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## Christmas to take place as usual

by Susan Melia

One of the traditionally favorite stories to go in newspapers just before breaks is the all-time favorite story dealing with the earthshaking question — "What are you doing during Christmas vacation?" Well, prepare yourself for a large dose of tradition, 'cause this is that article.

The results of this poll generally seemed to fall into three loosely defined categories — work, travel and rest.

First we have the workers. Helen Reynolds, so, Lawrence — "I'm not doing anything ex-

citing, just memorizing lines for drama tour."

Dan Mason, jr, Moulton, Iowa — "I had thought about staying here and studying, but I will just go home and work on the farm."

Then there are the more adventuresome individuals who travel.

Grand Odokara, sr, Nigeria — "I'm going to California, but you don't want to hear the rest."

Aaron Gragg, so, Quenemo — "I'm going to Iran, maybe do a little touring, of course it will be a very quick trip — kind of fly-by-night."

The majority seemed to agree

that a rest was in order.

Beth Feree, Panora, Iowa — "I'm going to indulge in the finer art of social loafing."

Terry Netolicky, sr, Lisbon, Iowa — "I am collapsing and trying to catch my breath, so I can finish my last semester and live."

Pat Loshbaugh, jr, Cedar Hill, Texas — "I'm not going to think — probably just play the piano."

Then there are those who don't quite seem to fit into any category.

Sandy Sharp, jr, Enders, Nebraska — "I am getting married, but I won't go into any details.

## Thanksgiving passes normally

by Franchiel A. Spencer  
Guest Writer

Though Thanksgiving was not established as a legal holiday until 1941, it was universally recognized as a holiday. People around the world celebrated this day with prayer and feast and they still do today. Thanksgiving is also a time for serious religious thinking and church services. It is celebrated on the Thursday before the last Thursday of November.

Recently, most McPherson College students left for home and other places for Thanksgiving break and

Thanksgiving Day. When these students had returned, some of them were asked how their Thanksgiving Day was spent. Most of the students spent the day with family and friends, catching up on what had been happening in their lives away from each other. They also had a big feast with turkey and-or ham and pumpkin pie.

On Thanksgiving Day people give thanks with feasting and prayer for the blessings they have received during the year. Nearly all of the students asked mentioned thanks for something or other.

When asked how much of the day was spent on prayer and church, many students responded that a special prayer was given over the food. Some students attended church that day, too.

Most of the students did not know many facts about how Thanksgiving started and why. The general reply was that long ago the Pilgrims and Indians sat and ate together in the New World. One person gave a full account of Thanksgiving as told in "Holidays Around the World" by Joseph Gaer.

Thanksgiving is an American holiday begun by the Pilgrims in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1621. At that time, the survivors of the Mayflower passengers celebrated their first harvest in the New World with a feast to which Governor Bradford invited Indian Chief Massasoit and ninety of his braves.

But actually, a thanksgiving for the annual harvest is one of the oldest holidays known to mankind, though it has been celebrated on different dates.

Although most American families no longer live in rural areas or on farms and are not completely familiar with harvest time, they can be thankful for their blessings throughout the year and the food that is made available for them. They may also be thankful for this time of reunion, prayer, and study break.

## 'Runner' opens tonight

by Pam Moore

Society today seems to be pretty insecure. People drift about, searching for something they are not even sure of, or they live in their own little box, getting married, going to work, raising children, growing old. Perhaps this is why we surround ourselves with institutions.

An institution is an established organization, a fixture, usually dedicated to public service, such as a government, a business, a college, or a church.

These institutions usually hold a certain amount of sway or control over the people subject to their jurisdiction. Sometimes that power can take on immense proportions when compared with that of other, less significant establishments.

One of the major institutions in the U.S. today is the Roman Catholic Church. It requires a great amount of sacrifice from those choosing to follow it through higher levels than simple church attendance, such as joining an order of priests or nuns.

Sometimes this creates a conflict in individuals belonging to one of these orders. A struggle may arise between a member's personal thoughts and feelings and the unchallenged authority and law of the Church.

This is the dominant theme of the play being presented by Alpha Psi Omega in the Little

Theatre this weekend. It is titled "The Runner Stumbles," and is being presented at 8:00 p.m. December 6, 7, 8, & 9. Cost for students and faculty is \$1.50 with I.D.

The play itself was taken from an actual trial in the early 1900's in which a priest was accused of murdering a nun.

"This is one of the best scripts we've done," says Rick Tyler, Professor of Speech and Drama. "It has a lot to say. It's not just speaking to the Church, but to all institutions which have power over their subjects, and questioning the right to have that power."

The cast is very strong. The characters are many and diverse, varying from laid-back to tormented. All but two of the cast members have had previous acting experience, but it is the first time that several of them have worked in a McPherson College production.

"The cast has been easy to work with, and fun. They have done a very good job in spite of having to work around the high school musical ("Camelot") and the drama tour we are conducting in January," commented Professor Tyler.

This play is very powerful in its content. Individual performances are polished, and the attitudes and styles of each performer are carried out with near-professionalism. This is one play that is worth seeing.

## Sidelines end year

SAGA Food Service Holiday schedule: The last meal served will be on December 12 at noon. Meal service will resume on Monday, January 7, with breakfast. The Snack Bar will serve until 3:30 p.m. on December 12 and will resume on January 7 at 9:30 a.m. Make your plans accordingly. No one wants to go hungry at Christmastime.

Residence halls will close on December 14 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone must be out of the halls by this time. The halls will re-open on Sunday, January 6. If you have housing problems, please go to Mohler 116 before you leave.

ALL library materials are due today, December 7.

If you will be graduating at the end of this semester or do not plan to return for interterm or spring semester, and you have a National Direct Student Loan, you are required to complete an exit interview before you leave McPherson College. This is a FEDERAL regulation. Contact Judy Butler at extension 15 for an appointment IMMEDIATELY.

SENIORS — anyone planning to graduate in December or January must stop by the Registrar's Office for a senior check IMMEDIATELY. Other seniors need to be checked as soon as possible.

Anyone interested in going on a cruise over Interterm. Cost is \$755 plus transportation to and from Miami. Students will visit some fifteen islands including Nassau. It's worth three hours of credit plus an additional two hours of possible P.E. credit for those wishing to help navigate the ketch "Sundancer" and learn to scuba. For details, contact John T. Sieben of Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri, at his office number: (816) 736-4131 extension 222, or at his home: (816) 736-5640. Tuition is included in the package price. McPherson students have gone on this cruise before; therefore, a special offer has been made for those wishing to attend this year.

That's all, folks. I'm retiring. Over to you, Don. (Spec will continue at the beginning of the second semester.)

