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## 'Miracle Worker' unveiled tonight

As opening night draws nearer and nearer, and nerves tighten up, the cast and crews of "The Miracle Worker" are preparing for the best Homecoming play to ever hit the McPherson College campus. This will be "The Miracle Worker's" second appearance on the stage here during the Homecoming season. The reason for this is that nineteen years ago, "The Miracle Worker" was performed on the college stage, and we would like to welcome back all the alumni who participated in that production.

The play takes place on the Keller homestead in Alabama during the 1880's. The Keller family, after much prompting from a determined Aunt Ev (Eva Deaton) decides to write an institute in Boston for a suitable governess to possibly teach Helen (Lori Christi) how to behave like a human being. Dr. Anagnos (Tom Netolicky), after reading the Keller's letter, hands over the task of teaching a deaf-blind child to a very close and special student of his, Annie Sullivan (Pam Thies), who is a stubborn, young Irish girl of twenty.

For Annie, the moment she steps on the Keller homestead,

till the Miracle occurs, it is an uphill battle for acceptance, not only by Helen, but with the rest of the Keller family. Kate Keller (Helen Reynolds), placid wife of the domineering Captain Keller (Lyle Lichty), proves to him, through her determined will, that Miss Sullivan is exactly what Helen needs, even though many of the actions between Annie and Helen are painful to the whole family. James (Greg Fenno), is yet another problem for Annie,

because of his sarcastic teenage manners and the war he is constantly waging with the family, as well as with himself.

There are many reasons to come see the play this Homecoming season, but the best reason to come see "The Miracle Worker" is to enjoy a relaxing evening, watching an uplifting, heart-rending miracle take place. Show times are: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20 at 8:00 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.



Kate Keller (Helen Reynolds) looks on unhappily as Annie (Pam Thies) has it out with Helen (Lori Christi) in "The Miracle Worker".

## King and Queen awaited by court

This Saturday at halftime of the Homecoming football game the Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned. By popular demand two of these students will be chosen to oversee the festivities of the game with Kansas Wesleyan.

The King candidates are: Dan Leddy, Jim Kitson and Kirk Higgins. The Queen candidates are: Kim Eisele, Janet Sheaffer and Kristen Goodfellow.

Dan Leddy is a Senior, Business Administration major from Conway Springs.

Jim Kitson is a Senior, Business Administration major from Haven.

Kirk Higgins is a Senior, Biology major from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Kim Eisele, a Junior, Environmental Science major, is from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Janet Sheaffer, a Junior, Business Administration-Elementary Education major, is from Chadron, Nebraska.

