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It's Visitation Day — so look sharp!

Time to scrub up, look studios, clean up the language and act like you're having the time of your life, students — it's McPherson College Visitation Day again! Yes, you, too, can attempt to influence impressionable high school students into coming to your own chosen institution of learning. The Mac Ambassadors and the Admissions Office, sponsors of the event, will be glad for any help you can give them.

A total of 19 students are expected on campus for the visitation before this weekend is over. One appeared yesterday, seven are due today, seven again tomorrow, and four should arrive on Sunday. Of these, four are

natives of Colorado, four from Iowa, four native Ohioans, and seven are locals from Kansas.

Today is the major visitation day. The schedule is as follows:

9:30 a.m. — Registration (Admissions Office)

10:00 a.m. — Welcome (Mohler 125)

10:15 a.m. — Campus Tour

10:45 a.m. — Classes

11:50 a.m. — Lunch

12:30 p.m. — Financial Aid Presentation (Miller 106)

1:15 p.m. — Town Tours

2:00 p.m. — Meeting with professors

2:30 p.m. — Snack Bar with Entertainment (S.U.)

3:00 p.m. — Dismissal

So put your best foot forward when you see an unfamiliar face, Mac persons, and do your best to make a good impression.

SAB schedule of events

November 16 50's Dance 10:00 SU

November 17 Introduction to Flying — airport

November 18 Movie, Yellow Submarine, 8:00 — Brown

November 29 Ping Pong Tournament

November 30 Movie, Camelot, 8:00 — Brown

December 3 All Students' Birthday Party

Anatomy of a bike ride

by Don Stinnette

When Ken Frantz (sr, Windsor, Colo.) asked me if I was looking for someone to ride down to Newton with, I realized that my brain was not the only one numbed by the cold last Saturday morning. I gladly accepted his offer. Not that I wouldn't have ridden down by myself if necessary (although I was not overjoyed with that prospect), but Ken's offer of companionship settled the issue.

You see, I had been looking forward to this bike ride all week long. I had even gotten up in time for breakfast on Saturday morning, a rarity. Then I had discovered that whatever plans there might have been to cycle to the Bethel game at Newton had been laid aside. But when you're in the mood for a good long ride, folks, you've got to ride!

We decided to wait until lunchtime to depart, since the morning was already old. We took a shakedown cruise over to Chris (sr, Golden, Colo.) and Kathy (jr, Windsor, Colo.) Whitacre's apartment uptown to fill our tires. It was lucky that we decided to do this, because Ken found that his knit hat would be inadequate against the chilly breeze of the coldest day of autumn so far.

What he replaced it with, though, was the strangest excuse for a hat I had seen in awhile. It was a patchwork of leather pieces; it looked like it was ready to crawl or jump off his head any minute. According to Ken, though, it performed admirably.

The breeze, which was from the south (a headwind, of course) didn't seem like much until we turned into it. The day wasn't nearly as cold, however, once we were moving well. Ken and I traded experiences and the lead in breaking the wind as the miles rolled by under a slanting sun.

We passed the grain elevators of Moundridge. (Grain elevators have a nasty habit of remaining the same size, no matter how many miles closer you may be, when you are pedaling a bike.) Next were the fields of Hesston,

Alpha Psi Omega is on the move again. They are now preparing for their next play; "The Runner Stumbles" by Milan Stitt. This play "has the structure of a courtroom melodrama but the intensity and movement of a love story."

The play is based on a true murder trial that took place in 1911. A priest is accused of killing a nun and through a series of flashbacks the story of what really happened is revealed.

The theme of the play questions the power of any institution to dictate one's life so completely as the church does its priests and

nuns. It is a very timely play as the occurrence of nuns marrying priests is an open and controversial issue of today.

Members of the cast are: Steve Schmidt, Kevin Carman, Lisa Irle, Terry Netolicky, John Fleming, Beth Ferree, Jeff Gumm, Melody Sweeny, and Dave Apetz.

The play will be shown in the Little Theatre on December 6, 7, & 8th. Reserved tickets will be required for at least the first night and students will be charged admission since it is an Alpha Psi Omega sponsored production.

Extremely long headline calls attention to extremely short Spec message

The Spectator will soon be in extreme need of staff members for the spring semester. No experience is necessary in order to be a reporter. Qualified persons interested in a possible editorial position would be appreciated. Some of the editorial positions are salaried. Photographers would also be welcome.

Any interested persons, no matter what their qualifications, should contact Susan Taylor or Don Stinnette through campus mail.

Letters! Letters!

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to raise a question which I'm sure has crossed many people's minds this year — where are the 1979 Quadrangles?

I understand that compiling a yearbook is a big job, but I have heard that the editor has refused help to get it finished and sent in for printing. I would like to suggest that a special effort be made to finish the book and get it in. If the editor needs help, I'm sure many people would be willing if the effort were made.

—J.T.R.

Dear Students,

Are you tired of McPherson College after only two months into the fall semester? If so, it might be caused by the lack of participation and pride in this school. College life should be the most enjoyable and exciting four years of your life.

School can be whatever you want it to be. It seems many Mac students have a negative outlook towards McPherson College. These are the people who should try harder to change the atmosphere around them.

Instead of searching for reasons to downgrade the college, why not strive to make this college the greatest? Do you think you can?

