

## School childhood is revisited in the opening play 'Geranium'

by Tina Schmidt

How many times have you wished that you were young again? If that thought has crossed your mind, it can come true tomorrow or Sunday night, September 27 and 28, in the

Brown Auditorium Little Theater. Two shows will be given each night at 7 and 9:15 p.m.

The *Geranium On the Window Sill Just Died, But Teacher, You Went Right On*, opens the drama department's production season.

Ida Yarbrough, soph., Hutchinson, has both adapted the play from the book of the same title, and directed its growth.

Cast members are all new to the McPherson College stage. They include Sharon Bertholf, soph., Colo.; Mik Hoffman, fresh., Hazelton; Bruce Spitzer, fresh., Kalona, Iowa; Rhonda Foley, fresh., Valley Falls; Joe Torrence, fresh., Middleton, N.J.; and Iyabo Arindla Iyewarvn, fresh., Alorin,

Nigeria. Yarbrough feels that this "new blood" has helped her learn a lot and they have added many useful ideas to the production.

Dialogue and actions revolve around the thoughts and feelings of young school children. Yarbrough selected this play because of the underlying themes found in our oversimplification of youth.

Many of the spoken lines reveal how little basic growing up has changed over the years.

Characters point out the fact that uninhibited youth carry equally profound thoughts as their elders.

"I am loving every minute of it," commented Yarbrough. She also expressed the hope that those attending the play will leave with a lighter heart and a little more pep.

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## Proposal being revised; possible student debate

Below is a copy of a proposal from last year dealing with the issue of dorm hours. Presently the Interdorm Council is revising this to be presented to the appropriate people.

A debate during convo time is being scheduled. If you have any further questions please talk to one of your elected dorm officers.

These reasons are a direct result of open dorm meetings of all four residence halls concerning the proposal of more open dorm hours. Interdorm Council was then given the responsibility by the residence halls of writing a more concrete, workable proposal.

We would like to propose a maximum of eighty-six (86) allowable hours. Each dorm would then be free to set its own hours within this time frame.

With this in mind the residence halls would be able to choose the hours they wished to be open

from the following.

Sunday through Thursday, 12:00 noon - 12:00 midnight  
Friday through Saturday, 12:00 noon - 1:00 a.m.

We feel that the utilization of this proposal on campus would be beneficial in meeting the needs of students, administrators, and faculty, making McPherson's campus a more refreshing and enjoyable community in which to live, work and study.

Thank you,  
Interdorm Council

We, the members of Interdorm Council, hereby propose to the Vice-President of Student Services, Administration, and President Hoffman that the maximum number of possible dorm hours be increased for the following reasons:

1. To create a more natural atmosphere for men and women to interact, free from the pressures of dating situations.
2. To allow for more opportunities for socializing between men and women on campus.
3. To break down some of the social barriers or stigmas now attached to the present limited visitation hours.
4. To afford the opening up of the campus between men, women, faculty, and administrators; to free and allow each of these groups to meet and interact in more informal surroundings.
5. To allow more of a community effort in cooperative activities.
6. To create hours more suitable to students in order for more wholesome brother-sister relationships to develop.
7. To make the dorm more available for cooperative studying thus making the library quieter during its hours.
8. Providing a desk worker in the afternoon would make it easier for professors and administrators to contact students or leave messages for them.

## 'A Hiking We Will Go'

by Vashti Phenice

It was decided, during a faculty meeting this summer, that some activities should be coordinated for the upcoming school year. Amongst these activities would be a series of noon seminars, the starting of a science club, and a fall field trip.

Everyone was welcome to go on the field trip which left last Sunday afternoon at 1:30. Approximately 25 students and members of the science faculty met in the college parking lot. With a convoy of about 4 or 5 cars, we headed out across the Kansas countryside.

Our first stop was at the Twin Mounds area, just north of Galva, where we climbed to the top of the mounds and searched for different types of wild flowers, wildlife, and rock formations.

