● WORKER SHORTAGE NOW

Source: "Changing Times" magazine

## MACALENDAR

Sat., Sept. 25—Football game at Ottawa, 1:30 p.m.  
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Sun., Sept. 26—Freshmen Talent Show, Brown Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 30—Sat., Oct. 2—Sadie Hawkins Week

Fri., Oct. 2—Convocation, Brown Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.  
Stahis Panagides, Director of Urban and Rural Development Organization of American States.

Sat., Oct. 3—Football game against St. Mary of the Plains College, here, 7:30 p.m.  
Cross country meet. Mac vs. Oklahoma Baptist in Shawnee, Ok., 11 a.m.

## EDITORIAL

### College, vo-tech both aid future employees

Everybody has heard about the sad state of the economy, especially from politicians challenging incumbent opponents. But are things really as bleak as they have seemed to be?

According to many leading news and business magazines, the recession's iron-fisted grip on the job market has loosened for many occupations. But some critics protest that the job market is opening only for laborers or industrial workers receiving an hourly wage.

Little has been said about the so-called prestige "White-collar" and professional positions: doctors, dentists, bankers and similar businessmen. Therefore, many students have rerouted their post-high school plans to include vocational schools rather than a traditional four-year liberal arts college.

While demand for college-educated workers is slightly lower than the need for blue-collar employees nationally, there are acute shortages of doctors, nurses and upper level management personnel in many parts of the country, especially in rapidly growing urban areas.

Modern technology and research are also creating thousands of new jobs each year, and will probably do so at a more prolific rate in the future. Fields as diverse as analytical chemistry, nuclear physics and holography are crying out for personnel with the background knowledge in these specialized areas supplied by a college education.

The merits of practical vocational training are possibly more obvious than those a liberal arts education can boast. However, although the balance of blue-collar and white-collar jobs may never reach Aristotle's Golden Mean, society cannot afford to neglect either of these job fields.

Kenny Cotton

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Their paths crossing once again, Birdie Hall and Ben Hilton reminisce about attending a Nigerian school for missionaries' children.  
(photo by Rhodes)

## Mac attracts students from Nigerian school

by Kim Thiessen

Students come to college from many different backgrounds and lifestyles. Freshmen Birdie Hall and Ben Hilton both graduated from Hillcrest School. This in itself is not so unusual but the fact that Hillcrest is located in Nigeria, Africa is.

Birdie and Ben are the children of missionary families and have spent most of their lives in Africa. Hillcrest School is a boarding school for missionary children of various church denominations.

Approximately 450 students attend Hillcrest. Ben describes it as being similiar to a small college campus. The children in the first through eighth grades live on the campus in dorms and eat in a cafeteria. When the students reach high school they move out of the dorms into hostels which are located off-campus.

Birdie, who was born in Lassa, Nigeria, recalls when she was only five years old and had to leave her parents to begin school at Hillcrest. "It was terrible at first."

Ben expresses similiar memories of leaving home at an early age. "The first night we went to this dorm and they gave us a bed. It was kind of lonesome. There are so many kids there, though. You're kind of forced to make friends. You adapt easily."

Ben's father is a doctor who works in rural health missions that set up small clinics in native villages. The Hilton family lived in Wisconsin from the time Ben was in the sixth grade until his senior year.

"I think that when my folks were missionaries we had a common goal. We were working for God. That was a major difference in our lifestyle and one reason we decided to go back to Africa."

Ben's parents and younger sister and brother are still in Africa. Birdie's family has returned to the United States and is now living in Carrollton, Missouri.

The parents of students at Hillcrest would usually come for two week visits during each semester of the school year. Although there were longer vacations at Christmas time,

Birdie says one reason her family has returned to the States is "it's hard to really have a family life there."

Birdie and Ben agree that their social activities were limited at Hillcrest. Birdie was very active in sports and on weekends attended activities such as dances or movies. "There are no places like McDonald's or Hardee's and cars aren't allowed," she explained, "so everything is limited to walking."

After living in both the U.S. and Africa for considerable lengths of time, Ben had tentatively decided to pursue missionary work in the future.

"I would like to be a mission pilot in either South America or Nigeria," Ben commented. About his years at Hillcrest, he says, "I think you learn to be very individual. . . You have to look after yourself."

Birdie and Ben are not the only McPherson College students who have lived and studied at Hillcrest School. Karen Neher, soph, Anna, Ill., her brother Rodney, a senior, Roxanne Royer, jr, Hershey, Pa. and Charlotte McCann, soph, Billings, Ok. also attended this boarding school.