—R.A. Hamilton

Calling cool cats, nerds!

Dances are a common occurrence on most college and university campuses. McPherson is no exception. There have already been several dances on campus. Disco of course; what else is there?

There is going to be another dance tonight, Nov. 16, at 10:00 in the Student Union. But it won't be disco.

Nostalgia is another fairly common interest today, and not just at "institutions of higher learning." Remember "American Graffiti?" How about "Laverne and Shirley?" Of course there's always "Happy Days," and "Grease." Beginning to sound familiar? The 1950's.

Perhaps some of your family members grew up during these times. You've probably heard quite a bit about them.

Now is your chance to visit those happy times. As previously stated, the dance tonight isn't going to be disco — it will be a 50's dance.

For a change of pace, the Student Union will be converted to your Corner Malt Shoppe, complete with food, corndogs, and floats, and a free jukebox full of songs of the 50's.

There will even be a contest to choose which couple looks most authentic "fifty-ish." Now, dressing up in black leather jackets, hair grease, bobby socks, and poodle skirts is not required, but it would add to the fun 50's atmosphere.

This nostalgic event is being sponsored by the Student Activities Board. Admission is free. There will be a few other surprises, too. So come on and join the fun.

Sidelines devolve

McPherson College Picture Note-Cards are available for purchase in the Bookstore and in the President's-Dean's Office. The price is \$2.00 for a packet of twelve. They make nice gifts, so take a look!

The Spectator still needs two copies of issue 19, from April 13, 1979. Please give to Carolyn Lengel or Susan Taylor.

The following interior design students and their advisor, Mrs. Connie Nichols, recently traveled to KSU in Manhattan to attend a meeting of the Student Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers: Pat Colvin, Gloria Heyer Ames, Deb Lolling, Helen Reynolds, and Anne Ward.

The next and final issue of the Spectator for the fall semester will be issued on Friday, December 7. Mr. Don Stinnette will serve in the capacity of editor-in-chief for the spring term.

Reports from an unverified source indicate that some residents of Dotzour First New are becoming increasingly interested in devolution. Experiments to devolve rabbits into pencils have thus far failed; however, more progress has been made with human-to-amoeba devolution. For more information, contact any of the perpetrators.

Public notice

Wanted: Contributions of Christmas poetry and-or prose and-or drawings and-or photographs for the 8-page Christmas issue of the Spectator. Send through campus mail to the Spectator. Thanks!

CONFIDENTIAL TO THE ANONYMOUS TIPPER: Thanks. We're working on it; hope to have results by next issue.

WOW! Spec gets letters!

Dear Editor,

I was finally compelled to write a letter of complaint after another episode in the endless stream of bureaucracy at McPherson College.

I chose to come to McPherson and McPherson College to escape the big city and big school life and atmosphere. I have since that time found the town, student body, and faculty for the most part to be a very friendly and congenial lot. As for the administration, I have also found each to be a friendly and helpful person when not acting in an official administrative capacity.

But when it comes to the operation of the school or related activities, it seems that the individual is lost in the endless sea of bulldog and red tape which seems to engulf Mohler.

I realize full well the importance of proper procedures and proper paperwork to ensure legal clarity, but when an administrative staff could be replaced by a complex but efficient electronic system with little loss of its personal nature, it has lost for me any appeal which is normally associated with the small college. I feel that the administration of McPherson College is in many ways approaching this rigid and impersonal style of management.

—Bart Shank

Dear Editor,

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and he will acknowledge and he will light the way."

This is the opening quotation of a chain letter I received through campus mail on Friday, Nov. 2.

In this letter it went on to say that good luck will come my way within four days of receiving it. My good luck will come when I

send 20 copies of the letter to family and friends, yet if I break the chain something terrible is bound to happen as in the example of a man who died within nine days of breaking the chain.

Of the person who sent this to me I should like to ask you if you really believe what that letter tells you.

The letter itself is a contradiction. It says to trust in the Lord, then says the luck is guaranteed as long as you keep the chain going. When you do this you are not putting trust in the Lord but in that piece of paper.

The Lord is going to light your way if you ask him to. He doesn't hold a meaningless letter over our heads, promising us lots of money and happiness if we don't break the chain.

I'm sorry but I intend to break the chain because I trust in the Lord, and I don't plan on my life being shortened because of it.

—Beth Ferree

Dear Editor,

I would like to make a few reckless comments about a number of other reckless comments that I've read in the Spectator recently.

Before I launch my criticisms I would like it to be known that I am an ardent defender of free speech and press. It's not just healthy, it's absolutely necessary. But, as is true with everything, there is a limit as to how far this right should be pushed. Case in point: Curtis Thill.

I will attempt to build my case in reverse order — from the ridiculous to the sublime.

Frankly, I could care less about the "Rocky Horror Picture Show," but I was somewhat

stunned when I overheard a fellow student reading Curt's comment about it. I quote: "I think it's an absurd, celluloid delusion, a perversion of reality, an infringement of the quality of life. I haven't seen it and neither do I wish to drag myself through such a degrading experience." To the best of my knowledge, a "celluloid delusion" is a misleading movie. How does one know a movie is misleading if he has never seen it? "... an infringement on the quality of life"? "... a degrading experience"? Those remarks are so ridiculous that they defy verbal description. Do you decide how a peach tastes by listening to other people describe it? If you want to voice your opinion, that's OK, but at least take a bite first.

