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L.I.F.E. seminars aid job seekers

by Chuck Telk

In an attempt to help students find employment and success upon graduation, McPherson College is providing students with the opportunity to attend various "job seeking" seminars.

L.I.F.E. Conference (Look Into Future Employment) was held March 2 and 3 at Friends University and Kansas Newman College. According to Lois Reimer, career guidance counselor, LIFE was attended by about 20 McPherson students.

A workshop on filling out resumes was held last Tuesday and Wednesday here at McPherson College. Other activities scheduled to take place during the remainder of the semester include a seminar on the handling of all phases of a job

interview, a "career dinner" in which members of McPherson's business community will talk to students about which methods of employment seeking are most successful, and a seminar on job decision making.

A new method to help students find employment was introduced this year in the form of the senior video interviews. Only nine seniors participated in the program conducted by Wendall Knowles, who sells the finished product to companies. These companies in turn can contact prospective graduates who might possibly fill the need of the company.

During the interviews, which last five to ten minutes, questions on career goals, opinions and GPA were asked to the students. Student reaction to the video

interviews were varied.

"I thought it was good, but I don't think it will help that much because it will only be seen by certain people. I did it primarily for the experience," said George Baily, sr., Oklahoma City, Okla.

Of a different opinion was Robby Linn, sr., Commerce, Okla. "I think they will be helpful in finding a job over the long run."

Student evaluations useful

by Kevin Burton

Have you ever wondered what happens to the class evaluations that students fill out in many classes? Well, they are used for two purposes.

First, they serve as a guideline for possible changes in the structure of a course. They are not always used as the final determinant, but they do carry some clout.

John Burkholder, professor of biology, states, "The evaluations are good tools to use in planning for the next year's course. Students are not uniform in what they like, so I go by the majority opinion."

Secondly, the students' class evaluations are used along with a professor's self-evaluation, and the evaluations of his colleagues, when he is evaluated by the Academic Administration Council.

"Professors are evaluated in their first, second, third, fifth and seventh years," says Dr. Norma Tucker, vice president for Academic services. "After that, they are evaluated every three years."

If one of your professors didn't hand out class evaluation forms, chances are that they're not being evaluated this year.

Spectator Sidelines. . .

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI PHONOTHON was completed this week. The goal of \$120,000 was surpassed by \$15,522, giving a grand total of \$135,522.

Congratulations are in order for the following faculty members. Dr. Connie Nichols was promoted from assistant to associate professor of home economics. Professor John Burden was promoted from assistant to associate professor of psychology. Dr. Richard Zerger has been granted tenure.

The committees working on the resident assistant selections are now involved in the second session of interviews. The RA selections, according to Joanne Hamlin, will be finalized soon after spring break.

Students elected to serve as STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS for next year are: Sid Gauby, president, jr., McPherson; Pam Higgins, vice-president, jr., Albuquerque, N.M.; Sarah Baile, secretary, fr., Warrensburg, Mo.; and Bill Snyder, jr., Chesterland, Ohio. Representatives will be elected on April 8. Students interested about serving on Student Council should get a petition soon after spring break.

The MCPHERSON COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR will be presenting a homecoming concert on Sunday, April 4 in Brown Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

MID-TERM GRADES will be out around March 25 so the good news (hopefully) will be there waiting for you on your return to the campus. April 2, Friday, is the last day to drop courses for the semester without receiving a grade.

Tentative enrollment schedules for fall semester will probably be ready the first week in April. Pre-enrollment cards are due on April 23.

Fire safety improved

by Joanne Hamlin

Director of Housing

The fire alarm system will now be directly connected with the local fire department in order to provide increased safety and protection for the campus community.

According to Assistant Chief Jack Hamilton from the local department, any time the smoke or fire alarms are activated, the fire department is required to respond immediately to the location of the alarm. The police department normally will accompany fire alarm calls. All persons in the building where the alarm is activated are required to vacate the building and will not be able to reenter until the fire department has thoroughly checked the building.

