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## Governor Carlin addresses convocation

by Michael Kravets

In one of the most successful convocations to date, Governor John Carlin addressed the students and faculty of McPherson College and the residents of McPherson and the surrounding community.

The Governor's speech centered on the future of Kansas and the role educational institutions will play in determining the direction that future will lead.

In drawing the connection between state growth and the place of higher education in that growth, Carlin describes himself as a "realist", and for this reason is making education the "top priority for the remainder of my term".

He also addressed the issue of changing Kansas' negative image in terms of getting back to the basics, the most important of which is education.

Carlin claims that to provide for new industry and thus growth for the state, education must support industry in ways which will keep workers on the leading edge.

One of the ways in which this can take place is through the reeducation of workers already on the job, enabling them to compete effectively in our highly technological society. This is seen as a job for higher education.

Not only is our society highly technical, but it is also rapidly changing as a result of new technologies on improvements in preexisting ones. Carlin states that "adaptability is . . . a password for success. And the liberal arts can help students adapt to our fast paced world."

Governor Carlin looks forward to the challenges this course for

the future provides, not only for the state, but for the colleges and universities and also the private sector as well.

"There is no way we can separate the future of our State from that of our colleges and universities. They are inextricably tied together — for the better."

Governor Carlin, the fortieth governor of Kansas, is the only governor in the state's history to be elected to two consecutive four year terms. He has had a varied political career, starting in 1970 when he was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives.

During his tenure as a representative he served on a number of committees which included the 1202 Commission on Higher Education.



WHEN MCPHERSON TALKS . . . Governor John Carlin listens, and responds to questions at the press conference.

## Joel shares cultural experience

by Terri Vinson

One of the more interesting students on campus this year is Joel Knoery, a participant in the Brethren College Abroad program from Strasburg, Kansas.

Joel enjoys traveling and is quite accustomed to being far from home having spent two years of high school in Canada as an exchange student. "I'm not homesick . . . yet, but one never knows when it's going to hit," he commented.

He is enjoying the atmosphere of McPherson College and feels that the close-knit campus community is an asset which enables him to make friends more easily.

When asked to compare an American college with universities in France, Joel stated that there is more flexibility in America in regards to scheduling. In France, there are electives, rather, a student's schedule is completely predetermined.

The format of classes also differs. In France, classes are lecture oriented, with lectures coinciding with the material in the text book. "You're more on

your own studying in France," Joel observed. He also noted that the accessibility of professors at a smaller institution is one advantage over studying at a larger university.

Another inherent difference is that of cost. In France, universities are supported by taxes and the cost to students for tuition and fees is relatively inexpensive, approximately \$75 a year. Theoretically, this system should enable students with limited financial resources to afford college more easily, but as Joel pointed out, since there are no loans, grants, or scholarships available to students, and since students do not live on campus and must pay living expenses, it is in actuality harder for a student to afford college unless his family has the economic capacity to assist him.

American students, Joel sees as more recreating than those in France. "Students here are always going to play something — such as racketball or tennis." Sports are emphasized more in the American culture and more attention and prestige are attached to those who participate," he stated.

Joel is also amused by American television, and more

specifically, the quantity of time that we Americans spend glued to the set. In France, the stations are government owned with the emphasis in programming being on informing the public as opposed to entertaining them. Needless to say, one won't find Joel in front of the big screen television intensely engrossed in the unfolding plot of the Guiding Light, since soap operas aren't an institution in his part of the world.

The printed medium also has a different role in the French society, as newspapers are more inclined to editorialize in France. "Reporters do more than just present the facts. They also offer their individual interpretation of the events." Joel feels that this is a beneficial practice in that it is more educational and prompts more interaction between reader and writer.

His philosophy of "When in America, Do as the Americans Do," has prompted him to join the campus soccer team as well as intramural football, and who knows, by the end of the year (since French men are supposedly by nature romantic), he might possibly develop a liking for "love in the afternoon," and become a General Hospital fan.