I was also intrigued by Curtis's comments about the Homecoming dance. Curt, if you want to watch your guppies and oil your bike chain all your life, that's fine with me. But don't try to place me at the pit of human existence simply because I like to listen to 'Shake Your Booty' at the ninth level of volume. Now, to set the record straight, I don't like 'Shake Your Booty' at any level of volume, nor do I care for disco in general, but I certainly don't look down on those who do. Music is something to be enjoyed, and because people are different, there are different kinds of music. I admit that aquariums can be fascinating, but I would never trade my stereo for one. This is called personal preference. To try and restrict this is what I call "an infringement of the quality of life."

I hope that Curt will direct his boundless energies in the future. I realize that the problem of an apathetic attitude on the part of those who run the intramural program pales next to that of Curt's moral dilemma concerning "Brokenness," but I, for one, get along fine with my comrades and would like to have played some football with them this fall. This may sound like an obscure and relatively insignificant complaint, and maybe it is, but this type of problem needs to be recognized and resolved before we can ever expect to offer a viable solution to major problems. Solve this type of problem and watch "student concern" rise. Work towards more freedom of expression in both academic and social circles and watch "Brokenness" heal itself.

I don't believe the office of Student Council President should be used as a platform from which to vent a highly debatable philosophical paradigm. A public servant should work to represent the feelings of his peers, not question or degrade them.

—Most sincerely, Kevin R. Carman

Dear Editor,

We live in a confusing, ambiguous world. As we consider the plight of Cambodian refugees

and the oppressive white majority rule of South Africa, we get the empty feeling of not being able to do anything to change our world. News of the nuclear attack false alarm last week is scary as we once again are reminded of the potential of nuclear annihilation. If you are like me, you are both confused and angered by the fact that many Americans suggest aggressive, offensive retaliation to the Iranian hostage situation and the presence of Russian troops stationed in Cuba.

In the light of this global turmoil, what is the purpose of our four short years at McPherson College? The question I have put forth is basic to the understanding of education and the selection of a course of studies. Students continually question the appropriateness of their major. Many are dissatisfied with their choice of a major and plod on in hopes of seeing the light. Others change from one major to the other in their search for a meaningful education. Now I am not proposing that changing one's major and uncertainty of choice is wrong for I have experienced both situations. In fact, I would encourage continual reevaluation and assessment of the direction one's major is leading his or her life. How then are we to assess and evaluate our education and what does the condition of national and international affairs require of our attitude toward education?

For many of us it is far too easy to approach a class with the intention of getting the best grade we can attain or to avoid an unacceptable low grade. Grades become important and learning is deemphasized. Five years from now who will care whether or not we received an A, B, or C in a particular class? The grades which we receive here will be left behind and forgotten, but who we are and our relationships with friends will remain. By concentrating on true learning (that is, integration rather than accumulation of facts and information), personal growth, and interpersonal relationships, we will suddenly find ourselves able to more effectively deal with the injustices of the world. Notice that I have not suggested proper selection of a major is of key importance, for clear-headed individuals with sensitivity to life are needed in all walks of life.

I can only speak for myself, but I hope that you and I would approach education here at McPherson with the intention to learn to live responsibly in the midst of global injustices and unsteadiness. I wish to be educated not to fulfill requirements for a job but to be committed to a life rooted in important personal relationships and at the same time based on global awareness. The condition of national and international affairs invites talented persons like you to put your education into action. Please R.S.V.P. to yourself!

—Curtis Thill

Dear Editor,

I would like to add something to the article about respect and responsibility. What was said was excellent, but I don't think that it said enough.

When someone has respect for rules, he is going to obey those rules. He's going to do this, not just because they're the rules, but because he respects the reasoning behind them. Somebody's not going to stop at a stoplight because that's the law, but because that law is designed to prevent accidents, thus saving lives.

This same article applies to our own college community, although it appears that it doesn't at times. As an example, I'd like to point out the rule in the community code that says alcoholic beverages and illicit drugs anywhere on campus or at any college function is illegal. This rule is on the books because this is a church-related college and the administration and a sizable amount of students believe that the use of alcohol and illegal drugs is not in accordance with the beliefs of the Church of the Brethren. Some people on this campus apparently disagree with these beliefs. They should have to respect the college's views on this subject and thus should abide by these rules. If you are one of these people, I ask only that if you must engage in such activities that you do it off campus.

Along with this, the people who are supposed to enforce the rules of this community should demonstrate some respect and responsibility. They, of all people, should know and respect the reasons behind most rules and should uphold the responsibility for what they are being paid for. Such an example is the rule that says students should attend so many convos. There is also the fact that nothing is done about the students who do not fulfill the requirements. What is one to think? Of course, this also includes all other indirectly paid staff: RA's, resident directors, etc. It is wrong to pretend to be in blissful ignorance while some unimpeded people break rules that can easily offend others. I speak for quite a few people; smoking, drinking, fireworks, and firearms are not appreciated and are against the rules on campus. Why can't it be limited to keep it off campus?!?!?

I must admit that I can see the reason behind the increase of broken rules. If I could get by the first time with doing something wrong, I could easily try for something even worse the next time. It's a vicious cycle that has no happy ending, unless something happens. And by now I think we should all be mature enough to know what is necessary to turn it around.

