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## Flowers for Algernon coming up

"Flowers for Algernon", a play based on the popular novel by Daniel Keyes, will be presented as a dinner theater show later in February. Dates for the shows include Feb. 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26. All shows will begin at 8 p.m., with dinner beforehand at 6:30 p.m.

Erny Figueroa (sr., Temple City, Ca.) chose "Flowers for Algernon" as his senior project in theater. Erny designed the set and will play the principle role of Charlie.

"Flowers for Algernon" is the story of a retarded young man (Charlie), who is chosen as a subject for a bizarre operation on his brain which increases his mental capacity to the level of a genius — but only temporarily.

Erny chose this play for his project mainly because the role of Charlie "has a lot of subtle changes in character." He admits, though, that playing Charlie is "more difficult than I anticipated." As the story follows Charlie's life and thought during the rise, peak and fall of his mental capabilities, it does indeed offer a wide range of acting possibilities (and problems) in one character.

The set presented another problem, which was solved in a unique way. As the audience will be sitting at tables on the Brown Auditorium stage itself, the stage platform for the play must be compact, but must also be large enough to contain several dif-

ferent settings. A slanted stage, designed by Erny, will be used to allow enough usable space but still enable the audience to easily view the entire stage area.

In major supporting roles for the play are Carine Ullom (sr., Wiley, Colo.) as Alice Kinnian, Mary Coffman (soph., South English, Iowa) as Dr. Julia Strauss, Don Stinnette ('81 alumnus) as Prof. Harold Nemur, and Greg Zugmier (fr., Wichita) as Burt Seldon.

Most of the others playing parts in "Flowers for Algernon" are doubling, or acting as two different characters in different scenes. Merrie Cline (soph., Nickerson) plays Charlie's mother, Jerel Eller (soph., Adel, Iowa) plays Charlie's father, Jennifer Willes (jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.) plays both Norma and Mrs. Feldman, Nancy Pennell (fr., Baltimore) plays Mrs. Donner and Mrs. Nemur, Tammy Sweeney (soph., Copper Hill, Va.) plays Mrs. Mooney and Jackie Welberg, John Lauver (fr., Kansas City, Kans.) plays Joe and Mr. Harvey, Macie Mock (fr., Kansas City, Kans.) plays Gina and Connie, Matt Robinson (soph., McPherson) plays Frank and Chairman, and Stacy Opgrand (fr., Sylmar, Colo.) has the unique task of playing three roles. Ellen, Bernice and Anne Welberg.

Young versions of Charlie and his sister, Norma, will be played

respectively by jr. high students Cardenas Luis, Christy Thiel and Joy Goldsmith.

Directing the show will be (as usual) Rick Tyler. Rick said he feels the cast is strong, but the script is a problem. While the novel of the same name is good literature, its adaptation in the script has been hard to work with.

Rick is pleased with minor alterations being attempted to smooth out some parts. He mentioned that characters are better developed than he anticipated they would be at this point.

Another added dimension to this play will be an attempt to use a live mouse in the role of Algernon in a few brief scenes. Two mice are being tamed for use in the play so an understudy would be available in case of loss, illness, or intense stage fright.

Affectionately known as Algy I and Algy II, both mice declined to comment about their upcoming debut.

Costs for the dinner and show together will be \$5 for McPherson College students and staff, \$7 for other students, \$8 for adults. For the show only, there is no charge for Mac students, \$2 for other students, and \$3 for adults.

Reservations for any show are strongly recommended as seating capacity for each show will be only about sixty. Just call the drama department at extension 210 to secure reservations.

## Hunger focus of retreat

by Jenny Haug

"If any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"

The Student Retreat on World Hunger will be February 17-18. This event, sponsored by the Brethren Identity Group, will be held at Eden Recreation Center. It begins at 7 p.m. Friday and

continues until 4 p.m. Saturday. There is no cost involved.

Persons attending this event will have the opportunity to hear different speakers. Friday evening, Professor Richard Wright will be discussing "World Hunger Today" and Deb Neher will be discussing "Fasting." Saturday morning, Professor Al Dutrow will discuss "Agricultural Aspects of World Hunger."

## Workshops offered on career planning

by Terri Vinson

Are you a senior, soon to be plunged into the work force, and interested in prospective employment opportunities, or an underclassman who is questioning future career goals? If so, the Career and Life Planning Center has a full agenda designed to meet these needs.

On February 23, there will be a Career Exposition, in which over 30 employers from Kansas and surrounding states will interview

students in a variety of employment areas. The exposition will be held at the Red Coach Inn in Salina, and transportation will be provided for those desiring to attend.

To prepare for this event, Lois Reimer has coordinated two workshops which are scheduled for February 15 and 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Miller Library.