It should be understood that falsely activating the fire system

is against federal law and city ordinance. Persons falsely activating the system will be charged for a misdemeanor which carries a penalty of a fine of up to \$100 and-or six months in jail. The McPherson Municipal Court sometimes orders restitution which may include the cost of a run (approximately \$100), court costs and several other costs. The total cost to the person(s) involved may be as high as \$250 or more. False alarms endanger the lives of other residents in McPherson and surrounding areas and are not taken lightly.

The new direct system will be tested over the Spring Break period and will be in full operation beginning March 23, 1982. We are pleased to be able to provide this extra protection for our campus community.

New phones should ease frustration

Have any of you ever become a little bit frustrated when you just desperately needed to make an important call, and as always, the phones were in use from the top to bottom floors of the dorm? Well, within the last few weeks your telephone trials have hopefully become just a little bit easier to handle.

Thirteen new telephones were installed just a few weeks ago in the different dorms by Southwestern Bell in order to provide a greater service and convenience for college students. Three phones were placed in Metzler, two in Bittinger, two in Fahnestock, and six in Dotzour. The new phones were installed by Southwestern Bell, working in conjunction with the Kansas Corporation Commission, and at no cost to the college. Southwestern Bell will also be responsible for maintenance and

upkeep.

The new phones are to be used for long-distance credit card and collect calls only. They are used for outgoing calls and no money is exchanged for the calls. The phones cannot be used for incoming calls.

Joanne Hamlin, director of housing, states that "I felt very positive about putting in the new phones. It provides a greater service to students and allows them to make calls more easily."

McPherson College is the first place in McPherson to use this type of telephone, and in a way, the college is a trial case for the possible installation of others in the community.

The decision to get new phones for the dorms came about as a result of a dorm council meeting in which students asked if it would be possible to get a greater number of phones. Because of the

way in which the residence halls are built, installation of private phones in individual rooms is not possible. Hamlin dealt with this request by contacting Southwestern Bell about the possibility of adding new pay phones. Southwestern Bell asked if she would consider the installation of phones which are specifically designed for long-distance calls. Southwestern Bell had realized from the results of a usage study that dorms do have a significant need for a way to make long-distance calls. The phone company has also installed these phones in several other colleges.

A few weeks ago a pay phone was placed in the library to provide a convenience for persons attending meetings or seminars in the conference rooms. It is located on the main floor near the south exit near Joan Johnson's office.



Pam Higgins, jr., Albuquerque, N.M. attended a Rotary Club meeting one evening during the first week of March to thank the organization for its generous gift of \$600 which was used to help pay for postage to send books to

Africa. Three other students, Donald Yimbo, Sierra Leone, Robert Kungu, Kenya, and Joseph Mugenyi, Uganda were also present at the meeting to share with the club about their native countries and cultures.

Photo by Charles Ogwang

The convocation policy: It's time for resolution and compromise

Two years ago, the convocation committee set up a twice-a-week mandatory convo attendance policy. It was to be established on a two-year trial basis, after which it would then be re-evaluated. The questions I'm addressing are whether we should keep convo as it is, change it and in what ways, or whether students even have the power to change the policy.

Last Friday I attended an open convo committee meeting and was surprised at the turnout. Judging by the quantity of accommodations set up, I think

that the convo committee was also.

Approximately 30 concerned students and faculty members showed up to listen and voice opinions about the present convo policy.

Many valid arguments were brought up discouraging the continuation of convo policy. They included points such as the mandatory convo infringing on the right of choice, over emphasis or complete neglect of certain departments, a lack of professional speakers, and an inconvenient time spot.

It can be disturbing to speakers, faculty and students alike when rude noises and comments are made in the middle of a presentation. It is assumed that they are made by people who don't want to be at convo in the first place.

On the other hand, many positive points about convo were also raised. One point made was that it increases the sense of campus community. It expands the exposure that students are given on various issues, and gives them a chance to actively

participate in some presentations.

Some convocations have follow-up luncheons when questions can be addressed to speakers. These provide an opportunity for reflection and dialogue.

