

# Drama and business groups leave Sunday for N.Y.

by Lois Lehman

"Look out, New York! Here they come!" About thirty McPhersonites will be leaving McPherson College this Sunday on a chartered bus to spend a week in the Big Apple. These travelers include two groups — the investments class and the contemporary drama class. Marvin Sellberg, professor at Tabor College, is coordinating the transportation and lodging for the trip, a task he has undertaken for more than ten years.

Once in the Big Apple, however, the two groups will split up, as each has its own itinerary. The investments class, taught by David O'Dell, will meet with a Merrill Lynch representative and a mutual fund broker, and will visit the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange and Commodities Exchange. They will also tour the New York Reserve Bank, home of one of the United States' gold repositories, where they will be able to see "old" money getting shredded.

The contemporary drama class

will have an entirely different schedule. The students are required to see at least five Broadway plays, three of which the entire group has tickets for: "Cats," "Dreamgirls," and "Heartbreak House." They also plan to visit the Metropolitan Opera House and the museum at the Lincoln Center, which is showing special exhibits honoring "100 Years of the Met." In addition, they hope to meet with some professional actors to find out what it's really like to get on stage in New York City.

Rick Tyler (Asst. Professor of Speech and Theatre) says, "The main purpose of this is for them to see what theatre is like in New York and to experience the city." He also added, "The drama class is in trouble if I see any of them in the hotel before midnight. Nothing starts happening until around 10:30, and I want them to see and do as much as possible."

Cost for the trip is \$300 for the investments class and \$380 for the contemporary drama class. These prices reflect the expenses for lodging and transportation for both classes, and the additional cost of theatre tickets for the drama students. Meals, souvenirs, and sight-seeing will be an additional cost for the students. The group will be staying together with the Tabor College group at the Hotel Edison, a couple of blocks off Broadway. While there, they plan

to hit some of the popular tourist spots, such as the World Trade Center, the United Nations, and the Staten Island Ferry. They expect to return on January 23.

## Draft counseling

With so many students in attendance for the December 16 session with Chuck Boyer, Peace Consultant for the Church of the Brethren, it is obvious that there are deep concerns on this campus about the draft and the peace issue.

Anyone who has questions about registration for the draft, concerning conscientious objection or otherwise, please feel free to stop by the Campus Ministry Office for consultation. The intention of this program is to respect a variety of personal interpretations.

## S.A.B. plans for January

by Terri Vinson

Both the CIC and the SAB calendars forecast a wide array of extra-curricular activities to be enjoyed by students during the month of January.

If you're one of those who is still "young at heart," you won't want to miss the Cartoon Festival in Brown Auditorium, tonight at 8.

A late-night darts tournament is planned for January 17 in the Student Union, beginning at 9.

For those who aren't dart enthusiasts, ping-pong will be the game on December 19. This

tournament will also begin at 9 in the Student Union.

On January 22, the only game in town will be football. Everyone is invited to watch the Super Bowl game on the big-screen television for a SUPER view of the championship contest.

Interterm will also be a busy time for the McPherson College basketball teams. The January schedule of games is listed below.

- Jan. 14 Southwestern (Home)
- 17 Friends
- 21 Bethel (Home)
- 25 St. Mary of the Plains
- 28 Tabor (Home)
- 31 Sterling

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Dr. Martin Luther King

## King celebration

by Joanne Hamlin

The holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. does not officially begin until next January, 1985; however, the Intercultural Forum is planning to have a day of celebration in honor of the late Martin Luther King this year. The celebration will begin at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday in the Student Union lobby. The theme for the celebration is "Quest for Peace and Unity."

The celebration will include narration of Dr. King's life, skits and singing. A film depicting some of the peace movement and marches has been tentatively scheduled in conjunction with the Peace Awareness Project to follow immediately after the earlier program. There will be time for discussion following these programs.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend this celebration to help further Dr. King's dream for peace and unity. For further details, please contact Joanne Hamlin, ext. 128 or Valecia Kelly, ext. 303.

## Peace Awareness Project slates events

The Steering Committee of the Peace Awareness Project met on Jan. 4 to begin planning peace-related activities and events for Interterm and spring semester.

A table was reserved in the cafeteria yesterday noon for the discussion of various national and international issues and other topics of concern. Depending on the response, such an issues table will be set up regularly to encourage an exchange of views among students and faculty.

A film on Martin Luther King (whose 55th birthday is on Sunday) may be shown early next week. Look for announcements.

Jan. 23 (Monday) will feature a presentation on child abuse, including a film and speaker. This will be held over the supper hour in the Private Dining Room, beginning at 5:30.

The editor of the Op-Ed page of the Wichita Eagle Beacon will be speaking at convocation on Feb. 13 and will be meeting with in-

terested persons during the lunch hour. George Neavall has been working with the development of the National Peace Academy.

The Peace Awareness Project is planning to bring more guest speakers in throughout the spring semester to talk about peace and related topics. Members of this new campus organization are looking forward to organizing activities such as movies, forums, retreats, and more, and will cooperate with other campus groups in much of the planning.



