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Crime wave?

Dotzour theft leaves questions

by Trudy Christy

McPherson College made its debut in the crime scene of the big outside world. This was the big-time stuff — no broken windows or graffiti on the walls — no, this was a real live burglary involving off-campus burglars.

Yes, that's right, four residents of McPherson's very own Dotzour Hall were robbed of \$78 on Wed., Jan. 28 according to police reports.

It was a day just like any other until two men arrived on campus at approximately 2:45 p.m. on said day and parked their yellow Triumph on Euclid between Dotzour Hall and Miller Library, according to Ronda Switzer, soph., Hutchinson.

The two proceeded to the back door on the northwest corner of Dotzour where their entry was heroically thwarted by Margaret Cox, fr., Cushing, Okla., who told them they must go to the front door. However, the two went to the S.U.

Eyewitness reports verify their appearance around campus all afternoon.

Apparently they were "casing the joint," for between 5:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. they made their move and entered Dotzour allegedly through the door on the central stairway.

They entered the room of Karin Button, fr., Conrad, Ia., and Joelle Neher, fr., Grundy Center, Ia., and the room of Debbie Burkholder, fr., McPherson, and Alana Switzer, fr., Modesto, Calif., while the victims were at supper (and probably everyone else, too.)

Perhaps these names should remain as reported officially and accurately in the police report — Joelle Neher, Karen Button, Olano Sweitzer, and Debbie Burkholder. (One out of four isn't bad.)

The burglars were very tricky indeed, locking themselves in the room while they performed the dastardly deed. Little did they know that Burkholder would return from supper early to find herself locked out.

She asked to be let in, thinking she was talking to her roommate, Switzer (Sweitzer), while she was actually talking to those nasty criminals.

They attempted to escape unseen but Burkholder heroically gave chase, got their license number and informed Jeff and Sharon who called the police.

According to Button, the police soon caught one of the men but he wasn't charged because all the

evidence was circumstantial. Police are still working the case.

But could this be only part of the story? Amateur McPherson detectives wonder about a second car that arrived on the scene approximately one half hour before said arrival on said day. The driver remained in the car, frequently adjusting his rear-view mirror. Could this have been a lookout man?

Or what about the theft at the bookstore the same day? Could the crimes have been connected? Or was this connected to the theft at Bethany College a few hours later?

McPherson crimestoppers probe on.

Who's Who on first?

by Matt Geisert

Eleven McPherson College upperclassmen have been honored by Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. This highly regarded honor program has been in existence for 46 years.

Each fall, a Who's Who committee gathers a list of seniors, their grade-point averages, the activities they were involved in, and the offices that they held.

The faculty votes upon the committee's recommendations, and then gives their choices to Dr. Norma Tucker, who sends the names to Who's Who with her

seal of approval.

While Who's Who takes juniors, seniors, and graduate students, it is only seniors that are selected on this campus.

Those who have received this honor are: Harold Briscoe, Kansas City; Kevin Carman, Hugoton; Kathy Cotton, Topeka; Kathy Ewert, Poplar, Mont.; Kristin Goodfellow, Lyons; Anita Grosback, Enders, Neb.; Diane Miller, McPherson; Marjorie Overholt, McPherson; Janet Schaeffer, Chadron, Neb.; Lothar Stahl, Oberscheld, Germany; and Kathryn Frantz Whitacre, McPherson.

Mental Majority

The honor roll for the 1980 fall semester was recently released to the Spectator for publication.

A grade-point average of 3.55 was required to be listed on the honor roll. Those not on the honor

roll, with at least a 3.0 g.p.a., received honorable mentions.

A total of 76 people were included on the honor roll, while fifty were mentioned in an honorable way. This grand total of 126 students with at least a "B" average indicates a high degree of academic achievement (or easy grading scales) at McPherson College.

What follows is a list of these outstanding students, and their hometowns as given in the student directory.

On the honor roll (3.55-4.0):

SENIORS from McPherson: Kevin Carman, Kathy Ewert, Bill Hall, Bambi Holderread, John Holderread, Leighton Kaloupek, Jo Novotny, Dennis Stichter, Jill Yancey and Michael Yancey.

Other SENIORS from Kansas: Rebecca Lynn Blick, Hutchinson; Katy Cotton, Topeka; Jeff Crist, Quinter; Teresa Enos,

College rings for money

By Matt Geisert

During the next three weekends, volunteers will be calling friends and alumni of McPherson College, encouraging them to pledge money to the college for the coming year.

