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They are not weird — just strange! It is part of the Industrial Arts group at the dance last Saturday night. David Butler, jr, Grundy Center, Iowa, Norman Grosbach, sr, Enders, Neb, and Jim Beck, soph, Kansas City, represent the insane element at the dance. (photo by Reynolds)

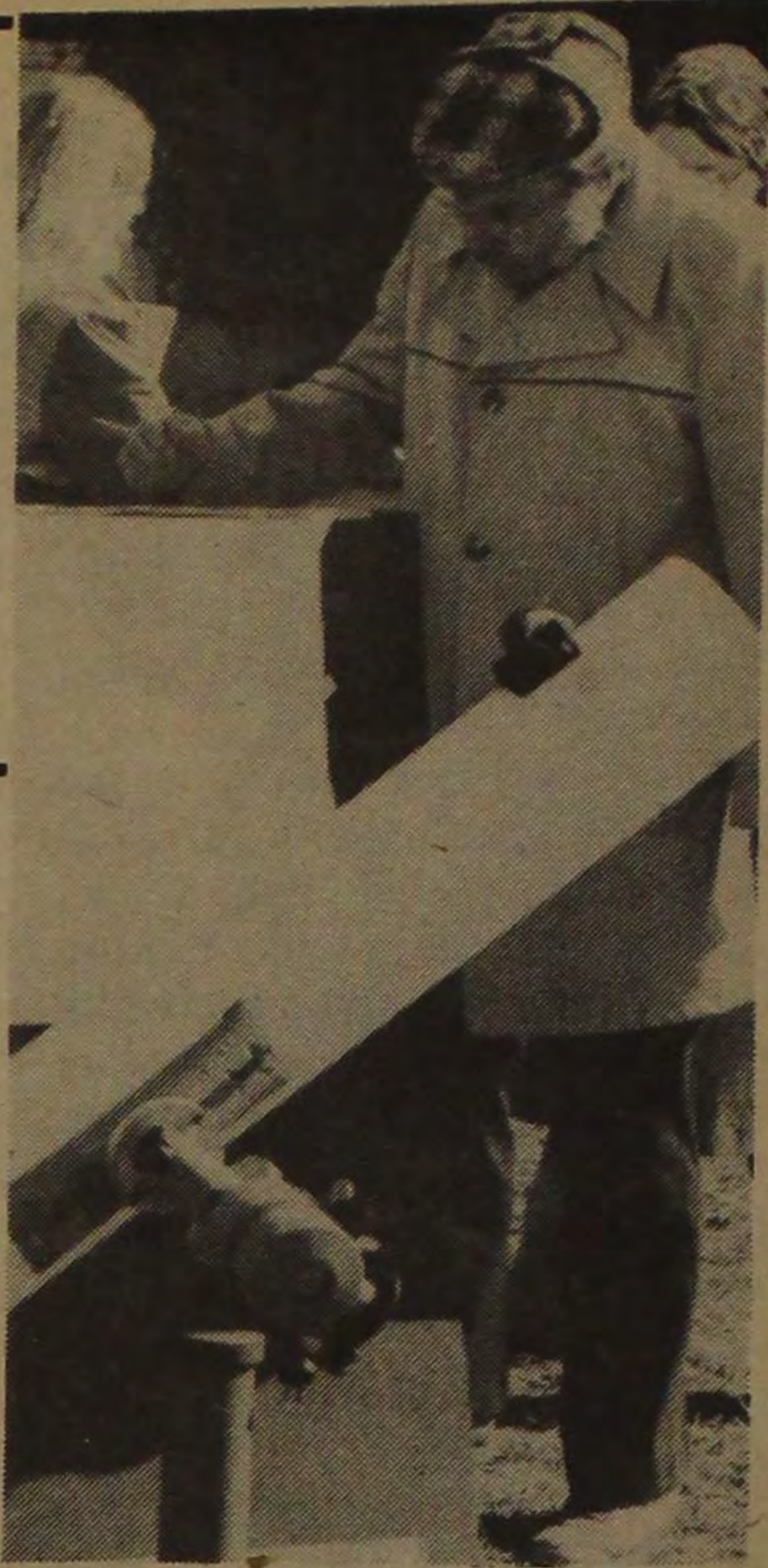
Peace conference attracts students

Several McPherson College students (about 20) showed their concern about peace in today's world by attending the third Mid-America "New Call to Peacemaking" conference last Friday and Saturday at Newton.