Okay, so there's the basic issues in a nutshell, with the exception of a few atypical cases. Now what do we do? How about having a great big wrestling match between the 10 strongest faculty members and students? The winner takes all: either abolish all convo's, or double the present policy to four!

Sounds absurd, but that's the direction in which we're driving — a division of our campus community by our stands on the issue.

I don't think it necessarily has to be this way. There's room for compromise if only people will give a little. Adding a few more positive alternatives could really help. Personally, I don't really

want to see credit failure as an alternative.

One suggestion would be to require attendance at one convocation per week, and also require attendance at the student's choice of other campus activities. This could include things like track meets, movies, choir concerts or plays.

Another suggestion would be to keep two convos a week, but only require attendance at one. This would give students the right to choose which they want to attend, and would allow those wishing to attend twice a week to do so.

I'm not asking for an abolition of convo, nor do I want to see a continuation of groups polarizing over this issue. Is there really an answer?

Realistically, not everyone can be satisfied, but I think that with a little creativity and cooperation, a good compromise can be reached.

Emily Zavala
Managing Editor

Auto student expresses convo opinion

To the Editor:

I recently attended a meeting concerning the issue of whether convocation attendance should be mandatory or not. There were some valid points brought up supporting both sides of the question, and I felt that someone from my part of the campus should be represented.

I feel safe in saying that most of my views are shared by the majority of other auto restoration majors. Although I am not against the whole idea of

convos, I feel that I could take the loss of the benefits convocations are supposed to offer me. I find that I am usually inconvenienced on Monday and Thursday mornings by having to leave the shop to attend convos.

Restoration majors punch in on our time clock at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, and work until noon, unless they have to attend another class. After an hour for lunch, we're back in the shop until 5 p.m. On Monday and Thursday mornings, it seems

that just as soon as we get set up and working in the shop that we have to clean up and go to convo. Most of what we do is the kind of work that you need to work on without interruption — it's very difficult to get any substantial amount of work done in the hour prior to convo.

If you were to ask when it would be more convenient for us, I'd have to say that it would be during the hour before our lunch break. But I'd really rather not have to attend convo at all. Restoration students are supposed to have at least 25 hours a week in the shop, and that's difficult enough with our other classes without the additional loss of two more hours for convo. Because of this inconvenience, I usually go into convo with a negative attitude.

I traveled over 1500 miles to come to the only school in the country where I could learn auto restoration, and that's what I'd like to spend my time doing. I find that I get nothing out of convo compared to what I could be learning.

Yes, next semester I'm going to write a paper instead.
Richard E. Dragon

Students offer response

Dear McPherson College students:

In answer to the question in the letter written by "Faithful Fans," here are what we consider to be the primary responsibilities of a cheerleader and yell leader. First of all, we promote school spirit through the enthusiasm in our yells and pyramids, an enthusiasm that was there, win or lose. Secondly, we back and support the team. These are the main responsibilities but there are many other responsibilities that go with the job (i.e. preparing posters, treats, decorating the locker rooms and the cafeteria, and practice).

In answer to the comment about attendance at away games, there were only five away games that we missed during the football and basketball seasons, the closest of these being a three-hour drive one way. Some may not realize that we have to provide our own transportation and pay for our own gas (all of it) not to mention our uniforms, treats, and posters. Our responsibilities as cheerleaders are to donate our time and effort, not our money.

We'd like to thank those supporting fans that backed our teams during the full seasons, win or lose. We're not writing to argue with the letter "Are You an Athletic Supporter" but rather to present our side of the issue.

Signed,
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Student research advances with aid of science grant

by Dan Rogers
Undergraduate research is not a new concept in our Natural Science Department, but with a National Science Foundation Grant awarded last year, opportunities to perform a greater number of experiments and to purchase the necessary

laboratory equipment has developed. Research and special projects are currently being conducted in all areas of the Natural Science Department. One or two hours of credit per semester may be obtained. Completing a research program is a graduation

requirement for all Natural Science majors. Tom Crist, sr., McPherson, hypothesized that a population of sunflowers would have variations in isoenzymes found in the seeds. His use of electrophoresis and gels for enzyme separation were based on similar research techniques used by a professor at the University of Kansas.