Our next stop was a large field which had many deposits of selenite crystal. By then, the afternoon sun was beating down on our little exploration team, but we moved on through the State Game Preserve. There we saw a large herd of Buffalo apathetically lying in the afternoon heat.

Later we stopped for a picnic

dinner of hotdogs and potato salad at the State Lake, and soon it was time to hop back in the cars and head for home.

During our many stops, some in our group were kept busy digging up specimens of sunflower plants to be used in the science research project made possible by the National Science Foundation grant recently received by the McPherson College Science Department. This project is a new thing for our college and many, especially those involved in the science department, are very enthusiastic about it. The nature outing was a good opportunity to collect the sunflowers and observe their natural environments.

The field trip was designed, basically, to bring more of an awareness of nature and the discovery of nature to students. As Dr. DeCoursey said, "We feel field trips in science are very useful." And useful it was, for a great deal was learned by all, and more, the students and faculty had a chance to interact academically and socially in a group and just have a plain old "good time".

## Tentative convocation schedule given

by Matt Geisert

A number of interesting and enlightening convocations have been scheduled during the next couple of weeks.

On Monday, Sept. 29, Mervin Kenney, a Brethren Volunteer Service representative from Elgin, Ill., will speak on the B.V.S., which is a program that enlists persons and sends them all over the country to do service work. The enlistment is for usually one but sometimes two years.

Mr. Kenney's presentation will include a film entitled "I Troubled For You." This theme will be dramatized in clown mime.

After the presentation Mr. Kenney will be on campus for awhile, talking to students interested in B.V.S.

Ron Hudson, guitarist, will be performing in Brown Auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 2. Mr. Hudson has performed in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Latin America. Articles have claimed that Ron Hudson is a most impressive performer.

Coming Monday, Oct. 6 is the Erick Hawkins Dance Company. This group will perform for the Mohler Lecture. This internationally known dance company has toured the world.

Erick Hawkins has been called the patriarch of the world of modern dance.

While on the McPherson College campus the Erick Hawkins Dance Company will be staying at Bittinger Hall and will be eating on campus.

The company will also present a dance workshop Wednesday, Oct. 8. This, like the Mohler Lecture, will be free to the public.

On Tuesday, Oct. 7, the company will give a totally different concert at Bethel College in Newton. There will be an admission charge for this performance.

Professor Hurst, chairman of the Japanese Language and Culture Dept. of Kansas University will be here on Thursday, Oct. 9. Prof. Hurst will be sent to McPherson College through the East Asian Center at K.U. He will give a general lecture on the Far East.

Monday, Oct. 13 there will be a drama production for convo. The idea is to give glimpses of home comings. Plans for this production are being made by a subcommittee composed of Kevin Carman, sr., McPherson, Celeste Lewallen, jr., Bisbee, N.D., and Connie Weddle, Ass. Dir. of Development.

Dr. Craig Little will be speaking Thursday, Oct. 16. Dr. Little will be speaking on "Nuclear Energy and the Environment." He is an alumnus of McPherson College, class of 1971. He received his PhD in Radiation Biology at Colorado State College.



Representatives from each orientation group attempt to complete a human pyramid during an orientation exercise earlier this month.



# Students question convo requirement

As individuals of this campus, we would like to express concern for a new policy on campus this year. This is the required attendance at all convocations.

This ruling was brought about by a suggestion brought up in Dialogue Day last spring. When Dialogue Day was instituted last year, we assumed that while everyone would certainly have a chance to express their opinions, the opinions expressed by a majority of people would be those acted upon.

This, however, does not seem to be the case.

While we do not know how many people requested required convos at DD, we are certain that the majority of people did not mention it nor do they agree with it. Yet, the administration seemed to jump on this idea and instituted it without finding out the desires of the majority.

After making convos mandatory for all students, they decided that there were not enough convos. So they nearly tripled the number from previous years. During the last three years, students were expected to go to seven convos out of approximately twelve per

semester. Now there are approximately thirty two per semester, all of which are required.

As if this were not enough for the students at McPherson College, the administration made a few other major changes which most people don't even know about. Believe us, you should.