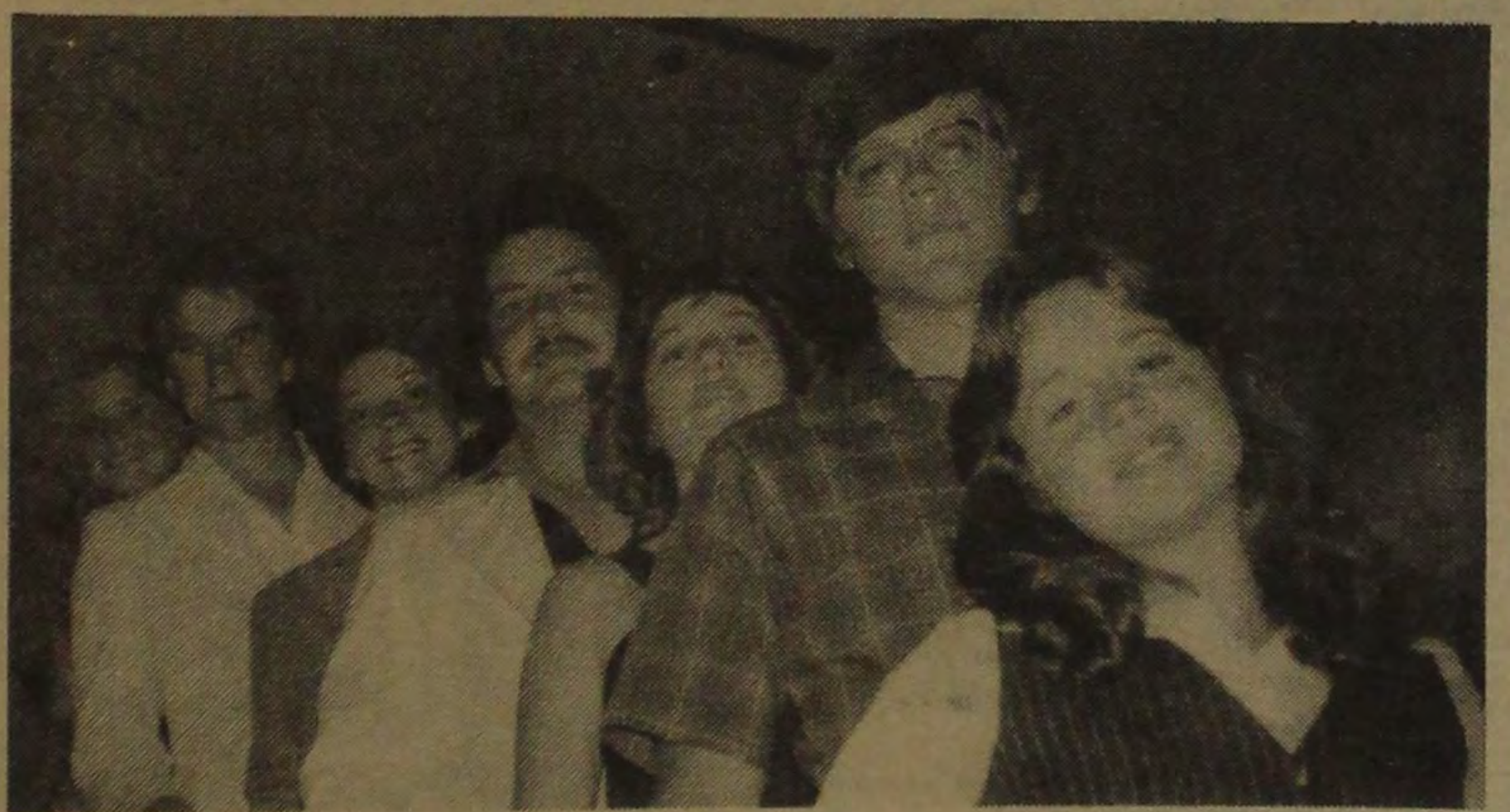
Kristen Goodfellow, a Junior, Physical Education major, is from Lyons.

The Sophomore attendants are: Tammy Roesch, Quinter; Pattie Lusk, Rocky Ford, Colorado; Nonie Burger, Centerfille, Iowa; Karla Wilson, Wichita; Larry Schick,

Lawrence; Scott Young, Satanta; John Brill, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and Denny Porter, Quinter.

The Freshmen attendants are: Debbie Ilin, Nampa, Idaho;

Ann Dirksen, Wichita; Teresa Goodfellow, Lyons; Elaine Moore, Wichita; Bruce Baum, Chapman; Kenny Nichols, Oberlin; Kent Nicholson, Wichita and Keith Boyer, Kent, Illinois.



Sophomores (left to right) Karla, Denny, Pattie, John, Tammy, Larry and Nonie. Freshmen: Kent, Teresa, Bruce, Debbie, Elaine, Kenny and Ann.

## Opus, by any other name would sound as sweet

For the next few weeks there will be a vocal ensemble on campus running around with no official name. The original concept for this group occurred in 1972 when the name was "Kaleidoscope". This group was under the direction of a McPherson College senior, Larry Carey. The direction of "Kaleidoscope" changed hands in 1973, going to Professor Tom Walker, who now teaches music at Central College. In 1975, Professor Walker changed the concept of the group once more to form the McPherson College Gospel Singers. When Professor Walker left in 1976, so did the Gospel Singers for all practical purposes.

The year 1976 brought on changes for the group. The arrival of Professor Ronald Aden on campus also caused massive change. The group's name was changed to "Opus" and its repertoire strictly jazz. With the new format, the group thrived as both the campus and community started catching on to the new group and its appealing new sound. With the departure of Aden in 1978, it was uncertain as to what direction the group would go. Professor Ken Forsyth picked up the group basically where it was dropped, and retained the name "Opus" as well. However, the novelty appeal which was once the trademark of the group was now fading. In May, Forsyth declared that "Opus" would take on a new format beginning in the upcoming fall. A show choir concept would be used with choreography and other staging techniques to "enhance" the performance.

