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Because of an incomplete list of foreign students, several were inadvertently omitted from last week's article "Foreign students select McPherson College." Those students omitted include Lothar Stahl, Germany, and Rosmin Suleman, Tanzania.

According to Joanne Hamlin, minorities counselor, the ACCK Minority Council will be sponsoring an orientation session Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. She says the workshop is designed primarily for minority students but they are urging any interested administrators, faculty and staff members or students to attend.

A mini-course in writing skills will start Oct. 3 at 1 p.m. The class will meet every day at 1 p.m. for a two week period. Anyone interested in enrolling should stop by Miller 104 for more information.

"Up With People," a two-hour musical, will be presented at Bethany College Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for adults. The 1977 Up With People show is a blend of music and dancing which includes a broad range of contemporary and traditional material backed by a complete instrumental section of guitars, percussion, piano and brass.

Officers for the 1977-78 Student National Education Association (SNEA) are Marty Ward, president; Paula Lusk, vice president; Brenda Sanger, secretary; and Paula Schnaithman, treasurer; Jeff Miller, historian; and Charlotte Hayes, publicity chairman.

Growing interest in Opus; group members selected

Vocal jazz. This is what Opus is all about. Opus III has begun its year with many of the members from last year's Opus II, plus a few new additions. However, being a past member does not mean automatic acceptance, as everyone is required to try out for the group.

Ron Aden, director, stressed that Opus is not a "pop" group. The ensemble uses the big band style of the 20's and 30's.

"Jazz is legitimate for the choral program because it demands a great ear, vocal versatility and definite stylistic considerations," Prof. Aden noted.

Undergoing a revival on the college level, vocal jazz has been used on the high school level for several years, especially on the east coast, according to Prof. Aden.

New staging plans are being made in order to upgrade the style of the group through the use of platform boxes and by improving the current sound system.

These new plans created a new position in Opus this year. Mike Philbrick, sr, will serve as the group's administrative assistant

and sound manager.

Opus III will give concerts at high schools, at "Jazz in the Park" and within the community. The group will also sing on tour, along with Concert Choir.

Growing interest in the group caused a great deal of competition for the positions in Opus III. Almost 40 choir members auditioned for Opus this year.

Returning members include sopranos Paula Lusk, Brenda Sanger, srs; Mary Beth Snyder, jr, and La Donna Voth, soph; and altos Barb Fishburn, sr, and Cosette Button, soph.

Tenors returning to the group are senior Alan Rebman and sophomores Jeff Gumm and Bill Eldridge. Basses Arlon Fishburn and Roy Dare, srs, are also veterans of the group.

Nancy Bailey will be the accompanist for the group on both piano and flute.

New members of the group include senior Peggy Stucky, alto, and juniors Norman Grosbach and Jerry Schick. Norman is a tenor and Jerry a bass for the group.

With the past experience of Opus, Prof. Aden is looking forward to "an extremely good year" with Opus III.

ACCK to offer Mid East trip

by Becky Baile

Probably one of the most exciting interterm trips ever to be offered by the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas is on the schedule for Interterm 1978.

Under the direction of Edric Sherman, a U.S. foreign officer, enrollees will depart from Kansas City International Airport Jan. 9 for a 17-day trip to the Mid East.

The total cost of the trip is a maximum of \$1,999 with a \$1,000 deposit needed by Oct. 1. Twelve people are required in order to make the trip "go," but Mr. Sherman believes 18 would be an excellent number of travelers for the excursion.

The itinerary includes flying a 747 non-stop flight from Kansas

City to Amman, Jordan, where the group will spend the evening before crossing over the Allenby Bridge into Israel.

Many famous areas of Israel will be visited including Jericho, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Tel Aviv, the Sea of Galilee and other points of interest.

Besides sight-seeing, the group will visit Universities in Jerusalem and talk with the U.S. Consulate General.

A complete schedule of the trip can be obtained from Mr. Sherman by contacting the ACCK Central office in McPherson.

Mr. Sherman has been associated with the ACCK for one year and is assigned to stay here until June 1978. He has been a

member of America's diplomatic corps since 1966. He has served in American Embassies in Libya, Italy and Kenya. In 1974 Mr. Sherman was assigned to the Executive Secretariat of the State Department. He worked closely with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and participated in two famous Mid East shuttles.

Mr. Sherman is also participating with Dr. Raymond Flory, McPherson College and Dr. Wesley Knapp, Central College, in a four-part film series sponsored by the McPherson Optimist Club. The film series entitled "The History of U.S. Foreign Relations," will be shown in Brown Auditorium Oct. 3 and 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Organized biking

Velocipedes gets bikes out on road

by Carolee Zunkel

Velocipedes is not a club for bike freaks alone. It merely provides an activity time for those who just enjoy riding for the fun of it. Anyone with any kind of bicycle is welcome.

The rides, though they sound long (10, 30 and 50 miles), can be taken at a pace that is right for each person. Trips are of graduated lengths—each ride is longer than the preceding ride.

Riders are divided into groups according to their speed so no one is left to straggle. If someone becomes tired and wishes to rest or turn back, he is welcome to do so.

Prof. Larry Kitzel and Prof. Ron

Aden, both bicycle enthusiasts, organized the Velocipedes which meet each Saturday at 8 a.m. in the gym parking lot.

"I just wanted to provide a way for students to get their bikes out of the store rooms and onto the roads," said Prof. Kitzel. "Riding uptown and back is no way to enjoy your bike when riding on the open road can be so much more fun."

Prof. Aden enjoys the comradeship of sharing a common interest and "pitting yourself against nature."

The routes for the rides are chosen for their safety, smoothness and scenic beauty. If trouble should arise with anyone's

bike, Prof. Kitzel is equipped with bike tools for quick repairs on the road. He also adjusts everyone's bike before the ride begins to ensure that each is adjusted to its rider.

Repairing bikes is one of Prof. Kitzel's favorite pastimes. For \$1 labor plus the price of the parts, he will tackle any repair job, within reason.

"Early morning riding is invigorating, it makes you feel like a new person," said Prof. Kitzel, "and besides, it's good for you." Weather does put a few limitations on the trips, however. No rides are begun during downpours or when the temperature falls below 40 degrees. Light snow is rideable.

Celia Stover, sr, Manhattan, said, "Biking is very exhilarating, and the Velocipedes gives me an opportunity to do the two things I like most, riding bikes and being with people. Besides, biking is a good, cheap way to have fun and a nice way to wake up."



