

Frustration rises as Reagan's budget ax falls

by Memo Zavala

Several months have passed since President Reagan has taken office and we are beginning to feel the effects of his efforts to balance the budget.

One program catching the "slice" is familiar to most students on campus — Financial Aid. It is estimated that some 75 percent of the student body is receiving some type of financial aid at McPherson College.

Drastically cut was the National Direct Student Loan Program (NDSL). Since last year, there has been a 40 percent reduction in loans to students who have previously received NDSL, with no new loans given to new students.

John Wagoner, Director of Financial Aid, commented that the future of financial aid for next year is very uncertain. With laws changing so frequently, it is difficult to predict what the situation will look like along the road.

Wendy Rayno, Jr., San Diego, feels that the standards should be raised for financial aid recipients. "They shouldn't cut down on the grants of the people who need it the most," she said.

Pierre France, Sr., Oklahoma City, had a different viewpoint: "If they cut off the budget on loans, it sets back the students who qualify for BEOG or the 'middle class.' People will be forced to sit out, or be forced to get a lower class education, in-

stead of a higher quality education that this private institution could provide."

Another, and perhaps more painful reduction is the Pell Grant, more commonly known as BEOG. Under the original guidelines for this year, a student qualifying for maximum aid would have received \$1,800. Instead, \$1,676 was awarded.

Wagoner was uncertain as to the exact effect on enrollment this caused, but Lynn Carlson, soph., Assaria, had her own ideas. She remarked, "A lot of my friends are presently getting grants, but probably won't be able to come back without assistance of some kind."

Since the NDSL funds will no longer be readily available, Guaranteed Student Loans

(GSL) are being drawn on more heavily. Recent changes affecting this program are higher shorter grace period before payment.

Beginning this fall, interest on the loans has risen from 7 to 9 percent, while the grace period has decreased from 9 to 6 months after graduation.

What to do

It seems to be getting more and more difficult to acquire help from the government for higher education. A question that might come up is what we can do about this. John Wagoner has a few suggestions.

First, stay on top of things; keep informed of the financial aid situation through the media.

Another is to complete the Family Financial Statement as soon as possible. The forms will

be available right after Christmas break.

Thirdly, he encourages both students and parents to write to congressmen and other legislators to give input as to what effects the cutbacks have made.

"So far, we as financial aid administrators have been complaining up and down and the government says that we're the only ones who seem to care," says Wagoner. "We need to start a campaign and let these people know how we feel."

Scott Carpenter, jr., Pratt, remarked, "the most ignorant place to cut would be higher education." He added, "Without federal help, I won't be able to come back next year." Feelings are becoming increasingly

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Young vs. Mac in suit

by Kevin Burton

McPherson College is being sued by Margaret Young, who last year, held the position of Director of Continuing Education.

Dr. Young contends that her abrupt dismissal at the end of last year violated the terms in her contract. The contract reportedly called for a 90-day notice of dismissal.

She is now asking over \$10,000 in damages for "impairment of her professional career" and "mental and emotional anguish."

Named as co-defendants in the suit are President Hoffman, Dr. Merlin Frantz, vice-president for administrative services, Dr. Norma Tucker, vice-president for academic services and McPherson's Board of Trustees.

Neither side is commenting on the suit. The official college press release reads like this:

"McPherson College employed Margaret Young for nine and one-half months during the 1980-81 academic year as Director of Continuing Education. College administrators regret that Dr. Margaret Young has chosen to initiate legal action against the College over the non-renewal of her contract."

"The administrators report that the non-renewal decision was upheld through campus due process which followed established grievance procedures."

"On the advice of legal counsel, College officials will be making no further comment at this time."

New scoreboard in October

by Kerri Vinson

The mighty McPherson Bulldogs, under the leadership of Coach Cripe, plan on scoring some points this year, and it appears that soon there will be a new scoreboard to put all of those points on.

Paul Graber, Athletic Director of McPherson College, has been a driving force behind this three-year project, which lacks only the selling of a few more advertising panels to reach completion.