Sunflower cell cultures and the techniques used to produce them is being researched by Dennis Tedford, sr., Minneola. This area of cell culturing has a vast potential for hybridization and recombinant DNA experimentation.

James McKinnel, jr., Rockford, Ill., has been working on a computer program for the

quantitative analysis of the chart produced by a gas chromatograph sample run. This involves the integration of the peak areas produced by an organic substance.

T.M.S. and G.C. are slang for Doug Duncan's (jr., Evergreen, Colo.) project. His research has as its end the ability to analyze unknown samples of carbohydrates to determine the organic compounds present and their percent in the extract or unknown.

Tammy Roesch, sr., Quinter, developed her research in the area of the effects of nitrogen levels on the early growth of the sunflower. Many hours were spent caring for her plants and analyzing the results.

Larry Schick, sr., Lawrence, started working on his project last spring around planting time. Larry utilized a commercial variety of oilseed sunflowers to study and correlate the production of the seed with varying amounts of fertilizer applied during growth.

Brent Willems, sr., McPherson, is researching in the area of plant toxins which inhibit other plants' growth. His research utilized the growth chambers found on the third floor of Harnly Hall.

Research projects such as these are never ending. It is with this in mind that these undergraduates gain experience for post-graduate education and work.



Beth Burns, a senior art major from Adel, Iowa, works carefully on one of her clay creations in Frantz Hall. Beth, who has completed many works since her freshman year, is hoping to find a teaching job in the McPherson area after graduation. Photo by Pierre France

'Little redhead' matures into art major

by Emily Zavala

Once upon a time there was a little red-haired girl who liked rainbows and painting pictures. Little did she know, that some day she would grow up and become an art student at McPherson College.

Now a senior, Beth Burns has come a long way from painting pictures of little houses, and she's had a chance to explore new areas of art that aren't so typical.

Growing up on a small farm in Adel, Iowa, Beth had an interest in art for many years. Through encouragement of family, friends and teachers, she's been able to pursue her ambitions.

Estimating that she's done about 75 works since her freshman year, Beth has put a unique and personal touch on every piece she's made.

Particularly interested in fibers — fabrics and ceramics, she's come up with a wide variety

of creations. Those works tend to reflect her personality with bright, cheery colors and a lot of originality.

Beth gives most of her works away as gifts. "Just going out and picking something up at a store seems so impersonal," she commented, "I want people to know that it's a gift from the heart."

Teaching in the McPherson area will be one of Beth's immediate priorities after graduation; but in the future, she would like to explore other possibilities of using her talent.

With her strong interest in psychology, Beth is considering art therapy, a new technique being used for the mentally handicapped is a possibility. Art therapy allows a patient to express their feeling on paper without having to verbally communicate their feelings. She noted, "There's a lot you can tell

about a person's emotions by what they paint." This would require a Master's Degree in art therapy, a degree only sixteen people in Kansas hold.

Eventually, Beth hopes to be able to open her own studio and art store and would like to see others involved in fine arts.

In her spare time, Beth takes part in student government and many other organizations on campus. She works at the snack bar in the Student Union, and especially likes visiting with friends. While attending McPherson College, she's taken part in manifestations for peace and feeding the hungry, two causes very important to her.

As spring semester passes on, and the graduating class prepares to test their "wings", those who remain behind will remember Beth Burns and her contributions to McPherson College.

New Year celebration begins tomorrow in Iran

by Emily Zavala and Reza Varjavand

Ever think of associating New Year's with jumping over a burning bush, Santa Claus, or spring? Well, at this time of year, people all over Iran are working

on preparations for the Nowrooz celebrations, the mark of the new year, on March 20th.

Iranians feel that the awakening of plants from their long sleep is the ideal time to welcome in the new year. This

tradition is thousands of years old, dating back to a time before the introduction of the Islamic religion into Persia.

