

Campus site of health seminar

by Erny Figueroa

This Sunday, March 11, McPherson College will sponsor the Church of the Brethren Health Conferences through Wednesday, March 14.

Starting Sunday at 5 congregational representatives, medical professionals and educators from all over will be registering to listen to the many lectures on health ethics, aging, drug abuse and fitness.

These are only a few topics that will be discussed during this four day conference with lectures given by many of our own faculty and staff.

Herb Smith, who helped on the

planning committee for this conference, encourages all to attend if any particular workshop or lecture sounds of interest. Faculty and students of McPherson College can attend any session free of charge so this is a perfect opportunity to learn more about health and how it relates to our future.

If you think you would like to attend any number of the workshops or lectures be sure to contact Herb Smith about times and locations.

The Health Conference is the result of much planning to ultimately "challenge pastors

and church members to see themselves as important units in wholistic fitness and health care. It is likewise an opportunity for persons and congregations to explore the emerging health issues in the context of the Christian faith."

Some topics that will be covered will be "Aging: Fate or Fulfillment," "Advances in Alcohol and Substance Abuse," "Wholistic Fitness," "Medical Ethics," "Psychological Stages of Dying," and "Developing Skills for Caring."

Plan to attend one if not more of these lectures. For more information contact Herb Smith.

SAB plans dance, bowling party

by Janet Powell

The weekend is in full swing. Wondering how to spend it? SAB has a couple of clues to this question.

Tonight is a bowling party from 11:30-12:30 p.m. Participation at the past bowling nights has been lacking. However the word is there will be several at this one. Alana Switzer, SAB Publicity Director, says, "Show up even if you can't bowl."

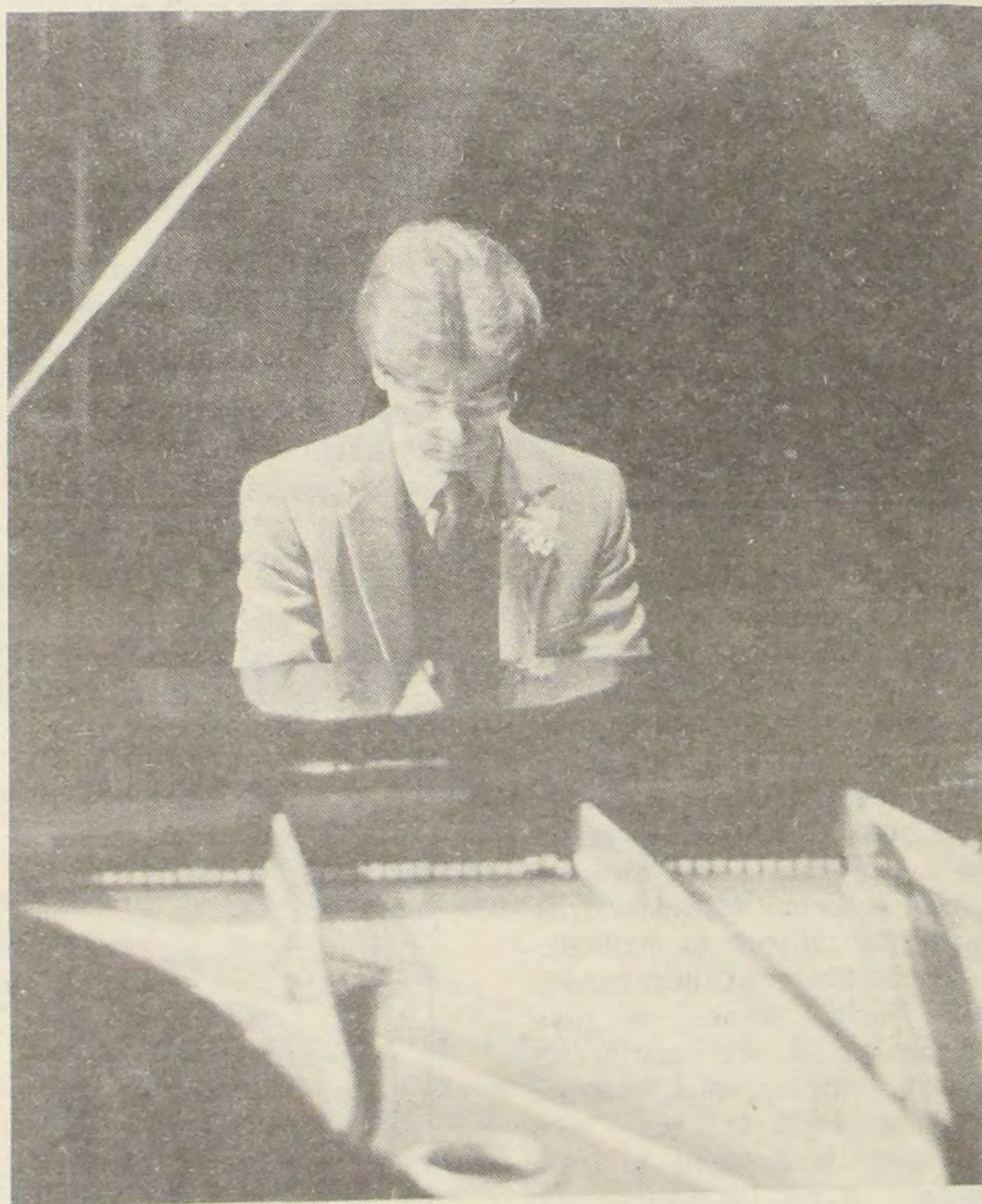
Saturday at 10 p.m. is a record dance in the Student Union. It will be deejayed by someone from SAB. A variety of music will be played and you can bring your own records.

