

Final touches put on gym

by Greg Zugmier

The latest word on the new Sports Center from Dr. Merlin Frantz, Vice President for Administrative Services: "Don't give up yet!" Both basketball games scheduled in December were postponed until the completion of the large gymnasium. The first game is set for Jan. 17th against Bethany. The men's and women's teams have been practicing on the wood floor since Nov. 28th.

The Pro Turf surface in the large gymnasium requires a curing time after the 2 coats of sealer have been applied. The dates of this project are Dec. 8th through the 9th. Then on the following Monday, Dec. 12th, the bleachers will be installed. Their installation will take 10 days.

Maintenance will also start moving the furniture into the offices about this time.

The weight room is ready, but a date has yet to be set for the installation of the equipment. Other projects that are not complete at this time include the installation of a filming deck in the northwest corner of the large gymnasium, which will allow for the video taping of sporting events; installation of the speakers for the P.A. system; the folding partition, due to arrive in January, will be put between the dance studio and a classroom; the hardware for the doors and the cabinet work for the conference room.

The graphic design for the smaller gymnasium has not been decided on, but the Interior Committee, which has also

chosen the colors, the furniture and the carpeting, is looking at several designs. One that is being considered would be a stylized Olympic-type mural depicting runners, tennis players, basketball players and gymnasts.

One thing Dr. Frantz would like everyone to remember is that there was a lot of planning involved. The building committee, composed of students, faculty and administration, has had 83 meetings since their first one in Jan. 1983. Having gone this long without a good sports facility, McPherson should be able to wait out these last 2 months. Frantz realizes it is hard to be patient while seeing how great the new center will be, but in the end, it will be well worth the long anticipation.



Workers "pour the track" in the new Sports Complex. Absolutely final completion has been set for early January. We're not holding our breath.

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Longer hours sought by Committee

by Craig Spitzer

Once upon a time there was a meeting of the McPherson College Student Council which met in their regular meeting place in Miller Library. Just after the call for any further business by President Sarah Baile (jr., Warrensburg, Mo.), a determined Stuco member spoke up.

"I feel a need for longer library hours. I'd like to see our council look into the possibility of keeping the library open until 12 midnight or at least until 11:00 p.m.," he said.

Other council members agreed and a committee (the "Library Hours Committee") was formed to take on the task. This committee worked in accordance

with Dr. Norma Tucker, Vice President for Academic Services, Rowena Olsen, Librarian, and Susan Taylor, representing the library's own Library Committee.

Students took action as well. For example, Fahnestock Hall men held a sit-in at the library one evening. David van Asselt (soph., McPherson) wrote a thorough article for the November 18th issue of the Spectator on this student action.

Last Tuesday, during Student Council's last meeting of the semester, the Library Hours Committee presented a proposal to the council. It was proposed that the library remain open until the hour of 12 a.m. Sunday

through Thursday; that the north part of the lower level be used from 10 p.m. until time of closing with the north door acting as the access door; that volunteers, preferably students, be used to supervise from 10 p.m. until 12 a.m., having been previously cleared and briefed by the Head Librarian, Rowena Olsen.

Suggestions for implementation were also included in the proposal. These suggest that the extended hours begin in February after Interterm, that a time period of one month be allotted as a "trial period," and that in a situation where a volunteer doesn't show up for their 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. work-time, the librarian on duty until 10 p.m. will close the library.

The reason for only having a section of the library open is due to the chances of vandalism and physical security of the library, violations of which become very costly.



Library sit-in strikers still remember Norma Tucker's warm reception and attentive ear to concerns. Her supportive cooperation should help in the creation of a late-evening study spot in the library basement's north end. This will supposedly open by the beginning of next semester.

Circle K sparks involvement

by Carolyn Brossman
Staff Reporter

Circle K, Now do you know any more than you did before? Well, maybe by the end of this article you will be more informed and hopefully this article will inspire a lot more students to join.

Circle K is a service organization sponsored by the Kiwanis Club with the purpose of serving the campus and community in service oriented projects.

The Kiwanis Club is a group of businessmen where no women are allowed into the club. These men hold and sponsor fund raisers and also sponsor the Circle K Club.

The Circle K Club does allow women in the group and anyone else who would like to join. The club helps elderly people, helps with the special olympics, and is responsible for the bloodmobile.

If you are interested in leadership, Circle K is the place to be! Once you join, the people are so inspiring that the only way to go is up. Circle K is a world

wide organization with over 11,000 members and the number is always climbing.

There are dues for this club which are \$9.00 a year, \$5.00 of this money goes to the international group to help with the printing of newsletters, the other \$4.00 goes to the district groups to help with the travel expenses.

The Circle K Club has conventions which all members are allowed to attend. The first convention is here at Mac College on March 23-25. At this convention, the clubs are presented awards, new district board officers are elected, and it is a great chance to get to meet other Circle K members.

Also, there is an international convention which will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this Aug.

This year's theme is "Achieve Unity Through Service." The purpose of this theme is to be more aware of what is going on. These themes are to help motivate the club.

The Circle K Club meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the private dining room.

Peace Awareness Project forms

by Matt Geisert

With the rising tensions in the world and the specter of nuclear war ever present, it is a time when discussion of international issues and peace objectives are appropriate.

To help promote awareness and concern of these subjects a new group is being formed on campus which is open to all interested individuals. The group name is "The Peace Awareness Project." Last Wednesday afternoon, November 30 a forum of individuals composed a constitution to help give the group

official status. On Thursday, December 1, a noon meeting of the Peace Awareness Project met to ratify the constitution and discuss possible projects. Sharon Weaver acted as the chair to coordinate discussion on the constitution, and possible projects which the group would like to initiate. Suggested projects included: (1) letter writing to other peace groups to initiate exchange between campuses to help in gaining different ideas. (2) Declaring the campus (by issuing a petition to get a majority of signatures) to a nuclear freeze zone to show

support in the halting of nuclear arms build-up. (3) Also, it was suggested to have speakers of various points of view to come and share with the campus. Plus many other suggestions were made for projects. It was decided that Thursday, December 8, at 4 p.m. would be the time for the next meeting for the election of officers.

Anyone interested in peace or international issues is welcome to attend and participate. This forum wants to promote discussion and is not limited to only one political belief.

Goodbye, Yellow Brick Road

When I was younger, my favorite movie was "The Wizard of Oz." Each year I would perch myself in front of the television set accompanying Dorothy, Toto, and the rest of the gang on their fanciful adventure along the yellow brick road. For days after the annual airing of the movie, my entire family would be subjected to my rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" as I dreamed of that proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Now some 15 years later, I find that not much has changed. Not that I still walk around singing about rainbows — I scarcely remember the words. But in many ways I'm searching just as intently as Dorothy searched for Oz. Unlike Dorothy, I have no intentions of meeting a wizard... what I want to find is a chance to write.

So why did I choose McPherson College, an institution without a Journalism degree? Good question... too bad I don't have an answer. Nor do I have an answer as to why a girl who loves the city would choose to reside in the heart of Kansas. The point is, I did it anyway.

At first I hated it. I thought Kansas was the armpit of the United States, and vowed to leave. I still don't know what made me stay, unless it was Kevin Burton's earnest pleading for me to take the burden of this newspaper from his back. So, with that "redheads-can-do-anything" spirit I decided to stick around and try my hand at being editor.

Being an editor was great... until I hit the first deadline. Then I vowed never to forgive Kevin

for inflicting such misery on me. Somehow, I survived those first couple of weeks, and then there appeared the light at the end of the tunnel.

It came to me in the guise of a soft-spoken college student named Matt Howell who appeared one day in the student union and offered his assistance with the newspaper. The rest is history.

Now, a few weeks and several "all-nighters" later, we've hit the final issue of the semester. "Relief" is not the word to describe my feelings as we put out this final issue. But along with that heartfelt ecstasy of having survived my little jaunt as editor, there's the knowledge that I'm going to miss some of the things which have become routine... such as journeying towards the Sentinel office at 4 a.m. to meet a deadline.

As I hand over this highly acclaimed position, I'd like to thank the people who made it enjoyable. Matt and Kevin, I never would have made it without your help — not to mention your humor. Tim Crouse was the greatest Business Manager one could ever hope for and Susan Taylor was an absolute godsend for my inexperienced journalistic endeavors. Thanks also goes to all those diligent reporters who saved me the embarrassment of placing blank newspapers in the mailboxes.

