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California comes to town

Question: When are google glasses and cowboy hats more than ordinary google glasses and cowboy hats?

Answer: When they become visual teaching aids used by Daniel Amos.

Question: Who is Daniel Amos?

Answer: Glad you asked. They are six Southern California musicians with a knack for tickling funny bones.

Thousands at Knott's Berry Farm, the Anaheim Convention Center, and the San Diego Sports arena have been treated to the light-hearted humor and versatile music style of Daniel Amos.

McPherson College students

will have the chance to join the ranks of the "entertained by D. A." as the group is in concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at the McPherson Community Building, courtesy of the McPherson College Student Activities Board. Admission is \$2.00 at the door.

Three-D glasses are not the usual musician's tools but then Daniel Amos is not your ordinary Christian music band either. When performing, the band does not hide its sense of humor in a back closet, but brings it to the stage with them, much to the delight of their audience.

But there is more to the humor of Daniel Amos than merely a

good time. As founder Terry Taylor explains, "We try to get people to laugh at themselves without pointing a finger at them, without accusing. While they're laughing maybe they'll see how absurd some of their pre-conceived notions are."

The lyrics of Daniel Amos songs reflect this philosophy. In listening to Daniel Amos perform songs like the "Skeptic's Song" and "Secret Scripts and 3-D Glasses," it is hard not to laugh. Their light-heartedness is balanced with the thoughtful lines of "Don't Light Your Own Fire" and their musical rendition of the Book of Revelation as Daniel Amos follows in the footsteps of its namesakes.

Musically, Daniel Amos is a group of experienced professionals who have a talent for combining country flavored tunes, rock melodies, and soft ballads into a satisfying and entertaining array. Their musical versatility has been compared to that of the Eagles.



These probably don't look like ordinary musicians and they're not. Daniel Amos is the group's name and they will be appearing in concert Sunday at the McPherson Community Building at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.00. The group is sponsored by the McPherson College Student Activities Board.

The select are elected

Resident Directors and Resident Assistants have been selected for next year after several weeks of meetings and interviews conducted by the office of student services.

The Resident Directors for Dotzour hall will be Sharon and Jeff Gumm. The Resident Assistants are Kathy Cotton, Bambi Crumpacker, Kathy DeVader, Gail Erisman, Kristen Goodfellow, Rachel Johnson, Janet Sheaffer, and Franchiel Spencer.

Doug Burkholder and Karen Miller were selected as the Resident Directors of

Fahnestock hall. David Butler, John Hoffman and Tom Mason will serve as the Resident Assistants for that dorm.

Metzler hall will have Dennis and Connie Stichter as Resident Directors. Seven students will serve as Resident Assistants for the hall including Harold Briscoe, Ralph Hamilton, Roy Kliever, Joel Miller, Dane Rousseau, Darcey Schwindt and Brent Willems.

Bitteringer second floor, which will again house male upper classmen next year, will have two Resident Assistants, Dave Hodges and Jim Kitson.

Our medics top the list

As in past years, McPherson College science majors and graduates are experiencing an extremely high rate of acceptance into medical schools. In fact, this year it couldn't be higher. Every student who applied to schools of dentistry, optometry, or medicine received not only multiple acceptances but each was accepted by his or her first-choice school.

Cindy Correll, a 1979 biology graduate from Abilene has been accepted by the University of Kansas School of Medicine and will begin study there in the fall.

Norman Grosbach, a biology major from Enders, Neb., has been accepted for study at the University of Nebraska School of Medicine for next fall.

Accepted for the fall semester at the University of Iowa School of Dentistry is Kenneth Cotton, a senior biology major from Topeka.

Tracy Ikenberry, another

senior biology major, has been accepted for graduate study at Purdue University where he was also awarded a graduate fellowship in agronomy. Tracy is from Quinter.

Stan Sanger, also of Quinter, has been accepted for the clinical program in medical technology at the Topeka School of Medical Technology. Stan is a junior medical technology major.

Russell McCaulley, a sophomore pre-optometry major, has been accepted for study at the University of Houston School of Optometry. To be eligible to apply for optometry school, students must have completed a minimum of two years of college study.

Patricia Clark Stucky and Cindy Lyne have both been accepted by the clinical program in medical technology at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Wichita where they began study in January 1979.