SAB apologizes for the cancellation of "The Man from Snowy River" last weekend.

Instead they showed "Sophie's Choice" which they hope was a good choice. A communication problem was the reason for the change. They might possibly show "The Man from Snowy

River" another time.

SAB plans to show more videodiscs in the future. Groups other than SAB can show discs. Rental for the discs is \$6. Talk to John Snell for more information.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECTION — Tom Klassen (sr., Hesston) performs on the piano during his senior recital last weekend. **photo by Glen Snell**

Stuco elections upcoming

by Shawn Payne

Petitions will be accepted through Tuesday, March 13, for anyone interested in running for a Student Council office. The offices to be filled include president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

The candidates for president and vice-president are required to give an autobiographical presentation to the student body. These presentations and the election will be on Monday, March 26, during convocation.



PLAYING THE KEYBOARD — Jim Yockey (sr., Hennessey, Okla.) takes advantage of the new IBM computers in Mohler Hall. **photo by Glen Snell**

Books to be shipped abroad

The Student Council will soon be collecting books from students and faculty to send overseas to those institutions and people who have a very limited access to textbooks and other types of reading material.

The Books Abroad Program is an effort which McPherson College has long been involved in. Student Council members are responsible for publicizing the event and for boxing up the books which are donated. Of course, the

ultimate success of this program depends on individuals who are willing to take part in this service by donating books.

Student Council member Craig Spitzer stresses the need for all kinds of books, not just textbooks. Anyone who has books or magazines to donate should either take them to the Student Council office or contact Valecia Kelly, Craig Spitzer or Sarah Baile.

SNEA organizes on campus

Remember those cute little pink bookmarks you found in your mailbox during American Education Week in November? They were part of the Student National Education Association's reintroduction to the McPherson College campus.

Although it had been inactive for several years, SNEA was reorganized this fall with the help of the education department.

Joan Hoffman has been named advisor, and the officers elected are: Lois Lehman, president; Alana Switzer, treasurer; and Bruce Spitzer, secretary. There are fifteen members, all of whom are education majors, representing both the secondary and elementary levels.

Anyone who is interested in joining the organization should contact any of the SNEA officers on campus.

Stuco announces budget plan

Club	Requested	Allocated
Art Club	\$500.00	190.00
Alpha Psi Omega	1,407.50	700.00
Behavioral Science Club	449.40	210.00
Brethren Identity Group	350.00	170.00
Business Club	405.00	190.00
Cheerleaders	1,190.00	250.00
Computer Users	37.50	37.50
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	816.00	500.00
G-Clef (MENC)	436.00	225.00
Intercultural Forum	538.00	400.00
Peace Awareness Project	850.00	350.00
Quadrangel	3,264.00	3,164.00
SNEA	87.00	87.00
Student Activities Board	3,850.00	3,500.00
Soccer Club	450.00	290.00
Spectator	1,600.00	1,500.00
Spirit Kickers	160.00	120.00
Total	16,390.40	11,883.50
Student Fees (Spring Term)		14,281.62
Balance (Regular account)		(50.00)
Total		14,231.62
Less: Salaries (Spring Term)		1,813.75
Less: Approved allocations		11,883.50
Remaining Balance		534.37

B.I.G. plans activities

by Patty Helmer

The Brethren Identity Group, more commonly known as B.I.G., has had a very good year according to Herb Smith, campus minister. "Almost all of the events have gone extremely well," he said.

Successful events of the past year include a trip to Heifer Project International in Arkansas, a regressive dinner where each home provided a different course of food, a midnight catecomb service and the world hunger retreat.

In March B.I.G. plans to devote time to a service project. This will probably involve working with residents of the Cedars, a Church of the Brethren nursing home. Wednesday, April 4, President Hoffman will be addressing B.I.G. with a presentation. A love feast has been scheduled in May to be held at Lakeside Park.

The 36-dollar question

Thirty-six dollars is not a lot of money. Still, if it's my 36 dollars, I'd like to have a say about how it's spent, wouldn't you? Darn right.

Early last week, in the distribution of the Student Activity Fee (42.4 percent of the 85-dollar general fee paid at enrollment), members of the student body were given virtually no chance to respond to the budget allocation proposals made by the Stuco officers.

Instead, less than two days after hearing budget requests, and minutes after seeing the cuts in those requests made by the Stuco officers, Student Council disposed of one of its chief functions by rubberstamping the Stuco officers' proposal in an overwhelming vote.

Going through each organization's budget request and determining where cuts need to be made is a tedious and thankless job, and the Stuco officers should be commended for sacrificing their time in this manner. My objection is that only four students were involved in the nitty-gritty of the distribution of thousands of student dollars, and that this process was not subjected to review.

Maybe the Stuco budget can't be dealt with more efficiently, but I believe it could be handled more democratically through the introduction, separately or combined, of two alternatives to this procedure, which I hereby propose:

First, to create a Budgetary Review Committee composed of Student Council volunteers and/or appointees, to independently go through each organization's budget request and to make its own allocation proposals, so that more than one "budget package" is available for Stuco discussion and approval.