The estimated cost of the

scoreboard comes to over \$2,000.00. This asset to McPherson's football facilities would not be possible without the donations from many local businesses and organizations.

Dr. Graber plans to have the scoreboard ready for use toward the end of this season, if not sooner.

In football, a touchdown is always exciting, but those scores will look EVEN better when they are lit up on this 20 feet wide, 11 feet high scoreboard.

The scoreboard also features a built-in track timer.

Spectator Sidelines . . .

WOMEN, YOU HAVE TWO DAYS LEFT to catch a man. SAB and the cheerleaders, in sponsoring Sadie Hawkins week, have scheduled dinner in the park followed by softball tonight. The final activity of the turn-around week will be a street dance in front of Dotzour tomorrow night.

STEVEN GUSTAFSON, professor of keyboard and theory, will present an organ concert this Sunday at 8 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. Selections will range from pre-Bach and 18th century German Baroque to 20th century French work. The public is invited and admission is free.

STUDENT EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS are being offered by Rotary International for graduate study abroad during the 1982-83 school term. Applicants must be single, between the ages of 20 and 28, live within the 567th District and have a BA or BS degree by August of '82. More information can be obtained from John Morris, secretary of the McPherson Rotary Club.

THE BLOODMOBILE will be on campus Thursday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up in the S.U. or Mohler 103 to donate blood.

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Trombone choir off to a good start

by Dan Masterson

Probably the earliest formed small ensemble which is still functioning on this campus is the McPherson College Trombones.

This year, Professor Larry Kitzel started with 8 trombonists, a group that is a little larger and more experienced than last years'.

Tomorrow a portion of the group will be going to a Renaissance Fair near Kansas City for the weekend to perform as a minstrel group. They will travel with the McPherson College Singers who will also be performing some old style madrigal pieces of the Renaissance era.

In this first month of school, the trombones have already had two public performances. They performed Renaissance tunes as a wandering minstrel group at "Art in the Park" on Sept. 12, and last Saturday they did some light music for the senior citizen block party.



At the recent "Art in the Park" the Trombones performed in a madrigal style. From left: Dan Masterson, jr., Mt. Morris, Ill.; Aaron Gagg; Rick Archer, fr., Williamsburg, Ia.; Ken

Turner, fr., Chicago; Prof. Larry Kitzel, director; Galen Reeves, jr., Boise, Idaho.; Rosalea Grove, soph., Udel, Ia.; Chuck Cuthbert, fr., Phoenixville, Penn.

Photo by Dennis Holl

Archaeologist to present Mohler Lecture

The 1981 Mohler Lecture Series program will be Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in Brown Auditorium and will be open to the public. The guest speaker for the program will be Dr. Michael Wilson, a distinguished archaeologist and instructor at the University of Calgary at Calgary, in Alberta, Canada.

The Mohler Lecture Series has been in existence for several years. It consists of an annual program funded by the family of the late Dr. Robert E. Mohler, a long-time McPherson faculty member for whom the administration building is named.

The type of program held varies among the departments from year to year.

Robert E. Mohler was a very interesting individual and was very sincere in his devotion to McPherson College. He was born on March 13, 1886 and died last year on Nov. 8.

During his 39 years at McPherson College, he served as professor of agriculture and biology, basketball coach, dean, and assistant to the President. He was an ordained minister of the Church of the Brethren and served the church on the local, regional and national levels.

Dr. Mohler was also involved in many civic and professional organizations including president of the Kansas Academy of Science and president of the Kansas State Association of School Boards.

Because of his very generous financial support of the college over the years, it is estimated that he donated more money to the college than the amount he was paid during the years he was a faculty member here. Part of this is due to the fact that after his death, his money was put in a trust fund of which McPherson College shares a portion.

Spec opinion

Education cuts short sighted

In President Reagan's speech to the nation last week concerning his budget proposal, he warned Americans that we should no longer expect as many services from the federal government as we received previously. He predicted the "spirit of volunteerism" would resurface and Americans could do many things for themselves.