They changed convos from being under the direction of the Student Services office to being a class, CV 101. This class is graded on a pass-fail basis.

The kicker in this situation is that, officially, you must attend every convo to graduate. (Editor's note: According to Dr. Tucker, the requirement is only to pass the course. Those students who do not attend all convos will be dealt with on an individual basis, with consideration for valid excuses.)

Nobody was told this, not even the seniors who would like to graduate this year. In the college catalogue it mentions that convos have required attendance, but fails to mention the penalty for non-attendance.

Now, before we go on to other points, let us explain what Dr. Norma Tucker, the academic dean, told us concerning failure

to attend convos. She said, "I can't see failing someone for missing one convo, maybe even two convos." So where does this leave the cut-off point? Three times? Four?

Dr. Tucker does understand that there are certain excuses which would excuse a student from convo. Those mentioned to us are "a broken leg," "a death in the family," "student teaching," or other circumstance of this magnitude.

How reliable is your alarm clock? You'd better hope that it doesn't mess up on any Mondays or Thursdays, because oversleeping is not a valid excuse.

If you've already missed too many convos, don't despair. You will be called into Dr. Norma Tucker's office. If it is decided that you have not met the requirements to pass CV 101 you will be assigned a project which will get you back into good standing.

There is one more point which we would like to bring up. We would like to question the legality of forcing upperclassmen to go in order to graduate.

When we started going to McPherson College as freshmen, we received a college catalogue

which listed the graduation requirements in our field. If these requirements change before we graduate, we have the choice of graduating under our original requirements or the amended requirements. This is only fair.

Consider the situation that a senior would be in if McPherson College suddenly required 8 more hours of English in order to graduate. It could make him go another year and cost him another \$5,000.

Yet CV 101 is now a required course for everyone, every semester. If it were any other course upperclassmen would have the choice of attending or not.

By the way, don't bother trying to drop CV 101. It's the only course offered at McPherson College that can't be dropped.

If the points raised in this letter make no difference to you then

perhaps we are in the minority in our beliefs about required convos.

However, if you have questions, as we do, concerning the legitimacy and need for thirty two convocations per semester, we urge you to air your views on this matter with your class representatives, the student council, or the convocations committee.

Students Concerned with Mandatory Convocations

Editor's addition: Dr. Tucker has also stated that the convo requirement is in the experimental stage. The CV 101 class will be reviewed by both faculty and students before it becomes permanent policy. Further comments on the subject are encouraged, and will surely be influential on future policy-making decisions.

## Things are great!

It is somewhat traditional for the editor-in-chief in his/her first editorial of the new year to give students the "rah-rah, let's have some spirit, let's get some action" treatment.

And in the second editorial the editor lashes out at students with the "anti-apathy, fire and brimstone, get off your duffs" speech when nothing has happened during the ensuing week.

Well, I've got some news for you. We don't need either of those.

Believe it or not, this will be the best year in recent McPherson College history. In the four full years that I've experienced already I'd have to say that this one is off to the best start (with the possible exception of '76, the year in which, coincidentally or not, your editor made his debut on the McPherson campus).

I'm not going to tell you what we need to make this one of the best years ever. I'm going to tell you why it already is.

I'm going to tell you that every floor of every dorm on campus is in use for the first time in more than half a decade.

I'm going to tell you that orientation was better organized and had better participation than in previous years. This year's freshmen are numerous and already active in campus activities and affairs.

I'm going to tell you that the college is continuing to operate in the black thanks to one of the

most successful fund-raising campaigns of recent years. Alumni care about McPherson College and show it with generous gifts year after year. Also, some administrative offices have been moved to hopefully more efficient locations, and a Campus Information Center has been established to try to smooth out red tape and to centralize key data.

McPherson's fine Natural Sciences department has received a scientific grant that will help fund a research project possibly the equal of many in large universities. Renovations and improvements are being made in Harnly Hall, including some in the chemistry lab that are the first in over fifty years.