Second, to publicize budget recommendations by posting them around campus and printing them in the Spectator, allowing a week for student input.

Thirty-six dollars out of every student's pocket won't build a new Sports Center, but it does add up to enough money (over 14,000 dollars this semester) to warrant our concern. Darn right.

Matt Howell

Student asks for reasons behind budget allocations

Do students realize how their money is being spent? If you looked last week, Stuco posted the amount that each organization had requested and how much each organization was allocated.

The Student Council was granted the sum of roughly \$14,000 to divide among 17 different organizations. These organizations requested from Stuco the amount of money they felt they should have. Then Stuco reviewed their requests and allocated them their money.

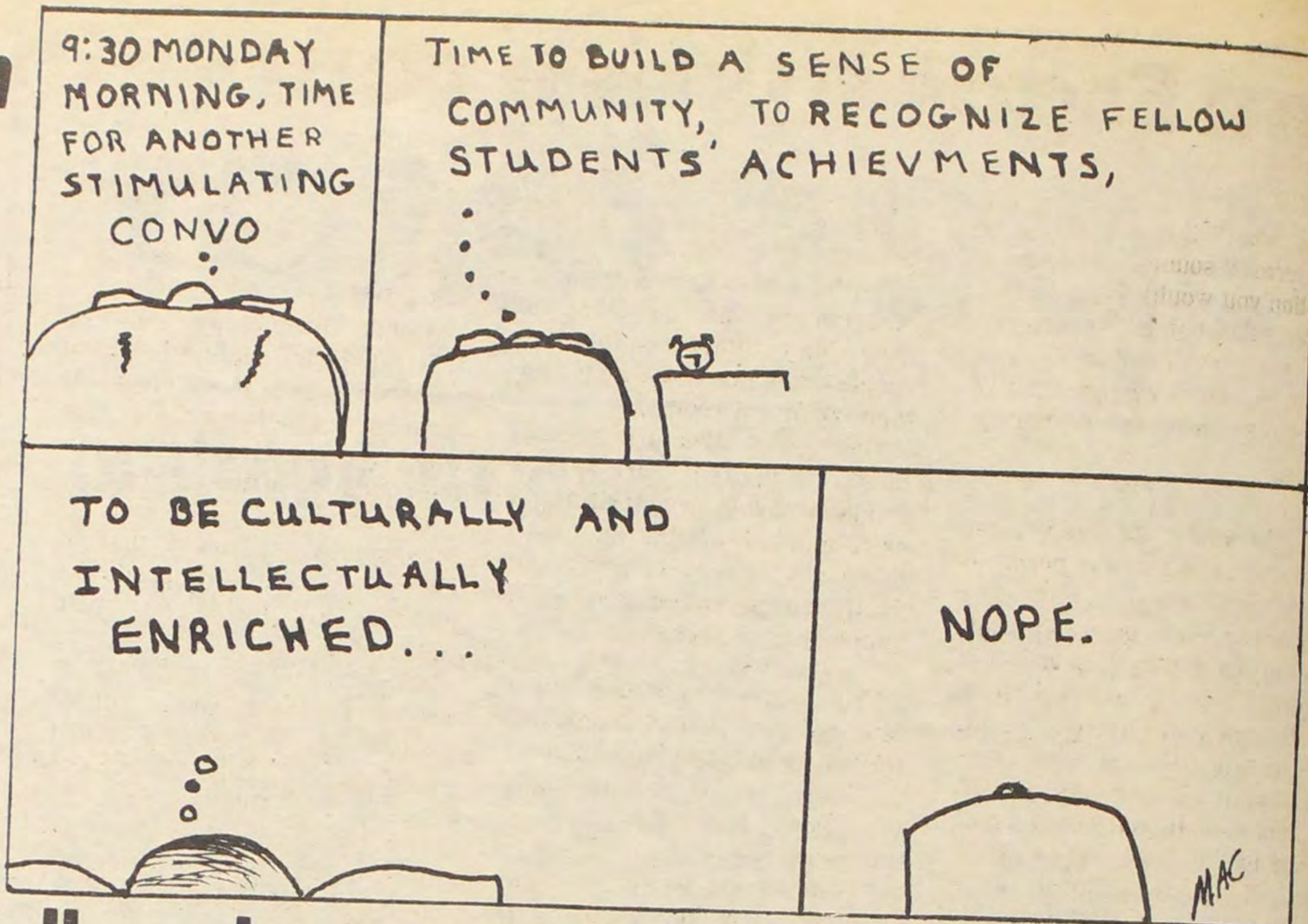
But the question arises, are these groups using this money in the best way possible? Some organizations put in a request for money to be able to serve refreshments at each meeting. Some organizations sponsor on-campus activities. Why did some organizations ask for so much money when they do not have many on-campus activities?

This brings up another question, that of criteria. Why did Alpha Psi Omega request \$1,407 and get \$700, Business Club request \$405 and get \$190, Cheerleaders \$1,190 and get \$250, FCA \$816 and get \$500, Peace Awareness Project \$850 and get \$350, and so on?

You have to look at what these groups do as far as campus activities go, and why they need this money. Think about it again: Why does Alpha Psi Omega want \$1,400? Why does FCA need \$816? Do these organizations have so many campus activities that they need this much money, or are they just having fun with this money?

As students, we should be more concerned with how our money is being spent. Is it being put to good use or is it just being thrown away?