## Student teachers learn trade

by Jim Kitson

Every semester, a group of McPherson College students participate in a student teacher program. Student teaching is a part of the required teaching block for all students who wish to get a teaching certificate.

Most of the student teachers are receiving either six or eight hours credit for their assistance and spend about the same amount of time in class or planning.

On each Wednesday during the first half of the semester, they observe the classes they will eventually be teaching. After midterm, they gradually start taking on some of the teaching responsibilities. By the last two or three weeks of school, they do almost all the teaching and have most of the say in what grades are given to the students.

This semester there are nine student teachers. They are working at different levels of education and in different areas.

In McPherson elementary schools are Nancy Bailey, Gene Ewert, Rachel Johnson and Gail Myers. Nancy is working in the

field of early childhood at the McPherson Community Day Care Center and Gene is working with the fourth grade at Lincoln Elementary. Helen is helping third graders at Roosevelt Elementary and Gail is assisting with music at Lincoln, Wicher-sham and Conway.

In the McPherson Secondary system are Butch Jones, Leah Awotundun and Jeff Miller.

Butch is teaching social studies and history at McPherson Junior High. Also at the Junior High is Leah who is teaching seventh grade home economics.

At McPherson Senior High, Jeff Miller is teaching biology I and II and applied science.

Lamonte Rothrock is at Hesston High School and Middle School helping with band and stage band.

Jeanie Rohrer is at Moundridge High School teaching home economics, meals-clothing and family relations.

At the end of semester, they will be finished with their student teaching and will have some of the on the job experience needed for a teaching career



# We still get letters and invitations

Dear friends, enemies, supporters and detractors,  
 This is it — the absolutely last issue of the Spectator for which I will serve as editor. I could become very sentimental and inform you that I have truly enjoyed serving in this highly influential position, but actually, I am more than ready to let the highly capable Mr. Stinnette step up and influence you for awhile. It's been an interesting experience, though.  
 — Carolyn Lengel, editor emeritus

Dear students,  
 Would you like college life to be more enjoyable? If so, contact a few of your friends who are planning on attending college next fall, and mention McPherson College to them. Your best opportunity will be during Christmas vacation.  
 First of all, it's the people around you that make a college tick. Mac College is similar to a majority of small colleges. We offer similar types of facilities, sports programs, and academic opportunities.  
 After all, what are your reasons for attending Mac? Probably, your friends would enjoy Mac College for the same reasons.  
 Can you imagine your favorite friends (Ladies included) and you attending McPherson next fall? What a riot campus life will be!

W. W. Roberts  
 R. A. Hamilton

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
 Recognizing the strong German element and heritage of our area and its churches, the German departments of McPherson College and Junior and Senior High Schools, along with the McPherson Church of the Brethren, are holding an inter-denominational German Christmas Carol Fest on the second Sunday in Advent, December 9, at 7:00 P.M. It is our hope that you will be able to come and add your contribution to this time of fellowship and sharing of our area's German background. All are heartily invited, and need not know German to participate and share. The evening will consist primarily of singing German Christmas carols, plus some special numbers from area groups. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Come and take part in a meaningful worship service and reminder of our past.  
 Mit freundlichsten Grussen in Christo Jesu,  
 — McPherson Church of the Brethren  
 — McPherson College, Dept. of German  
 — McPherson Jr. and Sr. High School, German Departments.  
 P.S. McPherson College senior Lorie Shepard (Portland, Oregon) has taken the major responsibility of the service. All three German classes from the college will be participating in segments of the program.

# Editorial Dotzour women are under lock and key

by Carolyn Lengel

Every night at the appointed hour, the doors lock. Anyone without a magic wand to open them must disturb someone inside, or, presumably, turn into a pumpkin. And woe betide she who finds a friend to open a door for her between the witching hours of one and five a.m.! Buzzers cleverly designed for the express purpose of waking the dead resound throughout one portion of the building. Better to remain outside and battle dragons than risk the wrath of awakened maidens.

This little scenario will no doubt ring a bell (no pun intended) with all on-campus females and most on-campus males. Yes, the building in question is none other than our own Dotzour Hall, a dormitory rigged with enough "protective" features to safeguard the Vestal Virgins. And Dotzour is the only dormitory on campus with such an extensive safety system — in fact, the only one with any safety system at all.

Why is this?

Dotzour is, of course, also the only women's dorm on the McPherson College campus. Presumably, the administration (or whoever is responsible for the safety system) is of the opinion that on-campus females require an extra dose of protection from, well, whatever. A failure to lock and bolt all the damsels into their home away from home might result in the most unspeakable atrocities being visited upon their persons. (But probably not.)

Actually, the major function of the "safety system" seems to be to provide a hassle to the very residents of the hall it ostensibly protects, as detailed in the opening paragraph. Safety can hardly be counted as a major factor, since a) each room's door is equipped with a lock of its own, and b) anyone sincerely desiring entrance into the dorm, even now, can easily find a way in.

Sexism is such an all-purpose label that it has lost much of its clout, but it seems to be the word most applicable to this situation. There is no real reason for bolting and wiring Dotzour Hall shut at night. This "safety system" is merely an archaic remnant of earlier blatantly sexist rules to "protect" Mac College women. It has outlived its usefulness, if indeed it ever had any. An immediate removal of this system is in order.

# Semester reviewed

Once again we find ourselves staring at the end of a semester. Our eyesight is now blurred for continuous studying. For many, class projects and papers have seemingly drained our very souls. The richness and vivid color of these last few months now fades into pastel memories as we look to the end of finals week and Christmas at home. Just for a moment now, in the midst of tests, studying, parties, and confusion, come with me and review the joys and frustrations of college life since those heated days of late August.

This semester has somehow flown by and yet that early campout at Kanopolis seems very far away. Do you remember the campfire, can you hear the singing and can you see the lightning flashing out over the lake just hours before dawn? Surely this semester has been a significant part of life, for we have all changed and grown so much since that first day of class.

Many of us had not met before August. We lived hundreds and even thousands of miles apart but now we can say "Ah yes, you are my friend." Others of us have been on campus with each other for one, two, and three years but now we can say, "Hey, now I know you as a person. I see you differently than I did last year. Yes, our friendship has grown." To others we might ask, "Why have we drifted apart with time? What was once there is now no longer."