Sidelines

'Reminiscing'
Olympiad
Convocation
Movie
Jazz picnic

"REMINISCING" is the theme for the prom to be held tomorrow beginning with a banquet at the Red Coach Inn for the Junior and Senior classes. The dance will be at the 4-H building located behind Applegate's Landing for all students free of charge. The band for the dance is Le Funk.

ATTENTION! ALL MCPHERSON College students and faculty. April 28 at 1 p.m. on the practice field behind the gym the Industrial Arts Olympiad will be held. All students are urged to participate. The Resident Assistants have the necessary information so start getting teams together and join the crowd on April 28.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL awards convocation will be held Monday in Brown Auditorium at 11 a.m.

"IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD" is the movie to be shown in Brown Auditorium tonight at 8 p.m. Admission is 25 cents.

JAZZ PICNIC WILL be held Monday evening at 5 in the park, weather permitting.

All these and Toto too!

Dorothy and Toto came to believe that they are no longer in Kansas and the audience here could very well feel the same way as they view McPherson College and McPherson Theatre Guild's production of "The Wizzard of Oz" on May 3, 4, and 5. The show will be under the direction of Rick Tyler with musical direction by Ken Forsyth.

The cast will only have around a total of five weeks to perfect the show. This creates some problems especially for Prof. Tyler since there is no time to sit down and think ideas out. "We just have to go ahead and pitch in and pull it all together," Rick Tyler points out optimistically. "The cast is strong enough to pull it all together."

Rick feels quite confident about the cast with its talented community members as well as the McPherson College actors. About one third of the cast and crew are McPherson College students or faculty. The crew chiefs are headed by both a member of the college and a member of the community.

Cindy Bahr, fr, Valley Center, will be making her college debut in this musical. Myra Nye, sr, Hutchinson is vocal assistant. She assists the cast in rehearsing their parts. The cast itself consists of around 75 people ranging from pre-school age to adults. This musical will be using some talent that has not been seen by the community before.

However, the community will be able to see an impressive set and a variety of special effects

created once again by Rick Tyler and the crew. The special effects include the melting of the Witch as she disappears from sight, Oz's changing face, the witch popping out of the haunted house in the forest, and bursts of smoke being set off as the Witch appears. The production is quite well organized and is beginning to fall into place. The actors all realize how short time is before

the show will be presented and are working hard to get ready. Even the youngest of the Munchkins are on their best behavior and are very excited about their parts in the play. The rapport between the actors and Rick is great and consequently, rehearsals run smoothly. At this pace, they will soon "be off to see the Wizzard, the wonderful Wizzard of Oz!"



The traditional Dutch supper was held April 9 changing the normal routine of campus eating with some delicious food prepared by McPherson Boy Scouts under the supervision of Jan van Asselt.

(photo by Reynolds)

Play causes response

Dear Editor:

This is in response to Bart Shank's letter in the April 7 issue of the Spectator. What was so immoral about the choice of the play, "The Lady From Maxim's?" Part of the college's aim is to prepare its students for the world. Isn't the theme of "Maxim's" part of the world too?

Are we living in a gilded cage? Our own little ivory tower which presents a facade to the world and lives out its own little Peyton Place follies inside? Are we any less moral for enjoying a farce—a French bedroom farce?

What has television to do with the choice of plays to be presented on a college campus? Would you rather we close our eyes to situations in the world we would rather not see? Or would you rather that we at least taste them? If not first-hand, through another's experience and interpretation?

A lot of noise has been made about the choice of the play. Does anyone really believe that the students who came here for R.Y.C. were shocked by it? I heard many comments to the contrary. Why is man so anxious to preserve his "innocence"?

The college motto is "Discover the World Within You," and part of discovering the world within yourself is discovering the world outside.

Sincerely,
Smita Nirula

possibly they became too defensive too quickly and weren't sensitive to the literary form that the play was written in.

It is our hope that people can realize that immorality should be laughed at once in awhile, without accepting it, merely to keep one's sanity.

Sincerely,
The Cast of "The Lady From Maxim's"

- Peggy Davis Pam Moore
- DeWayne Richey Tina Nirula
- Gregory Fenno Rick Patton
- Aaron Gragg Lisa Irle
- Alan Gumm Candi Witmer
- Franchiel Spencei Eva Deaton
- Lyl Lichty
- Rick Tyler, Director

A mistake was made in the April 6 issue of the Spectator on page 8. The word lamb was typed in instead of the word bomb in Doug Lengel's letter to the Editor. The correct printing of the poem follows to let its full meaning and power be expressed. Sorry for the mistake.

