

## R.A.'s selected for fall term

by Patty Helmer

Resident Assistant positions have been filled for the 1984-85 school year. The selection process started with applications being submitted from the end of January through February.

Along with applications, nominations were taken from faculty and staff persons. An interview committee was comprised for each dorm, consisting of a non-returning R.A., one of the dorm officers, the dorm's Resident Directors and a staff person.

The interview committee's function is to ask structured questions aimed at an applicant's

interpersonal characteristics and motivations for seeking the position.

Recommendations are then made to faculty and staff and are approved by Ed Butler, Vice President of Student Services.

Joanne Hamlin, Housing Director, coordinates the R.A. selection process. According to Joanne, a possibility for the future involves implementing student nominations as well as faculty nominations.

1984-85 R.A.'s are:

Bittinger	
David Steele	2nd, north
Neil Elliot	2nd, south
Cathy Silvers	3rd, north
Lori Ollenberger	3rd, south

Dotzour	
Lori Appel	1st, old
Caroline Konicek	1st, new
Rosie Grove	2nd, new
Raquel Elliot	2nd, old, north
Kelly Thomas	2nd, old, south
Sue Six	3rd, new
Deb Green	3rd, old, south
Kathy Mack	3rd, old north
Fahnestock	
Gary Fike	1st
Mike Neher	2nd
James Mack	3rd
Metzler	
Scott Breeden	1st west
Tony Tranbarger	1st east
Neal Jandreau	2nd west
Daryl Griffin	2nd east
Marty Arnold	3rd east
Tom Barber	3rd west



ARTIST'S TOUCH — Deb Burkholder (sr., McPherson) displays her original woodwork at her senior art exhibition in Brown Auditorium last Sunday.

photo by Glen Snell

## After graduation— What then?

by Janet Powell

The school year is just about over and no one looks more forward to that than the seniors. Below are some of their plans.

Dan LeValley (ag business, Hugo, Colo.): I'm going back to Colorado to manage the business side of my dad's farm and expand the operation of my own.

Perry Winter (sociology & art, Wichita): Work for a year, then on to graduate school.

Brenda Ragsdale (music ed., Hutchinson): I'm moving to Dallas to look for a job.

Lisa Lee (biology ed., Tescott): Work and possibly travel.

Dave Rich (accounting, Dayton, Ohio): Try to find a job.

Rhonda Knackstedt (business, Platteville, Colo.): Work.

David Button (industrial arts ed., Conrad, Iowa): I'll be teaching or working as an auto mechanic; most likely teaching.

Laurel Metzler (biology, Bridgewater, Va.): I hope to work in an animal laboratory or work in a veterinary office.

Dawn Bryant (business management, Zolfo Springs,

Fla.): Take over as assistant manager of dad's greenhouse.

Valecia Kelly (biology ed., Cincinnati, Ohio): Try to find a job in my major, and go back to school to get my teacher's certificate.

Jim Yockey (business management, Hennessey, Okla.): This summer I'm going to be Jeff Hart's lawyer and confidant, plus sell bottle rockets on the side. Later I'll wear my sombrero and be an educated beach bum.

Ken Warren (auto res., McPherson): I'll be back in school.

Patty Helmer (sociology & admin. of justice, Tescott): This summer I'm getting married and will be living in McPherson. Next year we'll be moving to Colorado. Eventually I'll go back to school.

Scott Miller (music ed., Hesston): I'm trying to find a job teaching. I'm setting up interviews and hopefully I will have something before graduation.

We wish you luck and happiness.



"HELLO, DOLLY!" — Alana Switzer, right, (sr., Modest, Calif.) serenades "Dolly" — Karlene Tyler, center, (McPherson) — as she whimsically seeks a husband for her

friend, Ermengard Vandergelder — Lynn Carlson, left, (sr., Assaria). "Hello, Dolly!" was staged last weekend in Brown Auditorium.

photo by Jeanne Smith

## Commencement speaker is chosen

by Lois Lehman

As you well know, graduation is just around the corner; May 20 will be here before you know it. To prepare for that, meet Patricia Kennedy Helman, the keynote speaker at the 1984 graduation ceremonies.

Mrs. Helman graduated with an A.B. degree from McPherson College in 1947. She is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, having studied at Bethany Theological Seminary, Associated Mennonite, and Iliff School of Theology. Her work

was done in the area of Spiritual Classical Literature.

Mrs. Helman has done much writing herself. In addition to authoring three books, she has contributed to religious publications such as "Upper Room," "Brethren Life and Thought," and "Christian Century." From 1979 to 1982, she was the columnist for "Pilgrim's Pen" in the "Messenger," a Brethren magazine.

Currently, Mrs. Helman is serving as coordinator and secretary of the Brethren

Association of the Arts. Most recently, she was appointed Consultant for Spiritual Life for the Church of the Brethren. This job entails supervision of the Spiritual Life Team and the publication of a quarterly newsletter sent to pastors, district executives and district nurture chairmen.

To honor Mrs. Helman for these achievements and contributions, and others, McPherson College will present her with an honorary doctorate on graduation day.

## Zerger returns; Johnson resigns

by Shawn Payne

Dr. Richard Zerger will be returning to McPherson College and the Department of Physics after a one-year leave of absence from the college. Professor Daniel Gaeddert will be leaving the Physics Department due to Dr. Zerger's return to his former post.

John Johnson, mathematics professor at McPherson College will retire from his current position to take another post at George Fox College in Oregon.

Professor Richard Ward will return to the department of computer science after a one-year leave of absence.

# It's a numbers game

Standard good-bye, take two. Ahem.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the production of the Spectator this semester. I feel like we did quality work, and hope you enjoyed the Spec this semester.

You readers know quite a bit about the editorial team, because the nature of the job makes us very visible. What you might not be aware of is the contribution of Susan Taylor, our advisor. She keeps us in line without being a policeman (woman) about it. Just when I think I'm "there" she points something out to me that could be improved, and the result is a better-looking paper for you.

Once again, our volunteer reporters have done a great job. The photography has been excellent, and those ads kept rolling in, making the editors' job a lot easier.

Special thanks to colleague Matt Howell, who has served as a leader to the editorial team. Matt, perhaps more than any of us, has his finger on the pulse of the McPherson College campus.

This week, Matt joins me in the exclusive "1,000-inch" club. Somewhere on this page, his 1,000th column inch should appear. Writing 1,000 inches for the Spec is no small accomplishment, and neither is 1341 plus, is it Matt?

Also, it's been a joy to work with Tim Crouse and Kerri Snell this semester. This job wouldn't have been nearly as enjoyable were it not for their humor. Big heaps of kudos all over both of them. They both are solid journalistic talents.

So I guess it's time for that serious "30" for another semester.

Kevin Burton



freshman, 1942



senior, 1984

After 42 years

# Graduation nears for Eloise Lichy

by Matt Howell

Graduates of the Class of '84 will breathe a sigh of relief after a "long and grueling" four years of college education. But one person in their ranks will have started college 20 years before most of them were born. Eloise Lichy, a full-time student this semester, is excited about graduating, since this will mean the end of a college education spanning 42 years.

Mrs. Lichy said that after enrolling at McPherson College in 1942, she decided to become an English major, because she "enjoyed stories," and was "more interested in reading than anything else." The first half of her education at McPherson was finished in two years, but then she married Eugene Lichy, who presently serves the college in the Development Office.

As they moved around the country, she picked up undergraduate hours at Oklahoma City University, DePaul (Chicago) and Wright State (Ohio). For five years, she taught school at Dayton, Ohio, on a temporary teacher's certificate.

It was at Christmas-time this past year that the motivation to complete college really hit her. "We have five children and each of them is married, so that makes 12 of us. Of the whole family, I was the only one without a

college diploma. That's what really spurred me on."

After the first week in January, which is a hectic time for the CIC, Mr. Lichy checked with Karlene Tyler, Registrar, to see how many graduation requirements were still unmet. She found out that she only had one semester and an interterm left to go. Needing a physical science credit, she decided to take "Astronomy" during Interterm. She started a week behind the rest of the class and she "wasn't used to studying" either, so she was glad when that course was over.

Although older than most of her professors, Mrs. Lichy seems to be managing this semester's 14-hour course load very capably. This includes, of course, the mandatory convo requirement. "That's the funniest thing," she commented. Despite the need to fill all of her remaining graduation requirements this spring, she has only had to take one class by appointment, 19th Century American Literature; and she has had two other English majors taking that with her.

Asked what her future plans were, Mrs. Lichy laughed and said things would stay about the same, as far as she knew, "It's just a pleasure to know I'm through."

# Parting words from Matt

As I approach graduation, you might say I have fond memories of yesterday, and bright hopes for tomorrow. But please don't: I've heard enough of that sort of thing already and the short-term outlook for sentimentality has never been so sickening.

At the risk of being a tributary to this tidal wave of mushy-gushy, I'd like to add my hand to the mutual back-patting, which is really more for ourselves than for our readers. Bear with us; we're only human in our craving for acknowledgment, and the more public the better. Since Kevin and Tim missed Monday's convo, I'll get them first.

"The Bird" Burton makes me proud to be part of this journalistic team. If any of us has a future in the real world of real newspapers which real people read, it's Kevin. When he lost the nickel flip that made him Sports Editor, the Spec and its readers won.

Tim Crouse is so darn sensitive and conscientious about everything and everybody that he would give me a guilty conscience, if I didn't realize that guilt is a useless emotion.

Kerri Snell, with her computer technology and stable married

life, is the most efficient Spec editor this semester. She'll be in charge of getting the Spec rolling again in the fall; I hope for her sake that she doesn't have to become the Editor-in-chief.