Turn back for the moment to the grueling pre-season football practice. Remember the many hours invested in practice, the wild roller skating party, the choir concert at the State Fair with no money for lunch, memories of Doug Hansen and hopes of his return to remain with us, or the many hours of labs in Harnly Hall. This semester cyclists pedaled to Hutchinson, Sterling, Marion, and Wichita, the choir sold thousands of oranges & grapefruit, the soccer team played in the sandburrs of Fort Riley, and cream pies went flying during the homecoming fair. We have enjoyed concerts by Radford, Lewis & Comapny, Found Free and Scott Young. Some of us journeyed to Wichita Falls for tornado disaster work. Others traveled to Bethel for the New Call to Peace Making Conference, to Hutchinson for supper with friends, and to football, volleyball and basketball games throughout central Kansas.

Yes, having experienced these 16 weeks of college, life will never be the same. The changes may have been painful at times and exciting at others. We've felt both the loneliness of our dark room and the warmth of late night discussions with a friend. In the diversity of the college experience, one thing is universal...  
**WE'VE GROWN!**

—Curt Thill

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# Scientific grant sought

Anyone who has taken science courses this semester is well aware of the extra time professors have had to spend on some mysterious project a few weeks ago. However, when students hear of the possibilities which this project could offer, many will probably think the time required was well spent.

Everyone is trying to get their share out of the federal barrel, and McPherson College is certainly no exception. Financing for the proposed project would come from the federal program called Comprehensive Assistance to Undergraduate Science Education (CAUSE), in association with the National Science Foundation.

To become eligible for the financial assistance requested, a forty page proposal was prepared, including a twenty page project description, along with twenty more pages of appendices and personnel qualifications. Proposals which had previously been accepted were studied by the natural science faculty to aid in drawing up an acceptable report to submit to the N.S.F., so hopes are high that this project will also be accepted.

This project has the full support of the college administration, as evidenced by President Hoffman's local review statement in the proposal, in which he says, "This program is considered by the faculty and administration of McPherson College to be the overall best way of improving the existing natural science curriculum of McPherson College. The science faculty is united in their enthusiasm for the concept described in this proposal and are convinced the objectives are attainable. The administration is eager to see that no institutional barriers prevent the full implementation of this project."

Perhaps the best way to describe the project, which is officially entitled "Development of an Interdisciplinary Program for Science Majors" would be to quote the project summary on the first page of the proposal:

"This proposal requests assistance in the development of an undergraduate interdisciplinary research experience required of all natural science majors. The goal is to have students gain a better understanding of the scientific process, the interrelatedness of science disciplines and scientific research through a research experience.

The project is unique in that 1) the entire natural science faculty will work together as a team to select, plan and direct all science majors in an interdisciplinary program which focuses on a single research theme of local interest; and 2) the individual student projects will be carefully planned so as to vary in difficulty being matched to the student's ability.

N.S.F. assistance is requested for 1) Faculty development and released time relating to establishment and evaluation of the program, 2) Educational and research consultants, 3) Development of new undergraduate research

laboratories, 4) Instruments and equipment for student research use, 5) Supporting library materials."

The amount of aid requested for equipment only, including such advanced instruments as a gas chromatograph, atomic absorption, infrared and UV-Vis spectrophotometers, a photomicroscope, growth chambers, incubators, as well as other "goodies", totals over \$60,000. Improvements on existing research laboratories and the establishment of a computation center in Harnly Hall are estimated to cost over \$33,000. As you can see, the numbers are big and the additions and renovations would be quite significant to the natural science program.

A possible choice of the focus selected for major research emphasis is the study of one or more plants which are native or introduced to the central Kansas area. Adapted plants such as Eastern Gamma Grass, Goldenrod, and Amaranthus are potential non-traditional sources of food and hydrocarbons, and are possible candidates.

Implementation of the project would take place over three years, with the research program beginning in the spring of 1981. Leadership during the grant period would be provided by the Program Director, Dr. Richard P. Zerger. Decisions related to implementation, research project selection, and evaluation would be made by a

committee consisting of all six science faculty members.

As for expected benefits, here are some mentioned in the proposal: "The proposed program would be especially beneficial to those who otherwise would never have a research experience. In a way that nothing else but experience can show them, the students will understand more fully that "scientific knowledge" is not only inexorably linked to the "scientific process" but also is absolutely limited to the inherent nature of that process".



# Greenhouse serves college

by Harold Briscoe  
Guest Writer

An integral medium of study used in educating McPherson College's agriculture and biology students is the college greenhouse, located at the back of Harnly Hall. Under the supervision of Dr. Gilford Ikenberry, biology, this 17-year-old facility was built with the financial help of some McPherson businessmen.

It was one of the first greenhouses in the area to have fiberglass roofing. According to Dr. Ikenberry, "A number of the state universities at that time were experimenting and discovered it (fiberglass) was a good material, in addition to its hail resistance."

Basically a teaching greenhouse, it contains a variety of plants. There are Venus flytraps, bananas, figs, and a number of other tropical plants. Two or three laboratory sessions in general botany and plant physiology are worked in the greenhouse, as well as one lab in crop science and one in geology.

Though winter is almost upon us, in no time at all it will be spring again and time for the Botany class to get into full swing. Students enrolled in that class are fortunate enough to have a greenhouse for a classroom. Dr. Ikenberry says

"The students in the different classes, especially botany, really enjoy working there and find it helpful. They find it stimulating to experiment and work with the plants, to get their fingers in the dirt."

Although the greenhouse is locked at night, students are free to visit it during the day. The facility is not used for the sale of plants or to raise them for the campus grounds.

During the holidays, students are not allowed to board their plants in the greenhouse. This is due to limited space and the threat of disease from incoming plants.

Botany students perform an exercise in which they take cuttings from a variety of plants. They are then free to keep the cuttings and begin their own plants. "I talked to a former student last summer who has several plants in her home that she started when she took botany about twelve years ago," commented Dr. Ikenberry.

And so, the greenhouse continues to serve the students of the college. It is one facility that may be unknown to some, but provides a great deal of enjoyment and knowledge to many others.