## Campus Planning Committee works toward centennial

by Steve Foulke

Campus improvement is the goal of the recently formed Campus Planning Committee. The initial projection date for various improvements will be 1987, the year of the college's centennial.

The centennial year celebration was the catalyst that launched the committee. The Trustees of the college requested that a committee be formed to study areas where the college could be improved.

The Educational Policies Committee was recently expanded to meet this challenge.

The committee was branched into three subcommittees; Enrollment-Academic Curriculum and Facilities, Residence Halls-Deferred Maintenance, and Human Financial Resources.

In order to give representative input into the subcommittees, students, staff and faculty are in the ranks of the subcommittees.

Ideas from the entire college community are desired by the subcommittees. The subcommittees are looking to develop a total campus plan, and suggestions from concerned individuals are vital to the creation of such a plan.

## Enjoy interterm in England

by Lori Kravets

Ever dream of seeing the Tower of London or Buckingham Palace? If you have, perhaps business studies in England is for you.

This interterm, Professor Norman Hope is sponsoring a 24 day trip, which will feature ten days in London and seven in surrounding areas.

Students will take an historical look at English economy as well as Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abby, St. Pauls Cathedral,

Stonehenge, and the Roman Baths. Selfreges, Harrods, Lloyds of London, and the Stock Exchange will serve as several of the business contacts.

The trip will cost about \$1550 which includes airfare, meals, lodging, and transportation. Openings are still available. All ACCK students are welcome.

If you are interested, a meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m.

# Church and state—a harmful marriage

Although the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution — which states "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion . . ." — seems to suggest that church and state should be strictly separated, the proper relationship between religion and politics has been debated throughout American history. In the early 1960s, the Supreme Court endorsed a broad interpretation of the First Amendment by ruling that required prayers and Bible readings in public schools were unconstitutional. These rulings by the liberal "Chief Justice Earl Warren Court" drew mixed reviews from churches — liberal Protestant denominations either praised the decisions or at least grudgingly accepted them while fundamentalist denominations severely attacked the "secular atheism" of the Warren Court. The "prayer in school" issue has recently reemerged as a rallying theme for evangelical

and charismatic Christians. Conservative evangelists such as Jerry Falwell and Jimmy Swaggart regularly advocate equally conservative governmental policies in an effort to incorporate their "back to God" agenda — which includes anti-abortion and pro-school prayer arguments — into federal legislation. Two hazards are apparent in the conservative Protestant agenda. First, the separation of church and state was originally endorsed by our founding fathers in an effort to promote toleration for divergent religious views. If the conservative Protestant perspective is codified into law, will the religious freedoms of liberal Protestants (and Catholics, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, and Islamics) be eroded? Second, even fundamentalist Protestants ultimately will be harmed by the marriage of religion and conservative politics. As the brilliant Alexis de

Tocqueville claimed in his classic "Democracy in America," "when a religion chooses to rely on (political) interests of the world, it becomes almost as fragile as all earthly powers. Alone, (religion) may hope for immortality; linked to ephemeral (political) powers, religion follows their fortunes and often fails together with the passions of a day sustaining them." Shifting political fortunes ensure that liberal governmental policies will eventually again replace the conservative politics of our day. To the extent that fundamentalist Protestant leaders become identified in the public mind as politicians rather than theologians, they ultimately will suffer the same ignominy and disgrace which today plagues liberal politicians but tomorrow awaits conservatives.

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# Religion and politics: should they mix?

Jackie Regier (sr., McPherson): "Yes and no. You have to know the candidate's beliefs because those beliefs may influence his decisions."

Kathy Mack (jr., Dallas Center, Ia.): "Church and state should be separate."

Jay Nicholson (soph., Wichita): "Religion is an everyday thing in America, and I don't respect how the presidential candidates are treating it. They are turning something serious into a trivial thing."

Robert Taylor (sr., Colorado Springs, Co.): "I agree with prayer in the schools but I don't agree with the way the candidates are making religion a campaign joke."