Curtis Thill, soph, Adel, Ia., and Prof. Larry Kitzel, discuss Saturday morning's velocipedes excursion. Curtis took a cross-country bicycle trip this summer. See page 3 for related story. (photo by Ward)

Bloodmobile on campus Oct. 7

Students, faculty, administrators and employees of McPherson College are urged to roll up their sleeves Oct. 7 when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to town.

The bloodmobile will be set up at Friendship Hall. According to Glenace Baldner, a member of the organizing committee, the on-campus site will be more convenient for student donors. In previous years, the bloodmobile was set up at the Church of the Brethren.

Coordinating the campus drive this year are Glenace Baldner, Dave Crist, Joan Cunnick, Dave Newcomer and Joanne Hamlin. These people will be stationed in the Student Union during the week in order to register prospective donors.

The bloodmobile will be in operation from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Those people donating blood during the noon hour will be served lunch.

"There's going to be competition between the classes (freshman, sophomore, junior and senior),"

explained Joan. "We realize everyone can't give blood, but if they would still like to help, we need volunteers to work throughout the day."

According to Joan, anyone interested in typing, labeling, helping out in the canteen or aiding nurses should contact Dave Crist at Metzler Hall.

Last year 136 people went through the line. Twenty of these people were turned down for various reasons, so only 116 pints were collected.

"Our quota this year is only 100 pints, but we would like to beat last year's collection," Joan said.

In order to give blood, a donor must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds.

A sample of each person's blood is checked before he donates. Also, the staff on duty reviews the medical history of each donor.

"Giving blood only takes an hour, and giving an hour of yourself could give someone else years," concluded Joan.

by Ken Hogle

On Sept. 15 and 16, Dr. Paul Hoffman, president of McPherson College, could be found attending seminars, listening to speeches and hosting His Excellency Omer Eissa of Sudan at the first "Governor's Conference on International Trade." The conference took place in Hutchinson.

Governor Robert Bennett's office sponsored and organized the conference which was an attempt to initiate good relations between Kansas and foreign countries, to inform these countries about Kansas products and what Kansas has to offer, and to spark international trade.

Dr. Hoffman quoted Gov. Bennett as saying, "We're in a new day now in which marketing Kansas products in surrounding states or in the United States is not enough. We have to market our products around the World."

The Governor's Conference on International Trade was an effort to meet this goal.

Nearly 500 participants, including state legislators, ranchers, bankers, several area college presidents, representatives from six foreign nations and international trade experts

from business and government, attended the conference. The event was open to the public.

Dr. Hoffman had planned on attending since August—it was not until later that he unexpectedly received a letter from Gov. Bennett's office asking him to host the ambassador from the Democratic Republic of Sudan, Omer Salih Eissa.

Presidents from Bethel, Bethany, Southwestern and Washburn also attended the conference, but Dr. Hoffman was the only president who attended as a host. There were also several students from Bethany at the conference.

"My purpose (in attending this particular conference) I guess, was to receive information, as it is at any conference I attend, and to see what is happening...to keep up to date," explained Dr. Hoffman.

President Hoffman spent much of his time with Ambassador Eissa taking him to meetings and seminars and just showing him around. A visit to the Kansas State Fair and a shopping excursion were a part of Friday's activities.

Dr. Hoffman was also able to get in on the wheat negotiation in which Sudan purchased 3.67 million bushels of Kansas wheat.

Attending a press conference with Gov. Bennett was another event which proved to be both interesting and informative for Hoffman.

I heard many, many positive comments about Kansas at the conference," commented President Hoffman. "The three representatives from Sudan were also very impressed with Kansas and its people.

Dr. Hoffman was most impressed by Governor Bennett at the conference saying, "I know it's fun to put political figures down as if they never do anything right, but the Governor was 'right there' in both speeches he made."

Coming away from the governor's conference with good feelings, President Hoffman commented, "I think the conference was a big success. There was much communication and lots of information shared. I just feel it was a very good thing and I would go again."

Today—Movie: "Blow Up," 8 p.m., Brown Auditorium

Oct. 1—Conference: "New Call to Peacemaking," all day, Brown Auditorium
Velocipedes, 15 mile ride, old highway 81, north to west, 8 a.m.

Soccer, McPherson vs Central College, 1 p.m., there

McPherson Invitational Cross Country Meet, 11 a.m., Alliance Acres

Football, McPherson vs St. Mary's, 2 p.m. there

Oct. 3—Social Committee, 9 p.m., SU Quiet Room

Oct. 4—Convocation: "Sexual Awareness: Rising Expectations and Moral Responsibility," Dr. Donald M. Joy, Brown Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.

Volleyball, McPherson vs Tabor, there

Oct. 5—Women's tennis, ACCK at Bethany

Oct. 6—Cross country, Bethany Invitational Sadie Hawkins activities: movie, 8 p.m. Brown Auditorium, followed by ice cream in SU basement

Oct. 7—Bloodmobile, Friendship Hall, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Jam Session

by Harold Briscoe

Que Pasa? Harold here with a short intro to bring you the latest in music info.

Commercial Rock: All right, getting down with the hit bounds, the Alan Parsons Project has a deep l.p. out called "I Robot," and so does that dynamic duo of music, Daryl Hall and John Oates, with their latest work, "Beauty on a Back Street." Watch out because the Grateful Dead are going where they've never gone before with "Terrapin Station," its latest l.p. Nilsson has really put together one of his sharpest albums in years, entitled "Knnillsson."

Unfortunately the same can't be said about Neil Young's latest l.p., "American Stars 'N Bars." Sorry Neil, but I'm giving you a C-. Songstress Joan Baez has her latest album out called "Blowin' Away," and the same is to be said about the Moody Blues with its double live disc entitled "Caught

Live 5." "Izitso" is the latest release by funky Cat Stevens, and if you're really into some heavy vibes, check out "Now" by the Tubes.

Disco Top Five Singles:

1. Float On
2. Best of My Love
3. Strawberry Letter 23
4. L.A. Sunshine
5. Brick House

The Floaters
The Emotions
Brothers Johnson
War
The Commodores

Disco Top Five Albums:

1. Rejoice
2. Commodores
3. Floaters
4. Right On Time
5. Brick

The Emotions
The Commodores
The Floaters
Brothers Johnson
Brick

Music Update: The next Quincy Jones product will be the scoring of the movie version of "The Wiz" the Broadway musical that's suppose to be a spin off of "The Wizard of Oz."

