

Cost of attending McPherson College to increase

by Kevin Burton

Like most other things in life, going to college costs money. Next year, going to McPherson College is going to cost you more: about 10 percent more. That's the word from John Wagoner, financial aid director here at McPherson.

"What we try to do is keep costs to students stationary until we can barely afford to run the college," said Wagoner recently. "Then we have to raise prices. I don't have the exact figures, but I will estimate that tuition will rise between eight and eleven percent."

Mark Scruggs, soph., Denver, says that if money gets much tighter "I will give some consideration to going to a state school. I like this school; they give you a lot of attention. But pricewise . . ."

Jennifer Willes, Soph., Colorado Springs, says, "If tuition goes up significantly, I probably won't be going here next year."

Last year, the Reagan administration cut the education budget by 12 percent. New budget proposals site education as one of the areas to be cut again. But

Wagoner says that McPherson College is committed to support current financial agreements, and will help new students as much as possible.

The Family Financial Statements (FFS) were in student mailboxes before Christmas. If you have lost your copy there are more available in the financial aid office.

The filing deadline for these statements is April 1. Wagoner says, "Whenever possible, the tax section of the FFS should be taken from a completed 1040. If the return is only partial, the possibility remains that the figures are incorrect. If that were the case we would have to redo the FFS."

If for any reason you cannot complete your FFS before April 1, or have question, contact John Wagoner. Statements that are in the office by the filing deadline will take precedence over those turned in later. "No one knows right now how much aid there will be," says Wagoner, "so it's a good idea to fill them out as soon as possible."

While funding for education is being cut, military spending is on the increase. This Reagan administration policy is controversial, to say the least, especially among educators.

Wagoner says, "Cutting education instead of national

defense is a bad choice. I think it's counter productive. I've always said the best defense is a well educated populous." Jennifer Willes echoes Wagoner's sentiments, saying, "He's cutting the future of America."

What can we do about the budget cuts? Wagoner says we

should let our representatives in congress know how we feel.

"When the administration was talking about cutting social security payments to senior citizens, there was such a groundswell that they had to back off. It's also very important to get parents involved."

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SAB is planning student survey

The Student Activities Board needs more input from students in order to serve more effectively. For this reason, SAB is planning to administer a survey to all students in March to get some feedback from students as to whether or not students are satisfied with the quality and quantity of the activities provided.

SAB would like to be able to determine which activities are most popular and should be emphasized, and which activities are not as popular and should possibly be dropped.

The Student Activities Board's

budget comes out of the general activity fee which students pay each year. Their budget consists of about \$3400 and goes for such activities as movies, live bands (for special dances like Prom and Homecoming), concerts, coffee houses, mystery vans, intermurals, and other activities such as bowling, swimming and skating parties.

The cost of all of these activities must be within the \$3400 budget. SAB would like to know how to best allocate your money. To accomplish this, SAB needs your help.

Please take the time to fill our

the survey which will be given during March.

SAB presently has 12 student members, but there is always room for more. Meetings are open to everyone and are held every Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the private dining room. Ideas are always welcome and appreciated.

Dan Masterson, jr., Mt. Morris, Ill., is currently the chairperson of SAB, and Robert Cole, soph., Culbertson, Nebr., is the treasurer. SAB will soon be looking for a chairperson-elect to replace Dan next spring. The chairperson serves for a two semester term.

Spectator Sidelines . . .

A CORRECTION should be made to the honor roll story which was printed in last week's Spec. The honorable mention range was listed as including those students with a 3.25-3.50 average. The honor roll students were to have a 3.50+ average. This article should have stated that the honorable mention range is from 3.25-3.54 and that the honor roll consists of students with a 3.55+ average.

DENNIS TEDFORD, a senior biology student, is congratulated on his acceptance to the University of Kansas Medical School for the fall of 1982.

TOMORROW EVENING IS GAMES NIGHT in the student union. The snack bar will be open and special prices will be offered on pizza.

THE MIDNIGHT MOVIE "TAPS" will be shown tomorrow evening at the Spiral Theatre.

Students planning to do SENIOR STUDENT TEACHING during the Fall 1982 or Spring 1983 semesters (Special Education, Elementary Education or Secondary) should get a pre-application form from Dr. Monroe Hughbanks. The completed form should be returned to him by March 5.