Student Activities Board has arranged a schedule packed with activities, including an awesome array of the finest movies this campus has seen in many a year. The movies are being shown through a new projector with a sound system that doesn't sound like the reels are being run by hand (which at times they were last year).

The Spectator has risen from the ashes of almost non-existence last year to field a full staff of four co-editors and more than a dozen reporters and photographers.

The west side of Fanny has enough wattage in stereo equipment to light the city of Wichita for a full year (according to an unreleased, unconfirmed report by an unknown source).

These are only a few of the reasons why the 1980-81 year is and will be one of the finest in memory.

The sooner you face up to and accept the fact that you, personally, as part of this gigantic success story, are going to have your best year ever, the easier your transition into college life will be.

Let's face reality — things are great here at McPherson, and they're getting better.

Don Stinnette,  
Editor-in-chief

## Stuco pres welcomes

by Kevin Carman

Greetings and a belated welcome back to Mac.

As the year progresses you may have questions and-or concerns about such things as convocations, educational policies, student publications, cafeteria food, etc.

You should know that there are committees whose purpose is to deal specifically with problems and policies in each of these areas, and more.

Each of these committees has student representatives who are

eager to receive your input.

Below is a list of committees and the students who serve on them. If you have questions as to the specific function of a committee, consult your "Growl."

**Election Committee** - Terri Enos (chairperson), sr., Marion, Renee Pettit, sr., Iola, Wisc., Alan Gumm, jr., Prairie City, Iowa, and James McKinnell, soph., Rockford, Illi.

**Board of Publications (BOP)** - Janet Sheaffer (chairperson), sr., Chadron, Nebr., Kevin Carman, sr., McPherson, Alan Gumm, Dan Masterson, soph., Oregon, Illi., and Ataloo Snell, soph., McFarland, Cali.

**Food Committee** - James McKinnell (chairperson), one representative from each dorm to be selected.

**Student Activities Board (SAB)** - Dan Rogers (chairperson) soph., Guthrie, Minn., Tina Wagner, jr., Wiley, Colo., Ronda Switzer, soph., Hutchinson, and Aaron Gragg, jr., Quenemo (These are representatives serving from Stuco. For a full list of members see the S.U. bulletin board.)

**Convo Committee** - Sharon Berthoff, Gregg Fenno, soph., Wichita, Dan Rogers.

**Educational Policies Committee (EPC)** - Aaron Gragg, Lothar Stahl, sr., Oberscheid, W. Germany.

**Campus Life Board** - Tom Crist, jr., McPherson, John Fleming, sr., Buhler, Dawn Gaeddert, soph., Inman, and Carolyn Lengel, soph., McPherson.

I would also like to inform you that I (Kevin Carman) have scheduled regular office hours for the purpose of hearing student concerns.

The office where I can be found is the "Mole Hole" in the basement of the S.U. It is located in the hallway near the mailboxes. The office hours are as follows:

Monday - 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday - 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
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# Orientation lauded as success; participation up

by Trudy Christy

Participation was the key to success for the 1980 new student orientation.

Joanne Hamlin, director of new student orientation, felt it was even more successful than orientation last year.

Because "faculty and staff participation was improved over the past and student participation was very good," Joanne felt very positive about the week of orientation.

And if the "bigger is better" axiom holds any truth, this year's orientation was certainly a bigger success with 25 percent more students participating.

Lack of participation was the most often heard complaint about last year's orientation, especially lack of participation

on the part of the football players.

But this year head football coach Lee Dobyns and Joanne worked their schedules out together so the football players could also participate in the orientation activities.

The participation of the football players was an improvement over last year because "it gave the football players a broader base to work off of as far as personal relationships," said orientation leader Jim McKinnell, so., Rockford, IL.

More participation was also achieved by gearing the activities toward the whole student body, not just toward new students.

The activities, which were intended to build community

spirit, seemed to do just that judging from the amount of students who participated.

The new games, held in the park, was a favorite activity of many of the new students including Carol Coffman a transferring sophomore from Brigham City, UT.

