

Michael Kelly Blanchard gives performance tonight

by Craig Spitzer

How 'bout it, folks?! It's time for another weekend and I'm back again to promise you a wild and crazy end-of-the-week fling. Now, I know every last one of you has really run yourself thin trying to study for that little quiz that seems to want to try and stump you — but we all know you passed with flying colors (or at least we hope you did!) Let's look at what is coming up . . .

Tonight and tonight only, treat yourself to a free concert! A nice relaxing evening with Michael Kelly Blanchard. Here are the

facts: Blanchard will be performing in the Student Union Cafeteria starting at 8:00 p.m. (A hint: Come early to get a good seat — this guy's pretty popular around here!)

Let's talk a little about this "Mr. Popular." Michael Kelly Blanchard has been an active performer since 1967. He attended Burklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts from 1972 to 1976 where he was listed on the Dean's List all four years. Blanchard has written and composed a music drama entitled "Gamalíe" which was

performed in Connecticut in December, 1976 and in March, 1977.

Michael Kelly Blanchard has recorded 3 albums, the first in 1973 entitled "Canticle." His second and third albums — "Quail" and "Love Lives On" — were produced in 1977 and 1980 respectively.

Blanchard writes and performs songs that are emotionally honest. "Absent are the stock Christian phrases and curt religious comfort. Instead we have fresh glimpses of that many-faceted jewel — a

Christian faith," says Scott Curtis of Oxford Academy in Westbrook, Connecticut.

So that tells you about Michael Kelly Blanchard and "what's comin' down" tonight. That will surely start your weekend rolling. We've left Saturday and Sunday nights open to let you find time for that last-minute stuff before the Thanksgiving holiday. But never fear! SAB is still alive and well.

We're busy looking at more possibilities on how to help entertain our campus! Just last Sunday, we got together and did some brainstorming at John

Snell's place. You wouldn't believe all the ideas we came up with! Approximately 213 ideas, from Nuclear Arms Seminars to a camp-out in the Quadrangle area, plus Pajama Day, Prune Juice Week, and "How to Flush a Toilet in Four Easy Steps." Now is that wild and crazy or is that wild and crazy?! (Ask Pam Doucette!!)

Hey, I'm running out of space! Enjoy the free Michael Kelly Blanchard concert, take the rest of the weekend at your own speed, and have a safe trip (wherever you may go) this Thanksgiving holiday!

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Views aired at library sit-in

by David van Asselt

Do you want to get something changed? Let people know you're interested in getting it changed. That's what some students were trying to do last Thursday night. There were rumors of the library extending its hours, so about 25 students assembled in the library at closing time to show that they favored this proposition.

Dr. Norma Tucker found out about the gathering beforehand and showed up . . . armed with doughnuts, fudge, hot chocolate and hot cider. The students were asked to move downstairs to room 105 and a meeting was held so that some feelings could be expressed.

The main problem that came out at the meeting was that it's very difficult to find a quiet place to study between 10:00 p.m. and 12 a.m. This is because when the library closes, students return to the dorms. After studying, they feel a need to let off some steam — a legitimate feeling. Consequently, the dorm usually takes until 11 or 12 p.m. to become quiet.

One solution would be to open the library longer. This poses the problem of who would watch the desk after 10 o'clock. It was suggested that people who like to study late in the evening could volunteer to watch the desk and take care of any problems that

might arise. For security reasons the basement and second floor would be locked. This was the main solution discussed, but some other solutions suggested included having some other place open from 10 until 12 a.m. for people to get out and "let off steam" so the dorm would be quiet.

By Saturday, Dr. Tucker had sent letters out to all of those who attended the meeting, saying that the wheels had been set in motion. She also said that students with any questions or problems, with this or with any other issue, are encouraged to go to her office. Dr. Tucker will appreciate all the input she receives.

Beeghly . . . Home is where the harp is

by Jana Huffman

From Renaissance tunes to modern-day jazz, the students who spend their days in Beeghly Hall produce a lot of beautiful music. The quality performances we and many others hear at football games, convos and special meals are the result of

long, hard hours of practice.

Larry Kitzel, the band director, works with the trombone ensemble besides teaching several classes. Steve Gustafson is in charge of the keyboard instruction and several classes. Dr. Stephanie Graber teaches voice and directs the choir, along with

being in charge of the McPherson College Singers.