A COLLEGE MUSIC FACULTY RECITAL will be held on Sunday evening, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Resident assistants to be selected

by Chuck Cuthbert

It's that time of the year again — the time when all of the students who have applied for a resident assistant position are interviewed to determine which ones will be best suited for this demanding job.

The RA selection system works in the following manner. First, all applicants are interviewed by a selected student committee. This committee is designed to look at the applicant's special qualities in the areas of his or her interaction with students and others, the applicant's philosophy, listening abilities, citizenship qualities, and empathetic abilities, just to name a few.

The student committee then

passes on its recommendation to a Resident Director-Administration Committee. This second committee will review the recommendation and interview the selected students which were chosen from the list of original applicants. The RD-Administration Committee makes the final decisions.

Once the RA's are selected, they participate in a 5-6 week training course designed to help the RA's to serve more effectively.

Housing Director Joanne Hamlin explains the role of an RA in the following manner. "An RA is a resource and information person as well as an early alert system for problems, be they isolated or large scale. An RA is

also an interpreter of the rules and position of school policy, and last and not least a disciplinarian."

Hamlin continues to explain that "an RA must show fine leadership qualities, be flexible, be able to cope with stress, have mature habits, and communicate well with other students."

Interviews for RA positions are scheduled to begin today and continue through March 8. Final notifications and final interviews will be held before spring break.

Auction to be held Saturday

by Kerri Vinson

QUESTION: What's the next best thing to a home-cooked meal?

ANSWER: A faculty-cooked meal. Don't miss this opportunity to dine in the home of your favorite professor.

The Student Activities Board is sponsoring a faculty auction tomorrow evening which will be held in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

Students are to come, organized into groups of five, with pocketbook in hand. The groups will then place bids for a meal at the home of the professor of their choice. Each member of the highest bidding group will match the bid. The meal will be provided in the home and at the faculty member's convenience.

A professional auctioneer will be conducting the auction.

Career counselor on duty

by Linda Schweppe

Do you have questions about your future career? If you do, maybe Lois Reimer can help.

Lois, the new career counselor at McPherson College, encourages students to come and visit with her. Students are always welcome.

Lois received her degree from Greenville College (Ill.) in 1978 with a double major in elementary and special education.

She was born in McPherson and returned here in 1978 to work. She considers it a real honor to be

able to do her practicum here at McPherson College, and enjoys working with Dr. Edward Butler and Mary Ann Musselwhite in the student services office.

Lois would like to prepare and send information to faculty which would help them in guiding students. She would also like to communicate with as many students as possible.

Her office is located in the Student Services Office, ext. 115. She is in her office on Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and alternate mornings and afternoons on Fridays.



Is a student in need of some career information? Lois checks to see if she can help. She encourages students to come visit her in her office in Mohler Hall.

Photo by Pierre Franco

'To play is for keeps'

The ignorance of it all:
 We call it honor
 We call it pride
 We call it country
 Our faithful bride.
 The ultimate sacrifice
 The ultimate sin
 The ultimate contradiction
 Because nobody wins.
 When will it stop?
 When will we see?
 Why won't we question
 Does it have to be?
 The ignorance of it all!
 To play is for keeps
 No longer just a game
 For we build to kill our brothers
 And justify it in your name?

Mark J. Swick

Students express concern on convo policy

by Memo Zavala
 "To go or not to go" seems to be the question we ask ourselves every Monday and Thursday before herding ourselves to convocation.

Many students on campus believe that mandatory convo attendance is a denial of their right to decide if they want to participate in this form of campus community or not.

Norma Tucker, vice president for academic services, challenges that opinion and insists that students indeed have an alternative. One option is to work on a paper or project instead of taking part in convo. The other, and perhaps less desirable option, is failure. "Yes, they have

the freedom to choose. But with it," she commented, "come the consequences."

So far, ten students have opted for the alternative projects or papers. Some of these chose this path because of class schedule and working conflicts. The alternative of working on a paper or project can fulfill the course requirement by allowing the student to work on it at a more convenient time.

The justification of the convo system is primarily based on the idea of promoting community within our school. Carol Mollhagen, sr., McPherson, agrees. "I get a chance to see a lot of people I wouldn't normally get to see. Some convos are pretty interesting."

Steve Christianson, jr., McPherson, agrees with Carol that convo gives an opportunity for socializing. But he also felt that more emphasis should be placed on convo quality.