The goal for the "Phonothon" is a hundred thousand (100,000) dollars pledged. This money raised will help pay for the general operation of the college, to meet the expenses of education. Student tuition and fees cover only 45 percent of the cost of education.

Students, alumni, faculty and staff are participating in the

drive. Student callers include nine students from seven different states. They are Ruth Baldner, soph., Dallas Center, Iowa; Beth Burns, jr., Adel, Iowa; Anita Grosbach, sr., Enders, Neb.; Celeste Lewallen, jr., Bisbee, N. Dak.; Sandy Reisinger, soph., Manheim, Pa.; Ataloo Snell, soph., McFarland, Cal.; Lloyd Snell, jr., McFarland, Cal.; Carol Swank, jr., Poplar, Mont.; and Ronda Switzer, soph., Hutchinson.

The volunteers will be calling from the Peoples Center in the basement of the McPherson Peoples Bank and Trust.



"The laugh's on us," realized Candi Witmer and Marcia Walters, after the receptionists of the Campus Information Center finished processing 647 drop and add slips for the new semester. They express their sincere thanks to the fourteen students who did not drop or add a class.

All photos by Trudy Christy, unless otherwise denoted

Singers change for spring

By Vic Williams

Mac Singers, McPherson College's select vocal ensemble, has started another exciting semester with some new additions to the group. The Singers, composed of four people on each part, an accompanist, two guitarists, and two drummers, is directed by Stephanie Graber.

New members, just chosen, are Julia Dyck (Hesston, jr.) soprano, Larry Schick (Lawrence, jr.) tenor and Adrian Fishburn (Lawrence, fr.) bass. Dan Masterson (Mt. Morris,

Ill., soph.) accompanies the group on piano, while Bruce Bauman (soph., Chapman) or Todd Deffenbaugh (fr., Berlin, Pa.) plays guitar, and Pierre France (jr., Oklahoma City) or Greg Keasling (soph., Hutchinson) beats the drums.

The singers are very excited about this semester, since some things have changed to improve the sound. The group bought a new speaker and control system that has more volume and power than before. Also an electric synthesizer has been donated to the MAC singers.

Many answer roll call with high grades

Marion; Kristen Goodfellow, Lyons; Billie Quillen, Hutchinson; Michele Voth, Moundridge; and Delores Welch, Hutchinson.

SENIORS not from Kansas: Gail Erisman, Warrensburg, Mo.; Anita Grosbach, Enders, Neb.; Samuel Omokore, Nigeria; and Kathy Thoreen, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

JUNIORS from McPherson: Mark Colflesh, Tom Crist, Karol Roadhouse, David Snell and Susan Sundahl.

Other JUNIORS from Kansas: Kathy Deitz, Prairie Village; Vaughn Ingram, Canton; Joyce Lewis, Buhler; Audra McGuire, Canton; Cindy Bahr Miller, Valley Center; Kenneth Miller, Macksville; Bernard Mindrup, Lenora; Debra Rettele, Fairview; Dennis Tedford, Minneola; and Patti Thiessen, Wichita.

JUNIORS not from Kansas: Michael Justus, Lincoln; Sam

Rwakoojo, Uganda; and Dale Ziegler, Elizabethtown, Pa.

SOPHOMORES from McPherson: Mary Hardinger, Marlene Krehbiel, Tim Krehbiel, Carolyn Lengel and Lisa Price.

Other SOPHOMORES from Kansas: Scott Carpenter, Pratt; Dawn Gaeddert, Inman; Teresa Goodfellow, Lyons; Dayna Heim, Topeka; Kent Nicholson, Wichita; Lori Rayl, Conway; Tina Schmidt, Newton; and Ronda Switzer, Hutchinson.

SOPHOMORES not from Kansas: Trudy Christy, Marshalltown, Iowa; Sid Gauby, Boise; Dan Masterson, Oregon, Ill.; James McKinnell, Rockford, Ill.; Procopios Pelavas, Cyprus; Galen Reeves, Boise; Sandra Reisinger, Manheim, Pa.; Dan Rogers, Guthrie, Minn.; and Ataloo Snell, McFarland, Cal.

FRESHMEN from Kansas: Carol Behrens, Goodland; Lynn

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Sign those letters! (Write them first)

Even though this semester's editorial policy concerning letters to the editor (and other kind submissions of poetry, cartoons, etc.) is the same as last semester, perhaps it is best to review it for the benefit of new readers and those who still haven't got it straight in their minds.