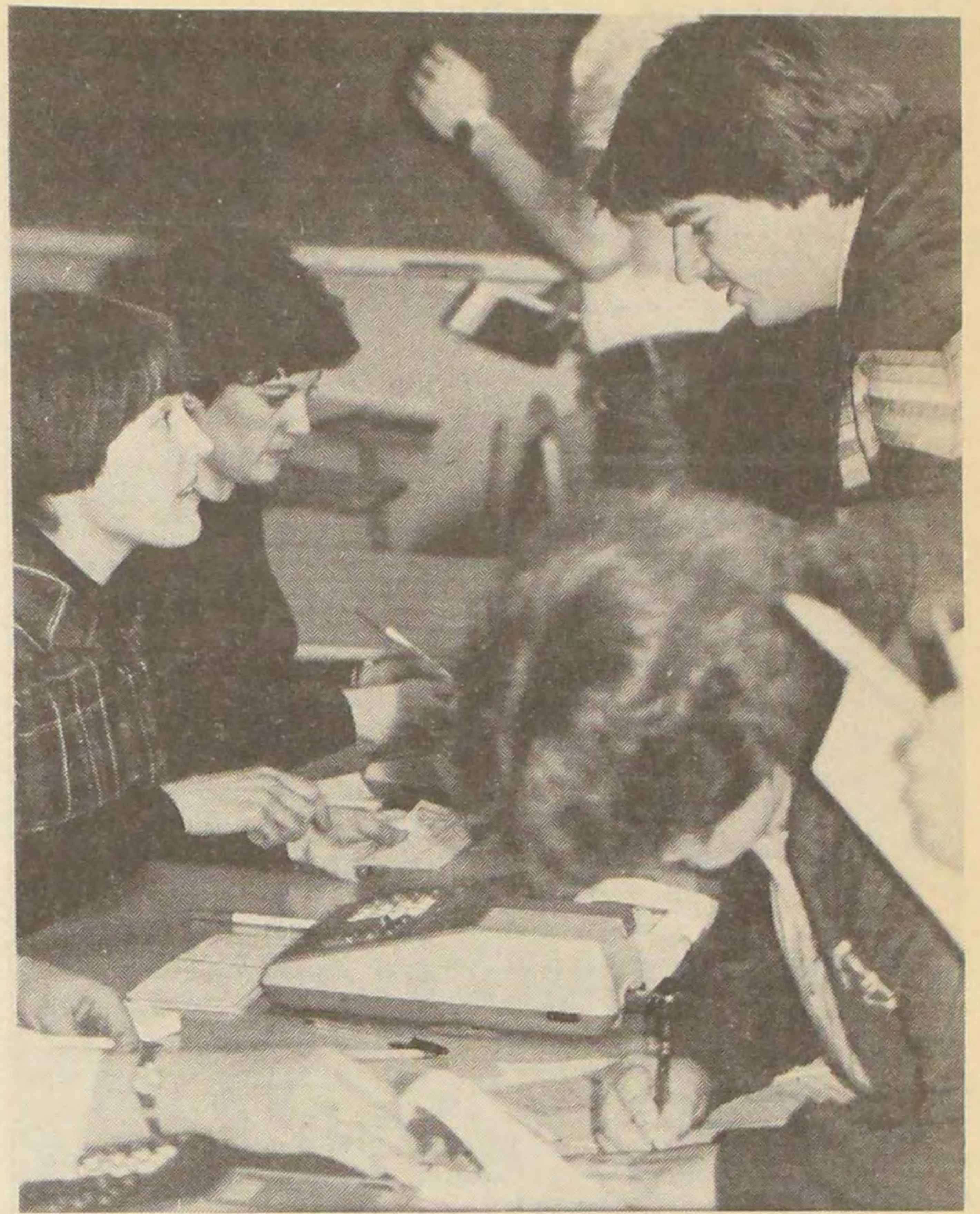
The first workshop will deal with resume writing, as everyone attending the exposition will need a proper resume. The second session will be geared toward

improving interviewing skills.

Although the Career Exposition is only open to seniors, the Career and Life Planning Center will offer many activities which will be open to underclassmen as well.

On February 28 and 29, there will be a Look Into Future Employment (L.I.F.E.)

Workshop in Wichita, which is designed to expose students of all ages to prospective career opportunities. Sign-up sheets will be posted for those interested in attending.