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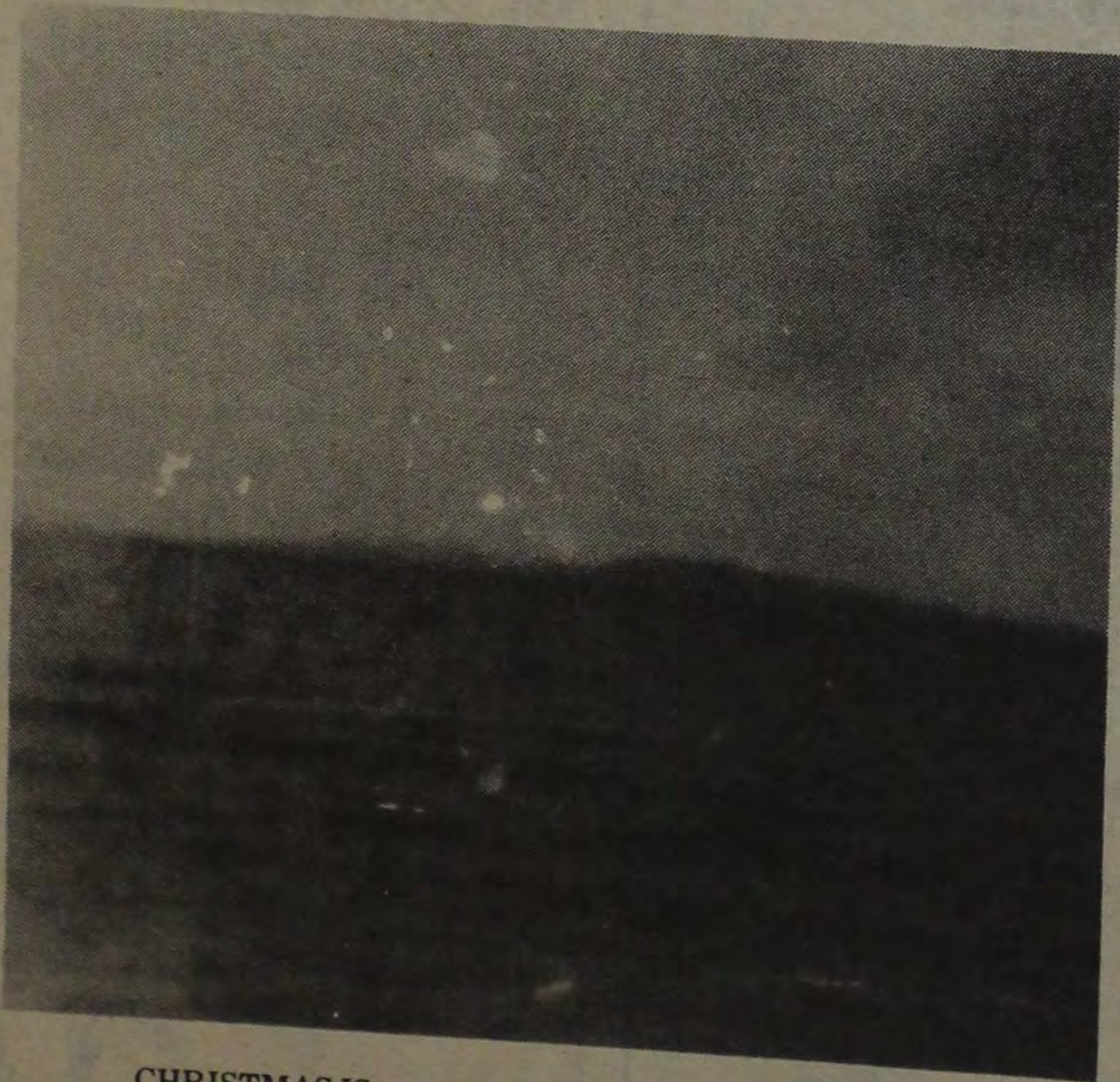
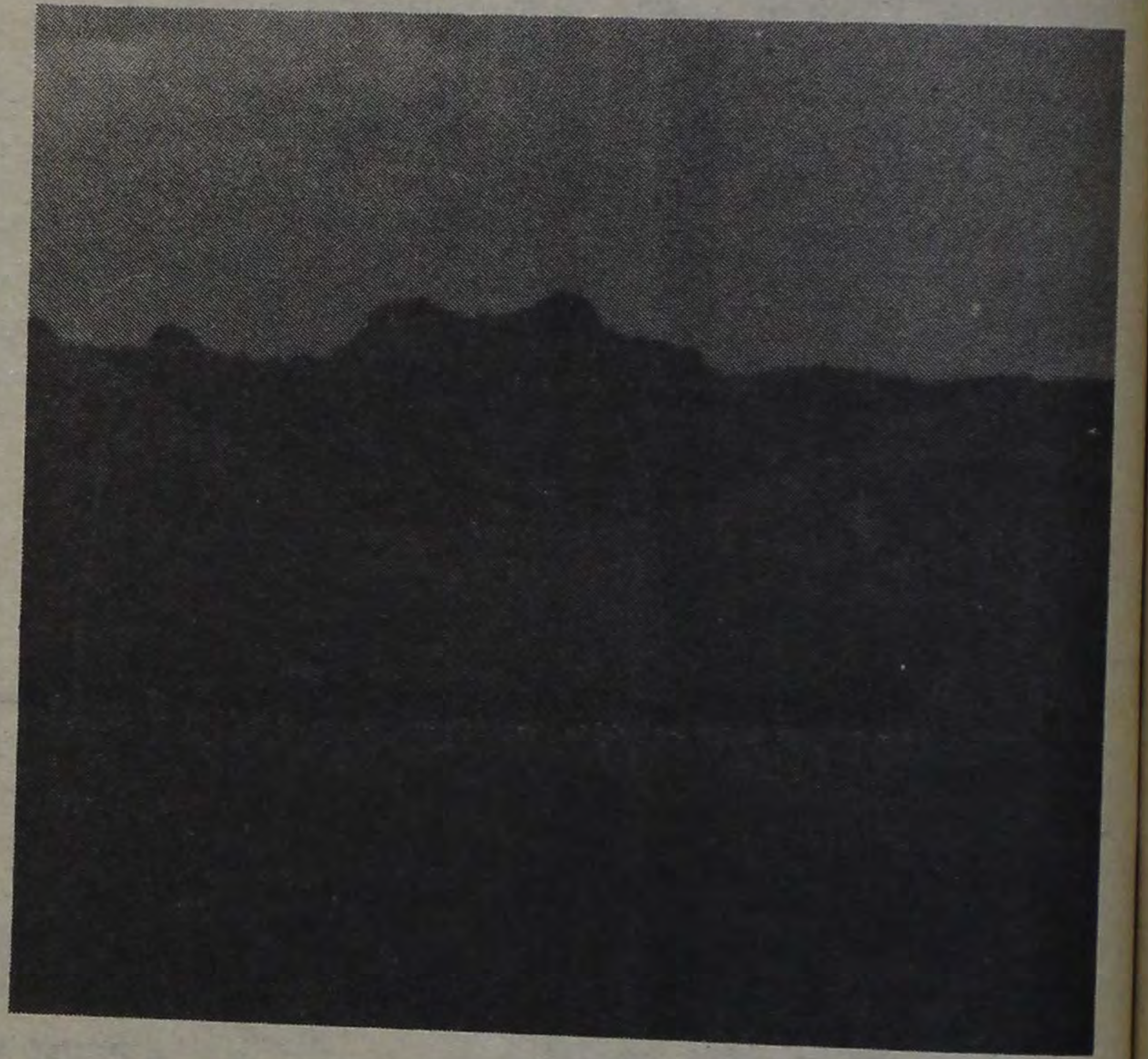
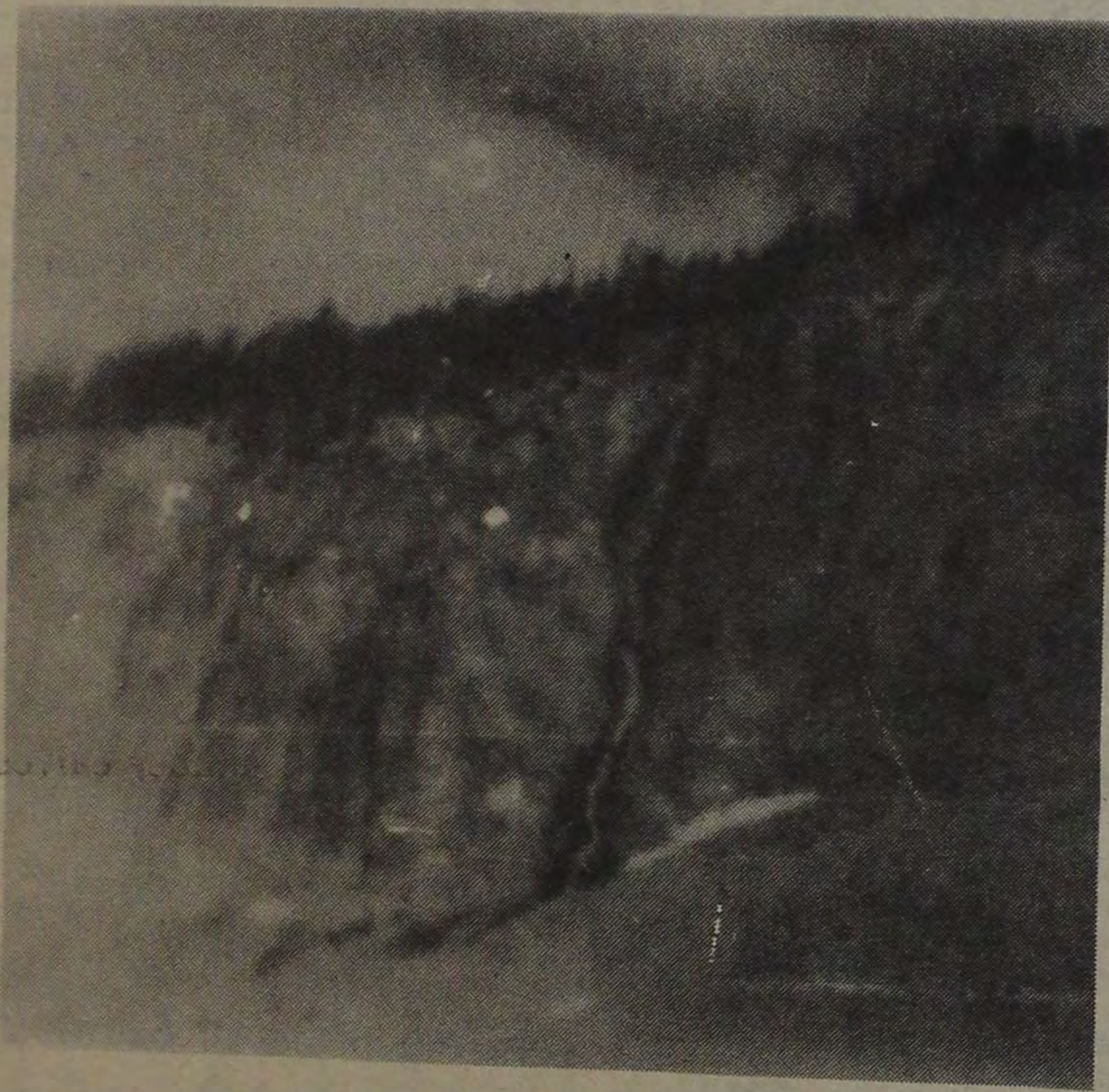
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 Christmas is a special time when friends draw close and near. They thank the Lord up in the sky for blessings of the year. They praise and glorify his name for things not seen or heard. And know that he will in return keep passing on his word.

