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College welcomes feminist

by Terri Vinson

Although a current undergraduate student herself, Ruth Adams could easily teach a course on the anatomy and the application of America's political process. Her qualifications? Ms. Adams has acquired "hands-on" experience which would be envied by many professors in the discipline of political science.

Her reputation in the political realm is revealed by the fact that she has been offered a major position on practically all of the Democratic presidential campaigns for the coming election year. Ms. Adams declined these opportunities, however, in favor of completing her college education, which is why she is currently enrolled in McPherson College.

As one of the most adamant lobbyists for women's rights, Ruth has spent the past three years as an active force in the National Organization for Women (NOW) in Washington, D.C.

In 1981, Ruth directed the "Countdown Campaign" for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in Oklahoma.

The bill was ultimately voted down, but Ruth does not see her efforts as a failure. She sees the passage of ERA as an inevitable political event, which is just the beginning for women.



Ms. Ruth Adams

photo by David Franklin

"The number of women who became involved in the political process because of the ERA issue was significant," explained Ruth. "Women left traditional political roles and became policy makers themselves.

"If there's one thing I've learned, it's that one person can make a difference," Ms. Adams emphasized.

Ruth Adams is married to Mendle Adams, minister of the First Congregational Church in McPherson.

Resident assistants to be chosen

Applications are now being accepted for the resident hall assistant positions for 1984-85. Every year the college employs students to serve in this capacity. The resident assistant's primary function is to assist students in their developmental growth process and to help students who may be experiencing problems with residence hall life.

Resident assistants have an opportunity to gain skills and experiences working with people that will help them in their later life, especially those going into

the helping professions. Some of the skills gained involve interpersonal communication, problem-solving, assertiveness, confrontation and empathy skills. Currently McPherson College employs a total of 29 resident assistants.

Students who apply will be interviewed by a committee of staff and students appointed by the housing office. After being interviewed, selections will be made and then spring training sessions will begin after spring break.

According to Joanne Hamlin, Director of Housing, "The RA position is a unique experience and one that can have rewarding benefits for students. Nowhere else can you get first hand experience practicing the many skills involved in the position. Anyone who will be entering the helping profession should consider applying."

Anyone with questions regarding the position should contact Joanne Hamlin in the housing office.

Ribbon part of national plan

by Jenny Haug

The Peace Awareness Project, a recently formed group, is taking part in the national peace ribbon project. The purpose of this event is to protect the earth; to prevent the bomb; to work and pray for Peace.

In 1985, the 40th anniversary of the bombings in Nagasaki and Hiroshima, a ribbon will be tied around the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. as part of the huge national peace prayer. The ribbon will present our

declaration to the world that we don't accept the idea that nuclear war is unavoidable. It also is our symbol to express our hopes and fears, and to share our determination that another holocaust will not happen in the future.

The reason for such an event is that we accept and believe the terrifying reality that nuclear weapons are capable of destroying the entire earth and all of its contents. We, the people, have designed this type of an event to promise to work con-

tinuously for peace.

The finished and completed ribbon will be a combination of thousands of concerned citizens, working in their own way and praying for peace. The Peace Awareness Project is presently working on their segment of the ribbon. At the present time, 36 signatures are on the ribbon. Each segment will be original and will contain the name, town and state of each individual or group that has worked on it, along with the peace message.



Kathy Mack, Deb Holderread, Kevin Miller and Deb Garvey hold McPherson College's contribution to the national ribbon of peace.

photo by Glen Snell

Plea for help

by Kathy Moore

Lesotho, South Africa needs you — at least it needs your concern and support. They are undergoing a devastating drought which has destroyed crops and livestock. In the mountainous area, there is no transportation to bring food, fuel and medical supplies. The Mission Aviation Fellowship has requested help to alleviate this crisis.

The Religious Life Committee received word of this need and feels it is a worthy project. It is asking for students and staff to contribute on March 1. There will be a table set up in the S.U. lounge during the lunch hour, where donations can be made. Please consider this opportunity to help. More details will be coming in convo announcements.