Craig Mullins



College leans toward keeping Interterm

by Lois Lehmen

The job of being an ACCK dean involves more than just the duties directly related to the individual campus. It also means helping to determine the policy of the ACCK as a whole. Recently, the ACCK deans had a meeting concerning some of those policies. In addition to other items of business, the question of the current academic calendar was raised.

Do the ACCK schools want to stay with the 4-1-4 calendar they have now, switch to a straight two-semester calendar, or splinter and determine their own separate academic calendars? These were some of the questions that the ACCK deans were instructed to bring before their faculties.

Dr. Norma Tucker, Vice President of Academic Services, cautioned that this does NOT mean that there is a movement to get rid of Interterm. "There are mixed feelings about the current 4-1-4 calendar, and we must decide whether that is what we want."

Also, the necessity of having a common calendar among the six schools must be decided. In doing so, the current exchange of students in cooperative programs, especially the math department, must be carefully considered. The ACCK was set up as a cooperative, and with different academic calendars, that would be difficult to maintain.

The McPherson College faculty has held some tentative discussion of the matter at faculty meeting, and although nothing concrete has been decided, there seems to be a general approval of the academic calendar as it now stands.

Here are some student reactions regarding the value of Interterm:

Ken Turner (jr., Chicago): It gives you bigger opportunities and it's a change of pace.

Gary Martin (soph., Goldfield, Ia.): I like Interterm. You can concentrate on one thing, and not get all strung out. Being in auto restoration, I can just work the day through in the shop, so we can do a complete car in thirty days.

Lynn Gibbs (soph., Hale, Mich.): To put it bluntly, I don't care.

Jerel Eller (jr., Adel, Ia.): Interterm's fine, but from my understanding, it was made for students taking class trips. Now it's gone to just regular classes besides, and I think that they need to get it back to what it was originally intended for.

Rhonda Knackstedt (sr., Platteville, Colo.): I really enjoy Interterm. In some ways it's bad because we have such a short break for the holidays. But you get one class over in a month, and you get to travel to places that you wouldn't get to go to otherwise.

Lori Walker (soph., Valley Center): I would just as soon see them do away with Interterm. I'm not sure what good it does, because some of the classes they offer are so intense for such a short period of time.

Judy Lindblade (sr., McPherson): Maybe it would help to get rid of Interterm because it makes second semester seem so hectic.

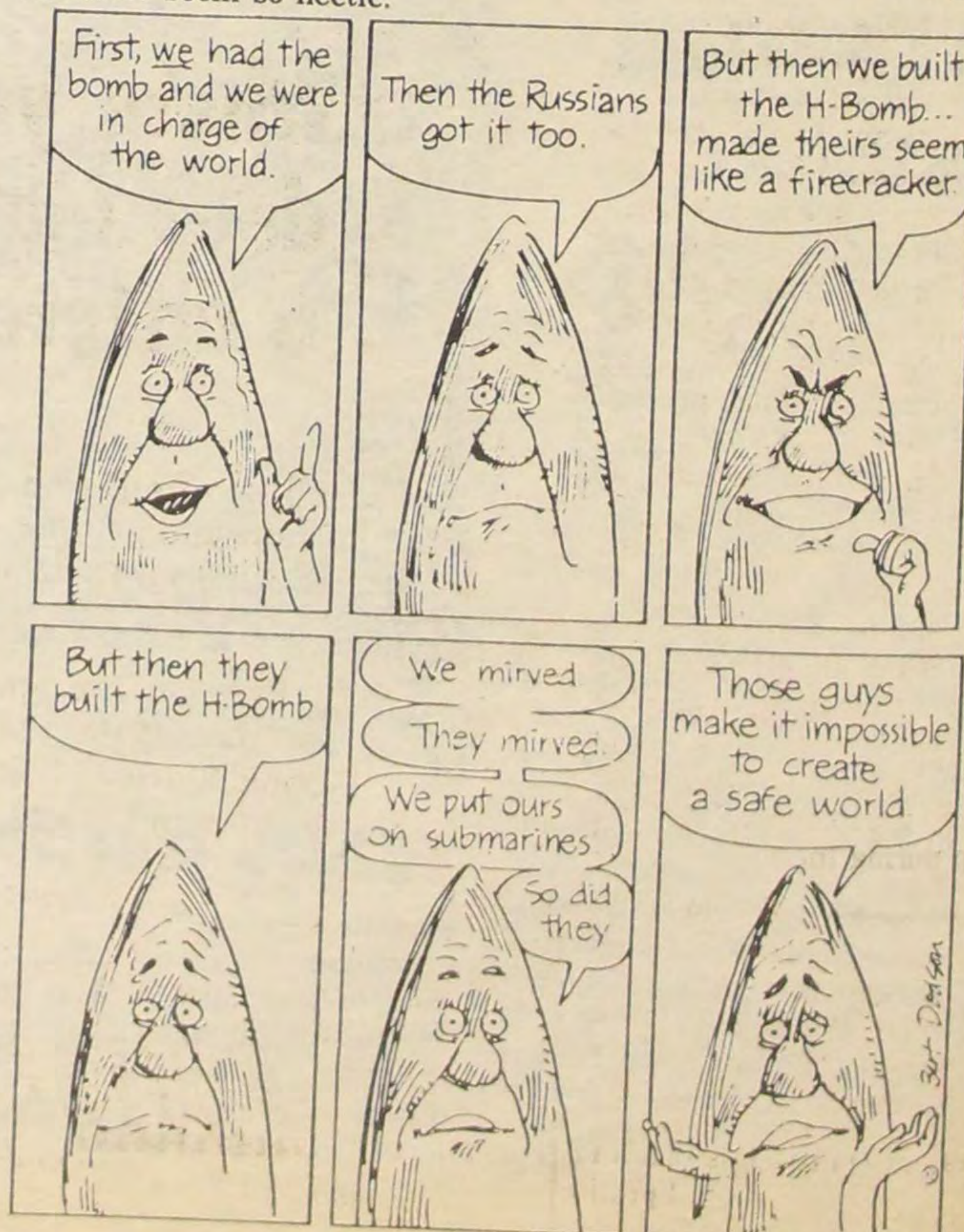
Sue Six (fr., Washington, D.C.): I like Interterm. I like the fact that you just have one course during the month before you get back into the full semester.

