

The Sports Complex is nearly completed and will be dedicated on October 7.

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Japanese Interterm Offered

McPHERSON, KANSAS — As part of the January 1984 Interterm, McPherson College is offering a unique experience geared toward the business community and students preparing for careers in business management. Focusing on the rapid acceleration of Japan's national economy, January Business Study in Japan promises sixteen days of intensive study and firsthand observation of that country's innovative techniques. Tour dates have been set for January 7 through 23, 1984.

The study, which is planned in conjunction with the College and University Partnership Program, will be hosted in Japan by the American and Japanese Chambers of Commerce. Participants will attend a welcome

dinner and trade seminar with the Osaka Prefectural Government. Also, visits to major industrial sites in Osaka, Kansai, and Kyoto have been arranged. After traveling to Tokoyo via Bullet Train for further industrial touring, travelers will visit the Keidanren, the national federation for Japanese corporations.

According to "Time Magazine," August 1, 1983, "Japan's trillion-dollar-a-year industrial machine accounts for 10 of the world's output. By 1990, the Japanese may achieve a per capita gross national product that surpasses that of the US . . . Japanese businessmen . . . have traveled the world and studied its languages. They have worked its trade routes with single-minded

energy and curiosity. They are Oriental Vikings."

In addition to personal interaction with members of the Japanese business community, homestay with Japanese families has been arranged for several nights, granting participants the opportunity to experience Japan's culture more fully.

For further information on McPherson College's January Business Study in Japan, call Dr. Lowell Flory or Mr. James Dodson, (316)241-0731.

Freshman Face Some Adjustments

by Laura Gannon
Staff Reporter

For many, the change from high school to college may be one of the most drastic they have encountered thus far in their life. The adjustments include being away from home, oftentimes for the first time; living with a person they do not even know, and getting used to living in a dorm.

The emotions experienced throughout this adjustment are widely varied, and range from excitement to periods of depression and homesickness.

Asked about her adjustment, Sherry Aduddell, a freshman from Agate, CO feels the biggest change she had to face was the amount of freedom she had. She enjoys living in a dorm, and says that "having a roommate is fun."

Paul Kuhnke, from Greeley,

Special Event



"I Am Not Dumb!"

Part 2 in a series on Religious Role Models. A presentation in total darkness on the life and religion of Helen Keller.

When: Tuesday, September 27, 7:15 p.m.

Where: Herb Smith's home (421 N. Carrie)

Marshmallow roast following presentation!

Complex Nears Completion

by Linda Schweppe
Staff Reporter

As students await the completion of the new sports complex, last year's schedule is once again operating, with practices being held at the Community Center and elsewhere.

The football locker room, laundry room and training facilities are scheduled to open first. The completion of most of the area under the lower roof is planned for the October 7 Open

House. This includes the football facilities as well as the offices, dance studio and lobby.

One of the last steps is the installation of seating and flooring in the two gyms and the racquetball courts.

It is yet to be decided if the delays will effect any scheduled classes. In the meantime, Paul Graber, Athletic Director, says that students have shown fantastic cooperation and understanding.

Computer Course To Begin

McPHERSON, KANSAS — Beginning Saturday, September 24 at noon, McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas, will offer a two-credit public television course on Channel 8 — TV entitled "The Computer Programme". Produced by the British Broadcasting Company, the ten-segment broadcast garnered rave reviews in 1982 and subsequently aired four times in less than a year. The "Beginner's Guide to Computers", the book developed along with the series, immediately made the British best-seller list, and the British

Referral Service received over 80,000 inquiries about the program by the twelfth week after broadcast.

In addition to watching television sessions from September 24 through November 26 at 12:00 noon, students enrolling in "The Computer Programme" will need to purchase a basic text and workbook available through McPherson College and the Wichita Public School Department of Continuing Education, 320 N. Emporia, Wichita. McPherson College will hold an introductory session, mid-term and final review session on its main campus in McPherson and at 320 N. Emporia, Wichita. Individuals may use their personal computers or reserve computers at either location by calling (316)241-0731, ext. 122, or (316)265-8666. Students may call the same numbers to enroll. Cost for tuition is \$50.

According to national studies, by 1990 businesses will be using one computer for every ten employees, which will require 25.9 million persons with programming skills. A recent Newsweek article concluded that by 1985 75 of all jobs will involve computers in some way. In terms of earned income surveys indicate that a college or university which gives a student fifty hours of computer use gives that student a \$1,000 advantage, compounded annually when entering the job market.