There are three days celebrated during the Nowrooz season, beginning with the preceding Wednesday. Each family purchases a bush and sets it on fire in the street. Jumping over the fire while singing a special song can bring a person good luck and health. Lyrics of the song may be something like this: Your red (meaning health) be mine, and my yellow (meaning disease) be yours.

This practice may have begun when the national religion was the worship of fire, the root of energy and health.

Nowrooz Day begins with great enthusiasm. Everyone wakes up early, puts on their new clothes and begins a full day of visiting family, friends and employers. People are seen moving from house to house throughout the day.

Hot tea, candy and nuts are served and new coins and bills are given to all who come to visit. Wealthier families often give gold coins. Monetary gifts are

more acceptable because it allows individuals to buy whatever they want.

Just as a Christmas tree is a must for American's at Christmas time, a table with the seven S's is a must for Iranians during Nowrooz.

A tablecloth is set on the floor containing seven items that begin with an "S". Although the beginning letter is lost in the translation to English, some of the items are vinegar, apples, garlic and coins.

Nowrooz wouldn't be complete without the comical entertainment of the Haji Firooz, the parallel of Santa, in the streets. These men wear red outfits with a long stocking cap and a tassel. They paint their faces and hands black, play bongo drums, and sing and tell funny stories. Donations are given according to performance.

Just as American superstition sees the number 13 as unlucky, Iranians believe that if they stay in their homes on the 13th that something unlucky will happen to them. They organize a small family in the nearby desert of farms to rid themselves of the

unluckiness of the day.

Young and old alike take part in the activities. For the "over 30" crowd, it's the only opportunity of the year to take part in playing games.

Young women with their eye on a special guy, or in hopes of finding one, perform their yearly ritual of tying the branches of two bushes together to symbolize the joining of two as one. Unfortunately, young men have a ritual of their own: following the girls and untying the bushes that they had previously joined. If no opportunities arise, the practice is repeated the next year, and the next...

A big picnic meal is eaten, followed by the eating of lettuce bought fresh from the farm. The lettuce is eaten by everyone with either syrup or vinegar.

At dusk, everyone joins the one way traffic procession leading into the city. All return to their homes, no matter how far they had traveled to begin life in the new year. They think about the fun they had this year, and anticipate an even better celebration next year.