This is the part where I've got to say good-bye. I'm leaving Kansas and the yellow brick road; I hope that Oz is everything it's cracked up to be!

Paula Burklund

BACKTALK by Paula Burklund

With the impending doom and gloom of finals week, there are probably few (if any) students who are anticipating the challenge of last-week cramming. Just to offer you a break from the normal routine of studying, I'd like to present you with a different type of test.

You don't need to study, and you can't flunk. But it will help you to define what type of college student you are...

(1) **On the spur of the moment, the girl-guy of your dreams asks you to go to a movie. Your term paper (which you haven't started) is due the following day. You decide to:**

(A) decline the offer, explaining that your G.P.A. is at stake.

(B) accept the offer, and pull an all-nighter to get your paper done.

(C) accept the offer, ignore the paper, and innocently explain to your professor that your typewriter ribbon broke at midnight and Quick Trip was completely out.

(2) **Your professor tells you that you wouldn't pass his class even if you were the last student left on campus. Do you:**

(A) view it as a challenge, and try harder the rest of the semester.

(B) agree with him and hope the

class isn't essential to your career.

(C) go on a murder rampage just to find out if he's telling the truth.

(3) **The finals for your two most difficult classes are scheduled for the same day. What do you do the night before?**

(A) allow equal studying time for both tests, confident that your well-prepared notes will serve as adequate study guides.

(B) study only one subject, theorizing that at least you'll do well on ONE of the tests.

(C) assume that you'll do poorly on both subjects so there's no point in wasting the evening barricaded in your room with your books.

(4) **When someone says "It's Miller Time," what comes to mind:**

(A) Miller Library.

(B) the collection of Roger Miller records cherished by your parents.

(C) your flamboyant social life.

(5) **Due to a growing National Debt, the government determines that all student loans will be terminated. Your reaction is:**

(A) get a full-time job so you can afford to continue your education.

(B) write your parents a threatening letter, stating that if they don't provide the money for

you to continue school you'll move back home with them.

(C) look upon it as a blessing from God.

Okay, now that you've finished the test, total up your score. Give yourself 10 points for each "A" answer, 5 points for each "B" response, and only one point for each "C" answer. By comparing it with the grading scale given below, you will be able to determine what type of college student you are.

35 points or more: You are a diligent student, adored by professors, admired by parents, and misunderstood by your peers. Your dedication will enable you to go far in life. No unemployment line in your future!

20 to 34 points: School is important to you, but so is your social life. What you want is the best of both worlds. What you'll get is a blue-collar job. You'd be best off marrying someone rich who can support you.

19 points or less: You are the typical college student. Your love of life compensates for your distaste towards anything scholastic. However, since neither employers nor professors are impressed by this, perhaps you should anticipate a career in the fast-food industry.

Disarmament ignores root causes

Once upon a time, there were nations that did not like nor trust each other. They did not want war but were unsure how to keep the other country from trying to rule them. Then one day, a scientist invented a weapon with such powers as could only be dreamed of before. The nation made many such weapons as a deterrent to war. The other nation did fear and built many such weapons of its own as a counter-deterrent. Both nations knew the horrid destruction that they could cause and wanted that they never be used. What is this invention? Gunpowder.

Technology deters war only until a "need" for war arises.

None the less, technology has become the scapegoat of modern theology. The nuclear bomb is considered a sin, or at least a problem. It is as if they could disappear and be forgotten and the world would become "A-OK." That is absurd.

People could not deal with themselves before either TNT or "H" bombs, why should they after them? Isaiah 2:4 does not read "... and they shall forget

how to forge swords and neither remember spears." Rather, "...

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Machines of war are symptoms, not causes. The Christian should be concerned with the causes of war. When the causes are eliminated, the symptoms will be made constructive, not destroyed. Technology and weapons do not make war; people make war.

Jay Warner

Your Congressperson wants to hear from you!

Dear Editor:

I was a freshman at McPherson last year. This year I am in Brethren Volunteer Service in Washington, DC. It's quite a change! Among other things, this is obviously very political territory. My work makes me very aware of this.

Last month, I, along with 3 other women, visited Nancy Kassebaum concerning Central America and Grenada. One thing she said prompted me to write this letter. Ms. Kassebaum said she has not heard the people's opinion of this government's actions in Central America and Grenada.

I'm calling on you to write or telephone your opinions to your senators and representatives! There are 2 ways of doing this. One is through the nationwide organization, IMPACT. IMPACT

informs its members of upcoming votes and gives background information as to what the vote is about. The second way is to watch the news yourself and then write using the pamphlet, Register Citizen Opinion. I really do believe our Congresspeople will listen! They just need our opinions and enough of them to listen to.

For the pamphlet, Register Citizen Opinion and more information about IMPACT write: Patricia Hornbaker, Church of the Brethren Washington Office, 110 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002

Single copies of the pamphlet are free; for more than 5, they are 50 cents each.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Patricia Hornbaker

Personals

Merry Christmas to Chester, Beamer, Old Man Winter, Myron, and Clifford: 2nd Bitt's good old boys. Hope Santa's good to you! Watch out for mistletoe!
Love,
Moonscratch

Sheri Eller,
Good luck with your finals.
Sis

Carolyn,
Eureka Vacuum!
Love, D & Lu

Virgil,
Thanks for your understanding and your humor.
Love,
Florida

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Mary Coffman,
'Ol New York will never be the same! If you can make it there you'll make it anywhere. It's up to you New York, New York.
Jan

Kevin
Beware of blondes that go ZING in the night!!

A finals carol

To the melody of "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire"

Glazed eyes glaring at an open book
Cold coffee nipping at your nose
Piles of notes sitting jumbled on your bed
While dreams of sleep drift through your head.

You know those test are on the way
You know the profs are out to get you any day
And every mother's child will be up late tonight
To see if it's possible to still get it right.

Everybody knows some ornaments and colored lights
May help your spirit to arise
But though they may remind you of sweet days yet to come
Can they help to make you feel more wise?

And so I'm offering this simple thought
To students from eighteen to twenty-two
Although it's been said many times, many ways
Merry Finals, Merry Finals, Merry Finals to you.

Don Stinnette

Issues analysis: Bittering Hall

New emphasis on enforcement causes resentment

By Matt Howell
Managing Editor

Those of you expecting my "ticking patience" to explode in this issue may be disappointed. I'm resigned to the conclusion that, with the exceptions of minor modifications in dorm policy, major alteration of the situation in Bittering Hall is beyond the horizon. Even if my explosion of impatience here had atomic-bomb throw weight, I doubt if it would make any difference in this case. To expect any changes to occur by early December was wishful thinking on my part.

"The rules for this campus are across the board," maintained Joanne Hamlin, Director of Housing, in an interview before Thanksgiving. "All resident students have agreed to the Community Code, so our expectation is compliance." No

surprises here — what upsets a lot of people, particularly many Bittering residents, is the translation of this expectation into unwelcome enforcement.

The notion that Bittering is a special dorm where students are only subject to college rules if they choose to be is a mistaken one, according to Ms. Hamlin, and this attitude lies at the root of the dorm's problems.

R.D.'s

There are no new regulations, as I mistakenly wrote in a previous editorial on this topic. Without question, however, there is a greater emphasis on enforcement this year. "It's certainly not at our instigation," say

Steve and Ginny Mason, Resident Directors of Bittering Hall.

Resident Directors in Bittering have only been possible since the completion of the R.D. apartment for the fall of 1982. Almost everyone sees the addition of Steve and Ginny as an improvement to the dorm. As a branch of the administration which lives within the dorm, they are always available, yet they are able to maintain a desirable distance as non-students.

"The policeman role is not our function. We prefer to see ourselves interpreting between students and administration, without necessarily being with either side." Steve isn't always "in sync with the administration" and often finds himself sympathetic with students; but he is quick to add that he is by no means anti-administration.