"The new games, that was real community spirit."

Linda Schweppe, fr., Lakewood, CO., said about the new games, "I guess rolling over people you really get to know them."

Many students thought like Brenda Ragsdale, fr., Hutchinson, that "the schedule kept you just busy enough so you didn't get homesick."

However, others thought there were too many activities with not

enough free time in between to get settled and unpacked.

Even though freshman suggested several improvements for future orientations such as long range planning with advisors instead of just building community spirit, they generally enjoyed orientation and found it

very helpful in getting started at college.

And whether the freshman realize it or not, orientation this year was much improved over last year.

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## Stuco is dealing with issues

by Mark Colflesh

Out of man's search for fair government was born the concept of equal representation, and the inevitable descendant of that concept was Student Council, man's answer to the eternal question of 'Does petting a cat really cause cancer?'

As the 1980-81 school year gets underway, the Council battles with those routine tasks which confront them every year,

namely the forming of committees and the allocation of funds.

One area which has not been so routine is the formation of the new Resident Life committee. The purpose of this committee is to discern issues in resident living, a job assessment, and improvement and alterations.

But it is the committees' size, not function, which has drawn some controversy. The com-

mittee will either be made up of one men's dorm representative, one women's dorm representative, and one representative from the College Courts, or one representative from each of the dorms plus one from the courts.

In an effort to gain more student participation, the Council will post the agendas of upcoming meetings along with the minutes of the previous meetings. The meetings are open and students are encouraged to attend.

"I think we're off to a good start," commented Stuco President Kevin Carman, "There are a lot of changes trying to happen, and they will if enough of the students come out and support these changes.

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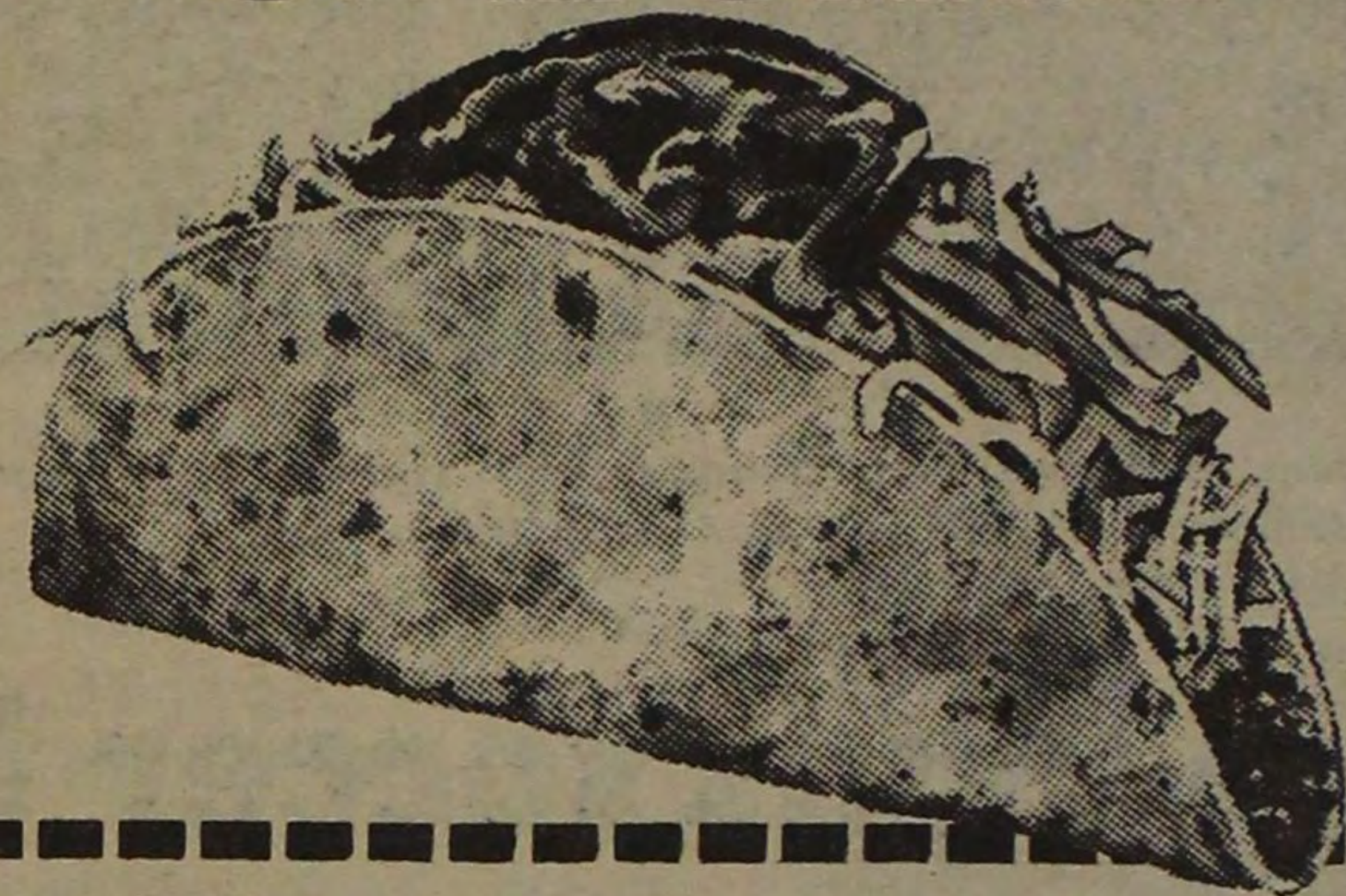
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# Bulldogs stress unity