Marsha Hornbaker (sr., Lakin): I would like to see them keep Interterm because you get those "unique little options" of traveling.

Patty Helmer (sr., Tescott): I've gotten to take some classes I would never have gotten to take during the regular semester, during Interterm. If we got rid of Interterm they'd really have to spice up the curriculum a lot.

Wade Thiessen (sr., Henderson, Neb.): I'd like to see Interterm stay as it is. You can usually take a class in your major and stay just on it for a month, and that makes it more interesting. It breaks up having to concentrate on three or four different classes.

Vic Williams (sr., Lakin): It condenses the class you take. It's more relaxing; you can just take a couple of hours and basically take it easy. I wouldn't change it.



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Jan Esgar takes a course in humanities

by Erny Figueroa

"So what did you do over Interterm?" sounds more like a question you would ask a second grader, "So what did you do over your summer vacation?" You would expect to get an equally boring response to a boring question.

This is what I expected to get when this question was posed to Jan Esgar about her Interterm trip. Never have I been so wrong. Instead of a step-by-step vacation report I was plunged into a totally new and different world.

In a sense this is what happened to Jan Esgar as she spent the month of January on a small island in the West Indies called Saint Maarten. Although it is small, 21 square miles, St. Maarten has a population of 28,000 people.

Jan is a senior whose major is Family Life and Human Development. Her month in St. Maarten was in partial fulfillment of her Senior Seminar independent study which involved the study of the third world family structure.

St. Maarten is a unique country in that it has many aspects in society that are unique to that country. The island is divided in half, one half belonging to Holland and the other belonging to France. There are also major influences from Spanish and English speaking countries.

This causes confusion at times because there are too many coexisting societies. For example there are two major forms of government, four languages, four monetary systems and a fifth language called Popumento, which is a combination of the other four.

The culture of St. Maarten is a violent one which often kept Jan in great fear of whether or not she would make it until the next day. Her days were emotionally as well as physically taxing.

Her study was to be on the family structure of the St. Maarten which she soon learned was a contradiction in terms. We all hear of the disintegrating of the American family, well we can look to St. Maarten as our possible future if things proceed as they are. St. Maarten is a 1920's country forced to catch up with a 1980's attitude, experiencing the year 2010's problems.

It would be hard for us as Americans to imagine a country with such a confusing social life, so naturally this was a major problem for Jan. Could she even believe, grasp, what she was seeing during the day?

She entered the homes by visiting them with the White and Yellow Cross, a health service similar to our Red Cross. Here she witnessed the poverty the St. Maartenians are so quick to deny. Many times she saw ten people living in a house no bigger than our dorm rooms.

The family structure is shattered. Children are born frequently from pre-marital and extra-marital affairs and then taken into the home to be brought up by the parent or lover that happens to be there.

Priorities are jumbled. Most families care first of fashion, a television and then food for their families. There is no future, only tomorrow. How are they to survive tomorrow?

The cost of living is high, morality low. Alcoholism is rampant among the aged who

remember the beautiful days of St. Maarten and now drink to cover their shame. They are concerned for the society but suffer from the Latin American lax attitude.

Among this culture Jan was frustrated and confused. Where was the hope? It is clear St. Maarten cannot continue this way. That hope was revealed in the education of the children.

The education system of St. Maarten is similar to that of Europe in that in sixth grade the children are tested for their aptitude and the lucky ones are allowed to continue to the higher school. Of these, some will be sent off the island to study abroad to return, hopefully, to help the country. Few, however, end up receiving an education and those that do usually find a better life off the island and don't return.

Still the hope, Jan says, is in

the youth who will someday return, must return, if the country is to survive.

Jan had one word for her experience. "Incredible."

Incredible not in the sense we use the word but incredible that life like this really exists. For Jan, incredible that these people survive, incredible that she survived, incredible that the things she saw were real.

For Jan it means she learned a lot. She feels she is "much more aware of the hurt people have experienced." Hurt through

family break ups, hurt through traumatic violent events, hurt from physical as well as verbal attacks.

In St. Maarten hurt is part of everyday life and the people live in fear. Sometimes we as students are so wrapped up in our own little worlds we fail to reach out to the hurting, not the St. Maartens but those around us.

Jan Esgar is a better person because of her trip to St. Maarten and I feel everyone can benefit from her experience there. I know I have.



UNPLEASANT AWARENESS — Interterm provided Jan Esgar with a truly experiential education. She spent the month on the small island of St. Maarten, getting a close feel for some of the sadness that exists in the world.