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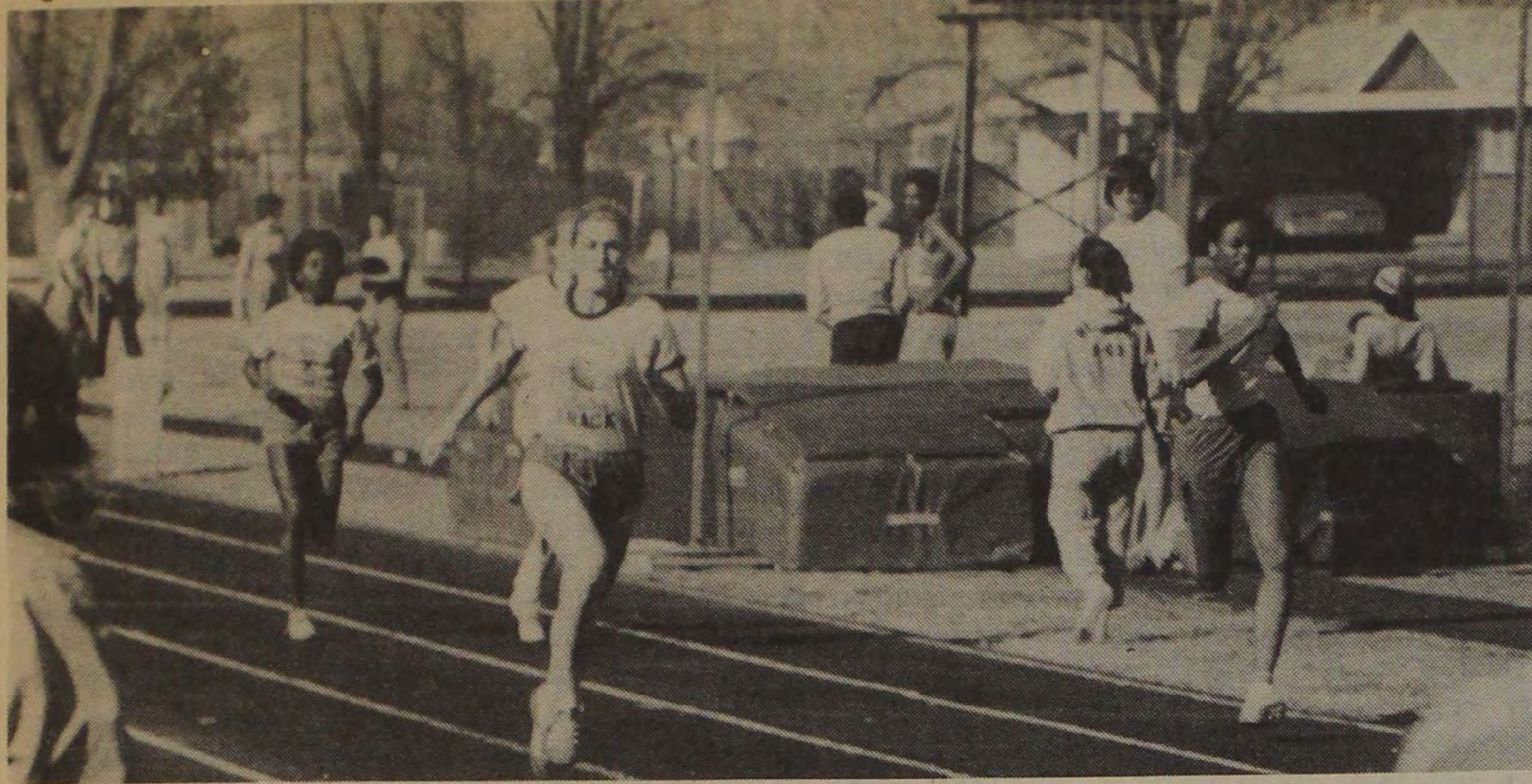
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Valecia Kelly, soph., Cincinnati, Ohio heads quickly toward the finish line during the track meet which was held here last week on March 10. Valecia took a second

place finish in this race for her efforts. The March 10 track meet was the first of the spring season.

Photo by Kenny Miller

Students initiate baseball team

by Emily Zavala

A new addition to the athletics at McPherson College is a men's baseball team. Despite cold weather, sore arms, bruises and unexpected fences, morale has remained high.

Thus far, thirty-three men have shown interest in playing on the team. John Johnson, professor of mathematics, will assume coaching duties, with the possibility of a second coach being negotiated.

Senior co-captains, Marty F. Garrison, Johnson, and Dennis Tedford, Minneola, are enthusiastic about the turnout, but they noted that it is very difficult to keep a fixed practice time that is good for everybody, because of the differences in schedules.

Tedford noted that the seniors involved are mostly playing for fun, but the future of baseball at McPherson College depends on the other team members and fan support.

The first game was on March 13 when the team suffered a loss to Hesston College. Co-captain Marty F. Garrison commented that the team's performance was not bad for only one week of practice.

The score of the Hesston game was not disclosed and the results of the game with Central were unavailable at press time. The game against Central was played March 17 at Light Capitol Diamond.

Sports Comment

with Kevin Burton

It's that time of year when the best of college basketball play off in search of an NCAA title. The NCAA selection committee picks the 48 best division one basketball teams in the country (excluding those schools that are on probation, like Wichita State).

Once again this year, a ridiculous rule that lets some post-season tournament champions have automatic bids to the tourney has watered down the field.

When there isn't enough space because of this rule, the Missouri Valley Conference is usually one of the first to lose out. This year's MVC regular season champion Bradley Braves did not get a bid. Consequently, MVC hopes bit the dust when Tulsa was knocked out of the tourney.