by Linda Butler

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On Leaving  
by Susan Melia

A flower bloomed just  
yesterday,  
rainbow colors sparkling of  
dew  
lined my path.  
Wild flowers that grew  
without warning,  
filled my heart with prism  
broken lights.  
Now only green,  
and the soft white  
messengers floating  
ahead on the wind,  
to line my path  
serendipity clouds of prism  
broken light.

# Mac students share their talents

Ghost River  
by Susan Melia

I tread the sand of cactus  
home  
the beds of river gone  
whose vapor tears cling to  
salty rock.  
Sand creek, how seldom  
you see life.  
Rush in blindly, foam and  
roar,  
then, like your ghost, the  
cactus flower,  
fade before next light.

Cloud Cover  
by Susan Melia

Liquid prism of refracted  
light  
rainbow in transit  
why fall on me today?  
Your demure mother guar-  
ds you from the eye  
of he who brings the colors  
to your cheeks.  
Then sit on my shoulder  
and cry,  
you and I shall be gray  
today,  
together.

Just Clowning Around  
(for Pam)  
by Susan Melia

Enter the jester (stage  
left).  
King of fools and fool of  
kings.  
Masked by grease paint  
and satin bright,  
bright like the trickster's  
hand,  
leading the eyes of the  
crowd  
away from the delicate  
prize.  
Bright colored satin and  
grease paint  
only defense from the  
crowd.

When you feel pain  
I feel pain  
When you want to cry  
I have broad shoulders.  
But I cannot take the pain  
And stop the stab.  
Only God can do that.  
As long as you are human  
You will hurt  
As long as I am human  
I will not fully understand.  
Only God can take your  
pain  
And make it stop  
Only God can take my in-  
sight  
And make me more sen-  
sitive.  
Remember that I love you  
But God loves you more.  
—Beth Ferree



Liberation  
by Susan Melia

Breathing the rhythm of  
sleep,  
the coarseness of brown  
on the soft of his cheeks,  
the soul of man lies  
sleeping,  
dreaming of rest he can't  
find.  
I bear the burden of wat-  
ching,  
pillow of rest for his sleep,  
follow the dreams of his  
living,  
wiping cold sweat from his  
face.  
Only to wait and to listen,  
feeling the spear in his  
side,  
hoping someday to awaken  
him,  
back to the safety of love.