Another issue which causes some student concern is that of faculty attendance. Kathy Tharrington, jr., Caldwell, Idaho, feels that since convo was started through a faculty decision that the faculty should attend it. "You look around in convo and see how many faculty members are there. They voted on it, so they should have to go just like we do. They should also have to fill out the little cards like us."

Tim Krehbiel, jr., McPherson, strongly opposes the mandatory attendance policy saying, "It's

the worst thing that's happened to the college since I've been here. It's foolish to continue it."

Wendy Rayno, jr., Boston, Mass., had the contrasting opinion that convos are very positive. She noted that "convocations are very enlightening, and when I go to convo everything comes alive within me. I feel unified with the rest of the school. Without convo I wouldn't know what to do for that whole hour."

Although most probably do not look forward to convo as much as Wendy does, letters and opinions are welcome by both the Spectator and Stuco. Student opinion must be voiced (good and bad), because it does directly affect the student body.

'The Last Play' — a parable by Marie Neher

Once upon a time in a far away land there lived a boy named Roxmus. Every day he would spend an endless amount of time imitating others and creating characters and episodes of his own. He loved to use his imagination to create all kinds of situations. As Roxmus grew older there came a time when he would have to make a decision about what he would do with his life. In order to continue his role playing and acting he went to

school for four years in theatre. He loved his studies and with diligent work became a famous actor in his country.

As the years passed Roxmus made many friends. Because of his fame he became wealthy and therefore had very wealthy friends. His friends loved Roxmus and would applaud his acting fervently. Then at the peak of Roxmus' acting career there was an audition for the most honorable part offered to any actor. Roxmus, with the en-

couragement of his friends, went into training. As the time neared for the big audition Roxmus had created a good image for himself in the eyes of his critics. The big day came and Roxmus was honored with the part.

The script was written and Roxmus' responsibility laid in an interpretation of the character in the play. The directors made Roxmus put a final touch on the play. Roxmus felt a duty however, to honor the suggestions of his friends who

had helped him get the part. Often these suggestions were contrary to the directors. There was disagreement about Roxmus' interpretation of the play even up to the performing night. But, the play had to be presented; the show had to go on.

Great masses of people gathered for what was to be the production of their lifetime. The auditorium filled to capacity with standing room only. Anticipation mounted as the lights dimmed for the opening curtain. The crowd

silenced as the great play began. Roxmus appeared on stage in a glittering costume and spoke his first line; it flowed beautifully and the crowd was awed. As the first act came to an end there was thunderous applause, and during intermission the crowd buzzed with enthusiasm at the wonderful performance by Roxmus.

Once again the lights dimmed and the curtain opened for the second act. Roxmus was there on stage in full glamour but his acting seemed less than professional. There seemed to be a flaw in the character he was portraying. The crowds began to boo, but Roxmus continued even stronger. Each critical comment seemed to make Roxmus more certain that the people didn't understand the true meaning of the play. During a moment backstage Roxmus instructed the ushers to get rid of the people who were dissatisfied and shouting opposition.

... I terminate here a story that does not end as tragically as the real story will, in which our own Ronald Reagan is the "star." This actor will do more harm than to throw us out of a theatre without refund. In real life we have no place to run; there are no exits. We are on stage with Reagan and his decisions affect the entire cast. Unfortunately, the real play will end more tragically. There will be no survivors... not even a stage.

Marie L. Neher

Peace through military buildup?

Dear Editor,

I wish to challenge all those individuals who proclaim a faith in a Supreme Being and simultaneously vehemently support the dependence on the proliferation of nuclear weapons to achieve world peace. Such a belief contains some of the most absurd contradictions in thought processes that I have ever come upon.

First, the Supreme Being (whom I shall refer to as God) is a Being that in its given title and essence assumes certain characteristics. Namely, that it has supernatural powers beyond all of our human capabilities and is bigger, better and mightier than any of us as individuals or nations could ever hope to be. Also, this God does not claim allegiance to only me, Sandy Reisinger, or us, the United States of America. God is a God of all. We as American citizens have claimed him as ours, and only ours. How typical of our self-centered, idolatrous society.

It seems to me, therefore, that the focus of our fear should not lie in the Soviet Union's capability to destroy us at a touch of a button. Face it, if God is so big and we deserve to be protected (which is doubtful), that same Lord could "at the touch of a finger" turn that dreaded ICBW into a plow. No, the one we should be in awe of is the one who has been so gracious as to give us life. How absolutely illogical and silly it is to believe that an ICBM or MX missile will give us that longed for world peace while our neighbor suffers from starvation and disease.