By offering "The Computer Programme" through Wichita's Channel 8 McPherson College is enabling students to bolster and upgrade employment potential skills. Students in the Wichita program may rent computer time in blocks of six hours for a \$12 fee. Final exam for the class will be December 10.



Spend the evening at a Long Island beach house! The cast of "Lunch Hour" will join you there for the final performances of this season's opening play. Tonight and Sunday night will be your final chance to share with the talented cast under the direction of Erny Figueroa. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.



Purely Paula-tics

To say that all of us are here purely for educational purposes would perhaps be the most preposterous statement made all year. Through personal experience and observation, I have concluded that at times promoting our post-high school education is the furthest thing from our minds.

True, our education is important to us. Whether we admit it or not, we are concerned about what happens to our GPA during the years that we are in college. That's why we go through the less-than-delightful process of completing financial aid forms, endure the panic of final's week, and somehow fight our way through countless resources in order to perfect that term paper.

In the midst of our endeavors towards education, we also are lured by the other aspect of college life — the dates, the dances, and the incredibly late nights spent doing absolutely nothing. It's quite doubtful that we will ever see a college catalog which promotes such activities as part of their "educational experience." Maybe they should.

The purpose of college is to further our education, but I believe that the education we receive goes far beyond the classroom experience. Scholastically, college introduces us to new ideas and new ways of doing things. Socially, it does much the same.

Bringing a variety of experiences, we join together in this melting pot of personalities and discover new philosophies of life. While we may not agree with all those we meet, we definitely learn something from them.

I'm not saying that we should ignore our classroom assignments for the sake of broadening our minds and expanding our cultural experiences. However, whether it is realized or not, we are learning something each day we are here.

We are discovering things about ourselves, things we may not have been aware of until now. Through our discoveries, we are developing qualities which make us become better individuals.

Though it isn't something which is often considered, there is much to be said in defense of the "out-of-class education." After all, it is strengthening us to use what we learn within the classroom.

Paula S. Burklund

Our Apologies

The Spectator would like to offer its apology to Erny Figueroa and the cast of "Lunch Hour." The quote received from Erny should have read, "It should be an excellent show, considering the cast."

We regret the publication of the wrong quote, and sincerely hope that it did not emanate any hard feelings on behalf of the members of the cast.

The Editor

SPECTACULAR

by Greg Zugmier
Staff Reporter

The lights dim, the curtain rises and the action commences on the stage as this year's first McPherson College theatrical production "Lunch Hour" by Jean Kerr begins.

The student director, Erny Figueroa, has had one major difficulty, not enough time. He had two weeks from auditions to performance — exactly fourteen days for his cast to learn lines, spend ten hours on play production which does not include rehearsals and keeping up with their class work.

This particular play was chosen for its small cast and that of its light comedy tone. Figueroa's greatest fear is that the audience will feel inhibited having the performance so close to them. Intense dramas are easier to get the viewers absorbed into than comedies.