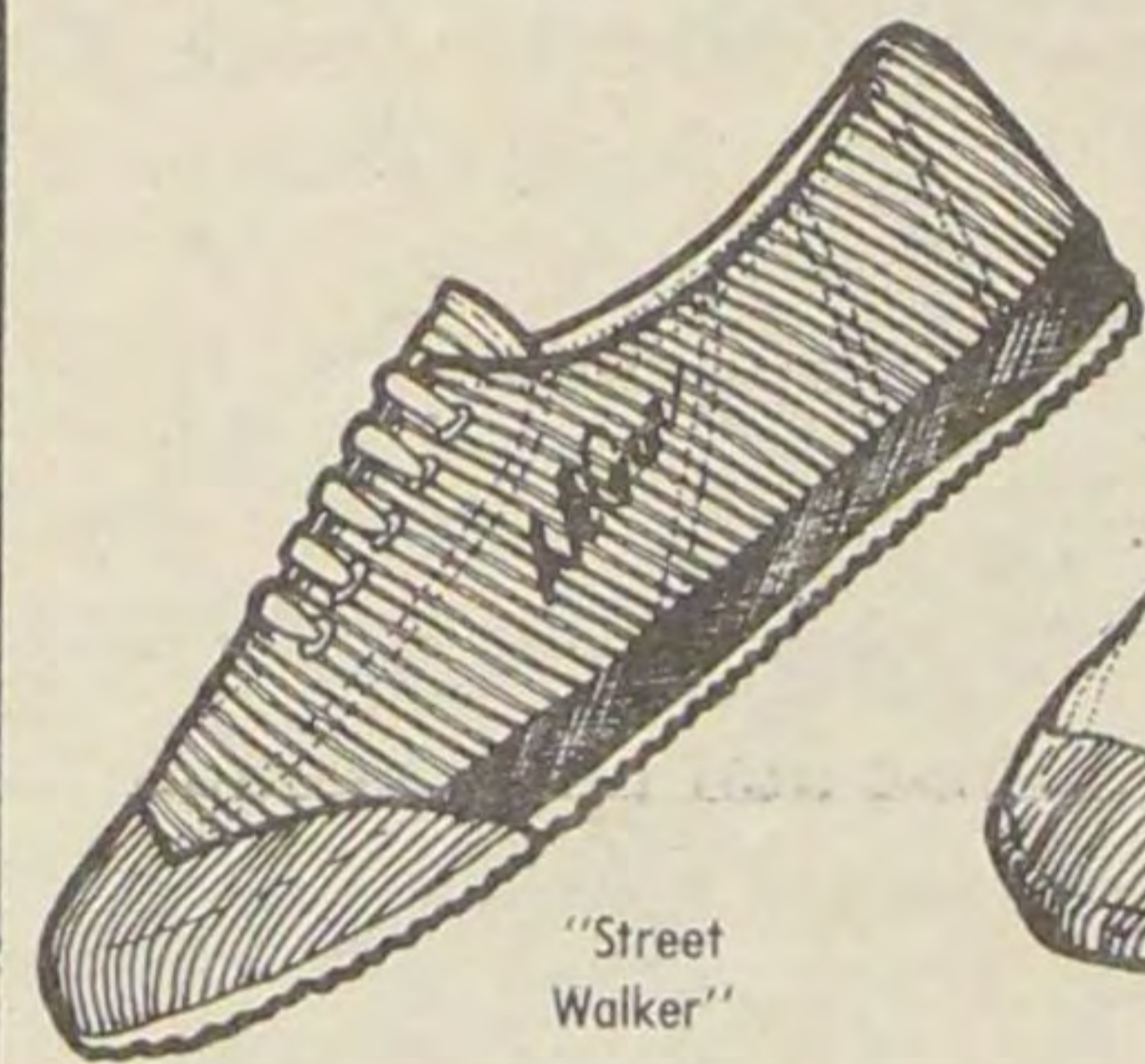
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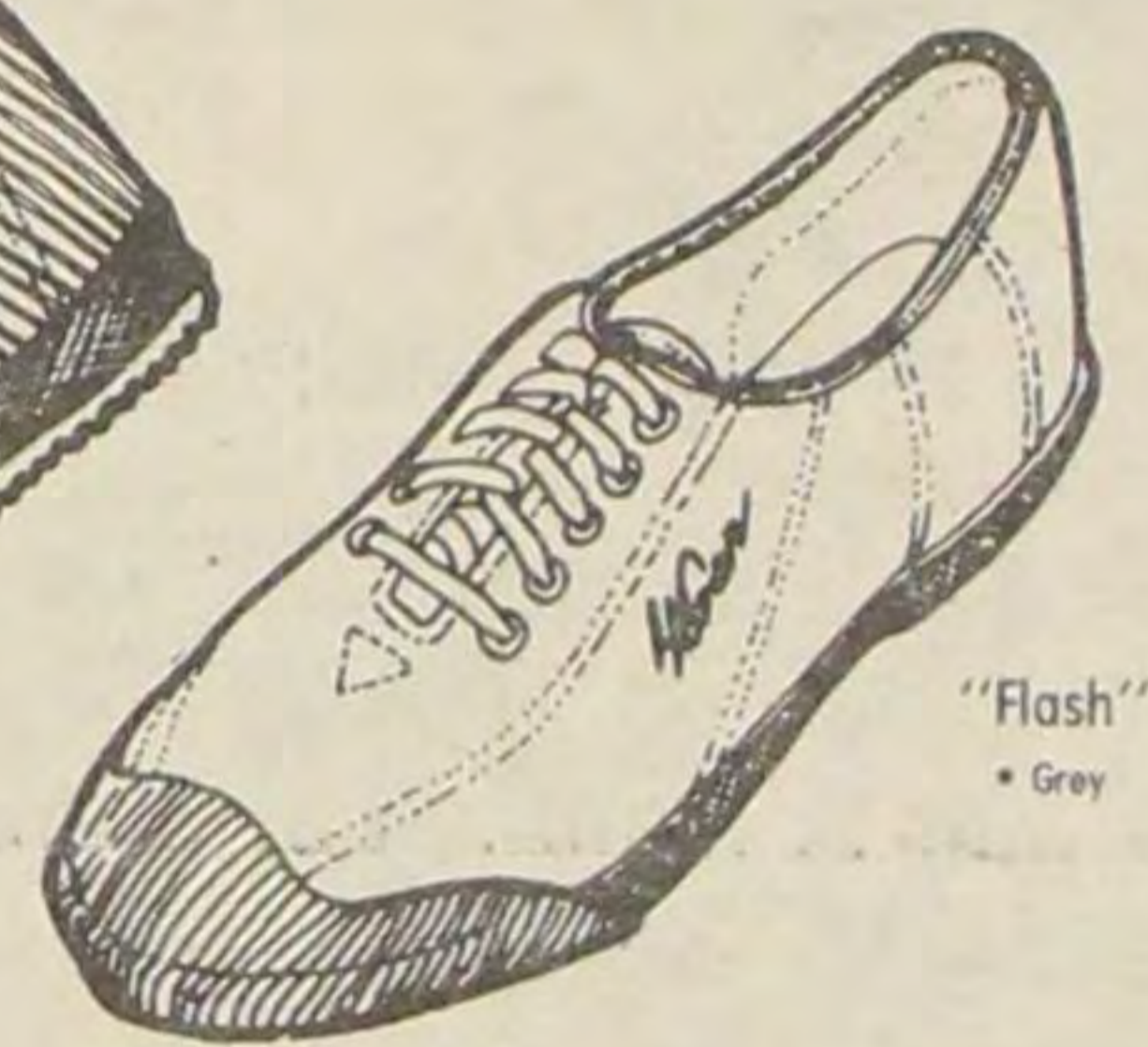
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Drug-taking athletes don't make good role models