I am building bombs for peace,
You are building bombs for peace,

He is building bombs for peace,
All are building bombs for peace,
Day by day the bombs get taller,
Man, by their side, smaller and smaller,
Once they've gone off, ain't we clever,
Peace and silence reign forever.



Working behind the scenes is always a big part of any drama production and the "Wizard of Oz" will be no exception as some crew members are already finding out. Joan Cunnick, sr., McPherson, works busily at her sewing machine.

Survey on nuclear energy finds few proponents

The recent nuclear accident which recently interrupted the lives of many Americans, including students on campus with relatives in the area, is the topic of this survey conducted of on-campus students. This survey reflects the views of only these students and if anyone has a differing view which they feel needs to be expressed please feel free to write to the paper and express your opinion. The following comments were made in response to the question: What are your feelings on nuclear energy after the recent happenings in Pennsylvania?

"We need a new energy source and I don't think that nuclear energy is the answer and being from Arizona I firmly believe in solar energy. I feel the government needs to support something more natural than something that can be so destructive."

Kim Royer, fr, Tempe, Ariz.

"I think I would feel more strongly against it now since the danger of a nuclear plant was actually realized. A lot of land may be put out of use and friends and people you love may be affected by what happened."

Karen Neher, sr, Anna, Ill.

"I think this country needs nuclear energy and I think the accident will make the managing people of the plant be more careful next time by making more periodical checks on what is happening."

Grand Odokara, sr, Nigeria

"I think that the government itself should see that it's senseless to keep putting efforts into nuclear energy. I really agree with Doug Lengel's poem printed in the last issue as it really hit home. The recent accident really made me more aware of the situation."

Rachel Johnson, jr, McPherson

"If Americans are going to have a society that consumes 40 percent of the world's energy goods as we do then we'll have to use something for energy. But Americans are not ready for some more passive resources like solar energy."

Kirk Higgins, jr, Albuquerque, N.M.

"Before it happened I didn't really have any strong opinions, but now since it happened within 25 miles of my home I've re-evaluated my thoughts. I find myself more and more against nuclear power because it really seems stupid to play around with people's lives just for more energy."

Jess Schload, fr, Lititz, Penn.

"I think nuclear energy should be put away for awhile until we know more about it. I would be very much for developing other sources like solar energy or coal. Probably the best way to approach the problem would be to cut down on our consumption and use of energy."

Ruben Carrion, sr, Bolivia

Dear Editor:

We are writing in response to Bart Shank's letter concerning the play, "The Lady From Maxim's."

The play is a farce and was well publicized as being such. A farce is a light dramatic composition with broadly satirical comedy; a ridiculous or empty show. Farces are written to be laughed at.

The members of the cast do not personally advocate the type of looseness portrayed in the play, and it was not our intent to give the impression that McPherson College accepts it or approves of it.

Most of the people viewing the play, including those here for the Regional Youth Conference realized this and didn't walk away with the feeling that McPherson College condones that style of life. If anyone did,

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Capital Punishment — We don't need it!

I fail to see the logic of capital punishment. Capital punishment is the death penalty for crime. It is used as a deterrent to crime and is now used as a way to get rid of those who have taken others' lives. To be consistent under a law of capital punishment, shouldn't we kill the executor of a person sentenced to death. After all he or she would be committing premeditated murder.

Middle and upper class citizens use the norms that society has taught them to decide the destiny of the accused. I don't believe that God has a certain death date chosen for us and neither do I feel that we, as humans, should play a Godly role by judging others and deciding when a person's life should end. If we claim to be loving and forgiving people we should help others, not destroy them.

I think our present system of dealing with criminals needs a lot of improvement and updating. Locking any normal person (whoever that is) behind the bars of a cement cell will not contribute to making him a better person. I don't know how we expect it to help in the rehabilitation of a criminal.

Governor Carlin vetoed the bill on capital punishment a few weeks ago. I hope this will set a pattern for other states.

I think you can find scripture to support any side of any controversy if you take only the parts you want. I interpret the Bible to teach us to love, yes, even our enemies.