My own observations identify at least two sources of dorm disharmony. One is a flagrant violation of regulations and disregard of fellow residents. When this reaches an intolerable level, even students will call for stricter enforcement. The other side in this conflict is administrative efforts to crack down, which, in their dragnet, often snag students who may not have been strictly complying with the rules, but who weren't bothering anyone either. Finally, "security measures" cause an inconvenience to everyone, even those who would never consider any "wrongdoing."

North entrance

A case in point is the 24-hour locking of Bittering's north side entrance, a policy change introduced in response to a series of attacks this summer in the neighborhood of the dorm, which lies unprotected from other campus buildings on its east side.

Metzler and Dotzour Halls' side entrances are locked only at night, but the argument is made that a person seen entering either of these can be readily identified as being of the opposite sex. With both men and women under the Bittering roof, the guest going in the north door and walking up the stairs could be headed anywhere. The Housing Staff can't be expected to follow each visitor to determine the destination.

Deb Neher (sr., Quinter), Bittering third's only third-year resident, echoes the sentiments of many Bitt residents, "It's a hassle to carry keys around with you all the time." Not all of her fellow residents said "thank you" when they received their keys to the north door about a month after school had started. The lock has been repeatedly broken ever since.

Many non-resident visitors resent the main-entrance sign-in requirement. Craig Spitzer (soph., Kalona, Ia.) exclaims, "I think it's ridiculous that I have to sign in to visit my own brother! And if I want to continue to talk to him after the dorm closes, I have to go down and sign out, and they let me go upstairs, but I still get the feeling they don't trust me."

Bittering privacy

Though Bittering is receiving no exceptions from the rules department, it does offer an alternative which many students like. The dorm lounge and dorm council have been getting unanimous plus marks.

Steve observed, "There's more privacy here. In fact, some people have returned to their original dorm because they found Bittering to be too quiet and isolated." He continued by explaining some of his Bittering philosophy. "What we have here is a more independent student;

one who doesn't want the atmosphere of the other dorms. We don't want to force people into silly college activities."

"I like the structure of the building," Deb was looking for something positive to say. "The suites with adjacent bathrooms provide more privacy than, say, Dotzour. And there's less of a problem of things getting ripped off, like out of the refrigerator."

Maturity

Deb misses the close-knit, supportive community she lived in two years ago. "Maybe we're just more diverse now because there are twice as many girls living here, with only three guest rooms. Still, sometimes I feel like Dotzour just came over, like when somebody gets a phone call and they just yell down the hall. That's bound to blow your concentration. I think there's a less mature attitude here generally."

On the subject of maturity, Neal Beam (sr., McPherson), president of Bittering Hall, had this to say: "At the age of 20 to 21, students should be able to handle some of these things responsibly. The college ought to be more open to provide for mature students. This would keep them on campus, and so the college wouldn't be losing any money."

3 choices

On-campus students at McPherson College are essentially given three choices. The first is complete compliance with all rules, as outlined in the Residence Hall Handbook. The second is non-compliance with a willingness to accept the consequence. The third is to leave.

Exactly how many students fall into each of these categories is obviously unclear, but accurate figures would be an eye-opening revelation to a lot of people. Though I hesitate to say "most," many students fall into the second category. Just as the extent of rule-violation varies greatly, so does the willingness to deal with the consequences, especially when they appear to be meated out unfairly.

This year's efforts to tighten control over Bittering Hall have already produced unfavorable response. With the destructive nature of enforcement measures outweighing the positive effects, it is time for the Housing Staff to recognize its limitations. Otherwise, students currently in category two and some idealistic ones in category one may opt for category three. No matter how you count them (the departing students), the college ends up losing.

McPherson — a fine Brethren school

by Marty Moyer

Most likely each student at McPherson College was confronted with the question — "Why did you choose McPherson College?" Every student has his own reason for choosing McPherson: it is a small school with considerable student attention from the faculty and staff, the school has a well-rounded sports program, and last but not least, the school has competent leadership. In ad-

dition to the fine qualities of McPherson College, the school is noted to be a fine Brethren College. Some of the students from Pennsylvania, Florida, and California chose McPherson not only for its fine qualities of a college itself, but because of the church with which it is affiliated.

The Church of the Brethren has six colleges in the United States. In addition to McPherson there is Manchester College in North Manchester, Ind., Bridgewater

College in Bridgewater, Va., Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa., Juniata College in Huntington, Pa., and the University of La Verne in La Verne, Ca. Some of you may wonder why students from Pennsylvania and California chose McPherson since there are two Brethren Colleges in Pennsylvania and one in California. Well, I for one know that McPherson's tuition is the lowest out of all the Brethren Colleges. McPherson also honors BVSers from the past with a one-third of a tuition grant for each year a student was in BVS. I also kept in touch with McPherson's alumni that live in my district in Pennsylvania, and I heard nothing but positive comments about the college and its faculty.

The Brethren students at all of the Church of the Brethren Colleges are a minority. Believe it or not they are a minority at McPherson too. It is a fact however that McPherson's 33 percent of Brethren students is the highest percentage out of all the Brethren colleges. McPherson is not exactly central in location among the bulk of the Brethren since the majority of them live east of the Mississippi. McPherson does attract Brethren students regardless of the distance for some of them. Sometimes it's just an experience to be miles and miles from home. I for one know that the hospitality of the midwest is more attractive than the east, but that's a matter of an opinion.

McPherson College is open to everyone regardless of what background you're from: Brethren, Methodist, Presbyterian, Mennonite, or just you. The Brethren do not believe in discrimination of any denomination, and this is true in the admissions of all Brethren Colleges. Regardless of what McPherson means to the Brethren students, it is a fine institution of learning!

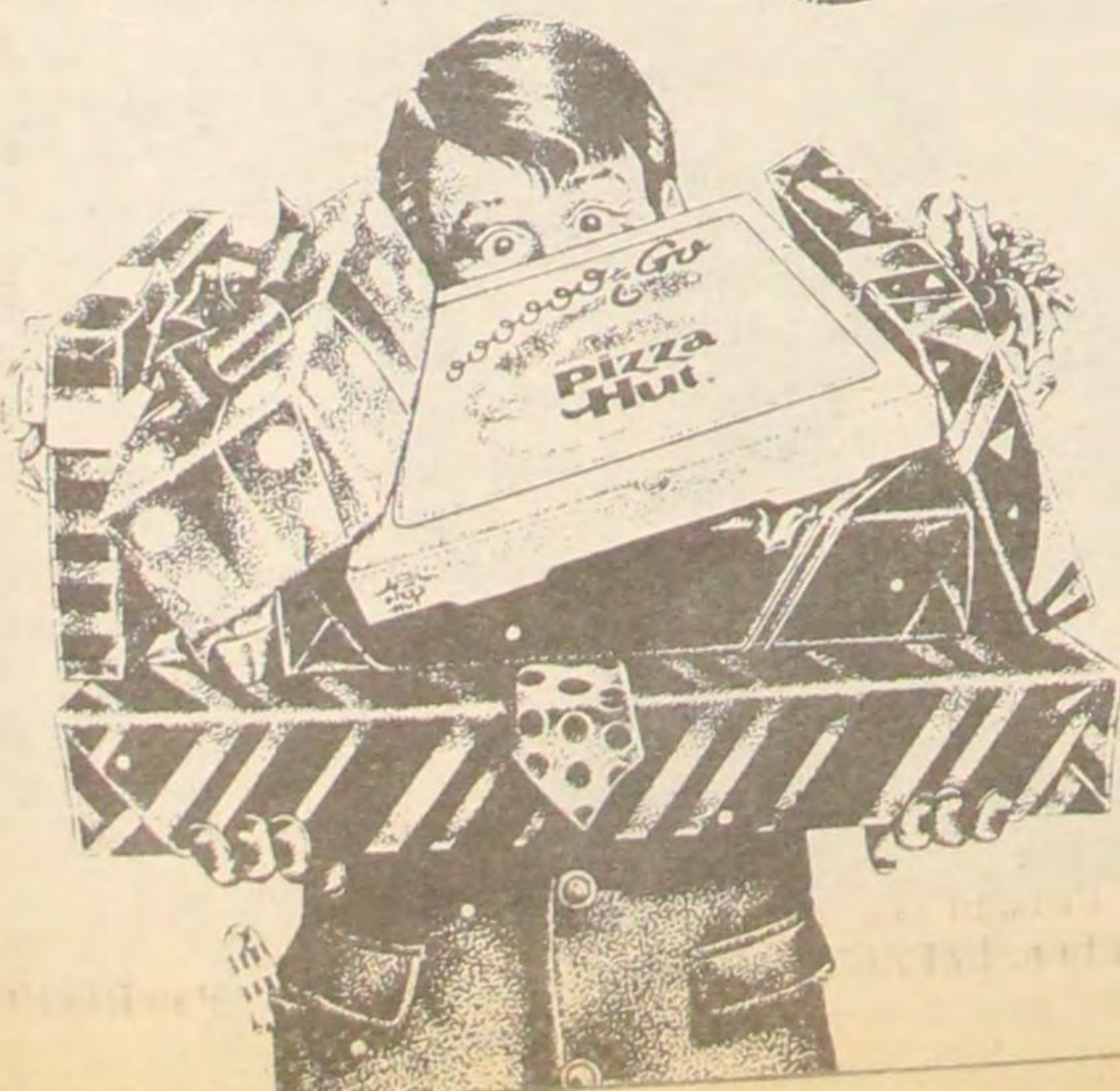
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'Wings' of an experiential dimension