God have mercy if he ever considers reigning judgment on us for feeding the hungry nuclear weapons and loving our enemies by threatening them with death.

Historically speaking, our beliefs hold no basis. Take the ancient Israelite nation for example. They too, claimed dependence and faith in the same God we say we believe in. Yet when they looked to themselves as power and controller, their nation fell into chaos and war. Only when they remained obedient to their God did they have a sense of peace among themselves and with other nations. Learn from the mistakes of our forerunners, which the Israelites are, for out of their nation arose the figure of our faith. How many times did Jesus suggest carrying weapons to protect ourselves.

Don't hold the Soviet Union accountable for our philosophy of a self-centered desire for power. If there wouldn't be communism we would find another reason to build up arms. No, what we fear comes from within; it is a fear of being totally dependent on the God we say we depend on. Peace offered by proliferation of weapons isn't peace; it is an excuse to be in control. I challenge everyone to reassess their faith statements. If we proclaim a belief in God, let us behave as though we do; otherwise admit that in reality we only trust ourselves and our human desire for power. We have become our God.

Sandy Reisinger

Dear Editor,

First of all I would like to thank the Spec for asking me to express my point of view on last week's convocation. One never really knows how to begin when addressing such a controversial subject. I thought about several approaches and finally decided upon a format. Certain individuals with an opposing viewpoint tried to entice me to write a vicious, insulting letter. But I decided on a calm and more mature approach.

Contrary to the belief of many people on this campus, I am not a war monger. I find the thought of war appalling and very unpleasant. But war is a reality. You can look at a newspaper on any given day and see that war is all around us. It is because of this fact that I feel we should be prepared through armaments, not only nuclear, but conventional as well.

I feel that anyone who does not believe that the threat of Soviet world domination is real is playing the game of the ostrich with its head in the sand. Just look at the situation in Poland. Tell the people of Afghanistan that the Soviets are not out to rule the planet and see what they tell you. Go to Southeast Asia and view the victims of "yellow rain" and chemical poisoning and say that the Russians are a benevolent, peace-loving country.

Probably the best illustration I can think of to help support the peace-through-strength viewpoint is one that I'm sure almost everyone has seen during their lifetime. Does anyone remember the "neighborhood bully?" Think back. You remember him as a kid that was bigger than most of the rest of the kids in the neighborhood. I think you'll also remember that he only picked on kids smaller than him and never anyone his own size. The reason was that the bully himself didn't want to get beat up. Eventually, with enough pressure from the kids the bully's own size, the bully stopped beating up smaller kids. Thus peace resulted through strength.

Many who read this will probably say, "How can you compare children to the super powers of the world?" Well, we are all human and we all have the same instinct for survival.

In closing, I would like to say that I believe that we live in the greatest society on the planet Earth. I don't know of any other country that has the freedom that we do. Freedom to worship God in our own ways, freedom to speak our opinions in letters such as this one, and even the freedom to choose whether or not to stand for our national anthem. And to those who have viewpoints that oppose my own, I respect those viewpoints and if the need arose, God forbid it, I would die on a battlefield to protect your freedom.

Sincerely,
 Robby Linn



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Will Arnold and Cline forever only house memories?

Kline Hall and Arnold Hall are two buildings on campus that aren't being used. From the way things look right now, they may not be used for a long time to come. But will they be torn down?

A few years ago, Kline Hall was a thriving women's dorm. then the fire marshall informed the college that the building would have to be remodeled or closed. The college chose the latter.

Dr. Merlin Frantz, vice president for administrative services recalls that "he (the marshall) was very adamant at the time.....there weren't many electrical outlets, so there were drop cords all over the place.

Sometimes doors would close on the cords."

The residents weren't too happy about the whole situation and protested the closing of Kline. When they found that their protests were to no avail, they had a funeral for the building. "They had the campus minister say a few words, and then they burned a picture of Kline," says Dr. Frantz.

Arnold Hall, on the other hand, was closed because there weren't enough students to fill it. Although it doesn't meet fire code standards today, at the time it was closed it was within those standards.

The two buildings are no less of a fire hazard, even though there are no students living there. Dr. Ed Butler, vice president for student services, says. "They still are fire hazards, but by having them closed we prevent any loss of life."