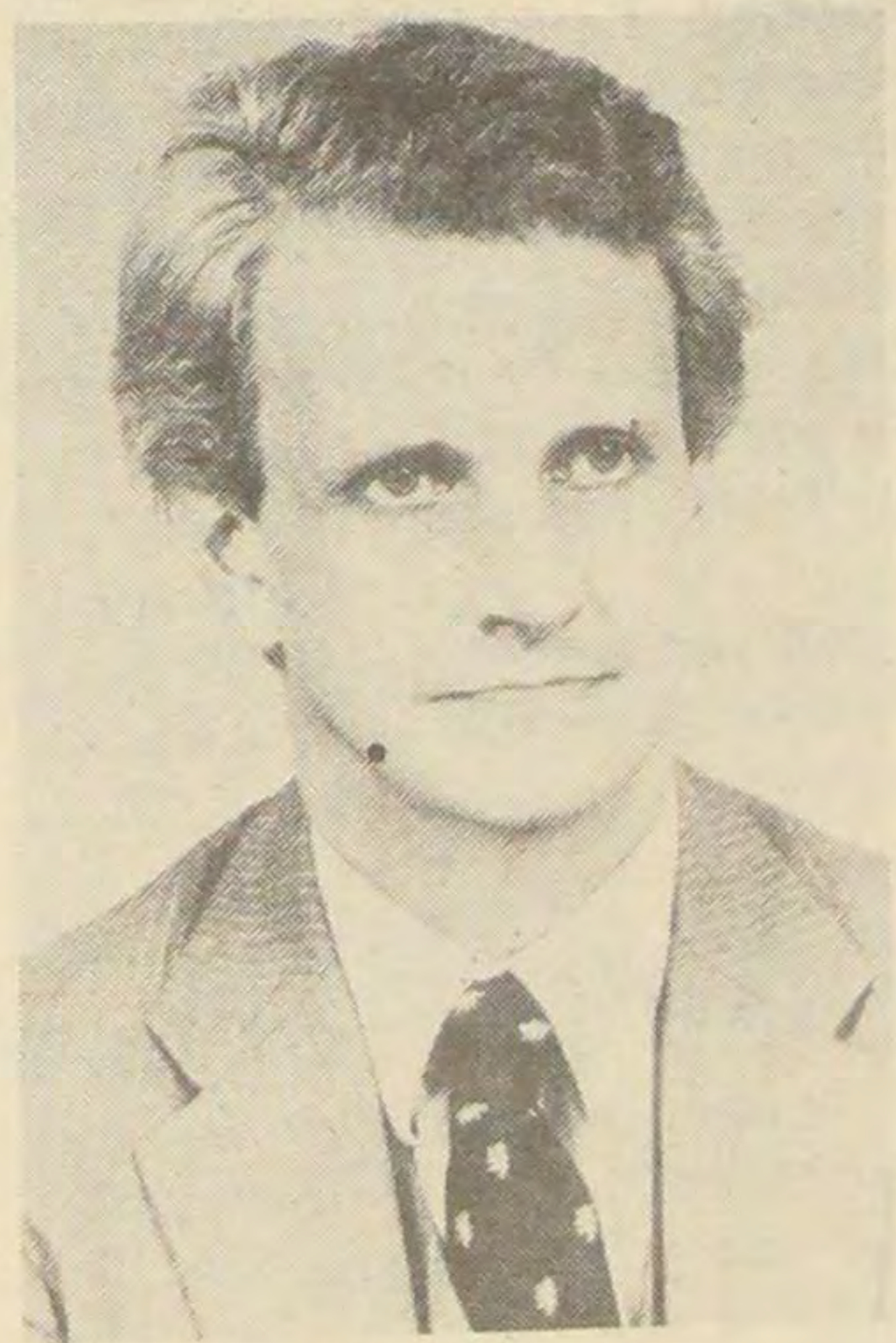


Cheri Miller, Tamara Roesch Gayer, Neal Jandreau, and David van Asselt are exchanging conversation and money during spring enrollment.

## Wichita journalist to speak

by Erny Figueroa

Don't miss this one. A chance for peace in our otherwise hectic schedules. On Monday, February 13, George Neavoll, editorial page editor for the Wichita Eagle-Beacon, will converse with



George Neavoll

## New computers

by Tim Crouse

Last month some new computer hardware arrived at McPherson College.

The computer room on Harnly's fourth floor received four new televideo terminals, a deckwriter and a statistical multiplexor. This new equipment will allow more accessibility for students as well as increasing the processing speed.

The business department, which has been recently blessed with two generous donations, purchased four IBM personal computers. Presently these technological pencils are located in the language lab on Mohler's second floor but they will soon be moved elsewhere.

Although computer science and business students have priority in using this new hardware, it's available to all students.

us on our peace awareness in Kansas.

With the recent showing of "The Day After" and the fluctuating world situation, this is one discussion you won't want to miss. This will be a presentation that promises to be both interesting and informative.

George Neavoll is a graduate of the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and he also did graduate work at the Centro Universitario Internacional in Mexico City.

With his experience as a Peace Corps Volunteer plus his educational background this makes Mr. Neavoll more than qualified to speak on the Peace Academy in Kansas.

Anyone interested in journalism will be especially interested in speaking with Mr. Neavoll because of his work with the Wichita Eagle-Beacon and also his active work in campaigns to free journalists wrongfully imprisoned in Paraguay, Uruguay and elsewhere in Latin America where so much of the government turmoil in the world is taking place.

Mr. Neavoll will be here Monday morning as well as in the private dining room at lunch time. There will be something for everyone.

## Enrollment is up

by Terri Vinson

Dr. Norma Tucker, Vice President of Academic Services, has released enrollment figures for the spring semester.

The tentative report shows that enrollment is up from last year, which is an encouraging statistic during the present period of tight federal budgeting.

There are 391 present full-time students (those enrolled in 12 hours or more) which is 20 more than the 371 counted last year.