First, we must emphasize that all letters are welcome. As a student publication, we depend upon our readers to help provide us with important information and opinions that we might miss or mess-up. Thoughtfulness, controversy, and accuracy are major ingredients in our favorite letters.

Upon request, we'll print almost any silly, or clever name under letters, instead of the real name of the author. But even if the author requests that his/her

name be withheld, the editor must know the name of the author before a letter will be printed. Of course, we prefer that authors take responsibility for their views, but we realize that this isn't always possible or prudent.

We reserve the right to edit out portions of letters that do not meet the Spectator's standards against slander, libel, profanity, bad grammar and poor spelling. If we decide to do any editing before publication, we will check with the author to confirm that the original content has been preserved.

Again, we must make it clear that letter-writing is heartily encouraged. Please give letters to any editor or send it to the Spectator, care of campus mail. Don't hesitate.

Matt Howell
Editor-in-chief



Kathryn Dietz (jr., Prairie Village), Kevin Carman (sr., McPherson), Bruce Spitzer (fr., Kalona, Iowa) and Lisa Irle (jr., Warrensburg, Mo.) are part of the cast of "I Never Sang

for My Father," being presented on the Brown Auditorium stage tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

An idea for Dotzour

Dear Editor:

Since Dotzour's dorm council has been so consistent in fining those who impose "great danger" to their dorm, maybe the revenue collected could be used to reimburse those who were robbed.

Sincerely,
Jeff Thill

Thanks for your thoughtful suggestion, Jeff. At the moment, I can't think of any better way to use fine money, than such a humanitarian gesture towards those poor (poorer, anyway) victims. — M.D.H.

Don 'Juan' Stinnette shares tale of wisdom

by Don Stinnette

Once upon a time there was a simple, carefree lad called Don Juan. He loved to throw Frisbees and bask in the warm sun. He liked to read, to write (sometimes) and to study (though not often). He was really rather lazy, without ambition.

One fateful day he thought, "By Jove, I like to write (sometimes). Perhaps I could write for yon esteemed publication, the Spectator." (Don Juan was also a rather foolish young lad.)

Soon he was writing every week, then twice as often, and before he knew it, he was asked to help edit this esteemed publication.

"Zounds!" the befuddled Don Juan exclaimed to himself as he pondered this opportunity. "I am but a simple, carefree lad who likes to throw Frisbees, etc. . . How could one such as me help edit such an esteemed publication? More importantly, how much time would I have left for basking in the warm sun?"

But, as we know, Don Juan was a rather foolish lad. He did as the crafty editors wanted.

Soon all the other editors had graduated or gone on to higher callings, and there were none left to help him except a handful of faithful, but inexperienced writers.

"&" swore Don Juan when he realized his mistake. "Good

heavens, what have I gotten myself into now?" he cried.

Don Juan pondered his alternatives in deep thought. Unless he dropped his Spectator business right away, there was no choice but to take command of the entire operation, as no others were qualified.

"But neither am I," wailed the beleaguered Don Juan.

"Shut up!" snapped Don Juan's ruthless conscience. "If you don't do it, no one else will, either."

"All right, all right!" whimpered a most unheroic Don Juan.

Being the rather foolish lad that he was, Don Juan took up the reins of command and steered the Spectator away from the precipice of oblivion. The rest is history.

Does Don Juan regret now his decision to forgo afternoons of basking in the warm sun, for late nights (and early mornings) clacking away on a typewriter while the world sleeps?

"There have been times when I doubted my sanity for agreeing to this wearisome work," a reflective Don Juan answered, "yet it has rewards in proportion to its troubles. The pleasure of achieving another victory each week, although always after a tough battle, gives one self-confidence and satisfaction in a job well-done."

But what does Don Juan think of those times when criticism rained down instead of praise?

"One can not please all,"

stated a thoughtful Don Juan. "Criticism is preferred to the brooding vacuum of silence which has greeted some of our efforts; for, how can we improve without creative input from our readers?"

What does Don Juan think of his total experience of the past two-and-a-half years of working with the esteemed Spectator?

"It has been the most important and influential experience of my life in this place. It has helped me to fully appreciate the labors of those who have preceded me and those who succeed me. I have a healthy respect for anyone willing to take on such a burden.