David Franklin, my colleague at the gas station and Photography Editor, has taken care of the pictures all year, with very little acclaim and no tangible compensation. A big thank-you goes to Dave and his cat, Darwin.

With the contributions of these people and others, too numerous to mention, this semester has been the "funnest" I've had, as far as the Spec goes. Just don't give me that "this is an end and yet a beginning" line.

Matt Howell

P.S. One last time with feeling: Goodbye.

# Kerri adds her two bits

The editorship this semester has been somewhat of an experiment, having four editors instead of just one, and I feel that it has been a success.

I would like to thank all of the reporters (see Masthead) that worked closely with me during the semester, Jeanne Smith, and the photographers.

Kerri Snell

# Computer camps and art workshop

In addition to its adult summer school program, McPherson College is initiating both computer camps and an art workshop in ceramics for children, youth and adults.

The computer camps are two-week sessions involving three levels of competency. Level I is designed for beginners who have had little, if any, exposure to micro-computers. The second

level involves more advanced work in Logo, graphics and problem solving. Level III introduces students to programming, word processing, theme writing and advanced graphics.

Computer camps will be held daily in two-week sessions beginning the weeks of June 4, June 18 and July 2. These sessions are designed basically for children and youth since a computer course is being offered for adults through the regular summer school sessions.

Instructors for the camps will be Ms. Thelma M. Johnson, who taught at Marquette High School for 13 years, and Mr. Robert Coffman, Science and Computer Science Coordinator at Chase High School. Additional assistants will be available to give individual attention to students as needed. Class size for each session is limited to 10.

In addition to the computer camps, McPherson College is offering beginning ceramics classes for children, youth and adults. The instructor will be Professor Wayne Conyers, art teacher at McPherson College, Executive Director for the McPherson Arts Council and Artist-In-Residence for the McPherson Public Schools.

The three-week session will take place from June 11-29 with beginners meeting at 9 a.m., intermediates convening at 10 a.m., and adult sessions at 11 a.m.

Beginning ceramics is a 15-day introduction to the making and firing of functional pottery.

Cost for the art classes is \$30 plus \$10 for materials. The sessions will be located in Frantz Hall on the McPherson College campus.

# Tim says bye

I think it has been a pretty good experience. I'm glad to have been a page editor for the Spectator and appreciate the social interaction it has brought about.

Yes, it's been nice, quite nice. Tim Crouse

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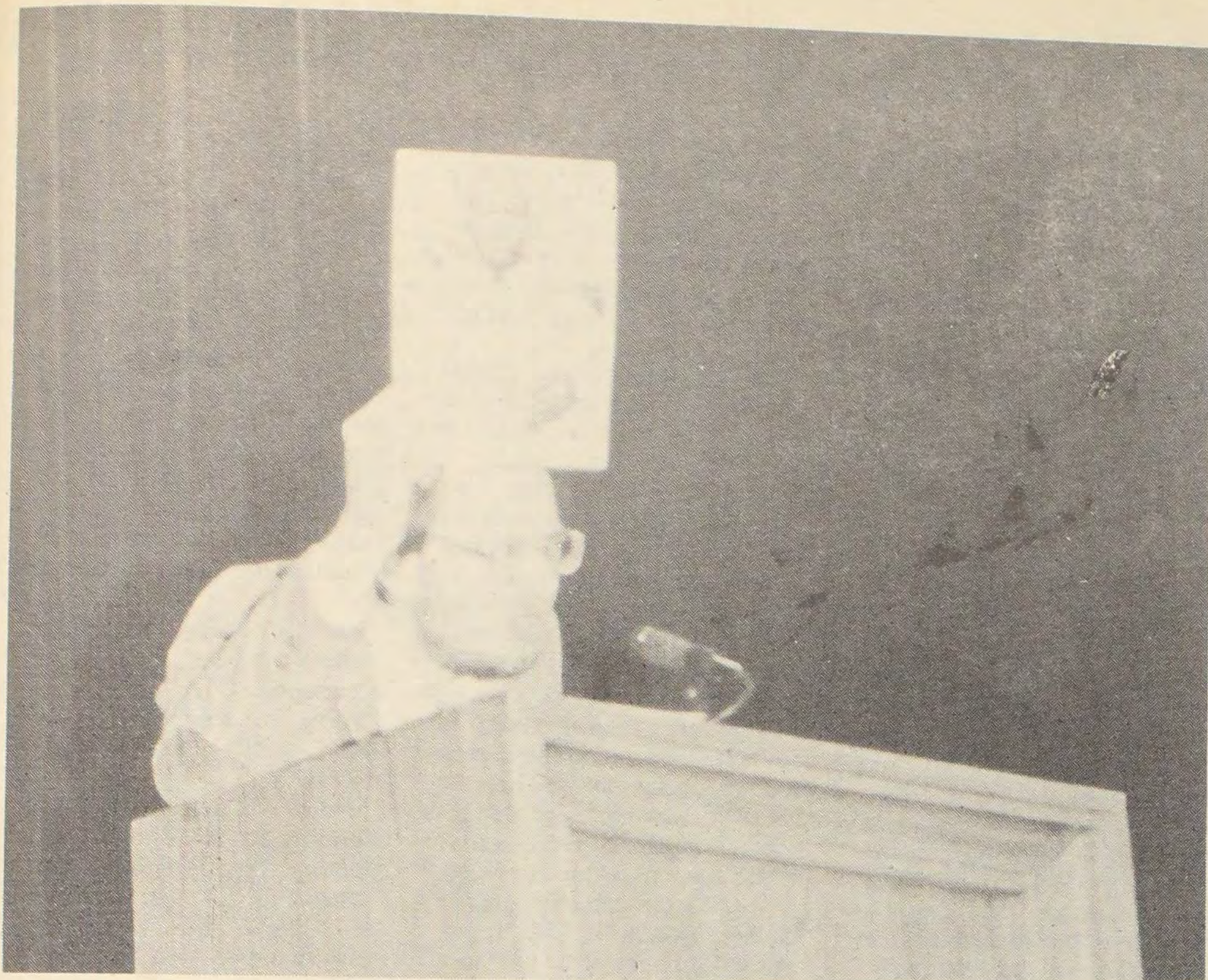
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**JUST JOKING** — As part of his presentation of the Behavioral Science Student of the Year award, Prof. Richard Wright told of previous award winners. Held aloft

is a picture of '76 graduate, Eddie "Bare Knuckles" Malloy, an Administration of Justice major.

photo by Dave Franklin



**PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR** — The first woman recipient of the award, Dr. Corinne Hughbanks was announced as the 1983-'84 selection in Monday's awards convo. She has been with McPherson College since 1966.

photo by Dave Franklin

## College plans tour, classes

McPherson College Summer School promises a smorgasboard of graduate-undergraduate courses this summer, according to Dr. Dayton Rothrock, Head of the Education Department. The courses, which are being taught by highly trained professional personnel, are offered basically for purposes of teachers interested in upgrading skills and for continuing professional certification.

From June 4 through 15 "Prairie Science for the Teacher" will be taught by Newton's National Science Teacher's award-winning teacher, Ms. Betty Holderread. Students will observe the prairie in field trips as a three dimensional library while capitalizing on Ms. Holderread's prize-winning techniques of problem solving and questioning strategies. Classes will be held in the morning.

"The Science of Teaching" is a course offered for teachers wishing to refresh their skills in

the areas of learning theory and practice. Focusing on the latest research in motivation, retention, reinforcement, transfer and organization, Mr. Greg Dunkleberger, principal of Wineteer Elementary School in Derby, will serve as instructor. Dates for "The Science of Teaching" will be June 4-6, morning sessions.

"Computers in the Classroom" promises a wealth of material for classroom teachers confronted with the new data processing technology. Several teachers as well as software experts will participate in the course, giving practical information and advice for use. Class participants will become involved in programming for the classroom. The morning sessions will span June 18-29.

Miss Pat Lemmon, Principal at Hutchinson's Roosevelt Elementary School, will teach "Individual Learning Styles" from June 18-22.

An additional summer opportunity, also available for college credit, is the annual travel-study McPherson College Alumni Tour to Oberammergau and Schwarzenau, Germany, June 4-22. Hosts for the tour are Mr. Eugene and Mrs. Eloise Lichty, McPherson. In addition to visiting artists at the Place du Tertre in Paris, the itinerary includes Notre Dame and the site of Napoleon's Tomb.

Koblenz and Schwarzenau, site of Church of the Brethren historical beginnings, will follow on the itinerary. Other areas of interest include tours of several castles, Mozart's home in Salzburg, a trip through the Austrian Alps, Venice with its magnificent Basilica and unique canal-streets, and Florence, Europe's foremost center of art and culture.

For information on the McPherson College Alumni Tour, contact McPherson College or the McPherson Travel Center.

## Publicity keeps Smith active

The Publicity Office at McPherson College is responsible for releasing campus news, for designing admission's several brochures, and for creating the quarterly alumni magazine — "The Review." Add to these responsibilities, advertising duties and photography assignments. Jeanne Smith, Director of Publicity at McPherson College, is a busy person.

She brings to her present post a variety of free-lance writing experience. She has written children's books and articles in

women's and religious magazines.

"It took me quite a few years to learn the ropes of freelance writing," states Jeanne, "I had to learn how to submit my work in the proper format."

Jeanne has no easy advice for those who wish to pursue a career in writing, whether freelance or journalism.

She says, "Writing is not a product of inspiration as much as it is a product of hard work. My advice is to read, to write every day and to build a large vocabulary of verbs."



**MISS McPHERSON** — Iyabo Iyewarun (sr., Nigeria) is this year's reigning "Miss McPherson College." She was selected last Sunday at the Intercultural-Forum-sponsored pageant.