Art Professor Wayne Conyers, shown above in his natural habitat, is offering a non-credit Art Workshop during January Interterm. Designed to give participants an opportunity to work in a creative setting under the direction of an art professional, the course allows students to pursue independent directions. It is open to the community and began a week ago.

# Editorial quips

The Ghost of Interterms Past came to visit the Spec office early this month. A sad sight it was: Students and faculty alike were lamenting, "How can we stay informed without the Spec to keep us up-to-date with campus events?" Fortunately, for those of us not believing in this sort of ghostly visitation, the Spec office, as usual, was empty at the time.

With a full basketball schedule and SO MUCH going on, the campus' right-to-know is as great as ever. This year we just couldn't follow the lead of Stuco and chemistry classes in January dormancy.

Though you wouldn't have guessed it, this is a practice issue of sorts for a Spectator staff in transition. The introduction of the Page-Editor approach is designed to quarter the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief role. At this point, a talented journalist is still being sought to fill out the four-editor team. On the business end, Tim Crouse is training a new B.M., so that he can devote more of his time to his new duties as Page Editor.

Now that the Sports Center has been delayed, dedicated, almost completed, nearly completed, practically completed, Christmas-carded, celebrated and finally played-in, maybe we won't have to talk about it anymore.

Still, as long as we're on the subject, we might mention that the half-hour limitation on racquetball-court sign-up doesn't mean signing up all your friends and playing as long as you want. Big John Snell is on to you, foxy legs, and the most strenuous thing I do at eight in the morning is get up for my 8:30 class.

**Matt Howell**

By the way, "Personals" are free, letters and poetry are strongly encouraged and the next issue of the Spec is scheduled for Feb. 10.

## Religious life is optional

There are a substantial number of religious activities on campus at McPherson College. Some students took these activities into consideration when choosing this college while other students didn't care whether the college provided this service or not. The one main vital aspect of the religious activities at McPherson College is that they're optional rather than required. Students can be thankful that the religious activities are available to them and also that these activities are not required.

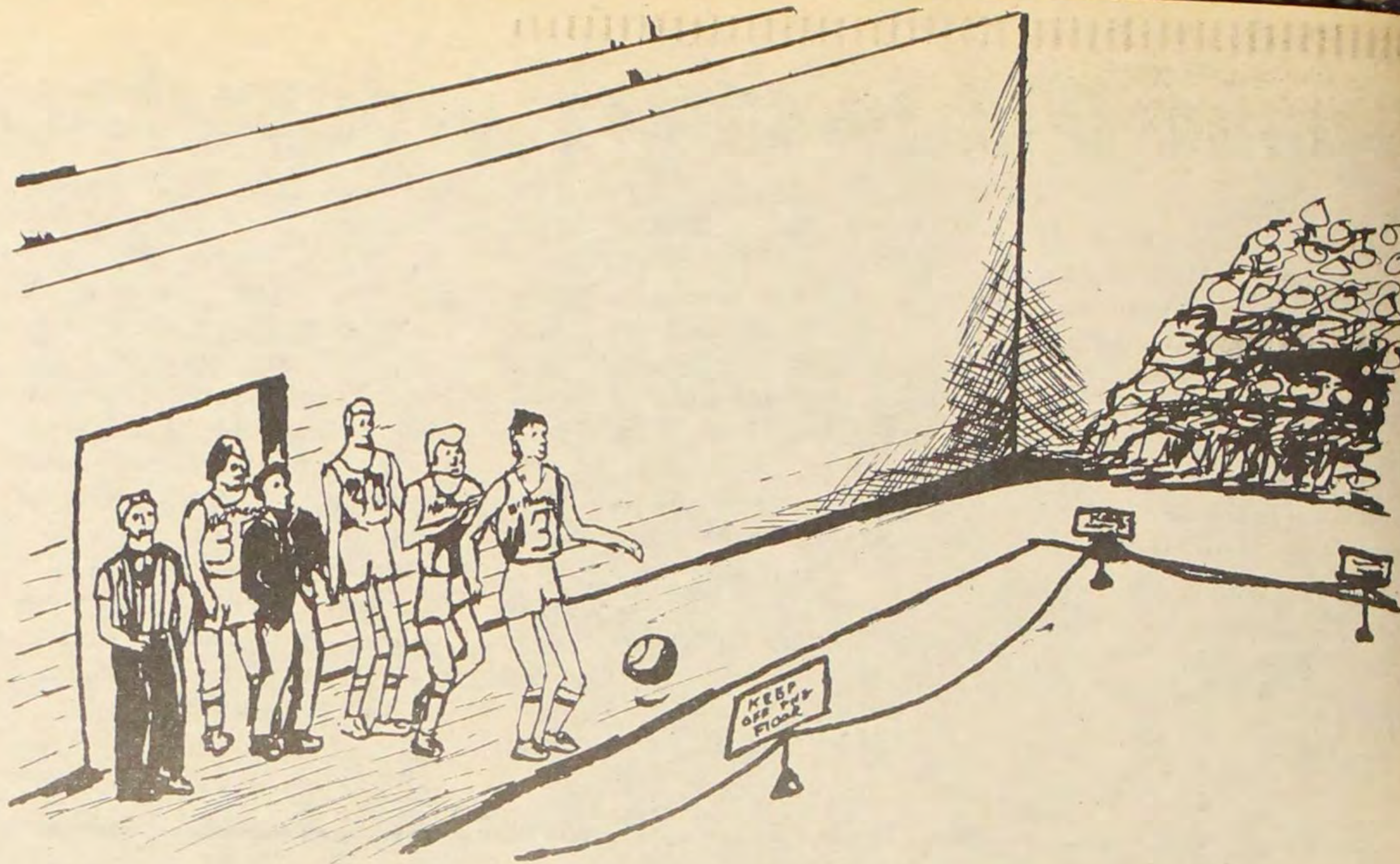
Many Christian colleges require attendance at their chapel services. This is a force of religion. I think each student should have the right to choose whether they want to participate in a religious activity or not, particularly when it comes to chapel services. If McPherson College would begin