Hate  
by Susan Melia

Hate grew inside  
and chewed and ate  
till it rose tall —  
translucent and hungry —  
like last years potatoes  
in the hollow earth shell of  
a cellar.

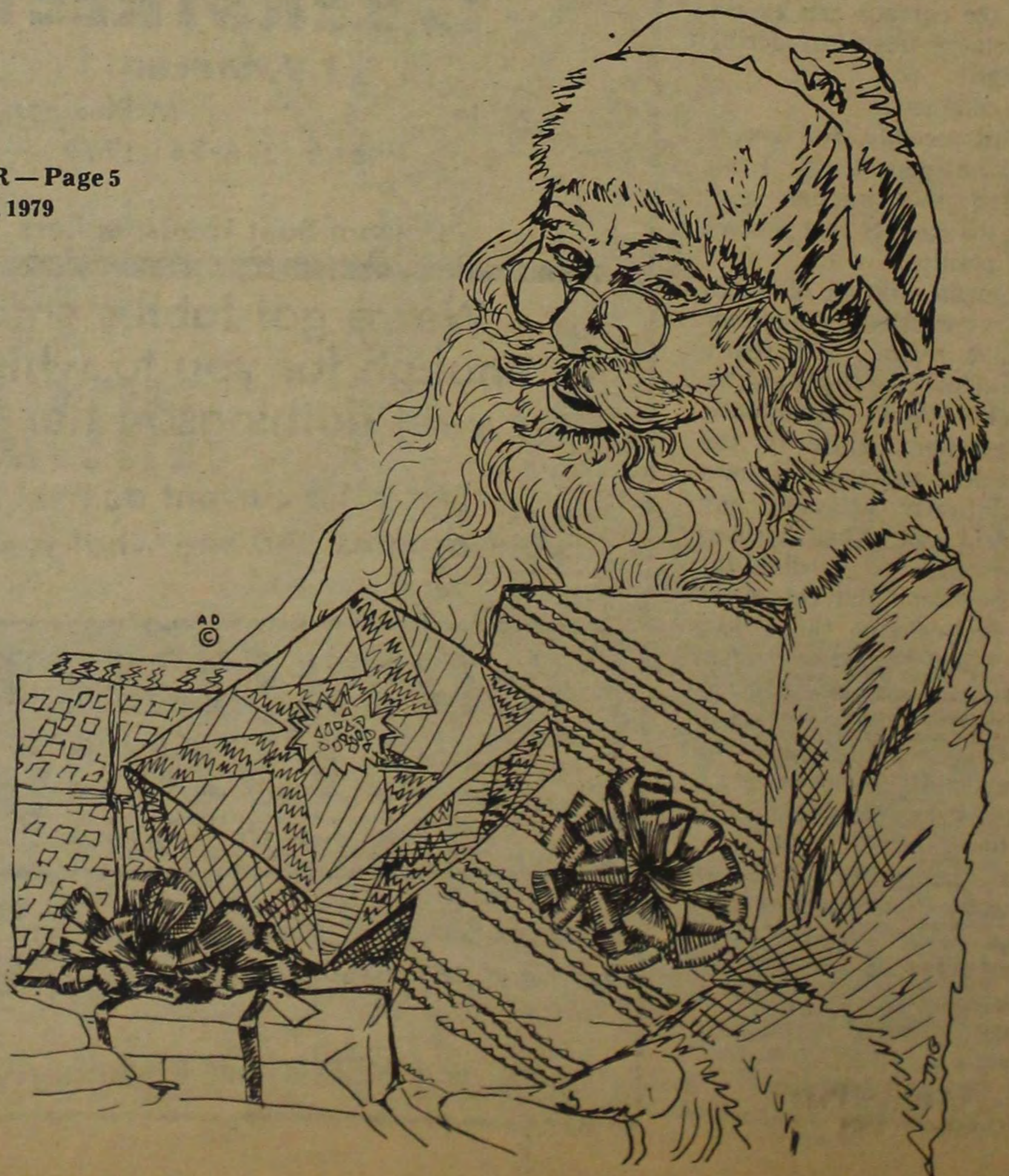
Drouth  
by Susan Melia

Locoweed scent of rain in  
the wind  
Sends dry desert ponies  
raging in flight,  
Somber calves kicking the  
air.  
Chuckles of rain crow  
Weeping of dove  
Call to the maiden  
"Let down your hair."

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Happy Birthday Lord  
And many happy returns  
I've got your present  
All picked out and wrapped  
In the best paper I could  
find  
Can I help it if the funny  
paper  
Seemed most appropriate?  
It reminded me of the  
times  
I've done silly things  
And we both laughed.  
I guess I picked the funny  
paper  
Because I love you so much  
And I always laugh  
With those I love.

—Beth Ferree



# Ayatollah consents

## — exclusive interview

by Carolyn Lengel

While the attention of the world has been riveted on Iran, actions of an equally bizarre and potentially dangerous nature have been taking place here on the campus of McPherson College. A quiet, unobtrusive senior from Elizabeth, Colorado, Mr. Donald Stinnette, has suddenly become a near-demagogue with awesome power over his followers. Rumors of distasteful activities in the embassy of the nation of Fahnstock prompted the Spectator to request an interview with the now-great man. Permission was difficult to obtain, but at last attempts were successful.

One reporter and one photographer were granted the right to ascend to the Fahnstock room wherein Stinnette resides. Two armed bodyguards of his accompanied them and waited outside the door during the interview. Inside, the powerful man sat cross-legged on a couch, smoking incense and listening to strange Eastern music (see photos). After dismissing the guards, Stinnette allowed the interview to begin. A transcript follows.

Carolyn Lengel: How should outsiders address you?

Ayatollah Stinnetti: I am known officially as the "Mostly Holy Ayatollah Stinnetti."

CL: How shall I address you, sir?

AS: I guess "your most blessed worship" is simple enough.

CL: Your most blessed worship, what prompted your temporary takeover of the girls' dorm last Friday evening?

AS: That was not a takeover. That was merely a preliminary inspection.

CL: So the campus can expect other acts of terrorism during your reign?

AS: No comment.

CL: Until recently, few people knew who you were. What prompted this sudden rise through the ranks to your present exalted position?

AS: It began a couple of weeks ago. Two members of the former oppressive regime, last year's vice president Ken Hogle and his sidekick Carl Hunnicutt, returned from exile in the Godforsaken wasteland of Iowa and blatantly attacked my benevolent rule. They accused me personally of sending the dorm into debt. But before we could apprehend these two chucks, they escaped once again to the state of Iowa. We have now sent word to the government of Iowa that we want these two insurrectionists returned, along with their dog Shawnee, called Shah for short. We want them, and until we get them back, we will hold all native Iowans hostage. They are continuing normal activities so as not to arouse suspicion and cause a military uprising against my regime.

