



Intense concentration, a sharp eye, and 'lots of luck are all factors illustrated in this shot by Rick Schlender, soph, Burrton. He prepares to drop one in the corner pocket during the free games period of Lil' Abner Weekend in the basement of the SU. (photo by Ward)

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British Isles tour scheduled

by Cindy Mines

Dear Diary,

Well here I am in Scotland—I can hardly believe it. Today we are going to Glasgow to see Scotland's finest Gothic Cathedral and art museum. Tomorrow our drive to St. Andrews will take us to Loch Lomond and the country of Sir Walter Scott.

Just yesterday I wandered through Windermere, the very lake district that inspired Coleridge, Shelley and Wordsworth. And in one week I will be walking the paths that Shakespeare walked centuries ago.

I know I should be writing more, but I just don't seem to have time. Perhaps I'll have time during the four days we have to make plans on our own, but perhaps not. There's just so much to see and do.

If your diary is lackig adventure, add a touch of Irish to it by enrolling in a summer tour of the British Isles which will feature stops in Wales, Scotland, Ireland and England.

The 23-day tour will begin with an overnight flight from Chicago to London on June 9, and the group will return July 1. The tour group will be limited to 45 persons.

Four hours of undergraduate or graduate credit in education may be received. Those enrolled in the course, "Academic Enrichment through World Travel," will be required to complete various projects before and during the trip and their itinerary will include visits to several schools in the British Isles.

The cost for the trip, without tuition, is \$985 and this will include air transportation by World Airways Charter, twin-bedded

rooms with private baths, continental breakfast, dinner at Abbey Tavern in Dublin, ferry service and theatre tickets to the Shakespeare and London Theatres.

A deposit of \$150 is required to reserve space on the tour. Both the tour and the course will be directed by Dr. and Mrs. Rothrock and Dr. and Mrs. Harley Stump.

According to Dr. Rothrock, though the trip will place special emphasis on the literature and schools of the Isles, it will include visits to castles, homes, palaces, cathedrals and national shrines.

The tour will also include a number of free days to meet individual preferences, and participants may visit Paris or the Scandinavian countries or spend extra time in Scotland, Ireland or London.

Scheduled sites for the tour include the Gothic Cathedral at Winchester; Cardiff, the capital of Wales; Salisbury Cathedral at Stonehenge; York, one of the finest medieval walled cities in Europe; "The Ring Kerry," one of Europe's most scenic drives; and Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland.

For more information, contact Dr. Rothrock before Spring Break in order to reserve your space on the summer tour of the British Isles.

Big Brother, Big Sister program part of MAC Action organization

by Myra Nye

How many people on this campus have had the experience of having their big brother or sister who takes you places, spends time with you and just listens? I've had that experience and it's something no one should miss.

A chance for the youth in the Youth Center to experience that type of relationship is what the Big Brother and Big Sister program is about. The Big Brother, Big Sister program is just one part of the MAC (McPherson Associated Colleges) Action program.

The MAC Action program was started in McPherson in 1975-76 under a Title III grant. Dean Merlin Frantz was the person who started the ball rolling. Then Jerry Malone, Central College, became the coordinator for the program.

MAC Action consists of various programs of working with the aging, tutoring students at the Youth Center, community recreation programs, socialization groups, helping the mentally and physically handicapped, day care work and the Humane Society.

Most of those involved are students from Mac College and Central College. "Because we

believe that volunteer service is a benefit for both the college student and the community, we set up MAC Action," stated Professor John Burden.

Professor Burden is the contact on the Mac College campus from the Big Brother, Big Sister program. He is also on the Advisory Board for the Youth Center.

The program has grown since its birth three years ago, which delights Professor Burden. "It's nice from my point of view because now I can find a situation to fit the students' wants. Before, the students were offered a limited amount of experiences," he explained.

The part of MAC Action that a large number of students become involved with is the Big Brother, Big Sister program. The process of becoming a big brother starts with an interview with the Reverend Phil Gruenke of the First Congregational Church, McPherson, and Professor Burden. The Reverend Gruenke is chairman of the Advisory Board for the Youth Center.

Various characteristics are sought in the applicants for the program, but, above all, the student must be willing to spend a

certain amount of time with his little brother or sister.