to require each student to attend every religious activity, I seriously think the student enrollment would drop.

Students that expect McPherson College to be a "religious school" should examine the religious life before they enroll. McPherson is not strict with dress code, etc., but it does provide religious activities, including chapel services occasionally. McPherson does not expect every student to be religiously inclined, it just encourages every student to explore his or her own values and goals.

Forcing students to attend religious activities is a sure way of defeating their purpose. Religious life is not dead at McPherson College, nor is it very active; but it is available for each student that wants it. The decision rests with the student and isn't made for the student by the college.

**Marty Moyer**



## Students praise the new Sports Center

by Janet Powell

We've waited a long time but the Sports Center is finally a reality. What do the students think of the new facility? Read on for their responses.

Virgil Leiker (soph., Oakley): It's the biggest thing McPherson College has ever done for the students and faculty. It's a privilege just to be in there.

Gerald Henderson (sr., Maywood, Ill.): I think it's great for community spirit. Mac College sports will be the focal point of the town. "They definitely needed one."

Neil Elliott (soph., Mt. Hope): It's good for the team and school and brings the community closer to the school. The basketball team will do their best not to be defeated in the new gym.

DeWayne Jackson (jr., Denver): It will be good for the basketball team to have a homecourt advantage. It's good for school unity so we can all have a good time.

Tina Troxel (fr., Hoyt): I've been in the gym everyday for indoor track practice. It's a great addition to the school.

Glenda Skarphol (soph., Loveland, Colo.): I'm going to use it for jogging and as much activity as I can since it's right here.

Mary Coffman (soph., South English, Iowa): I'll be using it a lot because it offers a lot of recreational opportunities. There's been a large response since it's been opened. I think a lot of people will continue to utilize it.

Amy Howell (fr., McPherson): I came to McPherson College because of the indoor track program and I think it's great.

Sherry Aduddell (fr., Agate, Colo.): It's nice that it's open a lot of the time. Now we don't have to run all over town for basketball practice.

John Johnson (jr., Brookville): It's a giant step forward for Bulldog athletics.

Mary Beth Sands (jr., Kansas City): I'm really excited about it since it's on campus. A lot of people will be more interested in the games and women's basketball.

Sandy Nichols (soph., Oberlin): It's nice not having to travel to practice. It'll help us out a lot because we can practice whenever we want.

Peggy Sanders (jr., Longmont, Colo.): The biggest thing I feel is proud; proud to play in it.

Lori Ellis (jr., Kansas City): It's the best gym I've seen in the conference.

Valecia Kelly (sr., Cincinnati, Ohio): I'm glad it's finally finished. It'll be good for our morale because of the homecourt advantage. We have somewhere to go if we just want to shoot and we can practice on a regulation court. The school can get more athletes for McPherson College sports.

Nancy Birt (sr., Hutchinson): I'm excited I can work out on campus instead of somewhere else. It's very, very convenient. Everett Bradley (sr., Marion, Ind.): It's a great improvement over the old facility. The old one was disgusting.

LuAnn Myers (fr., Adel, Iowa): It's great. I'll be using it a lot.

Jill Burns (jr., Moulton, Iowa): It's a definite asset to the college and students. It's good for the reputation of the college.

David Button (sr., Conrad, Iowa): It's great they finally have it up. Protecting the facility is good but there's a point when being overprotective can be a hindrance. I think they should be more realistic in racquetball-court scheduling; half an hour isn't enough time for a game—it should be extended to an hour.

Phil Hofen (fr., Dallas Center, Iowa): It's an excellent facility. Everything is not complete like the checkout desk but that's expected with a new facility. It'll be nice when things run smoothly.

Kathy Gribben (sr., Holyoke, Colo.): It's wonderful. It's hard to remember it's here.