Roberta Flack will be coming out of semi-retirement to put the final touches on her new l.p. the name which will still be in the can 'till December. Keep your earholes open for the live l.p. by Stephen Stills and the Rolling Stones. Henry Paul has left the

Outlaws and will be replaced by Freddie Salem, formerly a guitarist with the Chamber Brothers.

Kool Jazz: There is not an over abundance of Kool Jazz this time around, but there is a new album cut by the Crusaders called, "Free as the Wind." The mellow keyboards of Lonnie Liston Smith, Live." "Finger Paintings" is the latest from Earl Klugh and so is "Dance Your Head Off" by Ornette Coleman.

Well, this is all for now. You dig this and I'll dig you later. Chow!

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EDITORIAL

Close examination urged

The evidence is in - and the academic world is in a quandary. Recent studies have revealed that scores on college entrance exams are definitely drifting downward.

A two-year, \$600,000 investigation funded by the College Entrance Examination Board and the Education Testing Service uncovered various causes behind the downward trend.

Pin-pointed by the study were such factors as less emphasis on fundamental learning skills, high rates of absenteeism, grade inflation, superficial elective courses and a general lowering of academic standards.

As opposed to the elite, college-bound group traditionally taking the exams, the opportunity is opening up to a more socially varied group. And with the widening of opportunities for getting into college, students are less motivated to prepare for the exams.

It has also been pointed out that the exams do not reflect the talents of students who plan to major in areas such as the fine arts.

The situation is a cause for concern, but it should be thoroughly examined from all angles before drastic conclusions are drawn.

ACT scores show downhill trend

by Celia Stover

Less intelligent? Not as smart? What sort of high schooling do high schoolers get these days? Why have SAT scores dropped so drastically?

These questions have all come under fire this month as the result of a two-year investigation of reasons why today's incoming college freshmen are coming up with considerable declines in Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores.

The investigation was conducted by the College Entrance Examination Board and the Educational Testing Service which sponsor and develop the SAT exam.

The panel of investigators coordinated by the CEEB and ETS found that "the score decline was initially caused by a more socially varied group taking the SATs."

A considerably larger number of women (who score lower in mathematics) have taken the tests along with students from low-income families, and minority students. The number of students having taken SATs that are going on to college is close to 50 per-

cent—as opposed to 33 percent in 1964. The increase is made by a broadening of the college-bound community to include those with lower grades.

Thus, the drop, concluded the panel, "was in some degree natural. The contributing cause was not the new groups' lower abilities but society's inability to provide educational equality." (Time, Sept. 5, 1977)

Since 1970 another factor has been acknowledged. This time the scores of the highest achievers (those who score above 600 on a scale from 200 to 800) were falling alarmingly.

These causes were cited by the panel:

—the high rate of absenteeism now condoned in school.

—Grade inflation, coupled with grade-to-grade promotion that is considered "an entitlement rather than something to be earned."

—"Juvenile writing delinquency," brought on by lack of proper training in reading and writing.

—Half the homework of former days, and less demanding textbooks with more pictures and

wider margins.

The group cited lack of motivation among today's test takers. "It seems a plausible speculation that as opportunities for getting into college have widened, there may have been less concentration for college entrance examinations." (Time, Sept. 5, 1977)

Television has received the blame for much of the declining—it competes for homework time. The panel also found "a dilution of the school's expectations of students, inadequate remedial efforts and reduced requirements for homework accompanied by less support for it at home." (The College Board News Sept. 1977)

The panel explored some theories and educated guesses as to the cause of the decline, but could find no supportive evidence for them:

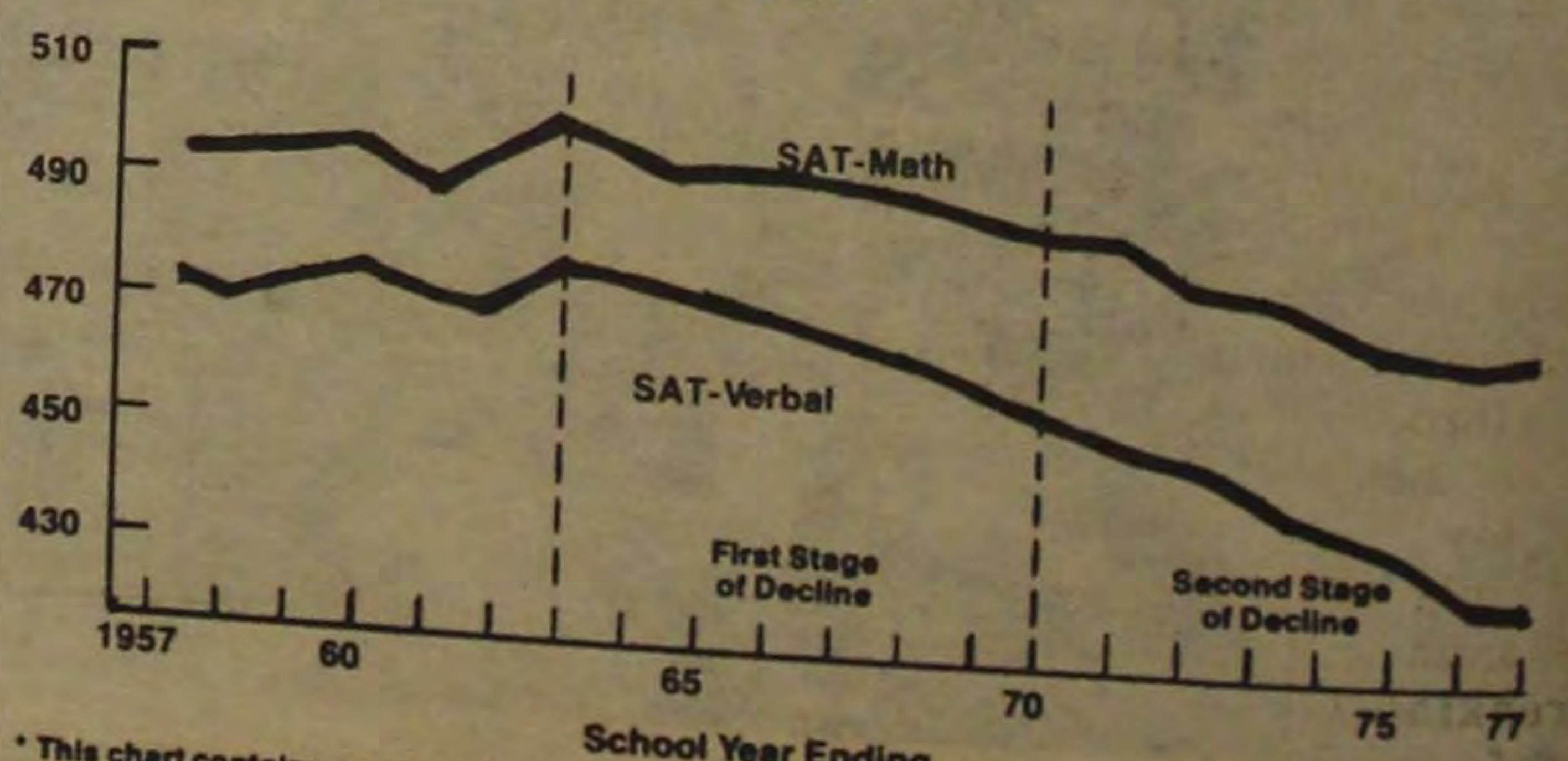
—experimental teaching methods;