In his proposal to stop all money going to higher education, it is difficult to see how the "spirit of volunteerism" will emerge. Some students who are now receiving aid might be able to get along without aid by scrimping elsewhere; but for others, funding a college education without aid is simply an impossibility. Those who can afford higher education should not be the only ones to receive that opportunity.

This cut in the educational department and student aid in an effort to balance the budget seems very short-sighted indeed. The human resource is too valuable to let it dwindle for the future.

As President Reagan is weighing national priorities, he should consider that one of the best national defenses would be an educated population.

Are proposal arguments logical?

It is time we step back from the emotional issue of the off campus living policy to realize how it is being presented. Perhaps fewer students would allow themselves to be swept away by popular opinion and realize they were against the proposal if they looked at the arguments logically.

It should be asked if this proposal is being presented fairly. With the proposal, seven pros and only two cons were given. This is rather lopsided, and the validity of some of the pros should be questioned.

This editor does not wish to oppose the policy change itself, but rather question the principal of college approval to allow students to forego a valuable experience; the experience of having the opportunity to live on campus and thereby be exposed to diverse values, philosophies, behaviors and goals on a 24 hour basis.

Proponents want the policy changed because they feel some students are not "cut out" for four years of intense living in the dorm setting.

It is true that living in a dorm is frustrating at times, to say the least, but running away from the valuable interaction and issues faced in the dorm will have no advantage to the student who doesn't fit in.

Indeed, living off campus would not only be a disadvantage to developing human relations skills, it also could be argued that living off campus actually hinders one's college experience.

The proposal lists as a pro that "allowing students to live off campus . . . would help expand their liberal arts education." How could living off campus contribute to one's liberal arts education when in essence one is choosing to live in the narrowness of one's own life rather than expose oneself to the diversity of living with others in the dorm?

As stated by the proponents of the proposal, if the policy change were approved it would not result in a mass migration off campus. However, McPherson takes pride in being able to provide on campus housing for all students which shows the college believes there are advantages to living on campus.

By allowing students to live off campus, the college would show an inconsistency in ideals, a point seemingly overlooked in the biased presentation of the off campus living proposal.

Students approve off campus policy, now to President

by Marie Nehrer
Stuco President

About seven months ago a group of concerned students began discussing issues of on- and off-campus living. There was a general feeling that being a residential campus is one of McPherson's strengths. It was also agreed that not every student is "cut out" for four

years of intense living in a dorm setting.

It was felt that the present off-campus living policy does not allow for some individual's needs. Therefore, under the direction of Student Council, research was done to come up with a new proposal.

There was a survey of students

We get letters-

Reagan's budget benefits elite

To the editor:

I don't know who is luckier, those who took a physics test a week ago last Thursday or those of us who were fortunate enough to watch Ronald Reagan on the "boob tube"!

As usual he said a bunch of senseless drivel of how his economic package will bring back the "Good Ole Days", but he failed to mention who will pay for the re-industrialization of America.

It should be pointed out that despite all the things you hear about "Free Enterprise" and "Laissez Faire Economics", the new industrialists support a positive role for the state, not in

aiding the poor or protecting the environment, but to subsidize the private sector.

They demand tax reform, not to redistribute income from the rich to the poor, but to free investment by the rich.

They don't worry about deficit spending by the state as long as it leads to an expansion of the long-term productive capacity of the private sector.

They realize that the spiraling defense budget is inflationary, but accept this as a necessary evil so that the military establishment will assure the flow of essential resources into the U.S. economy.

In fact, inflation becomes a

virtue to the "New Right" when it supports a new burst of industrial expansion and the redistribution of capital to the upper levels of the economy.

After reading these tidbits of information it becomes clear who is going to pay; not the corporations and multi-national firms that dominate our world but the lower and middle classes, the poor, the aged, and the minorities.

Fortunately for President Reagan, the people that his policies will hurt, dislocate, and exploit, hold the least amount of economic and political power.

Fortunately for us, his term in office is only four years long.