# Editorial notes

"Heads, I won't bother you anymore. Tails, you become Sports Editor." Tails it was; and Kevin "the Bird" Burton (through this flip of fate) joined our editorial team. Kevin was Editor-in-Chief of the Spectator for most of the '82-'83 school year, and his writing ability is rivaled only by his musical talent. Ask Kevin about his songs and when he's going to perform for his campus fans. We're hoping he'll succumb to popular demand. His campus phone extension is 322. Call him today.

Without doubt, this is one of the best all-round staffs the Spectator has seen for years. Glen Snell's pictures in this issue demonstrate vividly that David Franklin isn't the only photographer we have. We're pleased, as well, with the quantity and quality of the reporters you'll find listed in our masthead (lower, lefthand corner). But don't think it's too late to join our journalism crew. After filling out all those drop slips, you might consider picking up an English hour . . . without ever having to go to class. See Susan Taylor or any editor for details on "Reporting Practice" or "Photojournalism Practice."

The Spectator would go broke without a good BM. We're excited to announce the addition of that "total businessman," DeWayne "Action" Jackson, as our Business Manager. Tim Crouse has helped to complete the transition.

Thanks a lot for your splendid response on the Valentine messages. Keep it up throughout the semester by contributing to "Personals."

Matt Howell

## Sex and violence excessive

Popcorn, peanuts, candy bars, good friends all at the movies for an enjoyable evening. We all like them. We all want them. I've seen some classics: "Ordinary People" — an excellent movie, and some entertaining ones — "REDS" — but lately our movies have been getting . . . well, "tasteless" is a good word.

Last Saturday night's showing of "48 HRS." left more than a bad taste in this writer's mouth. Something about sex without love and violence without justification somehow rubs me the wrong way. Call me "old-fashioned" but sex and violence is not my idea of a fun evening.

To put it frankly, I really don't believe we should have to be subjected to a low-class movie like this. It was hard to justify the offensiveness of "An Officer and a Gentleman," but at least that had a plot. "48 HRS." was 2 hrs. of sex, violence, sex or violence, sex and violence and occasionally sex with violence.

It would have been nice to know what this movie was going to

involve before we wasted our time viewing it. If the presenters of this film are not going to invest time to screen the movies that are presented then maybe extra time would be invested in informing the students on the rating and general content of the movie.

The readers of this article may ask why I just didn't walk out since it was my choice to view the movie. Well, I did. If this is any indication of the direction our school movies are going to take I guess I should plan to walk out on any future offensive movies.

Instead of an enjoyable evening I did do something productive, I wrote this article. My apologies to anyone I have offended, but I hope the same is offered by the presenters of the film. Please be open enough to respond to me directly. I welcome any comments.

Erny Figueroa  
Editor's note: Responses directed to the Spectator are also welcome.

## King celebration appreciated

Dear Editor:

I commend the Intercultural Forum for their "celebration" for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 15. The brief program of drama and song was well done. More importantly, it reminded us both of Dr. King's work and of some of the dark pages of our national history — pages reflecting the dark side of man himself.

Most members of our McPherson College community are too young to remember the man or his times. We need to be reminded of them (just as we still need to be reminded of the Nazi Holocaust); we need to remember what people have actually done, both for good or for ill.

By remembering the times of the 60's, we are reminded of the violent beginnings of what I hope are the death throes of racial tensions in our nation. We are also reminded of the political power of the Christian gospel when it is brought to bear, as Dr. King did, on a problem that crippled all the people of our land.

I hope that we will be reminded again and again of the evils to which we dare not return and of the man who so uniquely was the focus for a constructive and healing solution to those problems.

Sincerely,  
Dale Goldsmith  
Prof. Philosophy and Religion

# Cupid punctures campus hearts

Dearest Darling K.B.

Fondly remembering those special days past when I ran my fingers through your flowing locks.

Lovingly yours,  
The girl who goes crazy when you pace.

To Halfbreed and Pueblo Head,  
Happy Valentine's Day!

Honky

To Cindy and Peggy,  
Happy Valentine's Day from a secret admirer. P.S. I'm watching you.

To Android,  
I'd love to ski the Rockies with you for the rest of my life!

Love,  
PJ

Hey Foxy Legs,  
Happy Valentine's Day.

Dizzy

P.J. loves N.A.

Virgil Leiker,  
Happy Valentine's Day, Babe!  
I love you a lot. Have a super day!

Carolyn Brossman,  
Thanks for being a super friend. Happy Valentine's Day.

Thuy Barrows,  
Thanks for a great time in Colorado. Happy Valentine's Day.

Love Ya,  
Denise

Black Mamba,  
Make that snake.

Sidewinder

K-Smith,  
To the best friend a girl could ever have. Thanks for being a friend and Happy V-Day.

Friends Forever,  
C

To the Pote brothers:  
You're two special guys  
In so many ways

We'd appreciate your company  
This Valentine's Day!  
We'll wine you and dine you  
And show you we care  
You choose the place,  
The fun times we'll share!  
Yours truly,  
Janette Taymann and  
Anna Hufflor

Jan and Mary,  
Happy Valentine's Day to my favorite dancers at Tapper's.