Todd Fredrickson (soph., Quinter): It's useful. It's great to have around. It's better than going to the Y.

Andre Barber (sr., Washburn): What can I say? It's gonna help a lot of people out. It'll help the basketball team out a lot.

Robert Taylor (jr., Widefield, Colo.): It's great to see everybody having a good time. Lynn Gibbs (soph., Hale, Mich.): Hey, it's great. It's a neat place for people to let go and get their energy out.

Kathy Mack (soph., Dallas Center, Iowa): It's great. It's going to improve the attitude of students on campus about athletics, and overall, too. Kathy Moore (fr., Waterloo, Iowa): It's a nice addition to finally have.

Robby Arnold (fr., Springfield, Ohio): I like it. Even though it took them long enough to put up, it's worth the money.

Tim Crouse (soph., St. Cloud, Fla.): It's helping to bring out the athlete in each of us.

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Known as Dad and Mom to the Fanny family, Chris and Kathy Whitaker are, uh, enjoying their second year as dorm parents.

# Chris and Kathy Whitacre adjust to Fanny R.D. life

by Don Stinnette

Chris and Kathy Whitacre returned to the joys and sorrows of dormitory life as resident directors of Fahnstock Hall last year. After having been residents in McPherson College dorms, with Chris in Fanny and Kathy in Dotzour (most of the time, in both cases), followed by three years of wedded bliss (most of the time), the Whitacres decided to return to the campus community.

Why did they decide to come back to take on the R.D. job? Well, Kathy and Chris admitted they had discussed the possibility before. They had felt comfortable

when they had been in McPherson before, both knew many people from the college and the community and they thought it might be fun.

How much different is the experience of being a resident director from that of living as a resident for the Whitacres? Of course, there is greater responsibility involved, but also more freedom in lifestyle than with usually highly-structured student life. There is the fun of being "with the guys", but perspectives and associations are different now.

Kahty has adjusted to living in a men's dorm. In fact, she enjoys the generally relaxed and easy-going attitude of the guys.

Some of the rewards of being an R.D., according to Chris and Kathy, are getting to know new students and seeing growth and increasing maturity in the older ones. They also like the academic and social climate of the campus community.

Disadvantages of R.D. living are mostly related to lack of

privacy; as Chris put it, "Your life becomes like a fishbowl." Interruptions sometimes occur at odd hours. Also, it is difficult to get away for a day or two when a change of pace is needed.

Chris, originally from Virginia, then Colorado, graduated in '80 with an audio-visual communications major. Kathy, who hails from Colorado, graduated a year later with a degree in speech and theater. Chris works on campus in the Copy Center, printing much of the regular college informational material, such as the Bark, Maccommunicator, class letters, etc., as well as copies of material for classes. Kathy is working with grade school children as a paraprofessional teacher in special education at Roosevelt Elementary School.

What lies in the future for Kathy and Chris? Well, they mentioned they would like to return to Colorado eventually. Other than that, they will just watch for and investigate possibilities as they appear.

## Travelers search for el sol

by Erny Figueroa

"Mexico, Mexico, where the warm breezes blow, Mexico, the Amigo country," this Interterm invites four U.S. amigos to enjoy the land and study the culture. Four McPherson College students left for the south on Wednesday, January 4 and will return on January 24 to conclude their Interterm class.

The four students are Tet-sutaro Arata (fr., Japan), Matt Geisert (sr., Kingman), Deanna Keohler (jr., Udell, Iowa), and Allison Shepard (jr., Portland), each of whom will be fulfilling different requirements with this trip to Mexico.

The original trip to Mexico had to be cancelled early in the fall semester due to lack of participants, but in consideration of the few who had a strong desire to take the trip, other arrangements were made.

The four flew to Mexico City where they were met by McPherson College alumna Terri Kershner de Valasquez. From there they travelled to Terri's home in Cuernavaca where the students will reside in the guest house on the estate which is near both Mexico City and Acapulco.

Although there is fun and sun, the class has a very tight daily curriculum which includes an intensive language course that meets two hours daily. Other requirements include cultural reports on 20 different events, analysis of the culture, observation of the public-school systems and frequent trips to the major cities to bargain as a functioning citizen.

Ms. Kershner de Valasquez, who was a Language Education major here at McPherson College, will be conducting the Spanish classes and the field trips for the four students, filling

them in on the customs and meanings of the Mexican society. For example, January 6 is traditionally the Feast of the Epiphany or the Day of the Kings. In Mexico this holiday officially marks the end of the Christmas season. The students were able to celebrate this day with the traditional sharing of the "rosco," a special ring of bread made especially for this holiday.

It seems, at the end of this Interterm, McPherson will receive four not only tanned but culturally enriched students.

## Task force analyzes draft

by Matt Howell

The Solomon Amendment, which requires students to certify draft registration compliance in order to receive federal financial aid, caught the college off-guard when it became law this summer. Late in the fall semester President Hoffman appointed a task force to make a recommendation on how the college should respond to this legislation. The task force will be con-

sidering the question of the college's financial responsibility to nonregistrants who forfeit federal funds. The conclusions of the committee will take into account the college's association with a "peace church" and the ideal of academic freedom.