## Private college enrollment is steady

Kansas independent private college enrollments rose two percent this year according to official figures released by the Kansas Legislative Research Department. By contrast, the enrollments at the Regents' universities decreased by two percent.

McPherson College enrollments closely approximated the state pattern, with an increase of two-and-a-half percent. President Paul Hoffman noted that stability in enrollments bode well for the future.

"It appears that the decline in

graduates will not have as adverse an effect as many predicted. With these enrollments, our college is on sound financial footing for the 1980's."

In evaluating the enrollment increase, Bob Kelly, Executive Director of the Kansas Independent College Association, suggested that it "was an adjustment to the financial aid scare of two years ago when the Reagan administration threatened to reduce federal student aid by 40 percent." Because independent college tuitions are higher than those at public universities, students

depend more on student aid to finance their education.

Kelly added that Kansas independent college and public university enrollments have tended to parallel each other in the last ten years, and "this year's pattern brings them back in line."

President Hoffman concludes: "Student aid is the crucial element in the enrollment of any independent college. With it, students can choose. Without it, the needy students lose their options."

# Six students to spend junior year studying abroad

There's a strange twitch in the bellies of six sophomores as the spring semester comes to an end. These students are preparing for an experience in trans-cultural education under the Brethren Colleges Abroad program.

Kevin Miller (McPherson), Todd Schrag (Moundridge), Craig Spitzer (Kalona, Iowa) and David van Asselt (McPherson) will spend their junior year in

Marburg, West Germany. The four will leave together on July 29, then each will spend a month living with a different family for a time of adjustment and settling into the new culture.

The official calendar of the program begins September 1 with a five-week intensive language course. Following this, regular classes will begin at Philipps University, where they will be living in co-ed dorms.

Tim Crouse (St. Cloud, Fla.) will spend his year in Barcelona, Spain. He is considering the idea of arriving early for a settling-in time with a family but has no definite plans. The Barcelona program also begins in early September with an intensive language course, followed by regular classes at the University of Barcelona. Tim will most likely be living with a family for the year.

Carolyn Horning (Lombard, Ill.) will be venturing to Cheltenham, England where she will study at the College of St. Paul and St. Mary. Largely because there is no language barrier involved, the Cheltenham experience only lasts one semester. Therefore Carolyn will be returning in December. She is not yet sure if she will be staying in a dorm or a flat (apartment).

One point that has motivated these students to study abroad is the personal growth that is bound to accompany the experience. Said Carolyn, "It's a type of getting to know who I am. At college there's independence but this is a little bit more." They all feel that it will be a time of maturing.

Another common objective, and perhaps an obvious one, is to

get to know more of the world, another culture and, in the case of five of them, a new language. Because culture and language are actually ways of perceiving reality, getting acquainted with new ones can be very exciting.

Carolyn has lived in several countries and says that "going to new countries makes me want to go to more new countries."

Craig, along with Todd and Dave, went to Germany with the choir last summer and said this helped him make his decision to go. "The choir was so well received by the people and I was impressed by places we visited, especially Marburg," said Craig.

Being an organist, Todd is excited about seeing the organs in different churches and hearing concerts. Dave is looking forward to returning to the country he had lived in for several years.

"But it's pretty scary going to another culture," says Dave, especially one with a new language. Todd, like most of the others, has already envisioned himself sitting in class and not understanding a word.

Kevin is concerned about his low political awareness since "Germans are up on politics," and will probably ask him a lot of questions. He plans to spend the

next couple months becoming more informed.

The reality of being in Spain seems so far off to Tim that he has not yet acquired any real fears. He does have very little confidence in his Spanish-speaking abilities though.

Carolyn finds it scary to be entering in an experience where she won't know anybody, but she sees this as an attractive and positive thing as well. She won't have anybody's expectations to deal with and will be in a free situation for establishing identity.

And so these six students prepare for a trans-cultural experience.

Kevin: "I'm glad to be getting away . . . to see another part of the world."

Craig: "I'm ready to go mentally but there are so many physical things yet to do."

Carolyn: "It's an adventure that I like . . . an opportunity to get acquainted with the world a little more."

Tim: "Go where?"

Todd: "I want to retain connections with people I meet . . . the world is not that big."

David: "I hope it'll help me mature and grow as a person, and find out what life on my own would be like."



PREPARING TO GROW — Kevin Miller, Todd Schrag and David van Asselt will soon be going to Marburg, West Germany for a year of learning. Six students from McPherson College will be in the BCA program next semester.

# Large group of students will be receiving diplomas

The names of the persons who have applied to graduate from McPherson College with the class of 1984 are listed below. Their hometown, major field, and type of degree (Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts) are listed beside their names.

Melody L. Adwell (Chanute), Music (B.A.); Neal K. Beam (McPherson), Agriculture: Production (B.S.); Lynn M. Berry (McPherson), Business-Economics: Management (B.A.); Nancy A. Birt (S. Hutchinson), Physical Education (B.S.); Thomas W. Bishop (McPherson), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.).

David M. Bittinger (Portland, Ore.), Art (B.A.); Jeanette A. Brooks (Quinter), Education: Special Education and Elementary Education (B.S.); Dawn M. Bryant (Zolfo Springs, Fla.), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.); Debbie L. Burkholder (McPherson), Art (B.A.); David P. Button (Conrad, Ia.), Industrial Education (B.A.); Kevin D. Carlson (Herington), Industrial Education (B.S.); Lynn J. Carlson (Assaria), Music (B.A.); Steven D. Christensen (McPherson), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.); Robert E. Cole (Culbertson, Neb.), Business-Economics: Accounting (B.S.); Linda K. Long Colle (Inman), Chemistry (B.S.); Betty L. Cooper (Hutchinson), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.).

Margaret J. Cox (Cushing, Okla.), Music (B.A.); Mary B. Crist (McPherson), Health Arts (B.S.); Cindy A. Crumpacker

(McPherson), Double Major: Administration of Justice, Home Economics (B.A.); Denise K. Cummings (Campo, Co.), Interdisciplinary: Interior Design (B.S.); Steven J. Drake (Hutchinson), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.).

Janet S. Esgar (Wiley, Co.), Interdisciplinary: Family Life and Human Development (B.A.); Allison P. Ewer (McPherson), Music (B.A.); Belinda S. Fellows (McPherson), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.); Ernest A. Figueroa (Temple City, Calif.), Speech & Theatre (B.A.); David B. Franklin (Modesto, Calif.), Philosophy & Religion (B.A.); Mark A. Gard (Newton), Music (B.A.).

Susan M. Glaves (Easton, Mo.), Biology (B.A.); Kathleen L. Gribben (Holyoke, Co.), Physical Education (B.S.); Stephen R. Harrison (Garden City), Interdisciplinary: Sports Management (B.S.); Jeffrey Dale Hart (Dayton, Ohio), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.); Brian E. Harvey (McPherson), History (B.A.).

Patricia J. Helmer (Tescott), Double Major: Administration of Justice, Sociology (B.S.); Jerald R. Hett (Marion), Industrial Education (B.S.); Pamela K. Hieronymus (Lajunta, Co.), Physical Education (B.S.); Marsha J. Hornbaker (Lakin), Education: Special Education (B.S.); Matthew D. Howell (Conway), Double Major: German, English (B.A.); Iyabo A. Iyewarun (Kwara State, Nigeria), Double Major: Audio-Visual Communications, Speech & Theatre (B.S.).

Glenn M. O'Neil (Houston, Mo.), Physical Education (B.S.); Kathryn J. Patterson (Rozel), Home Economics (B.S.); David J. Powers (McPherson), Business-Economics: Computer Science (B.S.); Brenda J. Ragsdale (Hutchinson), Music (B.A.).

Michael D. Ramsey (Washington, D.C.), Biology (B.S.); Michael R. Reed (Hoisington), Business-Economics: Accounting (B.S.); Bonnie R. Regehr (Inman), Education: Elementary Education (B.S.); David E. Rich (Dayton, Ohio), Business-Economics: Accounting (B.S.);

Linda L. Schweppe (Lakewood, Co.), Double Major: Administration of Justice, Sociology (B.S.).

David K. Shepard (McPherson), Sociology (B.S.); Evelyn J. Smith (Lyons), Double Major: German, Philosophy & Religion (B.A.); Elizabeth M. Smyres (Windom), Agriculture: Crop Science (B.S.); Glen E. Snell (McPherson), Agri-Business (B.S.); Carolyn J. Spate (Rocky Ford, Co.), Business-Economics: Management (B.A.); Bruce A. Spitzer (Kalona, Ia.), Speech & Theatre (B.A.); Kenneth A. Steadman (Edmond, Okla.), Biology (B.S.).

Douglas D. Stubbs (McPherson), Business-Economics: Accounting (B.S.); Wanda K. Swank (Poplar, Mont.), Music (B.A.); Alana K. Switzer (Modesto, Calif.), Education: Elementary Education (B.S.); Valerie K. Teeters (Little River),

Alan D. Jamison (Luray), History (B.S.); Becky N. Keasling (McPherson), Education: Elementary Education (B.A.); David D. Keller (Hutchinson), Music (B.A.); Valecia A. Kelly (Cincinnati, Ohio), Physical Education (B.S.); Dawn R. Kerschensteiner (Rocky Ford, Co.), Education: Elementary Education (B.S.); Thomas H. Klassen (McPherson), Music (B.A.); Rhonda J. Knackstedt (Platteville, Co.), Business-Economics: Computer Science (B.S.); Lisa J. Lee (Tescott), Biology (B.S.).