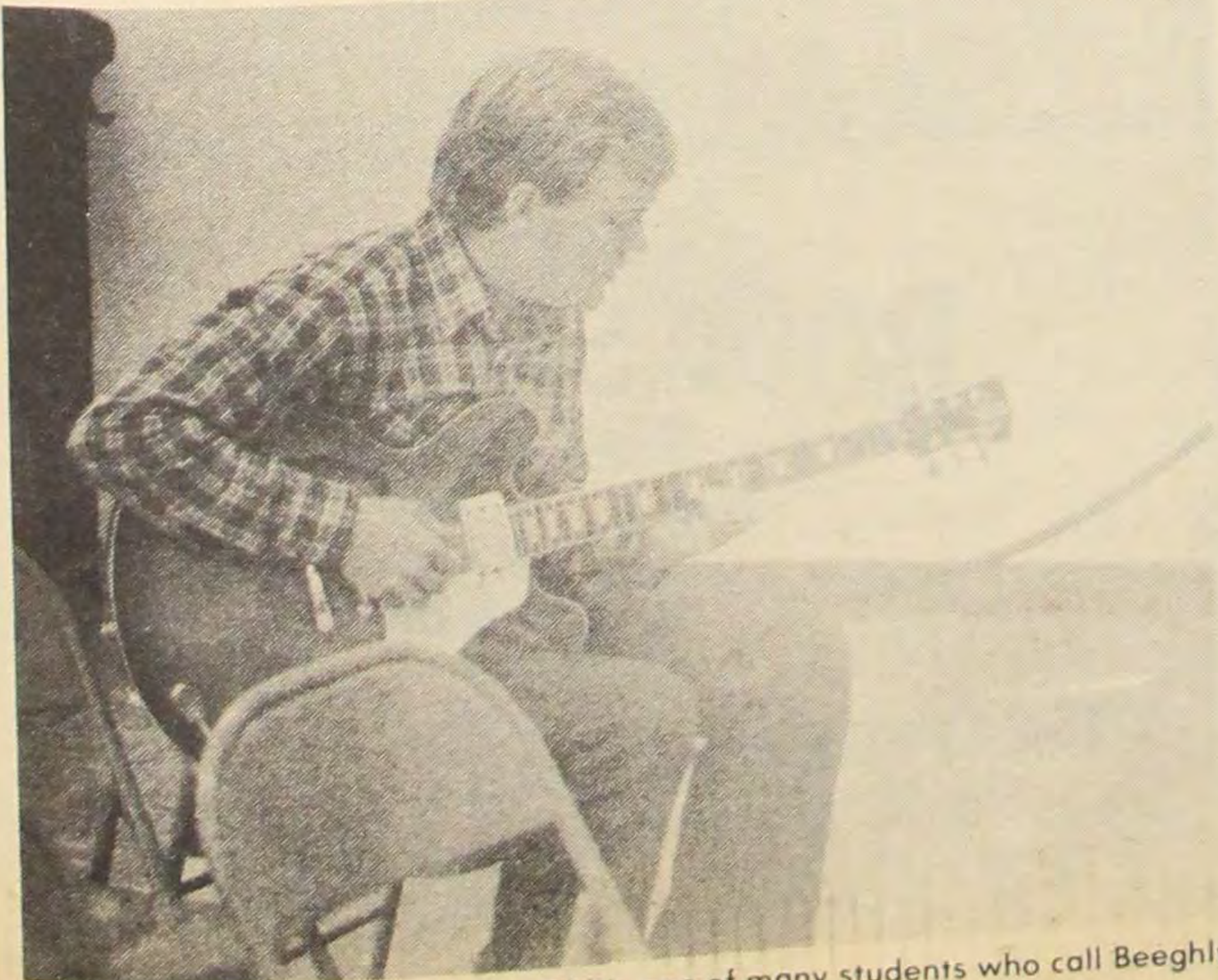
It is often said that a major in music is the most difficult and most time-consuming of all majors. Talking to freshman music majors Sally Meyer and Terre Rosenberg convinced me that it's true.

"A music major requires more hours of practicing than studying," says Terre. "I have piano, voice, and guitar lessons, each of which needs at least one hour of practice a day."

Both Terre and Sally agreed that Beeghly Hall is an excellent facility. Since its recent renovation, the building is modern, comfortable, and has plenty of pianos.

"All the buildings on campus are closed down at 10 p.m., including Beeghly. I wish it could be open longer. I don't always have time to practice before 10," Sally says. "I'm in Beeghly, I eat and I sleep. That's all!"

Erny said that Brown Auditorium is home to several students. I'll add to that statement: between Beeghly and Brown, who needs the dorms?



Dave Steele (soph., Martinsburg, PA) is one of many students who call Beeghly their home.

Religious Life Committee

by Carolyn Brossman

The Religious Life Committee is a committee composed of students, faculty and the campus minister who oversee and design religious programs on campus.

They usually meet every Wednesday at noon in the private dining room. The meetings are open for everyone and anyone to attend.

The Religious Life Committee is the sponsor of some groups you have heard of before. These groups include Brethren Identity Group, Prayer and Share and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Their general goal is to provide a smorgasbord of religious op-

portunities for the students of this campus.

Herb Smith says, "I thoroughly enjoy it because it's fun!!!" He encourages everyone to get involved in these activities because those who are involved LOVE it!

Some of their accomplishments include the six-part series on "religious models" and the retreat for students preparing for marriage.

Some future activities that the Religious Life Committee has planned are two voluntary chapels coming this fall. They are also trying to design a devotional hour for students on Friday mornings at 9:30. They hope everyone can attend.

Trombones tour midwest

by Greg Zugmier

Touring with the sweet sound of music, this year's trombone tour started November 11th with a busy itinerary for nine days. They are traveling through Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and a little side trip to Manitoba in Canada. The group will cover three thousand miles and spend around 54 hours on the road. The 1983 McPherson College Trombones members are Ken Turner, Francis Dutton, Wendy Aston, Jeff Keck, Phil Hofen and director, Larry Kitzel.

One-third of the tour appearances will be spontaneous where they will play at town squares, shopping centers and parks, weather permitting. The other two-thirds of their performances will be at rest homes, schools, churches and anywhere else that they are welcome.