"I would hope, as I go off to semi-retirement and engage in other pursuits, that others could better appreciate the efforts of those who now carry the burden.

"With good support from the entire campus community, who knows what new heights our esteemed publication, the Spectator, can reach?"

Don Juan hopes now to spend more afternoons basking in the warm sun, throwing Frisbees, etc. He is still a rather foolish lad, but he is wiser than before. He's learning.

The moral of this story is: "If you ask for a sheet of paper and are handed the whole office, consider it a privilege. You know not what rewards await you."

First page just can't hold 126 names

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Carlson, Assyria; Matthew Howell, Conway; Enoch Ibarra, Hutchinson; Lisa Lee, Tescott; and Deborah Neher, Quinter.

FRESHMEN not from Kansas: Karin Button, Conrad, Iowa; Anthony D'Alessandro, Richboro, Pa.; Pam Hieronymus, Lajunta, Co.; Mike Higgins, Alberquerque; Greg Roth, Littleton, Co.; Glen Snell, McFarland, Cal.; Carolyn Spate, Rocky Ford, Co.; and Jeff Thill, Adel, Iowa.

Those That were Honorably mentioned (3.0-3.54) are:

SENIORS from McPherson: Paula J. Frantz, Jeff Gumm, Diane Miller, Susan Reiswig and Kathy Whitacre.

Other SENIORS from Kansas: John Fleming and Doug Gayer, both from Buhler.

SENIORS not from Kansas: Lisa Dixon, Centerville, Iowa; Kim Eisele, Lincoln; Kim Kirkdorffer, Eldora, Iowa; Hannah Shank, Dayton, Ohio; and Karin Wagoner, Adel, Iowa.

JUNIORS from McPherson: Esther Burge, Susan Potter, and Richard Zrubeck.

Other JUNIORS from Kansas: Mark Baus, Alexander; and Tom Neher, Quinter.

JUNIORS not from Kansas: Alan Gumm, Prairie City, Iowa; Celeste Lewallen, Brisbee, N. Dak.; Tina Wagner, Wiley, Co.; and Joni Whittiker, Arriba, Co.

SOPHOMORES from Kansas: Jeff Frazier, McPherson; George Pardee, Hutchinson; and William W. Roberts, Great Bend.

SOPHOMORES not from Kansas: Bruce Appel, Curlew, Iowa; Nonie Burger, Moravia, Iowa; Carol Coffman, Brigham, Utah; Joel Coffman, South English, Iowa; Robert Linn, Commerce, Okla.; Marie Neher, Grundy Center, Iowa; and Bill Snyder, Chesterland, Ohio.

FRESHMEN from Kansas: Mark Gard, Newton; Kelly McMurray, McPherson; Linda Sies, Hutchinson; Charles Stroda, Herrington; and Marlene Swayne, Kanorado.

FRESHMEN not from Kansas: Sharon Bertholf, Johnstown, Co.; Rosie Grove, Unionville, Iowa; Lokman Jantan, Malaysia; Joelle Neher, Grundy Center, Iowa; Mike Norval, El Dorado Springs, Mo.; Vashti Phenice, East Lansing, Mich.; Reynold Roth, Littleton, Co.; Wanda Swank, Poplar, Mont.; Ann Swartzendruber, Kalona, Iowa; Alana Switzer, Modesto, Cal.; Larry Thomas, Fayetteville, Tenn.; Carine Ullom, Wiley, Co.; Jay Warner, Troy, Ohio; and Sallie Willoughby, Copemish, Mich.

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Girls 'sail, sail, sail their boat' at Bahamas

by Anita Grosbach
Guest writer

Author's note: Janet Schaeffer is a senior elementary education major from Chadron, Neb., currently student teaching fourth grade. Kristen Goodfellow is a senior recreation major from Lyons.

The plains of Kansas aren't the only place where the setting sun provides the sky from the smooth earth. In the view from a 64-foot sailboat in the North Atlantic Ocean, however, it isn't wheat fields that meet the horizon.

Janet Schaeffer and Kristen Goodfellow had three weeks to try to grasp a culture that owes much of its character to the fact that it exists as a group of islands in this ocean.

The Bahamas, needless to say, presented many new sounds and smells to these two "Midwesterners." As members of an interterm class from Thiel College in Greenville, Pa., Janet and Kristen became two members of a 23-person crew on the "good ship" Sundancer.