Love,  
Rob

To Dr. Hall,  
Keep on operating.

Guess Who?

Dag,  
Happy Valentine and may God grant you all your hopes and aspirations. Thank you for the smiles you put on my face and for giving a helping hand.

Love,  
Elizabeth

Schatz,  
Even in the morning? I love you!

Bozo



Brenda Ragsdale (Hutchinson) and Margaret Cox (Cushing, Okla.) performed together in their senior recital Sunday. They were adorned with Valentine flowers — much to the delight of their boyfriends Kent Nicholson ('83 alumnus) and Dave Koehler (sr., Scotts Bluff, Neb.).

Sally,  
Take my heart  
Into your care  
And we'll fly happily  
Through the air.  
Up above the clouds afar  
We'll get "chipmunked"  
And go to a bar!

Love,  
Duckie

To the editor,  
We'll publish your uncensored journal and sell it at the bookstore. You'll be rich. You'll be famous. Trust me!

Foxy Legs

BB,  
"1437"

KK

Liebes Maedl aus Unna!  
Lass' Dich nicht unterkriegen!  
(Ohren steif, usw.)

Mein Fenster ist  
Dir immer auf

My Goon  
May your days be filled with moments to be remembered on Kodak paper. Happy Valentine's Day!

Love ya,  
Your Goonette

To No. 34,  
Happy Valentine's Day from your best athletic supporters.

Your Fan Club

Robbie Arnold,  
You sexy thing, you! Have a Happy V.D.

The Sidekicks

To Derek,  
Hey sweetie, are we having a Valentine's Day party?

MJK

Metzler 2nd's best RA,  
Here's wishing you a very Happy Valentine's Day. Keep an eye on room 212.

Iowa girls

Ern,  
I hope your life is full of Big Happy Memories!

Marlove

Luann and Caroline  
Happy Valentine's Day. Sorry no flowers from the mall.  
Your Favorite Friend

Shawn,  
Thanx for being there!  
A friend from IA

To all my women:  
Thanks for the solitude.  
T.W.C.

Meine liebe Schwester,  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
Your Favorite Sister  
Marla

To Galen Switzer,  
SHAZAM! It's Valentine's Day! Stay away from German dictionaries.

Affectionately yours,  
Businessman and Associate

Lieber DvA,  
Glueklichen Valentines Tag.  
Ich denke an Dich!  
Deine M.

The A team  
Happy Valentine's Day! I love you both.

One of the U's

To my Bubba,  
May you have a very happy Valentine's Day. Know that I love you very much.

Abbey

KEK,  
To my churchcamp romance: You have brought me happiness ever since that day! Thank you for making me feel so loved! Je t'aime and Happy Valentine's Day.

Love,  
BABS

Nanc,  
Thanks for all the good things from the bottom of your heart and for being the perfect snag. Hope your 14th goes great and hope you'll be my valentine forever.

Love,  
Tom

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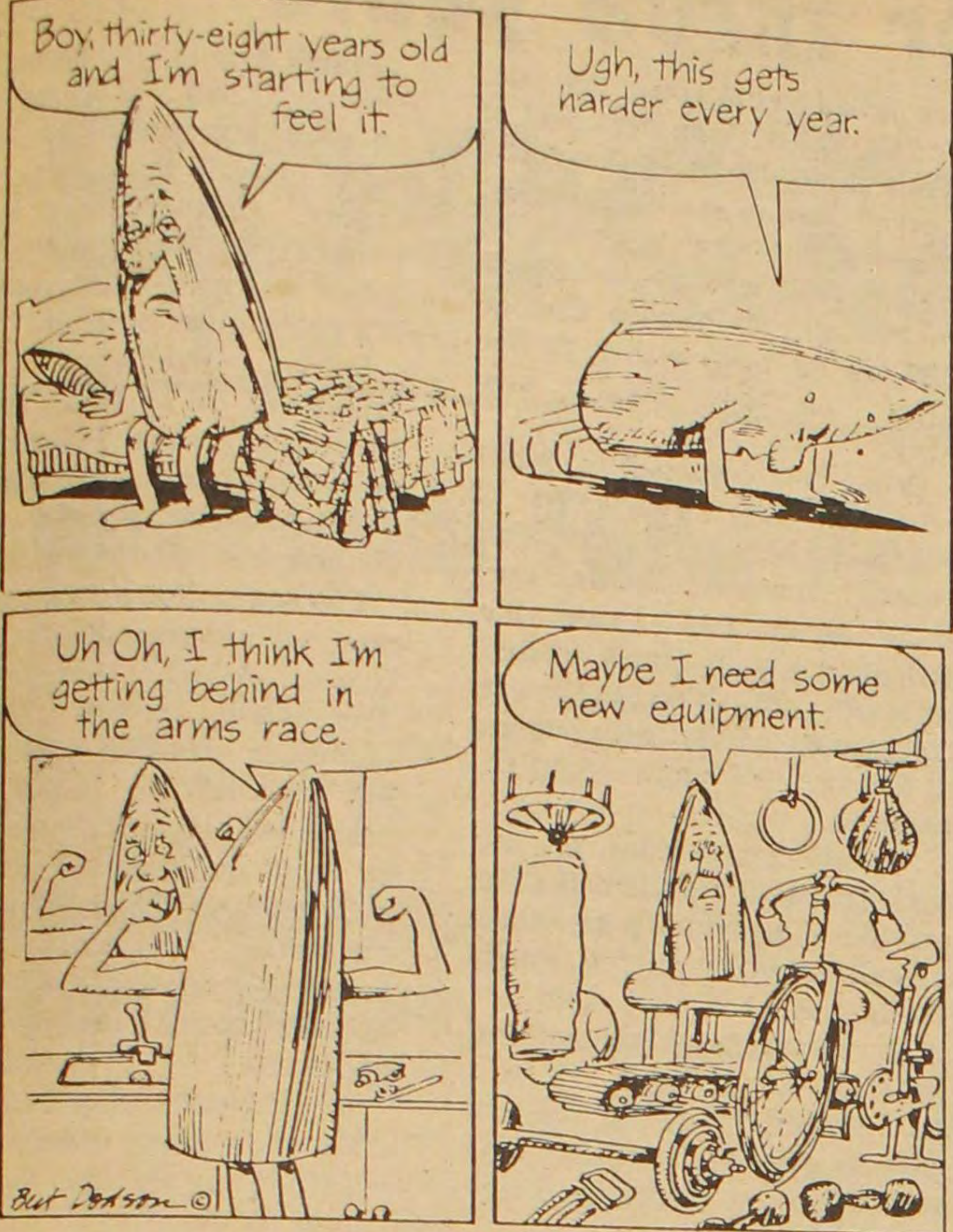
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**NUKE**