"New Call to Peacemaking" is a combined effort of the historic peace churches, Friends, Mennonites and Brethren, to find ways to draw together and to advance the growing peace movement.

Friday evening, the conference opened with registration and an address by Howard Macy, a

The eclipse drew many interested spectators to the apparatus outside Harnley Hall. Dr. Wesley DeCoursey, Professor of Chemistry, seems fascinated by the picture. The eclipse was visible for only a short time last Monday. (photo by Reynolds)



Parents to view various issues

Some 500 parents in McPherson county will be contacted soon in a survey aimed at gathering opinions on parent education and community services in the area, according to Debra Johnson, Parent Education Coordinator working in McPherson County.

"We hope that the random sample will determine the level of services and level of parenting skills," Ms. Johnson said. "The survey will measure how the community feels about the schools, churches, law enforcement agencies, and health and social services," she said. "It will also measure interaction within the family."

Volunteers from Central and McPherson College will be calling on McPherson County parents starting March first. The results of the survey will be tabulated during March and Ms. Johnson will issue a summary of the findings at the conclusion of the tabulation.

"We greatly appreciate the cooperation and assistance received from Bethany, Central, McPherson, and Bethel Colleges," Ms. Johnson commented.

Any additional volunteers who would like to help can reach Ms. Johnson either at 241-6693 or at McPherson County Diversified Services, Fourth Street and Hospital Drive, where her offices are located.

...and the resignations continue

McPherson College will be losing a fine faculty member this year in Prof. Paul Sollenberger, head of the music department. Sollenberger's reason for moving is his health problems which have worsened in recent years with the weather conditions as they are in this area.

Sollenberger came to McPherson College in 1951 when he began as a faculty member teaching theory and other music courses. Over the past 28 years he has taught music education courses, music history, private strings and theory. He became head of the music department in 1965.

Sollenberger has also been involved in community music projects and worked as Director of the Trinity Lutheran Church choir. He had also sung tenor in the Brethren Church choir for 25 years.

Some of the most significant changes which Prof. Sollen-

berger has seen take place at McPherson College are physical. He has seen the construction of Dotzour Hall, Metzler Hall, Bittinger Hall, Mohler Hall, Brown Auditorium, Miller Library and the Industrial Arts Building.

Dorothy comes to Kansas

Dorothy, Toto and the Scarecrow are going to have a lot more to celebrate besides just being in Kansas again.

The May production of "The Wizard of Oz" by the McPherson College Alpha Psi Omega fraternity and the McPherson Theatre Guild marks not only the first joint drama effort by the two groups but will add another dimension to All School's Day since the theme was recently changed to "The Land of Oz."

Rick Tyler, McPherson College drama professor has set try-outs for March 12-13 from 7-10 p.m. in

When asked to describe some of his feelings about McPherson College, Prof. Sollenberger commented, "One of the most pleasant things about teaching at a small Brethren college has been the privilege of working with so many fine students and faculty."

Brown Auditorium. Rehearsals will begin April 1 with the production scheduled for May 4-5.

According to Tyler, the cast could range from 26-60 depending on the interest shown. "We'll need all types of singers and actors," said Tyler. "We'll need children for the flying monkeys and junior high age or small adults for the munchkins. We'll need dancers for the tornado and Oz as well as persons for the major roles: Dorothy, the two witches and the Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow and Tinman."



Dracula's Red Fang Award and Certificate will be presented to Fahnestock Hall at convocation. One bloodmobile coordinator, Joan Cunnick, sr, Mc-

Pherson, attributes the 114 pint turn out to "more spirit and interest on campus." Tracy Ikenberry, sr, Quinter, rests after giving his pint to the blood bank.