—Maxim

Here's Alan!

by Alan Kieffaber

Candidly, I can only seek an end to this mercantile canon. My canorous descant (or is it a can-zo?) holds a scant candle to the cantankerous, cannibalistic canker on our campus, of cannily casting off our tin canteens at the slightest cant of a 4-wheeler. John Burden calls it uncanny, Eugene Lichty libels it as can-can; canst thou simply cancel? Since I can't marry and cantalope. Let's attend to Can-bodia.

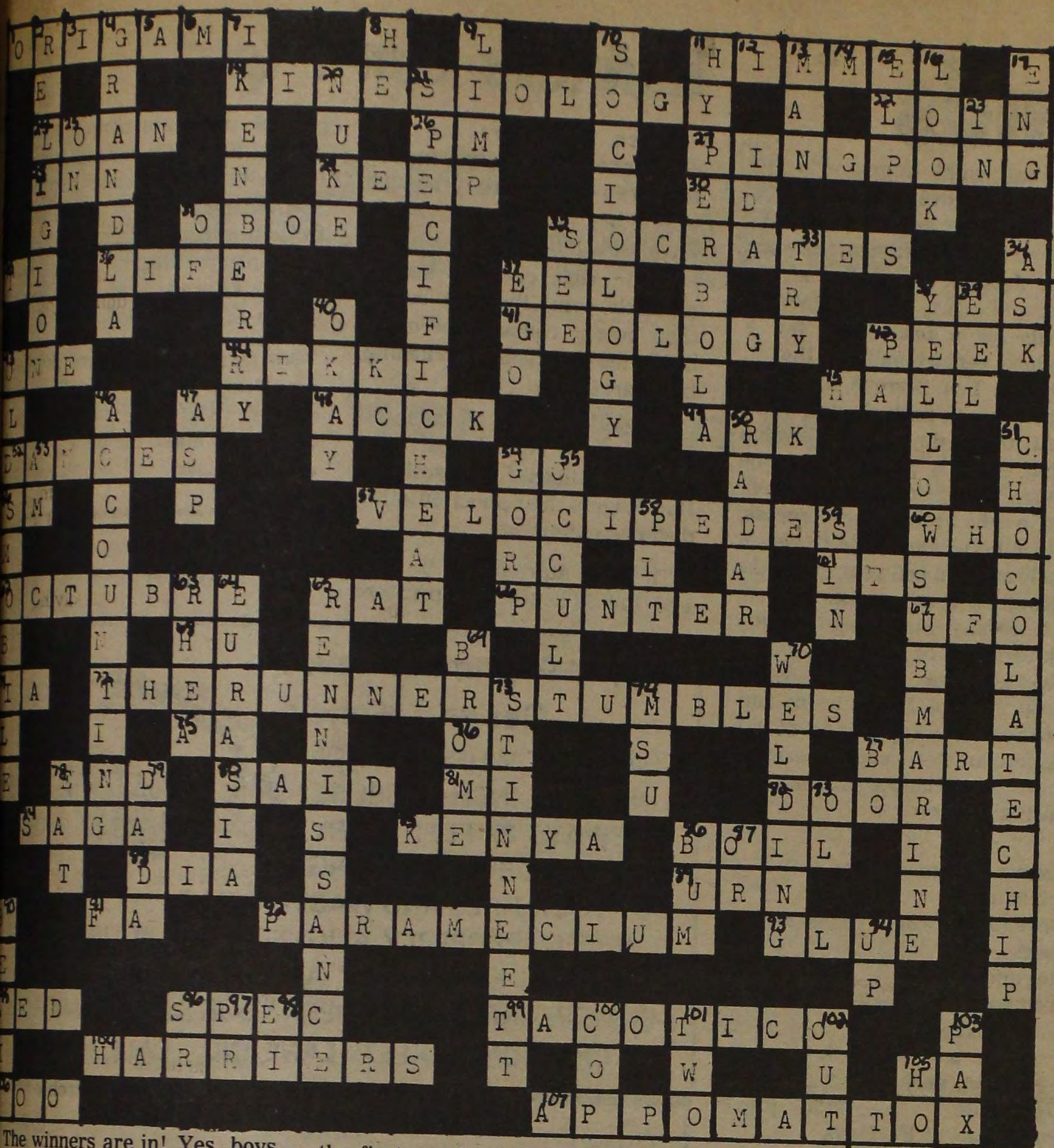
Seriously, my aims were awareness and a couple hundred dollars for CROP. For that, I still need your pledge or promise of a penny-a-can, more or less, in this campaign. (I'm really sorry about this abuse of language — let it inspire us to leave off abuse of our persons and convert it directly into food for the hungry.) The count is pushing \$3.00 now, and we'll quit at Thanksgiving.

Stop by my office or pick up a slip on the bulletin board — or both — and sign up if you can. If you "can't", I confess, I don't believe you; what we're into is "wills" and "won'ts", "wants" and "don'ts", just to keep the

record straight. I still respect your right to chart your own course, but I'll be on your case from time to time to tell you what my map looks like.