Longer student library hours

The proposal to leave the basement of Miller Library open longer than the normal 10 p.m. closing time has been approved by the administration in a recent committee meeting.

When the decision comes into effect, Miller Library's lower level will be open until 12 a.m., which will provide students with a place to engage in late night cramming. This project will also be beneficial for those who just need a quiet place to escape the noise of dorm life.

When will all of this begin? No one is quite sure. There is still some maintenance to be done, such as the changing of locks and the purchase of crash hardware. Before the project can get underway, volunteer student supervisors must be screened and approved by the administration.

"We need volunteers to work from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.," states Sarah Baile, Student Council President. Anyone who is interested should contact Sarah or any Student Council member.



DeWayne Jackson and Macie Mock performed at the Intercultural Forum convocation last Monday.

photo by David Franklin



Happy Leap Year!

See 'Flowers For Algernon'!

I attended last Sunday's performance of "Flowers For Algernon" for the purpose of an evening entertainment filler. Little did I know it would open so many doors. Not only was I introduced to the theatrical department of McPherson College but I was also given the opportunity to offer my criticism and express my feelings to a reading audience for the first time.

My immediate response to the play was that of awe and emotion, which I urge my fellow classmates and the surrounding community to experience.

I'm not known for offering theatrical critique but I thought the play was very realistic and professional-like. It intensely grasped my feelings and hung on to them from beginning to end. I was so entranced by the production that I found myself in the place of the protagonist, Charlie Gordon.

Charlie is the recipient of a brain transplant operation that increases his IQ from a retarded level to a genius level and then back to a retarded level.

Erny Figueroa's portrayal of Charlie was triumphant and led to great emotion amongst the audience. I found my nails half bitten off while listening to Erny's emotional depiction of a lost and confused man and his relationship with Algernon, a

laboratory mouse.

Much praise can be given to Erny for a fine performance of a role that requires many varying personalities, dialects and emotions. Erny did it all with a sense of fluidity and mere confidence.

Mary Coffman's portrayal of the doctor performing the operation and Don Stinnette's performance as the professor who developed the theory for it were also quite remarkable. Their confidence and realism made one feel as though it wasn't a play but a real occurrence.

Also to be commended is Carine Ullom, who played Alice, Charlie's guardian and, later, closer and deeper friend. Her acting magnified a number of qualities entailed in the character of Alice. Her performance, like Mary's and Don's, must have made it somewhat easier for Erny to achieve the kind of results the audience felt.

The rest of the cast were superb in their supporting roles. Greg Zugmier did an exceptional job as the laboratory scientist. There were a number of other convincing actors, much too many for me to acknowledge all of them, but their efforts were absorbed and praised by the audience.

The atmosphere of the whole production was, once again, very professional. The audience felt at

ease to comment and laugh at various cues from the actors. The set was ingeniously created to fit the appearance and mood of the play. Much praise can be given to those who spent countless hours on the set, props and costumes.

I also noticed the impact that the lighting had on certain moments in the play. An excellent rating goes to the lighting crew. Since I'm not a theater major I'm not sure of the mechanical processes of a play but I would say (as a play viewer) that this play was technically smooth and precise.

"Flowers For Algernon" will be performed again this weekend. I strongly recommend this play to all people and consider it a must to theater fanatics.

Rick Tyler, the cast and the production staff really out-did themselves this time and I feel those who attend this play will witness a most outstanding performance.

Joel Reinhoehl



Alice (Carine Ullom) and Dr. Nemur (Don Stinnette) are pleased with Charley's progress revealed in his journal.

photo by Glen Snell

SAB responds to film criticism

There is a small group of people on campus that works hard, but receives little reward or recognition. This group is the Student Activities Board (SAB); and these students plan, schedule and set up for most activities on campus.

Recently, SAB has received complaints about two of the movies shown in Brown Auditorium, the first being heard after *An Officer and a Gentleman*. Some people were surprised by the nudity and sex, and SAB was asked to put the ratings on future posters. After 48 Hours, we heard more com-

plaints, although the rating was on the advertisements.