SPECTATOR SIDELINES

'Casablanca'
Coffeehouse
Pizza night
Spring break

A BAND CONCERT will be presented tonight at 8 p.m. in Brown Auditorium by the McPherson College band. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

"CASABLANCA", THE MOVIE for this week will be shown tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. Admission will be 25 cents.

JOHN IMS, FOLK singer, will present a Coffeehouse in the SU basement next Monday from 9:30-11:30 p.m. Hot chocolate will be furnished as well as a relaxing break from studying for mid-terms.

ANOTHER PIZZA NIGHT will be held March 13 from 9-10:30 p.m. Each pizza topping will cost ten cents including the crust. Come make a pizza and join the fun.

ALL RESIDENCE HALLS will close March 16 at 5 p.m. for spring break. All dorm residents are asked to comply with this schedule. If there is a conflict with this time please contact the resident director before March 9.

'Godspell' review

by Smita Nirula

They come down the aisles throwing ideas at you—spouting Martin Luther King, Neitschze, and Socrates. It is an informal atmosphere, an unusual mingling of cast and audience.

The McPherson Theatre Guild's production of *Godspell* held in the High School Little Theatre, last Friday through Sunday, and directed by Donna Beth Schroeder, was strangely and infinitely moving. By the time the end of the show came around, there were many wet eyes and furtive sniffs in the house.

Godspell tells the story of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, in modern terms. The language of Jesus—his maxim's—is still the same, but it is incorporated with slang and modern interpretations.

The cast was unusually strong and each character was well handled by the actor and director. Bob Fraley in his debut as an actor played Stephen and Jesus. He was the least domineering of the company. That is not to say that his

presence was not felt on stage. He was always there, and yet he did not intrude on the audience's consciousness.

Paul Rohrer as David, John the Baptist and Judas was his usual powerful and intense self. Gail Erisman, despite her sore throat, came across as a touching Peggy in her candy-striped body suit. Ken Forsyth, in his first acting role at McPherson, was a pleasant addition to the cast.

The play flowed smoothly from parable to parable with Jesus as the connecting link. The transition from character to character could not have been easy for the cast, and yet it was handled so easily, it was almost as if there was no transition.

The final leave-taking of Jesus from his disciples and his betrayal and crucifixion were the most touching parts of the play. The special light effects on Jesus during the crucifixion were extremely effective. The strobe light playing on his bent head added the final touch to a deeply moving scene.

The Theatre Guild has put together a show it will find hard to beat.



"Godspell" played to packed houses as Gail Erisman, jr, Warrensburg, Mo, Ken Forsyth, Professor of Music, Pam Regehr and others en-

ertain. "Godspell" was presented by the McPherson Theatre Guild at the McPherson High School last Friday through Sunday. (photo by Reynolds)

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Commentary

Do others need U.S. aid?

Editor's note: This commentary expresses the views of only the writer and not of this publication or of McPherson College.

What is this world coming to? That is one question that has probably been on practically everyone's mind lately. As we go to classes everyday, I can't help wondering how many Iranians are being shot to death in Tehran, or how many Chinese and Vietnamese are being killed in that conflict. It all sounds quite depressing I know. In this commentary, I shall not offer any suggestions which will bring about an everlasting peace in the areas which I have just mentioned. What I shall do is bring up some questions which perhaps we should all think about.

As many of my fellow students, I was born in 1960. That particular year was thought by many to be the beginning of a new progressive and peaceful era. With the November elections came President-elect Kennedy's "New Frontier." A lot of blood, water and controversies have passed under the bridge since then, but I can't help but wonder why the United States in particular, hasn't learned from its mistakes.

Let's look at it this way. When we are all children, our parents tell us, "Now if you mess around with that electrical outlet, you are going to get shocked." We really don't believe this until we do get shocked, and most of the time, we don't fool with it any more. Sounds logical. Then why in the world can't the most advanced nation in the world figure the same thing out?