Today, in its second meeting, the Solomon Amendment Task Force will be looking at the ways in which other colleges of peace churches have been handling this issue.

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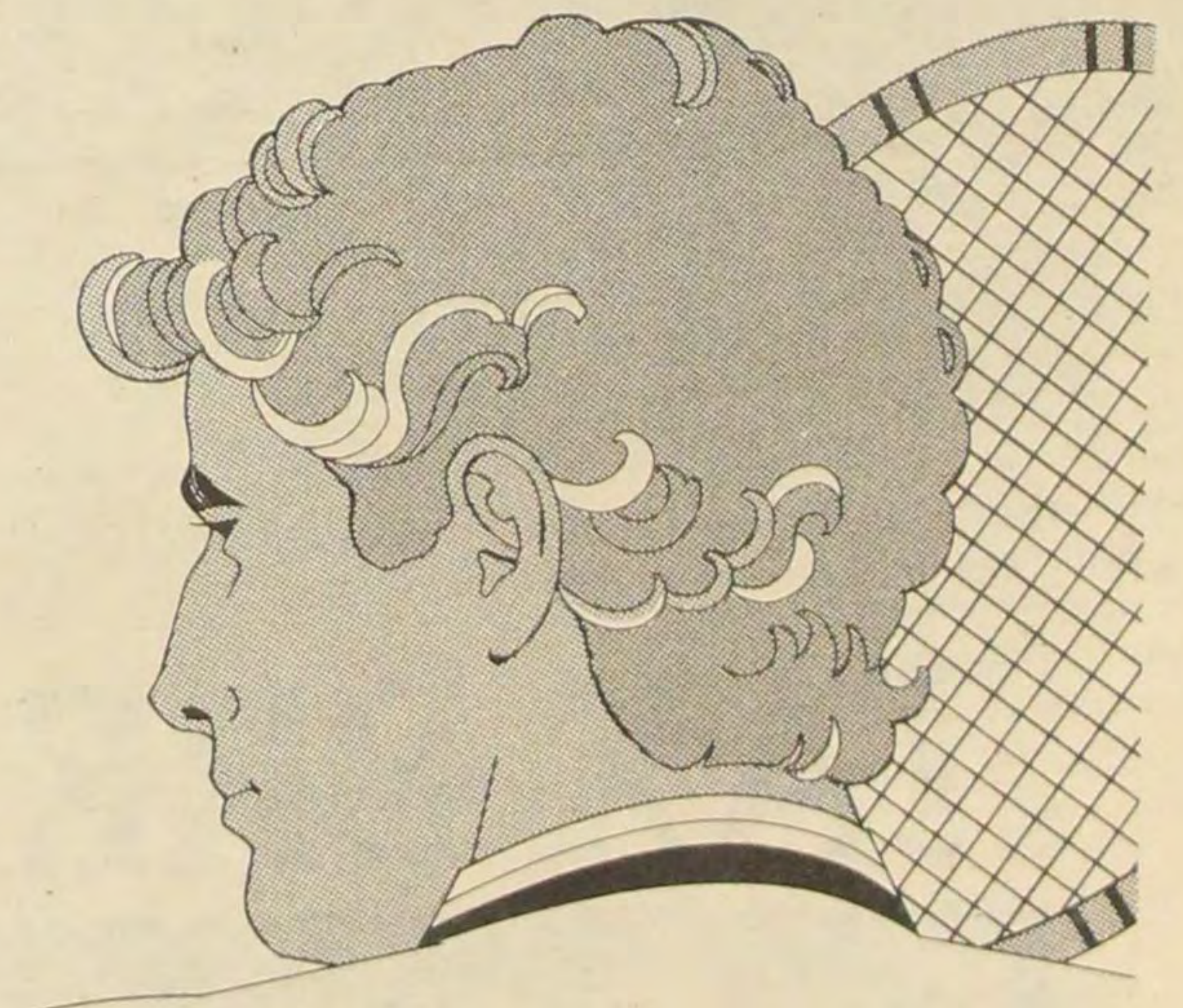