"The student must have enough time available; at least four to five hours a week. A brother relationship must have time to develop," explains Professor Burden.

"We've found that some of our best big brothers and sisters are those that spend about ten hours a week with their little brother or sister," commented Rachel Frost, houseparent at the Youth Center. She and her husband Mike are also involved in matching the students and youth.

Another aspect is looked into by Reverend Gruenke, who questions the students' motives for getting into the program. He explained, "I ask myself if this is someone that plans on being a savior to a youth, or if this is someone that is willing to be of service and give of himself. Is this student willing to share himself with others?"

The next step is to match up the big brother or sister with a youth. A lot of time is spent on making sure the two are compatible and will enjoy each other's company.

"We want to be sure the two have common interests," stated Rachel. Both the student and youth are encouraged to report any conflicts or problems to the houseparents.

To the youth, the Big Brother, Big Sister program is a "privilege." The fact that it is a privilege helps prevent the infrequent problems that might occur.

"We haven't had too many incidents of the little brother or sister running the show," Rachel explained.

"The student knows that he can be liable for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and the little brother or sister knows he can lose the privilege," she said.

So, if anyone feels that he could and would like to contribute a part of your time to another human being, look into the MAC Action and the Big Brother, Big Sister programs.

Schedule set for RYCers

Friday	3-10 p.m.	Registration—Friendship Hall
	7-7:45 p.m.	Get acquainted and sing—Church Sanctuary
	8 p.m.	Play—"The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" Brown Auditorium, directed by Rick Tyler
Saturday	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast—Cafeteria
	9-10 a.m.	Alan Kieffaber—"Don't Just Do Something" Brown Auditorium
	10:30-11:45 a.m.	Seminars
	12-1 p.m.	Lunch—Cafeteria
	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Alan Kieffaber—"You Talk Like a Fat Man" Brown Auditorium
	3-4 p.m.	Seminars
	4:15-5:30 p.m.	Mac Ambassadors "Anything Goes"
	6-7 p.m.	Supper—Cafeteria
	8-10 p.m.	Musical Concert—Student Union Brass Group—Opus III SU game room and snack bar open
Sunday	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast—Cafeteria
	9-9:55 a.m.	Church School—Church Sanctuary
	10-11 a.m.	Alan Kieffaber—"Love is a Rose"
	11 a.m.	Conference concludes

Convo Monday Nursing director Mini-course to begin Residence halls to close Evening Degree Program

Monday's convocation is part of the Student Development Series and will include a film on alcoholism. Leaders for the convo will include a representative from Prairie View and Molly Lafflin of the Kansas Department of Social Rehabilitation Services.

Ms. Greta Snell, Director of the Hutchinson Hospital School of Nursing will be on campus to talk with students interested in nursing and to share some information concerning the school. Ms. Snell will be on campus Wednesday afternoon, from 1 to 5 p.m. Appointments to visit with her are to be arranged through the Career Counseling Office, ext. 72, no later than Monday.

The Learning Skills Center, with assistance from the Miller Library staff will offer another Research Techniques Mini-Course beginning on Monday at 1 p.m. You can receive small-group instruction in the various aspects of term paper preparation. Call ext. 68 for more information.

Residence halls will close at noon Friday, March 24. The last meal served will be dinner on Thursday, March 23. Halls will reopen on Sunday, April 2, and dinner will be served that evening. Classes begin on April 3. If any students plan to stay on campus during vacation, please notify the hall directors and the Dean of Students Office.

Just a reminder that courses listed on the Spring course schedule for the last half of the semester will begin on Monday. The second Evening Degree Program session classes, however, will meet for the first time Monday, March 27. If you have some questions about when your class starts, check in the Registrar's Office.

Pro

The farmers' strike isn't something to be taken lightly. The family farm is slowly becoming a thing of the past. Corporations are buying the farmer's land because the farmer can't afford to pay the mortgage, the monthly payments, or feed his family. He is constantly taking a loss on a living that he has known all his life.

The farmer is a businessman just like a coal miner, politician and professor. He has a right, like everyone else, to make a living, without being in the red.