by Ken Funderburk

This year the battling Bulldogs are a team with a togetherness feeling; a feeling that has been pushed by Head Coach Lee Dobyms and his assistant Coach Latimer, Coach Cript and Coach Wright.

The team is made up of 70 hard-working young men. The captains for this year's squad are Keith Hunter, sr., St. Louis, and Carlton Williams, jr., Belleglade, Fl.

This year's team features All-KCAC wide receiver Walt

Gaston, jr., Mounds, Ok., All-KCAC offensive lineman Bart O'Dwyer, jr., Limon, Co., and Mr. Defense himself All-KCAC Carlton Williams.

To show their appreciation to the late Scott Robinson and Don Hoch, the battling Bulldogs have

decided to honor them by dedicating this season to them. They would also like to thank the rest of the Alumni for their help in getting them ready for St. Mary last week. Things didn't go as planned there. The Bulldogs came away on the short end of the scoreboard 27 to 25, a hard-fought battle that showed a lot of bright spots for this year's team.

This week the Bulldogs travel to Ottawa University to take on

the Braves. A team coached by former McPherson football coach Nyle Salmans, the Braves are coming into the game with a 3 and 0 record.

The Bulldog team has been working hard this week in a quest to change that record to 3 and 1. The coaches feel positively about this week's game. Game time is 7 p.m. at Ottawa Stadium in Ottawa University at Ottawa Kansas.

## Spikers drop opener

by Chuck Telk

The McPherson College Women's Volleyball team opened their 1980 campaign against Kansas Newman College on Tuesday Sept. 16, by dropping three successive matches. The scores were 9-15, 8-15, and 4-15.

Paul Graber, Head Volleyball Coach was not too disappointed over the three defeats as this was Newman's fourth match of the year.

Newman has a veteran team while the Bulldogs have a roster that includes no seniors. Coach Graber was upset with the fact that the Bulldogs blew a 7-2 lead in the second game.

Players who performed well in the opening battle were Debbie Ilin, soph., Namoa, Idaho; who scored six points, and Tammy Roesch, jr., Quinter; who scored five points. Deb Rettele, fr., and

Valecia Kelley, fr., showed a lot of ability as spikers.

The Bulldogs play in the Southwestern Invitational on Sept. 20. The next home match is Thursday, Sept. 25 against Central College, and the Kansas College Athletic Conference opener is Tuesday, Sept. 30 in a three way match against Sterling and Kansas Wesleyan University, at Sterling College.