There are no plans in the works to remodel either building to bring them up to fire code standards. "To remodel right now would be a major, major

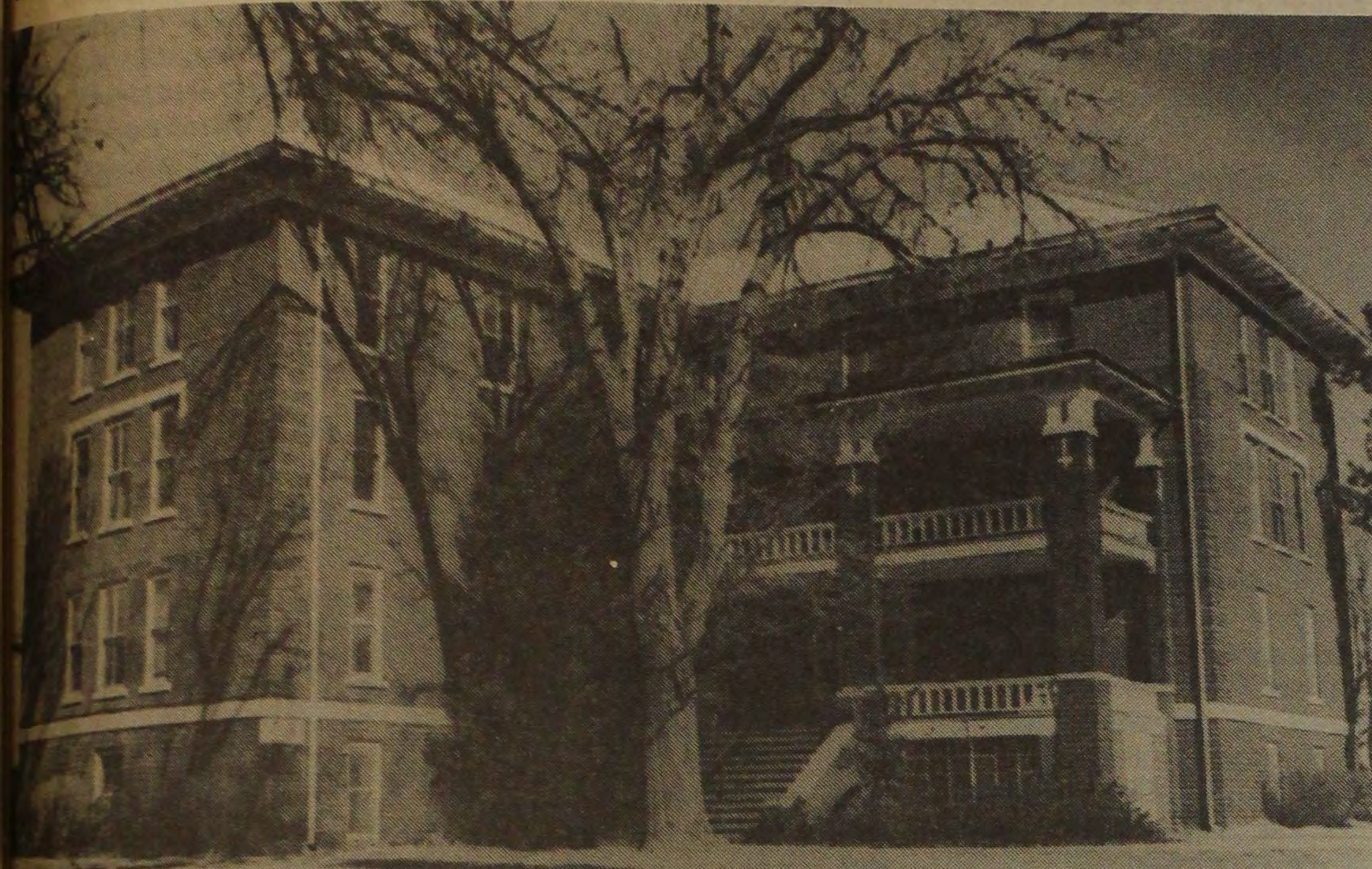
expense," says Dr. Frantz. "We don't need the space right now. Remodeling would only raise our overhead."