Parity isn't just an agricultural word: it applies to all who have merchandise to sell, like asking for a raise, telling buyers auto costs will be increased, or increases in public utilities.

This is all parity: being equal with the rest of the economy. Parity of wheat is \$5.09 per bushel. This isn't even enough to pay for the seed, fertilizer, spraying, and the other bills it takes to raise a crop.

The manufacturers of farm machinery are beginning to feel the squeeze on their sales. They will be operating under parity this year.

The farmer just doesn't have the money to spend to buy the badly needed equipment. You can't operate anything efficiently without workable equipment.

Farmers have the same alternatives as farm machinery manufacturers do. Cut back on production, refuse to sell, refuse to buy, merge or quit.

Parity isn't only an agricultural word; it applies to all in the business world.

Shawn Sharkey, sr
Scott City



I feel many people have the wrong idea about the Agriculture Strike. Some people have the idea that the farmer wants a charity program from the government to balance his poor economic situation.

This is not true. We don't need charity. We only want a fair price for our product, and the freedom to function in the free enterprise system like everyone else.

At the present time, the strike has only succeeded in publicizing the plight of the farmer. So far there hasn't been any real progress made toward meeting the farmers' economic needs.

There are numerous bills in congress now, but none of them are of much use toward solving the farmers' problem. It may be a long hard struggle, but hopefully the Agriculture Strike can save the farmer from extinction.

Russ Blancken, fr
Flagler, Colo

Con

In the past several months, newspapers, radio, and television have been full of reports concerning the farmers' strike organized by the American Agriculture Movement. The tractor marches and meetings of American Agriculture members and top government officials have attracted the attention of the American public.

I grew up on a farm, plan to farm myself someday, and definitely support the family farm, but I cannot support the aims of the American Agriculture Movement.

Their goal of 100 percent parity for farmers is quite unrealistic, and is unnecessary for the survival of the family farm. Low prices for farm goods hurt all farmers, especially those just getting started in farming; but the efficient farmers who are good managers will survive.

Parity prices are based on the amount of profits farmers received during the early years of the century. Those were especially good years for farmers in this country. Why should farmers be guaranteed the same return on investment that they received then? Times have changed; farms are larger and more efficient now.

The concept of guaranteeing 100 per cent parity to one segment of American industry is rather irresponsible. If we guarantee a specific rate of return for farmers, why not include all small independent businesses.

The merchants in this town and many other small towns have also been hurt by low farm prices. Farmers comprise a large segment of their customers. I don't hear the businessmen of this town crying for a guaranteed profit but if it is granted to farmers, the merchants may soon feel that they are entitled to a similar guarantee.

The members of the American Agriculture Movement would do more to help their plight if they directed their energy toward developing new markets for their products, and expanding existing markets.

Farmer organized marketing programs like Far-Mark-Co's Pro Mark system for marketing wheat is an excellent example. Programs such as this allow farmers to wield more marketing power and to demand more for their products.