The Wheaties commercial says "now go tell your Momma what the big boys eat."

The idea is for the kids to watch the commercial and then report to Mom that they want Wheaties because the "big boys," the athletes of our generation, eat Wheaties.

All the mothers (and fathers) of these starry-eyed kids are left wishing they knew of an athlete who was still in the Wheaties set, and hoping their kids don't continue to imitate these athlete-heroes.

Unfortunate but true. The breakfast of champions doesn't come in a box these days. It comes in a bag, or a bottle, and it

isn't eaten with milk. It's sniffed, "popped" or "shot up."

Recently, the affair between drugs and athletics had a fling in Kansas City, as four members of

Kevin Burton

the Kansas City Royals served three-month sentences in a federal penitentiary for possessing cocaine.

There have been reports that every major-league baseball team has four or five members using drugs. According to these

sources, the FBI has the goods on most of them, including photos of players using illegal drugs during games.

This trend isn't visible only in baseball. It isn't even limited to professional sports. Just about every week, some player is benched or suspended because of a drug-related incident.

Whether the problem is worse now than it has been or it is just better publicized is a fair question. It really isn't the issue, however. The point is, something should be done about it.

Athletes are role models, whether they are trying to be or not; it comes with the territory. They must not be given favorable

treatment in cases where they transgress against drug laws (or any other laws).

Certain of the Royals players, upon receiving word of their three-month sentences, complained that they were being made an example. The fact is they only got three-month sentences. I don't say "only" to mean that three months in prison isn't unpleasant, but they really got off light.

There is no reason for kids to idolize people who happen to possess superior athletic skills, but as long as they do, athletes who deal in illegal narcotics should be removed from the white-hot media spotlight.

Commissioners should take stands in their sports and banish problem players from their leagues. Perhaps athletes should be suspended for a year — period, no appeal — on their first conviction, and be warned that another offense will result in a permanent ban, even if they do manage to get through the court system unscathed.

Athletes are human after all, and make mistakes, I realize that. A year away from a six-digit salary should be sobering enough to serve as a reminder for future reference.

I hope it happens, for the sake of all little copy-cats on America's playgrounds.

All-league players, coaches selected

by Kevin Burton

The KCAC coaches met Tuesday and selected the all-conference teams for the season just completed.

For the Lady Red, three players received post-season mentions. Valecia Kelly, Mac's fine four-year player from Cincinnati, was once again named to the first team. In addition to serving as a captain for the Lady Red, Valecia has been consistently among the con-

ference leaders in rebounding.

Receiving honorable KCAC mention, were Lori Ellis and Carol Zink. Ellis, who has a year of eligibility remaining, led the Lady Red in scoring. Zink came into her own about midway through the year, consistently scoring in double figures.

Bulldog senior Kevin Carlson was named to the first-team All-KCAC squad. The Herrington native led McPherson in scoring and rebounding, finishing high in

the KCAC standings in both categories.

Honorable mention went to Kelly Unruh. Unruh has been named as one of the KCAC's best in each of his three seasons at McPherson.