Joanne Hamlin, director of student housing, doesn't see any immediate hope for the buildings either. "It would be nice if we could use them," says Hamlin, "but realistically, we would have to start from scratch to get them in shape to meet the fire code. It's just not a possibility right now."

The buildings aren't safe, and aren't going to be remodeled. That leaves the question of possible removal.

On February 11, the nine-member Campus Planning Committee met and recommended that bids be taken for the removal of Kline and Arnold halls. Dr. Frantz, who chairs the committee, says, "It would cost much less to remove the buildings than to remodel them, but you can't get them torn down for free either. It's going to cost some money."

The committee has no official power to take bids. Their action was strictly a recommendation.



Arnold Hall continues to remain very quiet to the dismay of many students on campus. Although some of the residents of 3rd floor Bittinger and Dotzour would like to

see a women's counter-part to Fanny exist, it is doubtful that their wishes will be rewarded in the near future.

Photo by Pierre France

Auditing a class is an alternative

While most of us enroll for a course to receive credit hours and a grade for it, there is another way to do it.

Some students choose to audit a class. Auditing a class means the name of the class appears on your transcript, but you do not receive credit hours or a grade for it.

Students audit courses for several reasons. First, if you already have a full load of 15 hours, auditing one class enables you to take the extra course

without actually adding hours to your course load.

Since you are not actually taking extra hours, you do not have to pay the full \$102 for each hour over 15 hours. The fee for auditing a course is only \$25 per hour.

Another reason to audit a class is if you want to take a particular class, or you think it would be good for you to have it, but you don't necessarily want to take the tests or receive a final grade.

Auditing a class conotates that you did not have to do any course work or take the tests, but this depends on the professor. In any case, the course is listed on your transcript but shows no credit.

There are some courses that cannot be audited. Any course that has labs or personal contact with the professor, such as a music lesson, cannot be audited. And, since you receive no credit for audited courses, required courses naturally cannot be audited.

Anyone may audit a course whether or not they are a full time McPherson student. People with a college degree and-or a senior citizens may audit courses for \$10 per hour. Others may audit for \$25 per hour.

Aerobic exercise — Strenuous, but rewarding

When faced with the possibility of falling into a condition of being out-of-shape during the winter months, a group of students decided to do something about it. Many began working on aerobics — one of the newest and most popular forms of exercise on the McPherson College campus.

Aerobics is a method of exercise in which an exercise routine is combined with a musical background in order to make the whole ordeal just a little bit more enjoyable.