The United States has always had a bad habit of sticking its nose in where it didn't belong. Look at the Vietnam War. Did we get anything out of that besides a lot of headaches and heartaches? No. My intuition in a way is telling me that if world situations remain the same for any length of time, somehow the United States is going to wind up as the scape goat. Every time we try to help another country out, we always wind up holding the bag if the slightest thing goes wrong. While I do feel that the United States does indeed have obligations to the world as a whole, I do not feel that she should jump in every time someone screams for help. Unfortunately, the Presidents of the United States for a long time now, have not agreed with me when I say that the main business of the United States is the United States.

The point I am trying to get to in a round about way, is that at least for the time being, or at least until the United States gets its stuff together, perhaps we should stick to solving the problems at home before we go trying to save the rest of the world from doom.

Greg Fenno
Guest Commentator

We get letters

Important questions raised

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in support of Marie Neher's editorial two weeks ago. It is definitely time for us to re-examine our priorities and values. Not only individuals, but our college as well. McPherson needs to clearly define its objectives and work for them. Our motto is to "discover the world within you." It seems to me this means McPherson's students should be challenged intellectually, morally and possibly in areas of physical training.

In order to know yourself, you must learn to make your own decisions and decide what is right for you through that process. There is need for certain rules to be followed, but the time that is spent on trivial happenings at this college is ridiculous. A persons private life is his or her own business. As long as it doesn't cause destruction, it is not for anyone else to say whether it is right or wrong. As adults, we don't need people sent to our campus activities to make sure we're "being good." Could this be why our social functions have such small attendance?

People come from different backgrounds and this must be accepted. Why do our dorm councils have to spend so much time punishing people for burning incense or candles, drinking a beer in their car or yelling out a window after dark? In the meantime, people are dying of starvation, the military is preparing for it's takeover, our government is caught up in it own red tape and our prisons are a place where the "bad" get worse. If we spent half the time working for positive social changes, instead of picking on small differences in judgments, we would learn to know ourselves,

our values and others in a deeper, more meaningful way.

McPherson needs a slap in the face to be awakened to reality. There are many truths about ourselves we must face. Are we recruiting for the purpose of money or for finding those who would benefit most from our college? If the first is true, then we should forget about hanging on to Brethren principles. If we want to improve our community atmosphere and be representative of caring, moral purposes, then we should start by not seeing dollar signs at the thought of a new recruit.

"If you don't like it why don't you quit?" I did. Then I decided to come back and try to change the things I don't like. It's hard. It gets very discouraging when you don't see any progress.

We do have some good, active organizations on campus, but we need more. There are many people who want to make changes on our campus, but we need to get organized. This is our college and it can be what we want it to be. We can spend our time in issues that are important to us. With personal differences aside, let's work together to make Mac a place where we can discover the world within ourselves.

Sincerely,
Candi Witmer

Dear Editor,

Why do we have the freedom we have in this country? We worship as we please, we say what we like, we, the people chose our own government. Have you ever stopped and thought of what your country means to you? Remember all the people who gave their lives that you and I could live in peace and freedom.

People have not fought in wars to purposely kill people, they fought because their government told them to and it was all for the purpose of a country in unity fighting for the betterment of their fellow citizens.

I'm writing this in favor of the draft. I believe strongly in the draft and I would be the first in line to sign up and fight for the country I love, to uphold the peace for my fellow friends. When my country is being threatened I won't give it up without a fight.

I was brought up in a Christian home, taught to love human life. But I believe God expects us to obey our government. God has his reasons for wars. They are held throughout the Bible. I love God and I love the free country he gave us. I'm not trying to change anybody's viewpoint or say that people against the draft are wrong, but I am strongly for defending and obeying my government. Please think about what God and your government mean to you.

Eilene Wezdenko

Dear Editor,

I was "thoroughly disappointed" concerning the article about Coach Gragg's resignation in the March second issue of the Spectator.