Leigh Richardson (jr., Clearwater): "There should be a separation between church and state. Jesus said, 'Give unto God what is God's and unto Caesar what is Caesar's.'"

Allison Shepard (sr., Portland, Or.): "I don't think religion and politics should mix. There are so many different beliefs and in a free country, it doesn't make sense to try to combine religion and politics."

Rico Hollis (sr., Jamestown, N.Y.): "They should be separated."

Gary Long (sr., Kansas City, Ks.): "They should be separated with different functions and goals."

Sue Six (soph., Washington, D.C.): "Religion should be left out of politics because when religion gets into it, the focus is taken away from the key political ones which the public should be aware of."

Dave Spitzer (soph., Kalona, Ia.): "Religion and politics shouldn't mix but they do realistically."

## Personals . . .

T and J,  
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# 'Tally's Folly' deemed a success

Allison Shepherd (sr., Portland, Or.) performed in her Senior Seminar these past two weekends. "Tally's Folly," is the name of the production which also starred Galen Switzer (sr., Hutchinson). The setting of the play is an old boathouse in southern Missouri and the characters are Sally Tally, a native Missourian and Matt Friedamn, an immigrant who works as an accountant in St. Louis.

The play was a success from opening to closing night. The evening began with a good southern dinner of fried chicken, potato salad, fresh peas and peach cobbler. Dinner was followed by the dimming of lights to the setting of an old weathered boathouse.

The play begins. Sally is an old maid of 31, and Matt is an older man in his forties who has immigrated to America. For some time the two have seen one another and after Matt becomes serious, Sally backs away. Now the "plot thickens," as they say, or

comes into being. Why won't Sally marry Matt? In the end the secret is let out and the finish is very climactic.

This play is of serious material, however, it carries a light touch of humor throughout to keep the play entertaining. During the climax, in which Sally admits her inability to have children with Matt, the audience was quite attentive and the acting was sound.

The set was appropriate and aided the audience's "will suspension into disbelief." The authenticity of the set was a "right touch" (right down to Missouri mud pond). The set let down came when the actor slipped in and out of the accents. Both Allison and Galen had trouble keeping the dialect of their characters in their native tongue.

Overall, this was a successful production. Congratulations to the cast, crew, and especially to Allison Shepard on her entertaining senior project.

# Personals . . . Personals . . .

To James Bond,  
Thanks for brightening my life!

Joel,  
"Ou sont les reiges d'Antan?"

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To Sally Hey,  
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# Cross Country team shows potential

Early indicators point to a productive season for the McPherson Cross Country team. This is not what you'd call a veteran team. Senior Roy Grosbach is the only one with previous college Cross Country experience. Tim Warren and Craig Githens are on the team this year, as is Terry Stucky, who has been sidelined with tendonitis in his knee.

Deanna Koehler, Sheila Collins and Cindy Trimber are the three women running this year.

The first meet was run September 15, at Mid America Nazarene College, in Olathe Kansas. The weather was beautiful, sunny with a slight breeze. The course consisted of a start and finish on grass in the middle of the campus, and a 2-mile loop on the streets on the perimeter of the campus. The times were fast, helped along by the asphalt.

Grosbach ran a 25:55, setting a personal record and bringing home a trophy in the process. Warren, who had never run more than two miles in a race, ran a

very respectable 30:30. The McPherson men didn't qualify for team scoring, as they fielded only two runners for this meet.

The women placed third in team competition. Trimber was 11th, Collins 12th and Koehler 14th out of 26 runners. Mac barely missed out on the hardware, as

trophies were awarded the top ten women.

Early tomorrow morning, McPherson will see action at the Emporia State Invitational. The team is hoping for steady improvement with an eye toward conference, district and national meets in November.



**HITTING THE STREETS . . .** The cross country team takes to the streets of McPherson for practice. Al Renner coaches the four men and three women. They will compete tomorrow at the Emporia State Invitational. Pictured above are Deanna Koehler, fr., Sheila Collins, fr., Cindy Trimber, fr., Tim Warren, soph., and Roy Grosbach, sr.