J. Dan LeValley (Hugo, Co.), Agri-Business (B.S.); Eloise M. Lichty (McPherson), English (B.A.); Judith E. Lindblade (McPherson), Biology (B.S.); Dianna J. Lytle (Wichita), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.); Robert W. McKay (McPherson), History (B.S.).

Sandra McReynolds (Chanute), Speech & Theatre (B.A.); Laurel I. Metzler (Bridgewater, Va.), Biology (B.S.); Scott D. Miller (Hesston), Music (B.A.); Maria Paulina Avila Miranda (San Jose, Cost Rica), Spanish (B.A.); Rhonda G. Mitchell (McPherson), Education: Elementary Education (B.S.); Dave S. Moore (Waterloo, Ia.), Agriculture: Crop Science (B.S.); Deborah A. Neher (McPherson), Environmental Science (B.S.).

Elizabeth I. Odokara (Anambara, Nigeria), Sociology (B.S.); Diana Oborg (McPherson), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.);

Education: Special Education (B.S.); Wade K. Thiessen (Henderson, Neb.), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.); Jeffrey R. Thill (Adel, Ia.), Biology (B.A.); Carine E. Ullom (Wiley, Co.), Double Major: Business-Economics: Computer Science, German (B.S.).

Mark R. Vogts (McPherson), Business-Economics: Management (B.A.); Jay B. Warner (McPherson), Industrial Education (B.S.); Boniface T. Waweru (McPherson), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.); Alan O. Whitley (Ellsworth), Education: Special Education and Elementary Education (B.S.).

Kurt A. Wilcoxon (Hutchinson), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.); William P. Winter (Wichita), Double major: Art, Sociology (B.A.); Nevin A. Woodin (McPherson), Business-Economics: Management (B.S.); James D. Yockey (Hennessey, Ok.), Business-Economics: Management (B.A.).

Two-Year Associate of Technology Degrees: Auto Restoration

David A. Kleve (Lakewood, Co.); Floyd Knopf (McPherson); Gary A. Martin (Goldfield, Ia.); Rory Nansel (Waverly, Neb.); Kevin O'Malley (Wahoo, Neb.); Dan Palmer (Yampa, Co.); Robert W. Pike III (McPherson); Kenneth N. Warren (McPherson).

# Seniors see opportunity outside the doors of college

by Tim Crouse

Graduating seniors will soon be out the college door and into a wider view of life. At least two of them are really ready to go outside and play.

Deb Neher (environmental science major, Quinter) has the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in her plans. By accepting a teaching assistantship in plant biology (botany) there, she will be getting both an education and money. "I'll be getting paid for going to school," she says.

It is a Ph. D. program that lasts four years but Deb's not sure if she will stay with it that long. "I'm just trying to be flexible," she said. While there, she hopes to especially study in the area of plant ecology. This is a specialty with widespread opportunities and "a lot of breadth."

But before going to Illinois, Deb is planning to spend the summer in Minnesota with the Wilder Society program. Acting as a resource person in environmental studies, she will be located in a forest area that serves as the center of retreats and camps.

She probably won't know exactly what she will be doing until she gets there but she does

know that her home for three months will be a wall tent.

But that is okay with Deb; she's happy to get a job in her major. "My mind was swarming but it's amazing how it all worked out. I'm pretty excited about these opportunities."

Deb gives credit to enthusiasm and personal initiative for bringing her these opportunities. And she said, the enthusiasm of Gilford Ikenberry and John Burkholder, professors of biology, greatly boosted hers.

Matt Howell (German and English major, Conway) has also found opportunity by being accepted into the Japan-Mombusho English Fellows Program, which will take him to Japan for at least a year.

Matt's position as an English Fellow will require him to travel throughout a Japanese prefecture (like a province) visiting junior and senior high schools, evening seminars, student assemblies, and meetings working as an intern under supervision of the Japanese English Teaching Consultant.

The main purpose of the English Fellow is to serve as a resource person in the area of model pronunciation, rhythm

and intonation at teacher training seminars, making language tapes, judging speech contests and helping to correct professional papers written in English.

It was a rather lengthy application process, in which he became more and more committed, that finally led Matt to this opportunity. It began with a brochure in the mail describing a job that both Matt and his faculty advisor, Corinne Hughbanks, thought would fit him perfectly.

Matt applied in October, traveled to New York for an interview in January and received final word of his acceptance the day after Easter. Of the 541 applicants, only 95 were chosen to go.

Housing arrangements will depend somewhat on the Fellow he is replacing. Matt may be living in an apartment or with a family, which will be paid for from his salary.

The language is one of Matt's primary concerns. He knows no Japanese right now but plans to devote himself to learning it while he is there. He feels that "it's one of the best opportunities of this job."

Although Matt's experience of a year in Germany will be beneficial to him as he faces yet another culture, he will find new things to deal with in Japan. "I won't fit in by appearance or language... I'll be worried about saying anything, not just about my American accent."

But Matt is prepared to weather the storms. "However they choose to use me or abuse me, I figure I'm going to stick it out anyway." In fact he is planning to stay for two years.

Out of this experience, Matt hopes to "get to know the people, culture and language, however that happens. I find the best way to do this is to be outgoing and open and never turn down an invitation."

Matt is excited about this English Fellow opportunity. "I'm really into the international experience... and am ready for a break in formal education."

There will be an enthusiastic botanist and a happy Fellow graduating from McPherson College next week.

## Graduation is full of tradition

by Marty Moyer

Graduation is almost at McPherson for the 96th time in its history. What are some of the symbols and traditions that will be involved?

The Processional and Recessional is led by the faculty of the college. The faculty proceeds in order by length of tenure. S.M. Dell leads the faculty with a tenure at McPherson of 53 years. The average tenure at McPherson College is 13.5 years.

President Hoffman has the honor of wearing the silver medallion which contains the seal of the college and the names of the McPherson College presidents. This symbolizes the authority of the President of McPherson College.

The design of graduation gowns and hoods has been inherited from British universities. The gown is Medieval in concept and goes back to the European universities. The cap came from Italy, but the hood is distinctly British. As an English tradition, the teachers always wore academic gowns, complete with appropriate hoods when they taught their classes.

In the United States, gowns and hoods are worn only on

ceremonial occasions. The general wearing of gowns for commencement in the United States started in the 1880's. By 1897 nearly fifty American universities registered their hoods with the correct shades of colors.

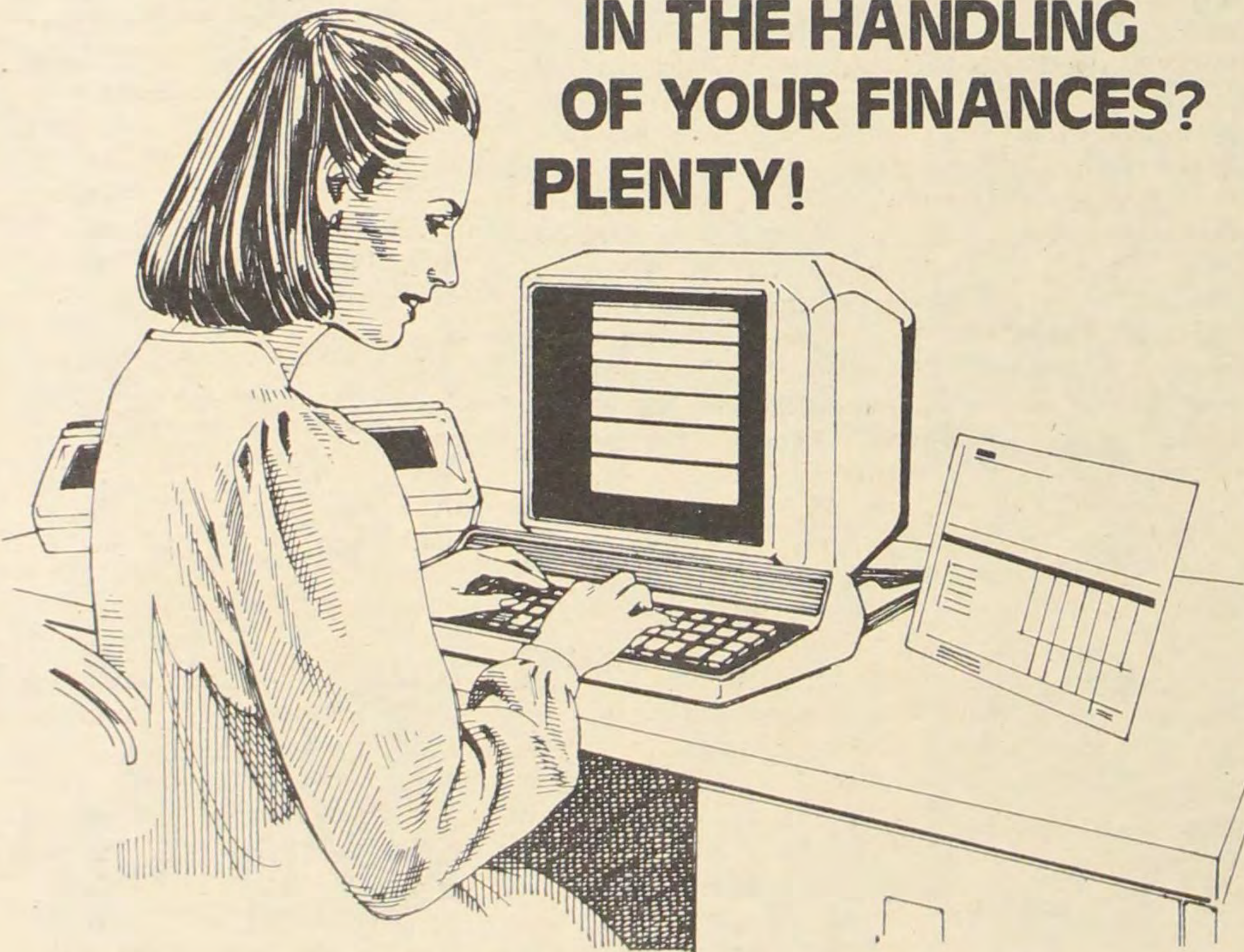
The cap that graduates wear originally came from a degree-institution during the Italian Renaissance. Current usage has modified it to a black square that is pointed from front to back. Some universities, particularly in Europe, have a specially designed hat, such as the University of London's flat befeater tam. An eight sided velvet tam is used for the doctoral degree.