Warning about contagious diseases: I have had the moving experience of (two) students actually coming up to me on campus and handing me trash, gum wrapper and pop can respectively. Which they picked up when they saw me coming! (A highly-placed person in the production of this publication also brought six cans to my office, presumably as legitimately picked-up-on-campus, but they were still warm and bore clues indicating consumption.)

Finally: hereafter please autograph your used candy wrappers, Kleenex, coke cups, and gag-in-a-bag boxes and sacks before you set them blowing across campus. I can then provide "honorable mention" when yours are found. I'm especially looking for grade reports and faculty memorabilia, whereupon I shall tell all. A society's history, not to mention its intelligence (or lack of it) is written in its trash.



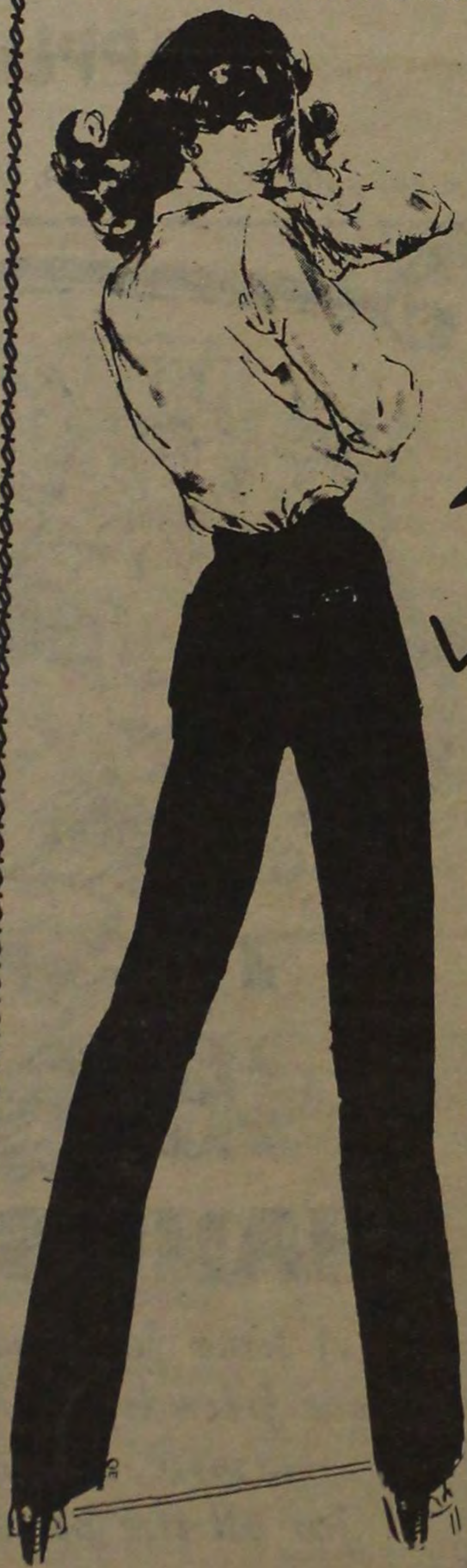
The winners are in! Yes, boys and girls, the first Spectator Campus Crossword has been solved. The staff's apologies to all those who valiantly tried to read the puzzle and big enthusiastic CONGRATULATIONS to these few persevering souls who triumphed over the elements! First prize - Chris and Kathy Whitacre, who turned in the first puzzle and made not a single error!; second - Lorie Shepard, just a little later than the winners and with only one letter wrong; and third - Lori Christy, one day later and also with only one letter wrong. The grand prize winners now have the option of serving as editors-in-chief of the Spectator

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StuCo minutes

The meeting was called to order by Curtis Thill. There was one correction in the minutes.

A litter of bulldog pups has been born in the area. It was suggested to Curtis that StuCo might want to buy one as a mascot. About the only feasible possibility is if a member of the faculty or administration got one and let the school use it at games.

There is concern about the off-campus students' lack of interest in regard to the phone tree. Also discussed was the necessity of including the faculty and administration. The PT committee will do some more work on this before bringing it to StuCo again.

The information regarding the New Call to Peacemaking conference is as follows. The first meeting is Friday, Nov. 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Krehbiel Auditorium