WINGS, much to its applaud, was a technical inspiration. What might have otherwise been a wearisome, confusing hour was made entertaining by vigorous stimulation of the ear and eye. Bold use of lights, scrims, screens, mirrors and fog effectively set the mood for the script. The fog was a bit thick but was a nice contrast to past productions where only a light haze had been achieved.

The supporting cast lacked the cohesiveness that joins individual characters together for

the good of the whole. Double casting of bit players is acceptable and sometimes necessary, but inexcusable when the actress is so unaltered in action and appearance as to be readily recognizable. However, the worst distraction was the portrayal of a wheelchair patient who was a pathetic cross between a young mental handicap and a stereotyped knee-spreading old lady.

The one shining star was actor Don Stinnette (alumnus) who captured the heart of his

character and translated it into an enjoyable performance. Therapist Amy, played by Nancy Pennell (fr., Baltimore), has a strong personality and physical bearing that could have been nicely wedded to the now and then glimpse of warmth and sincerity we were treated to.

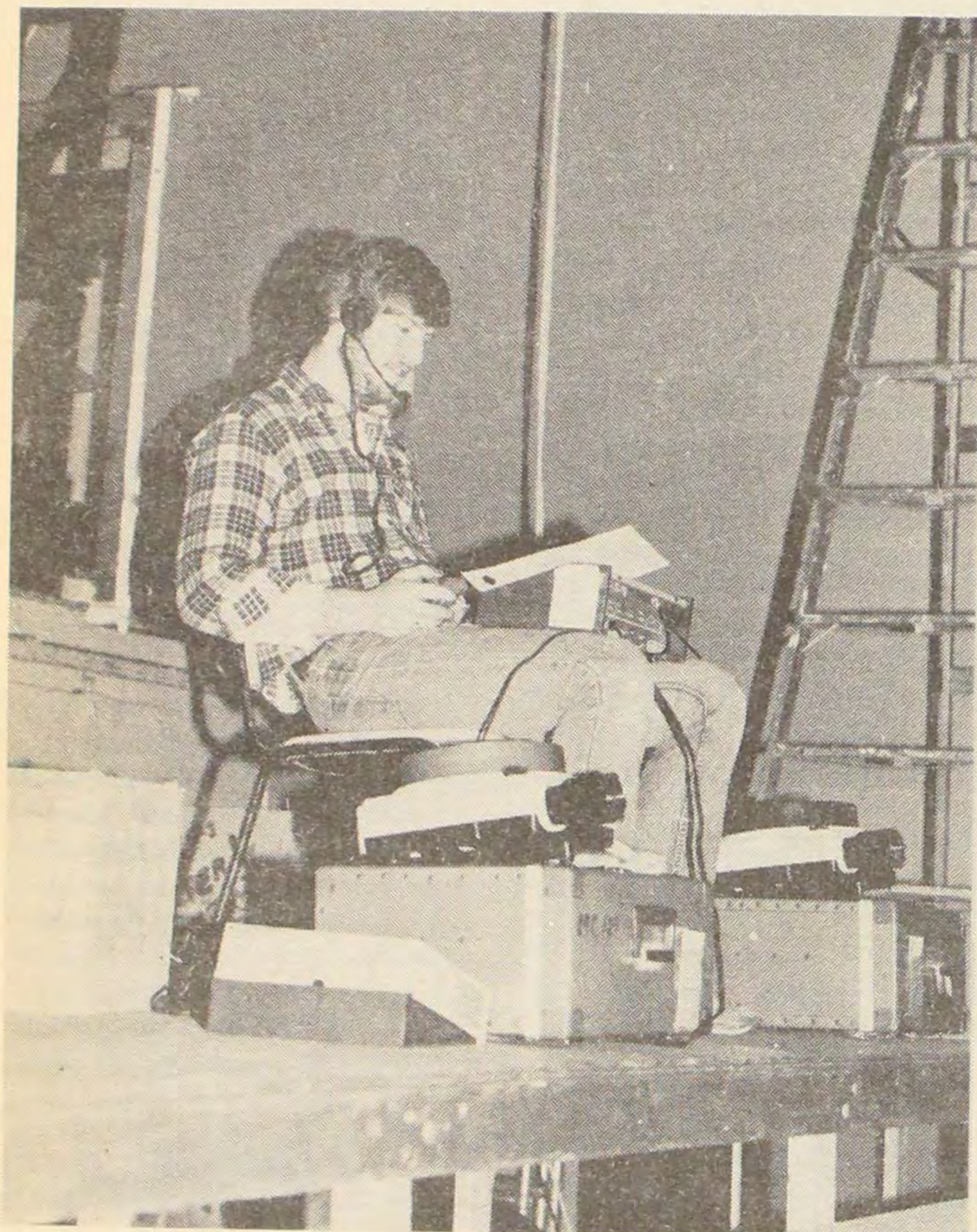
Finally I wonder at the wisdom of one person trying to direct actors and technical and star in a major role. Success with both directing and acting in a show comes to but a very few. Iyabo Iyewarun, (sr., Nigeria) as Mrs. Stilson gave a good performance. However, her portrayal was more reminiscent of readers' theatre, where a character is vocally interpreted with only a hint of physical characteristics, rather than absorbed and made one with the person as in acting.

The college experience in theatre affords students the opportunity to experiment with a variety of dramatic forms. I commend the department and Iyabo for their vision and adventurous spirit in the production of WINGS.

Kathy Whitacre



Iyabo Iyewarun was in charge of much of the production of WINGS, and starred as well in the character of a stroke victim.



Jerel Eller (jr., Adel, Iowa) seems to have all the controls at his fingertips, but in fact, he played only one important role in the technical show of WINGS.

Corrections on BCA story

I am pleased that the Spectator printed a story concerning Brethren Colleges Abroad and the experiences that Carine Ullom, Matt Howell and I had last year in West Germany. However, I am disappointed and concerned because I do not agree with what the Spectator quoted me as saying.

Yes, my year in Marburg was the best educational experience I have ever had, but if it was the best such experience I ever will have (according to the Spec), what's the point of going on? I like to think that education is a life-long process with potential to become better as the process

continues. Saying that BCA was the best educational experience I will ever have destroys my bright hope for a future of positive educational experiences.

I feel BCA is an excellent program and is superior to other such overseas programs with which I am acquainted. However, I do not feel qualified to say that BCA is far superior to any other overseas program, as I was quoted in the Spec.

I encourage Mac students to consider participating in the worthwhile, fascinating experiences available through intercultural study.

Evelyn Smith

Coppock: Living a lively life

by Lori Walker

You haven't been truly introduced to life on the college campus until you've had to dodge Doris Coppock on her bicycle. This small, energetic woman is currently the professor of Physical Education at the college, but has been involved in women's sports, music and the Brethren Church most of her life.

Dr. Coppock has been active in sports since high school, particularly tennis, which she always wanted to play seriously. Her high school had no tennis court, so she practiced against the side of her house, which soon became pitted with use.

Tennis, she feels, met her need for a competitive sport. True popularity of women's tennis is another plus to Dr. Coppock, because she feels that it is more competitive, not only among the various age groups, but as a whole.