—increased student employment and experiential training outside of school;

—changes in class size;

—differences between school curriculum, instruction, teacher

SAT Verbal and Math Means 1957-1977*



* This chart contains mean SAT scores for all high school students who took the SAT in a given year, and those with more than one score are counted more than once. Note that during 1976-77, scores for all students remained steady at 429 in Verbal and rose 1 point to 471 in Math. (SAT scores for seniors only, however, as reported in the story above, declined 2 points in each section.)

(The College Board News - Sept. 1977)

Wilderness experience draws students, faculty

by Kim Thiessen
Camping, hiking, backpacking and surviving in the rugged southwestern region of Colorado were all aspects of the wilderness experience that three McPherson College students were involved in this summer.

For the past six years, Dr. Gilford Ikenberry and his wife Nelda, a special education teacher in the McPherson public school system, have offered students the opportunity to participate in this wilderness experience.

This year's trip began June 4 at 6 a.m. Students from Central College, Kansas State University, Bethel College, Fort Hays State College, Bethany College and Southwestern College, as well as Curtis Baldner, Peter Wicks and David Heyl of McPherson College were included in the select group of 10 participants.

The course, which is worth four hours of credit at the graduate or undergraduate level, was also taken by CeCe Zavala, C'75.

"This year we had superb weather and a fine group of participants," commented Dr. Ikenberry.

The purpose of the course is to develop an understanding of and appreciation for the conservation

of mountain wilderness, its wildlife, natural resources and beauty.

The Weminuche Wilderness region, the second largest wilderness area in the United States, gave the students and the Ikenberrys plenty of opportunities to study mountain ecology and gain valuable experience in leadership and group participation.

"The best part of the whole trip was the people, the group experience," stated Peter Wicks, sr.

Previous experience in camping and hiking was not required, but it was essential that all participants be in good physical condition.

Introductory college biology or permission of the instructors was a prerequisite of the wilderness experience course.

The day before the group's departure, they met to pack food, practice pitching tents, view relevant films and discuss the academic expectations of the trip. A portable library was taken along to assist students with their studies.

The group traveled by van to a site near Durango, Colorado in the San Juan National Forest. There a base camp was established. From this camp, the group embarked on

a series of increasingly more difficult hikes into adjacent primitive areas at higher elevations.

The final week of the three-week-long expedition was spent in a rigorous backpacking experience into the remote Needle Mountains.

"Some days it seemed like the trail would never stop going up," was one remembrance Peter had of the rough hiking adventure.

One day, the group gave their feet a deserved rest by riding on the historic Durango to Silverton narrow gauge railroad. They returned to McPherson June 21.

The idea for the course was conceived by Dr. Ikenberry eight years ago. He and his wife are each responsible for different phases of the course and they hope they have been able to help their students develop necessary skills for planning and executing their own wilderness excursions.

"It is undecided whether the class will take place this next summer," stated Dr. Ikenberry. He urges interested persons to contact him.

"It was a nice feeling getting away from everything," said David Heyl, soph. "It was as if time had stopped."



Far from the conveniences of home, Peter Wicks, sr., Adel, Iowa, concentrates on the job of doing his laundry in a Rocky Mountain stream.

Avid biker

Cyclist overcomes obstacles

by Bambi Crumacker

Nothing can stop him! Not rain! Not extreme heat! Not even the frigid temperatures!

No, this amazing personality isn't the postman. It's Curtis Thill, an avid bicyclist from Adel, Iowa.

While making a 10-day, 1,100 mile cross-country bicycle trip this summer, Curtis and a friend, Steve Merkey, were forced to cope with 30 mile per hour head winds, rain, and temperatures ranging from 92 degrees to nearly freezing.

Their destination the 1977 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Richmond, Va., the two bikers set out from Des Moines, Ia., June 19. They rode ten hours a day, averaging 110 miles each day.

Curt mentioned that he and Steve must have been nearly "delirious" to keep on peddling some days. He recalled that one day they covered 154 miles.

Why did Curt undertake such a rigorous journey?

"I've been riding my bike to annual conference for the last three years," he said. "I just like to ride a bike."

Curt must find the experience rewarding—he plans to bicycle to the annual conference, in Indianapolis next summer and to the one scheduled for Washington State the following summer.

Nutritionists would probably scold Curt and Steve for their eating habits during the trip.

One day they consumed a whole pound of brown sugar, and while traveling through the Appalachian Mountains, they ate a quart of ice cream a day.

Their daily menu usually consisted of oatmeal and brown sugar for breakfast, sardines and crackers for a mid-day lunch, and usually something like chili for the

evening meal.

Later on in the evening the bikers would eat applesauce and fruit cocktail. They burned approximately 10,000 calories each day. Curt mentioned that he lost almost a half a pound a day while Steve lost nearly a pound a day.

According to Curt, he and Steve each spent only \$5.75 for food while they were on the road. They carried some food with them.

Along the route, Curt was impressed with the friendliness of people.

To cut down costs, the bikers camped out in backyards. Curt mentioned that the people in Iowa and Illinois were very cooperative, but as they traveled farther east, it became increasingly difficult to find a friendly place to stay.