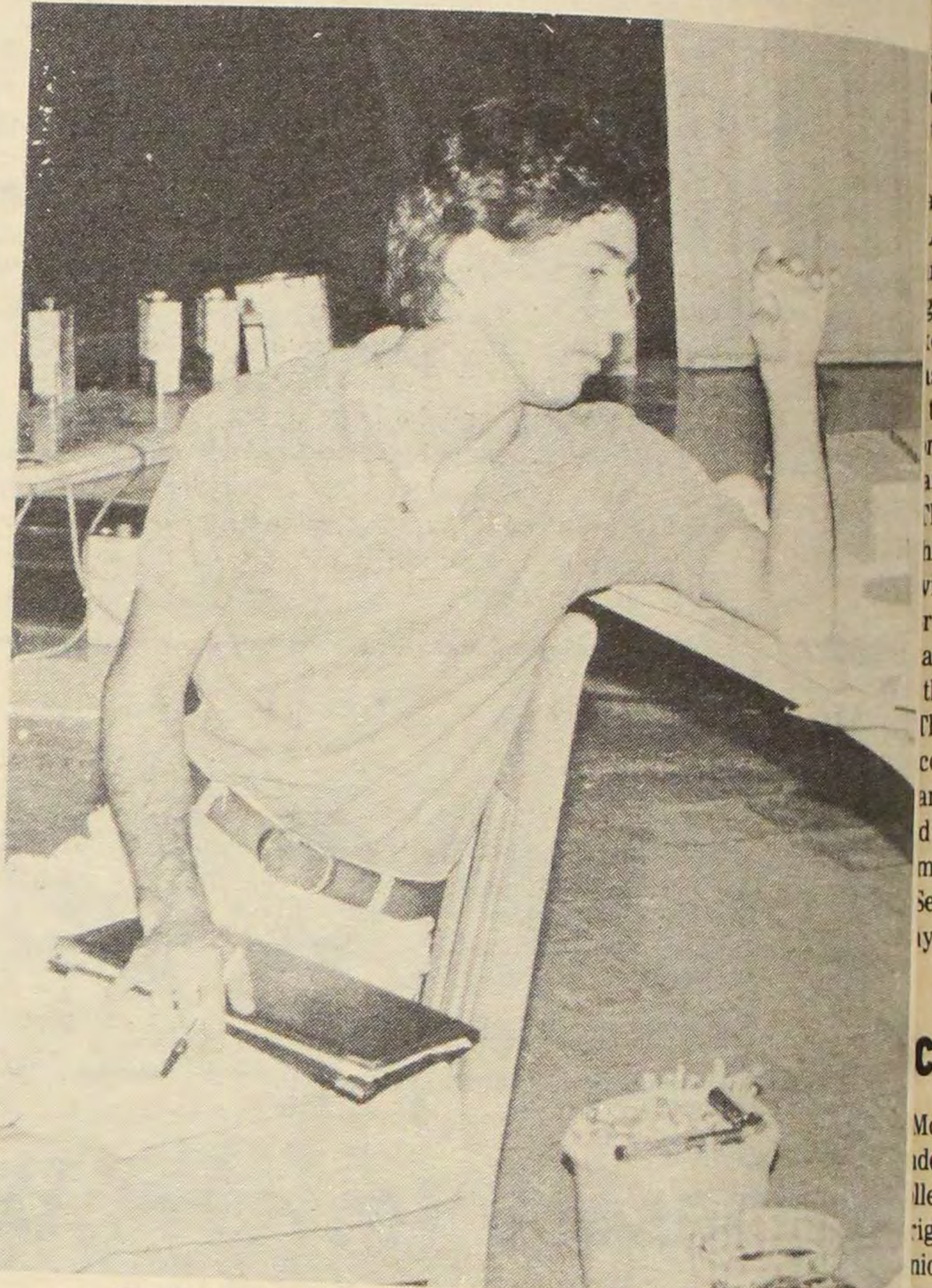
Erny Figueroa is a Senior Theatre major from Los Angeles, California. He came to MAC looking for a slower lifestyle and a healthy competition that was not too stifling.

Figueroa enjoys singing and working in a drama group that is part of the youth department at his home church. The group is called the Play Room which presents programs on morality that he and a friend write scripts for. Writing scripts is a favorite activity of his as he has already

written a full-scale musical. Directing, he says, is getting easier since he is learning what to look for.

Figueroa has these comments,

"To the whole cast and crew, to put on a show in two weeks is amazing. I am extremely pleased and proud and you should be too."



Erny Figueroa, student director of the play, "Lunch Hour"

BACKTALK by Paula Burklund

In a society which insists that fat is our foe and thin is "in", there is a new religion arising. This religion worships a skeletal saint that has been conjured up in the minds of its disciples, and their bible is The Almighty Calorie Counting Chart.

Each day, millions of followers lay down their forks, count up their loss, and pursue the American Dream of being thin.

Perhaps the Fat-Free Faith can attribute its formation to Twiggy, the toothpick model who flaunted her emaciated elegance on the covers of fashion magazines in the late 1960's. Regardless of where or when it began, this fascination-turned-obsession has gotten out of control.

In the good old days, we used to use the phrase, "pleasingly plump." Now this phrase is considered borderline-obscenity, and those unfortunate enough to fit into such a category are social misfits, damned to spend their evenings seeking the companionship of Dolly Madison and Cap'n Crunch.

The situation hasn't exactly been helped out by the physical fitness gurus who appear on television, yelling at us to get out of our chairs and shape up our derrieres.

The most popular of these fitness fanatics is Richard Simmons, the man whose face has launched a thousand Twinkies towards the television set. Richard, who apparently has overloaded his system with diet pills, obtains his satisfaction in life by inflicting daily agony upon millions of weight-conscious women. They pay their penance by panting and perspiring as Richard wails about the wonders of weight loss.

Richard's favorite approach is the "I'm okay, you're too fat" tactic. No self-respecting human being can possibly remain seated as he preaches a message that tugs one's heart and tears one's muscles. His prophecies of impending cellulite cause even the most severely back-slidden dieters to drop the donuts and discover eternal energy in Dexatrim.