Last season the Bulldogs had a record of five wins and nineteen losses.

"We'll do a lot of improving on that," stated Coach Graber. "With the nucleus from last year and the new talent we should make a great improvement. By the time the conference season opens we should be an upper division team."

With that in mind we can all look forward to great things from this year's volleyball team.

## Women netters lose a pair

by Lori Whittiker

"We have a young team that has shown some improvement since the beginning of the season," said Coach Doris Coppock of the McPherson girl's tennis team. The team has 8 members this year. They are:

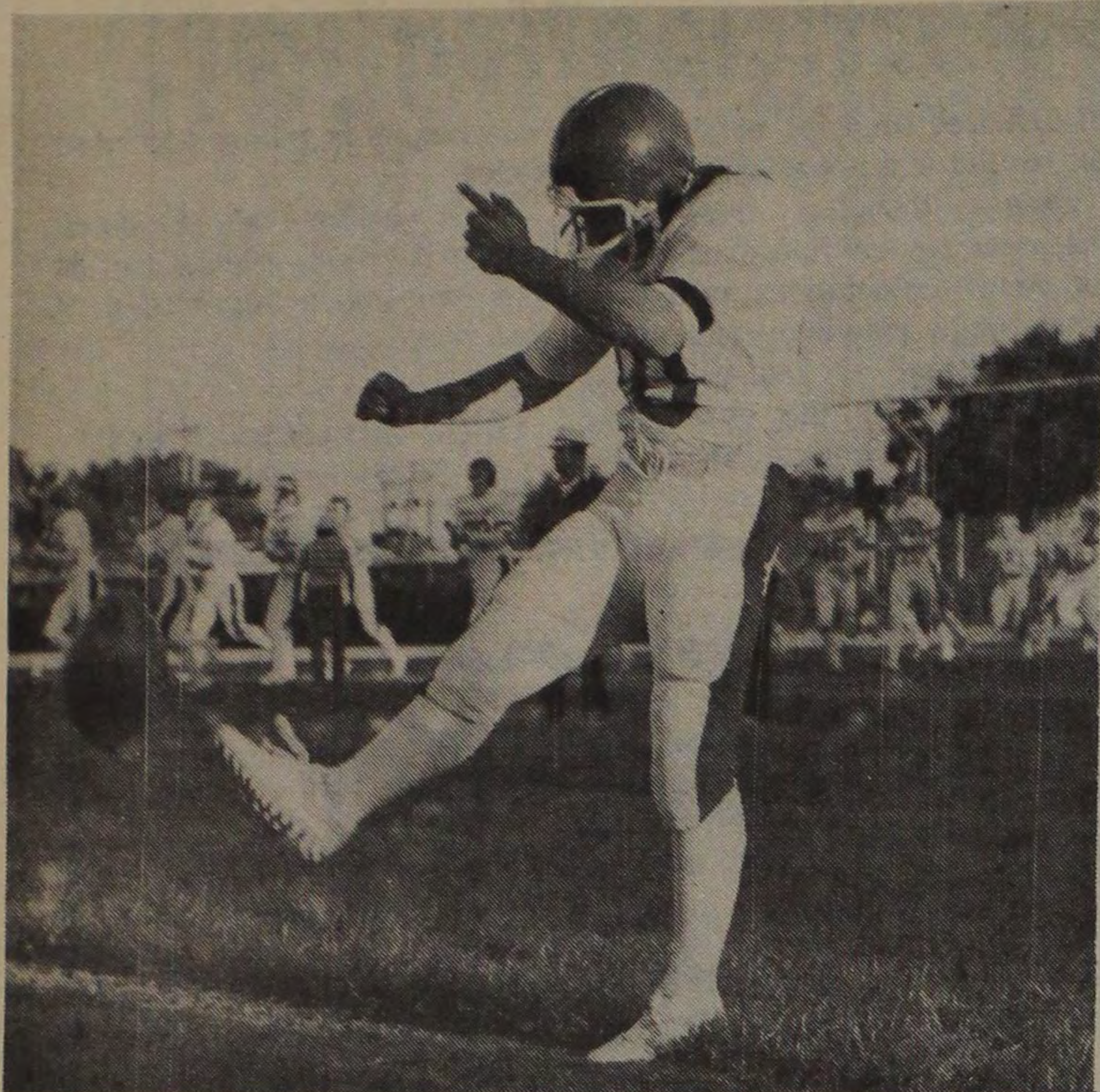
Diana Miller - a senior  
Suzie Morales - a sophomore  
Dani Powell - a sophomore  
Teresa Goodfellow - a sophomore  
Trudy Christy - a sophomore  
Pat Helmer - a freshman  
Ann Swartzendruber - a freshman  
Nancy Birt - a freshman