On their side trip into Canada, they will play at the International Peace Gardens plus several small towns. The trombonists will stay in the homes of those who are hosting their performances. Their repertoire includes renaissance, classical, marches, pop and commercial styles.

The men will sing in a quartet accompanied by Wendy at the piano. She will also accompany Ken Turner with his trombone solo. Ken is currently the only trombone major at MAC and he had these remarks:

"I get lonely and would like to have more competition from other trombone majors like at large universities. The tour is

great fun and it's a good time to get to know the other members of the group plus the whole group gets to meet new people. It's a young group and should really become good during the next two years since most of the trombonists are coming back."

Throughout the tour they will visit different Churches of the Brethren as a "thank-you" performance for their support of McPherson College. The students will be on duty as musical experts giving informances, which are informative performances. In their concerts they will introduce themselves and also answer any questions about the trombone or the music, explaining and acquainting it as an instrument for all music enthusiasts. The trombones are not just being played, they are expressing emotion, an awe by the effect. Not only music majors but, any trombonists with an interest can play in the McPherson College Trombones. Playing in this group, which has a highly respected background, can get you somewhere.

Larry Kitzel is the director of the concert band, the pep band, the marching band, the jazz band and an instrumental instructor. He graduated from McPherson College in 1965 and has spent five years in the public school system and the last fourteen years here at the college. Kitzel had these comments on the tour:

"I am very much in favor of college deputations even though students miss class. On tour, students must apply what they learned in class. It makes all the time spent in practice worth it."

BACKTALK by Paula Burklund

Each year, the government spends megabucks to research the latest phenomena, perform in-depth studies of any given topic, or just look into the effect of some foreign substance on the normal human being. While they're at it, I've got a subject that I believe is long overdue for examination . . . parents.

Although I had plenty of time to scrutinize the art of parenting in the years I lived at home, it wasn't until I lived out on my own for a couple of years that I actually gave it any thought. It's not exactly a job that screams with glamor.

Imagine placing an ad in the "Help Wanted" section that reads: "Wanted: Persons with little or no experience in raising children. On-the-job training. Twenty-four hours a day, no weekends off. Vacations considered after 18 years, fringe benefits optional. Prefer persons with extreme patience, highly tolerant of continuous noise." It doesn't appear to be a job that would get great response.

Yet somehow, millions of individuals have assumed such a position and I guess it's

inevitable that someday many of us will fall prey to the occupational hazards of parenting. The tragedy of it all lies in the fact that by the time a person is an expert in the field, he or she is limited to using such expertise on weekends when they're babysitting the grandchildren. But expert or not, you've got to admit that they give it one heck of a shot while they are still amateurs.

People often moan about the "Terrible Twos" but those early years seem like paradise when compared to the Trials and Tribulations of the Teenage Years. Perhaps I was an exception, but I guarantee that I gave my parents a run for their money.

One of the things I learned early was that my interpretation of the English language differed drastically from my parents' interpretation. If they told me to be home early, I would be . . . soon they informed me that they didn't mean early morning. Then there were the times they told me I had to be home by 11 p.m. Just to appear valiant, I'd be home by 10:45 . . . and inevitably be back out by 11:15. (That little lack of

communication didn't last long, either!)

I guess the one thing that I admire most about parents is their supposed naivete. They have a way of playing it so cool that you'd never know they suspect their child of being anything less than angelic. Then, years later, they refer to something "secretive" you imagined you had performed with great finesse. So much for covering your tracks.

Perhaps the art of parenting is one of those things that is intended to remain a secret until it is actually experienced. There must be something beneficial to it, or it wouldn't remain so popular. Financially, it's a terrible risk and physically it requires the stamina of a marathon jogger.

The only thing I have come to understand about parents is their source of motivation to make it through those trying years. If I've heard it once, I've heard it a million times — "Someday, you'll have kids of your own . . ." As I recall the sadistic smile which usually accompanied this statement, all I have to say is, "Don't count on it, Mom!"

Getting flabby waiting for new gym

Recently, I have been looking forward to occupying my most boring semester by engaging in physical activities that would shape up this semi-fat body of mine. How, do you ask, would I do this? Well, up until today, Nov. 14, 1983, I had planned on using the gym to lose 10 to 20 lbs. But to my amazement I found out that the gym won't be ready until Jan. Well, I'm ticked.

First off, when I first became a student at McPherson College it was considered an excellent school with excellent facilities except for the gym. Upon my admission to McPherson College I decided to myself that the gym could be used, but I felt that a new one would be even better.

Upon my completion of my fourth year at McPherson, the college decided to build a new gym. I thought, "Great, I still have one year, so I will get to use it." Wrong, Glen. I then found it would take one school year and a summer to get it finished. I voiced my opinion to some of my peers, "No, it won't be done by the time school starts" which was the finishing date.

Upon returning from summer vacation I was totally dumb-

founded to find the construction company was one month behind. So I said, "Well, it's a month behind." I figured I've waited 5 years so what's another month," and I figured it would be ready by Homecoming. No luck there, either — the floor in the main gym wasn't even down yet. So I said, "Be patient."