## Nippert becomes Lady Red assistant coach

by Jana Pote

Do you ever wonder what becomes of McPherson College graduates after they leave? Well, some of them come back. Pat Nippert is one of those who eventually decided that you can't beat Mac!

Pat certainly hopes that "you can't beat Mac" — in volleyball, anyway. She is the assistant volleyball coach this year, and seems to be enjoying every minute of it.

While at Mac, Pat played volleyball for three years, and basketball for two years. And somehow, on top of all that, she managed to finish school in three years!

She and her husband then moved to northern Kansas where she taught at Morrowville in the second grade. Their next move was to Blue Rapids, Kansas. There she taught fourth grade for two years at the Valley Heights school, and elementary physical education for two years. They stayed in Blue Rapids for eleven years.

Now back in McPherson, Pat and her husband live at 515 E. Marln. He works for Pyle Construction, and she does substitute teaching in the McPherson public schools besides coaching. They have two children, Jesse, 8, and Heather, 5.

Pat is presently working on her Masters degree through Kansas State University. She has picked up hours along the way, and is almost finished.

At Valley Heights Pat coached basketball for two years, and volleyball for one year, so she comes to us with plenty of experience. She'll be a valuable asset to our team!



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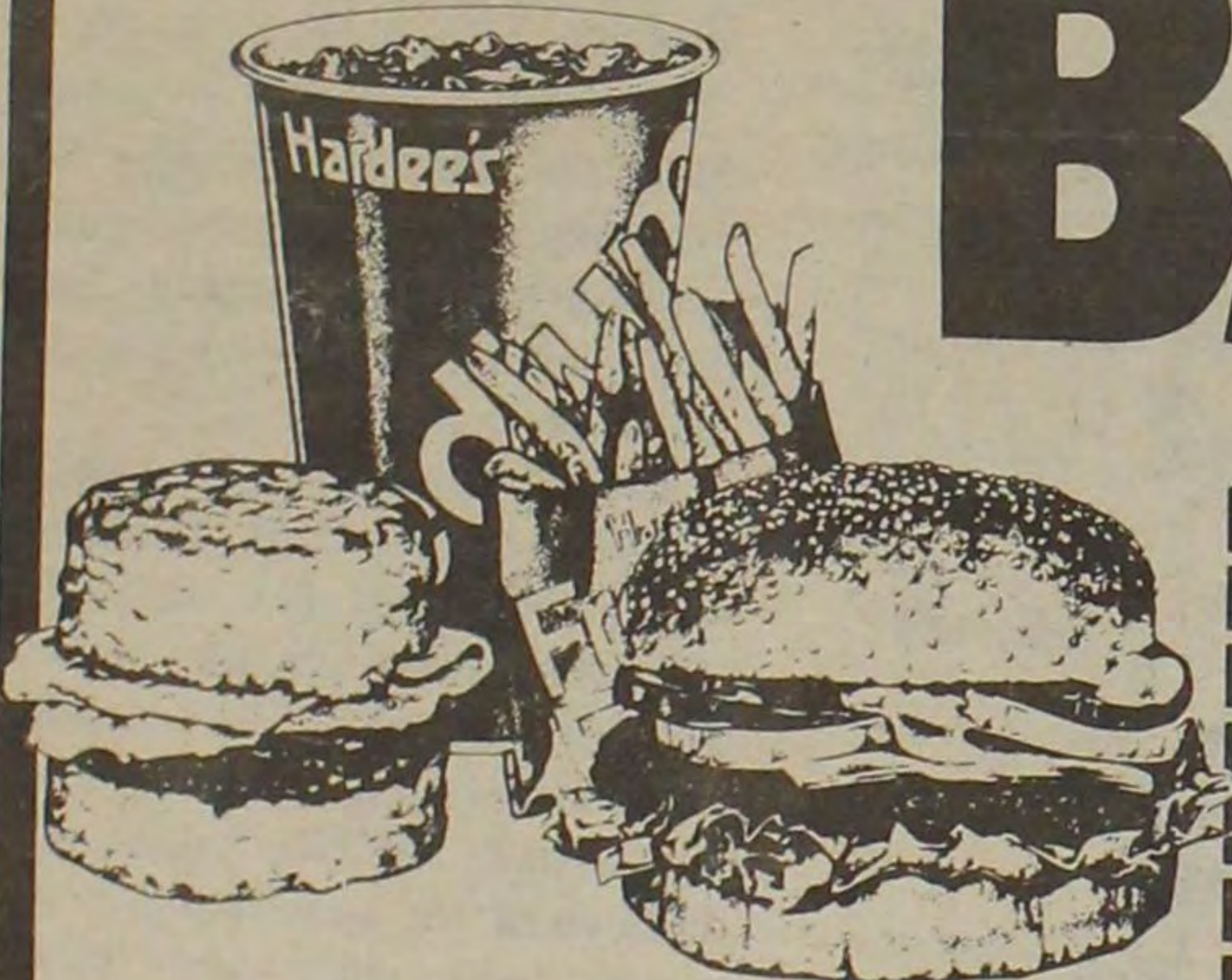
# NFL: Burton leads early, no thanks to Ohio teams