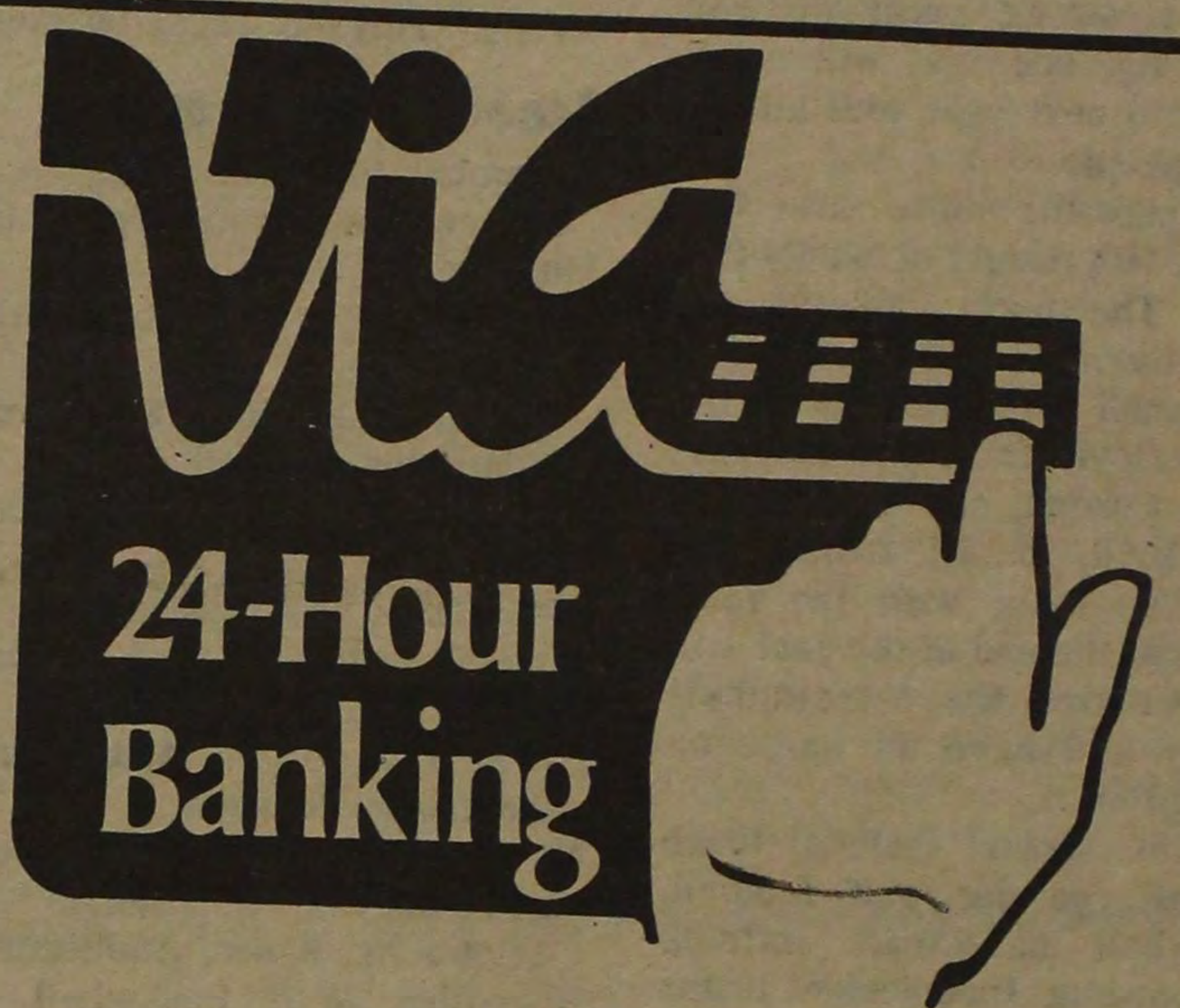
at Bethel College. This is open free of charge to the public. Saturday, Nov. 17, at 8:30 a.m. at Hesston College is registration for that day's session. The fee for students is \$3.00. The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. at the Hesston College Mennonite Church.

Maintenance would be in favor of our relocating some of the trash cans and painting them. Kirk Higgins will check with the Art department for designs.

A StuCo committee consisting of six members will nominate the candidates and set up guidelines for the Outstanding Service Award.

It was moved-s-c to change the date of the StuCo officers' election and convo to February 28. (Lengel-Gumm)

The meeting was adjourned. (Howell-Button)



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Football season ends

McPherson's '79 football campaign ended last Saturday with a tough loss to Bethel's Threshers, 7-0. The Bulldogs' final record for the year totals 3 wins, 5 losses in the conference for a fifth place finish, along with Bethel, 3-6 overall. Next year

Intramurals organized

by Sandy Lang

Organization of intramurals for 1979-80 is planned by the activities office with assistance from the athletic department. Working actively with the program are Barb Mann, fr., Walkerton, IN; Kevin Hudleston, fr., Augusta; Sid Gauby, fr., Boise, ID; and Susan Dodson, SAB advisor. A primary goal is to build a strong program with continuity, one that will carry over into next year and attract more people.

At present, there are five teams with rosters of twenty-five each. The team captains are Mark Saylor, so., St. John; Jim McKinnell, fr., Rockford, IL; Kathy Doyle, fr., Clairmore, OK; Brian Cordell, sr., Tipton; and John Brill, so., Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The team with the most points at the end of the year will be awarded the intramurals trophy and have its name inscribed on it.

Team sports include touch football, powder puff football, volleyball, basketball, softball, and bowling. Independent teams are also encouraged to play; they do not compete for points or the final trophy.

Barb Mann, coordinator of the volleyball intramurals, is planning a double-robin tournament in the future, with pairings decided from the weekly results of matches being held for the past 3 or 4 weeks. Each team will play approximately 3 to 5 other teams. Barb has been putting a lot of time and effort into the volleyball program, and she feels that overall the program has been a success.

Individual intramurals are conducted independently of the team sports structure and are held in the basement of the Student Union. These will be run each week with emphasis on one or two activities, at a time. Events include ping pong, pool, spades, arm wrestling, bridge, foursquare, and other table games where interest is shown.

The next scheduled event is a ping pong tournament, Nov. 29th. All scheduled events are posted on the union bulletin board.

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looks promising, however, with several underclassmen having gained valuable experience this year to form a core for a hopefully stronger team next season.