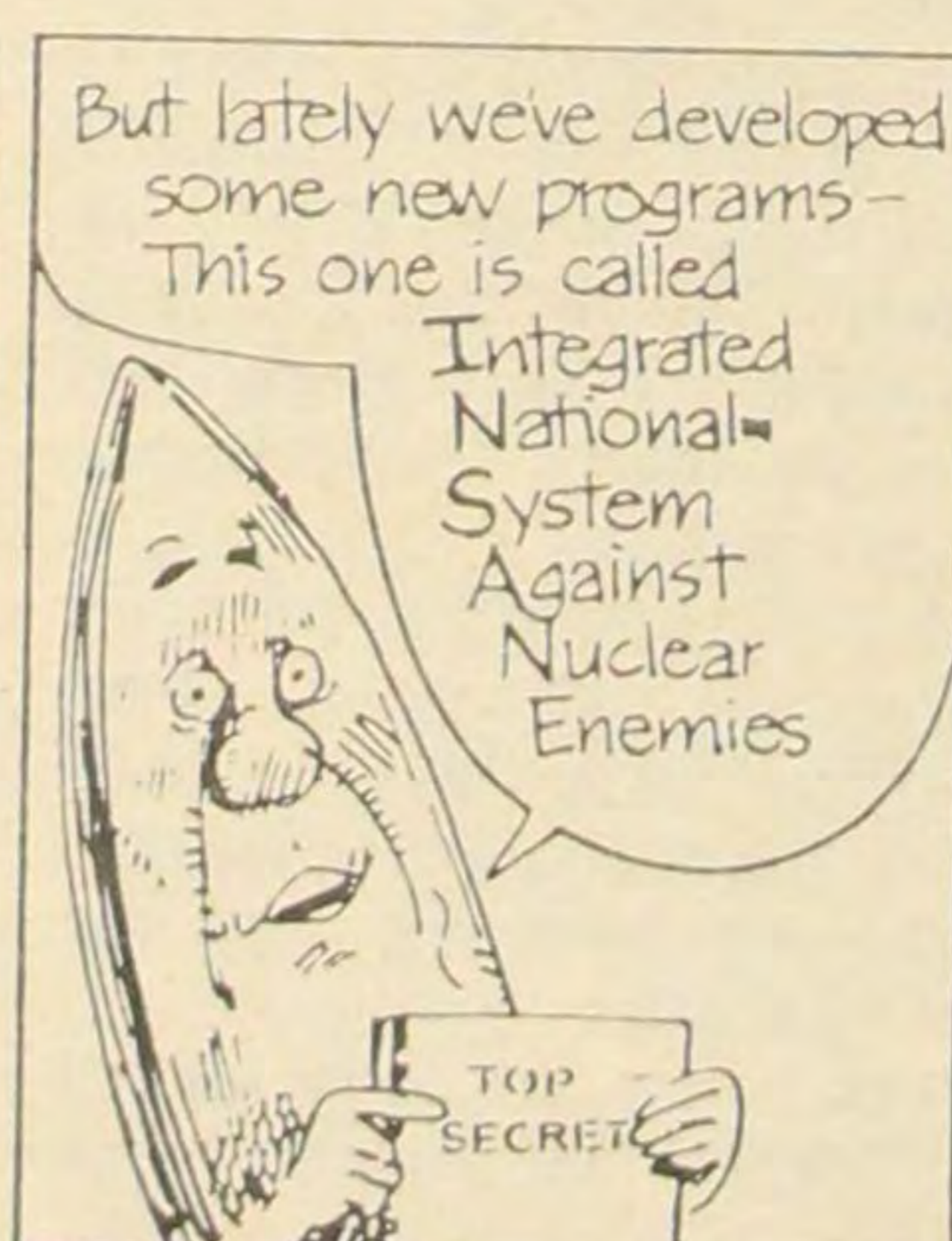
Well now I can't wait any longer. I will be forced to find between 30 and 35 dollars to join the Y.M.C.A. That's why I'm ticked. Because if you're not an athlete here there is no program in which to enroll to get some exercise. It's too cold to ride my bicycle, or to play tennis, both of which are my favorite pastimes.

All this leads to two questions directed to the administration. When is the gym going to be finished? Also, if it isn't going to be finished before the school year is out, what form of restitution is being made for students who pay a percentage of their tuition to use the facilities?

I know the contractors' track record for finishing projects isn't good. So what action is being taken to make up for lost money, and time lost making possible places for practices for volleyball and basketball as well as places for games for these indoor sports?

Sincerely concerned,
Glen Wright

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The Fallen Nation

Welcome to my nightmare — the good old U.S.A. To a nation full of dreamers who have somehow gone astray. Our economy's inflated; our resources running low; We brag that we have freedom but we know it isn't so.

The government builds missiles to deter the Soviet threats, But the Reds just flex their muscle as they down Korean jets. So there's talk of registration and of bringing back the draft — Surely all our politicians can outsmart the Russians' craft!

Politicians beg the public for donations through the mail; And then supplement their incomes selling books they wrote in jail; They assured us Reaganomics would get us on our feet, Now the poor can't get on welfare and they can't afford to eat.

Our kids don't go to school because the teachers are on strike, So they're experts playing Pac-Man but they cannot read or write. Still, they get an education from their television screens, They hear talk of truth and justice but don't know what it means.

Our families are in ruins, our divorce rate's out of sight; So we search for perfect sex to help us make it through the night. The cost of living heightens as the country turns to crime, Those who aren't in jail are in the unemployment line.