With the abrupt departure of Forsyth, Professor Stephanie Graber was chosen to pick up what fragments had been left by her predecessor. She decided that the changes which Forsyth had planned earlier would be acceptable, but the name definitely had to go. "It seemed to me that since the format of the group had changed, so should the name. The purpose of the group is not only to entertain the college, but to promote it as well. In order for this to work effectively, the name should incorporate McPherson College somewhere. 'McPherson College Opus' just didn't sound right to me."

Professor Graber and the group had brain-storming sessions in which they tried to

come up with a new name, but to no avail. They then thought, "why not let the student body help out?" So, the group is offering a \$5 prize to the student who selects the best name for the group. The ensemble shall then select the name with which they feel best. In order to submit your entry, write your name, dorm and room number along with the name you think would fit best, and address it to Professor Stephanie Graber. Please send this via campus mail. "McPherson College" should be part of the name.

The line-up for the "Unknown Ensemble" is as follows: Sopranos-Naomi Burger, soph., Moravia, Iowa; Karla Marshall, soph., Adel, Iowa; Melody Sweeney, soph., Cooper Hill Virginia; Pam Thies, fr., Evergreen, Colorado; Tenors-Doug Berg, fr., Andover; Gene Ewert, sr., Marion; Gregory Fenno, soph., Wichita; Alan Gumm, soph., Prairie City, Iowa; Altos-Kathy Cotton, jr., Topeka; Gail Erisman, sr., Warrensburg, Missouri; Leanne Royer, sr., Lincoln, Nebraska; Kathy Swank, jr., Poplar, Montana; Basses-Aaron Gragg, soph., Quenemo; Kevin Harshberger, soph., Minneola; John Hoffman, sr., McPherson; Dan Mason, jr., Moulton, Iowa. Additional members are Bruce Bauman, electric bass, fr., Chapman; Dan Masterson, piano, fr., Oregon, Illinois; Breck Monier, percussion, soph., Lacon, Illinois; Galen Reeves, alternate, fr., Boise, Idaho; Carol Swank, piano, soph., Poplar, Montana; Linda van Asselt, alternate, fr., McPherson.

The ensemble already has a busy schedule lined up for the next few weeks. Tomorrow they will sing for the McPherson Shrine Club and their Ladies Fall Party at the Sirloin Stockade Restaurant in McPherson. The ensemble will be performing all three days of Homecoming, October 19, 20 and 21. On Friday the 19th, they will sing with soloists at the Italian dinner in the Student Union. On Saturday the 20th, the ensemble will sing at the opening of the Homecoming Fair, and on the 21st, they will sing with the McPherson College Concert Choir in Brown Auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

All entries for the name contest should be in the campus mail no later than Wednesday, October 17.



King and Queen candidates (left to right, top to bottom) Dan, Kim, Jim, \* Kristen, Kirk and Janet.



# Point - Counterpoint Football scholarships — yea or nea!

by Greg Fenno

Of the many activities on the campuses of colleges and universities across the nation, there isn't any one of them that can compare with the excitement and action of football. Football is also one of the most misunderstood activities on campuses as well. People who either haven't played the game or they haven't known any players who do, often stereotype practically everything associated with the game. Then there are the people who belittle football and those associated with it. But let's face it; these fools that I have just mentioned are the minority.

If I am to understand you correctly Doug, you are dead set against football players receiving any type of financial award (scholarship to be precise) for their talents or capabilities. I see no reason why football players should be denied financial compensation for their skills at playing the game.

Considering the fact that there are dozens of department scholarships and awards on this campus, why deny football players of the same thing? People who sing well, play piano well or are exceptionally intelligent are compensated financially for their talents or skills. If this college were to discontinue football scholarships, wouldn't that be a form of discrimination?

Another point that you may want to consider Doug is, what

would happen to the college itself if it were to stop its football scholarship program? For the most part, it would go down the tubes. Some of this college's financial benefactors give money to the college because of the football program; either because they once played on the team themselves, or because they want to improve it.

Sure Doug, the money used for football scholarships could be used for something else. But so could the money allotted for Student Council or choir or auto restoration. I used to think that the average run of the mill football player on this campus received about \$700 a year. This isn't true. One player I talked to is on the football team, basketball team AND track team and he receives a total of \$500 a year for all three sports!