They were never turned away

except for the last night when they were turned down twice. But, according to Curt, they were finally successful in locating a backyard to sleep in.

Curt has owned a 10-speed bike for six years and rides it to work each day. He says he will continue to ride as long as his knees hold out.

He explained that he has developed the "bicycle knee syndrome," an excruciating pain in the knee which is caused by intensive bicycling. In order to strengthen his knees, he has been running five miles a day.

Curt's interest in bicycling seems to be almost contagious—his father is planning to make bicycling a family affair this summer. According to Curt, the whole family may join him on a journey.

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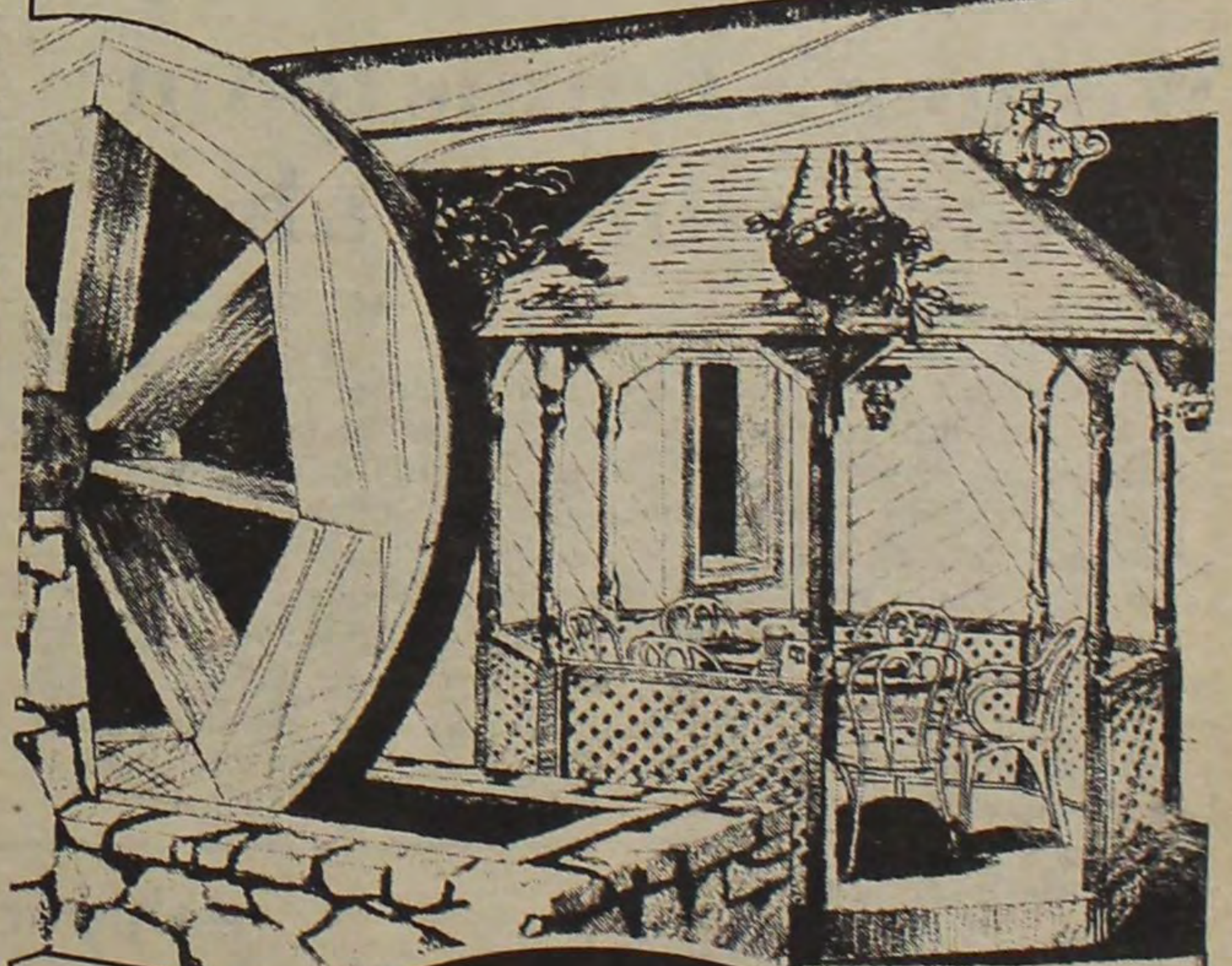
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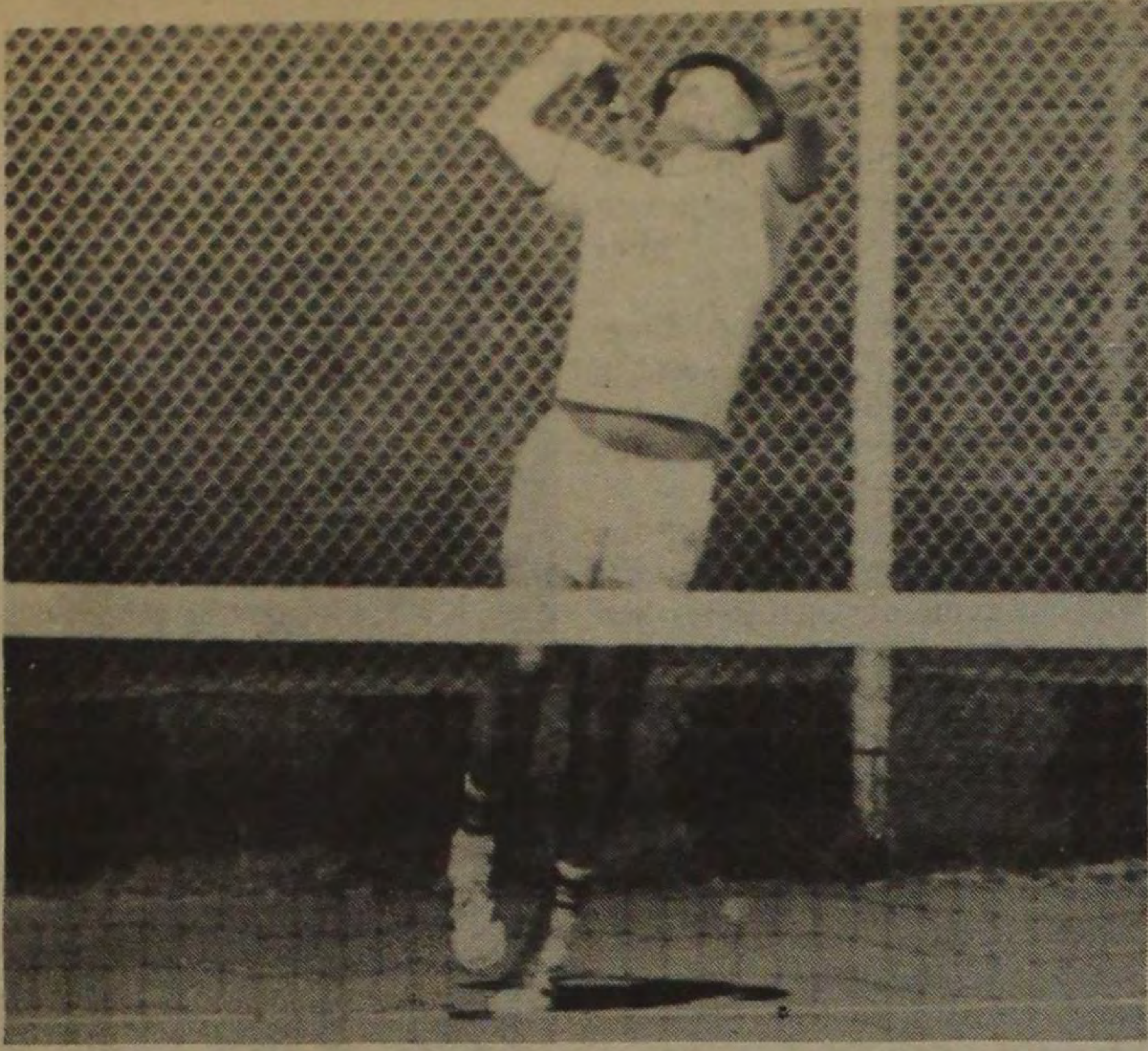
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Wes DeCoursey demonstrates his serving technique during last weekend's Varsity-Alumni Tennis Tournament. The varsity team won the tourney by accumulating 314 points as opposed to the Alumni's 282. (photo by Ward)