Take a look, America, at all the good you've done — No more racial prejudice, just look how far you've come! The backbone of our freedom is just about to break; Perhaps another country can learn from our mistakes.

Paula Burklund

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Studenten verbringen erfahrungsreiches Jahr

by Jana Huffman

Loneliness, confusion, homesickness . . . these are probably our first reactions to the idea of a year abroad. But Carine Ullom, Matt Howell and Evie Smith have experienced that year, and came home with enthusiasm and positive feelings about it.

For all three of these students, the reverse culture shock proved to be more difficult to handle than adjusting to Germany ever was. Carine (sr., Wiley, Co.) explained, "We went over expecting to meet new people and face new experiences. And people went out of their way to help us, as foreigners, feel comfortable." She continued, "Coming home was harder than going over. People don't go out of their way for you when you return."

Matt (sr., Conway) expected his readjustment problems to be worse than they were. Still, "every now and then, something will spark off a memory and I'll have a case of 'Sehnsucht' ('longing') for Germany."

When the three students arrived in Marburg, Germany, they spent several weeks in homes with families. This sped up the adjustment and helped develop language skills. The program that took them to Germany is BCA (Brethren Colleges Abroad). The BCA

group met before the school year began to prepare the students for their year, and continued throughout the year to meet for activities. Some of the activities included a week in Berlin, ten days in East Germany, a weekend in Holland, a weekend traveling along the Rhine river visiting old castles, and many others.

"My year in Marburg was the best educational experience I've ever had, or ever will have. It was fascinating for me to live where things have been for so many years. America is so young compared to Europe," said Evie (sr., Lyons). "BCA is an excellent program — far superior to any other overseas study program."

Matt, Carine and Evie all agreed that as their German improved, so did their English. They felt that by becoming aware of structure and grammar of one language, they also strengthened their English ability.

For Matt, keeping up with his studies was no problem. Evie and Carine, however, felt that it was necessary to spend more time studying. Most important was to learn about the culture.

Living in coed dorms was "no big deal" for Carine. And by "coed," this meant guys across the hall and sharing the

bathroom (not at the same time)!

"Right now I'm in the few independent years of my life, and I want to make the most of them," says Matt, encouraging others to consider a year abroad. "I will probably be overseas again next year because it may not be possible in five years."

All three agree that a year abroad was one of the most beneficial learning experiences they will ever encounter. "It was a definite plus in my life," added Evie. The friendships they formed and the knowledge they gained are invaluable.



Evelyn Smith, Matt Howell and Carine Ullom spent last year in Marburg, Germany as participants in the Brethren Colleges Abroad program.

T.O.P.S. brings demonstrations closer

by Janet Powell

You're sitting in a crowded classroom. The professor goes on and on for thirty, forty, then fifty minutes about chemicals, mixing a few, and holding them up for everyone to see. But you're sitting in the fifth row and can't tell what is going on. If the instructor knew about Tested Overhead Projection Series (TOPS), his students would know what is happening.

Dr. DeCoursey, professor of chemistry, recently participated in a TOPS and Arm Chair Chemistry workshop. It was sponsored by Butler County Community College featuring a well known chemist, Dr. Hubert Aleya of Princeton University. He lectured on two types of classroom techniques.

TOPS is a technique that uses an overhead projector. The instructor can display experiments on the overhead and they will be projected larger onto the wall or screen. This is especially helpful in a large classroom. Dr. DeCoursey says, "Although I use

demonstrations in my lectures the majority of teachers don't because it's hard for all the students to see. That's why TOPS is a popular method of teaching."

Another technique is Arm Chair Chemistry. This is where each student has a kit and can do small experiments at their desk. "It's a good idea for elementary

and jr. high students but as long as McPherson College doesn't have the equipment this won't be used here."