Of course, not all of the blame can be placed on Simmons. The barrage of books on battling the bulge have done their share of damage. We now have books with nearly every type of diet known to mankind, including the "I Love New York Diet" and the "I Love America Diet." I've had enough; whatever became of the "I Love Cheesecake Diet"?!

The Dieting Delusion has re-programmed the entire value system of the United States. At one time, "Cambridge" was a fine educational institution, not an over-priced powdered mixture promising phenomenal weight loss. Soon, I fear, even my beloved Oreos will carry a warning concerning their caloric content.

Aunt Jemimah offers us Lite Syrup for our pancakes... now tell me, how many dieters eat pancakes? For that matter, how many even remember what breakfast is?

Certs are sugar-free, so we can have fresh breath for less than 10 calories, and Paul Masson manufactures Light Chablis so all of America can get inebriated at half the calories. Where will it end?

The way I view it, there is little hope to save Americans from enslaving themselves to slimness. Perhaps what we need is a good old-fashioned revival, featuring a Pillsbury Eat-Off contest. Or else we, the United States of Anorexia, in order to form a more slender society, will eventually ebb into oblivion.

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Attitudes Alter Convo's Value

Jana Huffman
Staff Reporter

Every Monday and Thursday morning at 9:30 we find ourselves sitting in Brown Auditorium waiting for convo to begin, most of us dreading the program which will inevitably put us to sleep, allow us to study for the test at 10:30, or stir in our hearts excitement and a desire to change the world.

Let's face it — the general opinion of convocations is a negative one. Why don't we now take a quick look at the real reasons we have them, and some of the benefits we could derive from them with a little attitude change.

The three main goals to be achieved by convocations were revised by the faculty, although Norma Tucker, Vice President of Academic Services, is in charge of the program.

The first goal is to build a sense of community among students by sharing an experience. Even a bad experience shared can accomplish that!

Secondly, it helps students to stay informed about what's

happening on campus. Announcements are much more effective when given to the entire student body than when given to small groups at different times.

Finally, convos give us a chance to recognize fellow students for things they're involved in or have accomplished. This provides us with an opportunity to get to know each other better and to recognize each other's contributions to the college.

To every rule, there must be an exception. For those students who are unable to attend convos because of scheduling outside of classes or who have exceptional needs, there is an alternative... writing a paper. The paper does not meet the goals listed above, but it is necessary to offer that option.

"I thought that the convo we had Monday was one everyone should have been paying attention to. It was really good. I'm always glad for the announcements given before convo. It keeps everyone up to date on what's happening. Bigger schools don't have that advantage."

(Annette Taylor, Fr., Dighton, Ks.)

"Thursday's convo was too much of a repetition from Monday. The same speech was given as the one we heard Monday." (Beth Battles, Fr., Dallas Center, Ia.)

"I think that they should get something more interesting that the students would enjoy, not nuclear arms every other time. That's too depressing. For instance, the theatre presentation last week was good because people we knew were involved." (Mary Beth Sands, Jr., Kansas City, Ks.)

"Convos aren't such a bad idea, but they shouldn't be required. The school I attended before I came here offered convos twice a week, and were optional. You could take them for credit hours, or just attend when you wanted to. That's one way to get more student cooperation." (David Pote, Jr., Wichita, Ks.)

"Not every convo is worthwhile, although the majority of them are. Since my freshman year, I've been glad to see that the number of convos has been cut down and the quality of them has improved. College is such a sheltered life — convos provide an opportunity for us to leave our studies behind and go beyond our everyday routine, both politically and ethically." (Jan Esgar, Sr., Wiley, Co.)

One convo you won't want to miss is the dedication of our new gymnasium. It will be a community celebration. A fun one will be the Faculty Homecoming Follies.

The main point that needs to be made here is that anything can be beneficial in one way or another if we let it. Our attitudes can make a lot of difference.