Bethel's lone score came early in the game after a 12-play, 66-yard drive for seven points. Both teams' defenses dominated after that. McPherson's offense managed only 57 yards rushing and 90 yards passing. The Bulldogs fumbled the ball away only once, but Bulldog quarterbacks were intercepted four times, and the team was whistled twelve times for 85 yards' worth of penalties.

Bethel's offense was also shut down after their score, as they accumulated only 75 more yards of total offense during the afternoon. Thresher backs bobbled

Schedule of events

November 16 — 50's dance
 Student Union; 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

— High school musical, "Camelot"

Brown Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
 Admission charged

November 17 — Basketball — at Ottawa

— High school musical

November 18 — Quad movie, "Yellow Submarine"

8:00 p.m., Brown Auditorium
 Admission charged

November 19 — Convo; "Religious Cults in America"

11:00 a.m., Brown Auditorium

November 20 — Basketball —

the ball eight times, with the Bulldogs recovering four times.

McPherson appeared to have scored in the third quarter when Dan Jenkins raced around the end and down the sidelines 59 yards for a touchdown, but a Bulldog penalty nullified that.

Coach Lou Serrone has been meeting with each player for the past three days to determine what each is planning for the future. Next, Coach Serrone will begin the recruiting process, which he was not able to get an early start on last year due to the change of head coaches.

Hopefully many high quality players will be available in this year's talent search. Another good crop of freshmen to supplement the experience of the upperclassmen could form a solid foundation for McPherson's football future.

Kansas Newman, here
 7:30 p.m.

November 21-26 — Thanksgiving recess

November 27 — 5:30 p.m.
 Women's basketball

at Sterling
 — 7:30 p.m. Men's basketball
 Sterling, here

December 1 — 7:30 p.m.
 Basketball at Ft. Hays

December 2 — 8:00 p.m. Choir
 concert — Church
 of the Brethren

December 4 — Convo — "An
 International Year of the
 Child's Christmas", 11:00 a.m.,
 Brown

Runners can't quit

Three members of the McPherson College cross country team ran last Saturday but this time they left coach Albert Zavala behind.

With cross country season officially over, they set out on their own to conquer one of the ultimates in distance running, the marathon.

Competing in the 26 mile, 385 yard race at Nevada, Missouri were Jim Kitson, Lyle Grosbach, Dan Rogers, and about 50 other distance enthusiasts.

The race started at 9:00 a.m. and the 30-degree temperature

put the pack into motion. Two hours, fifty-nine minutes, and twenty-two seconds later, Kitson and Grosbach came across the finish line in a handhold to tie for 10th place. Rogers came in shortly afterwards in 19th place with a time of 3:23:26.

All three runners were pretty sore from the race but having accomplished a marathon seemed to make the pain a little easier to take.