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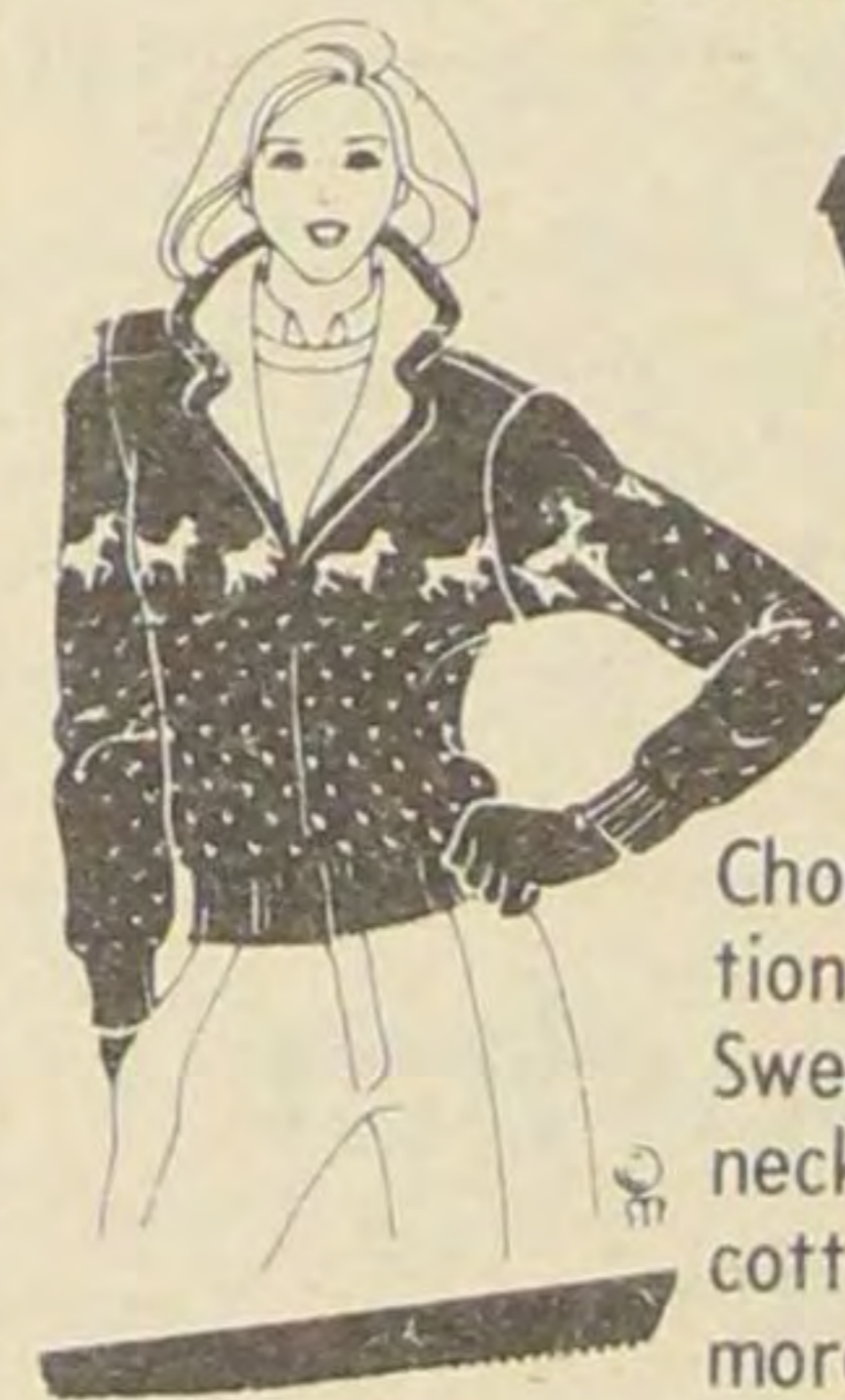
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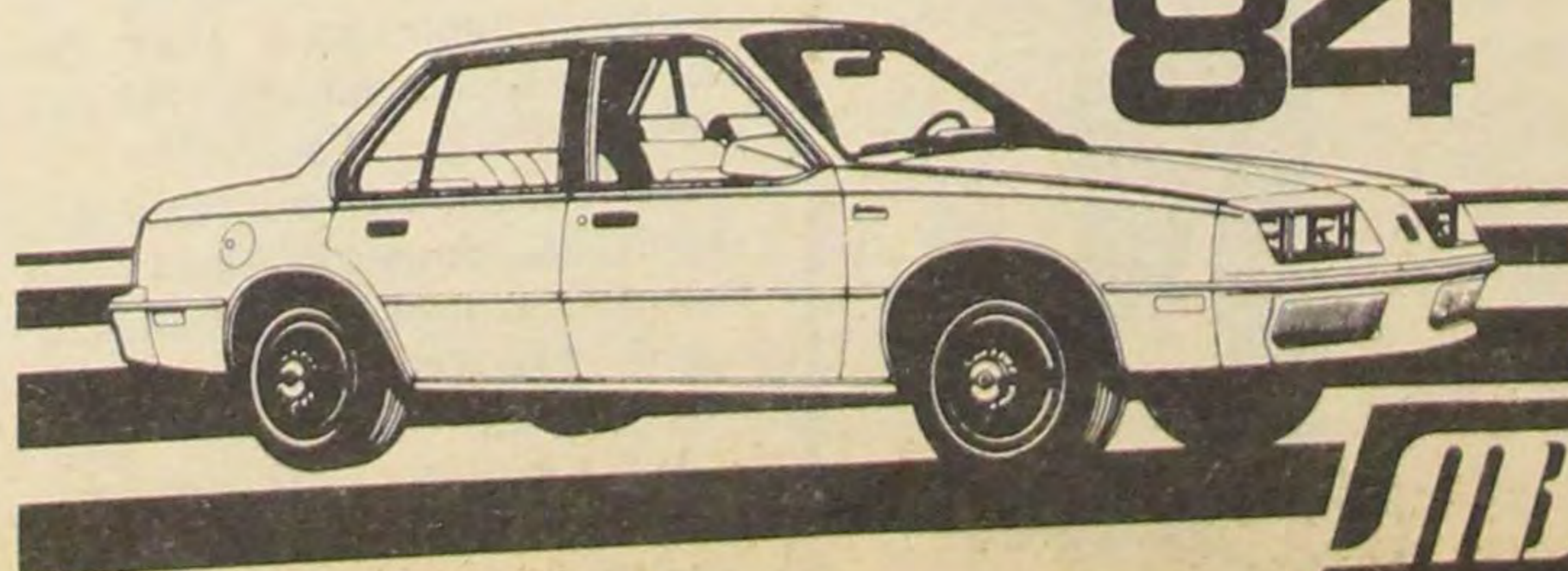
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McPherson competes in District meet

by Tim Crouse

"We don't have enough to have a team and yet we do."