Marie Neher

Point Counterpoint

Capital Punishment — They deserve what they get!

During the past two weeks, proponents of capital punishment, myself included, have suffered two defeats. One being the veto of the death penalty in Kansas by Governor John Carlin, and the stay of a well-publicized execution.

I don't get my thrills by the idea of a person frying to death in an electric chair, nor that of a person suffocating in the gas chamber. However, I am relieved to know that an accused murderer will no longer be capable of taking another life. To me, a person who takes another's life is no longer a human being, but a sick animal. As long as there is no national death penalty system, what is left to make a person think twice before pulling the trigger.

I only support the death penalty when a person has taken a life in a premeditated fashion, or in the course of another felonious crime such as rape, robbery or hijacking. Sure Marie, you would probably love to "rehabilitate" these degenerates and turn them back out into society. Not me. What would keep them from committing another murder. Especially if the same cushy "rehabilitation" was in store. Life imprisonment is the same thing. To say nothing of parole.

Thanks to the views of yourself and others like you Marie, there are people like Charles Manson who may well be back out on the streets soon. When they do get out, would you mind if I gave them your address. Perhaps then you can see how well they have been "rehabilitated" "He that killeth any man shall surely be put to death." Leviticus: 24:17.

Greg Fenno

Senior notes difference in countries

Most of us know something about India, but few of us have had the opportunity to visit there. Smita Nirula, a senior at McPherson, is from New Delhi, India.

Smita chose McPherson College because of information she obtained from a friend who graduated from here. "Unless you have a Master's in India, it is very difficult to get information

on schools in America," she noted.

Getting a VISA was the hardest part about coming to school. "They keep asking for assurance that you're going to leave (the U.S.)," Smita stated.

Ever since she can remember, Smita has known English. She is equally at home with English or Hindi, which is spoken in most of northern India and can be un-

derstood almost anywhere in India.

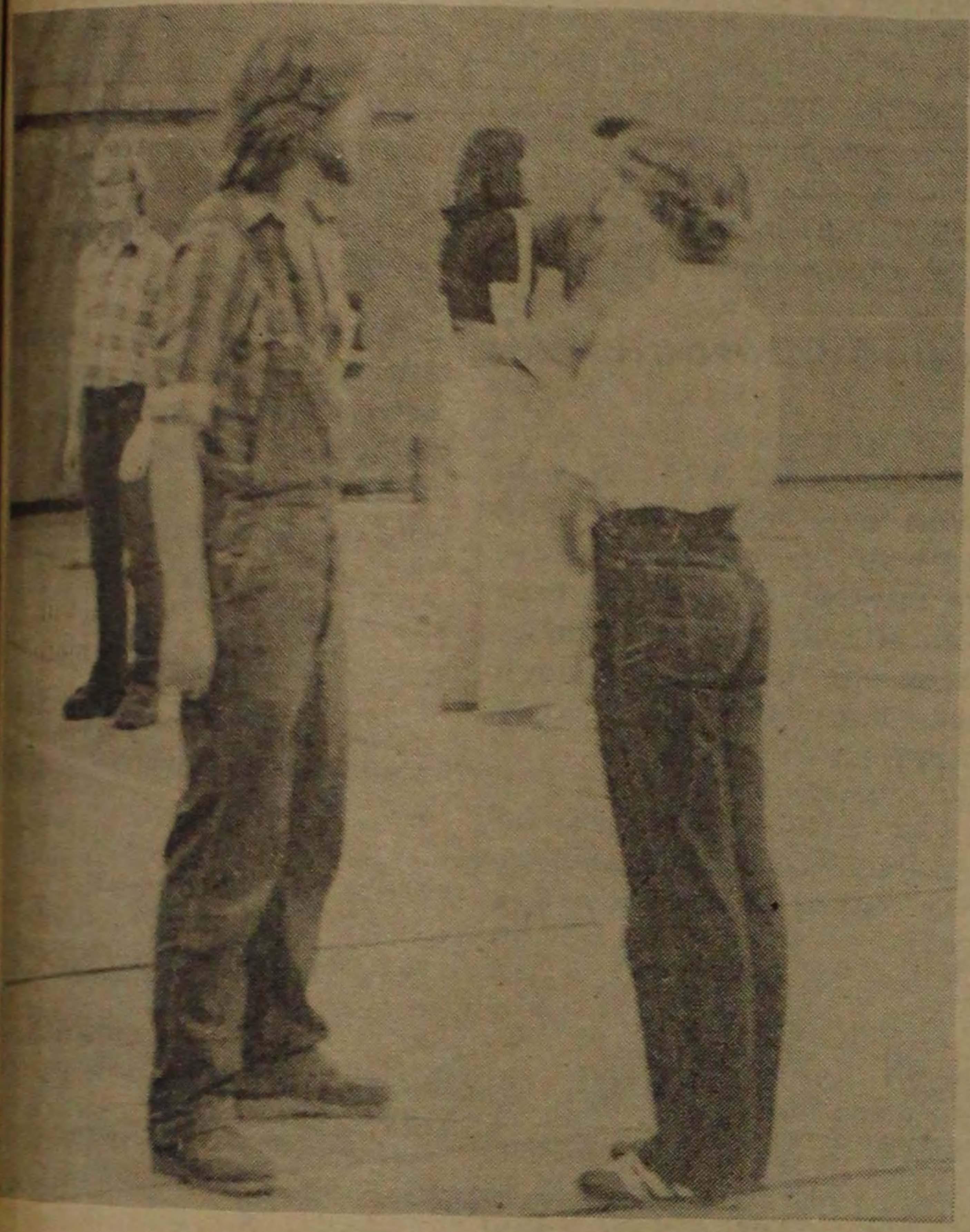
The reason behind this is that in India, Smita attended English medium schools. In these schools equal importance is put on English and Hindi. The students