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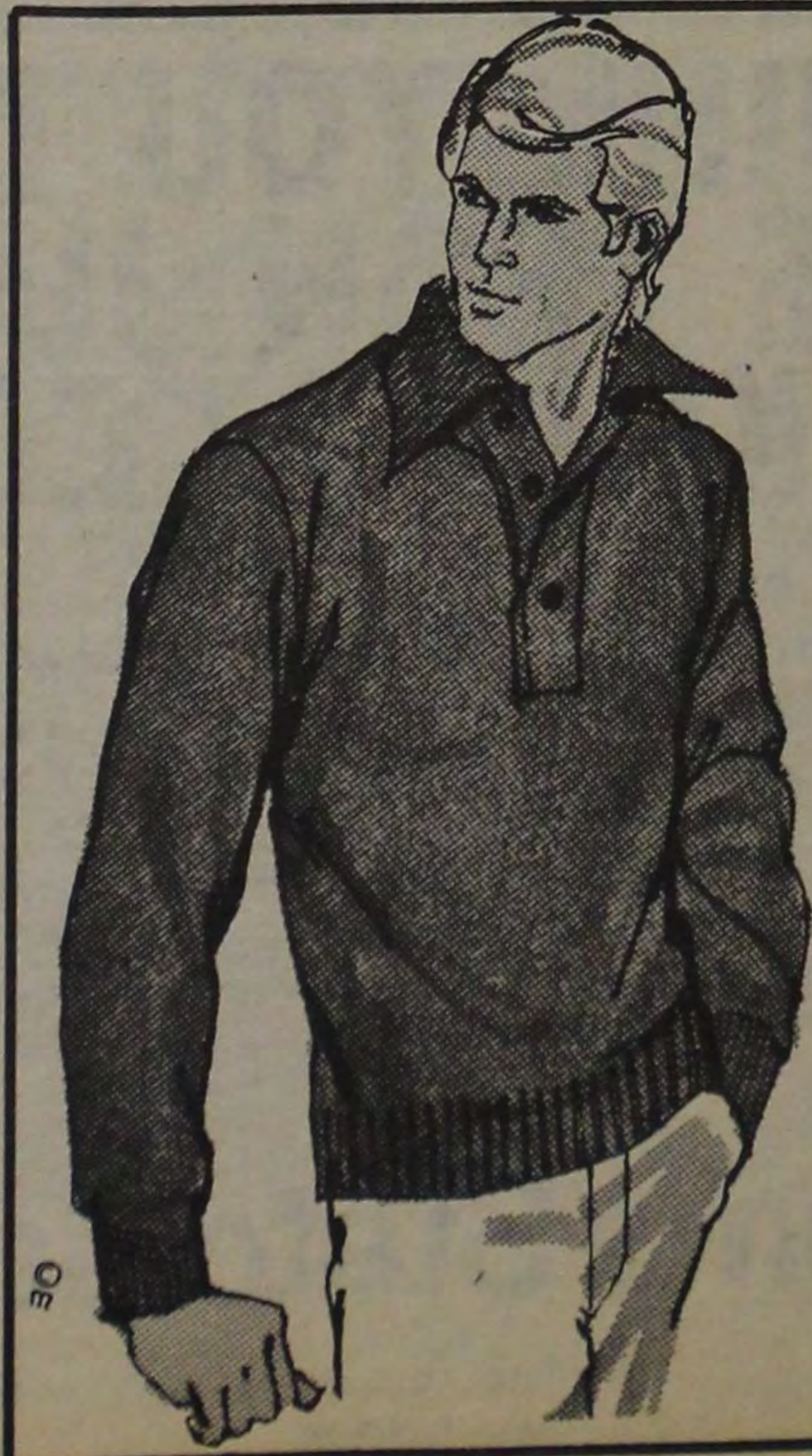
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In a desperate race to the ball LaMonte Rothrock, Jr., McPherson, outstrides a Bethel opponent as Ruben Carrion, Jr., Waterloo, Ia, lends support from behind. Bethel out maneuvered McPherson 4-0.  
(photo by Rhodes)

Will face teams from three states

# Thinclads journey to Olathe, place ninth in WSU

Facing tough competition from state schools including the University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Wichita State University, the cross country squad placed ninth at the WSU Invitational meet Last Friday.

Surprising Pittsburg State won the four-mile race with a low total of 59, followed by S.W. Missouri State with 63; WSU, 68; KU, 70; KSU, 143; Oklahoma Christian, 161; Fort Hays, 161; and Emporia State, 228.

McPherson was in ninth place with 281, Marymount had 331; Bethany, 358; and Southwestern, 394.

DeWayne Jackson led the Mac runners with a 19th-place finish in a time of 20:37. Freddie Wilson was 39th in 21:10; Jim Lovercamp, 70th in 22:07; Dave Burgess, 73rd in 22:09; Albert Zavala, 80th in 2:30; and Jim Kitson, 86th in 22:58. Paul Neher was injured several weeks ago and has not yet been able to compete.

In the Women's division, KSU won with 15 points. Pam Medford,

McPherson's lone woman runner, finished the two and one half mile race in 16:59, good for 15th place.

This was the men's first competition with the other District Ten favorites. Pittsburg State and Fort Hays appear to be leaders, followed by McPherson and Marymount. Washburn's strong squad has yet to meet the McPherson harriers.

The Bulldogs opened their season Sept. 10 at Rolling Acres, meeting KCAC opponent Bethany. The Bulldogs rolled over the 11-man Swede squad, 20-35.