Their first meet saw McPherson defeated by Southwestern 6-3.

Their second meet on September 17 saw McPherson defeated by Tabor 7-2.

The season schedule follows:  
9-23 at Friends University 2:00  
9-25 at Sterling 2:00  
10-7 at Bethany College 3:00  
10-11 Bethel & Benedictine (at Mac) 10:00-3:00

"We will keep working to improve our basic skills, but we will also be working on our mental game to take our share of the close matches," says Coach Coppock.



Marty Merckling, fr., warms up for a junior varsity contest against Sterling on Monday. The Bulldogs lost in a close, hard-fought game.

## Opiyo leads soccer team to split

by Boniface Waveru

Last Sunday, the McPherson College soccer team had a home game against the Vietnam Vets. The afternoon game was played in hot and quite windy weather, and the 5-3 McPherson loss may have been partly due to playing against the wind in the first half.

During that half, Joe Opiyo, jr., Kenya, scored one goal, while the challengers scored three. The second half was Mac's time; Opiyo, the team's former captain, scored two more within the first fifteen minutes, while the Vets scored one. In the last minutes, the McPherson College team still looked active, but there was no time.

The teams will have a rematch on October 26th.

This Sunday afternoon at 2, the McPherson College soccer team

will play against the Rowdies. This will be a home game and the captain, Charles Ogwang, jr., Uganda, and his team ask that many spectators (and Spectator reporters and photographers) come and see how the Mac soccer team does it.

by Mike Higgins

McPherson's soccer team, led by such "international superstars" as Joe Opiyo, jr., Kenya, Juan "Papi" Pozo, soph., Bolivia, Procopios "Greek" Pelavas, soph., Cyprus, Kitae Kim, soph., Glendale, Cali., and Captain Charles Ogwang, Kenya, manhandled the Wichita Jets in Kansas Soccer League action on Sept. 13.

In the early going it looked as though the opponents would give our team a game. With 5:20 elapsed on the time clock, a Jet fullback booted a fifty-yard blooper over the outstretched hands of McPherson's very own Jim Parker, fr.

The Bulldogs were quick to answer, however, as that Kenyan sensation Joe Opiyo powered a loose ball off the chest of the Jet's

goalie. Moments later Opiyo scored again, this time heading the ball ala Pele.

The stubborn Jets came right back, driving past befuddled McPherson defenders for an easy goal. The score was knotted at two apiece.

With minutes left in the first half, Kitae Kim, showing some of the skills that have made him such an offensive threat, wove his way through defenders, finally breaking away for the score.

In the second half, Opiyo scored his third goal on a forty-yard sizzling line drive. A brawl under our goal, moments later, gave the Wichita team a free kick, which they finally capitalized on, making the score 4-3.

In one final explosion of soccer showmanship, Opiyo, battling off a pesky Jet defender, drove in for an unprecedented fourth goal.

After the game Opiyo was asked what his motivation was, to which he replied, "I just want to have fun!"

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Number one doubles team of Susie Morales, soph., Lyons and Dani Powell, soph., Kingsley, Iowa, concentrate on the ball during their match in McPherson's 8-1 victory over Friends on Tuesday.

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