don't try to convert people to our beliefs. We believe that as long as there is faith and belief in whatever you hold sacred, you're on the right track. Just because you don't believe the way I do, is no reason for me to condemn

manently. Money is important but it's not everything," she concluded.

What's in the future for Smita? After graduating in May, she'll either go to Wichita State University for graduate school or

"My first reaction to the States was to become more conservative in my own beliefs."



The Dotzour all night party kept many people out until wee hours of the morning enjoying the festivities. Square dancing in the gym was one of the first events and Dale Ziegler, fr., Elizabethtown, Penn. and Marie Weher, fr., Grundy Center, Iowa await instructions as they learn a new step. (photo by Petty)

are also required to know one other Indian language. Smita commented, "If you live in a place like Delhi long enough, you pick up other Indian languages."

Smita talked about the differences she has noticed between the United States and India.

"My first reaction to the States was to become more conservative in my own beliefs. In India we take life for what it is. We accept things more easily. We're not submissive but we don't get upset over things we have no control over," she said

Religion plays an important role in Indian culture. Smita's religion is Hinduism, as is most of India's population.

"Unlike most American's, we

you. "In Hinduism, duty is totally supreme to anything we do. It is so ingrained in you that you don't even think about it. If I used one word to describe Hinduism, it would be dharma. It is everything — duty, belief, honor.

"I think people in India can talk more sensibly about religion than people here. Most people think India is a backward, straight country with tight morals. We respect morals (your whole attitude toward life) and human beings.


"It's so materialistic here. I could never hack that per-

return to New Delhi to work for a newspaper, as she did before coming to the United States.

"I am going back. I don't care how long it takes me. New Delhi is a very beautiful city."

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Netters down 2 KCAC teams



Concentration and speed are all a part of the game as Ruben Carrion diverts the ball away from an on-coming opponent in a recent game. The Bulldogs will face the Strivers here on Sunday at 2 p.m.

(photo by Reynolds)

The tennis season is half over and the competition has been tough. The team has played such schools as Missouri Western, Kansas State University, Baker University, and Emporia.

The team has had three conference matches so far which were against Tabor on April 6, Bethel on April 14 and Bethany on April 17. The netters won both Tabor and Bethel with 9-0 matches. But Bethany proved to be tough since the Bulldog's top player, Craig Holman, was on the sidelines with a sprained ankle. They lost to Bethany 1-8. Dan Leddy was the only player to win in straight sets against Bethany. It is hoped that Holman will be back in action by the next meet.

Yesterday the Bulldogs met Coffeyville here, which is one of the top Junior Colleges in the state. But results were unavailable at press time.

Tomorrow the netters face Washburn and the University of Nebraska in Topeka. These are also fine teams and will prove to

be a tough challenge for the Bulldogs.