Schweppe In Hunger Watch

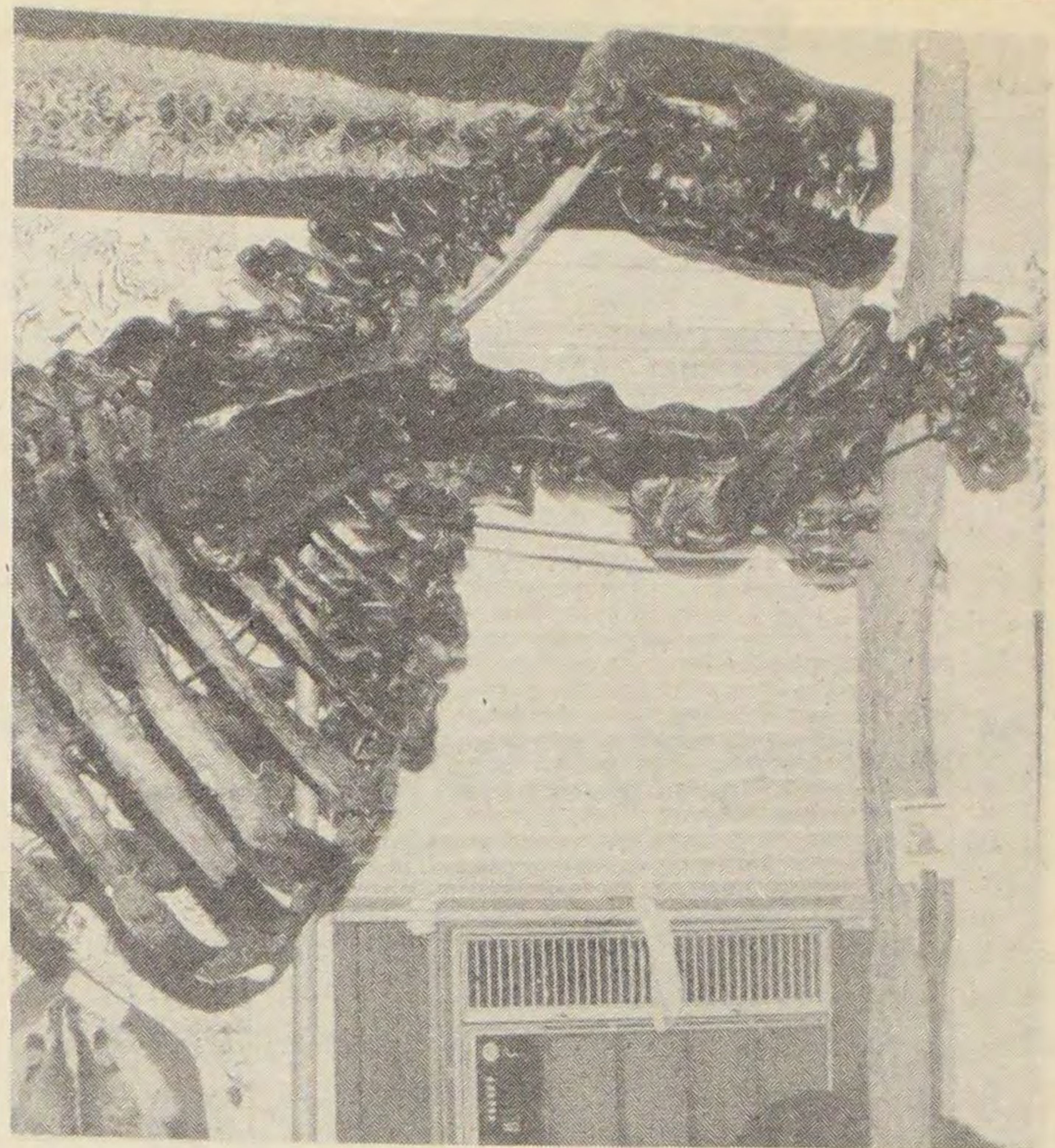
McPHERSON, KANSAS — Under the auspices of McPherson College Professor Richard Wright, Miss Linda Schweppe, a senior majoring in Sociology and the Administration of Justice, will conduct a Hunger Watch in the McPherson community during fall semester.

Hunger Watch USA, a Bread for the World sociological survey, contains questionnaires which monitor effects of changes in federal assistance in five federal programs — the School Lunch Program, the Child Care Food Program, the Food Stamp Program, Elderly Nutrition Programs, WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Program, Churches United in Ministry Food Voucher Program, and the Catholic Food Bank. Both the largest federal nutrition assistance programs and local volunteer and private agencies

will be surveyed as part of the study.

According to Professor Richard Wright, the purpose of the study is that of determining the extent of hunger in McPherson and to what degree the needs of the malnourished are being met. Referring to the WIC program, Professor Wright says, "If a child does not have a proper diet from the time it is in utero until it reaches four years of age, the brain does not develop properly and retardation results. Our work will focus basically on groups providing food to low income persons and to other vulnerable groups, such as pregnant women and small children."