Since I'm a native of the great state of Ohio, it's only fitting that I blow both predictions on Ohio teams. I figured incorrectly that Cincinnati would beat the Rams and that Pittsburgh would beat my beloved, beleaguered Browns (say that ten times fast). I did, however, do just well enough to take a one-game lead over Kerri. She doesn't care though, because the Cowboys won. — K.B.

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## 'Dogs improve, meet K.W. tomorrow

by Kevin Burton

The Ottawa Braves rode an emotional second half surge to outscore the Bulldogs 14-0 last Saturday.

The Bulldogs won the battle in the first half, although the game remained scoreless. The turning point came at the start of the second half.

"They came out fired up," said head coach Steve Phipps. "You could see it on the kickoff, and as they were driving. We just were unable to match that emotional output."

This was a game of missed opportunity for McPherson. The offense proved they could move, but at crucial points, they stopped themselves.

"We lost our poise at times," says Phipps. "It seems like every time we got to the (Ottawa) 20 or inside, we'd have a turnover or a penalty. But we did show we're capable of making a hole and popping through it."

The Braves lost a second-half scoring chance when a poor snap kept them from a field goal attempt. Soon after that, the second of four Ottawa interceptions put them right back in scoring position.

Ottawa's Jan Salge connected from 33 yards out, but on the play the Bulldogs roughed the kicker. The Braves chose the first and

goal situation rather than three points, and at 7:09 of third quarter Darryl Finch yard run gave them the lead.

With their star kicker on commission, the Braves tempted and converted a point conversion, making score 8-0.

McPherson had their chance to get back in the when Mike Hall claimed second interception of the giving the visitors first and from the Brave 15. The fumbled a snap from center and the Braves recovered.

The Braves committed share of turnovers too, and fumbled the ball back on next drive. The trade was profitable one for the Bulldogs however. They had relinquished the ball on Ottawa's 15; they got it back on their own 21.

Alanzo Smith scored on yard run at 9:13 of the quarter to give Ottawa a 14-0 lead.

As the clock wound down, the Bulldogs, there were other good omens. "I was very encouraged," said Phipps. "We doubled our offensive output and increased our defensive efficiency. We can't have a better improvement, with our positive results. I look for us to be competitive."

No loss is a good loss, but the Bulldogs, there were other good omens. "I was very encouraged," said Phipps. "We doubled our offensive output and increased our defensive efficiency. We can't have a better improvement, with our positive results. I look for us to be competitive."

Tomorrow, Mac has a settle with the Kansas Coyotes. That score is 14-0. For the past two seasons the Bulldogs have outplayed only to lose by that same margin. This will be the first home game of the season. Kick-off is scheduled for 7:30.

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