Navigating a sailboat differs in many ways from the driving that most of us are used to. The learning began as soon as the captain steered the boat and crew out of dock in Miami. Navigating teams were set up, and were responsible for reading ocean maps, plotting a course, and appointing watch crews. Watch lasted two hours and was posted around-the-clock while sailing. A watch crew consisted of a helmsman, a navigator and a scorekeeper.

Along with being involved in the responsibilities shared by a sailing crew, the group studied various aspects of life in the Bahamas. Janet and Kristen investigated religion and the institutions associated with it. By talking with people in shops and on the streets and with ministers of some of the 150 denominations on the islands, Kristen and Janet were more able to appreciate the religious attitudes of the people who live on the Bahamas.

A large percentage of the population of the Bahamas are descendents of slaves. Most make their living today either

through association with the tourist industry or through fishing. The Bahamas received independence from Great Britain on July 10, 1973. For their highest court however, they still return to the Court of England.

The Bahamas' personality changes color frequently. The resort city of Nassau has little in common with the small village of Gregory Town located on the island Eleuthera. There, due to a teachers strike, the boat was welcomed by many excited children who led the visiting sailors on an investigation of an old cave. Both Janet and Kristen felt that here they actually experienced what it meant to be Bahamian.

Riding out rough nights, diving for conch and waiting for the tide to catch their beached boat were only a few of the other elements which became part of everyday life during this three-week journey.

Kristen and Janet are back in Kansas now, but the Bahamas don't seem so far away anymore and neither do the people who live on them.



Cleaning conch shells is a great January activity for Janet Schaeffer (sr., Chadron, Neb.) and Kristen Goodfellow (sr., Lyons).

Skills Center lightens burdens

by Vashti Phenice

The Learning Skills Center is basically designed to offer learning assistance through either courses or tutoring.

The objectives of the Reading Improvement class are to:

- 1) Overcome ineffective reading habits
- 2) Improve comprehension
- 3) Apply a system for textbook reading ("skim and scan")
- 4) Build vocabulary
- 5) Increase speed in reading

Objectives for the College Learning Skills class include:

- 1) Developing and applying skills for textbook reading and marking
- 2) Improving note taking from texts and lectures
- 3) Improving time management
- 4) Improving concentration and memory
- 5) Developing test-taking and library research skills

Many students find that Learning Skills is a good class to take if you have any kind of difficulty with study habits or learning processes.

Students can still get into College Learning Skills and Reading Improvement classes during the second half of the semester.

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Deb Neher finds guns in paradise

by Carolyn Spate

Absolutely beautiful countryside ranging from lush jungles to deserts, coastal plains to highlands . . . All kinds of vegetation flourishing, from cacti to tropical fruits . . . Swimming in the most beautiful, clear crater-lakes . . . People busily going about their lives, wandering through the bustling markets . . . Sounds like paradise? Well, it isn't, as Deb Neher found out during her recent interterm trip to Guatemala.

Deb's trip lasted three weeks and was arranged through Bethel College at Newton, Ks. Out of her approximately fifteen-member group, nearly all were students at Bethel. For many of those, this course and trip were required for their major in international development.

Because Bethel is a Mennonite college, the group had the opportunity of visiting several sites of development work being done by the Mennonite Central Committee Board, which Deb found especially interesting.

Throughout her experience, Deb realized that Guatemala, like several other countries, is not actually a "poor" lesser-developed country, but is instead

one in which all of the wealth is held only in the hands of so very few, basically forcing the rest of the country to live in poverty.

While the plantation owners usually live in nice homes in Guatemala City or the U.S., the peasants are forced to survive on

an average 1-5 acre plot on a poor-soiled mountain slope, of which some are so steep that the farmers must tie themselves in

reeds to keep from falling out of their fields. All of the cultivation and care of the land is, of course, carried out through hand labor, using only hoes and machetes.

Some of the larger plantations, however, now have greater

technology and mechanization.

The population's awareness of the injustice of this social structure is becoming more and more apparent as can be seen from the great political turmoil and potential civil-war sentiment taking place in this country. Violent tactics and guerilla warfare are becoming increasingly common, as Deb discovered through her experience of awakening to machine-gun fire during one night of her stay. Two policemen had been killed. Military personnel in the streets were frequently seen, as well as military vehicles along the highways.

Sunday was the military's recruiting day in one particular village, where the recruiting tactics used consisted of knocking on doors and grabbing anyone who looked of age. Many times the group had to stop at police stations to get clearance to travel to another part of the country.