One must also take into consideration what a football player must do to prepare himself for a game. Every weekday from 3:30 in the afternoon until sometimes past 6 o'clock, they're out there on the practice field working and sweating their guts out. Why? So hypocrites like you Doug can get up and do your "rah-rahs" at the game? Perhaps, but I think most of all, they just want to be appreciated by the college as a whole for what they do, or at least for what they are trying to do.

When the day comes that McPherson College discontinues its football scholarship program (which isn't the greatest), it will

also have to discontinue every other award given on this campus, and when that day comes, there will be no McPherson College.

by Dougl Lengel

Well, Greg, I knew I'd disagree with you, but I thought it might be later than the first sentence. I can think of a lot of things that match the excitement and action of football — good Power Volleyball or Soccer to name two. I also think there are a lot of things that happen on campuses that, although they may not have enough action for some are just as exciting for others; Scott Young's concert, for example, was excellent, and I consider anything that well done is very exciting.

Now down to the issue of football scholarships. I think you understand me, but I would put it a little differently than you did. I don't think any college as an institution of learning should give any scholarships based on anything other than need. That means we shouldn't have football scholarships, debate scholarships, or even ping-pong scholarships.

Using your argument of "financial compensation for skills", a college should provide scholarships for all of these activities, as well as checkers, typing and the ability to hold one's breath. That obviously isn't feasible, so why discriminate in

favor of football, track, cross country, tennis, volleyball, golf and basketball? Why not soccer, lacrosse, and swimming? I don't want to discriminate, it's the current system that discriminates.

I don't know where you got your information on the college going down the tubes, but according to what I've heard from the administration, if we just stopped football, our losses from donations would be almost completely offset by our smaller expenditures.

I think your argument about what a player must do is excellent, but I think it is an argument on my side. If I accepted your view, I'd feel that money is the only reason these people play football. If that were true, I wouldn't even want them representing my school! Since all that work is involved, under your logic I feel as if I'm paying them to do something they don't want to do, and I know that's not true.

My major point is that we should have only need scholarships. If we did, everyone with interest and the correct qualifications (grade point average, high school graduate, ACT scores, etc.) would still be here. Those that wanted to play football and, frankly, if there are those on the team that play only for the money, I would feel better about cheering for the team as a representative of my school with them elsewhere.

## Mini-editorial

I must admit I was a little less than delighted when I found out that our editor-in-chief was heading for New York during Homecoming week.

I've been racking my brains trying to come up with a halfway decent editorial, since the said person did not even leave me one. I thought, "Should I write something amusing, morally uplifting, intellectually stimulating?"

Well, now I don't have to worry about that, because I've already run out of space.

Don Stinnette,  
Managing Editor

## Letters are always welcome

Dear Editor:

Three weeks ago, an article appeared in your paper entitled "Abortion: right or crime?" Abortion is a highly controversial subject that has strong beliefs on either side.

I was somewhat disappointed with the stand that supported abortion. Apparently, very little research was done here. Rape seemed to be the foundation for the author's pro-abortion stand. Sorry, Greg, but pregnancy from criminal rape is very rare. A ten-year study in Minnesota showed no pregnancies from 3500 forcible rape cases. In Czechoslovakia, another study showed that out of 86,000 consecutive abortions, only 22 were from rape!

Because the actual point where life actually begins is so controversial, abortion is sometimes condoned with the excuse of the time of life being yet undetermined. Are unborn babies "not people" because they are unable to function on their own? The Dred Scott decision in 1857 by the Supreme Court decided that blacks were "not people". Ridiculous, isn't it? But it's the same principle!

With so much legislation about abortion, laws are increasingly redefining human worth as only 'conditional,' (as in abortion) depending on its 'wantedness,' mental and physical capabilities,

or economic feasibility. Unfortunately, the unborn are not the only victims of this concept. The 'conditional value' ethic offers what some believe to be a Utopian world, where population, poverty, old age, birth defects, and disability will be controlled with expedience and certainty.

There was also a reference to anti-abortionists being "screaming banshees (with nothing better to do)." Frankly, I think that was a very poor choice of words. Greg has a very colorful imagination, but I think using it on this issue is in very ill taste.

Respectfully, Memo Zavala.

I was proud to see a delegation of students give up their weekend to help restore the tornado-stricken area of Wichita Falls, Texas. This shows an interest in our neighbor's welfare.

Furthering that interest, I was very glad to see the many students giving blood last Monday. A humble but worthwhile act of saving a life!