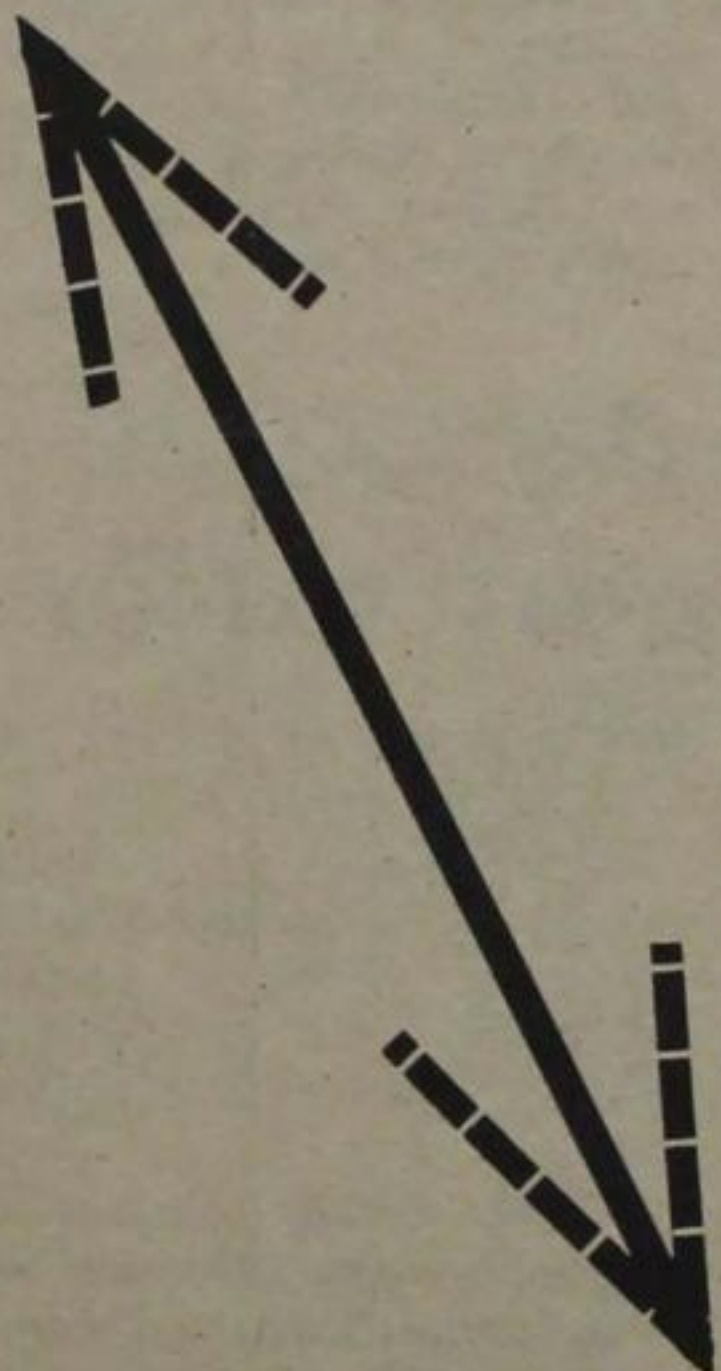
A few members of the American Agriculture Movement have participated in unfortunate disturbances at tractor marches and meetings. These few have hurt their cause more than helped it. Acts of violence seldom generate public support for any movement.

If the farm strike is serving any useful purpose, it would be that now many more people realize what a small share of their food dollar goes to the farmers, and that farmers are not getting rich off of price increases at the supermarket.

Peter Wicks, sr
Adel, Ia

Farm Strike: Pro

Con



Jam session

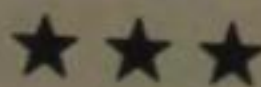
by Harold Briscoe

Que pasan ustedes todos? Cisco here with more sweet melodies for your ear.

Commercial Rock: For all of you Ted Nugent fans, Mr. Cat Scratch presents his, "Double Live Gonzo," l.p. "Attention Shoppers," is the new disc from Starz, and so is, "The Album," by Abba.

Shakti with John McLaughlin have a new disc entitled, "Natural Elements." For all of you punk rock rans, Iggy Pop gives you his latest album (recorded in '75), "Kill City."

The new punk group, Tuff Darts, have an l.p. out by the same name and The Vibrators give you their "Pure Mania," album.



Disco Top Five Singles:

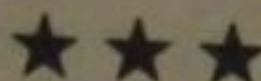
1. "Stayin' Alive" Bee Gees
2. "Endangered Species" Parliament
3. "Ffun" Con Funk Shun
4. "Lady Love" Lou Rawls
5. "Galaxy" War

Spotlight l.p.
"White Hot"

Angel

Disco Top Five Albums:

1. "Saturday Night Fever" Various Artists
2. "Funkentelechy vs. Placebo Syndrome" Parliament
3. "All'N All" Earth, Wind & Fire
4. "Bootsy? Player of the Year" Bootsy's Rubber Band
5. "Flying High On Your Love" The Bar-Kays



Music update: I don't want to break the hearts of those who love punk rock, but England's famed Sex Pistols have split up. You've heard of "Dazz" (disco-jazz)? "Bazz" will be the new music

sensation when the Crusaders and B. B. King have completed their new album.

Emmylou Harris, Dolly Parton, and Linda Ronstadt have teamed up to do an album that's scheduled for release in the next couple of months.