Deb however felt that they were not in danger due to their short-term stay and their classification as "tourists", no matter how much they disliked that label.

In view of all of their experiences, the group seemed to come to the conclusion that U.S. interference and military exports to Guatemala could only make the problems of the country worse, due to the fact that their problems are so internal in nature.

The people they visited were very warm, taking the group right into their homes. The opportunity of attending several church services in Guatemala proved to be a very inspiring experience. Deb also felt that the entire group especially enjoyed the markets and the sampling of all the "un-American" food.

technology and mechanization.

Deb said, "The class was just excellent! All I can say is that I am just really glad I went and wish others could have gone from McPherson. This past month for me in Guatemala has been one with great impact and shall definitely affect decision-making throughout my lifetime."

S.A.B.'s Snell is a craftsman, too

by Harold Briscoe

The Student Activities Board is made up of McPherson College students under the guidance of this year's director, John Snell, a former student and graduate of McPherson College. However, it doesn't stop there for this native of southern California.



John Snell, director of Student Activities, is busy in his workshop, where he repairs string instruments.

Photo by Tom Mason, maybe

Born in Santa Ana, California, John Snell heard of McPherson from an uncle who was president of the college. After graduating from high school in 1969, he worked at a dairy for two years, then went on to complete two years in BVS.

After John's freshman year he went back to his home in LaVerne, California where he married his wife Lisa. From there they both moved back to McPherson and attended college, with Lisa graduating with a degree in Biology.

Former Fahnestock Hall dorm parents, they make their home in McPherson where Lisa is currently employed at Sterling Drug. "McPherson is a nice place to be. It's much slower paced than California and the people are a lot more friendly," commented John.

With a degree in philosophy and religion, John has been going to college off and on these past few years. Last year he graduated with the McPherson College class of 1980. He then applied for a position at the college and when the vacancy of student activities director became available he filled it. But what makes John Snell unique is not his position on the SAB but that in this day and age of rapid and changing technology, he is one of the few craftsmen left.

In between his stays in school John has worked as a repairman

of the stringed instrument. "I can repair and string all the orchestral instruments from guitar to violin but I don't do the piano," said John. Inspired by grandfathers on both sides of the family who worked with wood, John built his first instrument some years ago and since then has developed a real love and appreciation for the stringed instrument.

"I'd never play the violin in front of anybody, but I've heard it said that the best tuners and repairmen around are those that can hardly play a lick," he claimed.

John polished his repairing skills in shop and on his own, first at Crabb's music department here in McPherson, then in Hutchinson and Lindsborg. Upon moving into their home across the street from Dotzour Hall in mid-July, Lisa and John have presently converted one of the basement rooms into a shop where John does his work, which comes mostly from out of town, such as from other colleges and school districts.

John doesn't have any long range plans in terms of repair right now but says, "I'm going to take this one day at a time. There was a chance that I could have gone to San Diego but I don't have the desire to be out there in southern California. I'm very happy to be here in McPherson."

Women on top of KCAC race

By Mike Higgins

With just three games left in the season, the women's basketball team has found itself at the top of the KCAC. In a style truly befitting a championship team, they have time and time again proved their depth, poise and ability. While many teams today specialize in specific areas such as the pressing game, or the run-and-gun style, or the slow-it-down brand, this team stands alone. It can do it all! The reason, of course, is the outstanding talent that the team possesses.

In the backcourt it's Susie "Cousy" Morales (soph., Lyons) and Tracy "Space" Griffis (soph., McPherson). Both possess the superb ball-handling skills and quickness needed to be the main cogs of the Big Red Machine.

Inside, it's Deb "Bird" Rettele (jr., Fairview) setting up offense. She not only scores points, but grabs boards and grills shots as well. Flanking the "Bird" is Valecia Kelly (fr., Cincinnati).