At the time of this writing, I have high expectations for Campus Cleanup on Wednesday, hoping it would prove that students DO hold their alma mater in high respect. With all these activities that members of our college are involved in, we all have a good reason to be proud of being a part of MAC College.

Maxim

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Dear Editor:

While all of us tend to notice the negative conflicts of the college, it is merely impossible to overshadow the positive events of the last few weeks.

I was very happy to see the noble act of more than one hundred students when they skipped a meal for CROP last Thursday. This shows an active response to the people of the world who are in need.

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## Student Council minutes

Curtis called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and corrected. The McPherson Businessmen's dinner is Nov. 18 not Nov. 17.

Paul, reporting for the Homecoming Committee, requested volunteers to put up signs downtown advertising the Homecoming activities. These people are Denny, Doug and Paul T.

Pam O. asked for Stuco suggestions concerning the amount spent in the coronation ceremony. It was m-s-c (Lengel-Neher) to suggest to the Coronation Committee that three roses be given to the queen, one rose each to the freshman and sophomore attendants, and one carnation to those not elected. Also, corsages and boutonnières would be given to all the candidates.

Pam O. reported that the Spectator is requesting an additional \$305. It was moved to allocate an additional \$305 to the Spectator. m-s-c (Higgins-Lengel)

The Businessmen's dinner is Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sport Fan's Restaurant. All Stuco members are responsible for getting themselves or a substitute to the dinner.

The phone tree is in the process of being formulated. More details will be presented as it nears completion.

We still need some tricycles for the race at the Homecoming Fair!!! There will be a Stuco team, a faculty team and possibly an alumni or trustee team and other student teams depending on the number of trikes we can round up. Kirk and Terri are responsible for getting some stopwatches.

Some of the ideas concerning possible goals were discussed. Most of the discussion concerned opening 3rd floor Bittering to women. Nothing concrete was decided.

Next Wed., Oct. 17, was declared an unofficial Campus Clean-up day. Dorm Reps. are to put up signs emphasizing the need for everyone to pick things up so the campus will look nice for Homecoming.

The meeting was adjourned. (Enos-Hamilton)



Shades of yesteryear...Thirty years ago, Betty Ann Murrey-Potter, left, and Dr. Robert Wilson, M.D. were yell leader partners. Today their children, Denny and Karla, are yell leader partners. A case of Daja-Vu?



# Dr. van Asselt's musical method

There is a new style of teaching being introduced to McPherson College.

Dr. Jan van Asselt is the innovative professor and the method he is using is quite different from conventional teaching. His new method is based around the theory of suggestology.

Suggestology is a term coined by Dr. Gorgi Lozanov, a Bulgarian medical doctor and psychiatrist, who has entered the education field. It deals with the possibility of using suggestions as a means to tap man's reserve capacities of mind and body. According to Lozanov, man uses only 10 per cent of his mind and leaves 90 per cent of his brain unused in a reserve.

As Dr. van Asselt explains it, "The thing that's new is it brings different aspects into a harmonious learning and teaching situation. There is a deliberate attempt to stimulate the learner on the conscious and para-conscious levels."

In the classroom, two things underlie the method. First, says van Asselt, "The teacher has authority—is a guide—that the learners can rely on to guide them to an efficient way of learning."

Second, is "to have an artistic

as well as a pleasant environment." In other words, he makes the classroom less of a classroom and more "a place where it is good to be learning." In cooperation with the teacher as a guiding function, the learner shows a child-like willingness to be guided. This increases his learning potential."

To make Lozanov's method effective, Dr. van Asselt must exercise a double plainness. That is, he must first show a real interest in the student. And secondly, what he says verbally in class is the same as the non-verbal aspects of the message.

A typical classroom session would go something like this. With music playing in the background to create a calm, relaxed atmosphere, the class would do physical tensing and relaxing exercises for a few minutes to get themselves to a relaxed physical state.

Next, they do a mind centering exercise. This consists of visualizing a very peaceful scene to calm their minds and exclude all other mental activities. Their final preparation is an early learning recall in which they remember an experience when they enjoyed learning something. They try to recall how they felt while Dr. van Asselt gives a basic

presentation of the material to be learned.

After presentation, he gives a two part concert. In the "A" part of the concert the students are encouraged to relax and look over any handouts while he presents the material again.

During the "A" concert, classical and early romantic music of an emotional nature is played.