In the future I would like to see news covered honestly and if there is a story that really can't be covered lets go by the saying, "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all." Lets not use the policy of, "make a nice story if there isn't anything nice to say."

Sincerely,
Marie Neher

Guinea pigs can be human too

Have you ever thought about leaving your body to science? In effect, that's what Curtis Thill, sr, Adel, Iowa, did during a seven week stay at the National Institute of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, during Jan. and Feb.

"I wanted to do something totally different, something valuable during interterm," Curtis admitted. "It was a big decision." He will receive four hours of credit in research in biology upon completion of a paper explaining his work at the institute. Curtis will also tell of his experiences at a luncheon seminar in Harnley Hall sometime after spring break.

corridors of the hospital where he would be a patient for the next month and a half. He found himself asking questions like why am I here and do I really belong here? But toward the end of his stay he had "a totally different perspective. Instead of a foreign land it became a life to me."

The program is made up of two aspects, the first of which is involvement in a normal volunteer program where they are a control subject or a comparison of sorts to people who were ill. The researchers are well aware of what damaged cells look and act like but their interest lies in the activities of the healthy cells.

The study Curtis was involved in was a study of blood chemistry as it related to heart disease. His body chemistry had to be the same so Curtis was fed the same foods every day. Among other foods he had to eat a pound of egg whites daily. All the food and water he consumed was weighed to regulate his weight. The first day he ran five miles so this also became part of his routine. His blood was tested daily for two weeks also.

The doctors there compared Curtis and his roommate in respect to the amount of HDL in their bloodstreams. HDL means high density of lipo protein in the system, which colorates with the risk of heart attack. People like Curtis who get a lot of exercise have a high rate of HDL in their systems run a lower risk of heart attack. His roommate, who sat and watched television all day, was found to have a lower amount of HDL in his system so people comparable to his roommate run a greater risk of heart attack.

You can reduce your risk of heart diseases by exercising such as running, bicycling, or swimming, and staying on a good diet consisting of foods low in fats and cholesterol.

The second aspect of the program was a career assignment. Curtis worked in the cancer section of the institute,

where he grew mouse cells for testing. He added carcinogens to two identical samples of tissues to see how the DNA was damaged by it. Carcinogens are cancer causing agents. The carcinogen was allowed to act upon the cells for one hour. Then one sample was frozen which caused the agents to stop acting of the cells. Being frozen, these cells were not able to repair. They were kept frozen for 24 hours.

The second sample was treated differently. After the initial hour of exposure to the carcinogen this sample was allowed to repair itself for 24 hours before it was again exposed to the cancer causing agents.

From the results they concluded that the cells that didn't have a chance to repair themselves had a greater tendency to be cancerous.

Carcinogen is found in charcoal broiled meats and automobile exhaust.