These were Coach Al Renner's words following last Saturday's District 10 cross-country meet in Lindsborg, in retrospect of the '83 season. Renner felt the support given and received by the team members was a definite boost to their success last week. There was success.

Lela Ball qualified for the NAIA national meet by placing fifth with a quick three-mile time of 18:48. From the beginning of the race Lela was running with the front group. "It was one of the toughest races I've ever run," said the red-nosed racer afterwards.

Last year Ball competed in the NAIA meet held in Wisconsin. It was the same course that she'll be running tomorrow. "It looks

like the weather could be worse and the competition a little tougher (than last year), but now Lela has more experience," said Renner. Ball is hoping to become an All-American runner by placing in the top twenty-five.

Three places behind Ball last week was teammate Deb Hays. Her strong finish, which Renner believes to be a prime example of what solid vocal support can harvest, put Hays among the All-District runners. She had a time of 19:32.

Southwestern runner Steve Delano, last year's national champion, easily won the men's race. His performance was awesome, for lack of a more powerful word. Having watched him run, this reporter will venture to say that Delano put "Rocky III" on the back burner

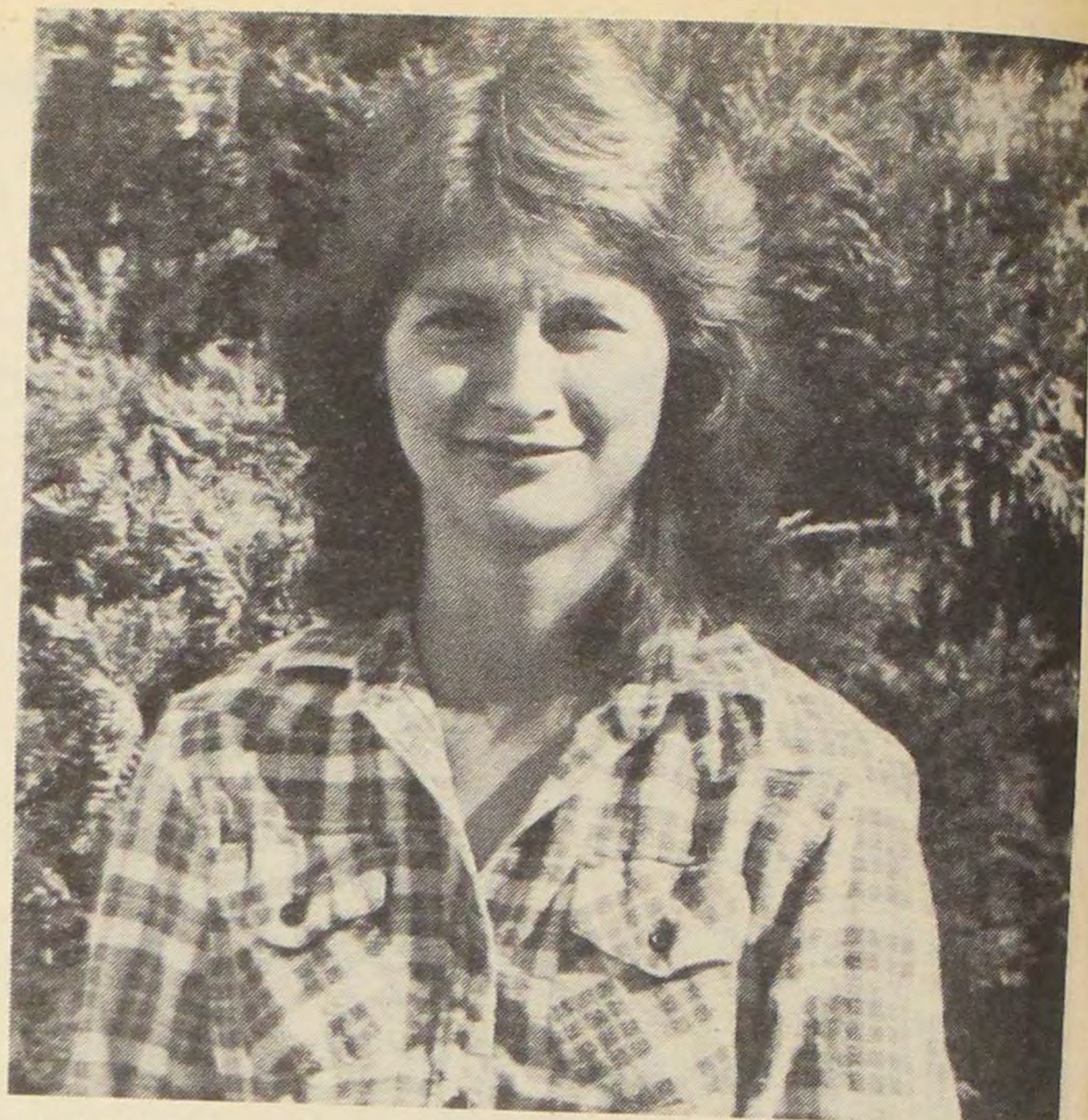
of the inspirational stove.