In the "B" concert the material is given quickly again and the student is told not to pay any attention to the reading materials. In the background, pre-classical music "of a more profound and philosophical nature" is played.

In both concerts, the verbal presentation is done in accordance with the music. The use of the music bypasses many barriers we have built up against learning and acts as a carrier of information to the memory. Some of these things may sound silly, but documented studies have shown Lozanov's method has been seven times faster than conventional teaching.

Some students like Dr. van Asselt's new method and others wish he would have kept the old way. Whichever the case, everyone seems to agree that his new method is a needed change of pace from the normal rut of classroom life.

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# Students involved in disaster relief

Last Friday at about 1:20 p.m. two vehicles left the McPherson College campus and headed south. Inside campus minister Alan Kieffaber's van and John Moyer's car were eleven students. Their destination was the town of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Disaster had struck Wichita Falls on "Terrible Tuesday", April 6 of this year. On that day four tornadoes combined their forces into one huge behemoth, ripping a mile-wide path of destruction through the city, leveling hundreds of homes.

This venture in which the students are participating was initiated by the campus Circle K and sponsored by the District Board of the Church of the Brethren.

The group arrived in Wichita Falls about 8:30 Friday night.

The students were split into two

groups, with each working on a separate house. One house needed the inside walls painted, although some of the walls were repaired with cardboard. At the other place, a fence was rebuilt with scrap wood, and a foundation was built for a small storage shed.

These students felt they could have done much more and would have liked to stay for a longer period. But although they comprised only one small group among many who had flocked to the area in earlier months to assist the tornado victims, all contributions were appreciated by the people of Wichita Falls. Paul Neher, sr, Grundy Center, Iowa, said that he felt it was "a very rewarding experience." Doug Duncan, fr, Evergreen, Colo., stated, "I didn't want to come back."