The colors of tassels worn by candidates for all degrees have a significance which is rooted historically in the traditions of academic life. For the baccalaureate degree candidates, the colors represent the field of knowledge in which the degree is conferred. All master degree candidates wear black tassels and Doctoral Degree candidates wear a "gold bullion" tassel.

Graduation is a tradition for each institution of higher education. It's an event that most people look forward to as well as an unforgettable event.

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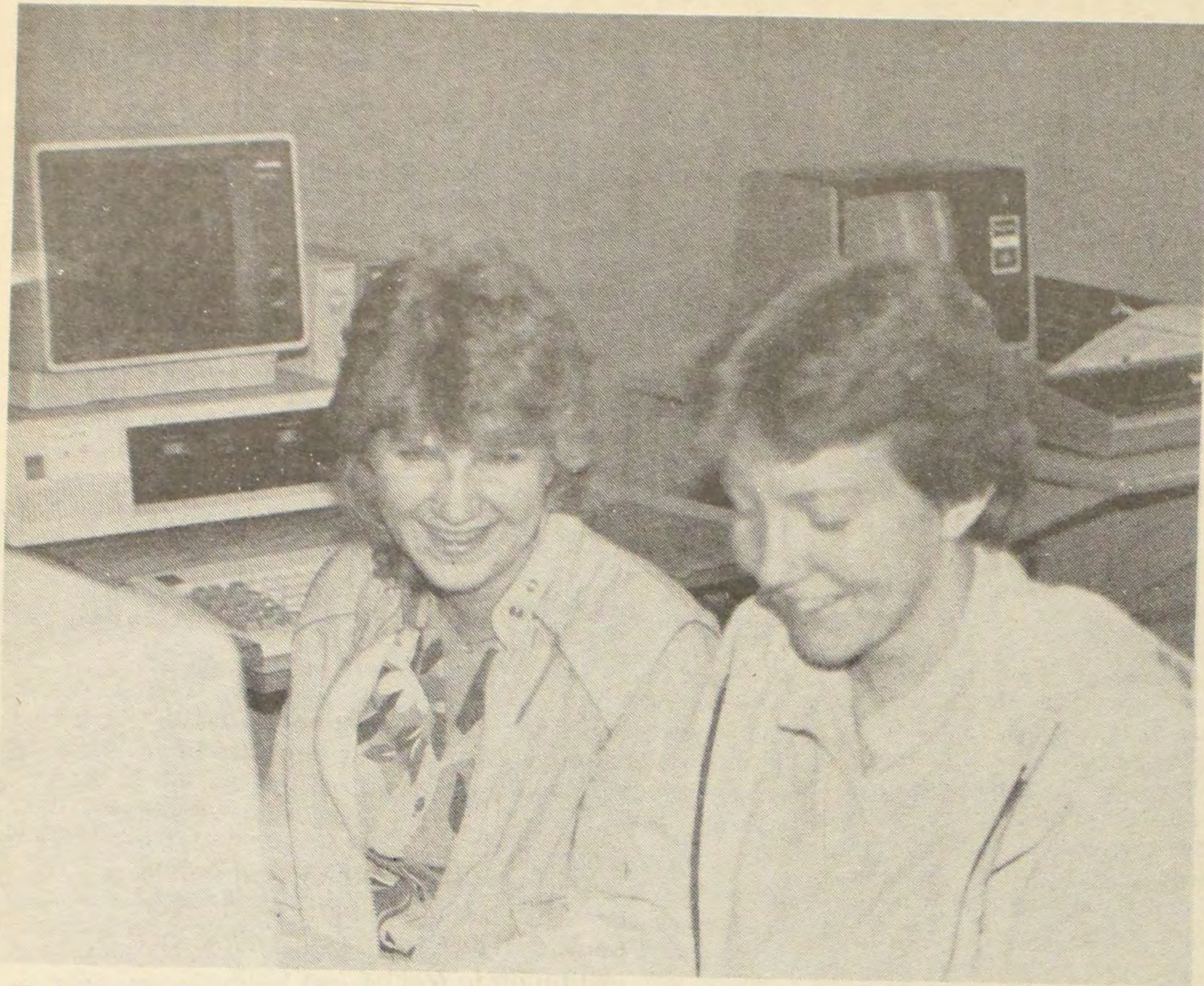
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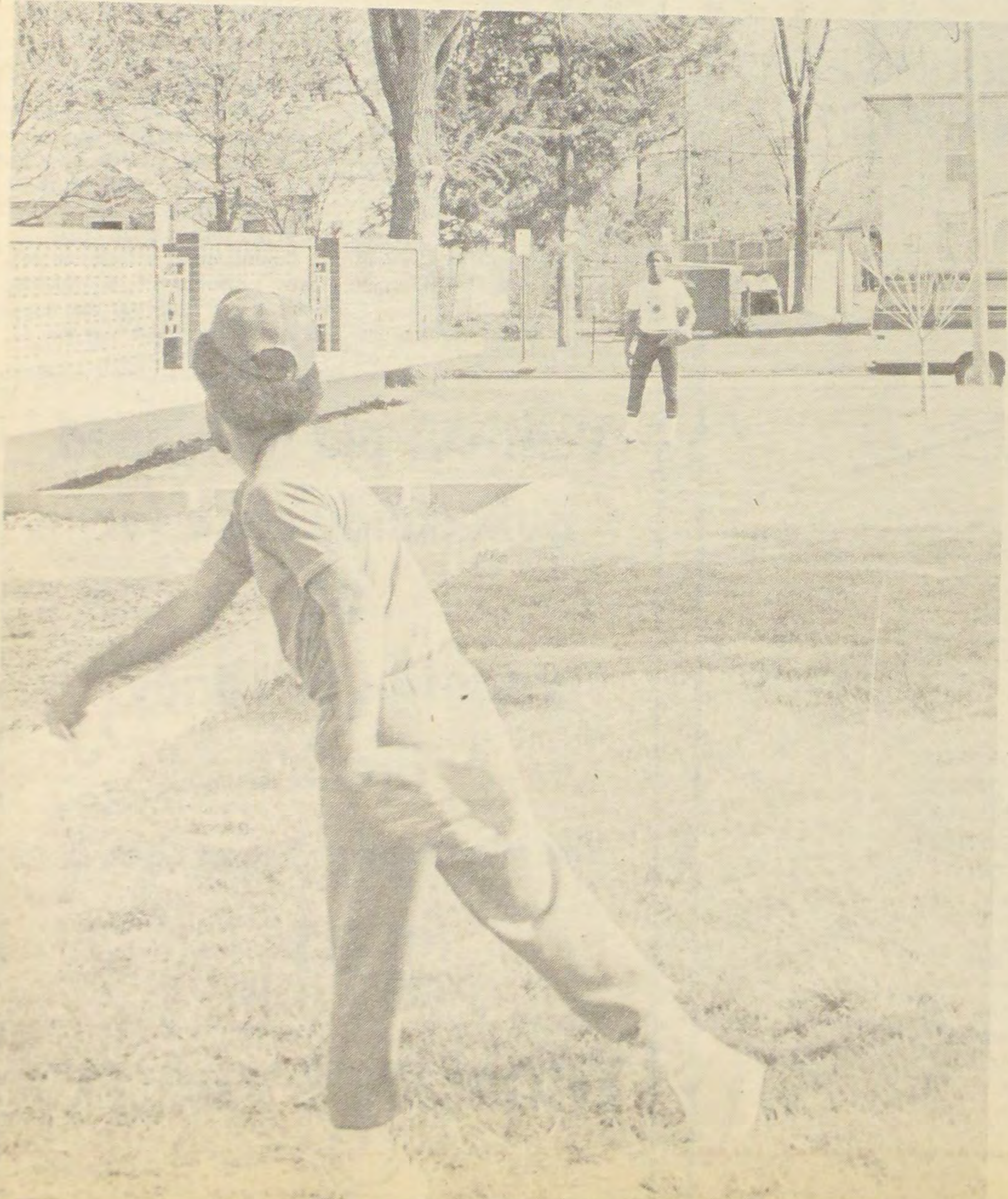
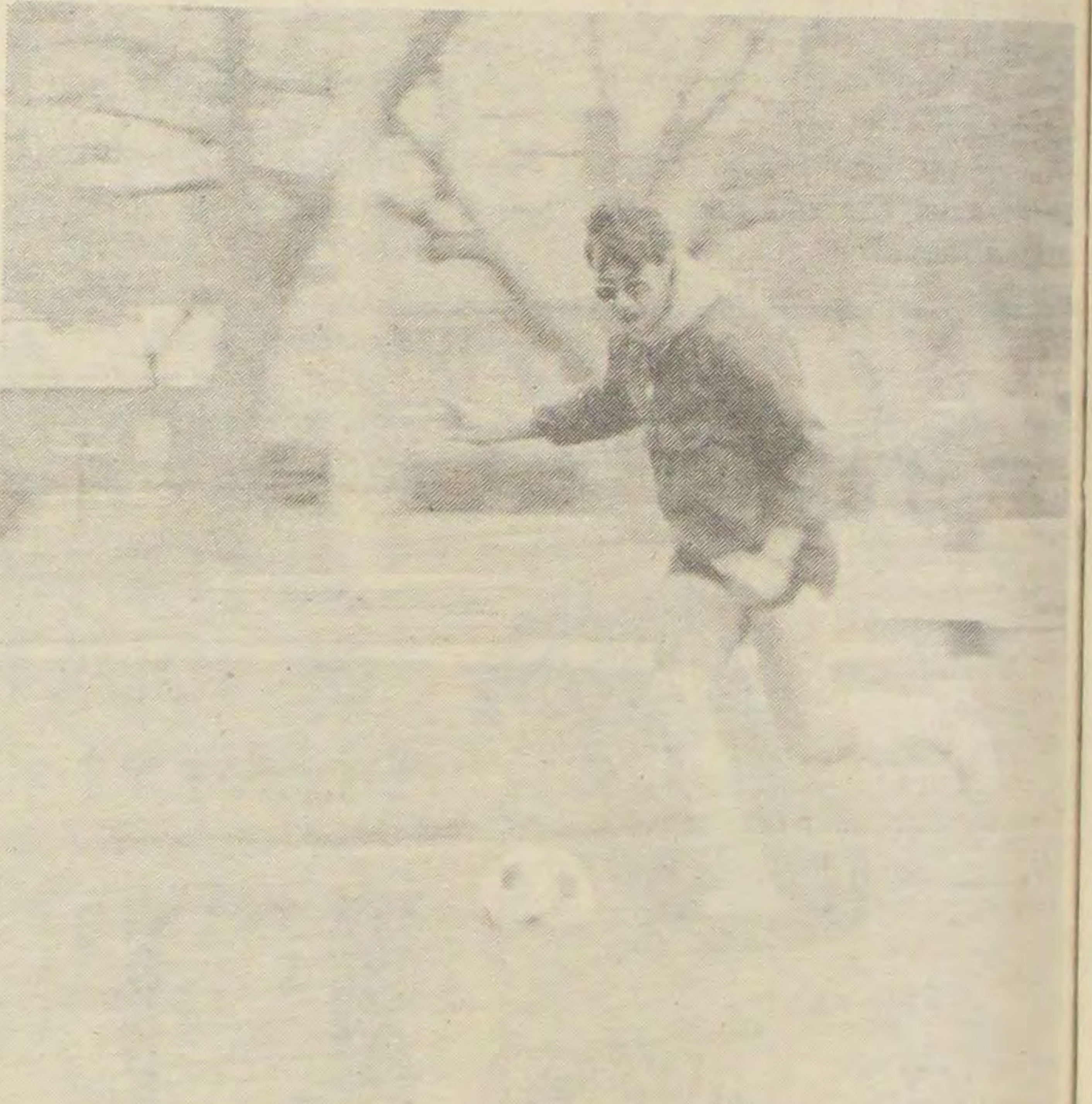
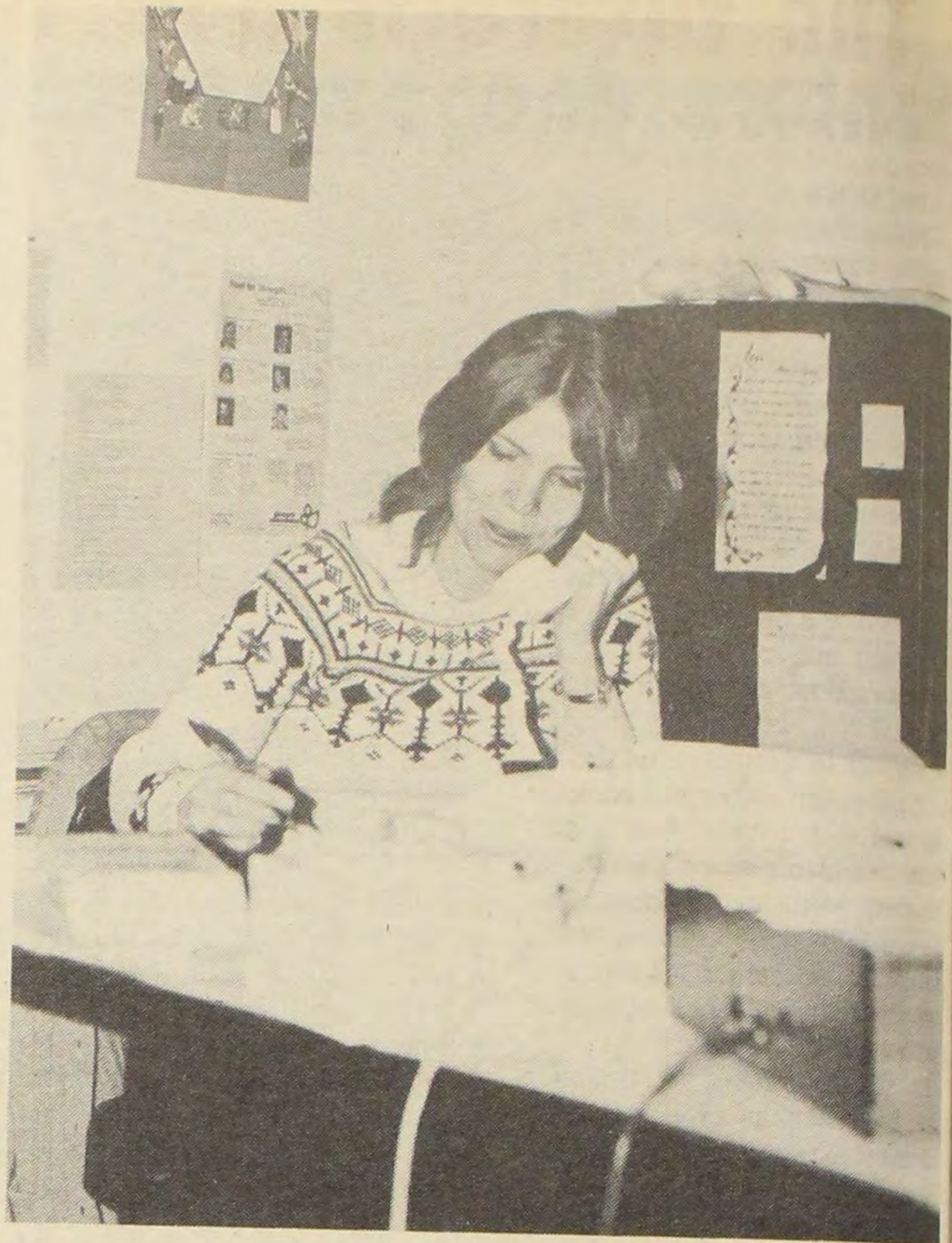
**WORK WITH A SMIRK** — Lois Reimer, Director of Career and Life Planning clearly chose a career she enjoys.