Mark J. Swick

Understanding truth should be goal

To the editor:

"God offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose. Take which you please — you can never have both. Between these, as a pendulum, man oscillates. He in whom the love of repose predominates will accept the first creed, the first philosophy, the first political party he meets — most likely his father's. He gets rest, commodity, and reputation; but he shuts the door of truth. He in whom the love of truth predominates will keep himself aloof from all moorings, and afloat. He will abstain from dogmatism, and recognize all the opposite negations between which, as walls, his being is swung. He submits to the inconvenience of suspense and imperfect opinion, but he is a candidate for truth as the other is not, and respects the highest law of his being."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
Essay on Intellect

I entered McPherson College in the fall of 1976. After completing my junior year I decided to take some time off from an institutional setting, one reason being that I was dismayed at many of the superficial priorities that seemed to be receiving the most consideration in many students and college personnel.

Upon returning to school, I am still somewhat concerned about the time and energy spent enforcing rules and regulations. Is the purpose of McPherson College to produce a group of people who are homogenous in thought and behavior? I believe not.

I also believe that I can learn more from my college experience than simply how to develop my prowess as a cultivator of gossip, how to get drunk on Saturday night, or how to fulfill by traditional stereotype as a female.

I consider openness, questioning, and challenging one's mind to promote a higher level of understanding and acceptance; trust and responsibility to produce more mature and independent behavior.

I would encourage us as

students to engage in honest dialogue with one another. Since this is a church related school and I am a religion major, I take theology as an example. What is the true nature of Christianity? What is "Christian" response to God (and our fellow man)? Is a response necessary? What does being a "Christian" response to God (and our fellow man)? Is a response necessary? What does being a "Christian" college imply about our curriculum? Are we not afraid to share of ourselves.

Hopefully McPherson College can be a place to develop a more thoughtful comprehension of Christianity, meaningful relationships, and provide a stepping stone in our understanding of truth.

Charlotte Hayes

McPherson's label as Christian college questioned

Editor's note: The question asked in this article was sparked by the recent convo we had concerning the role of the church in colleges. It is assumed that McPherson is a Christian college, but this reporter wanted to know how students and faculty justify that label in the light of student behavior on campus. The comments below do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Spectator.

by Kevin Burton

"McPherson College is a private, residential, four-year liberal arts college affiliated with

the Church of the Brethren . . . " That is what our 1981-82 catalog says. This affiliation has earned McPherson the reputation of being a "church school".

At times, however, it is hard to differentiate this school and any other "non-church" school. The question is, how do you justify calling McPherson College a "church school?"

The staff seems to have a basic understanding of what makes McPherson a Christian College. Consider these responses:

Leland Lengel, professor of history: "McPherson is a church

school for three reasons. For one, we are officially affiliated with the Church of the Brethren. Second, we are privately owned and most of our money, besides tuition, comes from the church. And also because most of the staff believe in Christian principals and are with the Brethren Church.

Richard Wright, assistant professor of sociology: "Our convocations a lot of times convey Christian principals, also the fact that we have a campus minister and he conducts activities along those lines . . ."

The students don't seem to be getting the message that is intended by convos and other ac-

tivities that are Christian oriented.

Diana Shenefelt, soph. Council Bluffs, says "We are a church school because of the support we get from the church . . . I don't think it goes much further than that. Lucy Martinez, Junior, Firestone Colo. says she "can't justify" calling McPherson a church school at all.

Jim Heiser soph. Herrington says that about our Christian atmosphere. "Not everyone here is Christian, nor could you expect that they would be. There is some involvement in Christian activities. . . But if no one ever told us this was a Christian school, I don't know how you'd tell."

are expected to live in residence halls unless they are married part time, a resident of McPherson, at least 21 years of age, or of senior status."

A copy of the proposal and detailed statistics from the results of the survey taken last spring have been sent to President Hoffman.

He will review it and then make a decision as to what groups should review the policy before a decision is made on it.

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McPherson museum offers variety

by Linda Schewpe

For an afternoon study break or in an effort to broaden your horizons, try a visit to the McPherson Museum.

Cooperatively run by the college and the chamber of commerce, the museum houses many fine displays and collections. To be found on the four floors of the over-crowded museum is everything from the famed first man-made Hershey diamond to the skin claimed to be from the MGM lion.