Although SAB has been under fire for the presentation of these two films, many people forget (or don't know) that SAB does not select the movies shown; rather, the students choose them at the end of the spring for the following year. Ballots had to be thrown away last year because many people did not take the survey seriously. Only a small percentage of the surveys were even returned.

Last year, the top three flicks were *An Officer and a Gentleman*, *48 Hours* and *The Verdict*

(which is also rated "R" and will be shown in April). SAB does not plan to censor any movies shown at the college, but they will advertise movie summaries in the future, as suggested.

SAB is open for suggestions of activity planning. If you have any questions on what SAB is, or about what it does, feel free to come to meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays; new members are welcome. You can also direct questions to any of the following members: John Snell (faculty advisor), Steve Foulke (chairperson), Sue Six (Chairperson-elect) or Alana Switzer (publicity). Any input is encouraged and appreciated.

Alana Switzer

'48 Hours' has popular support

I am responding to the reaction printed in the *Spectator* to the movie, *48 Hours*, which was shown Friday, Feb. 3, in Brown Auditorium.

The writer is entitled to his opinion, but he went too far in saying, "We wasted our time viewing it."

If most of the comments I heard after people read his review were any indication of the general feeling of the campus public as a whole, I would say his view was rather unpopular.

He goes on to call *48 Hours* a "low class movie." Again, this is obviously not a popular opinion considering the box office smash that this movie was.

Last, but certainly not least, is his suggestion that movies should be "screened" before being shown at McPherson College. The movies are screened by the National Motion Picture Association, and *48 Hours* received an "R" rating, meaning the material is suitable for the average 17-year-old. We are all adults at this college and Mom and Dad won't be there forever to "screen" us from the reality of the real world.

Please understand I do not feel all of the violence in *48 Hours* was necessary, but the idea of screening such movies for the college is a very unrealistic one.

Tony Concepcion

Latin American assistance not closing economic gap

As a nation, Mexico has been a leader among the Latin American countries. Its economy has had a developing industrial base. It has been a democracy. Mexico has much poverty, and now many other economic problems as well. Mexico's government has wholesale corruption at many levels.

Yet compared to many other Latin American countries, Mexico's problems seem not very serious. There is no domestic violence, no martial law; there are civil liberties.

As in other Latin American countries, Mexico has a large "gap" between rich and poor. This gap, along with the corruption, could trigger

domestic rebellion by the poverty-stricken people.

Recently, the Kissinger report was presented to Congress. This report proposed extensive financial support, both economic and military. This report suggests that economic aid should be tied to the improvement of human rights conditions in that area. This commission, with few objections from the administration, seems to favor a "Marshall Plan" approach to the problems of this region.

I disagree. The domestic violence that has occurred will continue until reforms within the country occur. Economic aid will not help solve these problems. This aid might create industrial revenues, but the chasm between the rich and the poor will remain.

Matt Geisert



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Students share their hopes for life after college