In addition to coaching and playing tennis, Dr. Coppock has coached women's basketball. Few students going to Mac today realize that in 1971 the Lady Red beat number one ranked K-State twice, and also triumphed over KU. In 1972, women's basketball became a conference sport, and Mac was ranked 3rd in the state.

One might begin to get the impression that since Dr. Coppock is so successful at sports, her life is totally fulfilled. This, however, is not the case.

Coming from a musical family, with a piano background herself, Dr. Coppock is involved musically also. Little known is the fact that, in addition to her duties as a physical education instructor, when she first came to Mac she also directed the

McPherson College Chapel Choir.

For this experience she started early, learning the notes before she learned to read. From these auspicious beginnings she learned to play the piano, various stringed instruments, the trombone and the trumpet.

But this is not all. Dr. Coppock, daughter of a Brethren minister, is also very active in the church, both locally and nationally.

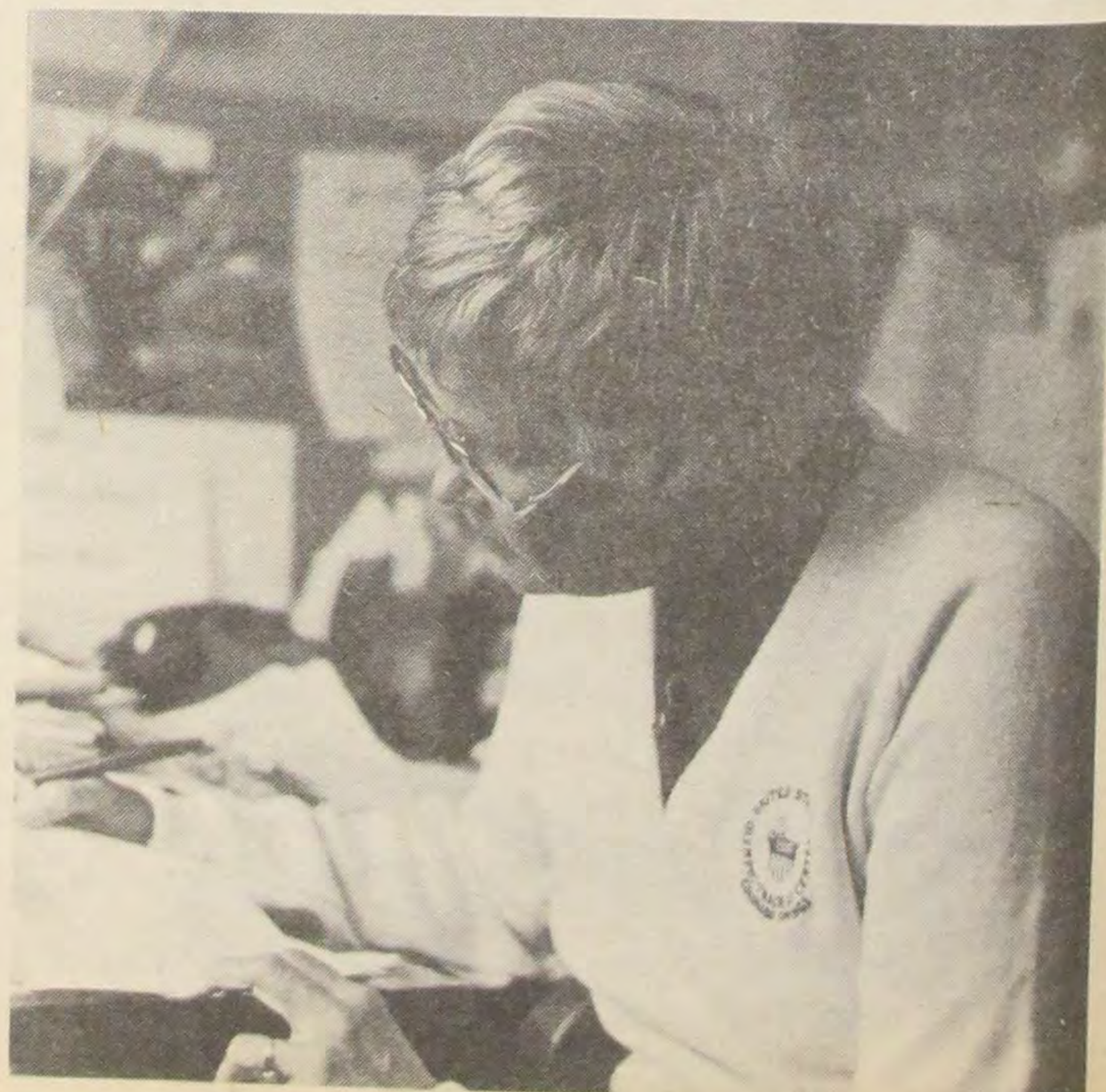
Locally she is a deacon, teaches Sunday School classes, and is the first woman chairperson of the board at the Brethren Church here in McPherson.

Nationally, she has twice conducted the choir for the annual conference of the Church of

the Brethren and was the first woman to do so. She also has belonged to two national committees: the Alleluia Committee and the Hymnal Committee.

Another of Dr. Coppock's church-related interests is the Brethren Women's Caucus. This is a positive pressure group whose goal is to raise the sensitivity and awareness of women within the church, and promote awareness of women's abilities to contribute to the life of the church.

Certainly, Dr. Doris Coppock has much more to offer than meets the eye as she flies past on the sidewalk. She is an asset to our college and we are fortunate that she plans to remain here.



Doris Coppock, professor of Physical Education at McPherson College, has been cited for her numerous contributions to women's sports.

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The Spec asks: What does Christmas mean to you?

At this time of year we become aware of what Christmas is but when McPherson College students were asked what it means to them it wasn't easy to define. Here are some of the students' responses to the question: What does Christmas mean to you?

Carolyn Spate (sr., Rocky Ford, Colo.): A time to relax because there's no homework. A time to be with friends and family.

Lisa Lee (sr., Tescott): Chocolate-covered cherries, sleeping in, and good times with family and friends.

Bruce Spitzer (sr., Kalona, Iowa): Since I haven't been home for the last two years for Christmas it will be a special time to have the family back together again. It is also a time for Christian renewal and growth.

David van Asselt (jr., McPherson): A time when everybody gets together to give and receive presents.

Kayla Corbett (fr., Osborne): Being together with my family.

Dave Moore (jr., Waterloo, Iowa): Taking a walk in the new fallen snow.

Amy Howell (fr., McPherson): It reminds me of God's love in my life.

Kim Williams (fr., St. Louis): A time to reunite with family and friends, and to show love to all the people you care about.

Neal Beam (sr., McPherson): Women in low-cut Santa suits.

Craig Githens (fr., Hutchinson): Getting to go home to get some good food. Going out with my family for a Christmas Eve service where my grandpa preached.

Denise Race (fr., Platteville, Colo.): Being with my family. Giving more than receiving, and remembering Jesus' birth.

Leona Breeden (fr., Studley): A time to celebrate the beginning of our salvation.

Kathy Mack (soph., Dallas Center, Iowa): A time to be with my family to express how much they mean to me. A time to reflect on my religious beliefs.

Robert Taylor (jr., Widefield, Colo.): A time of sharing and being with friends.

Lori Walker (fr., Valley Center): A time of rejuvenation, to relax and recuperate from school.

David Shepard (sr., Portland, Ore.): Going home to see my family, visiting friends. It's changed since I was younger, I no longer have to get up at 5:00 in the morning.

Robert Cole (sr., Culbertson, Neb.): Being able to go home and spend time with my family, and it gives me a chance to think about what the real meaning of Christmas is.

Sherry Aduddell (fr., Agate, Colo.): Lots of food and fudge, and Jesus' birth.

Dan LeValley (sr., Hugo, Colo.): Taking long trips and meeting relatives you've never seen. Along with that a time of personal sharing and total understanding.

Sarah Baile (jr., Warrensburg, Mo.): A time to celebrate the birth of Christ and to reunite ourselves with family. And to pig out on all that good food!

Troy Slabach (jr., Clearwater): A time of sharing.

Vic Williams (sr., Lakin): To me it means hope for the world.