Contest tomorrow

Bulldogs to face St. Mary's

by Johnney Leger

Following a 28-0 defeat at the hands of the Ottawa Braves Saturday, the McPherson College Bulldogs travel to Dodge City tomorrow to face the St. Mary of the Plains Cavaliers.

Coach Don Rominger commented that the Cavaliers are "a young team, very similar to us. They're young and have not won a game yet this season."

"We are expecting a game where the other team will be really fired up," he said.

The Bulldog intensity is high this week and players are confident of a victory over St. Mary's.

Freshman Half back Keith Hunter commented, "St. Mary's is a good, solid football team. But we finally got our stuff together this week. Now I think we'll be hard to beat."

Looking back at Saturday's game, John Angerame said, "Failure of the offense to cash in on turnovers, an overworked defense and costly penalties hurt us a lot."

As usual, the defense played a hard-hitting and aggressive game, while the offense showed brilliance at times. None the less, the outcome once again found the Bulldogs on the short end of the score.

"Other than that, the defense played well and was much improved. We came out with a

positive attitude and are ready to do better," Coach Rominger said.

Rominger commented that Mike Drew, a defensive left tackle, played an outstanding game. He also praised the performances of Mike Baker, Kent McDowell and Bruce Lewallen.

"James Brooks caught and punted well, and I was pleased with the way Mike Norris played at center," concluded Coach Rominger.

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Update: Cross country, volleyball

Boasting its first team finish of the 1977 season, the McPherson College Cross Country Squad competed Saturday in the Mid America Nazarene College Invitational. Finishing fourth among ten teams, all five members of the Mac squad were able to complete the course.

"I think the meet showed that we need a lot of improvement," said Coach Dewayne Jackson. "All the guys realize this and are willing to go ahead and make the sacrifice. We have a long way to go."

The McPherson Invitational is scheduled for tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Alliance Acres, an abandoned golf course four miles north of New Gottland.

Bethel and Southwestern have been invited to compete in the college division, and in the junior college division, teams from Cloud County, Hesston, Central and Hutchinson are expected to compete.

According to Coach Jackson, "The guys always run better with backing," and he encourages spectators to come on out to tomorrow's meet.

With several matches behind them, members of the McPherson College Women's Volleyball Team face Tabor Tuesday.

So far this season, the team has been defeated by Cloud County 15-6 and 15-4; Kansas Newman 15-6, 15-4 and 15-10; and Hutchinson 15-9 and 15-5. Monday the women downed Central 15-10, 8-15 and 15-13.

The women traveled to Marymount Wednesday for a quad meet, but results were not available at presstime.

Coach Gaylord Gillette commented, "We're looking to be in the top three in the conference, but we need to improve a lot in consistency as a team."

Women's tennis team records win at Tabor

by Lisa Gaskill

By defeating Tabor and Bethel, the McPherson College Women's Tennis Team has improved its record to 4-1 for the season.

Despite unbelievable wind conditions Sept. 23, the netters came out 8-1 winners over Tabor.

However, the weather did cooperate Monday for the first non-windy match day yet this year, and the Bulldogs took advantage, downing Bethany 6-3.

Number one singles player Lisa Gaskill defeated B. Stegman 6-1, 6-0 during the Bethany match. Karen Burkholder won 6-3, 7-6 over Collins in number two singles.

In number three singles Ann Lobban remained undefeated winning 6-4, 6-1 over Adams. Sam Cordell was a 6-4, 6-1 winner over D. Stegman, and Roxanne Hill had a tough match with Stithem and lost the contest 4-6, 3-6.

Janis Monk, number six player, lost to King 1-6, 4-6, and Judy Oard

dropped a 4-6, 4-6 decision to Guipre.

Completion of conference duals took place Wednesday against Sterling. The ACCK tournament will take place Oct. 5 at Bethany. McPherson should be a top contender for the title.

The Bulldog women will be up against tough competition Oct. 10 when they meet Marymount and also Oct. 14-15 when they compete in the Wichita Invitational.

Buzzing around wondering what's happening?