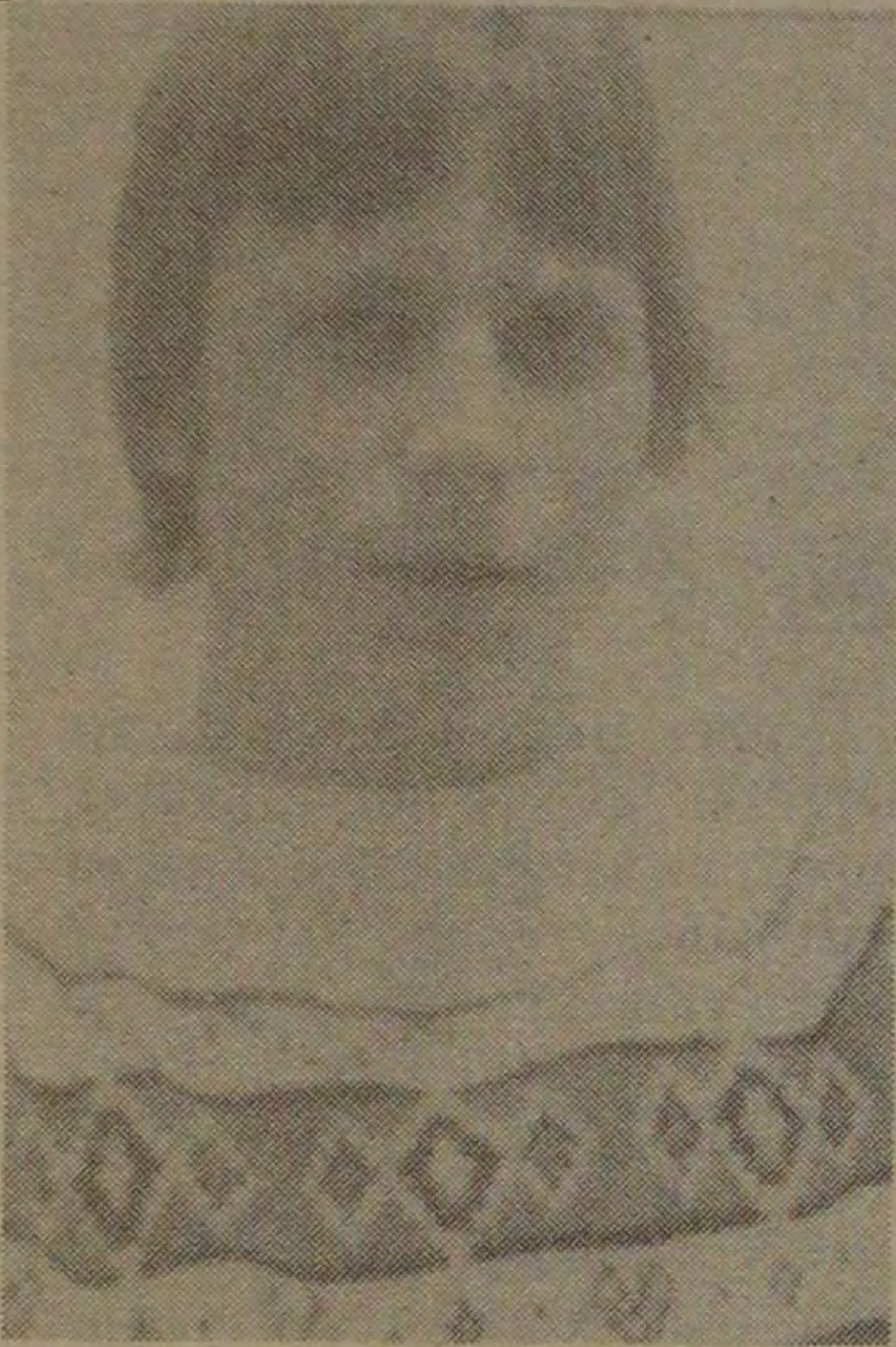
As far as cancer goes, it is extremely complex, and presently there isn't a sure way to reduce the possibility of contracting the deadly illness but some suggestions to consider are living outside large cities, don't smoke, take up non-factory jobs free of chemical fumes, and eat non-processed foods. Or in other words, live sensibly.

"I would highly recommend it to anyone majoring in biology or social work," Curtis said. "It was a special experience for me because people here remembered me, plus the NIH experience was fantastic, so it made coming back here that much better. The greatest asset of this institution is the students, faculty, and administration. People on campus don't realize how great this place really is. And that's what I got out of NIH."

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Human specimens are not found in glass cases. Curtis Thill talks about his experience at NIH. He spent six weeks serving as a human specimen for the scientists who put him on a strict diet including egg whites among other things.

(photo by Irle)



People from the McPherson area have been participating in this voluntary government program for several years. The Brethren Volunteer Service sponsored his stay in Maryland.

At the time he decided to go, late spring of 1978, Curtis wasn't real sure of whether his decision had been a wise one, but NIH was nine months away.

He still wasn't sure of the situation as he walked down the



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Run for pleasure, they say

Curiosity causes one to wonder what makes the jogger rise with the sun before 6 a.m. and crawl out of a nice warm bed, put on those running sneakers and hit the streets each day. Is there some kind of mysterious force working within those rare individuals who put themselves through this self-inflicted torture?