Bradley wouldn't have been a tournament favorite. That's certain in view of the fact that they were only 21-10. but I think I'd bet the ranch on Bradley, against the likes of Robert Morris, or North Carolina A&T, who did get bids.

Another interesting tradition is taking shape in the NCAA tournament. DePaul reached into its bag of tricks and produced its annual "el foldo" act. This year's beneficiary of the DePaul handout was Boston College.

DePaul is a team that has lost only three games over the past two regular seasons. Yet during the last three years they have failed to win even one tournament game.

One of DePaul's problems is its apparent lack of a killer instinct.

It's hard to blast the NCAA for letting inferior teams into the tournament when you have the Kentuckys of the world blowing first round games. Kentucky blew their first round tournament game to Middle Tennessee. Then in the next round, Louisville blazed Middle Tennessee right off the court.

Kentucky fans everywhere should count their mixed blessings after the first round loss. If they had somehow been able to squeak by, they likely would have been trounced by Louisville in the "Kentucky dream game."

Barring injury, North Carolina should win this tournament. They've got more talent than anyone else you care to mention, and of the starters, only point guard Jimmy Black graduates this year.

For Kansans, this year's tournament threatens to be a let down from last year. A year ago, the Kansas big three — KU, K-State and Wichita State — all were very successful in the tournament. Kansas State and Wichita State made it all the way

to the West and Midwest finals respectively.

The only reason Kansas didn't make it, is because WSU beat them in the famous Battle of New Orleans. WSU won it on two late bombs by Mike Jones. It was the first time the two schools had met in 25 years.

With WSU on probation and Kansas rebuilding, there will be no Battle of New Orleans rematch this year. With any luck however, the day could be saved by the Kansas State entry.

K-State's upset win over Arkansas coupled with DePaul's exit from its half of the Midwest Bracket could spell Final Four for the Wildcats. A win over Boston College would likely set up another meeting between K-State and Missouri, the top two teams in the Big Eight.

SCRAPBOOK.....McPherson's new baseball team lost it's first game to Hesston 12 to 6.....Guess who wants a new contract? George Brett. He wants one comparable to those of George Foster of New York and Gary Carter of Montreal.....The Royals open their regular season April 5 at Baltimore.

Track teams doing well

by Pierre France

Coaches Larry Latimer and Dave Cripe were pleased with the results of the practice meet with Bethany and Hutchinson here on March 10. The combined squad of 18 women and 18 men pleasingly surprised the coaches with its amount of individual talent. The meet was a practice meet and scores of each event were not recorded officially. Each coach timed his own runners and kept his own stats.

The team as an average is not as balanced as schools like Bethany and Hutchinson. Total squad members of these particular school range from 60 to 70 members on a team, while McPherson has only 36 members. "Since we have a small team, the individual performances of members on the team will be our

strong points" states men's coach Dave Cripe. Consistent performances from Scott Green, who completed a long jump of 44 ft. 10½ inches, and Rober Taylor, who finished the 200 meter race in 27 seconds flat, will possible lead them to the KCAC finals.

Dian Proffitt turned in a good performance in women's field events in the discus with a throw of 120 ft. 9 inches. Valecia Kelly also did well by completing an outstanding 5 ft. 6 inch high jump.

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.

The team competed yesterday against Sterling, Kansas Wesleyan, and Bethel here at McPherson.

Netters bomb Sterling

by Kerri Vinson

The McPherson College Men's Tennis Team traveled to Sterling College last Monday, March 15, for its first match of the season and came away with an overwhelming victory.

McPherson captured wins in every singles match played; in fact, the only match dropped in the entire contest was in the No. 1 doubles match.

"I was very pleased with the way we played," remarked

Coach Jerry Holman, "considering the fact that we had to play indoors in a gym, which they (Sterling) were used to and we were not. I was very impressed with our performance."

After spring break, tennis action will resume on March 31 when McPherson will be taking on Bethel College here at 2 p.m. All fans are encouraged to come out and support the team.



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