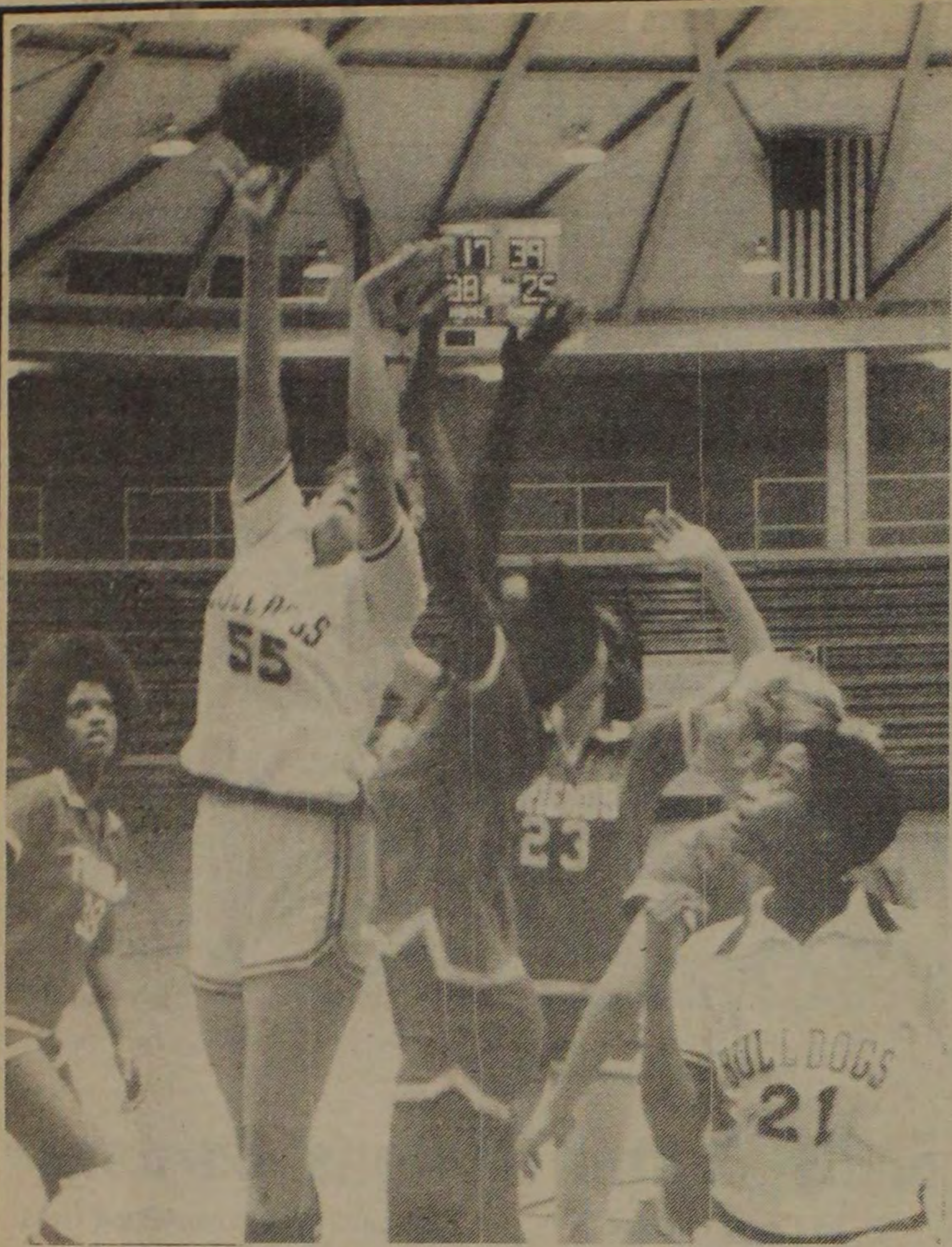
While not the great shot-rejector that Deb is, Valecia goes after rebounds as if they were twenty dollar bills. And of course, at the other wing position, is Susan "Magic Ice" Sundahl (jr., McPherson). This lady has got a shot so sweet, Hershey wanted to name a candy bar after her.

As the old saying goes, no chain is stronger than its weakest link. Mac has probably got the strongest bench of the KCAC. Let's start off with Joy Spangler (fr., Media, Pa.). Not only can she shoot with chilling accuracy, but she can direct traffic through any opponent's press. Dian Proffitt (soph., Sterling) is another clutch player. In more than one game, Dian has come off the bench to play good, solid defense, grab a couple boards and dish out an assist or two. Rosie Grove (fr., Unionville, Iowa) is another "no ink" player. She, like Dian, is a solid fundamentals player who can be counted on if the chips are down. Every team has its defensive ace. Deb Ilin (soph., Nampa, Id.)

is that player. Some claim if she guarded players any closer she'd be on the other side.