The Spinners recently recorded a new song ("Are you Ready For Love") with vocal and instrumental assistance from Elton John; and Wings drummer Joe English has left Paul McCartney and crew because it meant spending too much time in England away from his American family.

That's all for now. See ya' in the next issue. Chow!

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Behind the scenes, Mrs. Kathryn Achilles, the McPherson College "mail lady," sorts the day's mail with assistance from Yolanda Grove, soph, Unionville, Ia. She is no longer surprised by any unusual mail she might be called upon to distribute. Mrs. Achilles does, however, have trouble with an occasional nick name.

(photo by Ward)

Person behind scene is the mailroom lady

by Janette Willems

To many McPherson College students, Kathryn Achilles is known simply as the mail lady. Each morning, Monday through Saturday, she sorts incoming mail into the 391 student boxes and 78 staff boxes located in the SU basement. Indirectly, she is one of the most popular people on campus.

According to Mrs. Achilles, who has presided over the mail room for nearly three years, the job is far from dull. During the recent blackout, she stuffed mailboxes by flashlight. Eyestrain had set in by the time electricity was restored, she admitted.

A typical day in the mail room begins before 8 a.m., as Mrs. Achilles arrives to sort and distribute campus mail.

By 8:30 or 9 a.m., the U. S. Mail, the ACCK mail and packages from the United Parcel Service have arrived.

Each day, Larry Pucket, McPherson College's mail carrier, delivers a cartload of first class mail, packages and "flats," which are magazines and newspapers.

He explained that the recent storms on the east coast caused mail to pile up, and, because of this, post offices were bombarded when the weather cleared.

Mrs. Achilles also noted that on some days mail is "short," while on other days the influx is almost unbelievable. On a "normal" day, she and her assistant, Yolanda Grove, soph, Unionville, Ia, can distribute the mail in an hour.

During the past three years, Mrs. Achilles has become somewhat of an expert on mail

identification. For example, packages that emit strange noises usually belong to the science department.

Mrs. Achilles' biggest headache is vandalism. According to her, postal law requires mailboxes to have UNBROKEN glass windows.

"At one time we had 78 glasses out," she said. "I don't know why kids do that (knock the windows out). It's really destructive."

Improperly addressed mail also presents a problem. "And never does a day go by without having to forward someone's mail," commented Mrs. Achilles.

"Nicknames throw you for a loop sometimes," she said.

Pointing to several overflowing mailboxes, she commented, "I'm sure we have kids who don't realize they have mailboxes."

On the other hand, no one is discriminated against by the mail room staff. Those students whose boxes seem to attract nothing but cobwebs also get personal attention — all mailboxes are dusted out at least two or three times a year.

Opening night

Curtain to rise at Brown

by Smita Nirula

In a way, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" is the most ambitious play attempted so far this year. It has great technical challenges — as far as both set and lighting are concerned. The people involved are very enthusiastic about the play, in all aspects of it, including costuming, production, technical, set construction and, not least, acting.

"The text of the play is very timely, considering its setting of the mid-1800s. The play has some very pertinent sociological and political ramifications," said Mike Roberts.

"I play a rather small, yet significant role, as Ralph Waldo Emerson, a man of profound ideals. However, he is a victim of the very system and lifestyle he opposes. His ethics are the foundation for much of the attitudinal thought of Henry Thoreau," he said.

The cast and crew have not had much time to get this play put together, and now, on the eve of their performance, they seem to be doing an extremely satisfying

job. "Which quite scares me, frankly speaking!" said Rick Tyler, director.

"This has been a harder show to put up than the other two because of my having had to cut it into bits and pieces for rehearsals, which doesn't really help the players to keep their character responses consistent," he noted.

"Technically," he said, "this show would go fine if we didn't have so many things scheduled in the auditorium!"

"This has always been one of my favorite shows. It gives us a sensitive rather than a 'preachy' Thoreau. Also, the contrast effects are great. This is a show composed of pieces of stark black and stark white with hardly any greys!"

Kathy Frantz in her first totally off-stage role as stage-manager is thoroughly enjoying the whole thing. "It's so nice to be able to sit back and watch the whole show. I can now see the deficiencies and assets of each character and the portrayal of that character."