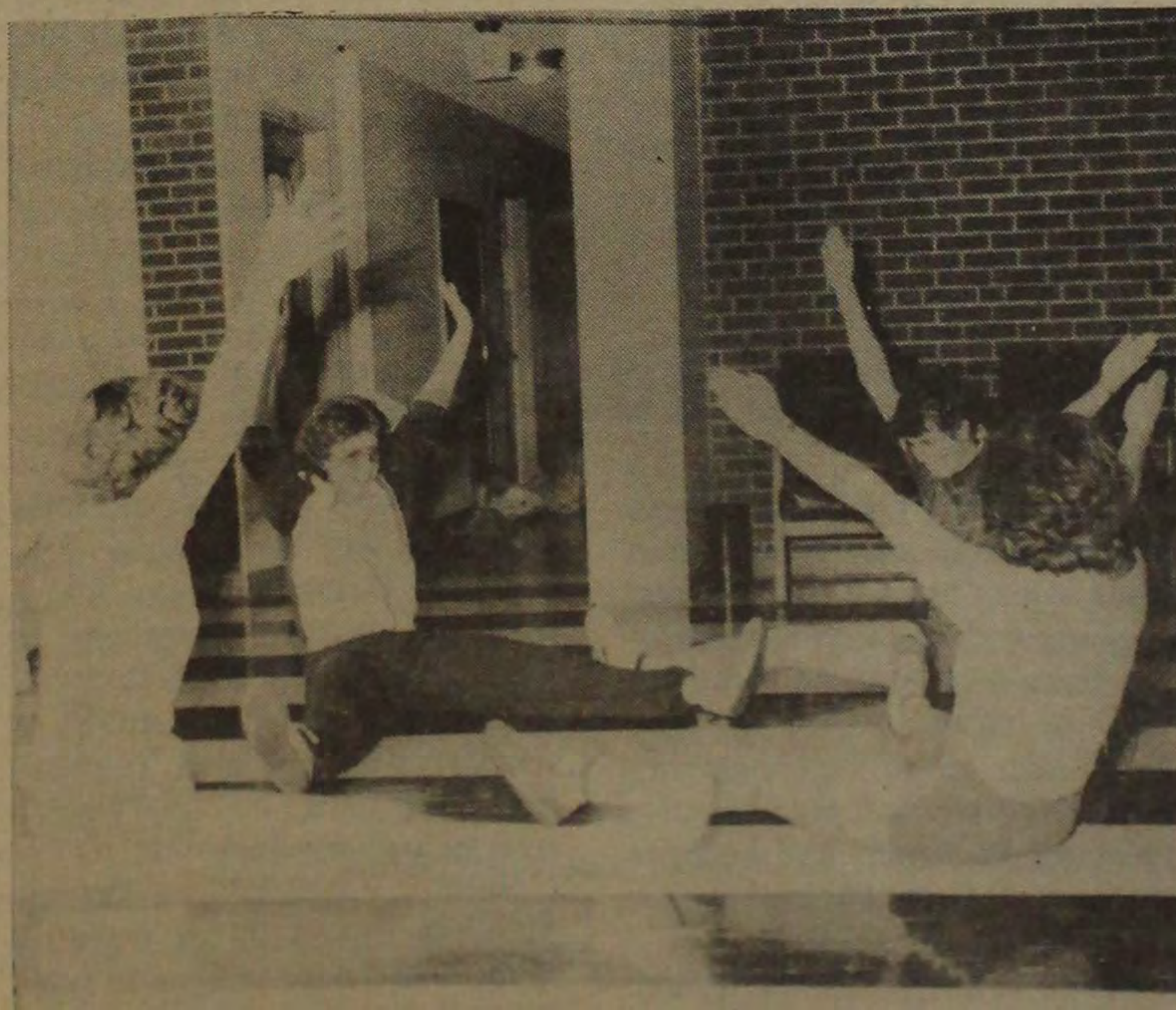
Linda Sutton, fr., Houston, Mo., was one of the leaders in getting a group of students together during the day to work out. She had heard of aerobics classes, but since she couldn't find one around here at the time, she bought a special aerobics record. The record is produced by Carol

Hensel and is entitled "Exercise Program." In addition to the music, the record includes a voice shouting out words of encouragement to those under strain.

Linda says that students who work out daily usually notice a difference in a short period of time, but the program needs to be practiced regularly. She stated that "I feel better", and that, "I started working on aerobics because it is a great way to stay in shape during the winter."


According to Time magazine, the aerobics fad was initiated by Jacki Sorensen, 38, who began the movement in 1971 from a church basement in South Orange, New Jersey. Sorensen's and a host of other programs now attract an amazing 6 million participants nationwide.

The workout is brisk, tiring, and makes you feel as if you have used muscles you never knew existed, but yet the exercise is rewarding. Most participants agree that they feel better and have more energy.



Pam Hieronymus, Guyman, Okla., Nancy Birt, soph., Hutchinson, Linda Sutton, fr., Houston, Mo., and Betsy Terriere, soph., Lakewood, Colo. continue to smile in spite of the pain of stretching muscles while they work on one of several aerobic routines.

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Kevin Carlson, soph., Herrington, draws a crowd as he looks for a layup in McPherson College's 77-60 loss to Friends University. Last Saturday's game at the roundhouse was McPherson's final home game of the season.

Photo by Pierre France

Sports Comment

with Kevin Burton

The Lady Red have completed their 1981-82 regular season campaign with a record of 15-8. The KCAC title that many expected them to win proved to be just out of reach.

There seems to be a general feeling among the players that the Lady Red could, or perhaps should have won more games. Valecia Kelly explains, "We had some problems in the early season that we couldn't quite overcome."

Coach Paul Graber is among those who thought McPherson would win the KCAC this season. "The rest of the conference was a lot tougher than I expected," said Graber. "There was more balance this year because of a lot more competitive teams."

The Lady Red needn't bother being disappointed with the regular season. There's a big bash in Wichita tonight, and they're invited. It's playoff time!!

St. Mary's, Benedictine, McPherson and host Friends all have a shot at a state championship. The women have been looking forward to this opportunity for some time.

There's a lot of talent headed

toward Wichita today. Deb Rettele and Susan Sundahl have been putting on a clinic for opposing players all year. For both players, this is the last hurrah. McPherson's dynamic duo will graduate this year.