Brenda Ragsdale (sr., Hutchinson): Being with my family and also reflecting on the real meaning of Christmas which is Christ's birth, and realizing what place His life and death has in my life.

Valarie Long (fr., Minneola): Being at home with my family but most important the birth of Christ.

Mary Coffman (soph., South English, Iowa): The most frantic time of the year but it can also be one of the most tranquil and quieting times.

Karen Humes (fr., Oberlin): A time of giving and sharing the love of Christ's birth.

Larry Wenthe (fr., Culver): A chance for a vacation and preparing for a New Year's Eve party.

Scott Miller (sr., Hesston): Getting together with my family and becoming aware of the birth of Christ.

Leigh Richardson (soph., Clearwater): Waking up at 5:00 to see what's in the stocking.

Jenny Haug (fr., Council Grove): Being with my family and exchanging gifts and hopefully receiving some.

Derek Pierce (soph., Lakewood, Colo.): Lots of eggnog, a fat man in a red suit, a bank account that goes dry, and kissing a lot of relatives you

wouldn't have to otherwise.

Elizabeth Smyres (fr., Windom): A time when the whole family gets together.

Jody Maze (soph., Ellsworth): A time when my family gets together to exchange love.

Mike Reed (sr., Hoisington): A break away from this school so I can get some of sweet Joy's cookin' and sweet presents and serious goose huntin' with my bird dog, Sam.

Dawn Bryant (sr., Zolfo Springs, Fla.): A season for giving, caring, and love.

Kathy Moore (fr., Waterloo, Iowa): When the family gathers together to exchange presents but more importantly to celebrate the fact of Jesus' birth.

Darryl Griffen (fr., Moundridge): Sharing love with friends and relatives. Having a good time.

Judy Lindblade (sr., McPherson): A time of happiness and joy for two reasons. One, finals are over. Two, Christ's birth.

Deb Hays (fr., Auburn): Getting presents, chowin', seeing friends, partying, and thanking God for all of this.

Dean Adams (fr., Largo, Fla.): The family getting together because it's the only time everyone is there.

Steve Harrison (sr., Garden City): Happiness.

Kathy Gribben (sr., Holyoke, Colo.): A special time that God gave us to help us celebrate His Son's birthday.

Ellen Mellinger (fr., Carlisle, Pa.): A time to remember and to celebrate the Christ in our lives. It's also a time to recommit myself to making that not just a season but an everyday occurrence.

Linda Schweppe (sr., Lakewood, Colo.): A time to head out of Kansas.

Roxanna Curry (jr., Strasburg, Colo.): This Christmas is the first holiday I've spent with my

parents since my freshman year so it's a special time with my family.

Jim Yockey (jr., Hennessey, Okla.): A time when you're supposed to buy presents you really can't afford, and celebrating the birth of the Big Guy.

Anthonia Ekwensi (soph., Kano-Nigeria): A time of joy to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. Sharing gifts with one another.

Valecia Kelly (sr., Cincinnati, Ohio): When family and friends come together to celebrate Christ's birthday. Spreading happiness to all people.

Have a Merry Christmas!

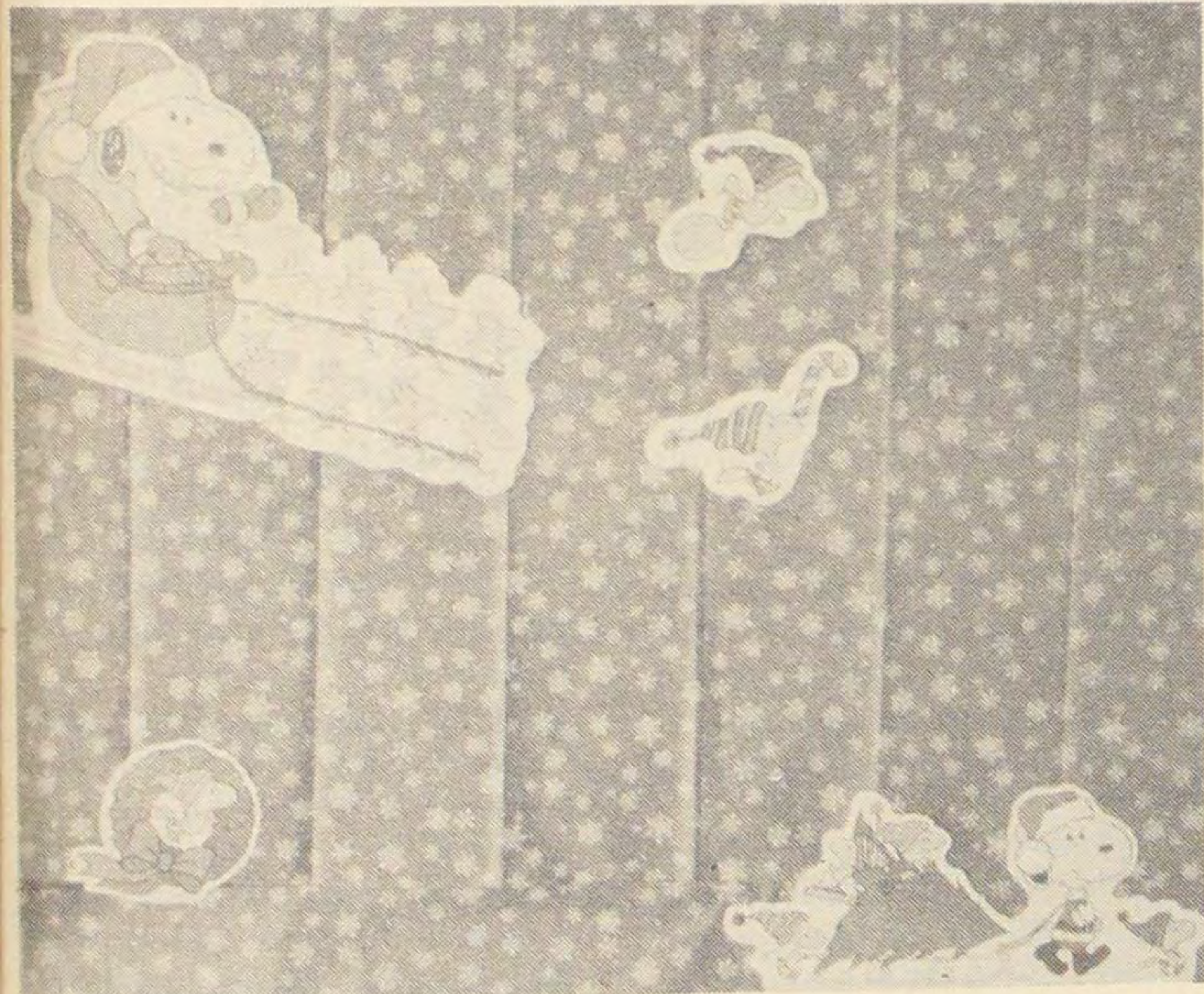
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Maria and Monty Spangler are the Resident Directors of Metzler Hall.

Spanglers enjoying new experience

by Kevin Burton

The job? Provide counseling, security and minor medical services for, and generally supervise about 130 young males, learning to become men. You will also be called upon to run what seems like the third or fourth largest banking system in the Western world.

Good luck Metzler Hall Resident Directors.

Fortunately for Metzler, Monty and Maria Spangler are able to handle these responsibilities, and also help to maintain a healthy attitude in the dorm.

The Spanglers are in their first full year as RD's, having begun the position in the middle of last year. They have two sons, Kevin who is ten and Michael, soon to be three years old.

Monty is currently finishing his degree in Audio-Visual Communications and assisting with the football program. "This job gave me the opportunity to become involved in the football program, and at the same time get back into the swing of school," says Monty, who used to play for the Bulldogs himself. "I was really interested in the job as a challenge."

Both Monty and Maria enjoy meeting different kinds of people. Says Monty, "I enjoy the in-

teraction between the students and myself, seeing them get along with Michael and Kevin."

All those people in one place, and the constant responsibility can become a burden however. "To be honest, I'd have to say yes, there are times when I get frustrated. The guys are just growing up and learning to be mature, and to learn to live with different types of people. It's interesting to me," says Monty.

"There are times when it gets a little frustrating, but the positives outweigh the negatives."