Celia Stover says Lydian Emerson is a "real neat role." "I love the play. It's real — well, real neat! I guess that kind of sums up everything about the whole show

— it's neat."

Jeff Gumm's first reaction to being given the part of Henry David Thoreau, one of the most coveted roles in the whole play was — "Oh my God, all those lines! How will I ever get them down?" Well, he's managed, so far.

The whole show has a more relaxed atmosphere than the two previous plays, maybe because the company pulls together as one and maybe because most of the players have worked under Rick Tyler before and know what he expects of them — or at least, they have some idea of what it is he wants. And he, in his turn, finds it easier to cast people in the roles best suited to them.

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Tennis season begins for men competitors

Coach Jerry Holman of the McPherson College tennis squad is faced with a challenging season. They will face outstanding caliber teams with outstanding talent, such as Wichita State University, Washburn University and Baker University. Also Mac will meet the "tough" Bethany squad.

"It will take dedication, fight and a great deal of help from newcomers Doug Gayer and John Hoffman to have an outstanding season," he said.

Coach Holman is respected by coaches and players throughout the KCAC. He is a native of McPherson and most say he is an excellent coach. He has produced fine teams and individual players the years he has coached here.

"Being around this man is like being around a towering wall of

knowledge," said senior Marty Ward.

McPherson has a multi-talented group of young players and with the team's outstanding coach, Mac should have an outstanding season.

Craig Holman is one of the conference's top performers, and with the aid of Marty Ward, the Bulldogs will have one of the most awesome doubles team in the conference.

Tracy Ikenberry and LaMonte Rothrock should add some needed depth and Gayer and Hoffman should create a great deal of excitement for the Bulldog fans this year.

Wednesday the squad faced Washburn at 2 p.m. here, but the results were not available at presstime.



Power and a quick kick are a good combination for soccer players Jay Carroll, fr, Palatine, Il, and Curt Baldner, soph, Dallas Center, Ia, to display as they practice in front of the SU for their game Sunday.

At Mac

Compete Sunday

The McPherson College soccer team traveled to Wichita Sunday, March 12, to play against the Wichita Strikers. Mac won the game 4-0 with scores from Jay Carroll, Allan van Asselt and Grand Odokara.

The team exhibited great effort, not only on offense, but also on defense.

"The defense played great," one player commented, "and everyone was well disciplined."

The contest was Mac's first outing since last spring. New players and some returning upper classmen on the team are looking for an improved 1978 season.

Sunday will be the second game of the season, and the first home game. Mac will be playing another Wichita team, the Linksmen, at 2 p.m. The location of the game will be posted on the SU bulletin board. A good turnout is expected.

Games are scheduled for April and May, and there is a possibility that the team will attend a tournament in Wichita.

Approximately 22 teams from Kansas and surrounding states will be participating. Team interest will determine whether or not Mac will attend the tournament.