There's a little of something for everyone. For the history buff, both the town and college are chronicled there.

For the science-minded, bones and fossils abound as well as tektites and meteorites. The medical room on second floor has an assortment of antique equipment as well as many preserved biological specimens.

The basement is devoted to pioneer antiques — tools, household items, farming equipment, clothing and the like.

And the list goes on. The contents of the college museum were moved in 1968 from one room in fourth floor Harnley Hall to the four story building where they are housed now because of lack of space.

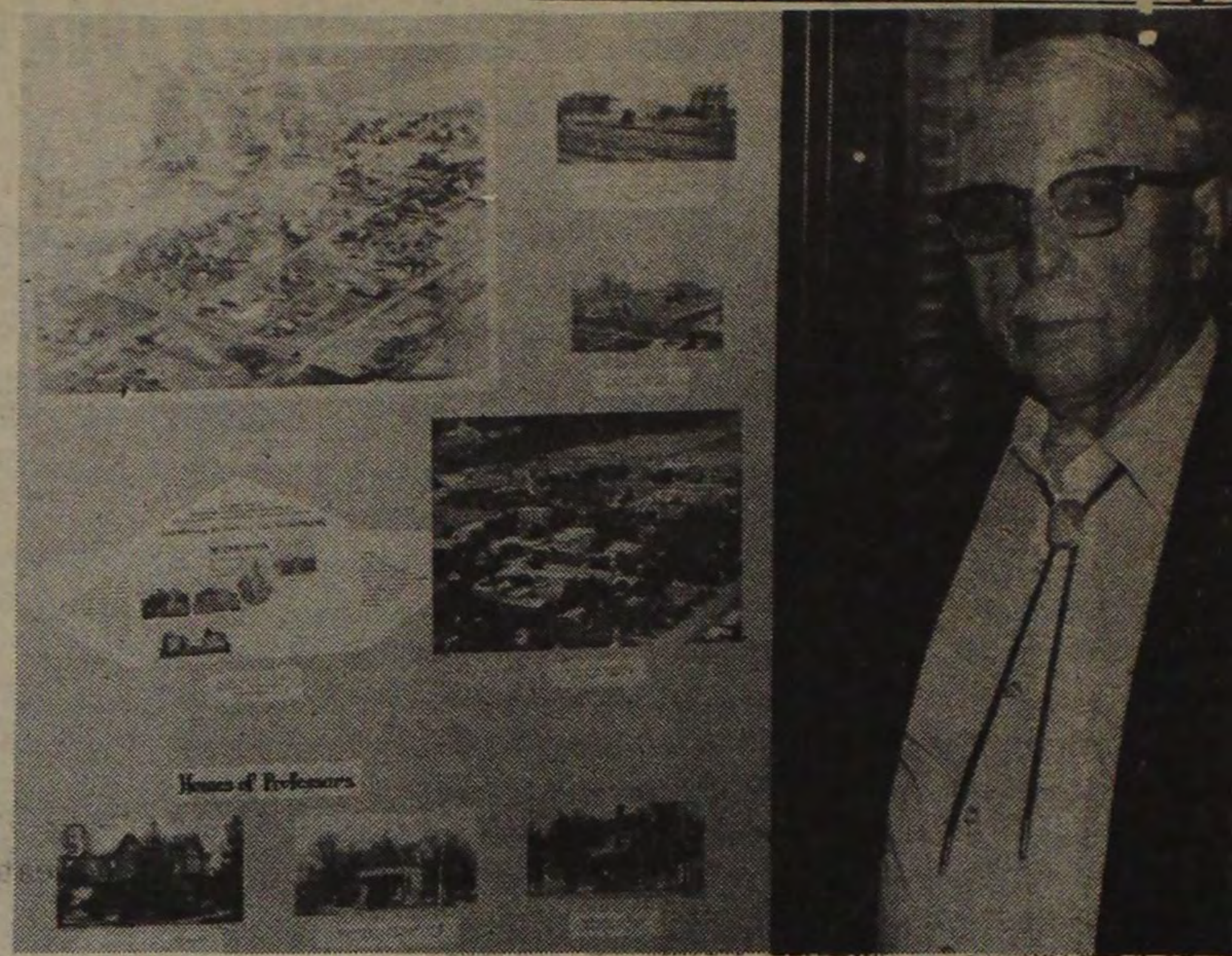
The present building, at 1430 E Euclid, was originally Vaniman

Hall, a dormitory for college students.