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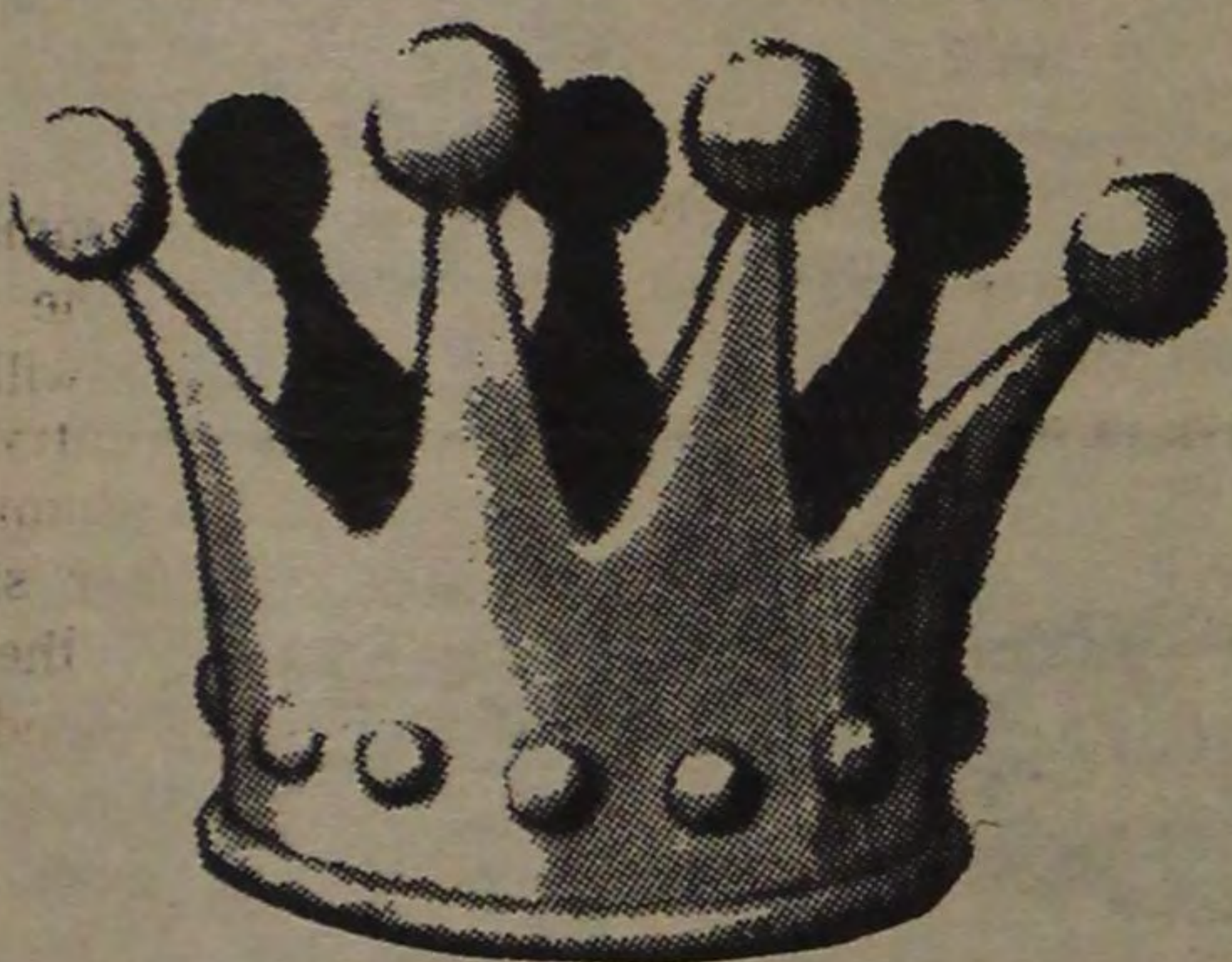
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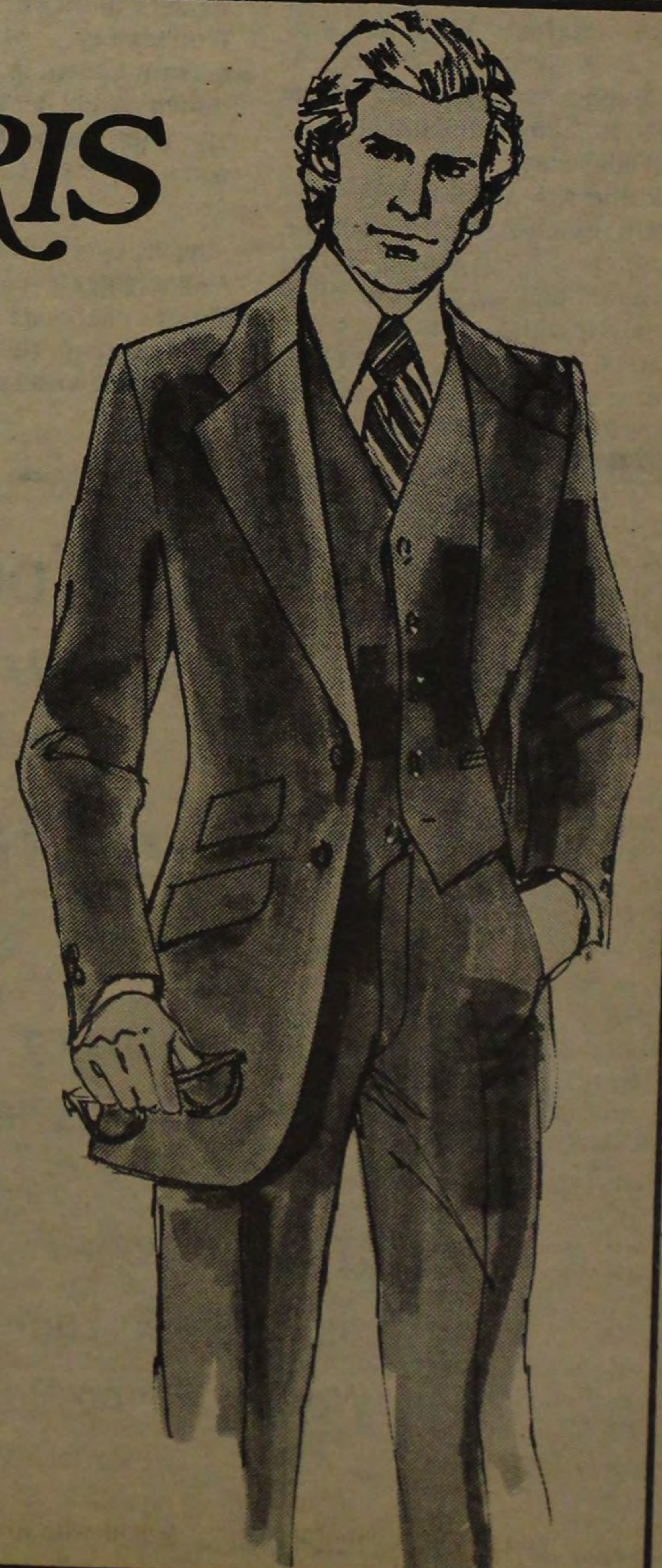