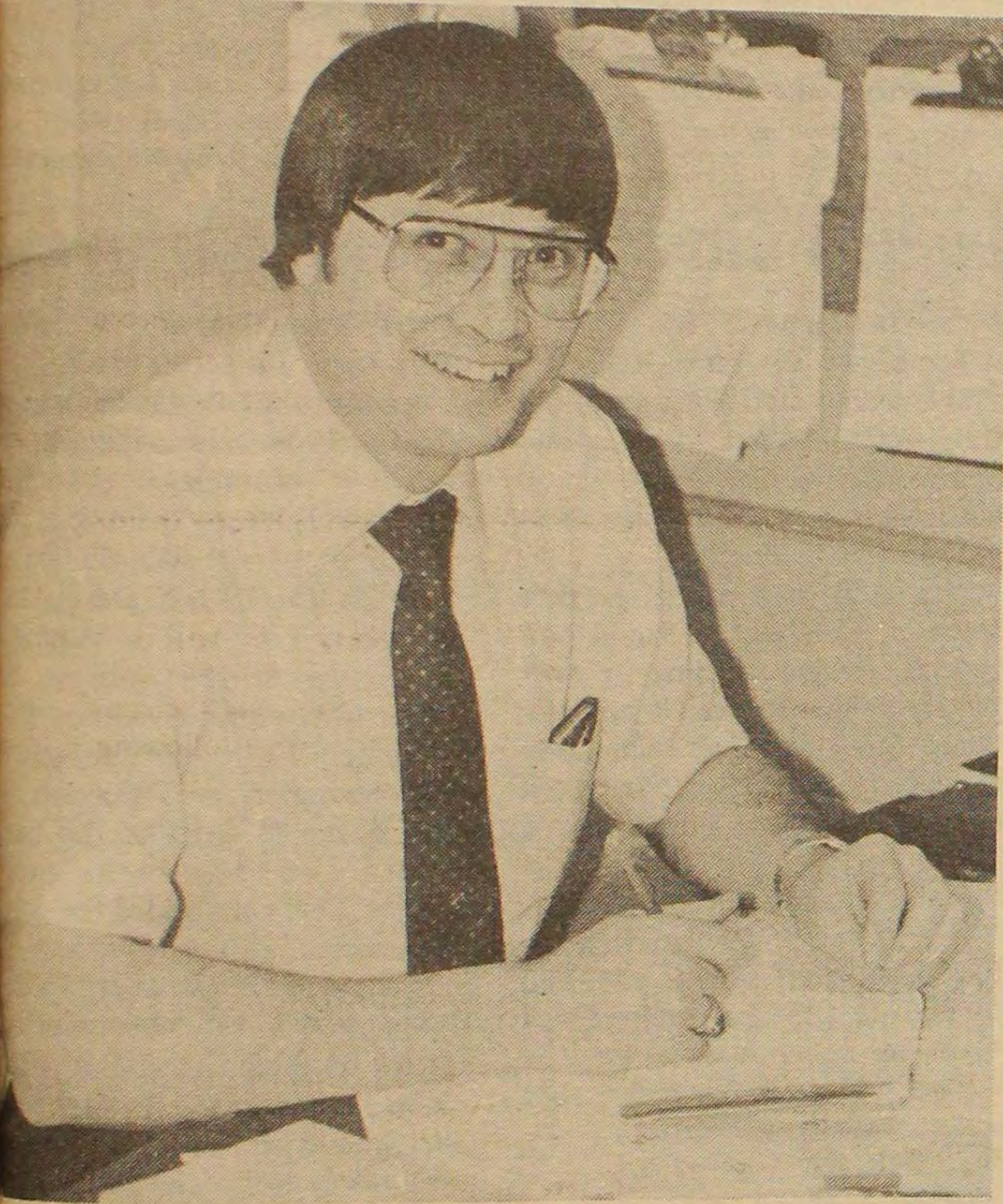
by Janet Powell
 Accomplish: to bring to a successful conclusion; carry to completion; to attain. This is Webster's definition of "accomplish." Some McPherson College students were asked, "What would you like to accomplish in your life after college?" Read on for their responses.
 Leona Breeden (fr., Studley) I'd like to teach for about 100 years. After that I'm taking up mountain climbing.
 Dawn Kesselring (soph., Lebring, Fla.) I'd like to work in either a year-round camp or a park.
 Karen Whitacre (fr., Golden, Colo.) I haven't given it much thought but I'd like to do social work and possibly work for BVS.
 Kathy Moore (fr., Waterloo, Iowa) I'd like to have a job in which I help others and continue to experience personal growth.