Many professors have contributed to the museum. Prof. Emeritus S.M. Dell is director of the museum. The late Dr. Robert Mohler gave greatly to the science and fossil collections. And there is even a collection of S.B. Fahnestock's own drawings.

The McPherson Museum's great variety makes a visit well worth one's time. Whatever your interest, there is sure to be something interesting for you at the museum.

The museum is open every afternoon from 1-5 excepting Mondays and special holidays. Admission is free.



S.M. Dell, director of the museum jointly owned by the college and city, shows some of the college history chronicled at the museum.

Photo by Richard Dragon

Students work as tutors

By Jody Maze

The Learning Skills Center has many services available to students. One of these is the opportunity for tutoring.

Tutoring can provide temporary, supplemental assistance to students who need a little extra help in a particular subject.

Tutoring isn't to be used in an emergency in order to cram for a test, but as a source of consistent regular support which helps make cramming unnecessary.

The tutor doesn't provide homework service. Instead, the tutor helps the student learn the methods for getting his or her own homework done satisfactorily.

Be aware of financial picture

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hostile as Scott suggested, "We ought to nuke Reagan and drop a neutron bomb on James Watt."

Some families are feeling multiple strain as Michelle Michaelis, jr., Garden City, says, "It's hard for my family to send three of us to college at once, and next year it'll be four. Cutting off federal aid would affect us badly because without it, we wouldn't be able to go to college."

Writing letters

It is very important to voice our opinions and exercise our political power, as Mr. Wagoner and other financial aid directors in the area suggest. They have come up with some guidelines for letters:

1. Keep it simple, go right to the point.
2. Include how federal funds have helped with post-secondary careers.
3. Note that if programs are cut drastically, it could result in discontinuing educations.
4. Conclusion-how financial aid helped and encouragement on continuing aid.

Addressés for representatives for McPherson County residents can be obtained from John Wagoner. Non-McPherson County residents should write their local representatives.

As President Reagan is weighing national priorities, he should consider that one of the best national defenses would be an educated population.

In essence, the tutor provides how-to-study assistance.

"If a student has a need for tutoring, we try to match them up with a tutor. Most of our tutors are hired through recommendation by a professor," said Alice Henson, director of Learning Skills.

Tutoring does not take the place of the class. It just helps a student get more out of the subject being tutored.

There is no charge for tutoring, but once an appointment is set up, the student is under contract to attend.

The Learning Skills Center is located on the bottom floor of Miller Library, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Students who would like the help of a tutor in a certain class should set up an appointment in the Learning Skills Center.

CROP raises \$2000 for the hungry

by Alan Kieffaber

Last Sunday nearly 50 people walked, ran or rode for CROP around the town of McPherson, collecting over \$2000 for the world's hungry. Of the fifty, more than half were students and faculty of McPherson College.

Velocipedists Jim McKinnell, jr., Rockford, Ill.; Trudy Christy, jr., Marshalltown, Ia.; and Ken Turner, fr., Chicago marathoned 50 miles, and the Burkholder family logged 50 bike-miles among them.

Don Stinnette, McPherson alumnus; Dan Rogers, fr., Guthrie, Minn., and Roy Grosbach, soph., Enders, Neb., ran the 10 mile course in "record" time.

And at least a score of others walked all the way around town, beginning and ending at the

Church of the Brethren, which provided food for the tired travelers.

Laurie Kieffaber and Beth Burns, sr., Adel Ia., each raised about the same amount of funds, which combined accounted for one-quarter of the total money pledged. Beth secured pledges of nearly \$250, and Laurie is awaiting results of mail requests to more than five states. Laurie collected more than 100 pledges.