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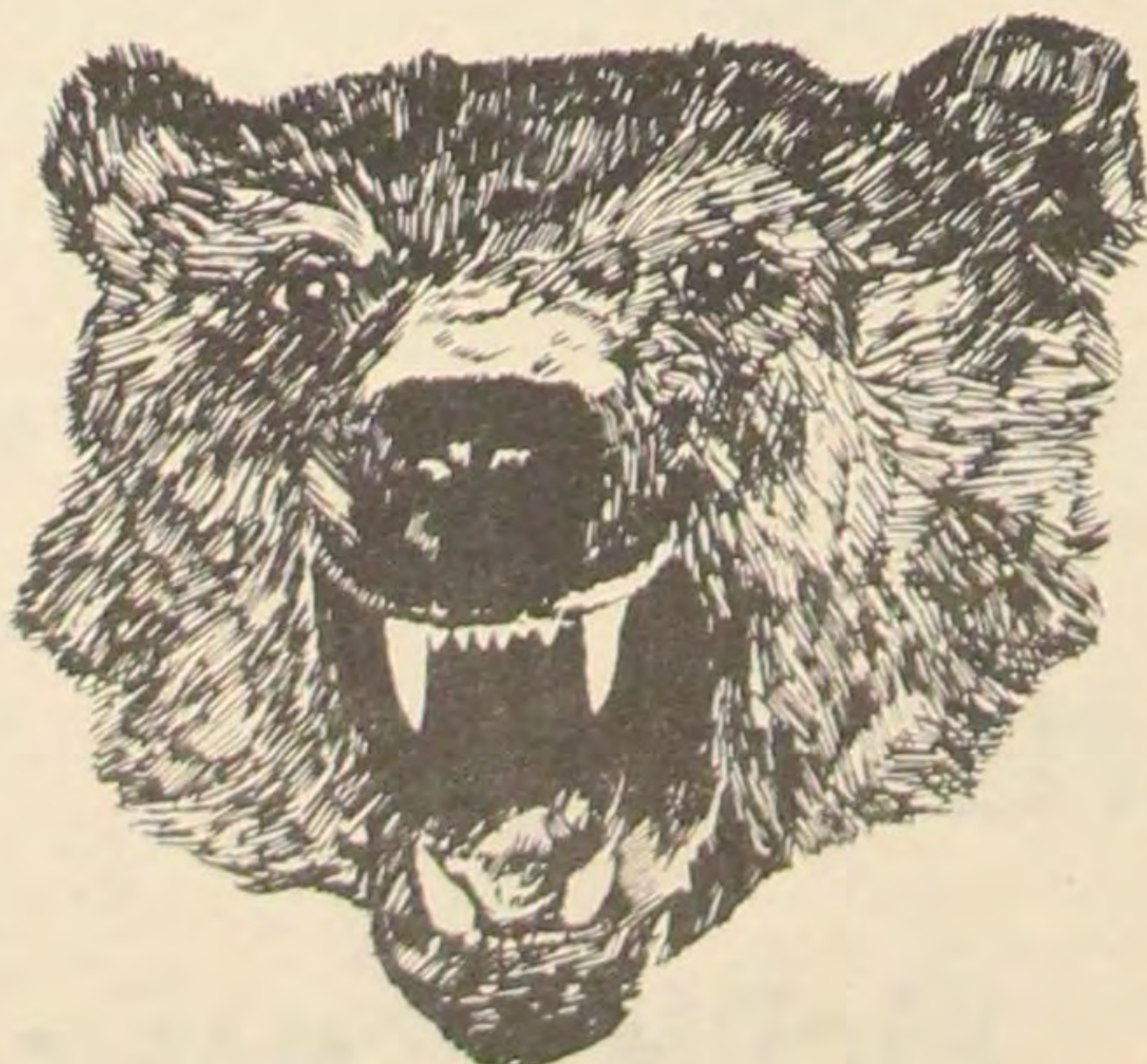
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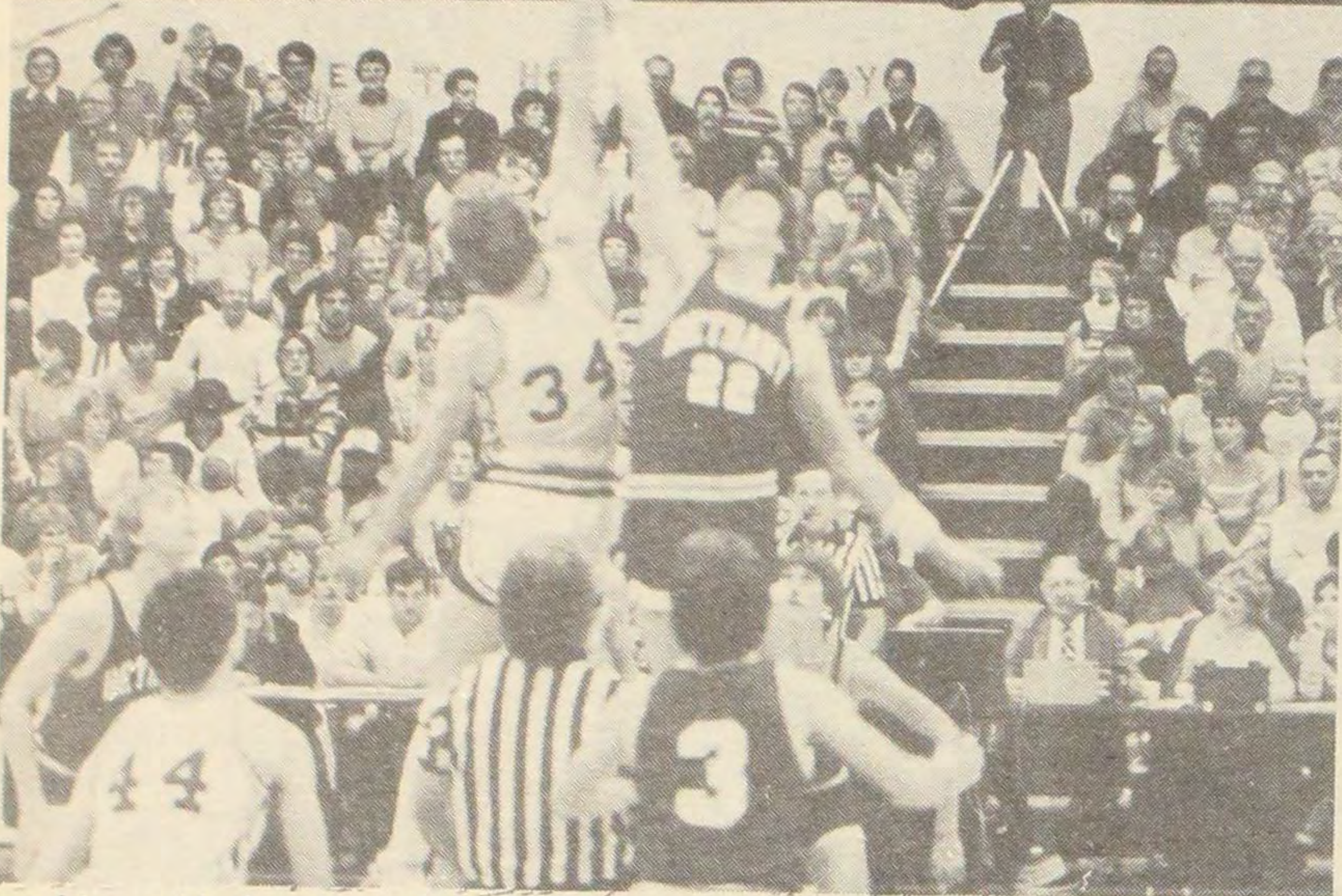
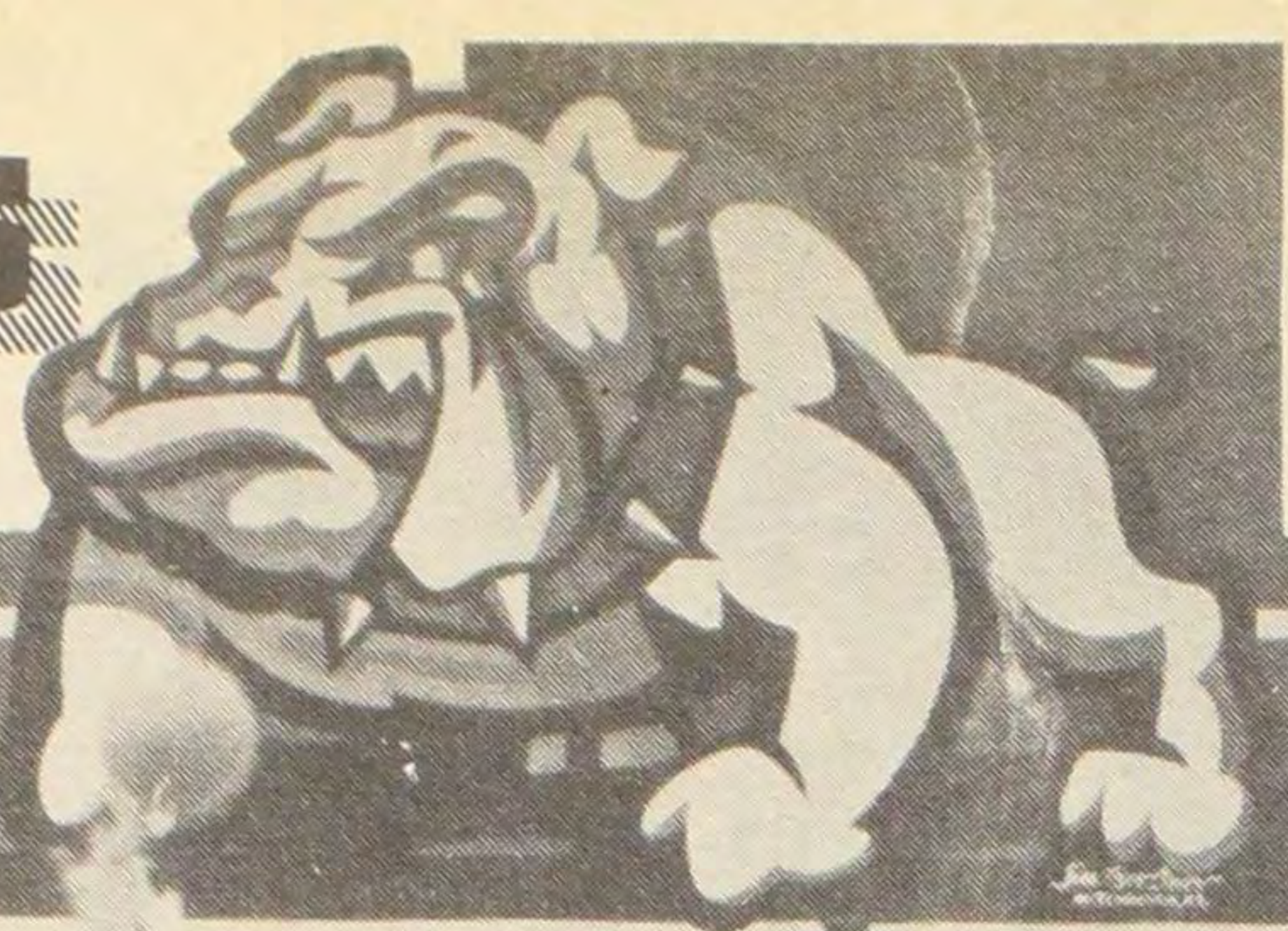
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Reaching with the vigor of the bulldog above, Kevin Carlson, 34 (sr., Herington), tries to outjump an opponent. It was a strenuous evening for the Bulldogs and the overflowing crowd.