CL: Many observers are disturbed by the apparently

mindless devotion paid you by your followers. How did you earn their loyalty?

AS: I know not. It must come from Allah above.

CL: Do you expect them to remain loyal?

AS: I expect unquestioning loyalty. The Iowans we have for hostages have been warned that any attacks on the nation of Fahnstock or its leader will result in their instant execution.

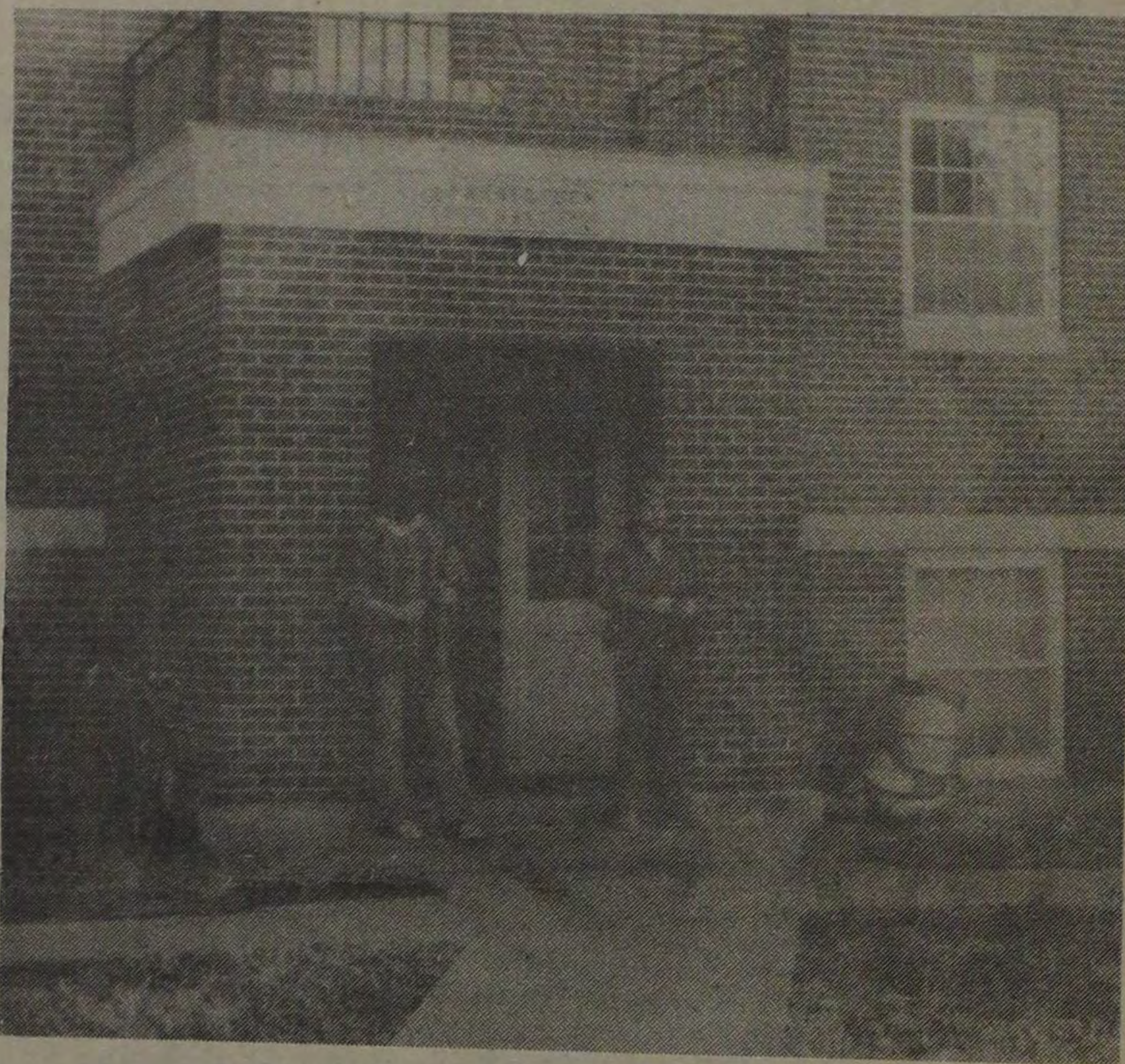
CL: Would you care to dispel the rumors of hideous punishments inflicted on dissenters to your rule? Or are these rumors true?

AS: We have not as yet inflicted

these rumored cruel punishments against the dissenters, but I will not rule out that possibility in the future.

CL: A few days ago, as you mentioned, the two chucks posted signs here in the embassy urging your assassination. Did they leave under their own volition, or did you drive these two away, or...

AS: They escaped before we could figure out a safe way of disposing of them. They came without warning and they left without warning, so we did not have a chance to apprehend them and try them for their hideous



crimes. They will receive a fair trial, by the way.

CL: Who will try them?

AS: I suppose I will have to serve as their judge, and there will be no jury. The executioners will be ready as soon as the trial is over.

CL: Why do you hate Iowans so? Simply because one of your enemies is an Iowanian?

AS: I have continually been abused by certain Iowans, both verbally and physically.

CL: Do you care to name names?

AS: Actually, all Iowans are included. Of course, Tim Cox, as an open Raider fan, already has one strike against him.

CL: What sort of plans have you made to protect yourself against death threats?

AS: You saw my bodyguards. There are others - some prefer to remain underground. I have my

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CL: Please tell the waiting world a little about your bizarre beliefs on religion and politics.

AS: My beliefs and politics are too bizarre for print.

CL: How long do you feel your rule here can last?

AS: Only Allah knows. However, I do expect to maintain full power at least until the end of next semester.

CL: Who are the other high-ranking officials in your cabinet?

AS: My right-hand man is Doug Lengel. Of course the other members of my council are Iowanians and they have lately fallen from my grace - Paul Neher and Tim Cox. My resident assistants, John Hoffman, Dave Butler, and Tom Mason, have been very helpful. There are others who assist in my pursuits - my bodyguards, Lloyd Snell, Aaron Gragg, Doug Duncan, Sid Gauby...yes, I have many allies and supporters. I also have contacts with the StuCo president, Curtis Thill. And I was just talking to Jimmy Carter last night. He informed me that the nation of Fanny had been under attack at the time of our preliminary inspection. I promised him a couple dozen barrels of crude for the information.