# Happy family moves into dorm

by Patty Helmer

The newest residents to move into Bittering Hall aren't average college students. Daniel and Jaynette Miller combine jobs, parenting, school and their newest responsibility: taking over as Resident Directors of Bittering Hall.

Dan and Jaynette moved to campus from Moundridge. They have a seven month old son, Vaughn, whose sparkling blue eyes are captivating. Vaughn's Uncle Scott Miller is a senior at McPherson College, and also lives in Bittering.

Jaynette grew up in Pennsylvania. She attended Eastern Mennonite College in Pennsylvania. When her father, a Mennonite Pastor, moved to Hesston, Ks., she followed. She soon met Dan, who was going to school at Hesston College. And now ... the rest of the story ...

Before attending school at Hesston, Dan, originally from Indiana, spent two years in Poland with the MCCPAX of the Mennonite Central Committee. The program works with agricultural development.

Dan and Jaynette have been married five years. Jaynette is a licensed L.P.N. Part of the reason they accepted the R.D. position was to enable Dan to come back to school part time to take business courses. He also flies a plane part-time for an oil company out of Wichita.

The Millers are very excited right now, because in about three months their family of three will become a family of four. For several years Don and Jaynette have been in the process of adopting a little girl from India. Leslie is now 2½, and Jaynette said hopefully she will arrive here in May to become a member of the Miller family. (That means Uncle Scott will have a nephew and a niece around to keep him in line).

I asked Jaynette what she thought of Bittering so far, after surviving one week. She said she and Dan enjoyed being R.D.'s and she enjoyed the students.

I asked if being an R.D. involved, uh, noise and (just a little bit) rowdy students. Jaynette

said she liked to have kids in and out, and that she even wished it would "liven up a little." (Don't take that literally, guys, she said just a little).

Welcome to Bittering Hall, Don, Jaynette, Vaughn, and soon ... Leslie!



Dan, Vaughn and Jaynette Miller are settling into the Bittering R.D. apartment.

## Pihl becomes assistant coach

Jill Pihl, the newest addition to the McPherson College coaching staff, is no stranger to KCAC basketball. A 1983 graduate of Bethany College in Lindsborg, Coach Pihl is remembered by coaches and fans in the area as Jill Stevens, a four-year All-KCAC point guard for the Swedes.

Coach Pihl has a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Health from Bethany College. Besides her "formal" education in the coaching area, Jill says that she has been around basketball for as long as she can remember.

"I was born into a coaching family," stated Coach Pihl, alluding to her father who is currently the head men's basketball coach at Bethany College.

Jill's future plans include a coaching career as well as a career in coaching. She and her husband, Rodger, live on a farm near Lindsborg.

"I hope to be back here next year," states Pihl, "I am really enjoying coaching on the college level where there is so much talent to work with."



Jill Pihl, the new assistant women's basketball coach, discusses strategy with coach Paul Graber.