Alan Nelson, age 7, was the youngest hiker to complete all ten miles. He is the new "son" of campus minister Alan Kieffaber.

The world's hungry got their foot in the door last year when a dozen stalwart from the college marched and rode over ten miles of dusty gravel roads to establish

the CROP walk in McPherson. Dan Waters of the United Methodist Church headed up the campaign both years.

The challenge is for town-people to share in the effort of CROP, which has long been the work of McPherson county farmers. Kansas, thanks to Mennonite farmers, has been the nation's leader in giving to CROP for years. Since all of us eat, we are all challenged to help in the sharing too.

In addition to alumni director Max Gumm, former Iowa CROP director, the campus team included Beth Burns, Dan Rogers, Jim McKinnell, Al Dutrow and Alan Kieffaber.

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Soccer club loses third, 9-3

by Chuck Cuthbert

Despite valiant efforts from both offense and defense, the Mac soccer club lost their 3rd game this season to the Wichita Azteca's 9-3.

Mac's scorers were; Phil King with the privilege of an own goal, Dan Rogers on sweeping kick and Rob McKay from thirty feet. Everyone played well despite the inflated score.

Mac's offense came to life in the second half as our wingers

out-sprinted the Aztec defense to tie the score at 2-2. Following an Aztec goal, Mac came back to score and tie the game at 3 apiece.

The fourth Aztec goal proved to be the clincher.

Five other Aztec goals followed in the remaining fifteen minutes of the second half.

The defense played well together and held off countless attacks and break aways. Goalie Bill Snyder also played his usual excellent job despite being

assaulted by several Aztecas throughout the course of the game.

The soccer club did not lack in any department, nor did they fail to put forth effort. "Mac was out-passed and out-finessed" commented co-captain Stuart Knoll. "We played well and we can play better if we work at it," he contoinued.

The soccer club is looking forward to a possible victory to add to their 0-1-3 record as they play out of town this Sunday.



Susie Morales, soph., Lyons, gets back into the swing of things following a shoulder injury. Susie, still unable to play singles, is only playing in doubles competition. Photo by Dennis Holl

Spikers start conference play

by Deb Rettele

In volleyball action last Saturday, the lady Bulldogs traveled to Winfield for the Southwestern Invitational, a tournament involving 8 teams.

The morning and early afternoon was spent in pool play, as only the top four teams entered in the actual tournament bracket.

The first team the Bulldogs faced was Hutchinson Juco. After

losing a close first game 15-13, they came back to take the second by a score of 15-8.

Next up was Cloud County Juco. This time the 'Dogs took the first game 15-8, but lost the second 15-3.