Some authors of books written on the subject of running or jogging believe that it is almost classified as a religion. Think about it. There are many

spiritual benefits that can be obtained by being out alone observing nature and life and letting your mind be refreshed.

Studies reveal that running develops more than just the muscles in the body. Such qualities as self confidence, independence and emotional stability may also improve as the runner has a chance to get to know himself better.

Jogging helps individuals in other ways including the delaying of the aging process which in turn helps one to live

longer. Runners may lose weight at first and increase their resistance to heart attack.

When asked why she jogs, Tammy Roesen, fr, Quinter, responded, "To keep my body in shape and it makes me feel really refreshed. I like to push myself and get really tired."

Dan Leddy, jr, Conway Springs, feels, "It's good exercise and keeps the weight down. It relaxes your mind and you can think about things."

Pam Tucker, fr, McPherson, commented that she runs "To stay in shape. It's good for the mind."

Most of the students surveyed liked to run at least every other day and many tried to get out every day unless the weather prohibited a nice jog around town.

Weight lifting

Scott Robinson and Larry Latimer have organized an off-season weight lifting program for the football players this semester. About 43 players appear at the weight room three times a week to keep their upper and lower bodies in tip top shape.

The program started by each person finding out their maximum strength in each area. Each individual lifts for bulk, where they lift a large amount of weight three or four times. Then they lift for strength which is less weight and a few more repetitions. Afterwards they lift with lighter weights for 25 to 30 times.

Soccer team to meet Salina Internationals

The McPherson College Soccer team is to begin its season with a game, March 11, against the Salina Internationals, a new team in the League.

McPherson is expecting a great deal of competition from new teams this season since the Kansas Soccer League accepted two more teams from the Wichita and Salina areas. The League accepted the membership of the Heart of America Soccer League (HASA), which gives teams the opportunity to participate in interstate competition and so increase the possibilities for small college teams.

The following is the official schedule of games for the 1979 spring season.

March 11—McPherson vs. Salina Internationals(T)

March 25—Kansas Cup
April 1—McPherson vs. Wichita State(T)
April 8—McPherson vs. Abilene(H)
April 29—McPherson vs. Coca-cola(T)
May 13—McPherson vs. Golden Eagles(H)
May 20—McPherson vs. Kwik Shots(T)

A game scheduled for March 18 will be changed to another convenient time since McPherson College has its spring break during this time.

The team encourages all interested persons to attend the games. A tournament is being planned during the month of April which will involve at least six teams from the area.

Intramurals are a success

Intramurals is a program designed to increase student's participation in non-varsity and athletic type events. Right now the intramurals program is in full swing from team to individual sports in all areas.

There are two team sports in the intramural program, the volleyball and basketball. Both of these events are getting a tremendous turnout, with ten teams in volleyball and nine in basketball. These sports are being played in the evenings on alternating nights, with large crowds observing the action.

There are many individual sports in the intramural program. These range from pool to ping-pong, both singles and doubles, badminton, bowling, backgammon, spades, and paper football. The individual sports are run on a challenge basis, a

person challenges an individual higher on the ladder for that position. Winning increases a person's position on the ladder. Spades, a new intramural activity over last semester is a real success. Backgammon and bridge are also adding new dimensions to the intramurals program.

More participation in the individual sports area is needed. Brackets are posted in the SU game room for those individuals signed up and interested in challenging. Just fill out the

forms that are in the game room or Student Services office and start to work up the ladder.

Sue Quay is just one of the many individuals who has put in a lot of hard work and effort to provide these intramural activities. If you have any questions please contact her.

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Joggers are a special breed! think Terry Enos, soph, Marion, and Pam Higgins, fr, Albuquerque, N.M. as they take their early morning constitutional. (photo by Irle)

Another type of program the players do is by having maximum weights lifted at seven repetitions, then increased weight at six repetitions, and the

same with five and four repetitions. Each player keeps a weekly chart to keep track of their progress to compare their improvement through the weeks.