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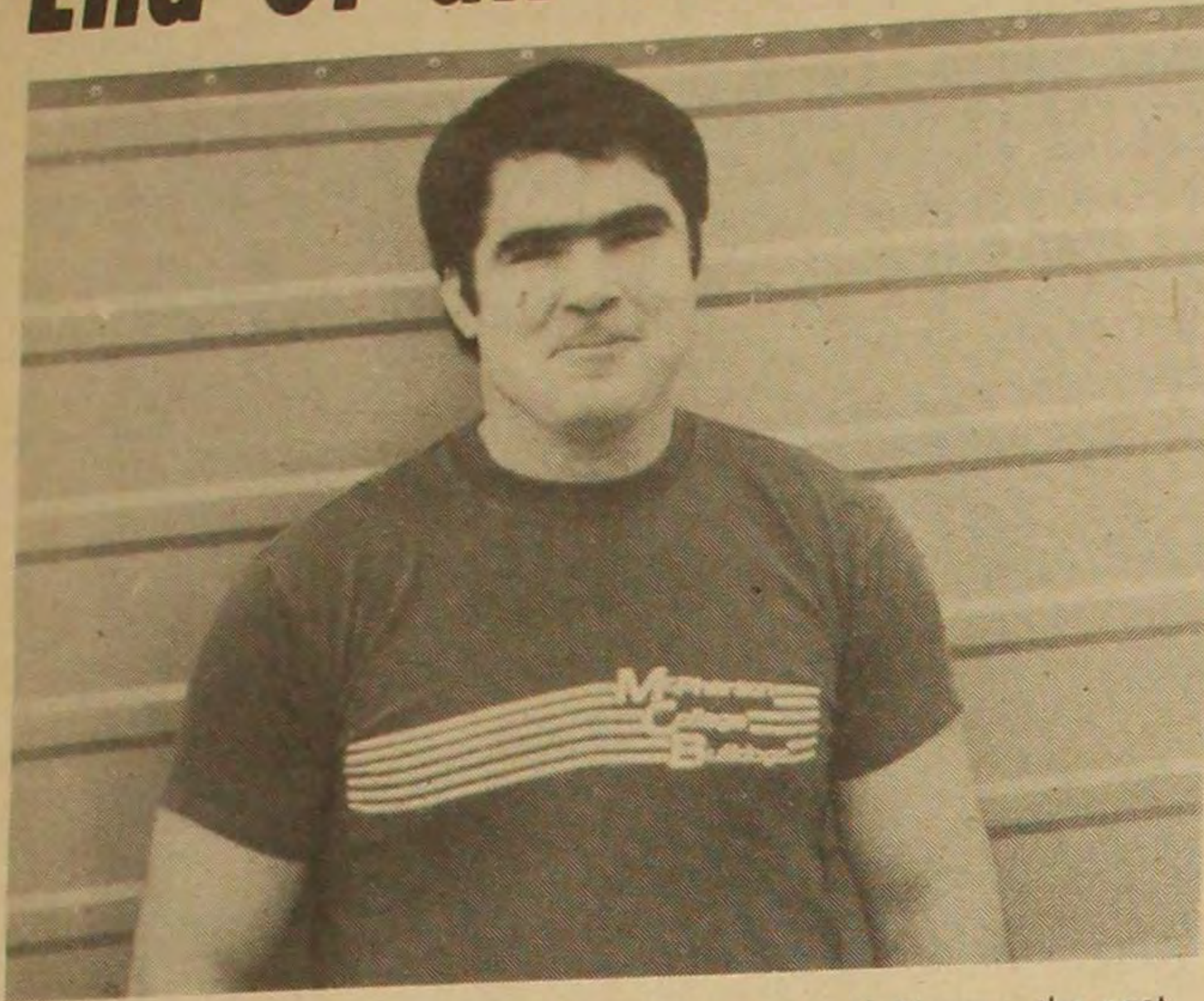
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# End of an era: Cripe resigns after three years



**CALLS IT QUILTS** — Dave Cripe, head football coach at McPherson the past three seasons, resigned during interterm.

by Derek Pierce

On Friday, January 20, 1984, Coach Dave Cripe officially announced his resignation as the head football coach here at McPherson College.

Coach Cripe had been on the academic and athletic staffs for four years and has served as the head football coach for the last three years. Along with the responsibilities of head football coach, Cripe also served as assistant track coach and an admission counselor.

On Friday, January 20, Coach Cripe told a group of "dazed" football players that the main reason for his leaving is the time spent away from his family while recruiting.

Cripe assured everyone that he is leaving on good terms with the college administration and there

are no bad feelings on either side. Dr. Ed Butler, Vice President of Student Services, "He has worked hard to recruit excellent students who want to obtain an education as well as participate in football. McPherson College extends its best wishes to the Cripes as they pursue new goals."

Cripe has compiled a 3-23-1 record in his three years of coaching here at Mac. This record, however, shows very little about how Cripe has brought unity in Mac's football program. "Mr. Cripe has brought stability to the football program at McPherson College," said Dr. Butler.

As for the impact of this resignation on the football team and more importantly the school overall, only time will tell. Randy Corns (jr., Hesston) said, "I think it (Cripe's resignation), will hurt our program. He is a good recruiter and we will not have as good of recruiting year as usual. I can understand why he must leave."