The Spanglers are originally from the Philadelphia area, and the McPherson lifestyle represented a big change for them. "Where I grew up," says Maria, "there were a lot of blacks around. That's one of the differences between there and McPherson. That took some adjusting at first."

Monty says, "Back in Philadelphia there's a lot of fast moving, and the hustle and bustle of city life, whereas out here it seems like everything's at one slow steady pace. There's not a lot of pressure on you. I feel more safe and secure about a whole lot of aspects of life here."

Enforcing rules is a part of the R.D.'s duties, but Monty

Spangler doesn't treat it as the major one. "We were schooled as far as things that usually happen in dorm life. I came in with open eyes, not wanting to pre-judge anything. I'm not trying to be a big force or anything. This is the students' home also, and I just want to make it as comfortable for them as it is for me."

Metzler Hall has a reputation in some circles, for being less than scholarly, and more than a little bit rowdy. "Sometimes people stereotype a dorm. When you have over 100 guys together in the same place," explains Monty, "it tends to get a little loud. There will be good times, bad times, sometimes conflicts. I look at that as just a part of growing up."

"I think everyone knows where Metzler Hall is," says Monty, who is pleased that Metzler is one of the central locations on campus.

Maria lists skating and music among her interests. Monty plays chess and enjoys spending his free time with his family.

Monty has just a year-and-a-half to go on his AV degree, and the Spanglers aren't sure they'll stay on after that is completed. If they do decide to, however, the soft-spoken couple will always be welcome.

Coming of age

by Professor Richard Wright

Now that I'm beginning my fifth year at McPherson College, I think it's about time for me to sit back and make a candid appraisal regarding how I've changed and matured. When I came to McPherson College 48 months ago, I was a young faculty member still wet behind the ears — now I'm an early middle age teacher in debt and in arrears. (Hint: You'll get a much bigger laugh from the previous sentence if you read it aloud and overlook the redundancy.) Below is a specification sheet comparing the 1979 model Richard Wright to the new, improved 1983 model (don't you just love such technical talk?):

- 1979
1. My lectures were typed neatly on legal pads and placed in a filing cabinet at the end of each week.
2. I addressed senior faculty members by the titles "Sir," "Doctor," or "Professor."
3. I continually curried favor with the Business Manager hoping my departmental budget would be increased.
4. Every student praised me highly on my teacher evaluation forms.
5. I taught my classes day in and day out dressed in a coat and tie.
6. My students referred to me as

"Professor Richard Wright."

7. My grammar was poor and my syntax was broken.

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1. My lectures are written in pencil on the backs of envelopes and filed in a large Glad bag at the end of the semester.
2. I address senior faculty members by the names Tom, Dick, and Harry (even though their actual names are Mo, Shemp, and Larry.)
3. I continually curry favor with the Business Manager hoping my departmental budget will be increased.
4. I no longer require students to sign evaluation forms.
5. My most frequently worn outfit is a wet suit, snorkel, vest, sneakers, and derby.
6. My students call me Jethro Bodine, Fatty Arbuckle, and Slats McCoy (to my face).
7. I now write good and am improving still.

Perhaps my most important self-discovery in the past four years can best be summated by paraphrasing Shakespeare (which is tantamount to paraphrasing God, but what the heck): "Some men are born mediocre, some achieve mediocrity, and some have mediocrity thrust upon them." In my case, it's a little of each.

Men overpower Sterling

by Kerri Vinson

The McPherson Bulldogs, now 1-1 in pre-Christmas conference play, are playing consistent, competitive basketball under the direction of Coach Roger Trimmel.

Last Saturday, McPherson managed to slap a 72-62 defeat on Sterling College, despite Sterling's home court advantage. McPherson impressively led throughout the game as point guard Andre Barber and center Kevin Carlson stole the offensive show, contributing 14 and 16 points respectively.

Junior Terry Ostmeyer finalized the victory for the

Bulldogs with a last-second slam which pleased the crowd almost as much as the victory pleased Coach Trimmel, who praised his team for their patience on the offensive end.

The Bulldogs' only conference defeat came at the hands of a TALL Tabor team in a game which went into two overtimes with McPherson bowing in the final seconds after a hard-fought game.

On January 7 the Bulldogs will play host to the Bethany Swedes and rumor has it that the game is scheduled for the new Sports Complex.

The true meaning of giving

by Tim Crouse

Leaving the snow storms of Kansas behind, nine McPherson travelers spent their Thanksgiving vacation in the blue skies and sun-glazed hills of Virginia. Three of the travelers went to the homes of family while the other six attended a student-young adult conference of the Church of the Brethren.

The conference was held at Camp Bethel, a modern rustic place set nicely in the woods, streams and hills outside of Roanoke. About fifty people attended, ranging a bit in age and a bit more in size and shape. But all spent their Thanksgiving time together, at Camp Bethel, waking up.

The theme of the conference was "Washing Feet in a New Age." A theme that may cause one to chuckle, grunt or, as was the case of the conference-goers, provoke one to think. The topic was explored in five sessions which interwove to become a

thematic blanket around the experience.

The footwashing service and symbolism has been an important part of the Church of the Brethren throughout its history. Taken from the New Testament's account of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, this gesture has been traditionally reenacted by the Brethren. Consequently, there was much reflection on the footwashing symbolism and significance. Hence, the theme of the conference. And insight was gained.

Footwashing is a tradition, an act of humility and service. It is a unique mode of communication. It involves getting and receiving.

To receive one must be vulnerable. Vulnerability is risky yet valuable. Vulnerability opens one up to individual growth and mutual growth with another. It enables giving.

Giving in today's society is materialistic. It is tax deductible. Significant gifts are sprouted in

sincerity and flourish in need. In giving, one also receives. In receiving, one also gives. God gives to us.

How do I give and receive? Who am I? Who are we? How do we give and receive?

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"Bambi" highlights SAB holiday weekend

by Craig Spitzer

Welcome back folks from your Thanksgiving break! Hope it was a good vacation for you all! I'm back one last time this semester to tell you about this fantastic weekend before finals.

Tonight we're showing you a great movie! But this one is a Brown Auditorium on the HUGE screen. We're showing BAMBI, a Walt Disney production. Because it's a popular show we will have two showings. The first is at 6:30 and the second showing starts at 8:30.

Based on the children's classic by Felix Salten, BAMBI is a timeless masterpiece of

animation considered by many to be the finest of Disney's many creations. The hero is Bambi, a prince by birthright who will one day reign over the forest like his father, the Great Stag. Bambi romps through his childhood with best friends Thumper, a rabbit with an excitable paw, and Flower, a skunk forever grateful to the young deer for his misnomer. An ageless story, Bambi's discoveries of love, sorrow, and danger are played against a lush background of color and music that is both moving and unforgettable.

Tomorrow night (Saturday) Intercultural Forum and SAB

will be sponsoring a dance from 10 to 1. "Universal Confusion," a live band, will pump out tunes from the top-forty hits. Put on your dancin' shoes and get ready to do the moves in the S.U. Cafeteria area! There's no cost so let's all have a good time! AW-RITE!

Hey, looking ahead for January, we've got some good,

exciting activities planned for y'all! Now that the S.U. Basement will be open later Tuesdays and Thursdays, SAB has planned to take advantage of the extra time! The Snack Bar has even agreed to stay open longer and they have added some new munchies to their menu — AT GREAT PRICES, TOO! Stop down and check 'em out!

On a more serious note, I wish all of you luck on your finals — and Merry Christmas to y'all — you, too, Paula Burklund (wink, wink)!



Art club 'decks the halls'

Remember the paintings of Dracula, the witch, and the spider displayed on the cafeteria windows at Halloween? These were the works done by some of the Art Club members.

The Art Club has two sponsors — Mary Ann Robinson and Wayne Conyers. The members include David Bittinger (sr., Portland, Ore.), president; Linda Butler (soph., McPherson), vice-president; Jewelene Anglemeyer (fr., Sebring, Fla.), secretary-treasurer; David Shepard (sr., Portland, Ore.), Boniface Waweru (sr., Kenya), Joseph Mugenyi (soph., Uganda), Debbie Burkholder (sr., McPherson), Darren Schoming (fr., McPherson) and Mike

McKellip (soph., Nampa, Id.).