Dave Steele (soph., Martinsburg, Penn.) I'd like to be able to help the world become a more peaceable society.
 Lisa Lee (sr., Tescott) Something fun. A career related to biology.
 Dan LeValley (sr., Hugo, Colo.) To have a happy, healthy, successful life evolving around the farm — including marriage.
 Doug Miller (fr., Maricopa, Ariz.) I hope to get into banking and ag business.
 Pam Doucette (soph., Salina) Go on a shopping spree in Dallas.
 DeWayne Jackson (jr., Denver) I want to be a businessman and make 1 million a year, have a wife and two kids. Definitely have a Mercedes Benz, invest my money in stocks and generally live a simple life.
 Paul Kuhnke (fr., Hudson, Colo.) I want to design cars and be successful.
 Wade Thiessen (sr., Henderson, Neb.) Accomplish a

fulfilling career. Settle down and be happy.
 Pam Hieronymous (sr., Swink, Colo.) An excursion to Antarctica and start the "Pam's Adopt a Penguin" program. Anyone interested call 241-5744.
 Rob McKay (sr., McPherson) I want four daughters and I want to be elected to the United States Senate for Massachusetts.
 Jill Burns (jr., Moulton, Iowa) I'll take life day by day.
 Troy Slabach (jr., Clearwater) To make a mark in life be it good or bad.
 Kevin Carlson (sr., Herington) Find a job that I'll be happy with and to marry Roxanna Curry. I'd like to strengthen my relationship with God. And maybe someday coach little kids.
 Mike Brown (fr., Golden) I just want to get a good job in computer science.
 Jeff Hart (sr., Dayton, Ohio) To become universally famous.

(Being in the Spec is a good start.)
 Mike Reed (sr., Hoisington) Be a stud and cruise in my car. Live!
 Ken Becker (fr., Moundridge) Get a high paying job. A Ferrari would be nice too.
 Dave Kleve (soph., Lakewood, Colo.) To be financially happy and sound.
 Keith Knipp (fr., Julesburg, Colo.) I want to own a Lamborghini.
 Joel Reinoehl (soph., Olathe) To achieve the highest position in the judicial system; to be Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
 Perry Winter (sr., Wichita) I want to get a job and help other people.
 Robert Taylor (jr., Widefield, Colo.) Get accepted into grad school and to be successful in whatever I do. Get my braces off.
 Mark Wellbrock (fr., Lakewood, Colo.) Go into some type of sports medicine or maybe

physical therapy. To become financially independent by good investments so I don't have to worry about growing up.
 Gerald Henderson (sr., Maywood, Ill.) I want to be a well-respected man in all phases of life; venture into business and be an executive. Hopefully I'll play football which will get me into the business world. I'll live in a condominium in a good-sized community close to a city to keep up with the times.
 Mike Jackson (fr., Loveland, Colo.) What Gerald said.
 Deanna Koehler (jr., Udell, Iowa) I want to go back to Acapulco and teach Sunbathing 101.
 Byron Green (jr., Scottsboro, Ala.) Hopefully coach basketball and play some pro. And get married.
 Tyrone Sims (fr., Haughton, La.) The world.
 Vivian Benson (fr., Kansas City) Life.



Rick Jones is working on a new menu cycle for the fall semester. He welcomes guidance that students' suggestions can give.

photo by Glen Snell

Food director open to comments

by Tim Crouse
 In the course of human events one must eat, and eating for many humans has become an event of courses.
 When going to dinner, students on the McPherson College campus are searching for more than just the calorie intake needed for survival. They want to find food that goes in their bodies very pleasantly and out their bodies reasonably pleasantly. They search for food that tastes good. And so does Rick Jones, Director, D.M. Premier Food Service.
 "When planning and preparing meals," says Rick, "I try to think of what I might like." D.M. Premier gives Jones general guidelines on the food materials. Then it's up to him to plan a menu and mold the clay into a creation, so to speak.
 "With three hundred different students with different tastes, it's awfully hard to find a happy medium," says Jones. "And I'm very open to ideas."

There had been a food committee established to germinate ideas, plan special events and make decisions about anything involving the cafeteria (the bun-warming microwave resulted from this committee).
 But the food committee, theoretically composed of dorm representatives, a few faculty members and any interested students, has wavered. This is primarily due to schedule conflicts.
 "It's an ideal vehicle for communication," says Jones of the committee. "It's not a gripe session but a fun, constructive session." He has been working to establish it since he's been here and would like to get it going again.