Marty Arnold (jr., Springfield, Ohio): "It had a shocking effect on the players, but, it should make most of the players work harder. Another thing is the players are going to have to learn a new system of a new coach, so it's going to be difficult."

Mark Wellbrock (fr., Lakewood, Co.) added, "It's sad to see Coach Cripe leaving but a new football program could bring the new spark we need for the challenge of a new season."

The search for a new coach is now underway and Dr. Paul Graber, Athletic Director, said "We have already received numerous excellent applications for the job." Dr. Butler, when asked what type of person would be best qualified for the job stated, "We will be looking for an individual who has strong teaching credentials as well as excellent football experience and ability."

Whomever it may be that is chosen to replace Coach Cripe it is safe to say that this marks an end of an era.

## McPherson upends Ottawa

by Kevin Burton

Last Saturday at the Sport Center, the Bulldogs evened their conference record at 6-6 by beating a tough Ottawa Braves team 74-69.

Ottawa came in as the KCAC's second place team, 8-3 in the conference, and having blown McPherson away in an earlier meeting at Ottawa.

The Bulldogs came out in a tough man-to-man defense designed to do several things to the Braves, in their first venture into the Doghouse.

"When we play a zone," explains second-year coach Roger Trimmell, "we have a tendency to stand around. They also have a real good guard, and we wanted to get our good defensive guard on him."

Ottawa guard Tim Webber scored 17 points to pace his team, but he was frustrated in the offensive end by Andre Barber. On offense, Barber protected the ball very well, and was instrumental in breaking the Ottawa press.

The Braves were also confused by the change in defense, and it didn't help their cause, when McPherson switched back to the zone in the second half. "It confused them just enough to keep them wondering about a few things," said Trimmell.

Tempers flared briefly as the Braves, perhaps frustrated over losing a game they felt they should win, started bending the rules of this non-contact sport. Just ask Kelly Unruh.

"I don't think it was on our part," commented coach Trimmell. I think it was just frustration felt by a favored team who was losing."

Al Jamison led all scorers with 20 points, showing good range on a day when he was suffering from a 100 plus fever. John Johnson had 17 for McPherson, and Kevin Carlson had 16.

Tomorrow McPherson plays cross-county rival Bethany at Lindsborg. The Swedes upset Mac in the Doghouse, and have been playing more consistent basketball ever since.

"We'll be looking to stop their inside game. That's what we have to do to win," said Trimmell. Game time at Lindsborg is 8 p.m., as the Bulldogs look to even the season series.

## Intramurals are underway

by DeWayne Jackson

The men's intramural basketball program has already begun, with the women to start Monday.

Anyone not already on a team who is interested, MAY STILL SIGN UP. This season promises to be an exciting one, especially considering that we'll be utilizing the new facility.

The facility brings a brand new dimension to intramurals this year. Students and faculty who have a hard time getting to play

on the new courts, this is your chance. We will also be able to play more games this year because we can play two games at once in the big gym, with the small gym still available for other activities.

Glen O'Neil teams have won the championship two consecutive years. With the parity that the program possesses, it could be a dogfight this semester.

For those of you who keep up with intramurals, you're in for a treat. For those who don't, you don't know what you're missing.

## Ladies defeat Braves at Sports Center

by Kevin Burton

The Ottawa Lady Braves came into the Sport Center last Saturday, winless in KCAC action. That statistic did not change, as the Lady Red defeated the visitors 70-55.

"It was a great team effort," said head Coach Paul Graber. "We had good even scoring."

The Lady Red led the game throughout, maintaining a six-to-ten-point lead. Although they threatened to at a couple of points, Mac didn't complete the rout, until the end.

McPherson committed their share of fouls, but it was the Lady Braves who played on the brink of foul disaster throughout most of the game. Strangely enough the Braves played their tempo

most of the game, but it was their apparent lack of depth that kept them from making a run at McPherson.

Carol Zink led Mac with 14 points, Lori Ellis and Valecia Kelly had twelve apiece.

It was superior talent that enabled the Lady Red to meet all challenges and finally pull away from Ottawa. Still, the mismatch that existed on paper didn't materialize until late because of a few pieces which continue to be missing from Coach Graber's puzzle.

Coach Graber still believes McPherson has the talent to beat any KCAC team. "They're still a frustrating team to watch, because of the free throws and lay-ups."

The Lady Red have a tendency

to leave lay-ups a little short and a well-documented problem from the foul stripe that has Coach Graber shaking his head.

"As many close games as we've lost this year," mourns Graber, "when you look at the bottom line, it's lay-ups and free throws that have killed us."

McPherson can finish strong, and still finish in the upper division of the KCAC. Tomorrow they'll take on Bethany. It was the Lady Swedes who spoiled the christening of the new Sport Center.

The next home action for the Ladies will be Wednesday against Kansas Wesleyan. The K.W. game is one of only two remaining home games left for McPherson. The other is on February 21, against Friends.



**REACHING THE HEIGHTS** — Amy Howell and Denise Race qualified for the nationals by high jumping 5'3" and 5'4" respectively at a recent meet in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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