There was a three-way tie for KCAC Coach of the Year honors. McPherson's Roger Trimmell, as could be expected, was one of those three coaches. Trimmell, who as a student played for the Bulldogs himself, just completed his second season at the helm.

Second season begins in Division I

by Kevin Burton

It's just about time for Division I schools to decide who's number one in college basketball. This year, only one of the Kansas big three is likely to be invited to the big post-season bash.

This year sees yet another enlargement of the tournament field. The total number of teams will be 53, with that number to swell to 64, reportedly, in future years. You have to believe that eventually the NCAA will realize

there's too much water in the post-season soup. Until then we'll have to yawn through the first rounders.

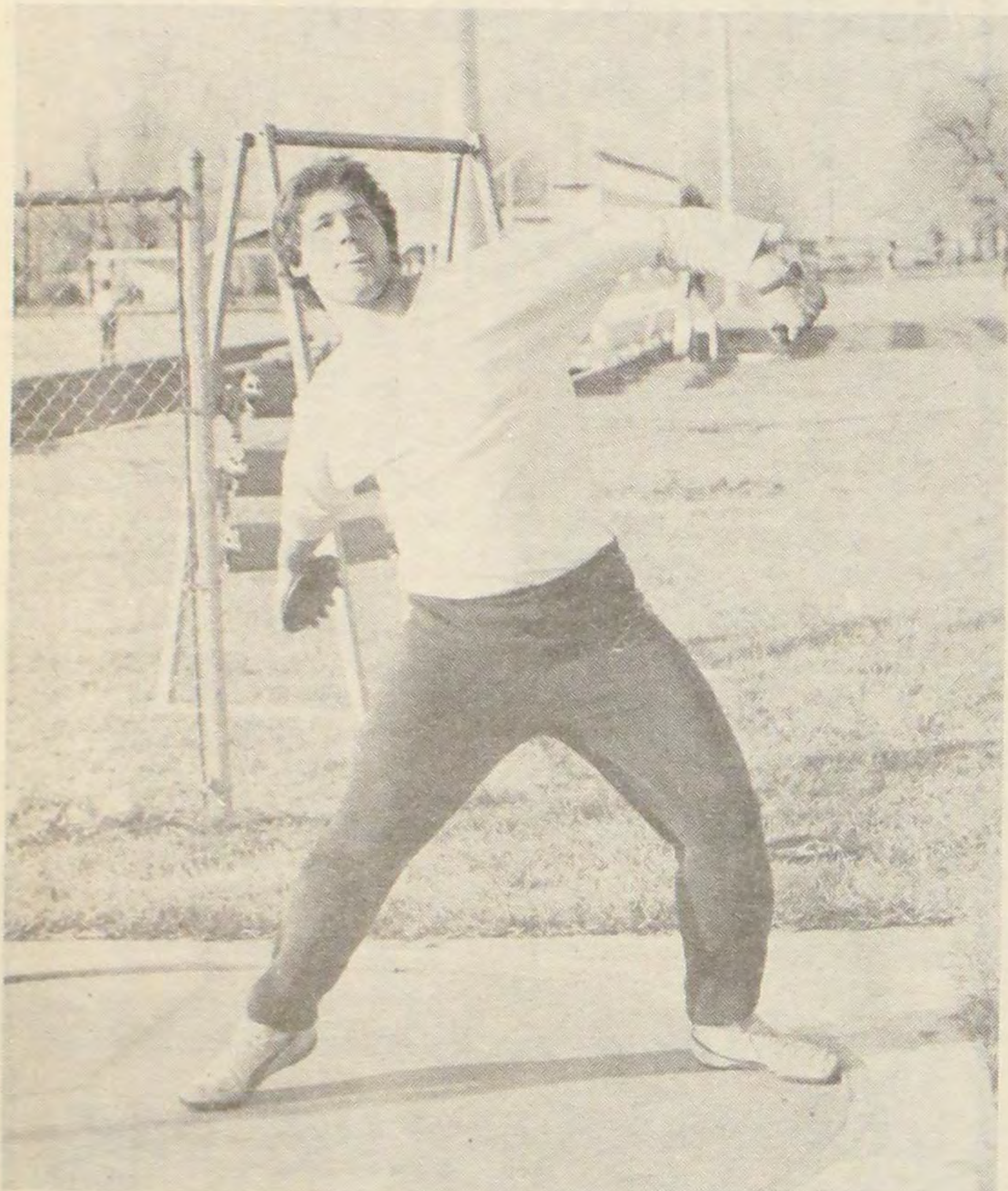
A Wichita State appearance in the NCAA's this year, frankly, would be a Shocker. They are 18-10 (at press time), making them a good bet for the NIT.

WSU could still get a bid by winning the Missouri Valley tournament, but that isn't very likely. The Shockers lack depth,

and have played like they'd rather be second best for about the last month.

Kansas looks like a sure bet to make the tournament. How far they will go is another story. They finished the season second in the Big 8, with a 9-5 record. Kansas State may be the strongest in the state next year. That doesn't help much this year though.

If you're looking for a Big 8 entry to make some noise, look for Oklahoma. Their chances will be best if they are placed in the Midwest regional. Seattle may be a little out of their reach, but stranger things have happened — like N.C. State last year.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS — Lynn Gibbs will be applying his talents to the outdoor schedule, now that indoor track has ended for the year.

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