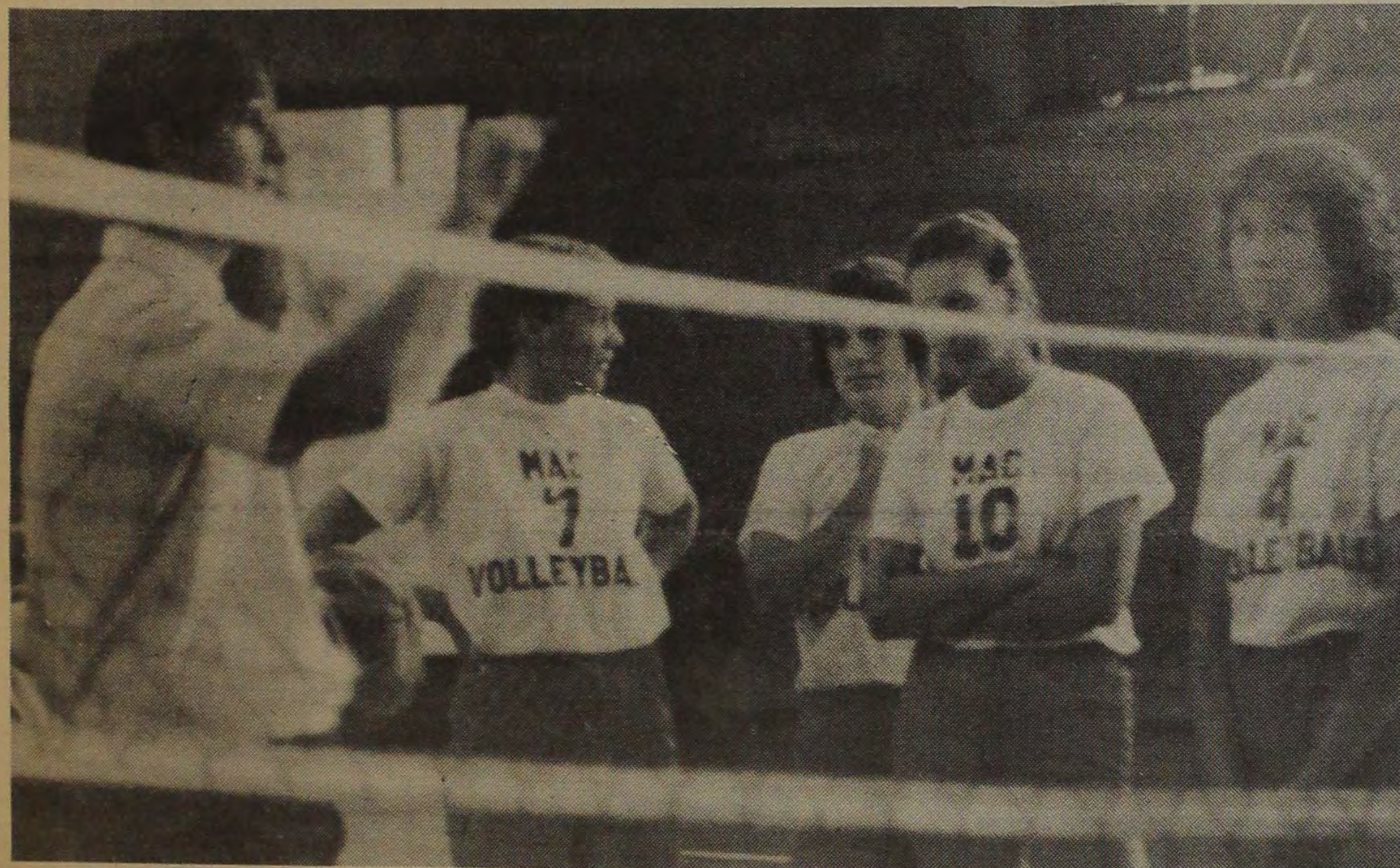
The final team was a conference rival, Sterling. The Bulldogs had some trouble, losing both games, 15-8, 15-4.

That made the record for the

day 2-6, not good enough to enter the tournament bracket.

The past week, the team has been working on consistency and intensity, hoping to pick up some wins before actual conference competition begins.

Next Tuesday, Oct. 6, the first conference triangular will see Mac, Bethany and Kansas Wesleyan in action at 7:15 in Lindsborg.



Kay Davis, fr., Quinter; Deanna Koehler, fr., Udel, Ia.; Raquel Elliot, fr., Greely, Colo.; and Ann Dirksen, jr., Wichita listen as Coach Paul Graber gives some volleyball pointers. The women begin conference play Wednesday in Lindsborg. Photo by Pierre France

'Dogs downed by Ottawa

by Mark Swick

Improvement, enthusiasm, and a never say die attitude. These best describe the McPherson college football team who last Saturday night suffered a tough loss to the Ottawa Braves by a score of 27-17.

The offense showed improvement in moving the ball and controlling the line of scrimmage while the defense continued to get tougher holding the Braves to just 227 yards rushing.

After viewing the game film coach Cripe said that it was an evenly matched ballgame with both the offense and defense playing with a lot of intensity.

Tomorrow the Bulldogs will travel to Sterling College for a 2 p.m. game.

"Sterling will be ready for us", because they're also looking for that first win. They will run and throw the ball but they don't have the speed in the backfield that Ottawa did," Coach Cripe predicts.

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