But students are still faced with dilemmas, such as post-mystery-meat gastritis. What are they to do besides cuss at the food, joke about it and throw it at their friends? Talk to Rick Jones perhaps?
 "My aim is to satisfy the students as well as I can. I'm open to suggestions and don't mind constructive criticism," says Rick. "Right now I'm working on a new menu cycle for next year and I don't know where to go on it."
 "And then the students openly and respectfully shared their complaints with the food director. And changes were made and the food improved and the students were happy. And so was the director." — quote from 'Varied College Daydreams'.

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A little respect, please, for Bulldogs

by Kevin Burton
 In McPherson's home finale last Tuesday, the visiting Friends Falcons eeked out a three point victory over the homestanding Bulldogs. The unfriendly totals; Falcons 86, Bulldogs 83.

The loss crushed any fleeting hopes for post-season play for McPherson, and dropped their overall record to 11-12. Tomorrow they will try to square that record in an 8:00 game in Newton against Bethel.

But before we draw the curtain on the 1983-84 season, a little respect, please, for the Battling Bulldogs.

That's right, respect. It's not something McPherson athletic teams have enjoyed recently, but this year's basketball team has earned it. The Bulldogs had won only six games in the previous two years. They had essentially the same cast of characters this year, plus one guard — John Johnson. Yet

the same bunch of "too smalls" who were perennial losers in the past, this year held their own with the best the Kansas Conference had to offer.

This was the year the KCAC found out when McPherson comes up on your schedule, you're in for a Dogfight. Ask them in Ottawa. Ask them in Dodge City. And please, please, ask them in Lindsborg.

The Bulldogs got out of the gate slowly, but after the first of the year, they began to mount some wins, and got their confidence going. Not coincidentally, that's when Mac was finally able to move into the Doghouse. The new complex added to a growing confidence, which spilled over into road games as well.

McPherson overcame a lot of height disadvantage this year, by being so unselfish. While some teams have only a uniform in common, the Bulldogs held winning as a common goal. If

they couldn't outjump you, the 'Dogs outhustled, and outhought you, in their quest to outscore you. Any coach could use Bulldog films as a demonstration of team play.