Kayla Corbett, 25 (fr., Osborne), and Shelly Garlow, 11 (fr., Harlan), pressure a Swede during last week's struggle.

# Swedes top Bulldogs

by Kevin Burton

The Lady Red gave powerful Bethany more than they wanted last Saturday at the Sport Center, but in the end it was the visitors from Lindsborg who prevailed 64-60.

McPherson dominated play for much of the first half, leading 30-27 at halftime. For the evening they made five more baskets than the Swede ladies and out-rebounded them 40-27. The margin of victory came at the foul line, where Bethany was 20-for-31, and McPherson just 6-for-13.

Three early fouls kept Valecia Kelly out of the game for most of the first half. Less than a minute into the second half, she had her fourth.

"Kelly played fifteen minutes," noted McPherson coach Paul Graber. "She's our blue chipper. When she only plays fifteen minutes, we're a different team."

With ten minutes to go in the contest, Graber decided to put her back in the game. Soon after, the Lady Red made their final run, coming to within two points of Bethany, but never overtaking them.

With Kelly watching most of the game, and Peggy Sanders watching most of the second half after fouling out, McPherson had to rely on their great depth to keep the game close.

"It was a great team effort," said Graber, "I was pleased with that part." He also added, "We've got a good group. We don't have people who just play in blowouts. I can depend on the people on our bench."

Scoring for McPherson was balanced. Lori Ellis and Carol Zink each scored ten; Kerri Snell and Shelley Garlow had eight apiece.

The game was of course the first ever played in the McPherson Sport Center. Most of the capacity crowd that viewed the men's game was already on hand to watch the ladies. It was the biggest crowd most of the players have ever played for.

Talented as they are, McPherson is a relatively young team, given to youthful mistakes and inconsistencies. One statistic that concerns coach Graber is the Lady Red's 48-percent foul shooting. "We ought to be shooting better," says Graber. "I'd like to shoot at least 60 percent. This is something we'll be working on."

A guess at the Lady Red's future would have to be optimistic, and include a larger role for Cindi Harrison, a freshman from Oregon, Ohio.

"She's coming on strong," says Coach Graber, "she has a knack for doing the right thing, and doesn't turn the ball over. She's a good talent."

Tomorrow Southwestern will provide the opposition for a 6 o'clock game at the Sport Center.

## Bulldog rally unsuccessful

By Derek Pierce

The previously winless Bethany College Swedes used their height advantage last Saturday to hold off an inspired Bulldog rally, thus degrading the grand opening of the new Sports Center.

Kevin Carlson and Kelly Unruh led the Bulldogs in scoring with 13 and 12 respectively.

Despite the extremely stingy defense of the Swedes, the Bulldogs were unable to come up with some key rebounds that may have changed the outcome of the game. Coach Roger Trimmell stated, "If we could have taken advantage of some free throws the game may have come out differently."

With a team effort, the Bulldogs, trailing at the half by 12, came back in the second half, but still lost the close contest.

The next home game for McPherson will be January 14 at the Sports Center against the Southwestern Moundbuilders, whom the Bulldogs defeated twice last year.

## Intramurals begin in new gym

By Matt Howell

Three is the name of the game this January. Intramurals, which got under way this week, will be featuring 3-on-3 basketball three nights a week (Mon., Tue., Thurs.). Volleyball intramurals will have to wait until the equipment is available for set-up.

Basketballs, racquetball equipment, and locker locks (for the occasional user) will

be available for check-out during specific hours: Mon.-Fri. 6-8 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 5:30-10 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Sun. 1-10 p.m.

On non-game nights, the gym will be open for pick-up games. The racquetball court is available on a sign-up basis from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily, but "racqueteers" will need to provide their own racquets and balls when the equipment check-out room is closed.

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