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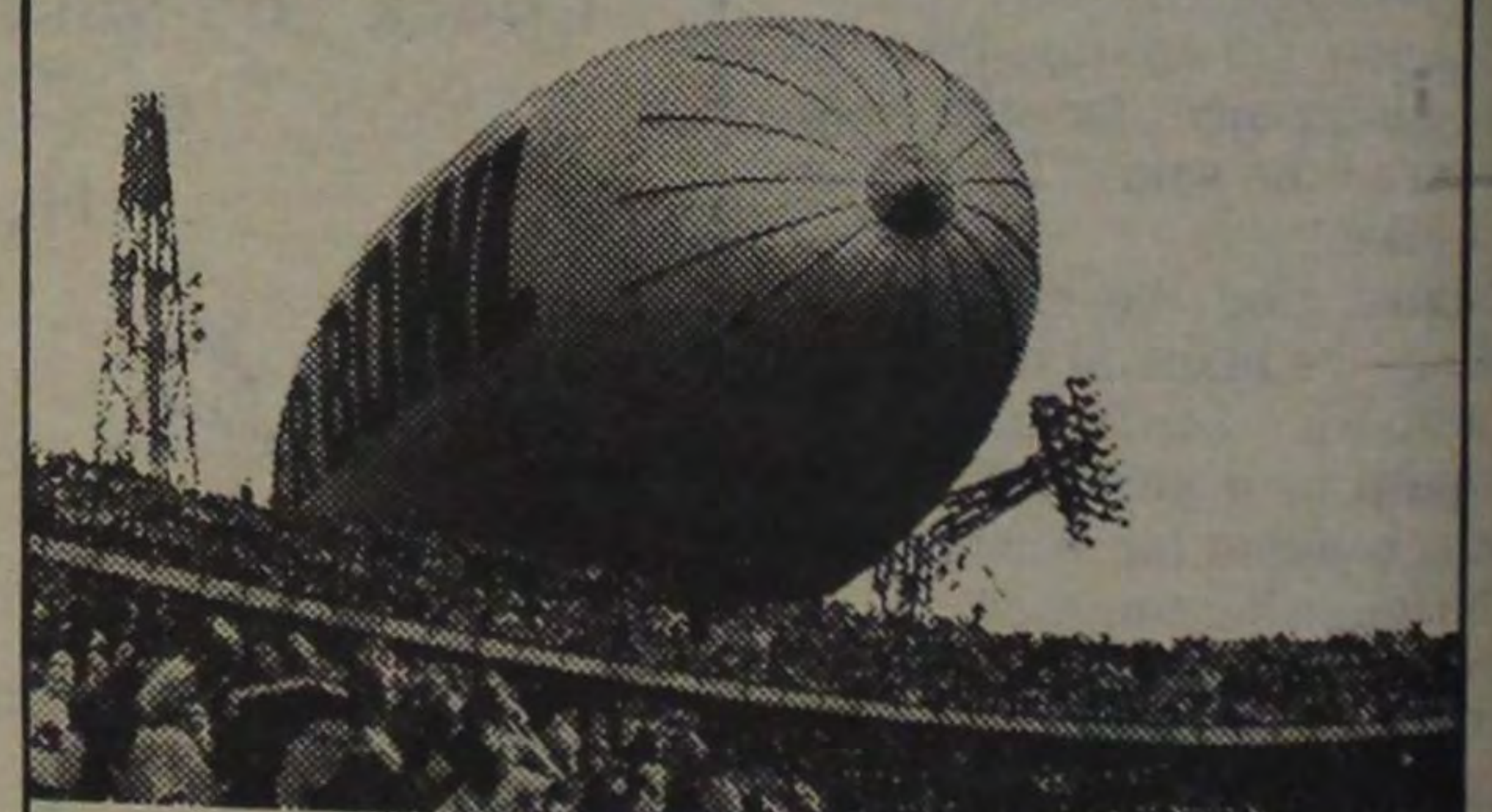


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Wilderness experience draws students, faculty

by Kim Thiessen

Camping, hiking, backpacking and surviving in the rugged southwestern region of Colorado were all aspects of the wilderness experience that three McPherson College students were involved in this summer.

For the past six years, Dr. Gilford Ikenberry and his wife Nelda, a special education teacher in the McPherson public school system, have offered students the opportunity to participate in this wilderness experience.

This year's trip began June 4 at 6 a.m. Students from Central College, Kansas State University, Bethel College, Fort Hays State College, Bethany College and Southwestern College, as well as Curtis Baldner, Peter Wicks and David Heyl of McPherson College were included in the select group of 10 participants.

The course, which is worth four hours of credit at the graduate or undergraduate level, was also taken by CeCe Zavala, C'75.

"This year we had superb weather and a fine group of participants," commented Dr. Ikenberry.

The purpose of the course is to develop an understanding of and appreciation for the conservation

of mountain wilderness, its wildlife, natural resources and beauty.

The Weminuche Wilderness region, the second largest wilderness area in the United States, gave the students and the Ikenberrys plenty of opportunities to study mountain ecology and gain valuable experience in leadership and group participation.

"The best part of the whole trip was the people, the group experience," stated Peter Wicks, sr.

Previous experience in camping and hiking was not required, but it was essential that all participants be in good physical condition.

Introductory college biology or permission of the instructors was a prerequisite of the wilderness experience course.

The day before the group's departure, they met to pack food, practice pitching tents, view relevant films and discuss the academic expectations of the trip. A portable library was taken along to assist students with their studies.

The group traveled by van to a site near Durango, Colorado in the San Juan National Forest. There a base camp was established. From this camp, the group embarked on

a series of increasingly more difficult hikes into adjacent primitive areas at higher elevations.

The final week of the three-week-long expedition was spent in a rigorous backpacking experience into the remote Needle Mountains.

"Some days it seemed like the trail would never stop going up," was one remembrance Peter had of the rough hiking adventure.

One day, the group gave their feet a deserved rest by riding on the historic Durango to Silverton narrow gauge railroad. They returned to McPherson June 21.

The idea for the course was conceived by Dr. Ikenberry eight years ago. He and his wife are each responsible for different phases of the course and they hope they have been able to help their students develop necessary skills for planning and executing their own wilderness excursions.

"It is undecided whether the class will take place this next summer," stated Dr. Ikenberry. He urges interested persons to contact him.

"It was a nice feeling getting away from everything," said David Heyl, soph. "It was as if time had stopped."



Far from the conveniences of home, Peter Wicks, sr., Adel, Iowa, concentrates on the job of doing his laundry in a Rocky Mountain stream.