Spring's Growing at the GRAINERY

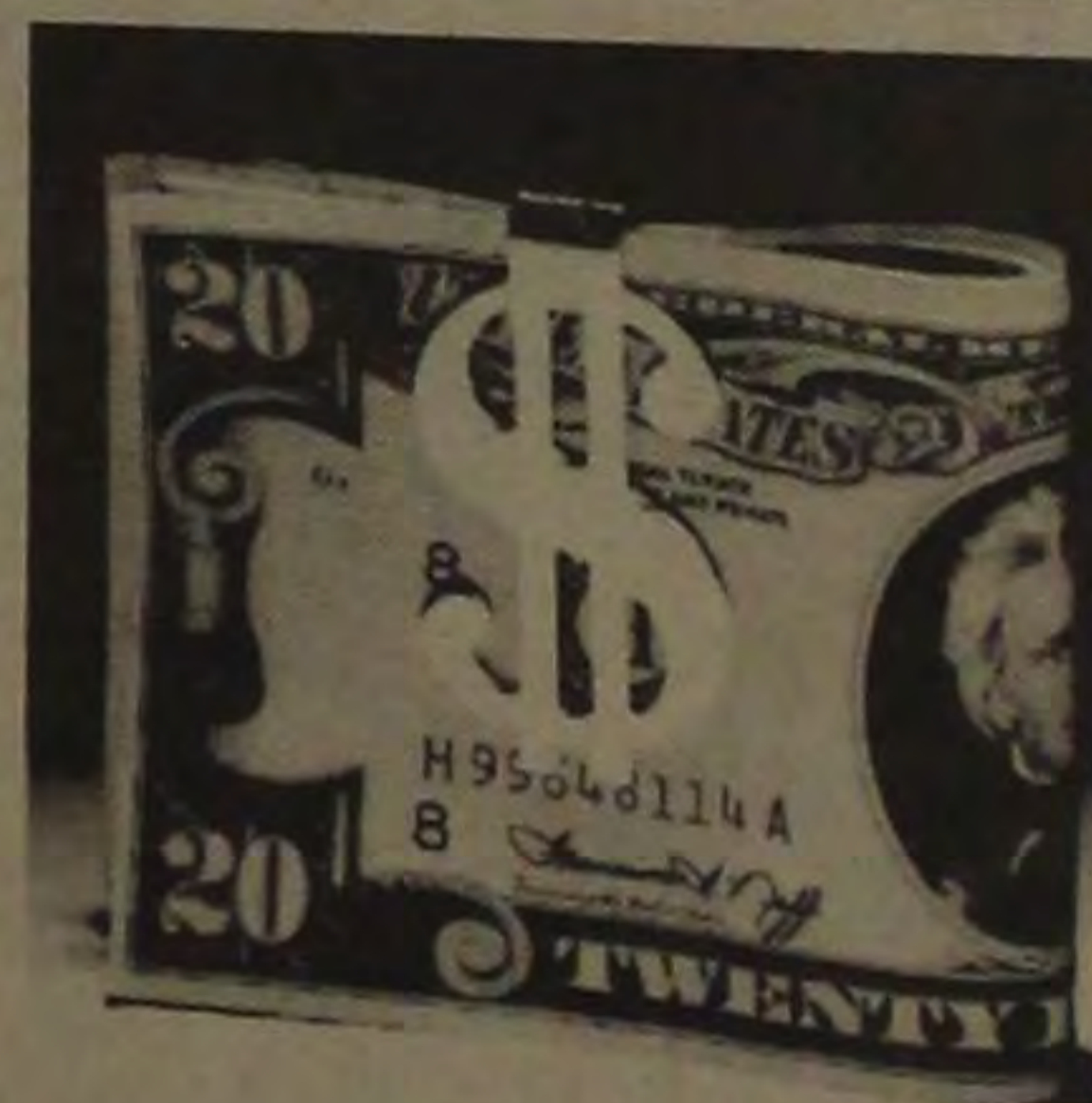


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