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# Bulldogs fall to Falcons, 30 to 13

Offense and turnovers were the major factors in McPherson's game last week against the Friends University Falcons, lost by the Bulldogs 30-13. Tomorrow McPherson hosts winless Kansas Wesleyan's Coyotes in the traditional Homecoming game at 2 p.m.

McPherson started the game (which was Friend's Homecoming contest) on the right note with a quick drive on their first possession for a touchdown by Darren Staton from 13 yards away. Friends answered

with a field goal and then two quick touchdowns of their own before the half, the first on a 45-yard ramble and the other on a 35-yard bomb.

The Bulldogs, however, closed the gap right after halftime when, for the third time in as many games, they took their first possession down the field for a score, this time on a 17-yard scamper by Keith Hunter, leaving McPherson only five points back at 18-13. The Falcons shut the door, though, with one third quarter and one fourth

quarter touchdown, both on runs, to clinch their fourth victory in a row.

Both teams' offenses ran well, but Friends had twice as many rushing yards as the Bulldogs, almost 300 yards total. McPherson went to the air more with 28 passes, 11 complete and 1 intercepted, while the Falcons threw only 11 times for 6 completions but 2 interceptions.

Both teams also had trouble holding on to the ball, as the game was marred by 11 fumbles, 6 of them by McPherson, with 3 lost. The score could have been worse for the Bulldogs as Friends' potent offense was stopped several times by turnovers and penalties.

McPherson's record now stands at 1-3 in the K.C.A.C. and 1-4 overall. K.W.U. may be just what the doctor ordered for the fading Bulldogs. The Coyotes have yet to win this year, and were trounced by conference powerhouse Bethany last week, 41-7. A large Homecoming crowd could surely help lift the team's spirits and give them the spark needed for a decisive victory to show to the alumni.



Coach Serrone talks over offense strategy.

Photo by: Pat Colvin

## Volleyball rallies to win

Breaking a long streak of losses, the McPherson College Women's Volleyball team came out with three wins on their home court against Friends and Kansas Wesleyan on October 8, and Southwestern October 10, but lost to Bethany in the final match on Wednesday.

McPherson and Friends were evenly matched, battling out the first match to five games, ending two hours and ten minutes after the initial whistle with the score at 16-14, 8-15, 15-12, 6-15, 16-14. After a short break, the women played three games before

disposing of Kansas Wesleyan 15-10, 15-8, 15-10.

McPherson played Southwestern in McPherson's court on Wednesday, October 10, defeating them in a close scoring match 12-15, 15-13, 9-15, 15-6, 15-12. These wins bring McPherson's conference record to 5 and 13.

Tuesday's action will see the Volleyballer's travel to Dodge City to challenge St. Mary's and Sterling, and Thursday, October 18 to Newton to play Bethel and Tabor.

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Photo by: Karin Stiggins

## Runners' top showing

After getting off to a slow start, the McPherson College jogdogs finally got it all together this past weekend. All seven runners who participated in the Southwestern Cross Country Invitational turned in personal bests.

Coach Albert Zavala noted that the men and women were "finally starting to apply their rigorous workouts to the race."

Coach Zavala was particularly pleased with performances from half mile race, Jim Kitson, and distance standout, Lyle Grosbach. Results of the men's division were: Jim Kitson, 7th in 26:00; Lyle Grosbach, 28th in 27:20; Dan Rogers, 44th in 29:34; and Kent Nicholson, 50th in 33:27.

Rogers showed a one minute improvement from his previous best and Nicholson knocked off an amazing five minutes from his best.

In the women's division, McPherson's Teresa Goodfellow won top honors, taking the gold medal in the three mile clocking of 20:39. Close behind with a time of 21:07 was Terri Enos placing third to win a bronze medal. Eileen Wezdenko, placing 6th, just missed winning a medal by one place with her 22:41 debut.

This meet ended the season for Goodfellow and Enos, but on a pleasant note. The Bulldog's next meet will be the Kansas Championship in Salina on Sat., Oct. 27.



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