Avid biker

Cyclist overcomes obstacles

by Bambi Crumpacker

Nothing can stop him! Not rain! Not extreme heat! Not even the frigid temperatures!

No, this amazing personality isn't the postman. It's Curtis Thill, an avid bicyclist from Adel, Iowa.

While making a 10-day, 1,100 mile cross-country bicycle trip this summer, Curtis and a friend, Steve Merkey, were forced to cope with 30 mile per hour head winds, rain, and temperatures ranging from 92 degrees to nearly freezing. Their destination the 1977 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Richmond, Va., the two bikers set out from Des Moines, Ia., June 19. They rode ten hours a day, averaging 110 miles each day.

Curt mentioned that he and Steve must have been nearly "delirious" to keep on peddling some days. He recalled that one day they covered 154 miles.

Why did Curt undertake such a rigorous journey?

"I've been riding my bike to annual conference for the last three years," he said. "I just like to ride a bike."

Curt must find the experience rewarding—he plans to bicycle to the annual conference in Indianapolis next summer and to the one scheduled for Washington State the following summer.

Nutritionists would probably scold Curt and Steve for their eating habits during the trip.

One day they consumed a whole pound of brown sugar, and while traveling through the Appalachian Mountains, they ate a quart of ice cream a day.

Their daily menu usually consisted of oatmeal and brown sugar for breakfast, sardines and crackers for a mid-day lunch, and usually something like chili for the

evening meal.

Later on in the evening the bikers would eat applesauce and fruit cocktail. They burned approximately 10,000 calories each day. Curt mentioned that he lost almost a half a pound a day while Steve lost nearly a pound a day.

According to Curt, he and Steve each spent only \$5.75 for food while they were on the road. They carried some food with them.

Along the route, Curt was impressed with the friendliness of people.

To cut down costs, the bikers camped out in backyards. Curt mentioned that the people in Iowa and Illinois were very cooperative, but as they traveled farther east, it became increasingly difficult to find a friendly place to stay.

They were never turned away

except for the last night when they were turned down twice. But, according to Curt, they were finally successful in locating a backyard to sleep in.

Curt has owned a 10-speed bike for six years and rides it to work each day. He says he will continue to ride as long as his knees hold out.

He explained that he has developed the "bicycle knee syndrome," an excruciating pain in the knee which is caused by intensive bicycling. In order to strengthen his knees, he has been running five miles a day.

Curt's interest in bicycling seems to be almost contagious—his father is planning to make bicycling a family affair this summer. According to Curt, the whole family may join him on a journey.

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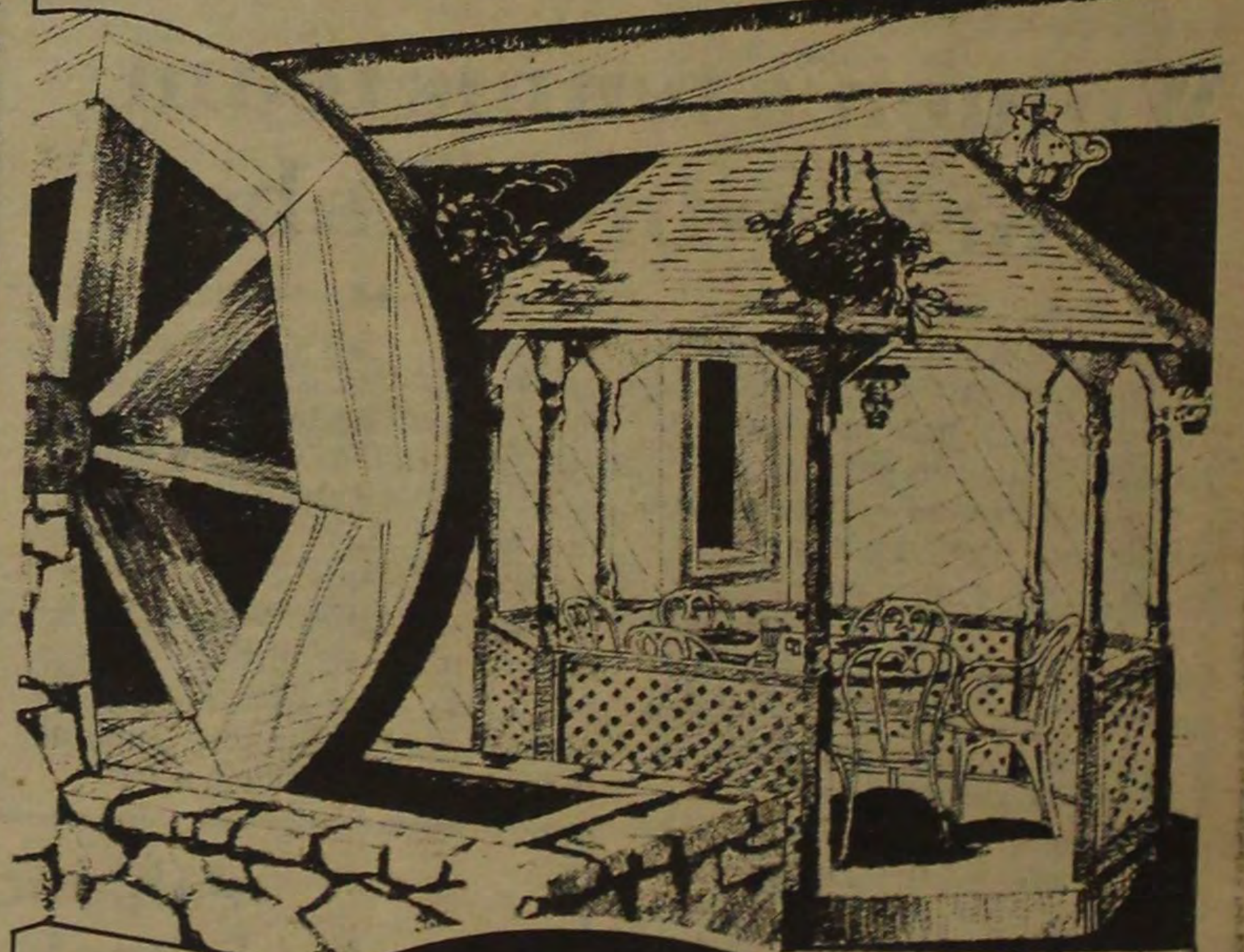
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