**NOTHING BUT PRACTICE** — David Spitzer (fr., Kalona, Iowa) practices soccer by Brown Auditorium. The Soccer Club's season was shortened last Sunday, as the fourth game was cancelled and the team withdrew from the league.

**PLENTY OF TIME** — Jim Yockey (sr., Hennessey, Ok.), Kayla Corbett (fr., Osborne), Brian Roesch (fr., Quinter) and Vicki Albrecht (soph., Natoma) work as timers at last week's KCAC track meet.

**CATCH ME IF YOU CAN** — Randy Tucker (fr., Gardner), usually throws footballs, but here throws a baseball to Mike Hall (fr., Oklahoma City).

photos by Dave Franklin



# The future is now for Mac's heralded Henderson

by Kevin Burton

Gerald Henderson's football future is a bit uncertain right now — but that's not a first.

Henderson came to McPherson out of Proviso East High School in Chicago, at almost the last minute.

Though he was recruited by over 60 schools, he almost stayed close to home, at little Triton College.

"I was up in the air about some things at that time," recalls the 3-time all-KCAC pick. "There were questions about scholarships, and my major. I didn't go to Triton (about 20 miles from his home in Maywood, Ill.), because I wanted to venture west."

Henderson had been recruited by many big-time West Coast schools out of Proviso East, including UCLA, Oregon and Oregon St. "Oregon's coach came to school about twice a week for a while and sent a lot of letters," says Gerald.

As September approached however, it was Lee Dobyms of McPherson (1 B.C. - Before Cripe) who hit the jackpot.

The rest is history. There have been a lot of yards gained between the time Gerald met Lee Dobyms, and last November, when he played his final game. Gerald, the man, remains unchanged by the enormous success achieved by Gerald the athlete. At the end of his college career he looks back with mixed emotions.

"I have some good and bad feelings," says Gerald. "I'd be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed that we didn't win more. But I can look myself in the mirror and know that I gave it my all."

Though he may have been disappointed at various times, Gerald never sulked. It was this attitude that made him a natural leader for the Bulldogs. He served as captain three of his four years.

Henderson had a consistent freshman season, but it was injuries to the other running backs that thrust him into the limelight during the last game of that season. "I'd have to say one of my biggest thrills was gaining 1,000 yards my freshman year.

Going into the Bethel game I needed 212 yards and it didn't look like I was going to get them. We had some injuries though, so I got the ball almost every down."

Gerald got those yards, and along with them, the attention — the preoccupation — of KCAC defenders. "Stop Henderson and you stop McPherson," all too often was an accurate statement. Still Henderson compiled another 1,000-yard season his sophomore year, and went on to break the all-time McPherson rushing record.

Now for the city kid who went to the small town, the big time once again calls. Henderson is realistic as he heads into a possible professional career.

"I've got maybe a little less than a 50-50 shot at making the

pros," assesses the best rusher McPherson has ever known. "The guys from the bigger schools have an advantage, because they're more able to make a name for themselves. I'm confident in my abilities though, I know what I can do, it's just a matter of being discovered."