"All the players at one time or another have turned in excellent performances, we just need to have that happen all at one

time," explained Coach Jerry Holman.

The team is working hard to prepare for the conference meet in Wichita on May 3 and 4 which will decide the KCAC champions.

Soccer thrills fans

by Don Stinnette

McPherson's soccer club has played a rough early season schedule against the Kansas Soccer League Division B's best teams and stands poised, ready to make a run at first place. Although tied for fifth place among the division's nine teams, McPherson has already beaten one of the teams ahead of it, tied another, and lost by only one goal to the current leader.

Salina Internationals

McPherson's 3-3 tie with Salina in the season's first clash looks all the more impressive now as only two more goals have been scored against the Internationals in three more games, while they have racked up 21 more goals.

Wichita State's only loss so far was inflicted by McPherson the next week by an impressive 5-2 score.

Soccer club's banquet was held March 31. Last year's second place trophy was presented to athletic director, Dr. Don Rominger and M-Club president, Craig Holman. The guest speaker was Bill Voss, assistant director of the Kansas Soccer

Association, who spoke on the history and rise of soccer in Kansas.

On the next day, McPherson battled Abilene in the team's first home game. A large enthusiastic gathering of fans cheered the team on as McPherson gained an early 2-0 lead on the toe of Grand Odokara. Odokara scored on a high kick that slipped just under the bar and just over the goalie's hands.

But Abilene's talent became apparent as they tied the score before halftime. A third goal in the second half was all Abilene needed as they shut McPherson out, despite a furious late rally.

Kwik Shots

This Sunday on the home field McPherson faces the Kwik Shots, who have been outscored by a total of 16 goals in four games so far.

Part-time coach

Earlier this week McPherson soccer club acquired a part-time coach, Jerry Malone, who also coaches soccer at Central College. His knowledge and guidance will hopefully lead the team to a higher ranking and possibly the division title as the season progresses.

Heavy schedule for runners

by Don Stinnette

Track will enter its busiest week next week. Already underway are the Kansas University Relays which began Thursday and conclude tomorrow. McPherson's 400 meter relay team, consisting of Lathon Archie, fr, Frederick, Okla., John Hall, fr, Clarendon, Tex., Walt Gaston, fr, Mounds, Okla. and Phil Jones, fr, Tulsa, Okla. is competing at this large meet.

In recent meets, McPherson finished first in its own quadrangular by one point over Mid-America Nazarene. Also competing were Hesston and Central Colleges. McPherson men collected first place finishes in eight events.

In the women's bracket, Pam Tucker, fr, McPherson turned in an outstanding performance with an outstanding performance with first place finishes in the 100 meter and 200 meter, as well as anchoring both the 400 meter and 1600 meter relay teams.

Also gaining first places were Glenda Williams, jr, Derby in the

400 meter and Sandy Lang, fr, Abilene, in the 400 meter hurdles. The 400 meter relay team of Lang; Patti Brenneman, fr, Rocky Ford, Colo.; Kristen Goodfellow, soph, Lyons; and Tucker finished second, as did the 1600 meter relay team of Pam Higgins, fr, Albuquerque, N.M.; Goodfellow; Williams; and Tucker.

At the Bethany Invitational, McPherson men took ninth place out of 14 teams while the women managed tenth place out of 12 teams. High finishers for the men included Butch Jones, sr, Melvern who captured third in

the high jump, and the 400 meter relay team, which also took third.

Most recently, at the Bethel Invitational, McPherson tied for second place out of 10 teams. Although there were no official team totals at this meet, medals were given for first, second, or third place finishes in individual events. First place medals were won by Gaston in the 100 meter; Jim Kitson, jr, Haven, in the 800 meter; and the 400 meter relay team. Second place finishers were Phil Jones in the 200 meter; Brian Cordel, jr, Tipton, in the 400 meter hurdles; and Butch Jones, again in the high jump.

Two hikes to come

April 28 will be the date for an overnight campout at Kanopolis Reservoir. Students and others interested will be invited from Central College and Bethany College, which lies enroute to Kanopolis. Riders would probably leave early evening after supper, stay the night and return on Sunday morning.

A century ride (100 mile) is still being tentatively planned for May 5 to Wichita and back. Students at Hesston and Bethel Colleges will be invited to ride with McPherson's bikers on this undertaking.

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