McPherson's men were inspiring to watch, too. They worked hard. Roy Grosbach placed twenty-fifth with 27:52, his second quickest five-miler this season. Kevin Miller placed 46th with 29:04, one of his better times, and Todd Ritcha ran a 30:43, placing him 55th.

McPherson's runners ran their final regular season meet with heart. They were boosted by support from teammates and several shivering McPherson fans.

Following the race, McPherson's officially not-big-enough-for-a-team group of runners hugged-out their appreciation for the good season. Indeed they did have a team, if not more. And indeed they had a coach, if not more.

In both cases, probably more.



Lela Ball (sr., Welda) qualified for Nationals last weekend in Lindsborg at the District cross-country meet.

Bulldogs fall to Conference champions in season's final game

by Kevin Burton

The Bulldogs traveled to Winfield for the last football game of the season last Saturday. They gave the Kansas conference champions all they wanted, before bowing to Southwestern, 24-10.

McPherson has done much better on the scoreboard this year, but have never given a better effort. "You could tell the guys were thinking," said coach Dave Cripe, who has just completed his third year as head coach. "A good example was on the fake field goal."

With Southwestern leading 7-0, and the Bulldogs on the Moundbuilder 30, coach Cripe called for

a fake field goal. The play calls for a hand off to James Floyd. But with a linebacker closing in, Ron Rome, who was the holder on the play, only faked the hand off, keeping the ball himself and gaining the first down. A fake inside a fake, if you will.

"He fooled Southwestern, me, and everybody else," said Cripe, obviously pleased with his player's ingenuity.

Eventually, they had to settle for the field goal, to cut the margin to 7-3.

The first Southwestern score came on a blocked punt, just two minutes into the game. The early score may have increased Southwestern's state of over-

confidence, but it didn't damage the Bulldogs' determination.

Early in the second quarter, Southwestern kicked a short field goal, but waved it off when a penalty gave them a first down deep in Bulldog territory. On the next play the Moundbuilders scored, giving them a 14-3 lead.

Later in the quarter, Gerald Henderson scored the final touchdown of his fabulous four-year career, from 33 yards out, to pull Mac to within four.

Four minutes before half, Southwestern extended the lead to seven with a field goal. The three-pointer was set up by a 41-yard run by Southwestern's elusive running back, Jackie Jackson.

The Builders were shocked that Mac was just a touchdown behind at half, and came out for the second half fired up. Unimpressed with the KCAC champions the 'Dogs held on their first defensive series. So much for Builder enthusiasm.

Fumbleitis hit Southwestern late in the third quarter and didn't let up until they had dropped the ball three straight

times.

Opportunity knocked, but the Dogs unfortunately were unable to answer. When they could not convert on a fourth and goal from the Builder four, they lost a good chance to tie the game or possibly take the lead with a two-point conversion.

Southwestern suddenly remembered they were KCAC champs, and drove the ball impressively. They took the ball from their own four to the Bulldog end zone to take a 24-10 lead, and close out the scoring.

And so the Bulldogs, predicted to lose by as much as 66-0, lost by just fourteen to the best the KCAC has to offer.

The Mac offense has stalled against lesser defenses, but on this Saturday they moved extremely well. "At times we've had games where we have one good drive," said Cripe later. "They just decided this time they weren't going to be embarrassed."

The Bulldogs came into the season losers of eleven straight and supposedly destined for last place again. Two wins, six losses

and one tie later, McPherson is out of the cellar, and in good shape for next year.

With McPherson losing only six players, just one on defense, things look good for next year. "We've got a good group," says Cripe of his squad. The team has a lot of pride and character, and I believe they've drawn together as a team. I would have liked to have won more games, but I think we made a positive step."

Tuesday afternoon, the KCAC's head coaches met, for the purpose of choosing all conference teams. "It was one of the better meetings," said Cripe, who had noted that previous meetings had been very political in nature.

On offense Gerald Henderson and Steve Moore of McPherson were both selected to the first team. On defense, four Bulldogs gained recognition. Billy O'Neil, who led the team in interceptions, was chosen to the second team. Honorable mention was given to three Bulldogs: Glen O'Neil, Doug Fitzmorris and Ed Crumpacker, who was selected for the second time in as many seasons.

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Soccer club finishes season

by Bonny Waweru

With the weather changing, many of the McPherson College sports teams played their final games last weekend. The Mac soccer team saw their last game of the season last weekend at Bethel College.

The game was exciting, and both teams enjoyed the first half. McPherson held good control of the ball in the first half but appeared to be overcome by Bethel's talent soon after the second half started. The first half ended with a tied score.

The second half was controlled by Bethel, as they scored 4 goals within the first ten minutes of play. The wind was blowing against the McPherson team, and definitely affected their playing as they fell to Bethel, 7-4.

Most of the players joined the club this semester, and have

worked well together gaining experience and improving teamwork. The team's expectations of increased participation and new members looks good for the spring.

The members of the Mac Soccer Club have shared both good and bad times throughout the year. It is their dedication that has made them the unified team they have become. This club is one of the few self-supported organizations on campus and their cooperation has enabled them to overcome difficult obstacles they have encountered. It's a team of self-disciplined, self-coached and self-financed members that have made the team so sound. A team that concentrates on its strategy is proud of its accomplishments, but most of all, it is a team that respects the game.

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