Gerald has no preference as to a pro team. He has had contact with a few NFL teams, including Dallas, San Francisco and Seattle.

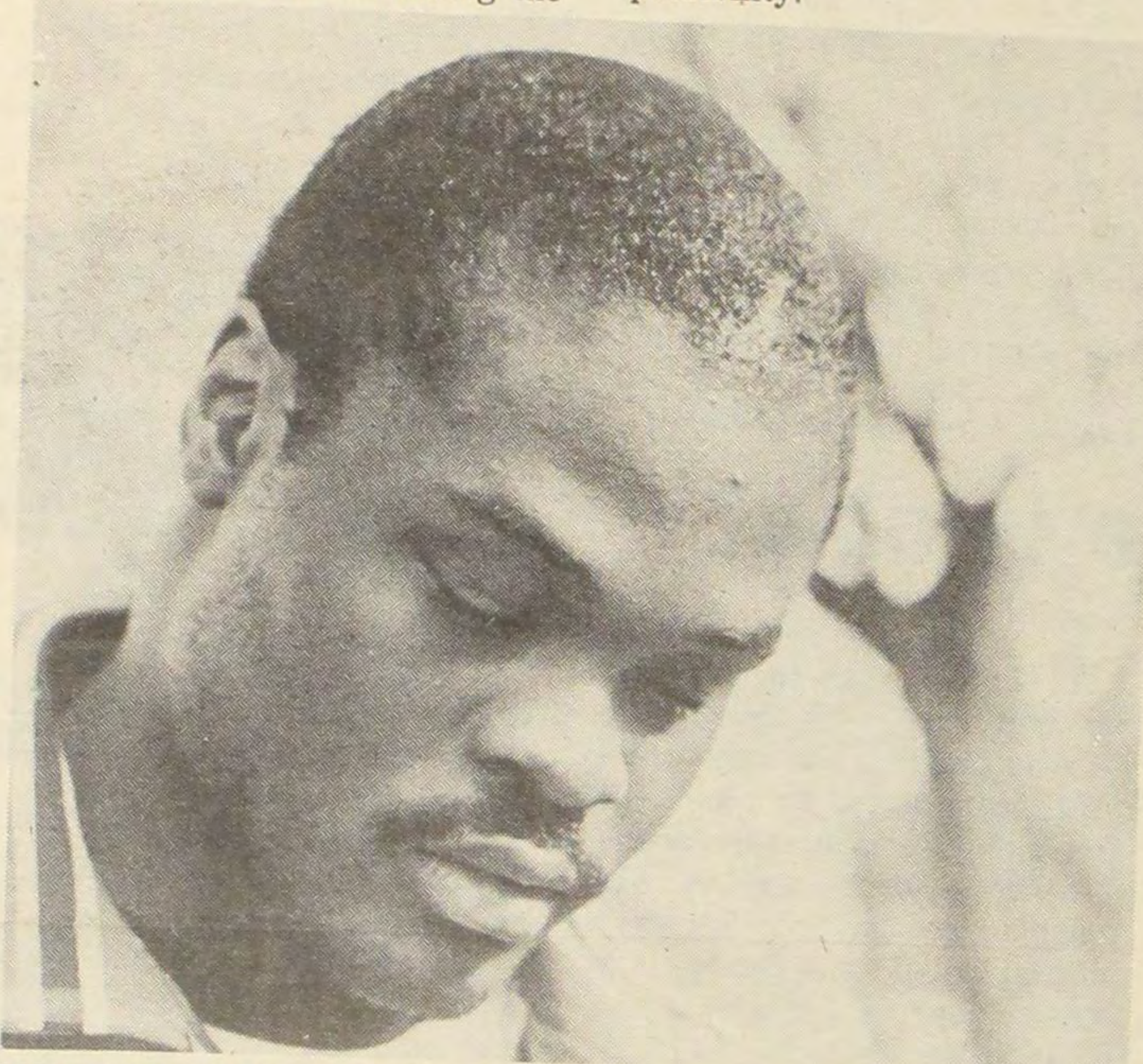
Gerald also is looking at the possibility of playing in the Canadian Football League. At least one other KCAC performer has made it into that league, and Henderson has a Detroit-based agent looking into that possibility.

So far Gerald has received "no feedback" from any USFL teams, but that could change this June, when he goes to the Kansas City Chiefs training camp.

"The main thing that I guess should come out of that is getting my name in circulation. The USFL at this stage doesn't have the scouting networks to get all

the way down to the small colleges."

The tendency is to hold out little hope for the small college star making the professional ranks. But if any person can do it, Gerald Henderson can. It takes a blend of on and off-the-field talents to make it. And Gerald has proven he has that blend.



SPREAD THE WORD — This business-administration major can also play some football.