Local interviews with persons heading the above stated agencies and recipients of their services are being coordinated by Rev. Mendle Adams of the Congregational Church.



This skeleton was recently donated to the McPherson Museum.

Rare Find In Local Museum

by Janet Powell
Staff Reporter

What stands on two legs, lived 40,000 years ago and was a vegetarian? The giant ground sloth.

The ground sloths were a large, hairy animal with four legs and a tail. They had huge black legs which enabled them to stand up and eat leaves from trees. Sloths were strictly vegetarian and were quite friendly with other animals because of this.

At one time volcanoes occurred which caused the Costa Rica-Panama Isthmus to rise above sea level. This provided a bridge between North and South America and animals could migrate between the two continents. The ground sloth came from South America and settled in the area of the Rancho La Brea tar pits.

The remains of the ground sloth were discovered in the Rancho La Brea tar pits, which is now Wilshire Boulevard, in Los Angeles.

Mr. Dell, director of the McPherson Museum, told the story of the discovery of the bones. Dr. James Z. Gilbert, an 1894 graduate of McPherson College, was walking in a field around the Los Angeles area. He saw some bones sticking up from the ground and began digging. He realized the bones were too big for one man to handle. He received permission for others to dig the bones. He found not only ground sloth bones, but also dire wolf and saber tooth tiger bones.

Dr. Gilbert offered the bones to our sister college La Verne, in California. They refused them because they didn't have enough space to erect the skeleton. He then offered them to McPherson College. We accepted realizing the value of such a discovery.

McPherson College has one of only four skeletons ever discovered. The other skeletons are at Rancho La Brea, Edinburgh, Scotland and West Berlin, Germany.

Mr. Dell invites all students to visit the museum to look at the bones. The museum also has other interesting artifacts. The museum is located on East Euclid. It is open everyday, except Monday, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Take a walk through the museum and take a walk through history.

Smith Joins Publicity Staff

by Patty Helmer
Staff Reporter

I met a really neat person today. I'd like to introduce you to Mrs. Jeanne Smith, Director of Publicity for McPherson College.

The Publicity office releases news items pertaining to the college, and helps create a desired public image. Jeanne refers to the office as a "center for everything," from which a "good over-all perspective of the college and alumni can be gained." One of her goals includes expanding the knowledge that McPherson College is a quality institution with quality faculty. She pointed out that McPherson College has a high percentage of faculty PhD's for a school of its size.

Many of you know Jeanne through her involvement with the campus ministry. Her husband, Herb, is the campus minister, and together they coordinate campus ministry programs held Tuesday nights. The Smiths and their two children, Adam and MiRan, open their home for these events.

Jeanne is also very involved with the CROP program. CROP

is an organization that works toward eliminating world hunger. The annual CROP walk is September 25. She is excited about the up-coming CROP International Festival which will be held November 5 in the Community Building.

Jeanne is also dedicated to Christian education. She has had 35 articles published and has produced a professional filmstrip for children about the Heifer Project International, an organization that also works for world hunger.

Jeanne's personal education includes an undergraduate degree from Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania and master's degrees in English and American Literature from James Madison University.

What Jeanne likes most about McPherson College is the "people-centered" education and the chance to develop meaningful interpersonal relationships with other students and faculty. These attributes are very special to her.

Meeting Jeanne Smith is a pleasant part of that "people-centered" education.

Bulldogs Battle For Victory In Season Opener

by Kevin Burton
Staff Reporter

Seldom has a football team better lived up to their nickname. McPherson used an aggressive team defense to successfully guard the end zone for the entire game, and in the end it was Bulldog tenacity that gave them a hard-fought 14-3 victory over Friends.

The Bulldog defense was the story of this game. They allowed

the Falcons just 162 total yards. When a defense posts numbers like that, it's not often that the team loses.

"The defense had a super, super ball game," said head coach Dave Cripe. "They showed a lot of guts out there."

Missed opportunities on special teams kept the Bulldogs off the scoreboard in the first quarter. Two field goals were missed and one punt never materialized.

When punter Mike Brown was tackled, McPherson lost the field position advantage, and would not regain it until the fourth quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Mike Murphy gave Friends the lead with a 32-yard field goal. The defense allowed no other points, but the offense couldn't generate anything during the quarter. Coach Cripe later commented "We were a little hesitant early,

not really firing off the ball like we should."

The lead held throughout the third quarter and into the fourth, with McPherson keeping mainly on their half of the field.