Jackson led the McPherson men, finishing first in 26:04. Wilson was third, Lovercamp placed fourth; Burgess came in fifth; Zavala finished seventh and Kitson came in twelfth. Drake of Bethany was second.

McPherson also hosted the WSU and Garden City Juco women's teams. WSU took the first four places in the two-mile race. Medford was fifth in 13:47, followed by two runners from Garden City.

Mid-America Nazarene College will host a cross-country meet Sept. 25 at Olathe. McPherson will attend the twelve-school, three-state field with hopes of improving their Wichita showing.

Of the probable competitors, Southwest Missouri State will be the favorite on the merits of their close finish behind Pittsburg State at Wichita. Other schools which will probably attend include Benedictine College, Ottawa University, Marymount,

McPherson and Tarkio colleges, Washburn University and two Nebraska schools.

"The schools are our size," says Coach Art Ray. "We should have a good shot at that one — within the top couple of teams."

His optimism is cautious however, as he notes "the competition will be tough." With another good performance, the Mac harriers hope to continue their successful season.



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## Women sweep triangular

by Lisa Gaskill

Despite a loss to Emporia Kansas State College in the season opener, the Bulldog women's tennis squad bounced back to win their next match by an overwhelming margin.

EKSC hosted the opening match on Sept. 11 and nearly wiped the Bulldogs off the courts. The sole win of the day came in the number one singles position: Lisa Gaskill defeated Sheryl Pugh in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2.

Number two singles player Karen Burkholder scrapped for three sets before falling to Jan Pugh 1-6, 6-4, 2-6. Ann Lobban lost 2-6, 4-6 to Karen Harshberger in the number three singles position.

At the number four singles position, Emporia's Sara Fincham outlasted Janis Cordell 6-1, 6-3.

Lori Nelzen, playing number five singles, lost to Hatsie Waters in three sets 7-5, 0-6, 4-6. While number six singles player Sandy Stubby lost to Sarah Keast 6-1, 7-6.

All of the doubles matches were lost also. Burkholder-Stubby, number one, lost 6-4, 7-5. The number two combination of southpaws Gaskill and Lobban was defeated 3-6, 4-6 and the number three team of Cordell and Nelzen lost a tough 5-7, 5-7 decision.

A strong southerly wind was a crucial factor at Emporia.

On September 14 the Bulldogs won the triangular sponsored by Marymount College of Salina. In doing so they won 17 of 18 matches and went undefeated in singles play. All matches were played as nine game "pro sets."

Against Washburn in number one singles, Lisa Gaskill won 9-3. Karen Burkholder defeated her opponent in number two singles 9-1. Ann Lobban, playing number three singles, won 9-6. Janis Cordell won 9-4. Lori Nelzen won 9-2 and Sandy Stubby won 9-4.

The number one doubles contest against Washburn proved to be a tough match and went right to the wire. Burkholder and Stubby finally lost 9-10 in a tie breaker.

The number two doubles team of Lobban and Gaskill won 9-5 and Cordell and Nelzen won 9-1 at the number three position.

Mac went undefeated against Marymount. In singles Gaskill won 9-1, Burkholder 9-0, Lobban 9-2, Cordell 9-0, Nelzen 9-1 and Stubby 9-3.

Doubles teams were equally successful. Burkholder and Stubby won 9-2, Gaskill and Lobban won 9-0 and Cordell and Nelzen won 9-1.

The women hosted Bethel Sept. 21 and Tabor Sept. 24. Results of these matches were not available at presstime.

## Gridders beat Sterling, face Ottawa tomorrow

by John Rader

Opening the 1976 season with a 10-0 victory over the Sterling Warriors, the Bulldogs will lead to Ottawa tomorrow for a 1:30 p.m. clash with the Ottawa Braves.

Defensively the Bulldogs controlled the Sterling game from start to finish. Facing the third ranked team in the conference possessing one of the finest passing attacks, the Bulldogs surrendered only 94 total yards.

This was due to stellar performances by the entire defense, centered around tackles Bobby Groves and Gerard Aligo and nose guard Casey Jaworski who together amassed minus 30 yards in quarterback sacks.

Mac's defensive secondary shut down the touted Sterling passing attack to a total of 67 yards. The defense also allowed the Braves to complete only 8 passes out of 26 attempts and picked off three passes.

Offensively the Bulldogs had trouble getting started early in the game but exploded after halftime and scored the ten point victory of margin. The scores came on a five yard run by fullback Monte Spangler in the third quarter and a 27 yard field goal by Mike Ewing in the fourth. Ewing also added the extra point.

The Bulldogs racked up 247 yards total offense, gaining 203 yards on the ground. Leading

rusher for the Bulldogs was Monte Spangler who logged 88 yards on 14 carries.

Head coach Don Rominger said about the victory, "Overall I was extremely gratified about this win. I was impressed with the desire and teamwork the team showed. The Bulldogs dominated the game more than in any other game I've coached at McPherson."

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