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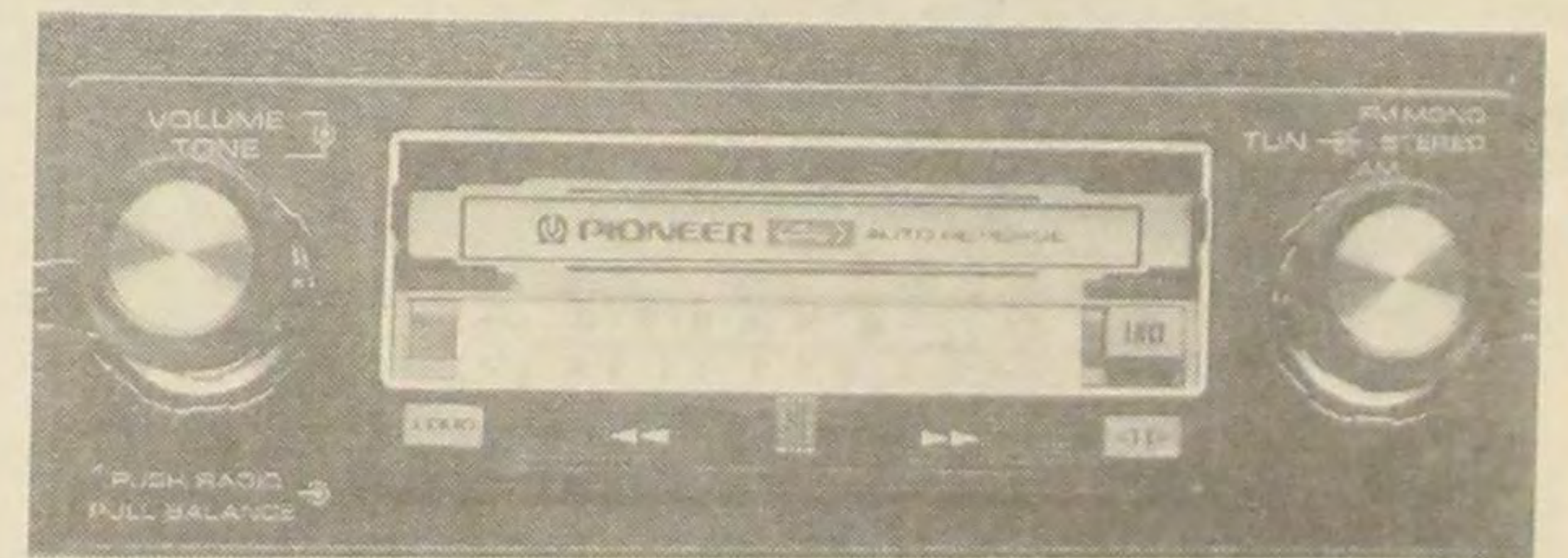
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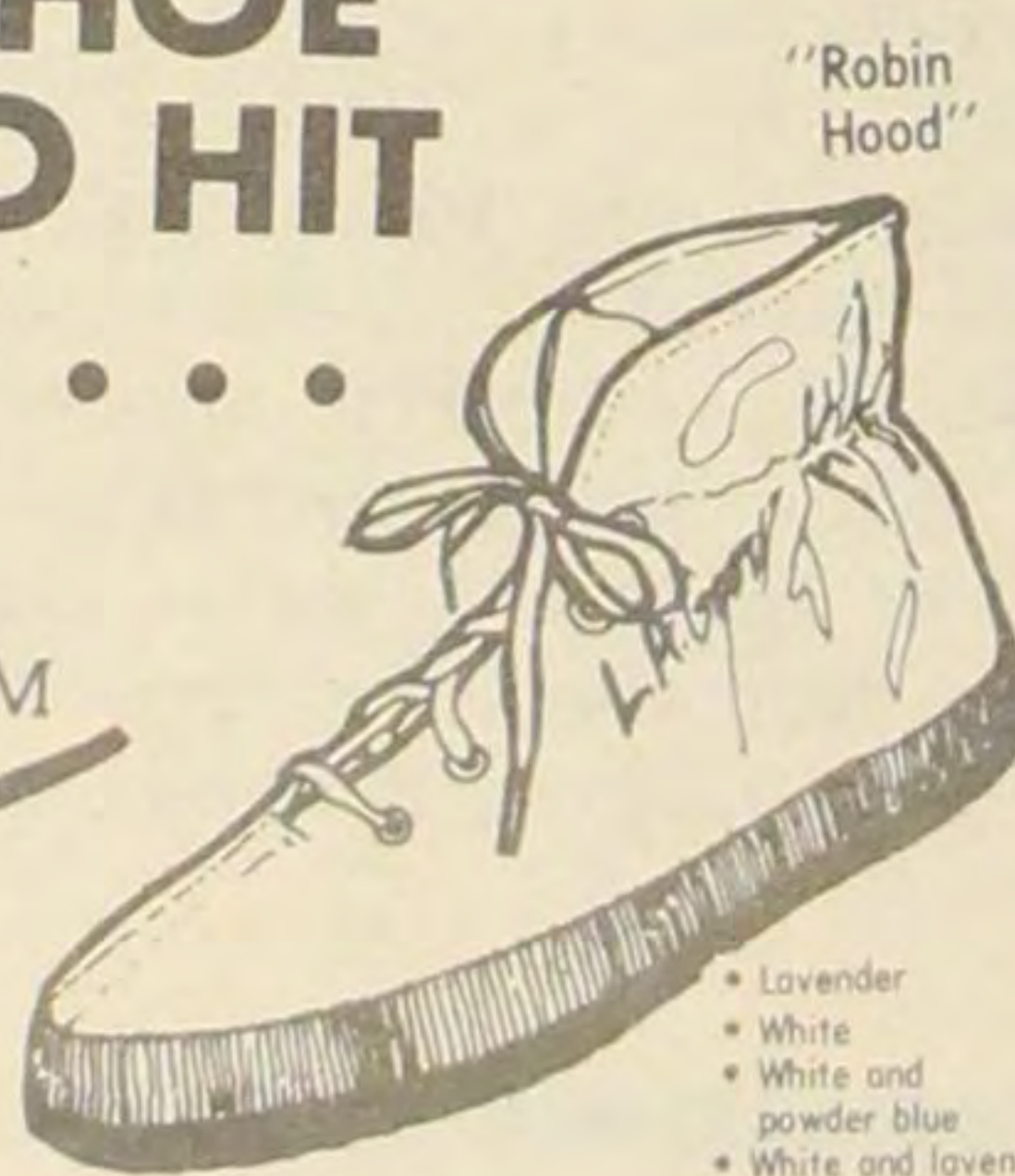
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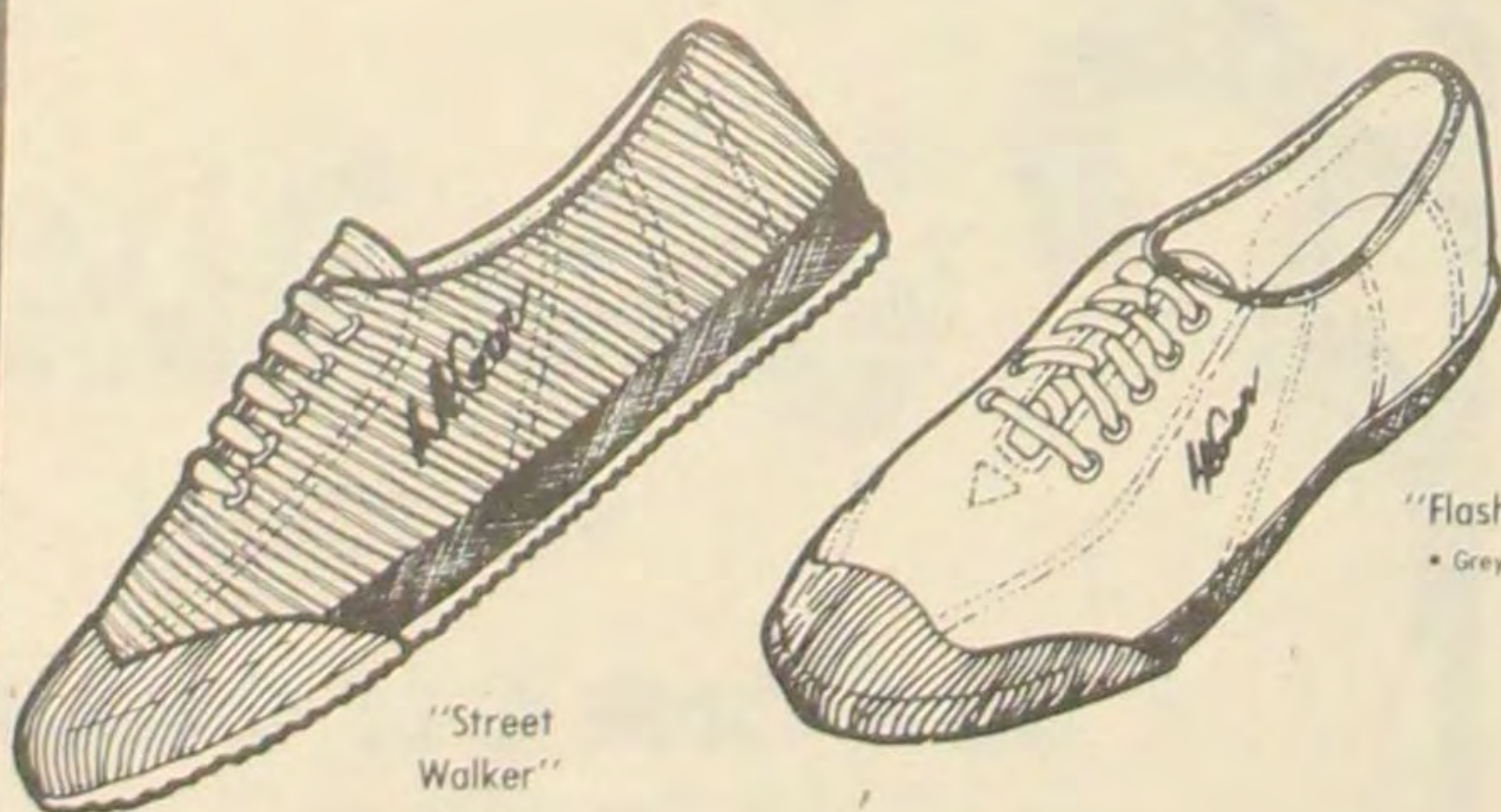


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**Nichols sets record**

**Mac women third in KCAC**



SETS A RECORD — Sandy Nichols prepares to get out of the blocks here, but she really took off in the high jump, winning the event and setting a KCAC record.

photo by Dave Franklin

by Kevin Burton

The McPherson women's track team was just five points out of first after Friday's competition, but when all was said and done they had to settle for third place in the KCAC track and field championships held last weekend at McPherson.

Mac had a lot of personal bests on the way to that third place showing. For Sandy Nichols, setting a personal record also meant setting a McPherson College and KCAC record, as she won the high jump with a jump of 5'5".

The high jump was an event thoroughly dominated by McPherson. Amy Howell placed second in that event, while Valecia Kelly and Denise Race tied for fourth.

Tina Troxel placed third in the javelin, and fourth in the shot put. Denise Race won the long jump, with a jump of 17'4½".

Amy Howell placed fifth in both the 100-meter and 400-meter low hurdles. Valecia Kelly won both events, with relative ease.

Evelyn Smith placed fifth in the 800-meter run. Her time of 2:27.4 was one of the many personal bests.

The Bethany women won, as expected. They won over Bethel 161 to 99. McPherson had 82, Kansas Wesleyan 43, Ottawa 33 and Southwestern 31.

As much as the Bethany women dominated, Southwestern was more impressive on the men's side, more than doubling the point total of their nearest competitor.

McPherson placed sixth, missing fifth place by just three points.

"I thought the men would do better," said coach Dan Hoffman. "The rest of the conference was tougher than I anticipated."

Jerry Hett placed second in the javelin and fourth in the high jump. Scott Green placed fourth

in both the long jump and triple jump.

Tyrone Sims placed fifth last weekend in the 100-meter dash, and in the 10,000 meters Roy Grosbach placed sixth.

Mac's 400-meter relay team had a strong showing too, placing second, just edging Bethany's team.

From here, it's on to the District 10 meet, held this weekend in Salina. This will be the last chance for Mac tracksters to qualify for the nationals. So far, Jerry Hett, Sandy Nichols and Valecia Kelly have qualified.

Tomorrow's meet gets underway at 1 p.m. and should go on for most of the day. Coaches and athletes alike are hoping that the weather cooperates with the proceedings. And this spring, that isn't a given.

**Swedes win, so what else is new?**

by Kevin Burton

The Yankees in all their glory never won 21 championships in a row in baseball. Neither did the Celtics in basketball. But for the last 21 seasons, the Bethany Swedes have been champions of men's tennis in the KCAC.

That means the last time Bethany did not win, John F. Kennedy was president.

McPherson traditionally has a strong team too, but this year Mac took sixth at the conference tournament, narrowly escaping last place.

"They seem to be a tennis factory," said McPherson tennis coach Roger Trimmell.

"It's not that we didn't play well, because we had some good matches. We had some tough draws. A lot of times we had to play the first seed."

Glenn Snell's first-round victory at third singles got Mac on the scoreboard for the first and last time, and gave them a slim margin over last-place Sterling.

All in all, it was a tough spring for McPherson. "I thought we showed progress throughout the year," commented Trimmell. "It was a tough spring as far as the weather is concerned. It was tough to get any consistency."

Speaking of consistency, how does a team so dominate the KCAC in a sport?

"The camp helps," says Trimmell of the summer tennis camp that Bethany annually holds. "They also have a year-round program. That's all coach Young does."

McPherson graduates two players from a team which already suffers from lack of depth. At present, no new tennis players have signed on with McPherson, but coach Trimmell will be attending state high school tournaments in the next few days, in search of new talent.



WAY TO GO! — Glen O'Neil was named Male Athlete of the Year at the honors convocation Monday. Valecia Kelly was named Female Athlete of the Year. McPherson Athletic Director, Dr. Paul Graber presented the awards.

photo by Dave Franklin



RIDE LIKE THE WIND — Stan Spate and Mike McKellip placed first and third recently in a 34-mile bike race held just outside of Salina. Spate easily outdistanced the field, winning by

about a mile. McKellip won a close battle for third place. Both racers received medals for their accomplishment.

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