McPherson has been a run-oriented team for some time now. It was their ability to pass however, that coach Cripe points to as a key to the game. The passes that quarterback Robert Taylor completed were short, (6 of 12 for just 27 yards) but they gave the Falcon defense something more to think about.

It was that factor that opened up more room for the running backs. As the first downs mounted on one fourth quarter drive, so did Bulldog confidence. The drive was pressure packed, with three and sometimes four downs required to make a first. It was a 31-yard jaunt by Gerald Henderson which set up the go ahead score.

James Floyd, a freshman from Omaha, scored from nine yards out with just over eight minutes showing. The conversion gave the Bulldogs a 7-3 lead.

The Bulldog defense, which could be excused if it was tired, gained renewed enthusiasm now that they were protecting a lead. After that point the game was a but over.

For good measure, Robert Taylor found the end zone again after a 38-yard run. So the game ended 14-3 'Dogs.

Ed Crumpacker, a KCAC forward in only his sophomore year, was outstanding, with four sacks, solo tackles and ten assists.

It was pressure from Crumpacker and other linemen on the Friends' quarterback, that created four interceptions for the secondary. Sophomore Bill O'Neal had two of those intercepts.

With one win under their belt, McPherson will host the Ottawa Braves tomorrow night. The Braves haven't fared too well the early season, but coach Cripe is taking nothing for granted.

"Ottawa has some quality ball players, a lot of speed," said Cripe of the 'Dogs next opponents. Once again the game begins at 7:30.

Cheerleaders Generate Enthusiasm

by Patty Helmer
Staff Reporter

Support and encouragement are two factors essential to an athletic team of any kind. This fall the McPherson College football team will be cheered on by an energetic squad consisting of six cheerleaders and five yell-leaders.

Persons trying out for a

position prepared for tryouts by participating in a three-day clinic held on campus. Members of the 1983 football cheering squad are: Captain-Raquel Elliot, Jr., Greeley, Colo.; Jana Huffman, Jr., Quinter, Ks.; Cindi Jones, Fr., McPherson; Janet Powell, Jr., Multon, Iowa; Denise Boyd, Fr., Sebring, Fl.— and Cindy Sater, Fr., Lebanon, Nebr. — serving as alternate.

Complimenting the squad are five yell-leaders, with two of those positions unfilled at this time. The yell-leaders are: Tim Warren, Soph., Mulvane, Ks.,

David Pote, Jr., Wichita, Ks., and Jeff Frederick, Soph., Kansas City, Mo.

Last but not least, Patti Keats, Fr., Scotts Bluff, Nebr., will be the mascot.

The squad will be under the sponsorship of Dawn Hoffman. Some of the squad's duties besides cheering at all the football games will be conducting pep rallies, sponsoring the mum sales for Homecoming, and promoting school spirit in honor of the Battling Bulldogs. Congratulations to this spirited group!

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The Extra Point by Derek Pierce

Dateline September 15, 5:00 a.m. McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas. As you read the dateline you probably wondered who in his right mind would be out of bed at five a.m., especially at McPherson College. Well, the Bulldog football team was up at five o'clock a.m. the first five days of the school year to train for yet another football season this fall.

And who in his right mind would be yelling at sixty-five zombies at the crack of dawn "to get 'em up." That's right, football players know: Dave Cripe, the head football coach, can be a very loud person at six o'clock in the morning.

After about fifty pushups,

seventy situps, and a bundle of squat-thrusts mixed all together with the beloved up-downs. After about ten gallons of water per person after practice, the Bulldog is ready for a satisfying breakfast of five Pepsi's and donut or two and more water. Thus he is ready for a day with head full of echos from the early morning.

Now the real reason for writing this column in the first place is to fill space. In the second place, did it so an already-angry editor (note no column last week), does not shoot me.

Last but not least, I am writing this so I will pass reporting practice. So until next week may your mornings be peaceful . . .