Prof. Robinson said, "The Art Club's purpose is to promote appreciation of the visual arts." Each year they visit an art gallery. This year they visited the Nelson Art Gallery in Kansas City.

Plans for the future include a student art exhibit displaying ceramics, drawings, weavings and more. One long-range goal is to provide frames for the college collection of paintings.

The club is open to anyone interested in joining and one doesn't have to be an art major. Jewelene says, "The members have a lot of fun. And we're always open to new members and new ideas."



Dr. Stephanie Graber, Assistant Professor of Music, directs the soprano section through a Mozart musical

selection which will be performed Sunday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m. in Brown Auditorium.

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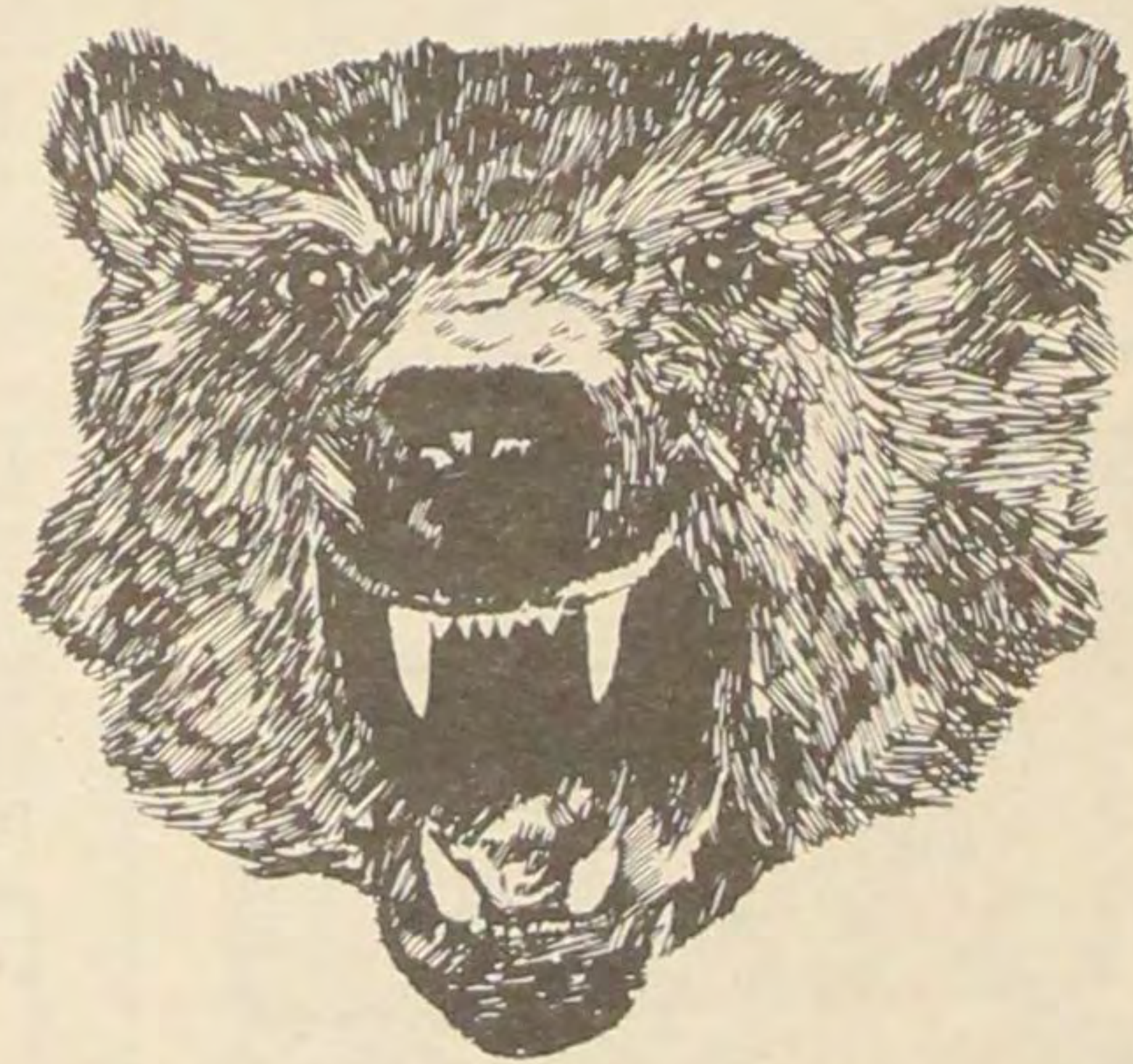
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Lady Red strive for consistency

As McPherson's new athletic facility takes shape, so does its women's basketball team. All the potential in the world is expected to break out soon.

"Inconsistent" is the word coach Graber uses to describe the Lady Red. A look at the six games completed (at press time) shows three wins, all of twenty points or more, and three losses, all close.

Inconsistency is one thing that might be expected of a team on which freshmen play such an integral part. "We need to work on our poise," said Graber, "but we'll get there. The talent is there, it's just that we're so young."

The Lady Red seemed to lose their poise in the second half of a recent loss to Sterling. "We lost two guards, and that hurt," said the coach. "Vivian Benson fouled

out early in the second half, then Kayla (Corbett) got her nose smashed."

When Corbett's injury occurred, McPherson was up by four. By the time Graber was satisfied that his player was attended to properly, Sterling led by four. They ended up winning by nine.

Another contributing factor in the loss was 10-for-22 foul shooting. This is an area which must and most likely will improve.

Speaking of improvement, coach Graber is pleased with progress made by some of his veterans, especially Peggy Sanders. "She's selecting her shots a lot better," said Graber. She gets things done by working hard and hustling."

At present the Lady Red are 1-1 in conference (not counting the December 7 game against Ottawa). The Bethany game that will christen McPherson's new facility will be just the fourth conference match, with a lot remaining to be settled.



Cindy Harrison (fr., Oregon, Ohio) and Valecia Kelly (sr., Cincinnati) position themselves to grab the rebound in Monday's game at the Roundhouse.



Kayla Corbett laid the ball against the backboard at recent practice in the new Sports Complex. Her nose was injured in a game last week.

Ineligibility alters win-loss record

by Kevin Burton

Here's a football riddle for you. When is a field goal worth more than two touchdowns? With points after even? The answer: When the KCAC office says so. So there.

It's been months now since the Bulldog's football team took the field and scored fourteen points, to the Friends Falcons' three, but because of an ineligible player on the McPherson roster, Friends will be officially credited with the victory.

The player in question is Lee Ellis, an academic freshman at the time, from Sedan, Kansas. The rule he violated was the one which states that a student athlete must have completed 24 semester hours in the previous

two semesters in order to be eligible to compete.

The violation occurred when Ellis enrolled at Washburn University and attended classes for a week. He enrolled for the spring semester there, during McPherson's interterm period. (Washburn has no interterm.)

Ellis then returned to McPherson and enrolled in time for our spring semester. But for the purposes of eligibility status, the KCAC office considers that week at Washburn one of Ellis' previous two semesters as applied to the "24 hour" rule.

The 24-hour rule is a good one. It helps insure that student-athletes make normal progress toward graduation. A look into Ellis' academic year shows that, discounting his hiatus in Wash-



Lee Ellis thanks the Lord for carrying him through a very difficult semester. Burn, he made the necessary progress toward graduation, completing more than the required 24 hours.

But in the eyes of the KCAC office that isn't good enough. There should be no question in anyone's mind that the letter of the rule was upheld correctly and in good order. The spirit of the rule, however, seems to have been ignored; especially when you consider that Ellis only played five plays the entire Friends game, including two touchbacks, and contributed only one tackle. It's a question that McPherson Athletic Director Dr. Paul Graber had also.

"The way they look at it, (the spirit of the rule) was upheld," said Graber. "They don't have a lot of sympathy for guys who hop around like that."

According to Graber, the KCAC office also focused on Ellis' intent, which was to play football for Washburn, not McPherson.

There are also other eligibility rumblings at the KCAC office which cannot be detailed now. (But they certainly will be later.)

No matter how the KCAC office chooses to dot their i's and cross their t's, the record in the hearts and minds of the athletes reads 6-1, because that's what happened on the field of play.

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