Also starting on the front line is sophomore Valecia Kelly. As for the backcourt, McPherson has more talented guards than you can shake a stick at.

McPherson has defeated all the teams in the tournament with the exception of Benedictine, who was not scheduled, so they've proven they can do the job. "If we play the way we're capable of playing," says freshman guard Terri Vinson, "I think we can win."

A pair of wins in this weekend's tournament would send the Lady Red to Fargo, North Dakota for the regional championships to be held March 11-13. First things first — they still have to survive this weekend's test.

Next year the Lady Red will return as a solid experienced nucleus. It will be difficult if not impossible to replace Rettele and Sundahl. This will most likely mean that next year's team will run, run, and run some more. "We want to run, but we also

Bulldogs' not soured by record

by Pierre France

A team with a win-loss record of 1-23 has probably had a very frustrating season. This statement certainly is applicable to the McPherson College men's basketball team. However, in spite of the fact that they have only defeated one out of 24 teams, the attitude of this ball club is still positive.

The team does play an aggressive defensive and offensive game. But although they put out an intense effort and

persevere to the very end of the games, the outcome has usually resulted in defeat, as it did once again this past weekend when they fell to Friends.

The Bulldogs have been plagued with injuries from the very beginning of the season. Because the team lacked a strong guard and center, they fell victim to a high percentage of turnovers throughout the season. "Our personnel are very small," states Coach Bob Fairbank. "We get beat inside from most opponents."

Coach Fairbank praises the performance of 6 ft. 2 in. forward Kevin Carlson and says the Carlson plays like a 6 ft. 7 in. center without the extra five inches. Coach Fairbank also noted that the freshmen and sophomore players are among the best crop the team has ever had.

The KCAC conference will always be tough. However, if the desperately needed strong guard and center positions can be filled, perhaps the Bulldogs can be more competitive next year.

Lady Red Machine rolls into playoffs

by Kerri Vinson

The McPherson Women's Basketball team is heading for the AIAW State Playoffs. Coming off an impressive victory last Saturday in their last home appearance, the Lady Red will face either Benedictine, St. Mary's, or Friends University (the team which fell to McPherson last Saturday).

"I was very pleased with the team's performance last Saturday. Friends still had the

conference championship to shoot for, so it took a solid effort for us to deny it to them," commented Coach Graber.

McPherson used a strong defensive effort and a second half scoring surge to pull the plug on Friends.



Photo by Kenny Miller

Valecia Kelly, soph., Cincinnati, Ohio, reaches for her goal while the other Lady Bulldogs anxiously await the outcome during the game against Kansas Wesleyan which took place on February 13. The girls came off the floor victorious, as they did once again this past weekend when they defeated Friends to move on to the state playoffs.

want to be under control," said Coach Graber.

SCRAPBOOK.....Chris Toledo may not be allowed to make up the year of eligibility he missed, because he lost another whole season due to injury. A college athlete has five years to complete four year's eligibility. The athletic department is trying to get a hardship ruling for him.....Tennis season is upon us. Some of our players have already seen action in a tournament in Great Bend.....The official word on the status of Coach Bob Fairbank is that "he has indicated to the team that he's considering resigning.".....In the next issue my topic will be violence in sports.

Tracksters prepare for meets

While every was inside avoiding the snow and sharp cold during early February, members of the McPherson College track team were beginning to prepare themselves for spring track meets.

Since the beginning of February the McPherson team has been practicing five days a week (Mon.-Fri.) at 3:30 p.m. Team members practice individually during the weekends.

The track team meets every day in the gymnasium to stretch before beginning its 3-5 mile run.

Coach Larry Latimer expects to have 15 women participating in track after the basketball season is completed. He is excited about the team's potential and stated that the team is working very hard. The team may have an advantage over last year because the team is larger, and because they started practicing earlier this year.

Coach Cripe has about 19 men out for track which has resulted in an improvement in both numbers and quality over last year. Although they do not have enough members to make a

really strong team, Cripe feels that they will be stronger than last year. Coach Cripe also stated that one of the advantages of track as a sport is that individuals have the opportunity of doing well on their own. They are not held back by the team's overall performance.

Both coaches encourage students interested in track to come out. There is always room for more participants.

The first track meet for the McPherson College team will be here on Wed., March 10 when we host Bethany and Hutchinson.

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