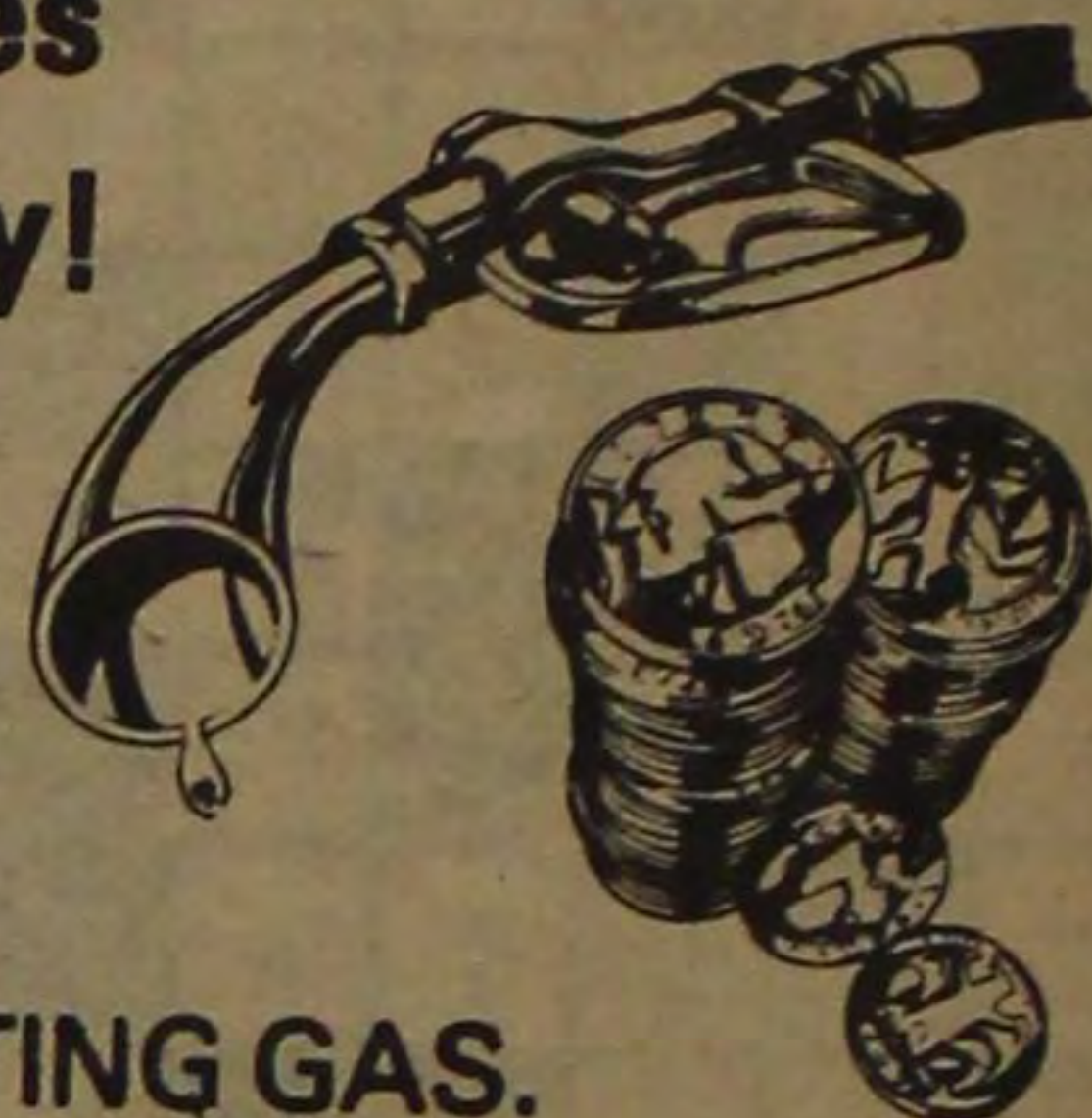
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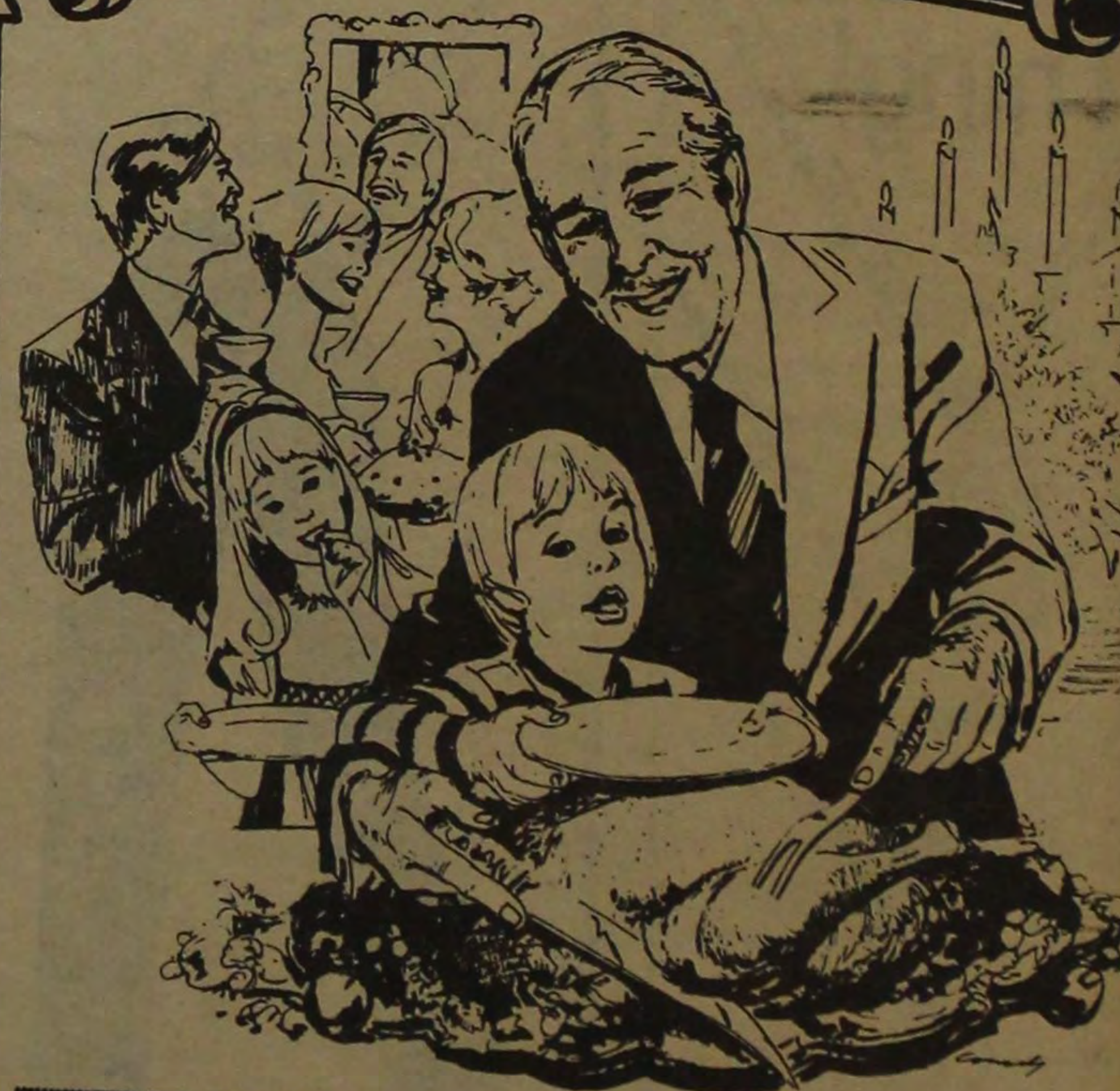
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