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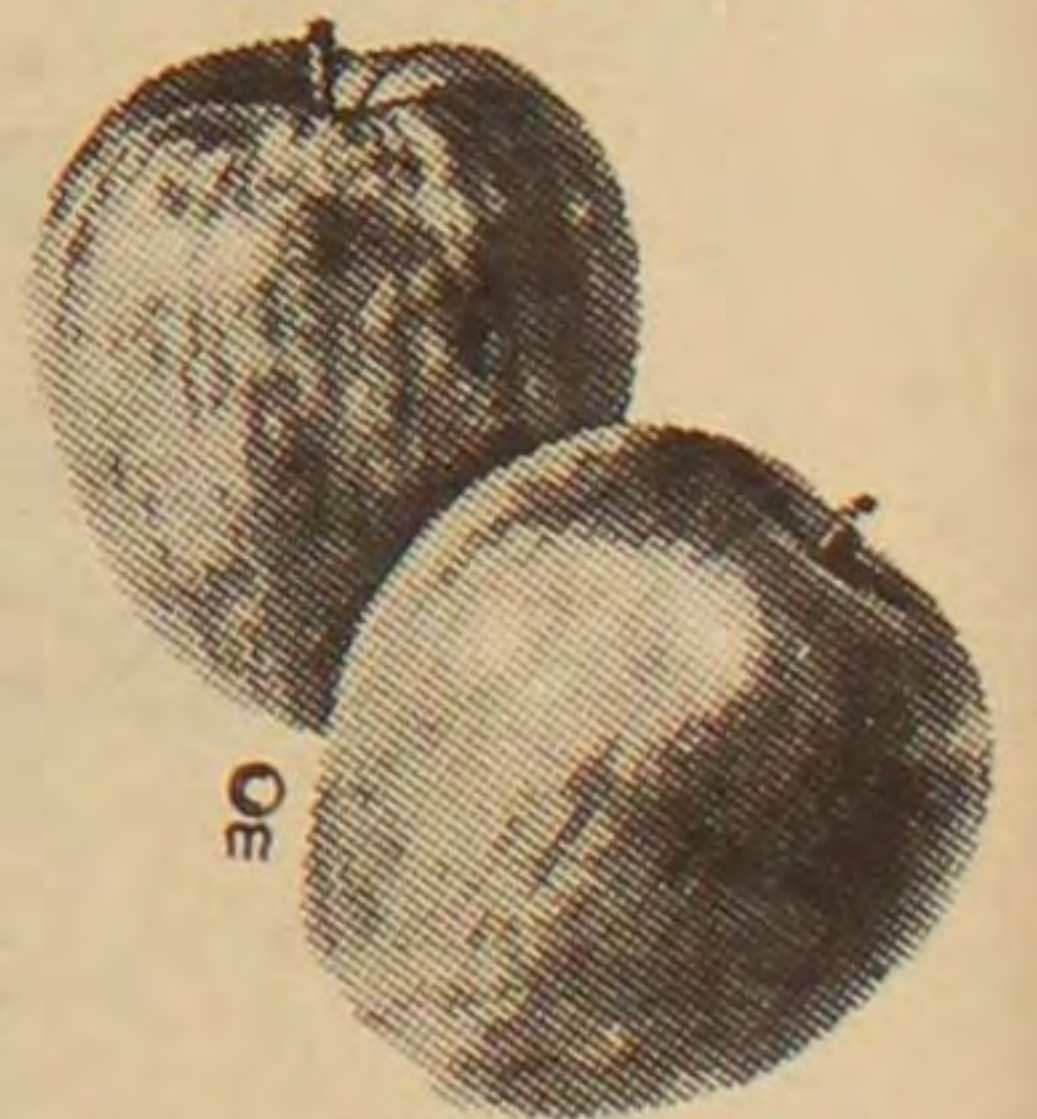
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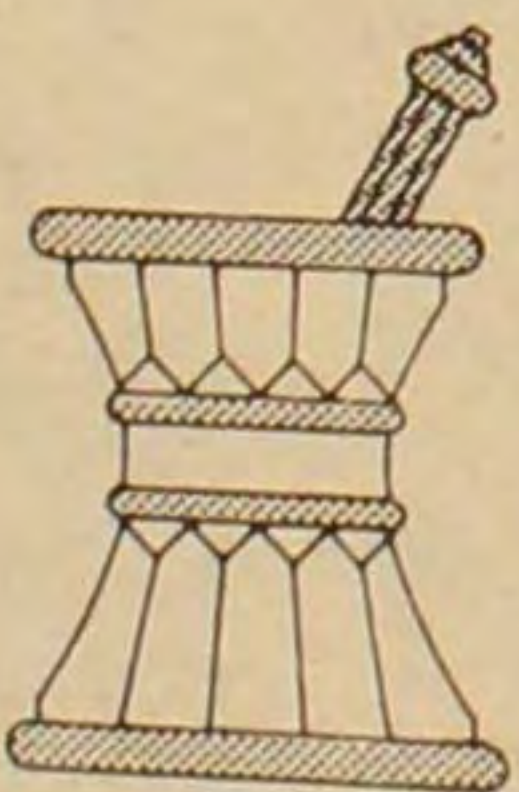
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