CL: Has the situation in Iran made any difference in your own reign?

AS: The publicity which Khomeini has received of late has helped me to strengthen my hold on this nation of Fanny.

CL: Do you consider yourself fit for leadership?

The Ayatollah's calm demeanor was, for the first time, disturbed at this question. "What?" he shrieked. "Guards! Guards!" As the two posted bodyguards burst into the room, he cried, "Take them away! This interview is terminated!" I pleaded that I had more questions. After a moment of consideration, he agreed to continue on the condition that I retract the question. I did so. The reader is invited to draw his or her own conclusions as to the answer.

CL: What is the future of this operation?

AS: That is not material for publication.

CL: How can McPherson College know that your intentions are honorable?

AS: Trust me.

CL: Are you doing these things because of your religious convictions, or because of a lust for power?

AS: Mostly just your basic inexorable and unquenchable desire for power.

CL: Is it true that you are a heavy drug user and expect your disciples to be the same?

AS: To safeguard my source I will not answer that question.

CL: How does one become a follower of the Ayatollah Stinnetti?

AS: Simply take a pledge of unquestioning loyalty to my person. When you take this pledge you must kiss each of my toes ten times. I could make you kiss something more holy even than that, but that would hardly be in the good taste for which I

am noted.

CL: Are free drugs a fringe benefit of the position of your disciple?

AS: Of course not. My followers pay a decent price, the same as everybody else.

CL: Tell our readers a little bit about your lifestyle.

AS: I am an incessant spades player, and I hate to lose. I also love Risk, the world conquering game. Every once in a while I pick up the books and perhaps study a bit. Perhaps.

CL: Is it true that you are severely prejudiced against females?

AS: This is true. I despise them.

CL: Why, then, did you allow a female foreign journalist and photographer to enter here today and speak to you?

AS: To dispel any vicious rumors which might have been circulating about my regime, and to show that even a leader as great as I am can have a measure of

compassion and open-mindedness.

CL: Of what sort of activities do you approve or disapprove?

AS: What did you have in mind?

CL: I'm asking you.

AS: I am not one to judge such activities.

CL: What do you think is the best policy for McPherson College to take in dealing with you?

AS: Let me put it this way. If they know what's good for them, they'll leave me alone. Many administration and faculty members will remember what happened in the spring of 1977.

CL: What final words of wisdom would you care to impart?

AS: Words of wisdom? My wisdom is beyond words.

Thus concluded the interview. Let the reader be forewarned.

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# Letter from the editor

As the unfortunate soul destined to be saddled with the responsibility of the position of editor-in-chief of this publication for the spring semester, I find myself filled with trepidation. As many of you will remember, the Spectator got off to a slow start this fall, missing an issue that probably would have been included in more productive years. This was due to an almost total lack of personnel for reporting and editing. In fact, I was the only returnee from last year's editing staff, and I had received relatively little experience.

Somehow we have managed to fill the pages (for the most part) for eleven issues with a skeleton staff, but most of these people will be unable to continue in their capacities next semester. We have to start almost from scratch

again, and, frankly, we are up a creek.

So, once again, we will send out the message throughout the land: We need reporters, editors and photographers for spring semester. Round out your spring schedule with an hour's credit in Reporting or Editing Practice. Those of you who may feel like writing your own stories or editorials occasionally are most welcome to do so, but we need some dependable writers for regular work.

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## Coming For Christmas.

## Women's B.B. begins

by Sandy Lang

The start of the 1979-80 season for the McPherson women's basketball team saw the Bulldogs drop two games to non-conference foes Ottawa 47-36 and Kansas Newman 62-59, but clinch their first conference match against Sterling in a strong 67-46 victory.

In a slow-paced game against Ottawa, scoring was low with Susie Morales and Tracy Griffis each getting 10 and 8 points respectively, and Dian Proffit and Kathy Howell tying for rebound honors with 9 each. The roundhouse was the scene of a close offensive battle between McPherson and Kansas Newman, with Newman winning by a narrow margin of 3 points in the first home game. Tracy Griffis was high scorer with 24 points, followed by Sandy Lang with 12, who was also high rebounder with 13.

On Nov. 27, the women Bulldogs succeeded in capturing

their first win, beating Sterling 67-46 in the roundhouse, led by T. Griffis's 23 points and S. Morales' 18.

The Bulldogs then traveled to Topeka to compete in the Universal Inn tournament sponsored by Washburn University. The women lost to the tourney champions, Lincoln University on Friday, 85-41, a quick, fast team from Missouri. Then on Saturday, McPherson dropped the game to host Washburn Univ. with a score of 66-41. Coach Paul Graber felt the team gained experience from the tournament. "By playing quality teams we expect to prepare ourselves for the conference race."

McPherson had three conference games this week. For the first game, the women traveled to Friends on Dec. 3, and then they played host to St. Mary's on Wed. and Bethany tomorrow, the 8th. They hope to keep a perfect conference record, building on their 1-0 record thus far.

## Men's B.B. Starts slow

This year's men's basketball team is placing its hopes on an experienced guard corps led by All-District 10 candidates Mike Davis and Doug Gayer. Front liners for the Bulldogs are small and inexperienced. Sophomores Byron Thill and Lindall Cox at 6'5" and 6'7" respectively have logged the most game time and look good early. Brian Cordel (6'1", Sr.) is rounding into a fine swingman and a great deal of help is expected from seniors Kirk Higgins (6'4") and Randy Farres (6'2"). Sophomores Jack Koehn (6'1") and David Mollhagen (6'5") are also expected to see a lot of action. Other members of the Mac squad are sophomore Bart O'Dwyer, and freshmen Kevin Huddleston, Tom Crawford, Kent Garrison, and Joe Ricketts.

The Bulldogs, though not expected to be a front runner, showed they could play competitive basketball as they led a strong Ottawa University team mid-way through the second half before dropping a 68-58 decision. They also lost to Kansas Newman 67-87 and Sterling 66-73.

## Sport schedule

December 8 — Bethany at Mac — women's basketball at 5:30, men's basketball at 7:30	January 12 — Southwestern there — women
December 12 — Fort Hays State there — men's basketball	January 16 — Friends University here — men and women
December 16 — Colorado College at Colo. Springs — men	January 19 — Bethel here — men and women
December 17 — Denver University there — men	January 22 — Tabor there — men and women
January 3, 4, 5 — Bethel Invitational — men	January 26 — Sterling there — men and women
January 8 — Kansas Wesleyan there — Men's and women's basketball	January 29 — Mid-America Nazarene — here women
January 10 — Tabor here — women's basketball	February 2 — St. Mary of the Plains there — men and women

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