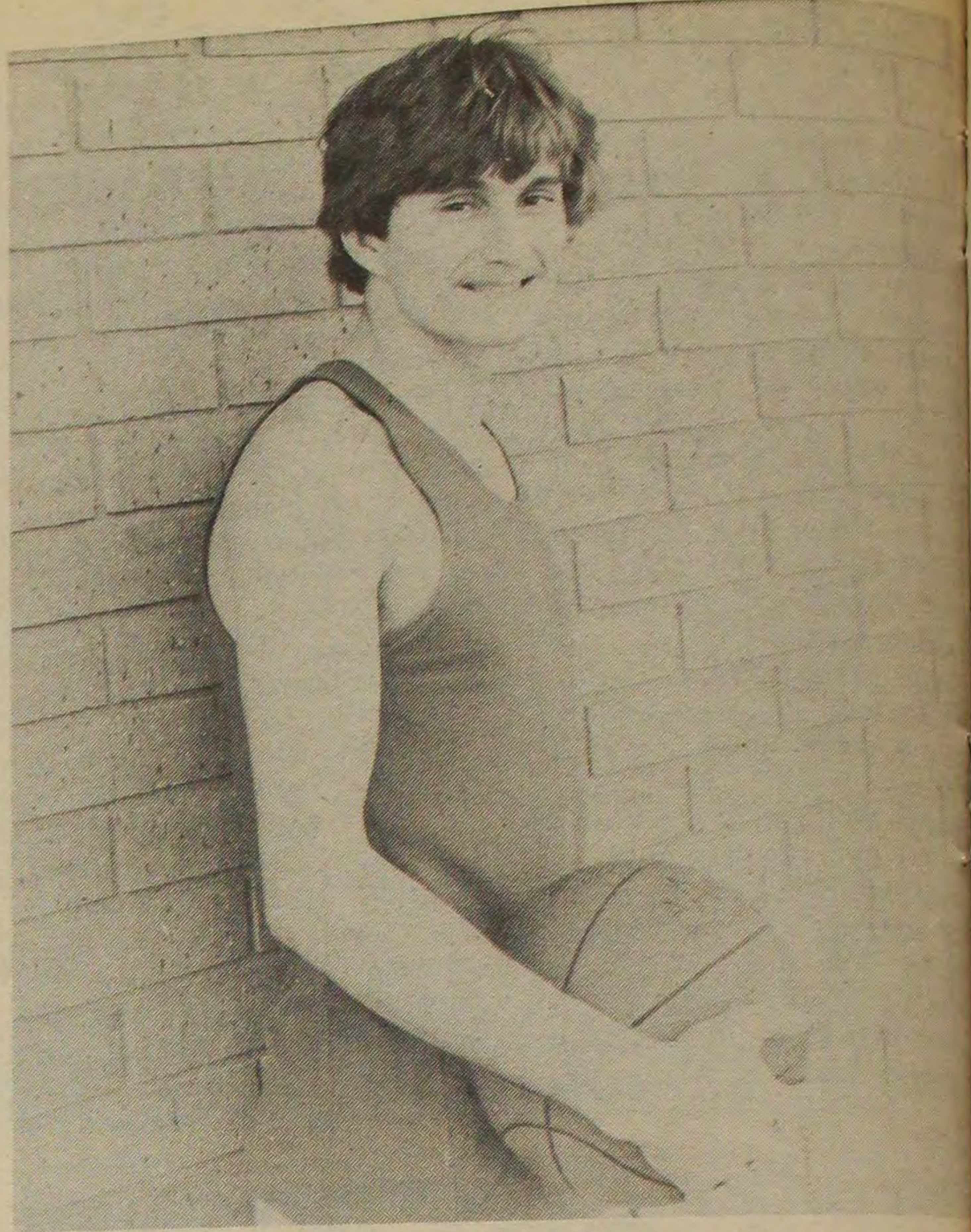
This year's team kept its feet on the ground after meeting with success, not letting past victories affect the task at hand — winning another game. The Bulldogs are not egotistical. Confident, but not cocky.

Yes, this is a team which will finish .500 at best, but they don't pout. Every last Bulldog can be proud of the strides this team has made.

As for second year head coach Roger Trimmell, he should get a lot of consideration for KCAC coach of the year.

So a little respect for the team who flirted with the playoffs instead of with the cellar, as some expected.

A little respect for the Bulldogs.



PLENTY TO SMILE ABOUT — Kelly Unruh and the rest of the Bulldogs have plenty to smile about in a season in which they have optimized their talents. photo by Dave Franklin



TAMING THE COYOTES — Carol Zink and Cindi Harrison try to prevent a Kansas Wesleyan basket during a recent win at the Sport Center. Tomorrow the ladies play their final game of the season, in Newton. photo by Dave Franklin

Ladies finish season tomorrow

by Kevin Burton
 Tomorrow the Lady Red take to the court for the 24th and final time this season. The game against Bethel College will close out a season of great peaks and valleys for McPherson.

The Red had been playing some excellent basketball recently, twice winning by over twenty points. In Tuesday night's home finale however, the Lady Falcons from Friends took control early and never looked back.

For the first three minutes, McPherson didn't score. Friends took a ten point lead at 16-6, and by halftime, the Falcon lead was eighteen.

"We just came out flat," said

coach Paul Graber, "we didn't play until the second half."

By that time it was too late, as foul trouble was added to the other obstacles, keeping McPherson from making a run. Pending tomorrow's action in Newton, the Ladies are 11-12 on the year. They will be looking to close the season with a .500 record by winning tomorrow.

Valecia Kelly, who along with Joy Spangler, was playing her last game in front of the home crowd, led Mac with twelve points. Lori Ellis added ten points before fouling out.

And so ends the season for a team whose win-loss record is fixed in mediocrity, but whose future seems at this point to be bright indeed.