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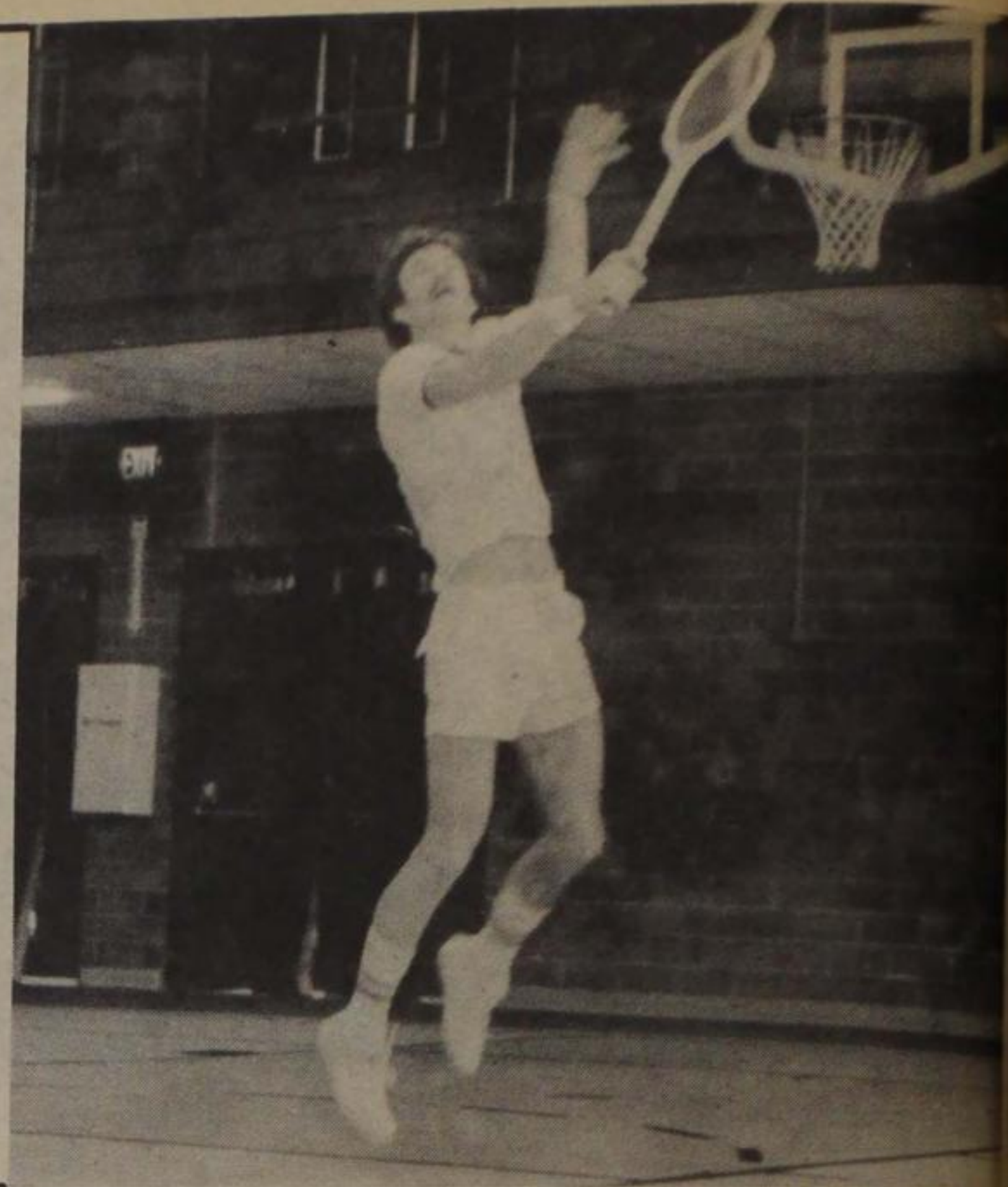
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Icy winds, sleet and snow forced the men to begin tennis practice indoors this year. Craig Holman, jr, McPherson, prepares for warmer days. The netters have the rival Bethany Swedes to contend with, but they should finish strong in the conference.

Cordell, Gaskill All-Conference

Two battling McPherson women's basketball players have been named to the All-Conference and Honorable Mention lists for the ACCK. Janis (Sam) Cordell, sr, Wichita, was voted by the coaches as one of the ten All-Conference players and Lisa Gaskill, sr, Abilene received Honorable Mention.

To earn the honor of being an All-Conference performer, Sam has played exceptional basketball. She has played a total of six years of varsity ball, including four years with the McPherson Bulldogs.

This year she had 276 points, 30 steals and averaged 13.8 points per game. Sam had 20 assists and shot 61 per cent at the free throw line.

Her experience and positive attitude helped her to be one of the top players in the ACCK area. Sam was also an All-Conference player last year.

When asked how she felt about being an All-Conference player Sam commented, "It's an honor to me to be named an All-Conference player. Basketball is a sport that brings a lot of happiness to me and I like being able to play as well as possible."

Lisa Gaskill has a fine record to show for this past season which

was one reason she received Honorable Mention.

Lisa scored 272 points, averaging 13.6 points per game. She had 47 steals and 49 assists which clearly shows her ability to handle the ball. She shot 59 per cent from the free throw line, not

far behind Sam, her teammate.

Both girls will be missed from the Bulldog squad next year as they move on to other areas. But their leadership and playing ability will not be forgotten by their teammates or other followers of McPherson women's basketball.

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