Although you might think of this next five as the top five in a Miss U.S.A. Contest, don't be fooled! These aren't just more pretty faces! There is an incredible amount of untapped talent in hustling Carine Ullom (fr., Wiley, Co.), versatile Nancy Birt (fr., Nickerson), sparkplug Deb Kaufman (jr., Bennet, Co.), rebound grabbin' Kathy Gribben (fr., Holyoke, Co.) and newcomer Jan Esgar (fr., Wiley Co.). I like to call these subs the American Express gang because, when our team's in debt, we don't sweat, we just pull out our American Express. As Coach Graber says, "Don't leave home without 'em."

At this writing the girls are 10-2 in conference action. If they win the remaining three games, they will be the uncontested conference champions. Monday night, a very big step to that title will take place when they take on Tabor at the Roundhouse. Let's give these winners our support.



Deb Rettele (jr., Fairview) dominates under the basket, and gets the ball where it needs to go.

Basketball means excitement

By Deb Rettele

With the 1980-81 basketball season winding to a close, the Bulldogs are currently standing sixth in the KCAC with a 5-8 record. There are three conference games left, and the team is looking to finish the season with an even record, and better their conference standing. Now 9-12 overall, they could finish at 12-12, and 8-8 in the conference.

A re-cap of the games since the last issue of the Spec shows the Bulldogs winning eight games and losing seven. Against Harris-Stowe it was Mac 90, Harris-Stowe 77. High scorers were Mike Higgins, fr., Albuquerque, with 32 and Doug Gayer, sr., Buhler, at 22.

The next game was also a Bulldog victory, 81-57 over Mid-America Nazarene. Higgins and Gayer led the scoring with 20 and 17, respectively.

The next game was a conference as well as county rivalry with Bethany. The Bulldogs came up short, 53-57. Higgins had 20 points, with Gayer adding 12.

Against Kansas Wesleyan, the Bulldogs won, 91-78. Gayer led the scoring with 26 and Wallace Whitfield, jr., Kent, N.Y., put in 20.

In a non-conference matchup against St. Johns of Winfield, Mac won easily, 90-71. Leading scorers were Gayer and Higgins with 26 and 19.

The next five games were conference battles, with Mac losing to Southwestern, 64-89; Bethel, 53-67; Tabor, 72-90; and Sterling, 59-61; and beating Friends by a score of 70-67.

In the second meeting of the season between Mac and St. Johns, the Bulldogs were again victorious, 86-66. Since that outing, the team has played four conference games, beating St. Marys, 81-66, losing to Bethany in a close game, 61-64, and defeating Kansas Wesleyan for the second time, 73-71.

Most recently, the Bulldogs traveled to Winfield and lost a hard fought battle to Southwestern, 60-64. The game was

ended at the end of regulation time, and Southwestern managed to stall away most of the five minute overtime period to end up on top. Lindall Cox led in the scoring column with 18 points and also picked up 8 rebounds. Doug Gayer added 17, and Mike Higgins was in double figures with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The three final games of the season are with Friends on the 18th at the Roundhouse, Bethel the 21st in Newton, and the last game is at home with Tabor on the 25th. The Bulldogs are playing good basketball, and could finish in the top four of the KCAC. Come out and support our team, and help cheer them on to a good finish to their season.

Intramurals not just Interterm

By Vashti Phenice

Intramurals at McPherson College provide an important way for students to compete and have a good time. There are a variety of sports enabling anyone interested to become involved.

In men's basketball intramurals, three-on-three, which finished during Interterm, Eric Crouch's (fr., Inkster, Mich.) team took first place in the tournament; while in women's basketball, Ladadria Oliver's (fr., Chicago) team won.

In volleyball, which ended right after Interterm, Randy Oglesby's (fr., Denver) team won a smashing victory.

Dr. Decoursey, professor of Physical Science and Chemistry, beat student ping-pong enthusiasts to win that informal tournament.

As for things to come, there will be some full-court basketball intramurals beginning soon, and they are expected to last about six weeks. Games will be played on Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00. These tournaments will be followed by an all-star game. Softball will be arriving with warmer weather.

In charge of Intramurals is Keith Hunter, sr., St. Louis, and those on work-study and interested in being an official or scorekeeper should contact him.



Bruce Grose (jr., Great Bend) "takes it like a man" as Paul Graber, class instructor for karate, demonstrates a deadly kick to his class. They seem happy that they are only watching the demonstration.

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