Valecia Kelly can become the KCAC rebounding champion for the fourth year in a row, with a good outing in Newton tomorrow. The action begins at 6 p.m.

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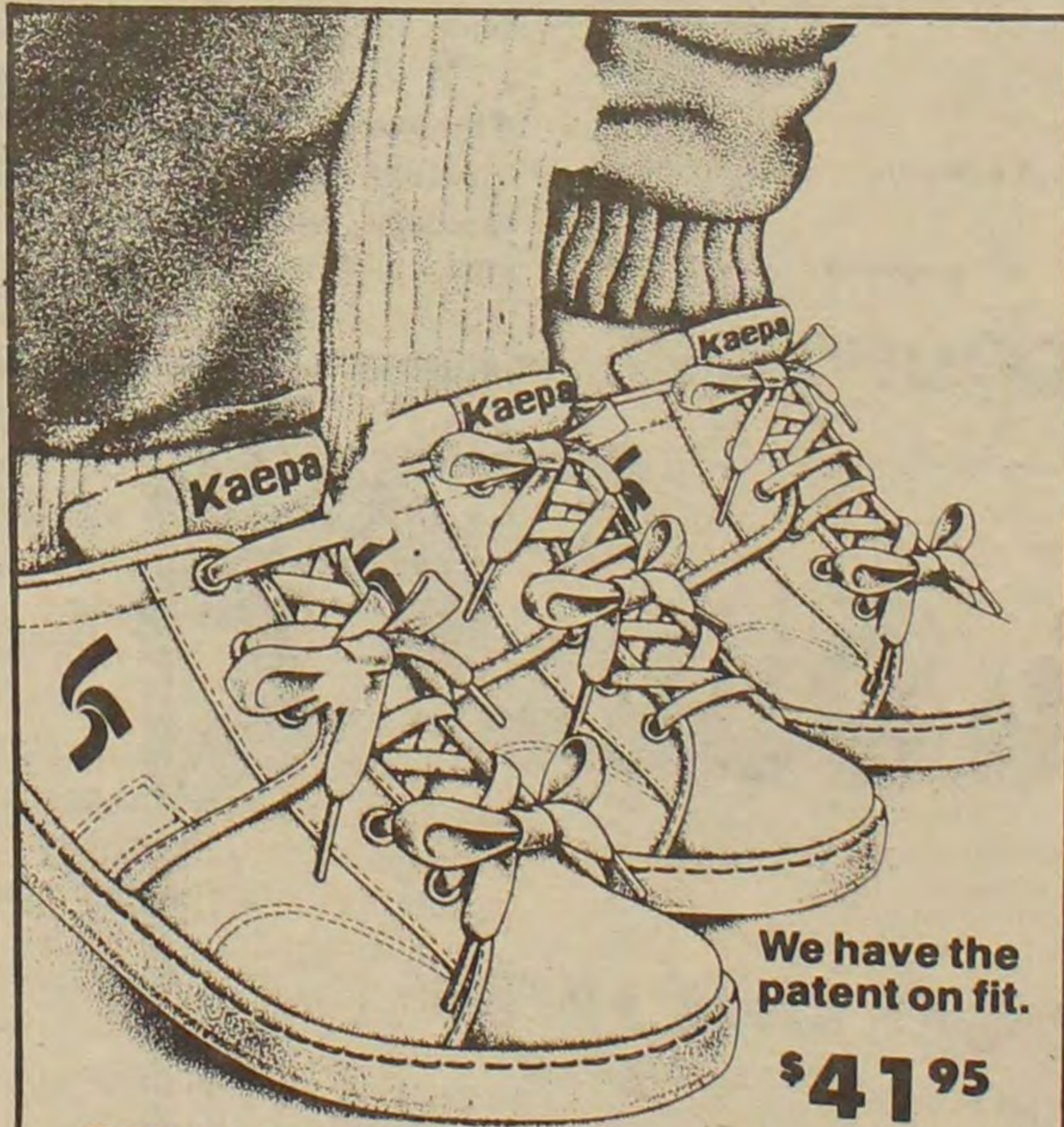
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